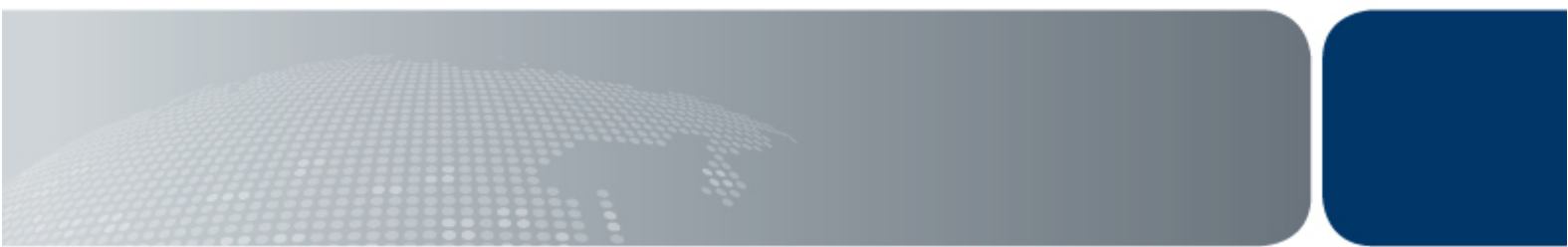




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# Working Holiday Maker visa program report

30 June 2011





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## About this report

This report provides program year data on the Working Holiday Maker program administered by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (the department). The report has been provided to assist policymakers and stakeholder organisations.

It is expected that this report will be published every six months, and that further development will occur over time to increase and improve information sharing about the Working Holiday Maker visa program.

It is important to note that the information used in this report comes from a new data source. Consequently, figures for previous financial years have been revised and may differ slightly from those previously published by the department.

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 issues can occur. Due to these issues, data from the current financial year should always be considered provisional.

Further information about the Working Holiday Maker program is available on the department's website at:

[www.immi.gov.au/visitors/working-holiday/](http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/working-holiday/)

## Enquiries

Any comment or enquiries concerning this report should be sent to [visa.reporting@immi.gov.au](mailto:visa.reporting@immi.gov.au) quoting report id BR0110.

## Definition of terms

<b>Citizenship country:</b>	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 used for the visa label or the citizenship nominated by the visa applicant is used.
<b>Granted:</b>	Unless otherwise specified, the number of visas granted includes all visa grants.
<b>Snapshot date:</b>	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.
<b>Visa applicant:</b>	Used to refer to clients applying for a visa.
<b>Working Holiday Maker:</b>	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 program

The Working Holiday Maker (WHM) program'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. It was initially comprised of a relatively small number of Commonwealth countries, but has since grown to encompass 26 partner nations and regions from across the globe (as at 30 June 2011). Papua New Guinea and Argentina have signed WHM agreements with Australia since 30 June 2011, but neither are yet in effect.

Australia has an overarching bilateral agreement, usually in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding, with each partner country. Of the 28 partner countries, 19 are Working Holiday (Subclass 417) visa agreements, and nine are Work and Holiday (Subclass 462) visa agreements. The key differences between the two visas are that Work and Holiday agreements generally have caps on the number of visas granted annually and additional eligibility requirements.

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

## Eligibility Requirements

All Working Holiday Maker visa applicants must:

- be aged 18-30 at time of application;
- hold a passport from an eligible partner country; and
- not be accompanied by dependent children during the stay in Australia;

Additional requirements for Work and Holiday applicants:

- must have functional English;
- must have completed or be studying towards a tertiary qualification; and
- must provide a letter of home government support in association with their visa application.

## Partner Countries

Working Holiday (Subclass 417):

- Belgium
- Canada
- Cyprus
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Hong Kong (HKSAR)
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Korea, Republic of
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Sweden
- Taiwan
- United Kingdom

Work and Holiday (Subclass 462):

- Argentina
- Bangladesh
- Chile
- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- Papua New Guinea
- Thailand
- Turkey
- United States of America

# Background to the Working Holiday Maker visa program - continued

## Working while in Australia

All Working Holiday Makers 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 Working Holiday Makers are entitled to study for a period of up to four months during their 12 month stay in Australia (by operation of mandatory visa condition 8548).

## Second Working Holiday

Clients 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 for a second such visa. The initiative is not available to Work and Holiday (subclass 462) holders.

## Processing Times

The visa processing service standard for first Working Holiday (Subclass 417) visa applications is that 75 per cent are finalised within six calendar days of lodgement. In 2010-11, 80.43 per cent of first Working Holiday visas were finalised within service standards. The service standard for second Working Holiday (Subclass 417) visa applications is that 75 per cent are finalised within 21 calendar days of lodgement. In 2010-11, 74.19 per cent of second Working Holiday visas were finalised within service standards. This is indicative of a transition to an enhanced integrity framework visa processing model, which has temporarily resulted in finalisations falling marginally below service standards.



## Recent developments in the Working Holiday Maker program

- 2 November 2011 Arrangement with Argentina  
Australia signed a Work and Holiday (Subclass 462) visa arrangement with Argentina on 2 November 2011. It will come into effect in coming months.
- 12 October 2011 Arrangement with Papua New Guinea  
Australia signed a Work and Holiday (Subclass 462) visa arrangement with Papua New Guinea on 12 October 2011. It will come into effect in coming months.
- 15 May 2011 Biometric Data Collection  
If a client lodges a Working Holiday Maker visa application with the Australian Immigration Office in Dhaka, Bangladesh or Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia they will be required to attend a Visa Application Centre in person to provide their biometrics.
- 31 December 2010 Arrangement with Bangladesh  
Australia's Work and Holiday (Subclass 462) visa arrangement with Bangladesh came into effect on 31 December 2010.

### Australia's Working Holiday Maker visa agreements

Commencement Date	Country / Region	Type of Agreement	Annual Cap
Signed 2 November 2011 – not yet in effect	Argentina	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	500
Signed 12 October 2011 – not yet in effect	Papua New Guinea	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	100
2010	Bangladesh	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	100
2009	Indonesia	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	100
2009	Malaysia	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	100
2007	Turkey	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	100
2007	United States of America	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	N/A
2006	Chile	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	1500
2006	Netherlands	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
2005	Estonia	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
2005	Thailand	Work and Holiday (SC 462)	500
2004	Belgium	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
2004	France	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
2004	Italy	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
2004	Taiwan	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
2002	Cyprus	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
2002	Finland	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
2001	Denmark	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
2001	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
2001	Norway	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
2001	Sweden	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
2000	Germany	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
1996	Malta	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
1995	Korea, Republic of	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
1980	Japan	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
1975	Canada	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
1975	Ireland	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A
1975	United Kingdom	Working Holiday (SC 417)	N/A



## Executive summary

### Working Holiday Maker visa grants in 2010-11

#### First Working Holiday (Subclass 417) visa program

In 2010-11, the first Working Holiday visa program grew by 8.3 per cent. This marks a return to positive growth from the decline experienced in 2009-10, and largely appears to be associated with the wider global economic situation in 2010-11. The most notable visa grant growth has been seen within the country caseloads of Ireland (+87.4%), Taiwan (+41.0%), Italy (+14.9%) and Hong Kong (+14.5%).

#### Second Working Holiday (Subclass 417) visa program

In 2010-11, the second Working Holiday visa program decreased in size by 11.1 per cent. This is largely the result of a counter cyclical flow-on effect from the negative growth experienced by the first Working Holiday visa program in 2009-10. 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, but it usually takes 12-18 months to be reflected in the data. Thus, where there has been an increase or decrease in the first Working Holiday visa grants, a similar but delayed trend will follow in second Working Holiday visa grants.

As the first Working Holiday visa program has now moved back into positive growth, the second Working Holiday visa program is likely to experience a recovery in grant numbers over the next 12 months. The most notable visa grant declines have been seen within the country caseloads of Ireland (-31.0%), the Republic of Korea (-22.6%), Japan (-18.7%) and Sweden (-18.3%).

