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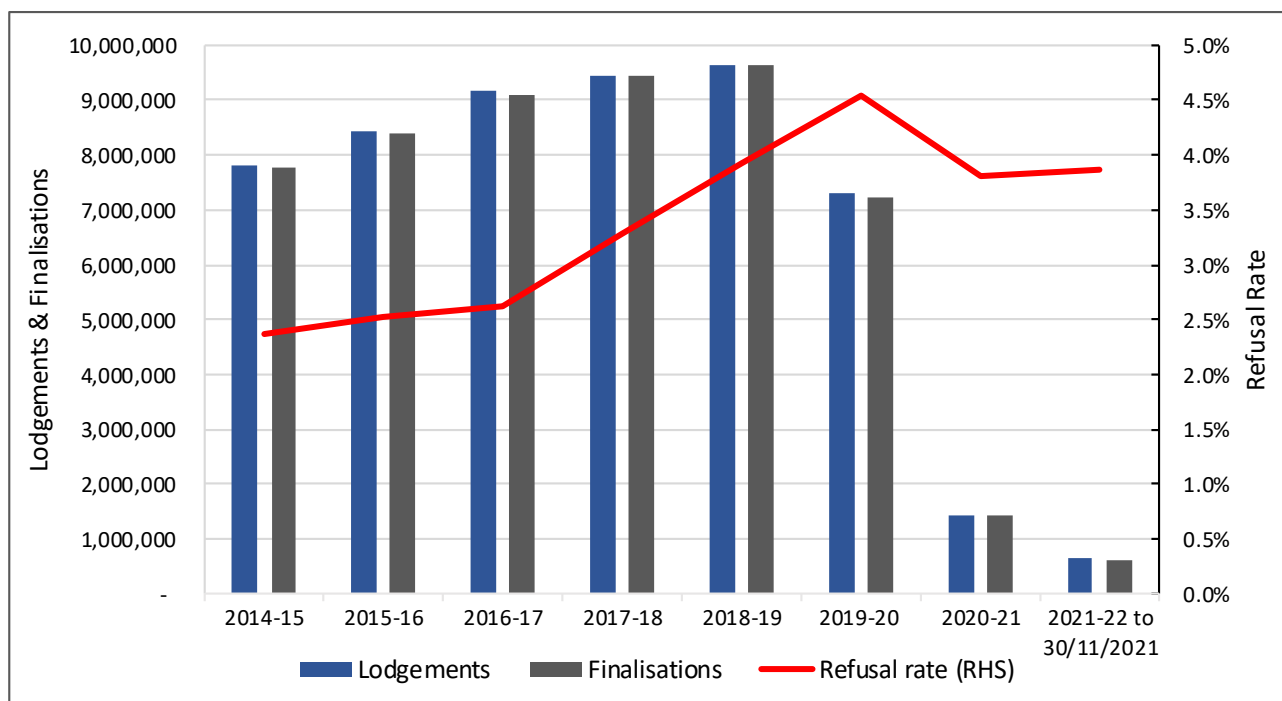
Addendum – December 2021 (data to 30 November 2021)



Administering the Immigration Program

Broad visa trends

Figure 1: Total non-humanitarian visa programs trends, 2014-15 to 2021-22 (to 30 November 2021)



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Temporary visas

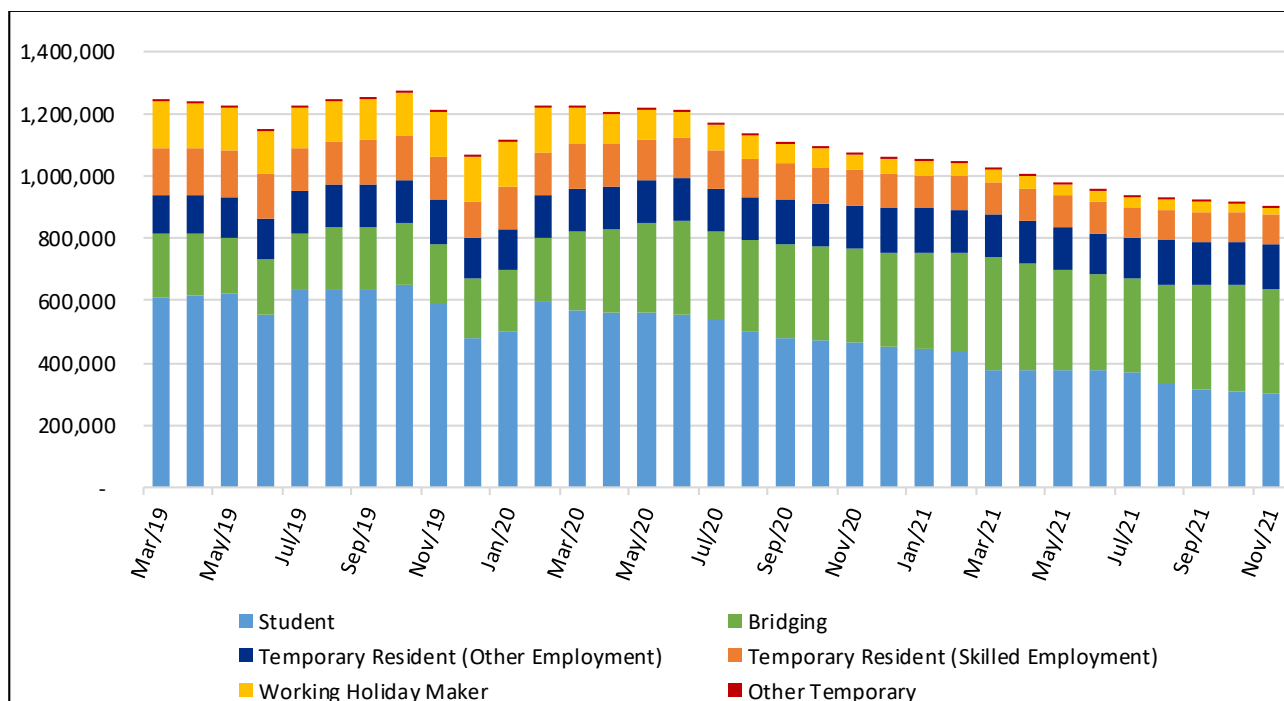
Table 2: Change in the number of temporary visa holders in Australia between 30 November 2020 and 30 November 2021

Visa category	30-11-20	30-11-21	Difference	% Change
Bridging ¹	299,854	335,038	35,184	11.7%
Crew and Transit	8,293	10,305	2,012	24.3%
Other Temporary	5,189	3,827	-1,362	-26.2%
Special Category	655,795	656,264	469	0.1%
Student	465,018	301,909	-163,109	-35.1%
Temporary Protection	17,906	18,727	821	4.6%
Temporary Resident (Other Employment)	140,898	145,455	4,557	3.2%
Temporary Resident (Skilled Employment)	112,702	94,418	-18,284	-16.2%
Visitor	69,027	38,732	-30,295	-43.9%
Working Holiday Maker	53,712	22,285	-31,427	-58.5%
Total	1,828,394	1,626,960	- 201,434	-11.0%

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

¹ Excludes Bridging Visa E (subclass 050 and 051) holders.

