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# The Administration of the Immigration and Citizenship Programs

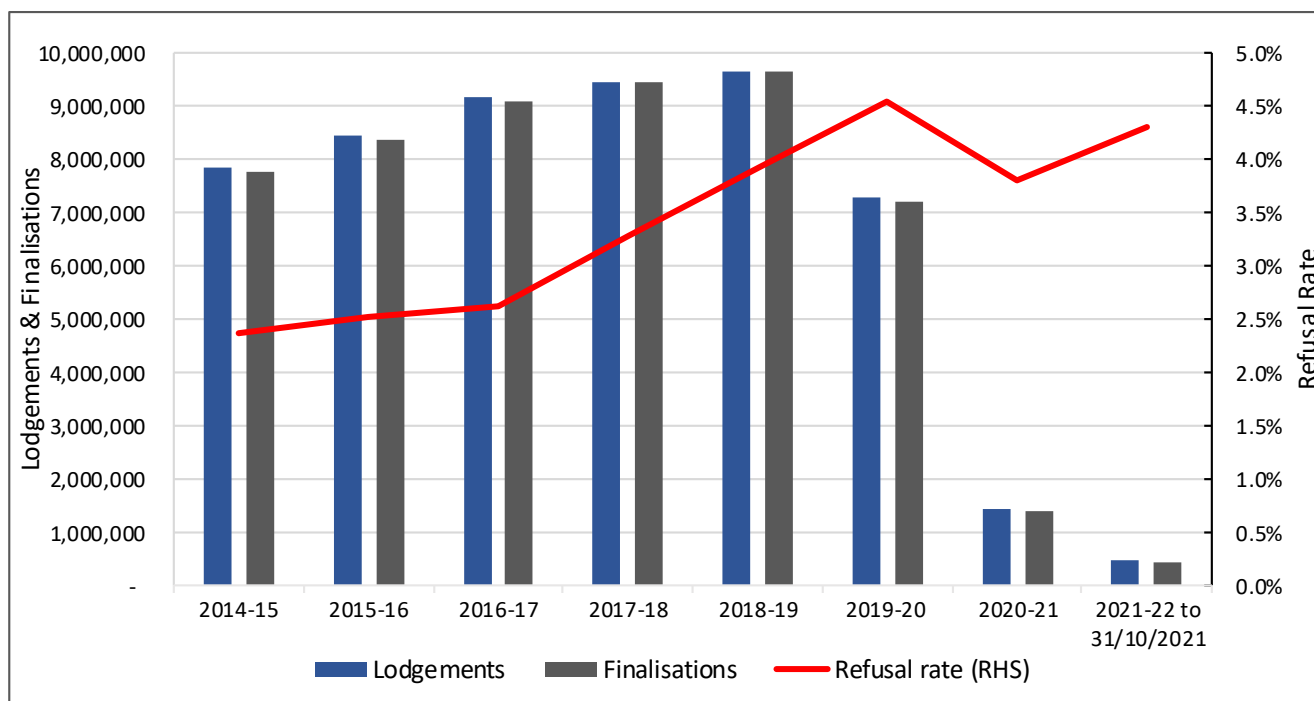
Addendum – November 2021 (data to 31 October 2021)



# Administering the Immigration Program

## Broad visa trends

Figure 1: Total non-humanitarian visa programs trends, 2014-15 to 2021-22 (to 31 October 2021)



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

## Temporary visas

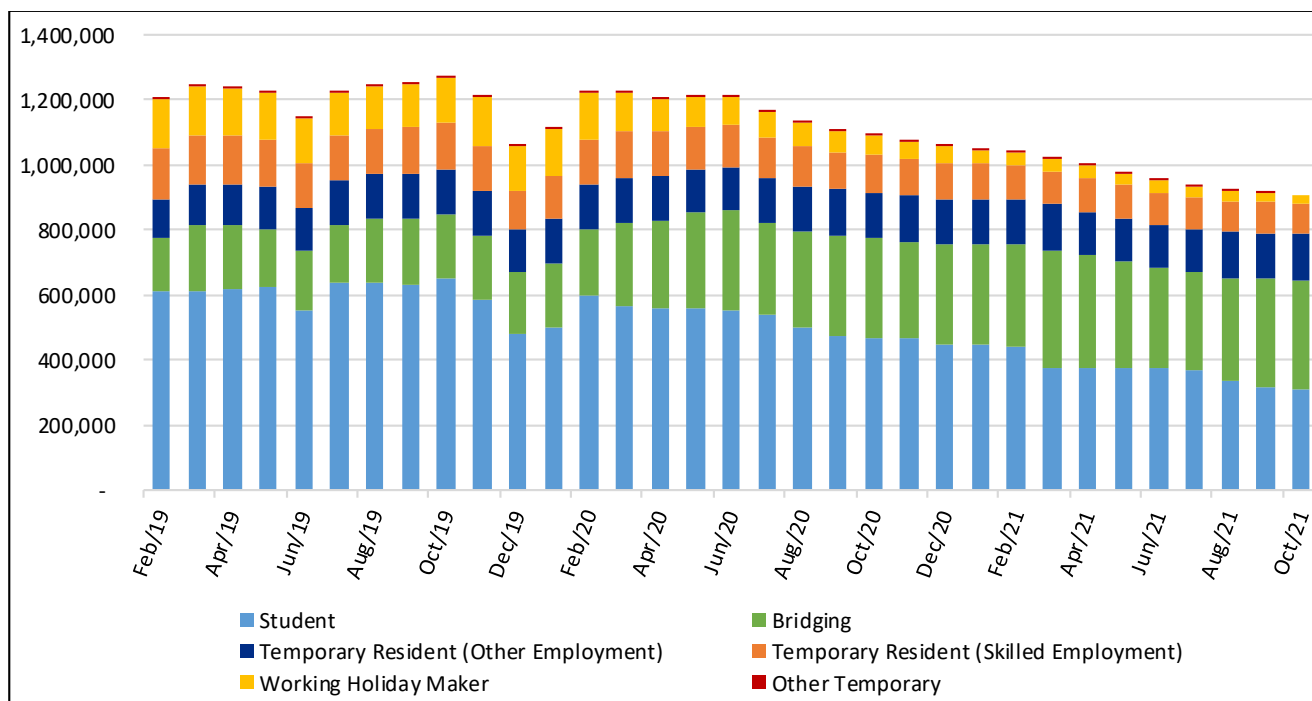
Table 2: Change in the number of temporary visa holders in Australia between 31 October 2020 and 31 October 2021

Visa category	31-10-20	31-10-21	Difference	% Change
Bridging <sup>1</sup>	302,299	338,674	36,375	12.0%
Crew and Transit	8,262	10,720	2,458	29.8%
Other Temporary	5,238	3,864	-1,374	-26.2%
Special Category	655,947	655,797	-150	0.0%
Student	470,434	308,812	-161,622	-34.4%
Temporary Protection	17,837	18,691	854	4.8%
Temporary Resident (Other Employment)	140,822	140,157	-665	-0.5%
Temporary Resident (Skilled Employment)	114,896	94,713	-20,183	-17.6%
Visitor	80,231	34,250	-45,981	-57.3%
Working Holiday Maker	59,046	26,390	-32,656	-55.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,855,012</b>	<b>1,632,068</b>	<b>- 222,944</b>	<b>-12.0%</b>

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Bridging Visa E (subclass 050 and 051) holders.

