2020 – 21 Migration Program Report

Program year to 30 June 2021

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About this report

This report provides data about the permanent Migration Program administered by the Department of Home Affairs (the Department). This report does not include data on the permanent Humanitarian Program.

This report is published annually.

Data is sourced from several departmental visa processing and recording systems.

For privacy reasons, < 5 has been used where a number in a table is between 1 and 4.

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Definition of terms

Activity: For the purposes of Migration Program reporting, this refers to visa processing activity status and includes counts of lodgements, finalisation types (grant, refusal, withdrawal) and applications onhand. Activity data may also include second stage permanent applications that do not count toward the Migration Program ceiling.

ANZSCO: Occupation data in this report utilises the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO). ANZSCO is a standardised classification framework for collection, publication and analysis of occupation data. Further information on ANZSCO is available on the Australian Bureau of Statistics website (https://www.abs.gov.au).

Citizenship country: 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 or the citizenship nominated by the visa applicant is used.

Decisions: A visa processing activity outcome where a decision-maker (including system-generated decision-making) grants or refuses a visa application.

Finalisations: A visa processing activity outcome where a decision-maker grants or refuses a visa application, or the application is otherwise finalised by client withdrawal.

In Australia: In this report, this term refers to the location of the client at the time the application was lodged. An applicant in Australia may already hold a visa of the same kind or may be applying for another type of visa.

Lodged: Lodged is the count of applications receipted in a departmental office or submitted electronically.

Onhand: A visa application that has been lodged but has not been finalised at a point in time. An application that is onhand may also be referred to as 'in the pipeline'.

Outside Australia: In this report, this term refers to the location of the client at the time of lodging the application.

Outcome: For the purposes of Migration Program reporting, outcome refers to the number of visas granted that count toward the Migration Program. Outcome includes primary applicants as well as secondary/dependant applicants.

     Where a visa has a permanent residence pathway, eg from a provisional or 'first stage' visa to a permanent or 'second stage' visa, the applicant is counted to the Migration Program at grant of the provisional visa.

     Some visas granted during a program year may not count toward the Migration Program ceiling, for example:

- If a person has been previously granted a visa which counted toward the Migration Program, that person will not be counted again.

- When a visa is granted and subsequently cancelled in the same program year, the grant is excluded for the purposes of Migration Program outcome reporting.

- When a Partner visa applicant does not progress to the second stage (permanent) visa, a place is returned to the program.

- If a Business Innovation and Investment visa (granted in an earlier year) is cancelled, a place is returned to the program in the year of cancellation.

Places:	In this report, each grant that counts toward the Migration Program outcome is a place delivered against the ceiling of Migration Program places for the year. Where referring to Migration Program *outcome* within the report, the terms 'grant' and 'place' may be used interchangeably.
Primary applicant:	The primary applicant is the person who must satisfy the primary criteria for the grant of a visa under the Migration Regulations. Also known as the principal applicant.
Secondary applicant:	Secondary applicants must satisfy the secondary criteria for the grant of a visa under the Migration Regulations. A secondary applicant is generally a dependant of the primary applicant.
Region (major):	The major geographical region in which the country of citizenship of the applicant is located. Region groupings are determined based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics Standard Classification of Countries (SACC), 2016.
Region (minor):	The minor geographical region in which the country of citizenship of the applicant is located. Region groupings are determined based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics Standard Classification of Countries (SACC), 2016.

Background to the Migration Program

Australia's Migration Program is set annually, and runs from 1 July to 30 June of each financial year. The size and composition of the Migration Program is set each year through the Australian Government's Budget process.

There are four streams in the Migration Program:

- The **Skill stream** is designed to improve the productive capacity of the economy and fill skill shortages in the labour market, including those in regional Australia.

- The **Family stream** is predominantly made up of Partner category visas, enabling Australian citizens and permanent residents to reunite with family members from overseas.

- The **Special Eligibility stream** covers visas for those in special circumstances that do not fit into the other streams. This can include permanent residents returning to the country after a period away.

- The **Child stream** provides migration avenues for children of Australian citizens and permanent residents and is demand driven.

Calculating the Migration Program Outcome

The Skill and Family streams include 'two-stage' visas, which provide a permanent residence pathway for visa holders from a provisional or 'first stage' visa to a permanent or 'second stage' visa. While such pathways involve the grant of two visas, to avoid double counting, the visa holder is counted to the Migration Program at grant of the provisional or 'first stage' visa only.

In addition to 'second stage' visas, some other visas granted may not count toward the Migration Program outcome in the following circumstances:

- if a person has been previously granted a visa which counted toward the Migration Program, that person will not be counted again.

- when a visa is granted and subsequently cancelled in the same program year.

- when a Partner visa applicant does not progress to the second stage (permanent) visa, a place is returned to the program.

- if a Business Innovation and Investment visa (granted in an earlier year) is cancelled under certain powers, a place is returned to the program in the year of cancellation.

Executive Summary

The total permanent Migration Program outcome for 2020–21 was **160,052** places.

The breakdown for each of the streams within the Migration Program was as follows:

- **79,620** places were delivered in the Skill stream;

- **77,372** places were delivered in the Family stream; and

- **54** places were delivered in the Special Eligibility stream.

- The outcome of Child stream for the year was **3,006** places.

For the 2020-21 program year, the Migration Program outcome departed from a two-thirds/one-third split between the Skill and Family streams seen over recent history and moved towards a fifty-fifty split between the streams.

Overall Migration Program lodgements dropped by 9.3 per cent from 174,170 in 2019-20 to 157,989 in 2020-21.

COVID-19 had a major influence on the delivery of the Migration Program in 2020-21. The global impact of COVID-19 saw disruptions to supporting services such as English Language testing, biometrics and health and character checking. The Department took COVID-19 disruptions into account in processing throughout the year, for example in providing extended time periods for applicants to complete requirements where appropriate. The Department focussed on finalising grant ready application where possible and in line with priority processing directions. This approach has meant that refusal rates were lower than seen in previous years.

Skill Stream

The Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs has authority to redistribute places across the Skill stream of the Migration Program in order to maximise outcomes..

Skill stream visas are processed according to government policy priorities which are outlined in Ministerial Directions. More details regarding these priorities can be found at: Skilled visa processing priorities (homeaffairs.gov.au)

In 2020-21 the Skill Stream focused on visa categories which will help Australia's economy rebound from COVID-19, with priority given to visa cohorts that drive economic growth, job creation and investment into Australia. The three priority categories were:

- Business Innovation and Investment Program;

- Global Talent Program; and

- Employer Sponsored Program.

Visa processing focused on onshore applicants and applicants in critical sectors and occupations. 71.2 per cent of applicants finalised in the Skill Stream in 2020-21 were onshore.

The Skill stream outcome was 79,620 places, which accounted for 50.7 per cent of the total 2020-21 Migration Program outcome (excluding Child stream).

Within the Skill stream:

- The Employer Sponsored category had an outcome of 23,503 places. Employer Sponsored visas comprised 29.5 per cent of the Skill stream outcome in 2020–21;

- The Skilled Independent category had an outcome of 7,213 places (9 per cent);

- The Regional category had an outcome of 13,585 places (17 per cent of Skill outcome). Of this, 10,675 places were delivered in Skilled Work Regional and 2,910 places in Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional;

- The State/Territory Nominated category had an outcome of 14,268 places (17.9 per cent);

- The Business Innovation and Investment Program (BIIP) had an outcome of 11,198 places (14 per cent);

- The Global Talent category had an outcome of 9,584 places (12 per cent); and

- The Distinguished Talent category had an outcome of 269 places (0.3 per cent).

The number of places delivered to Registered Nurses (3,670) was higher than any other occupation across the Skill stream with the highest number of places delivered in the State/territory nominated (1,537) and Regional (1,353) categories for this occupation.

Skill stream lodgements decreased by 9 per cent in the 2020-21 program year compared with 2019-20. There were 94,872 first stage applications received in the Skill stream in 2020-21 compared to 104,354 first stage applications in 2019-20. This decline was mainly attributed to the State/Territory nominated and Skilled Independent categories. Lodgements increased in Global Talent category (49.3 per cent) and Distinguished Talent category (42.3 per cent) in 2020-21, compared to lodgements in 2019-20.

As at 30 June 2021, there were 97,385 first stage Skill applicants in the pipeline, an increase of 12.3 per cent compared to the pipeline as at 30 June 2020.

In the Skilled Independent category, there were 8,529 applications lodged in 2020-21 compared to 11,821 applications in 2019-20. In the Skilled Independent category, applicants located outside Australia accounted for 10.9 per cent of the 2020-21 outcome.

State and Territory Governments were able to nominate skilled migration applicants through three categories in 2020-21 – the State/Territory Nominated Category; the Business Innovation and Investment Category; and the Regional Category, through the Skilled Work Regional visa. Across these categories, Migration Program outcomes that involved a State or Territory Government nomination totalled 34,927 places, or 43.9 per cent of the Skill Stream of the Migration Program, broken down as follows:

- State/Territory Nominated – 14,268 places

- BIIP – 11,198 places

- Skilled Work Regional – 9,461 places[1]

There were 11,198 places delivered in the Business Innovation and Investment program (BIIP). Lodgements increased by 0.2 per cent in 2020-21, with 15,818 first stage applications made compared to 15,784 first stage applications made in 2019-20. The BIIP pipeline increased over the 2020-21 program year by 0.5 per cent, to 31,813 applicants as at 30 June 2021 compared to 31,661 applicants at 30 June 2020.

The Global Talent Visa Program made up 12 per cent of the Skill stream. The Global Talent application process firstly requires the candidate to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI). EOI candidates who meet relevant criteria, including demonstrating an international record of exceptional and outstanding achievements within a target sector, are invited to lodge a Subclass 858 Global Talent visa (renamed from Distinguished Talent on 27 February 2021).

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[1] Excludes the number of places delivered to family sponsored applicants in the Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491)

Global Talent visa refusal rates were once again low (0.6%) for the 2020-21 program year, similar to 2019-20 (0.5%). This is a result of a pre-assessment of requirements at the EOI stage, and the increasing number of EOI candidates who are not being invited to apply for the Global Talent visa. The non-invite rate for EOIs submitted increased from 41.6 per cent in 2019-20 to 57.2 per cent in 2020-21. In the last six months of 2020-21, the non-invite rate was at 64.8 per cent[2].

On 17 December 2020, the then Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs issued Ministerial Direction 89, which outlines a list of ten target sectors for priority processing under the Global Talent Visa program, and replaces the list of seven sectors prescribed by Ministerial Direction 85. The sectors under Direction no. 85 have been mapped to the sectors under Direction no. 89.

Applicants were delivered places in the following priority growth sectors:

- Digitech (34%)

- Health Industries (23%)

- Energy (17%)

- Financial Services and FinTech (12%)

- Resources (7%)

- Defence, Advanced Manufacturing and Space (6%)

- Agri-food and AgTech (0.9%)

- Infrastructure and Tourism (0.4%)

- Education (0.3%)

- Circular Economy (0.1%)

[2] Expression of Interest data is drawn from a dynamic environment and is correct at the time of publication. Figures may differ slightly from previous or future reporting.

Family Stream

The Family stream) delivered 77,372 places, which accounted for 49.3 per cent of the total 2020-21 Migration Program outcome (excluding Child stream).

Within the Family stream:

- The Partner category had an outcome of 72,376 places. It comprised 93.5 per cent of the 2020-21 Family stream outcome;

- The outcome of the Contributory Parent and Non-Contributory Parent categories were 3,600 places and 900 places, respectively, a total of 4500 places; and

- The outcome of the Other Family category was 496 places.

Lodgements in the Family stream in 2020-21 were 9.4 per cent lower than in 2019-20.

The pipeline at 30 June 2021 for the Partner category was 64,111 applications, a decrease of 33.4 per cent compared to the pipeline of 96,361 at 30 June 2020.

The pipeline for the Parent category was 114,359 applications at 30 June 2021, increasing by 5.2 per cent compared to the pipeline of 108,659 applications at 30 June 2020.

 The pipeline for the Other Family category was 8,712 at 30 June 2021, decreasing by 0.8 per cent compared to the pipeline of 8,785 applications at 30 June 2020.

Special Eligibility Stream

The Special Eligibility stream outcome was 54 places, which accounted for 0.03 per cent of the total 2020-21 Migration Program outcome.

Special Eligibility includes Ministerial Intervention cases and Former Resident applicants.

Child Stream

The Child stream delivered 3,006 places in 2020-21. The Child stream is a demand driven program, with a nominal allocation of 3,000 places.

Migration Program Outcome - Further Information

Source countries

The largest source citizenship countries of migrants in 2020-21 were:

- China with 22,207 places

- India with 21,791 places

- United Kingdom with 12,703 places

- Philippines with 11,058 places

- Vietnam with 8,120 places

- United States of America with 5,048 places

- Nepal with 4,714 places

- Hong Kong with 4,313 places

- Pakistan with 4,121 places

- Thailand with 4,002 places

State/Territory of Intended Residence

Where applicants have specified where they intended to reside[1], they have indicated (these are ordered from highest to lowest):

New South Wales (NSW) – 50,417 places

Victoria (VIC) – 39,170 places

Queensland (QLD) – 22,903 places

Western Australia (WA) – 15,994 places

South Australia (SA) – 9,769 places

Tasmania (TAS) – 4,169 places

Australian Capital Territory (ACT) – 4,168 places

Northern Territory (NT) – 2,243 places

Not Specified – 11,219 places [3]

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[3] Not all visa classes require an applicant to declare at time of application where they intend to reside.

1.   Migration Program Outcome 2020–21

1.1.   Migration Program Outcome by stream
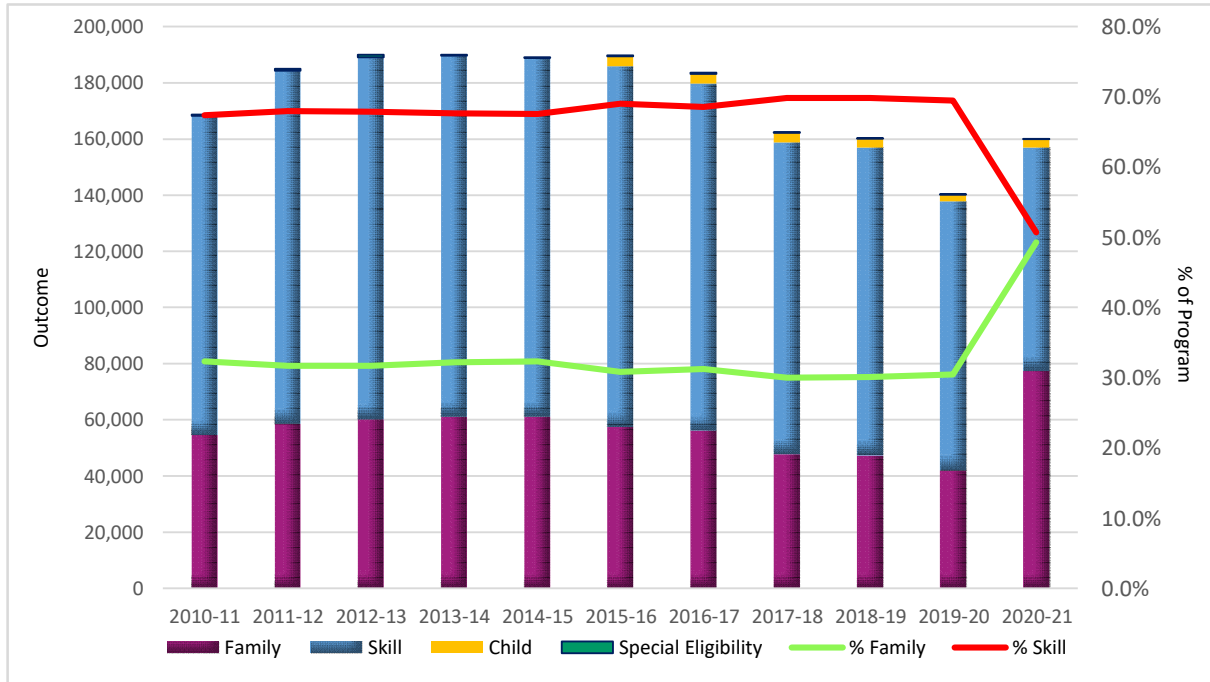
Outcome	Stream						
Year	Skill	Family	Child	Special Eligibility	Total	% Skill	% Family
2010-11	113,725	54,543	0	417	**168,685**	67.4%	32.3%
2011-12	125,755	58,604	0	639	**184,998**	68.0%	31.7%
2012-13	128,973	60,185	0	842	**190,000**	67.9%	31.7%
2013-14	128,550	61,112	0	338	**190,000**	67.7%	32.2%
2014-15	127,774	61,085	0	238	**189,097**	67.6%	32.3%
2015-16	128,550	57,400	3,512	308	**189,770**	69.0%	30.8%
2016-17	123,567	56,220	3,400	421	**183,608**	68.6%	31.2%
2017-18	111,099	47,732	3,350	236	**162,417**	69.8%	30.0%
2018-19	109,713	47,247	3,248	115	**160,323**	69.8%	30.1%
2019-20	95,843	41,961	2,481	81	**140,366**	69.5%	30.4%
2020-21	**79,620**	**77,372**	**3,006**	**54**	**160,052**	**50.7%**	**49.3%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Child visa stream is excluded when calculating Skill/Family stream percentage of Migration Program outcome.

