

Passport Service Press Release 2022

A Summary of the Year in Statistics

Correct to 16 December 2022

The Passport Service 2022

The Passport Service has had a year of unprecedented demand in 2022. This was a direct result of pent-up demand for travel after two years of pandemic-related restrictions. The Passport Service is set to issue just under 1.1 million passports in 2022, an increase of 17% on the previous busiest ever year, 2019, when 935,000 passports were issued.

Passport Online is the preferred channel for the majority of Irish citizens when applying for their passport and currently over 90% of all passport applications are submitted online by citizens in Ireland and abroad.

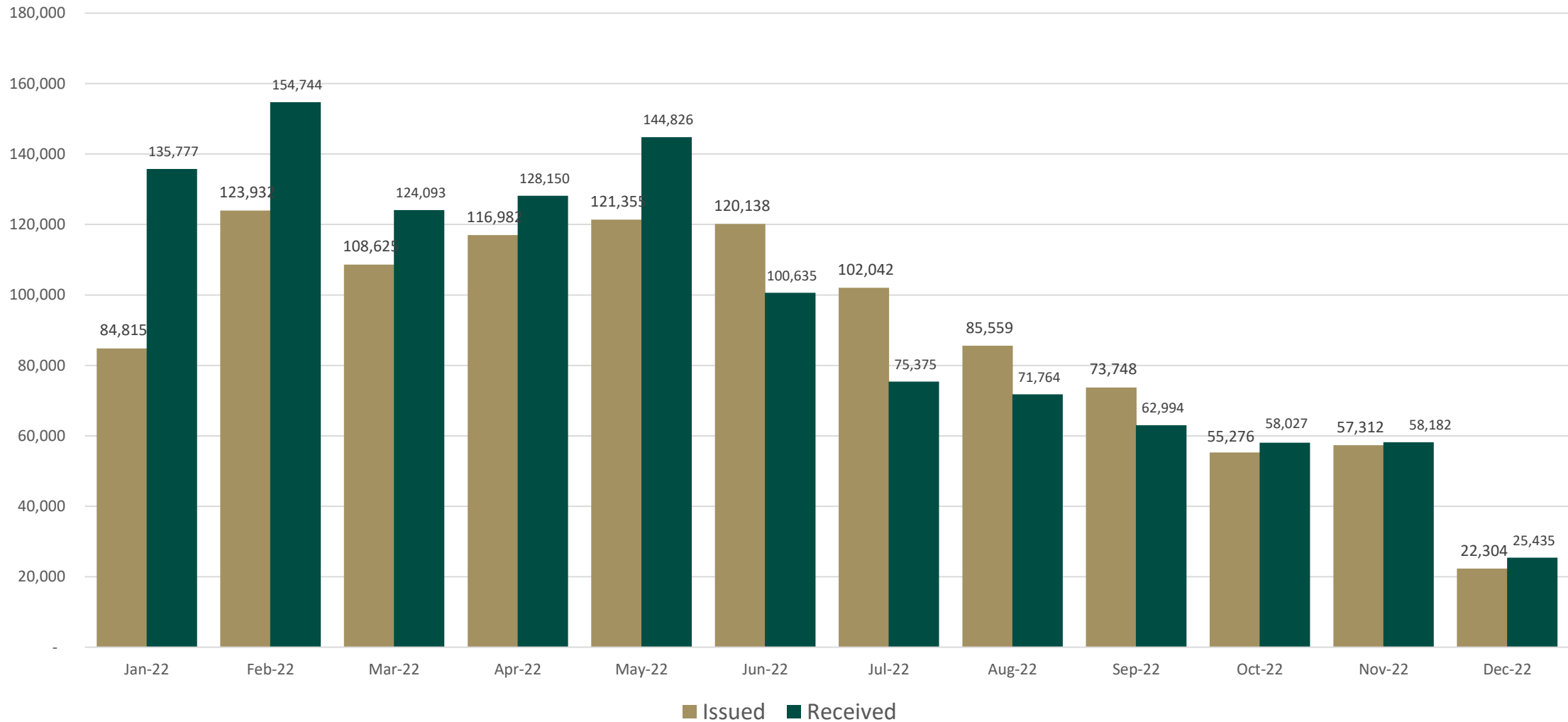
The processing of Foreign Birth Registration (FBR) applications was paused for most of the pandemic, with the exception of urgent applications. FBR processing resumed at the end of 2021. Demand for this service increased significantly as a result of the Brexit vote in the UK. In 2015, prior to Brexit, a total of 6,000 entries were made to the register. The Passport Service is set to enter over 20,000 people onto the Foreign Births Register in 2022.

