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About this report

This report provides monthly and programme year data on the Working Holiday Maker (WHM) visa programme administered by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the department). The report has been provided to assist policymakers and stakeholder organisations.

This report is published every six months, and further developments will occur over time to increase and improve information sharing about the WHM programme. Current and previous versions of the report are available on the department's website at: <http://www.immi.gov.au/pub-res/Pages/statistics/visitor-programme-statistics.aspx>. This web page also contains a Working Holiday Maker visa grants pivot table, which is updated on a quarterly basis.

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, data from the current financial year should always be considered provisional.

Further information about the Working Holiday Maker programme is available on the department's website at: <http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/417.aspx> and <http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/462.aspx>.

Notes on statistical tables presented by citizenship country

A result of 'na' indicates that the country did not have a Working Holiday Maker arrangement with Australia during the specified period. This may be because the arrangement had not yet commenced or the arrangement is no longer in place. Refer to the table 'Australia's Working Holiday Maker visa arrangements' in the 'Background to the Working Holiday Maker visa programme' section.

A citizenship country of 'Not Specified' can result from eligible dual nationality applicants where the non-eligible nationality has been recorded for the WHM application.

Enquiries

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Definition of terms

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.
Granted:	Unless otherwise specified, the number of visas granted includes all visa grants.
Snapshot date:	The snapshot date is a point in time at which a count is undertaken. In this report, the number of visa holders in Australia at a point in time is used.
Visa applicant:	Used to refer to clients applying for a visa.
Working Holiday Maker:	Refers collectively to both the Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa and the Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa.

Background to the Working Holiday Maker visa programme

The Working Holiday Maker (WHM) programme's purpose is to foster closer ties and cultural exchange between Australia and partner countries, with particular emphasis on young adults. It has been in existence since 1975. Today, the WHM programme is comprised of the Working Holiday (subclass 417) and the Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa programmes. Partner countries initially comprised a relatively small number of Commonwealth countries, but the programme has since grown to encompass 34 partner nations and regions (Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China) from across the globe.

Australia has an overarching bilateral arrangement, usually in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding, with each partner country. Of the 34 partner countries, 19 are Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa arrangements, and 15 are Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa arrangements. The key differences between the two visas are that Work and Holiday visa arrangements generally have caps on the number of visas granted annually and additional eligibility requirements. The Work and Holiday visa arrangements that Australia has signed with Greece, Israel and Papua New Guinea are not yet in effect. Each of these arrangements will be implemented once both Australia and the partner country have the necessary legislative and administrative systems in place. Announcements will be made on the department's website once implementation processes are complete, enabling participants to lodge visa applications.

WHM arrangements are reciprocal in nature, providing Australians with similar opportunities overseas. In considering whether to add new WHM partner countries, the Australian Government considers a range of factors, including the ability of the prospective partner to offer reciprocity to Australians, and the strength of any cultural and people-to-people links.

Eligibility Requirements

All WHM (both Working Holiday and Work and Holiday) visa applicants must:

- be aged 18-30 at time of application
- hold a passport from an eligible partner country
- not be accompanied by dependent children during their stay in Australia
- meet health and character requirements
- meet financial requirements.

Work and Holiday visa applicants must meet additional requirements, including:

- functional English
- successful completion of at least two years of undergraduate university study

Working Holiday (subclass 417) partner countries:

- 1 Belgium
- 2 Canada
- 3 Cyprus
- 4 Denmark
- 5 Estonia
- 6 Finland
- 7 France
- 8 Germany
- 9 Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (HKSAR of the PRC)
- 10 Ireland
- 11 Italy
- 12 Japan
- 13 Korea, Republic of
- 14 Malta
- 15 Netherlands
- 16 Norway
- 17 Sweden
- 18 Taiwan
- 19 United Kingdom

Work and Holiday (subclass 462) partner countries:

- 1 Argentina
- 2 Bangladesh
- 3 Chile
- 4 Greece*
- 5 Indonesia
- 6 Israel*
- 7 Malaysia
- 8 Papua New Guinea*
- 9 Poland
- 10 Portugal
- 11 Spain
- 12 Thailand
- 13 Turkey
- 14 United States of America
- 15 Uruguay

*Work and Holiday arrangement signed but not yet in effect as at 31 December 2014

Background to the Working Holiday Maker visa programme - continued

Countries with which Australia is currently negotiating new Work and Holiday (subclass 462) arrangements

- | | |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Andorra | 9 Mexico |
| 2 Austria | 10 Mongolia |
| 3 Brazil | 11 Philippines |
| 4 China | 12 San Marino |
| 5 Czech Republic | 13 Slovak Republic |
| 6 Fiji | 14 Solomon Islands |
| 7 Hungary | 15 Switzerland |
| 8 Latvia | 16 Vietnam |

Working while in Australia

All WHMs may work for the full duration of their 12 month stay in Australia, but may not remain with any one employer for longer than six months (by operation of mandatory visa condition 8547).

Studying while in Australia

All WHMs are entitled to study for a period of up to four months during their 12 month stay in Australia.

Second Working Holiday

Participants are generally limited to holding only one Working Holiday visa or Work and Holiday visa in their lifetime. However, on 1 November 2005, the second Working Holiday visa initiative was introduced. This initiative allows first-time Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa holders who undertake 88 days 'specified work' in regional Australia during their stay to acquire eligibility to apply for a second such visa. The initiative is not available to Work and Holiday (subclass 462) participants.

'Specified work' includes work in the agriculture, mining and construction industries. For the purposes of the second Working Holiday visa initiative, regional Australia includes large parts of rural and regional Australia, which are identified in a list of postcodes available on the department's website at: <http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/417.aspx>.

The number of second Working Holiday visa grants has grown rapidly since the programme commenced in late 2005. There were 2692 grants in 2005-06, compared with 45,950 grants in 2013-14. In 2013-14, approximately one in four first-time Working Holiday visa holders went on to acquire a second Working Holiday visa.

The second Working Holiday visa programme had grown to constitute 20 per cent of the overall Working Holiday programme by 30 June 2014. This compared with just a 3.3 per cent share of overall Working Holiday visa holders in Australia as at 30 June 2006.

Processing Times

Participants are generally limited to holding only one Working Holiday visa or Work and Holiday visa in their lifetime. However, on 1 November 2005, the second Working Holiday visa initiative was introduced. This initiative allows first-time Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa holders who undertake 88 days 'specified work' in regional Australia during their stay to acquire eligibility to apply for a second such visa. The initiative is not available to Work and Holiday (subclass 462) participants.

The visa processing service standard for Work and Holiday (subclass 462) online visa applications (USA nationals only) is that 75 per cent are finalised within six calendar days of lodgement. In the six months to 31 December 2014, 84.7 per cent of online Work and Holiday visa applications were finalised within service standards. The service standard for Work and Holiday (subclass 462) paper visa applications is that 75 per cent are finalised within 14 calendar days of lodgement. In the six months to 31 December 2014, 50.5 per cent of paper Work and Holiday visa applications were finalised within service standards.

Processing times may be affected by factors such as the completeness of applications lodged and additional checks performed by visa processing officers, such as those relating to health and character.

Australia's Working Holiday Maker visa arrangements

Commencement Date	Country / Region	Type of Agreement	Cap
1975	United Kingdom	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
1975	Ireland	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
1975	Canada	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
1 December 1980	Japan	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
1 July 1995	South Korea	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
1 July 1996	Malta	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
1 July 2000	Germany	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
1 July 2001	Sweden	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
1 July 2001	Norway	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
1 July 2001	Denmark	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
15 September 2001	Hong Kong (HKSAR of the PRC)	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
1 May 2002	Finland	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
1 July 2002	Cyprus	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
2 January 2004	Italy	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
20 February 2004	France	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
1 November 2004	Taiwan	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
1 November 2004	Belgium	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
20 May 2005	Estonia	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
1 August 2005	Thailand	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	500
1 March 2006	Chile	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	1500
1 July 2006	Netherlands	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
31 March 2007	Turkey	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	100
31 October 2007	United States of America	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	N/A
1 February 2009	Malaysia	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	100
1 July 2009	Indonesia	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	1000
31 December 2010	Bangladesh	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	100
29 February 2012	Argentina	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	500
1 April 2013	Uruguay	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	200
1 August 2014	Poland	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	200
23 November 2014	Portugal	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	200
23 November 2014	Spain	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	500
Signed 12 October 2011 - not yet in effect as at 31 December 2014	Papua New Guinea	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	100
Signed 14 May 2014 - not yet in effect as at 31 December 2014	Greece	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	500
Signed 22 October 2014 - not yet in effect as at 31 December 2014	Israel	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	500

Recent developments in the Working Holiday Maker programme

Implementation of Work and Holiday arrangements with Poland, Portugal and Spain

New Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa arrangements were implemented with Poland on 1 August 2014, and with Portugal and Spain on 23 November 2014, enabling the commencement of visa grants under each arrangement.

Commencement of Work and Holiday negotiations with Austria, the Philippines, the Solomon Islands and Switzerland

Australia commenced new Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa arrangement negotiations with Austria (annual visa cap of 200 places), the Philippines (200 places), the Solomon Islands (100 places) and Switzerland (200 places) during the six months to 31 December 2014, taking the total number of Work and Holiday negotiations underway to 16 countries as at 31 December 2014.

Work and Holiday arrangement signed with Israel

On 22 October 2014, a new Work and Holiday visa arrangement was signed with Israel. It is anticipated that the arrangement will be implemented in 2015, once both Australia and Israel have made appropriate arrangements for the commencement of visa grants.

Agreement on a Work and Holiday arrangement with China

In November 2014, Australia and China concluded negotiations over a Work and Holiday visa arrangement, under which Australia will grant up to 5000 Work and Holiday visas to Chinese nationals annually. It is anticipated that the Memorandum of Understanding on a Work and Holiday arrangement with China will be signed, and the arrangement implemented, in 2015.

Executive Summary

Key Points

- In the six months to 31 December 2014, a total of 120,686 Working Holiday Maker (WHM) (subclass 417 and subclass 462) visas were granted, a 9.5 per cent reduction compared to the corresponding period in 2013-14.
- There was a 10.9 per cent reduction in first Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa grants to 92,374 and an 8.2 per cent reduction in second Working Holiday visa grants to 22,433. Work and Holiday (Subclass 462) visa grants increased 11.7 per cent to 5,879.
- There were 160,941 WHM visa holders in Australia at 31 December 2014, a 10.1 per cent reduction compared to 31 December 2013.

1 Applications lodged

In the six months to 31 December 2014, there was an 8.7 per cent reduction in WHM visa application lodgements compared to the corresponding period in 2013-14.

There were a total of 92,890 first Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa applications, 23,354 second Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa applications, and 6,079 Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa applications lodged in the six months to 31 December 2014.

The very high average grant rate of WHM visas (98 per cent - see Section 3) means the number of visas granted tends to be very close to the number of visa applications lodged during the period, noting that there can be a delay between lodgement and grant.

2 Visas granted

First Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa programme

A total of 92,374 first Working Holiday visas were granted in the six months to 31 December 2014, a 10.9 per cent reduction compared to the corresponding period in 2013-14.

This may signal a continued natural tapering of the very strong growth in grant numbers in the four years to 30 June 2013, including a record number of visa application grants under the total WHM visa programme in 2012-13.

Reductions in Working Holiday visa grant numbers may be influenced by a complex range of factors including changing economic conditions and seasonal variability in visa application numbers in partner countries.

The top five countries for first Working Holiday visa grants were:

- United Kingdom (down 0.9 per cent to 19,239)
- Germany (down 5.3 per cent to 14,218)
- France (down 13.2 per cent to 11,603)
- South Korea (down 19.8 per cent to 9,560)
- Taiwan (down 19.6 per cent to 8,193).

Second Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa programme

A total of 22,433 second Working Holiday visas were granted in the six months to 31 December 2014. This is an 8.2 per cent reduction compared to the corresponding period in 2013-14. This is largely the result of a flow-on effect from a reduction in first Working Holiday visa grants in 2013-14.

There is a direct but delayed flow-on relationship between the rate of first Working Holiday visa grants and the rate of second Working Holiday visa grants, which usually takes 12 to 18 months to be reflected in the data. Thus, where there has been an increase or decrease in first Working Holiday visa grants, a similar but delayed trend could be expected to flow through to second Working Holiday visa grants.

The top five countries for second Working Holiday visa grants were:

- Taiwan (down 13.5 per cent to 4,767)
- United Kingdom (up 3.6 per cent to 4,685)
- South Korea (down 13 per cent to 2,600)
- Italy (up 11.9 per cent to 1,975)
- France (up 6.9 per cent to 1,735).

In the six months to 31 December 2014, around 91 per cent of the second Working Holiday visa applicants indicated they engaged in agricultural work to acquire eligibility, around six per cent undertook construction work, and around one per cent undertook mining work (see Table 2.15). The employment of the remaining participants (approximately 1 per cent) has not been disaggregated.

Combined Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa programme

A total of 114,807 combined Working Holiday (first and second) visas were granted in the six months to 31 December 2014. This is a 10.4 per cent reduction compared to the corresponding period in 2013-14 and is a result of the fall in both first Working Holiday visa and second Working Holiday visa applications granted.

Executive Summary - continued

2 Visas granted – continued

The top five countries for combined first and second Working Holiday visa grants were:

- United Kingdom (23,924)
- Germany (down 4.5 per cent to 15,217)
- France (down 11 per cent to 13,338)
- Taiwan (down 17.5 per cent to 12,960)
- South Korea (down 18.4 per cent to 12,160).

Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa programme

A total of 5,879 Work and Holiday visas were granted in the six months to 31 December 2014. This is an 11.7 per cent increase compared to the corresponding period in 2013-14.

The top five countries for visa grants under the Work and Holiday visa programme were:

- United States of America (up 8.8 per cent to 4001)
- Chile (up 17.5 per cent to 538)
- Argentina (up 77.9 per cent to 500)
- Thailand (down 9.7 per cent to 371)
- Poland (130).

The first visas under the new Work and Holiday visa arrangements with Poland and Spain were granted during the period. It is also notable that the cap of 500 visa places for Argentina had already been filled during the first six months of 2014-15, indicating the increasing awareness and popularity of this visa programme as the arrangement with Argentina entered its third year.

3 Grant rates

The grant rate for first Working Holiday visas for the six months to 31 December 2014 was 99.4 per cent, the grant rate for second Working Holiday visas was 96 per cent and the grant rate for Work and Holiday visas was 98.4 per cent.

The grant rates for WHM visas are indicative of the low risk nature of this caseload. The large proportion of online applications for this caseload also contributes to the high grant rate. A number of automated eligibility checks occur during online applications, alerting clients early in the process if they do not meet visa requirements.

4 Working Holiday Makers in Australia

Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa holders

As at 31 December 2014, there were 154,599 Working Holiday visa holders in Australia (first and second visas). This is a 10.7 per cent reduction in the number of Working Holiday visa holders in Australia compared to 31 December 2013.

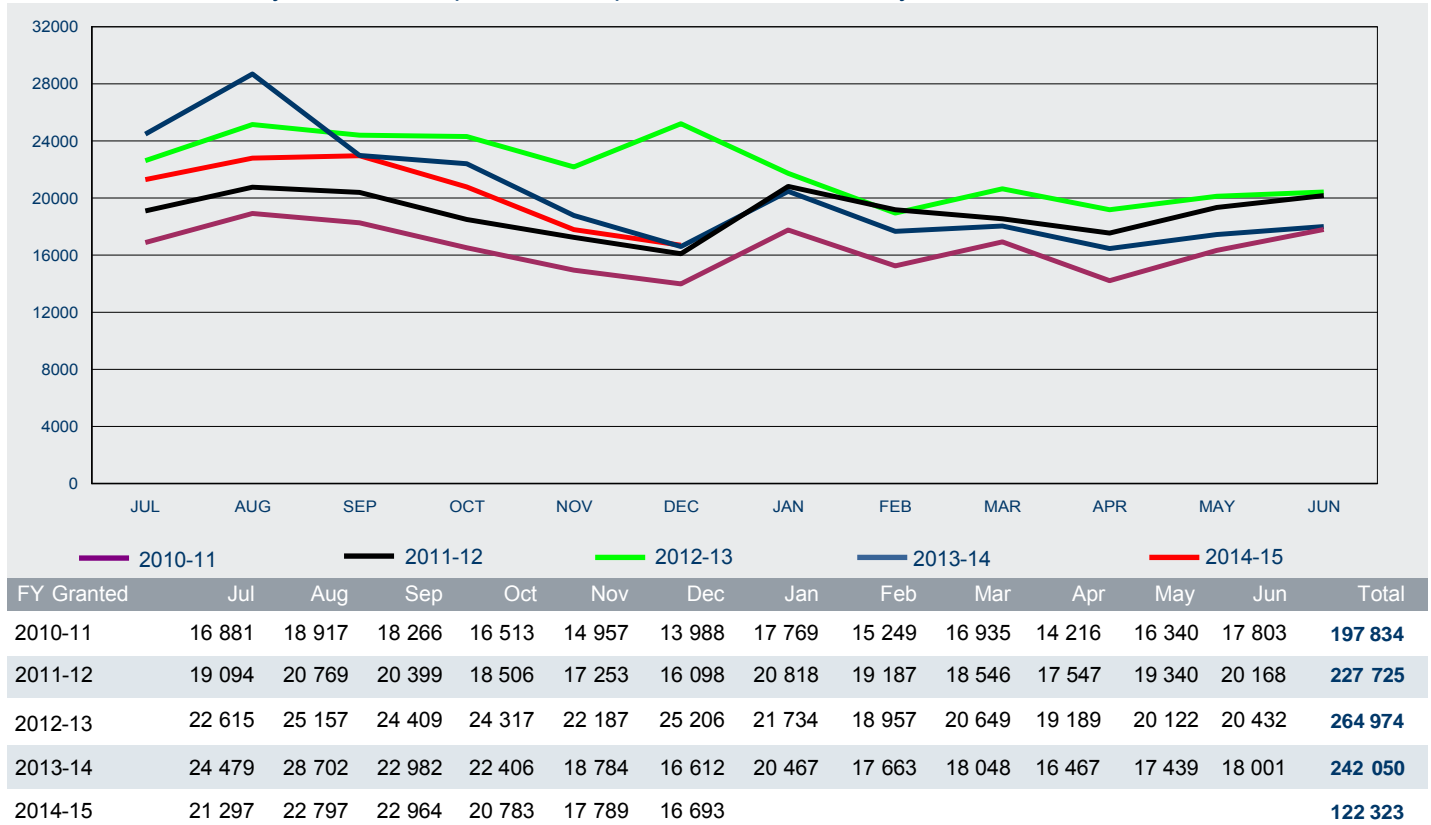
Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa holders

As at 31 December 2014, there were 6,342 Work and Holiday visa holders in Australia. This is an eight per cent increase in the number of Work and Holiday visa holders in Australia compared to 31 December 2013.

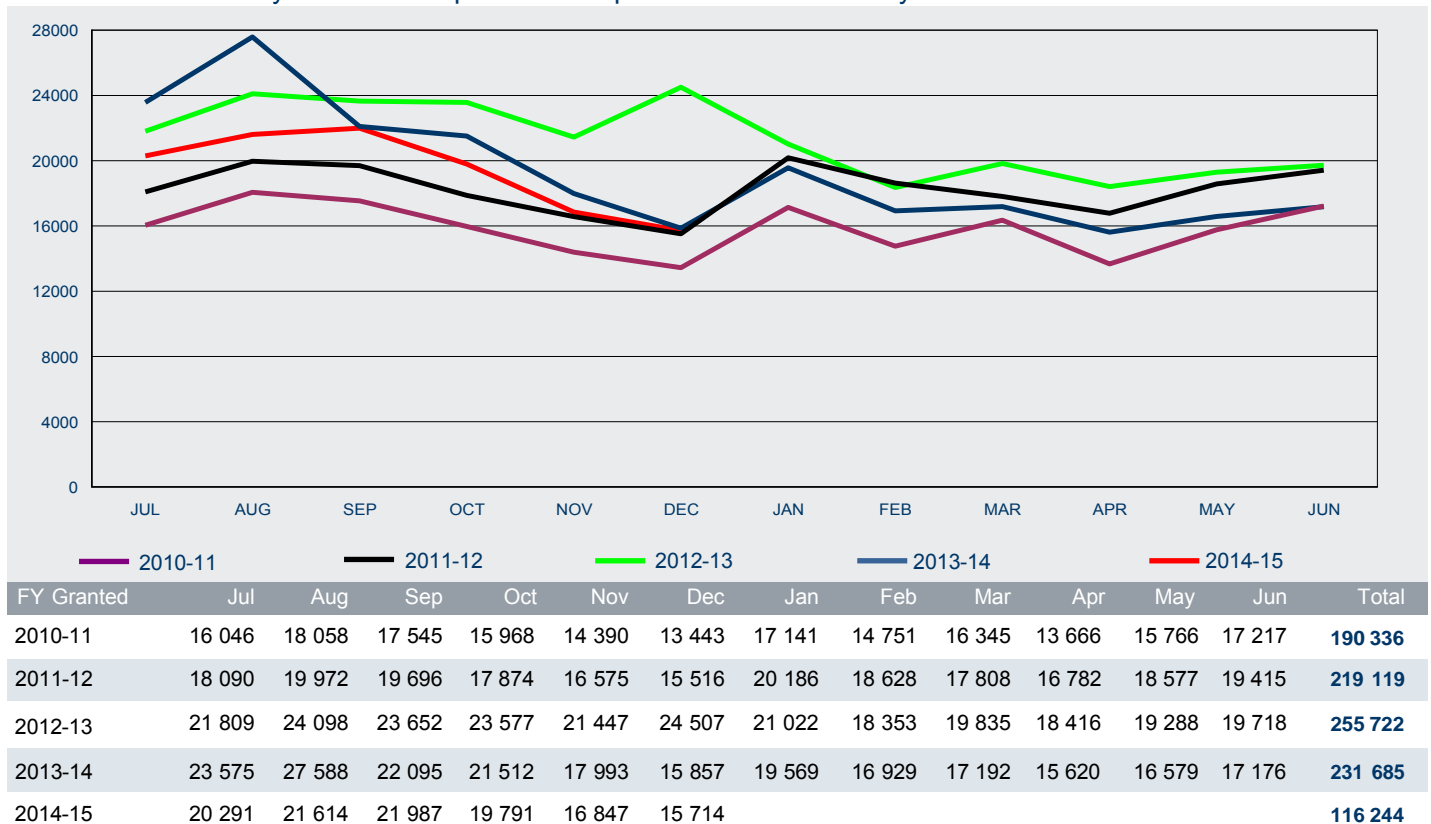
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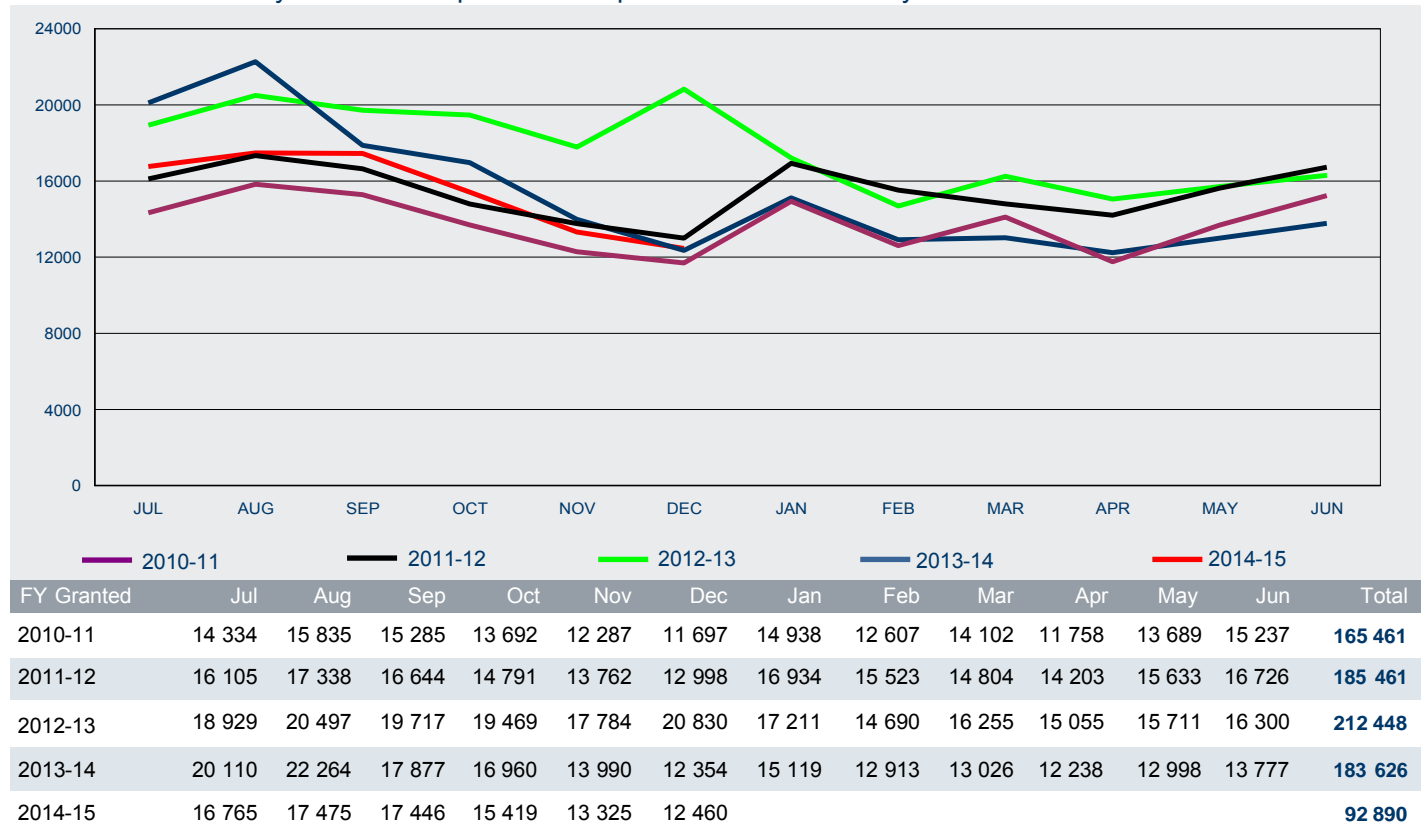