#### Combined Working Holiday (Subclass 417) visa program

The combined Working Holiday visa program (first and second) grew by 5.5 per cent overall in 2010-11. This figure, while relatively modest compared with recent years, marks a return to positive growth from the uncharacteristic decline in visa grants experienced in 2009-10, noting that with the exception of 2009-10, the program has steadily grown each year for the last decade. Program growth is expected to continue for the foreseeable future, but to an extent this will be partly contingent upon the wider global economic situation.

#### Work and Holiday (Subclass 462) visa program

In 2010-11, the Work and Holiday visa program grew by 0.3 per cent. The most notable visa grant growth has been seen within the country caseloads of Chile (+15.0%), Thailand (5.9%) and the United States (+1.1%).

### Working Holiday Makers in Australia at 30 June 2011

#### Working Holiday (Subclass 417) visa holders

As at 30 June 2011, there were 107 978 Working Holiday visa holders in Australia (combined first and second visas). This is an 8.7 per cent increase over the number of Working Holiday visa holders in Australia at 30 June 2010, and reflects the larger number of visas granted in 2010-11 compared to 2009-10.

#### Work and Holiday (Subclass 462) visa program

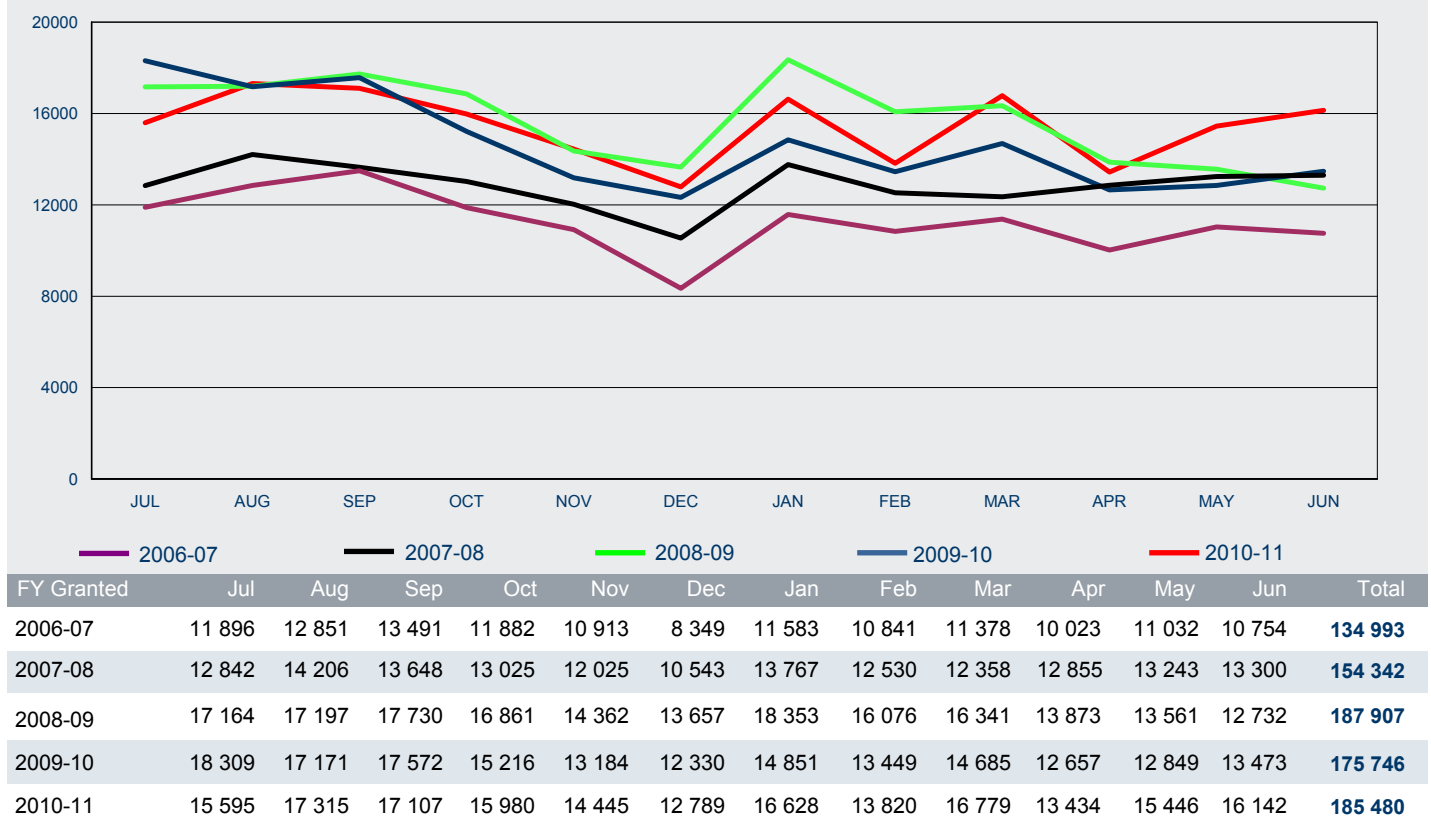
As at 30 June 2011, there were 4 007 Work and Holiday visa holders in Australia. This is a 10.6% per cent increase over the number of Work and Holiday visa holders in Australia at 30 June 2010.