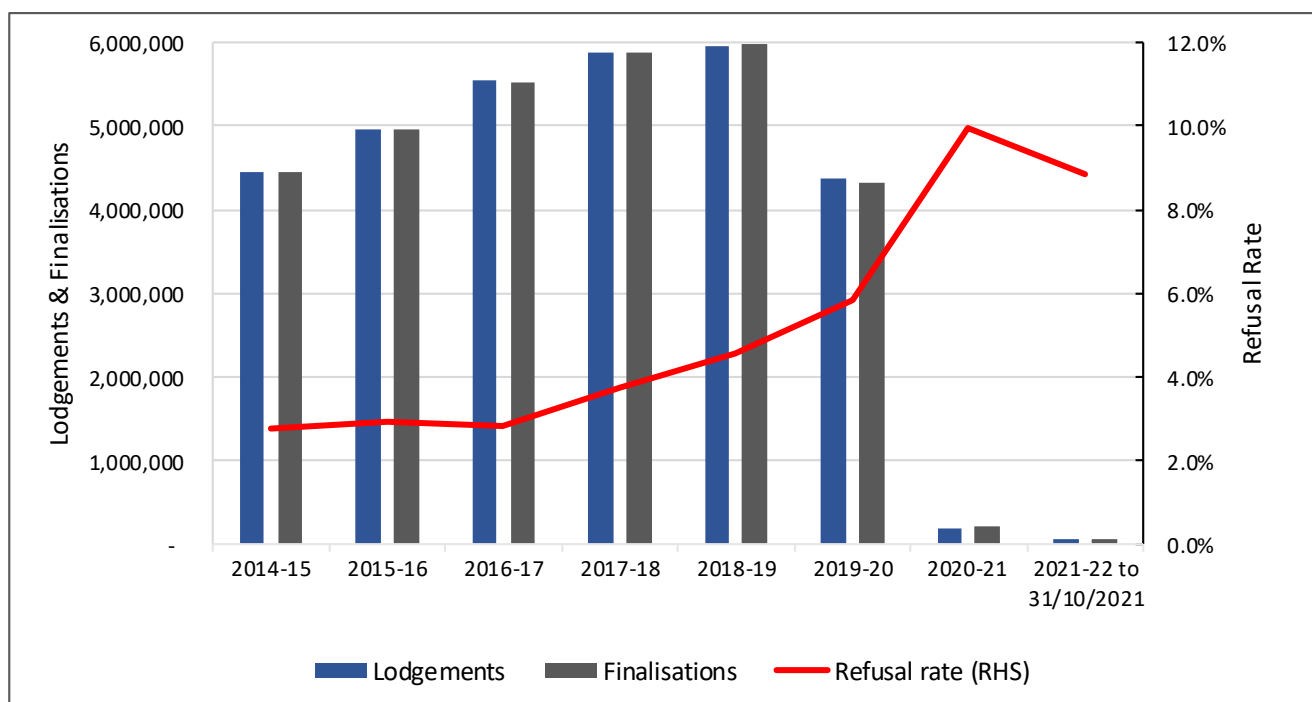
**Figure 2: Number of temporary visa holders in Australia<sup>2</sup>, 28 February 2019 to 31 October 2021**



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

## Visitors

**Figure 3: Visitor visa program trends, 2014-15 to 2021-22 (to 31 October 2021)**

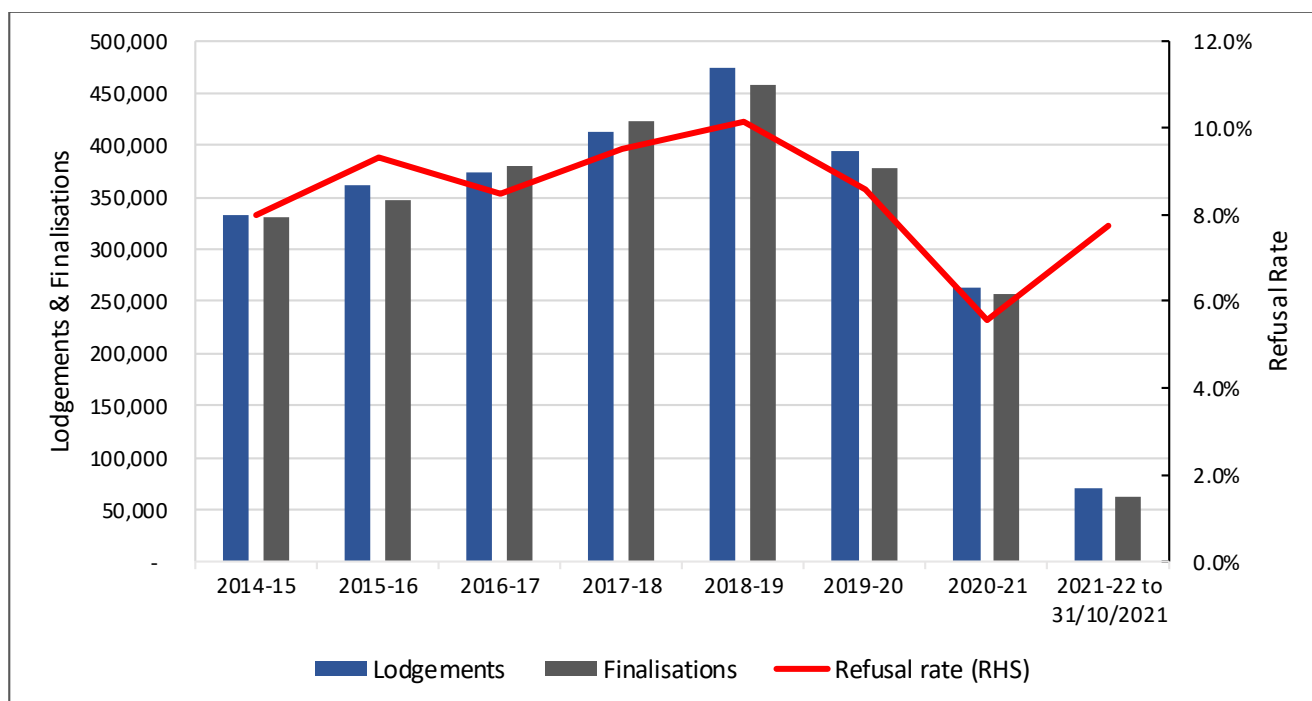


Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

<sup>2</sup> 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 31 October 2021)<sup>3</sup>**