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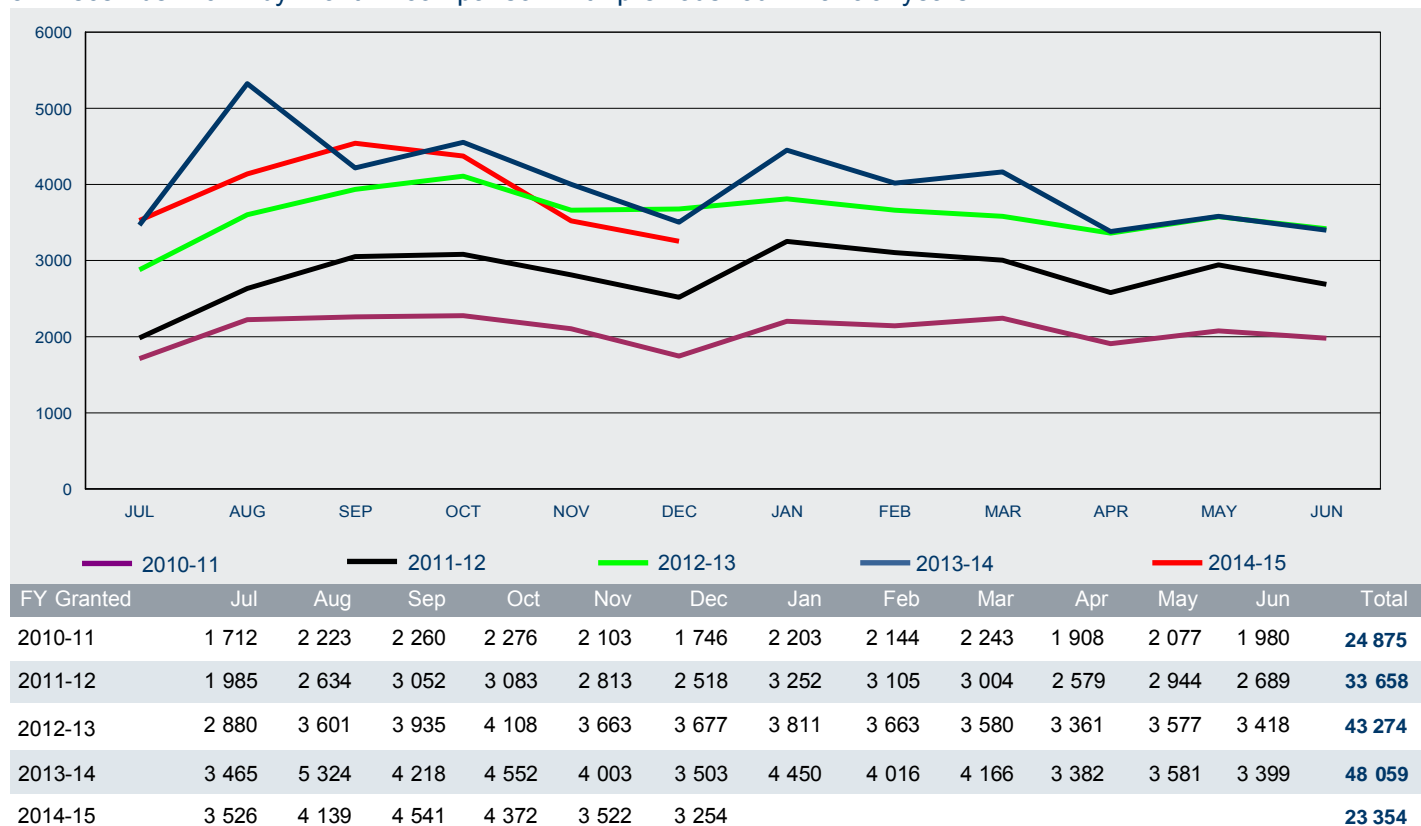


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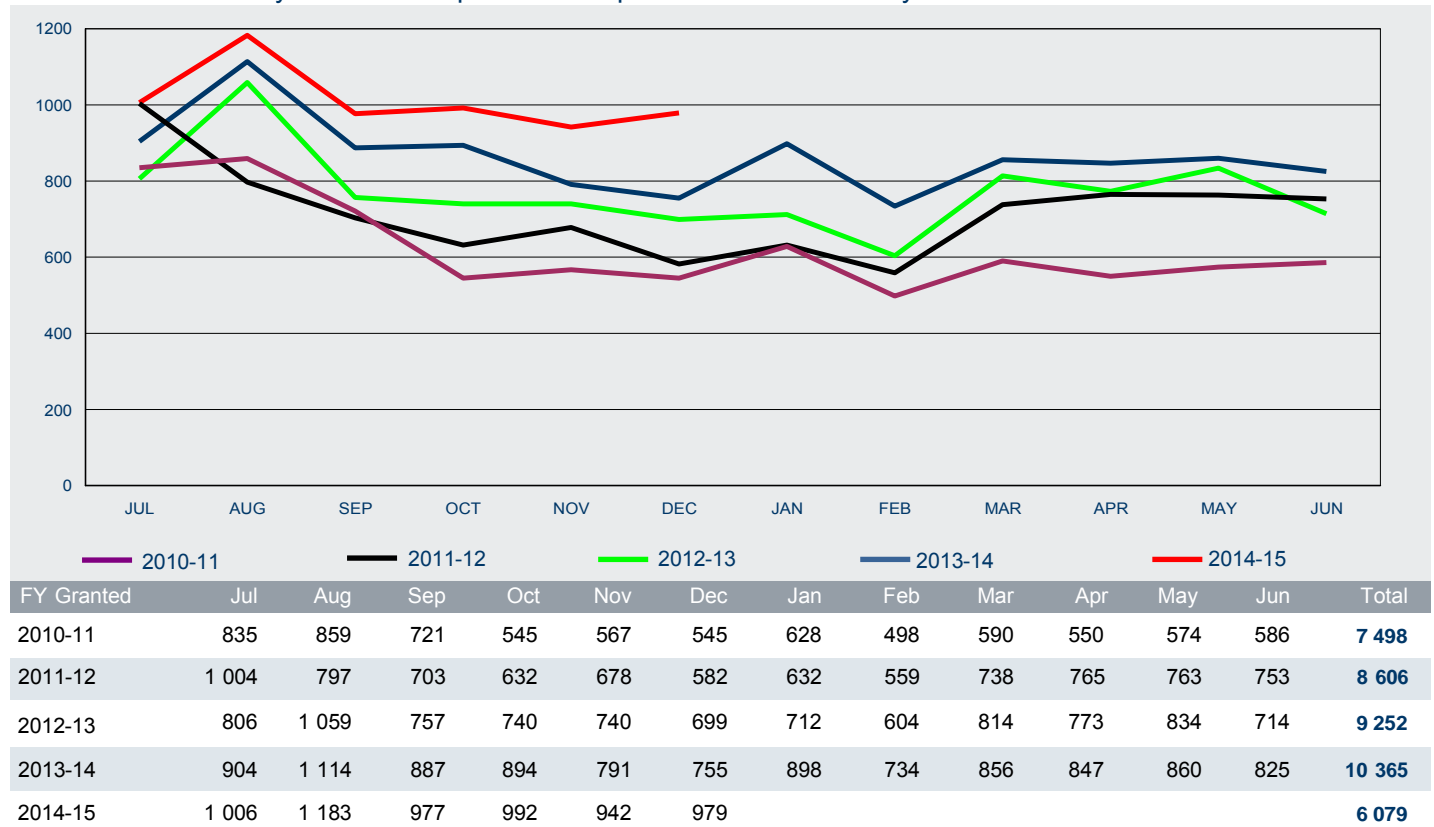


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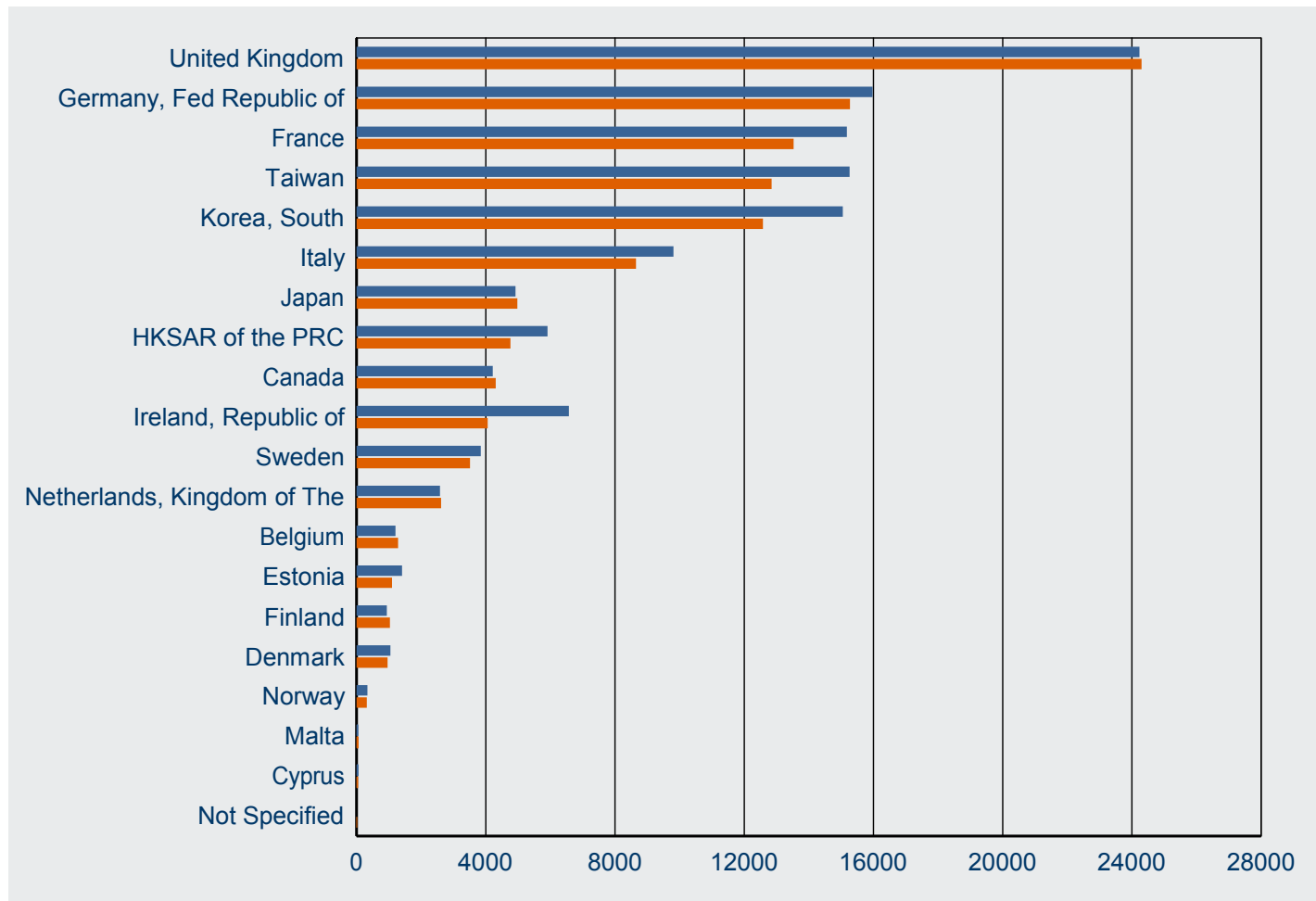


1.06 Total number of Working Holiday Maker visa applications lodged in the 6 month period between 1 July 2014 and 31 December 2014 by visa subclass and visa type - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Subclass	01/07/12 to 31/12/12	01/01/13 to 30/06/13	01/07/13 to 31/12/13	01/01/14 to 30/06/14	01/07/14 to 31/12/14
417 Working Holiday					
First visa	117 226	95 222	103 555	80 071	92 890
Second visa	21 864	21 410	25 065	22 994	23 354
All 417 Working Holiday	139 090	116 632	128 620	103 065	116 244
462 Work and Holiday	4 801	4 451	5 345	5 020	6 079
All Working Holiday Maker	143 891	121 083	133 965	108 085	122 323

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1.07 Number of Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa applications lodged in 2014-15 to 31 December 2014 by citizenship country - comparison with same period in previous financial year

