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About this report

This report provides data about the Visitor visa program administered by the Department of Home Affairs (the Department). The report has been produced to assist tourism industry stakeholders and policymakers.

This report is published every six months. Current and previous versions of the report are available on the department's website at: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-statistics/statistics/visa-statistics/visit>

Data is sourced from several departmental visa processing and recording systems. Data can be dynamic and there can be delays in transmission of information from the Department's global operations. Variations in figures between this report and previous reports can occur. Due to these issues, figures for the current financial year should always be considered provisional.

For privacy reasons < 5 has been used where a number in a table is between 1 and 4.

Further information about the Visitor visa program is available at: www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Visi

Note 1: Data in years prior to 2017-18 was revised on 1 October 2019, due to better source data becoming available. This may result in minor discrepancies with previously published statistics.

Enquiries

Any comments or enquiries concerning this report should be sent to statistical.coordination@homeaffairs.gov.au quoting Report Id BR0112.

Definition of terms

Approved Destination Status (ADS):	This scheme facilitates the travel of organised tour groups from the People's Republic of China (PRC) to Australia by approved travel agents.
Citizenship country:	The country of citizenship of the visa applicant or visa holder. Where a visa applicant or visa holder has more than one citizenship country, either the citizenship of the travel document or the citizenship nominated by the visa applicant is used.
Decided:	The term used for counts of decisions. See below for definition of 'decisions'.
Decisions:	An outcome where a decision-maker (including system-generated decision-making) grants or refuses a visa or sponsorship application.
ETA:	Electronic Travel Authority. An electronic visa available to citizens from low risk countries. The term 'low risk' applies to countries which issue ETA eligible passports. A list of these can be found on the Department's website.
Granted:	Unless otherwise specified, the number of visas granted includes primary and review grants.
In Australia:	In this report, refers to the location of the client at the time the application was lodged. An applicant in Australia may already hold a visa of the same kind or may be applying for another type of visa.
Lodged:	Lodged is the count of paper applications receipted in a departmental office or submitted electronically.
On hand:	A visa application, nomination or sponsorship that has not been finalised.
Outside Australia:	In this report, the term refers to the location of the client at the time of lodging the application.
Visa applicant:	Used to refer to clients applying for a visa.
Visa holders in Australia:	The number of visa holders lawfully in Australia. This is not a count of all valid visas, as a number of visa holders may be outside Australia on the snapshot date.

Background to the Visitor visa program

Visa travel purpose and activities

The Visitor visa program allows travellers to enter or remain in Australia for short-term visits. The program can be divided into two main groups by travel purpose: Tourism and Business.

Tourism activities may include a holiday or recreation, taking a cruise, or visiting family and friends.

Business activities may include:

- making general business or employment enquiries
- investigating, negotiating, entering into or reviewing a business contract
- conducting activities as part of an official government visit
- taking part in a conference, trade fair or seminar (but not being paid by the organisers to take part)
- undertaking tourist activities.

Visitor visa holders cannot engage in work in Australia (that is, perform an activity in Australia a person would normally be remunerated for).

Visa subclasses and streams

The Visitor visa program is currently made up of three subclasses, the Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) (subclass 601), the eVisitor visa (subclass 651) and the Visitor visa (subclass 600). The Visitor visa (subclass 600) has five streams, the Tourist stream, the Sponsored Family stream, the Business Visitor stream, the Approved Destination Status (ADS) stream and the Frequent Traveller stream.

1. **Electronic Travel Authority (subclass 601).** This visa allows ETA eligible passport holders to visit Australia for tourism or business visitor purposes. Applications can be made online or through a travel agent, airline or specialist service provider. An ETA holder can visit Australia as often as they wish in a 12 month period, and stay up to 3 months each time they enter Australia. More information is available at: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/electronic-travel-authority-601>
2. **eVisitor visa (subclass 651).** This visa allows eligible European passport holders to visit Australia for tourism or business visitor purposes. Applications can only be made online. An eVisitor holder can visit Australia as often as they wish in a 12 month period, and stay up to 3 months each time they enter Australia. More information is available at: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/evisitor-651>
3. **Visitor visa (subclass 600).** This visa allows any passport holder to visit Australia for tourism or business visitor purposes, depending on the stream. Visitor visas can be granted with different stay and validity periods, and may allow single or multiple entries to Australia. More information is available at: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600>
 - **Tourist stream.** This stream of the Visitor visa allows people to enter or remain in Australia for tourism purposes. Applications can be made online or by paper.
 - **Business Visitor stream.** This stream allows people to enter Australia for business visitor purposes. Applications can be made online or by paper.
 - **Sponsored Family stream.** This stream allows people who are sponsored, usually by a family member, to enter Australia to visit family. This visa additional sponsorship requirements which are designed to provide assurance that the visa holder will comply with their visa conditions and depart Australia before their visa expires. Applications can be made online or by paper.
 - **Approved Destination Status (ADS) stream.** This stream allows People's Republic of China (PRC) (excluding SARs) passport holders to visit Australia for tourism part of an organised tour group. Applications can only be made through an approved Chinese travel agent participating in the ADS scheme.
 - **Frequent Traveller stream.** This stream allows eligible passport holders who travel often to Australia to enter Australia for tourism or business visitor purposes. This visa might be granted with a validity period of up to 10 years. Applications can only be made online.

On 23 March 2013, changes were made to Visitor visas as part of the Australian Government's Visa Simplification and Deregulation project. A number of historic Visitor visa subclasses were repealed and replaced with the current subclasses as outlined in the table below. Where relevant, historic data in this report may refer to both current and previous visa subclasses.

Note: A small percentage of clients who lodged these visa subclasses may now be lodging Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity) (subclass 400) visa applications, which is not covered in this report.

The below table outlines the current and previous Visitor visa subclasses/streams, travel purpose of each subclass/stream (including how they are referenced in this report) and the location of the client at time of lodgement.

Background to the Visitor visa program - continued

Note: Where a visa subclass/stream allows both tourism and business visitor activities, data in this report will be based on the applicant's declared travel activity for their initial entry to Australia for the purposes of determining Tourism or Business visitor activity.

Current subclass	Previous subclass	Tourism	Business	Client Location
601 - Electronic Travel Authority	976 – Electronic Travel Authority (Visitor) 977 - Electronic Travel Authority (Business – Short Validity) 956 - Electronic Travel Authority (Business – Long Validity)	✓ (ETA Tourist)	✓ (ETA Business)	Outside Australia
651 - eVisitor	N/A	✓ (eVisitor Tourist)	✓ (eVisitor Business)	Outside Australia
600 - Tourist stream	676 - Tourist visa	✓ (Tourist Visitor)		In or outside Australia
600 - Business Visitor stream	456 - Business (Short Stay) visa 459 - Sponsored Business visitor (Short Stay) visa 488 – Superyacht	✓ (Business Visitor)	✓ (Business Visitor)	Outside Australia
600 - Sponsored Family stream	679 - Sponsored Family Visitor visa	✓ (Sponsored Tourist)		Outside Australia
600 - Approved Destination Status stream	676 - Tourist visa (ADS subcategory)	✓ (Tourist Visitor)		Outside Australia (must be within PRC)
600 - Frequent Traveller stream	N/A	✓ (Tourist Visitor)	✓ (Business Visitor)	Outside Australia (must be within eligible country)

Family members

All applicants, including dependent family members, must lodge their own separate Visitor visa application.

Visa Requirements

To be eligible for a Visitor visa, the applicant must genuinely intend to stay temporarily in Australia for the purpose for which the visa is granted (for tourism or business visitor purposes). Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they have access to adequate means to support themselves (and their family where relevant) during their stay in Australia, including health insurance where required. Applicants must also meet certain health and character requirements.

Work is not permitted on any Visitor visas. Where a person is found to be working in breach of their visa conditions, they could face visa cancellation and an exclusion period.

Study or training, of up to three months, may be permitted on a Visitor visa. However, if the visa holder's main reason for travelling to Australia is study, a student visa might be more appropriate.

Extending stay

Visitor visas cannot be 'extended'. However, Visitor visa holders may extend their stay in Australia by applying for another visa, which may include a Visitor visa (subclass 600) - Tourist stream before their current visa ceases. This is the only Visitor visa stream that is available to applicants already in Australia seeking to extend their stay.

Background to the Visitor visa program - continued

Visa refusals

A decision to refuse a Visitor visa application is made when a delegate of the Minister is not satisfied that the applicant meets the legal criteria for grant of a visa. When refusing a visa application, the Department provides an applicant a written decision record that sets out the reason for the decision and any review rights.

Processing times

Global Visitor visa application processing times are published on the Department's website at:

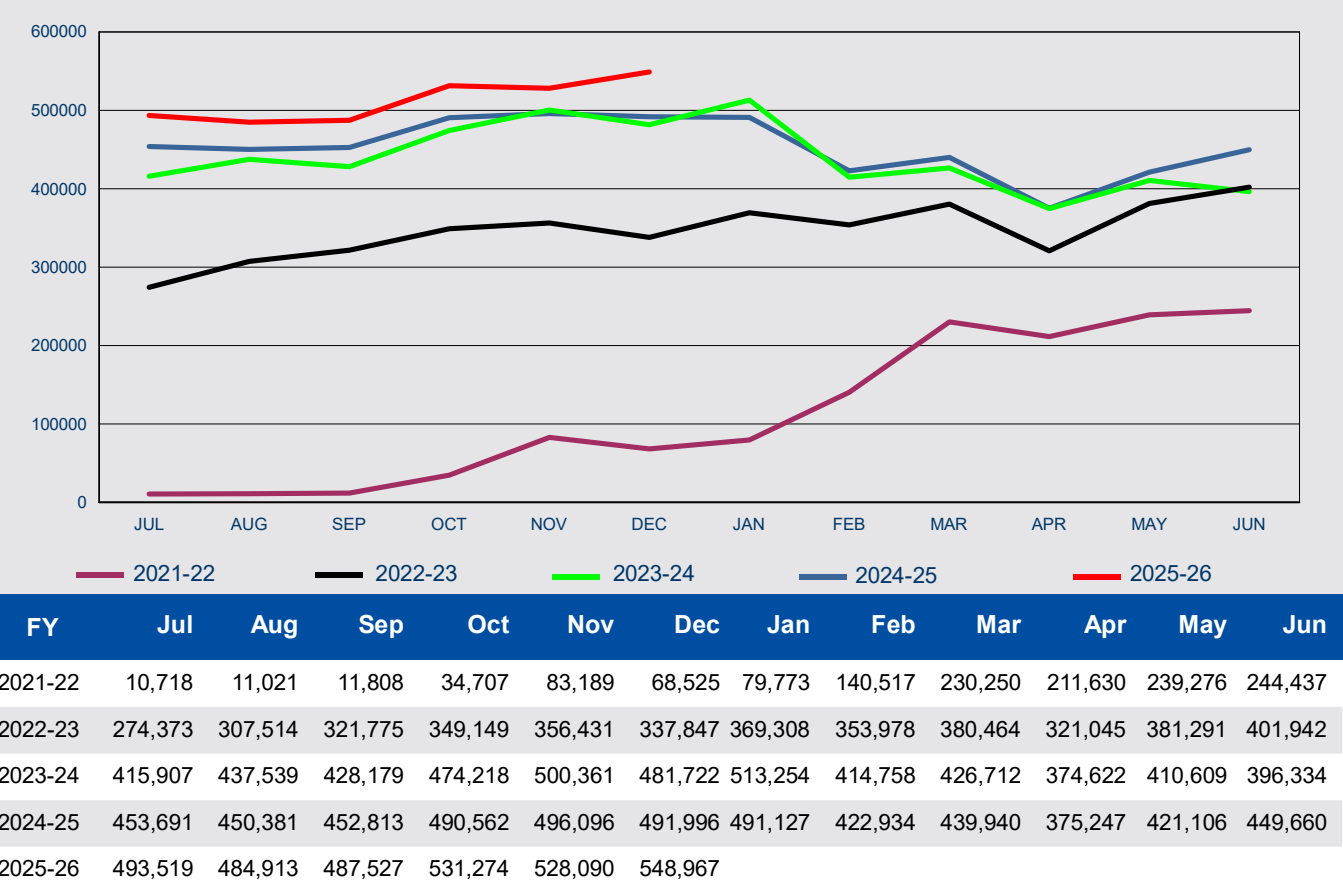
<http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/access-accountability/service-standards/global-visa-citizenship-processing-times>

The published processing times are updated on a monthly basis to reflect current caseloads and processing pressures. Processing times are impacted each month by changes in application volumes, seasonal peaks, complex cases and incomplete applications.

