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About this report

This report provides data about the Visitor visa program administered by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (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. Current and previous versions of this report are available on the Department's website at <http://www.border.gov.au/about/reports-publications/research-statistics/statistics/visit-australia>

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.border.gov.au/Trav/Visi

Enquiries

Any comments or enquiries concerning this report should be sent to statistical.coordination@border.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 Destination Status (ADS) stream	Tourist Visitor
Sponsored Family Visitor (subclass 679) and Visitor (subclass 600) Sponsored Family stream	Sponsored Tourist
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 (subclass 601 - Business)	ETA 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)	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 - 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 groups:

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.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/600-/Visitor-e600-visa-online-applications

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

For eVisitor 651: www.border.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:
www.border.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.

Recent key initiatives

Expansion of online lodgement

The Department continued its expansion of online lodgement, with nationals of China able to lodge Visitor visa (subclass 600) applications from 20 February 2017. Expansion of online services to India and Indonesia is scheduled for July and November 2017, respectively.

Priority consideration (fast-track) service

The Department implemented a new service providing priority processing to certain Visitor visa (subclass 600) applicants for an additional service charge. The fast-track service is available to eligible passport holders from China, India or the United Arab Emirates who apply for either the Tourist or Business Visitor stream of the Visitor visa, through a service delivery partner in the relevant country.

Fast-track in China was implemented in March 2016, with India and the UAE able to apply for the service from 5 December 2016. The service will be available online from 1 July 2017.

China initiatives

The Department introduced a number of key measures in 2016-17 that are designed to support the growth of visitors from China. These include:

Trial 10 year Frequent Traveller Visitor visa stream in China

On 12 December 2016, a trial of the new 10 year Frequent Traveller stream of the Visitor visa (subclass 600) commenced for holders of passports from the People's Republic of China who are applying from within China. The Frequent Traveller stream allows multiple short stays of up to three months for tourist or business visitor purposes for up to 10 years. The visa will complement existing visitor visas and will be suited to travellers from China who have known long-term plans for frequent short visits to Australia.

Online Lodgement in Simplified Chinese

From 12 December 2016, applicants in China can now lodge an application in simplified Chinese through a new online service provided through our service delivery partner's website.

Approved Destination Status stream online applications

Online lodgement for Chinese citizens applying through the Approved Destination Status (ADS) stream of the Visitor visa (subclass 600) was introduced in a staged approach, with the first group of agents provided access on 1 July 2016 and all remaining agents obtaining access by 1 December 2016.

Three year validity Visitor visa

The Department commenced trials in 2016 of three year extended validity Visitor visas (subclass 600) in the Tourist and Business Visitor streams for eligible passport holders from Vietnam, India, Thailand and Chile.

Eligible applicants with a history of compliant travel to Australia will be granted a three year validity, multiple-entry visa, which will permit a stay in Australia of up to three months per visit. There is no new client process or additional charge for this service. Eligibility is determined by the Department, with regular and compliant travellers offered a long-term visa option. It is not available to all applicants.

Executive Summary

Key Points

- This executive summary covers the Tourist and Business group visa statistics for the Visitor visa programme year from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (2016-17). The terminology used in this executive summary to describe Tourist and Business group visas and subclasses are referenced on page 3 of this report.
- There was a sustained increase in Visitor Visa application lodgements with 5,540,166 applications lodged under the Visitor visa programme (Tourist and Business visa group) in 2016-17, up 11.4 per cent compared to 2015-16. China was the largest source country for visitors to Australia with 941,088 visa application lodgements ahead of the UK and USA with 627,595 and 528,376 lodgements respectively.
- Visitor – Tourist visas accounted for the majority of visa applications lodged with 5,031,154 applications in 2016-17, up 11.1 per cent compared to 2015-16 (4,528,362). Visitor – Business visa application lodgements increased in 2016-17 to 509,012, up 14.7 per cent compared to 2015-16 (443,635).
- A total of 4,856,670 Visitor – Tourist visas were granted in 2016-17, an 11.1 per cent increase compared to 2015-16 (4,372,501). Business Visitor visa grants increased by 14.6 per cent to 489,014 grants in 2016-17, up from 426,672 grants in 2015-16.
- The grant rate statistics in this report are calculated quarterly. For the quarter 1 April 2017 to 30 June 2017, the grant rate for all Visitor visas (Tourist and Business group) was 96.6 per cent, down slightly from the 96.9 per cent grant rate for the corresponding quarter in 2016.
- In 2016-17, there were 5,910,469 arrivals on Visitor visas (Tourist and Business group), an 11.4 per cent increase compared to 2015-16 (5,305,664).
- As at 30 June 2017, there were 294,368 Visitor visa (Tourist and Business group) holders in Australia. This is a 12.2 per cent increase compared to 30 June 2016 (262,445).

1 Applications lodged

In 2016-17, a total of 5,540,166 Visitor visa (Tourist and Business group) applications were lodged, up 11.4 per cent compared to 2015-16 (4,971,997 applications).

China was the largest source country for Visitor visa application lodgements in 2016-17 with 941,088 lodgements (up 10.9 per cent compared to 2015-16), ahead of the UK (up 6.4 per cent to 627,595) and the USA (up 13 per cent to 528,376).

Tourist Group

The Tourist group accounted for the majority of Visitor visa applications lodged in 2016-17, with 5,031,154 applications. This was an 11.1 per cent increase compared to 2015-16 (4,528,362).

In addition to continued growth from the top three source countries of China, UK and USA, other top source countries with strong growth in lodgements included:

- Japan (up 12.4 per cent to 352,905)
- Malaysia (up 8.9 per cent to 341,698)
- South Korea (up 15.1 per cent to 227,907)
- India (up 19.2 per cent to 217,172)
- Germany (up 9.4 per cent to 160,773).

Business Group

A total of 509,012 Visitor – Business visa applications were lodged in 2016-17, up 14.7 per cent compared to 2015-16 (443,635). The top five sources countries for Visitor – Business visa applications were:

1. China (up 24.3 per cent to 93,709)
2. USA (up 5.3 per cent to 65,186)
3. UK (up 5.3 per cent to 38,002)
4. Japan (up 14.2 per cent to 32,579)
5. India (up 17.5 per cent to 31,259).

Additionally, there were significant increases in Visitor – Business visa applications from citizens of Singapore (up 36.7 per cent to 28,826) and South Korea (up 27.8 per cent to 26,655).

2 Visas granted

Tourist Group

A total of 4,856,670 Visitor – Tourist visas were granted in 2016-17, an 11.1 per cent increase compared to 2015-16 (4,372,501). The largest visa grant numbers within the Tourist Group were for the ETA Tourist and Tourist Visitor, up 8.4 per cent and 13.1 per cent, respectively, compared to 2015-16.

Executive Summary – continued

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

1. China (up 9.5 per cent to 799,841)
2. UK (up 6.3 per cent to 585,532)
3. USA (up 14.1 per cent to 461,644)
4. Japan (up 12.4 per cent to 352,778)
5. Malaysia (up 8.9 per cent to 341,056).

Business Group

Visitor – Business visa grants increased in 2016-17 to 489,014, up 14.6 per cent compared to 2015-16 (426,672). This can be largely attributed to an increase in grants to China (up 24.4 per cent).

Sponsored Family Visitor visa

There was a 27.7 per cent increase in the number of Sponsored Family Visitor visas granted with 29,633 grants in 2016-17, up from 23,199 in 2015-16. This may be attributable to the increased number of finalised Sponsored Family Visitor stream applications as a result of streamlined processing.

3 Grant rates

The grant rate for all Visitor visas for the quarter 1 April 2017 to 30 June 2017 decreased slightly to 96.6 per cent, compared to 96.9 per cent for the corresponding period in 2015-16.

4 Processing times

Tourist Group

In the quarter ending 30 June 2017, 75 per cent of Visitor – Tourist visa applications (including Approved Destination Status (ADS) applications) were processed within 14 calendar days, compared to 10 calendar days for the same quarter in 2016. This may be attributable to an overall increase in volumes of applications being processed.

Business Group

75 per cent of Visitor – Business visa applications were processed within 7 calendar days in the quarter ending 30 June 2017. This is consistent with the processing times for the same period in 2016.

5 Applications on hand

On 30 June 2017, there were 75,220 Visitor – Tourist visa applications on hand. This is a 36.2 per cent increase from the 55,246 applications on hand as at 30 June 2016.

The number of applications on hand for Visitor – Business visa applications also increased. On 30 June 2017 there were 9,022 applications on hand, an increase of 27.2 per cent from the 7,091 applications on hand at 30 June 2016.

The increases in applications on hand are largely the result of increased lodgements in the final quarter of 2016-17, including a spike in lodgements in some regions in June, compared to the corresponding period in 2015-16.

6 Visa holders In Australia

On 30 June 2017, there were 294,368 Visitor (Tourist and Business Group) visa holders in Australia. This was a 12.2 per cent increase from the 262,445 Visitor visa holders in Australia on 30 June 2016.

The Visitor visa (subclass 600) made up the largest cohort with 190,852 visa holders in Australia, followed by the subclass 601 ETA with 76,429 visa holders and subclass 651 eVisitor with 23,922 visa holders in Australia on 30 June 2017. 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.

7 Approved Destination Status (ADS)

A total of 196,097 Tourist Visitor visas were granted to citizens from China under the ADS scheme in 2016-17, down 15 per cent compared to 2015-16 (230,804). This decrease is likely a result of the growth of independent travel from China, which is reflected in the increase under the Tourist – Visitor stream.

8 Arrivals data

In 2016-17, there were 5,910,469 arrivals on Visitor (Tourist and Business Group) visas, an 11.4 per cent increase compared to 2015-16 (5,305,664).

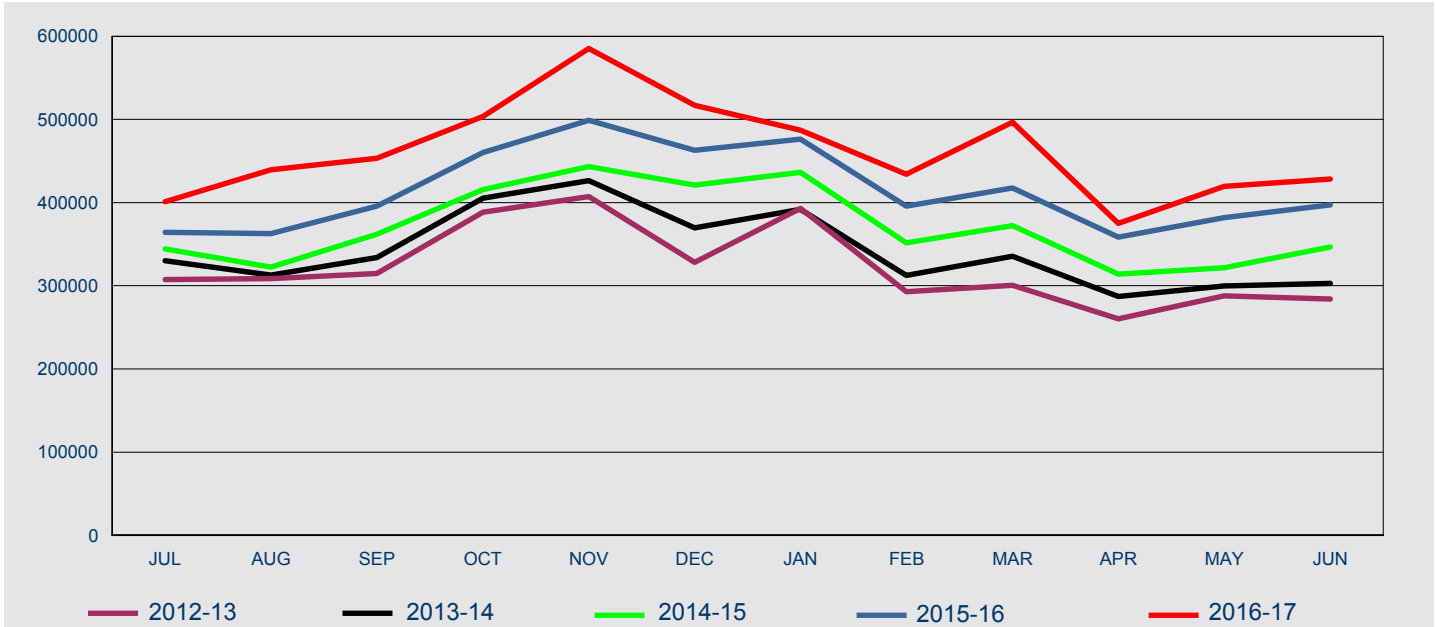
The top five countries for arrivals on Visitor visas were:

1. China (up 7.5 per cent to 999,465)
2. UK (up 5.9 per cent to 689,870)
3. USA (up 13.3 per cent to 583,362)
4. Malaysia (up 13.8 per cent to 414,672)
5. Japan (up 13.8 per cent to 396,984).