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 31 October 2021)**

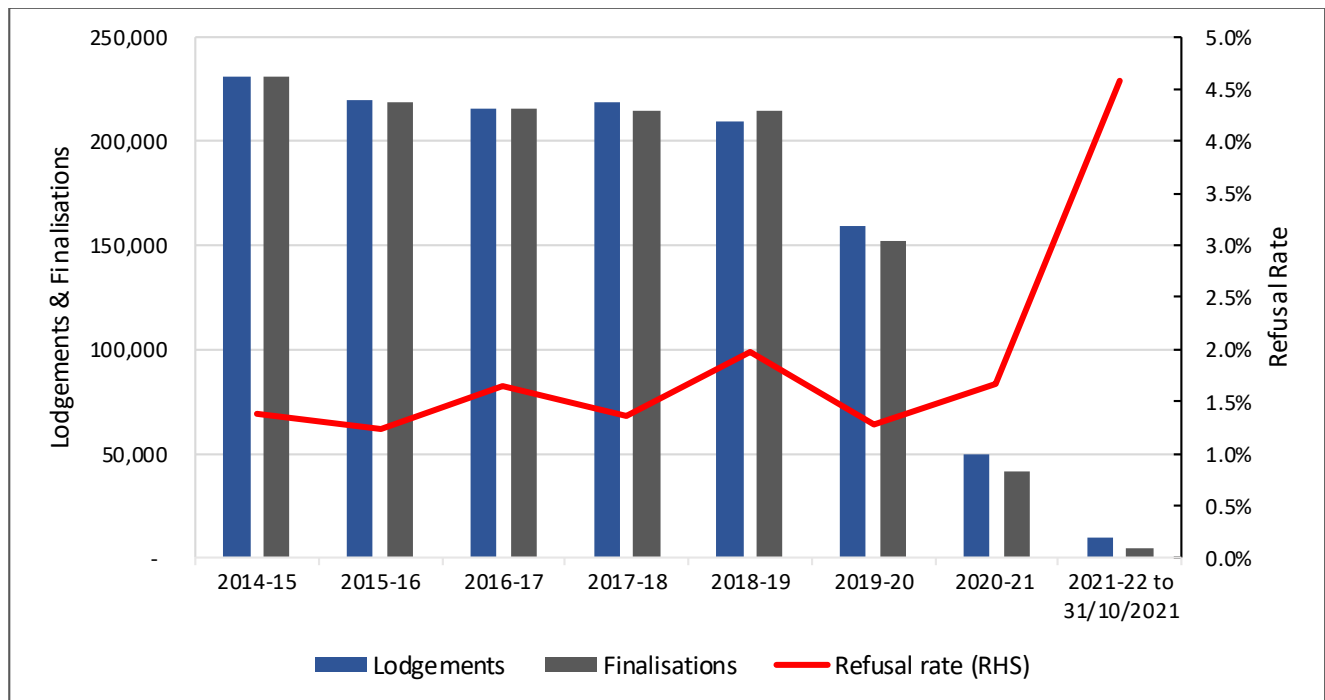
Visatype	2019-20	2020-21	Difference	% Change	2021-22 (to 31/10/2021)
Foreign Affairs or Defence Sector	3,786	1,639	-2,147	-56.7%	604
Higher Education Sector	197,529	143,199	-54,330	-27.5%	40,718
Independent ELICOS Sector	36,285	6,284	-30,001	-82.7%	1,230
Non-Award Sector	12,281	389	-11892	-96.8%	51
Postgraduate Research Sector	11,790	9,611	-2,179	-18.5%	3,367
Schools Sector	7,903	2,542	-5,361	-67.8%	482
Vocational Education and Training Sector	125,572	98,969	-26,603	-21.2%	24,082
<b>Total</b>	<b>395,146</b>	<b>262,633</b>	<b>-132,513</b>	<b>-33.5%</b>	<b>70,534</b>

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

<sup>3</sup> Includes all primary and secondary Student visa applications.

## Working Holiday Makers

Figure 5: Working Holiday Maker visa trends, 2014-15 to 2021-22 (to 31 October 2021)