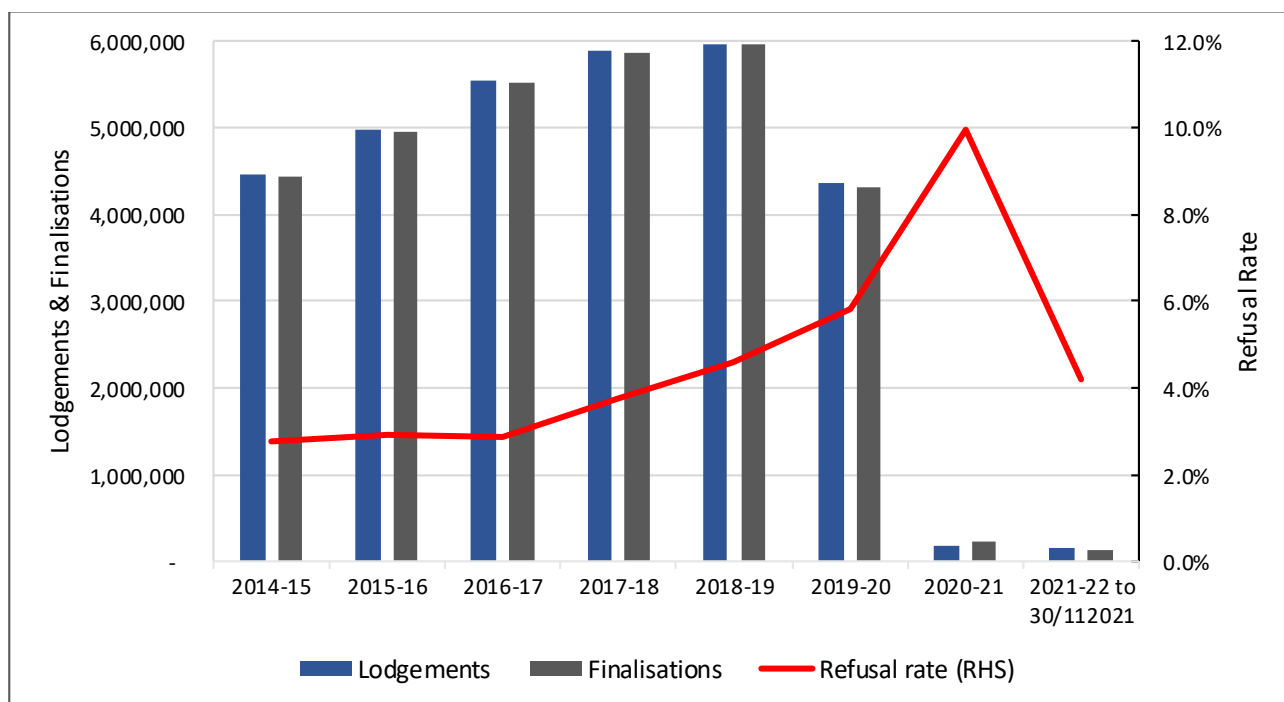
Figure 2: Number of temporary visa holders in Australia², 31 March 2019 to 30 November 2021



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Visitors

Figure 3: Visitor visa program trends, 2014-15 to 2021-22 (to 30 November 2021)

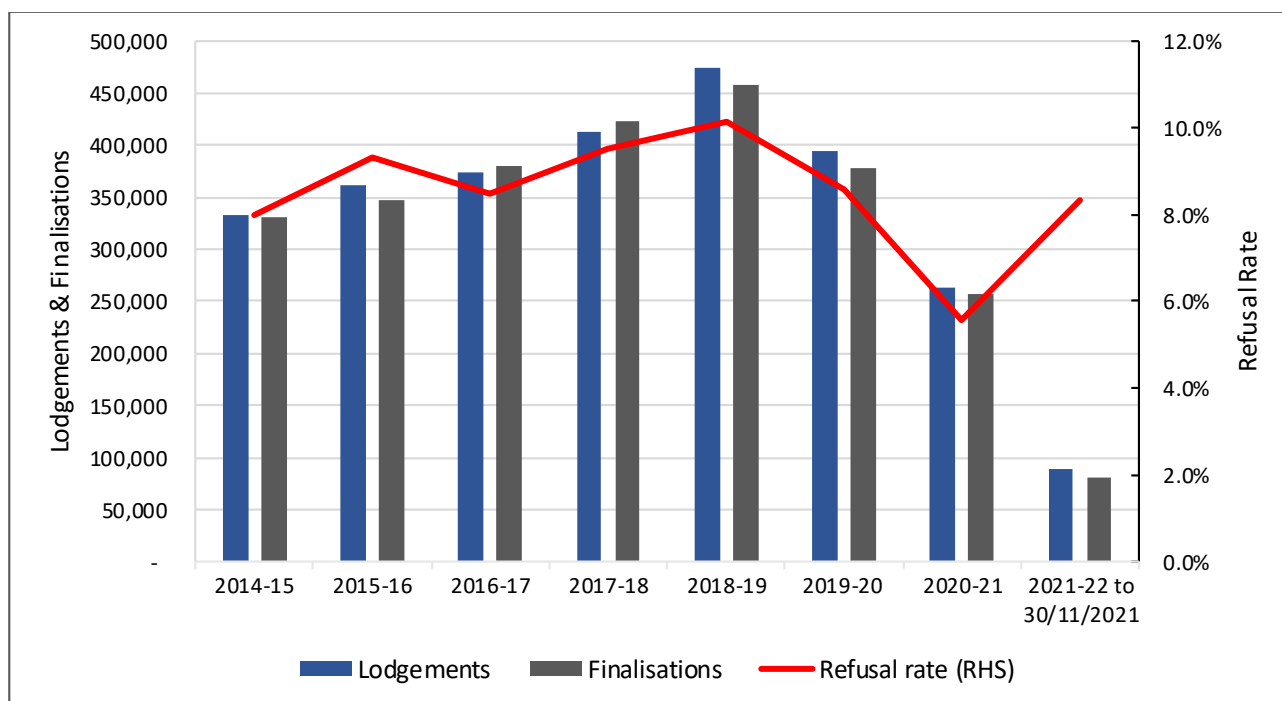


Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

² Excludes Visitor, Crew, Transit, Other Protection, Bridging Visa E and Special Category visa holders.