Passport Applications Received and Passports Issued



Received: 1,140,048
Issued: 1,072,088

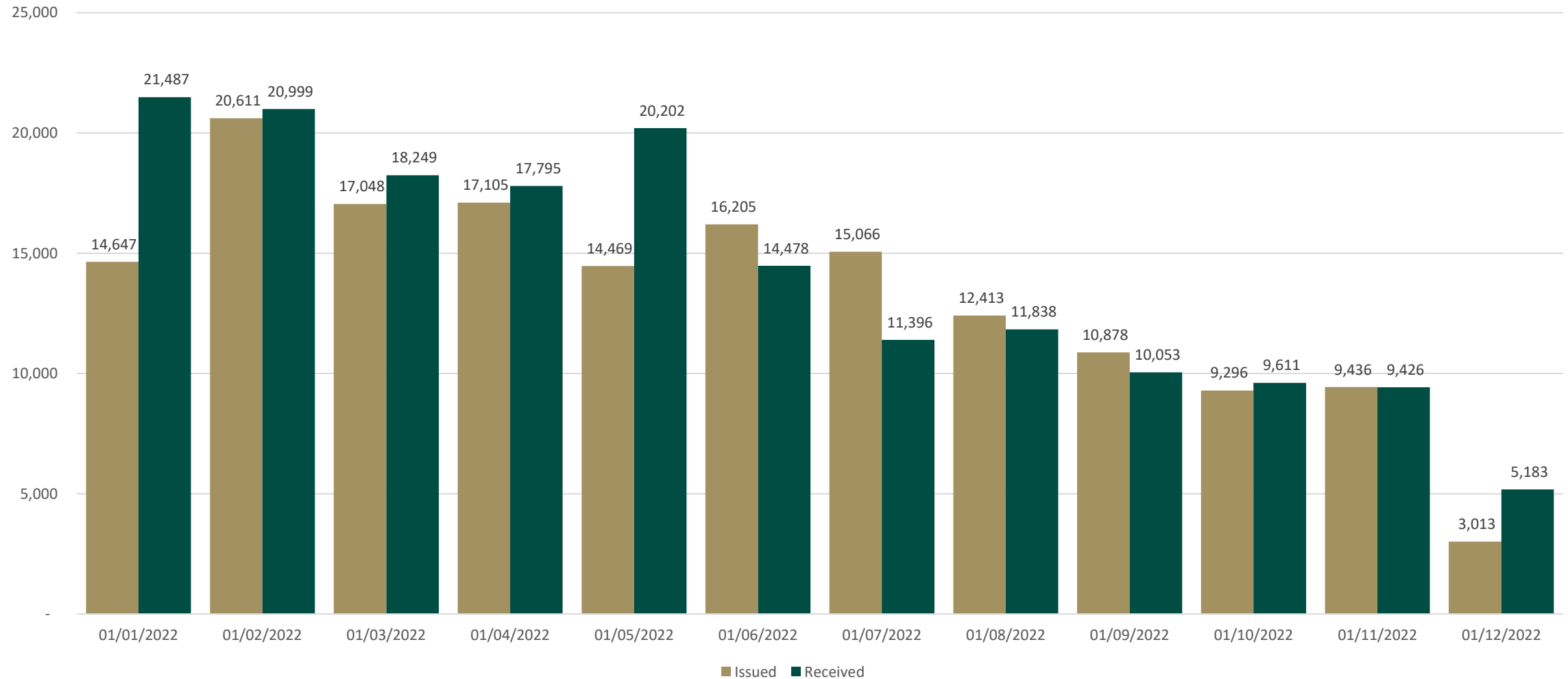
Passports Received and Issued (up to 16th December 2022)



Card Applications Received and Cards Issued

Passport Cards Received and Issued (up to 16th December 2022)

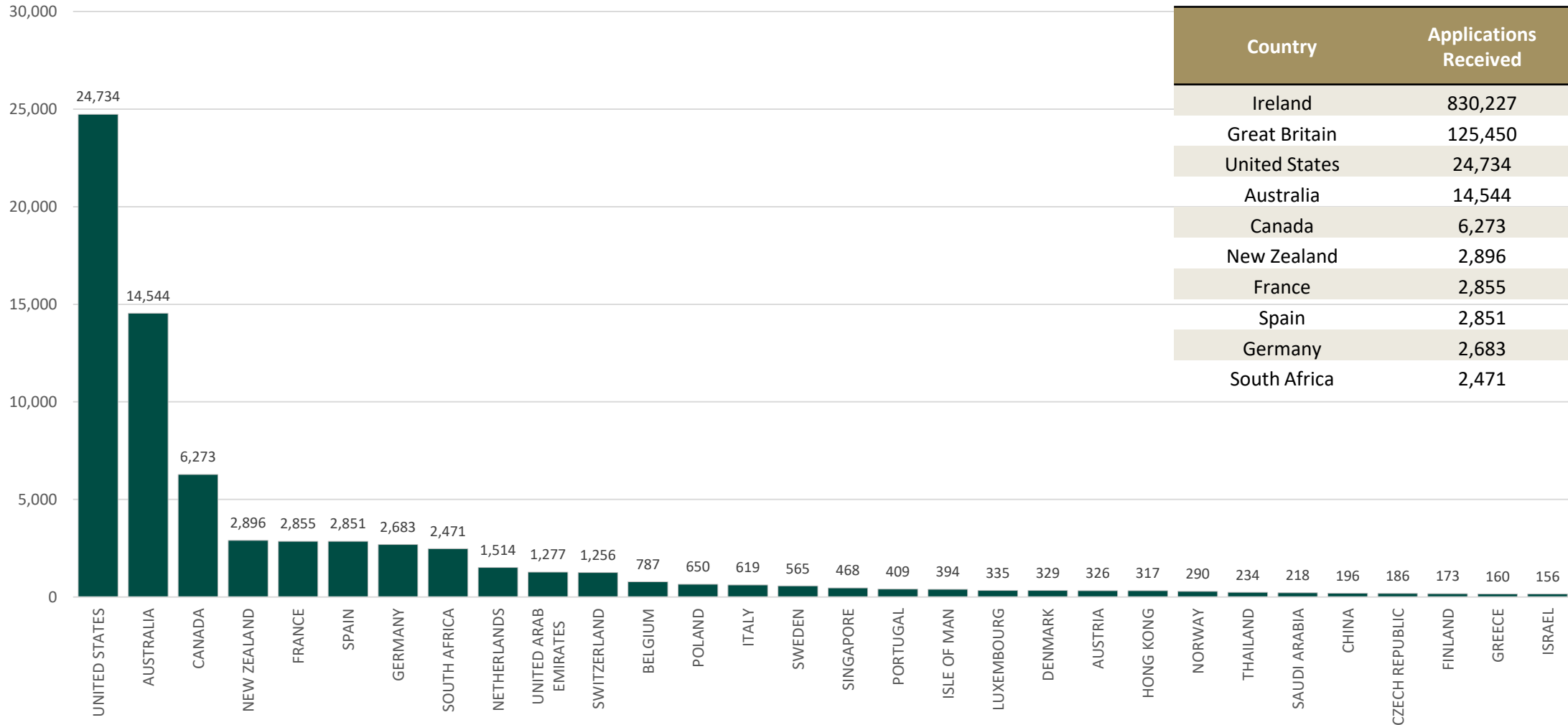
Received: 170,717
Issued: 160,187



Passport Online Applications Only - Top 30 Postal Countries (i.e. residence of applicant)