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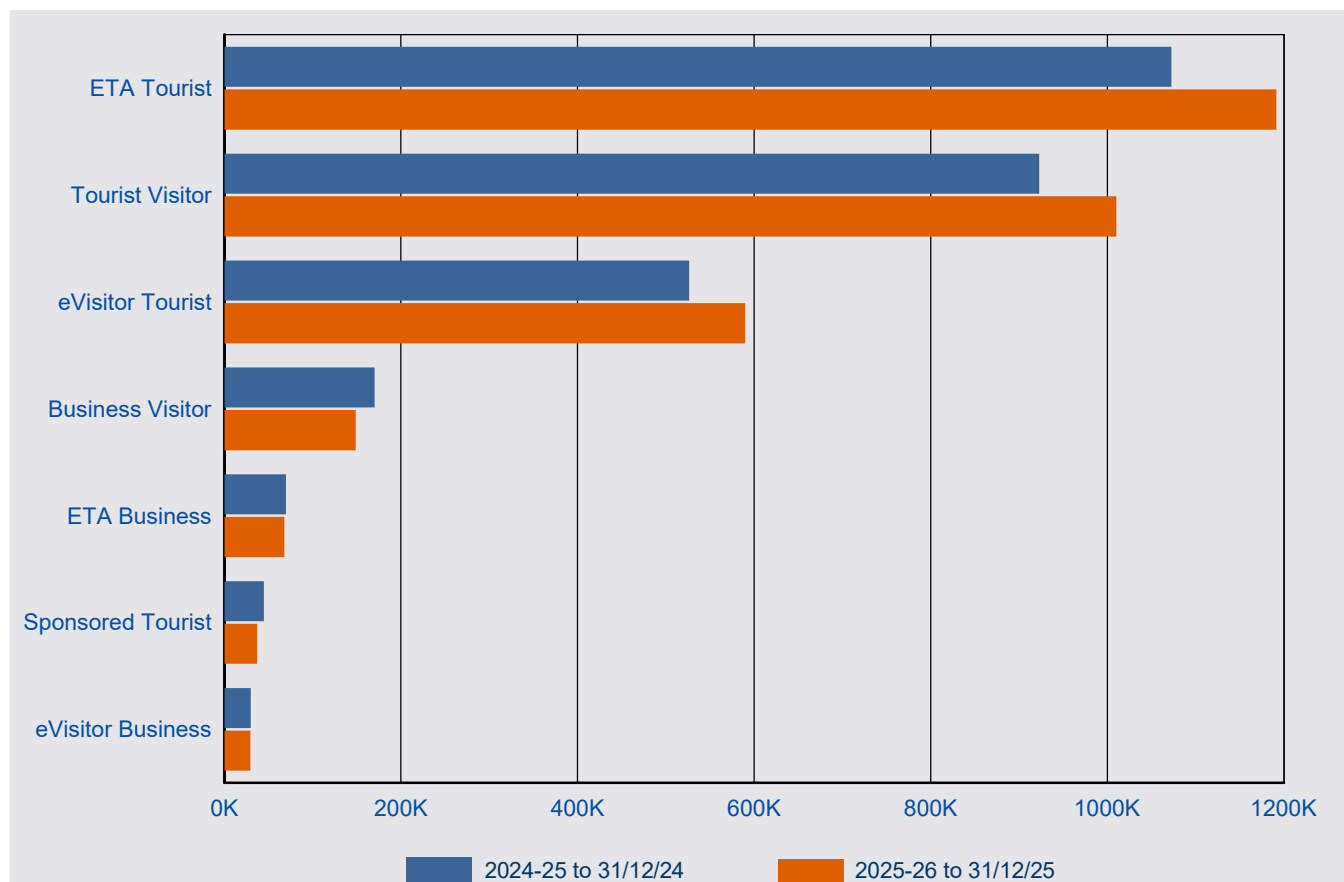
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1.01 Number of Visitor visa applications lodged in 2025-26 to 31 December 2025 by month - comparison with previous four financial years



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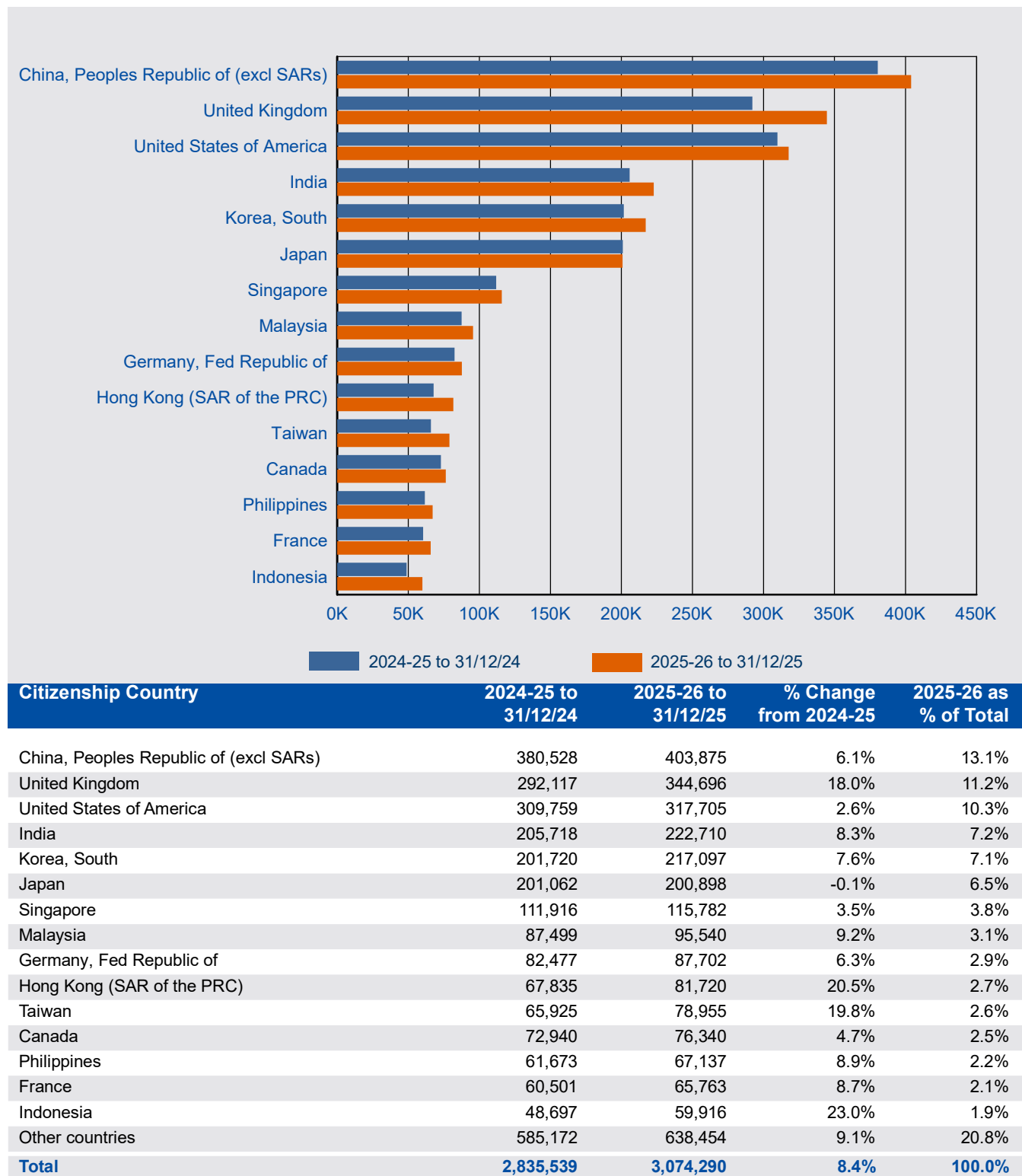
1.02 Number of Visitor visa applications lodged in 2025-26 to 31 December 2025 by visa group - comparison with same period in previous year



Visa Group	2024-25 to 31/12/24	2025-26 to 31/12/25	% Change from 2024-25	2025-26 as % of Total
ETA Tourist	1,072,602	1,191,496	11.1%	38.8%
Tourist Visitor	922,615	1,010,097	9.5%	32.9%
eVisitor Tourist	526,275	589,630	12.0%	19.2%
Business Visitor	169,945	148,788	-12.4%	4.8%
ETA Business	69,565	67,791	-2.6%	2.2%
Sponsored Tourist	44,607	36,924	-17.2%	1.2%
eVisitor Business	29,930	29,564	-1.2%	1.0%
Total	2,835,539	3,074,290	8.4%	100.0%

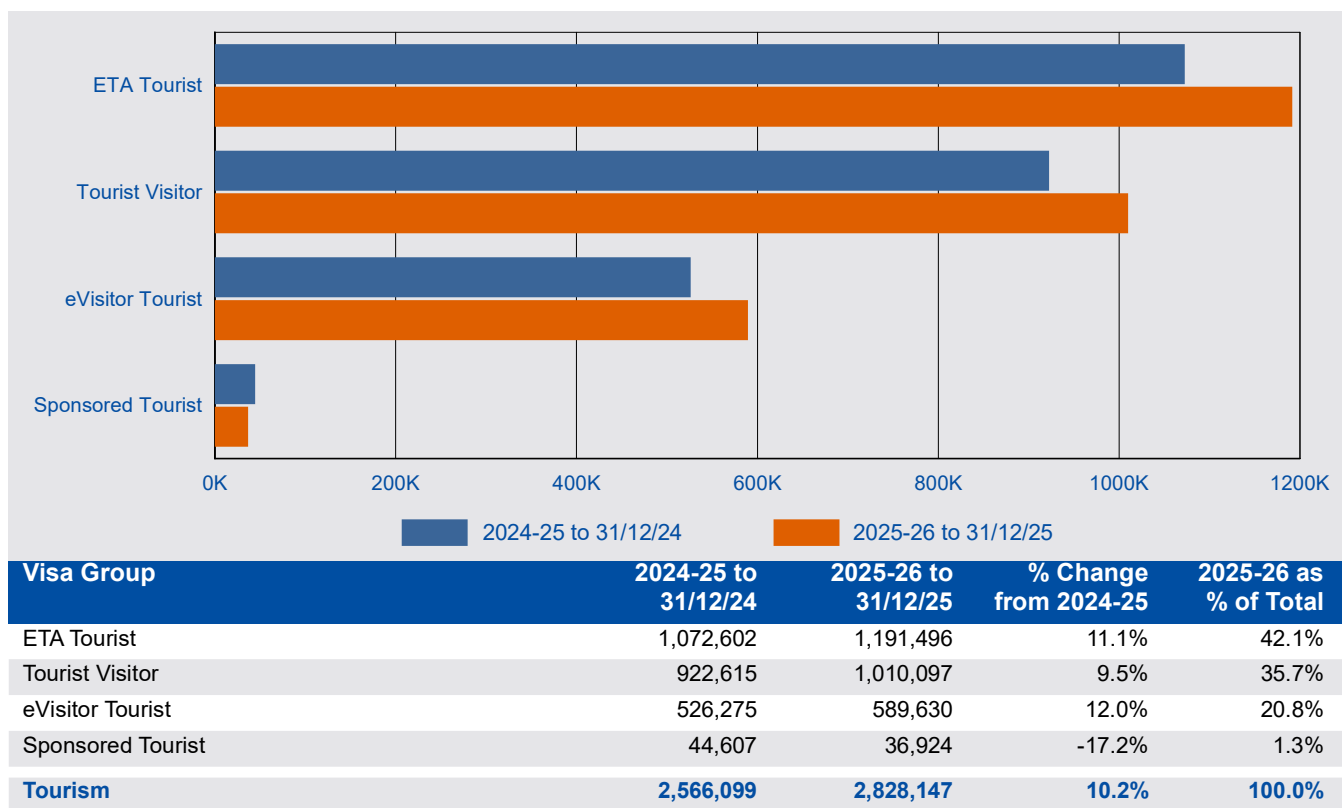
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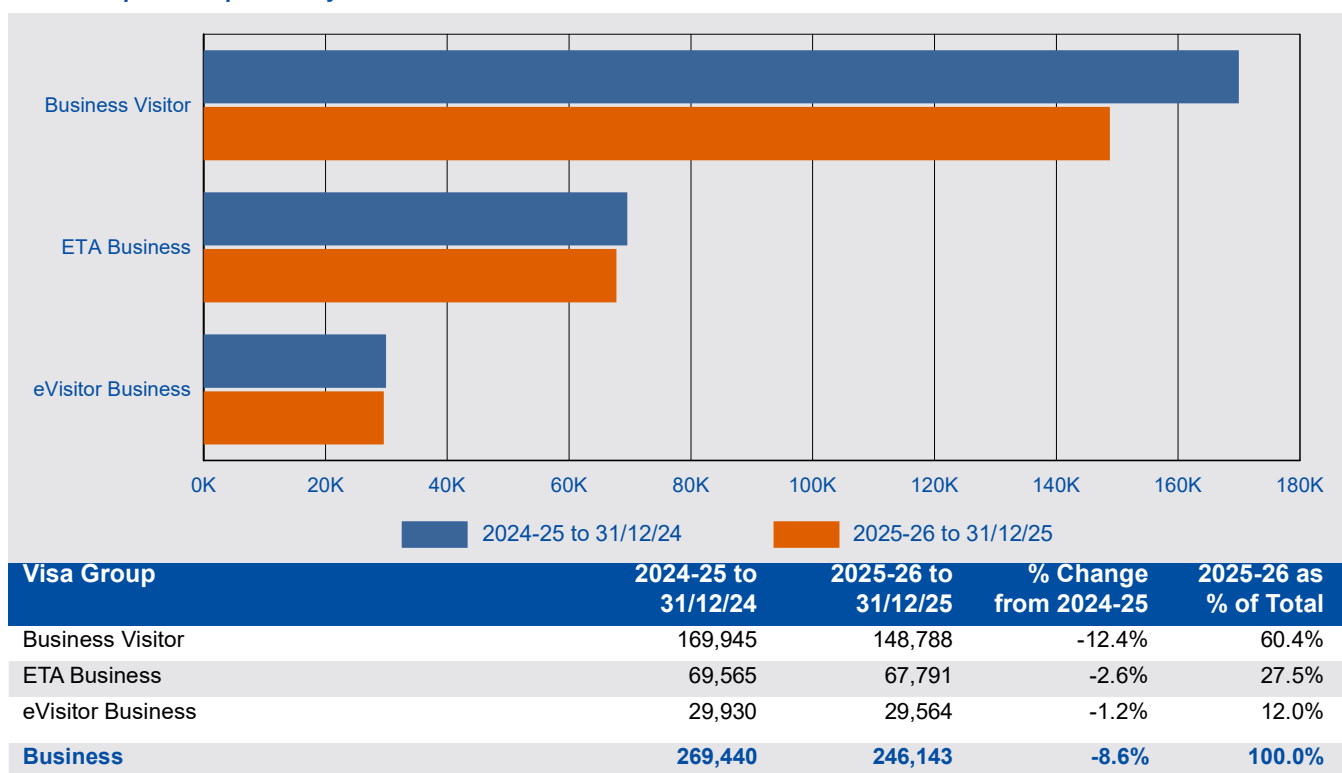


