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Visitor Visa Program Report

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About this report

This report provides data about the Visitor visa programme 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 and further developments will occur over time to increase and improve information sharing about the Visitor visa program.

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

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 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.

How to read this report

On 23 March 2013, significant changes were made to Visitor visas as part of the Australian Government's Visa Simplification and Deregulation project. These changes have been summarised in the tables below where relevant visas have been combined into Tourist and Business groups.

Visitor - Tourist visas	Tourist Group
ETA (Visitor) (subclass 976) and ETA (subclass 601 – Tourist)	ETA Tourist
Tourist (subclass 676), Visitor (subclass 600) Tourist stream and Visitor (subclass 600) Approved Desination Status (ADS) stream	Tourist Visitor
Sponsored Family Visitor (subclass 679) and	Sponsored Tourist
Visitor (subclass 600) Sponsored Family stream	Spanist St. Todilot
eVisitor (subclass 651 - Tourist Entrant)	eVisitor Tourist

Visitor - Business visas	Business Group
ETA (Business – Long Validity) (subclass 956),	
ETA (Business – Short Validity) (subclass 977) and	ETA Business
ETA (subclass 601 - Business)	
Business (Short Stay) (subclass 456) and Visitor (subclass 600) Business Visitor stream	Business Visitor
Superyacht crew (subclass 488) and Sponsored Business visitor (Short Stay) (subclass 459) visa	Sponsored Business
eVisitor (subclass 651 - Business Entrant)	eVisitor Business

Notes

- ETA Business Clients who previously lodged ETA (Business Long Validity) (subclass 956) visa applications and (Business Short Validity) (subclass 977) visa applications are now lodging ETA (subclass 601 Business) applications. A small percentage of these clients may now be lodging Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity) (subclass 400) visa applications, which is not covered in this report.
- **Business Visitor** Clients who previously lodged Business (Short Stay) (subclass 456) visa applications are now lodging Visitor (subclass 600) Business Visitor stream visa applications. A small percentage of these clients may now be lodging Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity) (subclass 400) visa applications, which is not covered in this report.

Background to the Visitor visa program

The Visitor visa program can be divided into two categories, Tourism and Business. Tourism may include a holiday or recreation, or visiting family and friends. The Business category allows business people to undertake business visitor activities. This may include attending meetings, conferences, site visits and exploring business opportunities. The visa holder cannot engage in work in Australia.

The Visitor visa program is made up of three subclasses, the 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. The below table outlines the activities allowed by each subclass and stream, and the location of the client at time of lodgement.

Subclass	Tourism	Business Visitor	Client Location
601 - Electronic Travel Authority	✓	✓	Outside Australia
651 - eVisitor	✓	✓	Outside Australia
600 - Tourist stream	✓		In or outside Australia
600 - Business Visitor stream		✓	Outside Australia
600 - Sponsored Family stream	✓		Outside Australia
600 - Approved Destination Status stream	✓		Outside Australia
600 - ADS stream	✓		China*
600 - Frequent Traveller stream	✓	✓	China*

^{*}The ADS and Frequent Traveller streams are only available to People's Republic of China (PRC) passport holders who are applying from within the PRC.

On 23 March 2013, the following significant changes were made to Visitor visas as part of the Australian Government's Visa Simplification and Deregulation project:

- The Tourist visa (subclass 676) was replaced by the Visitor visa (subclass 600) Tourist stream.
- The Sponsored Family Visitor visa (subclass 679) was repealed and replaced by the Visitor visa (subclass 600) - Sponsored Family stream.
- The ETA (Visitor) (subclass 976) was repealed and replaced by the ETA (subclass 601).
- The Business (Short Stay) visa (subclass 456) was repealed and replaced by the Visitor visa (subclass 600) Business Visitor stream.
- The Sponsored Business visitor (Short Stay) visa (subclass 459) was repealed and replaced by the Visitor visa (subclass 600) Business Visitor stream.
- The Electronic Travel Authority (Business Short Validity) (subclass 977) was repealed and replaced by the Electronic Travel Authority (subclass 601).
- The Electronic Travel Authority (Business Long Validity) (subclass 956) was repealed and replaced by the Electronic Travel Authority (subclass 601).

Background to the Visitor visa program - continued

Visitor visa subclasses can be divided into Tourism and Business streams:

Tourism:

- 1. Electronic Travel Authority (subclass 601). This visa is designed for ETA eligible passport holders who are outside of Australia and who want to visit Australia for tourism or business visitor purposes. It allows an applicant to stay in Australia for up to 3 months on each visit within a 12 month period from the date of grant, or for the life of the passport if it is less than 12 months. It can be applied for online, through a travel agent, airline or specialist service provider or at an Australian visa office outside Australia.
- 2. eVisitor visa (subclass 651). This visa is designed for people outside Australia who want to visit Australia for tourism or business visitor purposes. It can only be lodged online and is available to certain European nationals, as it was introduced in October 2008 to meet the Australian Government's undertaking to have reciprocal short stay travel arrangements with the European Union. It allows a stay of up to 3 months on each visit within a 12 month period from the date of grant.
- 3. Visitor visa (subclass 600) Tourist stream. This stream of the Visitor visa allows people to visit Australia for tourism purposes. This may include a holiday or recreation, or to visit family and friends. This stream can also be used for other short-term non-work purposes including study for up to three months. This visa can be applied for online (known as the 'e600') by eligible passport holders, or by paper.
- 4. Visitor visa (subclass 600) Sponsored Family stream. This stream allows people who are outside Australia and have an eligible sponsor in Australia (an eligible relative or Australian Government official willing to sponsor them), to travel to Australia for a holiday and to visit family. This visa is intended for higher risk visitors and contains additional requirements which are designed to provide assurance that the visa holder will comply with their visa conditions and depart Australia before their visa expires. A formal sponsorship is to be completed by an Australian citizen/permanent resident and in some cases a security bond is requested where the decision maker has residual concerns about the visa applicant's intention to abide by the visa conditions.
- 5. Visitor visa (subclass 600) ADS stream. The ADS stream enables PRC passport holders who are members of approved tour groups to visit Australia for sightseeing and related activities only. This visa can only be applied for through an approved Chinese travel agent participating in the ADS scheme.
- 6. Visitor visa (subclass 600) Frequent Traveller stream. This stream enables PRC passport holders who reside in the PRC to visit Australia for multiple short stays of up to 3 months, for tourist or business visitor purposes, for a visa validity period of up to 10 years. This visa must be applied for online and from within China.

Business:

- 7. Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) (subclass 601). As noted above, the ETA can be used for tourism or business visitor purposes.
- 8. eVisitor visa (subclass 651). As noted above, the eVisitor visa can be used for tourism or business visitor purposes.
- 9. Visitor visa (subclass 600) Business Visitor stream. This stream allows people to visit Australia for business visitor purposes. Business visitor activities may include making general business or employment enquiries, investigating, negotiating, signing or reviewing a business contract, activities carried out as part of an official government-to-government visit and participating in conferences, trade fairs or seminars as long as the visa holder is not being paid by the organisers for their participation. This visa can be applied for online (known as the 'e600') by eligible passport holders, or by paper.
- 10. Visitor visa (subclass 600) Frequent Traveller stream. As noted above, the Frequent Traveller stream can be used for tourism or business visitor purposes.

Eligible Passports for Electronic Lodgement of Visitor Visa Applications

The Department continues to implement changes to support the progressive expansion of online Visitor visa application lodgement to all countries. There are currently over 200 countries with access to online lodgement.

For a list of eligible passports for Visitor e600, ETA 601 and eVisitor 651 online applications please refer to the Department's website.

For e600: www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Tray/Visa-1/600-/Visitor-e600-visa-online-applications

For ETA 601: www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/601-

For eVisitor 651: www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/651-

Background to the Visitor visa program - continued

Family members

Since 23 March 2013, all accompanying family members must lodge separate Visitor visa applications, including children younger than 18 years of age who are included on their parent's passport. Sponsors of Visitor visa (subclass 600) Sponsored Family stream applicants must include all visiting family members on the sponsorship form.

Family members who are accompanying Business Visitors and are not themselves intending to engage in business visitor activities while in Australia could consider applying for the Visitor visa (subclass 600) - Tourist stream.