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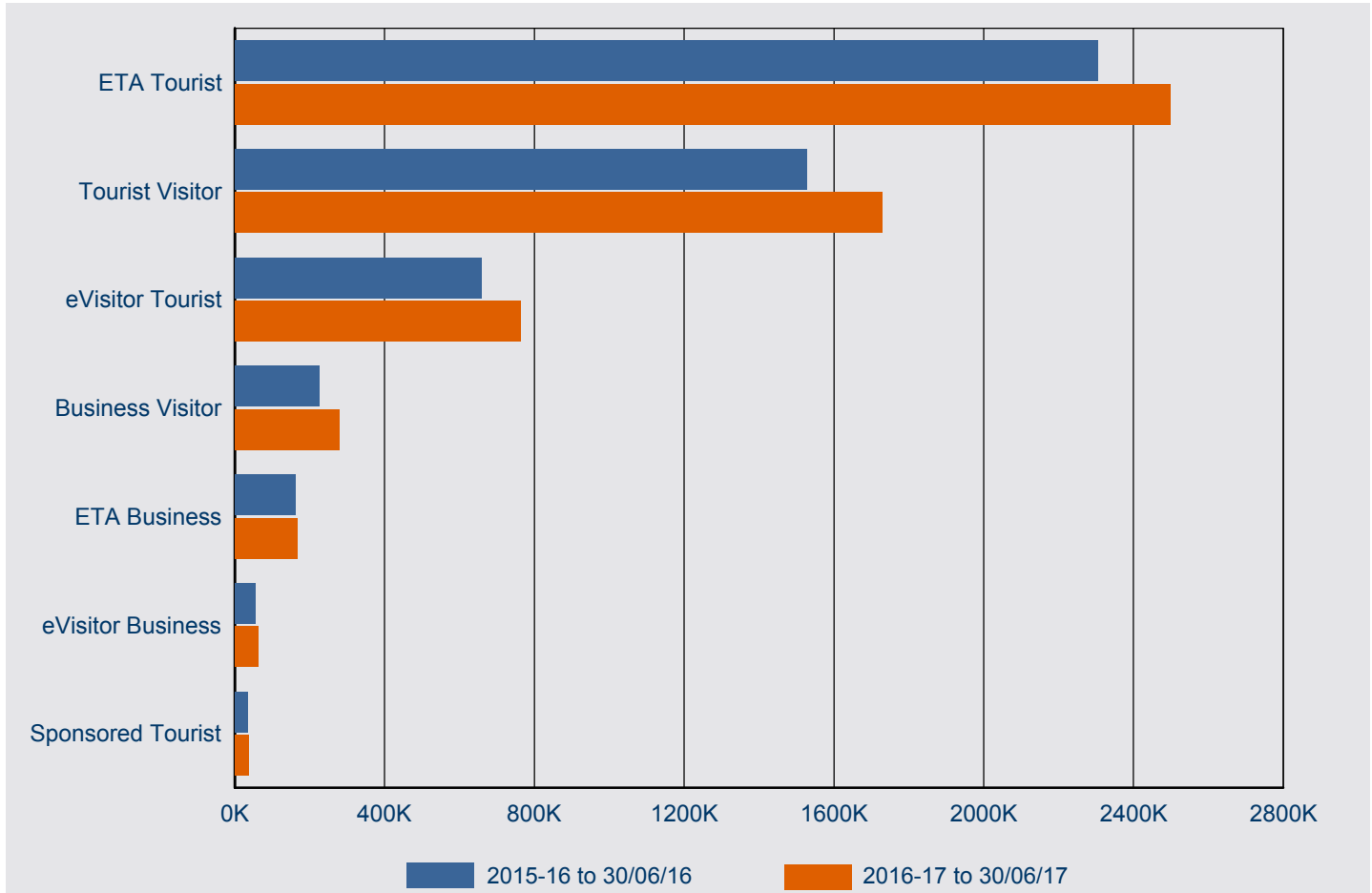
1.01 Number of Visitor visa applications lodged in 2016-17 to 30 June 2017 by month - comparison with previous four financial years



Fin'l Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2012-13	307,639	308,494	314,765	388,548	407,181	328,010	393,024	292,873	300,657	260,303	287,786	284,033
2013-14	330,019	312,764	333,799	405,305	426,353	369,533	391,913	312,350	335,635	287,178	299,608	302,765
2014-15	344,289	322,557	361,860	415,717	443,333	421,028	436,429	351,592	372,197	313,877	321,836	346,695
2015-16	364,247	362,714	395,679	460,343	498,886	462,973	476,237	395,543	417,669	358,504	381,927	397,275
2016-17	401,083	439,329	453,440	503,376	585,229	516,951	486,906	434,129	496,821	375,025	419,378	428,499

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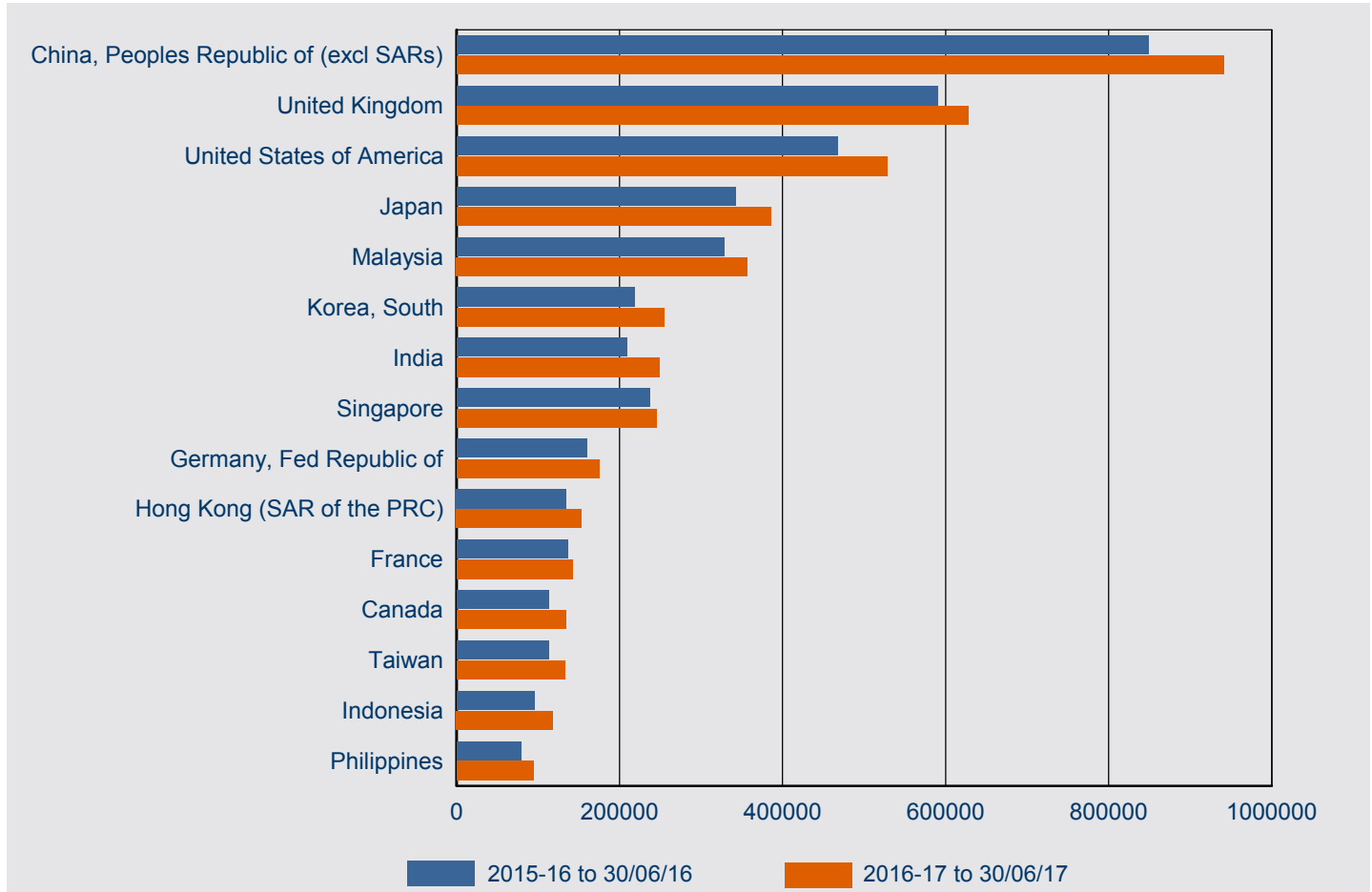
1.02 Number of Visitor visa applications lodged in 2016-17 to 30 June 2017 by visa group - comparison with same period in previous year



Visa Group	2015-16 to 30/06/16	2016-17 to 30/06/17	% Change from 2015-16	2016-17 as % of Total
ETA Tourist	2,304,842	2,499,137	8.4%	45.1%
Tourist Visitor	1,528,160	1,729,855	13.2%	31.2%
eVisitor Tourist	659,972	764,948	15.9%	13.8%
Business Visitor	226,122	279,575	23.6%	5.0%
ETA Business	163,048	167,204	2.5%	3.0%
eVisitor Business	54,465	62,233	14.3%	1.1%
Sponsored Tourist	35,388	37,214	5.2%	0.7%
Total	4,971,997	5,540,166	11.4%	100.0%

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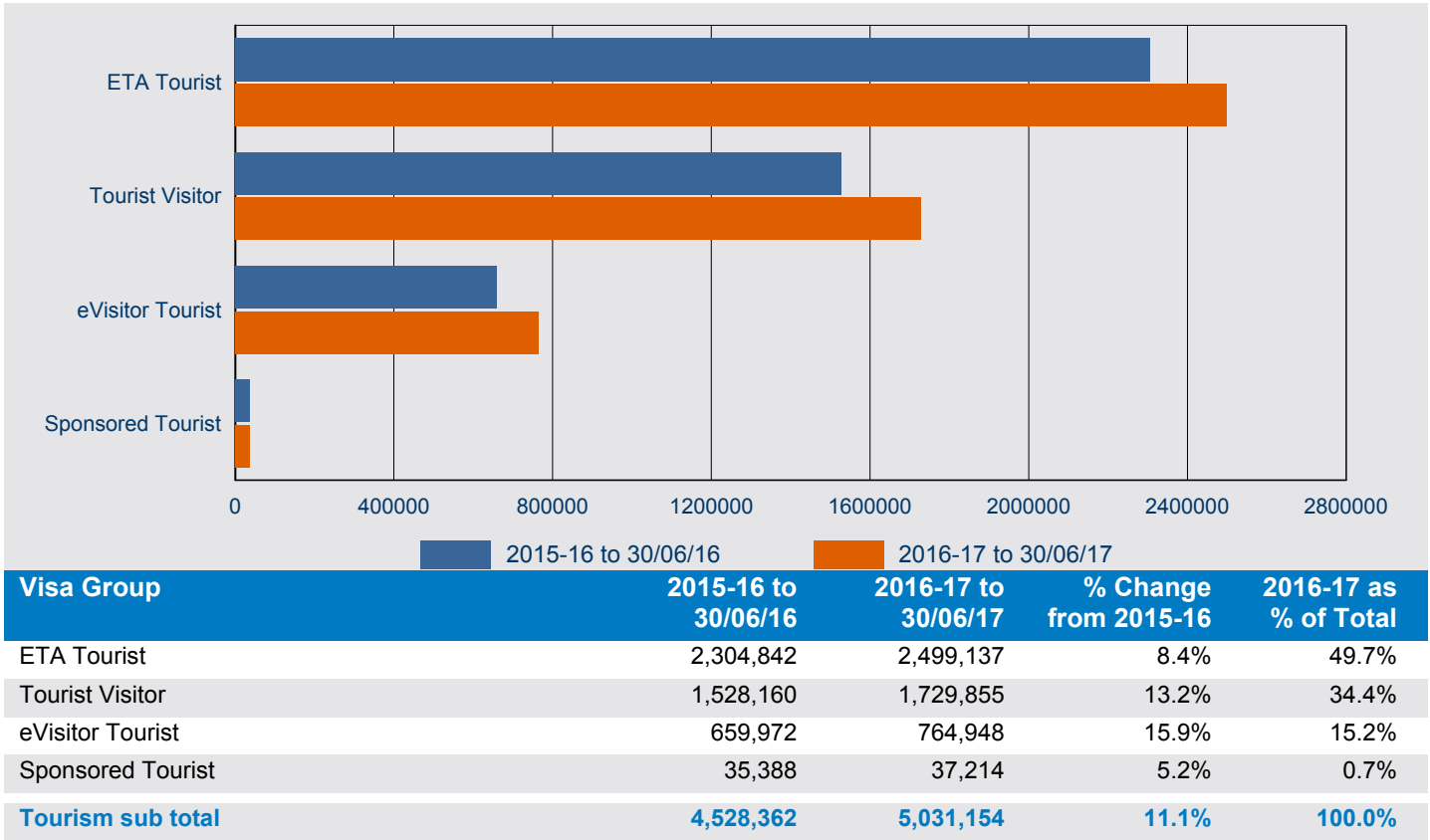
1.03 Number of Visitor visa applications lodged in 2016-17 to 30 June 2017 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



