



Australian Government  
Department of Home Affairs

# The Administration of the Immigration and Citizenship Programs

Addendum – July 2021 (data updated to 30 June 2021)



**Note:**

Tables 2, 8 and 11 and Figures 11, 12 and 13 from the Administration of Immigration and Citizenship Programs document published in May 2021 have not been updated in this document because there has been no change to this data or because new data is not yet available for publication.

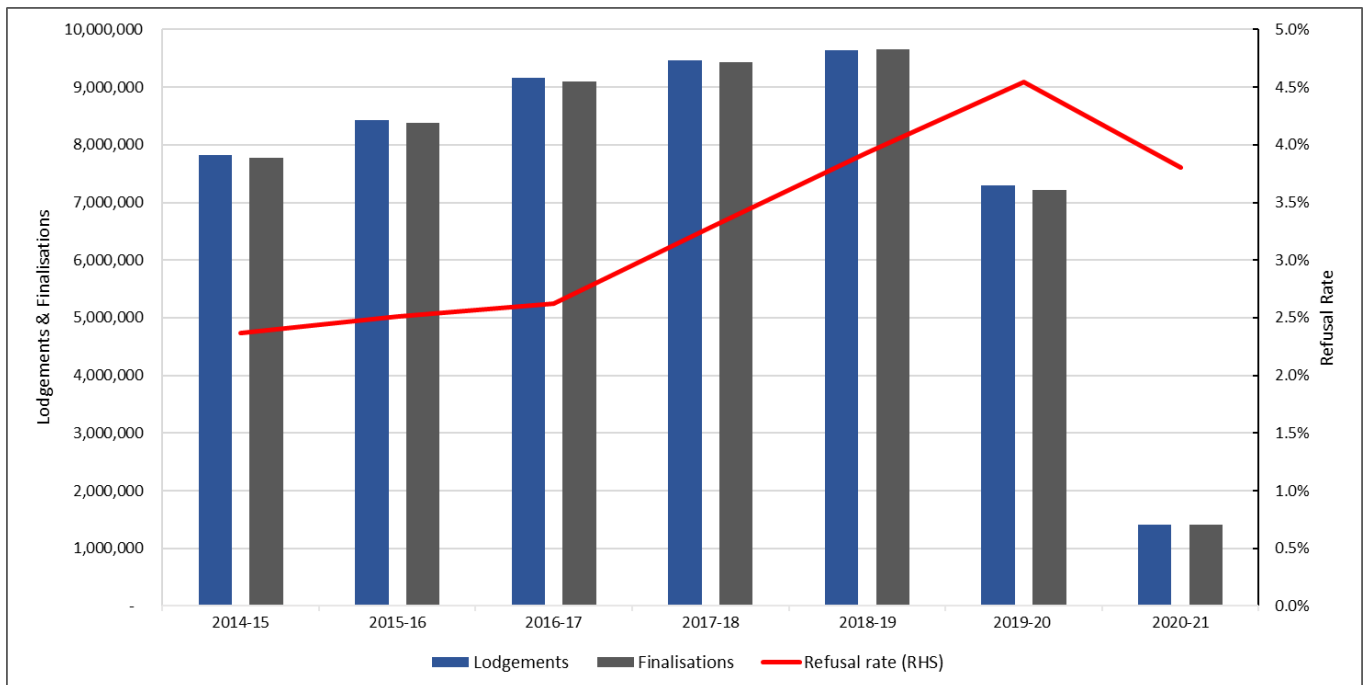
**Table 1:** Travel Exemptions processing from March 2020<sup>1</sup> to 30 June 2021

	Inbound	Outbound
Requests received	332,376	363,796
Total requests finalised	326,906	358,037
<i>Requests approved</i>	<i>53,143</i>	<i>171,029</i>
<i>Requests refused</i>	<i>116,364</i>	<i>94,178</i>
<i>Requests otherwise finalised<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>157,399</i>	<i>92,830</i>
Average processing time <sup>3</sup>	3 days 22 hours	1 day 15 hours

Source: **Department of Home Affairs, 2021**

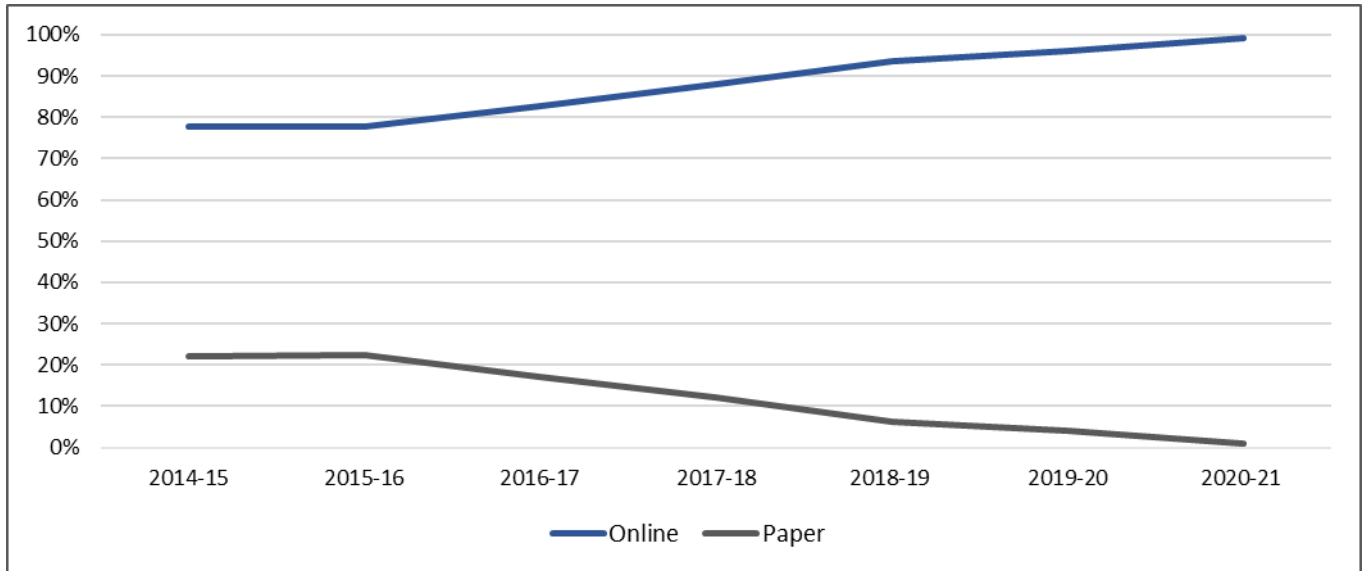
1. Since 20 March for inward exemptions and 25 March for outward exemptions.
2. Otherwise finalised includes persons found to meet an early exempt category, withdrawn requests and those that did not contain sufficient information for referral to a decision maker.
3. Average processing times only available for cases finalised from 1 August, when all processing moved to the purpose built Travel Exemption Portal.

