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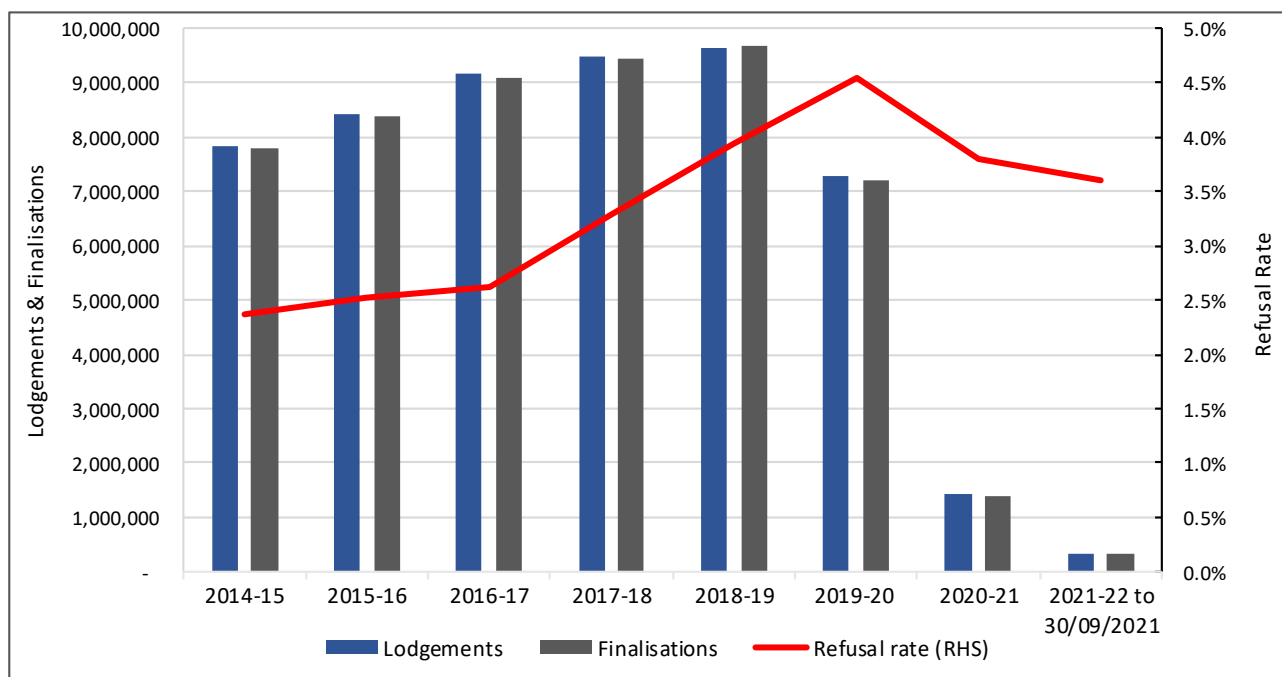
Addendum – October 2021 (data to 30 September 2021)