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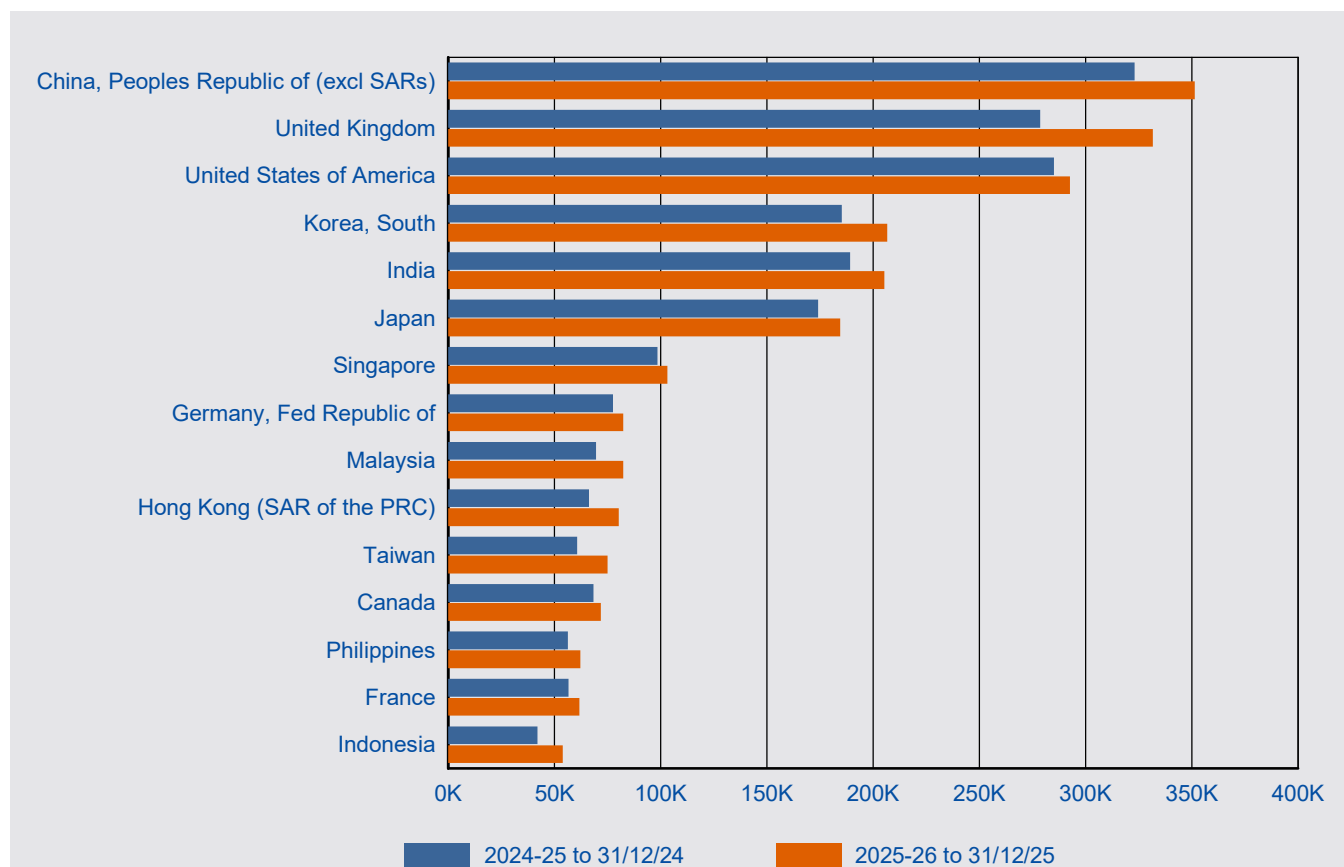


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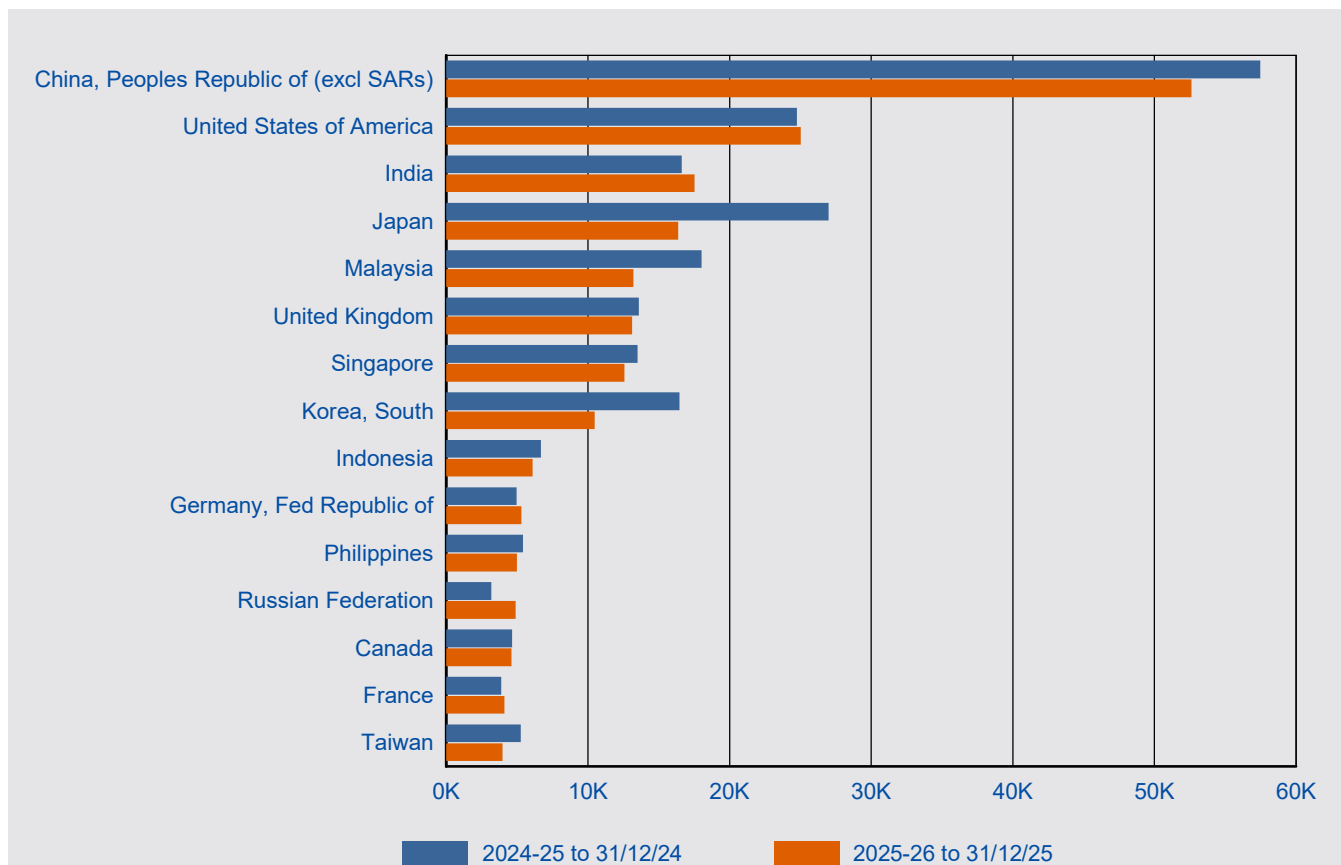
1.06 Number of Tourism Visitor visa applications lodged in 2025-26 to 31 December 2025 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



Citizenship Country	2024-25 to 31/12/24	2025-26 to 31/12/25	% Change from 2024-25	2025-26 as % of Total
Tourism				
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	323,062	351,271	8.7%	12.4%
United Kingdom	278,519	331,576	19.0%	11.7%
United States of America	285,010	292,672	2.7%	10.3%
Korea, South	185,256	206,625	11.5%	7.3%
India	189,086	205,175	8.5%	7.3%
Japan	174,063	184,526	6.0%	6.5%
Singapore	98,422	103,197	4.9%	3.6%
Germany, Fed Republic of	77,503	82,408	6.3%	2.9%
Malaysia	69,484	82,341	18.5%	2.9%
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	66,291	80,272	21.1%	2.8%
Taiwan	60,673	74,987	23.6%	2.7%
Canada	68,289	71,724	5.0%	2.5%
Philippines	56,250	62,147	10.5%	2.2%
France	56,614	61,667	8.9%	2.2%
Indonesia	42,004	53,828	28.1%	1.9%
Other countries	535,573	583,731	9.0%	20.6%
Tourism	2,566,099	2,828,147	10.2%	100.0%

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1.07 Number of All Business Visitor visa applications lodged in 2025-26 to 31 December 2025 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