These figures relate to online applications only

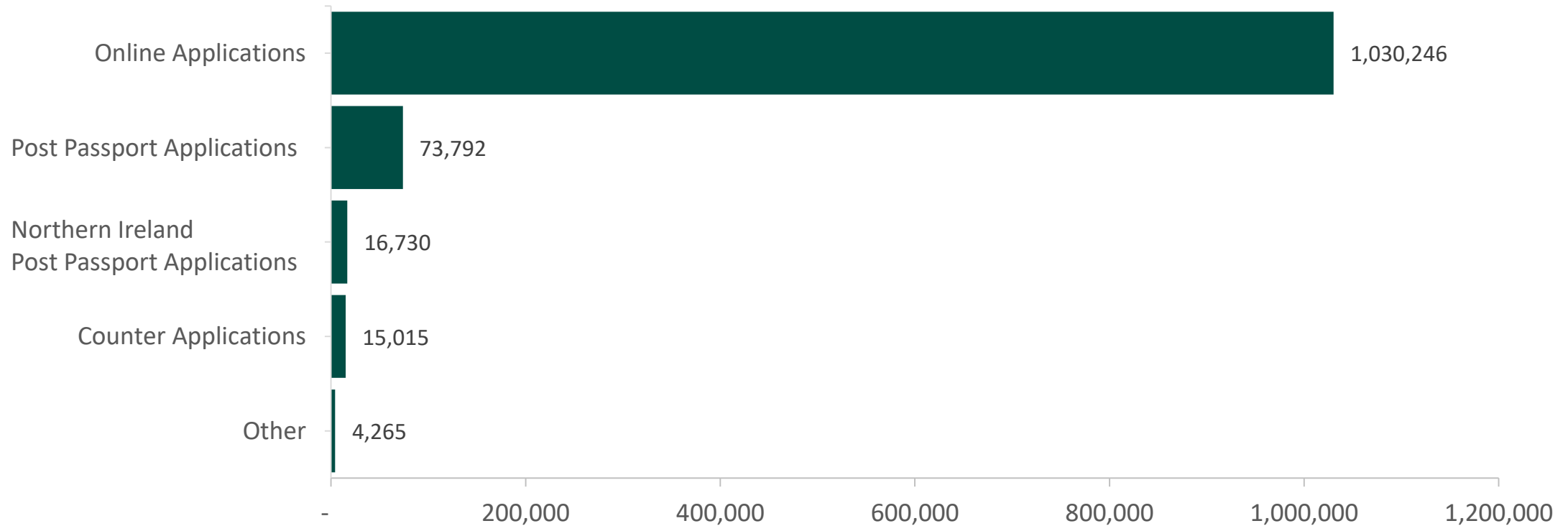
Note – Graph excludes the highest 2 figures – Ireland and Great Britain



Passport Online vs Paper



Channels used in 2022 for passport applications



Oldest and Youngest Applicants 2022

The Oldest and Youngest Applicants of 2022



Oldest Online Applicant:

102 years

Oldest Paper Applicant:

101 years

Youngest Online Applicant:

7 days

Youngest Paper Applicant:

3 days

Most Popular Baby Names

Most Popular Baby Names in 2022



SOPHIE EMILY MIA
AMELIA FIADH AVA
GRACE ISLA
SAOIRSE LILY OLIVIA
EMMA
SOPHIA AOIFE ELLA

DANIEL NOAH FIONN
LIAM JACK CILLIAN
FINN JAMES OISÍN
LEO
RÍAN
CHARLIE TADHG CONOR
ADAM

County level applications

The background features a 3D perspective of a road network. The roads are represented by glowing green lines that curve and branch out across the scene. A faint grid pattern is visible on the ground surface, suggesting a geographic information system or data visualization. The overall color palette is a gradient of dark to light green.

Passport Online by County – Adult Applications

Passport Online Adult Applications Received by County, Renewal and First Time



County	Adult Renewal Applications Received	Adult First Time Applications Received	Total Adult Applications
Dublin	113,541	9,214	122,755
Cork	48,426	3,261	51,687
Galway	22,776	1,762	24,538
Kildare	20,946	1,439	22,385
Antrim	12,139	7,405	19,544
Meath	18,209	1,227	19,436
Limerick	16,666	1,356	18,022
Donegal	14,093	1,168	15,261
Tipperary	13,463	1,075	14,538
Wexford	13,061	1,227	14,288
Wicklow	13,201	967	14,168
Kerry	12,779	994	13,773
Down	8,611	5,086	13,697
Louth	12,276	856	13,132
Mayo	11,907	875	12,782
Waterford	10,495	865	11,360
Clare	10,308	715	11,023
Derry	7,209	2,267	9,476
Kilkenny	8,102	632	8,734
Westmeath	7,754	661	8,415
Laois	6,580	644	7,224
Offaly	6,371	575	6,946
Tyrone	5,026	1,802	6,828
Cavan	6,150	547	6,697
Sligo	6,049	464	6,513
Carlow	5,301	497	5,798
Roscommon	5,341	431	5,772
Monaghan	4,993	389	5,382
Armagh	3,538	1,502	5,040
Longford	3,208	358	3,566
Leitrim	2,701	240	2,941
Fermanagh	1,684	481	2,165
Total	452,904	50,982	503,886