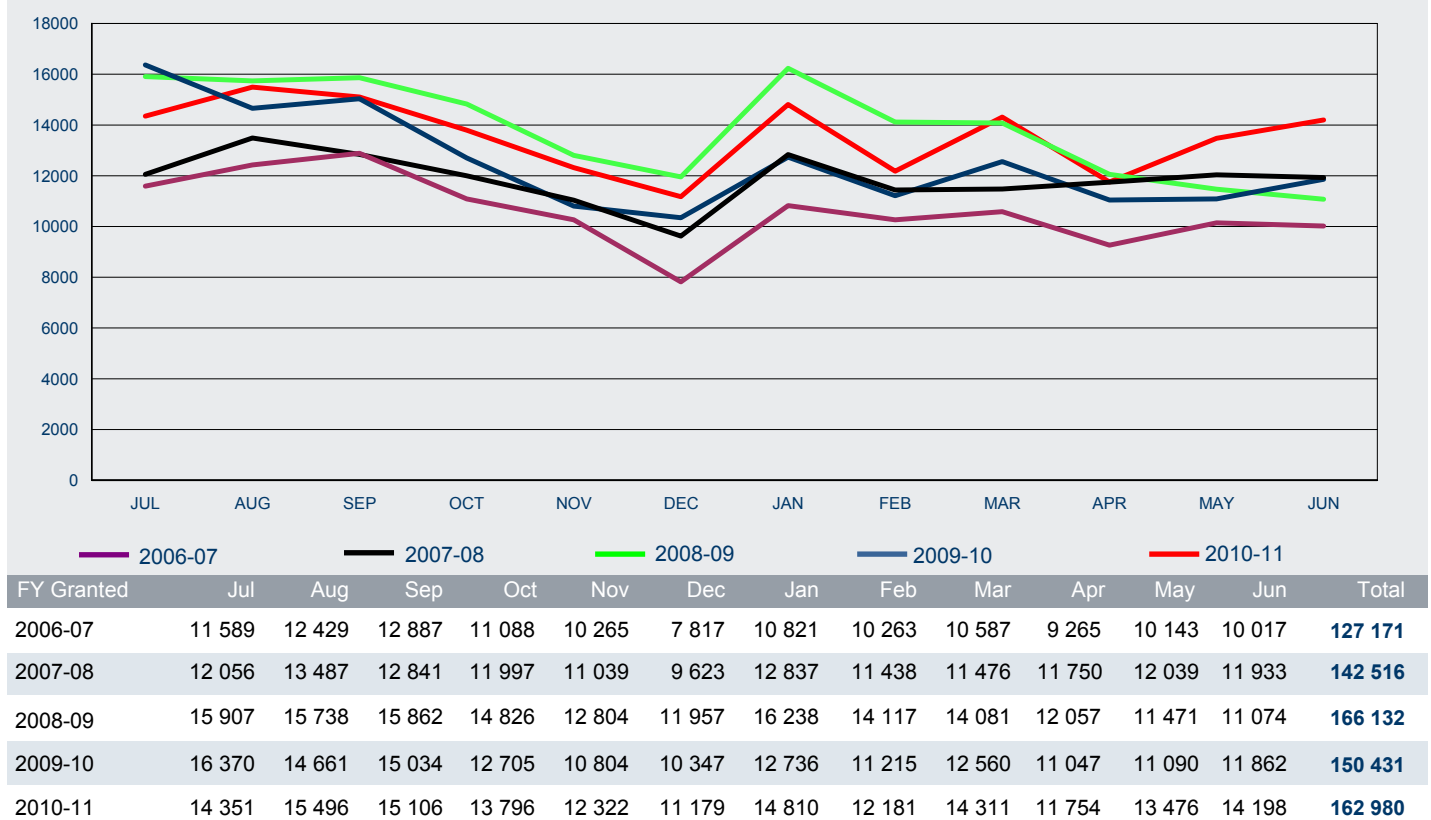
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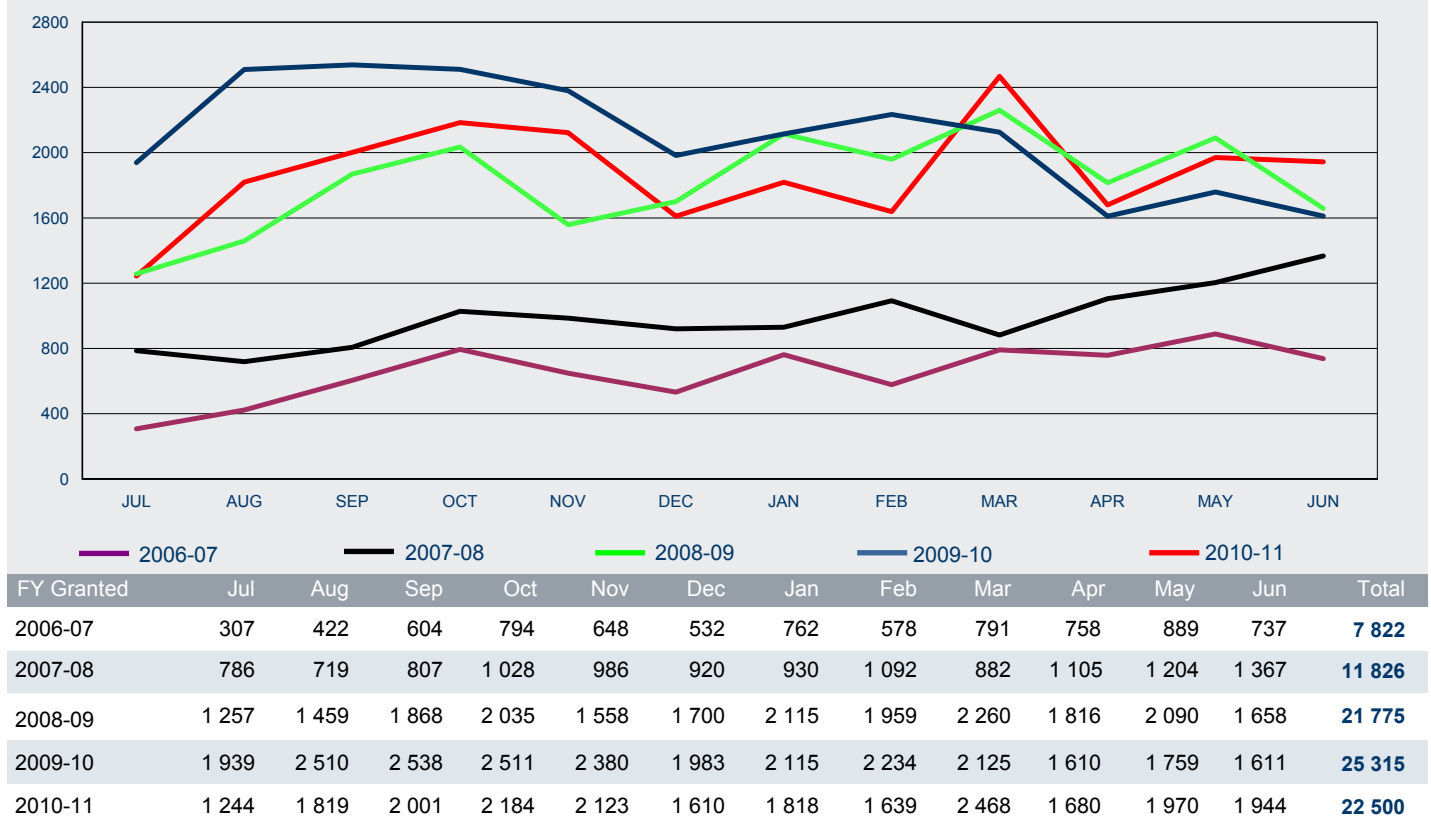


1.02 Number of first Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa applications granted in 2010-11 to 30 June 2011 by month - comparison with previous four financial years

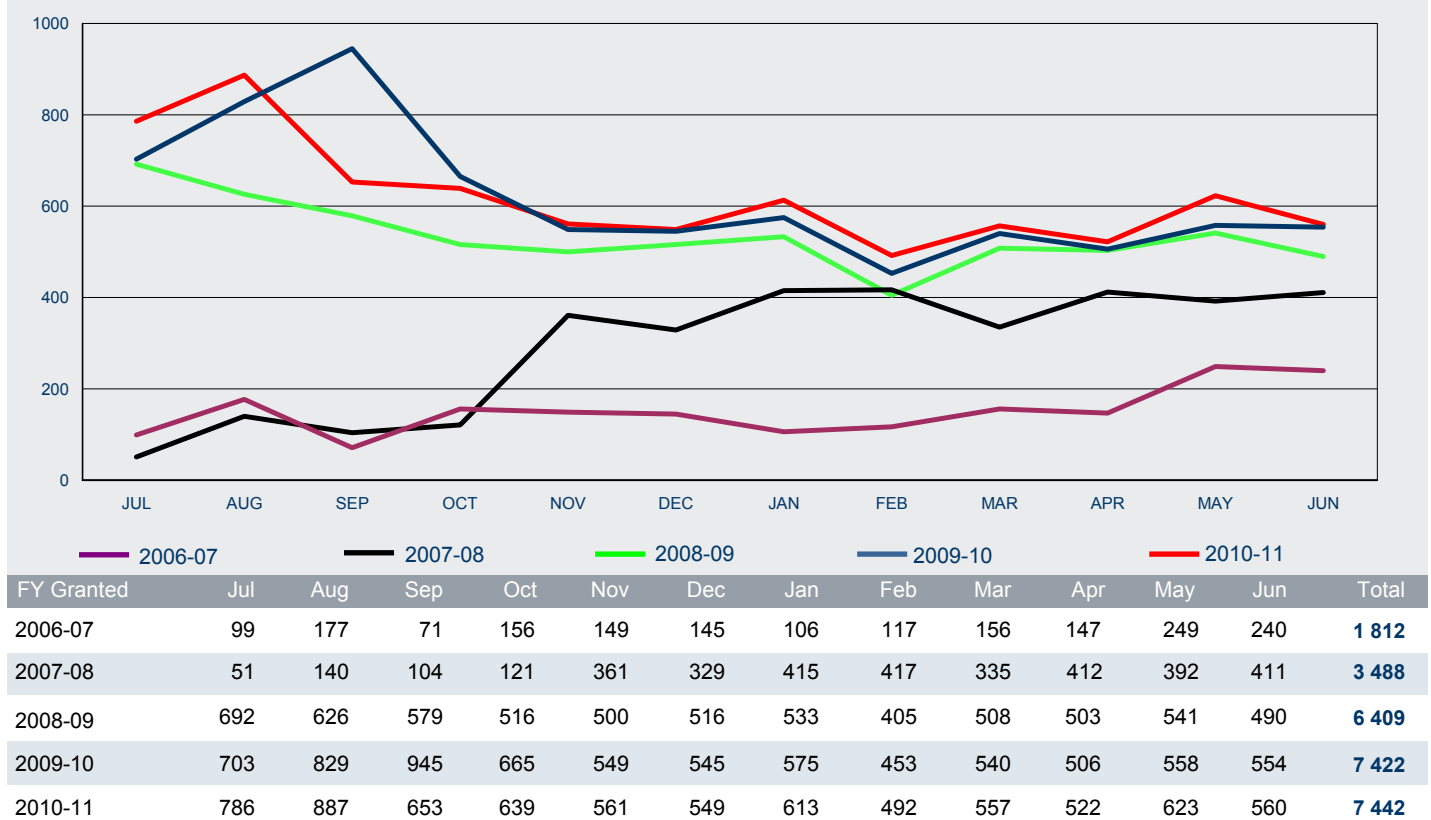


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## 1.03 Number of second Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa applications granted in 2010-11 to 30 June 2011 by month - comparison with previous four financial years