Administering the Immigration Program

Broad visa trends

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



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

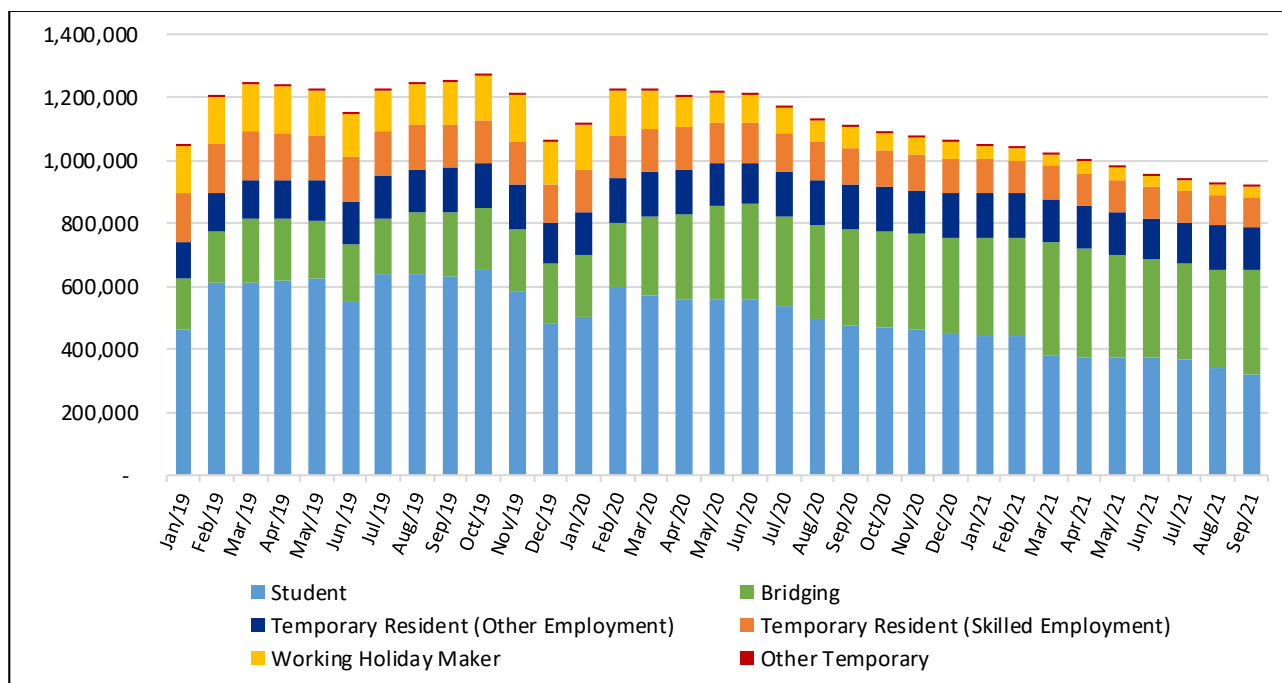
Temporary visas

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

Visa category	30-09-20	30-09-21	Difference	% Change
Bridging (excluding Bridging visa E)	307,463	330,808	23,345	7.6%
Crew and Transit	8,337	9,026	689	8.3%
Other Temporary	5,322	3,905	-1,417	-26.6%
Special Category	657,186	657,823	637	0.1%
Student	476,383	317,915	-158,468	-33.3%
Temporary Protection	17,786	18,608	822	4.6%
Temporary Resident (Other Employment)	140,054	141,512	1,458	1.0%
Temporary Resident (Skilled Employment)	117,316	95,035	-22,281	-19.0%
Visitor	86,748	38,728	-48,020	-55.4%
Working Holiday Maker	65,066	29,821	-35,245	-54.2%
Total	1,881,661	1,643,181	-238,480	-12.7%

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

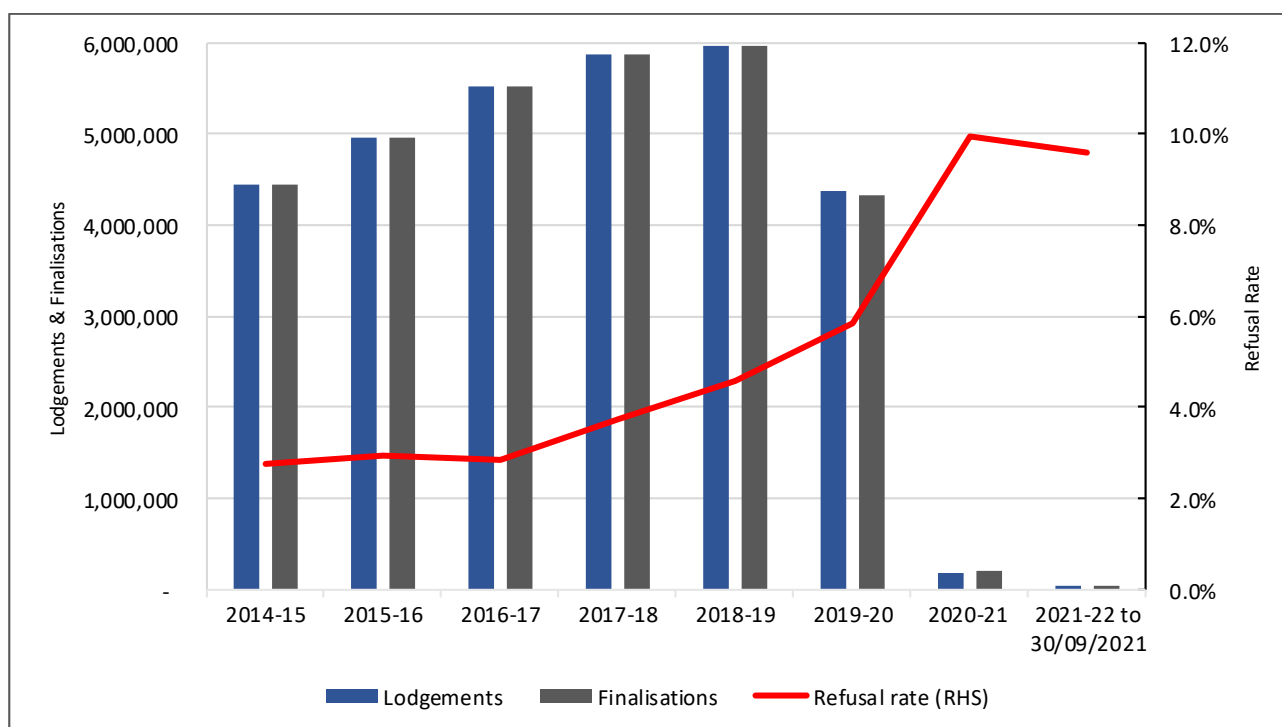
Figure 2: Number of temporary visa holders in Australia¹, 31 January 2019 to 30 September 2021