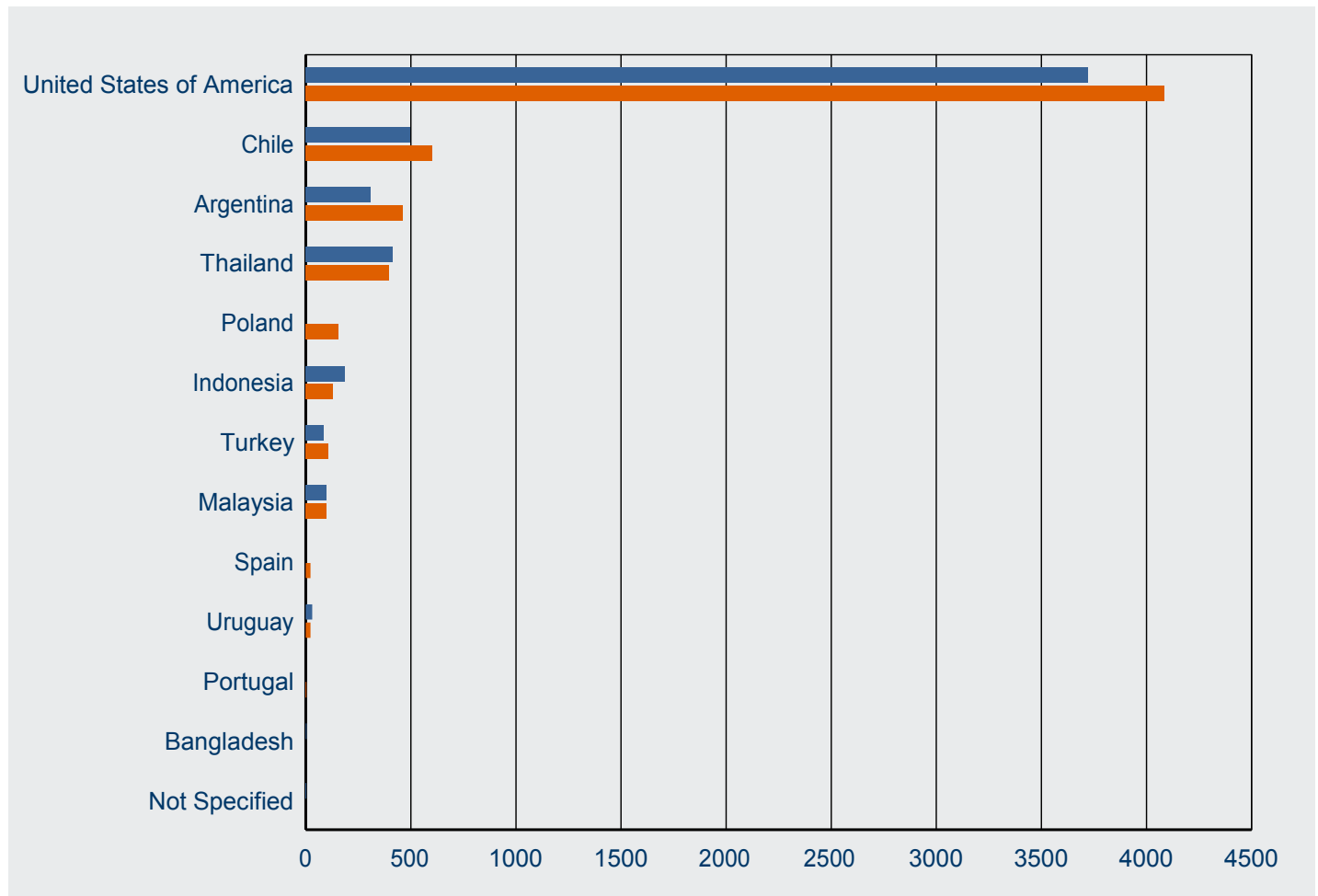


Citizenship Country	2013 14 to 31/12/13	2014 15 to 31/12/14	% Change from 2013 14	2014 15 as % of Total
United Kingdom	24 235	24 299	0.3%	20.9%
Germany, Fed Republic of	15 975	15 273	-4.4%	13.1%
France	15 180	13 528	-10.9%	11.6%
Taiwan	15 262	12 846	-15.8%	11.1%
Korea, South	15 052	12 583	-16.4%	10.8%
Italy	9 813	8 649	-11.9%	7.4%
Japan	4 920	4 980	1.2%	4.3%
HKSAR of the PRC	5 913	4 767	-19.4%	4.1%
Canada	4 217	4 309	2.2%	3.7%
Ireland, Republic of	6 576	4 062	-38.2%	3.5%
Sweden	3 847	3 512	-8.7%	3.0%
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	2 583	2 616	1.3%	2.3%
Belgium	1 205	1 286	6.7%	1.1%
Estonia	1 409	1 097	-22.1%	0.9%
Finland	940	1 036	10.2%	0.9%
Denmark	1 050	961	-8.5%	0.8%
Norway	335	316	-5.7%	0.3%
Malta	51	63	23.5%	0.1%
Cyprus	55	47	-14.5%	0.0%
Not Specified	< 5	14	600.0%	0.0%
Total	128 620	116 244	-8.7%	100.0%

Note: Further information on statistical tables presented by citizenship country can be found on page 1 under 'About this report'

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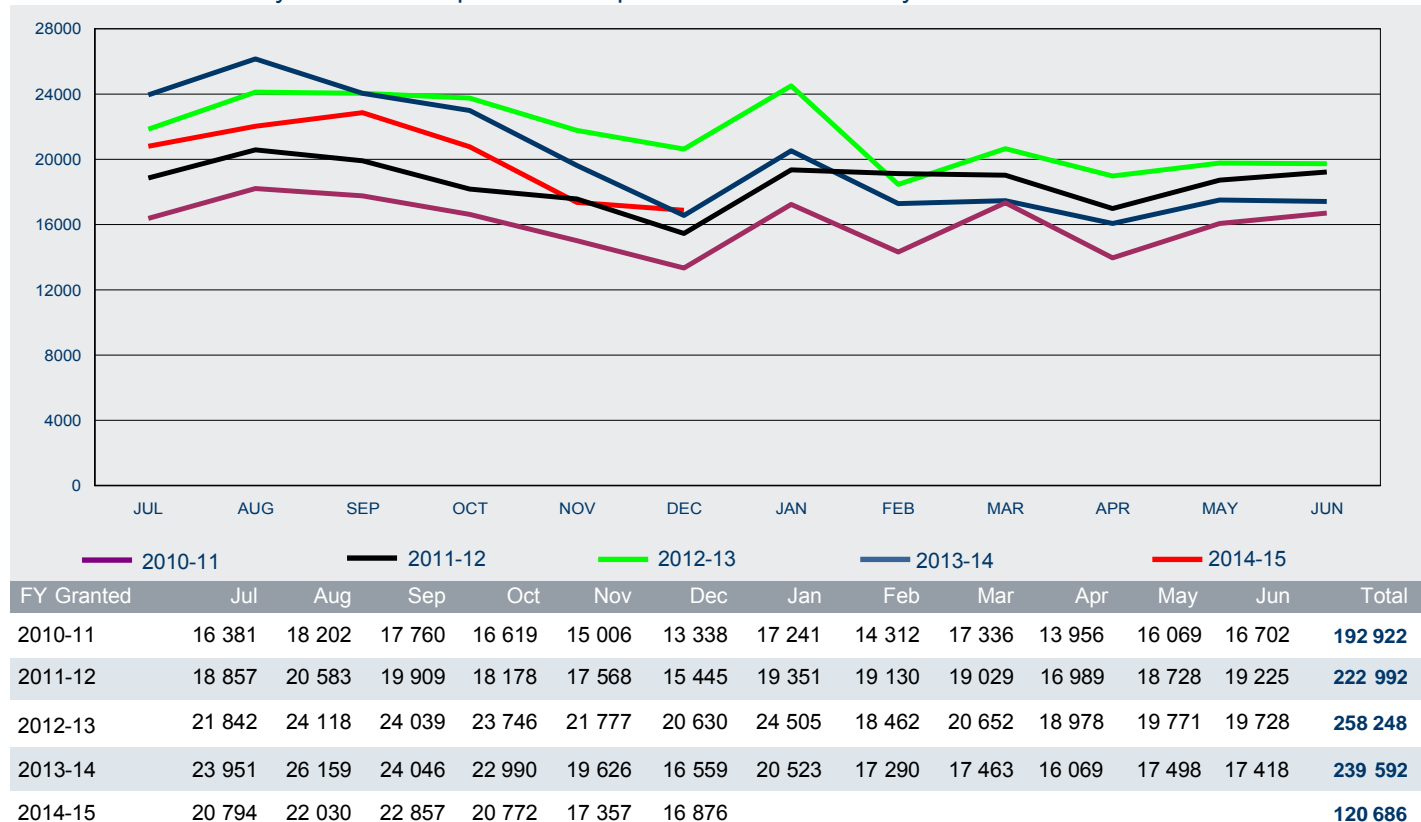
Citizenship Country	2013 14 to 31/12/13	2014 15 to 31/12/14	% Change from 2013 14	2014 15 as % of Total
United States of America	3 723	4 083	9.7%	67.2%
Chile	496	603	21.6%	9.9%
Argentina	308	463	50.3%	7.6%
Thailand	414	394	-4.8%	6.5%
Poland		155		2.5%
Indonesia	187	129	-31.0%	2.1%
Turkey	86	106	23.3%	1.7%
Malaysia	97	100	3.1%	1.6%
Spain	na	22		0.4%
Uruguay	30	22	-26.7%	0.4%
Portugal	na	<5		0.0%
Bangladesh	< 5		-100.0%	
Not Specified	< 5		-100.0%	
Total	5 345	6 079	-8.7%	100.0%

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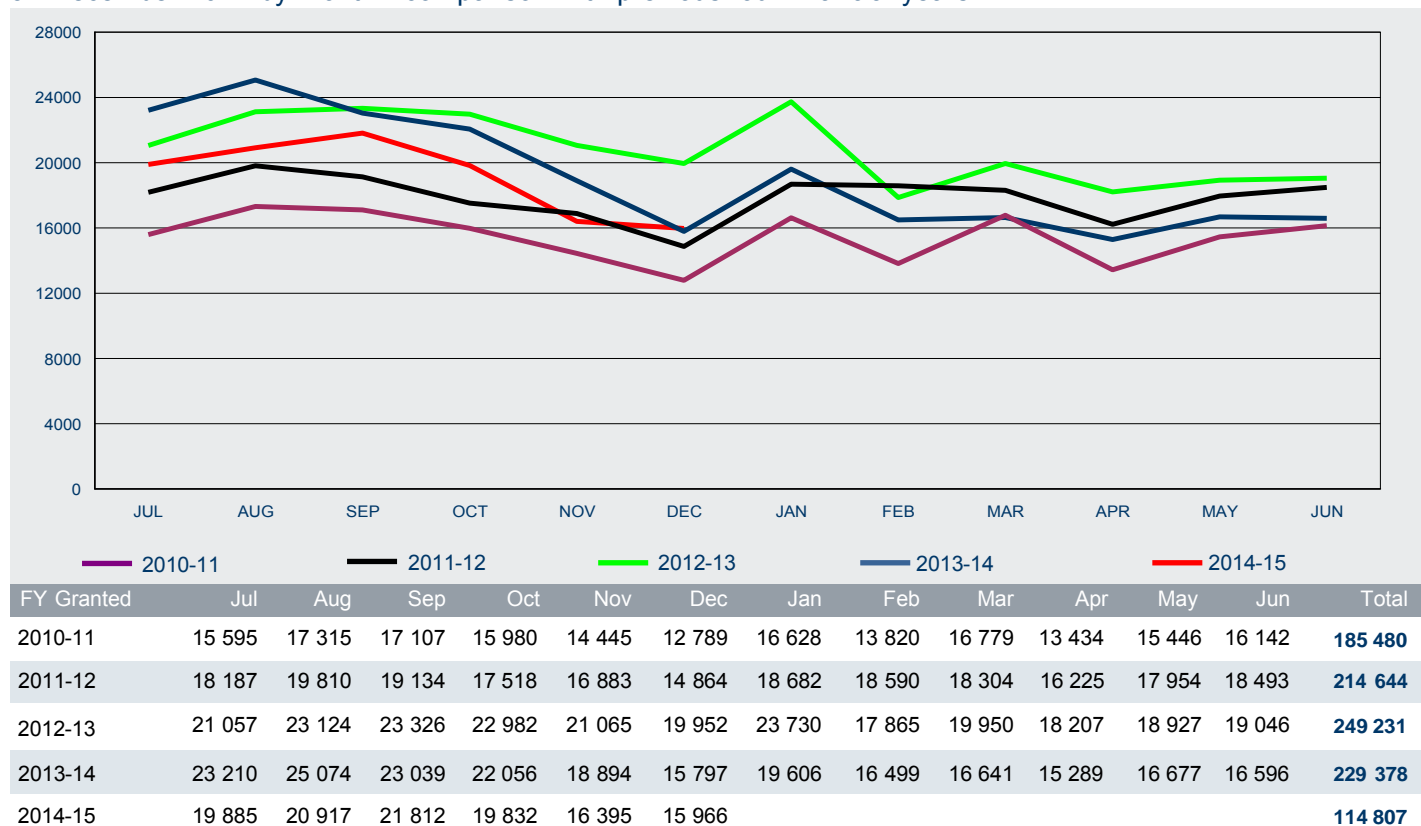
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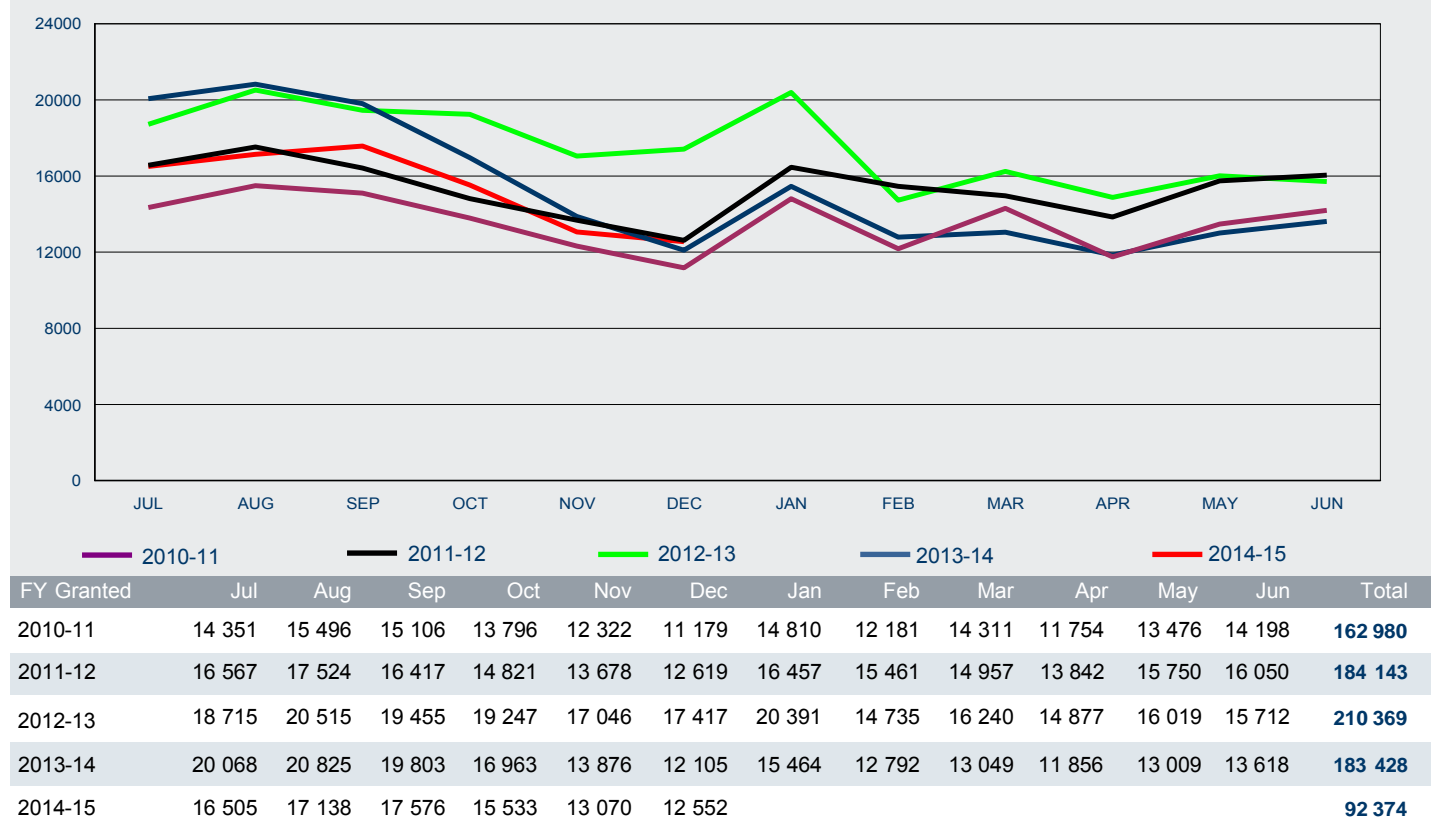


