

Study Permit Holders by Country

PROFESSIONAL ANALYTICAL REPORT

All countries of citizenship · 2026

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REPORT PARAMETERS

YEAR 2026	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP All countries of citizenship	ANALYSIS Citizenship
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Study permit summary

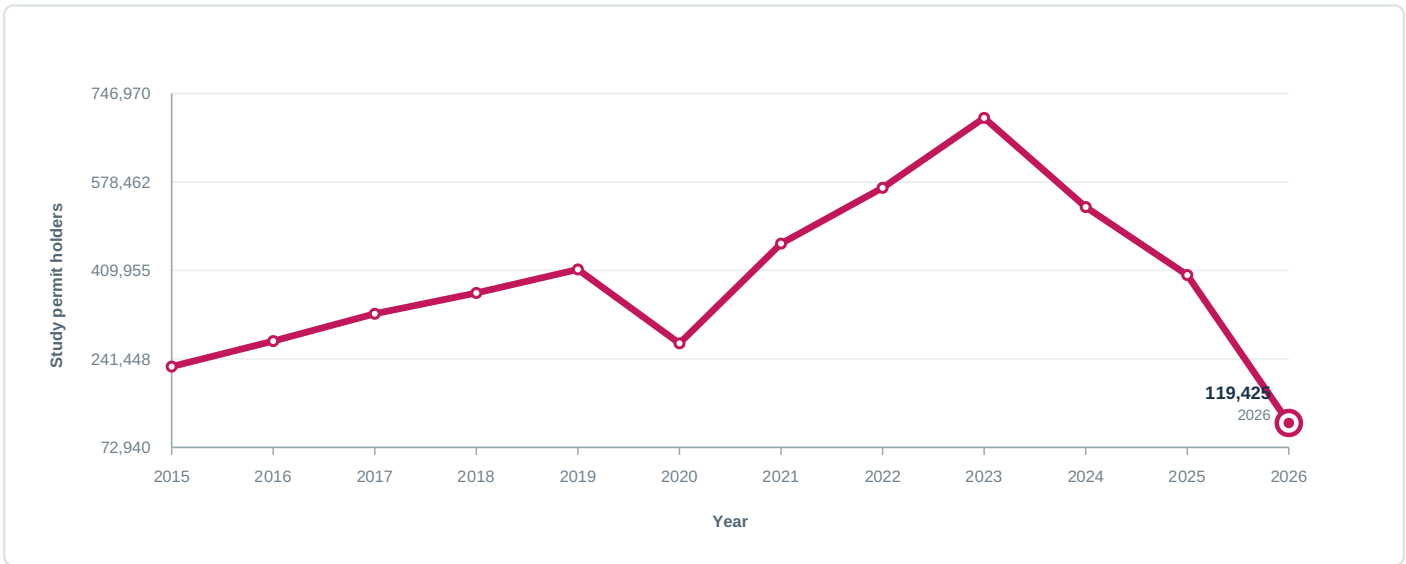
STUDY PERMIT HOLDERS 119,425 2026	LEADING CITIZENSHIP India 28,755 permit holders	HISTORICAL COVERAGE 12 Years available	SUPPRESSED RECORDS 201 Excluded from published total
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This report summarizes published study permit-holder data for All countries of citizenship in 2026, 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 2023 700,485 permit holders	HISTORICAL AVERAGE 412,772 Complete years	SELECTED YEAR 119,425 2026	VS. HISTORICAL AVERAGE % At average
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KEY INSIGHTS

What the data shows

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Leading category

India ranks first with 28,755 published study permit holders, representing 24.1% of the published total.
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Largest increase

United States of America had the largest increase between 2024 and 2025, rising by 1,835 published permit holders.
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Largest decline

India had the largest decline between 2024 and 2025, falling by 93,945 published permit holders.

COMPARISON

Top countries of citizenship

RANK	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP	STUDY PERMIT HOLDERS	SHARE	SUPPRESSED RECORDS
1	India	28,755	24.1%	0
2	China, People's Republic of	14,505	12.1%	0
3	Nigeria	8,365	7.0%	0
4	Ukraine	6,510	5.5%	0
5	Philippines	6,125	5.1%	0
6	Korea, Republic of	3,345	2.8%	0
7	Vietnam	3,260	2.7%	0
8	Iran	2,850	2.4%	0
9	France	2,455	2.1%	0
10	Mexico	2,380	2.0%	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
2022	567,330	+23.1%	468	Complete year
2023	700,485	+23.5%	447	Complete year
2024	530,705	-24.2%	482	Complete year
2025	401,220	-24.4%	493	Complete year
2026	119,425	—	201	Year to date

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	2026
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, 9:40 a.m.	data.howsoonisnow.ca
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