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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: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing>

Note 1: Data in years prior to 2017-18 was revised on 1 October 2019, due to more accurate 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 through the Australian ETAapp. 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>
 - o **Tourist stream.** This stream of the Visitor visa allows people to enter or remain in Australia for tourism purposes. Applications can be made online.
 - o **Business Visitor stream.** This stream allows people to enter Australia for business visitor purposes. Applications can be made online.
 - o **Sponsored Family stream.** This stream allows people who are sponsored, usually by a family member, to enter Australia to visit family. This stream has 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.
 - o **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.
 - o **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.

Background to the Visitor visa program - continued

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.

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.

Background to the Visitor visa program - continued

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.

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.

Executive Summary

Key Points

- This executive summary covers the Tourism and Business group¹ Visitor visa statistics for the Visitor visa program for the 2022-23 program year (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023). The terminology used in this executive summary to describe Tourism and Business stream visas and subclasses are referenced on pages 3-4 of this report. Figures referred to in this report include applications made in and outside of Australia. It should be noted that subclass 600 (Tourist stream) is the only Visitor visa option for applicants already in Australia.
- Post-pandemic recovery in the demand for visitor visas continued at a consistent rate in the 2022-23 program year when compared to the immediate period after Australian border restrictions were lifted in October 2021. At the end of 2022-23 program year, the number of Visitor visa applications lodged had recovered to less than 10 per cent below the number of applications lodged in June 2019. The number of Visitor visa holders in Australia at 30 June 2023, however, was greater than the number of June 2019.
- China reopened its borders for international travel in January 2023 and this has contributed to the recovery of Australia's Visitor visas program. With a number of bans on imports from Australia lifting, Chinese Business Visitors showed a strong recovery and was the top source country of overall Business Visitors in the 2022-23 program year. While Australia had not yet regained an Approved Destination Status (ADS) in 2022-2023 program year, overall demand for Visitor visas from Chinese nationals remained below pre-pandemic levels.
- The reduction of visa processing times and processing of on-hand visa applications was a government priority throughout 2022-23. The Department's continued focus on addressing the backlog resulted in significant reduction of the number of visa applications to be processed and the overall processing times have also improved during the 2022-23 program year.
- This report should be read in conjunction with [The Administration of the Immigration and Citizenship Programs](#).

1 Applications lodged

In the 2022-23 program year, 4,155,117 Visitor visa (Tourism and Business group) applications were lodged; up 204.2 per cent compared to the 2021-22 program year.

India was the largest source country for Visitor visa lodgments during the 2022-23 program year with 463,702 lodgments (up 76.2 per cent compared to the same period in 2021-22), ahead of the United Kingdom (up 192.2 per cent to 463,405) and the United States of America (up 360.0 per cent to 459,354).

Tourism

The Tourism group accounted for the majority of Visitor visa applications lodged during the 2022-23 program year, with 3,687,947 applications. This was an increase of 198.6 per cent compared to the same period in the 2021-22 program year.

The top three source countries for Visitor visa applications in the Tourism group were:

1. UK (up 192.6 per cent to 435,539)
2. India (up 70.3 per cent to 428,484)
3. USA (up 379.0 per cent to 412,581).

Business

During the 2022-23 program year, a total of 467,170 Visitor visa applications in the Business Group were lodged; up 257.4 per cent compared to the same period in 2021-22.

The top three source countries for Visitor visa applications in the Business Group were:

1. China (up 606.4 per cent to 63,424)
2. USA (up 240.7 per cent to 46,773)
3. Malaysia (up 1053.4 per cent to 40,439).

¹ Tourism group and Business group refers to statistical reporting terminology only and is not reflective of visa terminology in the *Migration Regulations 1994*.

Executive Summary - continued

2 Visas granted

Tourism

In the 2022-23 program year, 3,377,219 Visitor visas in the Tourism group were granted; an increase of 233.8 per cent compared to the same period in 2021-22 program year (1,011,787).

The top three countries for Visitor visa grants in the Tourism group were:

1. UK (up 186.5 per cent to 432,539)
2. USA (up 387.2 per cent to 410,178)
3. India (up 70.8 per cent to 325,565).

Business

In the 2022-23 program year, 441,276 Visitor visas in the Business group were granted; an increase by 267.4 per cent compared to the same period in 2021-22 program year (120,103).

The top three countries for Visitor visa grants in the Business group were:

1. China (up 583.3 per cent to 56,020)
2. USA (up 245.0 per cent to 46,387)
3. Malaysia (up 1232.9 per cent to 39,282).

3 Grant rates

Overall quarterly grant rates in the Business group have remained consistently above 92 per cent in the 2022-23 program year.

The overall grant rate in the Tourist group has decreased from 91.6% at 30 June 2022 to 85.8% at 30 June 2023. In the post-pandemic global economic downturn, a number of countries are also experiencing the compounded effects of changes in their geopolitical situation. The higher refusal rates for these countries reflect their citizens' ability to meet visa requirements as genuine visitors to Australia.

4 Processing times

Processing times are provided on a quarterly basis and are based on the age of applications finalised in a specific time period.

Visa processing times can vary due to individual circumstances, the quality and completeness of applications and whether further information is required.

Focus on clearing the visa backlog, and finalising older applications, had temporarily impacted processing times.

Visitor visa processing times have continued to trend down as the visa backlog is cleared and more recent visa applications are finalised.

During the 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023 quarter:

- 75 per cent of Visitor visa applications in the Tourism group were processed within 17 calendar days, compared to 59 days for the corresponding quarter in 2022;
- 75 per cent of Visitor visa applications in the Business group were processed within 7 calendar days, compared to 15 day for the corresponding quarter in 2022.

5 Applications on hand

The demand for Visitor visas has continued to increase and the Department prioritised the processing of on hand Visitor visa applications throughout the 2022-23 program year. As at 30 June 2023:

- 53,545 Visitor visa applications in the Tourism group were on hand, compared to 234,608 at 30 June 2022;
- 4,570 Visitor visa applications in the Business group were on hand, compared to 11,830 at 30 June 2022.

6 Visa holders in Australia

On 30 June 2023, there were 330,449 Visitor (Tourism and Business group) visa holders in Australia. This was a 50.5 per cent increase compared to 219,606 Visitor visa holders in Australia on 30 June 2022.

The Visitor (subclass 600) visa comprised the largest cohort with 252,395 visa holders in Australia, followed by the Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) (subclass 601) visa with 52,981 visa holders, and the eVisitor (subclass 651) with 25,073 visa holders. The subclass 600 visa is the only Visitor visa option for applicants already in Australia wanting to extend their stay.

7 Approved Destination Status (ADS)

The ADS scheme had not re-commenced in program year 2022-23 following the lifting of international travel restrictions. Consequently, there were no Visitor visas lodged under the ADS scheme in the reporting period.

8 Arrivals

During the 2022-23 program year, there were 3,649,121 arrivals on Visitor (Tourism and Business group) visas; a 421.5 per cent increase compared to the same period of the 2021-22 program year (699,725).

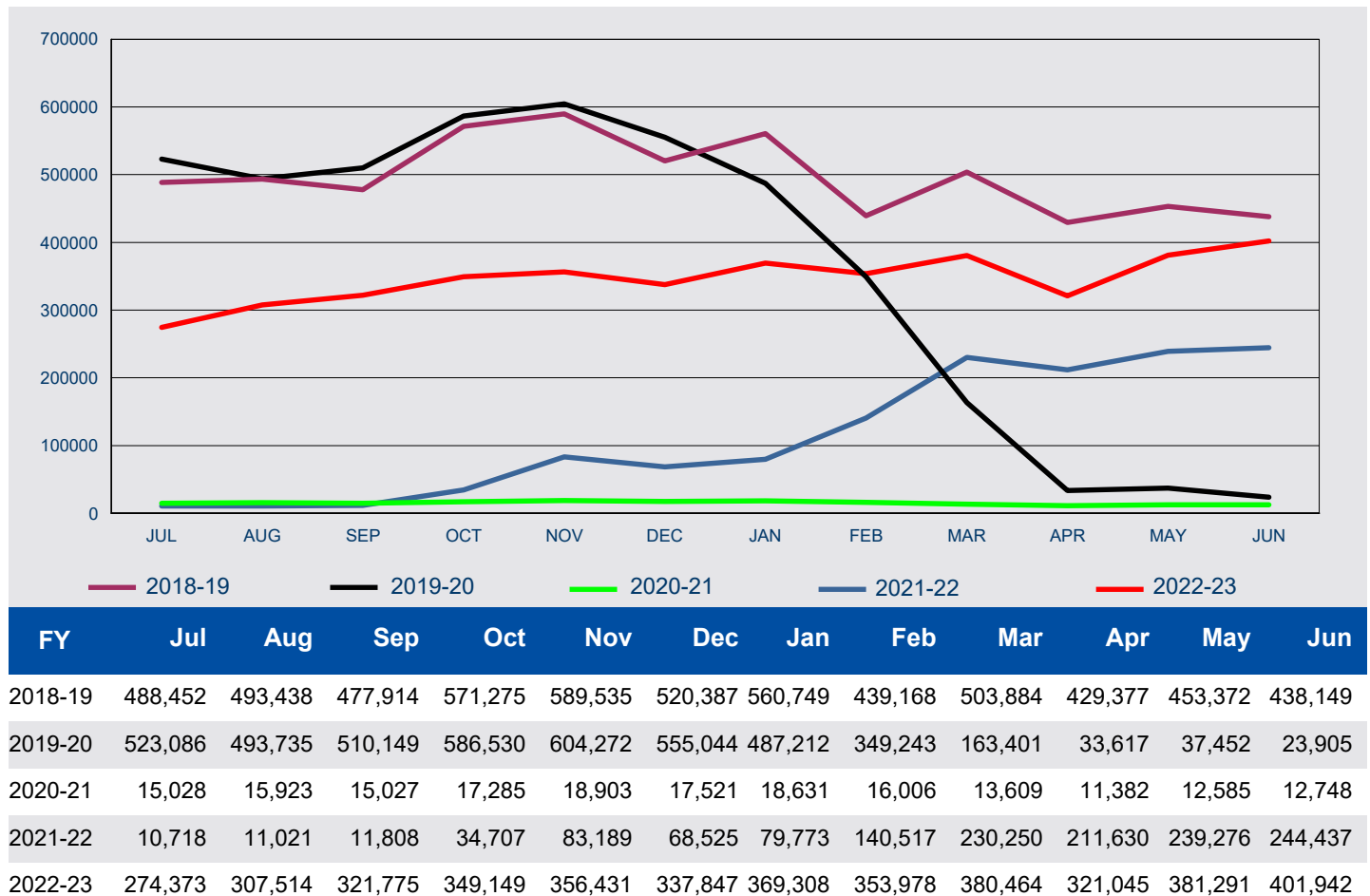
The top three countries for arrivals on Visitor visas were:

1. UK (up 377.0 per cent to 484,705)
2. USA (up 577.6 per cent to 457,371)
3. India (up 186.0 per cent to 337,715)

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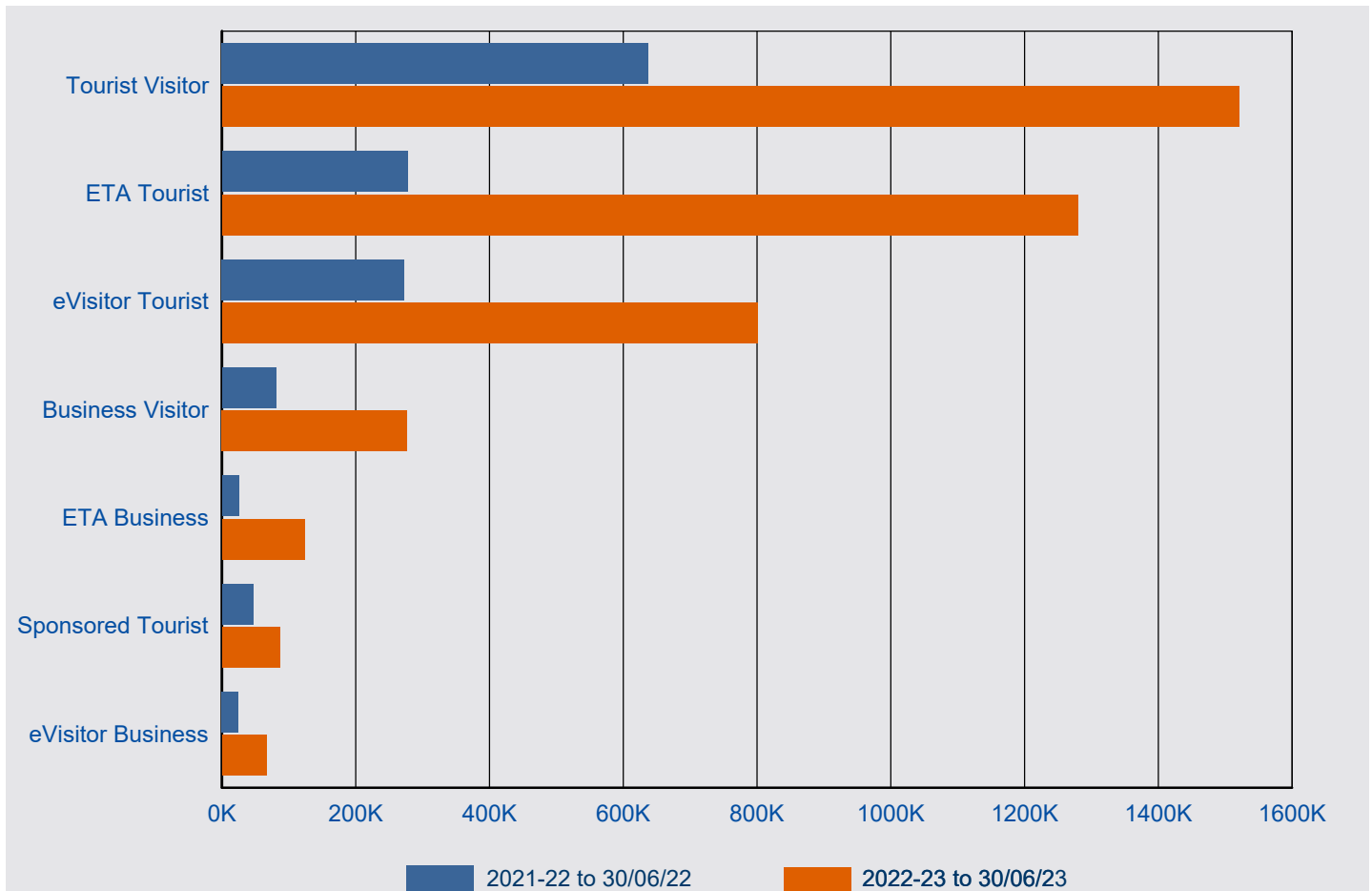
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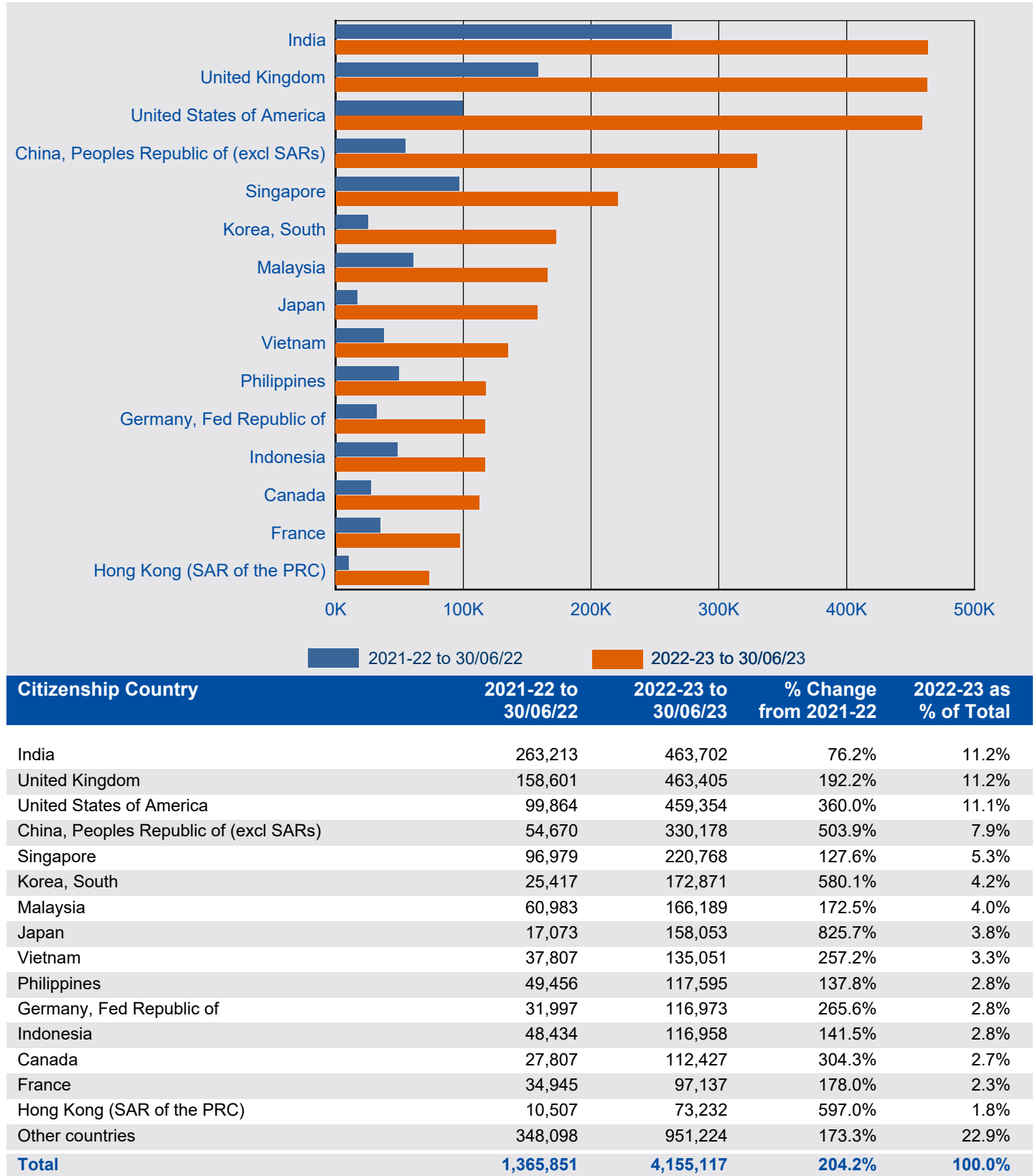
1.02 Number of Visitor visa applications lodged in 2022-23 to 30 June 2023 by visa group - comparison with same period in previous year



Visa Group	2021-22 to 30/06/22	2022-23 to 30/06/23	% Change from 2021-22	2022-23 as % of Total
Tourist Visitor	637,264	1,520,907	138.7%	36.6%
ETA Tourist	278,015	1,279,395	360.2%	30.8%
eVisitor Tourist	272,828	801,044	193.6%	19.3%
Business Visitor	80,364	276,743	244.4%	6.7%
ETA Business	25,693	123,898	382.2%	3.0%
Sponsored Tourist	47,030	86,601	84.1%	2.1%
eVisitor Business	24,657	66,529	169.8%	1.6%
Total	1,365,851	4,155,117	204.2%	100.0%

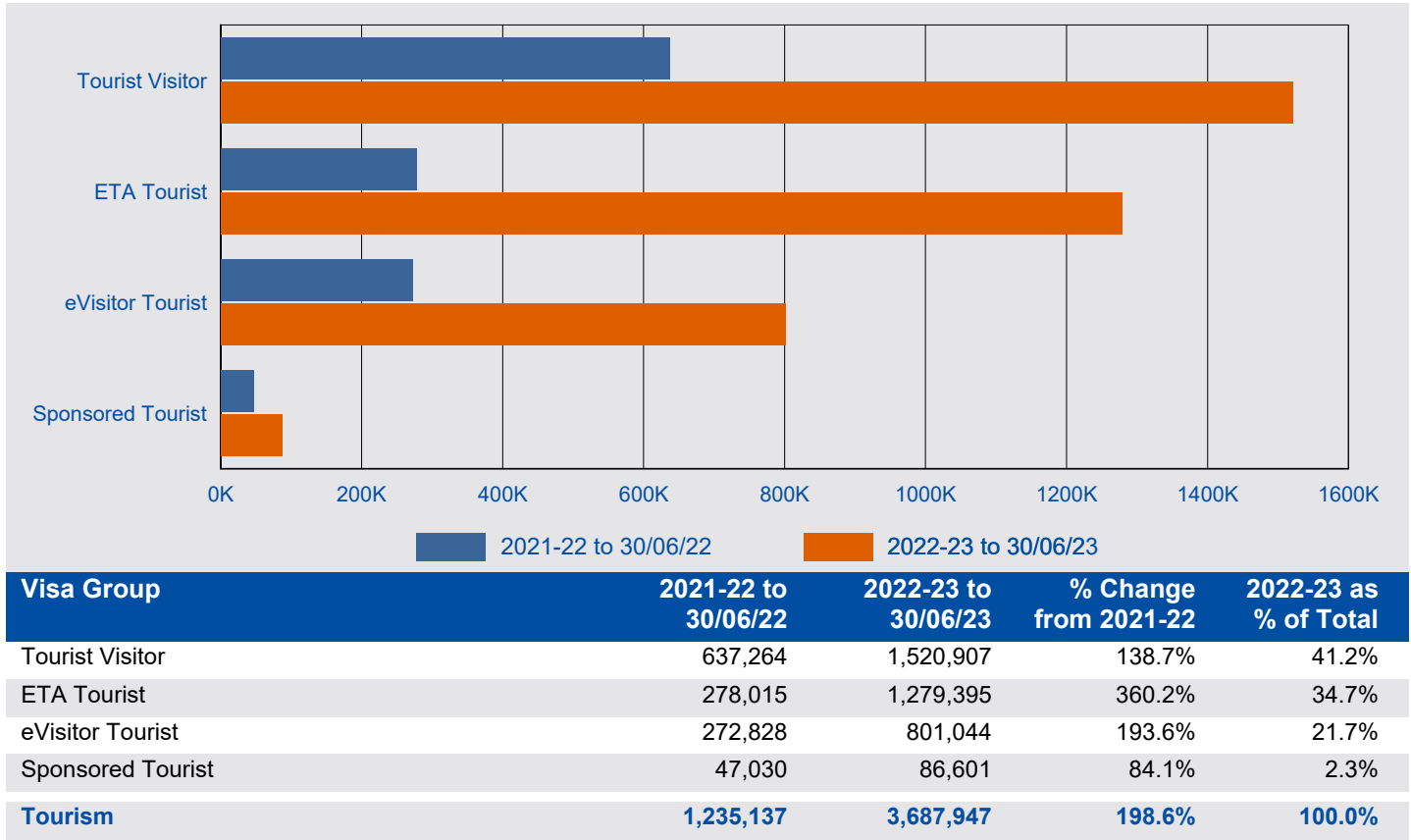
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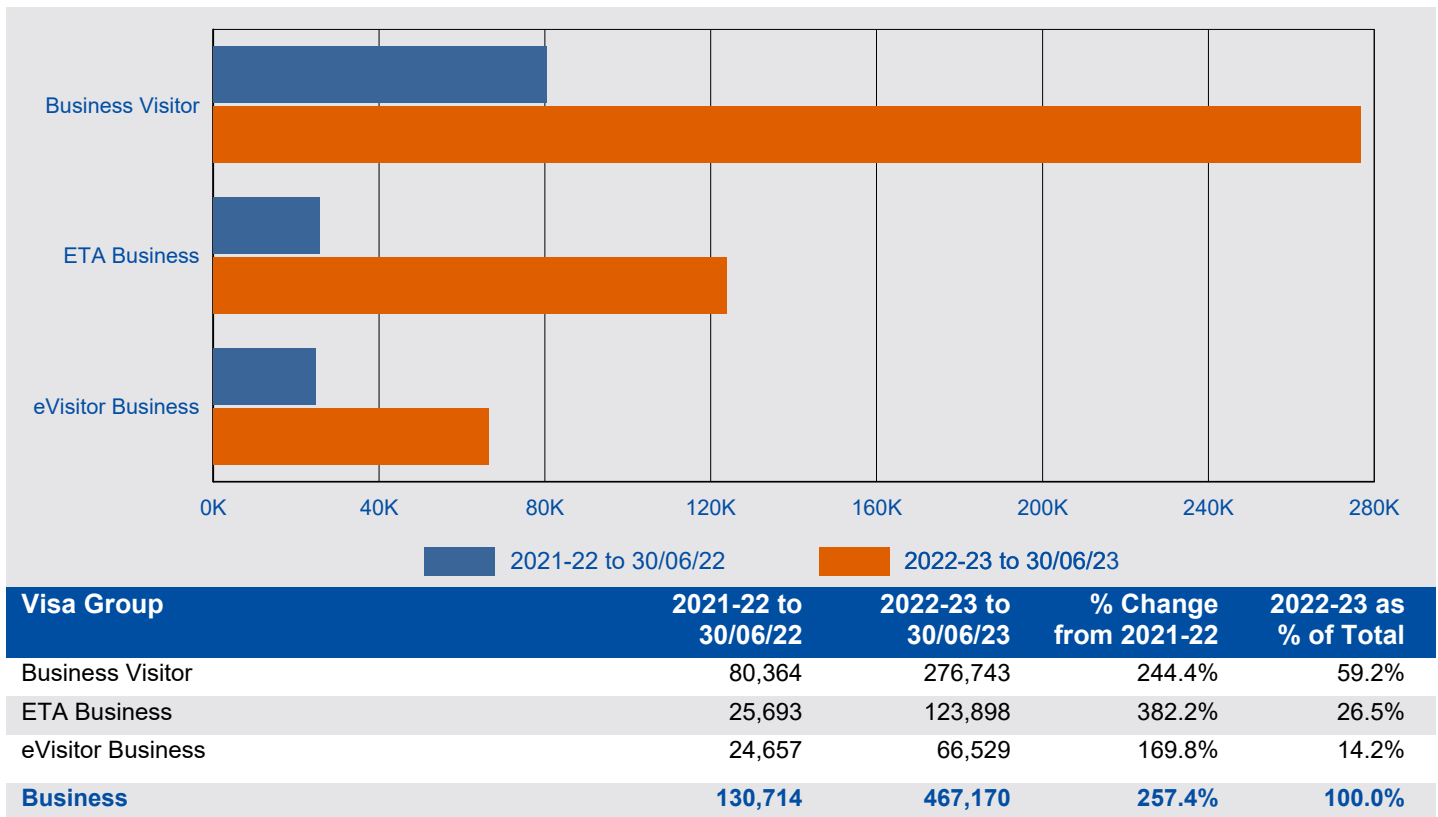