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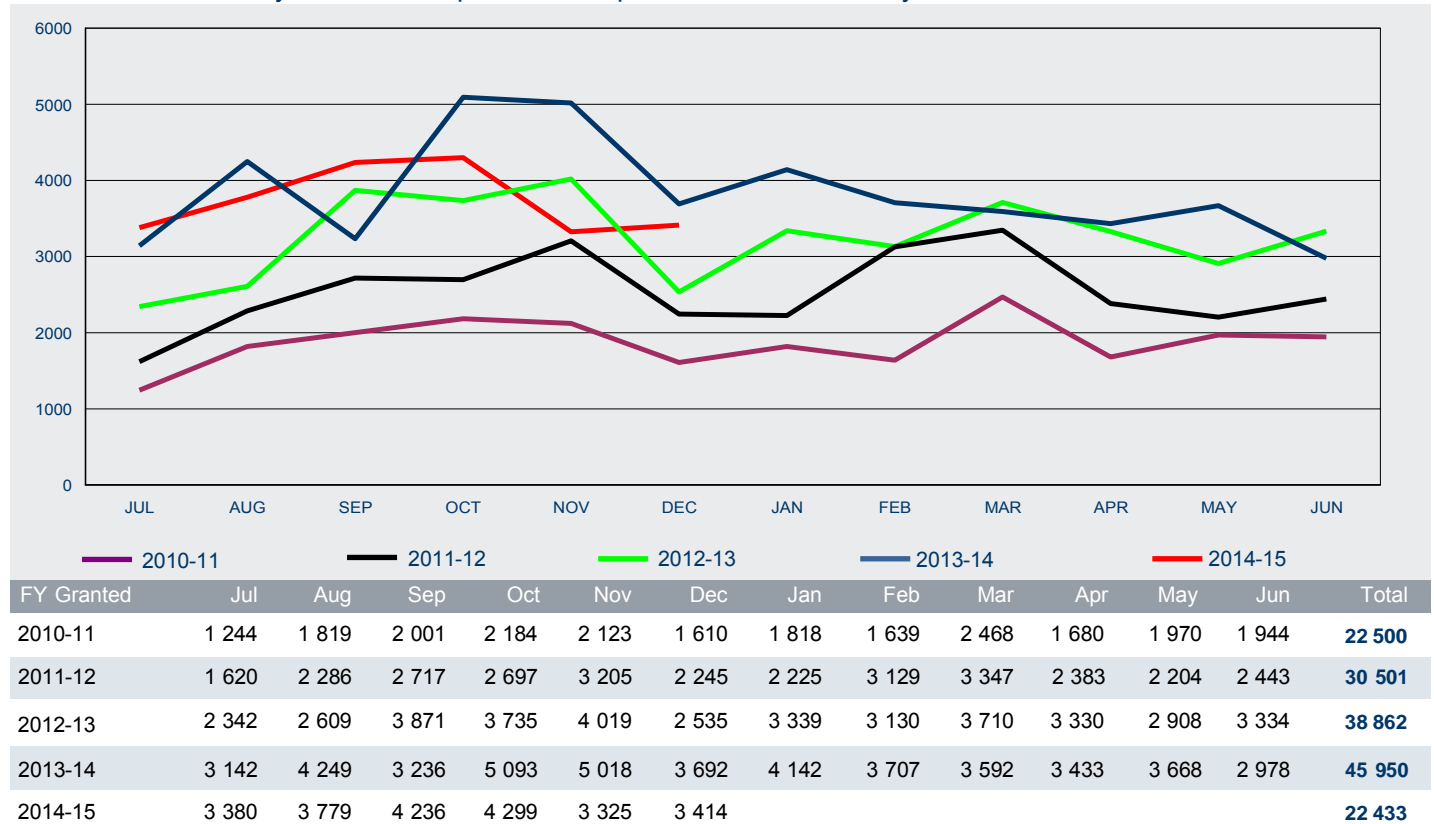


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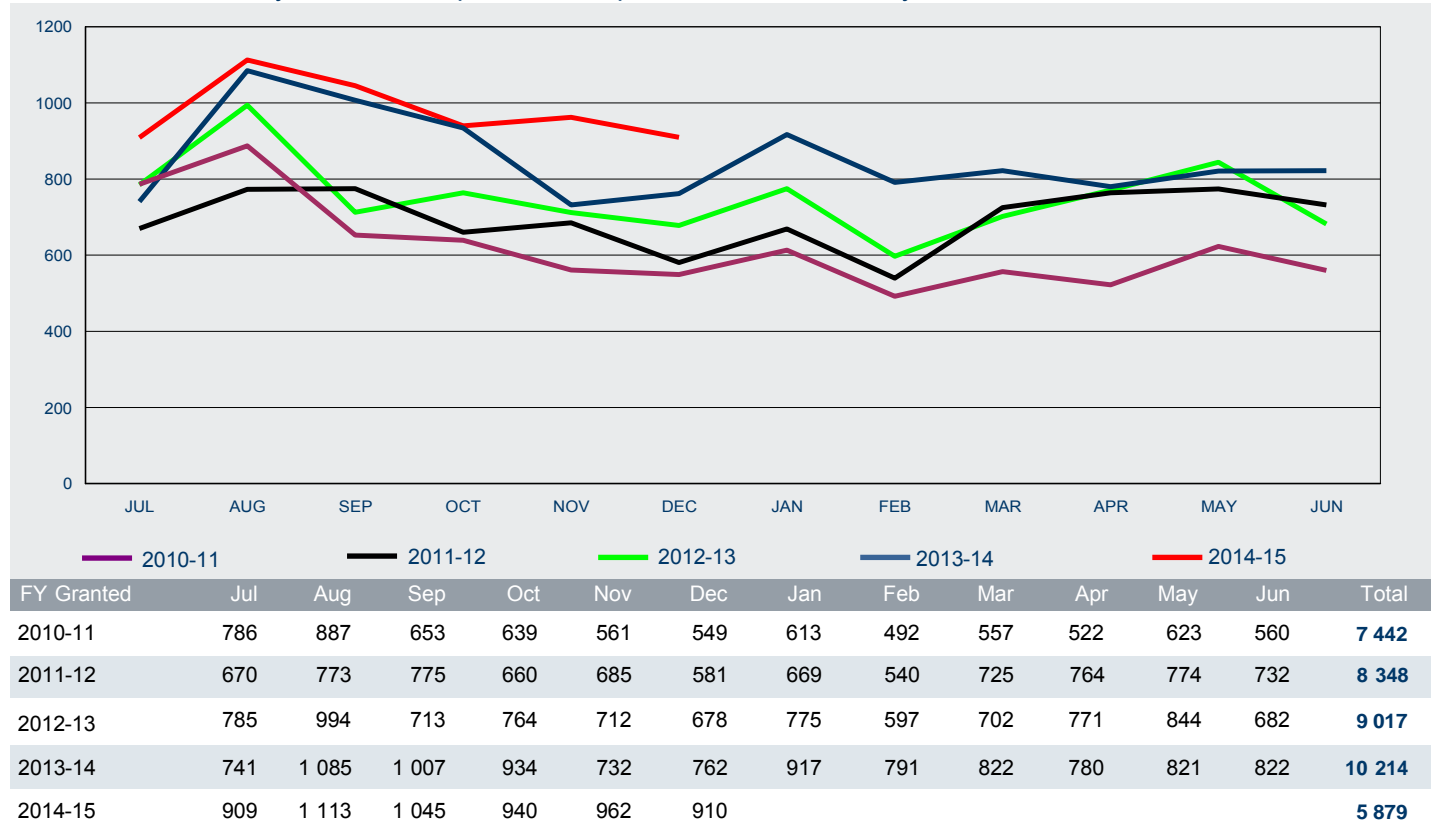


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2.05 Total number of Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa applications granted in 2014-15 to 31 December 2014 by month - comparison with previous four financial years



2.06 Total number of Working Holiday Maker visa applications granted in the 6 month period between 1 July 2014 and 31 December 2014 by visa subclass and visa type - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Subclass	01/07/12 to 31/12/12	01/01/13 to 30/06/13	01/07/13 to 31/12/13	01/01/14 to 30/06/14	01/07/14 to 31/12/14
417 Working Holiday					
First visa	112 395	97 974	103 640	79 788	92 374
Second visa	19 111	19 751	24 430	21 520	22 433
All 417 Working Holiday	131 506	117 725	128 070	101 308	114 807
462 Work and Holiday	4 646	4 371	5 261	4 953	5 879
All Working Holiday Maker	136 152	122 096	133 331	106 261	120 686

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2.07 Total number of Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa applications granted in 2014-15 to 31 December 2014 by citizenship country - comparison with the previous four financial years

Citizenship Country	2010 11 to 31/12/10	2011 12 to 31/12/11	2012 13 to 31/12/12	2013 14 to 31/12/13	2014 15 to 31/12/14	% Change from 2013 14	2014 15 as a % of Total
United Kingdom	19 866	20 818	24 134	23 928	23 924	0.0%	20.8%
Germany, Fed Republic of	10 995	12 149	14 719	15 940	15 217	-4.5%	13.3%
France	10 566	11 092	13 815	14 988	13 338	-11.0%	11.6%
Taiwan	6 007	9 112	17 968	15 703	12 960	-17.5%	11.3%
Korea, South	14 002	15 201	16 844	14 907	12 160	-18.4%	10.6%
Italy	3 871	5 092	9 078	9 665	8 475	-12.3%	7.4%
Japan	3 342	3 966	4 732	4 859	4 938	1.6%	4.3%
HKSAR of the PRC	1 760	2 824	4 666	5 837	4 681	-19.8%	4.1%
Canada	4 571	4 550	4 385	4 173	4 232	1.4%	3.7%
Ireland, Republic of	8 923	11 928	10 239	6 660	4 074	-38.8%	3.5%
Sweden	2 861	3 292	3 773	3 795	3 478	-8.4%	3.0%
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	2 485	2 360	2 636	2 572	2 585	0.5%	2.3%
Belgium	784	818	1 014	1 195	1 274	6.6%	1.1%
Estonia	941	1 073	1 375	1 441	1 063	-26.2%	0.9%
Finland	672	732	827	925	1 036	12.0%	0.9%
Denmark	765	901	900	1 042	947	-9.1%	0.8%
Norway	572	415	283	334	313	-6.3%	0.3%
Malta	62	58	62	51	63	23.5%	0.1%
Cyprus	12	15	55	54	49	-9.3%	0.0%
Not Specified	174		< 5	< 5		-100.0%	
Total	93 231	106 396	131 506	128 070	114 807	-10.4%	100.0%

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2.08 Number of first Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa applications granted in 2014-15 to 31 December 2014 by citizenship country - comparison with the previous four financial years