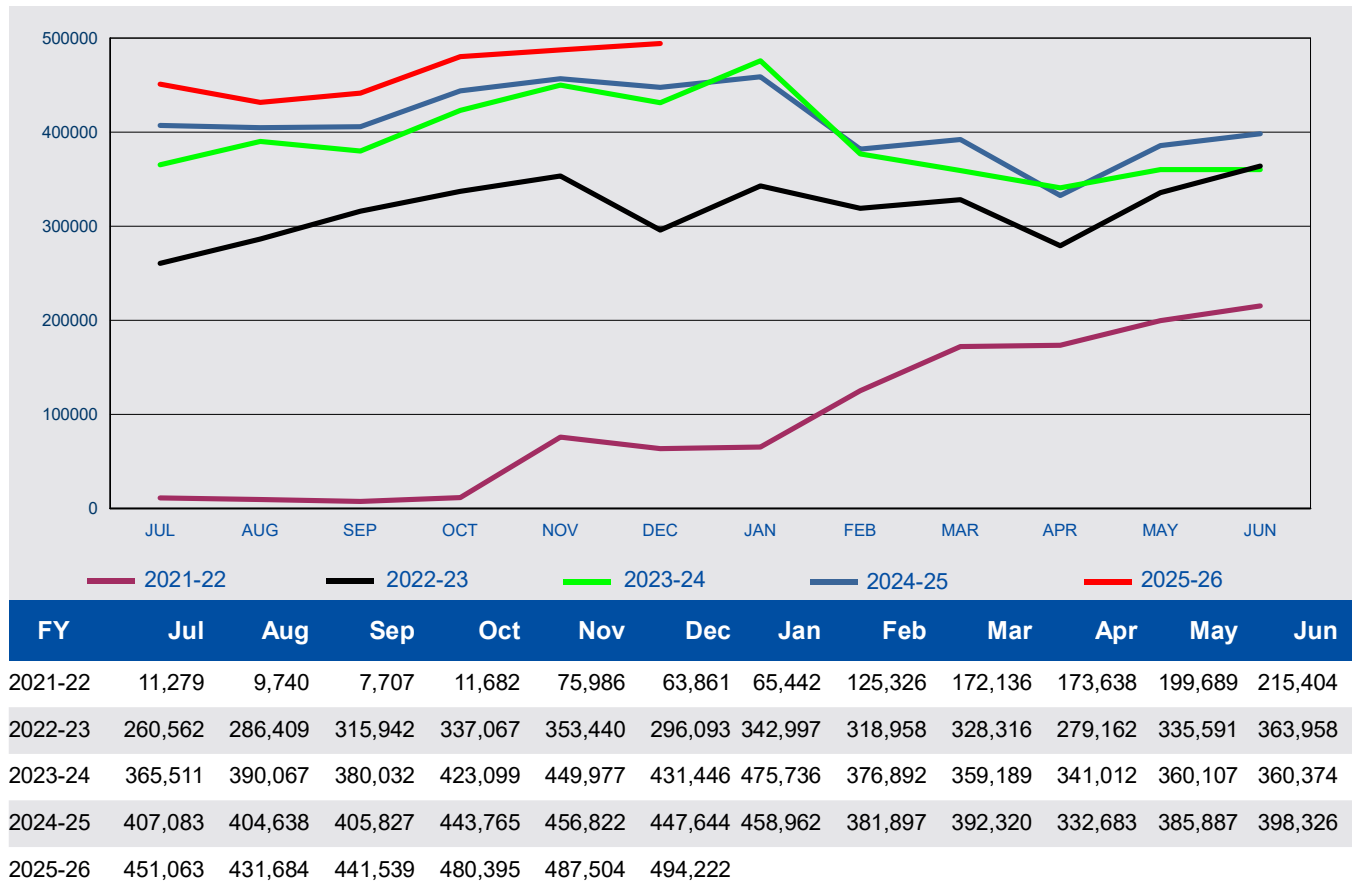
Citizenship Country	2024-25 to 31/12/24	2025-26 to 31/12/25	% Change from 2024-25	2025-26 as % of Total
All Business				
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	57,466	52,604	-8.5%	21.4%
United States of America	24,749	25,033	1.1%	10.2%
India	16,632	17,535	5.4%	7.1%
Japan	26,999	16,372	-39.4%	6.7%
Malaysia	18,015	13,199	-26.7%	5.4%
United Kingdom	13,598	13,120	-3.5%	5.3%
Singapore	13,494	12,585	-6.7%	5.1%
Korea, South	16,464	10,472	-36.4%	4.3%
Indonesia	6,693	6,088	-9.0%	2.5%
Germany, Fed Republic of	4,974	5,294	6.4%	2.2%
Philippines	5,423	4,990	-8.0%	2.0%
Russian Federation	3,171	4,894	54.3%	2.0%
Canada	4,651	4,616	-0.8%	1.9%
France	3,887	4,096	5.4%	1.7%
Taiwan	5,252	3,968	-24.4%	1.6%
Other countries	47,972	51,277	6.9%	20.8%
All Business	269,440	246,143	-8.6%	100.0%

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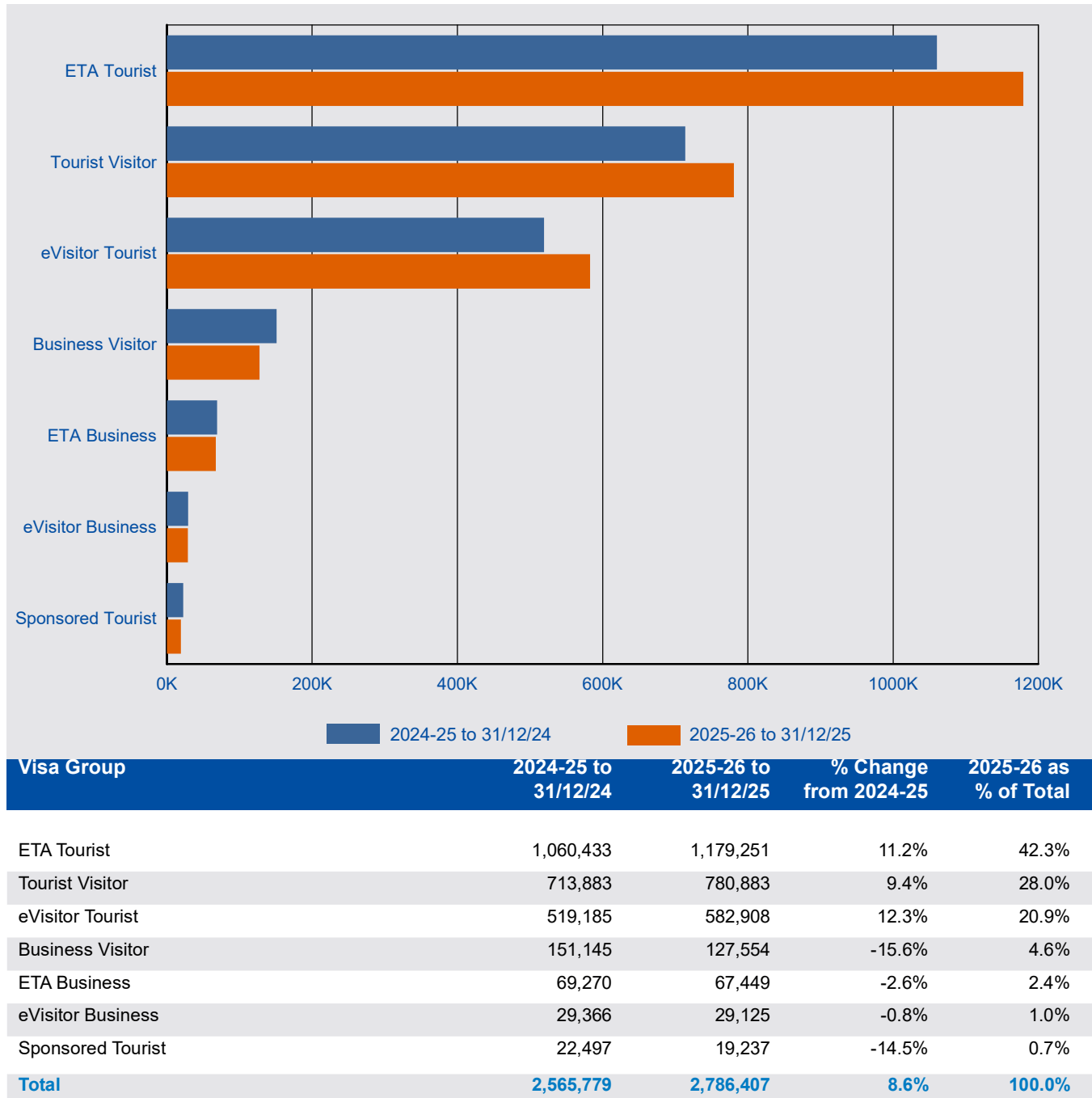
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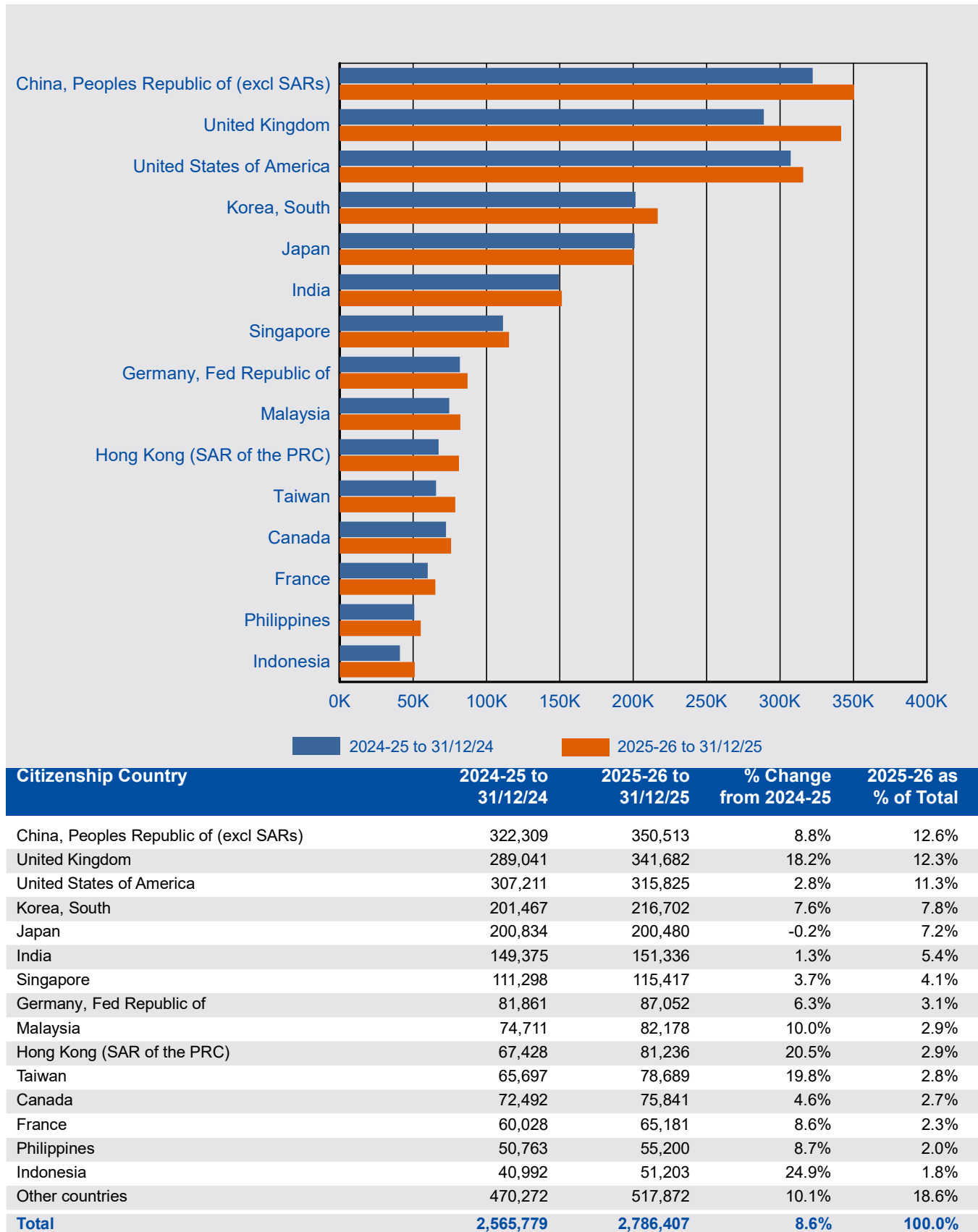
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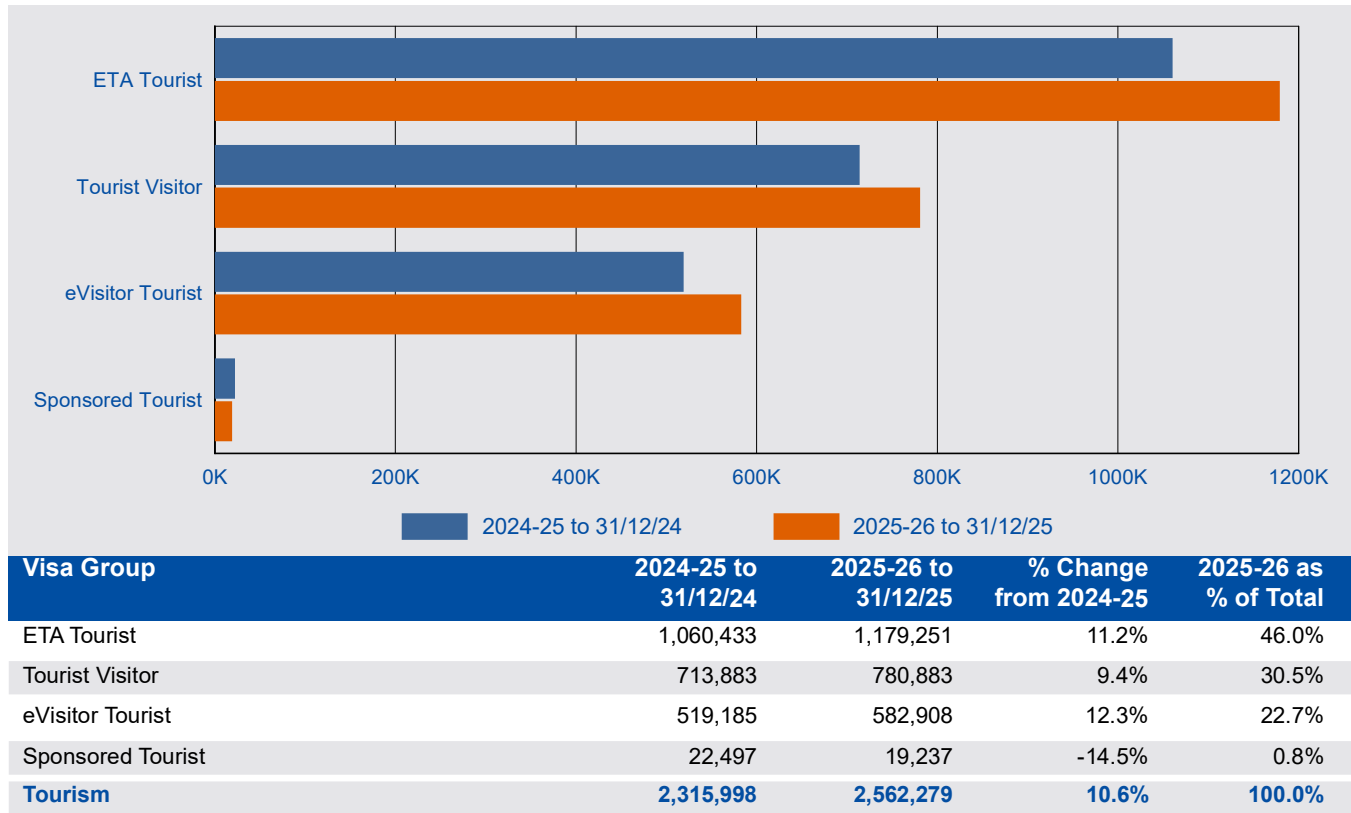
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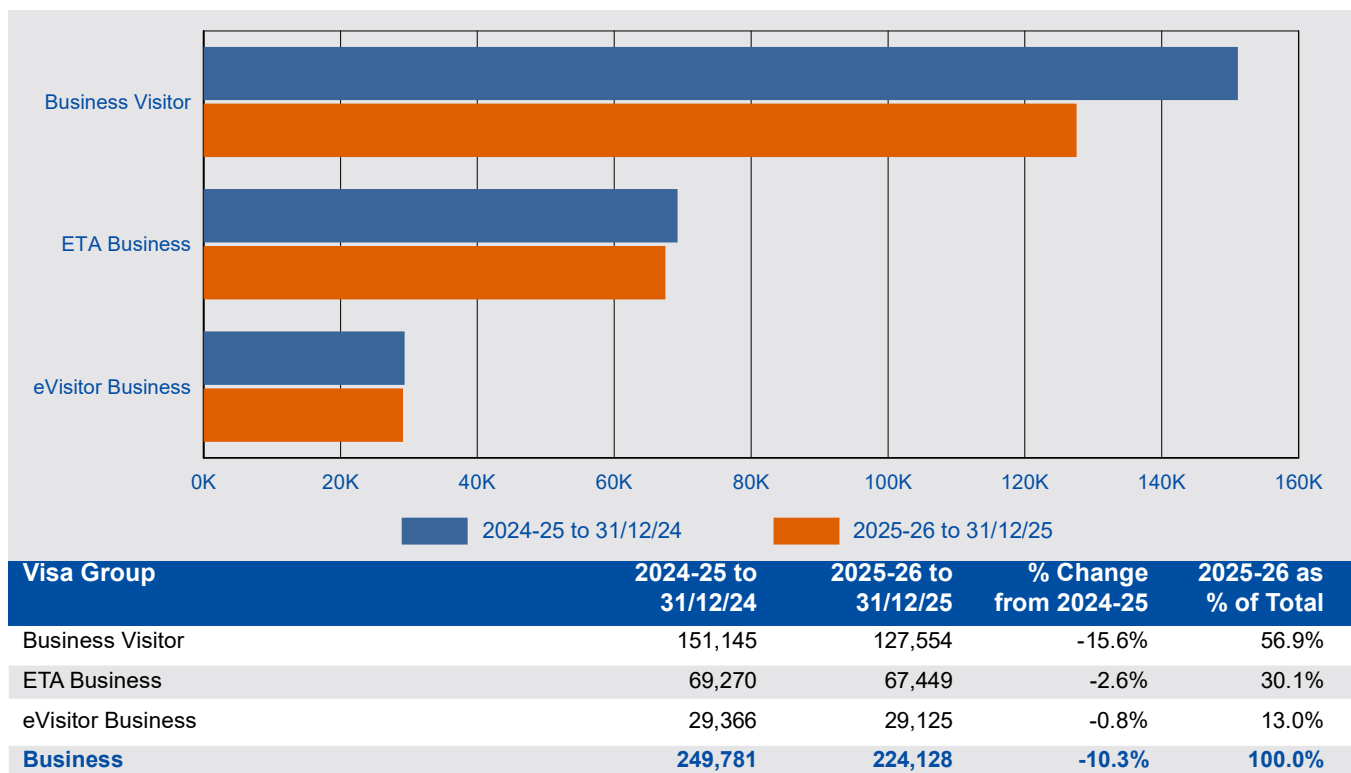


