

Study Permit Holders by Country

PROFESSIONAL ANALYTICAL REPORT

All countries of citizenship · 2021

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REPORT PARAMETERS

YEAR 2021	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP All countries of citizenship	ANALYSIS Citizenship
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Study permit summary

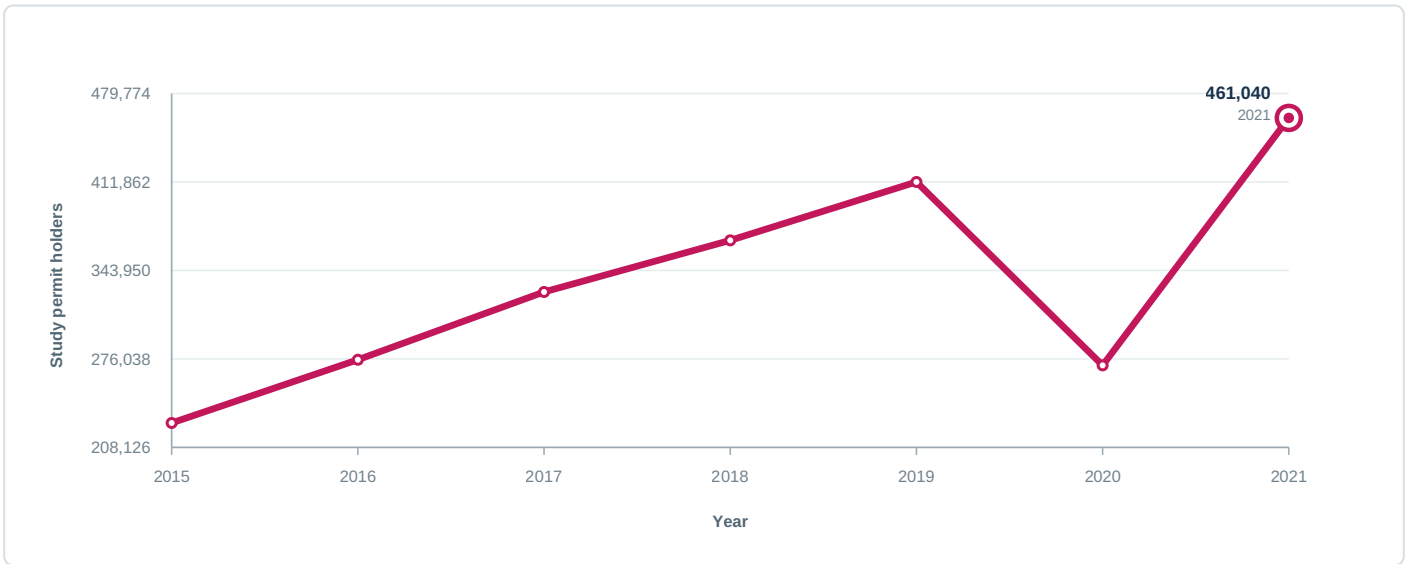
STUDY PERMIT HOLDERS 461,040 2021	LEADING CITIZENSHIP India 175,115 permit holders	HISTORICAL COVERAGE 7 Years available	SUPPRESSED RECORDS 505 Excluded from published total
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This report summarizes published study permit-holder data for All countries of citizenship in 2021, including historical context, country rankings, suppression information, and annual trends.

TREND ANALYSIS

Annual study permit-holder trend for All countries of citizenship

Annual published study permit-holder totals for All countries of citizenship.



HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Historical performance

PEAK YEAR 2021 461,040 permit holders	HISTORICAL AVERAGE 334,394 Complete years	SELECTED YEAR 461,040 2021	VS. HISTORICAL AVERAGE + 37.9% Above average
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KEY INSIGHTS

What the data shows

- 1 Compared with historical average**
The selected year is 37.9% above the average for complete years.
- 2 Leading category**
India ranks first with 175,115 published study permit holders, representing 38.0% of the published total.
- 3 Largest increase**
India had the largest increase between 2020 and 2021, rising by 90,180 published permit holders.
- 4 Largest decline**
China, People's Republic of had the largest decline between 2020 and 2021, falling by 2,880 published permit holders.

COMPARISON

Top countries of citizenship

RANK	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP	STUDY PERMIT HOLDERS	SHARE	SUPPRESSED RECORDS
1	India	175,115	38.0%	0
2	China, People's Republic of	58,740	12.7%	0
3	France	20,665	4.5%	0
4	Philippines	14,845	3.2%	0
5	Iran	12,470	2.7%	0
6	Korea, Republic of	11,205	2.4%	0
7	Nigeria	10,150	2.2%	0
8	Mexico	10,090	2.2%	0
9	Vietnam	9,715	2.1%	0

RANK	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP	STUDY PERMIT HOLDERS	SHARE	SUPPRESSED RECORDS
10	Brazil	8,805	1.9%	0

Historical trend

Annual study permit trend for All countries of citizenship

YEAR	STUDY PERMIT HOLDERS	YOY CHANGE	SUPPRESSED RECORDS	COVERAGE
2015	226,860	—	595	Complete year
2016	275,405	+21.4%	556	Complete year
2017	327,435	+18.9%	553	Complete year
2018	367,050	+12.1%	544	Complete year
2019	411,860	+12.2%	566	Complete year
2020	271,105	-34.2%	600	Complete year
2021	461,040	+70.1%	505	Complete year

DATASET INFORMATION

About this report

Source, selection, coverage, and generation details for this analytical report.

DATASET	PUBLISHER	YEAR
Study permit holders by country of citizenship and year	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada	2021
COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP	ANALYSIS	RECORDS INCLUDED
All countries of citizenship	Citizenship	0
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METHODOLOGY

How this report was prepared

This report uses published Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada study permit-holder data by country of citizenship and the year in which study permits became effective.

Historical totals, rankings, shares, annual changes, suppression counts, and analytical findings are derived from the same normalized records used by the interactive Study Permit Explorer.

Important note

Published totals may exclude suppressed values. Suppressed records are reported separately where present and are not included in published study permit-holder totals.

ABOUT DATA EXPLORER

Public data, made easier to explore

Data Explorer is a collection of interactive tools that transform official public datasets into searchable charts, summaries, analytical reports, and downloadable documents.

The information presented in this report is derived from published source data. Charts, calculated values, and analytical highlights are generated automatically from normalized records while preserving the meaning of the original dataset.

APPLICATION	GENERATED	WEBSITE
Study Permit Citizenship Explorer	September 24, 2026, 11:06 a.m.	data.howsoonisnow.ca
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