Citizenship Country	2010 11 to 31/12/10	2011 12 to 31/12/11	2012 13 to 31/12/12	2013 14 to 31/12/13	2014 15 to 31/12/14	% Change from 2013 14	2014 15 as a % of Total
United Kingdom	17 474	17 761	20 385	19 406	19 239	-0.9%	20.8%
Germany, Fed Republic of	10 360	11 362	13 837	15 008	14 218	-5.3%	15.4%
France	9 779	10 141	12 611	13 365	11 603	-13.2%	12.6%
Korea, South	11 613	12 678	14 181	11 917	9 560	-19.8%	10.3%
Taiwan	5 083	7 274	14 921	10 194	8 193	-19.6%	8.9%
Italy	3 508	4 561	8 204	7 900	6 500	-17.7%	7.0%
Japan	2 723	3 299	3 894	3 855	3 953	2.5%	4.3%
Canada	4 303	4 187	4 058	3 802	3 810	0.2%	4.1%
HKSAR of the PRC	1 514	2 346	3 875	4 437	3 317	-25.2%	3.6%
Sweden	2 744	3 135	3 558	3 542	3 133	-11.5%	3.4%
Ireland, Republic of	7 317	9 134	6 504	3 584	2 584	-27.9%	2.8%
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	2 389	2 209	2 467	2 344	2 305	-1.7%	2.5%
Belgium	737	750	934	1 110	1 144	3.1%	1.2%
Finland	636	687	752	840	933	11.1%	1.0%
Denmark	736	854	838	988	883	-10.6%	1.0%
Estonia	705	792	995	938	621	-33.8%	0.7%
Norway	563	392	272	318	292	-8.2%	0.3%
Malta	55	51	53	43	55	27.9%	0.1%
Cyprus	11	13	55	48	31	-35.4%	0.0%
Not Specified			< 5	< 5		-100.0%	
Total	82 250	91 626	112 395	103 640	92 374	-10.9%	100.0%

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2.09 Number of second Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa applications granted in 2014-15 to 31 December 2014 by citizenship country - comparison with the previous four financial years

Citizenship Country	2010 11 to 31/12/10	2011 12 to 31/12/11	2012 13 to 31/12/12	2013 14 to 31/12/13	2014 15 to 31/12/14	% Change from 2013 14	2014 15 as a % of Total
Taiwan	924	1 838	3 047	5 509	4 767	-13.5%	21.2%
United Kingdom	2 392	3 057	3 749	4 522	4 685	3.6%	20.9%
Korea, South	2 389	2 523	2 663	2 990	2 600	-13.0%	11.6%
Italy	363	531	874	1 765	1 975	11.9%	8.8%
France	787	951	1 204	1 623	1 735	6.9%	7.7%
Ireland, Republic of	1 606	2 794	3 735	3 076	1 490	-51.6%	6.6%
HKSAR of the PRC	246	478	791	1 400	1 364	-2.6%	6.1%
Germany, Fed Republic of	635	787	882	932	999	7.2%	4.5%
Japan	619	667	838	1 004	985	-1.9%	4.4%
Estonia	236	281	380	503	442	-12.1%	2.0%
Canada	268	363	327	371	422	13.7%	1.9%
Sweden	117	157	215	253	345	36.4%	1.5%
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	96	151	169	228	280	22.8%	1.2%
Belgium	47	68	80	85	130	52.9%	0.6%
Finland	36	45	75	85	103	21.2%	0.5%
Denmark	29	47	62	54	64	18.5%	0.3%
Norway	9	23	11	16	21	31.3%	0.1%
Cyprus	< 5	< 5		6	18	200.0%	0.1%
Malta	7	7	9	8	8	0.0%	0.0%
Not Specified	174						
Total	10 981	14 770	19 111	24 430	22 433	-8.2%	100.0%

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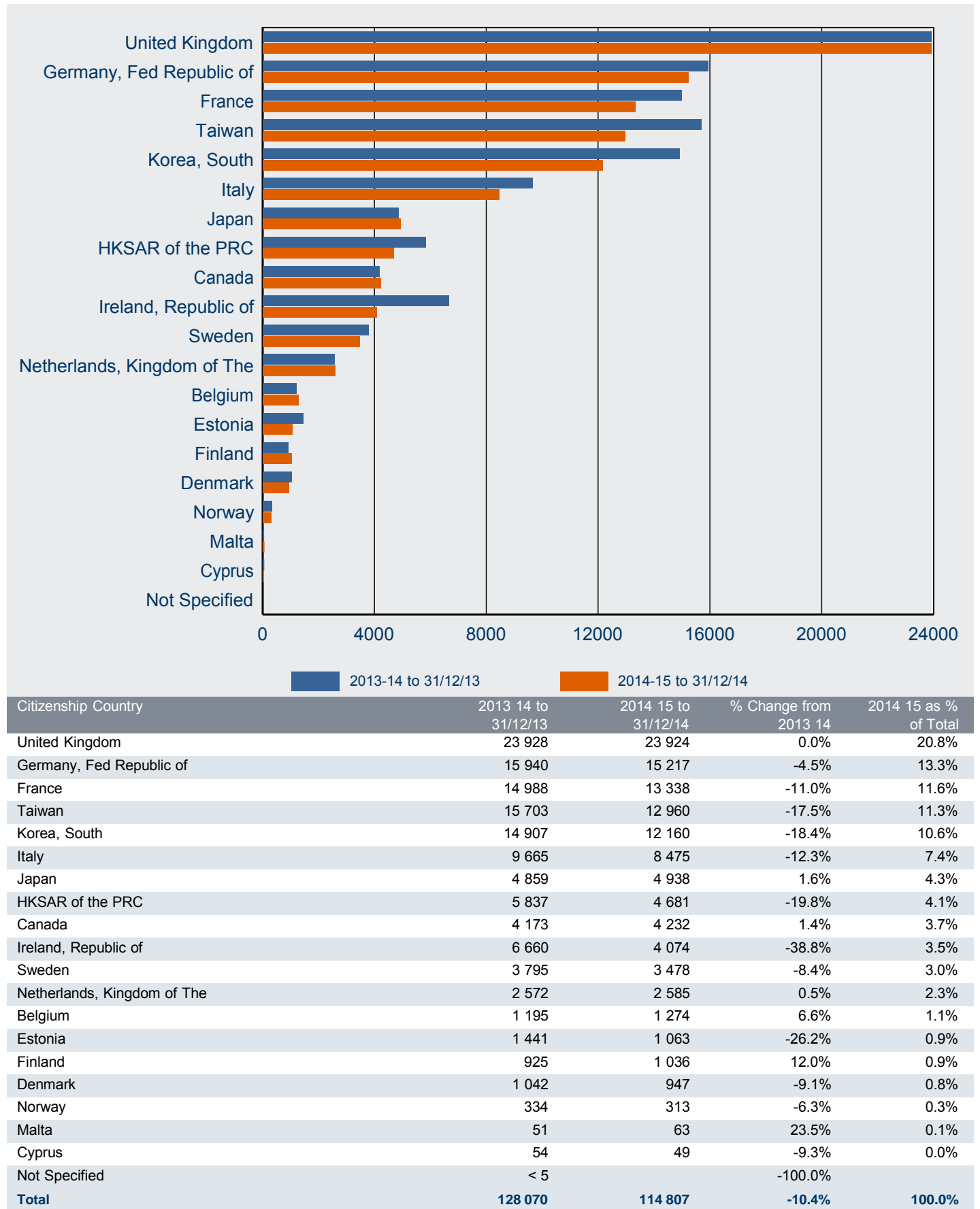
2.10 Number of Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa applications granted in 2014-15 to 31 December 2014 by citizenship country - comparison with the previous four financial years

Citizenship Country	2010 11 to 31/12/10	2011 12 to 31/12/11	2012 13 to 31/12/12	2013 14 to 31/12/13	2014 15 to 31/12/14	% Change from 2013 14	2014 15 as a % of Total
United States of America	3 167	3 330	3 487	3 677	4 001	8.8%	68.1%
Chile	248	311	381	458	538	17.5%	9.2%
Argentina	na	na	240	281	500	77.9%	8.5%
Thailand	485	302	389	411	371	-9.7%	6.3%
Poland					130		2.2%
Indonesia	66	95		210	118	-43.8%	2.0%
Malaysia	100	100	100	92	100	8.7%	1.7%
Turkey	< 5	< 5	41	97	91	-6.2%	1.5%
Uruguay	na	na	na	27	25	-7.4%	0.4%
Spain	na	na	na	na	< 5		0.1%
Iran	8	< 5	na	na	na		
Bangladesh			7	8		-100.0%	
Not Specified			< 5		< 5		0.0%
Total	4 075	4 144	4 646	5 261	5 879	11.7%	100.0%

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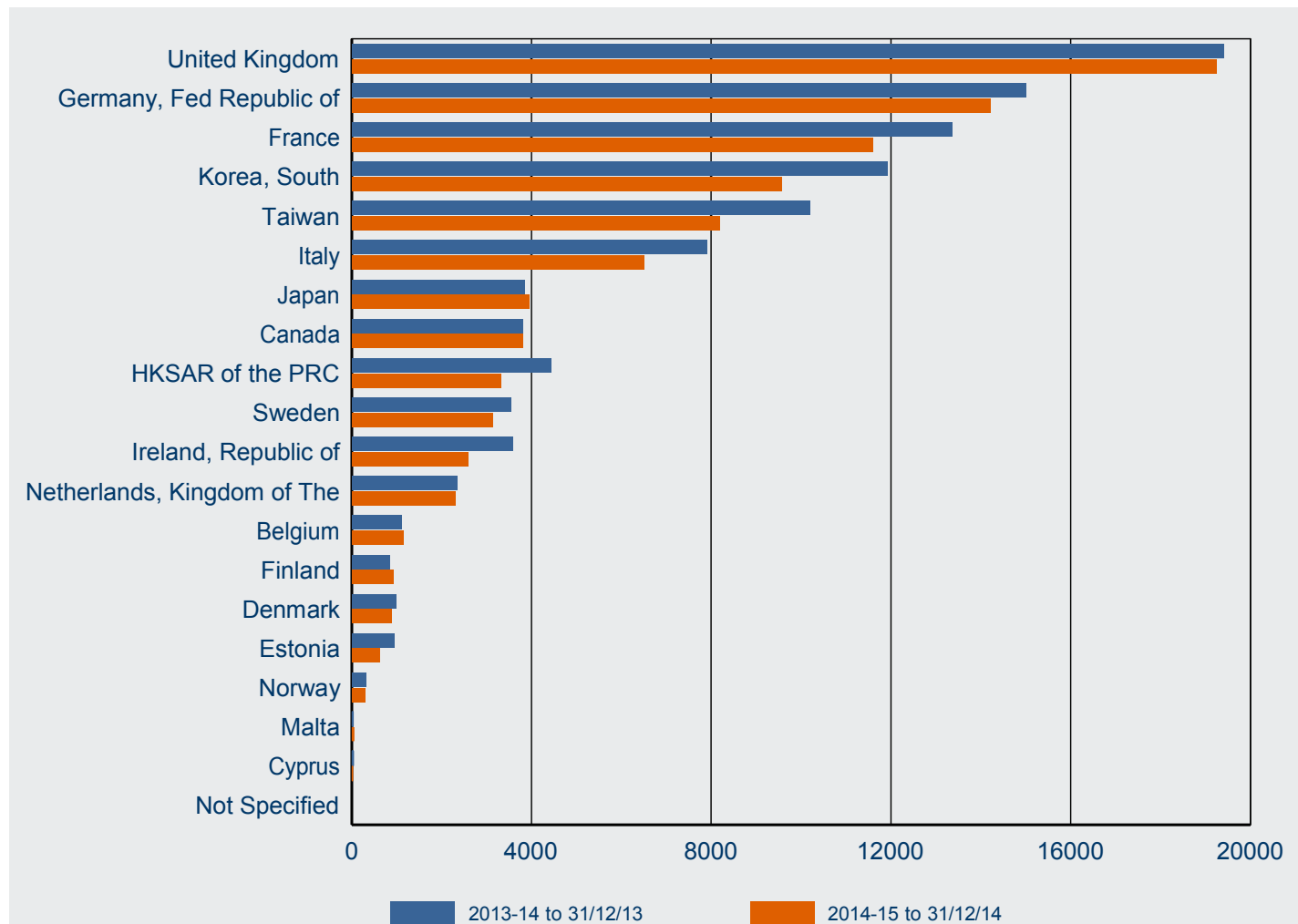
2.11 Total number of Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa applications granted in 2014-15 to 31 December 2014 by citizenship country - comparison with the previous financial year



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2.12 Number of first Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa applications granted in 2014-15 to 31 December 2014 by citizenship country - comparison with the previous financial year