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Visitors

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

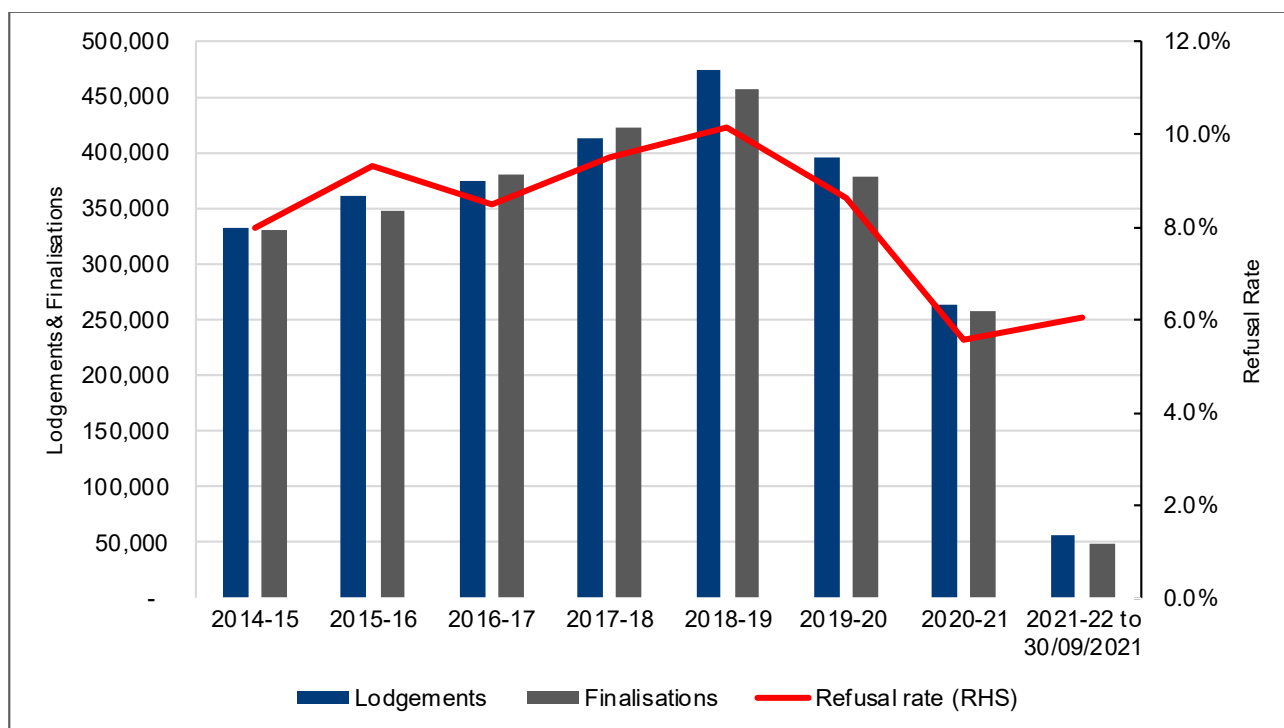


Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

¹ 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 September 2021)²



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Table 3: Number of Student visa holders in Australia, quarterly to 30 September 2021

Visa Type	30-Jun-2020	30-Sep-2020	31-Dec-2020	31-Mar-2021	30-Jun-2021	30-Sep-2021
Foreign Affairs or Defence Sector	4,278	3,471	2,579	2,130	2,084	1,425
Higher Education Sector	329,720	267,286	250,346	192,716	197,956	153,751
Independent ELICOS Sector	15,756	9,762	6,436	4,382	3,084	2,262
Non-Award Sector	2,799	565	348	163	173	152
Postgraduate Research Sector	25,645	23,841	22,426	21,193	20,628	19,719
Schools Sector	17,336	16,565	14,726	10,758	10,664	10,532
Student (Not Further Specified)	11	11	11	11	11	11
Vocational Education and Training Sector	159,765	154,882	153,060	146,432	139,456	130,063
Total	555,310	476,383	449,932	377,785	374,056	317,915

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

² Includes all primary and secondary Student visa applications.

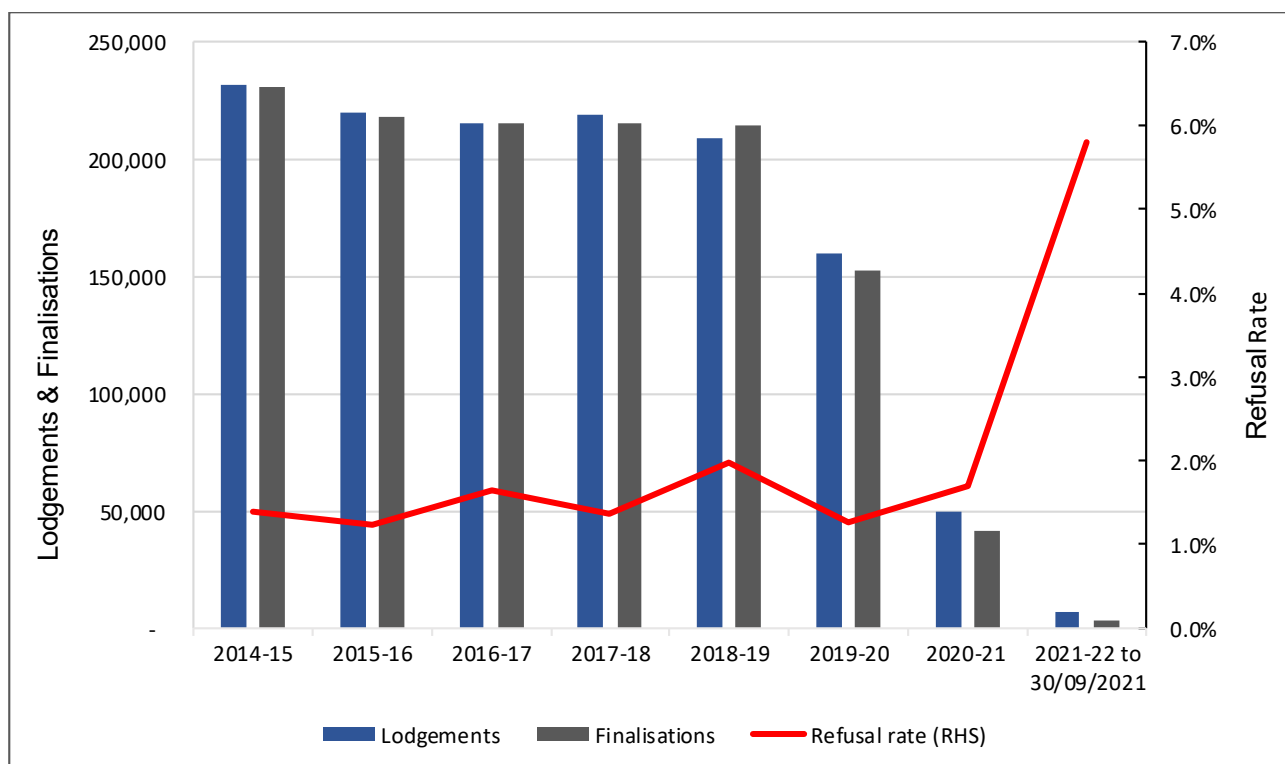
Table 4: Change in the number of Student visa applications lodged by sector between 2019-20 and 2020-21, and 2021-22 numbers (to 30 September 2021)