**Figure 1:** Total non-humanitarian visa programs trends: 2014–15 to 2020-21



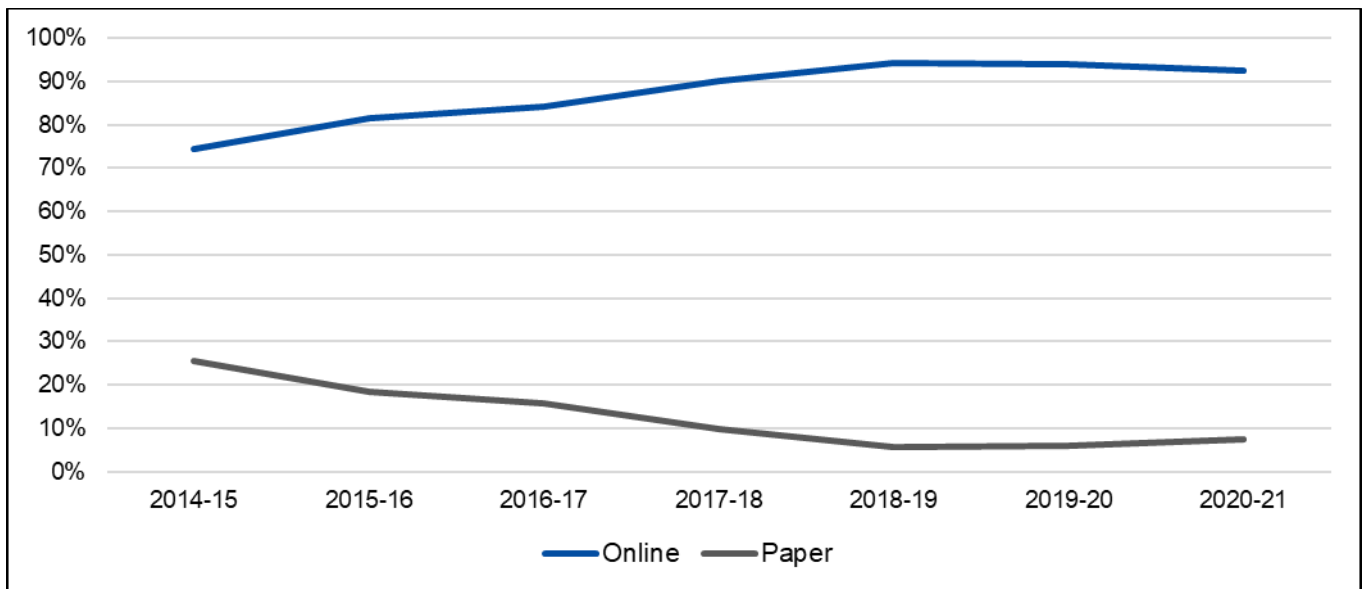
Source: **Department of Home Affairs, 2021**

**Figure 2:** Growth in online lodgements for the temporary visa program: 2014–15 to 2020-21



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Figure 3:** Growth in online lodgements for the permanent visa program: 2014–15 to 2020-21



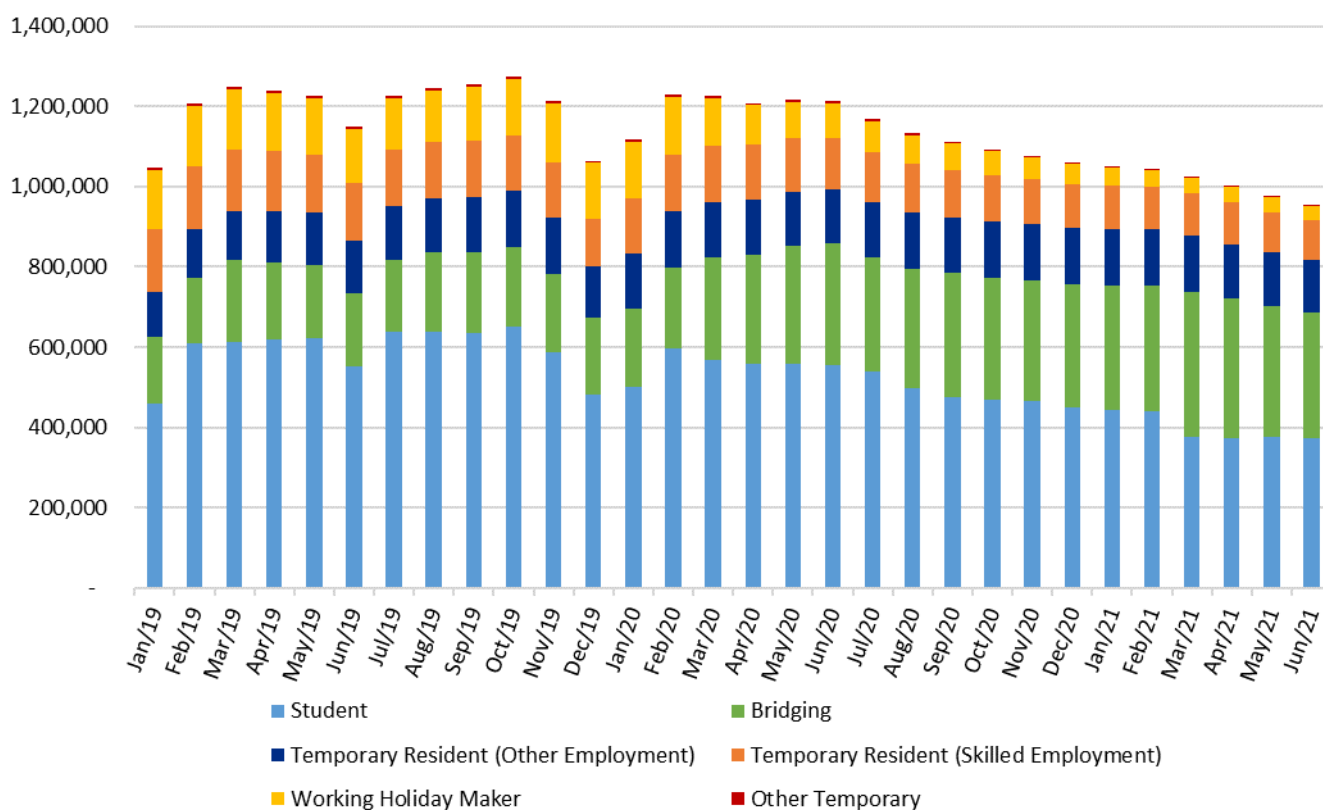
Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Table 3:** Change in the Number of Temporary visa holders in Australia

Visa Category	30/06/2020	30/06/2021	Difference	% Change
Bridging <sup>1</sup>	303,838	310,760	6,922	2.3%
Crew and Transit	9,044	9,874	830	9.2%
Other Temporary	5,556	4,136	-1,420	-25.6%
Special Category	667,288	663,902	-3,386	-0.5%
Student	555,310	374,056	-181,254	-32.6%
Temporary Protection	17,647	18,328	681	3.9%
Temporary Resident (Other Employment)	134,199	131,279	-2,920	-2.2%
Temporary Resident (Skilled Employment)	128,145	99,029	-29,116	-22.7%
Visitor	93,494	40,810	-52,684	-56.4%
Working Holiday Maker	85,691	36,526	-49,165	-57.4%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,000,212</b>	<b>1,688,700</b>	<b>-311,512</b>	<b>-15.6%</b>

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Figure 4:** Number of Temporary selected visa holders in Australia<sup>2</sup>, January 2019 to June 2021