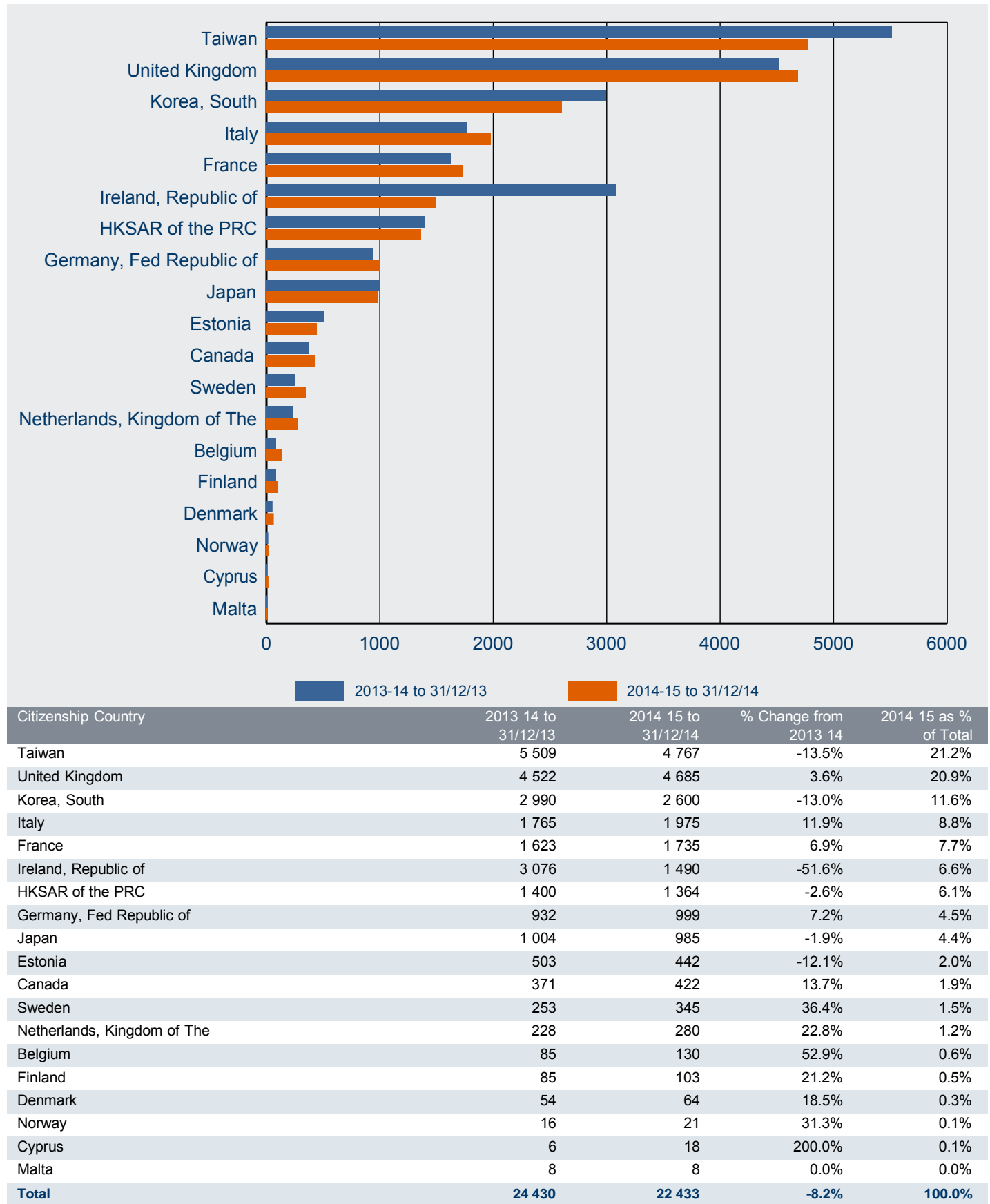


Citizenship Country	2013 14 to 31/12/13	2014 15 to 31/12/14	% Change from 2013 14	2014 15 as % of Total
United Kingdom	19 406	19 239	-0.9%	20.8%
Germany, Fed Republic of	15 008	14 218	-5.3%	15.4%
France	13 365	11 603	-13.2%	12.6%
Korea, South	11 917	9 560	-19.8%	10.3%
Taiwan	10 194	8 193	-19.6%	8.9%
Italy	7 900	6 500	-17.7%	7.0%
Japan	3 855	3 953	2.5%	4.3%
Canada	3 802	3 810	0.2%	4.1%
HKSAR of the PRC	4 437	3 317	-25.2%	3.6%
Sweden	3 542	3 133	-11.5%	3.4%
Ireland, Republic of	3 584	2 584	-27.9%	2.8%
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	2 344	2 305	-1.7%	2.5%
Belgium	1 110	1 144	3.1%	1.2%
Finland	840	933	11.1%	1.0%
Denmark	988	883	-10.6%	1.0%
Estonia	938	621	-33.8%	0.7%
Norway	318	292	-8.2%	0.3%
Malta	43	55	27.9%	0.1%
Cyprus	48	31	-35.4%	0.0%
Not Specified	< 5	< 5	-100.0%	
Total	103 640	92 374	-10.9%	100.0%

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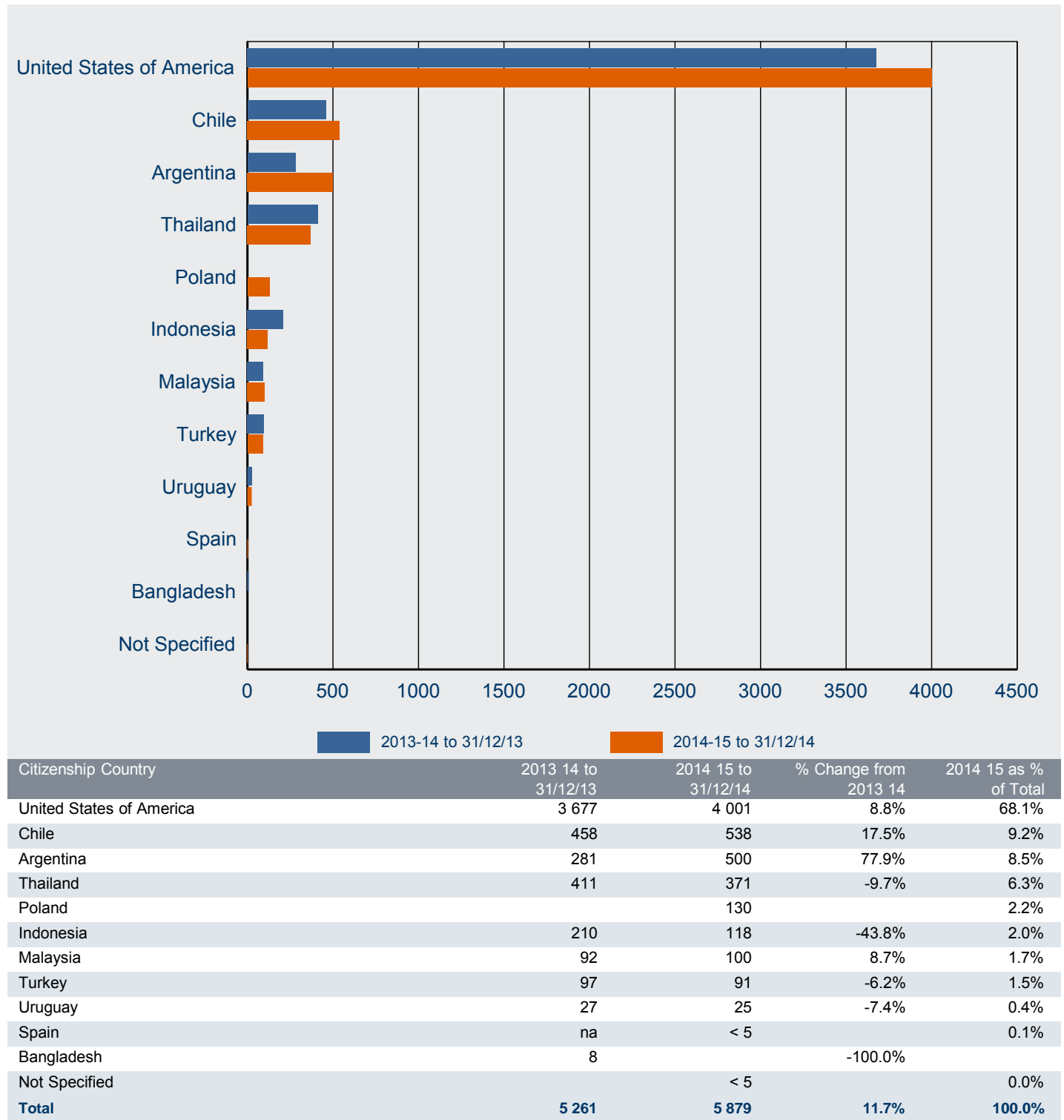
2.13 Number of second Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa applications granted in 2014-15 to 31 December 2014 by citizenship country - comparison with the previous financial year



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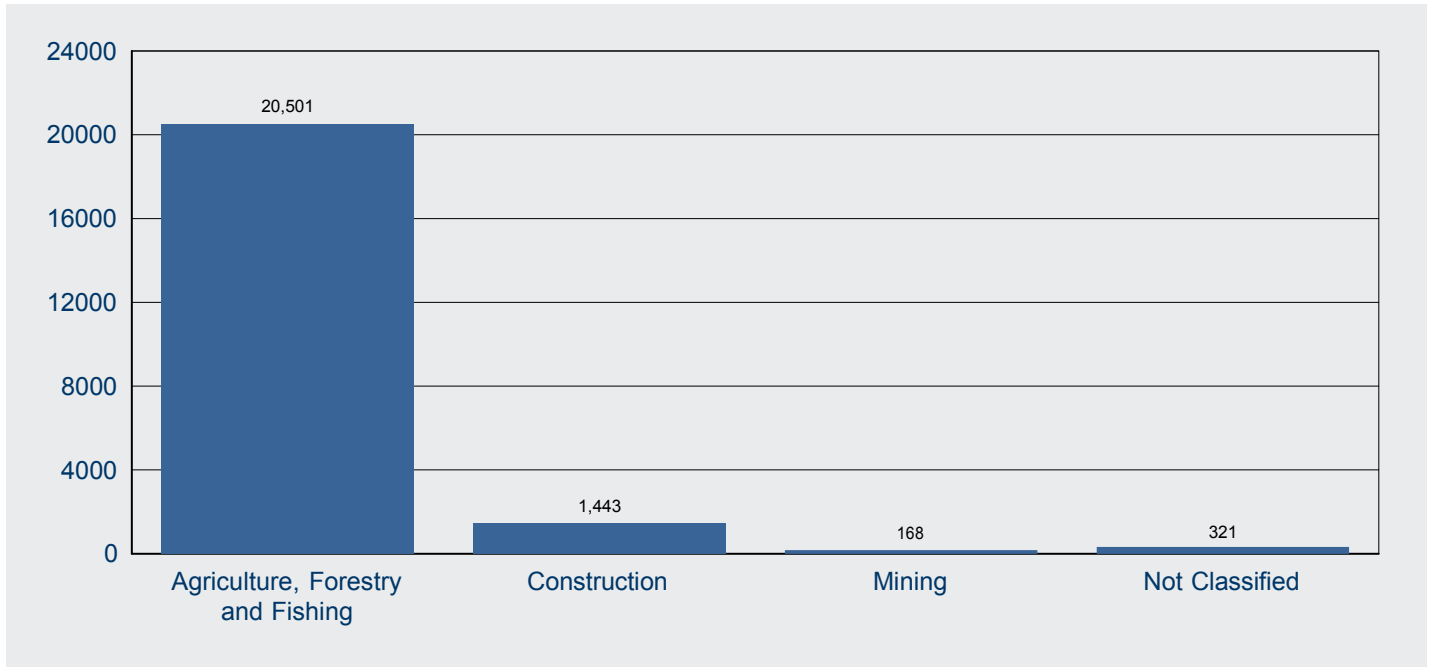
2.14 Number of Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa applications granted in 2014-15 to 31 December 2014 by citizenship country - comparison with the previous financial year



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2.15 Second Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa applications granted in 2014-15 to 31 December 2014 by employer industry



3 Grant Rate

For this section, grant rates have been shown.

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.

3 Grant rate

3.01 Grant rate of Working Holiday Maker visa applications decided in the 6 month period between 1 July 2014 and 31 December 2014 by visa type and visa subclass - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Subclass	01/07/12 to 31/12/12	01/01/13 to 30/06/13	01/07/13 to 31/12/13	01/01/14 to 30/06/14	01/07/14 to 31/12/14
417 Working Holiday					
First visa	99.5%	99.2%	99.4%	99.3%	99.4%
Second visa	95.1%	94.5%	94.8%	94.9%	96.0%
All 417 Working Holiday	98.8%	98.4%	98.5%	98.3%	98.7%
462 Work and Holiday					
Standard	99.2%	99.0%	99.1%	99.4%	98.4%
All Working Holiday Maker	98.9%	98.4%	98.5%	98.4%	98.7%

3 Grant rate

3.02 Grant rate for Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa applications decided in the 6 month period between 1 July 2014 and 31 December 2014 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