## 1.04 Total number of Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa applications granted in 2010-11 to 30 June 2011 by month - comparison with previous four financial years



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## 1.05 Total number of Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa applications granted in 2010-11 to 30 June 2011 by citizenship country - comparison with the previous four financial years

Citizenship Country	2006-07 to 30/06/07	2007-08 to 30/06/08	2008-09 to 30/06/09	2009-10 to 30/06/10	2010-11 to 30/06/11	% Change from 2009-10	2010-11 as a % of Total
United Kingdom	31 218	34 168	40 108	36 995	38 974	5.3%	21.0%
Korea, South	28 650	32 647	39 547	34 863	30 527	-12.4%	16.5%
Ireland, Republic of	13 554	17 133	22 759	14 790	21 753	47.1%	11.7%
Germany, Fed Republic of	15 756	17 478	20 319	20 860	21 146	1.4%	11.4%
France	8 224	11 042	16 259	18 158	18 530	2.0%	10.0%
Taiwan	2 312	6 137	9 242	10 175	13 809	35.7%	7.4%
Canada	7 092	8 098	8 743	8 209	7 899	-3.8%	4.3%
Japan	11 747	10 611	9 339	8 079	7 746	-4.1%	4.2%
Italy	3 236	3 576	4 636	5 481	6 429	17.3%	3.5%
HKSAR of the PRC	1 223	1 542	2 718	3 722	4 545	22.1%	2.5%
Sweden	3 991	3 918	4 399	4 208	4 121	-2.1%	2.2%
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	3 343	3 596	3 992	4 036	3 821	-5.3%	2.1%
Estonia	366	521	1 249	1 385	1 453	4.9%	0.8%
Denmark	1 398	1 142	1 220	1 294	1 260	-2.6%	0.7%
Belgium	893	978	1 220	1 298	1 230	-5.2%	0.7%
Finland	1 007	930	1 061	996	1 066	7.0%	0.6%
Norway	681	696	727	925	836	-9.6%	0.5%
Malta	109	93	97	67	88	31.3%	0.0%
Cyprus	7	5	26	15	18	20.0%	0.0%
Not Specified	186	31	246	190	229	20.5%	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>134 993</b>	<b>154 342</b>	<b>187 907</b>	<b>175 746</b>	<b>185 480</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## 1.06 Number of first Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa applications granted in 2010-11 to 30 June 2011 by citizenship country - comparison with the previous four financial years

Citizenship Country	2006-07 to 30/06/07	2007-08 to 30/06/08	2008-09 to 30/06/09	2009-10 to 30/06/10	2010-11 to 30/06/11	% Change from 2009-10	2010-11 as a % of Total
United Kingdom	29 619	31 959	36 115	32 011	34 295	7.1%	21.0%
Korea, South	26 363	29 068	33 461	28 280	25 433	-10.1%	15.6%
Germany, Fed Republic of	15 188	16 677	19 270	19 693	20 017	1.6%	12.3%
Ireland, Republic of	12 751	15 639	18 384	9 750	18 274	87.4%	11.2%
France	7 907	10 514	15 327	16 902	17 140	1.4%	10.5%
Taiwan	2 253	5 843	7 904	8 106	11 430	41.0%	7.0%
Canada	6 844	7 808	8 290	7 680	7 439	-3.1%	4.6%
Japan	10 432	8 748	7 290	6 415	6 393	-0.3%	3.9%
Italy	3 116	3 380	4 304	5 055	5 806	14.9%	3.6%
Sweden	3 899	3 796	4 192	3 967	3 924	-1.1%	2.4%
HKSAR of the PRC	1 179	1 453	2 498	3 383	3 875	14.5%	2.4%
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	3 222	3 458	3 815	3 848	3 623	-5.8%	2.2%
Denmark	1 381	1 114	1 180	1 258	1 201	-4.5%	0.7%
Belgium	852	920	1 131	1 221	1 155	-5.4%	0.7%
Estonia	323	466	1 130	952	1 053	10.6%	0.6%
Finland	962	882	987	935	1 005	7.5%	0.6%
Norway	671	685	711	898	817	-9.0%	0.5%
Malta	101	89	90	58	80	37.9%	0.0%
Cyprus	7	5	25	14	17	21.4%	0.0%
Not Specified	101	12	28	5	3	-40.0%	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>127 171</b>	<b>142 516</b>	<b>166 132</b>	<b>150 431</b>	<b>162 980</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



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## 1.07 Number of second Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa applications granted in 2010-11 to 30 June 2011 by citizenship country - comparison with the previous four financial years