1.2. Migration Program Outcome by stream and intended residence state/territory
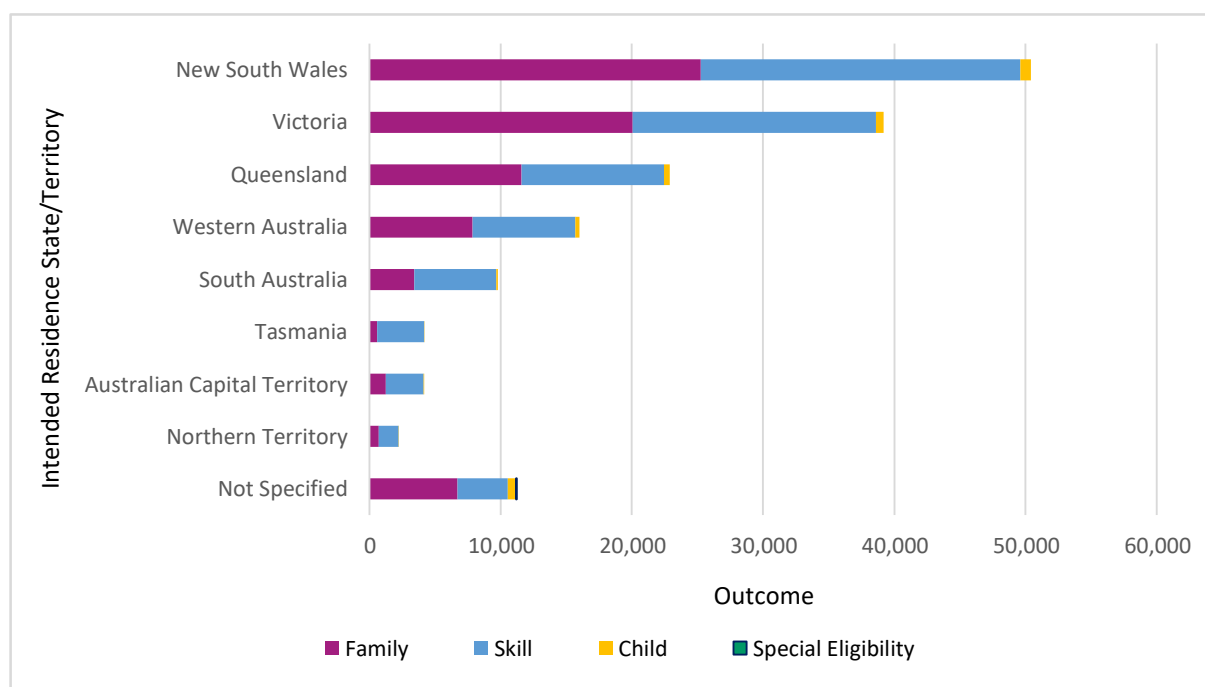
Outcome	Stream						
Intended Residence	Skill	Family	Child	Special Eligibility	2020-21 Total	2019-20 Total	% Variation
New South Wales	24,354	25,254	809	0	**50,417**	44,182	**14.1%**
Victoria	18,525	20,064	581	0	**39,170**	34,189	**14.6%**
Queensland	10,876	11,575	452	0	**22,903**	18,743	**22.2%**
Western Australia	7,822	7,844	328	0	**15,994**	11,377	**40.6%**
South Australia	6,260	3,402	107	0	**9,769**	11,996	**-18.6%**
Tasmania	3,582	574	13	0	**4,169**	6,152	**-32.2%**
Australian Capital Territory	2,872	1,248	48	0	**4,168**	4,370	**-4.6%**
Northern Territory	1,505	702	36	0	**2,243**	2,558	**-12.3%**
Not Specified	3,824	6,709	632	54	**11,219**	6,799	**65.0%**
Total	**79,620**	**77,372**	**3,006**	**54**	**160,052**	**140,366**	**14.0%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Intended residence state as recorded by applicant, otherwise grouped in 'Not Specified' (noting that not all visa classes require an applicant to declare at time of application where they intend to reside).

1.2.1. Migration Program Outcome by intended residence state – comparison with previous years
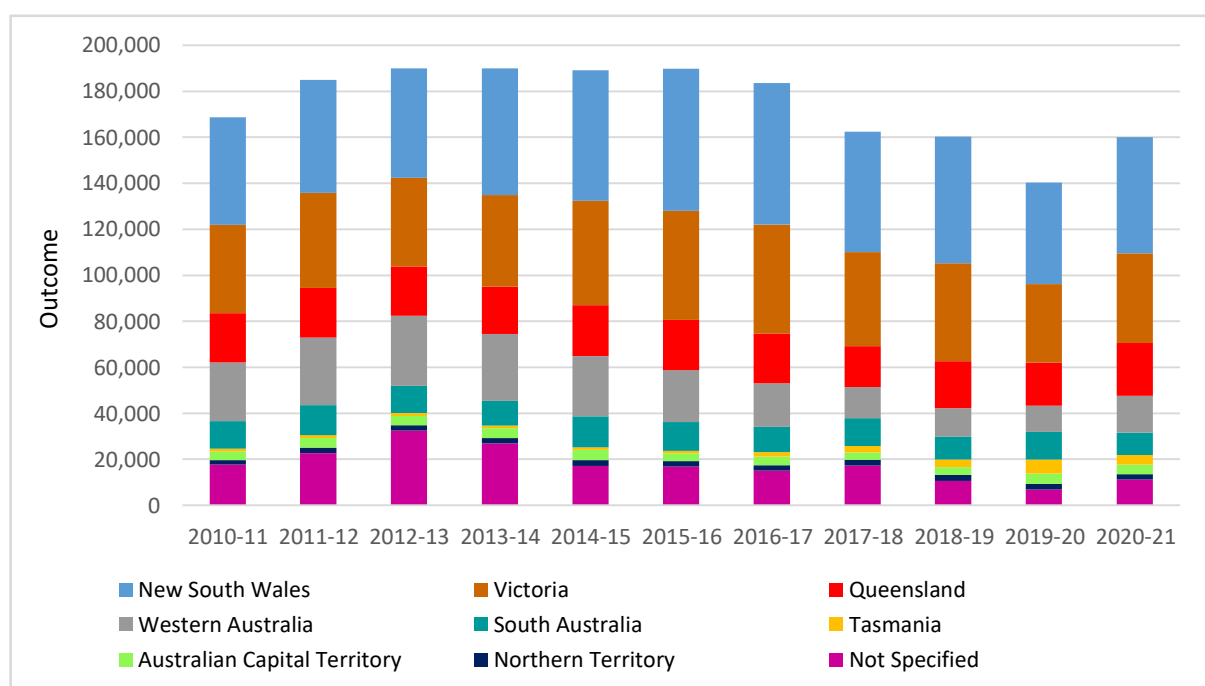
Outcome	Program Year										
Intended Residence	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
New South Wales	46,772	49,133	47,601	55,044	56,709	61,742	61,470	52,251	55,061	44,182	50,417
Victoria	38,510	41,278	38,479	39,840	45,307	47,516	47,549	41,005	42,624	34,189	39,170
Queensland	21,413	21,646	21,589	20,679	22,209	21,860	21,519	17,870	20,420	18,743	22,903
Western Australia	25,431	29,421	30,383	29,043	26,233	22,488	18,908	13,480	12,247	11,377	15,994
South Australia	11,932	13,093	11,891	10,714	13,486	12,461	11,062	12,017	10,115	11,996	9,769
Tasmania	1,241	1,267	1,193	1,132	1,085	1,180	2,004	2,775	3,247	6,152	4,169
Australian Capital Territory	3,702	4,150	4,143	4,345	4,464	3,260	3,707	3,277	3,408	4,370	4,168
Northern Territory	2,044	2,359	2,323	2,360	2,531	2,438	2,393	2,483	2,616	2,558	2,243
Not Specified	17,640	22,651	32,398	26,843	17,073	16,825	14,996	17,259	10,585	6,799	11,219
Total	168,685	184,998	190,000	190,000	189,097	189,770	183,608	162,417	160,323	140,366	160,052

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Intended residence state as recorded by applicant, otherwise grouped in 'Not Specified' (noting that not all visa classes require an applicant to declare at time of application where they intend to reside).

Note 3: Data sorted based on 2020–21 outcome.

1.2.2. Migration Program Outcome: Australian Capital Territory by stream and visa category

Intended Residence	Stream	Visa Category	2020-21 Total
Australian Capital Territory	Skill	Employer Sponsored	289
		Skilled Independent	47
		Regional	611
		State/Territory Nominated	1,664
		Business Innovation & Investment	36
		Global Talent (Independent)	217
		Distinguished Talent	8
	Skill Total		**2,872**
	Family	Partner	1,156
		Parent	84
		Other Family	8
	Family Total		**1,248**
	Child Total		**48**
Australian Capital Territory Total			**4,168**

Note: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Australian Capital Territory by stream – comparison with previous years
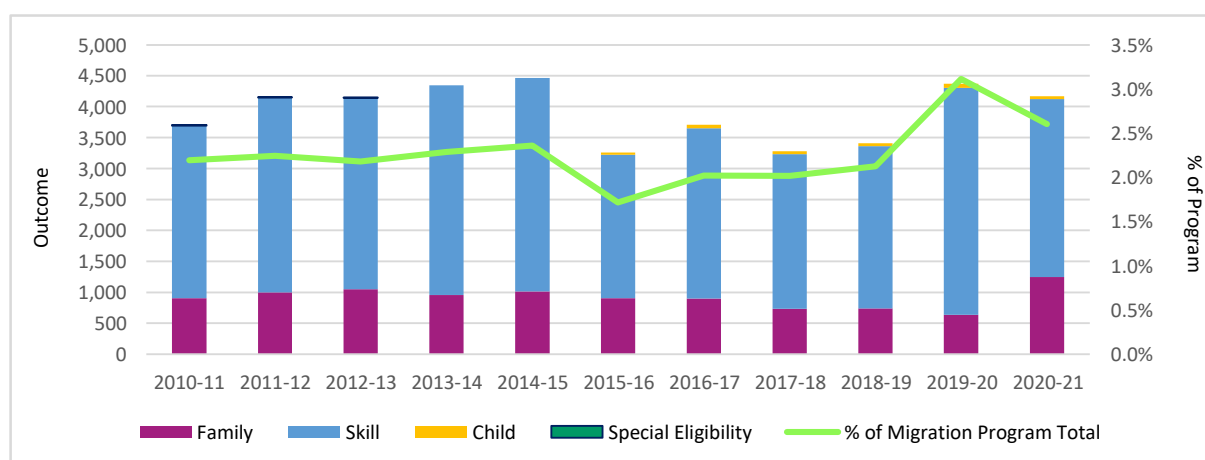
	Program Year										
Stream	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Skill	2,790	3,146	3,093	3,386	3,450	2,317	2,755	2,501	2,619	3,664	**2,872**
Family	903	999	1,049	959	1,014	904	898	733	741	638	**1,248**
Child	0	0	0	0	0	39	54	43	48	68	**48**
Special Eligibility	9	5	< 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
ACT Total	**3,702**	**4,150**	**4,143**	**4,345**	**4,464**	**3,260**	**3,707**	**3,277**	**3,408**	**4,370**	**4,168**
% of Migration Program Total	**2.2%**	**2.2%**	**2.2%**	**2.3%**	**2.4%**	**1.7%**	**2.0%**	**2.0%**	**2.1%**	**3.1%**	**2.6%**

1.2.3. Migration Program Outcome: New South Wales by stream and visa category

Intended Residence	Stream	Visa Category	2020-21 Total
New South Wales	Skill	Employer Sponsored	10,682
		Skilled Independent	1,419
		Regional	2,610
		State/Territory Nominated	3,384
		Business Innovation & Investment	2,286
		Global Talent (Independent)	3,845
		Distinguished Talent	128
	Skill Total		**24,354**
	Family	Partner	23,193
		Parent	1,817
		Other Family	244
	Family Total		**25,254**
	Child Total		**809**
New South Wales Total			**50,417**

Note: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

New South Wales by stream – comparison with previous years

	Program Year										
Stream	**2010-11**	**2011-12**	**2012-13**	**2013-14**	**2014-15**	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**
Skill	25,224	25,661	26,921	34,589	36,509	42,189	40,704	35,576	38,383	29,776	**24,354**
Family	21,409	23,277	20,663	20,450	20,200	18,669	19,849	15,853	15,847	13,768	**25,254**
Child	0	0	0	0	0	884	911	822	831	638	**809**
Special Eligibility	139	195	17	5	0	0	6	0	0	0	**0**
NSW Total	**46,772**	**49,133**	**47,601**	**55,044**	**56,709**	**61,742**	**61,470**	**52,251**	**55,061**	**44,182**	**50,417**
% of Migration Program Total	**27.7%**	**26.6%**	**25.1%**	**29.0%**	**30.0%**	**32.5%**	**33.5%**	**32.2%**	**34.3%**	**31.5%**	**31.5%**

1.2.4.   Migration Program Outcome: Northern Territory by stream and visa category

Intended Residence	Stream	Visa Category	2020-21 Total
Northern Territory	Skill	Employer Sponsored	148
		Skilled Independent	14
		Regional	691
		State/Territory Nominated	608
		Business Innovation & Investment	12
		Global Talent (Independent)	31
		Distinguished Talent	< 5
	Skill Total		**1,505**
	Family	Partner	690
		Parent	10
		Other Family	< 5
	Family Total		**702**
	Child Total		**36**
Northern Territory Total			**2,243**

Note: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Northern Territory by stream – comparison with previous years
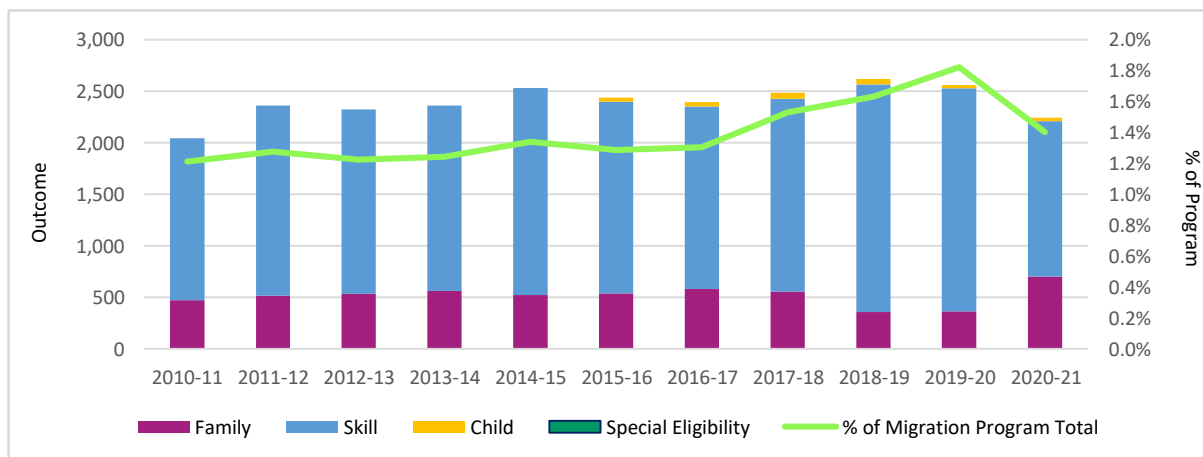
	Program Year										
Stream	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Skill	1,570	1,842	1,786	1,796	2,007	1,858	1,769	1,868	2,203	2,162	**1,505**
Family	474	517	537	564	524	539	583	556	360	365	**702**
Child	0	0	0	0	0	41	41	59	53	31	**36**
Special Eligibility	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
NT Total	**2,044**	**2,359**	**2,323**	**2,360**	**2,531**	**2,438**	**2,393**	**2,483**	**2,616**	**2,558**	**2,243**
% of Migration Program Total	**1.2%**	**1.3%**	**1.2%**	**1.2%**	**1.3%**	**1.3%**	**1.3%**	**1.5%**	**1.6%**	**1.8%**	**1.4%**

1.2.5. Migration Program Outcome: Queensland by stream and visa category

Intended Residence	Stream	Visa Category	2020-21 Total
Queensland	**Skill**	Employer Sponsored	3,205
		Skilled Independent	418
		Regional	2,554
		State/Territory Nominated	1,485
		Business Innovation & Investment	1,709
		Global Talent (Independent)	1,465
		Distinguished Talent	40
	Skill Total		**10,876**
	Family	Partner	11,070
		Parent	464
		Other Family	41
	Family Total		**11,575**
	Child Total		**452**
Queensland Total			**22,903**

Note: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Queensland by stream – comparison with previous years

	Program Year										
Stream	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Skill	13,875	13,984	13,447	13,421	14,713	14,354	14,175	11,100	13,588	12,763	**10,876**
Family	7,516	7,651	8,138	7,258	7,496	7,134	6,936	6,359	6,374	5,671	**11,575**
Child	0	0	0	0	0	372	408	411	458	309	**452**
Special Eligibility	22	11	< 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
QLD Total	**21,413**	**21,646**	**21,589**	**20,679**	**22,209**	**21,860**	**21,519**	**17,870**	**20,420**	**18,743**	**22,903**
% of Migration Program Total	**12.7%**	**11.7%**	**11.4%**	**10.9%**	**11.7%**	**11.5%**	**11.7%**	**11.0%**	**12.7%**	**13.4%**	**14.3%**

1.2.6.   Migration Program Outcome: South Australia by stream and visa category

Intended Residence	Stream	Visa Category	2020-21 Total
South Australia	**Skill**	Employer Sponsored	405
		Skilled Independent	99
		Regional	2,289
		State/Territory Nominated	1,716
		Business Innovation & Investment	1,317
		Global Talent (Independent)	421
		Distinguished Talent	13
	Skill Total		**6,260**
	Family	Partner	3,170
		Parent	200
		Other Family	32
	Family Total		**3,402**
	Child Total		**107**
South Australia Total			**9,769**

Note: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

South Australia by stream – comparison with previous years

	Program Year										
Stream	**2010-11**	**2011-12**	**2012-13**	**2013-14**	**2014-15**	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**
Skill	9,209	10,195	8,934	7,980	10,701	9,504	8,238	9,422	7,840	9,969	**6,260**
Family	2,713	2,882	2,957	2,734	2,785	2,812	2,683	2,460	2,159	1,937	**3,402**
Child	0	0	0	0	0	145	141	135	116	90	**107**
Special Eligibility	10	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
SA Total	**11,932**	**13,093**	**11,891**	**10,714**	**13,486**	**12,461**	**11,062**	**12,017**	**10,115**	**11,996**	**9,769**
% of Migration Program Total	**7.1%**	**7.1%**	**6.3%**	**5.6%**	**7.1%**	**6.6%**	**6.0%**	**7.4%**	**6.3%**	**8.5%**	**6.1%**