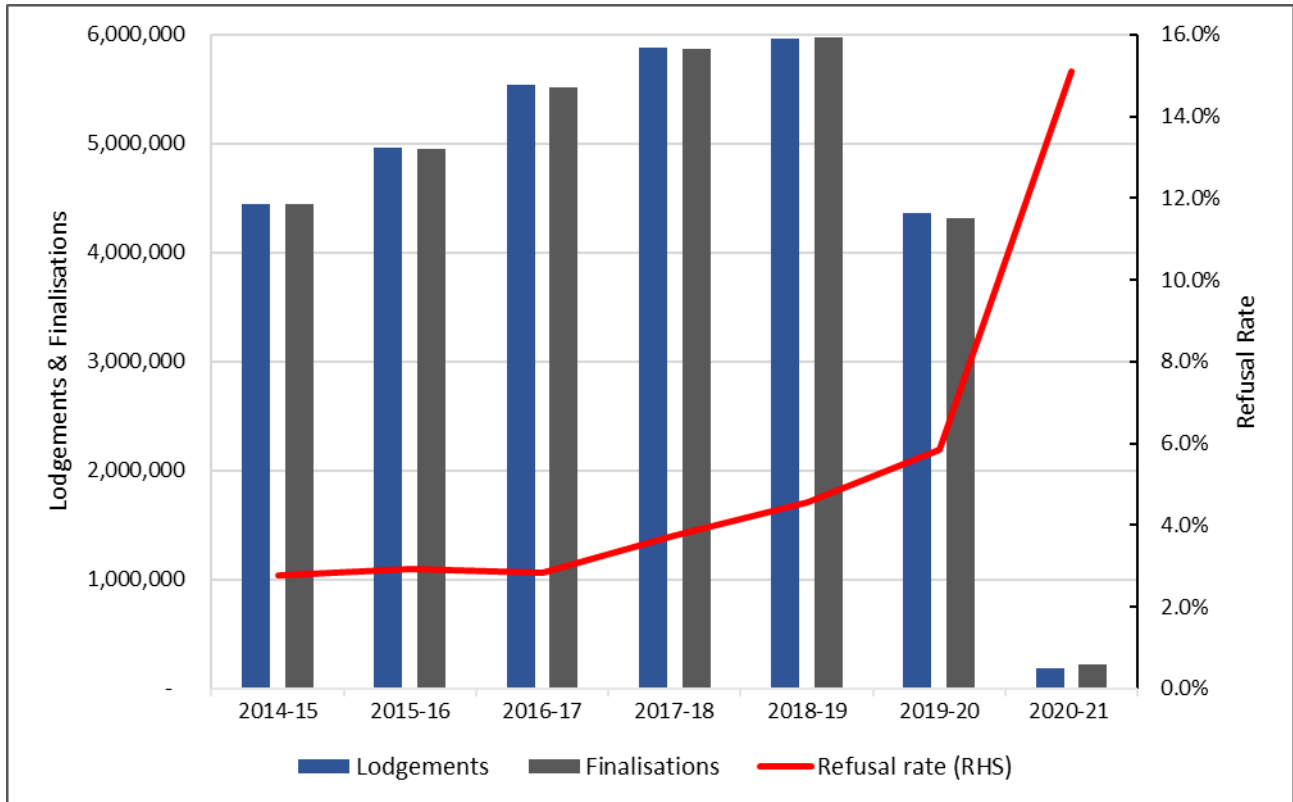


Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Bridging Visa E holders.

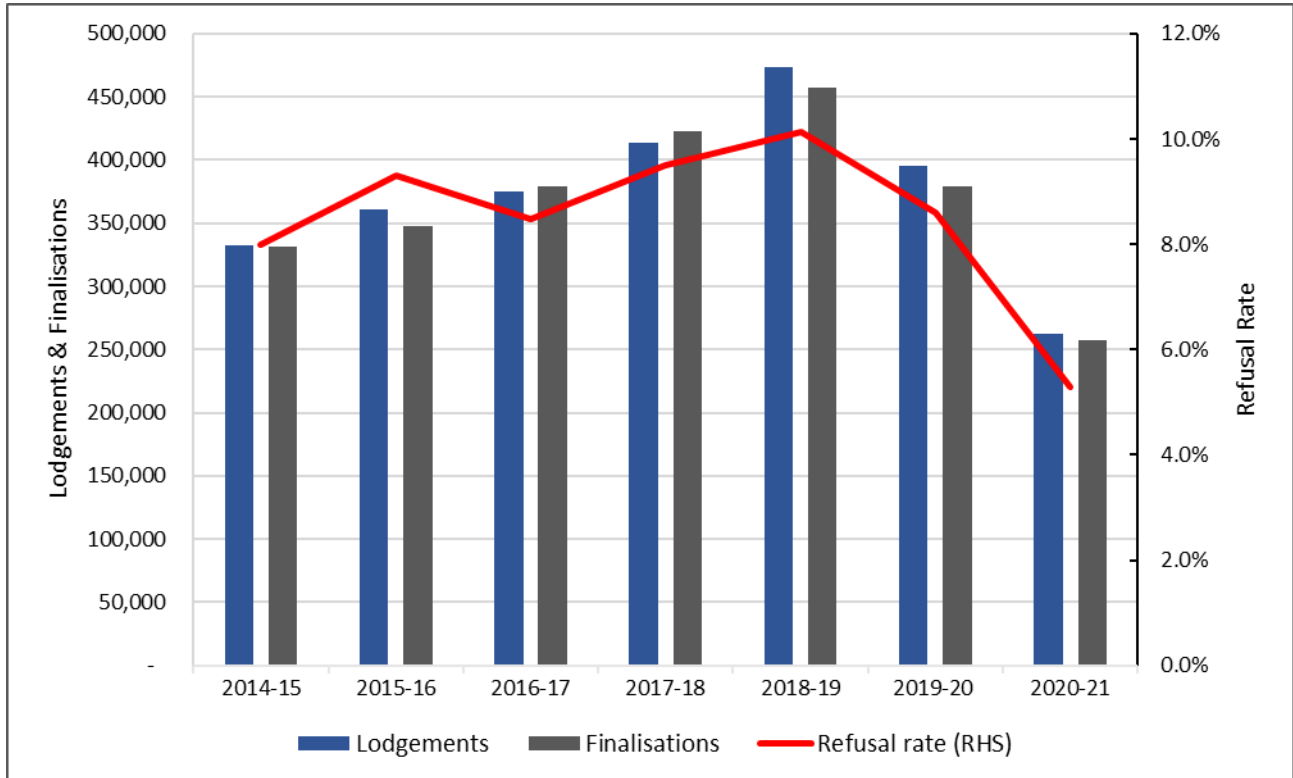
<sup>2</sup> Excludes Visitor, Crew, Transit, Other Protection, Bridging Visa E and Special Category visa holders.

**Figure 5: Visitor visa program trends: 2014–15 to 2020-21**



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Figure 6: Student visa program trends: 2014–15 to 2020-21**



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Note: data includes all primary and secondary Student visa applications.

**Table 4:** Number of Student visa holders in Australia, quarterly to 30 June 2021

Visa Type	31-Dec-19	31-Mar-20	30-Jun-20	30-Sep-20	31-Dec-20	31-Mar-21	30-Jun-21
Foreign Affairs or Defence Sector	2,832	4,393	4,278	3,471	2,579	2,130	2,084
Higher Education Sector	267,555	330,497	329,720	267,286	250,346	192,716	197,956
Independent ELICOS Sector	24,950	22,952	15,756	9,762	6,436	4,382	3,084
Non-Award Sector	3,241	4,834	2,799	565	348	163	173
Postgraduate Research Sector	22,472	27,069	25,645	23,841	22,426	21,193	20,628
Schools Sector	6,808	17,949	17,336	16,565	14,726	10,758	10,664
Student (Not Further Specified)	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Vocational Education and Training Sector	152,674	160,219	159,765	154,882	153,060	146,432	139,456
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>480,543</b>	<b>567,924</b>	<b>555,310</b>	<b>476,383</b>	<b>449,932</b>	<b>377,785</b>	<b>374,056</b>

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

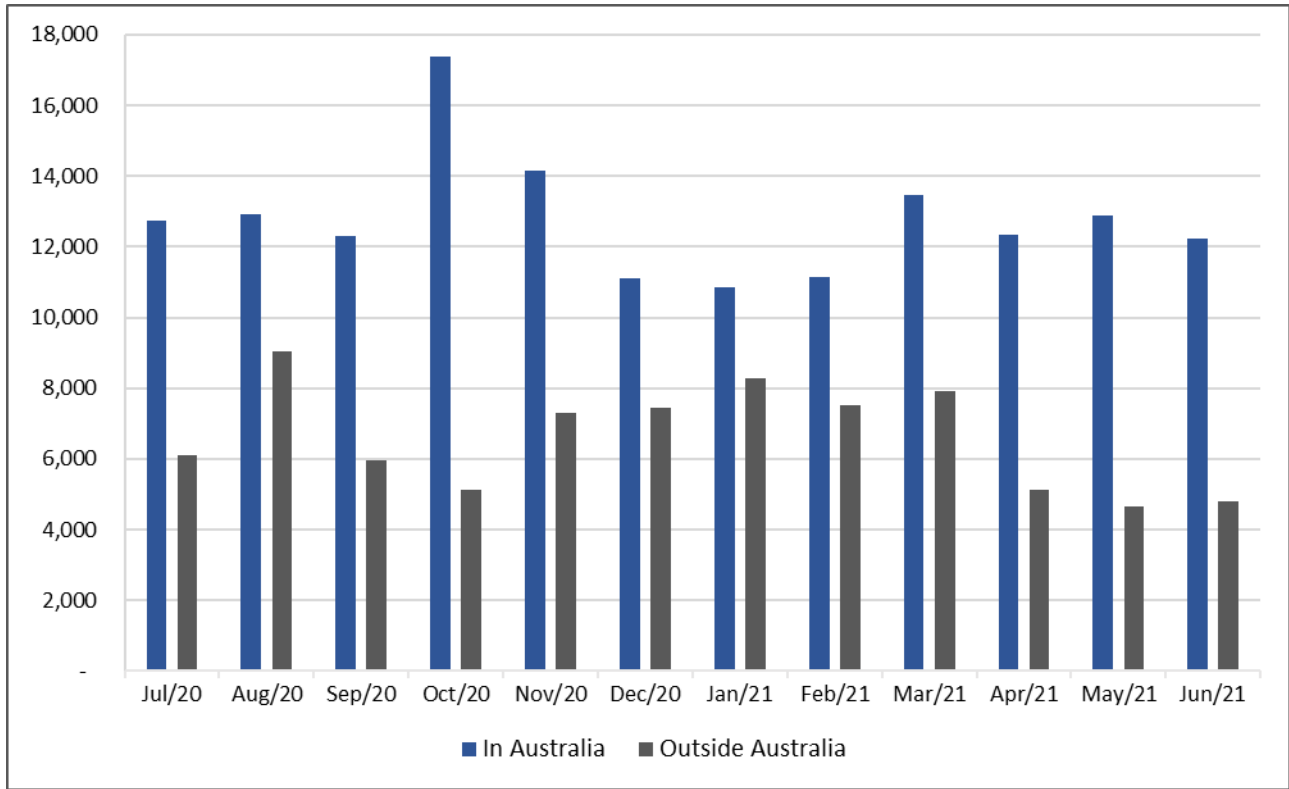
**Table 5:** Change in the number of Student visa applications lodged by sector, 2019-20 to 2020-21