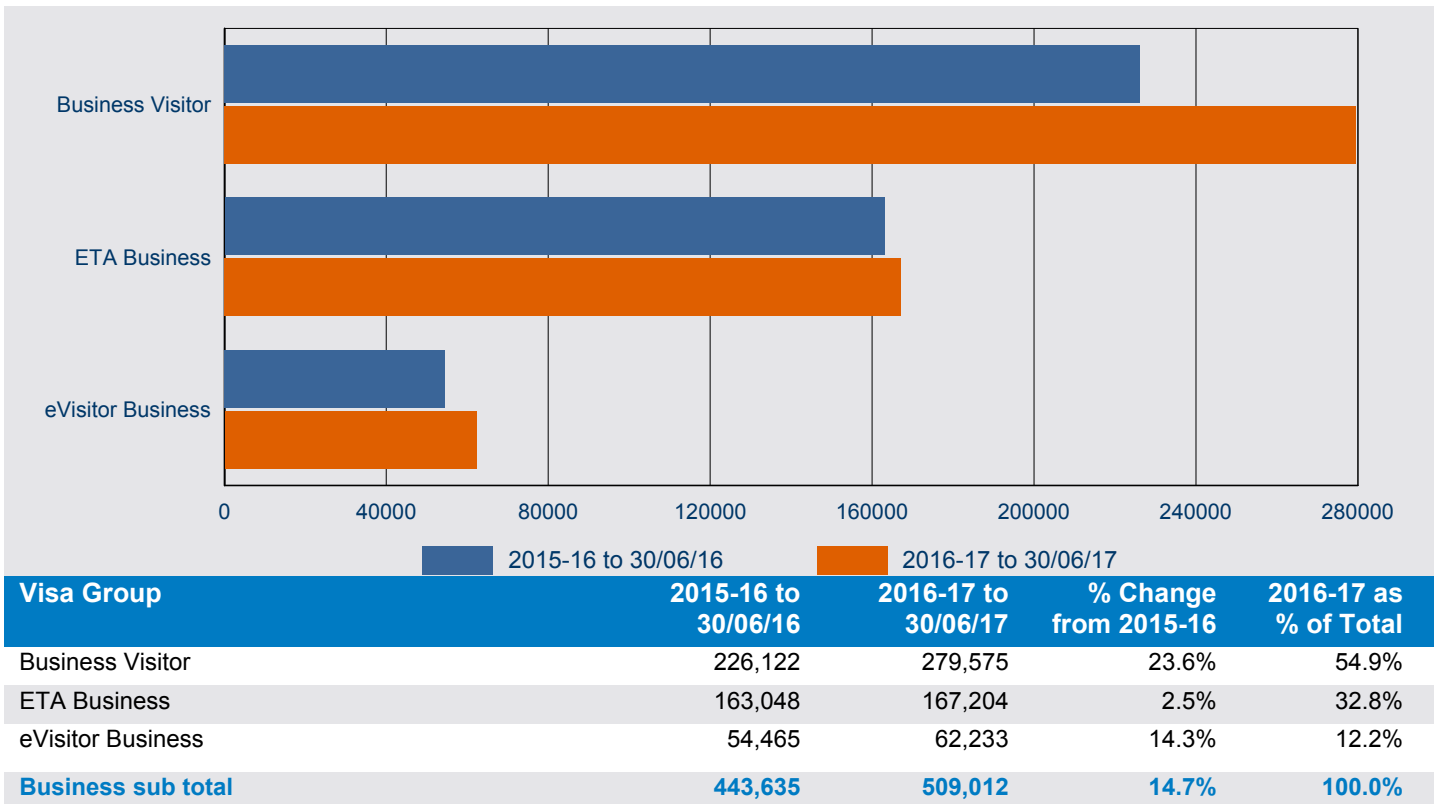
Citizenship Country	2015-16 to 30/06/16	2016-17 to 30/06/17	% Change from 2015-16	2016-17 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	848,320	941,088	10.9%	17.0%
United Kingdom	590,084	627,595	6.4%	11.3%
United States of America	467,613	528,376	13.0%	9.5%
Japan	342,523	385,484	12.5%	7.0%
Malaysia	328,346	356,996	8.7%	6.4%
Korea, South	218,829	254,562	16.3%	4.6%
India	208,737	248,431	19.0%	4.5%
Singapore	237,265	245,491	3.5%	4.4%
Germany, Fed Republic of	160,097	174,907	9.3%	3.2%
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	134,932	153,399	13.7%	2.8%
France	136,833	142,808	4.4%	2.6%
Canada	112,963	134,321	18.9%	2.4%
Taiwan	113,253	132,754	17.2%	2.4%
Indonesia	95,420	118,250	23.9%	2.1%
Philippines	78,972	94,993	20.3%	1.7%
Other countries	897,810	1,000,711	11.5%	18.1%
Total	4,971,997	5,540,166	11.4%	100.0%

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1.04 Number of tourism Visitor visa applications lodged in 2016-17 to 30 June 2017 by visa group - comparison with same period in previous year

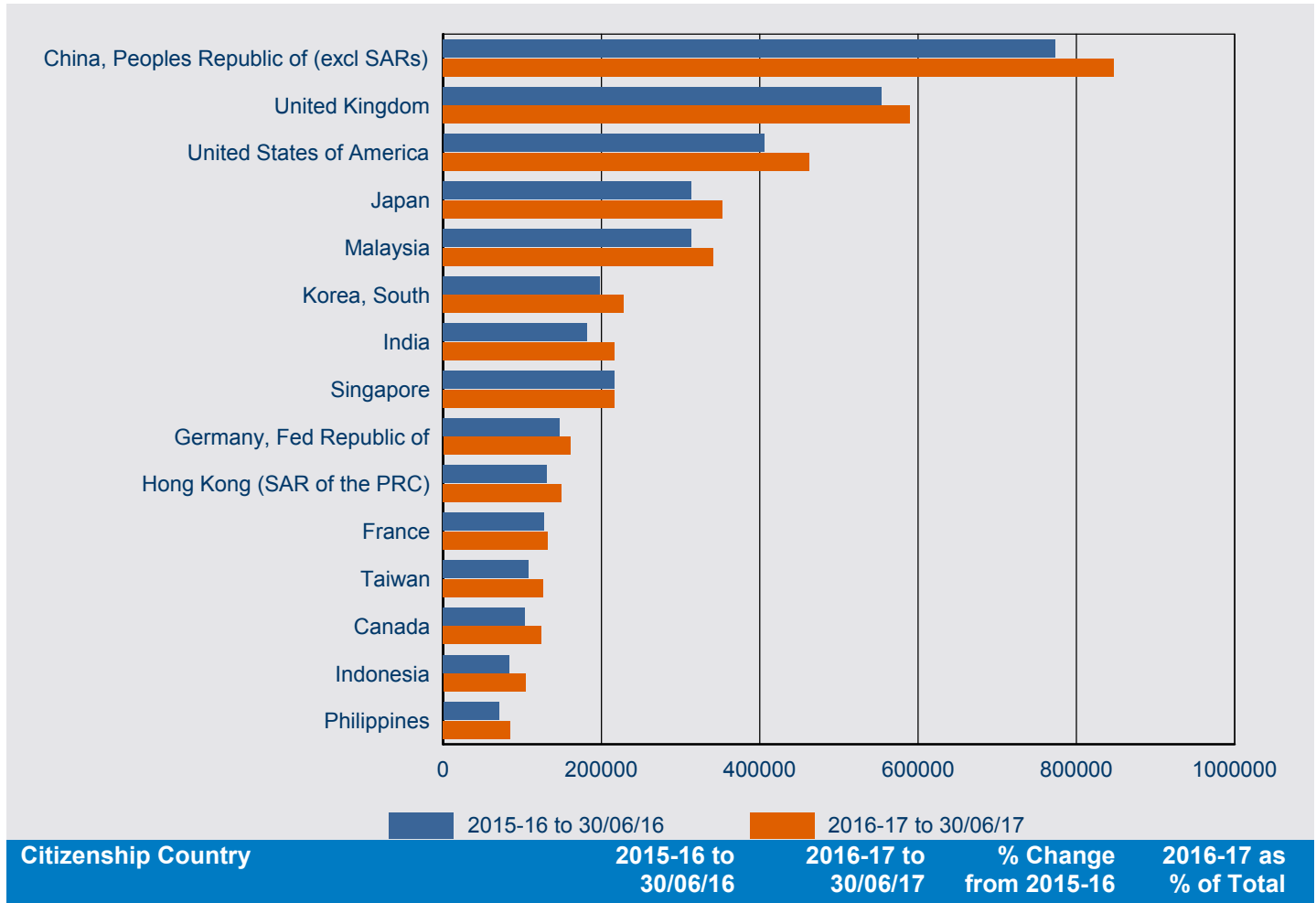


1.05 Number of business Visitor visa applications lodged in 2016-17 to 30 June 2017 by visa group - comparison with same period in previous year



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1.06 Number of tourism Visitor visa applications lodged in 2016-17 to 30 June 2017 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

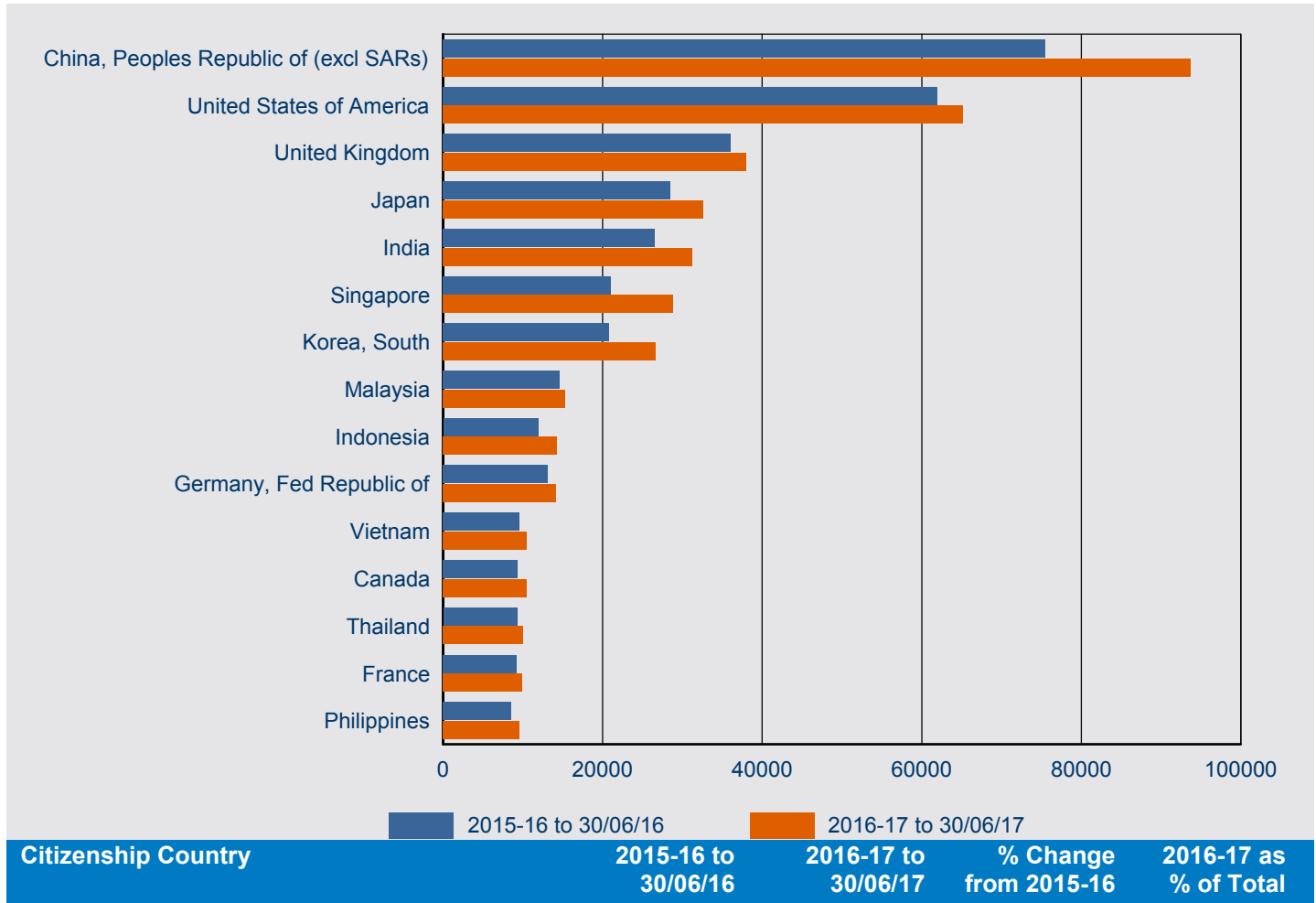


Tourism

Citizenship Country	2015-16 to 30/06/16	2016-17 to 30/06/17	% Change from 2015-16	2016-17 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	772,902	847,379	9.6%	16.8%
United Kingdom	554,003	589,593	6.4%	11.7%
United States of America	405,706	463,190	14.2%	9.2%
Japan	314,000	352,905	12.4%	7.0%
Malaysia	313,765	341,698	8.9%	6.8%
Korea, South	197,965	227,907	15.1%	4.5%
India	182,138	217,172	19.2%	4.3%
Singapore	216,185	216,665	0.2%	4.3%
Germany, Fed Republic of	146,928	160,773	9.4%	3.2%
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	131,020	149,445	14.1%	3.0%
France	127,558	132,926	4.2%	2.6%
Taiwan	108,060	126,056	16.7%	2.5%
Canada	103,640	123,830	19.5%	2.5%
Indonesia	83,480	103,957	24.5%	2.1%
Philippines	70,458	85,427	21.2%	1.7%
Other countries	800,554	892,231	11.5%	17.7%
Tourism total	4,528,362	5,031,154	11.1%	100.0%

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1.07 Number of business Visitor visa applications lodged in 2016-17 to 30 June 2017 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