Visa Requirements

To be eligible for a Visitor visa, the applicant genuinely intends to stay temporarily in Australia for the purpose for which the visa is granted (for tourism or business visitor purposes).

Applicants must also meet certain health and character requirements, and could be asked to undergo a health examination and/or provide police certificates for each country they have lived in for 12 months or more over the last 10 years since turning 16.

In order to meet the financial requirements for the grant of a Visitor visa, 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. They could be asked to provide evidence of their adequate means of support.

Ability to work

Work is not permitted on Visitor visas. This is enforced by a mandatory 'no work' condition imposed on all Tourist, Sponsored Family and ADS stream visas. Holders of Business Visitor stream and Frequent Traveller stream visas can undertake business visitor activities but not otherwise work. Business visitor activities include making general business enquiries, attending conferences and contractual negotiations and making government-to-government visits.

Where a person is found to be working in breach of their visa conditions, they could face visa cancellation and an exclusion period.

Ability to study

Holders of Visitor visas (subclass 600) in the Tourist stream, Sponsored Family stream, Business Visitor stream, or Frequent Traveller stream, can study for up to three months. This can be an award or non-award course, but the entire course must not be longer than 3 months in duration.

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, at least two weeks before their current visa expires. The Tourist stream is the only stream of the Visitor visa that can be applied for inside Australia.

Visa refusals

A decision to refuse a Visitor visa application is made when the delegate of the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection 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, or their agent, with a written decision record that sets out the reason for the decision and any review rights.

Reasons for refusal of Visitor visa applications could include:

- failure to meet financial, health or character requirements; and/or
- failure to satisfy the Department that the applicant is a genuine visitor.

Background to the Visitor visa program - continued

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.

Executive Summary

Key Points

- This executive summary covers the Tourist and Business group visa statistics for the Visitor visa program from 1
 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 (2018-19). The terminology used in this executive summary to describe Tourist and
 Business group visas and subclasses are referenced on page 2 of this report.
- There was a sustained increase in Visitor visa application lodgements with 5,965,700 applications lodged under the Visitor visa program (Tourist and Business visa group) in 2018-19; up 1.4 per cent compared to 2017-18.
 China was the largest source country for visitors to Australia with 1,009,516 visa application lodgements. The next two highest source countries are the USA and the UK with 623,224 and 595,707 lodgements respectively.
- Tourist Visitor visas accounted for the majority of visa applications lodged with 5,446,938 applications during 2018-19, up 1.8 per cent compared to 2017-18 (5,350,732). Business - Visitor visa application lodgements decreased during 2018-19 to 518,762, down 2.8 per cent compared to 2017-18 (533,732).
- A total of 5,686,318 Visitor visas were granted during 2018-19, up 0.8 per cent compared to the same period in 2017-18 (5,639,167). Tourist Visitor visa grants increased by 1.1 per cent (5,181,536) and Business Visitor visa grants decreased by 1.7 per cent (504,782) in 2018-19, when compared to the same period in 2017-2018.
- The grant rate statistics in this report are calculated quarterly. The grant rate for all Visitor visas (Tourist and Business group) for the quarter 1 April 2019 to 30 June 2019 was 94.6 per cent, down slightly from 95.4 per cent for the corresponding quarter in 2018.
- During 2018-19, there were 6,509,956 arrivals on Visitor visas (Tourist and Business group), a 2.8 per cent increase compared to 2017-18 (6,330,288).
- As at 30 June 2019, there were 316,469 Visitor visa (Tourist and Business group) holders in Australia, a 4.1 per cent increase compared to 30 June 2018 (304,140).
- Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Travel Card figures are included with 2018-19 Business
 group results. This is a change from 2017-18, where APEC figures were published with Tourist group results,
 and means that small differences exist between 2017-18 figures in this report and the BR0112 report published
 in June 2018.

1 Applications lodged

In 2018-19 5,965,700 Visitor visa (Tourist and Business group) applications were lodged; up 1.4 per cent compared to 2017-18 (5,884,464 applications).

China was the largest source country for Visitor visa application lodgements during 2018-19 with 1,009,516 lodgements (down 3.6 per cent compared to 2017-18), ahead of the USA (up 10.1 per cent to 623,224) and the UK (down 6.2 per cent to 595,707).

Tourist Group

The Tourist group accounted for the majority of Visitor visa applications lodged during 2018-19, with 5,446,938 applications. This was a 1.8 per cent increase compared to 2017-18 (5,350,732).

In addition to continued growth from USA, Japan and Malaysia, other source countries with strong growth in lodgements included:

- India (up 17.9 per cent to 306,091)
- Philippines (up 14.3 per cent to 108,517)
- Indonesia (up 7.8 per cent to 108,395)

Business Group

A total of 518,762 Visitor - Business visa applications were lodged during 2018-19, down 2.8 per cent compared to 2017-18 (533,732).

The top five sources countries for Visitor – Business visa applications were:

- 1. China (down 10.4 per cent to 84,308)
- 2. USA (down 1 per cent to 65,477)
- 3. UK (down 1 per cent to 38,533)
- 4. Japan (down 0.6 per cent to 37,472)
- 5. India (up 1.6 per cent to 31,949)

2 Visas granted

Tourist Group

A total of 5,181,536 Visitor - Tourist visas were granted during 2018-19; a 1.1 per cent increase compared to 2017-18 (5,125,579).

The largest visa grant numbers within the Tourist group were for the ETA Tourist (2,571,209) and Tourist visitor (1,734,585), both up 0.7 per cent compared to 2017-18.

The top five countries for Visitor - Tourist visa grants were:

- 1. China (down 1.1 per cent to 856,110)
- 2. USA (up 11.6 per cent to 556,629)
- 3. UK (down 6.6 per cent to 553,013)
- 4. Japan (up 3.7 per cent to 372,736)
- 5. Malaysia (up 1.4 per cent to 322,155)

Business Group

Visitor - Business visa grants in 2018-19 decreased by 1.7% per cent, with 504,782 visa grants, compared to 2017-18 (513,588).

The top five countries for Visitor - Business visa grants were:

- 1. China (down 7.2 per cent to 82,026)
- 2. USA (down 0.9 per cent to 65,325)
- 3. UK (down 0.9 per cent to 38,158)
- 4. Japan (down 0.3 per cent to 37,523)
- 5. India (down 3.3 per cent to 29,470)

Sponsored Family Visitor visa

During 2018-19, 34,933 Sponsored Family Visitor visas were granted; up 11.7 per cent compared to 2017-18 (31,268).

Grant rates and processing times are provided on a quarterly basis. This breakdown allows readers to identify and monitor changes by visa group and nationality across the reporting period.

Approved Destination Status (ADS)

A total of 200,038 Visitor - Tourist visas were granted to citizens from China under the ADS scheme during 2018-19. This was a decrease of 2.7 per cent compared to 2017-18 (205,505).

3 Grant rates

The grant rate for all Visitor visas for the quarter 1 April 2019 to 30 June 2019, decreased slightly to 94.6 per cent, compared to 95.4 per cent for the corresponding quarter in 2018.

4 Processing times

Tourist Group

During the quarter 1 April 2019 to 30 June 2019, 75 per cent of Visitor - Tourist visa applications (including Approved Destination Status (ADS) applications) were processed within 16 calendar days. This is a decrease of 1 day from the processing times for the corresponding quarter in 2018.

Business Group

During the quarter 1 April 2019 to 30 June 2019, 75 per cent of Visitor - Business visa applications were processed within 7 calendar days. This is a decrease of 4 days compared to the corresponding quarter in 2018.

5 Visa holders In Australia

On 30 June 2019, there were 316,469 Visitor (Tourist and Business Group) visa holders in Australia. This was a 4.1 per cent increase from 304,140 Visitor visa holders in Australia on 30 June 2018.

The Visitor visa (subclass 600) comprised the largest cohort with 216,546 visa holders in Australia, followed by subclass 601 ETA with 73,085 visa holders, and subclass 651 eVisitor with 26,781 visa holders in Australia on 30 June 2019. The number of Visitor visa holders in Australia at any given time is influenced by a range of factors, including exchange rates, holiday periods and major events.