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

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

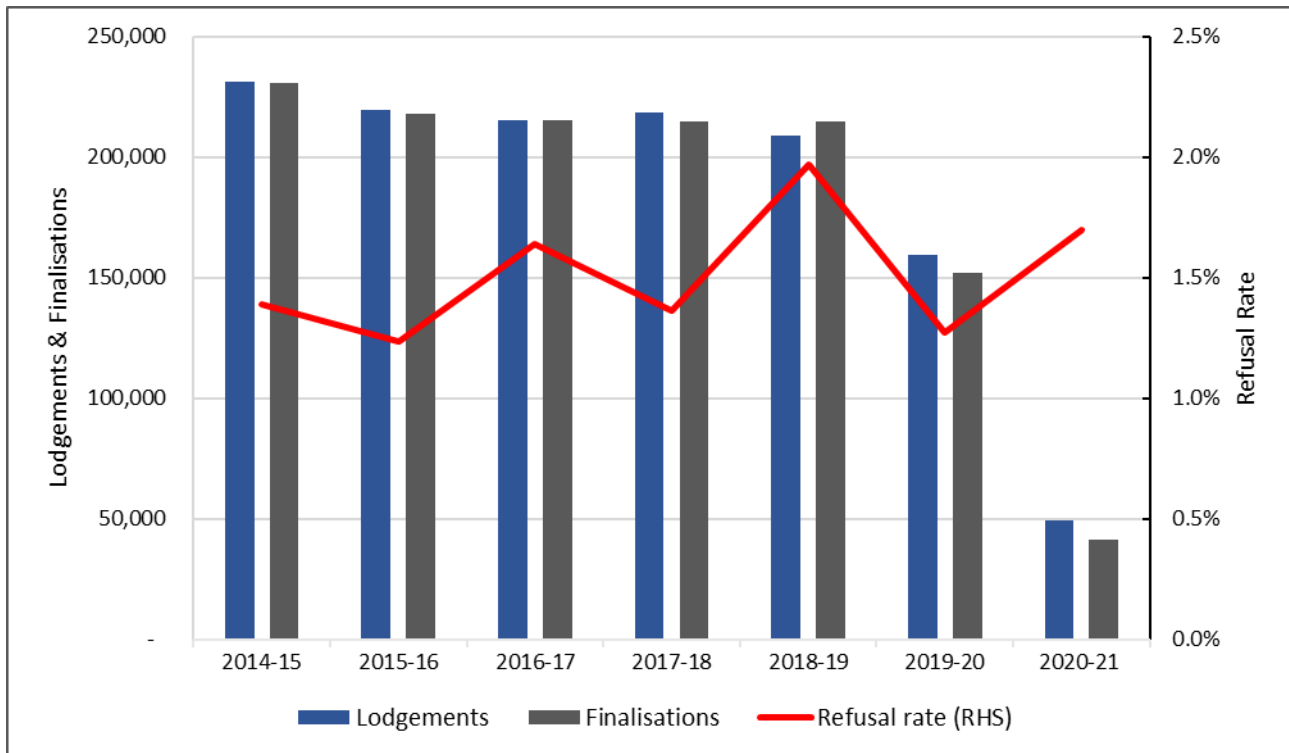


**Figure 7: Student visa grants by client location: 2020-21**



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Figure 8: Working Holiday Maker visa trends: 2014–15 to 2020–21**



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Table 6:** Temporary Skill Shortage visa, most frequently nominated occupations, 2019-20 to 2020-21

Nom inated Occupation	2019-20	2020-21	% change from 2019-20	2020-21 as % of Total
261313 Software Engineer	1,490	1,570	5.3%	6.8%
253112 Resident Medical Officer	1,270	1,310	3.4%	5.7%
261312 Developer Programmer	850	990	17.4%	4.3%
351311 Chef	720	900	25.3%	3.9%
351411 Cook	680	600	-12.5%	2.6%
261111 ICT Business Analyst	1,290	590	-54.4%	2.5%
225113 Marketing Specialist	610	510	-16.7%	2.2%
224711 Management Consultant	840	390	-53.1%	1.7%
221111 Accountant (General)	450	390	-12.9%	1.7%
141111 Café or Restaurant Manager	510	390	-23.9%	1.7%
131112 Sales and Marketing Manager	430	370	-14.1%	1.6%
253111 General Practitioner	410	360	-13.4%	1.5%
111211 Corporate General Manager	390	350	-11.5%	1.5%
263213 ICT Systems Test Engineer	320	340	6.9%	1.5%
312512 Mechanical Engineering Technician	380	330	-13.3%	1.4%
Other occupations	17,790	13,780	-22.5%	59.5%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>28,430</b>	<b>23,160</b>	<b>-18.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Table 7:** Change in the number of Temporary Resident (skilled) primary visas lodged, 2019-20 to 2020-21

Visa Category	2019-20	2020-21	Difference	% Change
Temporary Resident (Skilled Employment)	36,334	27,190	-9,144	-25%

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Table 9:** Hong Kong Nationals visa activity since the announcement

