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# **New developments, including report on work in progress and future plans for Home Office Migration Statistics**

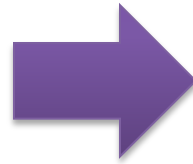
Presented by: Amy Everton & David Matz  
Migration Statistics – Migration and Border Analysis  
15 September 2015

# What we do

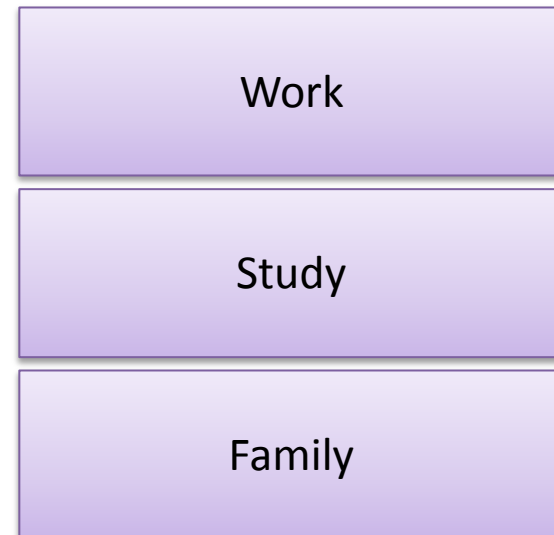
Quarterly *Immigration Statistics* publication

## DATA & INDIVIDUAL TOPICS

Visas	Asylum
Sponsorship (CoS/CAS)	Detention
Admissions	Removals & voluntary departures
Extensions	
Settlement	Citizenship



## CROSS-CUTTING TOPICS



Plus:

Ad hoc analysis, collaboration with ONS, supplying data to Eurostat, data development, briefing, providing evidence for policy.

# Significant media coverage

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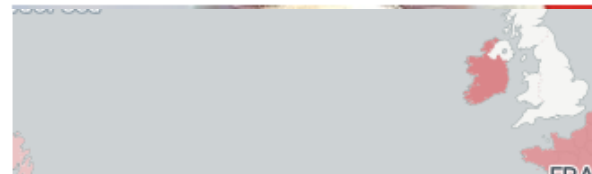
James Brokenshire, the Home Office min  
reliant" on foreign workers as net migrati

## Net migration to UK hits record high of 330,000

## Germany gets 27 Syrian asylum applications for every one to the UK

ribes 94,000 annual rise in overall

Britain receives fewer asylum seekers  
polls in two countries show contrastin



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## Foreign worker numbers soar as Romanians registering in Britain triple in just one year

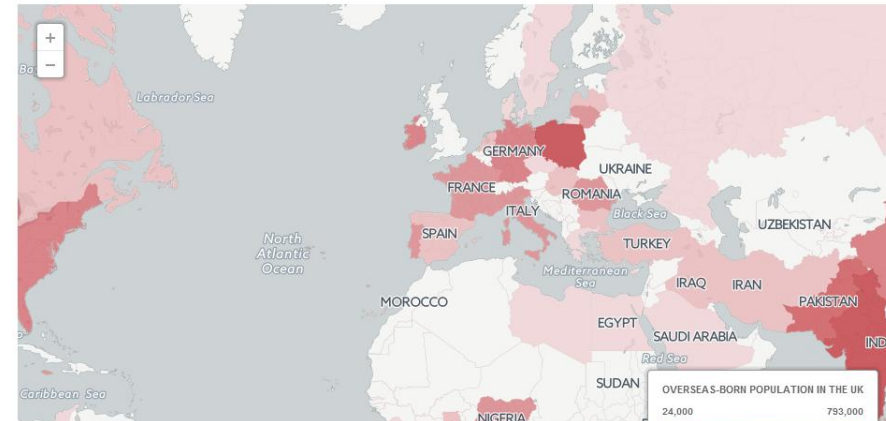
Government figures, obtained by The Telegraph ahead of this week's official  
immigration data, show net migration to work in Britain

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Immigration statistics show record level of UK net migration – as it happened

Net migration rises 94,000 year-on-year, just weeks after the Government launches new commitment to a target of below 100,000

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## UK net migration hits record high