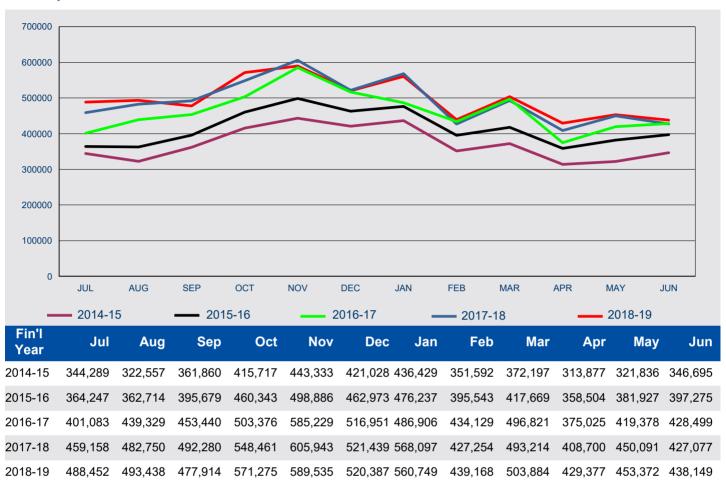
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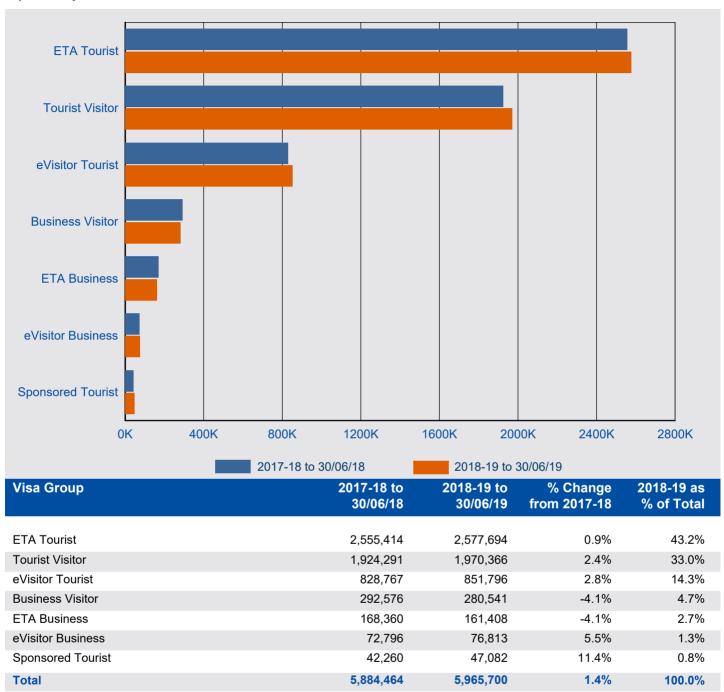
The top five countries for arrivals on Visitor visas were:

- 1. China (down 3 per cent to 1,084,166)
- 2. USA (up 11.8 per cent to 702,797)
- 3. UK (down 4.7 per cent to 674,152)
- 4. Japan (up 5.2 per cent to 428,109)
- 5. Malaysia (down 1.5 per cent to 372,759)

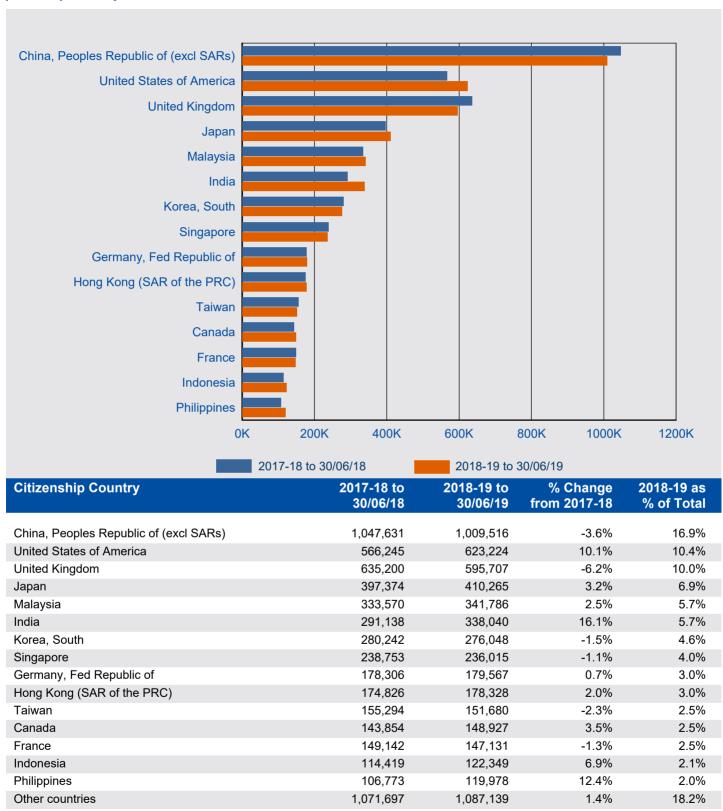
1.01 Number of Visitor visa applications lodged in 2018-19 to 30 June 2019 by month - comparison with previous four financial years



1.02 Number of Visitor visa applications lodged in 2018-19 to 30 June 2019 by visa group - comparison with same period in previous year



1.03 Number of Visitor visa applications lodged in 2018-19 to 30 June 2019 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