Passport Online by County – Child Applications

Passport Online Child Applications Received by County, Renewal and First Time



County	Child Renewal Applications Received	Child First Time Applications Received	Total Child Applications
Dublin	54,817	23,702	78,519
Cork	24,482	9,815	34,297
Kildare	11,553	4,430	15,983
Galway	11,195	4,591	15,786
Meath	10,965	4,151	15,116
Antrim	7,064	4,560	11,624
Limerick	8,006	3,257	11,263
Wicklow	7,096	2,727	9,823
Down	5,571	3,778	9,349
Donegal	6,462	2,599	9,061
Tipperary	6,225	2,603	8,828
Wexford	6,036	2,668	8,704
Louth	5,998	2,425	8,423
Kerry	5,703	2,411	8,114
Mayo	5,283	2,224	7,507
Clare	5,169	2,035	7,204
Waterford	5,139	2,041	7,180
Derry	3,987	2,206	6,193
Kilkenny	4,099	1,637	5,736
Westmeath	3,621	1,587	5,208
Laois	3,567	1,415	4,982
Tyrone	3,204	1,731	4,935
Cavan	3,090	1,279	4,369
Offaly	3,110	1,225	4,335
Sligo	2,745	1,170	3,915
Armagh	2,422	1,415	3,837
Monaghan	2,480	1,146	3,626
Carlow	2,476	1,070	3,546
Roscommon	2,517	1,025	3,542
Longford	1,511	641	2,152
Leitrim	1,354	549	1,903
Fermanagh	968	486	1,454
Total	227,915	98,599	326,514

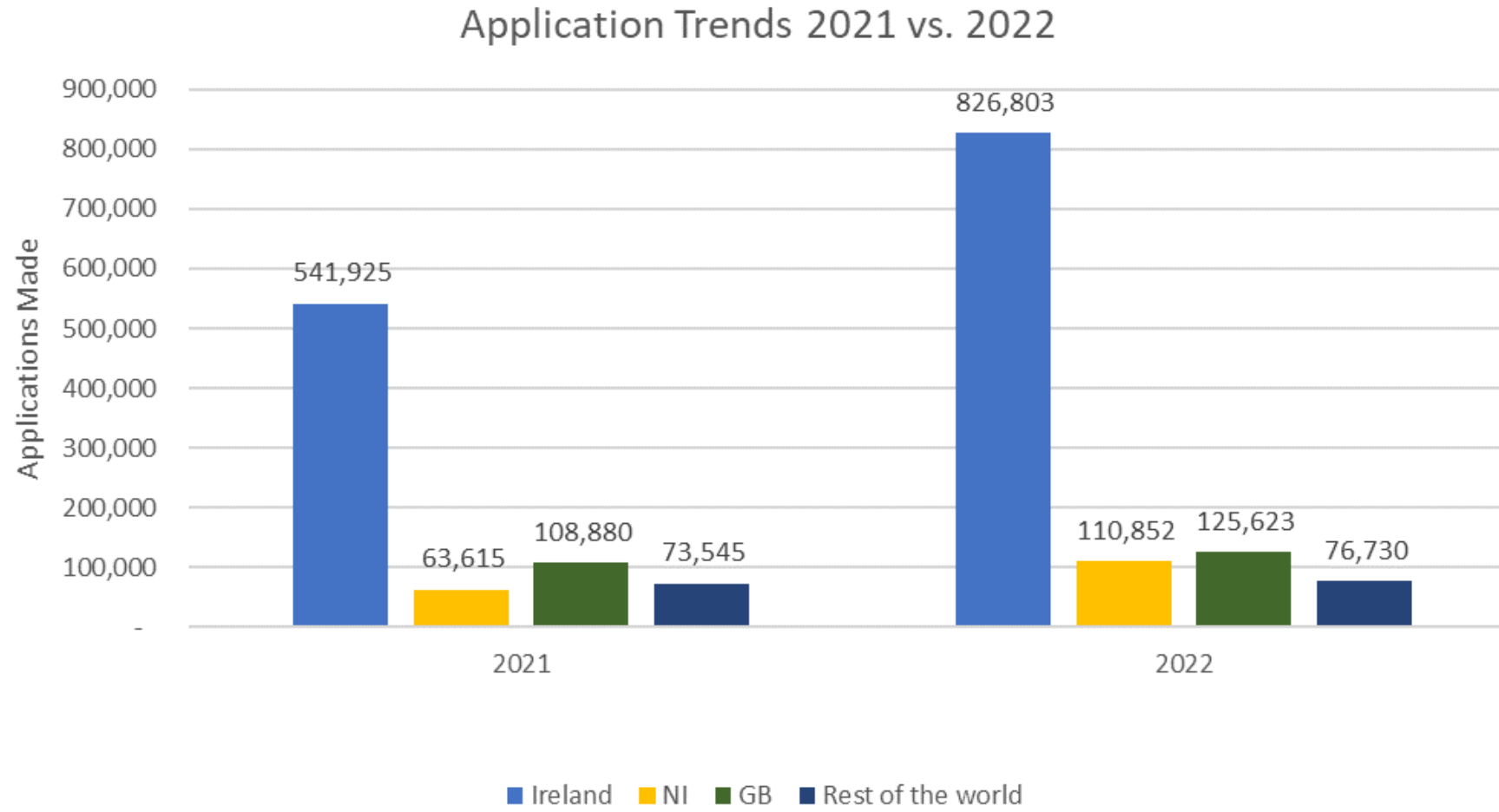
Application Trends

The background of the slide is a vibrant, monochromatic green. It features a perspective view of a winding, glowing path that recedes into the distance. The path is composed of multiple parallel lines, some of which are blurred to create a sense of motion and depth. The overall aesthetic is clean, modern, and high-tech, typical of a digital or data-related presentation.