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

## Temporary Skilled Work

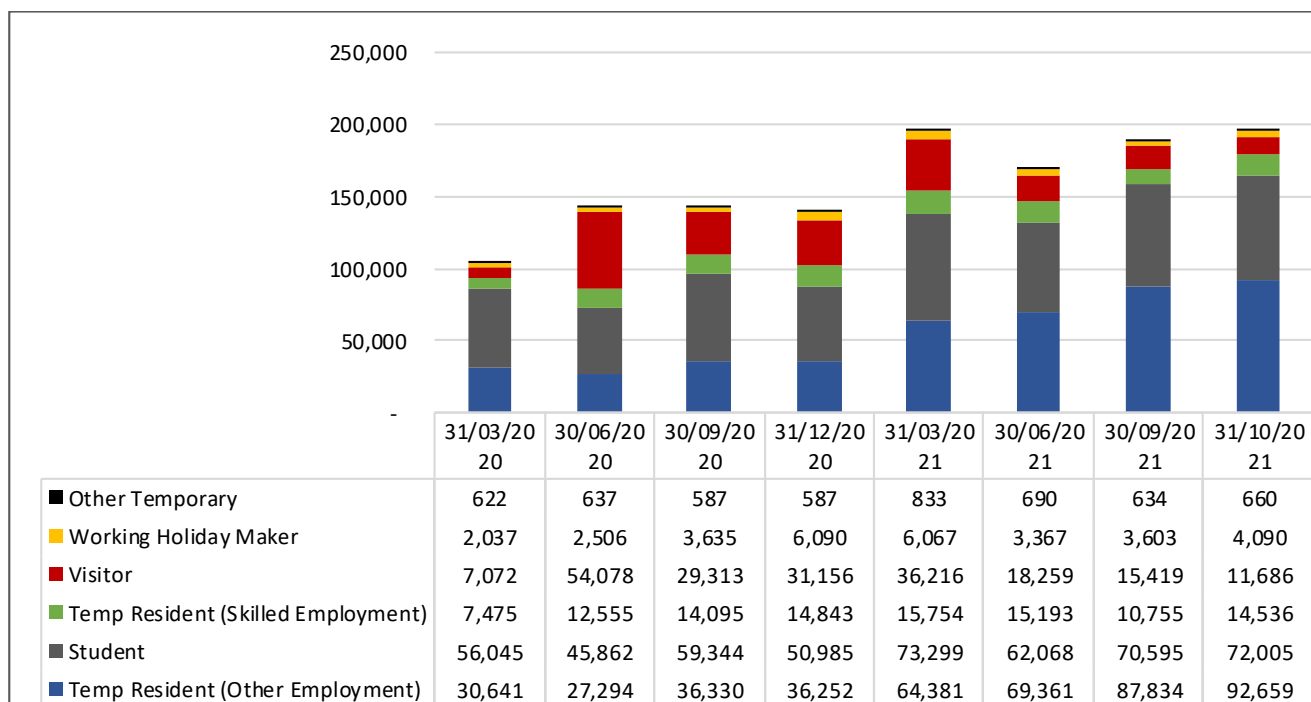
Table 6: Change in the number of Temporary Resident (skilled) primary visa applications lodged between 2019-20 and 2020-21, and program year to date total 2021-22 (to 31 October 2021)

Visa category	2019-20	2020-21	Difference	% Change	2021-22 (to 31/10/2021)
Temporary Resident (Skilled Employment)	36,334	27,190	-9,144	-25%	9,972

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

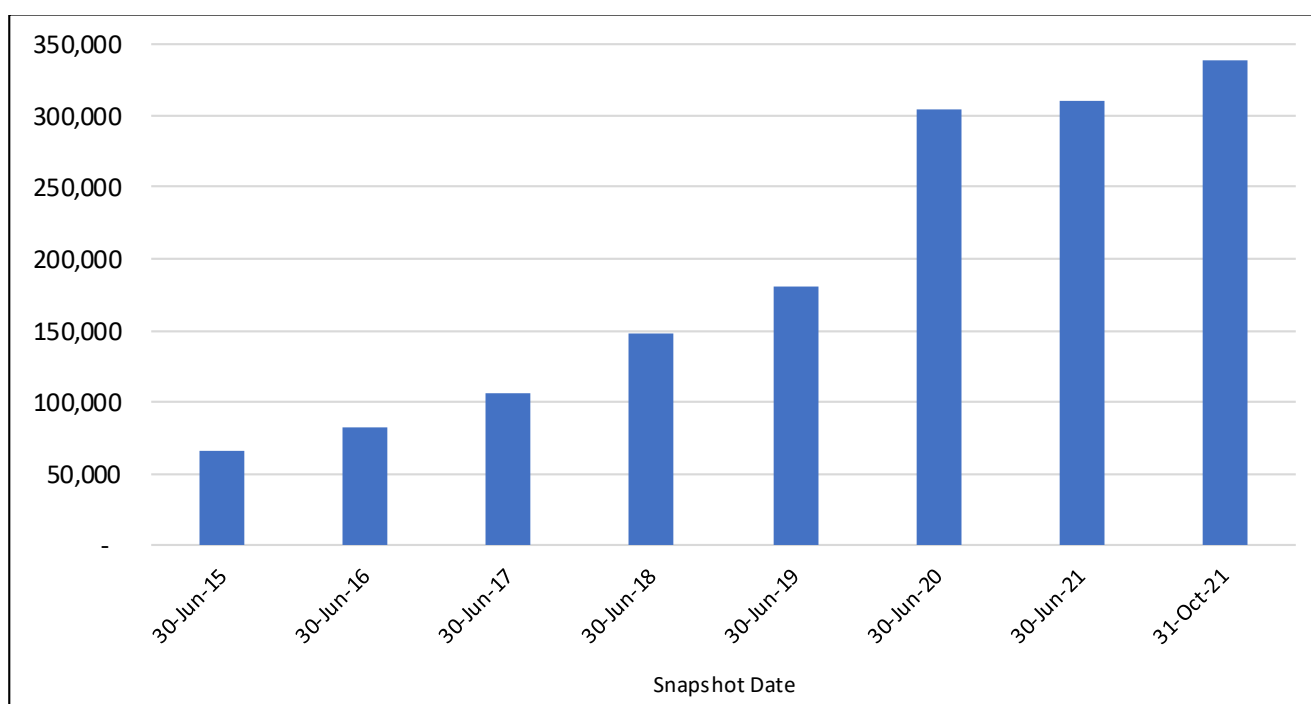
## Bridging visas

**Figure 6: Bridging visa A, B and C holders in Australia by selected temporary visa category applied for, 31 March 2020 to 31 October 2021<sup>4</sup>**



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Figure 7: Number of bridging visa holders in Australia, 30 June 2015 to 31 October 2021<sup>5</sup>**



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

<sup>4</sup> Excludes Bridging Visa E (subclass 050 and 051) holders.

<sup>5</sup> 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 31 October 2021**

Program year	Invited	%	Not invited	%	Total
2020-21	4,143	41.3%	5,886	58.7%	10,029
2021-22 (to 31/10/2021)	912	44.3%	1,145	55.7%	2,057
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,055</b>	<b>41.8%</b>	<b>7,031</b>	<b>58.2%</b>	<b>12,086</b>