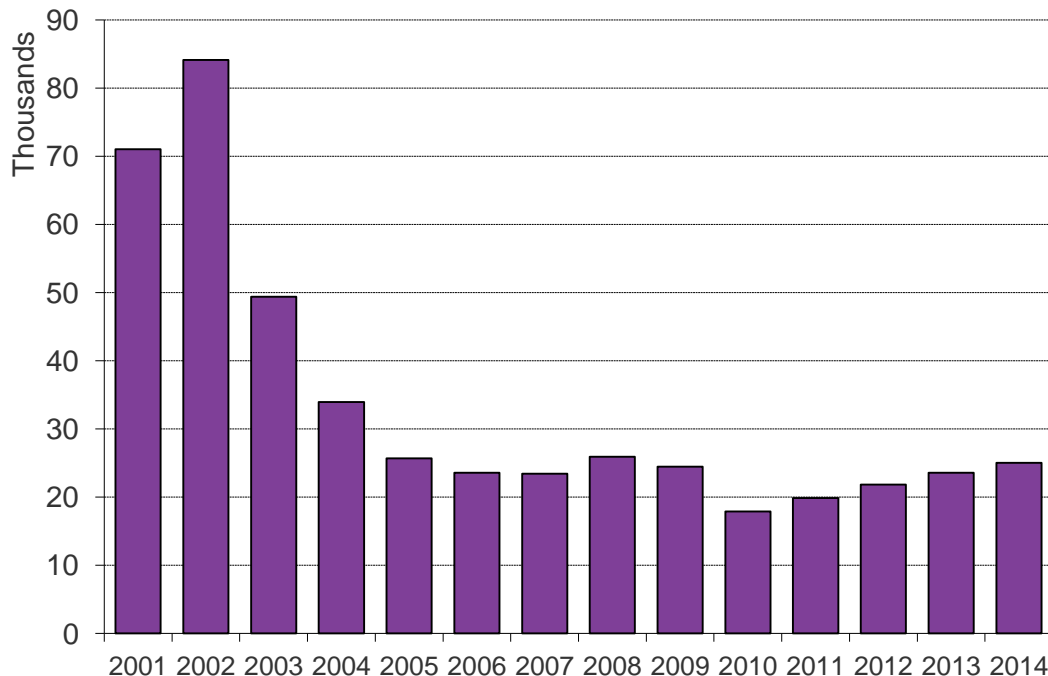
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Net migration to the UK is at an all-time high, reaching 330,000 in the year to for National Statistics has said.

## Refugees welcome? How UK and Germany compare on migration

# Asylum applications have fallen significantly from their peak in 2002 but have risen in each of the last four years

## Main applicants



### In the year ending June 2015:

- 25,771 asylum applications (+10%)
- 28,538 asylum initial decisions (+107%)

### Of these:

- 41% (11,600) were grants either of asylum or an alternative form of protection
- 37% (5,120) in the previous year (out of 13,795 decisions)

### In YE June 2015:

- 809 people were **resettled** in the UK
- 166 granted Humanitarian Protection under **Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation** scheme.
- 1,691 **Syrians** were granted asylum or another form of protection.