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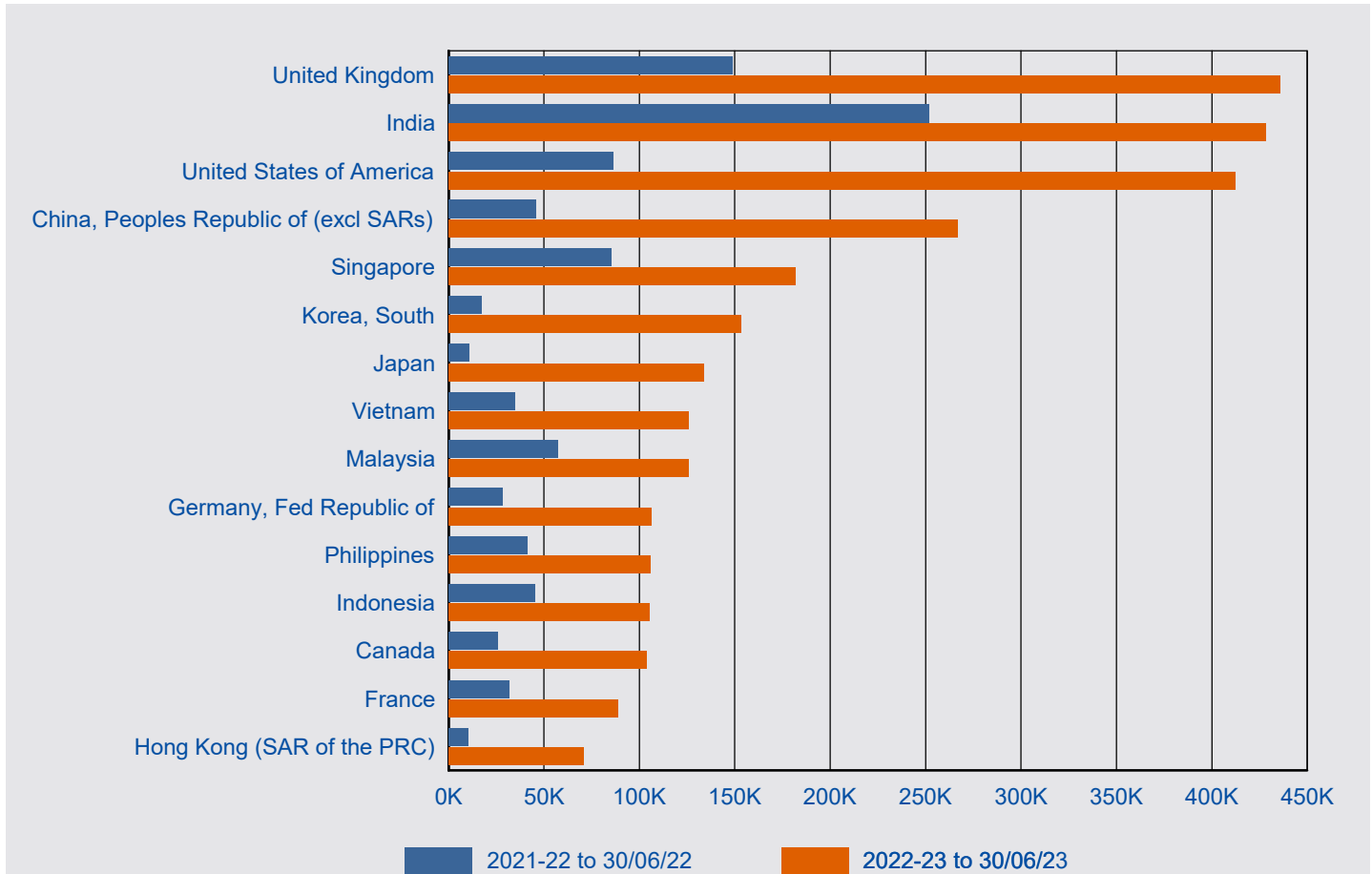


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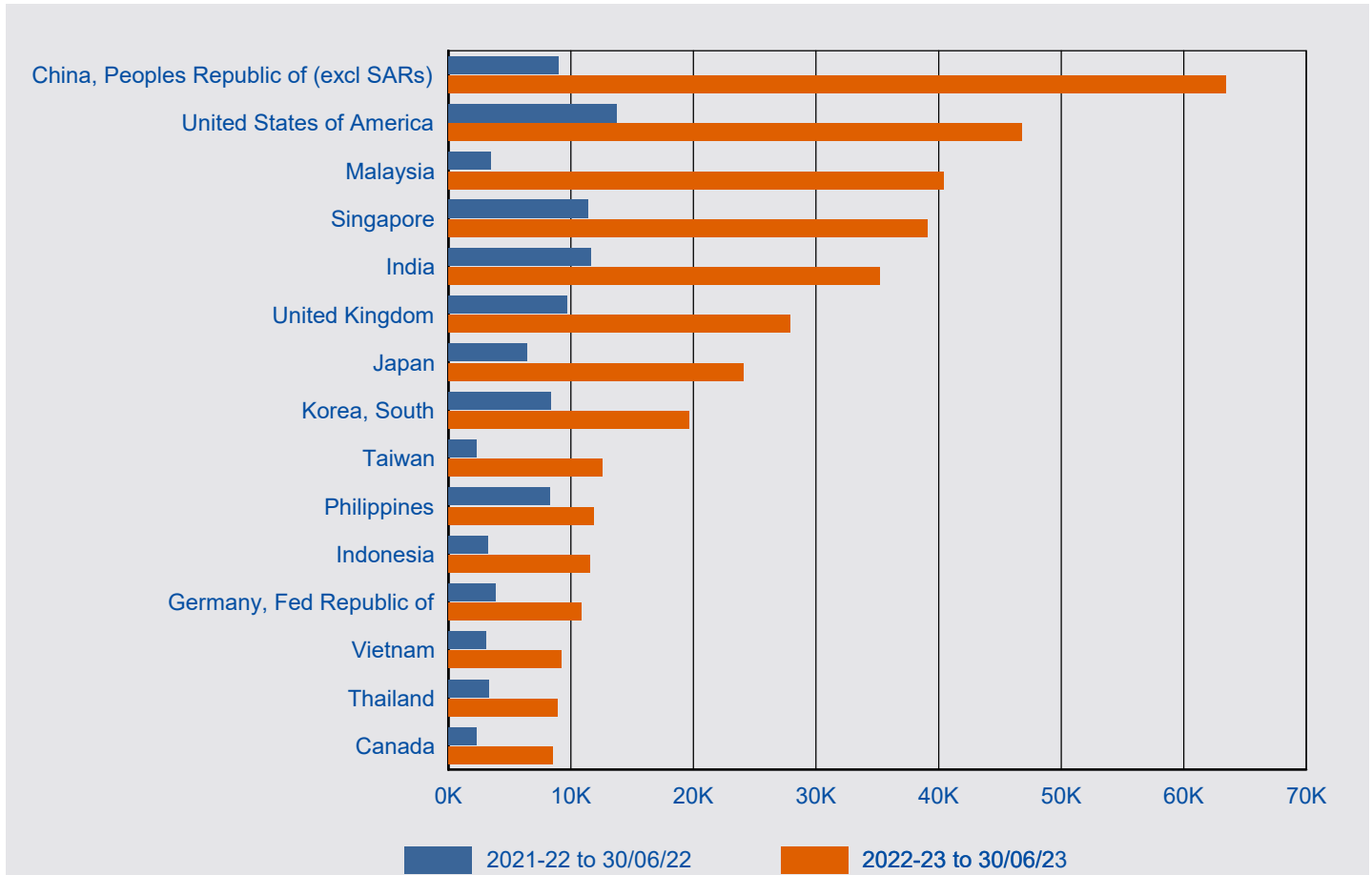
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Citizenship Country	2021-22 to 30/06/22	2022-23 to 30/06/23	% Change from 2021-22	2022-23 as % of Total
Tourism				
United Kingdom	148,869	435,539	192.6%	11.8%
India	251,602	428,484	70.3%	11.6%
United States of America	86,135	412,581	379.0%	11.2%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	45,692	266,754	483.8%	7.2%
Singapore	85,562	181,706	112.4%	4.9%
Korea, South	17,053	153,259	798.7%	4.2%
Japan	10,633	133,987	1160.1%	3.6%
Vietnam	34,734	125,823	262.2%	3.4%
Malaysia	57,477	125,750	118.8%	3.4%
Germany, Fed Republic of	28,131	106,142	277.3%	2.9%
Philippines	41,180	105,764	156.8%	2.9%
Indonesia	45,211	105,428	133.2%	2.9%
Canada	25,512	103,930	307.4%	2.8%
France	31,864	88,995	179.3%	2.4%
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	10,098	70,715	600.3%	1.9%
Other countries	315,384	843,090	167.3%	22.9%
Tourism	1,235,137	3,687,947	198.6%	100.0%

1 Lodged

1.07 Number of All Business Visitor visa applications lodged in 2022-23 to 30 June 2023 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



Citizenship Country	2021-22 to 30/06/22	2022-23 to 30/06/23	% Change from 2021-22	2022-23 as % of Total
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All Business