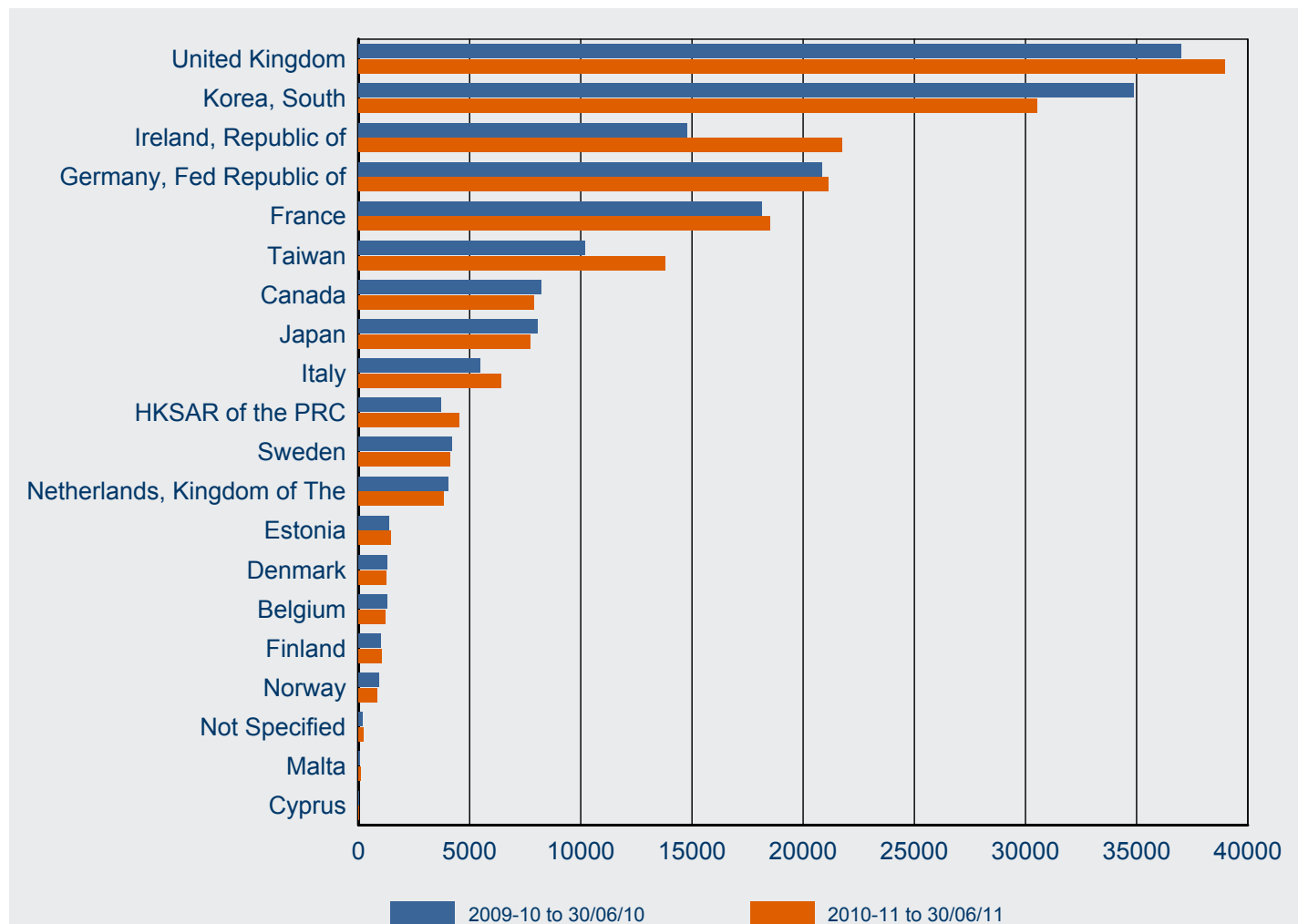
Citizenship Country	2006-07 to 30/06/07	2007-08 to 30/06/08	2008-09 to 30/06/09	2009-10 to 30/06/10	2010-11 to 30/06/11	% Change from 2009-10	2010-11 as a % of Total
Korea, South	2 287	3 579	6 086	6 583	5 094	-22.6%	22.6%
United Kingdom	1 599	2 209	3 993	4 984	4 679	-6.1%	20.8%
Ireland, Republic of	803	1 494	4 375	5 040	3 479	-31.0%	15.5%
Taiwan	59	294	1 338	2 069	2 379	15.0%	10.6%
France	317	528	932	1 256	1 390	10.7%	6.2%
Japan	1 315	1 863	2 049	1 664	1 353	-18.7%	6.0%
Germany, Fed Republic of	568	801	1 049	1 167	1 129	-3.3%	5.0%
HKSAR of the PRC	44	89	220	339	670	97.6%	3.0%
Italy	120	196	332	426	623	46.2%	2.8%
Canada	248	290	453	529	460	-13.0%	2.0%
Estonia	43	55	119	433	400	-7.6%	1.8%
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	121	138	177	188	198	5.3%	0.9%
Sweden	92	122	207	241	197	-18.3%	0.9%
Belgium	41	58	89	77	75	-2.6%	0.3%
Finland	45	48	74	61	61	0.0%	0.3%
Denmark	17	28	40	36	59	63.9%	0.3%
Norway	10	11	16	27	19	-29.6%	0.1%
Malta	8	4	7	9	8	-11.1%	0.0%
Cyprus			1	1	1	0.0%	0.0%
Not Specified	85	19	218	185	226	22.2%	1.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 822</b>	<b>11 826</b>	<b>21 775</b>	<b>25 315</b>	<b>22 500</b>	<b>-11.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## 1.08 Number of Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa applications granted in 2010-11 to 30 June 2011 by citizenship country - comparison with the previous four financial years

Citizenship Country	2006-07 to 30/06/07	2007-08 to 30/06/08	2008-09 to 30/06/09	2009-10 to 30/06/10	2010-11 to 30/06/11	% Change from 2009-10	2010-11 as a % of Total
United States of America		2 310	4 890	6 149	6 219	1.1%	83.6%
Chile	304	503	748	446	513	15.0%	6.9%
Thailand	105	205	197	471	499	5.9%	6.7%
Malaysia			81	100	100	0.0%	1.3%
Indonesia				100	98	-2.0%	1.3%
Iran	1 403	461	482	140	8	-94.3%	0.1%
Turkey		9	11	16	5	-68.8%	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 812</b>	<b>3 488</b>	<b>6 409</b>	<b>7 422</b>	<b>7 442</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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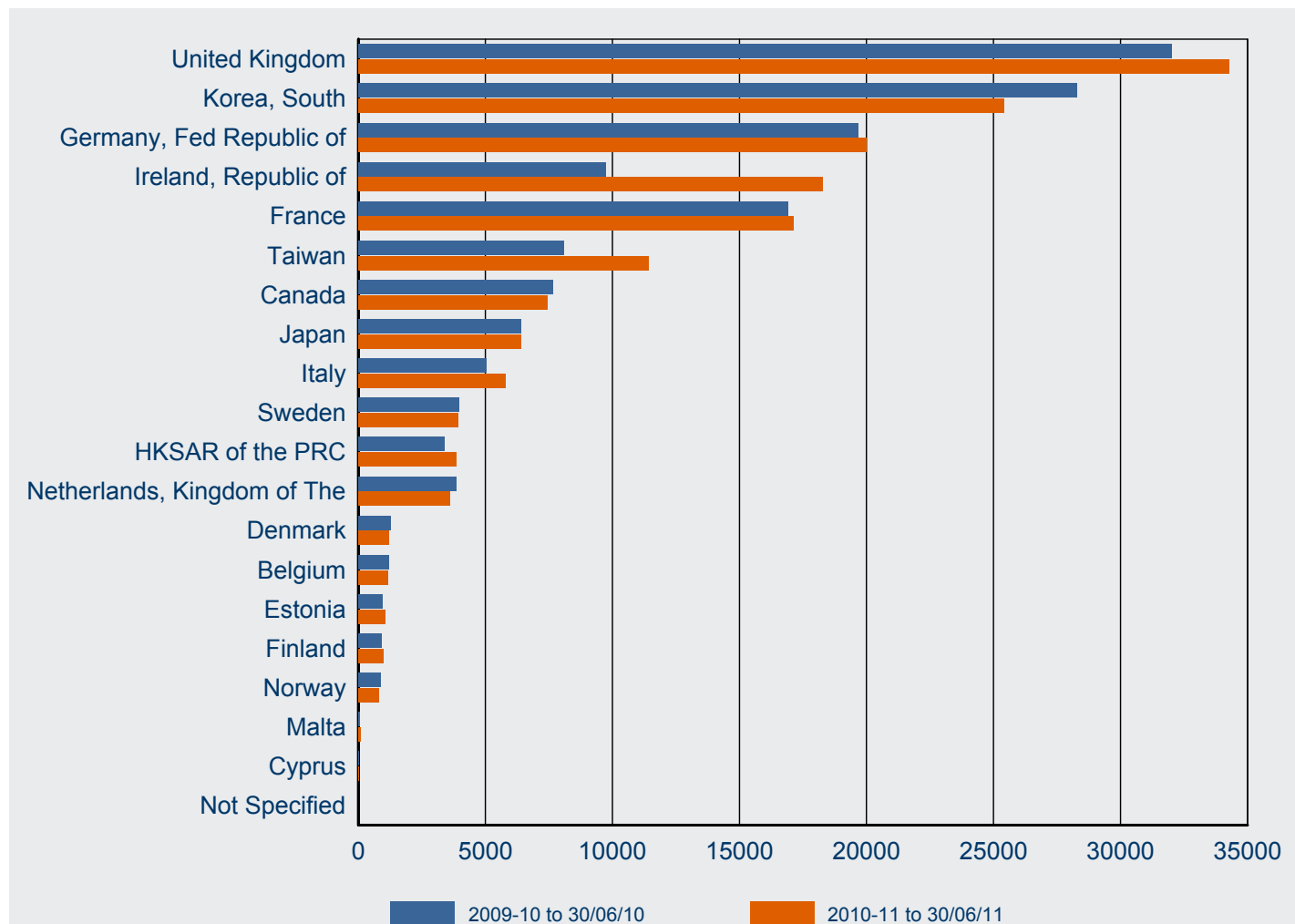
1.09 Total number of Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa applications granted in 2010-11 to 30 June 2011 by citizenship country - comparison with the previous financial year