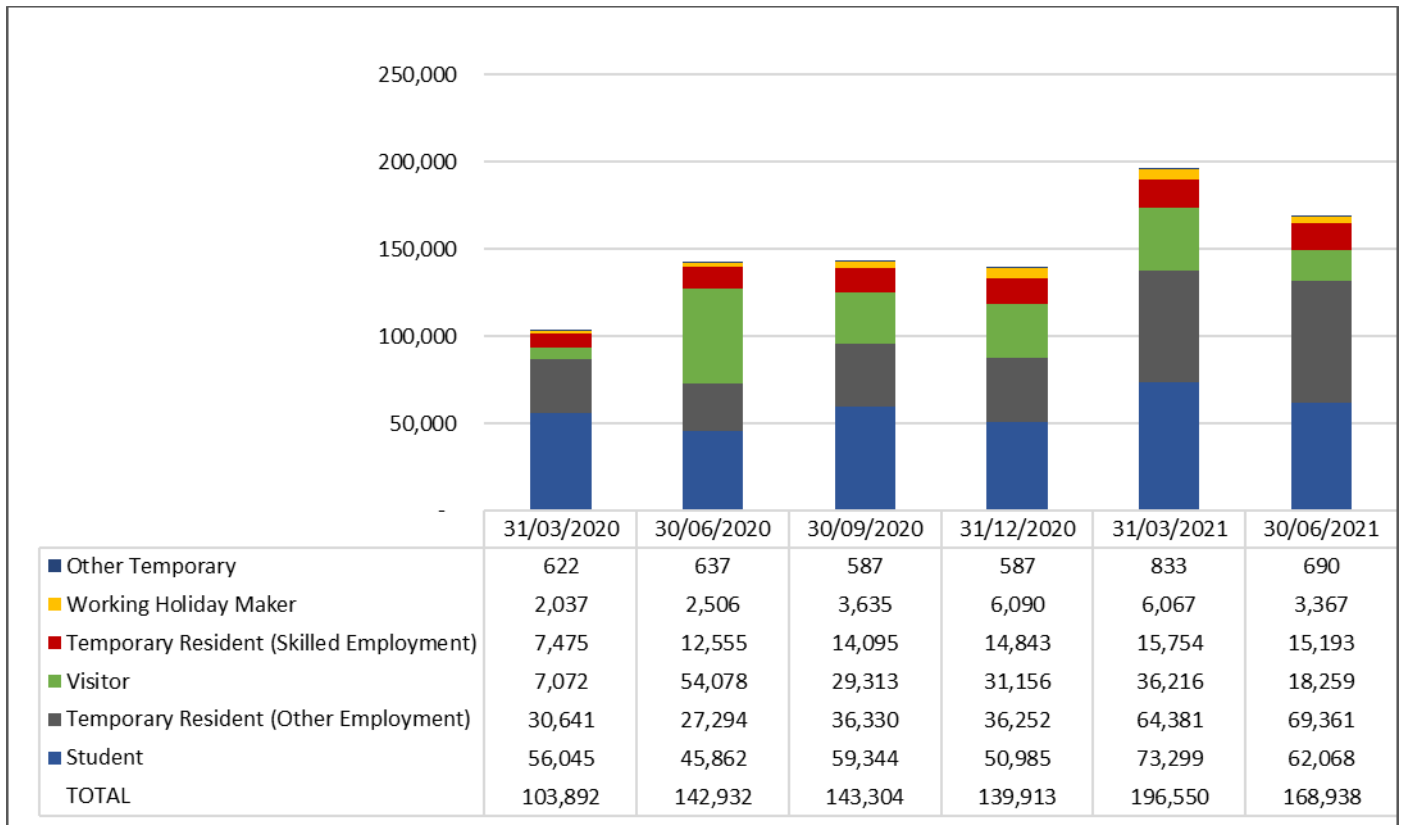
Activity	Lodgements 2020-21	Change from 2019-20	Grants 2020-21	Change from 2019-20
Temp Skill Shortage sc482	312	-12.4% (-44)	265	+38.7% (+74)
Temp Graduate sc485	1,404	+60.3% (+528)	533	-5.7% (-32)

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Note: number in brackets is the difference in lodgements or grants from the corresponding period in 2019.

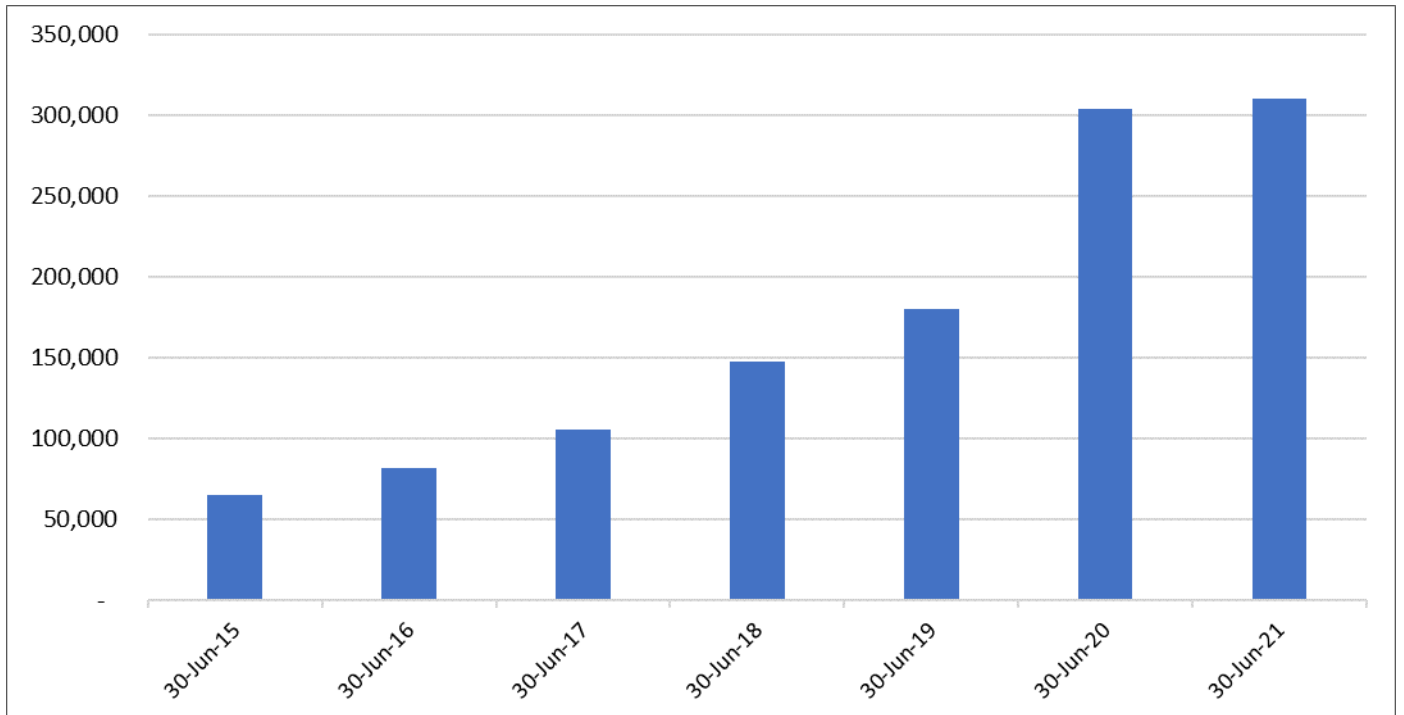


**Figure 9: Bridging visa A, B and C holders in Australia by selected temporary visa category applied for**



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Figure 10: Number of bridging visa holders in Australia, 30 June 2015 to 30 June 2021<sup>1</sup>**



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Note: excludes Bridging Visa E (subclass 050 and 051) holders, includes applicants for permanent and temporary visas.

**Table 10:** Number of permanent primary visa applications lodged by client location, 2020-21

Visa Category	In Australia	%	Outside Australia	%	Total
Child	716	0.50%	2,223	3.08%	2,939
Family	56,078	39.15%	32,502	44.98%	88,580
Other Permanent	42	0.03%	57	0.08%	99
Resident Return/ADV	44,880	31.33%	30,475	42.17%	75,355
Skilled	41,487	28.96%	7,003	9.69%	48,490
Special Eligibility	29	0.02%	5	0.01%	34
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>143,232</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>72,265</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>215,497</b>

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Table 12:** Global Talent Visa Program, Expression of Interest (EOI) assessment outcomes, 2019-20 and 2020-21

Program Year	Invited	%	Not Invited	%	Grand Total
2019-2020	3,219	58.4%	2,291	41.6%	5,510
2020-2021	3,171	42.8%	4,235	57.2%	7,406
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6,390</b>	<b>49.5%</b>	<b>6,526</b>	<b>50.5%</b>	<b>12,916</b>