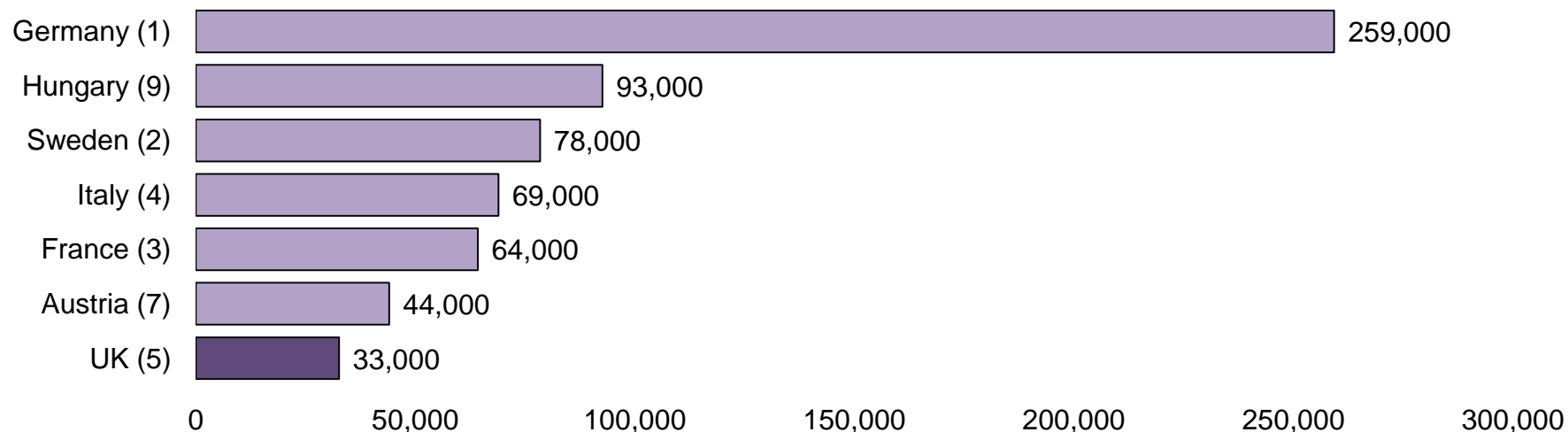
Ranking	YE June 2015 (YE June 2014)	YE June 2015 applications	Change compared to YE June 2014	Grant rates based on initial decisions(1)
1 (2)	Eritrea	3,568	1,455	73%
2 (1)	Pakistan	2,302	-786	22%
3 (4)	Syria	2,204	516	87%
4 (3)	Iran	2,049	16	57%
5 (8)	Sudan	1,799	861	83%

# Provisional data for YE June 2015 show UK is ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the EU for asylum applications

## Main applicants and dependants

### Total applications for asylum in the top 7 EU member states

Year ending June 2015 (with previous rank for YE June 2014)



**Latest Eurostat data** (not in Home Office published statistics) show:


- In YE March 2015: **UK grant rate was 37%** (Germany 43%, Hungary 9%, Sweden 75%)

In January to March 2015,:

- **Germany** received 73,000 applications for asylum: 21,000 applications from Kosovans, 14,000 from Syrians, Albanians (6,000) and Serbians (6,000).
- Of 33,000 applications received in Hungary, 23,000 were from Kosovans. In the previous year, Hungary received 21,000 applications from Kosovans but granted only 10 Kosovans Humanitarian Protection.

# Recent developments

## November 2014

- Detention in prisons solely under Immigration Act powers 
- Update to geographical regions (ONS)

As at 29 June 2015, there were **373 detainees held in prison** establishments in England and Wales solely under immigration powers.

## February 2015

- Migrant Journey report (2008 cohort) 

- 20% of those issued **skilled work** visas in 2008 had been granted settlement 5 years later;

## August 2015

- Implementing GSS spreadsheet recommendations

- 77% issued **family** visas in the 2008 cohort had been granted settlement 5 years later.

## Ongoing

- Work with ONS on reconciling sources
- Consultation with users of Immigration Statistics – spring 2015

# User consultation - findings

## Main points from findings:

- All areas of the release were made use of – Work, Study and Family
- Statistics used for **policy** briefings, in the **media**, as well as for **training**.
- Majority felt confident in accessing the Immigration Statistics release
- Difficulty navigating the website
- Improved clarity and better summarising of the data were suggested improvements

## Suggested topics for future analysis included:

- More data broken down by regions/LA
- Withdrawal of licenses for sponsorship
- Illegal migration transit routes
- Exit checks and overstayers
- Geographical location of Tier 2 and Tier 4 sponsors

## Home Office response to 2015 consultation with users of Immigration Statistics

From 26th February to 14th May 2015, users of the quarterly Immigration Statistics release were asked to provide feedback and suggestions for improvement. The survey was also designed to enable us to assess how well the release meets the needs of our users, and to consult users on proposed changes to the publication.

The survey (Annex A) was answered by 19 respondents, mainly from the public sector, and universities and schools. All areas of the publication and sets of data tables in the release were made use of, in particular the Work, Study and Family cross-cutting topics. The statistic were used to provide briefings and further analysis for policymakers, in the media and for the general public, as well as for internal updates and training.