Citizenship Country	01/07/12 to 31/12/12	01/01/13 to 30/06/13	01/07/13 to 31/12/13	01/01/14 to 30/06/14	01/07/14 to 31/12/14
subclass 417 first visa					
United Kingdom	99.7%	99.7%	99.7%	99.7%	99.6%
Germany, Fed Republic of	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.8%	99.9%
France	99.8%	99.8%	99.9%	99.8%	99.7%
Korea, South	98.8%	98.4%	98.7%	98.3%	99.0%
Taiwan	99.3%	98.7%	98.9%	98.9%	99.1%
Italy	99.9%	99.6%	99.6%	99.6%	99.8%
Japan	99.5%	99.6%	99.7%	99.5%	99.4%
Canada	99.7%	99.4%	99.8%	99.5%	99.5%
HKSAR of the PRC	97.6%	97.7%	96.4%	96.7%	95.8%
Sweden	99.9%	99.6%	99.9%	99.7%	99.9%
Ireland, Republic of	99.8%	99.8%	99.8%	99.7%	99.7%
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	99.9%	99.7%	99.9%	99.7%	99.7%
Belgium	99.9%	99.9%	99.8%	99.7%	99.8%
Finland	100.0%	99.5%	100.0%	99.8%	99.9%
Denmark	99.9%	99.8%	99.7%	100.0%	99.9%
Estonia	97.8%	96.6%	98.7%	97.6%	98.4%
Norway	99.6%	99.5%	100.0%	99.5%	99.7%
Malta	100.0%	95.8%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cyprus	100.0%	100.0%	96.0%	98.0%	100.0%
Not Specified	100.0%	00.0%	33.3%	50.0%	00.0%
All subclass 417 first visa	99.5%	99.2%	99.4%	99.3%	99.4%
subclass 417 second visa					
Taiwan	96.1%	96.2%	95.2%	95.2%	95.4%
United Kingdom	95.4%	94.2%	95.0%	95.4%	97.0%
Korea, South	92.8%	93.4%	92.0%	92.4%	93.8%
Italy	95.6%	94.2%	97.0%	96.0%	97.8%
France	94.2%	91.3%	93.1%	93.1%	95.9%
Ireland, Republic of	96.1%	95.4%	96.5%	96.9%	97.3%
HKSAR of the PRC	93.2%	93.1%	93.2%	94.3%	93.3%
Germany, Fed Republic of	95.2%	93.6%	95.1%	96.2%	96.5%
Japan	96.2%	95.4%	95.2%	95.3%	96.5%
Estonia	96.2%	93.9%	97.5%	92.5%	95.3%
Canada	93.4%	92.9%	94.2%	95.5%	97.2%
Sweden	95.6%	94.5%	94.1%	94.4%	98.6%
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	94.4%	94.3%	95.0%	93.3%	98.2%
Belgium	93.0%	93.8%	95.5%	97.5%	97.0%
Finland	98.7%	95.0%	94.4%	95.8%	96.3%
Denmark	92.5%	90.6%	88.5%	94.3%	90.1%
Norway	100.0%	92.9%	94.1%	100.0%	100.0%
Cyprus		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	94.7%
Malta	90.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Not Specified		33.3%		00.0%	00.0%
All subclass 417 second visa	95.1%	94.5%	94.8%	94.9%	96.0%
All 417 Working Holiday	98.8%	98.4%	98.5%	98.3%	98.7%

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3 Grant rate

3.03 Grant rate for Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa applications decided in the 6 month period between 1 July 2014 and 31 December 2014 by citizenship country - comparison with previous four periods

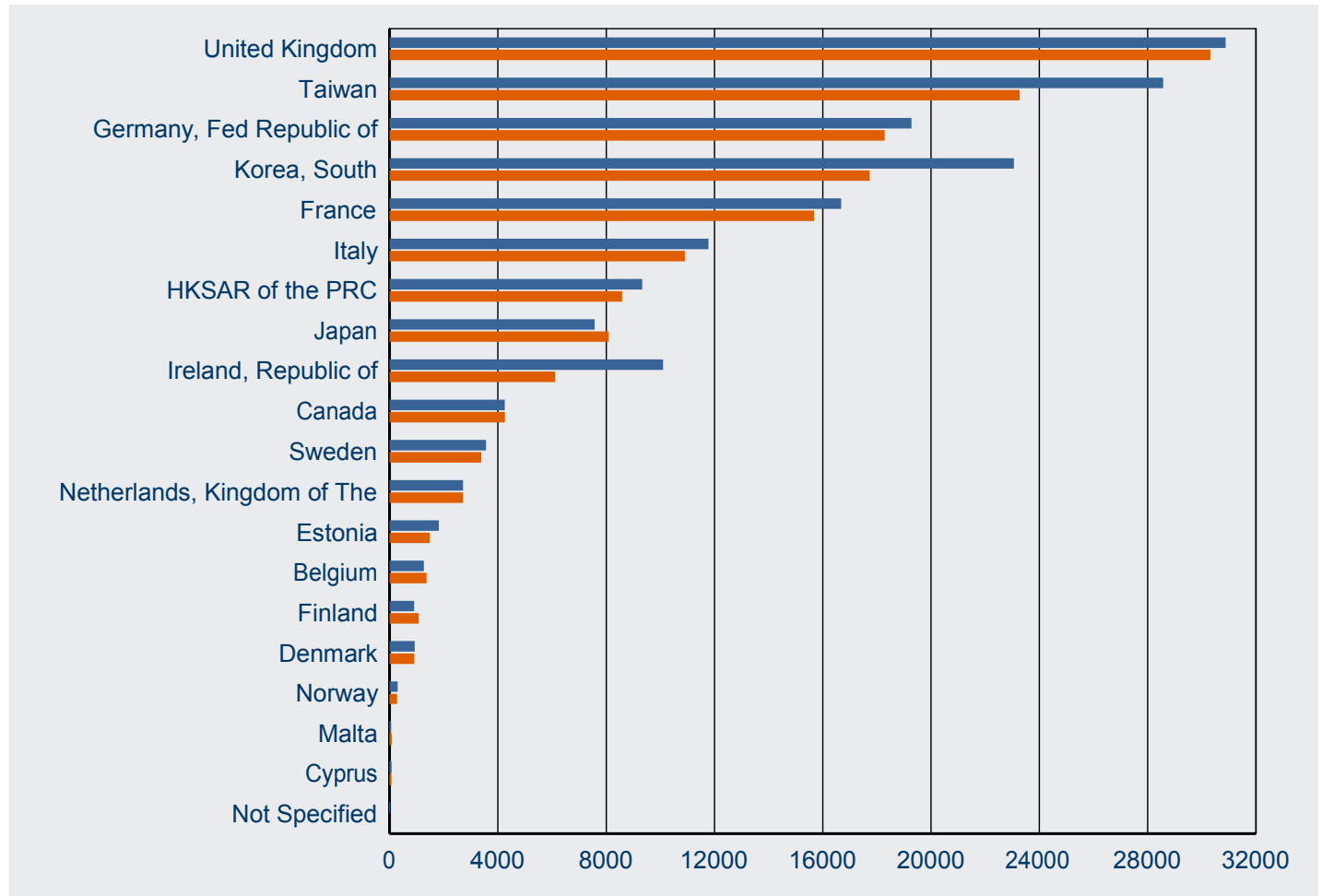
Citizenship Country	01/07/12 to 31/12/12	01/01/13 to 30/06/13	01/07/13 to 31/12/13	01/01/14 to 30/06/14	01/07/14 to 31/12/14
United States of America	99.1%	99.2%	99.2%	99.6%	99.2%
Chile	99.5%	99.5%	99.8%	99.8%	99.8%
Argentina	98.8%	98.9%	98.9%	97.3%	96.7%
Thailand	99.5%	100.0%	99.3%	98.4%	98.7%
Poland					98.5%
Indonesia		98.3%	99.5%	98.3%	92.2%
Malaysia	100.0%		95.8%	100.0%	100.0%
Turkey	100.0%	92.4%	97.0%	100.0%	93.8%
Uruguay	na	100.0%	96.4%	92.9%	100.0%
Bangladesh	100.0%	93.2%	72.7%	100.0%	00.0%
Spain	na	na	na	na	100.0%
Not Specified	100.0%	00.0%	00.0%	00.0%	100.0%
All 462 Work and Holiday	99.2%	99.0%	99.1%	99.4%	98.4%

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4 Visa Holders in Australia

4 Visa holders in Australia

4.01 Total number of Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa holders in Australia as at 31 December 2014 by citizenship country - comparison with the same date in the previous year

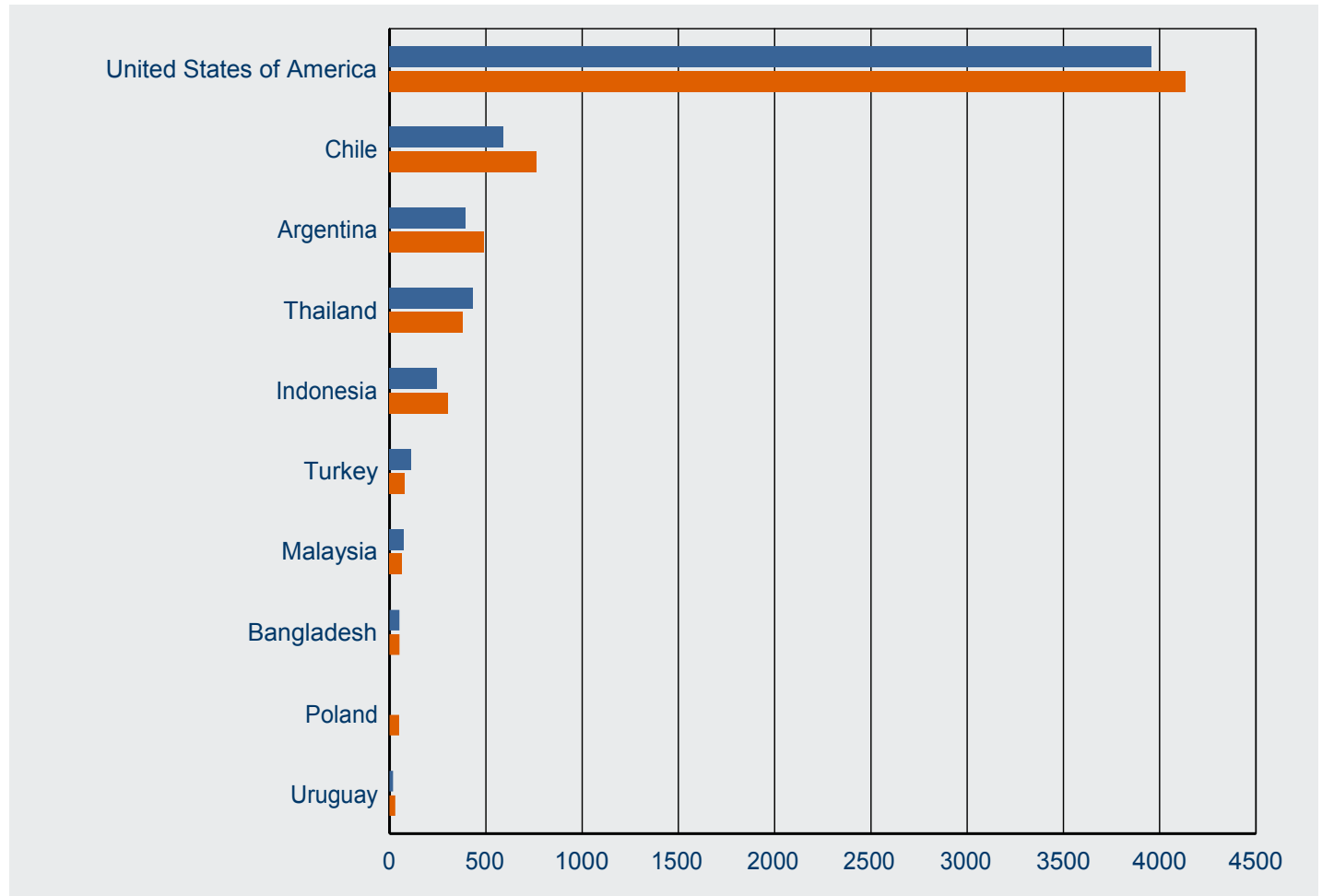


Citizenship Country	31/12/13	31/12/14	% Change from 31/12/13	31/12/14 as % of Total
United Kingdom	30 880	30 315	-1.8%	19.6%
Taiwan	28 572	23 270	-18.6%	15.1%
Germany, Fed Republic of	19 278	18 286	-5.1%	11.8%
Korea, South	23 059	17 735	-23.1%	11.5%
France	16 680	15 680	-6.0%	10.1%
Italy	11 780	10 905	-7.4%	7.1%
HKSAR of the PRC	9 331	8 588	-8.0%	5.6%
Japan	7 575	8 093	6.8%	5.2%
Ireland, Republic of	10 104	6 121	-39.4%	4.0%
Canada	4 253	4 260	0.2%	2.8%
Sweden	3 562	3 385	-5.0%	2.2%
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	2 710	2 715	0.2%	1.8%
Estonia	1 816	1 486	-18.2%	1.0%
Belgium	1 262	1 368	8.4%	0.9%
Finland	904	1 073	18.7%	0.7%
Denmark	926	910	-1.7%	0.6%
Norway	290	271	-6.6%	0.2%
Malta	53	75	41.5%	0.0%
Cyprus	71	63	-11.3%	0.0%
Not Specified	< 5	< 5	-100.0%	
Total	173 108	154 599	-10.7%	100.0%

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4 Visa holders in Australia

4.02 Total number of Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa holders in Australia as at 31 December 2014 by citizenship country - comparison with the same date in the previous year



Citizenship Country	31/12/13	31/12/14	% Change from 31/12/13	31/12/14 as % of Total
United States of America	3 959	4 133	4.4%	65.2%
Chile	593	765	29.0%	12.1%
Argentina	393	489	24.4%	7.7%
Thailand	432	380	-12.0%	6.0%
Indonesia	244	305	25.0%	4.8%
Turkey	113	77	-31.9%	1.2%
Malaysia	73	64	-12.3%	1.0%
Bangladesh	50	51	2.0%	0.8%
Poland		49		0.8%
Uruguay	17	29	70.6%	0.5%
Total	5 874	6 342	8.0%	100.0%

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4 Visa holders in Australia

4.03 Working Holiday Maker visa holders in Australia at 31 December 2014 by visa type and visa subclass - comparison with previous four periods

Visa Subclass	31/12/12	30/06/13	31/12/13	30/06/14	31/12/14
417 Working Holiday					
First visa	130 745	123 160	138 301	107 377	117 511
Second visa	26 821	32 165	34 807	37 817	37 088
All 417 Working Holiday	157 566	155 325	173 108	145 194	154 599
462 Work and Holiday	4 909	5 178	5 874	6 007	6 342
All Working Holiday Maker	162 475	160 503	178 982	151 201	160 941