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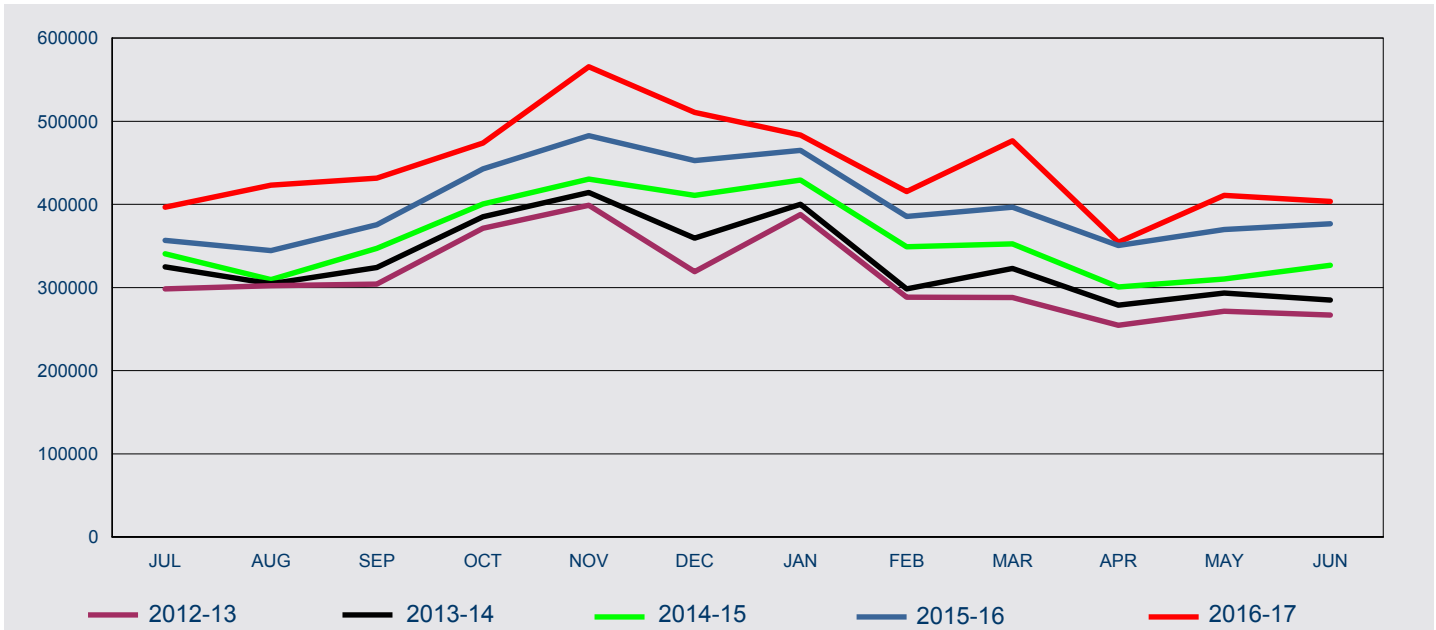
Citizenship Country	2015-16 to 30/06/16	2016-17 to 30/06/17	% Change from 2015-16	2016-17 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	75,418	93,709	24.3%	18.4%
United States of America	61,907	65,186	5.3%	12.8%
United Kingdom	36,081	38,002	5.3%	7.5%
Japan	28,523	32,579	14.2%	6.4%
India	26,599	31,259	17.5%	6.1%
Singapore	21,080	28,826	36.7%	5.7%
Korea, South	20,864	26,655	27.8%	5.2%
Malaysia	14,581	15,298	4.9%	3.0%
Indonesia	11,940	14,293	19.7%	2.8%
Germany, Fed Republic of	13,169	14,134	7.3%	2.8%
Vietnam	9,622	10,521	9.3%	2.1%
Canada	9,323	10,491	12.5%	2.1%
Thailand	9,290	10,067	8.4%	2.0%
France	9,275	9,882	6.5%	1.9%
Philippines	8,514	9,566	12.4%	1.9%
Other countries	87,449	98,544	12.7%	19.4%
Business total	443,635	509,012	14.7%	100.0%

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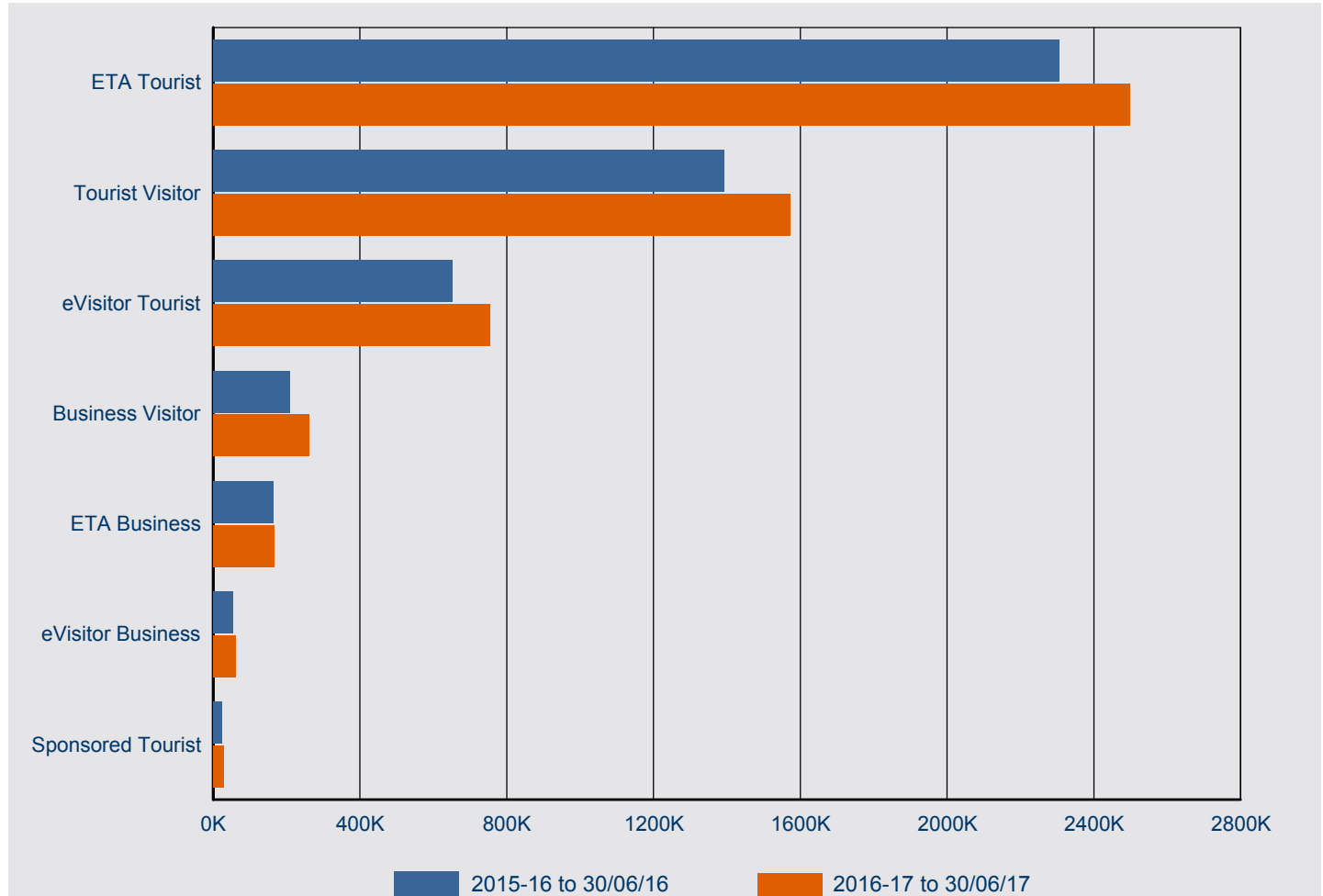
2.01 Number of Visitor visa applications granted in 2016-17 to 30 June 2017 by month - comparison with previous four financial years



Fin'l Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2012-13	298,417	302,155	304,044	371,316	398,903	319,099	387,749	288,310	287,855	254,603	271,437	266,755
2013-14	324,746	304,538	323,955	385,126	414,205	359,356	400,259	298,498	322,828	278,738	293,236	284,769
2014-15	340,720	309,574	347,196	400,545	430,343	410,666	429,450	349,197	352,539	300,520	310,411	326,946
2015-16	356,580	344,533	375,586	442,750	482,766	452,779	464,817	385,514	396,686	350,676	369,820	376,666
2016-17	396,532	423,251	431,683	473,758	565,565	510,473	483,547	415,425	476,641	354,423	410,918	403,468

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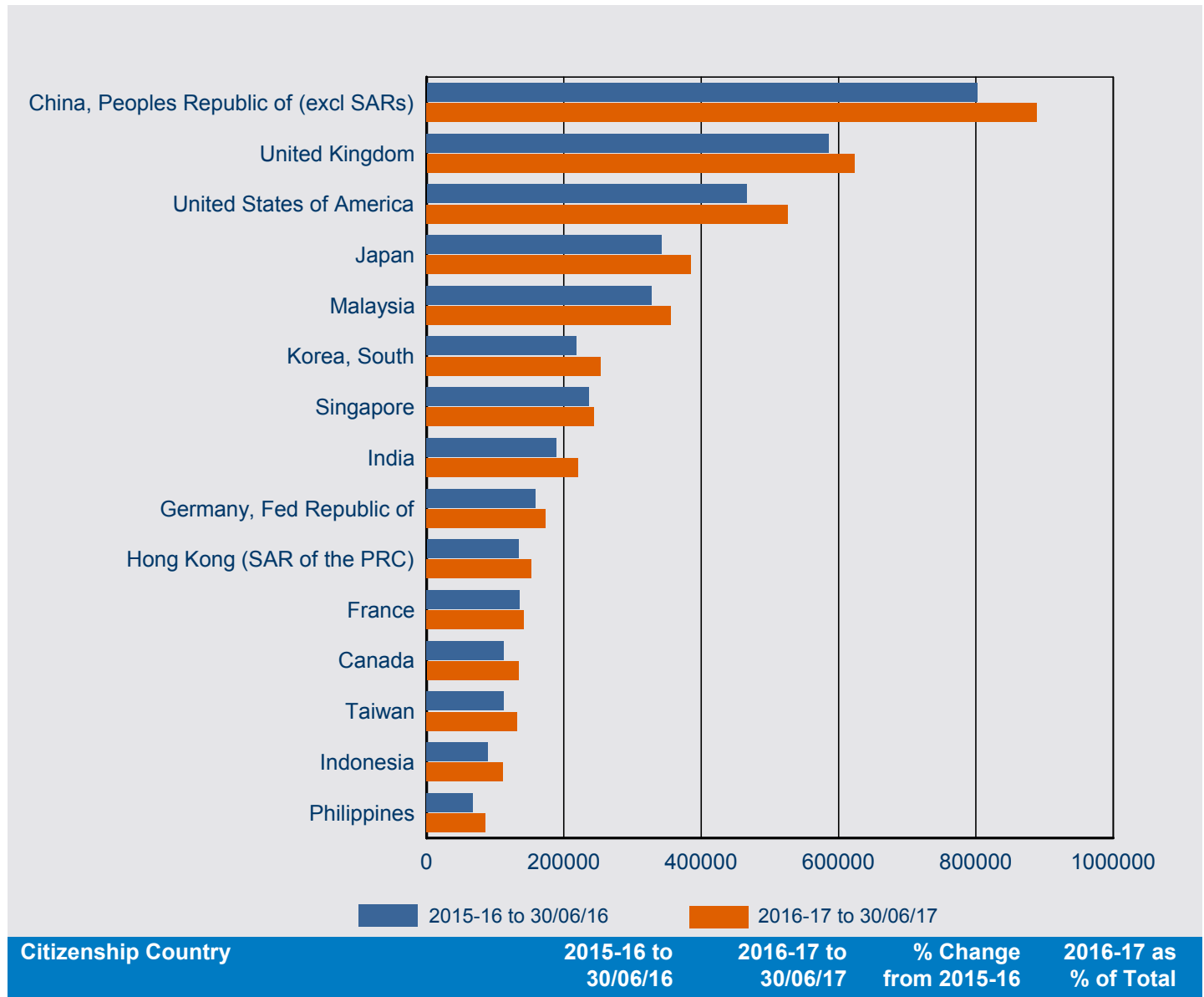
2.02 Number of Visitor visa applications granted in 2016-17 to 30 June 2017 by visa group - comparison with same period in previous year



Visa Group	2015-16 to 30/06/16	2016-17 to 30/06/17	% Change from 2015-16	2016-17 as % of Total
ETA Tourist	2,304,453	2,498,536	8.4%	46.7%
Tourist Visitor	1,391,977	1,573,751	13.1%	29.4%
eVisitor Tourist	652,872	754,750	15.6%	14.1%
Business Visitor	210,297	260,949	24.1%	4.9%
ETA Business	163,029	167,184	2.5%	3.1%
eVisitor Business	53,346	60,881	14.1%	1.1%
Sponsored Tourist	23,199	29,633	27.7%	0.6%
Total	4,799,173	5,345,684	11.4%	100.0%