All respondents were content for the updates to be published quarterly or less frequently, and the majority felt that the length of topic briefs and the level of detail provided in tables were about right. Improved clarity and better summarising of the data were common themes for suggested improvements.

The majority of respondents felt confident in accessing the Immigration Statistics release, but only half said they found it easy to locate the data they needed on the GOV.UK website. Comments indicated that some users initially had difficulty navigating the website and sometimes needed to provide help to colleagues less familiar with the site.

In response to this consultation, the Migration Statistics team in the Home Office has initiated work to make the Immigration Statistics web pages more user friendly, including looking into alternative web-based formats. In response to user feedback, the number of filters on table columns will be increased to improve the ease of data navigation and provide further

## Immigration statistics quarterly release

From: Home Office  
First published: 8 October 2013  
Last updated: 27 August 2015, [see all updates](#)

This series brings together all documents relating to Immigration statistics quarterly release

Contents  
• Documents  
• Data tables  
• Guidance

For further information [email migration statistics](#).

### Documents

#### Immigration statistics, April to June 2015

27 August 2015 Statistics - national statistics

#### Immigration statistics, January to March 2015

21 May 2015 Statistics - national statistics

#### Immigration statistics, October to December 2014

26 February 2015 Statistics - national statistics

#### Immigration statistics, July to September 2014

27 November 2014 Statistics - national statistics



# User consultation – main changes

## Tables

- Increased filtering to improve the ease of data navigation.
- Stopped monthly asylum applications publication on GOV.UK in July 2015. Figures published monthly on the Eurostat website and quarterly by Home Office.
- Visa appeals by country of issuing post no longer published – Ministry of Justice publishes statistics on entry clearance visa appeal outcomes in the regular Tribunal Statistics.

## Website

- Looking to make the Immigration Statistics web pages more user friendly
- Focus on alternative web-based formats.



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## Immigration Statistics

Entry clearance visa tables - vi\_01 to vi\_05\_q

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- vi 04 Entry clearance visas granted by category
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- vi 05 q Entry clearance visas granted by country of nationality

### 2.2 Volume 2

[Visas data tables volume 2](#)



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Statistics - national statistics

## Immigration statistics, January to March 2015



From: Home Office  
First published: 21 May 2015  
Part of: Immigration statistics quarterly release and Migration statistics

This release presents immigration statistics from Home Office administrative sources, covering the period up to the end of March 2015.

### Documents



#### [Immigration statistics, January to March 2015](#)

HTML



#### [Statistical news release: Immigration statistics, January to March 2015](#)

PDF, 205KB, 3 pages

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#### [Pre-release access to the Immigration statistics, January to March 2015](#)

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## Immigration statistics, January to March 2015

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15. About this Release
16. About the figures

This release presents the latest immigration statistics from Home Office administrative sources, covering the period up to year ending March 2015.

Valid: 21 May 2015 to 26 August 2015

## 1.

### Summary Points: January to March 2015

Data include dependants unless stated otherwise. All data below relate to the year ending March 2015 and all comparisons are with the year ending March 2014, unless indicated otherwise.

Estimates of the numbers of non-EU nationals migrating long-term to the UK,

# New layout – HTML release, by topic



## Statistics - national statistics

# Work

Published 27 August 2015

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1. Key facts
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11. Review of Tier 2
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This section includes figures on work-related visas granted, passenger arrivals, extensions granted and permissions to stay permanently (settlement) for non-EEA nationals. It also includes figures on long-term immigration to work (i.e. those intending to stay for at least 12 months for work) for non-EU nationals.

Data include dependants as well as main applicants unless stated otherwise. Estimates of long term immigration for work from the ONS International Passenger Survey (IPS) relate to those whose main reason for migration is to

# Old layout – Tables

Statistics - national statistics

## Immigration statistics, January to March 2015: data tables



From: Home Office  
First published: 21 May 2015  
Part of: Immigration statistics quarterly release and Migration statistics

Listing of the data tables included in 'Immigration statistics, January to March 2015'.