Visa type	2019-20	2020-21	Difference	% Change	2021-22 (to 30/09/2021)
Foreign Affairs or Defence Sector	3,786	1,639	-2,147	-56.7%	451
Higher Education Sector	197,529	143,199	-54,330	-27.5%	34,041
Independent ELICOS Sector	36,285	6,284	-30,001	-82.7%	849
Non-Award Sector	12,281	389	-11892	-96.8%	36
Postgraduate Research Sector	11,790	9,611	-2,179	-18.5%	2,631
Schools Sector	7,903	2,542	-5,361	-67.8%	275
Vocational Education and Training Sector	125572	98969	-26603	-21.2%	18467
Grand Total	395,146	262,633	-132,513	-33.5%	56,750

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Working Holiday Makers

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



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Temporary Skilled Work

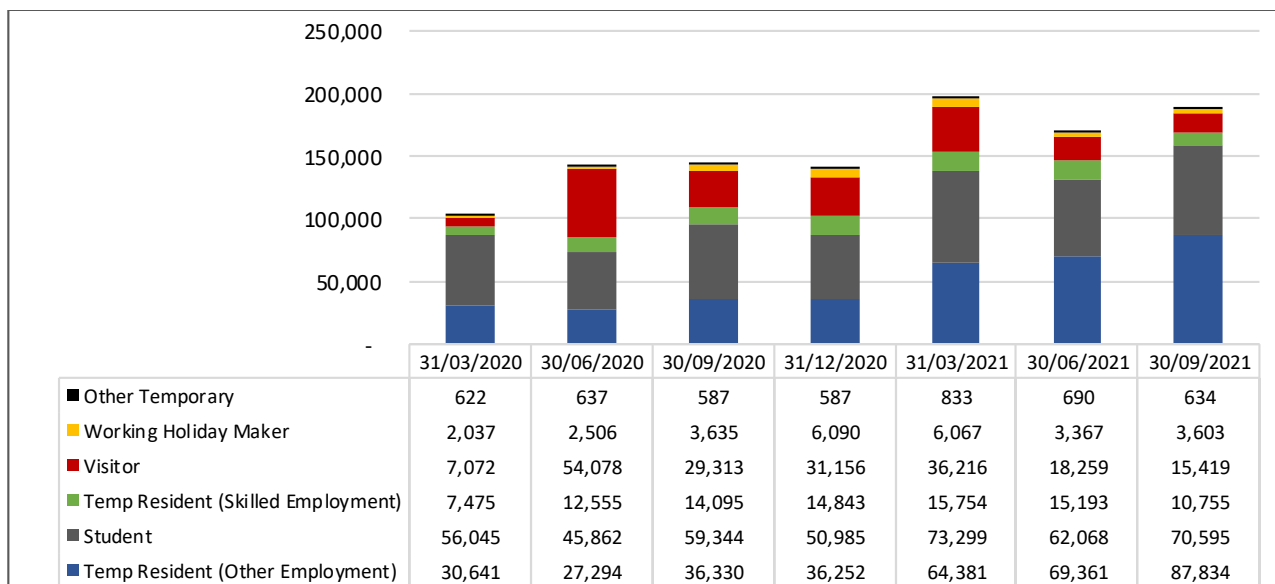
Table 6: Change in the number of Temporary Resident (skilled) primary visa applications lodged between 2019-20 and 2021-22 (to 30 September 2021)

Visa category	2019-20	2020-21	Difference	% Change	2021-22 (to 31/09/2021)
Temporary Resident (Skilled Employment)	36,334	27,190	-9,144	-25%	7,575

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Bridging visas

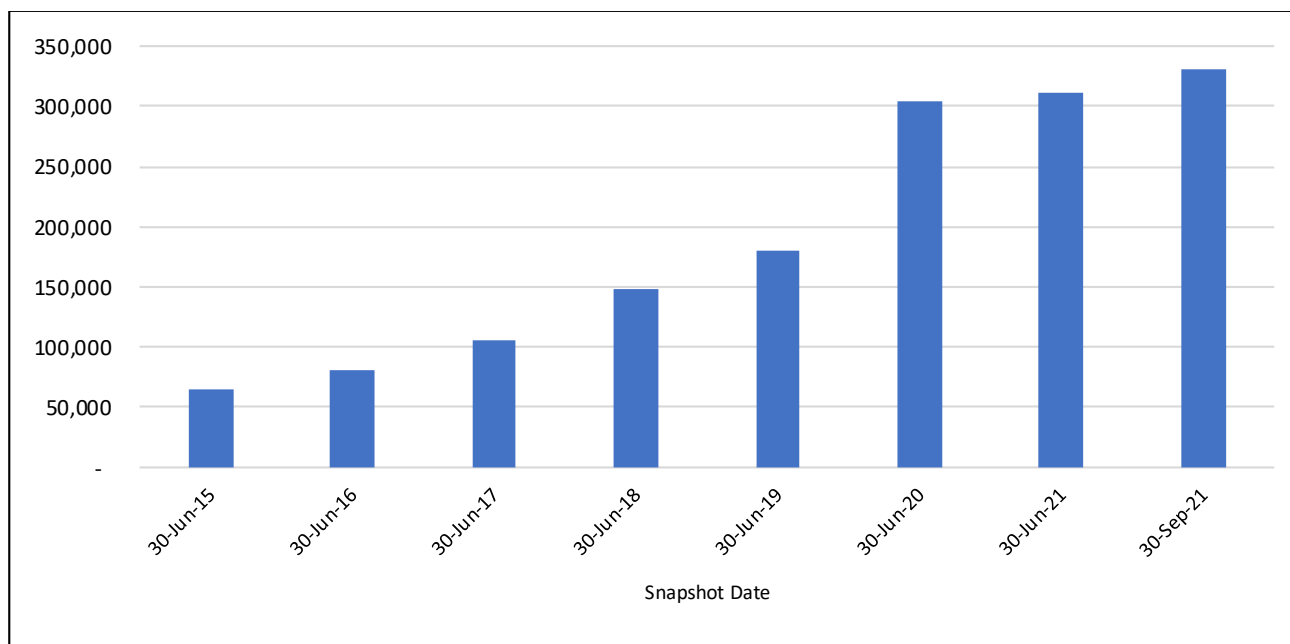
Figure 6: Bridging visa A, B and C holders in Australia by selected temporary visa category applied for, 31 March 2020 to 30 September 2021³



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

³ Excludes Bridging Visa E (subclass 050 and 051) holders.