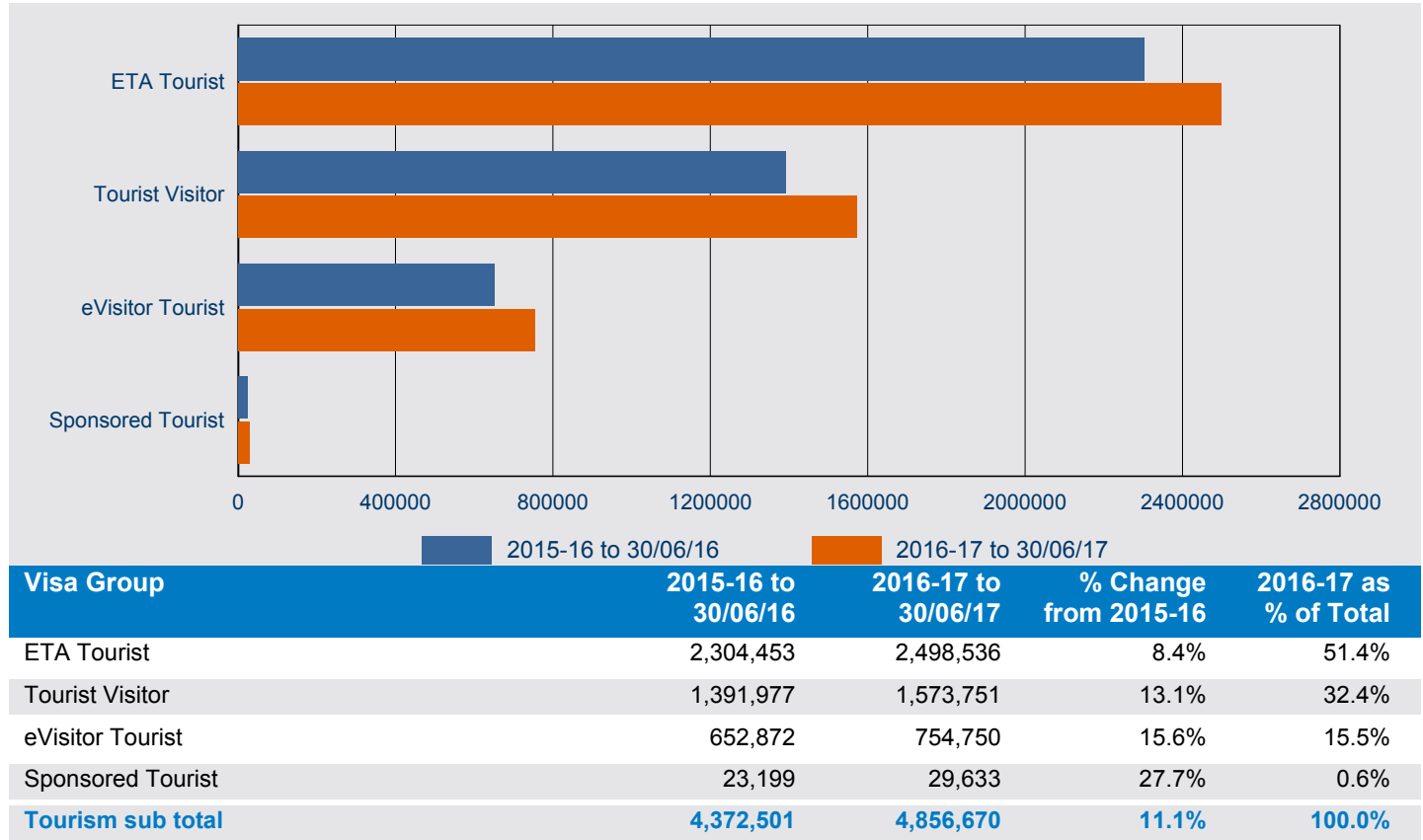
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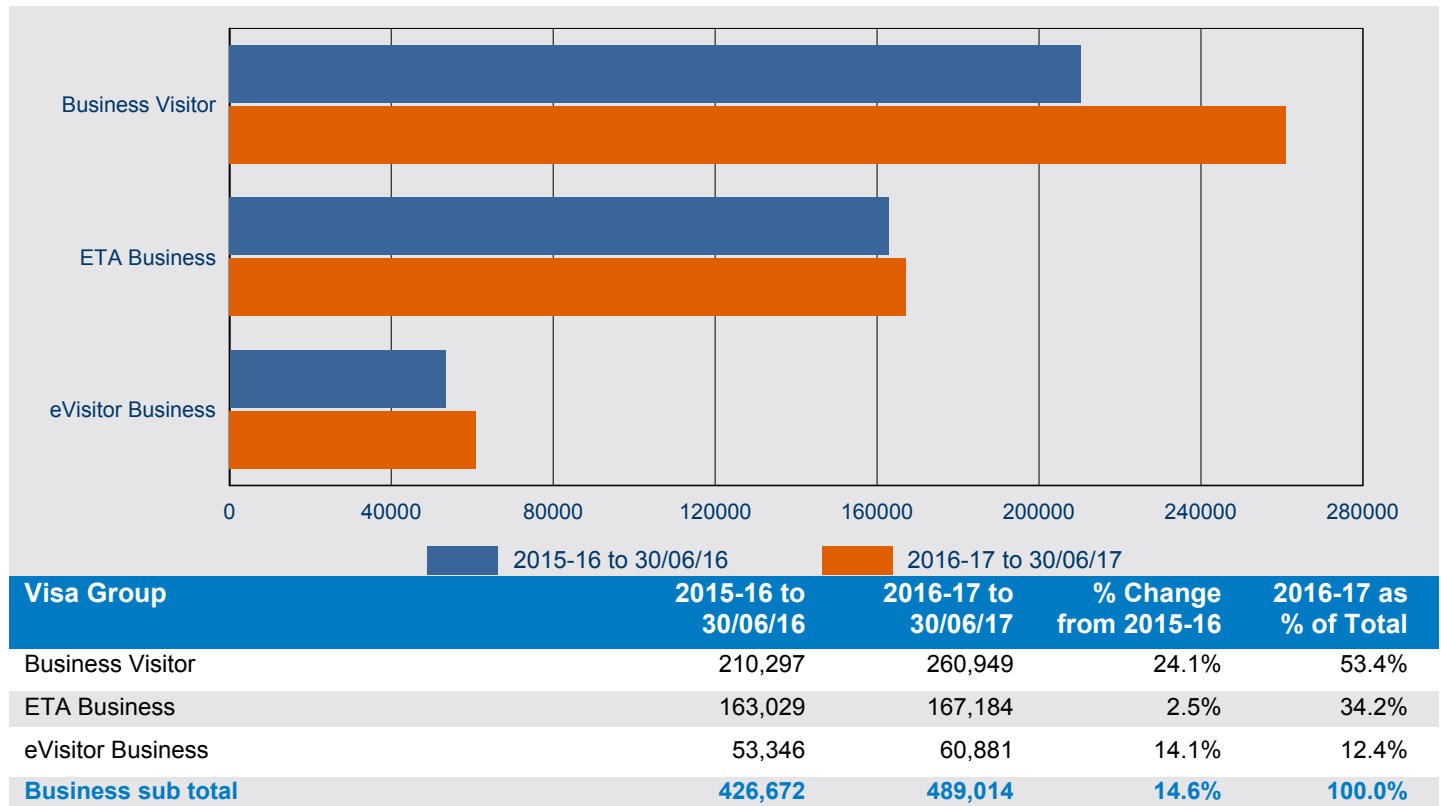


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2.04 Number of tourism Visitor visa applications granted in 2016-17 to 30 June 2017 by visa group - comparison with same period in previous year

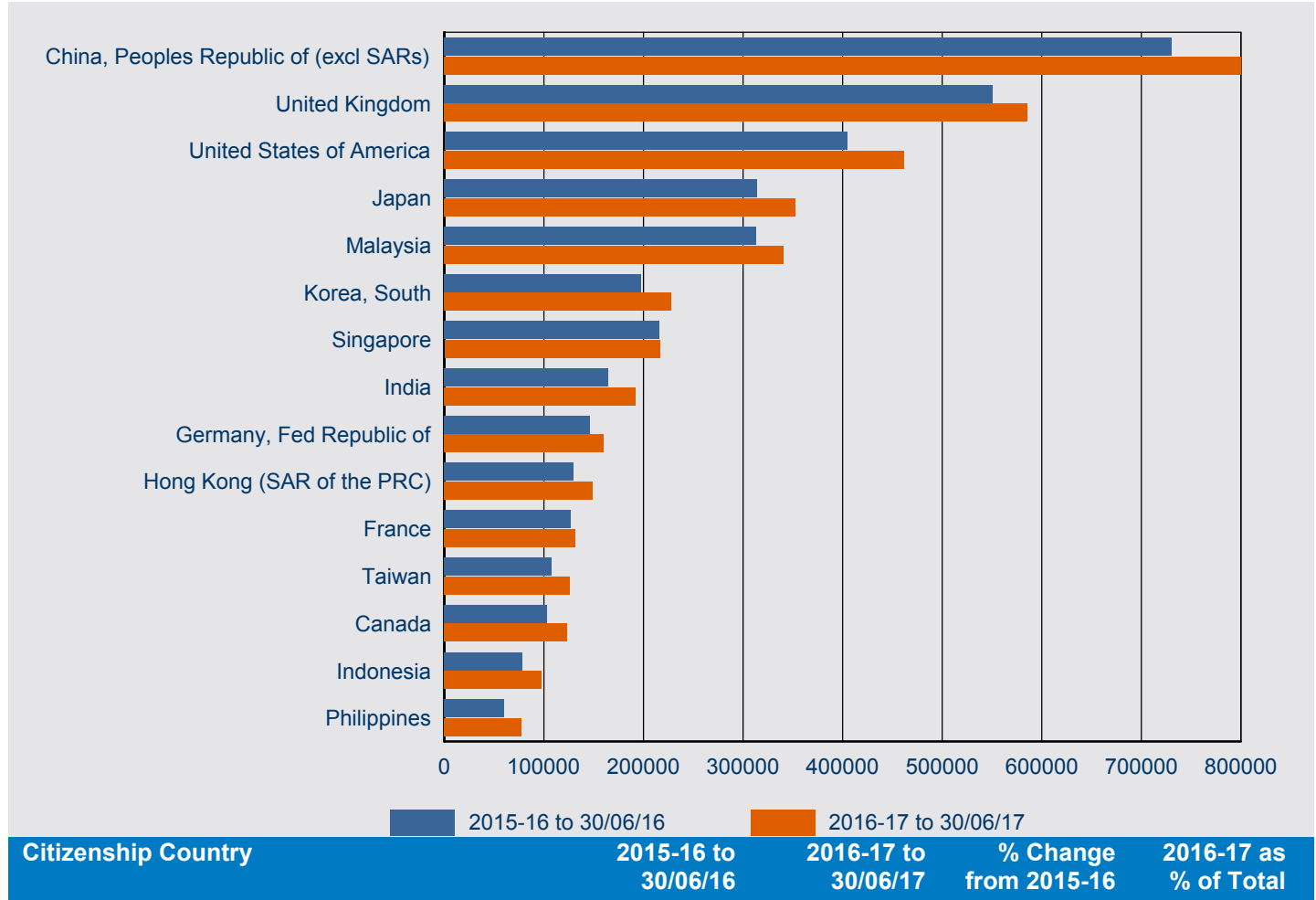


2.05 Number of business Visitor visa applications granted in 2016-17 to 30 June 2017 by visa group - comparison with same period in previous year



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2.06 Number of tourism Visitor visa applications granted in 2016-17 to 30 June 2017 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

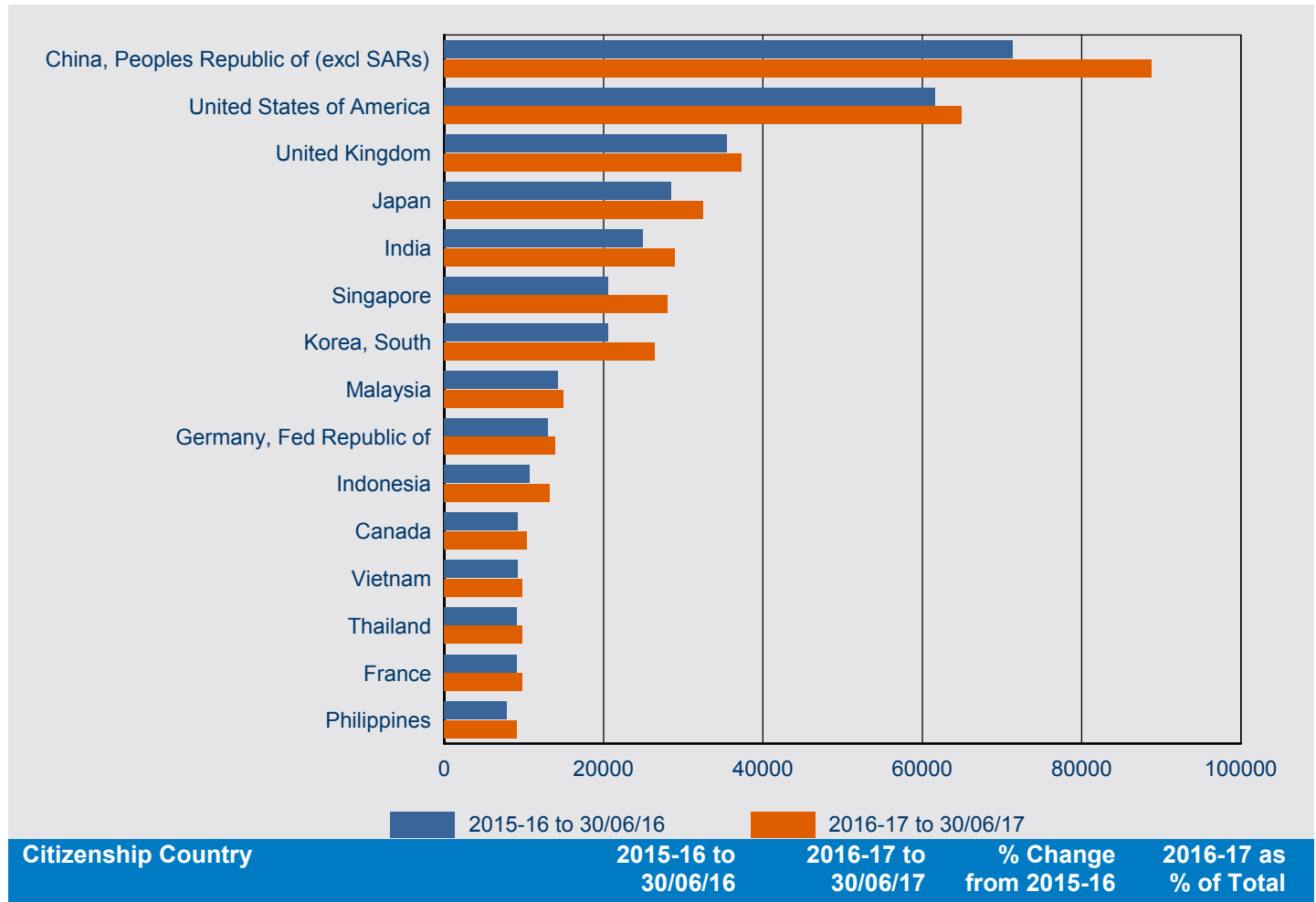


Tourism

Citizenship Country	2015-16 to 30/06/16	2016-17 to 30/06/17	% Change from 2015-16	2016-17 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	730,407	799,841	9.5%	16.5%
United Kingdom	550,748	585,532	6.3%	12.1%
United States of America	404,438	461,644	14.1%	9.5%
Japan	313,891	352,778	12.4%	7.3%
Malaysia	313,146	341,056	8.9%	7.0%
Korea, South	197,725	227,721	15.2%	4.7%
Singapore	215,911	216,364	0.2%	4.5%
India	164,276	191,988	16.9%	4.0%
Germany, Fed Republic of	146,287	159,876	9.3%	3.3%
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	130,306	148,822	14.2%	3.1%
France	126,855	131,990	4.0%	2.7%
Taiwan	107,821	125,787	16.7%	2.6%
Canada	103,314	123,446	19.5%	2.5%
Indonesia	78,645	97,963	24.6%	2.0%
Philippines	59,699	77,364	29.6%	1.6%
Other countries	729,032	814,498	11.7%	16.8%
Tourism total	4,372,501	4,856,670	11.1%	100.0%