1.2.7. Migration Program Outcome: Tasmania by stream and visa category

Intended Residence	Stream	Visa Category	2020-21 Total
Tasmania	**Skill**	Employer Sponsored	134
		Skilled Independent	19
		Regional	1,870
		State/Territory Nominated	1,429
		Business Innovation & Investment	34
		Global Talent (Independent)	85
		Distinguished Talent	11
	Skill Total		**3,582**
	Family	Partner	554
		Parent	20
		Other Family	0
	Family Total		**574**
	Child Total		**13**
Tasmania Total			**4,169**

Note: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Tasmania by stream – comparison with previous years
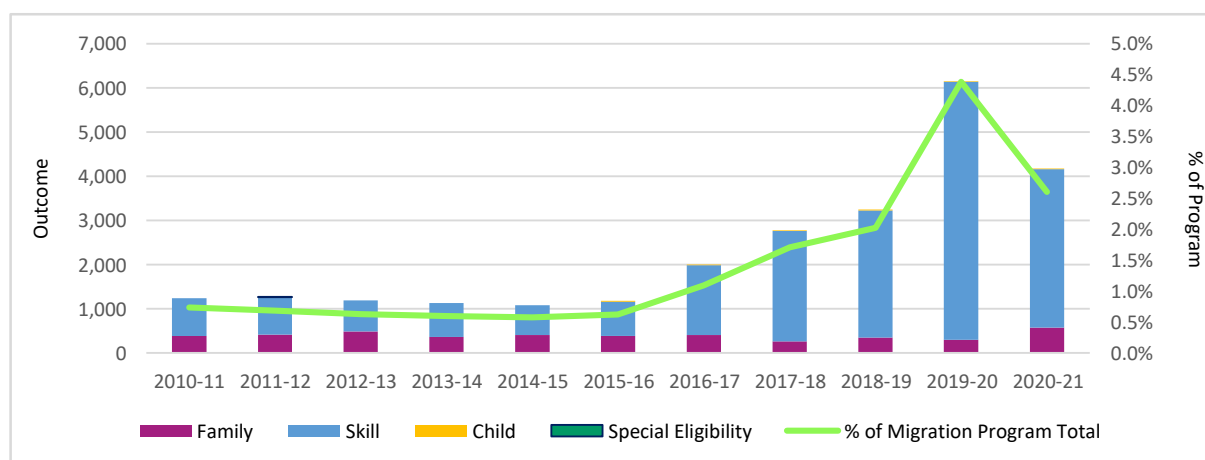
	Program Year										
Stream	**2010-11**	**2011-12**	**2012-13**	**2013-14**	**2014-15**	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**
Skill	855	849	704	768	679	772	1,582	2,498	2,873	5,835	**3,582**
Family	386	415	489	364	406	386	405	265	348	302	**574**
Child	0	0	0	0	0	22	17	12	26	15	**13**
Special Eligibility	0	< 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
TAS Total	**1,241**	**1,267**	**1,193**	**1,132**	**1,085**	**1,180**	**2,004**	**2,775**	**3,247**	**6,152**	**4,169**
% of Migration Program Total	**0.7%**	**0.7%**	**0.6%**	**0.6%**	**0.6%**	**0.6%**	**1.1%**	**1.7%**	**2.0%**	**4.4%**	**2.6%**

1.2.8.   Migration Program Outcome: Victoria by stream and visa category

Intended Residence	Stream	Visa Category	2020-21 Total
Victoria	**Skill**	Employer Sponsored	5,893
		Skilled Independent	1,325
		Regional	1,439
		State/Territory Nominated	2,384
		Business Innovation & Investment	5,020
		Global Talent (Independent)	2,418
		Distinguished Talent	46
	Skill Total		**18,525**
	Family	Partner	18,559
		Parent	1,402
		Other Family	103
	Family Total		**20,064**
	Child Total		**581**
Victoria Total			**39,170**

Note: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Victoria by stream – comparison with previous years

	Program Year										
Stream	**2010-11**	**2011-12**	**2012-13**	**2013-14**	**2014-15**	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**
Skill	23,882	25,085	23,136	25,513	29,630	32,206	32,197	27,685	28,828	21,850	**18,525**
Family	14,577	16,091	15,337	14,325	15,677	14,689	14,741	12,703	13,235	11,841	**20,064**
Child	0	0	0	0	0	621	611	617	561	498	**581**
Special Eligibility	51	102	6	< 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
VIC Total	**38,510**	**41,278**	**38,479**	**39,840**	**45,307**	**47,516**	**47,549**	**41,005**	**42,624**	**34,189**	**39,170**
% of Migration Program Total	**22.8%**	**22.3%**	**20.3%**	**21.0%**	**24.0%**	**25.0%**	**25.9%**	**25.2%**	**26.6%**	**24.4%**	**24.5%**

1.2.9. Migration Program Outcome: Western Australia by stream and visa category

Intended Residence	Stream	Visa Category	2020-21 Total
Western Australia	Skill	Employer Sponsored	2,736
		Skilled Independent	408
		Regional	1,435
		State/Territory Nominated	1,598
		Business Innovation & Investment	771
		Global Talent (Independent)	852
		Distinguished Talent	22
	Skill Total		**7,822**
	Family	Partner	7,467
		Parent	336
		Other Family	41
	Family Total		**7,844**
	Child Total		**328**
Western Australia Total			**15,994**

Note: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Western Australia by stream – comparison with previous years

	Program Year										
Stream	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Skill	19,120	23,207	23,074	23,097	20,216	15,914	12,765	8,140	7,607	6,948	**7,822**
Family	6,292	6,190	7,306	5,946	6,017	6,206	5,770	5,048	4,283	4,184	**7,844**
Child	0	0	0	0	0	368	373	292	357	245	**328**
Special Eligibility	19	24	< 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
WA Total	**25,431**	**29,421**	**30,383**	**29,043**	**26,233**	**22,488**	**18,908**	**13,480**	**12,247**	**11,377**	**15,994**
% of Migration Program Total	**15.1%**	**15.9%**	**16.0%**	**15.3%**	**13.9%**	**11.9%**	**10.3%**	**8.3%**	**7.6%**	**8.1%**	**10.0%**

1.2.10. Migration Program Outcome: State not specified by stream and visa category

Intended Residence	Stream	Visa Category	2020-21 Total
Not Specified	**Skill**	Employer Sponsored	11
		Skilled Independent	3,464
		Regional	86
		State/Territory Nominated	0
		Business Innovation & Investment	13
		Global Talent (Independent)	250
		Distinguished Talent	0
	Skill Total		**3,824**
	Family	Partner	6,517
		Parent	167
		Other Family	25
	Family Total		**6,709**
	Special Eligibility Total		**54**
	Child Total		**632**
Not Specified Total			**11,219**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Intended residence state as recorded by applicant, otherwise grouped in 'Not Specified'.

1.3. Migration Program Outcome by client location at time of application

1.3.1. 2020–21 Migration Program Outcome by visa type and location of client at time of application
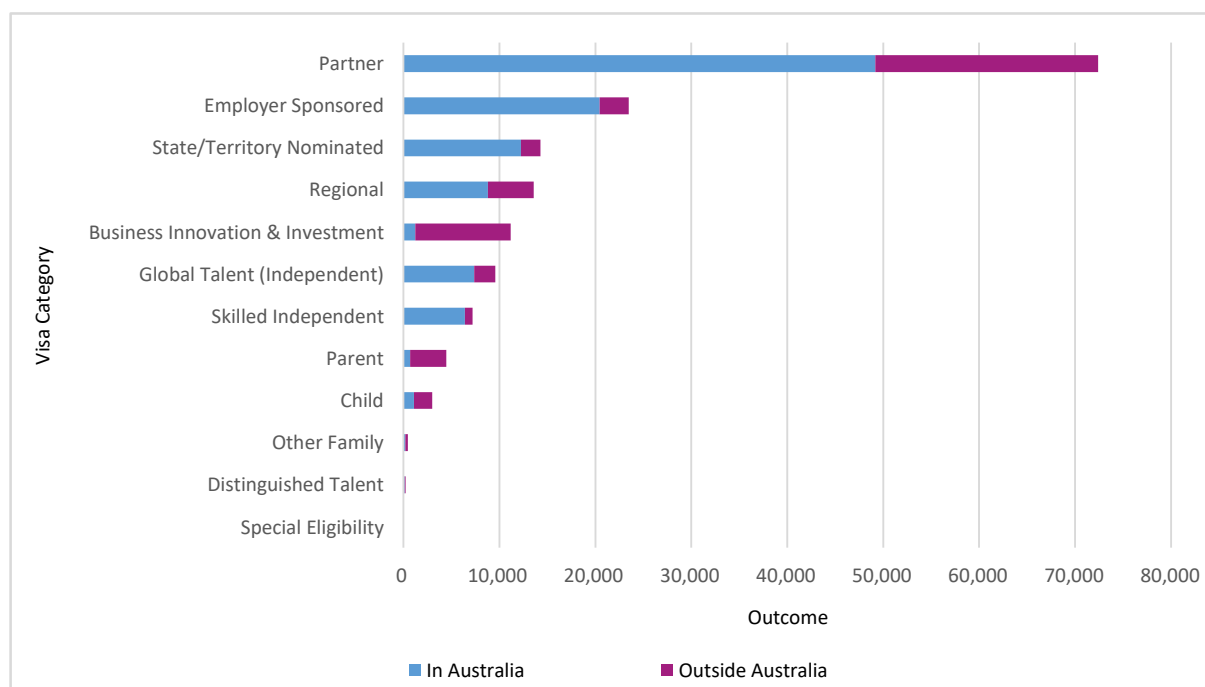
Outcome	Client Location		
Visa Stream	**Visa Category**	**In Australia**	**Outside Australia**	**Total**
Skill	Employer Sponsored	20,437	3,066	23,503
	Skilled Independent	6,423	790	7,213
	Regional	8,806	4,779	13,585
	State/Territory Nominated	12,236	2,032	14,268
	Business Innovation & Investment	1,253	9,945	11,198
	Global Talent (Independent)	7,375	2,209	9,584
	Distinguished Talent	157	112	269
Skill Total		**56,687**	**22,933**	**79,620**
Family	Partner	49,180	23,196	72,376
	Parent	716	3,784	4,500
	Other Family	235	261	496
Family Total		**50,131**	**27,241**	**77,372**
Special Eligibility Total		**51**	**< 5**	**54**
Child Total		**1,128**	**1,878**	**3,006**
Migration Program Total		**107,997**	**52,055**	**160,052**

Note: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

1.3.2. Migration Program Outcome (Skill stream): Location of client at time of application – comparison with previous years

Outcome	Program Year										
Client location at application	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
In Australia	67,109	62,374	73,368	75,221	70,751	74,126	68,869	55,853	62,366	66,133	**56,687**
% In Australia	59%	50%	57%	59%	55%	58%	56%	50%	57%	69%	**71%**
Outside Australia	46,616	63,381	55,605	53,329	57,023	54,424	54,698	55,246	47,347	29,710	**22,933**
% Outside Australia	41%	50%	43%	41%	45%	42%	44%	50%	43%	31%	**29%**
Skill Stream Total	**113,725**	**125,755**	**128,973**	**128,550**	**127,774**	**128,550**	**123,567**	**111,099**	**109,713**	**95,843**	**79,620**

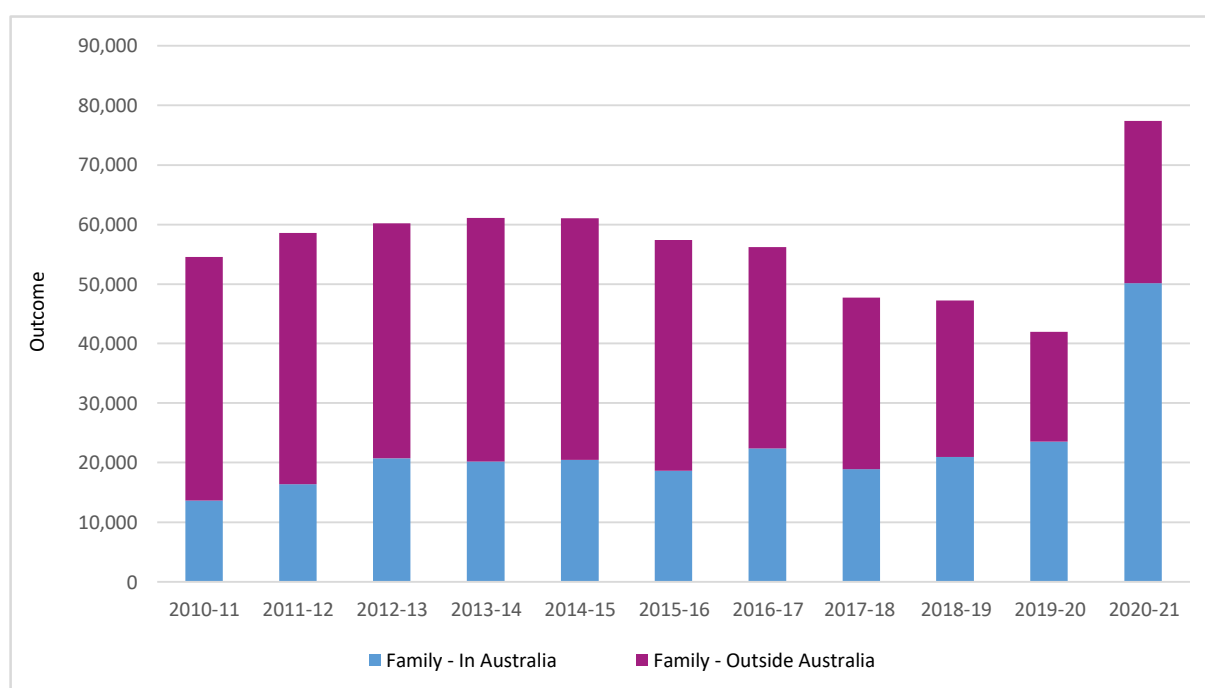*Note: Includes primary and secondary applicants.*

1.3.3. Migration Program Outcome (Family stream): Location of client at time of applications – comparison with previous years

Outcome	Program Year										
Client location at application	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
In Australia	13,624	16,371	20,708	20,180	20,446	18,639	22,406	18,918	20,958	23,515	**50,131**
% In Australia	25%	28%	34%	33%	33%	32%	40%	40%	44%	56%	**65%**
Outside Australia	40,919	42,233	39,477	40,932	40,639	38,761	33,814	28,814	26,289	18,446	**27,241**
% Outside Australia	75%	72%	66%	67%	67%	68%	60%	60%	56%	44%	**35%**
Family Stream Total	**54,543**	**58,604**	**60,185**	**61,112**	**61,085**	**57,400**	**56,220**	**47,732**	**47,247**	**41,961**	**77,372**

Note: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

1.4.   Migration Program Outcome by country and region of citizenship

1.4.1.   2020–21 Migration Program Outcome: top 10 countries of citizenship by stream
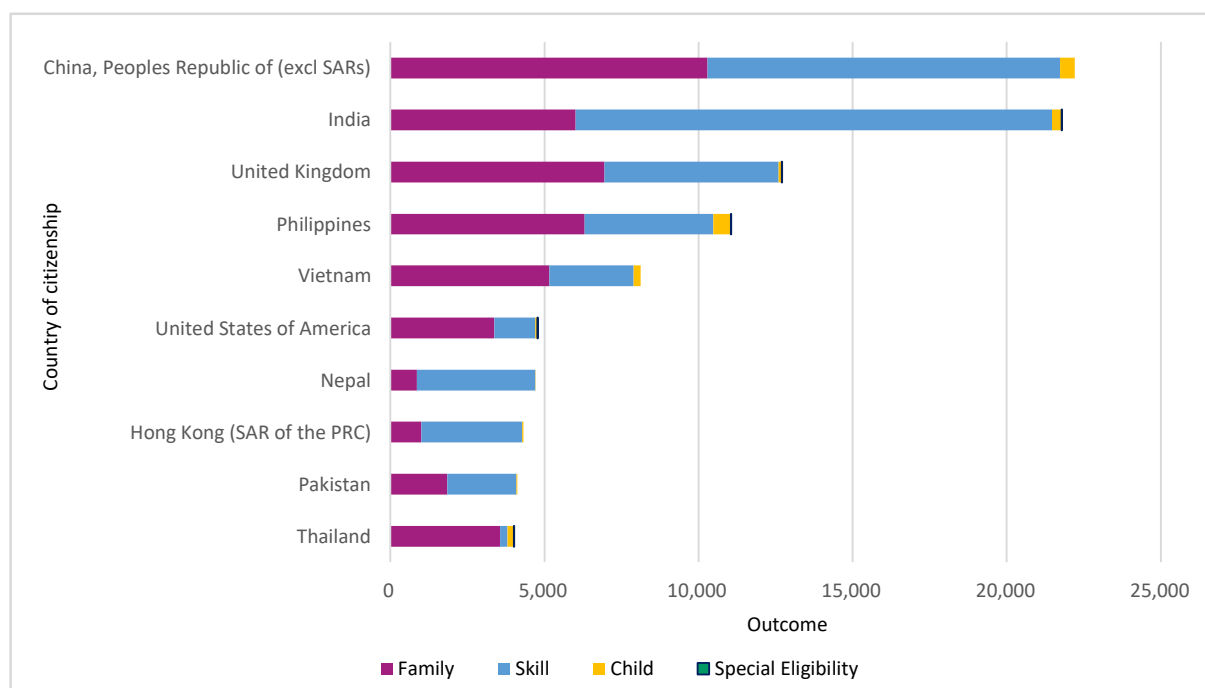
Outcome	Stream				
Citizenship Country	Skill	Family	Special Eligibility	Child	Total
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	11,430	10,297	0	480	**22,207**
India	15,462	6,012	9	308	**21,791**
United Kingdom	5,660	6,942	< 5	97	**12,703**
Philippines	4,185	6,296	5	572	**11,058**
Vietnam	2,742	5,158	0	220	**8,120**
United States of America	1,323	3,372	< 5	81	**4,780**
Nepal	3,845	855	0	14	**4,714**
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	3,265	1,009	0	38	**4,312**
Pakistan	2,248	1,843	0	30	**4,121**
Thailand	229	3,563	< 5	209	**4,002**
Other	29,231	32,025	31	957	**62,244**
Total	**79,620**	**77,372**	**54**	**3,006**	**160,052**