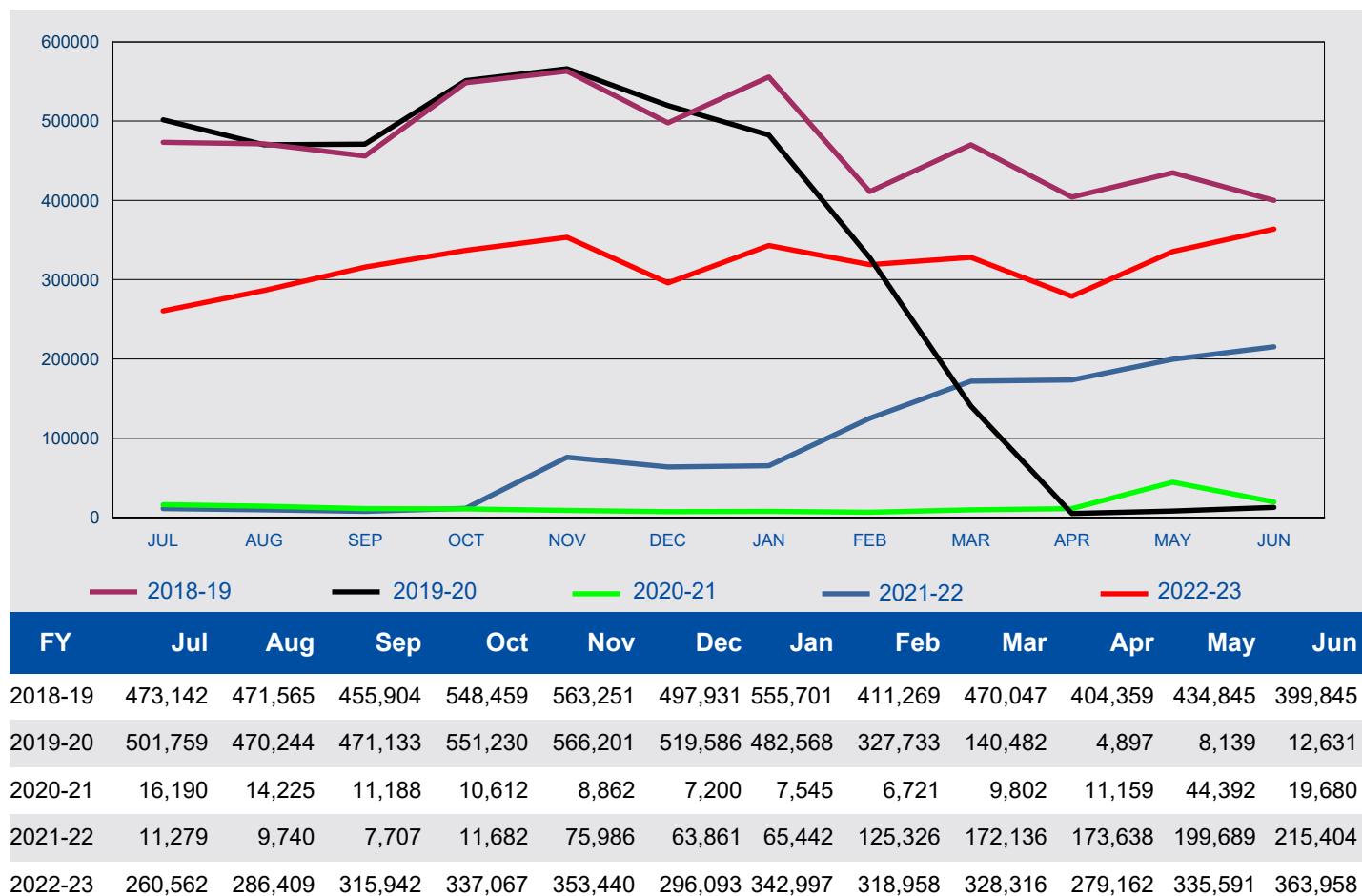
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	8,978	63,424	606.4%	13.6%
United States of America	13,729	46,773	240.7%	10.0%
Malaysia	3,506	40,439	1053.4%	8.7%
Singapore	11,417	39,062	242.1%	8.4%
India	11,611	35,218	203.3%	7.5%
United Kingdom	9,732	27,866	186.3%	6.0%
Japan	6,440	24,066	273.7%	5.2%
Korea, South	8,364	19,612	134.5%	4.2%
Taiwan	2,336	12,619	440.2%	2.7%
Philippines	8,276	11,831	43.0%	2.5%
Indonesia	3,223	11,530	257.7%	2.5%
Germany, Fed Republic of	3,866	10,831	180.2%	2.3%
Vietnam	3,073	9,228	200.3%	2.0%
Thailand	3,296	8,935	171.1%	1.9%
Canada	2,295	8,497	270.2%	1.8%
Other countries	30,572	97,239	218.1%	20.8%
All Business	130,714	467,170	257.4%	100.0%

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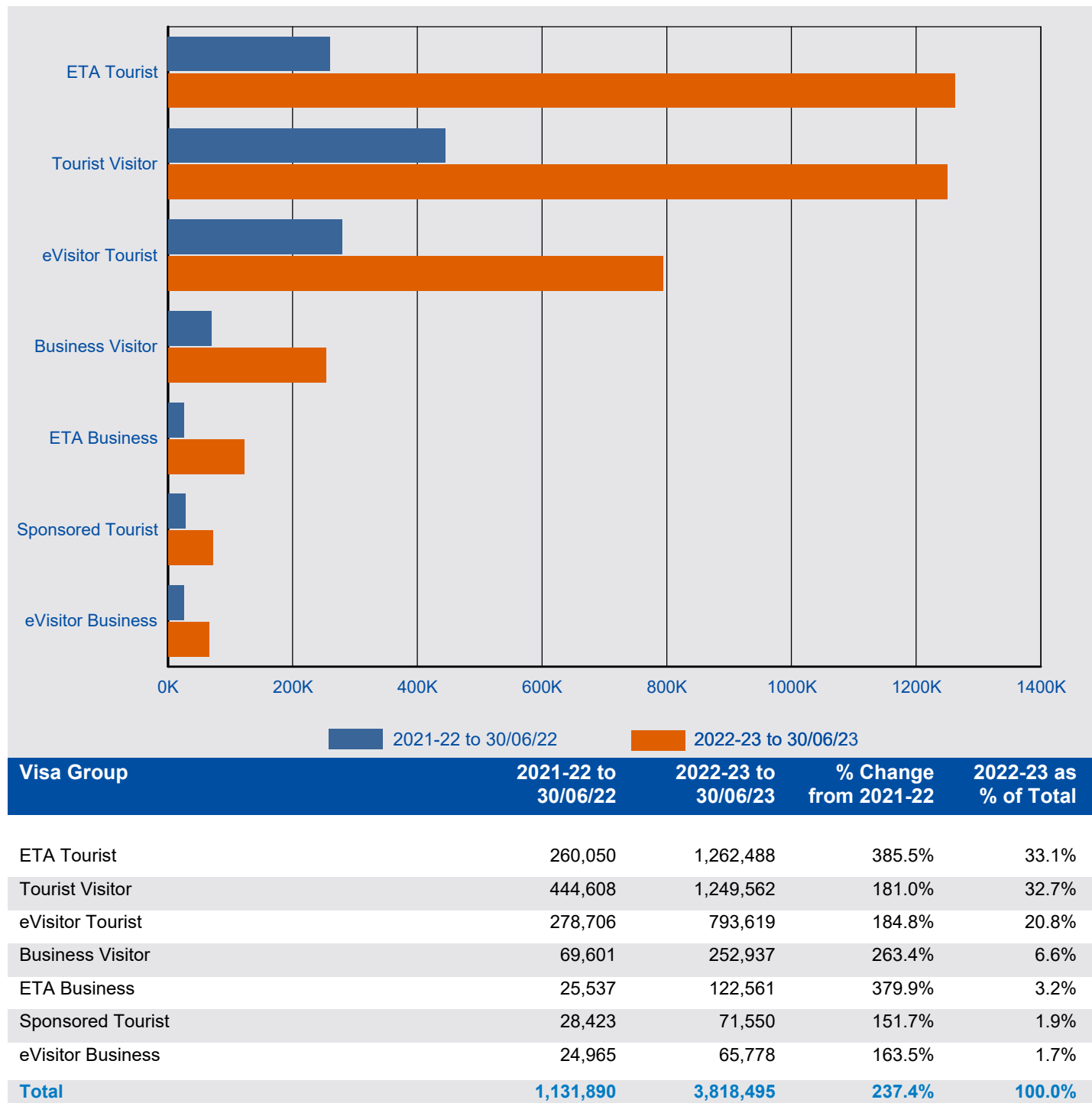
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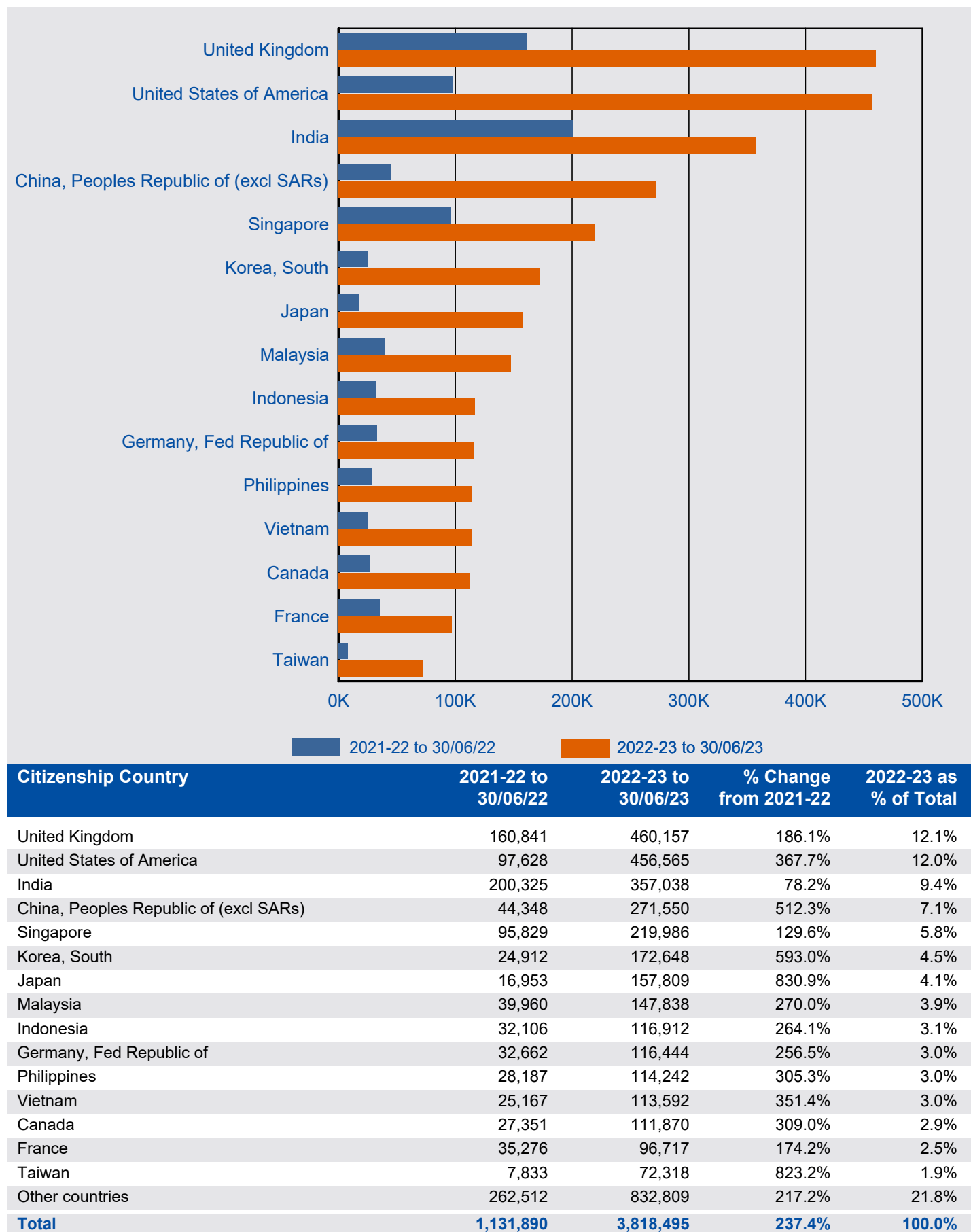
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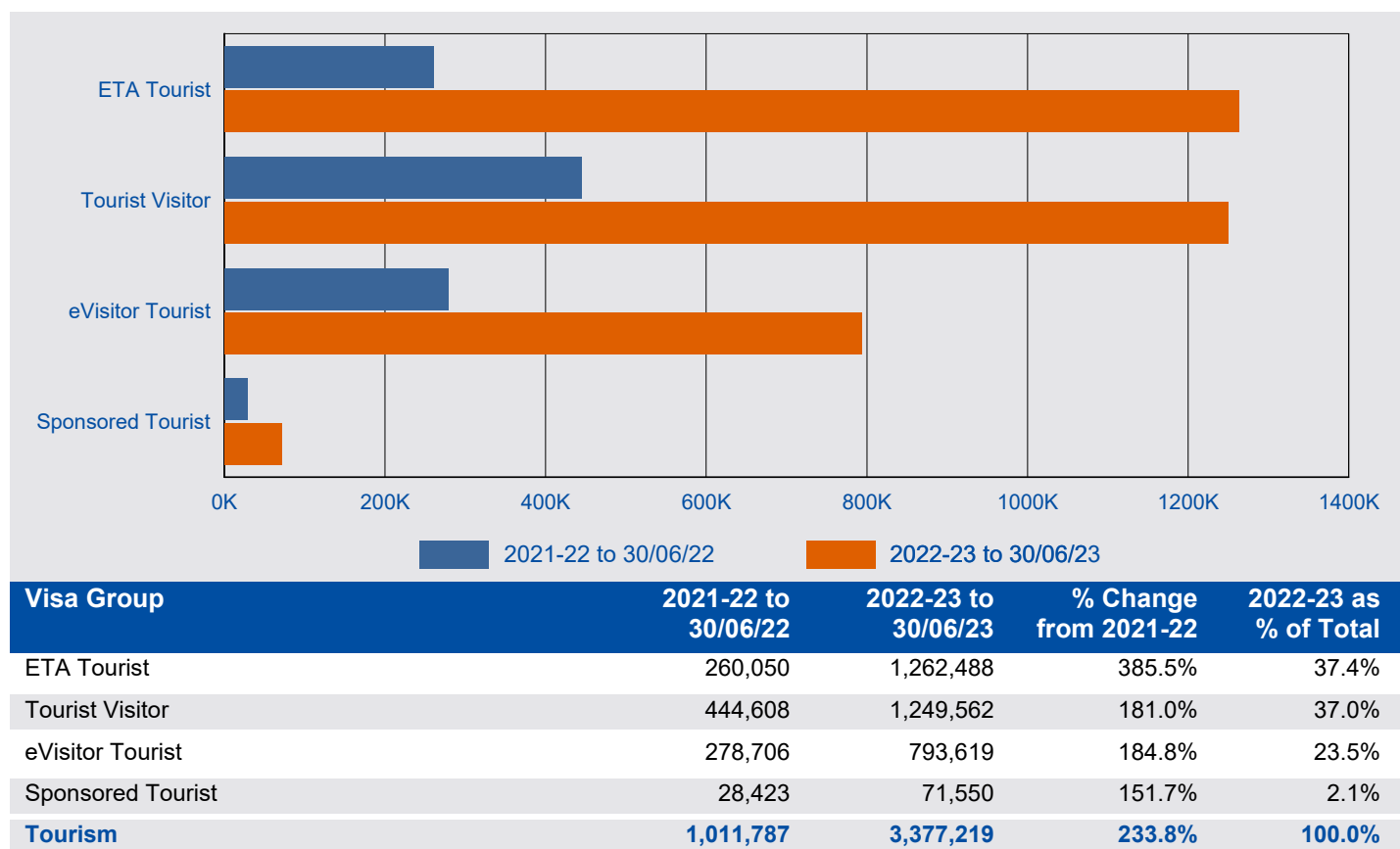
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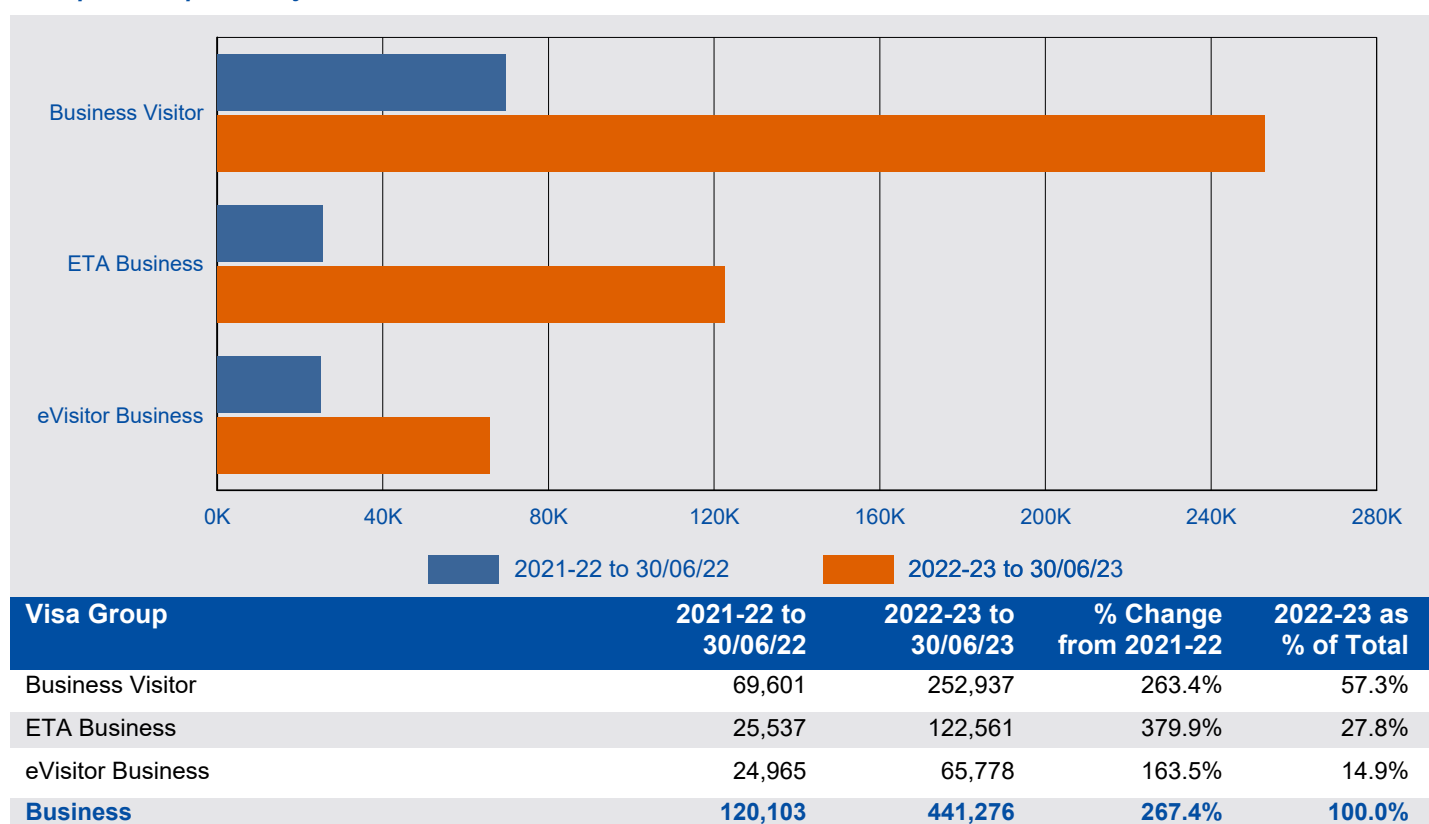