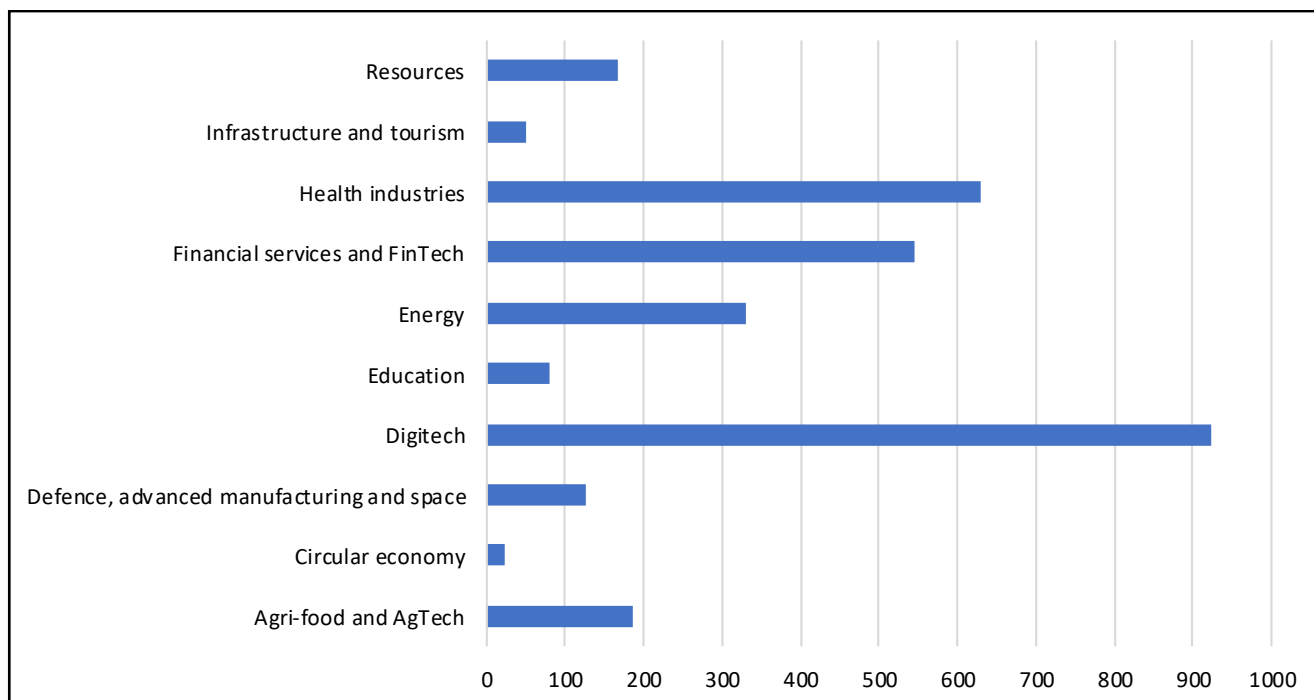
Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Table 11: Global Talent Visa Program average visa processing time for applications finalised between 1 July 2021 and 31 October 2021**

Stream	75th percentile	90th percentile
Global Talent pathway	77 days	126 days

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Figure 11: Global Talent Visa Program, grants by sector as at 31 October 2021<sup>6</sup>**



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

<sup>6</sup> 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 31 October 2021)**

Visa	2020-21	2021-22 (to 31/10/2021)
Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491)	16,019	6,584
Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 494)	1,890	754
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,909</b>	<b>7,338</b>

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Table 13: Number of applications finalised for Regional visas, 2020-21 and 2021-22 (to 31 October 2021)**

Visa	Outcome	2020-21	2021-22 (to 31/10/2021)
Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491)	Granted	8,930	2,703
	Refused and Withdrawn	264	244
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>9,194</b>	<b>2,947</b>
Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 494)	Granted	1425	514
	Refused and Withdrawn	85	85
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,510</b>	<b>599</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>10,704</b>	<b>3,546</b>

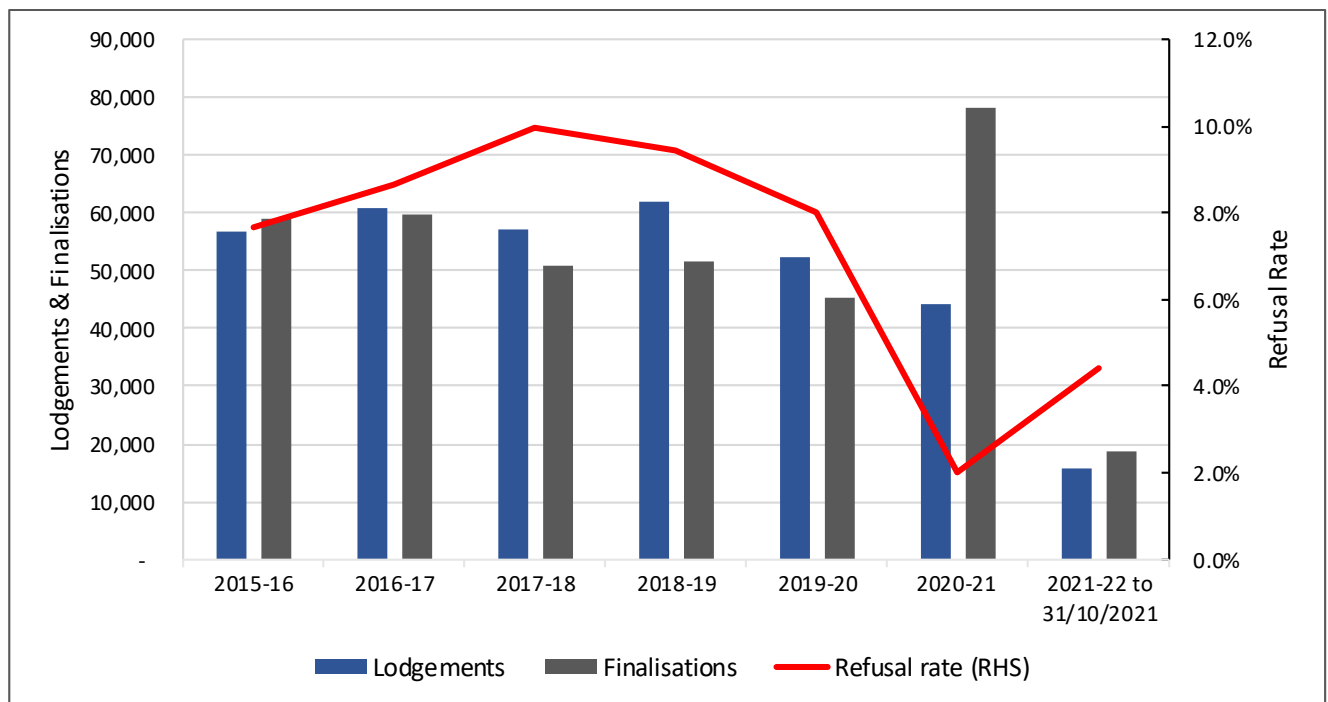
Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021