Note: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

1.4.2. 2020–21 Migration Program Outcome: Top 10 countries of citizenship - comparison with previous years
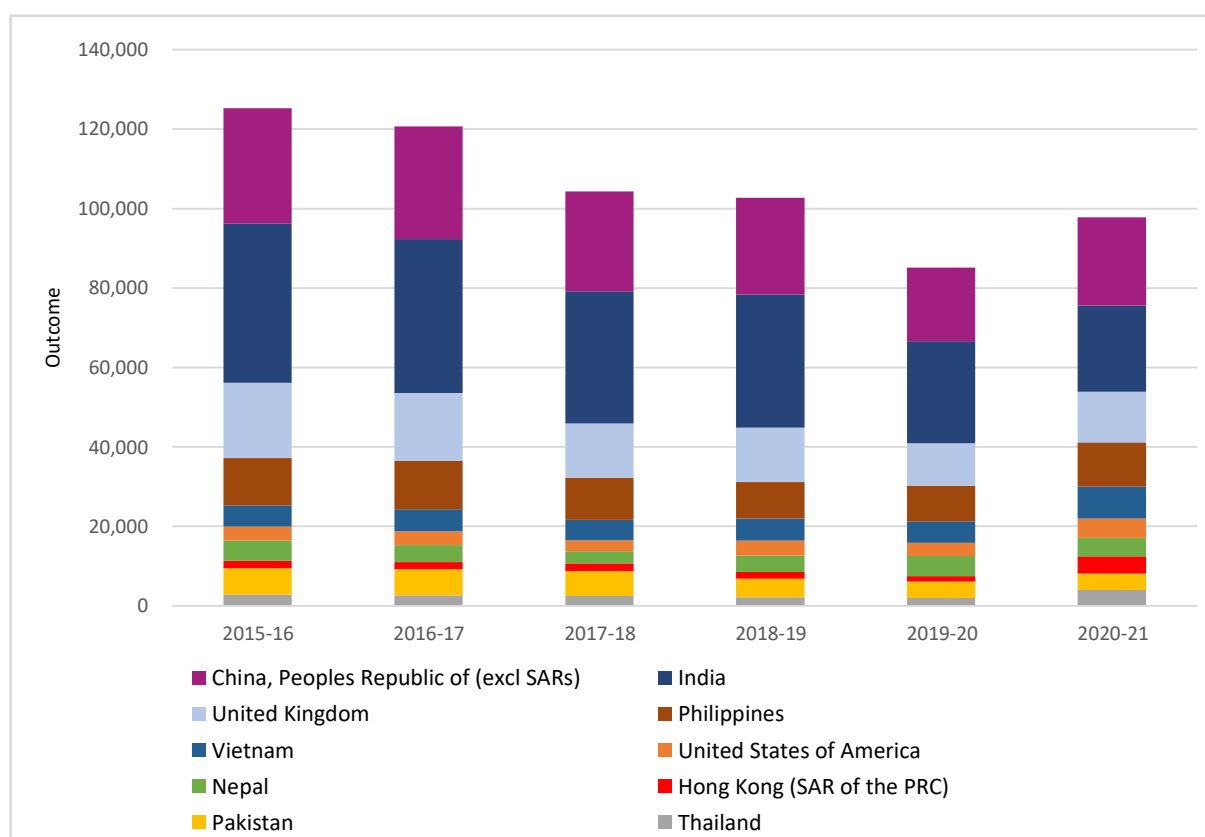
Outcome	Program Year					
Citizenship Country	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	29,008	28,293	25,145	24,282	18,587	**22,207**
India	40,145	38,854	33,310	33,611	25,698	**21,791**
United Kingdom	18,950	17,038	13,654	13,689	10,681	**12,703**
Philippines	11,917	12,209	10,610	9,159	8,965	**11,058**
Vietnam	5,341	5,493	5,124	5,532	5,398	**8,120**
United States of America	3,486	3,448	2,782	3,812	3,301	**4,780**
Nepal	5,095	4,290	3,067	4,096	5,048	**4,714**
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	1,849	1,795	1,928	1,647	1,391	**4,312**
Pakistan	6,708	6,556	6,235	4,739	4,136	**4,121**
Thailand	2,788	2,676	2,486	2,120	1,979	**4,002**
Other	64,483	62,956	58,076	57,636	55,182	**62,244**
Total	**189,770**	**183,608**	**162,417**	**160,323**	**140,366**	**160,052**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: New Zealand grants were not counted toward the Migration Program outcome prior to 2017-18.

Note 3: Top 10 grouping based on 2020–21 outcome.

1.4.3. 2020–21 Migration Program Outcome: Top 10 countries of citizenship – rank comparison with previous years

Outcome	Rank						Total
Citizenship Country	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2020-21
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	2	2	2	2	2	1	22,207
India	1	1	1	1	1	2	21,791
United Kingdom	3	3	3	3	3	3	12,703
Philippines	4	4	4	4	4	4	11,058
Vietnam	6	6	6	6	5	5	8,120
United States of America	12	11	11	10	10	6	4,780
Nepal	7	8	10	8	6	7	4,714
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	19	20	18	22	23	8	4,312
Pakistan	5	5	5	7	8	9	4,121
Thailand	15	14	13	17	18	10	4,002

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: New Zealand grants were not counted toward the Migration Program outcome prior to 2017-18.

Note 3: Top 10 grouping based on 2020–21 outcome.

1.4.4. Migration Program Outcome 2010–11 to 2020–21 – by Region (Major)
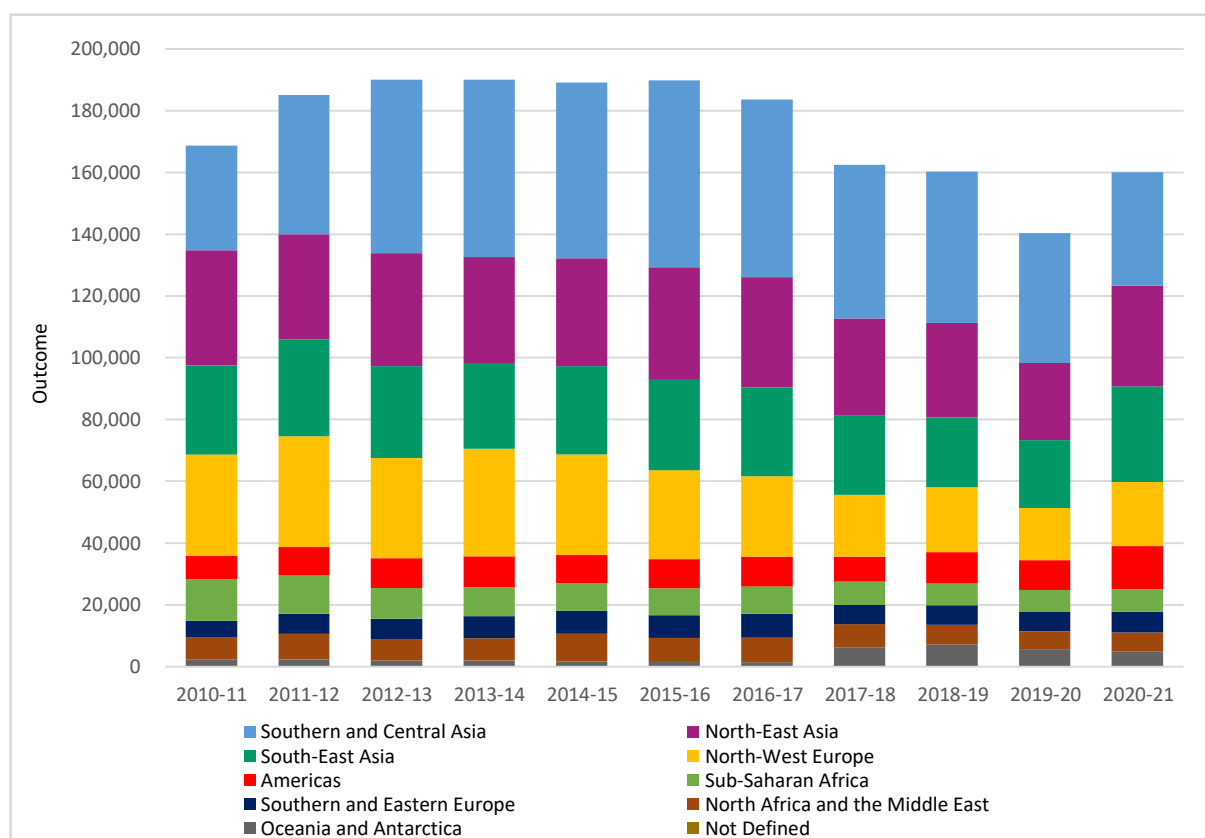
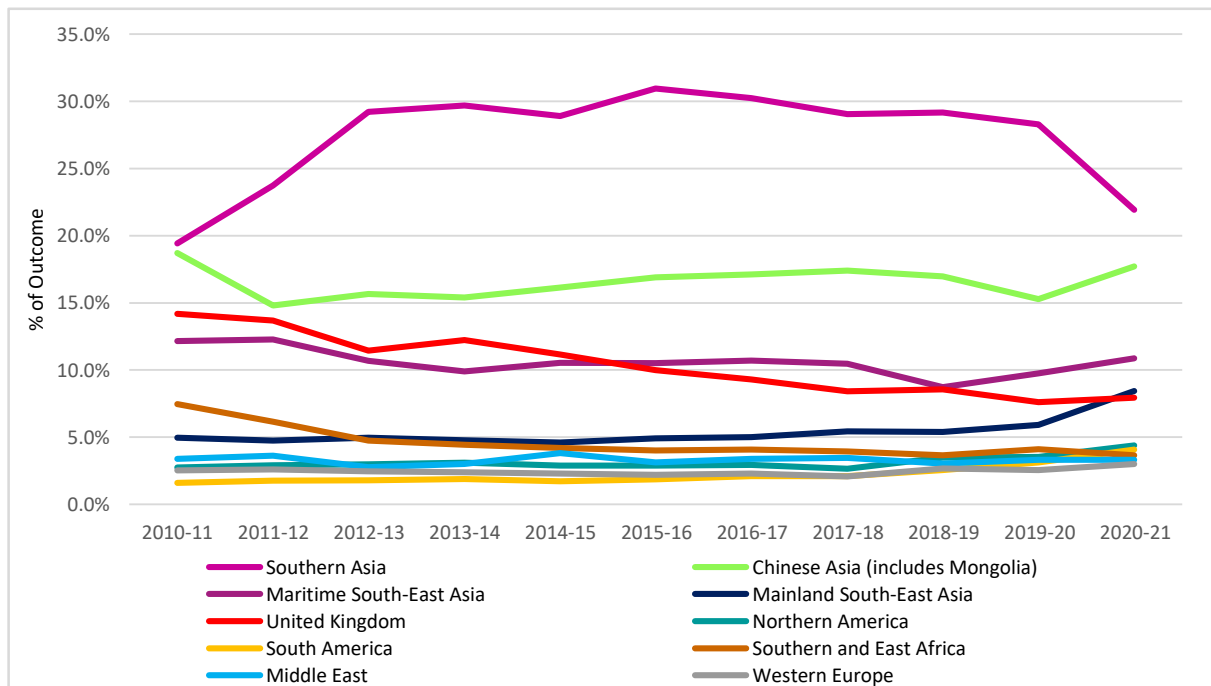| Outcome	Year										
Region (Major)	**2010-11**	**2011-12**	**2012-13**	**2013-14**	**2014-15**	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**
Southern and Central Asia	33,914	45,017	56,098	57,384	56,914	60,433	57,472	49,682	49,067	42,104	**36,662**
North-East Asia	37,347	33,910	36,698	34,321	34,983	36,525	35,759	31,315	30,601	24,941	**32,707**
South-East Asia	28,797	31,483	29,662	27,808	28,576	29,206	28,822	25,791	22,586	21,971	**30,899**
North-West Europe	32,691	35,896	32,494	34,817	32,461	28,801	25,943	20,005	21,056	16,844	**20,764**
Americas	7,674	9,157	9,549	9,910	9,096	9,437	9,681	8,095	10,099	9,708	**14,008**
Sub-Saharan Africa	13,392	12,309	9,937	9,442	8,939	8,755	8,795	7,528	7,012	7,056	**7,199**
Southern and Eastern Europe	5,457	6,563	6,764	7,088	7,476	7,314	7,689	6,251	6,386	6,214	**6,777**
North Africa and the Middle East	7,031	8,273	6,860	7,293	8,970	7,767	7,974	7,418	6,243	5,794	**6,133**
Oceania and Antarctica	2,288	2,275	1,848	1,771	1,570	1,442	1,343	6,275	7,194	5,680	**4,811**
Not Defined	94	115	90	166	112	90	130	57	79	54	**92**
Total	**168,685**	**184,998**	**190,000**	**190,000**	**189,097**	**189,770**	**183,608**	**162,417**	**160,323**	**140,366**	**160,052**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Region is determined based on the country of citizenship of the applicant, and grouped according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) 2016.

1.4.5. Migration Program Outcome 2010–11 to 2020–21 – by Top 10 Region (Minor) and Percentage of Total

Outcome	Year										
Region (Minor)	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Southern Asia	19.4%	23.7%	29.2%	29.7%	28.9%	31.0%	30.2%	29.0%	29.2%	28.3%	**21.9%**
Chinese Asia (includes Mongolia)	18.7%	14.8%	15.7%	15.4%	16.1%	16.9%	17.1%	17.4%	17.0%	15.3%	**17.7%**
Maritime South-East Asia	12.1%	12.3%	10.7%	9.9%	10.5%	10.5%	10.7%	10.5%	8.7%	9.7%	**10.9%**
Mainland South-East Asia	4.9%	4.7%	5.0%	4.8%	4.6%	4.9%	5.0%	5.4%	5.4%	5.9%	**8.4%**
United Kingdom	14.2%	13.7%	11.4%	12.2%	11.1%	10.0%	9.3%	8.4%	8.5%	7.6%	**7.9%**
Northern America	2.7%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.6%	3.5%	3.5%	**4.4%**
South America	1.6%	1.8%	1.8%	1.9%	1.7%	1.8%	2.1%	2.1%	2.6%	3.1%	**4.1%**
Southern and East Africa	7.4%	6.1%	4.7%	4.4%	4.2%	4.0%	4.1%	3.9%	3.7%	4.1%	**3.6%**
Middle East	3.4%	3.6%	2.8%	3.0%	3.8%	3.1%	3.4%	3.5%	3.0%	3.3%	**3.3%**
Western Europe	2.5%	2.6%	2.5%	2.4%	2.3%	2.2%	2.3%	2.1%	2.7%	2.5%	**3.0%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: New Zealand grants were not counted toward the Migration Program outcome prior to 2017-18.

Note 3: Region is determined based on the country of citizenship of the applicant. Terminology and grouping is according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) 2016.

1.4.6.   Migration Program Outcome 2010–11 to 2020–21 – by Top 10 Region (Minor)

| Outcome	Year										
Region (Minor)	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Southern Asia	32,770	43,935	55,527	56,432	54,642	58,740	55,515	47,181	46,781	39,696	35,102
Chinese Asia (includes Mongolia)	31,539	27,372	29,746	29,260	30,506	32,057	31,433	28,272	27,208	21,446	28,369
Maritime South-East Asia	20,467	22,700	20,247	18,783	19,901	19,915	19,635	16,987	13,975	13,679	17,385
Mainland South-East Asia	8,330	8,783	9,415	9,025	8,675	9,291	9,187	8,804	8,611	8,292	13,514
United Kingdom	23,931	25,274	21,711	23,220	21,078	18,950	17,038	13,654	13,689	10,681	12,703
Northern America	4,598	5,364	5,656	5,893	5,441	5,458	5,381	4,298	5,566	4,938	7,000
South America	2,693	3,273	3,378	3,557	3,217	3,500	3,863	3,411	4,094	4,361	6,522
Southern and East Africa	12,560	11,343	9,011	8,419	7,937	7,599	7,451	6,372	5,854	5,732	5,817
Middle East	5,681	6,710	5,238	5,684	7,186	5,900	6,195	5,613	4,836	4,641	5,285
Western Europe	4,270	4,805	4,675	4,529	4,321	4,157	4,207	3,369	4,282	3,578	4,820
Other	21,846	25,439	25,396	25,198	26,193	24,203	23,703	24,456	25,427	23,322	23,535
Total	168,685	184,998	190,000	190,000	189,097	189,770	183,608	162,417	160,323	140,366	160,052

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: New Zealand grants were not counted toward the Migration Program outcome prior to 2017-18.