Students

Figure 4: Student visa program trends, 2014-15 to 2020-21 (to 30 November 2021)³



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Table 4: Change in the number of Student visa applications lodged by sector between 2019-20 and 2020-21, and program year to date total 2021-22 (to 30 November 2021)

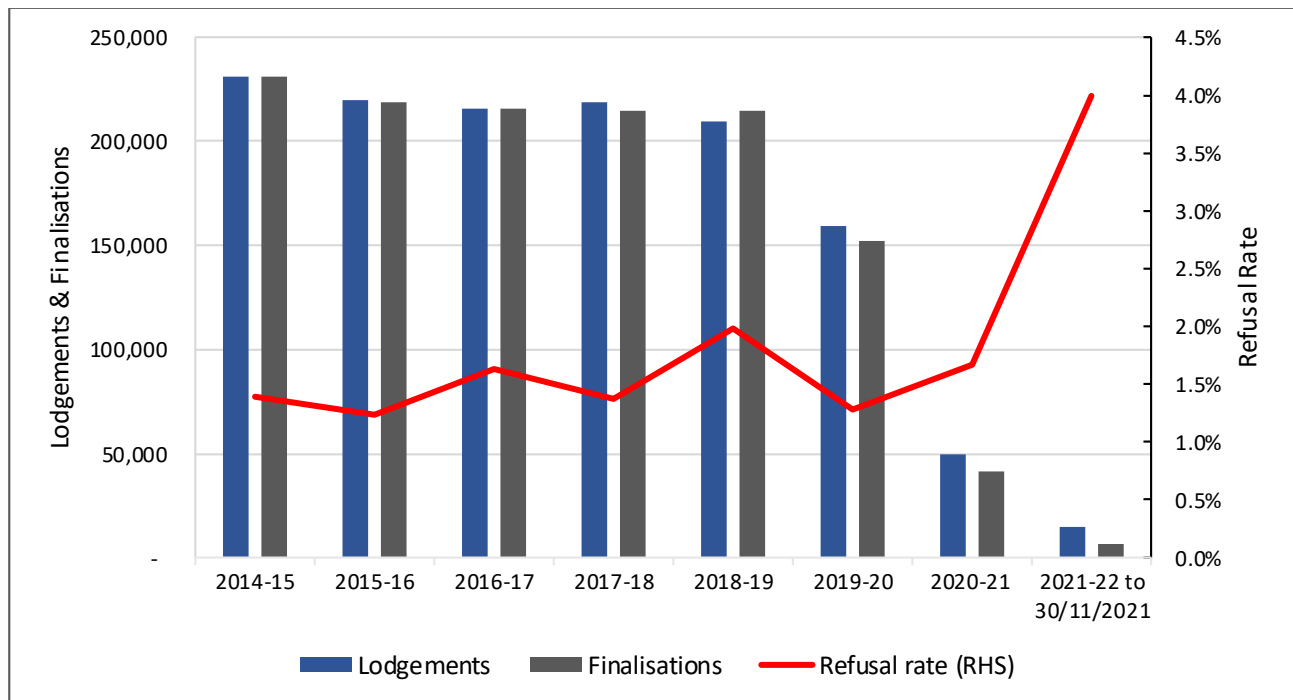
Visatype	2019-20	2020-21	Difference	% Change	2021-22 (to 30/11/2021)
Foreign Affairs or Defence Sector	3,786	1,639	-2,147	-56.7%	736
Higher Education Sector	197,529	143,199	-54,330	-27.5%	50,970
Independent ELICOS Sector	36,285	6,284	-30,001	-82.7%	1,970
Non-Award Sector	12,281	389	-11892	-96.8%	112
Postgraduate Research Sector	11,790	9,611	-2,179	-18.5%	4,233
Schools Sector	7,903	2,542	-5,361	-67.8%	840
Vocational Education and Training Sector	125,572	98,969	-26,603	-21.2%	30,396
Total	395,146	262,633	-132,513	-33.5%	89,257

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

³ Includes all primary and secondary Student visa applications.

Working Holiday Makers

Figure 5: Working Holiday Maker visa trends, 2014-15 to 2021-22 (to 30 November 2021)



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Temporary Skilled Work

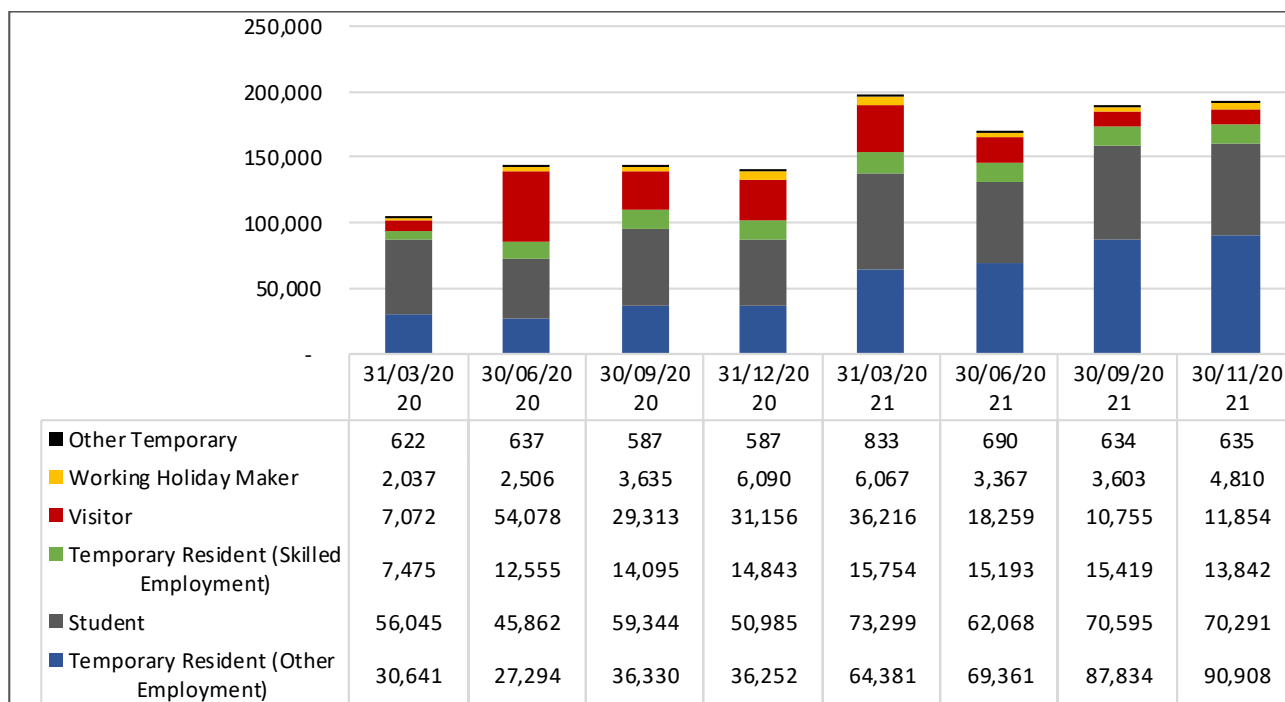
Table 6: Change in the number of Temporary Resident (skilled) primary visa applications lodged between 2019-20 and 2020-21, and program year to date total 2021-22 (to 30 November 2021)