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2.04 Number of Tourism Visitor visa applications granted in 2025-26 to 31 December 2025 by visa group - comparison with same period in previous year

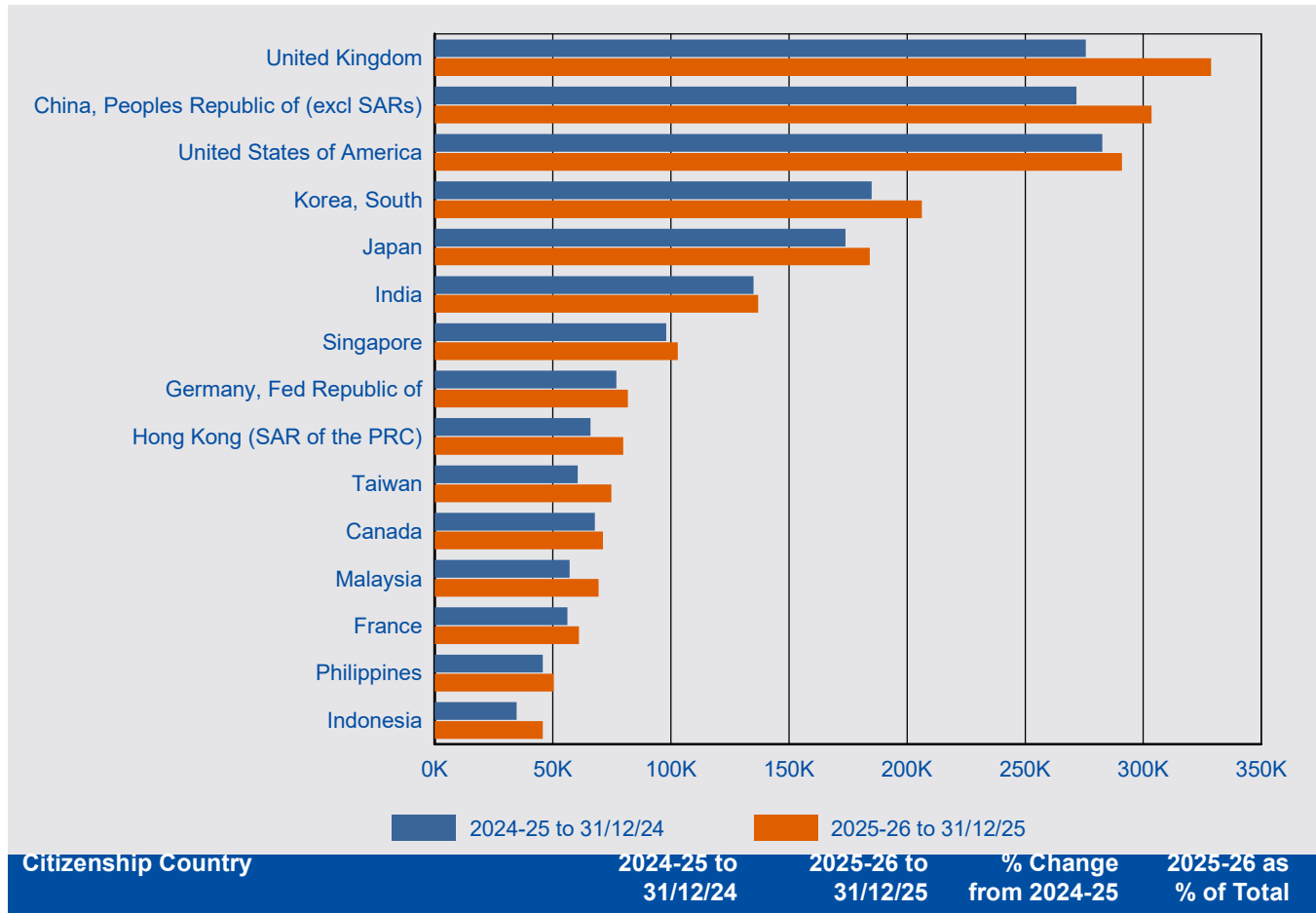


2.05 Number of Business Visitor visa applications granted in 2025-26 to 31 December 2025 by visa group - comparison with same period in previous year



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2.06 Number of Tourism Visitor visa applications granted in 2025-26 to 31 December 2025 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