Note 3: Region is determined based on the country of citizenship of the applicant. Terminology and grouping is according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) 2016
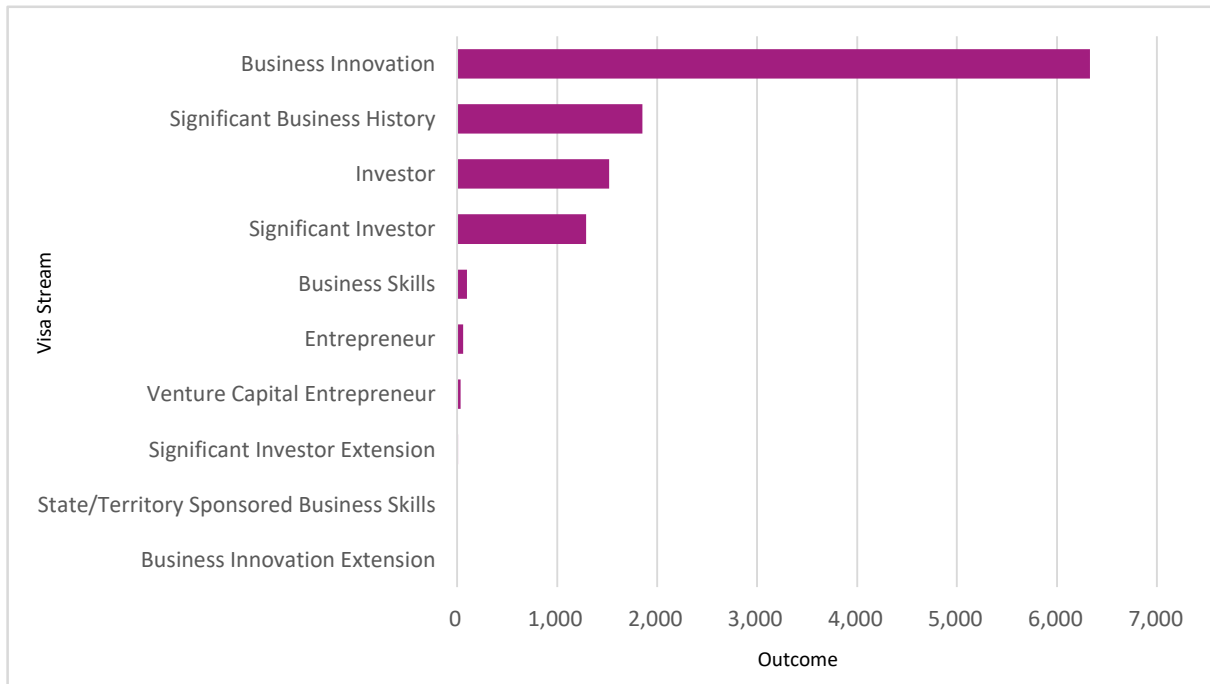
2.   Skill stream

2.1.   Composition of Migration Program Outcome 2020-21 Skill Stream
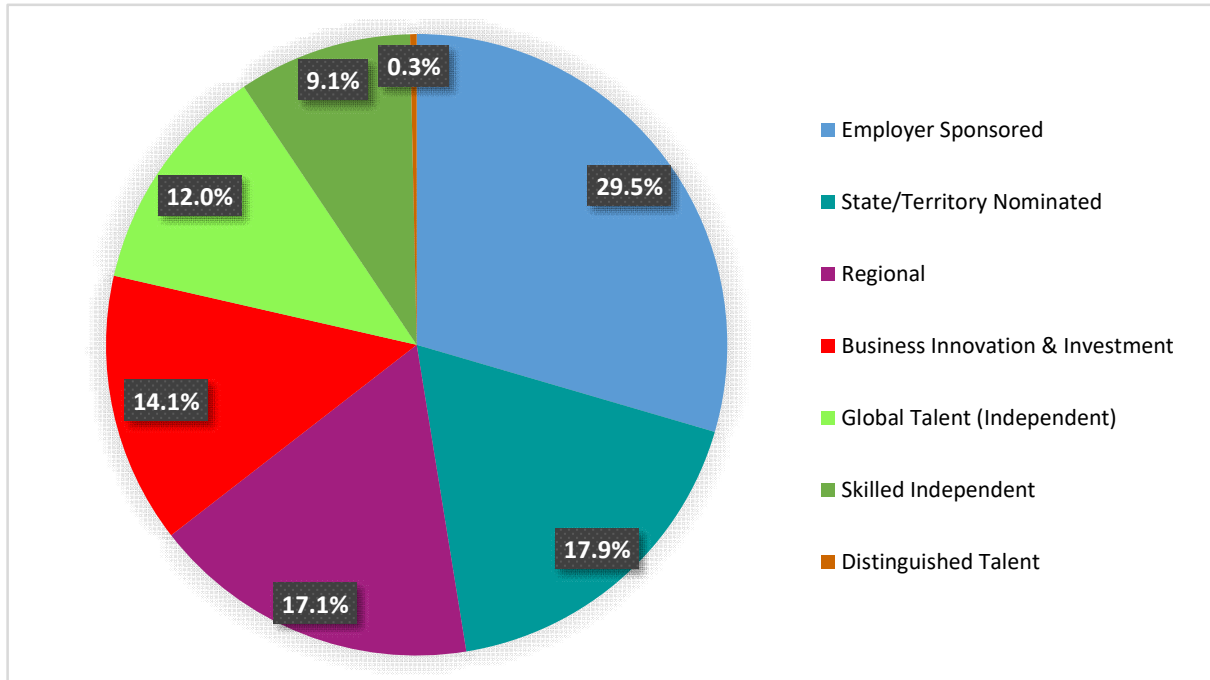
Visa Category	Total
Employer Sponsored	23,503
State/Territory Nominated	14,268
Regional	13,585
Business Innovation & Investment	11,198
Global Talent (Independent)	9,584
Skilled Independent	7,213
Distinguished Talent	269
Total	**79,620**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

2.2. Migration Program Outcome: Business Innovation and Investment Program (BIIP) Category – by stream

| Business Innovation and Investment Program (BIIP)	
Visa Stream	**2020-21**
Business Innovation	6,330
Significant Business History	1,855
Investor	1,522
Significant Investor	1,288
Business Skills	97
Entrepreneur	61
Venture Capital Entrepreneur	33
Significant Investor Extension	7
State/Territory Sponsored Business Skills	< 5
Business Innovation Extension	< 5
Total	**11,198**

Note: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

2.3. Migration Program Outcome: Global Talent (Independent) Category – by priority growth sector

Global Talent (Independent)	
Growth Sector	**% of Total**
DigiTech	33.9%
Health Industries	22.8%
Energy	17.0%
Financial Services and FinTech	11.5%
Resources	6.6%
Defence, Advanced Manufacturing and Space	6.4%
Agri-food and AgTech	0.9%
Infrastructure and Tourism	0.4%
Education	0.3%
Circular Economy	0.1%
Total	**100%**

Note: Global Talent (Independent) category commenced in the 2019–20 program year.

## 2.4. Migration Program Outcome: Regional Category – by Subcategory and State/Territory of Intended Residence
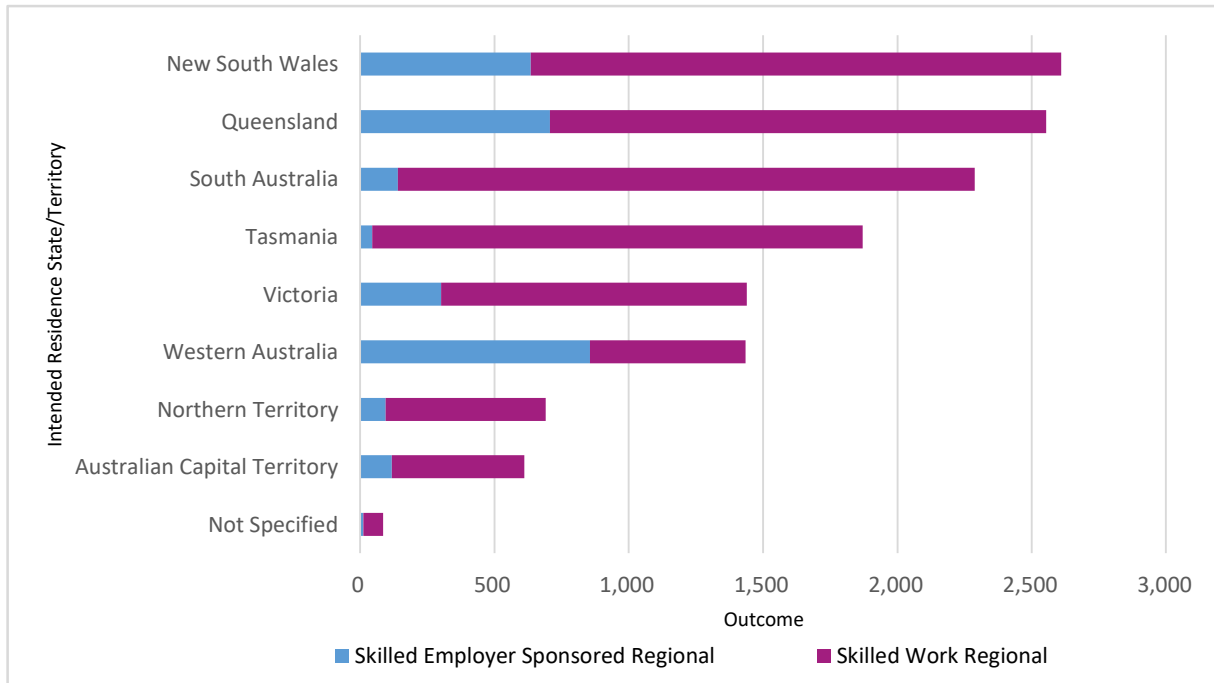
Outcome	Subcategory		
Intended Residence	Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional	Skilled Work Regional	Total
New South Wales	635	1,975	**2,610**
Queensland	706	1,848	**2,554**
South Australia	141	2,148	**2,289**
Tasmania	46	1,824	**1,870**
Victoria	301	1,138	**1,439**
Western Australia	855	580	**1,435**
Northern Territory	96	595	**691**
Australian Capital Territory	118	493	**611**
Not Specified	12	74	**86**
Total	**2,910**	**10,675**	**13,585**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Includes both legacy and new regional visa subclasses.

2.5. Migration Program Outcome: Top 10 ANZSCO Occupation Unit Groups (Skill stream - primary applicants)
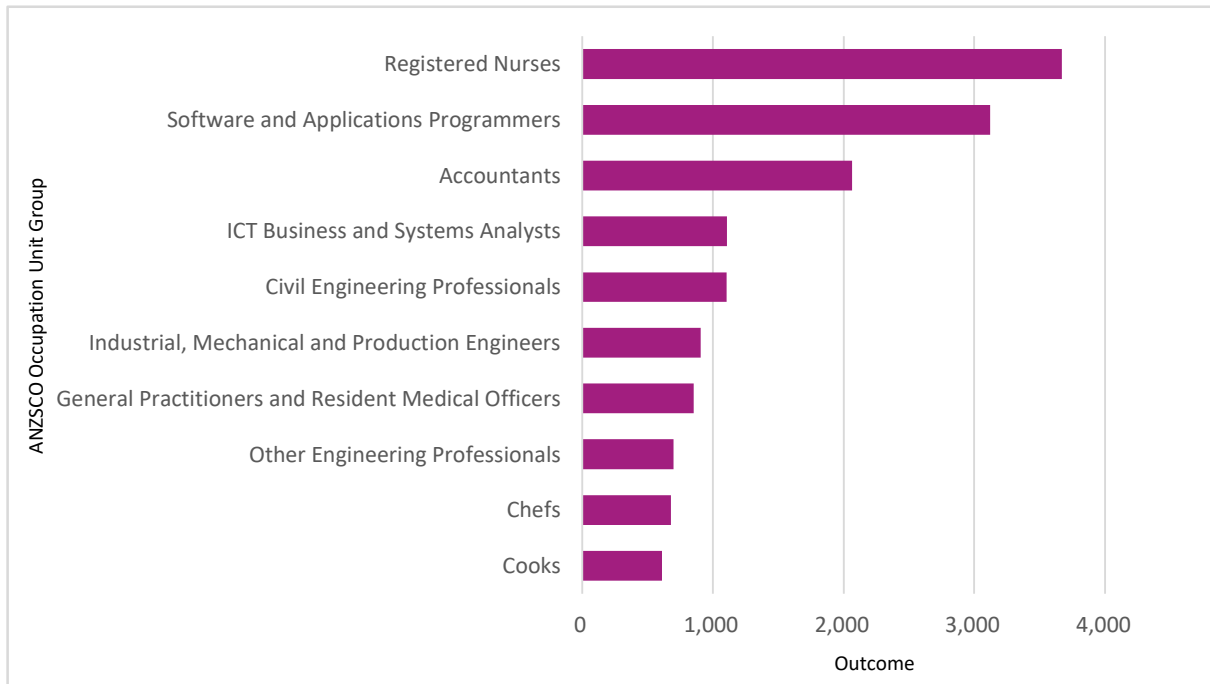
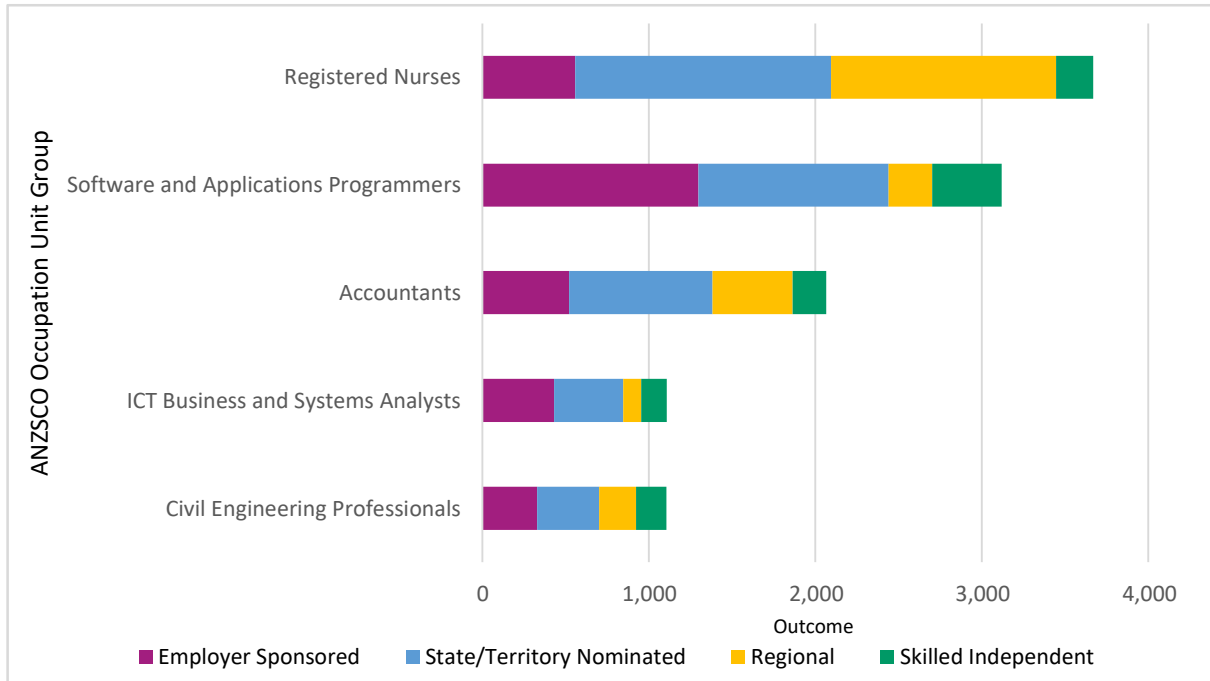| ANZSCO Occupation Unit Group Code	ANZSCO Occupation Unit Group	Total
2544	Registered Nurses	3,670
2613	Software and Applications Programmers	3,121
2211	Accountants	2,065
2611	ICT Business and Systems Analysts	1,108
2332	Civil Engineering Professionals	1,106
2335	Industrial, Mechanical and Production Engineers	907
2531	General Practitioners and Resident Medical Officers	852
2339	Other Engineering Professionals	699
3513	Chefs	679
3514	Cooks	610

Note 1: Includes primary applicants only.

Note 2: Occupation information grouped according to Occupation Unit group level of the Australia and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO).

Note 3: Global Talent category is not included in this table. Global Talent applicants are grouped by growth sector (see table 2.3); occupation is not recorded for all applicants.

Note 4: Occupations that were not specified have been excluded.

2.6. Migration Program Outcome: Top five ANZSCO Occupation Unit Groups – by visa category (Skill stream – primary applicants)


Outcome	Visa Category					
ANZSCO Occupation Unit Group Code	ANZSCO Occupation Unit Group	Employer Sponsored	State/Territory Nominated	Regional	Skilled Independent	Total
2544	Registered Nurses	557	1,537	1,353	223	**3,670**
2613	Software and Applications Programmers	1,298	1,141	264	418	**3,121**
2211	Accountants	520	863	480	202	**2,065**
2611	ICT Business and Systems Analysts	430	416	108	154	**1,108**
2332	Civil Engineering Professionals	328	372	223	183	**1,106**
Total		**3,133**	**4,329**	**2,428**	**1,180**	**11,070**

Note 1: Includes primary applicants only.

Note 2: Occupation information grouped according to Occupation Unit group level of the Australia and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO).

Note 3: Occupations that were not specified have been excluded.