Citizenship Country	2009-10 to 30/06/10	2010-11 to 30/06/11	% Change from 2009-10	2010-11 as % of Total
United Kingdom	36 995	38 974	5.3%	21.0%
Korea, South	34 863	30 527	-12.4%	16.5%
Ireland, Republic of	14 790	21 753	47.1%	11.7%
Germany, Fed Republic of	20 860	21 146	1.4%	11.4%
France	18 158	18 530	2.0%	10.0%
Taiwan	10 175	13 809	35.7%	7.4%
Canada	8 209	7 899	-3.8%	4.3%
Japan	8 079	7 746	-4.1%	4.2%
Italy	5 481	6 429	17.3%	3.5%
HKSAR of the PRC	3 722	4 545	22.1%	2.5%
Sweden	4 208	4 121	-2.1%	2.2%
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	4 036	3 821	-5.3%	2.1%
Estonia	1 385	1 453	4.9%	0.8%
Denmark	1 294	1 260	-2.6%	0.7%
Belgium	1 298	1 230	-5.2%	0.7%
Finland	996	1 066	7.0%	0.6%
Norway	925	836	-9.6%	0.5%
Not Specified	190	229	20.5%	0.1%
Malta	67	88	31.3%	0.0%
Cyprus	15	18	20.0%	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>175 746</b>	<b>185 480</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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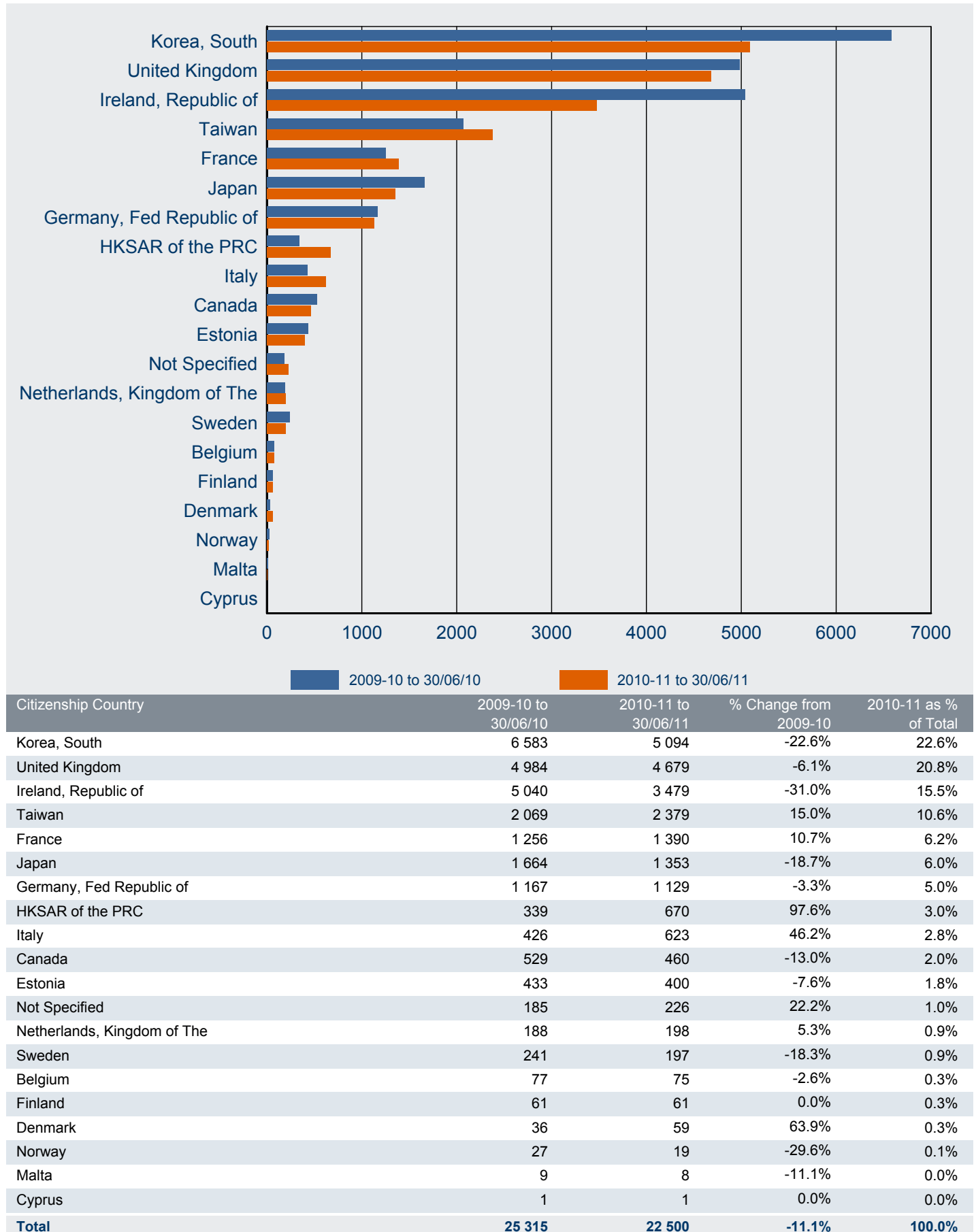
1.10 Number of first Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa applications granted in 2010-11 to 30 June 2011 by citizenship country - comparison with the previous financial year



Citizenship Country	2009-10 to 30/06/10	2010-11 to 30/06/11	% Change from 2009-10	2010-11 as % of Total
United Kingdom	32 011	34 295	7.1%	21.0%
Korea, South	28 280	25 433	-10.1%	15.6%
Germany, Fed Republic of	19 693	20 017	1.6%	12.3%
Ireland, Republic of	9 750	18 274	87.4%	11.2%
France	16 902	17 140	1.4%	10.5%
Taiwan	8 106	11 430	41.0%	7.0%
Canada	7 680	7 439	-3.1%	4.6%
Japan	6 415	6 393	-0.3%	3.9%
Italy	5 055	5 806	14.9%	3.6%
Sweden	3 967	3 924	-1.1%	2.4%
HKSAR of the PRC	3 383	3 875	14.5%	2.4%
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	3 848	3 623	-5.8%	2.2%
Denmark	1 258	1 201	-4.5%	0.7%
Belgium	1 221	1 155	-5.4%	0.7%
Estonia	952	1 053	10.6%	0.6%
Finland	935	1 005	7.5%	0.6%
Norway	898	817	-9.0%	0.5%
Malta	58	80	37.9%	0.0%
Cyprus	14	17	21.4%	0.0%
Not Specified	5	3	-40.0%	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>150 431</b>	<b>162 980</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