# Family Program

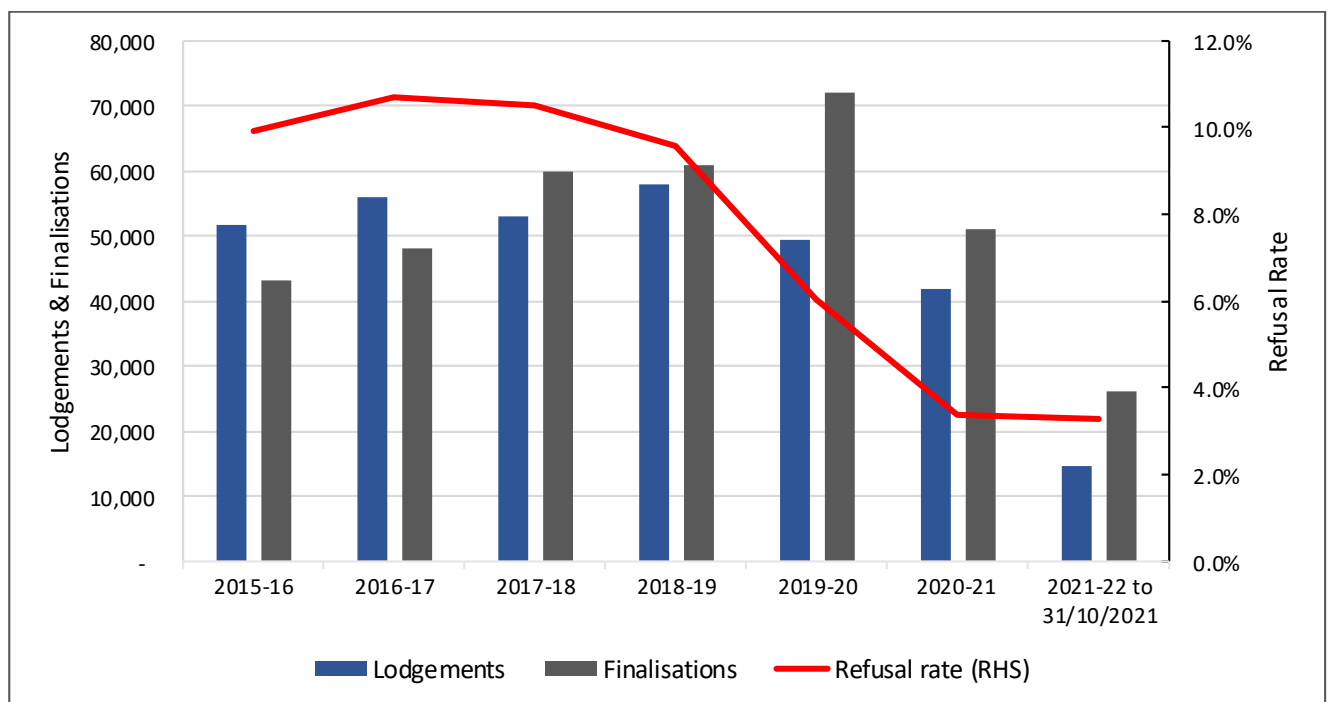
## Partner visas

**Figure 12: First Stage Partner visa program trends, 2015-16 to 2021-22 (to 31 October 2021)**



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

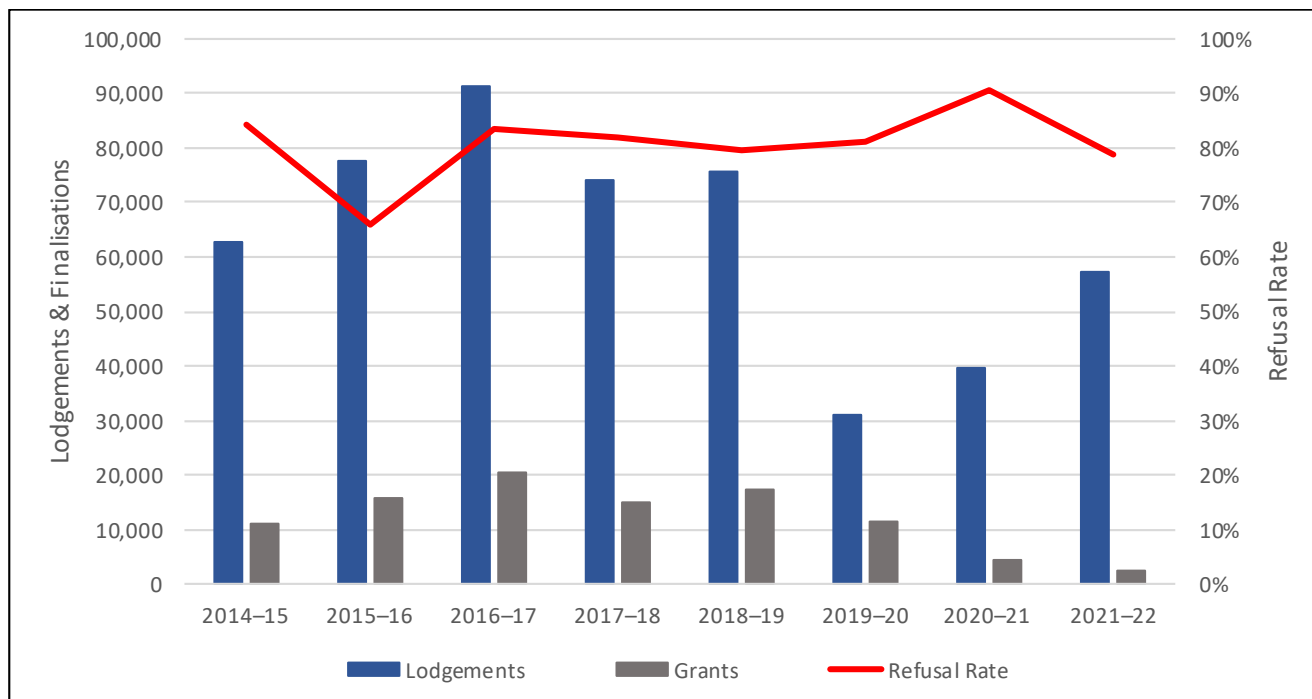
**Figure 13: Second Stage Partner visa program trends, 2015-16 to 2021-22 (to 31 October 2021)**