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2.07 Number of business Visitor visa applications granted in 2016-17 to 30 June 2017 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



Business

Citizenship Country	2015-16 to 30/06/16	2016-17 to 30/06/17	% Change from 2015-16	2016-17 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	71,354	88,740	24.4%	18.1%
United States of America	61,592	64,961	5.5%	13.3%
United Kingdom	35,426	37,337	5.4%	7.6%
Japan	28,452	32,519	14.3%	6.6%
India	24,945	28,964	16.1%	5.9%
Singapore	20,605	28,024	36.0%	5.7%
Korea, South	20,570	26,394	28.3%	5.4%
Malaysia	14,237	14,954	5.0%	3.1%
Germany, Fed Republic of	13,012	13,995	7.6%	2.9%
Indonesia	10,758	13,224	22.9%	2.7%
Canada	9,240	10,412	12.7%	2.1%
Vietnam	9,243	9,851	6.6%	2.0%
Thailand	9,100	9,819	7.9%	2.0%
France	9,129	9,769	7.0%	2.0%
Philippines	7,925	9,068	14.4%	1.9%
Other countries	81,084	90,983	12.2%	18.6%
Business total	426,672	489,014	14.6%	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 2017 and 30 June 2017 by visa group - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Group	01/04/16 to 30/06/16	01/07/16 to 30/09/16	01/10/16 to 31/12/16	01/01/17 to 31/03/17	01/04/17 to 30/06/17
Business					
Business Visitor	95.2%	92.5%	96.4%	96.4%	95.7%
ETA Business	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
eVisitor Business	98.2%	98.6%	99.3%	98.1%	97.7%
All Business	97.1%	96.1%	97.8%	97.8%	97.2%
Tourism					
ETA Tourist	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
eVisitor Tourist	99.0%	99.1%	99.5%	98.8%	97.7%
Sponsored Tourist	73.5%	77.5%	82.1%	80.9%	78.7%
Tourist Visitor	92.7%	92.3%	93.1%	92.1%	92.4%
All Tourism	96.9%	97.2%	97.6%	97.1%	96.6%
All	96.9%	97.1%	97.6%	97.2%	96.6%

3 Grant rate

3.02 Grant rate for Tourist Visitor visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 April 2017 and 30 June 2017 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/04/16 to 30/06/16	01/07/16 to 30/09/16	01/10/16 to 31/12/16	01/01/17 to 31/03/17	01/04/17 to 30/06/17
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	94.9%	94.6%	95.7%	95.9%	95.6%
India	93.7%	93.7%	92.9%	90.6%	92.9%
Indonesia	96.3%	93.3%	94.3%	92.6%	95.6%
Philippines	89.6%	90.9%	89.3%	90.1%	88.6%
Vietnam	88.8%	86.3%	86.1%	83.7%	86.3%
Thailand	95.0%	93.1%	90.5%	92.7%	87.7%
Brazil	98.3%	98.2%	98.3%	94.6%	90.4%
South Africa	98.2%	97.9%	97.9%	97.7%	95.8%
Sri Lanka	92.2%	91.3%	91.9%	90.4%	85.8%
Fiji	77.4%	82.3%	92.5%	85.7%	83.4%
Pakistan	67.7%	67.7%	74.2%	66.4%	75.9%
Nepal	84.4%	89.4%	88.9%	87.3%	89.9%
Argentina	98.9%	99.4%	98.9%	97.3%	95.6%
Chile	99.0%	99.1%	98.8%	96.9%	96.3%
United Arab Emirates	99.8%	99.4%	99.0%	99.2%	99.0%
Other countries	83.2%	84.1%	85.5%	81.8%	82.8%
All Tourist Visitor	92.7%	92.3%	93.1%	92.1%	92.4%

3.03 Grant rate for Sponsored Tourist visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 April 2017 and 30 June 2017 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/04/16 to 30/06/16	01/07/16 to 30/09/16	01/10/16 to 31/12/16	01/01/17 to 31/03/17	01/04/17 to 30/06/17
Vietnam	74.3%	77.1%	80.2%	79.4%	76.3%
Philippines	79.6%	81.0%	85.9%	88.3%	87.8%
India	86.6%	86.9%	90.8%	89.1%	88.9%
Bangladesh	86.8%	87.2%	94.5%	92.5%	92.3%
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	77.7%	84.5%	85.2%	81.5%	81.5%
Pakistan	71.9%	75.7%	80.2%	79.1%	79.5%
Nepal	86.7%	88.9%	91.3%	92.0%	89.2%
Sri Lanka	80.4%	84.4%	90.7%	91.0%	84.7%
Cambodia	70.5%	81.7%	86.5%	88.0%	84.3%
Lebanon	25.2%	41.2%	45.0%	47.0%	45.7%
Iran	62.1%	69.6%	78.7%	82.7%	67.6%
Zimbabwe	75.3%	75.8%	83.7%	84.5%	83.5%
Thailand	51.6%	65.6%	74.0%	80.7%	64.6%
Myanmar	82.3%	81.7%	84.9%	83.8%	76.8%
Egypt	46.4%	52.6%	63.9%	78.5%	47.4%
Other countries	60.7%	65.3%	71.7%	64.4%	59.8%
All Sponsored Tourist	73.5%	77.5%	82.1%	80.9%	78.7%

3 Grant rate

3.04 Grant rate for Business Visitor visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 April 2017 and 30 June 2017 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/04/16 to 30/06/16	01/07/16 to 30/09/16	01/10/16 to 31/12/16	01/01/17 to 31/03/17	01/04/17 to 30/06/17
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	95.6%	94.4%	97.4%	96.2%	96.4%
India	95.8%	89.9%	94.1%	95.9%	95.9%
Korea, South	100.0%	99.4%	99.9%	99.9%	99.8%
Singapore	100.0%	87.1%	98.9%	99.8%	99.6%
Indonesia	96.1%	95.6%	98.5%	96.6%	93.4%
Philippines	95.1%	96.2%	96.0%	94.6%	95.0%
Vietnam	96.9%	96.0%	96.0%	95.4%	94.7%
Thailand	99.9%	99.2%	99.4%	99.1%	99.5%
Japan	99.9%	99.2%	99.8%	100.0%	99.6%
Malaysia	99.7%	87.9%	99.5%	99.7%	98.9%
Taiwan	99.2%	97.3%	99.2%	99.7%	99.4%
South Africa	97.1%	97.4%	96.6%	98.2%	97.6%
Papua New Guinea	89.1%	94.1%	94.9%	97.8%	97.5%
Fiji	88.0%	93.6%	96.4%	95.4%	96.0%
Brazil	97.7%	98.4%	97.3%	99.6%	98.3%
Other countries	87.3%	84.1%	88.5%	90.3%	88.3%
All Business Visitor	95.2%	92.5%	96.4%	96.4%	95.7%

3 Grant rate

3.05 Grant rate for subclass 651 eVisitor visa applications decided in the 3 month period between 1 April 2017 and 30 June 2017 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/04/16 to 30/06/16	01/07/16 to 30/09/16	01/10/16 to 31/12/16	01/01/17 to 31/03/17	01/04/17 to 30/06/17
Andorra	92.9%	100.0%	100.0%	96.4%	100.0%
Austria	99.5%	99.8%	100.0%	99.3%	97.3%
Belgium	99.3%	99.6%	99.7%	98.9%	98.8%
Bulgaria	82.3%	83.7%	82.8%	75.2%	71.3%
Croatia	85.8%	82.9%	86.6%	80.1%	77.4%
Cyprus	99.4%	98.6%	99.3%	97.5%	93.9%
Czech Republic	99.2%	98.7%	99.4%	97.8%	97.4%
Denmark	99.5%	99.5%	99.9%	99.5%	98.8%
Estonia	97.3%	98.5%	98.4%	96.1%	93.8%
Finland	99.5%	99.7%	99.8%	98.6%	98.0%
France	99.1%	99.2%	99.7%	98.9%	98.7%
Germany, Fed Republic of	99.5%	99.7%	99.8%	99.4%	99.0%
Greece	96.3%	97.9%	99.2%	97.8%	95.4%
Hungary	97.2%	97.6%	98.3%	96.8%	92.4%
Iceland	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	99.5%	98.1%
Ireland, Republic of	98.6%	99.1%	99.6%	98.7%	97.9%
Italy	99.4%	99.7%	99.6%	98.8%	98.5%
Latvia	90.5%	93.4%	92.8%	91.6%	79.8%
Liechtenstein	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Lithuania	94.5%	93.7%	96.2%	90.9%	87.0%
Luxembourg	98.2%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	98.7%
Malta	96.9%	99.3%	100.0%	97.2%	92.4%
Monaco	83.3%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	99.2%	99.6%	99.8%	99.1%	99.0%
Norway	99.1%	99.0%	99.9%	98.7%	98.4%
Poland	99.5%	99.5%	99.6%	99.0%	98.4%
Portugal	98.9%	99.4%	99.8%	98.9%	98.5%
Romania	80.6%	78.6%	81.2%	70.1%	63.0%
San Marino	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Slovakia	97.1%	96.9%	97.3%	96.2%	92.0%
Slovenia	99.7%	99.8%	99.2%	98.6%	98.7%
Spain	99.5%	99.5%	99.8%	99.1%	98.8%
Sweden	99.2%	99.3%	99.8%	99.0%	97.8%
Switzerland	99.7%	99.8%	100.0%	99.3%	99.1%
United Kingdom	99.2%	99.4%	99.8%	99.3%	98.4%
Vatican City State Holy See	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
All	98.9%	99.1%	99.5%	98.7%	97.7%

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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 2017 and 30 June 2017 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship country	Percentile	1/04/16 to 30/06/16	1/07/16 to 30/09/16	1/10/16 to 31/12/16	1/01/17 to 31/03/17	1/04/17 to 30/06/17
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	25th percentile	1	1	1	1	2
	50th percentile (Median)	3	2	2	2	3
	75th percentile	4	4	5	4	6
India	25th percentile	3	7	14	15	17
	50th percentile (Median)	7	11	18	20	29
	75th percentile	12	15	23	26	35
Indonesia	25th percentile	3	4	3	2	2
	50th percentile (Median)	5	6	5	5	5
	75th percentile	7	8	7	7	7
Philippines	25th percentile	8	8	2	1	4
	50th percentile (Median)	27	14	6	3	7
	75th percentile	35	21	10	6	13
Vietnam	25th percentile	9	6	7	9	14
	50th percentile (Median)	11	8	9	13	17
	75th percentile	13	11	12	16	21
Thailand	25th percentile	12	11	4	4	3
	50th percentile (Median)	14	13	6	6	5
	75th percentile	16	14	8	7	7
Brazil	25th percentile	0	0	0	0	0
	50th percentile (Median)	1	0	3	0	3
	75th percentile	7	10	16	9	10
South Africa	25th percentile	9	20	21	19	11
	50th percentile (Median)	15	23	27	26	15
	75th percentile	20	28	33	32	22
Sri Lanka	25th percentile	4	5	6	9	7
	50th percentile (Median)	7	8	8	12	14
	75th percentile	12	11	13	16	21
Fiji	25th percentile	11	13	11	6	5
	50th percentile (Median)	14	15	14	9	9
	75th percentile	18	20	19	14	17
Other countries	25th percentile	2	3	4	3	3
	50th percentile (Median)	10	11	13	13	10
	75th percentile	20	20	25	29	25
All	25th percentile	2	1	2	1	2
	50th percentile (Median)	4	5	5	4	5
	75th percentile	10	12	14	12	14

4 Processing times

4.02 Processing time (in calendar days) for Business Visitor visa applications granted in the 3 month period between 1 April 2017 and 30 June 2017 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