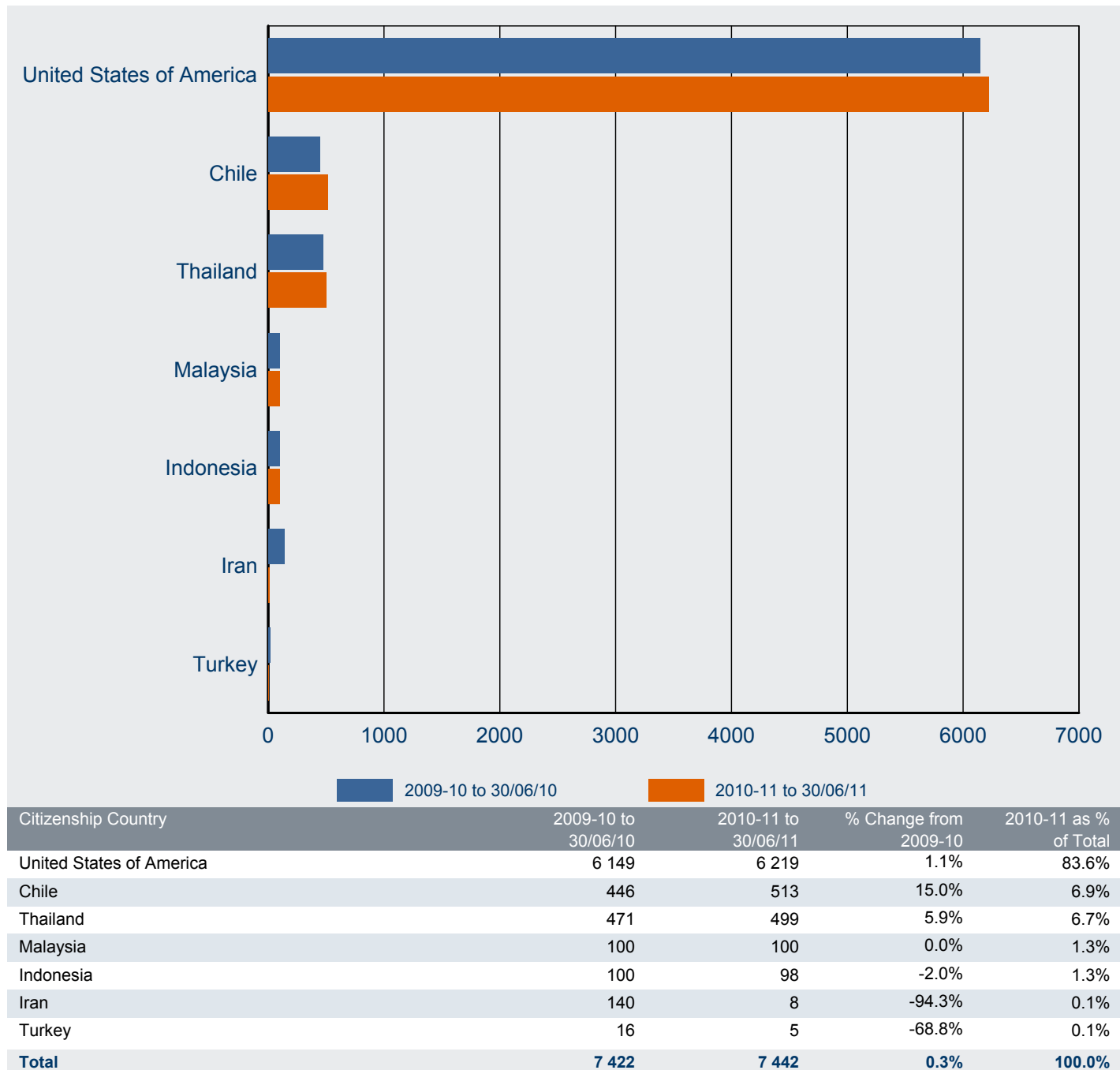
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1.11 Number of second Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa applications granted in 2010-11 to 30 June 2011 by citizenship country - comparison with the previous financial year



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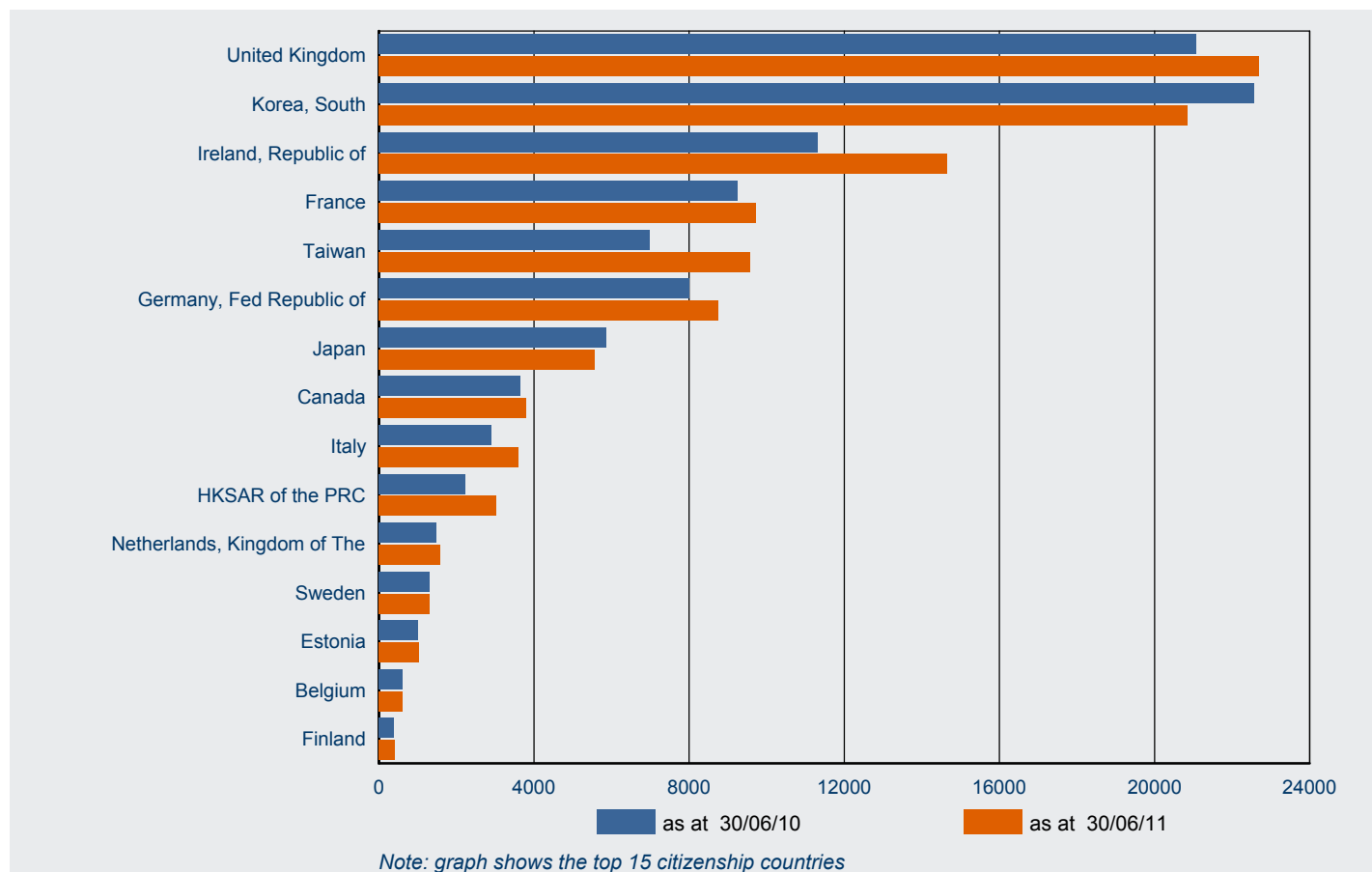




# 2 Visa Holders in Australia

## 2 Visa holders in Australia

2.01 Total number of Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa holders in Australia as at 30 June 2011 by citizenship country - comparison with the same date in the previous year