Application Trends



Application Trends in 2021 vs. 2022



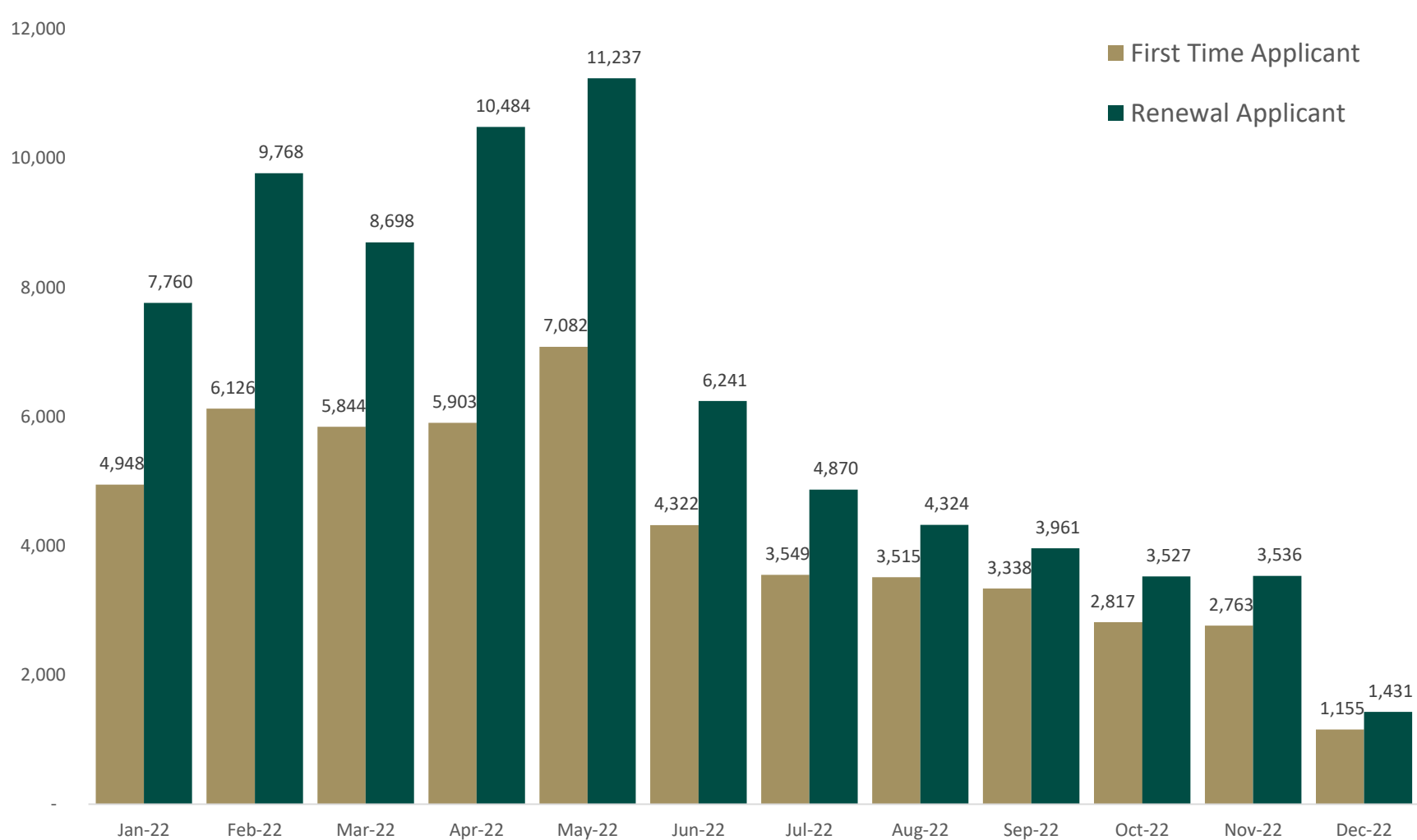
Applications from Northern Ireland and Great Britain



Resident in Northern Ireland – First Time and Renewal Applications (up to 16th December 2022)



The chart below shows all first time and renewal applicants who applied through Northern Ireland Post Passport or through Passport Online with a postal address in Northern Ireland in 2022