Figure 7: Number of bridging visa holders in Australia, 30 June 2015 to 30 September 2021⁴



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Skilled Migration Program

Global Talent

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

Program year	Invited	%	Not invited	%	Total
2020-2021	4,143	41.3%	5,886	58.7%	10,029
2021-2022 (to 30/09/2021)	715	43.5%	927	56.5%	1642
Total	4,858	41.6%	6,813	58.4%	11,671

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

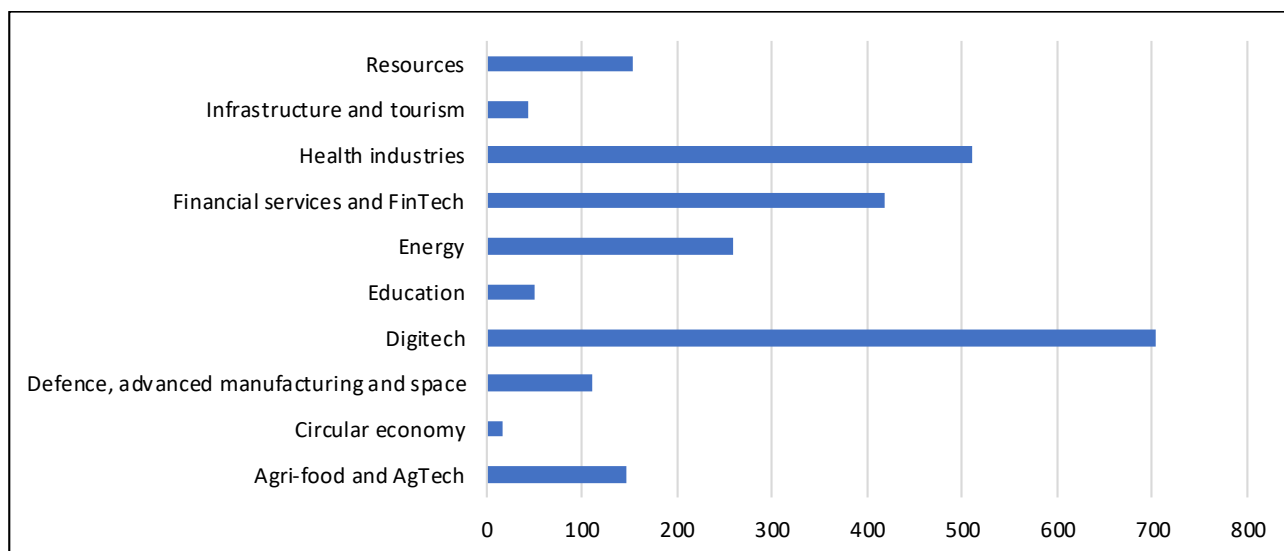
Table 11: Global Talent Visa Program average visa processing time for applications finalised between 1 July 2021 and 30 September 2021

Stream	75th percentile	90th percentile
Global Talent pathway	72 days	113 days

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

⁴ Excludes Bridging Visa E (subclass 050 and 051) holders, includes applicants for permanent and temporary visas.

Figure 11: Global Talent Visa Program, grants by sector as at 30 September 2021⁵



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Regional Migration

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

Visa	2020-21	2021-22 (to 30/09/2021)
Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491)	16,019	5,048
Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 494)	1890	578
Total	17,909	5,626

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

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

Visa	Outcome	2020-21	2021-22 (to 30/09/2021)
Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491)	Granted	8,930	1,942
	Refused and Withdrawn	264	156
	Sub total	9,194	2,098
Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 494)	Granted	1425	400
	Refused and Withdrawn	85	59
	Sub total	1,510	459
Total		10,704	2,557

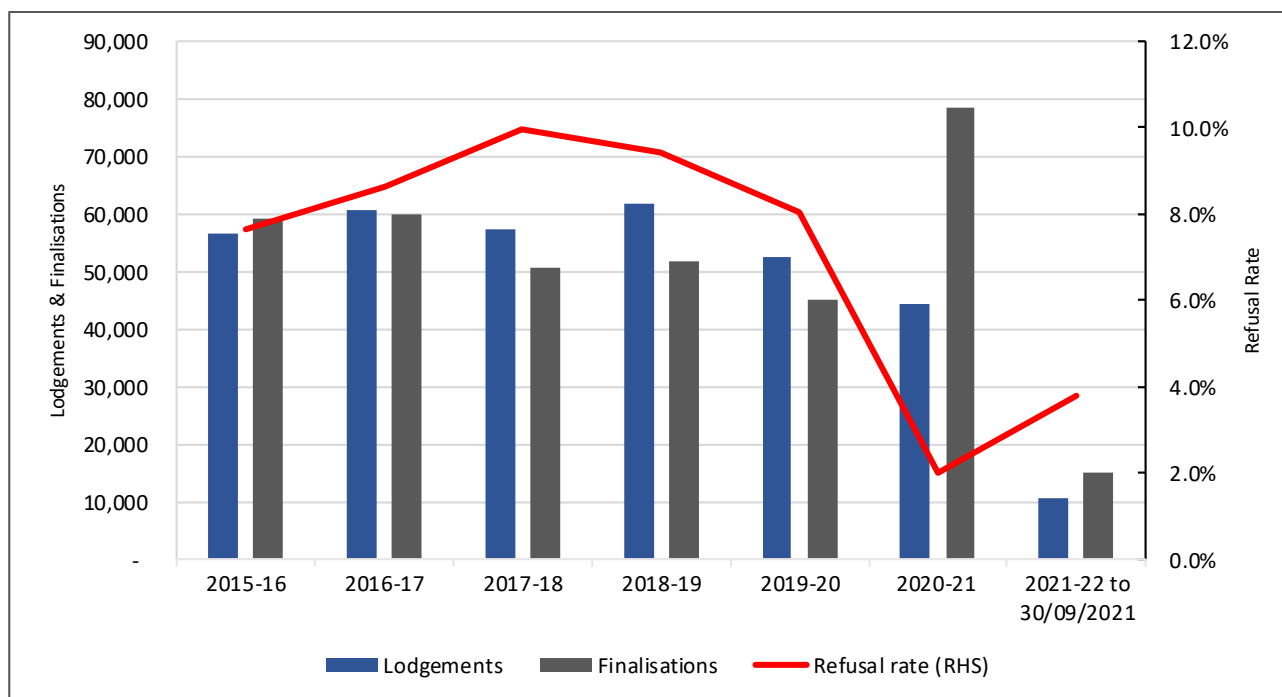
Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