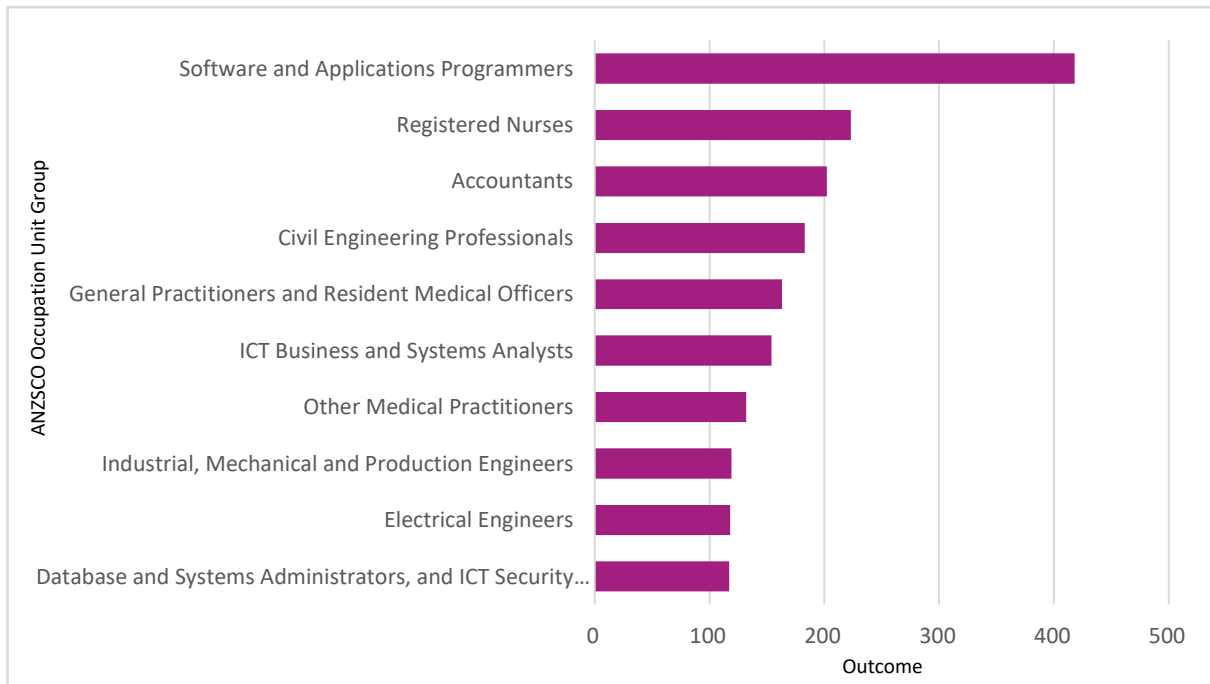## 2.7. Migration Program Outcome: Employer Sponsored Category – by Occupation
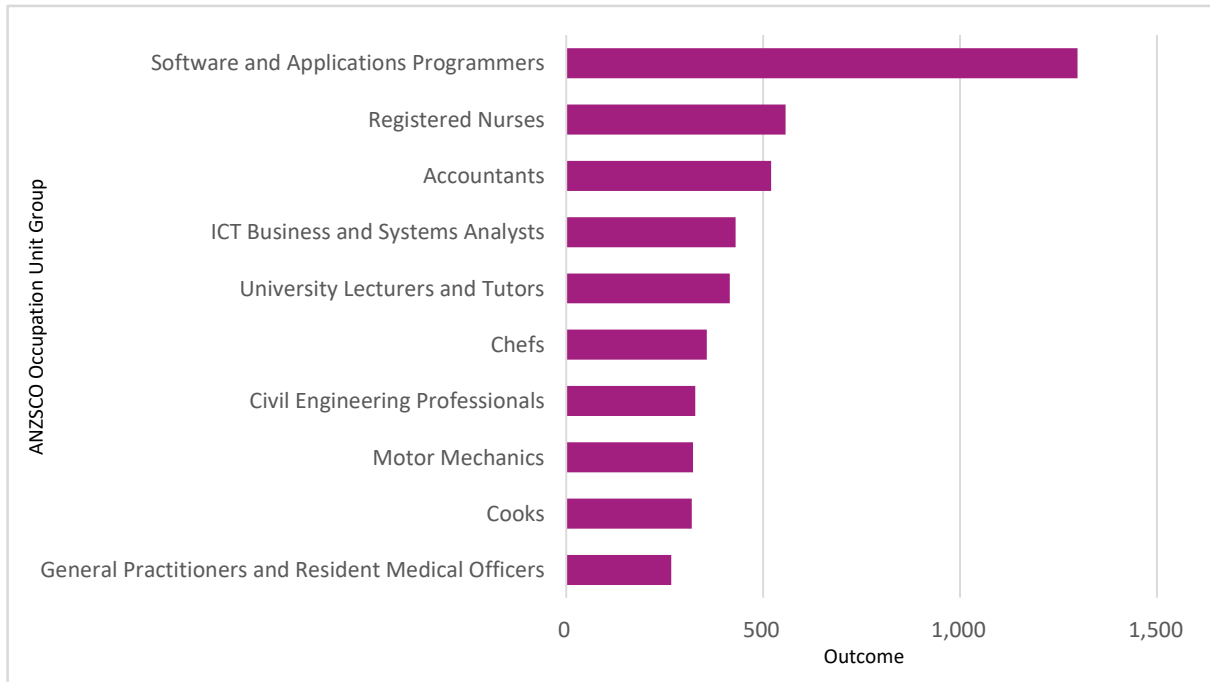
Outcome		
ANZSCO Occupation Unit Group Code	**ANZSCO Occupation Unit Group**	**Total**
2613	Software and Applications Programmers	**1,298**
2544	Registered Nurses	**557**
2211	Accountants	**520**
2611	ICT Business and Systems Analysts	**430**
2421	University Lecturers and Tutors	**415**
3513	Chefs	**357**
2332	Civil Engineering Professionals	**328**
3212	Motor Mechanics	**322**
3514	Cooks	**319**
2531	General Practitioners and Resident Medical Officers	**267**

Note 1: Includes primary applicants only.

Note 2: Occupation information grouped according to Occupation Unit group level of the Australia and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO).

Note 3: Occupations that were not specified have been excluded.

2.8. Migration Program Outcome: Skilled Independent Category – by Occupation

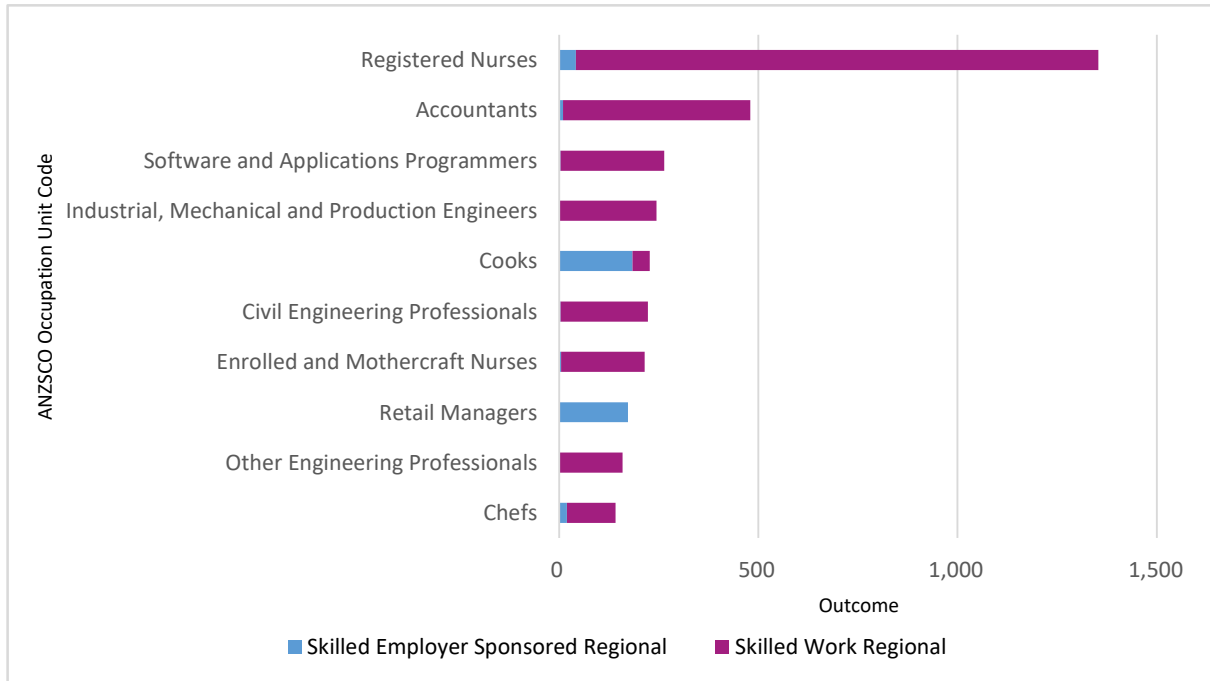| Outcome		
ANZSCO Occupation Unit Group Code	**ANZSCO Occupation Unit Group**	**Total**
2613	Software and Applications Programmers	**418**
2544	Registered Nurses	**223**
2211	Accountants	**202**
2332	Civil Engineering Professionals	**183**
2531	General Practitioners and Resident Medical Officers	**163**
2611	ICT Business and Systems Analysts	**154**
2539	Other Medical Practitioners	**132**
2335	Industrial, Mechanical and Production Engineers	**119**
2333	Electrical Engineers	**118**
2621	Database and Systems Administrators, and ICT Security Specialists	**117**

Note 1: Includes primary applicants only.

Note 2: Occupation information grouped according to Occupation Unit group level of the Australia and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO).

Note 3: Occupations that were not specified have been excluded.

2.9.   Migration Program Outcome: Regional Category – by Occupation

2.9.1.   Regional Category by Top 10 ANZSCO Occupation Unit Groups (primary applicants)

Outcome		
ANZSCO Occupation Unit Code	**ANZSCO Occupation Unit Description**	**Total**
2544	Registered Nurses	**1,353**
2211	Accountants	**480**
2613	Software and Applications Programmers	**264**
2335	Industrial, Mechanical and Production Engineers	**245**
3514	Cooks	**228**
2332	Civil Engineering Professionals	**223**
4114	Enrolled and Mothercraft Nurses	**215**
1421	Retail Managers	**173**
2339	Other Engineering Professionals	**160**
3513	Chefs	**142**

Note 1: Includes primary applicants only.

Note 2: Includes both legacy and new regional visa subclasses.

Note 3: Occupation information grouped according to Occupation Unit group level of the Australia and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO).

2.9.2. Regional Subcategories by Top 10 ANZSCO Occupation Unit Groups (primary applicants)

Skilled Employer Sponsored

Outcome		
ANZSCO Occupation Unit Code	**ANZSCO Occupation Unit Description**	**Total**
3514	Cooks	**185**
1421	Retail Managers	**173**
1411	Cafe and Restaurant Managers	**70**
2544	Registered Nurses	**42**
3511	Bakers and Pastrycooks	**33**
2251	Advertising and Marketing Professionals	**29**
5111	Contract, Program and Project Administrators	**25**
4211	Child Carers	**23**
3911	Hairdressers	**22**
3125	Mechanical Engineering Draftspersons and Technicians	**22**

Note 1: Includes primary applicants only.

Note 2: Includes both legacy and new regional visa subclasses.

Note 3: Occupation information grouped according to Occupation Unit group level of the Australia and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO).
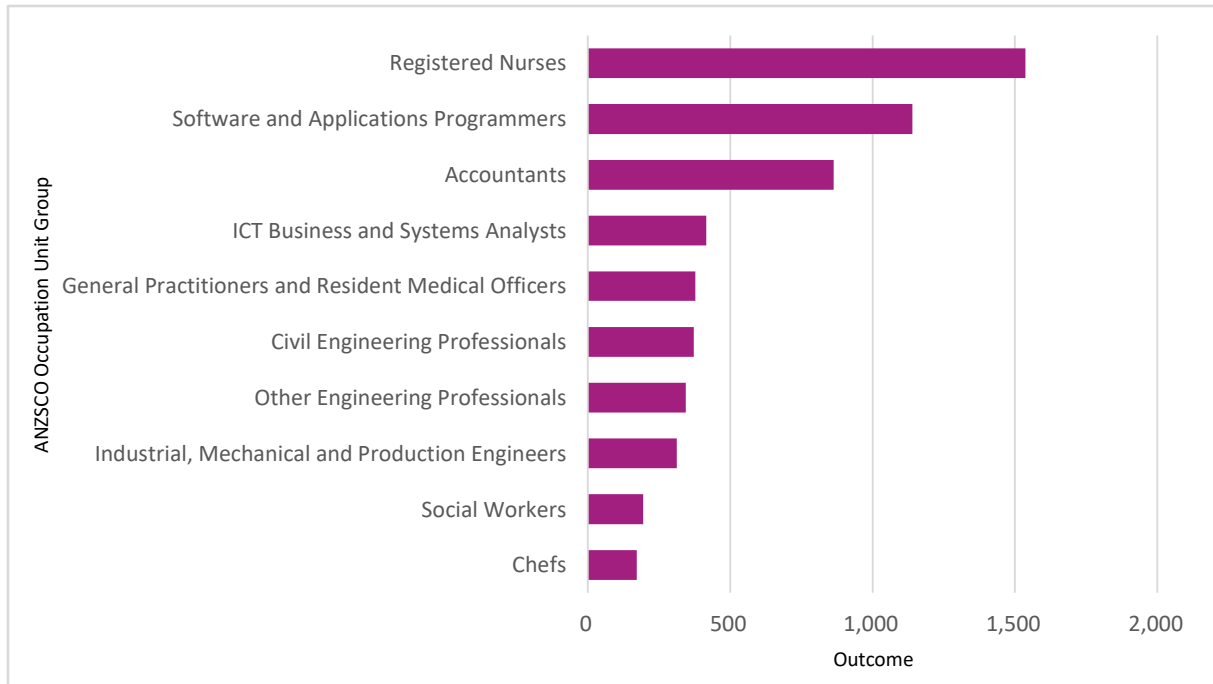
Skilled Work Regional

Outcome		
ANZSCO Occupation Unit Code	**ANZSCO Occupation Unit Description**	**Total**
2544	Registered Nurses	**1,311**
2211	Accountants	**470**
2613	Software and Applications Programmers	**261**
2335	Industrial, Mechanical and Production Engineers	**243**
2332	Civil Engineering Professionals	**220**
4114	Enrolled and Mothercraft Nurses	**210**
2339	Other Engineering Professionals	**158**
2631	Computer Network Professionals	**131**
3513	Chefs	**123**
2611	ICT Business and Systems Analysts	**106**

Note 1: Includes primary applicants only.

Note 2: Includes both legacy and new regional visa subclasses.

Note 3: Occupation information grouped according to Occupation Unit group level of the Australia and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO).

2.10. Migration Program Outcome: State/Territory Nominated Category – by Occupation
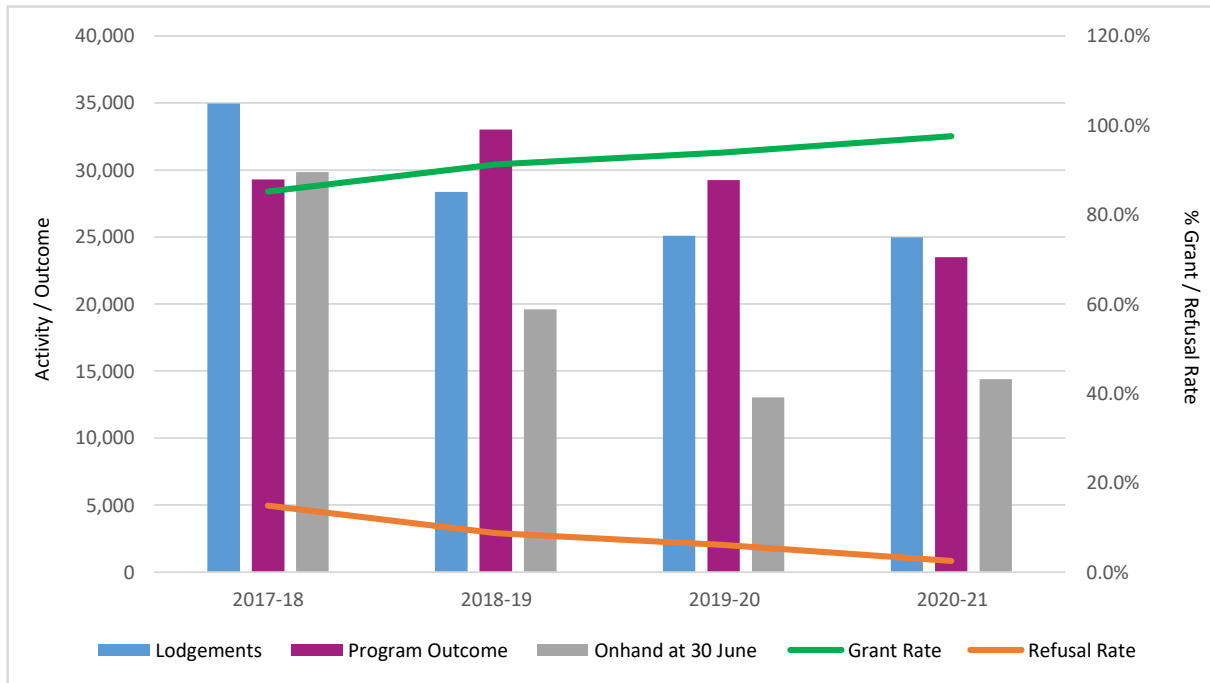

Outcome		
ANZSCO Occupation Unit Group Code	**ANZSCO Occupation Unit Group**	**Total**
2544	Registered Nurses	**1,537**
2613	Software and Applications Programmers	**1,141**
2211	Accountants	**863**
2611	ICT Business and Systems Analysts	**416**
2531	General Practitioners and Resident Medical Officers	**378**
2332	Civil Engineering Professionals	**372**
2339	Other Engineering Professionals	**344**
2335	Industrial, Mechanical and Production Engineers	**313**
2725	Social Workers	**194**
3513	Chefs	**172**

Note 1: Includes primary applicants only.

Note 2: Occupation information grouped according to Occupation Unit group level of the Australia and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO).

Note 3: Occupations that were not specified have been excluded.