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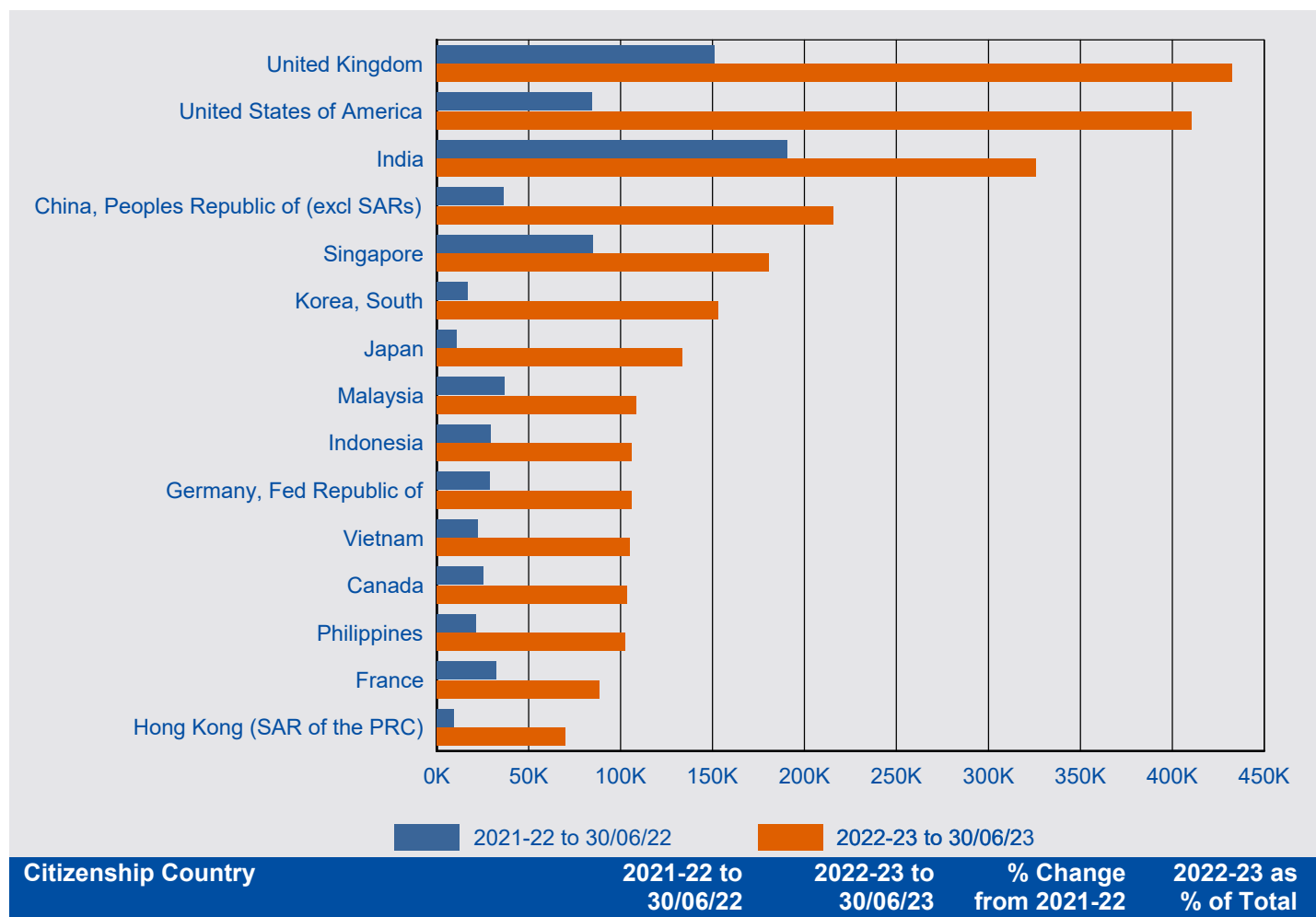


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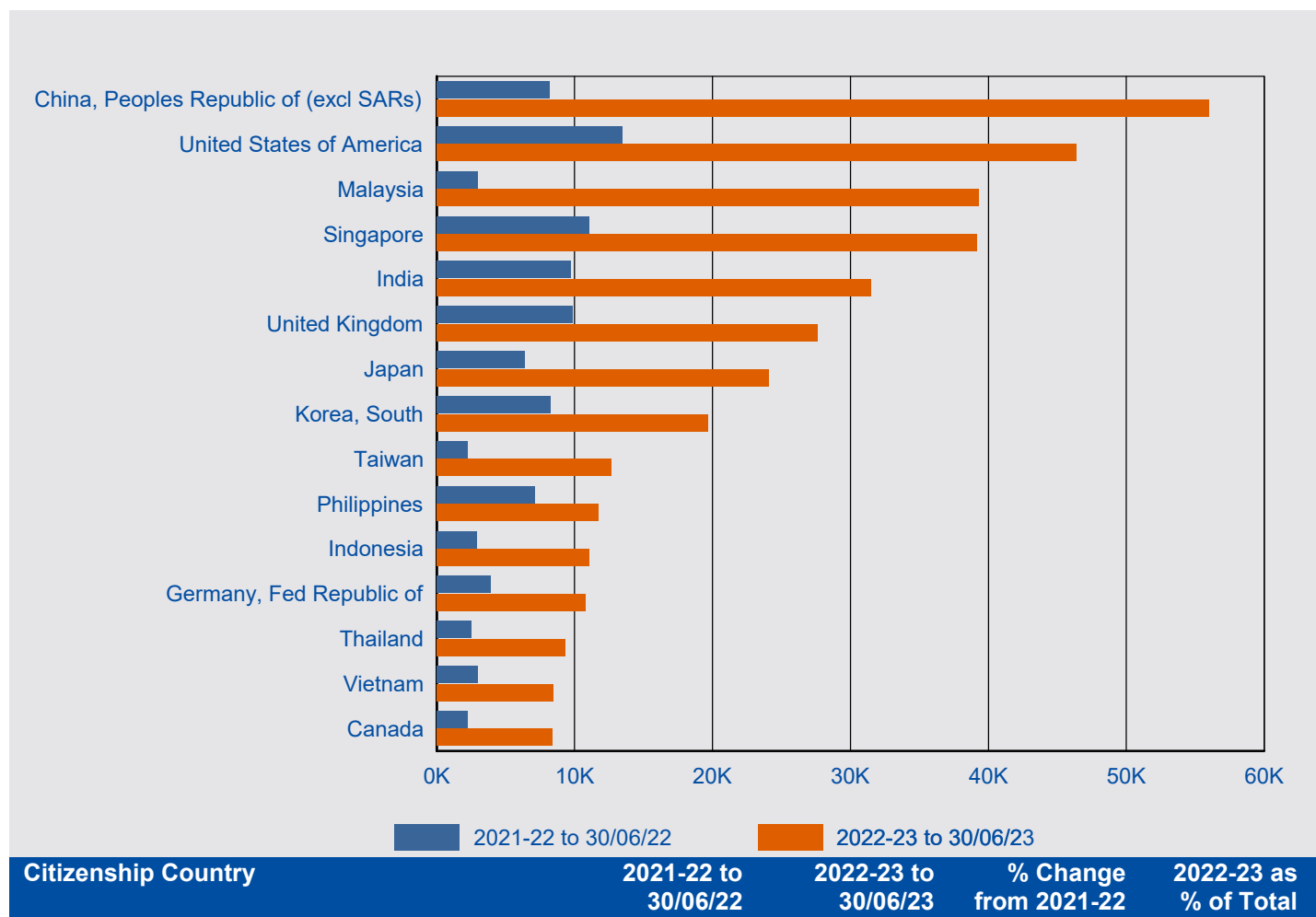