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

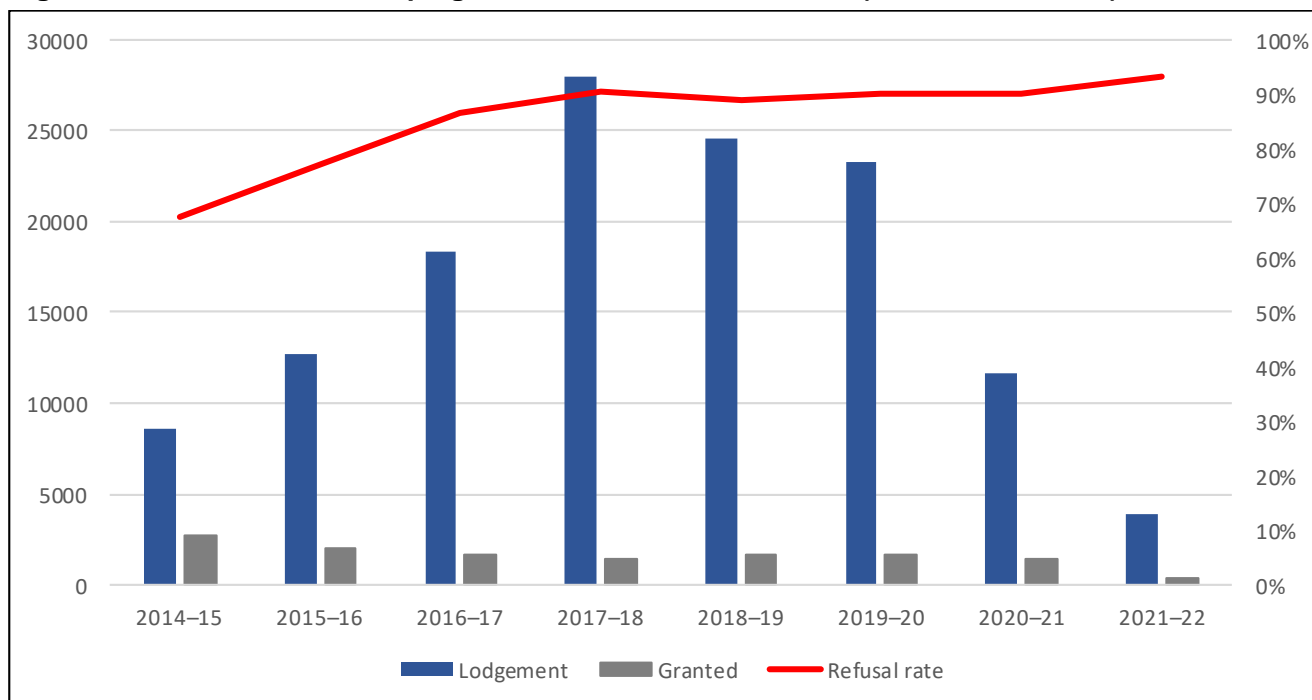
# Humanitarian Program

**Figure 14: Offshore Humanitarian program trends, 2014-15 to 2021-22 (to 31 October 2021)**



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Figure 15: Onshore Protection program trends, 2014-15 to 2021-22 (to 31 October 2021)**



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

# Australian Citizenship Program

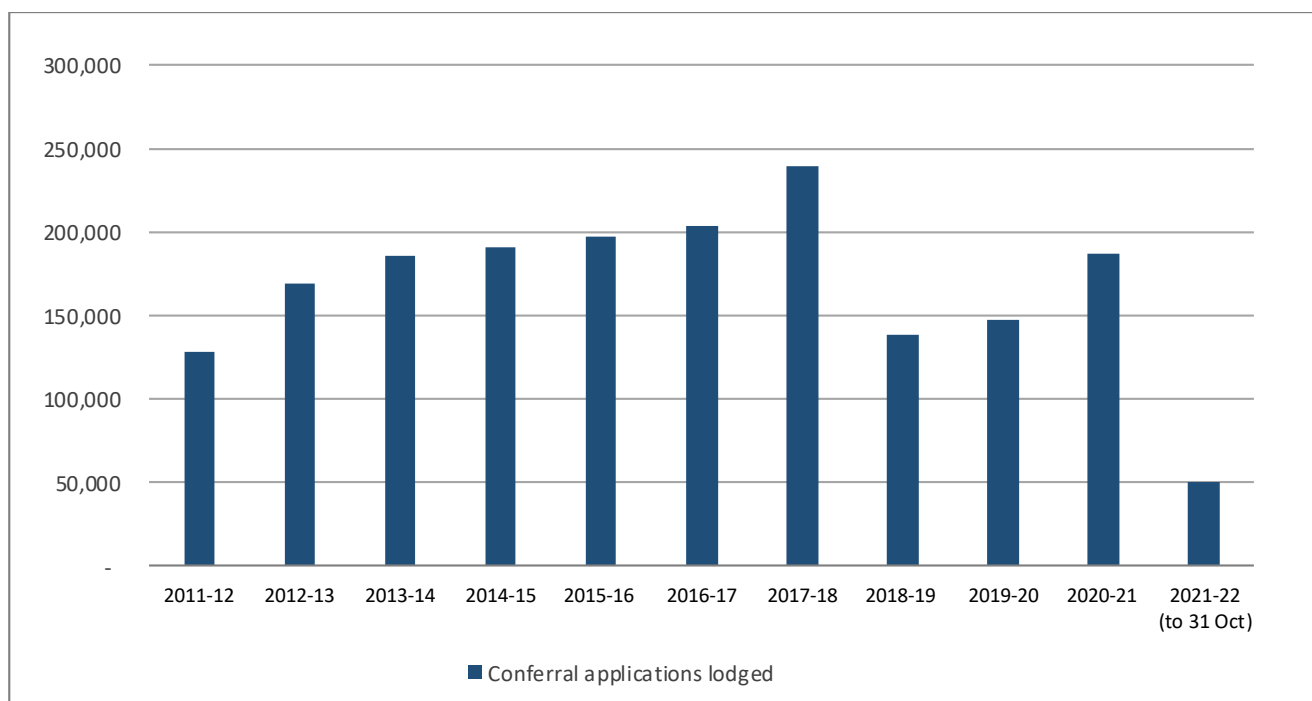
## Citizenship by conferral

**Table 14: Number of Australian citizenship by conferral applications finalised, by decision type and financial year, 2011-12 to 2021-22 (to 31 October 2021)<sup>7</sup>**

Financial year	Approved	Refused	Invalid	Other <sup>8</sup>	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 31 October)	43,453	2,329	868	568	47,218

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Figure 16: Citizenship by conferral lodgement trends, 2011-12 to 2021-22 (to 31 October 2021)**