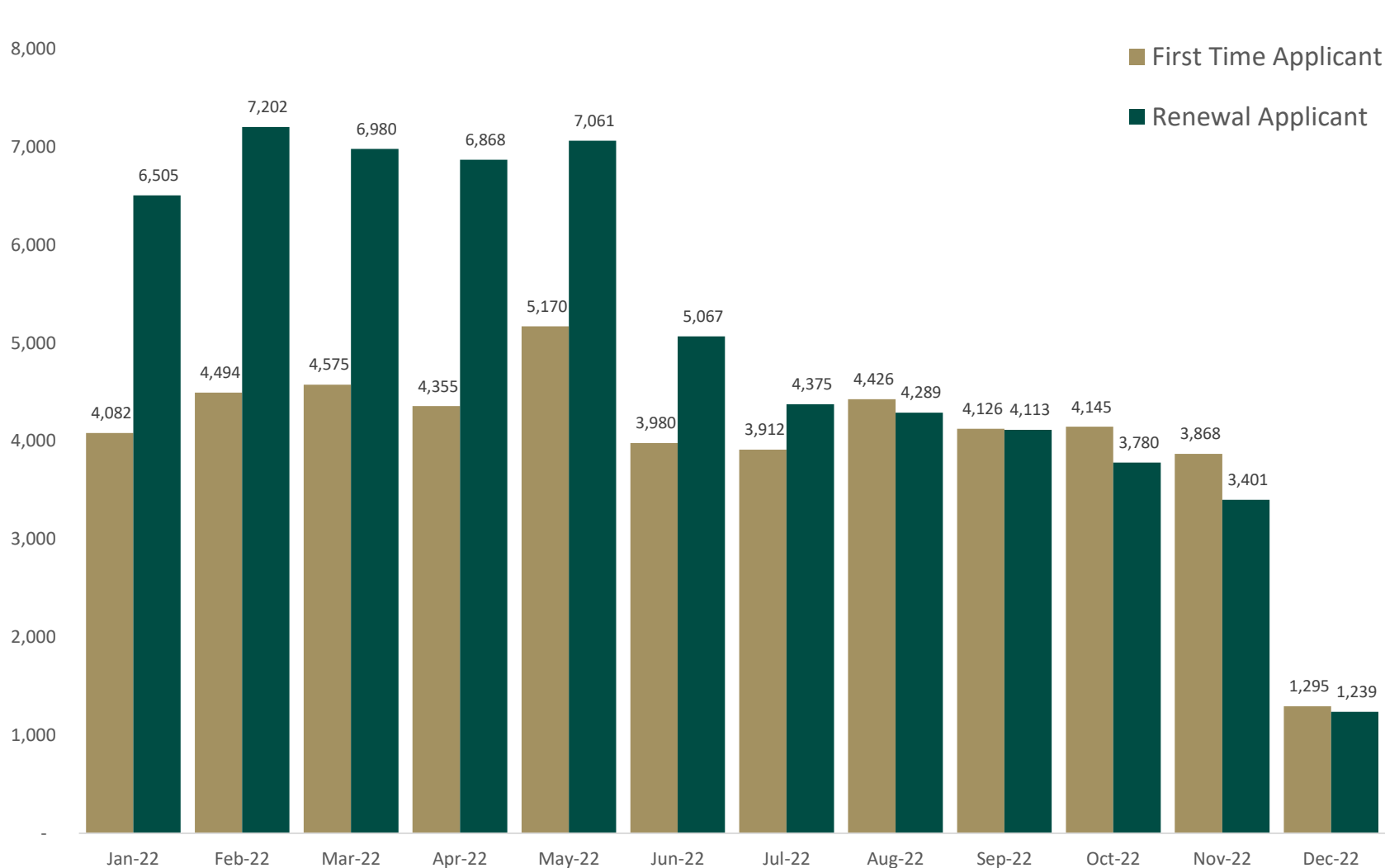


Register Month	Type	Count
Jan-22	First Time	4,948
Feb-22	First Time	6,126
Mar-22	First Time	5,844
Apr-22	First Time	5,903
May-22	First Time	7,082
Jun-22	First Time	4,322
Jul-22	First Time	3,549
Aug-22	First Time	3,515
Sep-22	First Time	3,338
Oct-22	First Time	2,817
Nov-22	First Time	2,763
Dec-22	First Time	1,155
Jan-22	Renewal	7,760
Feb-22	Renewal	9,768
Mar-22	Renewal	8,698
Apr-22	Renewal	10,484
May-22	Renewal	11,237
Jun-22	Renewal	6,241
Jul-22	Renewal	4,870
Aug-22	Renewal	4,324
Sep-22	Renewal	3,961
Oct-22	Renewal	3,527
Nov-22	Renewal	3,536
Dec-22	Renewal	1,431
	Total	127,199

Resident in Great Britain – First Time and Renewal Applications (up to 16th December 2022)



The chart below shows all first time and renewal applicants who applied through offices in Great Britain or through Passport Online with a postal address in Great Britain in 2022



Register Month	Type	Count
Jan-22	First Time	4,082
Feb-22	First Time	4,494
Mar-22	First Time	4,575
Apr-22	First Time	4,355
May-22	First Time	5,170
Jun-22	First Time	3,980
Jul-22	First Time	3,912
Aug-22	First Time	4,426
Sep-22	First Time	4,126
Oct-22	First Time	4,145
Nov-22	First Time	3,868
Dec-22	First Time	1,295
Jan-22	Renewal	6,505
Feb-22	Renewal	7,202
Mar-22	Renewal	6,980
Apr-22	Renewal	6,868
May-22	Renewal	7,061
Jun-22	Renewal	5,067
Jul-22	Renewal	4,375
Aug-22	Renewal	4,289
Sep-22	Renewal	4,113
Oct-22	Renewal	3,780
Nov-22	Renewal	3,401
Dec-22	Renewal	1,239
	Total:	109,308

Foreign Birth Registration

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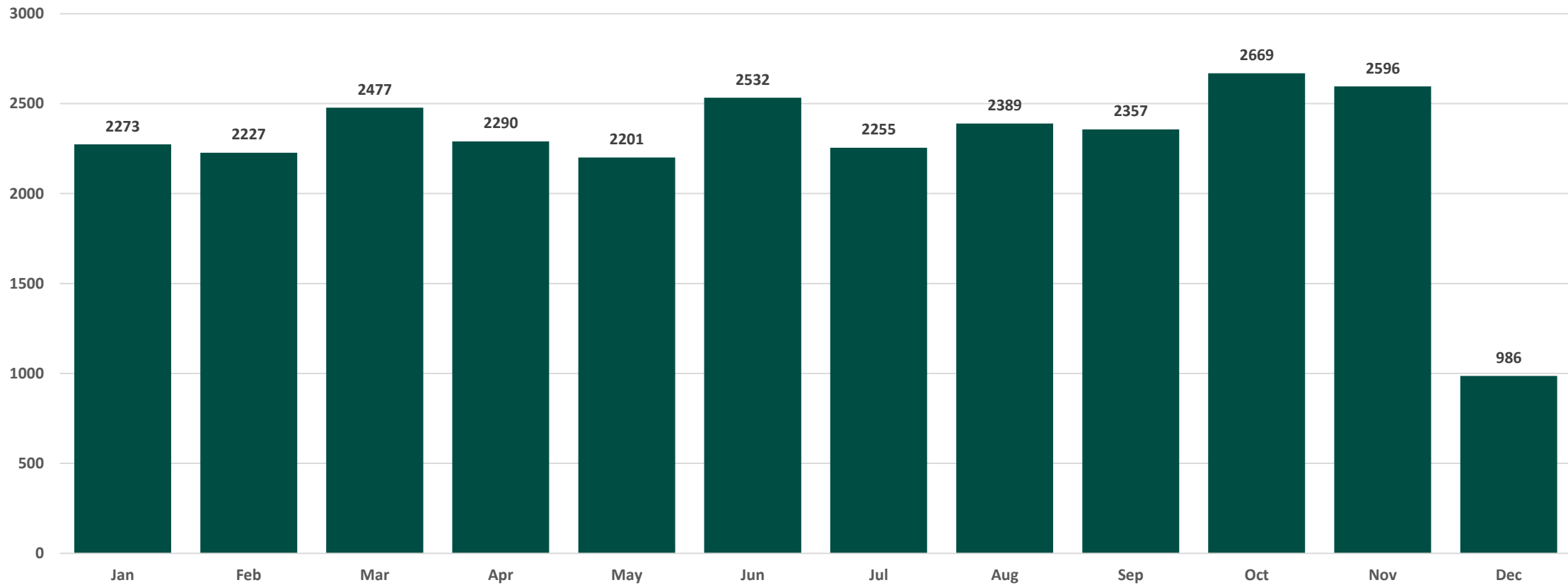
Applications Received 2022