Visa category	2019-20	2020-21	Difference	% Change	2021-22 (to 30/11/2021)
Temporary Resident (Skilled Employment)	36,334	27,190	-9,144	-25%	12,624

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

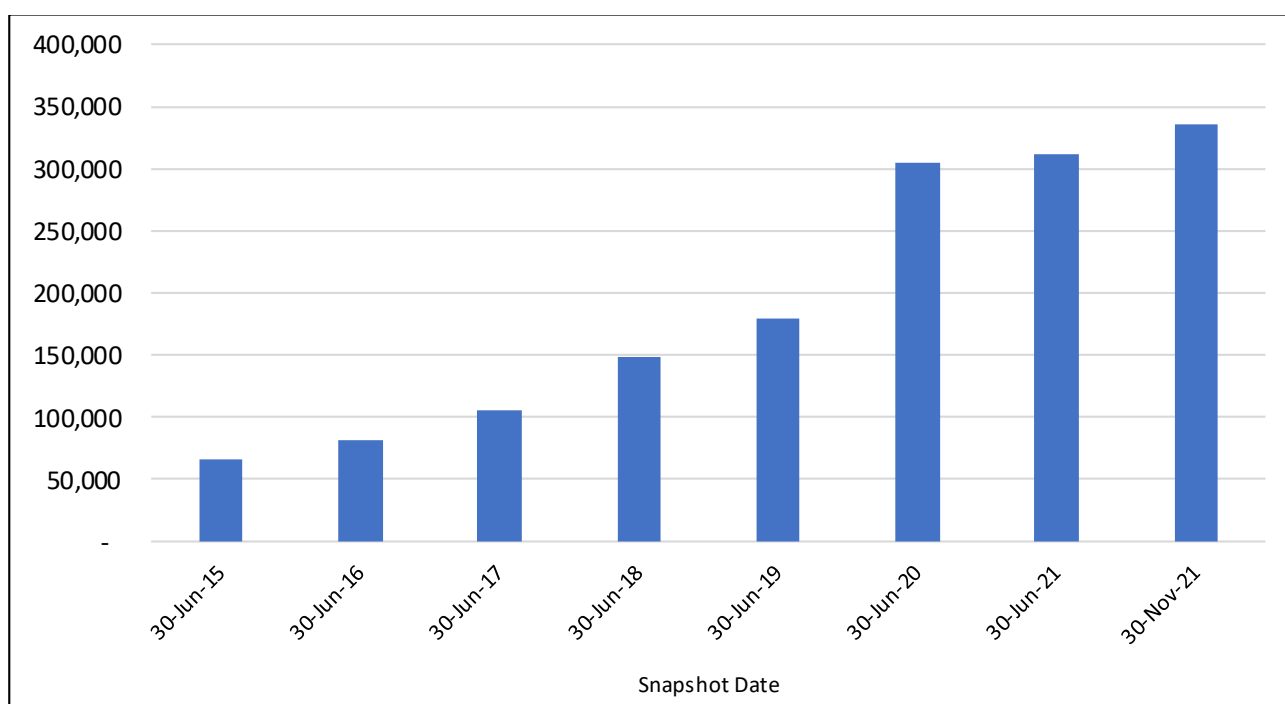
Bridging visas

Figure 6: Bridging visa A, B and C holders in Australia by selected temporary visa category applied for, 31 March 2020 to 30 November 2021⁴



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Figure 7: Number of bridging visa holders in Australia, 30 June 2015 to 30 November 2021⁵



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

⁴ Excludes Bridging Visa E (subclass 050 and 051) holders.

⁵ Excludes Bridging Visa E (subclass 050 and 051) holders, includes applicants for permanent and temporary visas.

Migration Program

Skilled Migration Program

Global Talent

Table 10: Global Talent Visa Program EOI assessment outcomes as at 30 November 2021

Program year	Invited	%	Not invited	%	Total
2020-21	4,143	41.3%	5,886	58.7%	10,029
2021-22 (to 30/11/2021)	1,123	44.2%	1,416	55.8%	2,539
Total	5,266	41.9%	7,302	58.1%	12,568

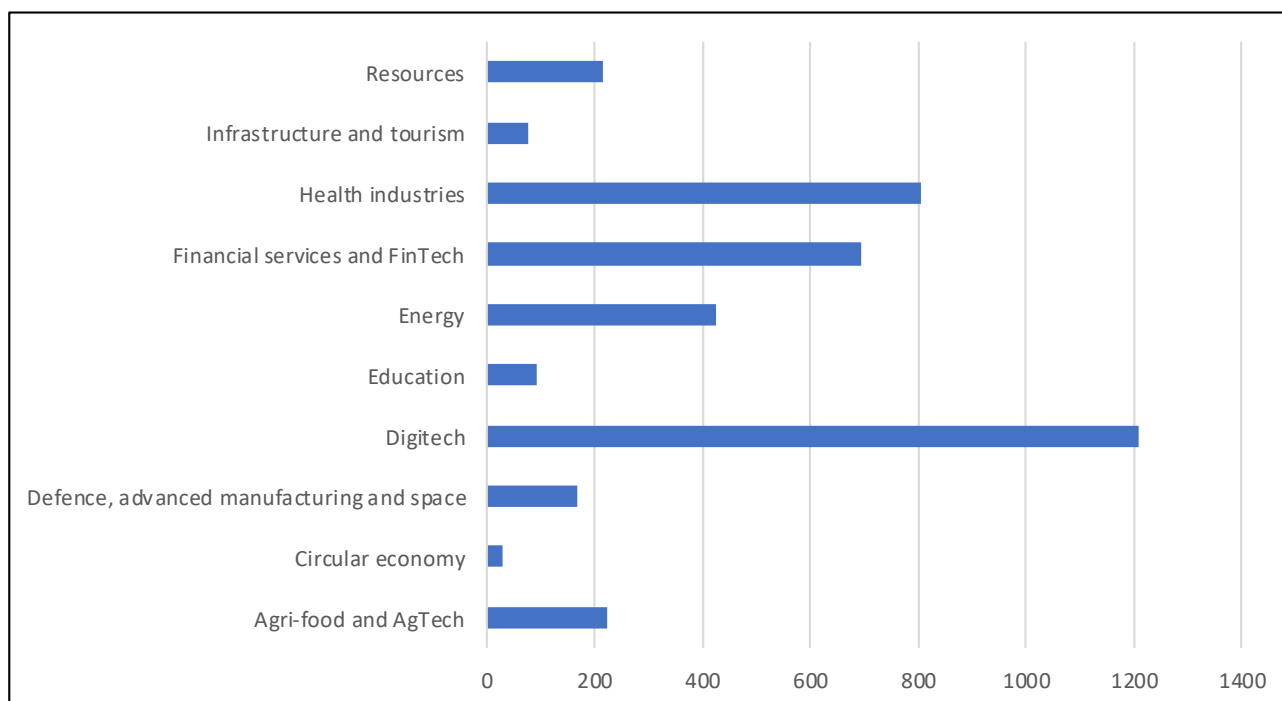
Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Table 11: Global Talent Visa Program average visa processing time for applications finalised between 1 July 2021 and 30 November 2021