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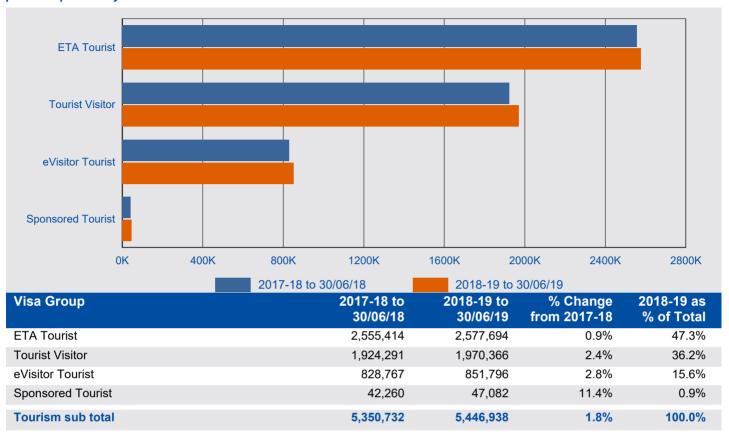
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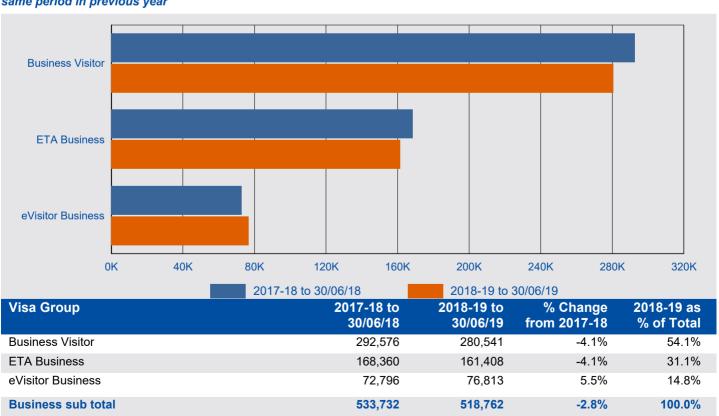
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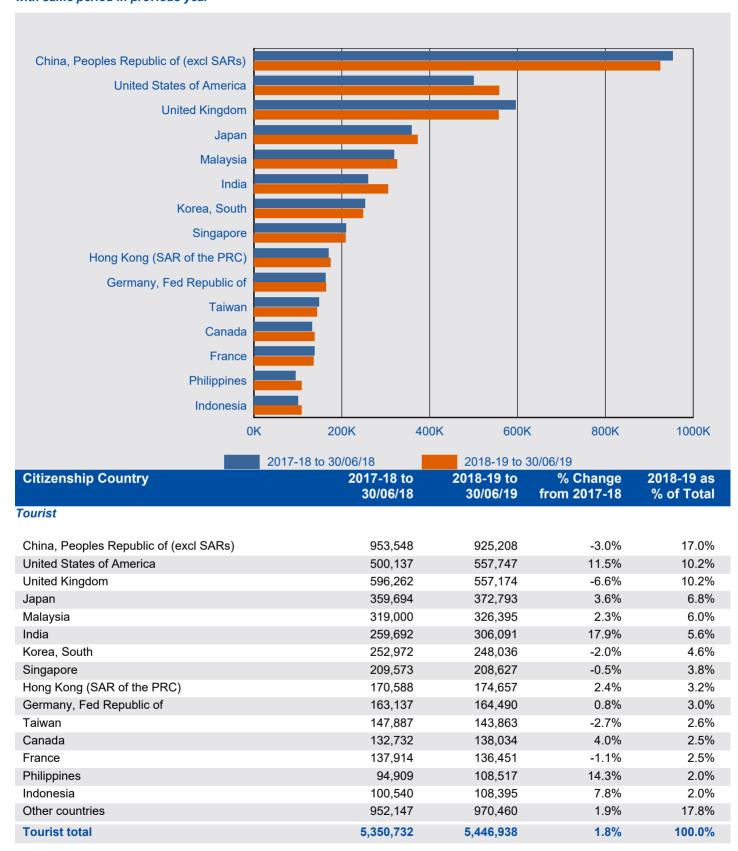
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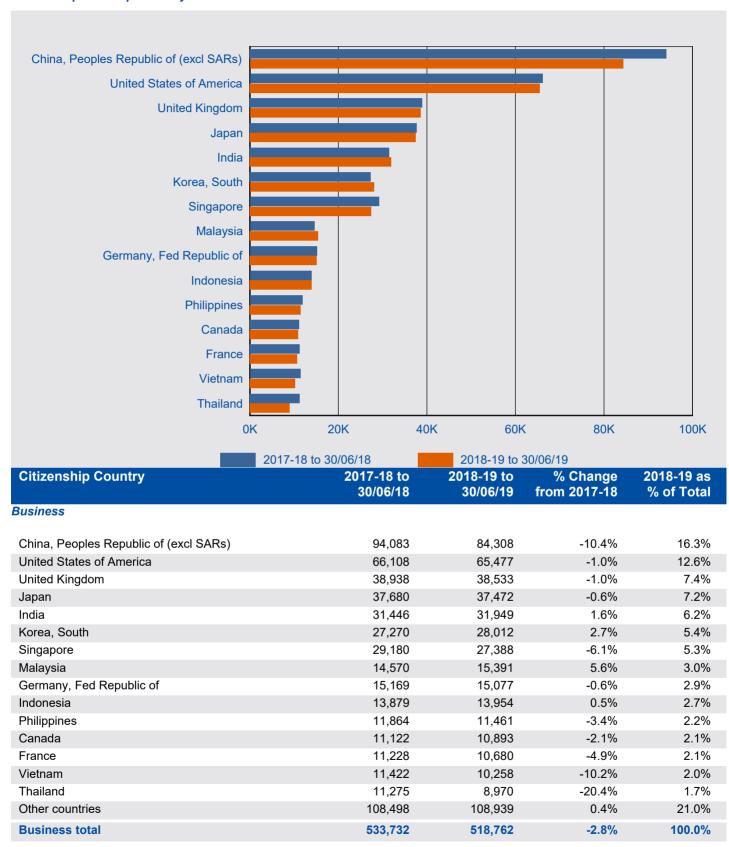
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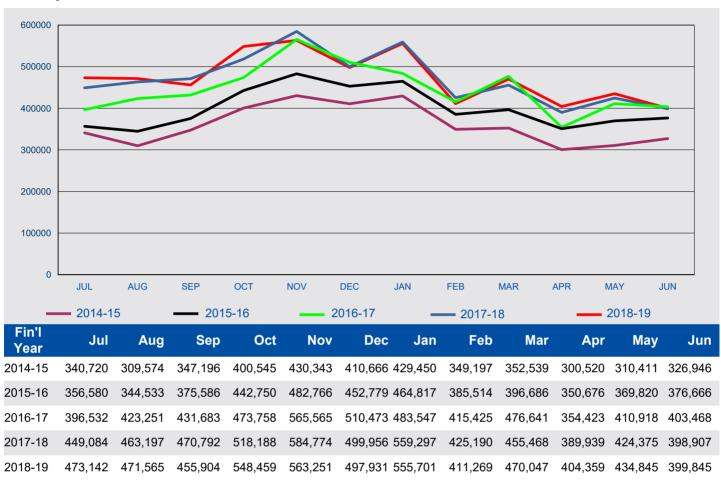


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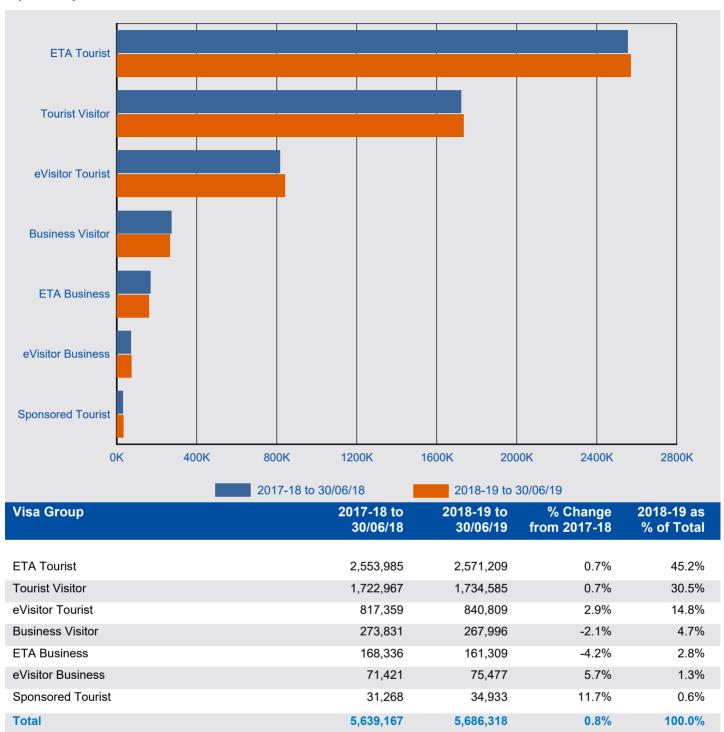


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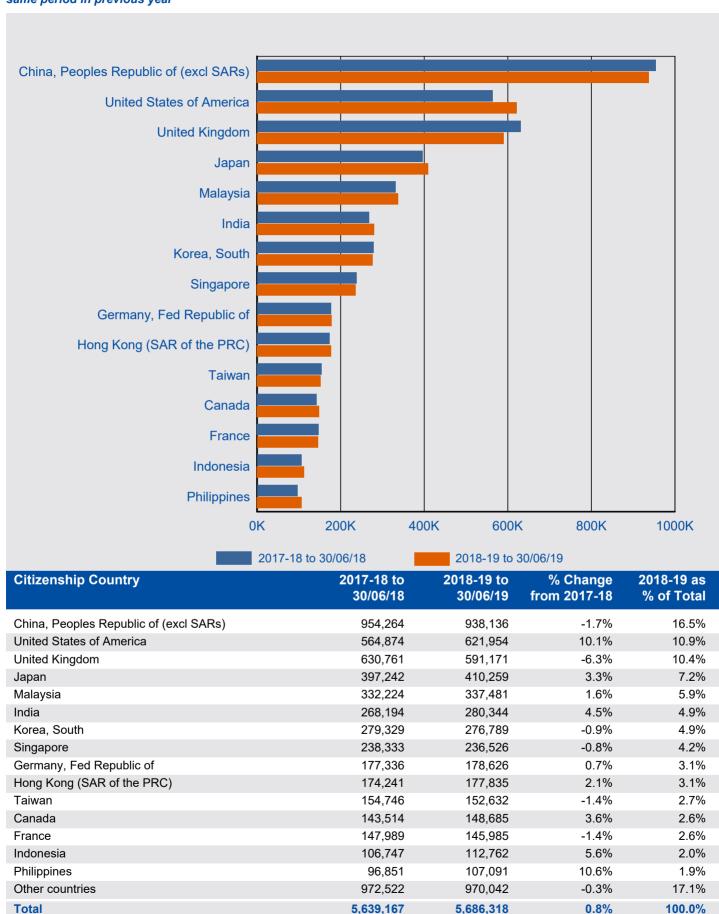
2.01 Number of Visitor visa applications granted in 2018-19 to 30 June 2019 by month - comparison with previous four financial years