Tourism

United Kingdom	150,996	432,539	186.5%	12.8%
United States of America	84,184	410,178	387.2%	12.1%
India	190,605	325,565	70.8%	9.6%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	36,150	215,530	496.2%	6.4%
Singapore	84,792	180,816	113.2%	5.4%
Korea, South	16,675	152,953	817.3%	4.5%
Japan	10,537	133,771	1169.5%	4.0%
Malaysia	37,013	108,556	193.3%	3.2%
Indonesia	29,228	105,841	262.1%	3.1%
Germany, Fed Republic of	28,783	105,689	267.2%	3.1%
Vietnam	22,161	105,147	374.5%	3.1%
Canada	25,111	103,445	312.0%	3.1%
Philippines	21,090	102,550	386.2%	3.0%
France	32,209	88,625	175.2%	2.6%
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	9,210	69,871	658.6%	2.1%
Other countries	233,043	736,143	215.9%	21.8%
Tourism	1,011,787	3,377,219	233.8%	100.0%

2 Granted

2.07 Number of All Business Visitor visa applications granted in 2022-23 to 30 June 2023 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



All Business

China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	8,198	56,020	583.3%	12.7%
United States of America	13,444	46,387	245.0%	10.5%
Malaysia	2,947	39,282	1232.9%	8.9%
Singapore	11,037	39,170	254.9%	8.9%
India	9,720	31,473	223.8%	7.1%
United Kingdom	9,845	27,618	180.5%	6.3%
Japan	6,416	24,038	274.7%	5.4%
Korea, South	8,237	19,695	139.1%	4.5%
Taiwan	2,247	12,630	462.1%	2.9%
Philippines	7,097	11,692	64.7%	2.6%
Indonesia	2,878	11,071	284.7%	2.5%
Germany, Fed Republic of	3,879	10,755	177.3%	2.4%
Thailand	2,538	9,293	266.2%	2.1%
Vietnam	3,006	8,445	180.9%	1.9%
Canada	2,240	8,425	276.1%	1.9%
Other countries	26,374	85,282	223.4%	19.3%
All Business	120,103	441,276	267.4%	100.0%

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3 Grant rate

For this section:

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 April 2023 and 30 June 2023 by visa group - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Group	01/04/22 to 30/06/22	01/07/22 to 30/09/22	01/10/22 to 31/12/22	01/01/23 to 31/03/23	01/04/23 to 30/06/23
Business					
Business Visitor	91.2%	91.1%	91.8%	91.6%	89.6%
ETA Business	99.3%	98.6%	98.6%	99.5%	99.4%
eVisitor Business	98.7%	98.3%	98.7%	98.9%	99.0%
All Business	94.8%	94.4%	94.9%	94.9%	92.8%
Tourism					
ETA Tourist	97.0%	96.4%	98.0%	98.6%	98.2%
eVisitor Tourist	98.5%	98.8%	99.1%	99.0%	98.8%
Sponsored Tourist	88.1%	73.2%	77.5%	68.8%	64.5%
Tourist Visitor	85.3%	76.0%	76.6%	76.3%	74.3%
All Tourism	91.6%	86.4%	89.7%	89.6%	85.8%
All	91.9%	87.2%	90.2%	90.2%	86.7%

3 Grant rate

3.02 Grant rate for Tourist Visitor (600, 676) visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 April 2023 and 30 June 2023 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/04/22 to 30/06/22	01/07/22 to 30/09/22	01/10/22 to 31/12/22	01/01/23 to 31/03/23	01/04/23 to 30/06/23
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	81.1%	73.3%	85.6%	84.9%	77.9%
India	86.5%	66.4%	74.2%	68.3%	68.4%
Vietnam	89.8%	87.7%	81.6%	78.4%	77.2%
Indonesia	93.4%	94.6%	83.3%	88.3%	83.9%
Philippines	87.2%	88.0%	82.8%	80.4%	79.9%
Thailand	65.7%	67.4%	56.8%	61.9%	59.8%
Nepal	83.3%	67.2%	73.9%	73.0%	75.4%
United States of America	95.3%	90.5%	93.0%	92.5%	92.7%
Sri Lanka	77.3%	71.4%	84.3%	80.0%	82.2%
South Africa	92.0%	95.2%	91.0%	88.8%	91.7%
Brazil	94.1%	88.3%	86.4%	86.0%	85.8%
Mongolia	61.9%	83.5%	92.5%	83.8%	55.0%
Fiji	83.1%	76.2%	58.3%	67.5%	66.3%
Pakistan	57.9%	56.4%	46.7%	44.7%	37.3%
Bangladesh	88.5%	61.0%	54.8%	62.4%	57.3%
Other countries	83.0%	79.0%	75.7%	78.1%	73.5%
All Tourist Visitor (600, 676)	85.3%	76.0%	76.6%	76.3%	74.3%

3.03 Grant rate for Sponsored Tourist (600) visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 April 2023 and 30 June 2023 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/04/22 to 30/06/22	01/07/22 to 30/09/22	01/10/22 to 31/12/22	01/01/23 to 31/03/23	01/04/23 to 30/06/23
India	90.8%	75.7%	89.4%	78.6%	61.2%
Philippines	85.2%	72.3%	72.3%	74.0%	77.7%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	86.3%	83.9%	86.2%	86.8%	83.5%
Pakistan	76.4%	77.3%	76.8%	53.6%	60.8%
Vietnam	90.9%	73.0%	75.9%	57.1%	52.3%
Nepal	92.1%	85.0%	87.3%	87.2%	89.6%
Bangladesh	93.4%	84.6%	90.9%	84.8%	84.7%
Sri Lanka	87.3%	79.8%	78.6%	82.4%	78.2%
Iran	81.4%	78.6%	78.8%	70.7%	62.0%
Lebanon	70.5%	43.9%	57.5%	14.6%	30.2%
Cambodia	92.2%	81.5%	79.9%	79.6%	76.2%
Fiji	90.2%	60.8%	65.9%	59.5%	66.8%
Indonesia	94.4%	70.9%	74.5%	66.7%	66.3%
Thailand	78.4%	54.1%	56.8%	61.7%	58.5%
Nigeria	87.5%	71.0%	67.2%	65.9%	57.8%
Other countries	74.6%	62.2%	63.3%	58.8%	54.0%
All Sponsored Tourist (600)	88.1%	73.2%	77.5%	68.8%	64.5%

3.04 Grant rate for Business Visitor (600) visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 April 2023 and 30 June 2023 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/04/22 to 30/06/22	01/07/22 to 30/09/22	01/10/22 to 31/12/22	01/01/23 to 31/03/23	01/04/23 to 30/06/23
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	82.9%	86.9%	87.5%	89.8%	90.9%
Singapore	99.9%	99.8%	100.0%	98.5%	99.3%
India	91.0%	91.1%	89.9%	87.4%	85.9%
Korea, South	99.7%	99.9%	100.0%	99.6%	99.8%
Taiwan	99.7%	99.4%	99.8%	99.0%	99.7%
Indonesia	96.5%	95.9%	96.8%	90.5%	95.4%
Japan	99.7%	99.7%	99.8%	99.4%	99.8%
Philippines	97.6%	88.7%	91.2%	95.4%	92.6%
Thailand	95.5%	98.2%	98.8%	98.5%	98.9%
Vietnam	88.0%	92.6%	91.8%	92.4%	90.9%
Malaysia	96.2%	97.5%	96.3%	92.9%	95.7%
United States of America	97.1%	96.4%	94.7%	92.9%	95.1%
South Africa	97.2%	96.2%	91.6%	91.8%	94.2%
United Kingdom	99.1%	95.2%	97.1%	96.4%	97.5%
Chile	99.5%	99.6%	100.0%	98.5%	98.7%
Other countries	79.4%	80.8%	82.0%	82.0%	69.0%
All Business Visitor (600)	91.2%	91.1%	91.8%	91.6%	89.6%

3 Grant rate

3.05 Grant rate for subclass 651 eVisitor visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 April 2023 and 30 June 2023 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/04/22 to 30/06/22	01/07/22 to 30/09/22	01/10/22 to 31/12/22	01/01/23 to 31/03/23	01/04/23 to 30/06/23
Andorra	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	91.7%	100.0%
Austria	98.3%	99.4%	99.2%	99.0%	99.5%
Belgium	99.0%	99.4%	99.5%	99.5%	99.5%
Bulgaria	82.0%	80.5%	78.9%	81.5%	80.1%
Croatia	86.4%	81.8%	85.7%	85.4%	83.1%
Cyprus	96.3%	95.5%	99.3%	98.5%	96.3%
Czechia	98.8%	99.4%	99.5%	99.4%	99.2%
Denmark	98.9%	99.5%	98.2%	99.5%	99.7%
Estonia	97.5%	97.9%	98.8%	99.0%	99.6%
Finland	99.1%	99.7%	99.4%	99.6%	99.5%
France	99.5%	99.5%	99.6%	99.6%	99.6%
Germany, Fed Republic of	99.5%	99.5%	99.7%	99.5%	99.7%
Greece	98.2%	96.7%	98.6%	99.1%	98.5%
Hungary	98.0%	97.9%	97.9%	97.9%	98.0%
Iceland	100.0%	98.5%	98.6%	99.4%	98.7%
Ireland, Republic of	99.2%	99.2%	99.5%	99.3%	99.3%
Italy	98.8%	98.8%	99.2%	99.2%	99.2%
Latvia	90.0%	83.0%	88.9%	85.6%	78.8%
Liechtenstein	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Lithuania	86.5%	87.7%	87.1%	84.9%	87.8%
Luxembourg	99.1%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Malta	98.2%	97.9%	100.0%	99.3%	99.5%
Monaco	80.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	99.4%	99.7%	99.6%	99.7%	99.7%
Norway	97.2%	99.2%	99.4%	99.0%	99.1%
Poland	98.5%	98.9%	99.4%	99.4%	99.3%
Portugal	99.2%	99.3%	99.4%	99.3%	99.6%
Romania	75.2%	68.4%	75.4%	70.2%	71.4%
San Marino	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Slovakia	98.3%	99.5%	99.5%	99.4%	99.8%
Slovenia	99.3%	98.0%	98.8%	99.3%	97.3%
Spain	99.5%	99.3%	99.4%	99.6%	99.6%
Sweden	98.0%	99.2%	99.6%	99.4%	99.2%
Switzerland	99.4%	99.8%	99.7%	99.6%	99.8%
United Kingdom	98.9%	99.3%	99.4%	99.5%	99.3%
All	98.7%	98.9%	99.2%	99.1%	99.0%