⁵ This graph reflects the Global Talent Visa Program priority sectors in place since 17 December 2020.

Family Program

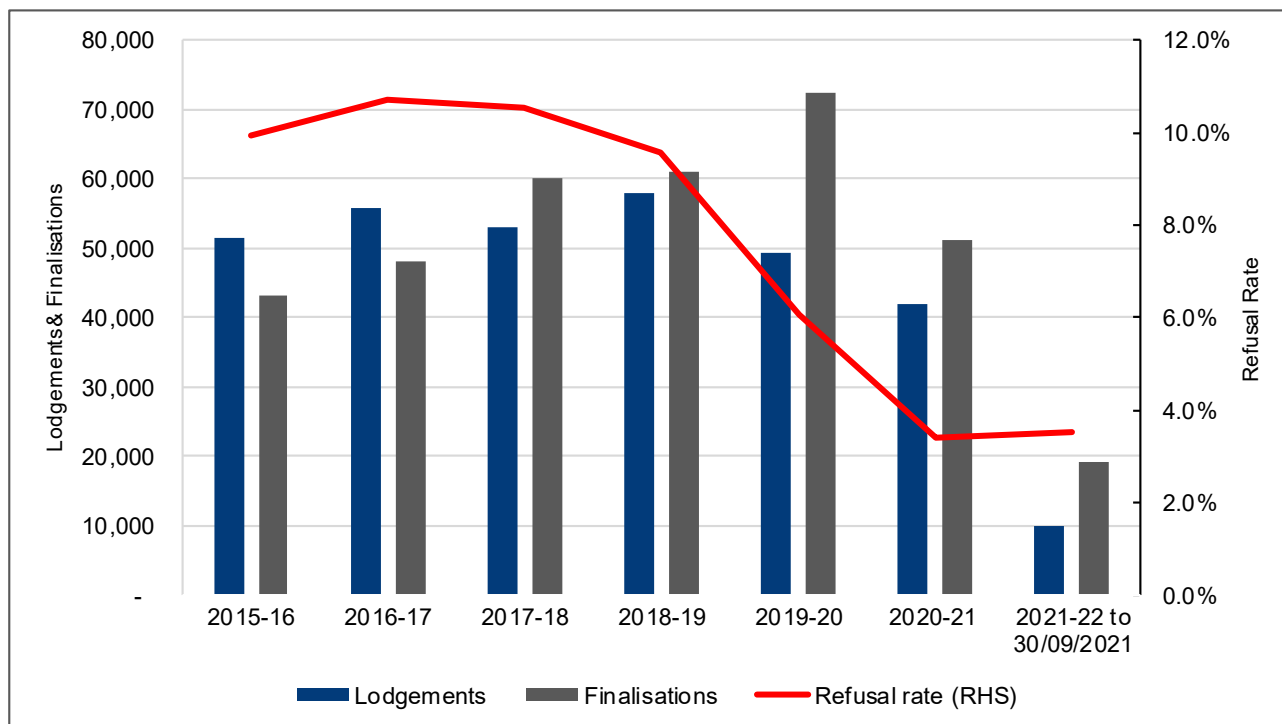
Partner visas

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



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

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

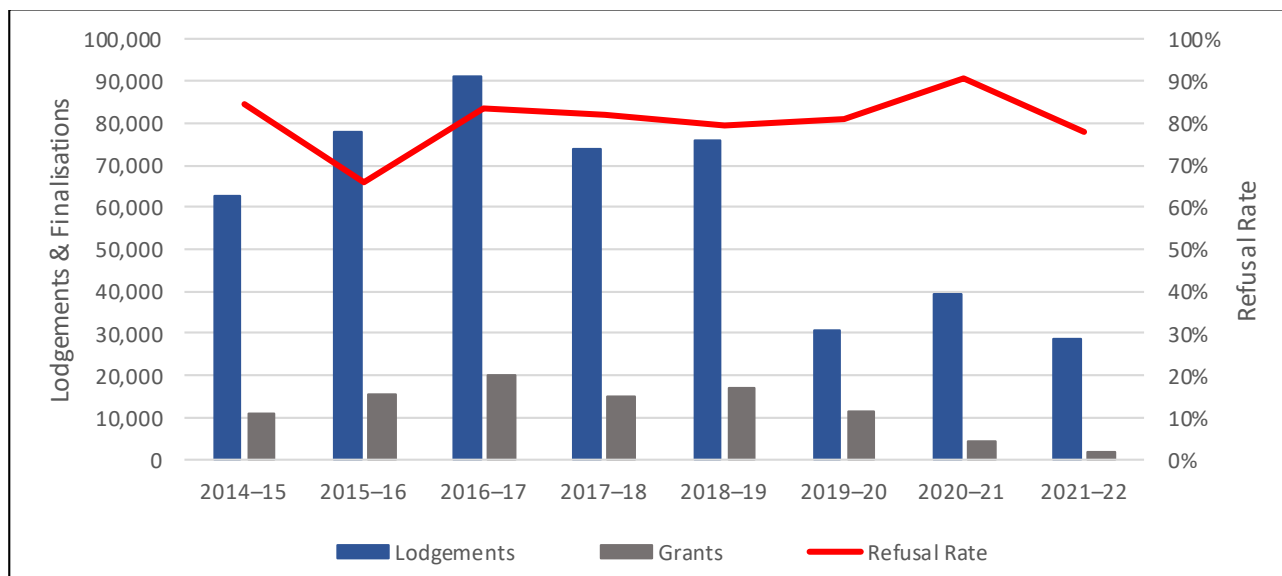


Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Humanitarian Program

Offshore Humanitarian visas

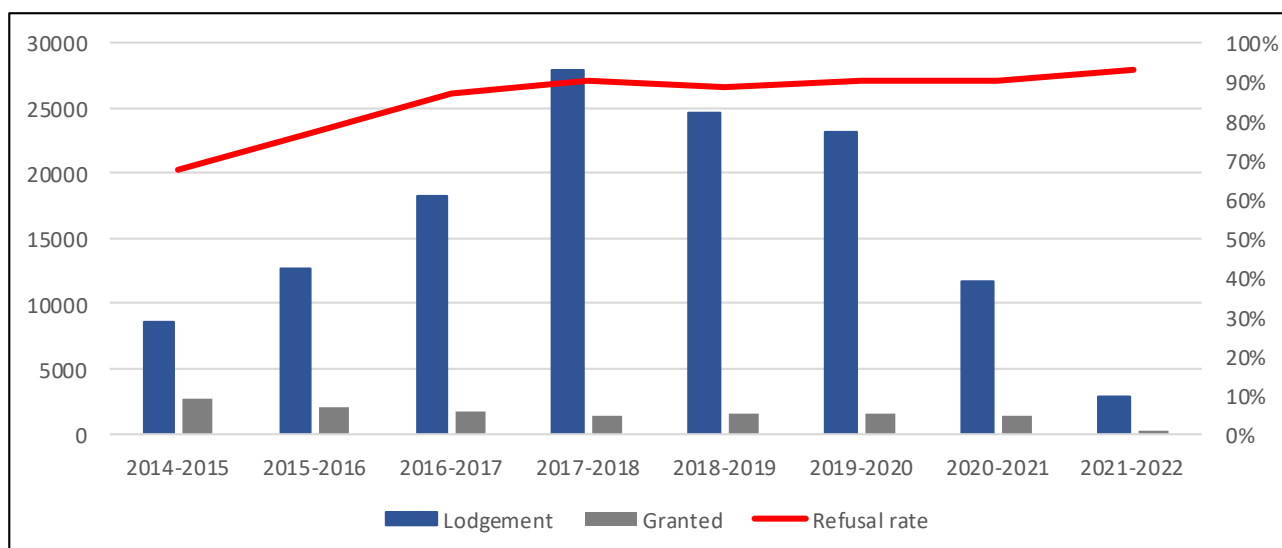