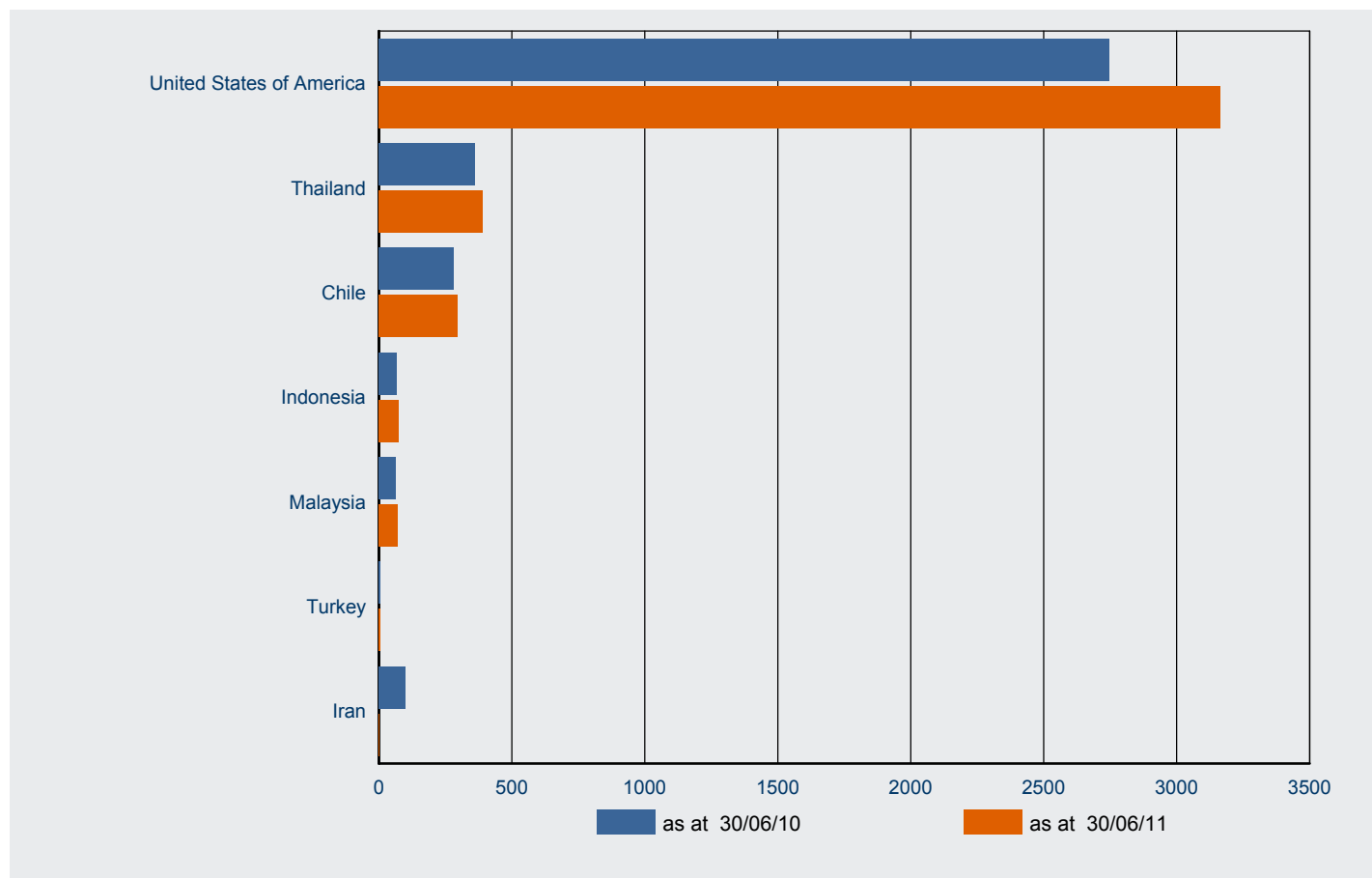


Citizenship Country	30/06/10	30/06/11	% Change from 30/06/10	30/06/11 as % of Total
United Kingdom	21 082	22 700	7.7%	21.0%
Korea, South	22 571	20 863	-7.6%	19.3%
Ireland, Republic of	11 324	14 646	29.3%	13.6%
France	9 253	9 714	5.0%	9.0%
Taiwan	6 974	9 573	37.3%	8.9%
Germany, Fed Republic of	8 002	8 757	9.4%	8.1%
Japan	5 863	5 576	-4.9%	5.2%
Canada	3 640	3 795	4.3%	3.5%
Italy	2 910	3 595	23.5%	3.3%
HKSAR of the PRC	2 239	3 022	35.0%	2.8%
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	1 473	1 586	7.7%	1.5%
Sweden	1 307	1 308	0.1%	1.2%
Estonia	999	1 027	2.8%	1.0%
Belgium	600	608	1.3%	0.6%
Finland	382	402	5.2%	0.4%
Denmark	358	364	1.7%	0.3%
Norway	187	195	4.3%	0.2%
Malta	38	52	36.8%	0.0%
Cyprus	8	9	12.5%	0.0%
Not Specified	157	186	18.5%	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>99 367</b>	<b>107 978</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



## 2 Visa holders in Australia

2.02 Total number of Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa holders in Australia as at 30 June 2011 by citizenship country - comparison with the same date in the previous year



Citizenship Country	30/06/10	30/06/11	% Change from 30/06/10	30/06/11 as % of Total
United States of America	2 747	3 165	15.2%	79.0%
Thailand	362	389	7.5%	9.7%
Chile	280	297	6.1%	7.4%
Indonesia	67	76	13.4%	1.9%
Malaysia	62	72	16.1%	1.8%
Turkey	6	5	-16.7%	0.1%
Iran	99	3	-97.0%	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 623</b>	<b>4 007</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



# 3 Second Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa program

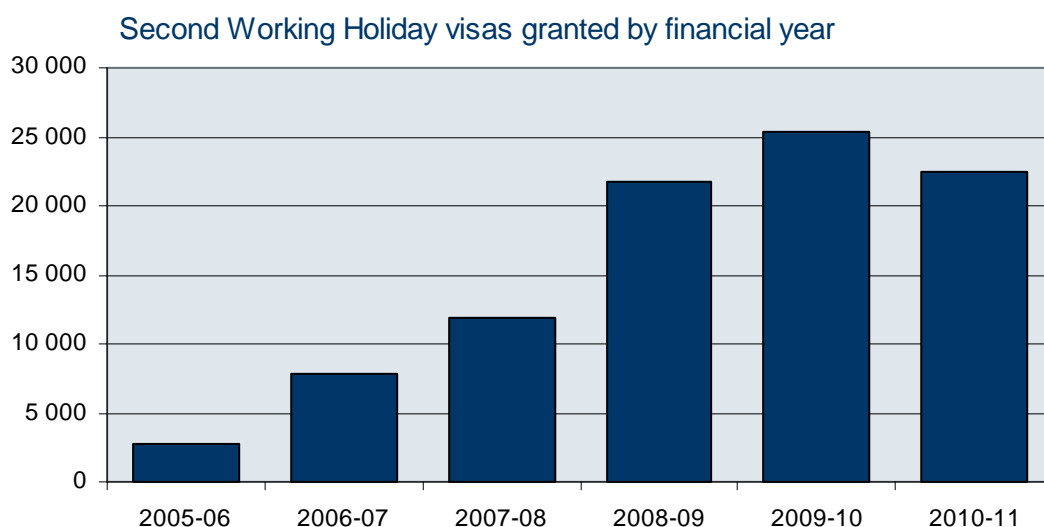
### 3 Second Working Holiday (subclass 417) Visa Program

#### Background to the second Working Holiday visa program

The second Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa program was introduced on 1 November 2005. It provides first Working Holiday visa holders with an opportunity to extend their stay in Australia for a further 12 months, if they undertake three months (88 days) specified work in regional Australia during their stay. Specified work includes employment in the agriculture, mining and construction industries. The initiative provides an incentive for Working Holiday visa holders to focus their travel and incidental work activities in regional areas. It also plays a valuable support role for these key industries, which have been identified as encountering serious and persistent labour shortages in regional Australia.

#### Visa grants since program commencement on 1 November 2005

The number of Second Working Holiday visa grants has grown rapidly since the program commenced in late 2005. There were 2 692 grants in 2005-06, compared with 22 500 in 2010-11. This is slightly more than an eightfold increase over six years.



#### Second Working Holiday visa holders in Australia – share of the overall WHV Program

Since its introduction in 2005, the second Working Holiday visa program has grown to constitute 17.0 per cent of overall Working Holiday by 30 June 2011. This compares with just 3.3 per cent share of overall Working holiday visa holders in Australia as at 30 June 2006.



### 3 Second Working Holiday (subclass 417) Visa Program

#### Industry sector breakdown

In 2010-11, around 90 per cent of the approximately 25 000 second Working Holiday visa applicants indicated they engaged in agricultural work to acquire eligibility, nine per cent undertook construction work, and one per cent undertook mining work.