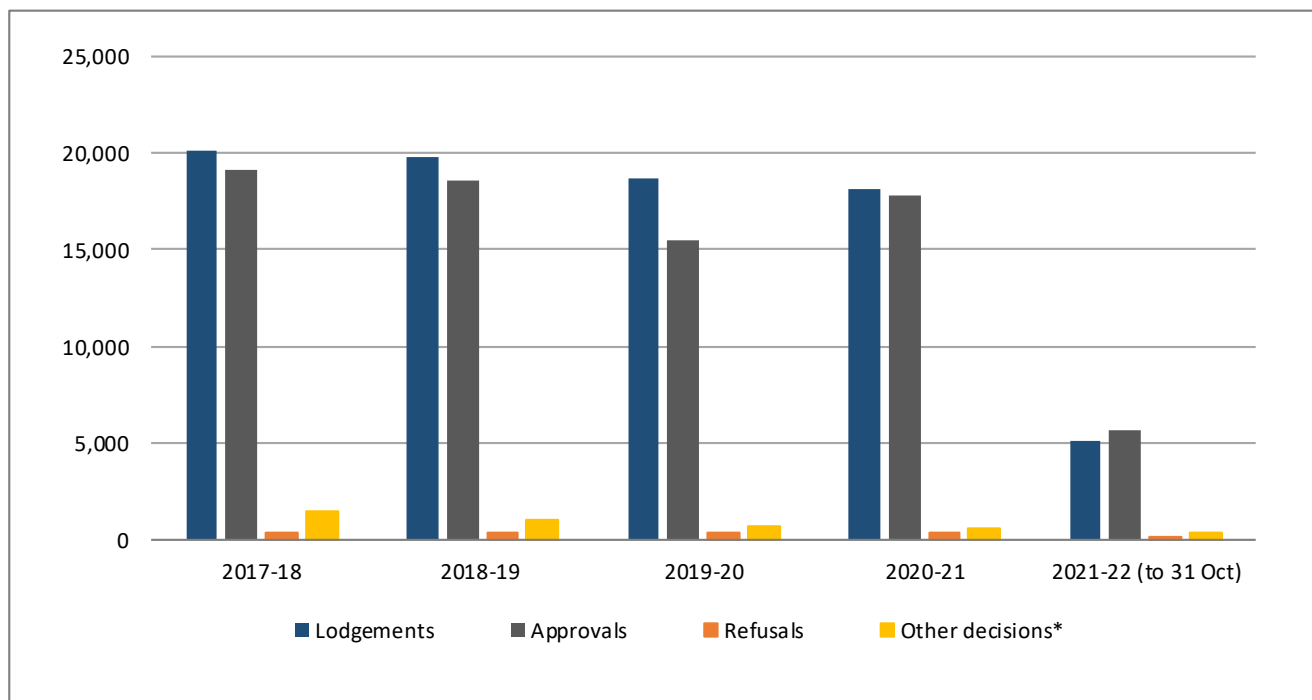
Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

<sup>7</sup> Data may differ from previous or other reports due to the use of dynamic database in the current financial year.

<sup>8</sup> 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 31 October 2021)<sup>9</sup>**



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 31 October 2021**

Decision type	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (to 31/10/2021)
Granted or Refused	8,339,513	9,052,096	9,386,838	9,607,025	7,169,298	1,338,656	398,032
Refused only	209,657	237,154	308,150	377,469	325,637	50,956	17,124
<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>	<b>4.3%</b>

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

<sup>9</sup> 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 31 October 2021)**

Character Cancellation	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Mandatory Cancellation (s501(3A))	965	922	292
Natural Justice – (s501(2))	39	7	<5
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	38
Character revocations (not revoked) <sup>10</sup>	452	439	157
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,820</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>493</b>

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Table 17: Top five Citizenships with adverse section 501 (character) outcomes, 2019-20 to 2021-22 (to 31 October 2021)**

Character Cancellation	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	Total
New Zealand	476	402	129	1007
United Kingdom	99	101	39	239
Vietnam	62	60	15	137
China	22	37	8	67
Sudan	31	16	6	53
Other	328	330	101	759
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>2,262</b>
Character refusal	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	Total
United Kingdom	152	350	7	509
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	22	335
<b>Total</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1,178</b>
Character revocations (not revoked)	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	Total
New Zealand	214	196	69	479
United Kingdom	34	38	15	87
Vietnam	18	29	8	55
Sudan	18	22	<5	43
China	17	13	<5	34
Other	151	141	58	350
<b>Total</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>1,048</b>

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Table 18: General Cancellation decisions, 2019-20 to 2021-22 (to 31 October 2021)<sup>11</sup>**

General Cancellation decisions	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Incorrect information (s109)	216	276	246
General power (s116)	4,155	1,201	209
Holder overseas (s128)	46,253	19,373	7,369
Business visa (s134)	102	83	37
All other powers <sup>12</sup>	7,490	4,841	1,181
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,216</b>	<b>25,774</b>	<b>9,042</b>

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

## Status resolution

**Table 19: People who entered the Status Resolution program, 2019-20 to 2021-22 (to 31 October 2021)**

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Persons who voluntarily approached the Department	16,918	16,128	5,221
Persons located by the Australian Border Force or Police	2,231	1,835	515
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,149</b>	<b>17,963</b>	<b>5,736</b>

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
<b>Visa holders as at 31 October 2021</b>	<b>25,284</b>	<b>30,188</b>	<b>32,190</b>	<b>6,906</b>

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Table 21: Return and Reintegration Assistance program (RRAP) referrals, 2018-19 to 2021-22 (to 31 October 2021)**

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
<b>RRAP referrals</b>	<b>1,345</b>	<b>1,484</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>226</b>

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

**Table 22: Status Resolution Support Services recipients, as at 31 October 2021**

	30 June 2019	30 June 2020	30 June 2021	31 Oct 2021
Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs)	3,907	2,769	1,311	1,092
Non-IMAs	1,575	1,509	1,018	862
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,482</b>	<b>4,278</b>	<b>2,329</b>	<b>1,954</b>

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> Does not include any s501 character statistics, only s501Fs are included.

## Management of transitory persons

**Table 23: Transitory persons onshore<sup>13</sup>, as at 31 October 2021**

	Bridging visa E	Residence Determination	Held detention	Babies not detained	Total
Transitory persons brought to Australia for medical reasons	502	<470	<80	0	1,049
Babies born onshore to medical transitory persons	<35	68	0	<5	106
<b>All transitory persons</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>&lt;80</b>	<b>&lt;5</b>	<b>1,177</b>

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

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