Stream	75th percentile	90th percentile
Global Talent pathway	84 days	141 days

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Figure 11: Global Talent Visa Program, grants by sector as at 30 November 2021⁶



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

⁶ This graph reflects the Global Talent Visa Program priority sectors in place since 17 December 2020.

Regional Migration

Table 12: Number of applications lodged for Regional visas, 2020-21 and 2021-22 (to 30 November 2021)

Visa	2020-21	2021-22 (to 30/11/2021)
Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491)	16,019	8,567
Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 494)	1,890	1,100
Total	17,909	9,667

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Table 13: Number of applications finalised for Regional visas, 2020-21 and 2021-22 (to 30 November 2021)

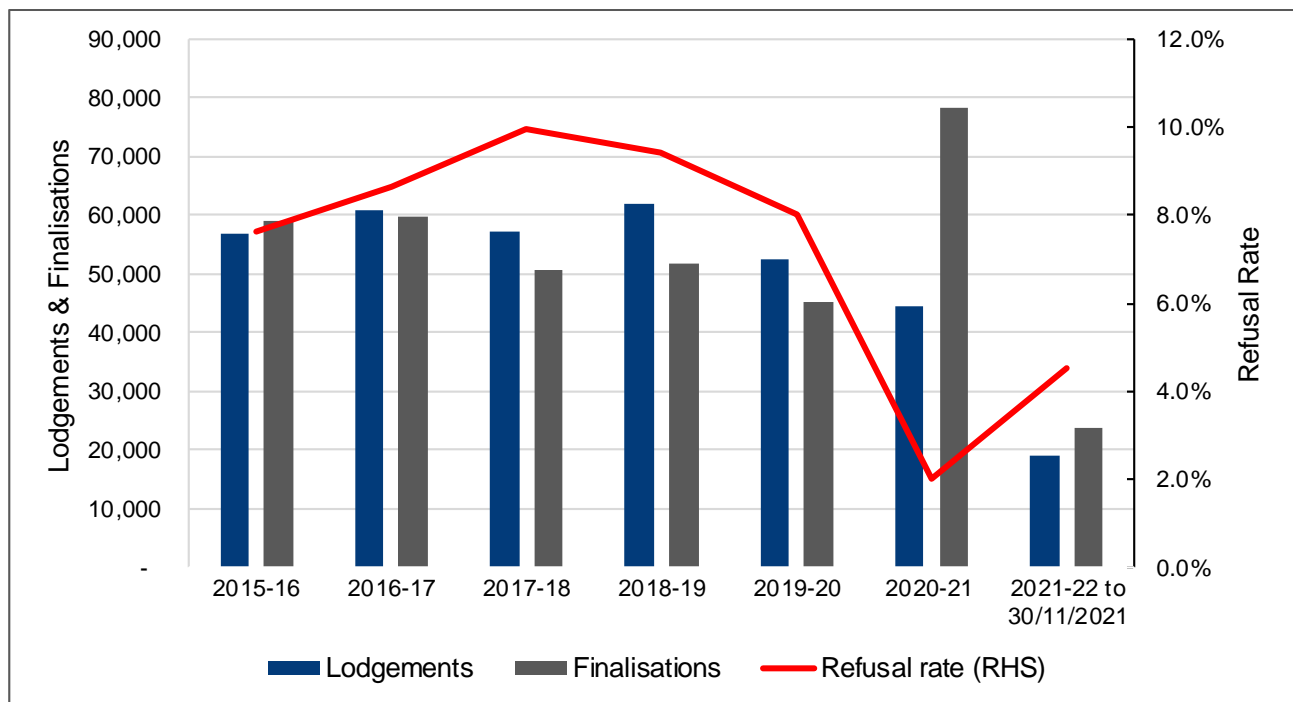
Visa	Outcome	2020-21	2021-22 (to 30/11/2021)
Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491)	Granted	8,930	3,373
	Refused and Withdrawn	264	301
	Sub total	9,194	3,674
Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 494)	Granted	1425	604
	Refused and Withdrawn	85	107
	Sub total	1,510	711
Total		10,704	4,385