### Documents



#### [Sponsorship data tables immigration statistics January to March 2015](#)

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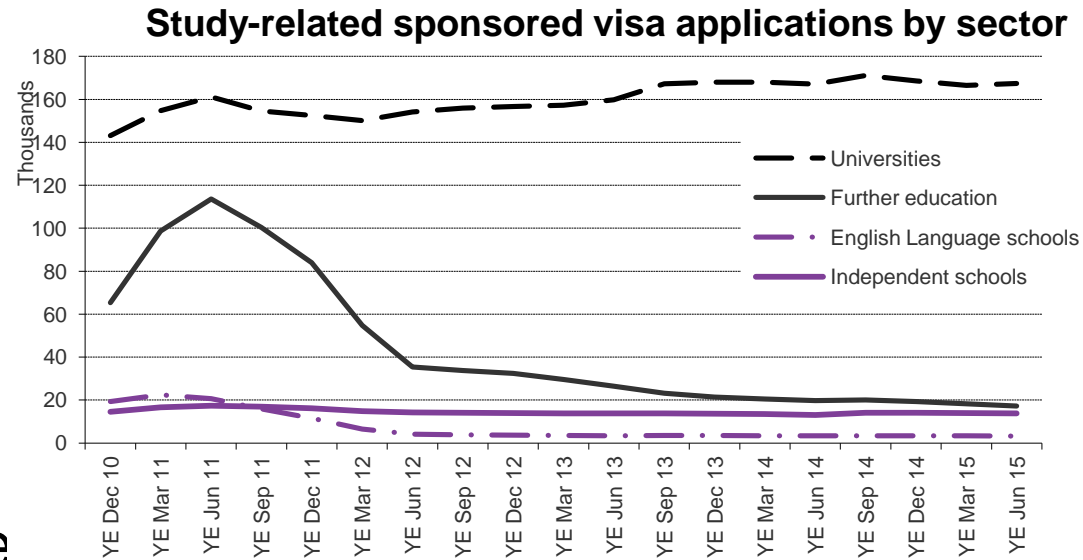
[Visas data tables volume 2.](#)

The following tables are included in this volume:

- vi 06 q Entry clearance visas granted by category and country of nationality: Summary
- vi 06 q w Entry clearance visas granted by category and country of nationality: Work

# Future developments

- Continue to develop release for web pages
- Develop Certificate of Sponsorship and Certificate of Acceptance to Study (CoS/CAS) data
- Detention in prisons under Immigration Act powers
- Migrant Journey report (2009 cohort)
- Focus on visitor topic
- Transparency data



Collection

## Migration transparency data

From: [UK Visas and Immigration, Immigration Enforcement and Border Force](#)  
First published: 23 May 2014  
Last updated: 27 August 2015, [see all updates](#)

Data on Border Force, UK Visas and Immigration, Immigration Enforcement and Her Majesty's Passport Office performance.

Contents

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- [Immigration Enforcement](#)
- [Staffing data](#)
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- [HM Passport Office](#)
- [Previous data releases](#)

These documents include performance data related to areas in the Home Office business plan which lists the key input and impact indicators relating to borders and immigration. Input indicators show the full costs of these activities. Impact indicators measure the extent to which policies and activities are having the intended effect.

These documents also include data on borders and immigration and HM Passport Office activity which is regularly requested from the Home Office by the Home Affairs Select Committee.

General statistics on immigration are in the [Migration statistics collection](#).

