

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/270) - Top 20 visa types – statistics - Programme 2.1: Citizenship

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Can we please have a list of how many people are on each of the top 20 visa types (by number)? [excluding tourist visas] broken down by nationality / country of origin?
Can we also know how long people stay on different visas (the top 20 visas is ok)? On average?

Answer:

How many people are on each of the top 20 visa types (by number)? [excluding tourist visas] broken down by nationality / country of origin?

The tables below list the top 20 temporary visa subclasses ranked by number of persons holding that visa.

Note, the data is limited to temporary visa holders given the Department is unable to provide a complete count of the number of permanent visa holders in Australia. Departmental systems can only report on visa holders who have come to the attention of the Department, either through the grant of a visa or by an arrival, since 1 September 1994 (the commencement date of the Migration Regulations 1994 and enhanced computerised record keeping). A person who became a permanent resident before that date and has not subsequently been granted a resident return visa, or travelled overseas, will not be counted. This is because the Department cannot, with sufficient certainty, determine their current residency status in the absence of such interactions. On this basis, any count of permanent visa holders in Australia drawn from departmental systems would be inaccurate.

The Department of Social Services maintains data on persons who have settled permanently in Australia, and is the official source for this data. Their Settlement Reporting Facility can be accessed at <https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/settlement-and-multicultural-affairs/programs-policy/settlement-services/settlement-reporting-facility>, and includes contact information.

1. Special Category (subclass 444) visa	
New Zealand (only eligible nationality)	666,358

2.Student (subclass 500) visa	
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	52,098
India	21,009
Nepal	12,425
Brazil	11,711
Korea, South	8,594
Malaysia	7,992
Colombia	6,910
Vietnam	6,317
Thailand	6,211
Indonesia	5,192
Japan	5,108
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	4,746
United States of America	4,730
Taiwan	4,410
Sri Lanka	3,521
Other	51,216
Total	212,190

3.Higher Education Sector (subclass 573) visa	
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	74,736
India	34,726
Nepal	12,381
Vietnam	11,370
Malaysia	8,104
Pakistan	6,498
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	5,023
Indonesia	4,864
Sri Lanka	4,059
Singapore	3,869
Saudi Arabia	3,126
Philippines	3,011
Korea, South	3,001
Bangladesh	2,450
Thailand	2,275
Other	23,445
Total	202,938

4. Temporary Work (Skilled) (subclass 457) visa	
India	35,261

United Kingdom	27,378
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	11,585
Philippines	10,542
United States of America	7,177
Ireland, Republic of	6,834
France	4,657
Korea, South	4,535
Italy	4,476
South Africa	4,265
Japan	3,907
Nepal	3,557
Canada	2,969
Brazil	2,651
Germany, Fed Republic of	2,533
Other	35,505
Total	167,832

5. Working Holiday (subclass 417) visa	
United Kingdom	27,226
Taiwan	16,490
Korea, South	15,828
France	14,000
Germany, Fed Republic of	12,630
Japan	8,256
Italy	7,854
Ireland, Republic of	5,667
Canada	4,310
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	3,250
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	3,196
Sweden	1,779
Belgium	1,538
Estonia	1,254
Finland	862
Other	1,011
Total	125,151

6. Vocational Education and Training Sector (subclass 572) visa
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Thailand	8,239
Korea, South	6,417
Malaysia	4,192
Brazil	4,140
India	3,742
Indonesia	3,295
Taiwan	2,832
Philippines	2,101
Colombia	2,080
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	1,663
Italy	1,642
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	1,247
Japan	1,113
Nepal	1,103
Vietnam	944
Other	11,870
Total	56,620

7. The Temporary Graduate (subclass 485) visa	
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	13,240
India	12,513
Nepal	5,211
Pakistan	3,021
Vietnam	2,107
Philippines	1,785
Malaysia	1,636
Sri Lanka	1,388
Indonesia	1,170
Korea, South	1,108
Bangladesh	1,081
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	677
Taiwan	449
Singapore	448
Colombia	444
Other	6,357
Total	52,635

8. Postgraduate Research Sector (subclass 574) visa
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China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	2,871
Saudi Arabia	1,314
Vietnam	1,120
Bangladesh	1,115
Iraq	1,109
Iran	1,072
India	905
Indonesia	857
Pakistan	558
Malaysia	547
Sri Lanka	543
United States of America	373
Germany, Fed Republic of	267
Singapore	250
Italy	225
Other	4,390
Total	17,516