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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 April 2023 and 30 June 2023 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship country	Percentile	1/04/22 to 30/06/22	1/07/22 to 30/09/22	1/10/22 to 31/12/22	1/01/23 to 31/03/23	1/04/23 to 30/06/23
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	25th percentile	21	10	4	4	4
	50th percentile	49	23	12	11	8
	75th percentile	120	50	27	22	20
India	25th percentile	11	7	6	6	4
	50th percentile	27	18	12	10	9
	75th percentile	41	37	21	17	17
Vietnam	25th percentile	24	19	8	8	9
	50th percentile	35	34	14	12	13
	75th percentile	57	65	23	16	18
Indonesia	25th percentile	44	20	1	1	3
	50th percentile	59	38	9	10	8
	75th percentile	61	54	20	14	13
Philippines	25th percentile	18	24	8	5	6
	50th percentile	48	55	15	9	9
	75th percentile	87	90	33	15	13
Thailand	25th percentile	32	34	12	7	6
	50th percentile	36	55	21	11	8
	75th percentile	40	63	31	14	14
Nepal	25th percentile	32	20	11	10	8
	50th percentile	44	42	17	15	16
	75th percentile	64	57	26	28	28
United States of America	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	1	0	0	0
	75th percentile	40	25	2	2	1
Sri Lanka	25th percentile	44	30	22	25	10
	50th percentile	56	40	31	34	18
	75th percentile	70	56	36	47	28
South Africa	25th percentile	28	15	6	4	6
	50th percentile	38	26	13	10	12
	75th percentile	58	35	23	27	19
Other countries	25th percentile	2	6	3	1	1
	50th percentile	34	31	15	8	6
	75th percentile	70	68	40	25	16
All	25th percentile	17	10	5	4	4
	50th percentile	35	29	14	10	9
	75th percentile	59	56	27	19	17

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 April 2023 and 30 June 2023 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship country	Percentile	1/04/22 to 30/06/22	1/07/22 to 30/09/22	1/10/22 to 31/12/22	1/01/23 to 31/03/23	1/04/23 to 30/06/23
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	1	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	16	5	5	8	6
Singapore	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
India	25th percentile	4	8	3	4	3
	50th percentile	11	14	7	6	7
	75th percentile	19	21	18	10	13
Korea, South	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
Taiwan	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
Indonesia	25th percentile	3	2	0	1	1
	50th percentile	5	4	1	2	2
	75th percentile	9	6	4	4	5
Japan	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	75th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
Philippines	25th percentile	4	7	4	4	5
	50th percentile	8	14	6	7	8
	75th percentile	18	23	11	12	11
Thailand	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	0	11	1	0	0
	75th percentile	13	20	6	6	5
Vietnam	25th percentile	0	1	0	0	0
	50th percentile	9	10	2	5	6
	75th percentile	22	18	9	10	13
Other countries	25th percentile	1	1	1	1	0
	50th percentile	7	6	5	6	4
	75th percentile	22	16	15	13	12
All	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile	4	4	1	1	0
	75th percentile	15	15	8	8	7

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5 Applications on hand

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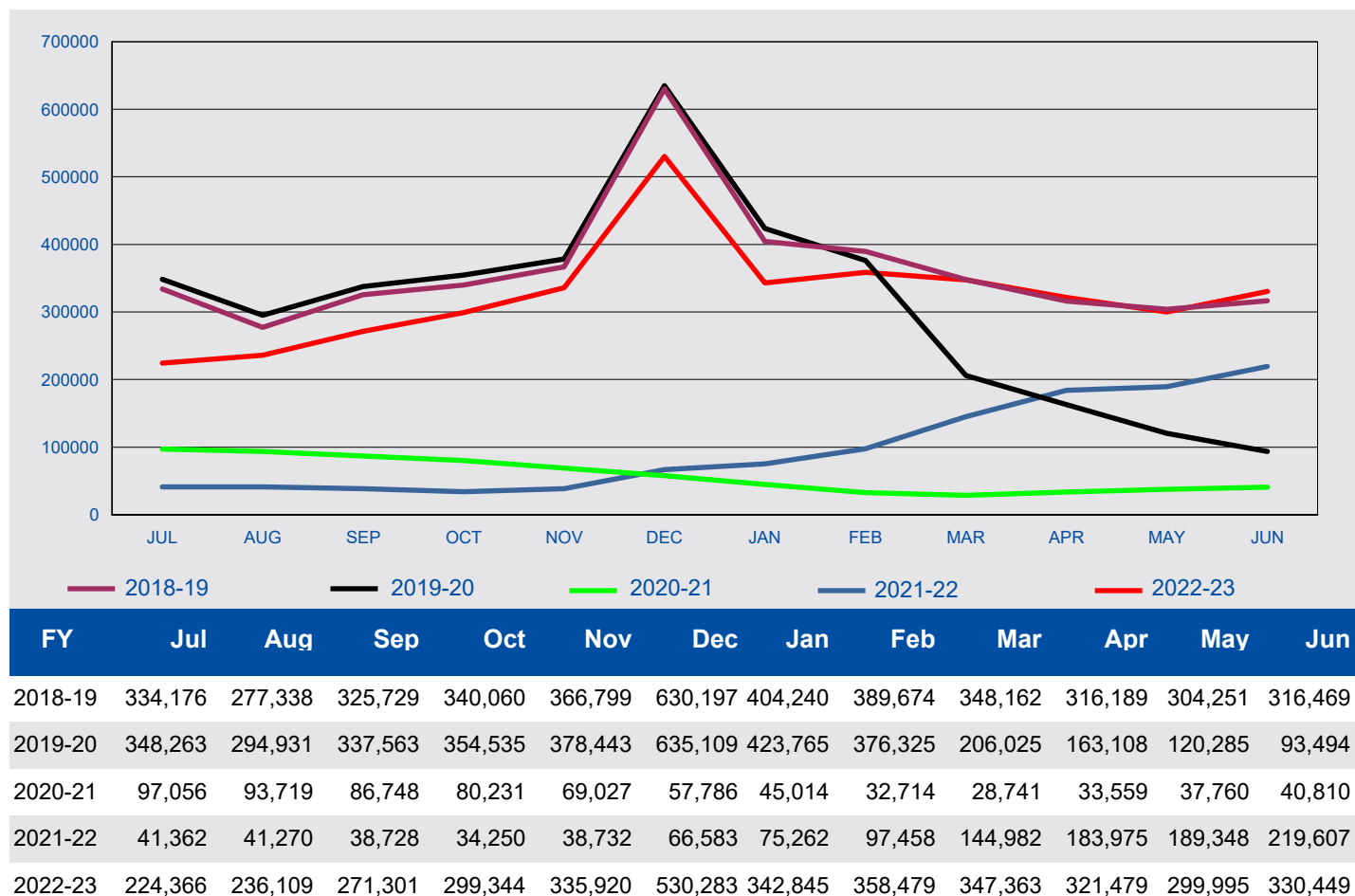
5.01 Number of Visitor visa applications on hand at 30 June 2023 by visa group - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Group	On hand at 30/06/22	On hand at 30/09/22	On hand at 31/12/22	On hand at 31/03/23	On hand at 30/06/23
Tourism					
Tourist Visitor	198 141	121 861	69 521	70 838	47 417
ETA Tourist	13 021	2 869	1 174	2 022	805
eVisitor Tourist	2 701	1 414	950	847	639
Sponsored Tourist	20 745	8 617	6 922	5 827	4 684
Tourism	234 608	134 761	78 567	79 534	53 545
Business					
Business Visitor	11 376	11 721	10 731	9 497	4 413
ETA Business	117	606	217	827	116
eVisitor Business	337	133	62	67	41
Sponsored Business	0	0	0	0	0
Business	11 830	12 460	11 010	10 391	4 570
Total	246 438	147 221	89 577	89 925	58 115

6 Visa holders in Australia

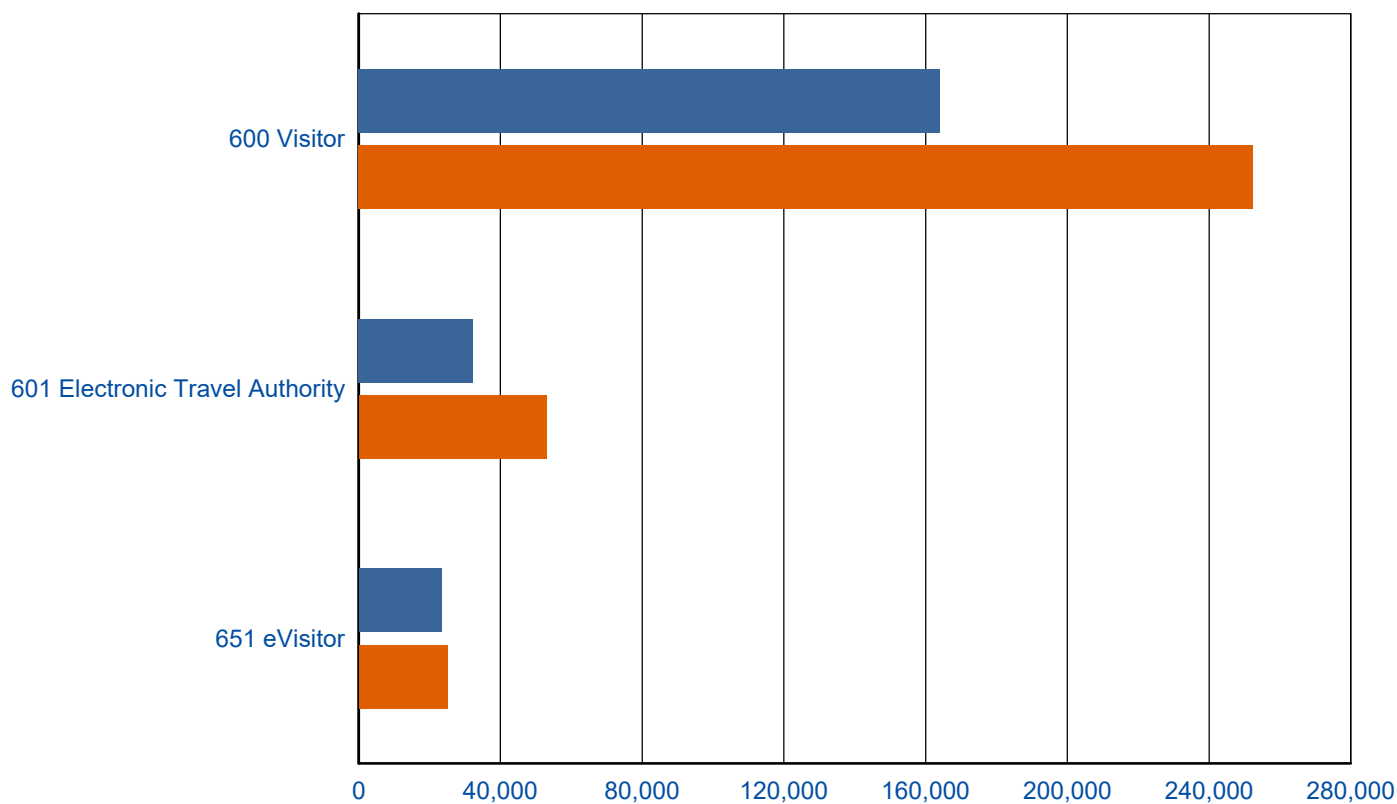
6 Visa holders in Australia

6.01 Number of Visitor visa holders in Australia at the end of each month in 2022-23 to 30 June 2023 by month - comparison with previous four financial years