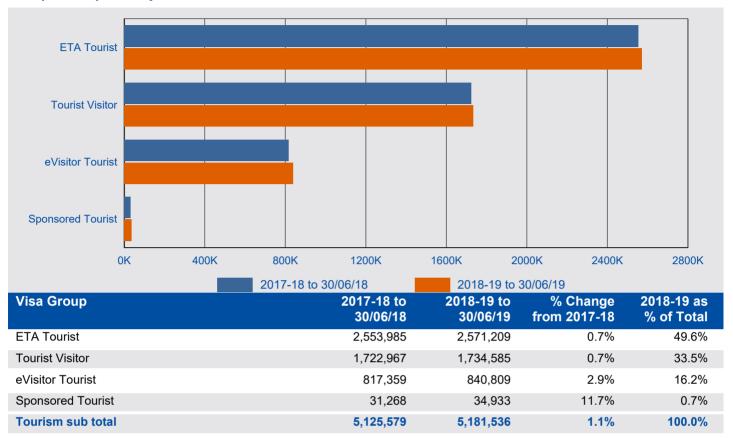
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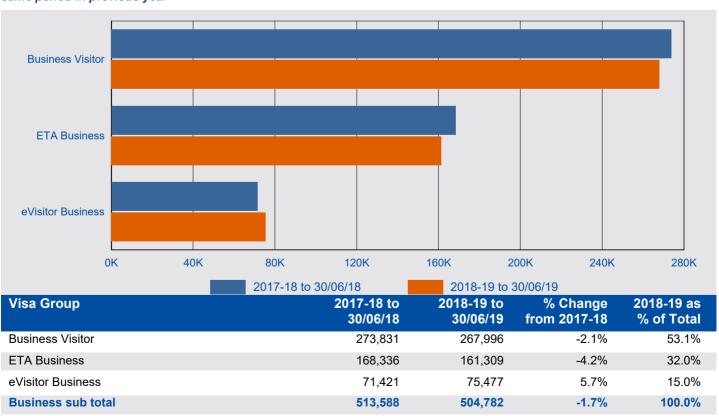
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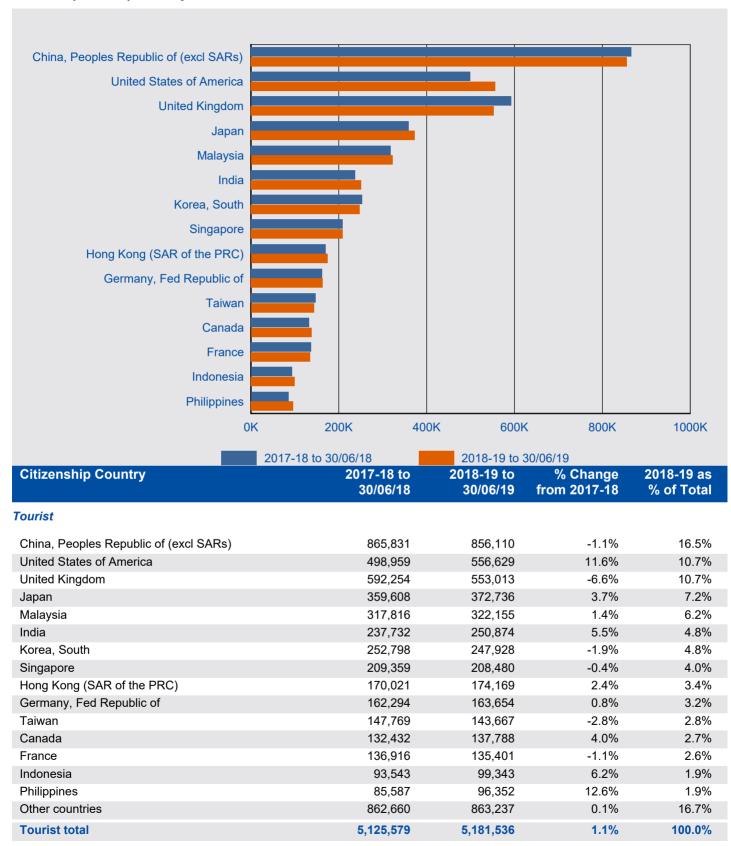
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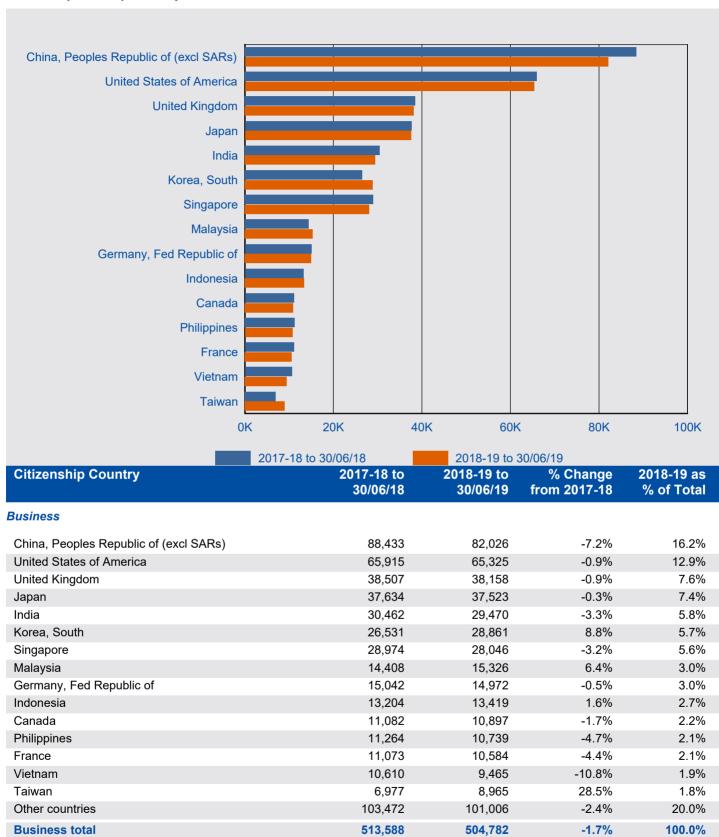
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2.06 Number of tourist Visitor visa applications granted in 2018-19 to 30 June 2019 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



2.07 Number of business Visitor visa applications granted in 2018-19 to 30 June 2019 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



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For this section:

A grant rate is defined as:

Number of grants x 100

Number of decisions

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.

3.01 Grant rate of Visitor visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 April 2019 and 30 June 2019 by visa group - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Group	01/04/18 to 30/06/18	01/07/18 to 30/09/18	01/10/18 to 31/12/18	01/01/19 to 31/03/19	01/04/19 to 30/06/19
Business					
Business Visitor	94.9%	94.8%	93.5%	93.4%	93.8%
ETA Business	100.0%	99.9%	99.9%	100.0%	99.9%
eVisitor Business	98.2%	98.5%	98.6%	98.3%	98.6%
All Business	96.7%	96.8%	96.1%	96.5%	96.4%
Tourism					
ETA Tourist	99.9%	99.7%	99.8%	99.8%	99.7%
eVisitor Tourist	98.4%	98.8%	99.1%	98.6%	98.7%
Sponsored Tourist	70.5%	69.0%	72.7%	74.2%	81.2%
Tourist Visitor	89.4%	89.0%	89.5%	88.1%	87.3%
All Tourism	95.2%	95.4%	95.9%	95.4%	94.4%
All	95.4%	95.5%	95.9%	95.5%	94.6%