9. School Sector (subclass 571) visa	
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	8,753
Vietnam	1,518
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	678
Korea, South	648
Papua New Guinea	327
Japan	318
Thailand	244
Malaysia	229
Cambodia	172
Taiwan	168
Indonesia	137
Germany, Fed Republic of	117
India	110
Switzerland	95
Singapore	90
Other	821
Total	14,425

10. Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa

United States of America	4,405
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	4,073
Chile	1,211
Indonesia	1,144
Argentina	552
Israel	447
Spain	425
Thailand	336
Portugal	165
Poland	149
Slovakia	132
Uruguay	114
Malaysia	71
Turkey	71
Slovenia	53
Other	28
Total	13,376

11. Maritime Crew (subclass 988) visa	
Philippines	4,573
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	1,731
India	1,360
Indonesia	515
Ukraine	353
Myanmar	227
Russian Federation	184
Korea, South	116
Taiwan	95
Greece	91
Romania	91
Turkey	86
Vanuatu	84
Sri Lanka	77
Vietnam	63
Other	694
Total	10,340

12. New Zealand Citizen Family Relationship (Temporary) (subclass 461)

visa	
United Kingdom	1,803
India	731
United States of America	406
Philippines	354
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	330
Ireland, Republic of	290
Fiji	260
Canada	247
Japan	223
Tonga	217
South Africa	205
Thailand	202
Germany, Fed Republic of	200
Korea, South	197
France	192
Other	2,628
Total	8,485

13. Temporary Work (International Relations) (subclass 403) visa	
Tonga	1,384
Vanuatu	682
United States of America	405
Timor-Leste	286
France	233
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	199
Japan	137
Papua New Guinea	122
Samoa	94
Kiribati	84
Philippines	74
Taiwan	73
Fiji	69
Indonesia	65
Spain	64
Other	441
Total	4,412

14. Diplomatic (Temporary) (subclass 995) visa

United States of America	428
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	342
Indonesia	290
Saudi Arabia	178
Japan	171
Malaysia	115
India	112
Vietnam	112
France	104
Philippines	98
Korea, South	97
Turkey	90
Russian Federation	89
Italy	82
Iraq	76
Other	2,026
Total	4,410

15. Training and Research (subclass 402) visa	
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	1,869
Philippines	294
United Kingdom	150
Korea, South	143
Japan	135
India	127
Singapore	121
United States of America	105
Germany, Fed Republic of	100
Iran	69
France	67
Vietnam	61
Sri Lanka	55
Brazil	53
Canada	51
Other	702
Total	4,102

16. Foreign Affairs or Defence Sector (subclass 576) visa
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Indonesia	970
Vietnam	554
Papua New Guinea	376
Cambodia	111
Philippines	98
Mongolia	95
Lao Peoples Dem Republic	92
Myanmar	84
Pakistan	80
Sri Lanka	59
Timor-Leste	59
Solomon Islands	58
Fiji	57
Nepal	52
Maldives	39
Other	364
Total	3,148

17. Independent ELICOS Sector (subclass 570) visa	
Colombia	427
Taiwan	412
Korea, South	308
Thailand	290
Japan	286
Malaysia	234
Italy	129
Brazil	127
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	109
Saudi Arabia	98
Chile	70
Spain	65
Czech Republic	48
Poland	43
Mongolia	33
Other	369
Total	3,048

18. Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) (subclass 400) visa

India	710
United States of America	294
United Kingdom	256
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	215
Germany, Fed Republic of	135
Philippines	133
Canada	87
South Africa	84
Malaysia	74
Indonesia	63
Thailand	63
Spain	58
Japan	50
Brazil	47
Korea South	42
Other	695
Total	3,006

19. Temporary Activity (subclass 408) visa	
United States of America	538
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	366
India	199
United Kingdom	191
Japan	130
Korea, South	116
Germany, Fed Republic of	104
Brazil	83
South Africa	80
France	70
Sri Lanka	68
Canada	64
Taiwan	62
Italy	59
Philippines	43
Other	769
Total	2,942

20. 410 Retirement (subclass 410) visa

United Kingdom	1,942
Germany, Fed Republic of	131
South Africa	117
United States of America	108
Japan	100
Netherlands, Kingdom of The	71
Switzerland	60
Singapore	59
China, Peoples Republic of (excl SARs)	38
France	37
Indonesia	37
Hong Kong (SAR of the PRC)	30
Ireland, Republic of	29
Canada	22
Malaysia	17
Other	114
Total	2,912

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At this time the Department considers the production of such data would be an unreasonable diversion of resources. Consequently, the data is not able to be produced.