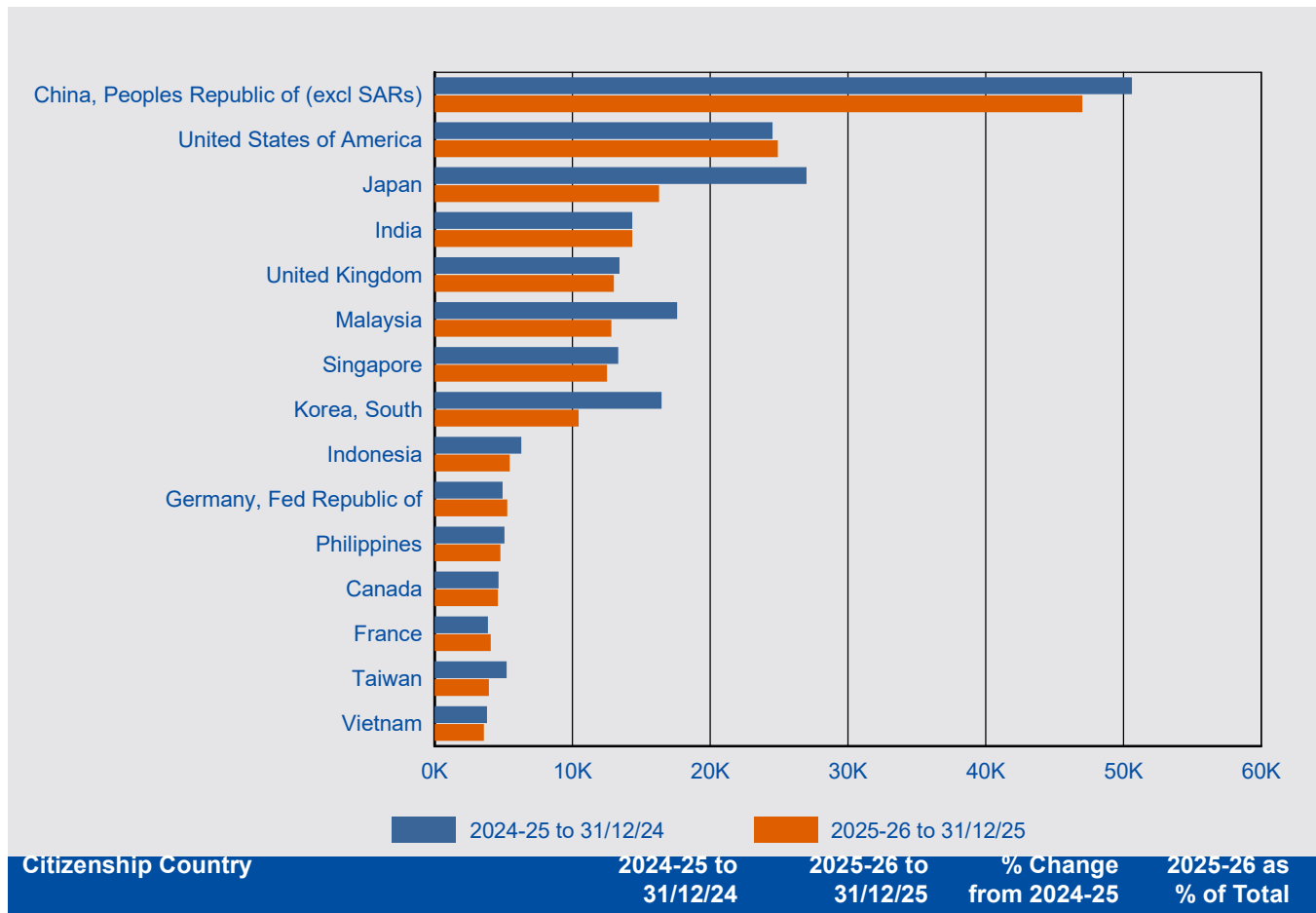


Tourism

United Kingdom	275,627	328,683	19.2%	12.8%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	271,698	303,506	11.7%	11.8%
United States of America	282,688	290,923	2.9%	11.4%
Korea, South	185,013	206,261	11.5%	8.0%
Japan	173,859	184,191	5.9%	7.2%
India	135,039	137,008	1.5%	5.3%
Singapore	97,973	102,900	5.0%	4.0%
Germany, Fed Republic of	76,937	81,794	6.3%	3.2%
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	65,922	79,813	21.1%	3.1%
Taiwan	60,484	74,755	23.6%	2.9%
Canada	67,865	71,244	5.0%	2.8%
Malaysia	57,113	69,361	21.4%	2.7%
France	56,172	61,125	8.8%	2.4%
Philippines	45,709	50,440	10.4%	2.0%
Indonesia	34,711	45,764	31.8%	1.8%
Other countries	429,188	474,511	10.6%	18.5%
Tourism	2,315,998	2,562,279	10.6%	100.0%

2 Granted

2.07 Number of All Business Visitor visa applications granted in 2025-26 to 31 December 2025 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



All Business

Citizenship Country	2024-25 to 31/12/24	2025-26 to 31/12/25	% Change from 2024-25	2025-26 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	50,611	47,007	-7.1%	21.0%
United States of America	24,523	24,902	1.5%	11.1%
Japan	26,975	16,289	-39.6%	7.3%
India	14,336	14,328	-0.1%	6.4%
United Kingdom	13,414	12,999	-3.1%	5.8%
Malaysia	17,598	12,817	-27.2%	5.7%
Singapore	13,325	12,517	-6.1%	5.6%
Korea, South	16,454	10,441	-36.5%	4.7%
Indonesia	6,281	5,439	-13.4%	2.4%
Germany, Fed Republic of	4,924	5,258	6.8%	2.3%
Philippines	5,054	4,760	-5.8%	2.1%
Canada	4,627	4,597	-0.6%	2.1%
France	3,856	4,056	5.2%	1.8%
Taiwan	5,213	3,934	-24.5%	1.8%
Vietnam	3,790	3,560	-6.1%	1.6%
Other countries	38,800	41,224	6.2%	18.4%
All Business	249,781	224,128	-10.3%	100.0%

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3 Grant rate

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A grant rate is defined as:

$$\frac{\text{Number of grants}}{\text{Number of decisions}} \times 100$$

where the number of decisions equals the number of grants plus the number of refusals.

A grant rate of 0.00% indicates that no applications were decided during the reporting period.

3 Grant rate

3.01 Grant rate of Visitor visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 October 2025 and 31 December 2025 by visa group - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Group	01/10/24 to 31/12/24	01/01/25 to 31/03/25	01/04/25 to 30/06/25	01/07/25 to 30/09/25	01/10/25 to 31/12/25
Business					
Business Visitor	90.6%	87.9%	87.6%	86.9%	85.8%
ETA Business	99.3%	99.4%	99.2%	99.2%	99.1%
eVisitor Business	98.6%	98.7%	98.5%	98.9%	98.8%
All Business	93.9%	92.5%	91.7%	91.8%	91.1%
Tourism					
ETA Tourist	99.0%	98.9%	98.3%	98.7%	99.2%
eVisitor Tourist	99.1%	98.9%	98.6%	99.0%	99.2%
Sponsored Tourist	54.5%	52.9%	52.7%	57.4%	58.6%
Tourist Visitor	78.2%	79.9%	79.4%	78.8%	78.6%
All Tourism	91.2%	91.7%	89.8%	90.8%	91.9%
All	91.4%	91.7%	90.0%	90.8%	91.8%

3 Grant rate

3.02 Grant rate for Tourist Visitor (600, 676) visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 October 2025 and 31 December 2025 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/10/24 to 31/12/24	01/01/25 to 31/03/25	01/04/25 to 30/06/25	01/07/25 to 30/09/25	01/10/25 to 31/12/25
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	86.1%	87.5%	84.5%	84.6%	87.4%
India	73.2%	73.6%	73.4%	73.1%	69.8%
Philippines	80.7%	84.8%	87.0%	84.3%	80.6%
Indonesia	82.4%	86.0%	89.4%	84.7%	77.1%
Vietnam	63.8%	63.7%	67.0%	68.3%	72.3%
Brazil	92.8%	92.3%	92.2%	93.2%	93.0%
South Africa	95.3%	95.1%	93.8%	96.1%	95.9%
Nepal	73.6%	80.4%	79.5%	74.3%	70.6%
Sri Lanka	81.0%	82.9%	81.9%	81.6%	78.2%
Thailand	68.3%	79.1%	78.1%	71.8%	65.3%
Fiji	70.2%	77.0%	76.2%	76.2%	73.9%
United States of America	92.5%	90.0%	89.3%	89.6%	90.5%
Russian Federation	86.9%	85.0%	85.0%	86.2%	90.0%
Chile	91.4%	92.4%	92.6%	94.8%	94.9%
Bangladesh	35.5%	42.1%	45.2%	48.0%	43.2%
Other countries	69.5%	69.3%	70.0%	69.7%	70.9%
All Tourist Visitor (600, 676)	78.2%	79.9%	79.4%	78.8%	78.6%

3.03 Grant rate for Sponsored Tourist (600) visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 October 2025 and 31 December 2025 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/10/24 to 31/12/24	01/01/25 to 31/03/25	01/04/25 to 30/06/25	01/07/25 to 30/09/25	01/10/25 to 31/12/25
India	55.9%	57.1%	59.6%	60.4%	61.0%
Pakistan	60.3%	56.1%	52.3%	64.7%	65.8%
Philippines	53.5%	55.9%	51.3%	62.1%	62.8%
Sri Lanka	61.4%	64.6%	62.2%	62.4%	60.6%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	62.6%	61.6%	54.7%	66.2%	67.5%
Bangladesh	58.1%	62.8%	60.1%	65.4%	60.1%
Iran	71.9%	60.7%	49.8%	54.8%	61.6%
Vietnam	44.1%	48.9%	40.1%	47.4%	54.0%
Nepal	50.4%	57.6%	60.2%	56.0%	55.1%
Fiji	56.1%	51.8%	50.4%	53.5%	53.2%
Cambodia	52.6%	49.2%	40.8%	42.5%	49.0%
Lebanon	41.4%	13.7%	23.9%	34.0%	38.9%
Indonesia	67.7%	77.2%	64.4%	74.7%	62.3%
Zimbabwe	64.9%	50.5%	50.8%	60.9%	71.5%
Thailand	44.6%	53.6%	52.1%	41.4%	40.8%
Other countries	48.6%	45.2%	44.0%	48.5%	50.4%
All Sponsored Tourist (600)	54.5%	52.9%	52.7%	57.4%	58.6%

3.04 Grant rate for Business Visitor (600) visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 October 2025 and 31 December 2025 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/10/24 to 31/12/24	01/01/25 to 31/03/25	01/04/25 to 30/06/25	01/07/25 to 30/09/25	01/10/25 to 31/12/25
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	90.7%	92.9%	89.7%	88.5%	89.2%
India	83.9%	83.2%	86.3%	84.6%	80.9%
Singapore	99.0%	99.0%	98.6%	98.1%	97.6%
Japan	99.9%	99.6%	99.7%	99.5%	99.1%
Indonesia	95.3%	93.6%	93.5%	91.2%	88.3%
Korea, South	99.8%	99.8%	99.8%	99.4%	98.1%
Philippines	92.6%	93.7%	95.0%	94.9%	94.2%
Vietnam	88.0%	85.3%	88.4%	88.1%	88.3%
Papua New Guinea	89.5%	78.7%	81.1%	81.8%	89.1%
Thailand	97.5%	98.2%	97.6%	95.6%	94.4%
Taiwan	99.1%	99.2%	99.2%	98.4%	98.8%
Malaysia	93.6%	93.6%	93.8%	93.2%	90.9%
South Africa	94.2%	96.6%	97.0%	97.4%	97.7%
Fiji	69.8%	89.3%	89.8%	79.5%	82.9%
United States of America	85.4%	92.6%	90.2%	90.0%	93.4%
Other countries	74.6%	59.1%	64.2%	68.6%	64.8%
All Business Visitor (600)	90.6%	87.9%	87.6%	86.9%	85.8%

3 Grant rate

3.05 Grant rate for subclass 651 eVisitor visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 October 2025 and 31 December 2025 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/10/24 to 31/12/24	01/01/25 to 31/03/25	01/04/25 to 30/06/25	01/07/25 to 30/09/25	01/10/25 to 31/12/25
Andorra	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Austria	99.7%	99.6%	99.8%	99.6%	99.7%
Belgium	99.5%	99.5%	99.6%	99.4%	99.7%
Bulgaria	90.5%	90.2%	92.6%	94.0%	98.0%
Croatia	77.4%	75.6%	71.8%	74.9%	90.4%
Cyprus	99.8%	99.5%	97.7%	99.5%	98.9%
Czechia	99.8%	99.7%	99.5%	99.9%	99.9%
Denmark	99.8%	99.7%	99.5%	99.8%	99.7%
Estonia	99.3%	99.7%	98.8%	99.7%	99.1%
Finland	99.7%	99.8%	99.5%	99.5%	99.6%
France	99.7%	99.6%	99.6%	99.6%	99.6%
Germany, Fed Republic of	99.8%	99.7%	99.6%	99.8%	99.8%
Greece	98.4%	97.5%	99.0%	99.1%	98.4%
Hungary	99.3%	98.9%	97.0%	98.8%	98.2%
Iceland	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	99.5%
Ireland, Republic of	99.5%	99.2%	99.3%	99.2%	99.4%
Italy	99.5%	99.3%	99.4%	99.6%	99.3%
Latvia	96.0%	96.6%	95.2%	98.3%	96.6%
Liechtenstein	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Lithuania	89.4%	84.5%	82.2%	87.1%	86.7%
Luxembourg	99.5%	99.5%	100.0%	99.5%	99.6%
Malta	100.0%	99.7%	99.6%	99.5%	99.8%
Monaco	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	99.6%	99.6%	99.7%	99.8%	99.7%
Norway	99.5%	99.4%	98.9%	99.3%	99.6%
Poland	99.7%	99.7%	99.5%	99.5%	99.8%
Portugal	99.3%	99.5%	99.6%	99.5%	99.4%
Romania	66.5%	63.7%	61.5%	71.2%	76.4%
San Marino	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Slovakia	100.0%	99.7%	99.4%	99.9%	99.8%
Slovenia	99.5%	99.4%	99.5%	99.8%	99.5%
Spain	99.8%	99.5%	99.6%	99.4%	99.6%
Sweden	99.6%	99.5%	99.5%	99.6%	99.7%
Switzerland	99.8%	99.8%	99.9%	99.9%	99.8%
United Kingdom	99.5%	99.4%	99.3%	99.5%	99.5%
Vatican City State Holy See	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
All	99.3%	99.0%	98.9%	99.2%	99.3%

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4 Processing times

This section contains information on 25, 50 and 75 percentile processing times for visitor visa applications.