3.02 Grant rate for Tourist Visitor visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 April 2019 and 30 June 2019 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/04/18 to 30/06/18	01/07/18 to 30/09/18	01/10/18 to 31/12/18	01/01/19 to 31/03/19	01/04/19 to 30/06/19
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	92.1%	92.5%	93.1%	90.6%	88.6%
India	86.2%	81.1%	85.4%	86.1%	84.5%
Indonesia	95.3%	92.1%	91.1%	92.2%	94.2%
Philippines	92.9%	94.1%	91.6%	91.9%	90.9%
Vietnam	84.6%	80.2%	81.7%	82.6%	86.0%
Thailand	89.3%	88.2%	81.6%	83.0%	81.2%
South Africa	96.2%	96.1%	96.7%	95.3%	93.7%
Brazil	94.4%	92.7%	94.6%	92.9%	93.0%
Nepal	86.2%	82.8%	84.8%	84.4%	83.1%
Sri Lanka	87.3%	86.3%	87.0%	87.0%	83.6%
Chile	97.6%	97.3%	98.2%	96.2%	96.3%
Fiji	81.5%	82.7%	83.5%	80.0%	76.1%
Pakistan	58.6%	55.6%	59.2%	56.9%	59.4%
Argentina	97.1%	96.3%	97.3%	95.5%	95.1%
Bangladesh	79.1%	77.9%	81.4%	84.0%	82.2%
Other countries	81.2%	83.1%	82.7%	80.1%	82.5%
All Tourist Visitor	89.4%	89.0%	89.5%	88.1%	87.3%

3.03 Grant rate for Sponsored Tourist visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 April 2019 and 30 June 2019 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/04/18 to 30/06/18	01/07/18 to 30/09/18	01/10/18 to 31/12/18	01/01/19 to 31/03/19	01/04/19 to 30/06/19
India	77.4%	73.6%	78.6%	79.4%	84.0%
Philippines	76.5%	70.2%	74.9%	75.7%	85.7%
Vietnam	60.9%	64.0%	64.7%	68.6%	80.8%
Pakistan	70.2%	64.1%	68.4%	74.0%	83.3%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	76.9%	75.4%	77.2%	79.2%	86.8%
Bangladesh	88.3%	83.7%	86.7%	89.1%	91.9%
Nepal	84.5%	84.5%	83.7%	85.1%	89.0%
Sri Lanka	85.4%	82.0%	88.7%	86.7%	89.5%
Iran	56.8%	64.9%	61.7%	70.4%	76.8%
Cambodia	77.7%	77.4%	80.1%	78.8%	86.6%
Lebanon	26.0%	32.2%	37.2%	39.6%	55.3%
Zimbabwe	68.1%	51.0%	74.4%	69.2%	70.9%
Thailand	58.2%	51.8%	67.6%	52.2%	65.3%
Indonesia	66.7%	40.5%	68.4%	71.4%	78.2%
Egypt	38.8%	49.4%	51.0%	39.8%	72.4%
Other countries	54.6%	55.3%	60.3%	60.5%	65.9%
All Sponsored Tourist	70.5%	69.0%	72.7%	74.2%	81.2%

3.04 Grant rate for Business Visitor visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 April 2019 and 30 June 2019 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/04/18 to 30/06/18	01/07/18 to 30/09/18	01/10/18 to 31/12/18	01/01/19 to 31/03/19	01/04/19 to 30/06/19
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	96.8%	95.0%	94.6%	92.9%	92.6%
India	93.3%	93.5%	92.5%	92.7%	95.5%
Korea, South	99.9%	99.8%	99.7%	99.8%	99.9%
Singapore	99.3%	99.2%	98.2%	98.9%	99.2%
Indonesia	94.2%	96.4%	96.5%	95.6%	92.1%
Philippines	96.3%	96.6%	96.8%	97.0%	97.6%
Japan	100.0%	100.0%	99.8%	100.0%	99.9%
Vietnam	92.9%	91.6%	92.7%	93.6%	90.9%
Thailand	99.7%	99.6%	98.5%	98.2%	98.6%
South Africa	98.1%	98.3%	98.1%	97.2%	96.3%
Taiwan	99.7%	99.7%	99.4%	98.8%	99.0%
Malaysia	98.8%	99.0%	93.7%	96.5%	96.6%
Brazil	98.3%	98.9%	97.8%	97.7%	98.3%
Papua New Guinea	95.6%	94.3%	91.3%	94.2%	96.0%
Chile	99.8%	99.2%	99.8%	99.7%	99.4%
Other countries	82.3%	85.7%	82.2%	84.2%	85.3%
All Business Visitor	94.9%	94.8%	93.5%	93.4%	93.8%

3.05 Grant rate for subclass 651 eVisitor visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 April 2019 and 30 June 2019 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/04/18 to 30/06/18	01/07/18 to 30/09/18	01/10/18 to 31/12/18	01/01/19 to 31/03/19	01/04/19 to 30/06/19
Andorra	96.4%	100.0%	92.3%	96.0%	97.4%
Austria	98.3%	98.7%	99.5%	99.2%	98.9%
Belgium	98.8%	99.2%	99.5%	98.7%	99.4%
Bulgaria	84.8%	85.5%	84.9%	83.6%	85.7%
Croatia	88.9%	85.4%	88.4%	86.5%	88.9%
Cyprus	99.3%	99.8%	99.3%	97.9%	96.6%
Czechia	98.6%	99.0%	98.9%	98.9%	99.4%
Denmark	98.8%	99.1%	99.5%	99.1%	99.3%
Estonia	96.7%	97.9%	98.5%	96.2%	95.0%
Finland	98.3%	99.2%	99.6%	99.0%	99.6%
France	99.0%	99.1%	99.2%	98.9%	99.1%
Germany, Fed Republic of	99.4%	99.3%	99.6%	99.3%	99.5%
Greece	97.8%	97.6%	98.6%	98.0%	98.1%
Hungary	97.3%	98.5%	98.2%	97.5%	98.6%
Iceland	99.1%	100.0%	98.7%	98.3%	99.2%
Ireland, Republic of	98.7%	99.0%	99.1%	98.8%	99.0%
Italy	99.2%	99.2%	99.3%	98.9%	99.2%
Latvia	86.8%	87.8%	89.6%	86.7%	87.6%
Liechtenstein	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Lithuania	88.5%	91.1%	92.5%	91.8%	90.6%
Luxembourg	98.2%	99.3%	100.0%	98.5%	100.0%
Malta	98.5%	99.6%	99.5%	98.3%	100.0%
Monaco	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	99.3%	99.6%	99.6%	99.2%	99.5%
Norway	96.9%	96.5%	99.4%	99.2%	98.5%
Poland	98.9%	99.0%	99.2%	98.8%	98.8%
Portugal	99.0%	99.4%	99.2%	99.3%	99.6%
Romania	75.0%	76.7%	80.5%	72.4%	77.9%
Slovakia	95.5%	96.2%	97.1%	94.7%	96.9%
Slovenia	99.2%	99.5%	99.0%	99.1%	99.7%
Spain	99.2%	99.4%	99.2%	99.2%	99.4%
Sweden	98.4%	98.2%	99.3%	98.7%	98.8%
Switzerland	99.0%	99.6%	99.7%	99.3%	99.6%
United Kingdom	98.9%	99.4%	99.4%	99.1%	99.1%
Vatican City State Holy See	100.0%	88.9%	100.0%	75.0%	100.0%
All	98.6%	98.9%	99.1%	98.7%	98.9%

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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.