Foreign Birth Registration Applications Received per Month 2022



Foreign Birth Registration Applications Received per Month 2022

Total: 27,252

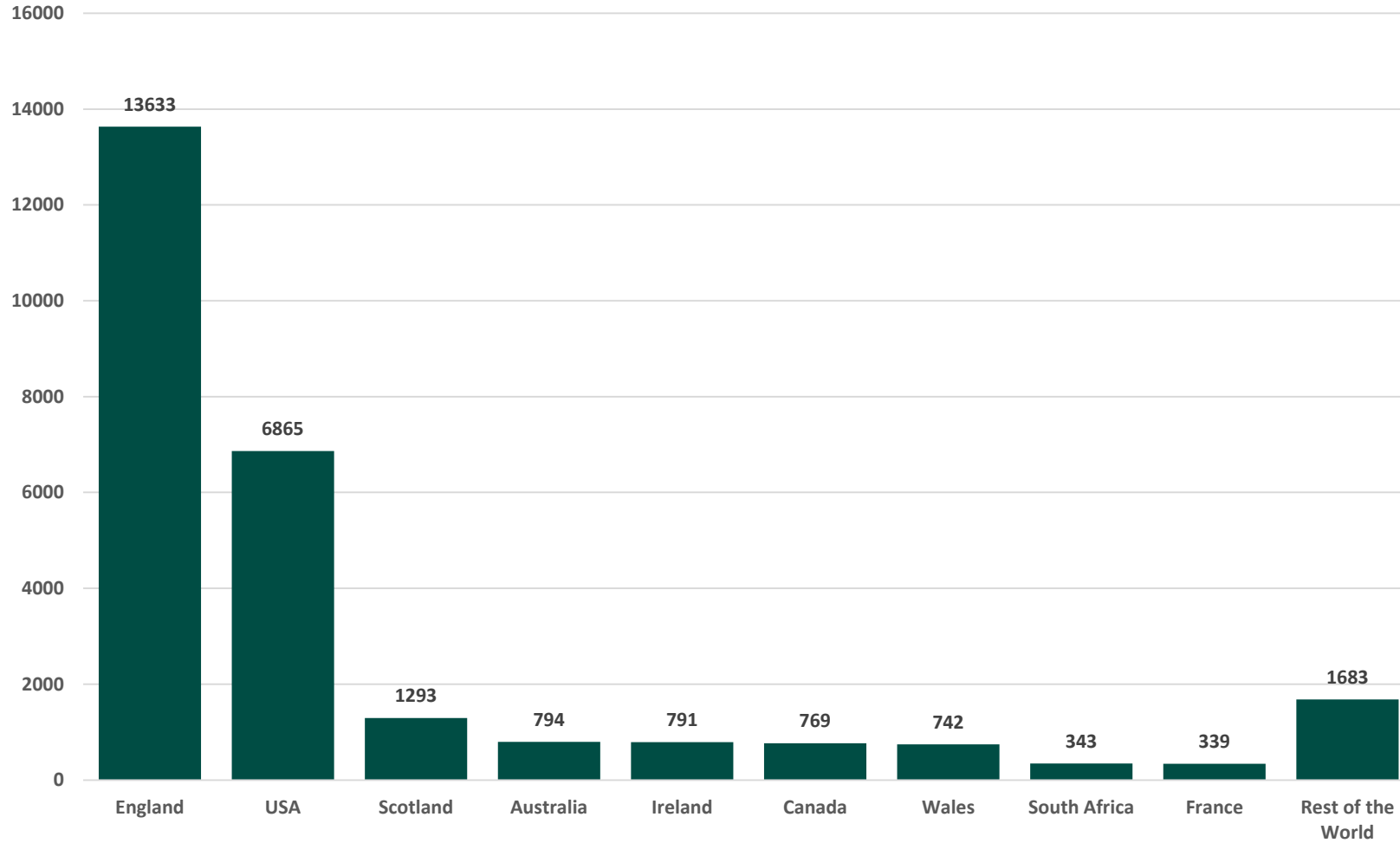


Applications by Country 2022

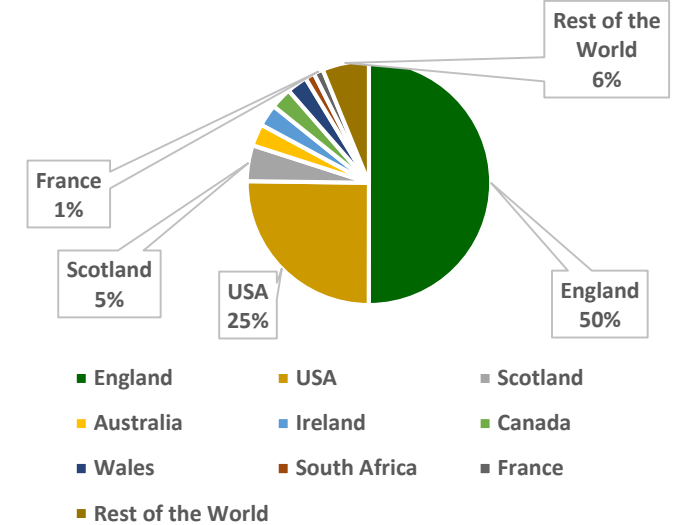
Foreign Birth Registration Applications Received by Country 2022