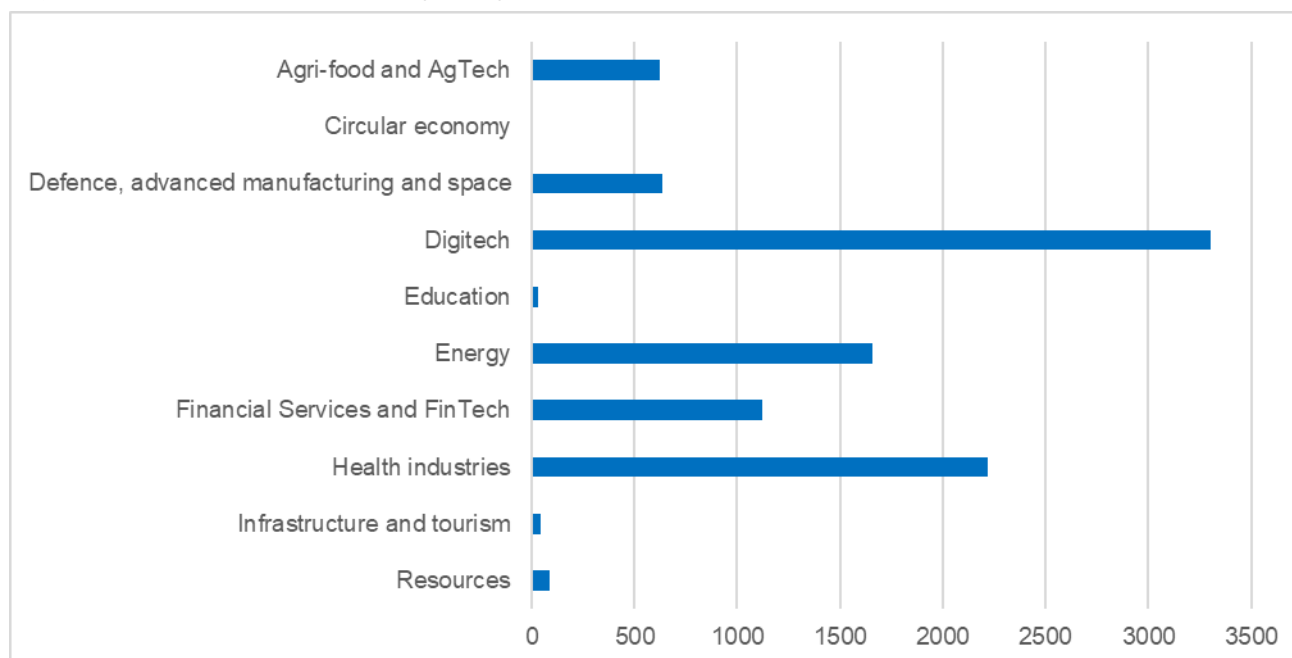
Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Table 13:** Global Talent Visa Program, average visa processing time for applications finalised between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021

Stream	75th Percentile	90th Percentile
Global Talent Pathway	80 days	147 days

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Figure 14: Global Talent Visa Program, grants by sector as at 30 June 2021**



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Note: this graph reflects the Global Talent Independent Program priority growth sectors in place up 17 December 2020. From February 2021, the priority growth sectors will include: Resources; Agri-food and AgTech; Energy; Health industries; Defence, advanced manufacturing and space; Circular economy; Digttech; Infrastructure and tourism; Financial Services and FinTech; and Education.

**Table 14: Number of visa applications lodged for Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa Programs, 2019-20 and 2020-21**

Visa Subclass	2019-20	2020-21
Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491)	8,863	16,019
Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 494)	451	1,890
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9,314</b>	<b>17,909</b>

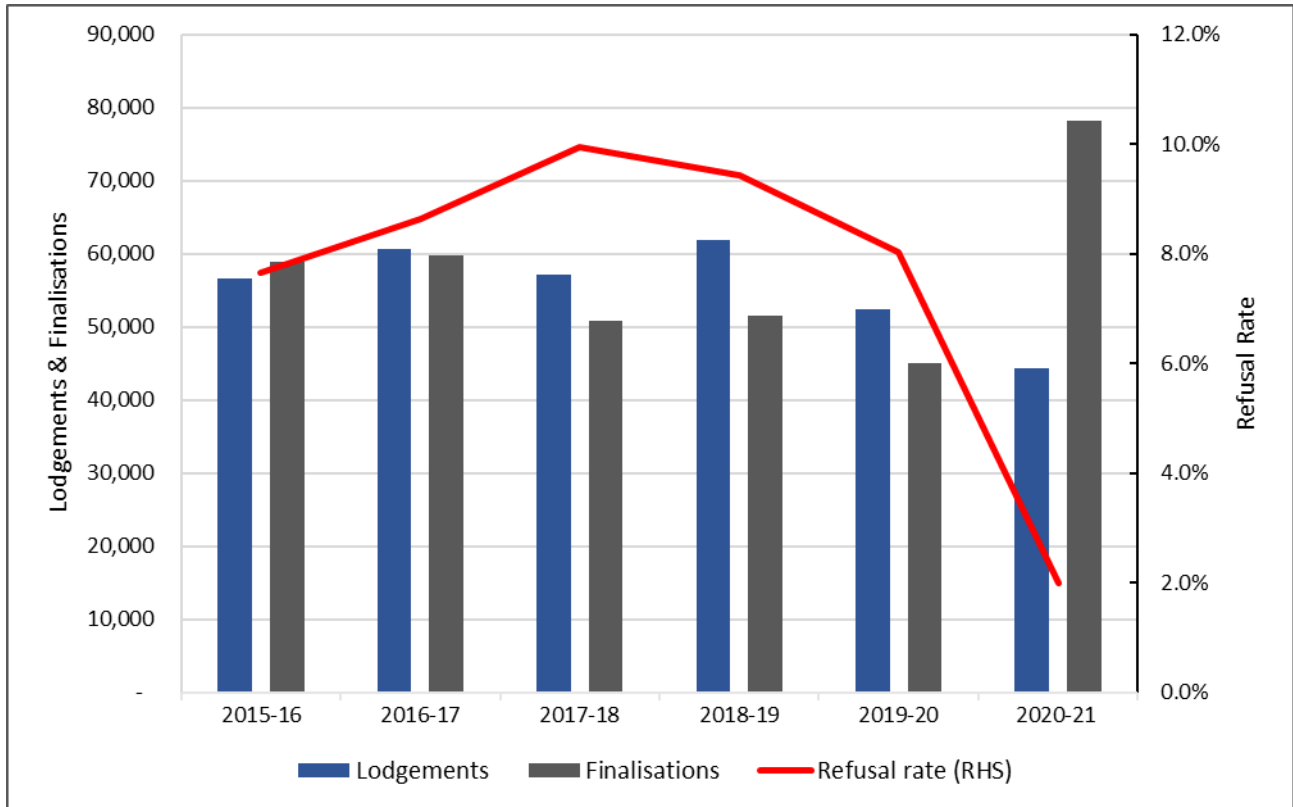
Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Table 15: Applications Finalised for Skilled Regional (Provisional) visa Programs**

Visa Subclass	Outcome	2019-20	2020-21
Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491)	Granted	2,175	8,930
	Refused and Withdrawn	81	264
<i>Sub Total Subclass 491</i>		<i>2,256</i>	<i>9,194</i>
Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 494)	Granted	97	1,425
	Refused and Withdrawn	7	85
<i>Sub Total Subclass 494</i>		<i>104</i>	<i>1,510</i>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>2,360</b>	<b>10,704</b>