Figure 14: Offshore Humanitarian program trends, 2014-15 to 2021-22 (to 30 September 2021)



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Onshore Protection

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



Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Australian Citizenship Program

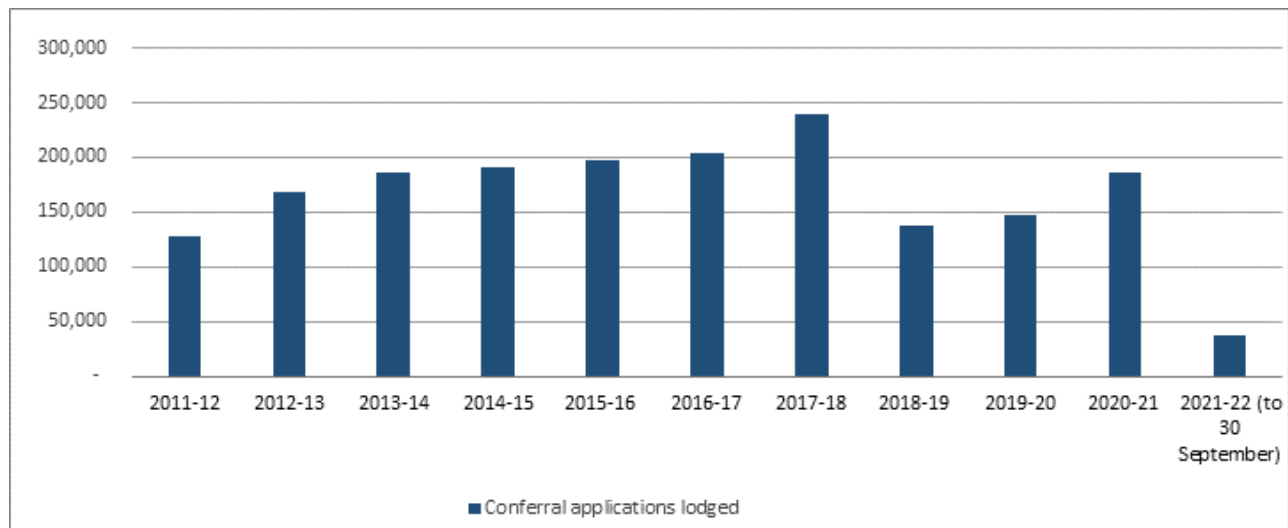
Citizenship by conferral

Table 14: Number of Australian citizenship by conferral applications finalised, by decision type and financial year, 2011-12 to 2021-22 (to 30 September 2021)⁶