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Foreign Birth Registration Applications Breakdown 2022



England	50%
USA	25%
Scotland	5%
Canada	3%
Australia	3%
Ireland	3%
South Africa	3%
New Zeland	1%
Wales	1%
Rest of the World	6%

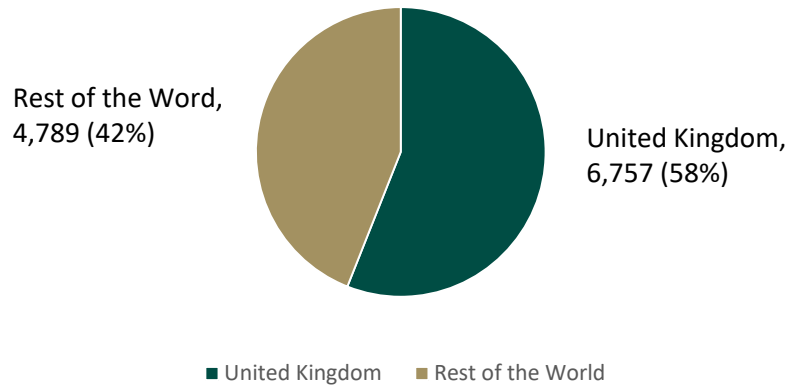
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Foreign Birth Registration Application Trends

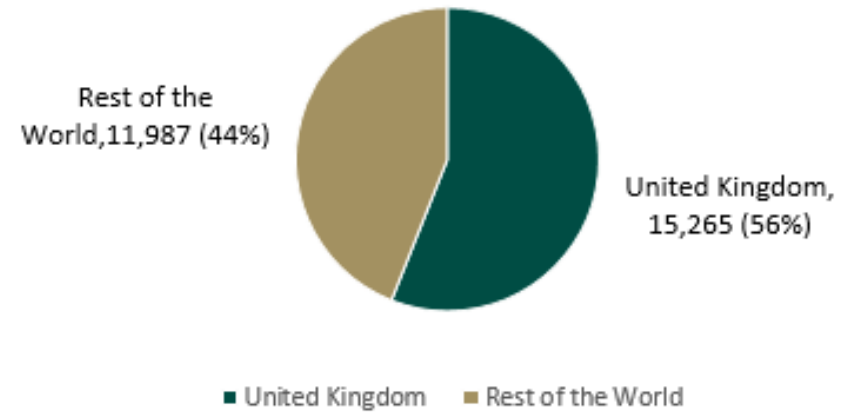
Foreign Birth Registration Applications Received in 2021 vs 2022

Foreign Birth Registration Applications Breakdown 2021



2021 Total: 11,546

Foreign Birth Registration Applications Breakdown 2022



2022 Total: 27,252

Customer Service Response

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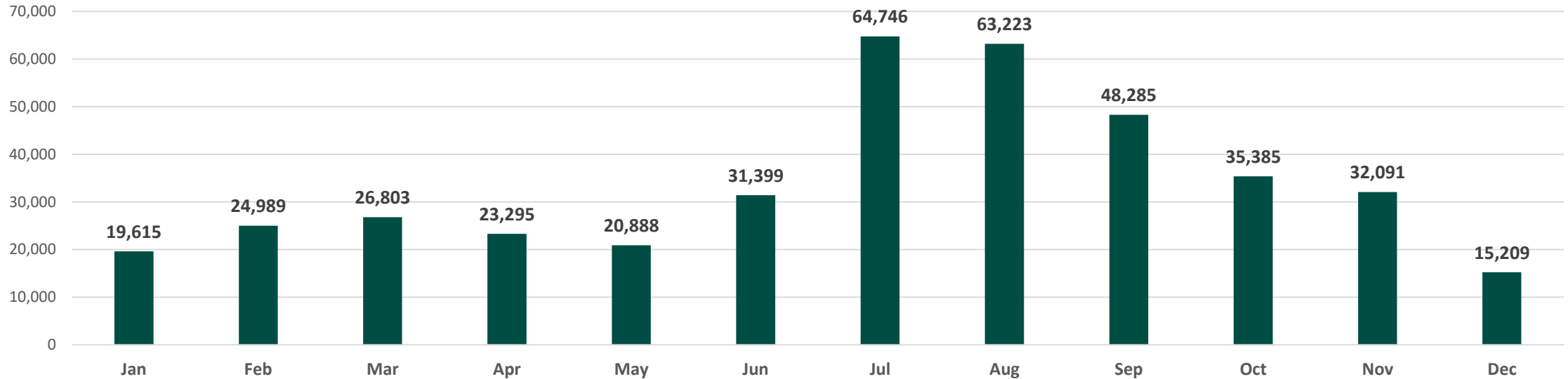
Total Contacts 2022



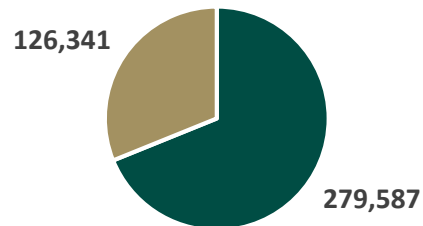
The Total Number of Contacts with the Public via Phone and WebChat

Total Contacts per Month 2022

Total Contacts: 405,928



Calls vs Chats 2022



■ Total Calls Handled (69%) ■ Total Chats Handled (31%)

WebChats and Calls per Month 2022



The Number of WebChats and Calls Handled per Month 2022