2.11. Employer Sponsored Category: comparison of processing activity and program outcome
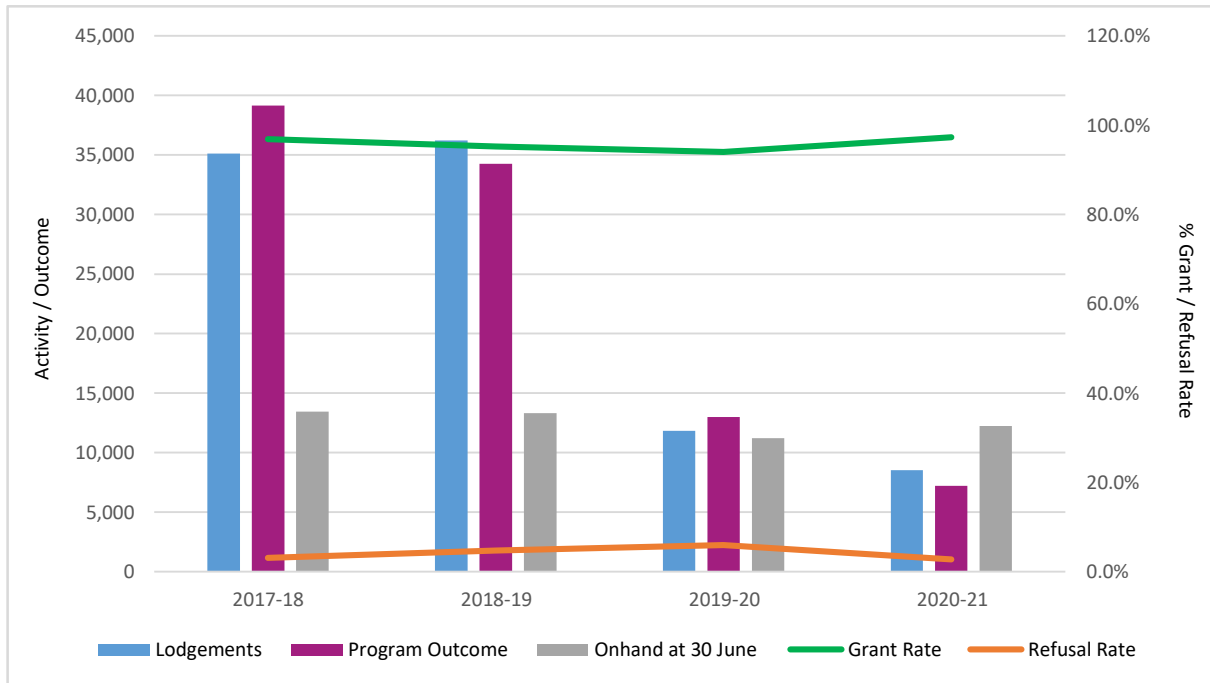

Program Year					
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**
Employer Sponsored	Lodgements	34,966	28,370	25,096	**24,997**
	Program Outcome	29,307	33,025	29,261	**23,503**
	Onhand at 30 June	29,844	19,581	13,023	**14,379**
	Grant Rate	85.1%	91.3%	94.0%	**97.6%**
	Refusal Rate	14.9%	8.7%	6.0%	**2.4%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

Note 3: Data from previous years is grouped based on 2020–21 Skill stream categories.

2.12. Skilled Independent Category: comparison of processing activity and program outcome
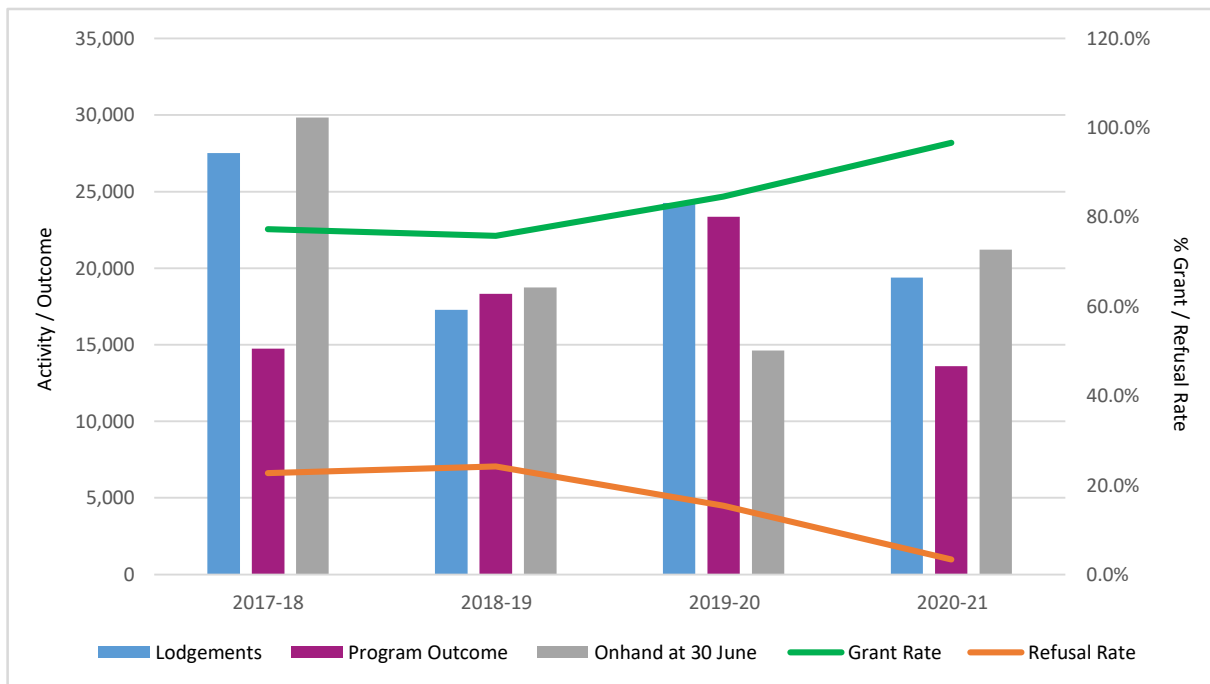

Program Year					
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**
Skilled Independent	Lodgements	35,107	36,206	11,821	**8,529**
	Program Outcome	39,137	34,247	12,986	**7,213**
	Onhand at 30 June	13,431	13,322	11,226	**12,240**
	Grant Rate	96.9%	95.2%	94.0%	**97.2%**
	Refusal Rate	3.1%	4.8%	6.0%	**2.8%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

Note 3: Data from previous years is grouped based on 2020–21 Skill stream categories.

2.13.   Regional Category: comparison of processing activity and program outcome

Program Year					
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**
Regional	Lodgements	27,522	17,264	24,270	**19,396**
	Program Outcome	14,738	18,308	23,372	**13,585**
	Onhand at 30 June	29,845	18,747	14,615	**21,214**
	Grant Rate	77.3%	75.8%	84.6%	**96.6%**
	Refusal Rate	22.7%	24.2%	15.4%	**3.4%**

*Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.*

Note 2: Activity includes provisional (first stage) permanent migration applications only.

Note 3: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

Note 4: Data from previous years is grouped based on 2020–21 Skill stream categories.

Note 5: Includes both legacy and new regional visa subclasses.

2.13.1. Regional – Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional subcategory: comparison of processing activity and program outcome
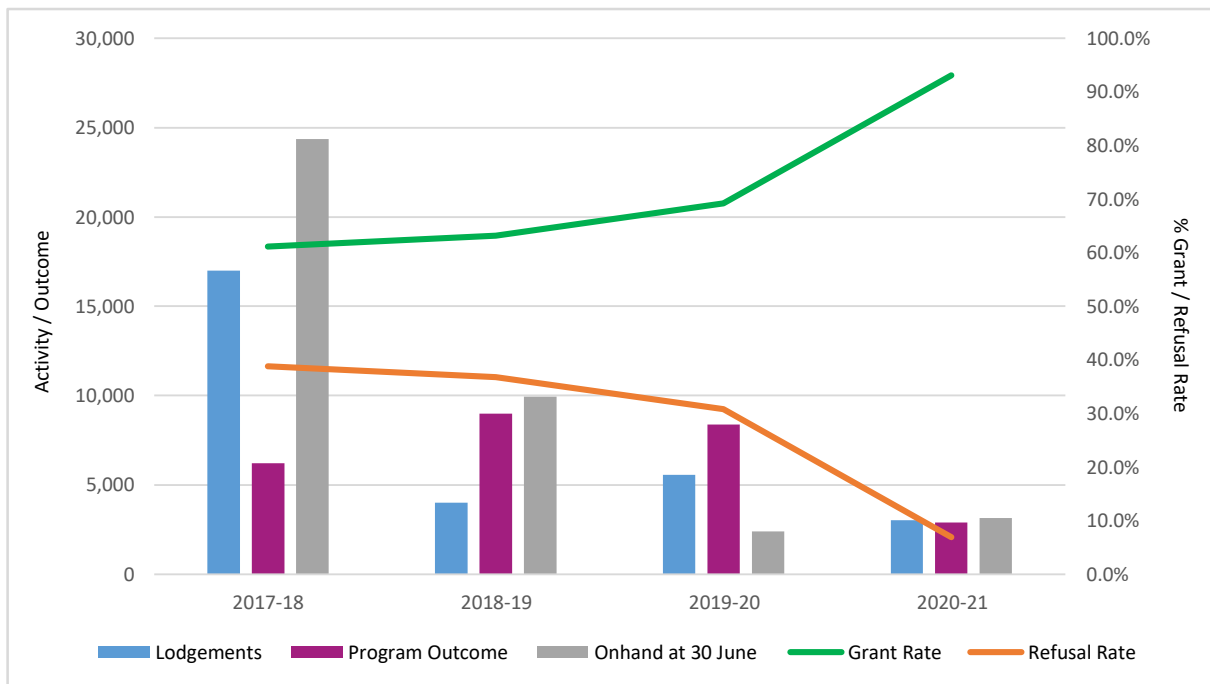
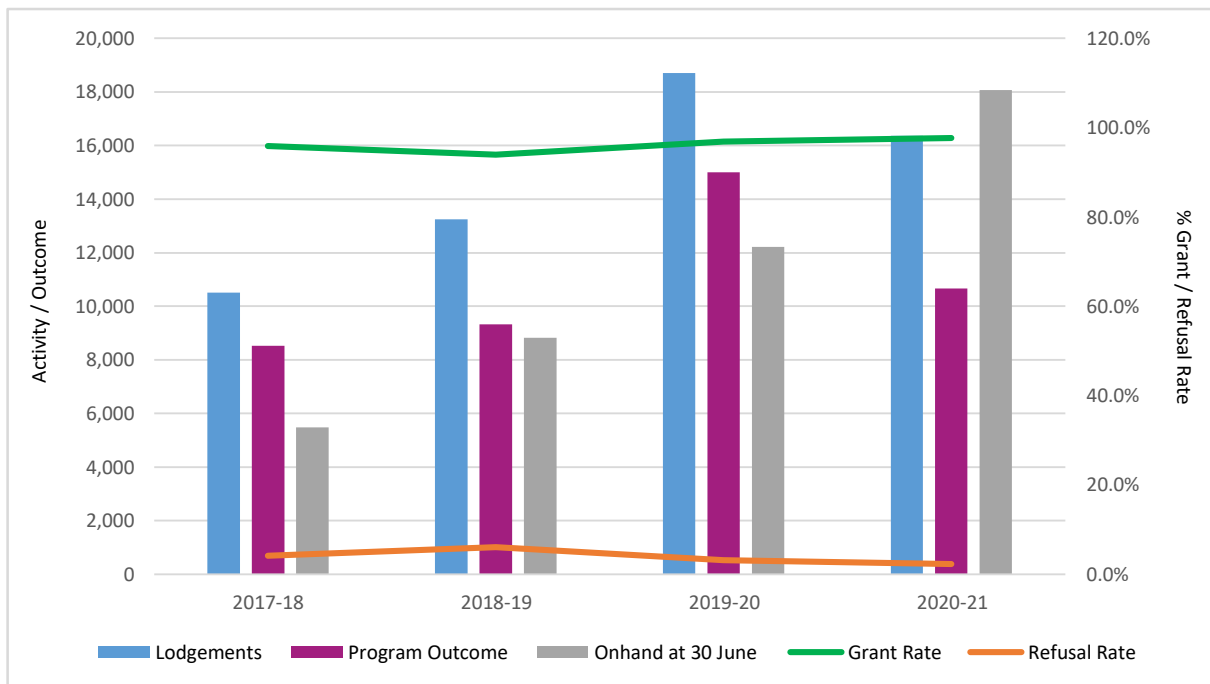| Program Year					
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**
Regional - Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional	Lodgements	17,003	4,015	5,571	**3,032**
	Program Outcome	6,221	8,987	8,372	**2,910**
	Onhand at 30 June	24,362	9,932	2,393	**3,144**
	Grant Rate	61.2%	63.2%	69.2%	**93.1%**
	Refusal Rate	38.8%	36.8%	30.8%	**6.9%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

Note 3: Data from previous years is grouped based on 2020–21 Skill stream categories.

Note 4: Includes both legacy and new regional visa subclasses.

2.13.2. Regional – Skilled Work Regional subcategory: comparison of processing activity and program outcome

	Program Year				
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**
Regional - Skilled Work Regional	Lodgements	10,519	13,249	18,699	**16,364**
	Program Outcome	8,517	9,321	1500	**10,675**
	Onhand at 30 June	5,483	8,815	12,222	**18,070**
	Grant Rate	95.9%	93.9%	96.9%	**97.7%**
	Refusal Rate	4.1%	6.1%	3.1%	**2.3%**

*Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.*

Note 2: Activity includes provisional (first stage) permanent migration applications only.

Note 3: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

Note 4: Data from previous years is grouped based on 2020–21 Skill stream categories.

Note 5: Includes both legacy and new regional visa subclasses.

2.14. State / Territory Nominated Category: comparison of processing activity and program outcome
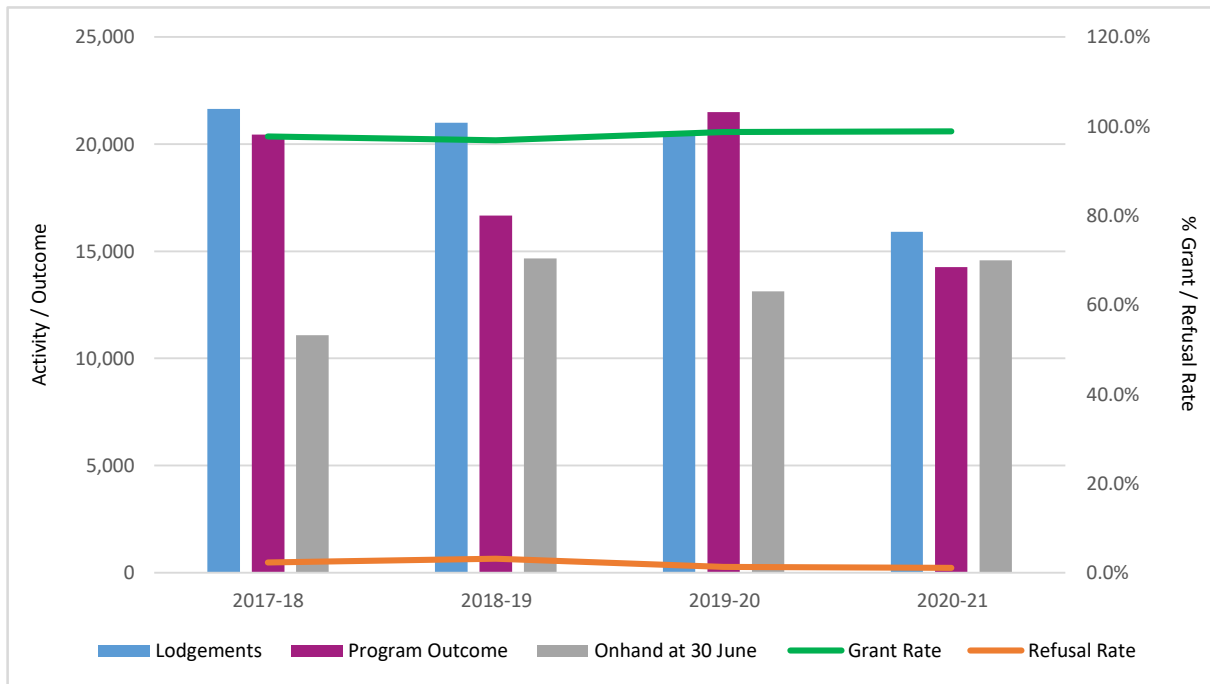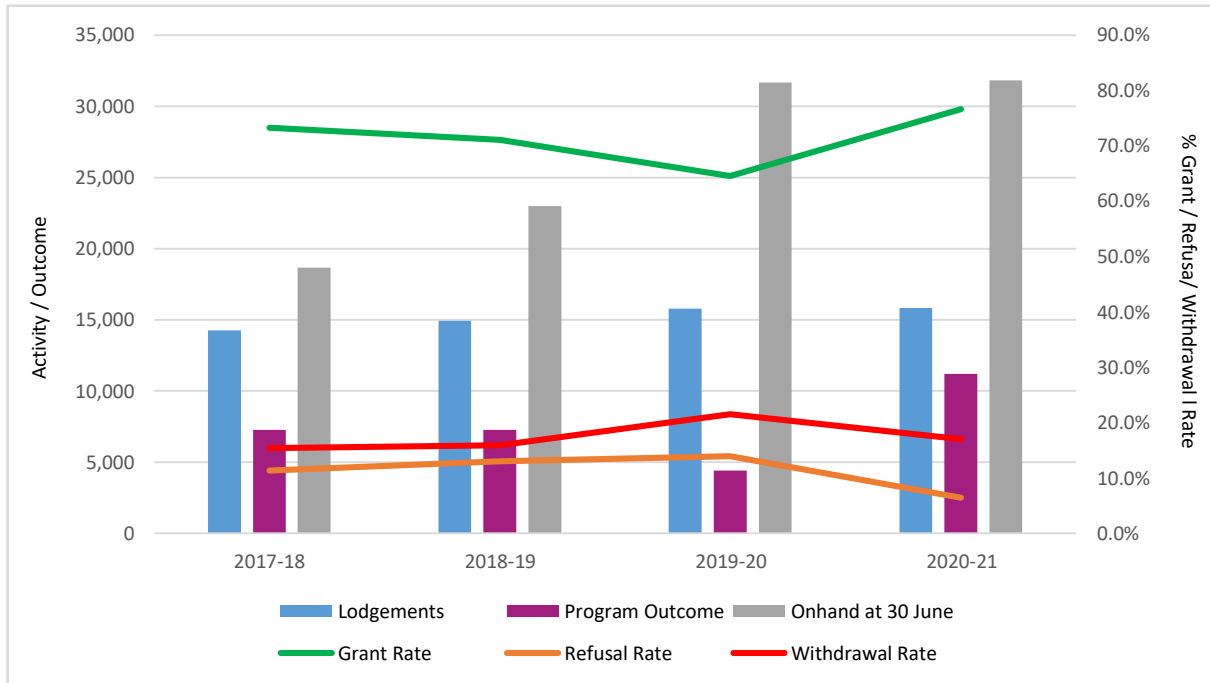

Program Year					
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**
State/Territory Nominated	Lodgements	21,635	20,992	20,512	**15,904**
	Program Outcome	20,442	16,673	21,495	**14,268**
	Onhand at 30 June	11,076	14,668	13,123	**14,588**
	Grant Rate	97.7%	96.9%	98.7%	**98.9%**
	Refusal Rate	2.3%	3.1%	1.3%	**1.1%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

Note 3: Data from previous years is grouped based on 2020–21 Skill stream categories.