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Family Program

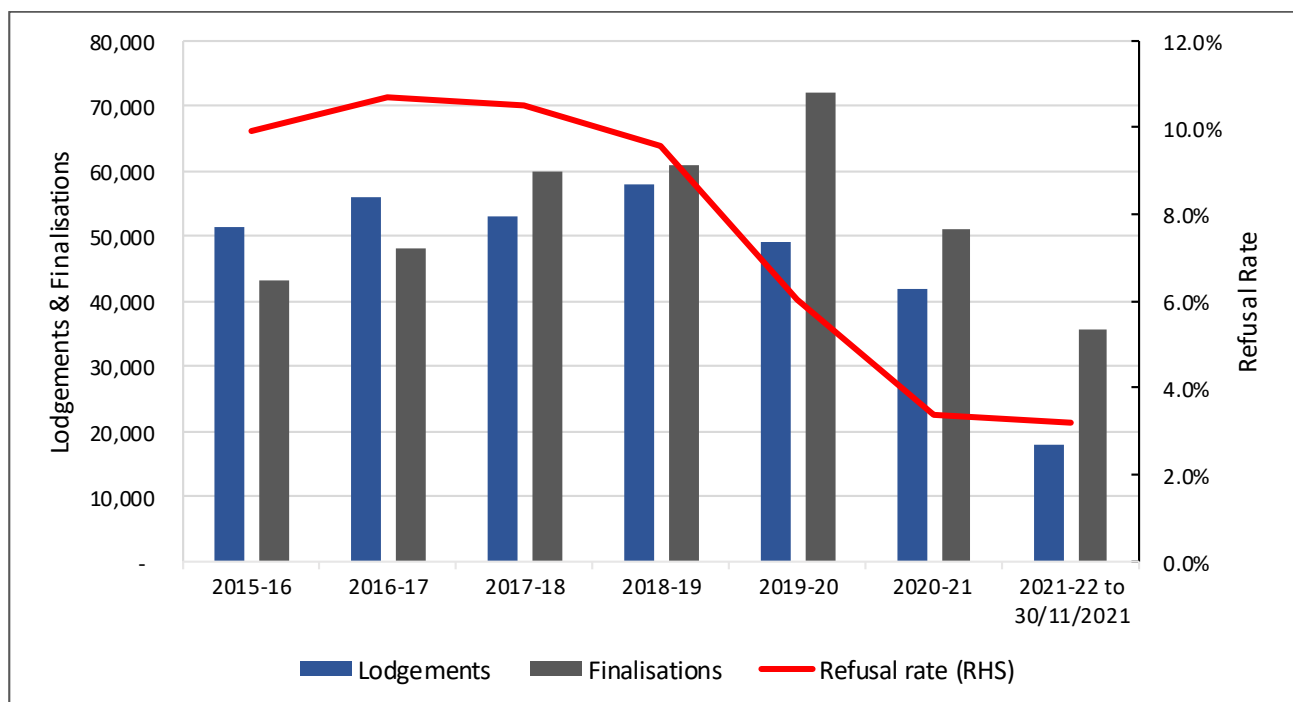
Partner visas

Figure 12: First Stage Partner visa program trends, 2015-16 to 2021-22 (to 30 November 2021)



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

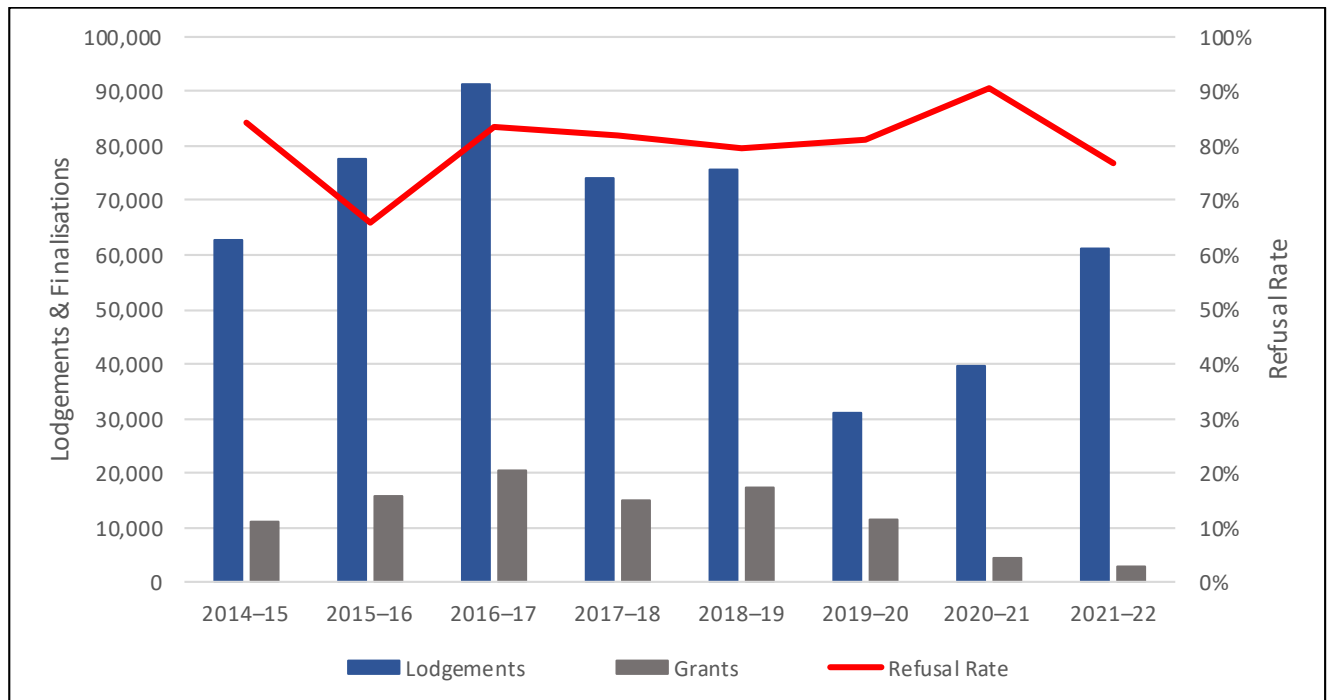
Figure 13: Second Stage Partner visa program trends, 2015-16 to 2021-22 (to 30 November 2021)