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

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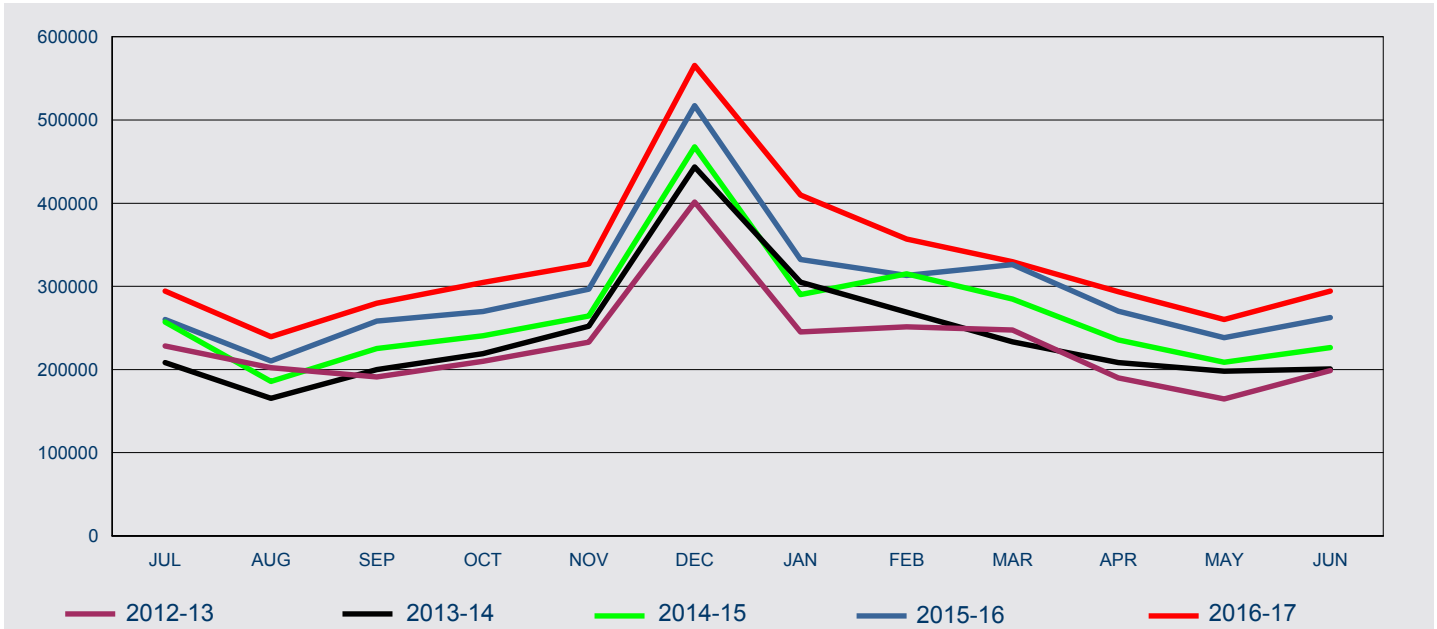
5.01 Number of Visitor visa applications on hand at 30 June 2017 by visa group - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Group	On hand at 30/06/16	On hand at 30/09/16	On hand at 31/12/16	On hand at 31/03/17	On hand at 30/06/17
Tourism					
Tourist Visitor	48 918	49 023	62 397	58 570	68 955
ETA Tourist	47	30	40	50	50
eVisitor Tourist	1 785	3 304	3 880	3 356	2 378
Sponsored Tourist	4 496	4 421	3 593	3 381	3 837
sub total Tourism	55 246	56 778	69 910	65 357	75 220
Business					
Business Visitor	6 886	6 418	6 308	8 283	8 719
ETA Business	6	5	< 5	< 5	< 5
eVisitor Business	199	336	293	340	300
Sponsored Business	0	0	0	0	0
sub total Business	7 091	6 759	6 604	8 626	9 022
Total	62 337	63 537	76 514	73 983	84 242

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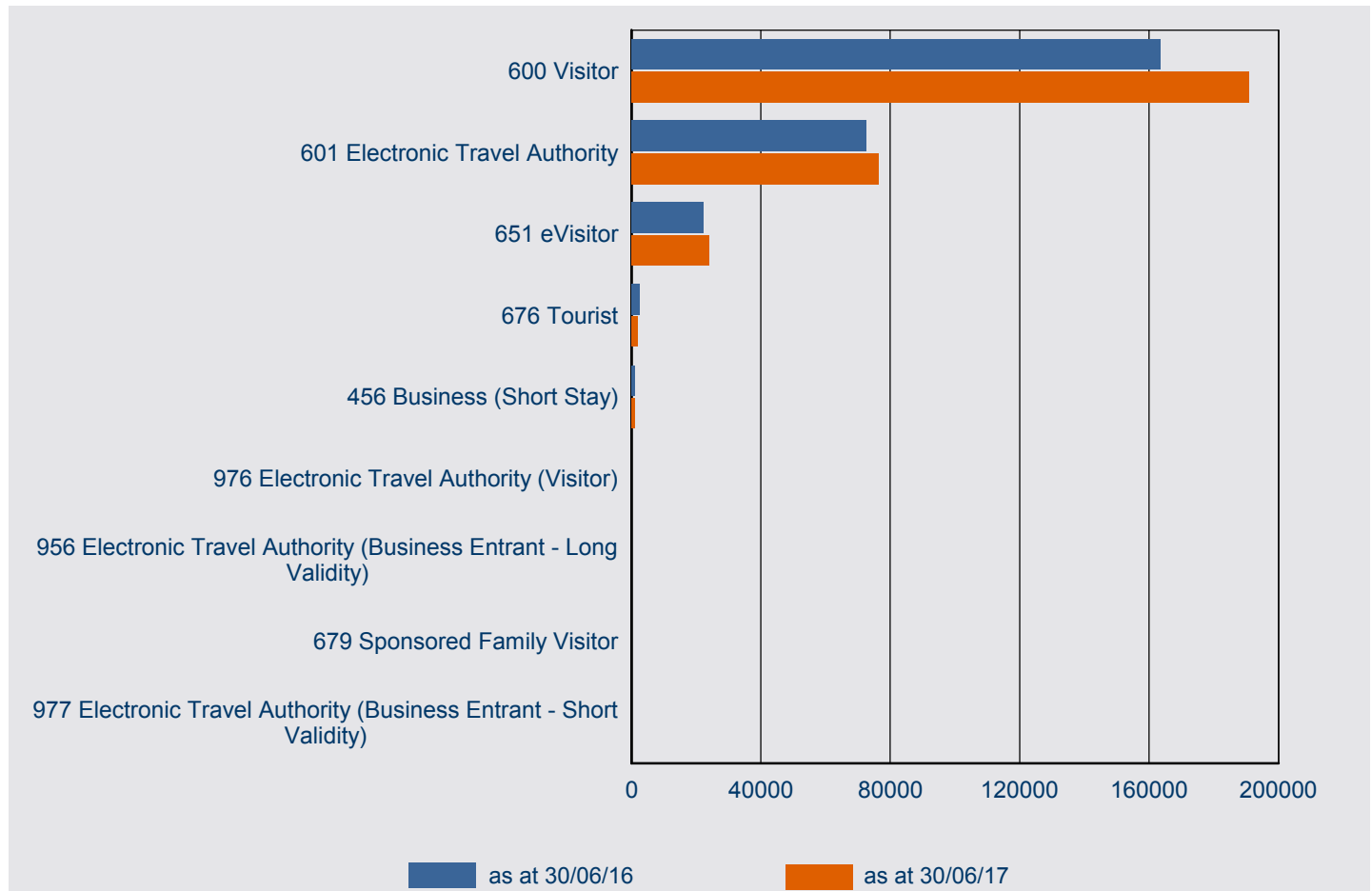
6.01 Number of Visitor visa holders in Australia at the end of each month in 2016-17 to 30 June 2017 by month - comparison with previous four financial years



Fin'l Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2012-13	228,156	202,378	191,196	209,747	232,888	401,329	245,207	251,207	247,335	189,878	164,794	198,690
2013-14	208,286	165,215	199,848	219,205	252,073	443,478	305,056	269,083	233,494	208,375	198,040	200,731
2014-15	256,954	185,566	225,265	240,615	264,437	467,748	290,156	315,007	284,854	235,553	208,649	226,395
2015-16	260,199	210,168	258,077	269,652	296,608	517,090	332,160	312,976	326,178	270,141	238,211	262,445
2016-17	294,391	239,431	279,922	304,711	326,789	565,759	409,879	356,682	329,543	293,463	260,003	294,368

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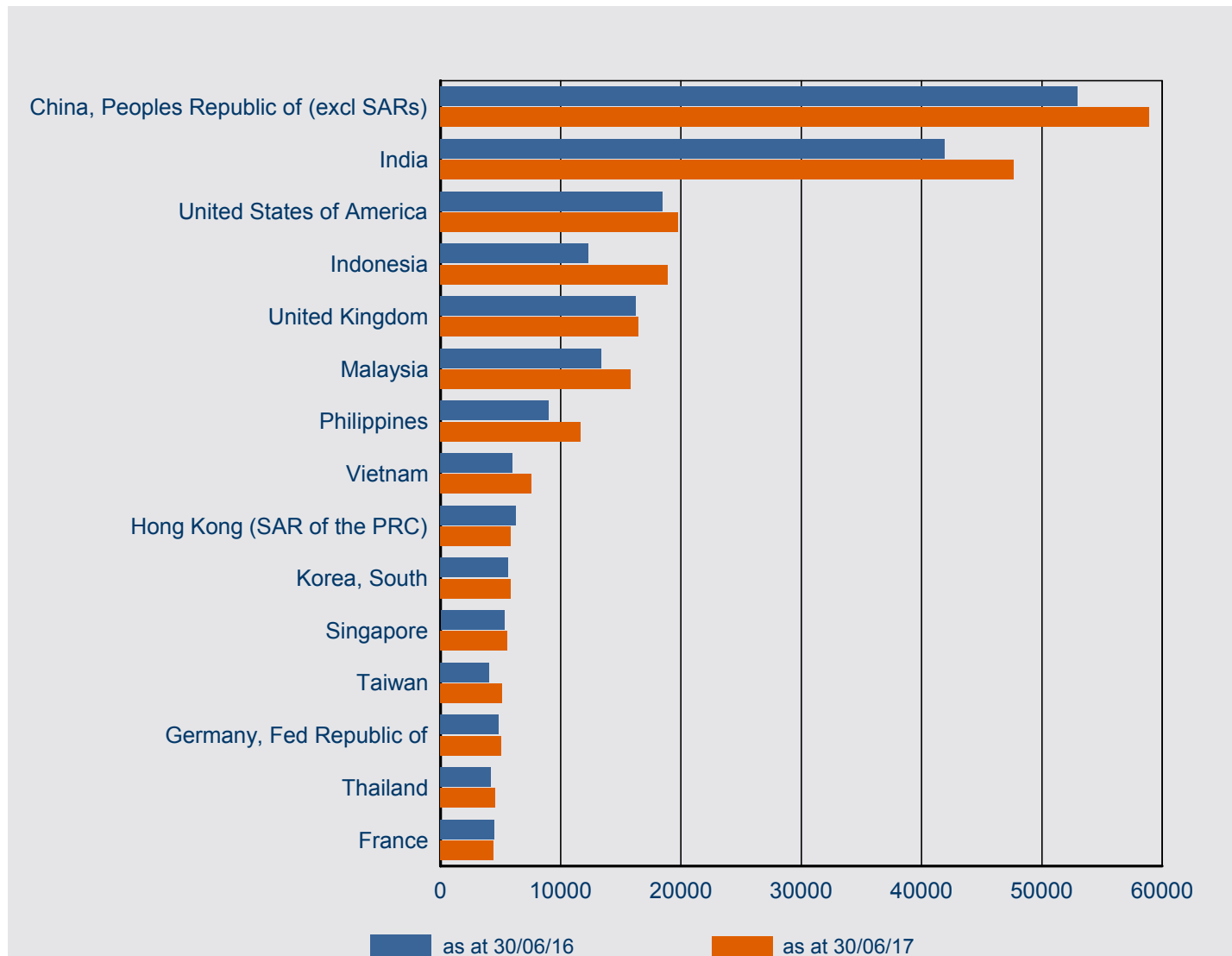
6.02 Number of Visitor visa holders in Australia as at 30 June 2017 by visa subclass - comparison with same date in previous year



Visa Subclass	as at 30/06/16	as at 30/06/17	% Change from 30/06/16	30/06/17 as % of Total
600 Visitor	163,596	190,852	16.7%	64.8%
601 Electronic Travel Authority	72,544	76,429	5.4%	26.0%
651 eVisitor	22,345	23,922	7.1%	8.1%
676 Tourist	2,706	2,031	-24.9%	0.7%
456 Business (Short Stay)	1,038	959	-7.6%	0.3%
976 Electronic Travel Authority (Visitor)	74	74	0.0%	0.0%
956 Electronic Travel Authority (Business Entrant - Long Validity)	88	49	-44.3%	0.0%
679 Sponsored Family Visitor	38	36	-5.3%	0.0%
977 Electronic Travel Authority (Business Entrant - Short Validity)	16	16	0.0%	0.0%
Total	262,445	294,368	12.2%	100.0%

6 Visa holders in Australia

6.03 Number of Visitor visa holders in Australia as at 30 June 2017 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year