4 Processing times

4.01 Processing time (in calendar days) for Tourist Visitor visa applications granted in the 3 month period between 1 April 2019 and 30 June 2019 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship country	Percentile	1/04/18 to 30/06/18	1/07/18 to 30/09/18	1/10/18 to 31/12/18	1/01/19 to 31/03/19	1/04/19 to 30/06/19
China, Peoples	25th percentile	2	2	2	2	2
Republic of (excl SARs)	50th percentile (Median)	10	7	4	3	4
<i>0/11(3)</i>	75th percentile	17	20	7	6	9
India	25th percentile	8	10	15	17	9
	50th percentile (Median)	14	15	18	22	17
	75th percentile	23	24	26	27	24
Indonesia	25th percentile	4	5	5	3	4
	50th percentile (Median)	6	7	7	6	7
	75th percentile	7	8	8	9	9
Philippines	25th percentile	7	8	6	5	9
	50th percentile (Median)	9	12	9	7	12
	75th percentile	16	16	14	12	16
Vietnam	25th percentile	12	6	7	9	19
	50th percentile (Median)	16	7	11	14	21
	75th percentile	20	12	14	18	24
Thailand	25th percentile	6	6	5	7	14
	50th percentile (Median)	8	7	7	8	16
	75th percentile	10	9	8	10	19
South Africa	25th percentile	9	10	11	17	15
	50th percentile (Median)	15	15	16	27	24
	75th percentile	22	20	24	107	101
Brazil	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile (Median)	4	2	4	2	0
	75th percentile	8	4	8	8	9
Nepal	25th percentile	11	14	16	20	16
	50th percentile (Median)	16	17	19	24	21
	75th percentile	25	24	25	100	27
Sri Lanka	25th percentile	10	10	10	10	10
	50th percentile (Median)	14	14	14	16	15
	75th percentile	21	21	18	21	21
Other countries	25th percentile	3	3	5	6	5
	50th percentile (Median)	9	10	13	12	11
	75th percentile	21	21	22	22	20
All	25th percentile	5	3	3	2	4
	50th percentile (Median)	10	9	7	7	9
	75th percentile	17	19	15	15	16

4 Processing times

4.02 Processing time (in calendar days) for Business Visitor visa applications granted in the 3 month period between 1 April 2019 and 30 June 2019 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship country	Percentile	1/04/18 to 30/06/18	1/07/18 to 30/09/18	1/10/18 to 31/12/18	1/01/19 to 31/03/19	1/04/19 to 30/06/19
China, Peoples	25th percentile	2	1	2	1	0
Republic of (excl SARs)	50th percentile (Median)	6	6	5	3	2
<i>Or</i> (1 (<i>3</i>)	75th percentile	8	18	7	6	6
India	25th percentile	2	2	2	2	2
	50th percentile (Median)	6	6	9	6	6
	75th percentile	10	8	13	12	10
Korea, South	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile (Median)	1	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	16	0	0	0	0
Singapore	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile (Median)	1	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	22	0	0	0	0
Indonesia	25th percentile	0	0	0	1	1
	50th percentile (Median)	1	1	1	3	2
	75th percentile	5	4	3	5	4
Philippines	25th percentile	5	4	4	4	5
	50th percentile (Median)	8	8	7	6	9
	75th percentile	12	12	10	9	13
Japan	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile (Median)	3	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	28	0	0	0	0
Vietnam	25th percentile	2	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile (Median)	8	3	4	4	8
	75th percentile	17	6	9	8	15
Thailand	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	1
	50th percentile (Median)	1	1	1	1	3
	75th percentile	7	4	3	4	6
South Africa	25th percentile	5	6	7	6	9
	50th percentile (Median)	7	8	10	12	16
	75th percentile	12	12	18	21	101
Other countries	25th percentile	1	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile (Median)	4	3	3	3	3
	75th percentile	11	15	14	10	11
All	25th percentile	1	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile (Median)	5	3	3	2	2
	75th percentile	11	9	8	7	7

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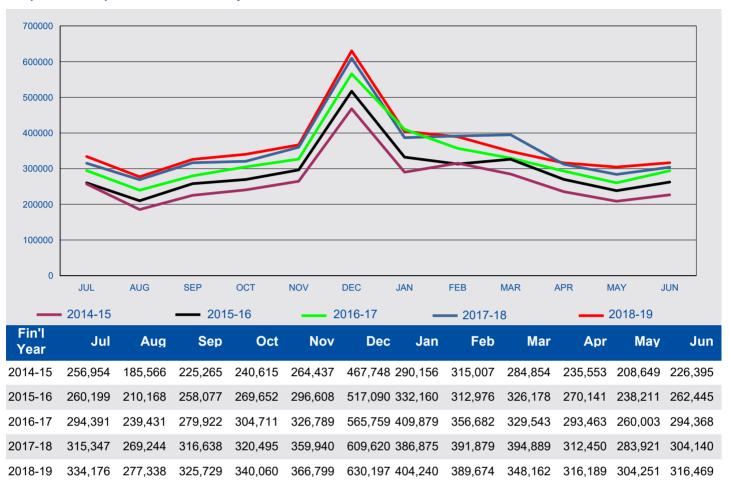
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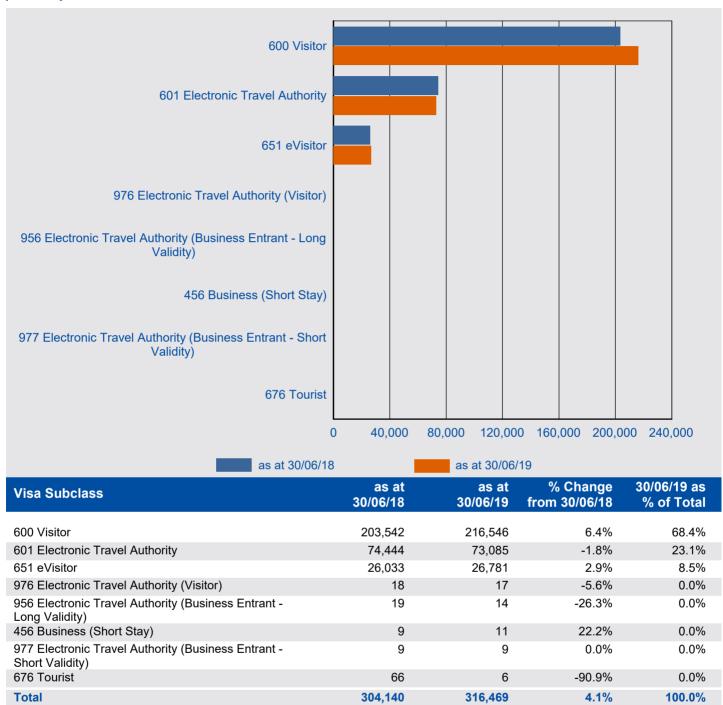
5.01 Number of Visitor visa applications on hand at 30 June 2019 by visa group - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Group	On hand at 30/06/18	On hand at 30/09/18	On hand at 31/12/18	On hand at 31/03/19	On hand at 30/06/19
Tourism					
Tourist Visitor	78 914	71 464	72 808	71 676	81 031
ETA Tourist	64	81	70	50	22
eVisitor Tourist	1 720	1 971	2 957	1 634	1 868
Sponsored Tourist	3 642	4 632	6 038	4 894	2 846
sub total Tourism	84 340	78 148	81 873	78 254	85 767
Business					
Business Visitor	4 546	5 824	4 495	4 164	5 248
ETA Business	0	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5
eVisitor Business	185	174	170	141	205
Sponsored Business	0	0	0	0	0
sub total Business	4 731	6 000	4 666	4 306	5 454
Total	89 071	84 148	86 539	82 560	91 221

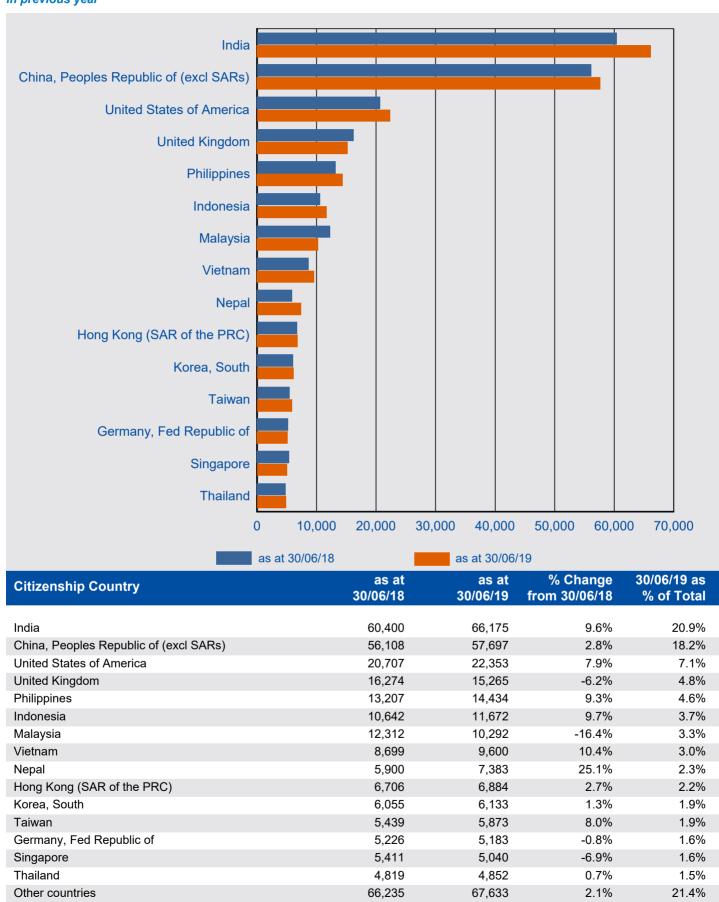
6.01 Number of Visitor visa holders in Australia at the end of each month in 2018-19 to 30 June 2019 by month comparison with previous four financial years