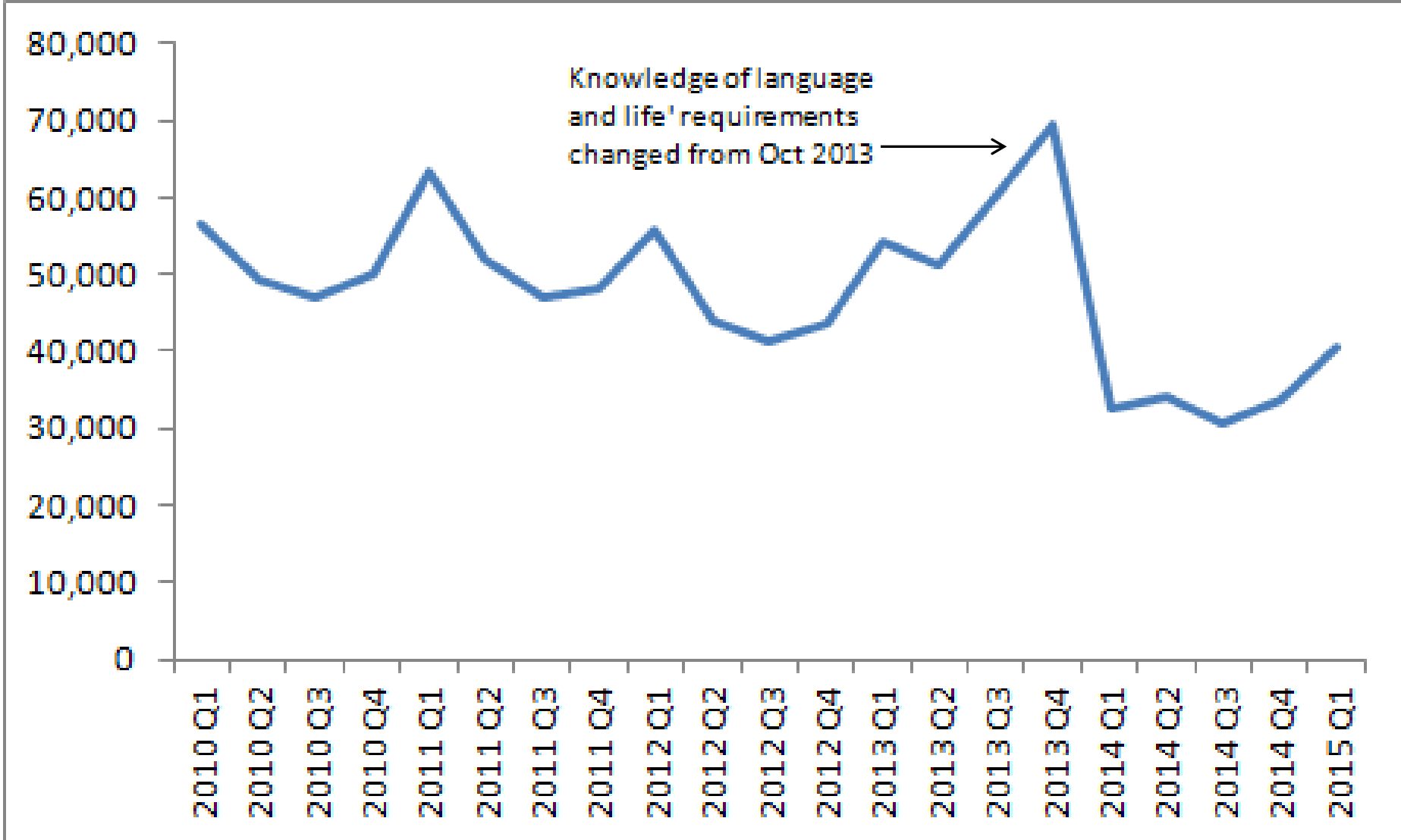




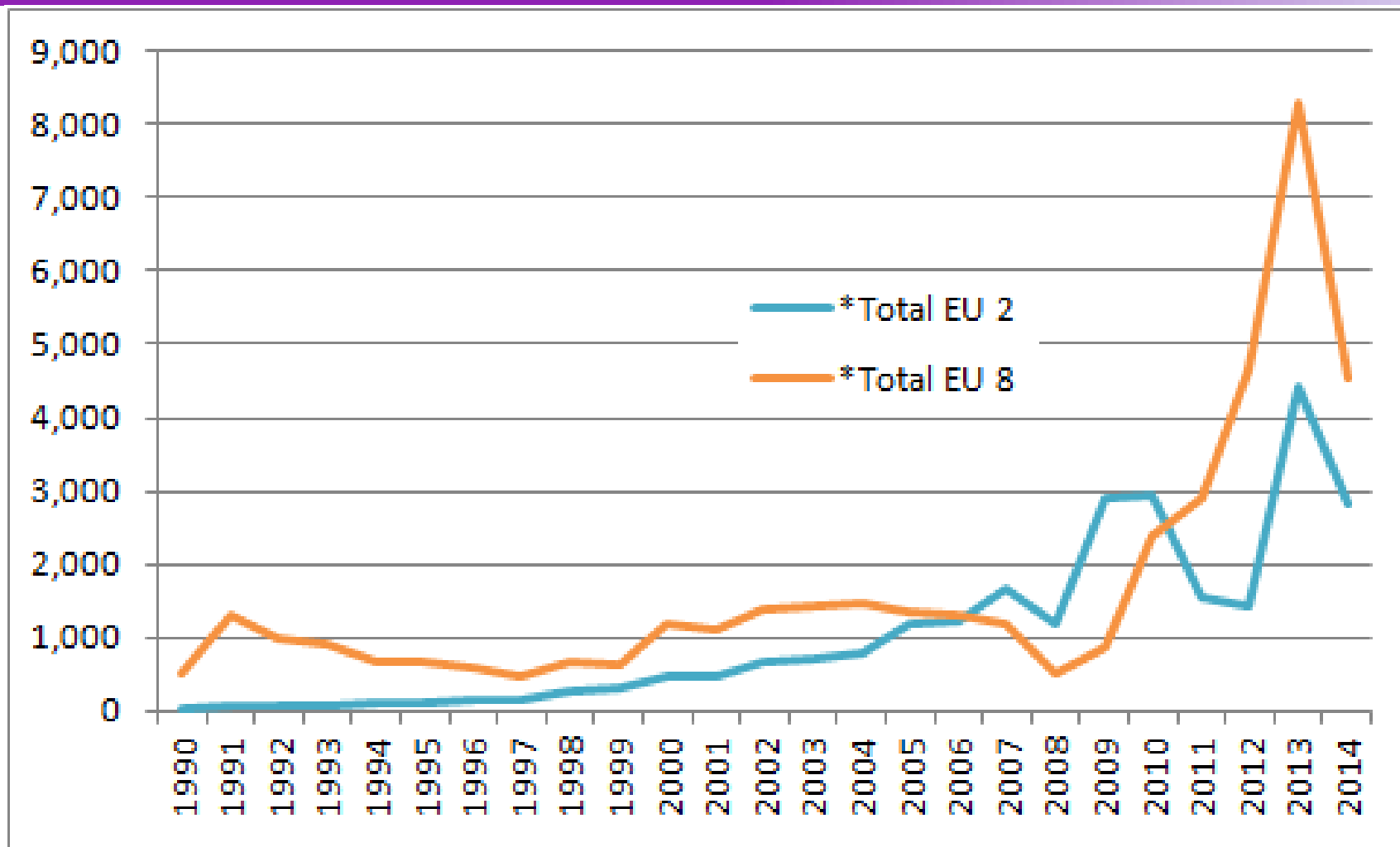
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***Some recent policy impacts  
and changes-examples  
illustrated by Home Office data***

# Applications for UK citizenship surged ahead of tighter language requirements in October 2013



# Applications for UK citizenship from EU2 and EU8 nationals have already been increasing following expansion of the EU, but residency period requirements delayed impact till 2009 onwards



# Family route: **general downward trend since 2007**, tightening of rules in July 2012 including minimum income threshold led to higher refusal rate for 2013