2.15.   Business Innovation and Investment Program (BIIP): comparison of processing activity and program outcome
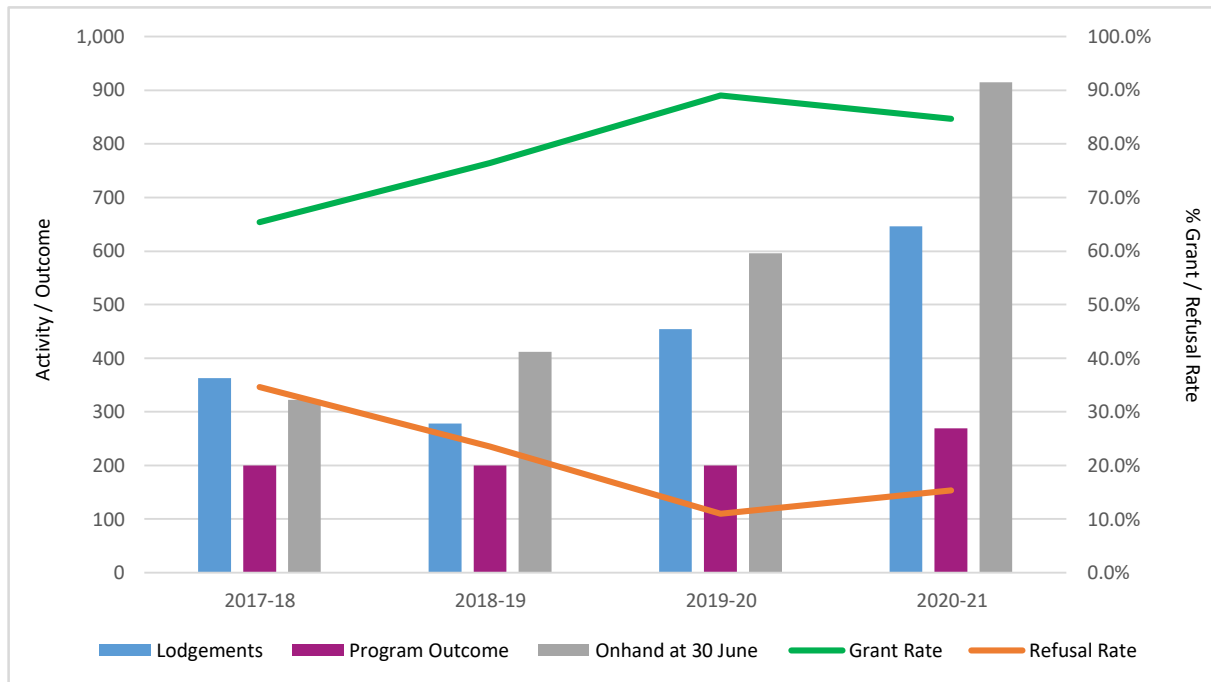

Program Year					
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**
Business Innovation and Investment Program	Lodgements	14,259	14,922	15,784	**15,818**
	Program Outcome	7,260	7,261	4,420	**11,198**
	Onhand at 30 June	18,682	23,002	31,661	**31,813**
	Grant Rate	73.3%	71.1%	64.5%	**76.6%**
	Refusal Rate	11.3%	13.0%	13.9%	**6.4%**
	Withdrawal Rate	15.4%	15.9%	21.5%	**17%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Activity includes provisional (first stage) permanent migration applications only.

2.16.   Distinguished Talent Category: comparison of processing activity and program outcome
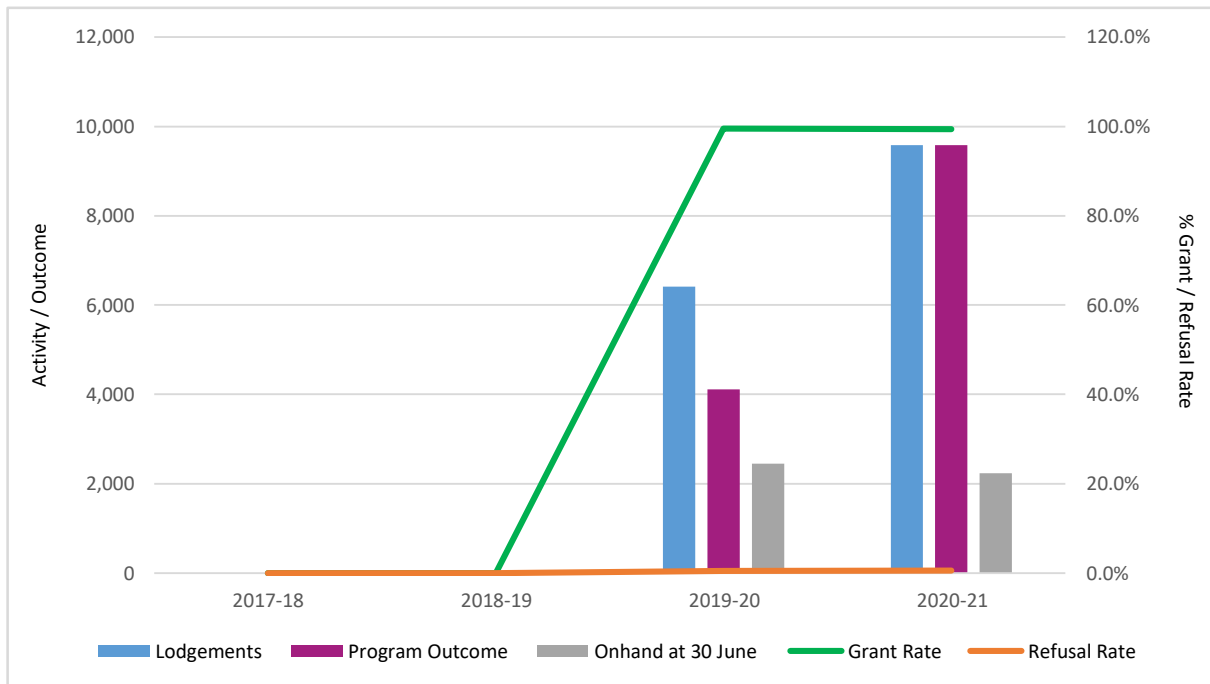

Program Year					
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**
Distinguished Talent	Lodgements	363	278	454	**646**
	Program Outcome	200	200	200	**269**
	Onhand at 30 June	322	412	596	**915**
	Grant Rate	65.4%	76.5%	89.0%	**84.7%**
	Refusal Rate	34.6%	23.5%	11.0%	**15.3%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

2.17. Global Talent (Independent) Category: comparison of processing activity and program outcome

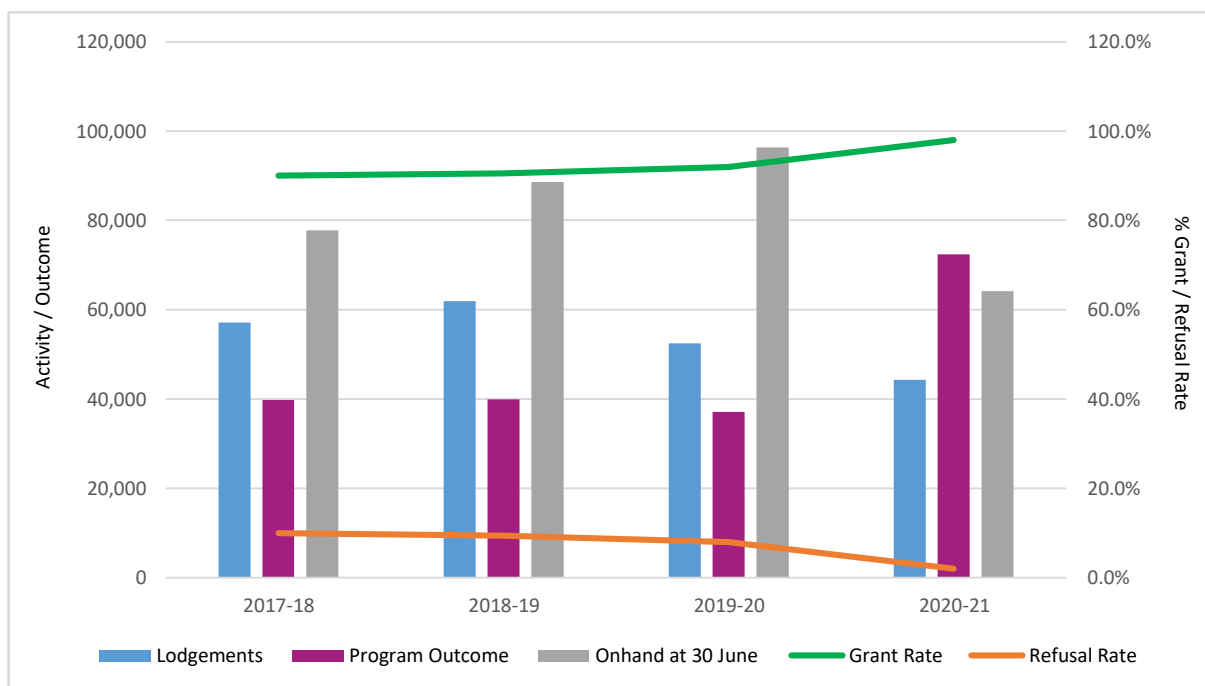| Program Year					
Visa Category	Activity Type	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Global Talent (Independent)	Lodgements	0	0	6,417	9,582
	Program Outcome	0	0	4,109	9,584
	Onhand at 30 June	0	0	2,448	2,236
	Grant Rate	0.0%	0.0%	99.5%	99.4%
	Refusal Rate	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.6%

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

Note 3: Global Talent (Independent) category commenced in the 2019–20 program year.

3. Family stream

## 3.1. Partner Category: comparison of processing activity and program outcome

Program Year					
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**
Partner	Lodgements	57,144	61,884	52,479	**44,325**
	Program Outcome	39,799	39,918	37,118	**72,376**
	Onhand at 30 June	77,734	88,660	96,361	**64,111**
	Grant Rate	90.0%	90.6%	92.0%	**98.0%**
	Refusal Rate	10.0%	9.4%	8.0%	**2.0%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Activity includes provisional (first stage) permanent migration applications only.

Note 3: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

## 3.2. Parent Category: comparison of processing activity and program outcome
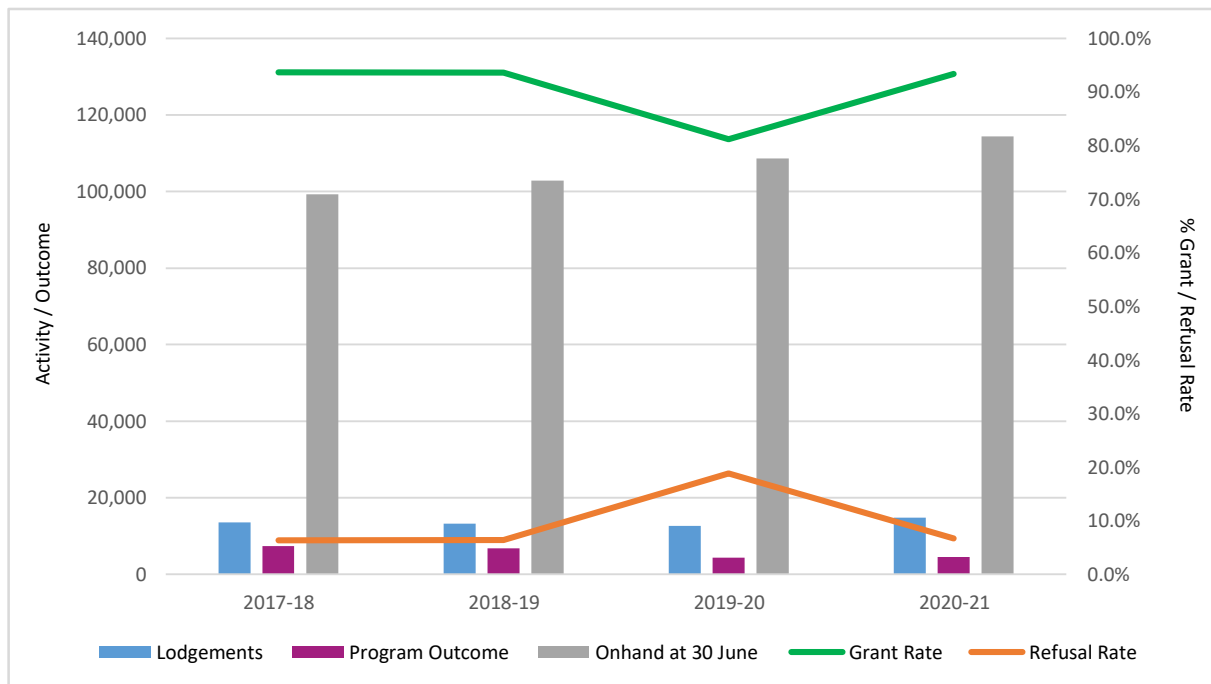
Program Year					
Visa Category	Activity Type	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Parent	Lodgements	13,590	13,246	12,664	**14,827**
	Program Outcome	7,371	6,805	4,399	**4,500**
	Onhand at 30 June	99,239	102,854	108,659	**114,359**
	Grant Rate	93.7%	93.6%	81.2%	**93.3%**
	Refusal Rate	6.3%	6.4%	18.8%	**6.7%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

3.3. Other Family Category: comparison of processing activity and program outcome
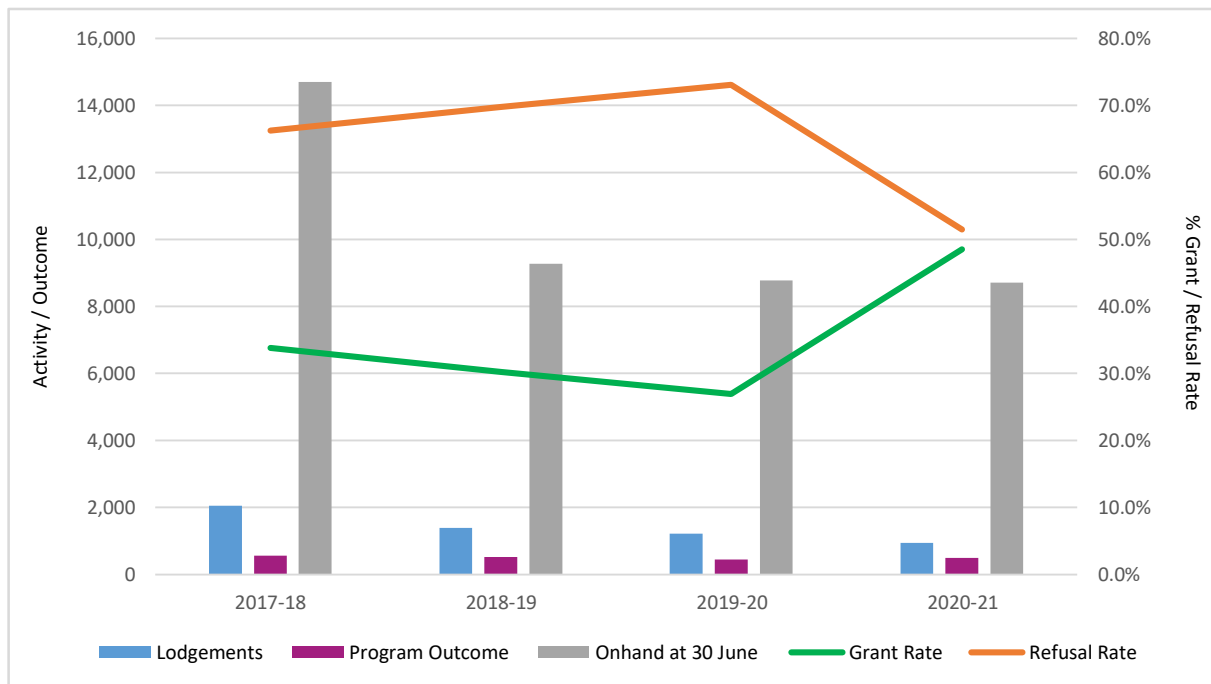
Program Year					
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**
Other Family	Lodgements	2,051	1,391	1,215	**947**
	Program Outcome	562	524	444	**496**
	Onhand at 30 June	14,702	9,277	8,785	**8,712**
	Grant Rate	33.8%	30.2%	26.9%	**48.5%**
	Refusal Rate	66.2%	69.8%	73.1%	**51.5%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

4. Special Eligibility stream

4.1. Special Eligibility Category: comparison of processing activity and program outcome

		Program Year			
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**
Special Eligibility	Lodgements	267	124	94	**72**
	Program Outcome	236	115	81	**54**
	Onhand at 30 June	9	13	6	**14**
	Grant Rate	99.3%	100.0%	92.9%	**97.0%**
	Refusal Rate	0.7%	0.0%	7.1%	**3.0%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.

5. Child stream

5.1. Child Category: comparison of processing activity and program outcome

		Program Year			
Visa Category	**Activity Type**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**
Child	Lodgements	4,186	3,989	3,412	**2,946**
	Program Outcome	3,350	3,248	2,481	**3,006**
	Onhand at 30 June	3,097	3,112	3,638	**3,034**
	Grant Rate	89.9%	88.2%	88.7%	**87.0%**
	Refusal Rate	10.1%	11.8%	11.3%	**13.0%**

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Grant/refusal rates calculated against total decisions (grant + refused); withdrawals are not included.