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

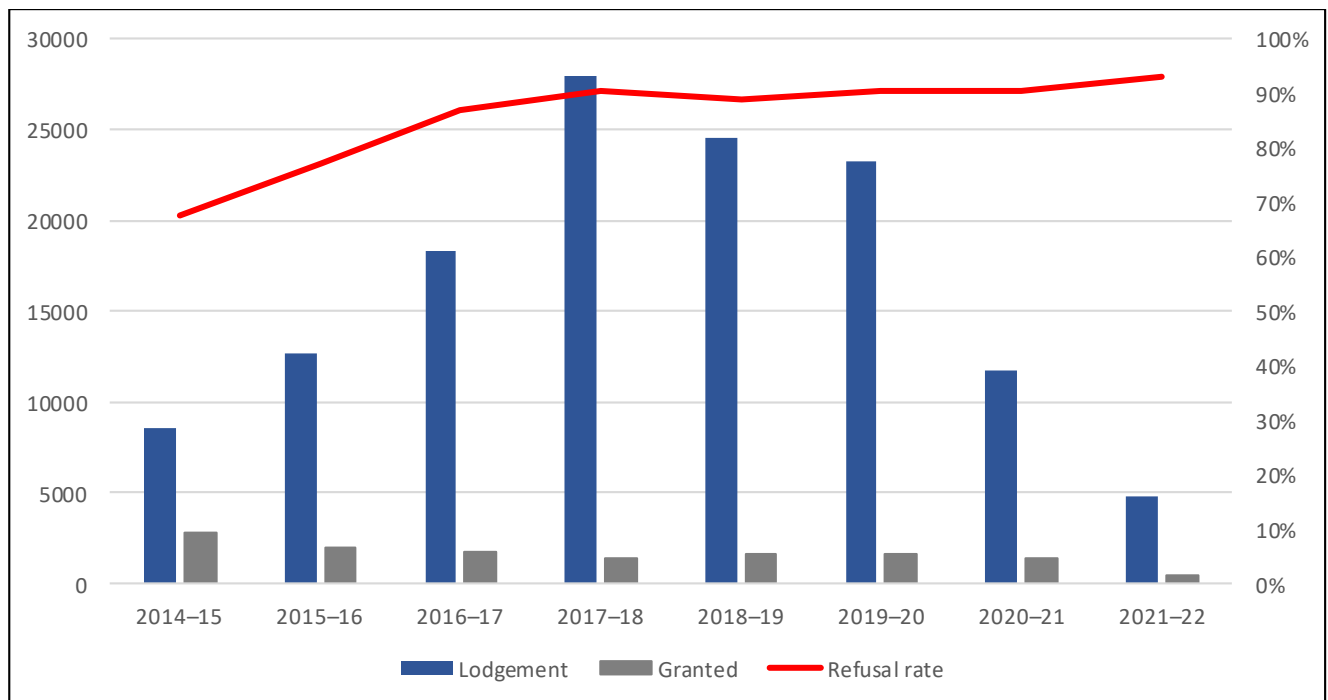
Humanitarian Program

Figure 14: Offshore Humanitarian program trends, 2014-15 to 2021-22 (to 30 November 2021)



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Figure 15: Onshore Protection program trends, 2014-15 to 2021-22 (to 30 November 2021)



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Australian Citizenship Program

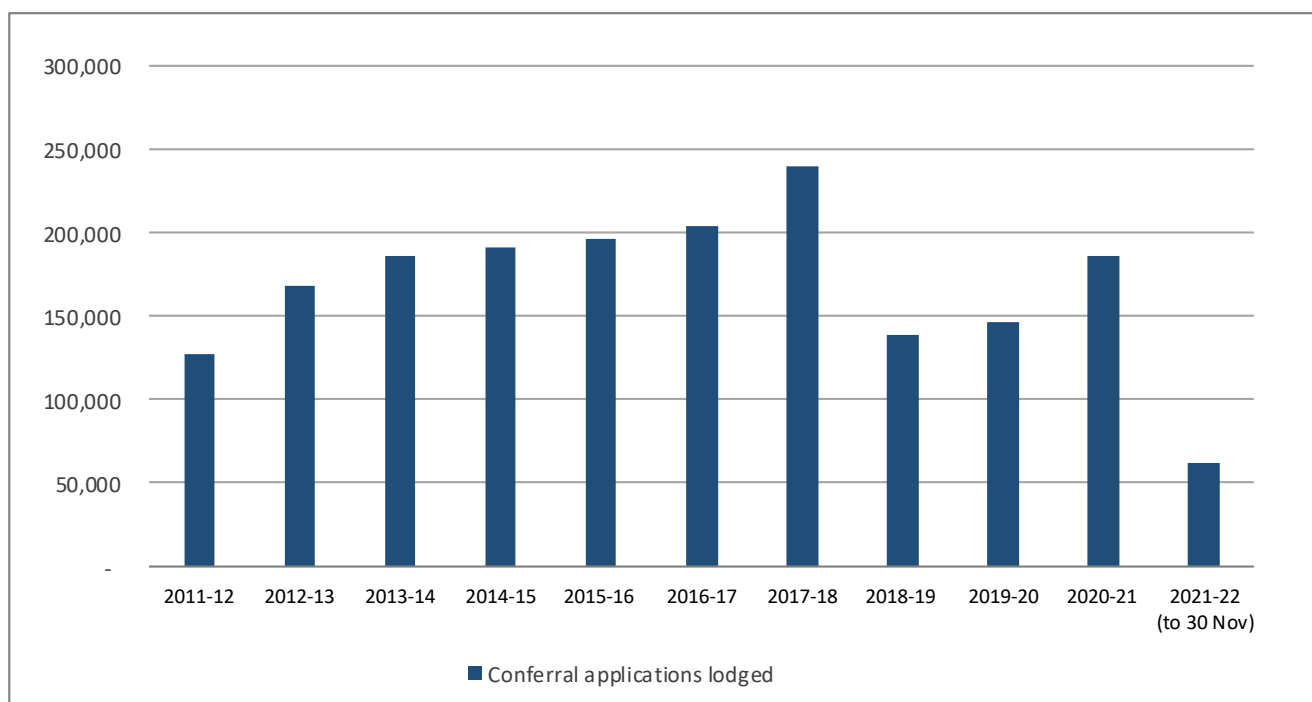
Citizenship by conferral

Table 14: Number of Australian citizenship by conferral applications finalised, by decision type and financial year, 2011-12 to 2021-22 (to 30 November 2021)⁷

Financial year	Approved	Refused	Invalid	Other ⁸	Total
2011-12	95,837	2,208	13,897	763	112,705
2012-13	137,079	3,270	16,561	643	157,553
2013-14	158,907	5,728	26,611	783	192,029
2014-15	148,862	5,197	34,987	795	189,841
2015-16	129,515	4,749	32,612	792	167,668
2016-17	127,013	4,089	22,035	742	153,879
2017-18	80,776	4,956	14,998	692	101,422
2018-19	145,587	7,590	5,713	1,227	160,117
2019-20	215,394	8,762	2,179	1,988	228,323
2020-21	170,645	7,957	1,782	2,831	183,215
2021-22 (to 30 November)	51,456	2,715	1,129	698	55,998

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Figure 16: Citizenship by conferral lodgement trends, 2011-12 to 2021-22 (to 30 November 2021)