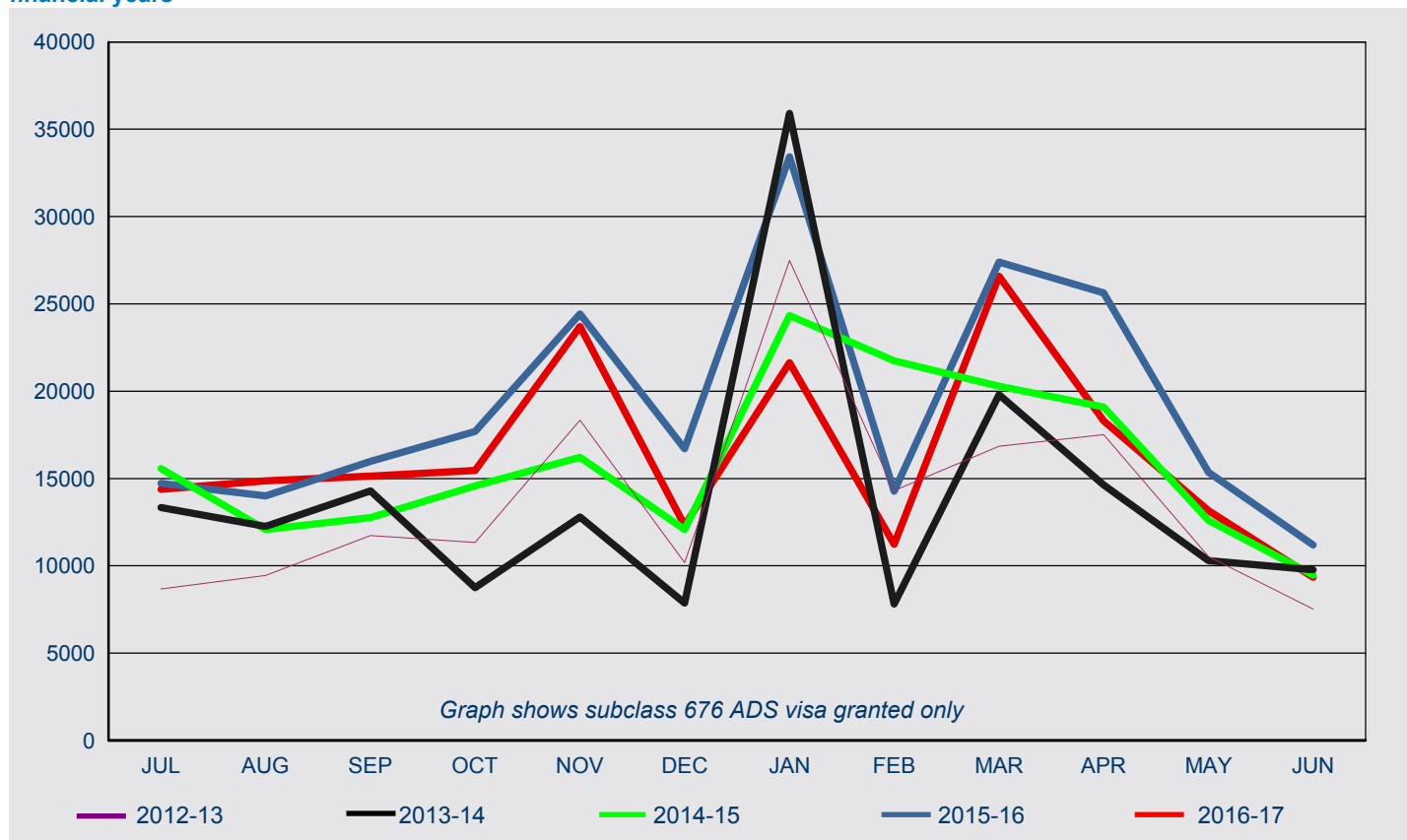


Citizenship Country	as at 30/06/16	as at 30/06/17	% Change from 30/06/16	30/06/17 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	52,961	58,913	11.2%	20.0%
India	41,922	47,636	13.6%	16.2%
United States of America	18,456	19,793	7.2%	6.7%
Indonesia	12,318	18,885	53.3%	6.4%
United Kingdom	16,275	16,464	1.2%	5.6%
Malaysia	13,411	15,819	18.0%	5.4%
Philippines	8,998	11,679	29.8%	4.0%
Vietnam	5,992	7,596	26.8%	2.6%
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	6,302	5,872	-6.8%	2.0%
Korea, South	5,646	5,836	3.4%	2.0%
Singapore	5,314	5,589	5.2%	1.9%
Taiwan	4,070	5,163	26.9%	1.8%
Germany, Fed Republic of	4,865	5,044	3.7%	1.7%
Thailand	4,171	4,586	9.9%	1.6%
France	4,480	4,392	-2.0%	1.5%
Other countries	57,264	61,101	6.7%	20.8%
Total	262,445	294,368	12.2%	100.0%

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7.01 Number of subclass 676 and subclass 600 visa applications granted in 2016-17 to 30 June 2017 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
2012-13	8,673	9,445	11,728	11,340	18,336	10,181	27,492	14,305	16,839	17,511	10,522	7,522	163,894
2013-14	13,343	12,258	14,287	8,737	12,795	7,865	35,916	7,816	19,793	14,628	10,284	9,775	167,497
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

subclass 676/600 non-ADS for PRC

FY Granted	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
2012-13	18,909	18,262	17,626	15,108	20,473	19,731	33,006	10,615	14,937	15,153	16,277	20,550	220,647
2013-14	26,512	23,118	20,302	20,141	29,628	35,135	41,988	12,995	22,790	20,227	24,292	28,886	306,014
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

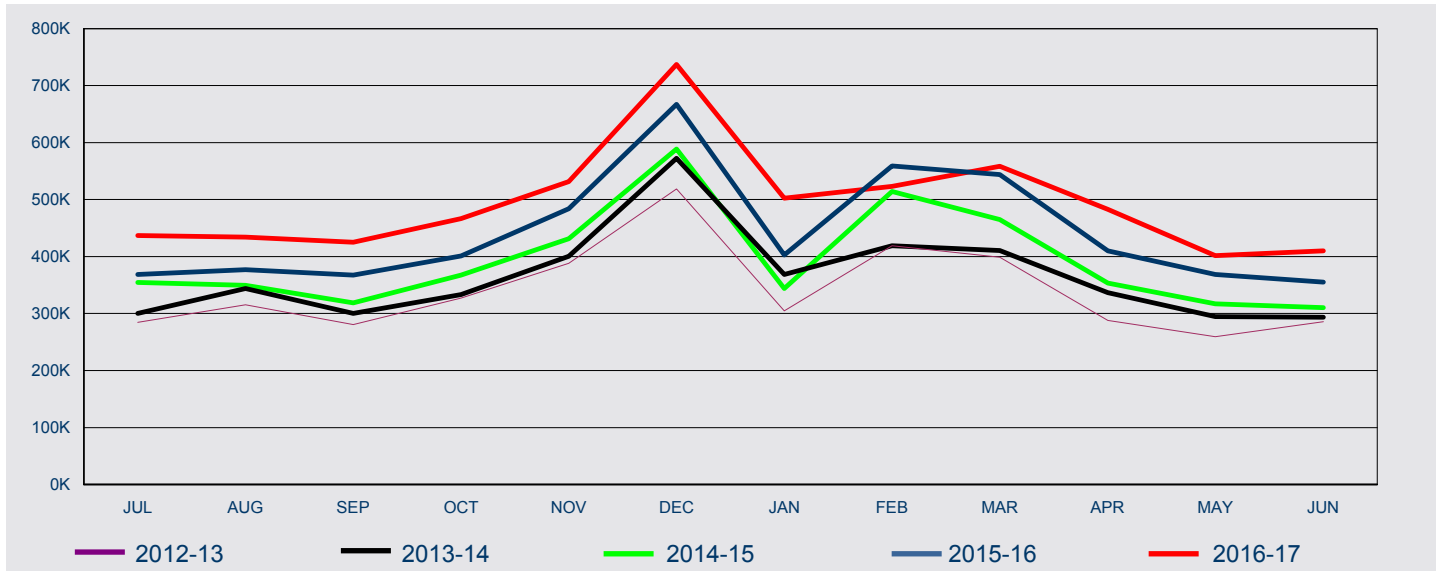
Total subclass 676/600 for PRC

FY Granted	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
2012-13	27,582	27,707	29,354	26,448	38,809	29,912	60,498	24,920	31,776	32,664	26,799	28,072	384,541
2013-14	39,855	35,376	34,589	28,878	42,423	43,000	77,904	20,811	42,583	34,855	34,576	38,661	473,511
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

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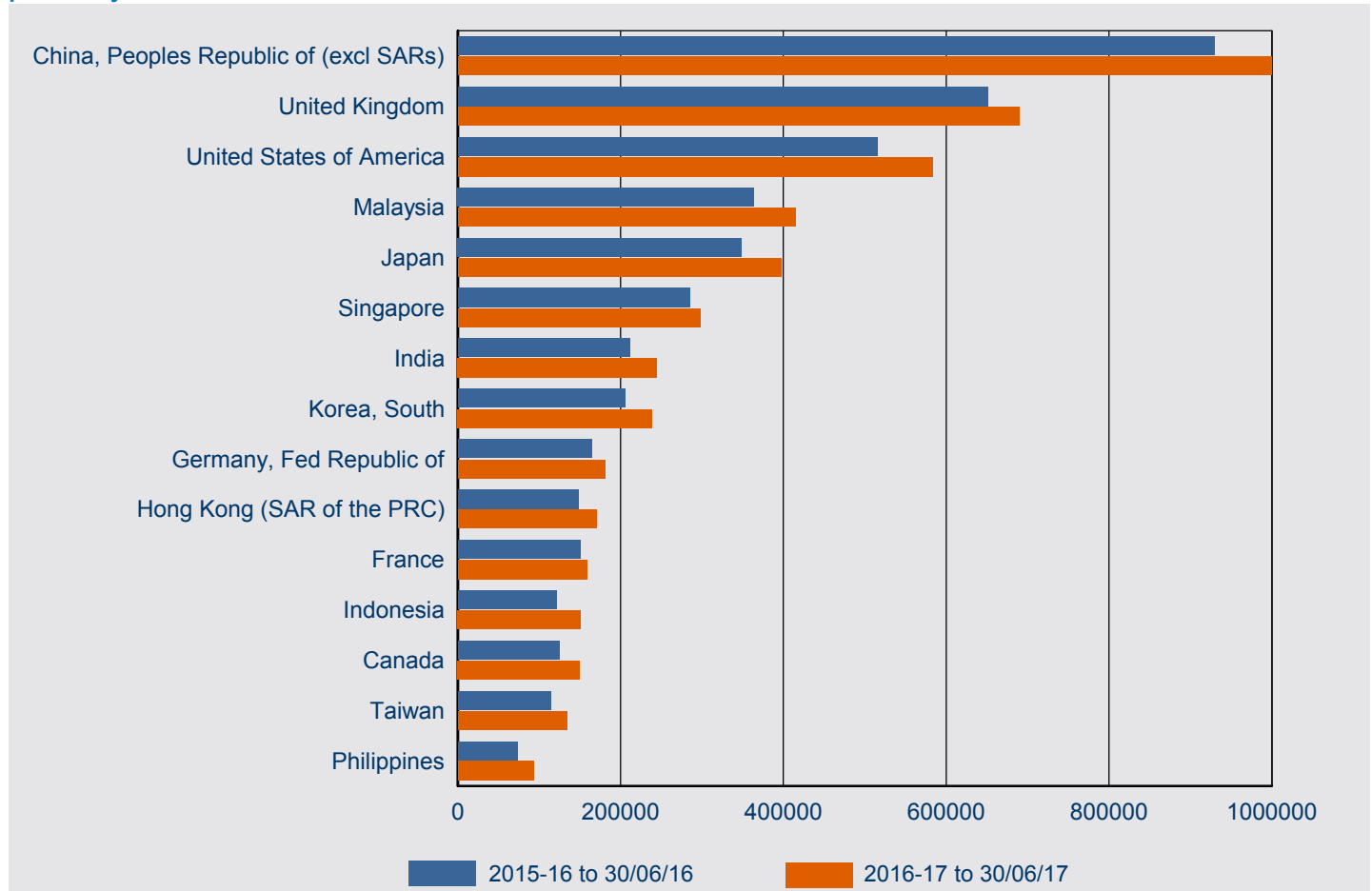
8.01 Number of Visitor visa arrivals ('000) in 2016-17 to 30 June 2017 - comparison with previous four financial years



FY Arrived	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
2012-13	284	315	280	327	388	519	305	419	399	288	260	286	4,070
2013-14	300	344	300	333	401	572	369	419	410	337	295	293	4,373
2014-15	355	350	318	367	431	589	344	514	465	354	317	310	4,714
2015-16	369	377	368	401	484	667	403	559	544	410	369	355	5,306
2016-17	437	434	425	466	531	737	503	523	559	483	401	410	5,910

8 Arrivals

8.02 Number of Visitor visa arrivals in 2016-17 to 30 June 2017 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous year



Citizenship Country	2015-16 to 30/06/16	2016-17 to 30/06/17	% Change from 2015-16	2016-17 as % of Total
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	929,420	999,465	7.5%	16.9%
United Kingdom	651,342	689,870	5.9%	11.7%
United States of America	515,003	583,362	13.3%	9.9%
Malaysia	364,235	414,672	13.8%	7.0%
Japan	348,909	396,984	13.8%	6.7%
Singapore	284,821	297,866	4.6%	5.0%
India	211,399	244,725	15.8%	4.1%
Korea, South	205,861	238,664	15.9%	4.0%
Germany, Fed Republic of	164,051	180,884	10.3%	3.1%
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	147,722	170,432	15.4%	2.9%
France	150,453	158,460	5.3%	2.7%
Indonesia	120,801	151,334	25.3%	2.6%
Canada	125,139	150,267	20.1%	2.5%
Taiwan	114,090	134,319	17.7%	2.3%
Philippines	73,157	93,248	27.5%	1.6%
Other countries	899,261	1,005,917	11.9%	17.0%
Total	5,305,664	5,910,469	11.4%	100.0%