In general terms:

- 25 percentile means that 25 per cent of applications granted during the period were processed within the number of days shown in the tables. Conversely, 75 per cent took longer than the number of days shown. This measure gives an indication of how long it is taking to process the more straight-forward visitor visa applications.
- 50 percentile more commonly known as the median, it means that 50 per cent of applications granted during the period were processed within the number of days shown in the tables. Conversely, 50 per cent took longer than the number of days shown. This measure gives an indication of how long it is taking to process the typical visitor visa applications.
- 75 percentile means that 75 per cent of applications granted during the period were processed within the number of days shown in the tables. Conversely, 25 per cent took longer than the number of days shown. This measure gives an indication of how long it is taking to process the more complex visitor visa applications.

Note: The calculation of days between lodged and grant date has been adjusted to ensure compatibility with the new database.

4 Processing times

4.01 Processing time (in calendar days) for Tourist Visitor (600, 676) visa applications granted in the 3 month period between

1 October 2025 and 31 December 2025 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship country	Percentile	1/10/24 to 31/12/24	1/01/25 to 31/03/25	1/04/25 to 30/06/25	1/07/25 to 30/09/25	1/10/25 to 31/12/25
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	25th percentile	2	2	3	3	2
	50th percentile	5	5	9	9	7
	75th percentile	8	12	17	18	13
India	25th percentile	5	5	6	7	7
	50th percentile	12	11	12	10	14
	75th percentile	21	16	18	17	23
Philippines	25th percentile	6	6	6	5	4
	50th percentile	12	13	10	7	7
	75th percentile	16	18	16	11	11
Indonesia	25th percentile	3	6	9	9	10
	50th percentile	6	9	14	14	13
	75th percentile	9	13	16	17	14
Vietnam	25th percentile	28	16	13	12	14
	50th percentile	38	22	25	20	21
	75th percentile	44	36	33	25	26
Brazil	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	10	16	10	16	17
South Africa	25th percentile	6	5	5	6	5
	50th percentile	11	10	10	11	12
	75th percentile	16	16	18	15	20
Nepal	25th percentile	9	9	10	11	16
	50th percentile	15	15	15	15	22
	75th percentile	24	23	23	22	29
Sri Lanka	25th percentile	12	12	13	9	9
	50th percentile	15	18	20	12	11
	75th percentile	19	21	28	15	15
Thailand	25th percentile	7	11	10	9	11
	50th percentile	11	13	17	15	13
	75th percentile	20	16	20	21	15
Other countries	25th percentile	2	1	2	2	3
	50th percentile	10	11	9	11	11
	75th percentile	21	21	19	21	23
All	25th percentile	4	4	4	4	4
	50th percentile	7	10	12	11	10
	75th percentile	15	16	18	18	16

4 Processing times

4.02 Processing time (in calendar days) for Business Visitor (456, 600) visa applications granted in the 3 month period between

1 October 2025 and 31 December 2025 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship country	Percentile	1/10/24 to 31/12/24	1/01/25 to 31/03/25	1/04/25 to 30/06/25	1/07/25 to 30/09/25	1/10/25 to 31/12/25
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	1	5	1	1	2
	75th percentile	5	14	5	5	6
India	25th percentile	2	4	7	5	6
	50th percentile	7	8	12	9	11
	75th percentile	14	12	15	12	15
Singapore	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
Japan	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
Indonesia	25th percentile	1	1	1	1	1
	50th percentile	2	1	2	1	1
	75th percentile	3	3	3	3	3
Korea, South	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
Philippines	25th percentile	2	2	2	3	2
	50th percentile	4	4	5	5	5
	75th percentile	7	7	7	8	8
Vietnam	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	2	1	6	7	6
	75th percentile	11	9	18	17	13
Papua New Guinea	25th percentile	3	3	4	4	2
	50th percentile	5	6	7	6	5
	75th percentile	6	10	8	7	7
Thailand	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	1	3	4	3	2
	75th percentile	6	7	7	7	6
Other countries	25th percentile	0	0	0	1	0
	50th percentile	2	3	4	5	4
	75th percentile	8	8	10	13	9
All	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	1	3	2	2	2
	75th percentile	5	9	7	7	7

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5 Applications on hand

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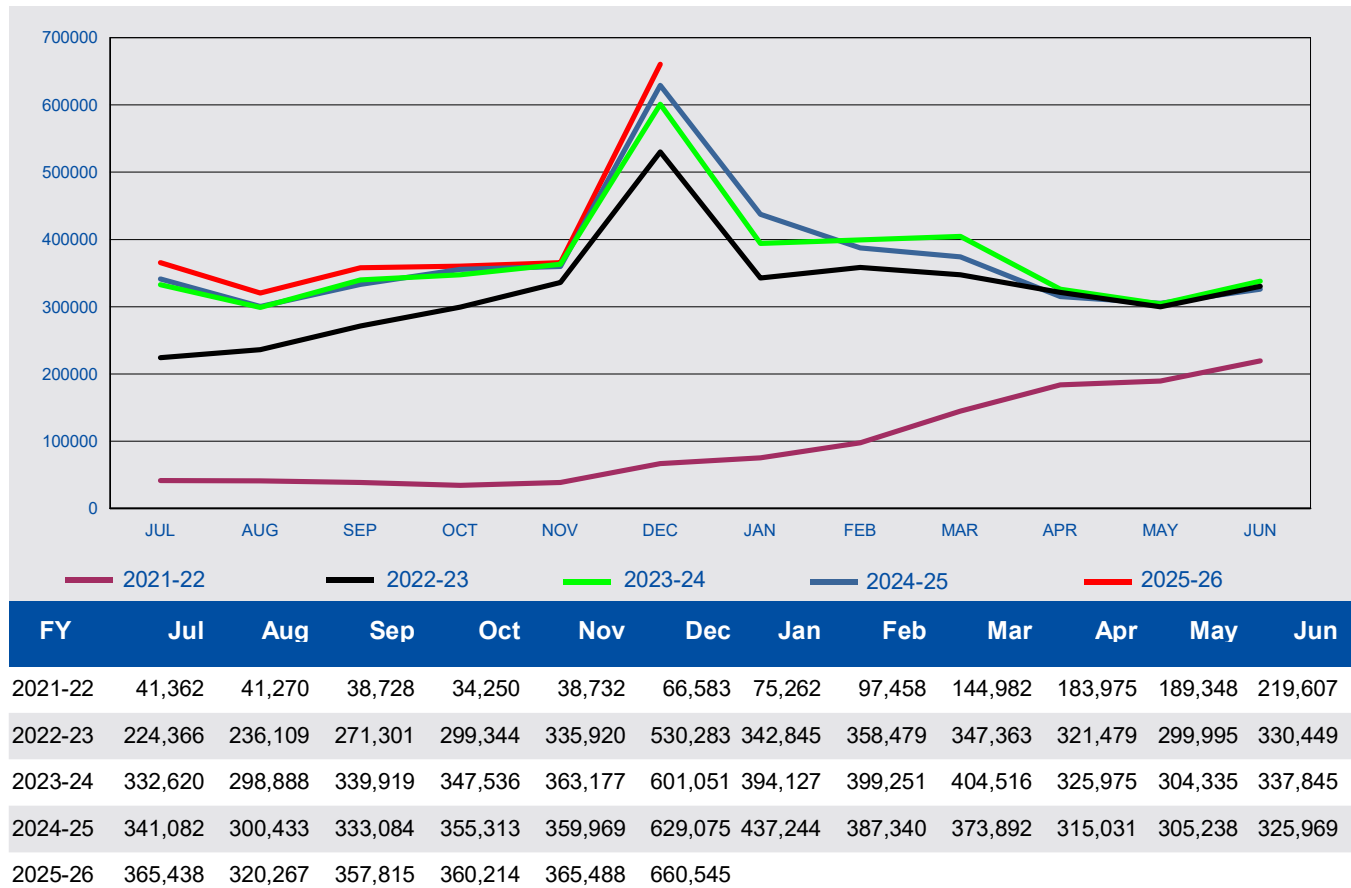
5.01 Number of Visitor visa applications on hand at 31 December 2025 by visa group - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Group	On hand at 31/12/24	On hand at 31/03/25	On hand at 30/06/25	On hand at 30/09/25	On hand at 31/12/25
Tourism					
Tourist Visitor	72 641	79 448	78 861	77 935	90 063
ETA Tourist	2 012	2 661	2 608	1 211	2 073
eVisitor Tourist	2 125	1 080	994	2 176	1 782
Sponsored Tourist	6 997	6 112	6 822	9 783	10 048
Tourism	83 775	89 301	89 285	91 105	103 966
Business					
Business Visitor	7 392	6 111	5 798	7 252	5 923
ETA Business	355	409	332	222	106
eVisitor Business	94	47	44	141	71
Sponsored Business	0	0	0	0	0
Business	7 841	6 567	6 174	7 615	6 100
Total	91 616	95 868	95 459	98 720	110 066

6 Visa holders in Australia

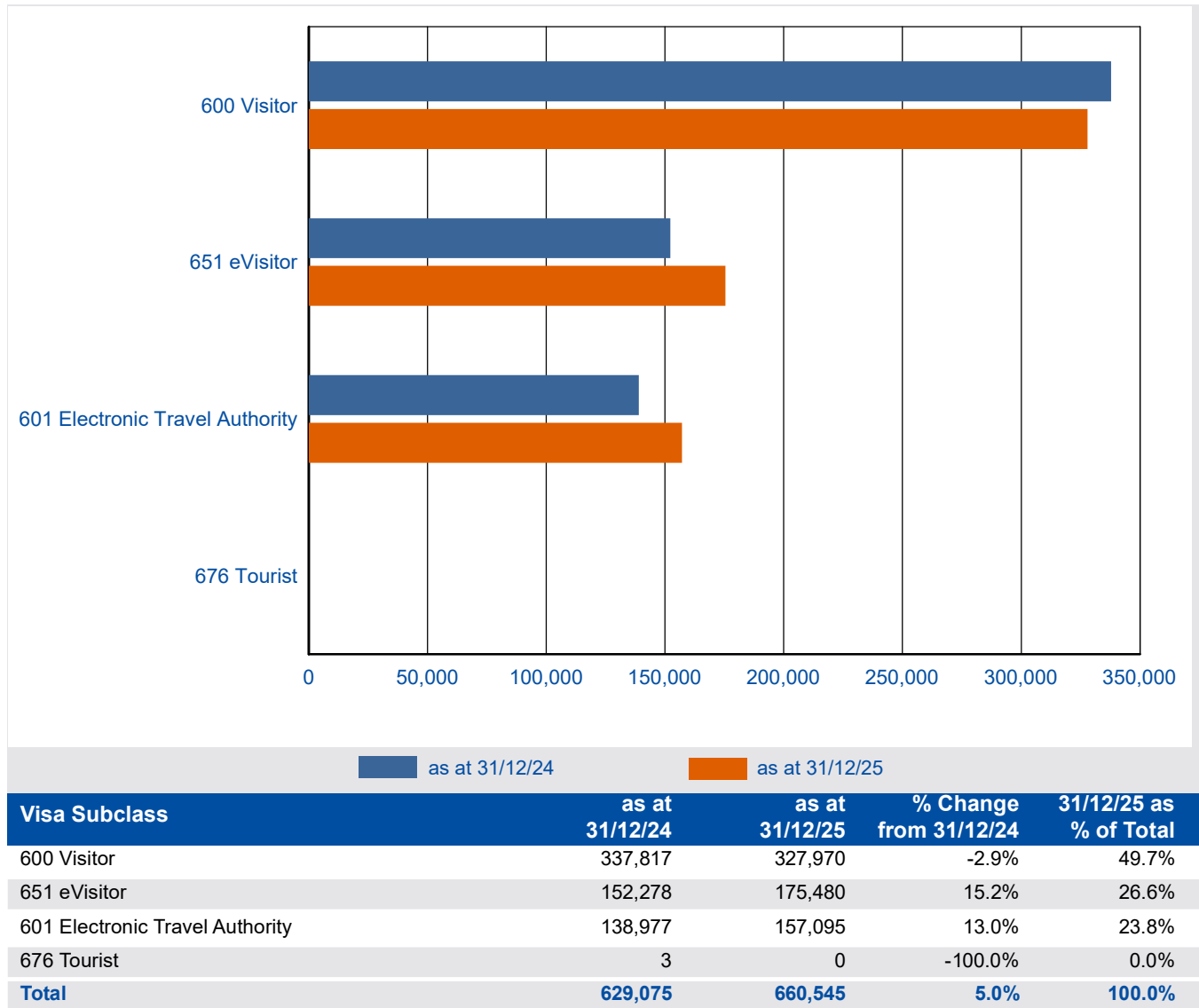
6 Visa holders in Australia

6.01 Number of Visitor visa holders in Australia at the end of each month in 2025-26 to 31 December 2025 by month - comparison with previous four financial years