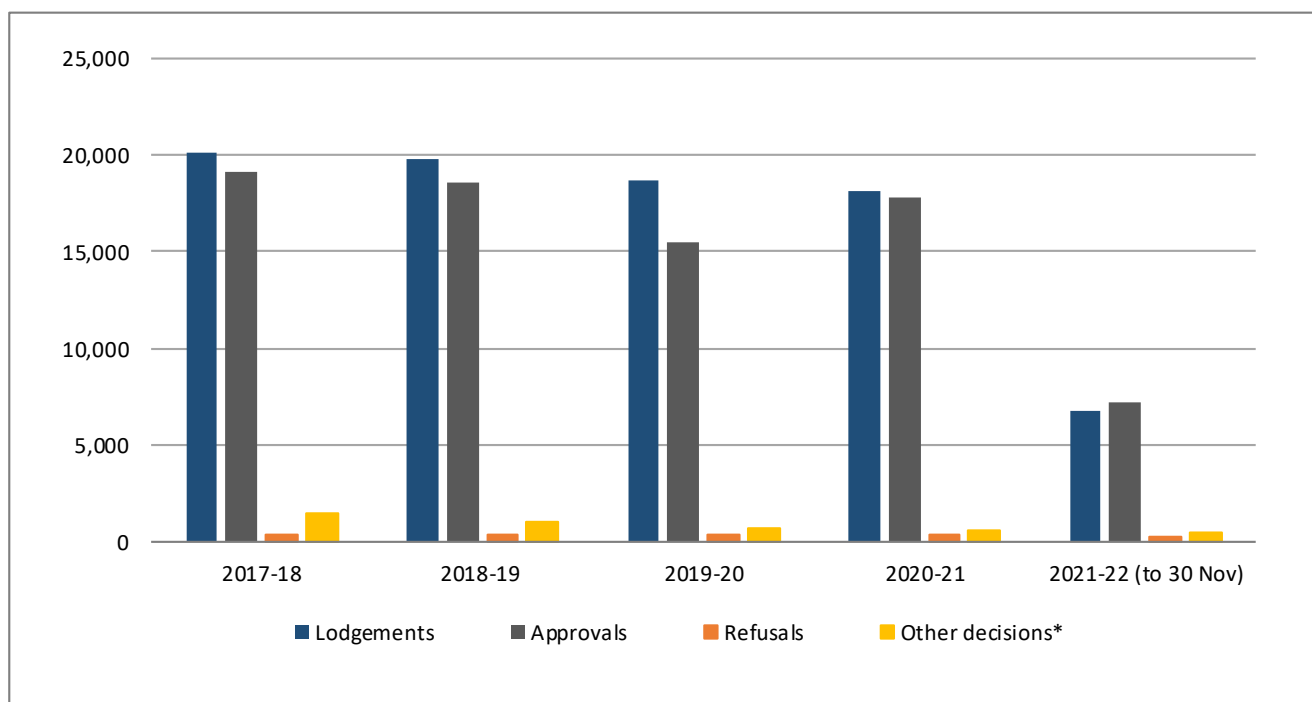
Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

⁷ Data may differ from previous or other reports due to the use of dynamic data base in the current financial year.

⁸ Includes applications withdrawn by the client and minor numbers of administrative finalisations.

Citizenship by descent

Figure 17: Citizenship by descent applications lodged and finalised, 2017-18 to 2021-22 (to 30 November 2021)⁹



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Managing threats, risk and community protection

Ensuring immigration integrity and community protection

Table 15: Visa applications decided by program year (non-humanitarian visas) to 30 November 2021

Decision type	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (to 30/11/2021)
Granted or Refused	8,339,513	9,052,096	9,386,838	9,607,025	7,169,298	1,338,656	576,214
Refused only	209,657	237,154	308,150	377,469	325,637	50,956	22,332
Refusal rate	2.5%	2.6%	3.3%	3.9%	4.5%	3.8%	3.9%

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

⁹ Other decisions include invalidated applications, applications withdrawn by the client and administrative finalisations.

Cancellations

Table 16: Adverse section 501 (character) cancellations, 2019-20 to 2021-22 (to 30 November 2021)

Character Cancellation	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Mandatory Cancellation (s501(3A))	965	922	353
Natural Justice – (s501(2))	39	7	7
Cancellation without Natural Justice – National Interest (s501(3)(b))	10	13	<5
Minister's personal power – without notice (s501A(3)(b))	0	<5	<5
Minister's personal power – with notice (s501B(2))	<5	<5	0
Minister's personal power – without notice (s501BA(2))	<5	0	0
Character refusal	354	786	47
Character revocations (not revoked) ¹⁰	452	439	192
Total	1,820	2,167	603

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Table 17: Top five Citizenships with adverse section 501 (character) outcomes, 2019-20 to 2021-22 (to 30 November 2021)

Character Cancellation	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	Total
New Zealand	476	402	150	1,028
United Kingdom	99	101	48	248
Vietnam	62	60	19	141
China	22	37	11	70
Sudan	31	16	8	55
Other	328	330	128	786
Total	1,018	946	364	2,328

Character refusal	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	Total
United Kingdom	152	350	10	512
United States of America	39	114	<5	155
New Zealand	45	82	<5	128
India	7	14	5	26
Ireland, Republic of	6	18	<5	25
Other	105	208	28	341
Total	354	786	47	1,187

Character revocations (not revoked)	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	Total
New Zealand	214	196	81	491
United Kingdom	34	38	16	88
Vietnam	18	29	10	57
Sudan	18	22	<5	44
China	17	13	<5	34
Other	151	141	77	369
Total	452	439	192	1,083

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Table 18: General Cancellation decisions, 2019-20 to 2021-22 (to 30 November 2021)¹¹

General Cancellation decisions	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Incorrect information (s109)	216	276	306
General power (s116)	4,155	1,201	312
Holder overseas (s128)	46,253	19,373	8,889
Business visa (s134)	102	83	41
All other powers ¹²	7,490	4,841	1,456
Total	58,216	25,774	11,004

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Status resolution

Table 19: People who entered the Status Resolution program, 2019-20 to 2021-22 (to 30 November 2021)

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Persons who voluntarily approached the Department	16,918	16,128	6,306
Persons located by the Australian Border Force or Police	2,231	1,835	659
Total	19,149	17,963	6,965

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Table 20: Change in the number of Bridging Visa E (BVE) holders between 2019-20 and 2021-22

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Difference since 2019-20
Visa holders as at 30 November	25,284	30,188	32,040	6,756

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Table 21: Return and Reintegration Assistance program (RRAP) referrals, 2018-19 to 2021-22 (to 30 November 2021)

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
RRAP referrals	1,345	1,484	1,117	299

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Table 22: Status Resolution Support Services recipients, as at 30 November 2021

	30 June 2019	30 June 2020	30 June 2021	30 Nov 2021
Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs)	3,907	2,769	1,311	1,068
Non-IMAs	1,575	1,509	1,018	842
Total	5,482	4,278	2,329	1,910

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

¹¹ A visa may be recorded as cancelled more than once. For example when a visa is cancelled, the cancellation is subsequently revoked or set aside, and then the visa is cancelled again. A cancellation may be revoked or set aside for a number of reasons, including further legal proceedings, and administrative or jurisdictional errors, etc. Duplicates may exist. As data has been drawn from a live systems environment, the figures provided may differ slightly in previous or future reporting.

¹² Does not include any s501 character statistics, only s501Fs are included.

Management of transitory persons

Table 23: Transitory persons onshore¹³, as at 30 November 2021

	Bridging visa E	Residence Determination	Held detention	Babies not detained	Total
Transitory persons brought to Australia for medical reasons	506	<470	<80	0	1,049
Babies born onshore to medical transitory persons	<35	69	0	<5	107
All transitory persons	559	539	<80	<5	1,178

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

¹³ Table 23 lists the total amount of Transitory persons onshore, with medical transitory persons as a subset of this group.