6 Visa holders in Australia

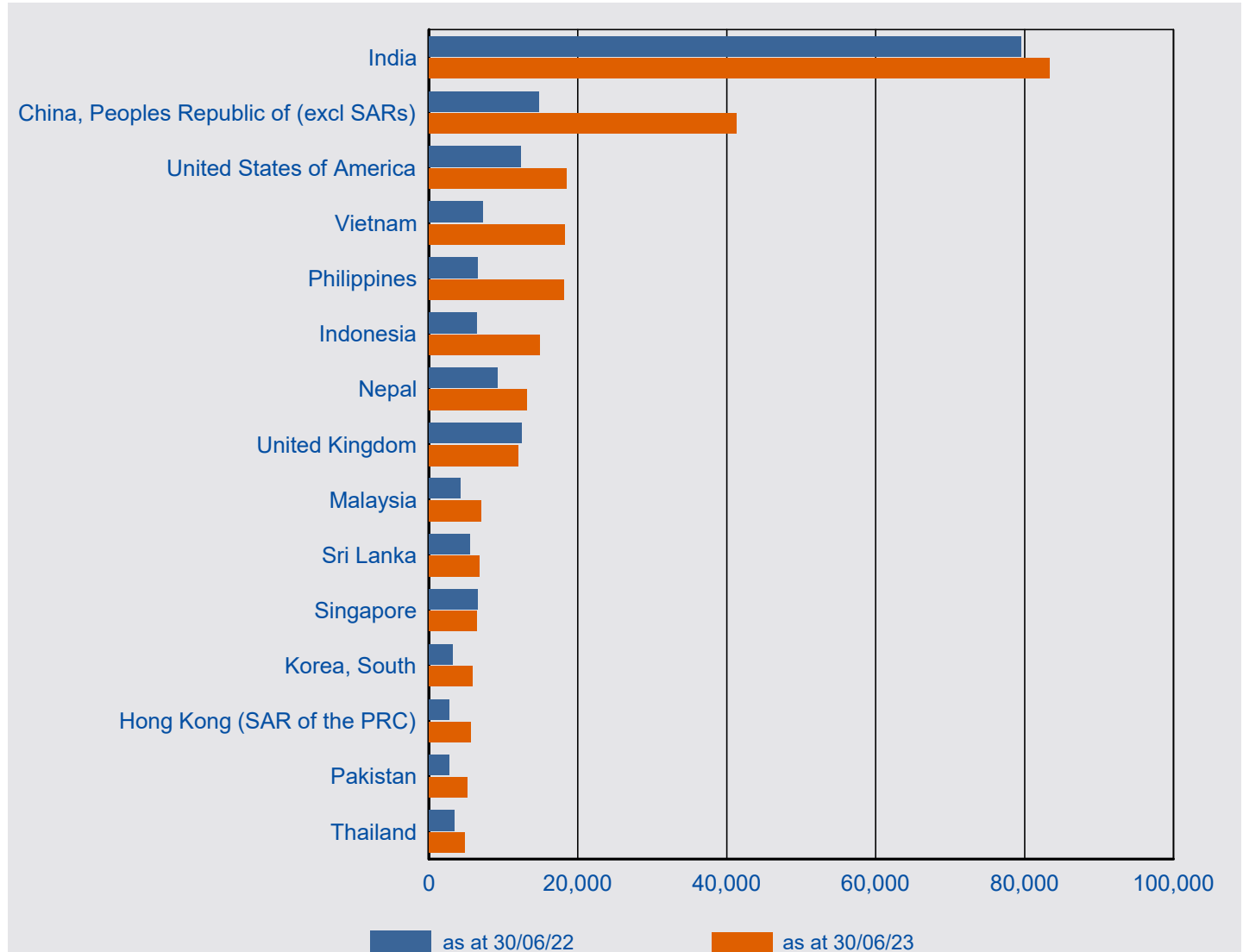
6.02 Number of Visitor visa holders in Australia as at 30 June 2023 by visa subclass - comparison with same date in previous year



Visa Subclass	as at 30/06/22		as at 30/06/23	
	as at 30/06/22	as at 30/06/23	% Change from 30/06/22	30/06/23 as % of Total
600 Visitor	164,059.00	252,395.00	53.8%	76.4%
601 Electronic Travel Authority	32,202.00	52,981.00	64.5%	16.0%
651 eVisitor	23,345.00	25,073.00	7.4%	7.6%
Total	219,606	330,449	50.5%	100.0%

6 Visa holders in Australia

6.03 Number of Visitor visa holders in Australia as at 30 June 2023 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

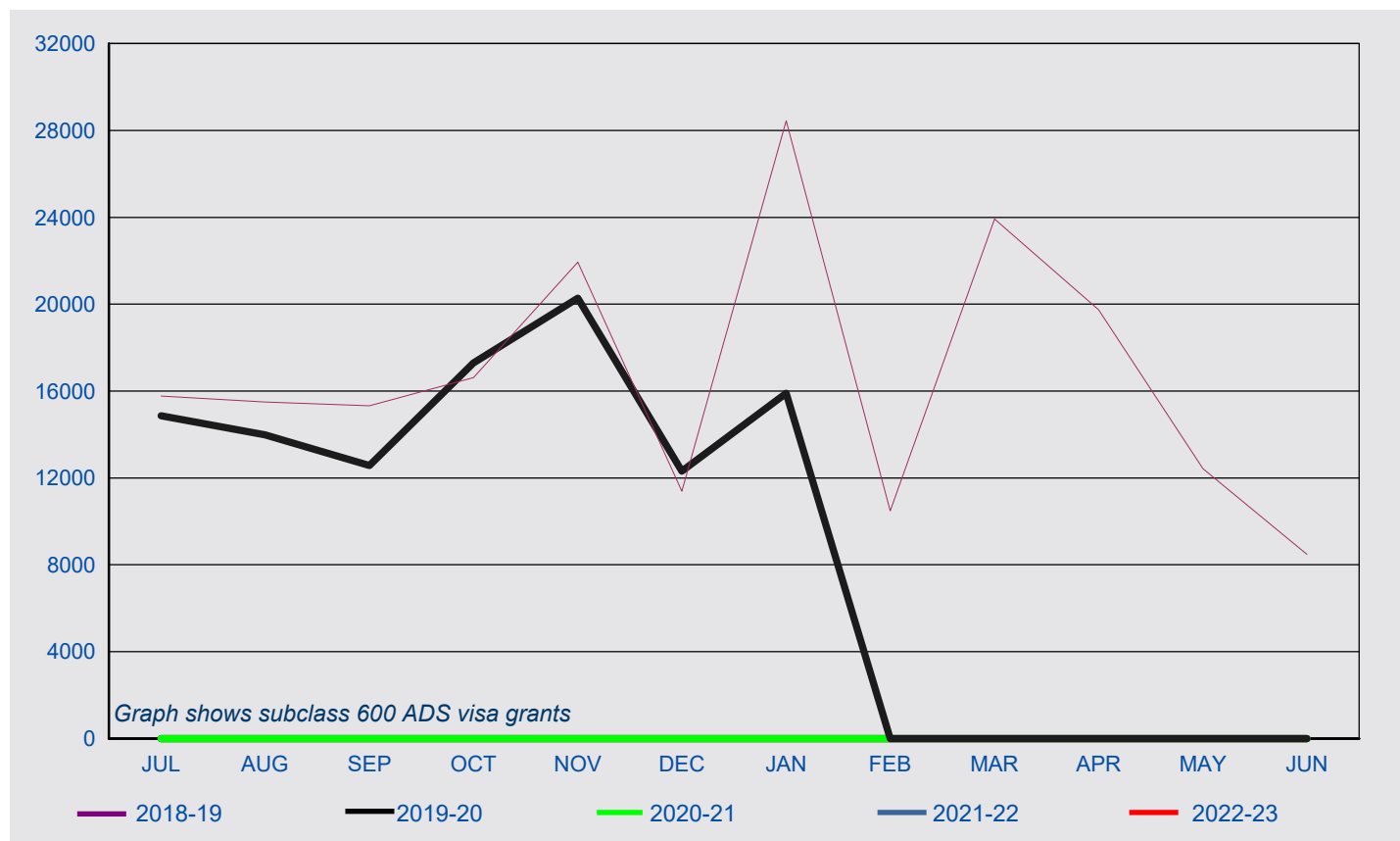


Citizenship Country	as at 30/06/22	as at 30/06/23	% Change from 30/06/22	30/06/23 as % of Total
India	79,533	83,333	4.8%	25.2%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	14,794	41,255	178.9%	12.5%
United States of America	12,350	18,497	49.8%	5.6%
Vietnam	7,272	18,236	150.8%	5.5%
Philippines	6,519	18,188	179.0%	5.5%
Indonesia	6,461	14,913	130.8%	4.5%
Nepal	9,199	13,212	43.6%	4.0%
United Kingdom	12,453	12,057	-3.2%	3.6%
Malaysia	4,197	6,986	66.5%	2.1%
Sri Lanka	5,488	6,725	22.5%	2.0%
Singapore	6,504	6,420	-1.3%	1.9%
Korea, South	3,163	5,820	84.0%	1.8%
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	2,743	5,611	104.6%	1.7%
Pakistan	2,756	5,205	88.9%	1.6%
Thailand	3,466	4,785	38.1%	1.4%
Other countries	42,709	69,206	62.0%	20.9%
Total	219,607	330,449	50.5%	100.0%

7 Approved Destination Status (ADS)

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7.01 Number of subclass 600 visa applications granted in 2022-23 to 30 June 2023 under the tourism ADS stream where the citizenship country is Peoples Republic of China (PRC) by visa type - comparison with previous four financial years



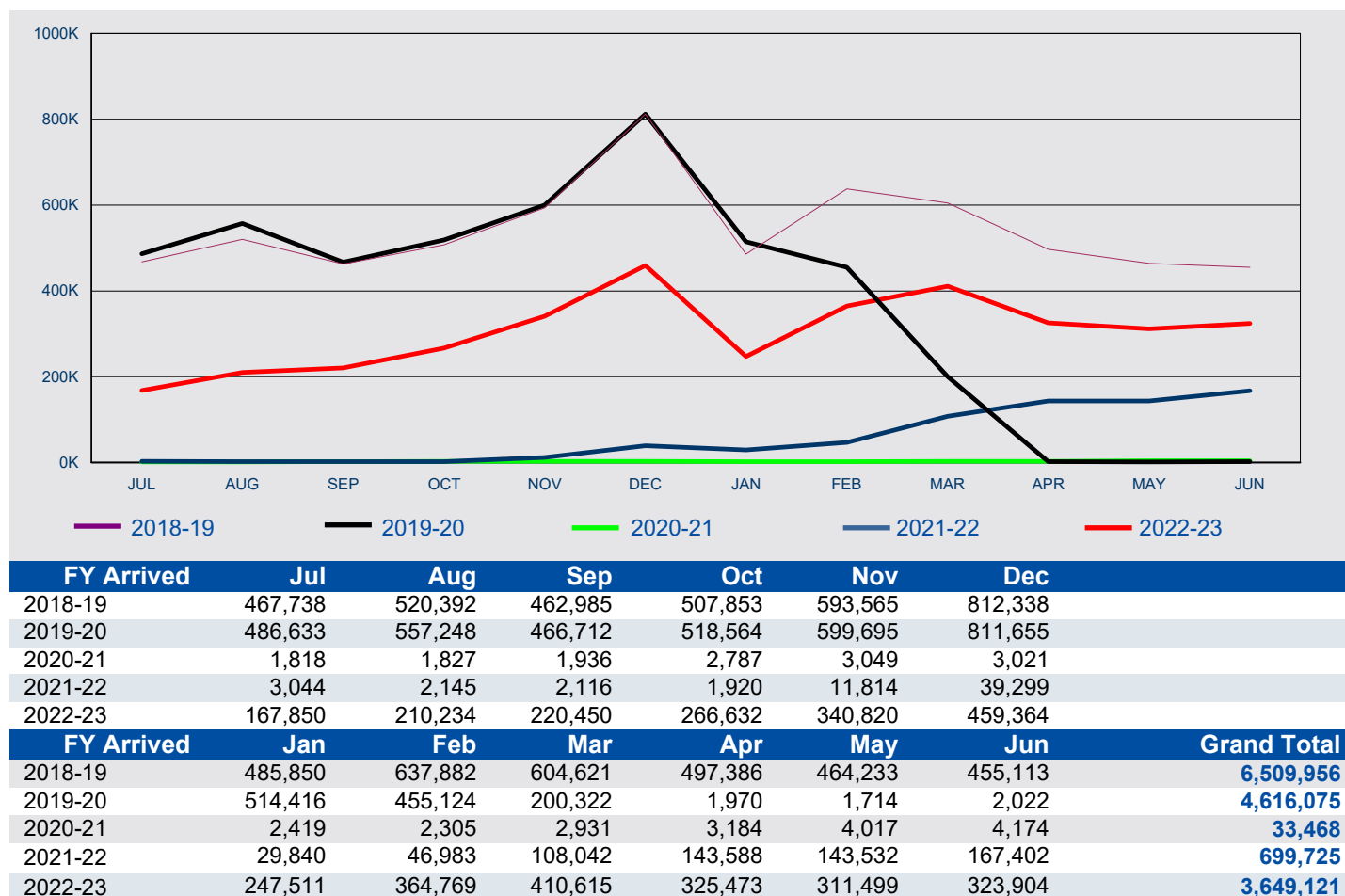
subclass 600 ADS for PRC

FY Granted	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
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
2019-20	14,862	13,988	12,577	17,299	20,276	12,315	15,902	0	0	0	0	0	107,219
2020-21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021-22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022-23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

8 Arrivals

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8.01 Number of Visitor visa arrivals ('000) in 2022-23 to 30 June 2023 - comparison with previous four financial years



8 Arrivals

8.02 Number of Visitor visa arrivals in 2022-23 to 30 June 2023 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