Financial year	Approved	Refused	Invalid	Other ⁷	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 September)	36,857	1,876	706	425	39,864

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

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



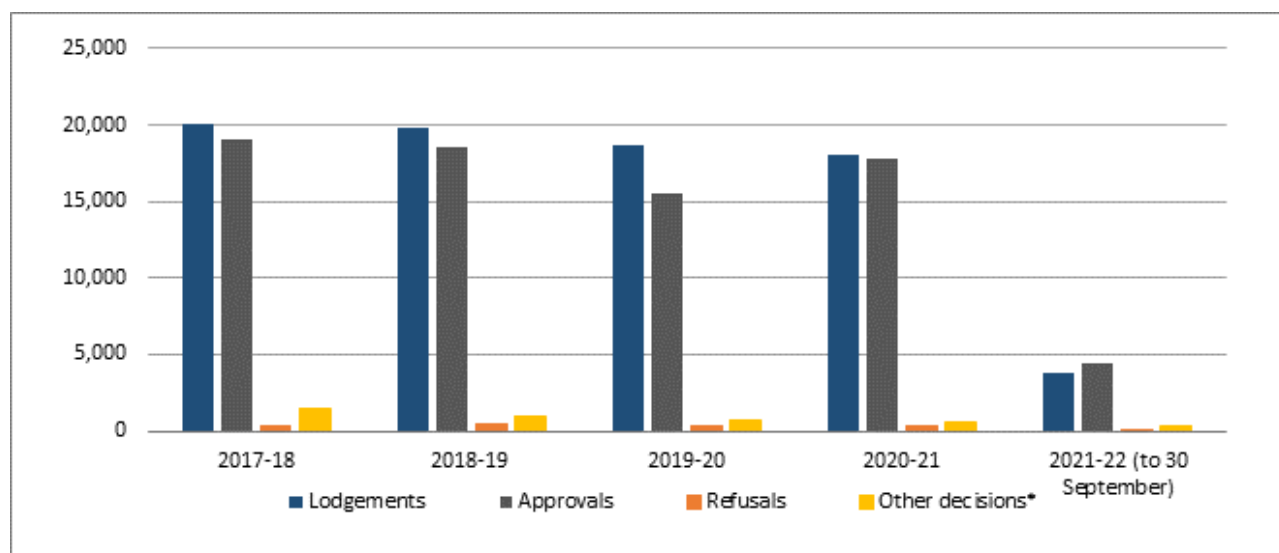
Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

⁶ Data may differ from previous or other reports due to the use of dynamic database in the current financial year.

⁷ 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 September 2021)⁸



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 September 2021

Decision type	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (to 30/09/2021)
Granted or Refused	8,339,513	9,052,096	9,386,838	9,607,025	7,169,298	1,338,656	307,241
Refused only	209,657	237,154	308,150	377,469	325,637	50,956	12,551
Refusal rate	2.5%	2.6%	3.3%	3.9%	4.5%	3.8%	4.1%

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

⁸ 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 September 2021)

Character Cancellation	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Mandatory Cancellation (s501(3A))	965	922	224
Natural Justice – (s501(2))	39	7	<5
Cancellation without Natural Justice – National Interest (s501(3)(b))	10	13	0
Minister's personal power – without notice (s501A(3)(b))	0	<5	0
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	20
Character revocations (not revoked) ⁹	452	439	114
Total	1820	2167	359

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

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

Character Cancellation	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	Total
New Zealand	476	402	106	984
United Kingdom	99	101	27	227
Vietnam	62	60	13	135
China	22	37	6	65
Sudan	31	16	5	52
Other	328	330	68	726
Total	1,018	946	225	2,189
Character refusal	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	Total
United Kingdom	152	350	<5	505
United States of America	39	114	<5	154
New Zealand	45	82	<5	128
India	7	14	<5	24
Ireland, Republic of	6	18	0	24
Other	105	208	12	325
Total	354	786	20	1,160
Character revocations (not revoked)	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	Total
New Zealand	214	196	49	459
United Kingdom	34	38	12	84
Vietnam	18	29	<5	50
Sudan	18	22	<5	42
China	17	13	<5	31
Other	151	141	47	339
Total	452	439	114	1005

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Table 18: General Cancellation decisions, 2019-20 to 2021-22 (to 30 September 2021)¹⁰

General Cancellation decisions	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Incorrect information (s109)	216	276	109
General power (s116)	4,155	1,201	165
Holder overseas (s128)	46,253	19,373	6,398
Business visa (s134)	102	83	30
All other powers ¹¹	7,490	4,841	949
Total	58,216	25,774	7,724

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

Status resolution

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

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Persons who voluntarily approached the Department	16,918	16,128	4,042
Persons located by the Australian Border Force or Police	2,231	1,835	394
Total	19,149	17,963	4,436

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 September	25,284	30,188	32,172	6,888

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

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

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
RRAP referrals	1,345	1,484	1,117	175

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

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

	30 June 2019	30 June 2020	30 June 2021	30 Sep 2021
Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs)	3,907	2,769	1,311	1,138
Non-IMAs	1,575	1,509	1,018	896
Total	5,482	4,278	2,329	2,034

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021

⁹ This refers to where a non-citizen's request for reinstatement of a visa (revocation of the character cancellation) is not successful.¹⁰ 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.¹¹ Does not include any s501 character statistics, only s501Fs are included.

Management of transitory persons

Table 23: Transitory persons onshore¹², as at 30 September 2021

	Bridging visa E	Residence Determination	Held detention	Babies not detained	Total
Transitory persons brought to Australia for medical reasons	502	<470	<80	0	1,050
Babies born onshore to medical transitory persons	<35	68	0	<5	106
All transitory persons	555	539	<80	<5	1,178

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

¹² Table 23 lists the total amount of Transitory persons onshore, with medical transitory persons as a subset of this group.