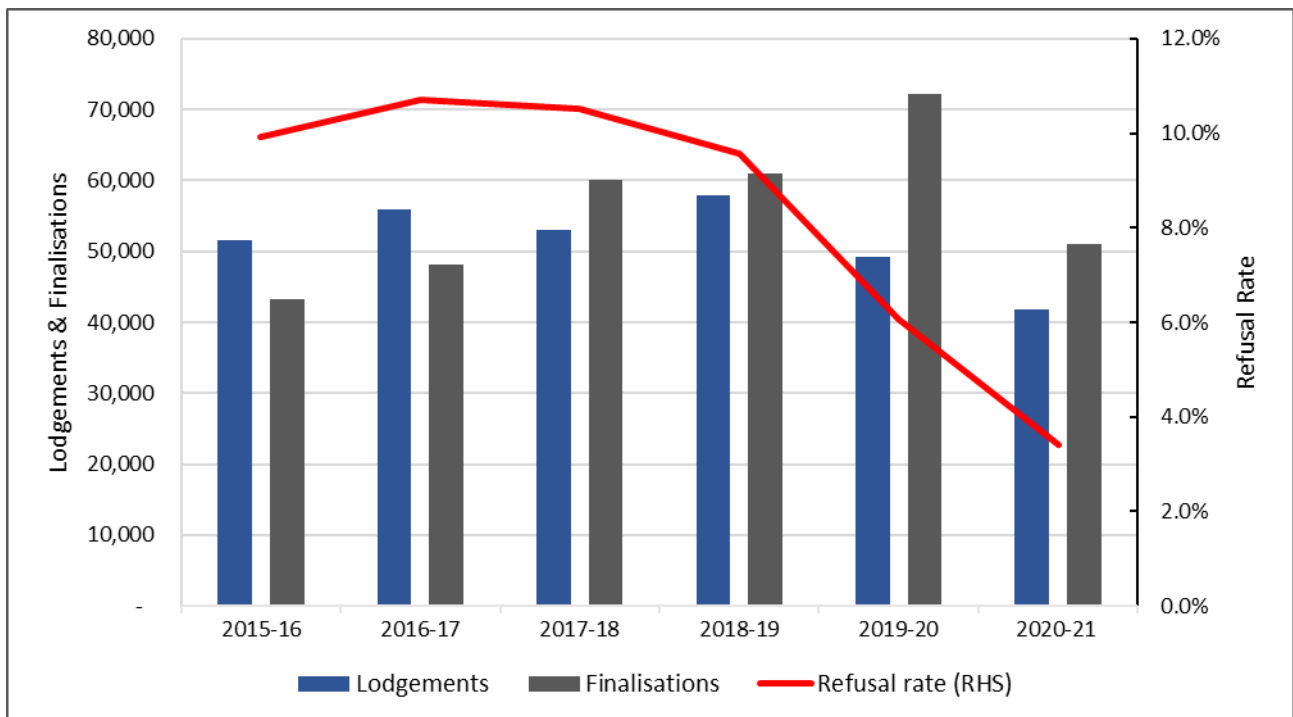
Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Figure 15: First Stage Partner visa program trends 2015-16 to 2020-21**



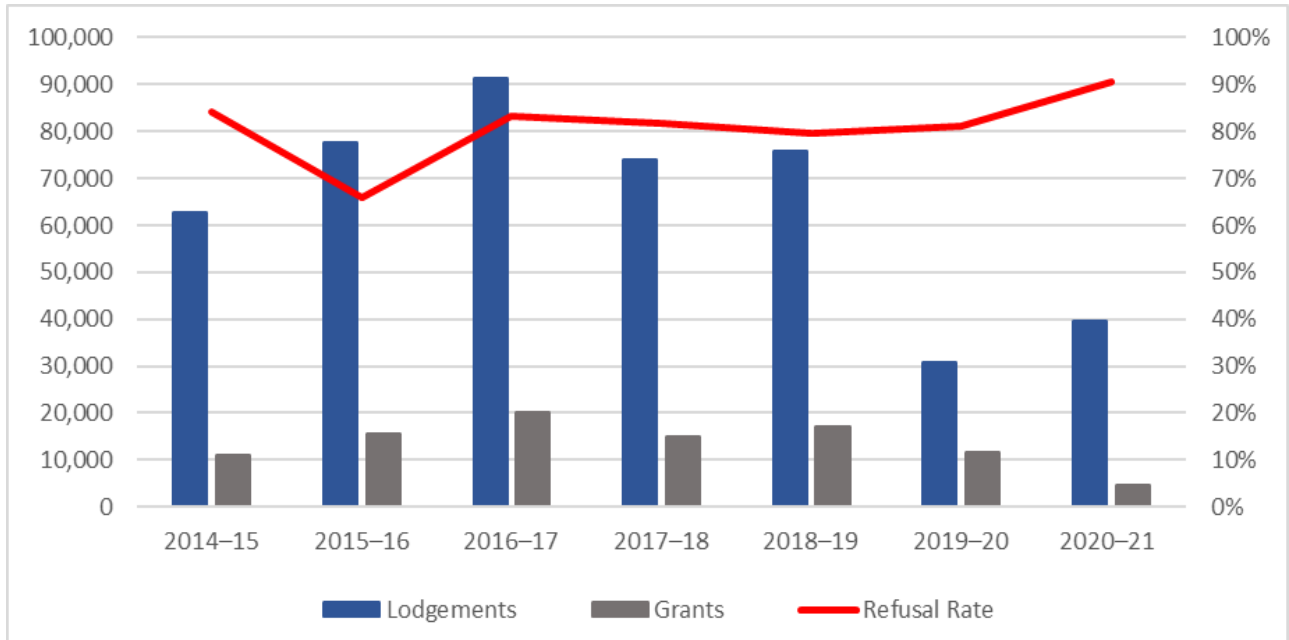
Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Figure 16: Second Stage Partner visa program trends 2015-16 to 2020-21**



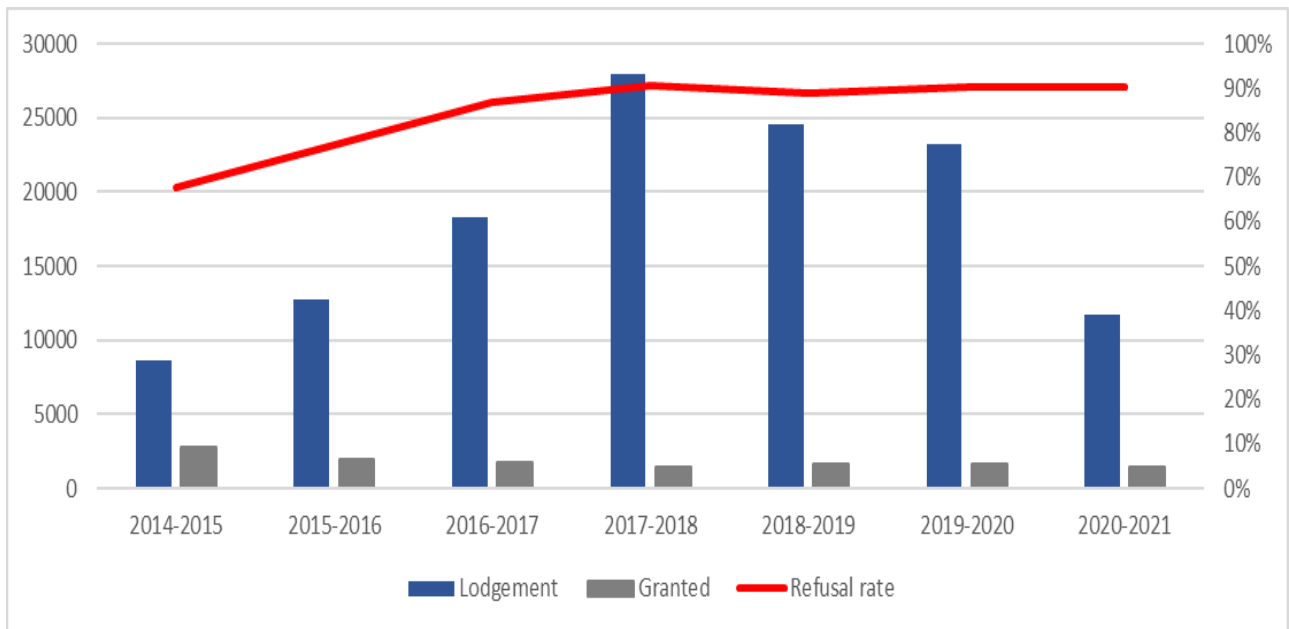
Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Figure 17: Offshore Humanitarian program trends: 2014–15 to 2020–21**



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Figure 18: Onshore Protection program trends: 2014–15 to 2020-21**