6.02 Number of Visitor visa holders in Australia as at 30 June 2019 by visa subclass - comparison with same date in previous year



6.03 Number of Visitor visa holders in Australia as at 30 June 2019 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



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316,469

4.1%

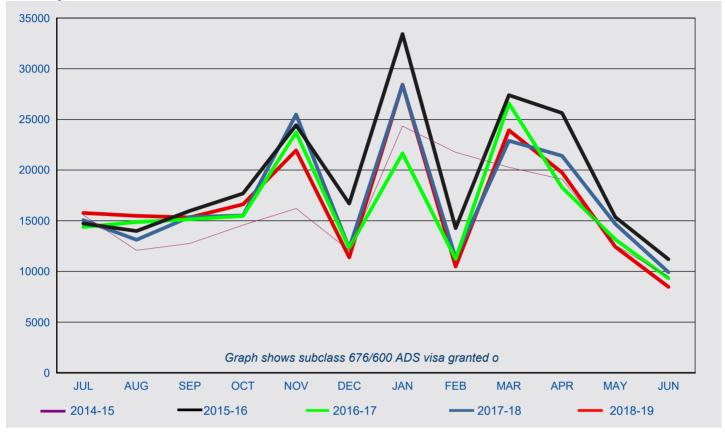
Total

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7.01 Number of subclass 676 and subclass 600 visa applications granted in 2018-19 to 30 June 2019 under the tourism stream where the citizenship country is Peoples Republic of China (PRC) by visa type - comparison with previous four financial years



subclass 676/600 ADS for PRC

FY Granted	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
2014-15	15,572	12,077	12,765	14,571	16,207	12,068	24,333	21,748	20,278	19,093	12,603	9,470	190.785
2015-16	14,722	13,995	15,980	17,690	24,426	16,703	33,421	14,277	27,402	25,628	15,359	11,201	230,804
2016-17	14,378	14,864	15,132	15,464	23,708	12,308	21,640	11,235	26,580	18,297	13,158	9,333	196,097
2017-18	15,066	13,124	15,368	15,521	25,480	12,301	28,409	11,323	22,891	21,412	14,679	9,931	205,505
2018-19	15,774	15,489	15,323	16,615	21,940	11,390	28,438	10,480	23,925	19,748	12,432	8,484	200,038

subclass 676/600 non-ADS for PRC

FY Granted	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
2014-15	33,023	24,364	29,732	29,598	37,201	43,101	53,650	22,572	24,934	25,713	28,572	36,355	388,815
2015-16	41,055	34,315	36,120	36,635	49,431	59,217	59,720	22,939	37,298	34,892	38,764	46,681	497,067
2016-17	49,051	43,663	43,623	38,281	61,463	72,071	57,882	31,006	51,510	37,660	47,778	63,316	597,304
2017-18	64,228	57,202	54,355	46,238	67,307	65,485	84,735	35,915	44,830	36,853	45,080	48,992	651,220
2018-19	66,020	60,659	53,085	54,797	71,506	68,253	68,431	25,933	43,262	42,083	51,078	43,572	648,679

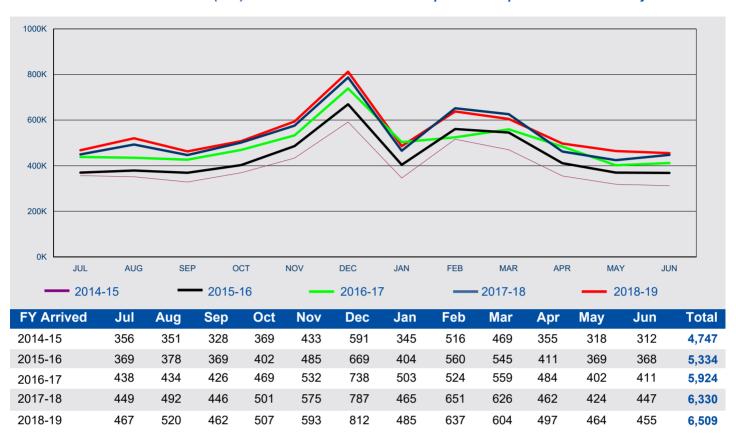
Total subclass 676/600 for PRC

FY Granted	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
2014-15	48,595	36,441	42,497	44,169	53,408	55,169	77,983	44,320	45,212	44,806	41,175	45,825	579,600
2015-16	55,777	48,310	52,100	54,325	73,857	75,920	93,141	37,216	64,700	60,520	54,123	57,882	727,871
2016-17	63,429	58,527	58,755	53,745	85,171	84,379	79,522	42,241	78,090	55,957	60,936	72,649	793,401
2017-18	79,294	70,326	69,723	61,759	92,787	77,786	113,144	47,238	67,721	58,265	59,759	58,923	856,725
2018-19	81,794	76,148	68,408	71,412	93,446	79,643	96,869	36,413	67,187	61,831	63,510	52,056	848,717

8 Arrivals

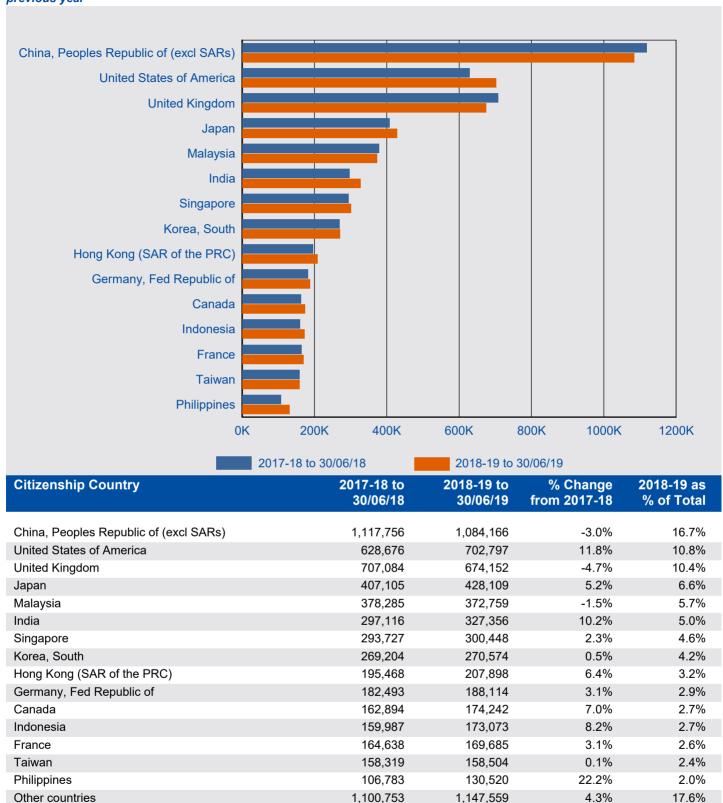
8 Arrivals

8.01 Number of Visitor visa arrivals ('000) in 2018-19 to 30 June 2019 - comparison with previous four financial years



8 Arrivals

8.02 Number of Visitor visa arrivals in 2018-19 to 30 June 2019 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



6,330,288

6,509,956

2.8%

Total

100.0%