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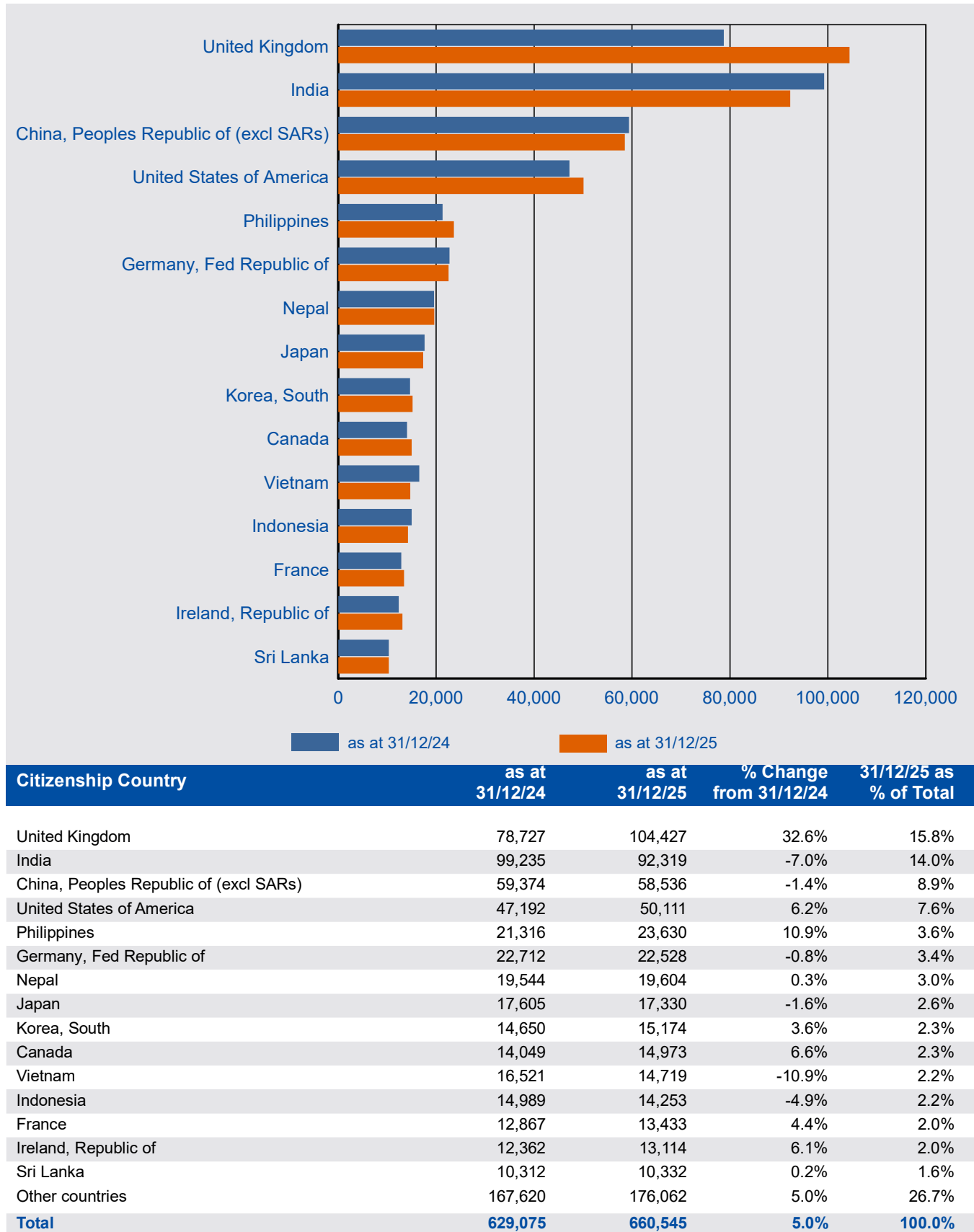
6.02 Number of Visitor visa holders in Australia as at 31 December 2025 by visa subclass - comparison with same date in previous year



Note 1: Excludes visa subclasses 456, 459, 679, 956, 976 and 977.

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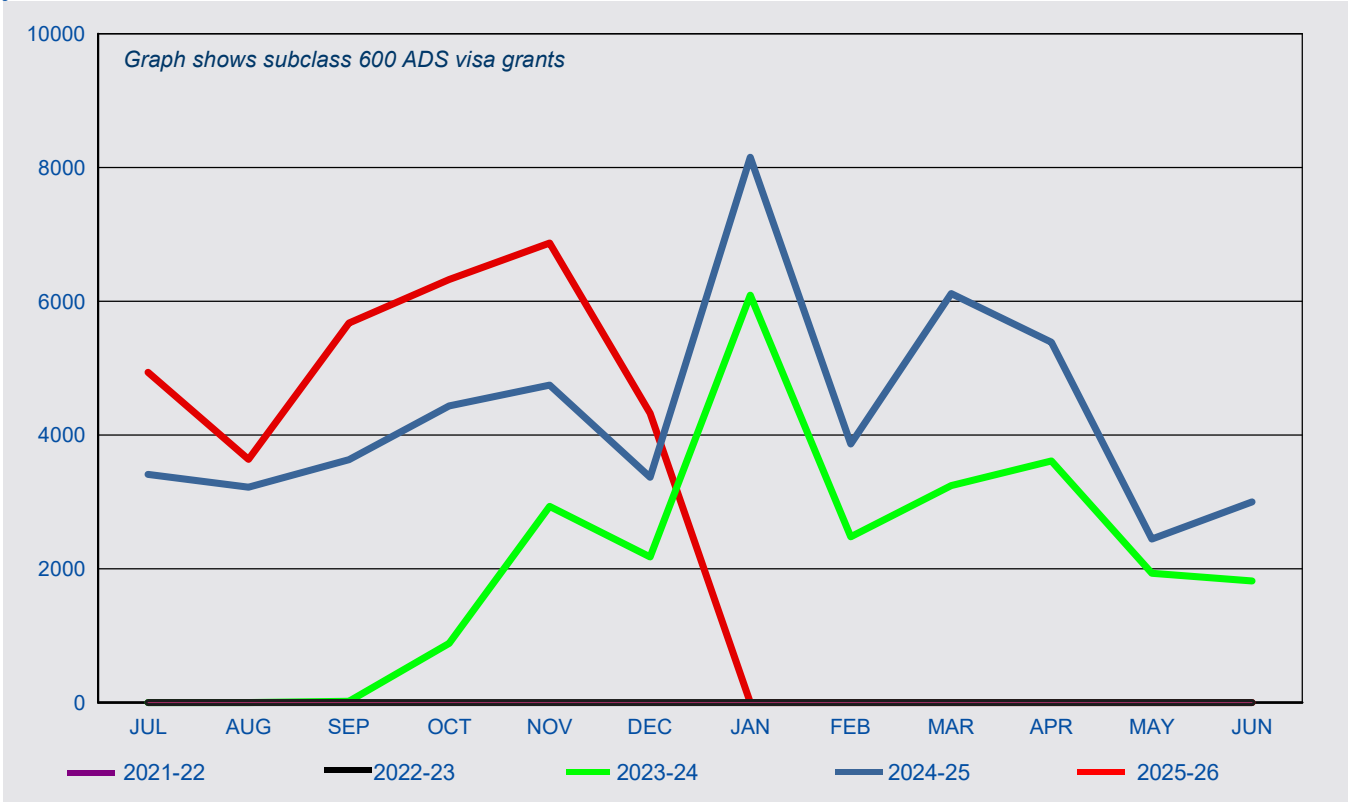
6.03 Number of Visitor visa holders in Australia as at 31 December 2025 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



7 Approved Destination Status (ADS)

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7.01 Number of subclass 600 visa applications granted in 2025-26 to 31 December 2025 under the tourism ADS stream where the citizenship country is Peoples Republic of China (PRC) by visa type - comparison with previous four financial years



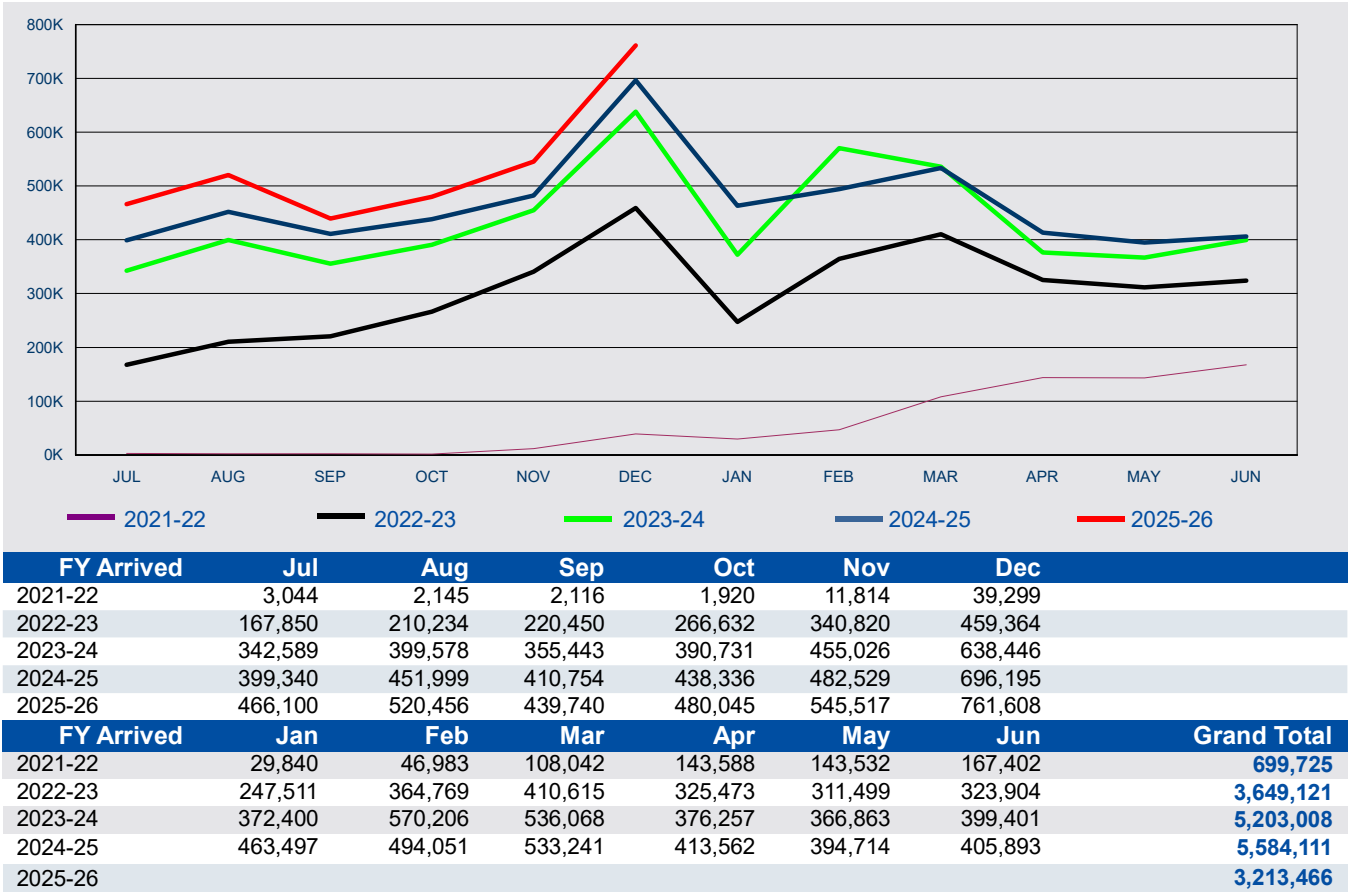
subclass 600 ADS for PRC

FY Granted	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
2023-24	0	0	20	884	2,935	2,179	6,092	2,477	3,244	3,613	1,935	1,817	25,196
2024-25	3,411	3,221	3,632	4,436	4,747	3,369	8,151	3,867	6,115	5,387	2,445	3,000	51,781
2025-26	4,936	3,638	5,674	6,323	6,871	4,325	0	0	0	0	0	0	31,767

8 Arrivals

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8.01 Number of Visitor visa arrivals ('000) in 2025-26 to 31 December 2025 - comparison with previous four financial years



8 Arrivals

8.02 Number of Visitor visa arrivals in 2025-26 to 31 December 2025 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