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

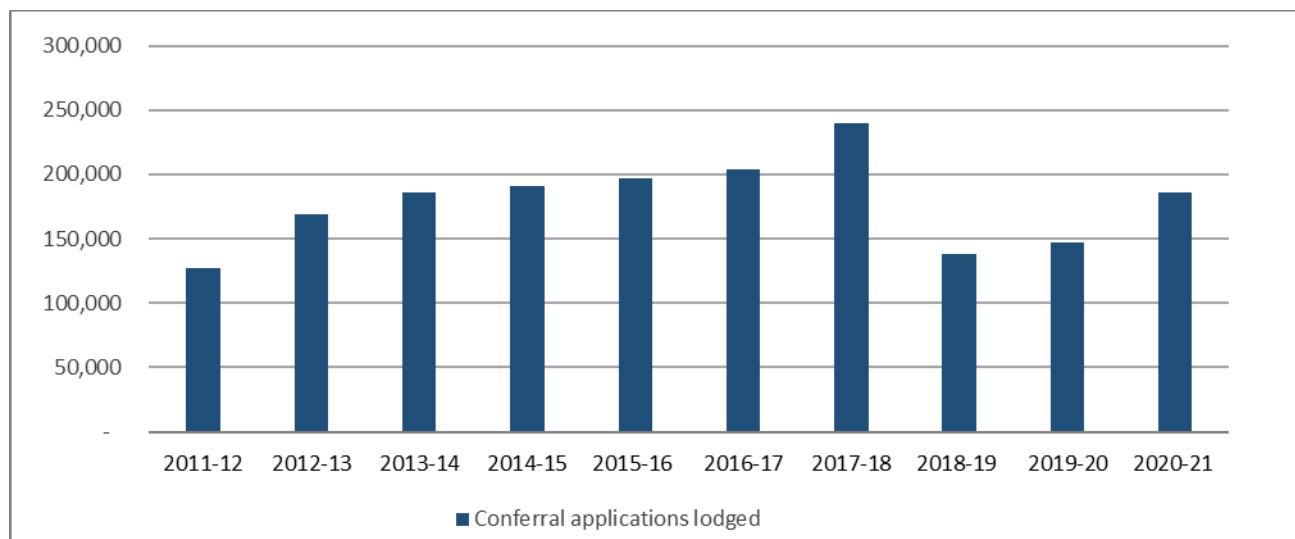
**Table 16:** Number of Australian citizenship by conferral applications finalised, by decision type and financial year: 2011-12 to 2020-21

Financial Year	Approved	Refused	Invalid	Other	Total
2011-12	95,837	2,208	13,897	763	<b>112,705</b>
2012-13	137,079	3,270	16,561	643	<b>157,553</b>
2013-14	158,907	5,728	26,611	783	<b>192,029</b>
2014-15	148,862	5,197	34,987	795	<b>189,841</b>
2015-16	129,515	4,749	32,612	792	<b>167,668</b>
2016-17	127,013	4,089	22,035	742	<b>153,879</b>
2017-18	80,776	4,956	14,998	692	<b>101,422</b>
2018-19	145,587	7,590	5,713	1,227	<b>160,117</b>
2019-20	215,394	8,762	2,179	1,988	<b>228,323</b>
2020-21	170,645	7,966	1,783	2,831	<b>183,225</b>

Source: **Department of Home Affairs, 2021**

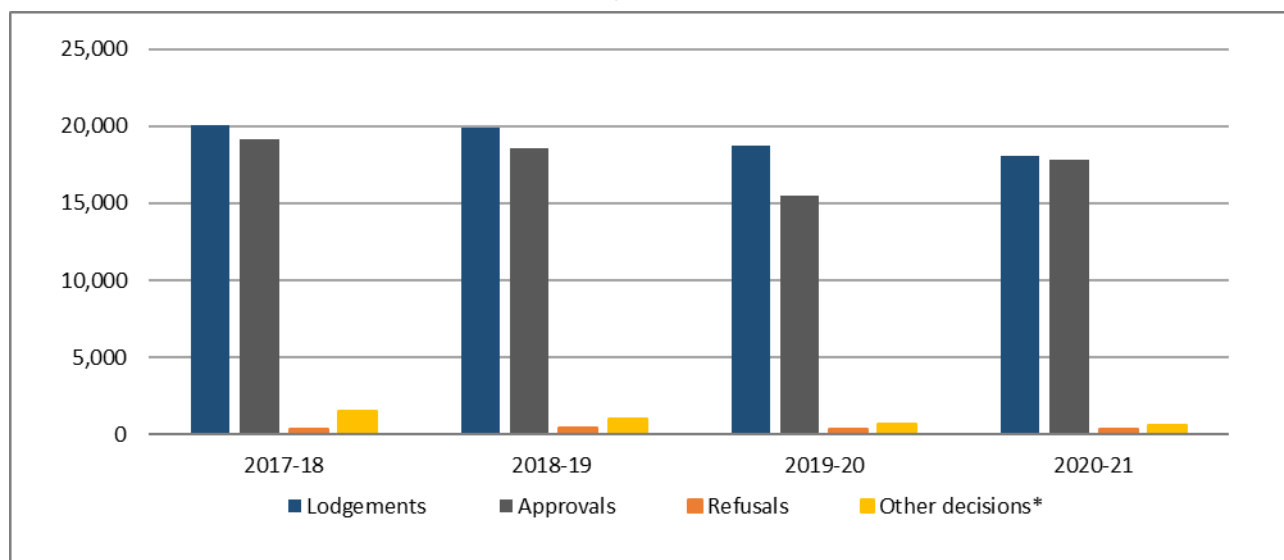
Note: 'other' includes applications withdrawn by the client and minor numbers of administrative finalisations. This report may differ from previous or other reports due to the use of dynamic database in the current financial year.

**Figure 19:** Citizenship by conferral lodgement trends: 2011-12 to 2020-21



Source: **Department of Home Affairs, 2021**

**Figure 20:** Citizenship by descent applications lodged and finalised: 2017-18 to 2020-21



Source: **Department of Home Affairs, 2021**

Note: other decisions\* include invalidated applications, applications withdrawn by the client and administrative finalisations.

**Table 17:** Visa Applications Decided by Program Year (non-humanitarian visas)

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Visa Applications Decided (Granted or Refused)	8,339,513	9,052,095	9,386,838	9,607,025	7,169,298	1,338,656
Visa Applications Refused	209,657	237,153	308,150	377,469	325,637	50,956
<b>Refusal Rate</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>

Source: **Department of Home Affairs, 2021**

**Table 18:** Adverse section 501 (character) outcomes in 2019-20 and 2020-21

Character outcome	2019-20	2020-21
Mandatory character cancellation	965	922
Discretionary character cancellation	53	24
Character refusal	354	785
Character revocations (not revoked)	452	440
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,824</b>	<b>2,171</b>

Source: **Department of Home Affairs, 2021**



**Table 19: General Cancellation decisions 2019-20 and 2020-21**

General Cancellation decision	2019-20	2020-21
s109 (Incorrect Information)	216	276
s116 (General Power)	4,155	1,201
s128 (Holder Overseas)	46,253	19,373
s134 (Business Visa)	102	83
All other powers	7,490	4,841
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,216</b>	<b>25,774</b>

Source: **Department of Home Affairs, 2021**

Note: a visa may be recorded as cancelled more than once. An example of a visa being recorded as cancelled more than once is if the 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.

**Table 20: People who entered the Status Resolution program 2018-19 to 2020-21**

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Persons who voluntarily approached the Department	11,390	16,918	16,128
Persons located by the Australian Border Force or Police	2,881	2,231	1,835
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,271</b>	<b>19,149</b>	<b>17,963</b>

Source: **Department of Home Affairs, 2021**

**Table 21: Return and Reintegration Assistance program 2018-19 to 2020-21**

	30 June 2019	30 June 2020	30 June 2021
Referrals	1,345	1,484	1,117
Returns	840	798	542

Source: **Department of Home Affairs, 2021**

**Table 22: Status Resolution Support Services recipients 2019 to 2021**

	30 June 2019	30 June 2020	30 June 2021
IMA	3,907	2,769	1,311
Non-IMA	1,575	1,509	1,018
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,482</b>	<b>4,278</b>	<b>2,329</b>

Source: **Department of Home Affairs, 2021**

**Table 23:** Transitory persons onshore, as at 30 June 2021

<b>Transitory persons onshore</b>	<b>Held detention</b>	<b>Residence Determination (community detention)</b>	<b>Final Departure Bridging visa E</b>	<b>Total</b>
Medical transitory persons brought to Australia for a temporary purpose	128	433	501	1,062
Babies born to medical transitory persons onshore in Australia	0	67	33	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>1,162</b>

Source: **Department of Home Affairs, 2021**