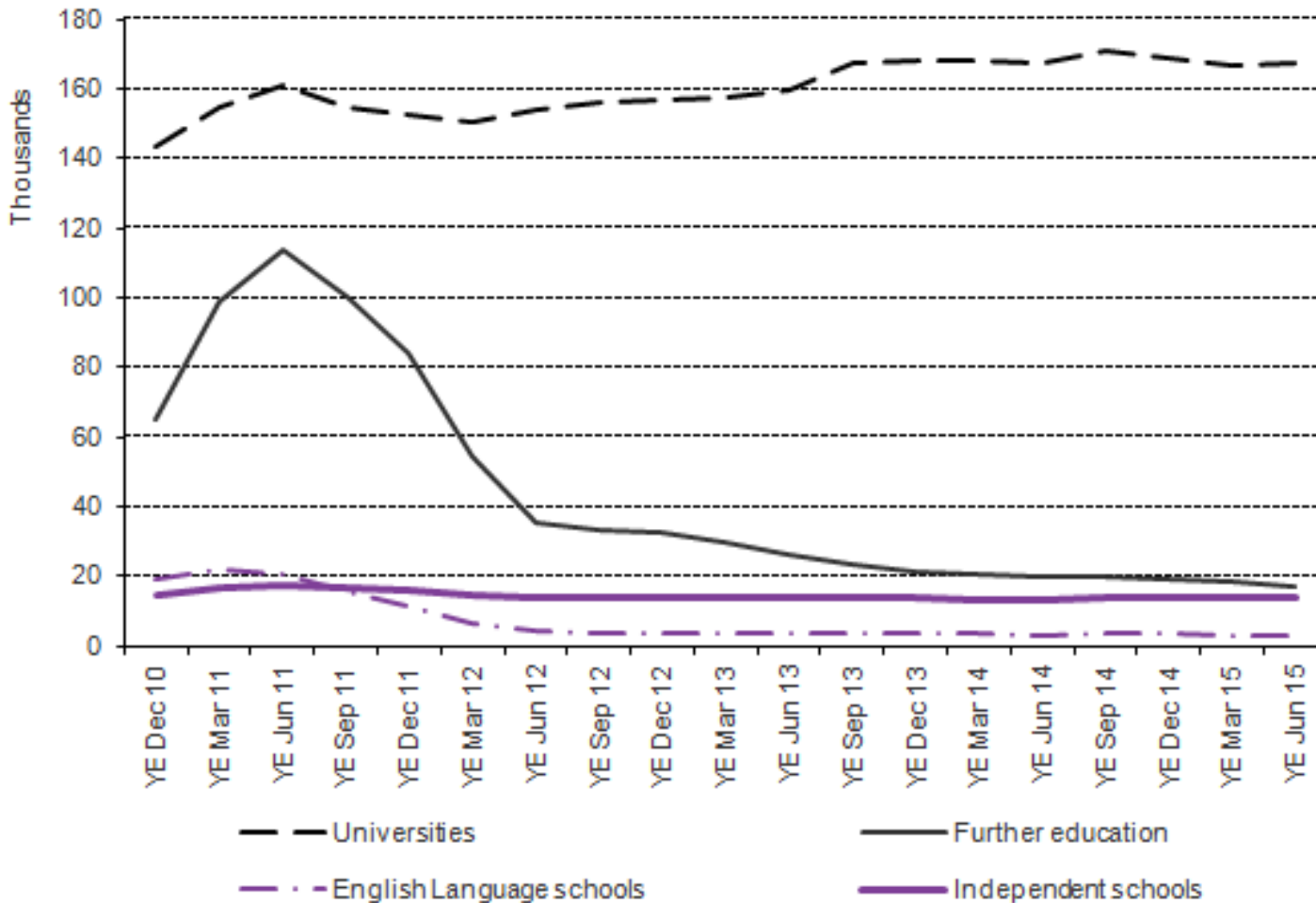
Table fa\_01: Family entry clearance visas granted by category

Year ending	Total Family	Partner	Partner (for immediate settlement)	Child	Child (for immediate settlement)	Other	Other (for immediate settlement)
YE June 2006	<b>65,592</b>	46,906	3,459	83	4,696	5,816	4,632
YE June 2007	<b>70,944</b>	49,821	3,243	132	5,023	4,869	7,856
YE June 2008	<b>58,161</b>	47,595	717	101	3,555	4,022	2,171
YE June 2009	<b>49,455</b>	40,506	555	88	3,329	3,887	1,090
YE June 2010	<b>50,240</b>	37,004	2,230	85	5,270	4,403	1,248
YE June 2011	<b>49,263</b>	35,991	1,584	108	5,325	4,965	1,290
YE June 2012	<b>44,424</b>	33,905	1,259	73	4,391	3,855	941
YE June 2013	<b>33,710</b>	24,517	986	91	3,677	3,778	661
YE June 2014	<b>35,664</b>	26,037	884	74	3,294	4,961	414
YE June 2015	<b>35,245</b>	27,345	548	41	3,034	3,951	326
Change: latest	<b>-419</b>	+1,308	<b>-336</b>	<b>-33</b>	<b>-260</b>	<b>-1,010</b>	<b>-88</b>
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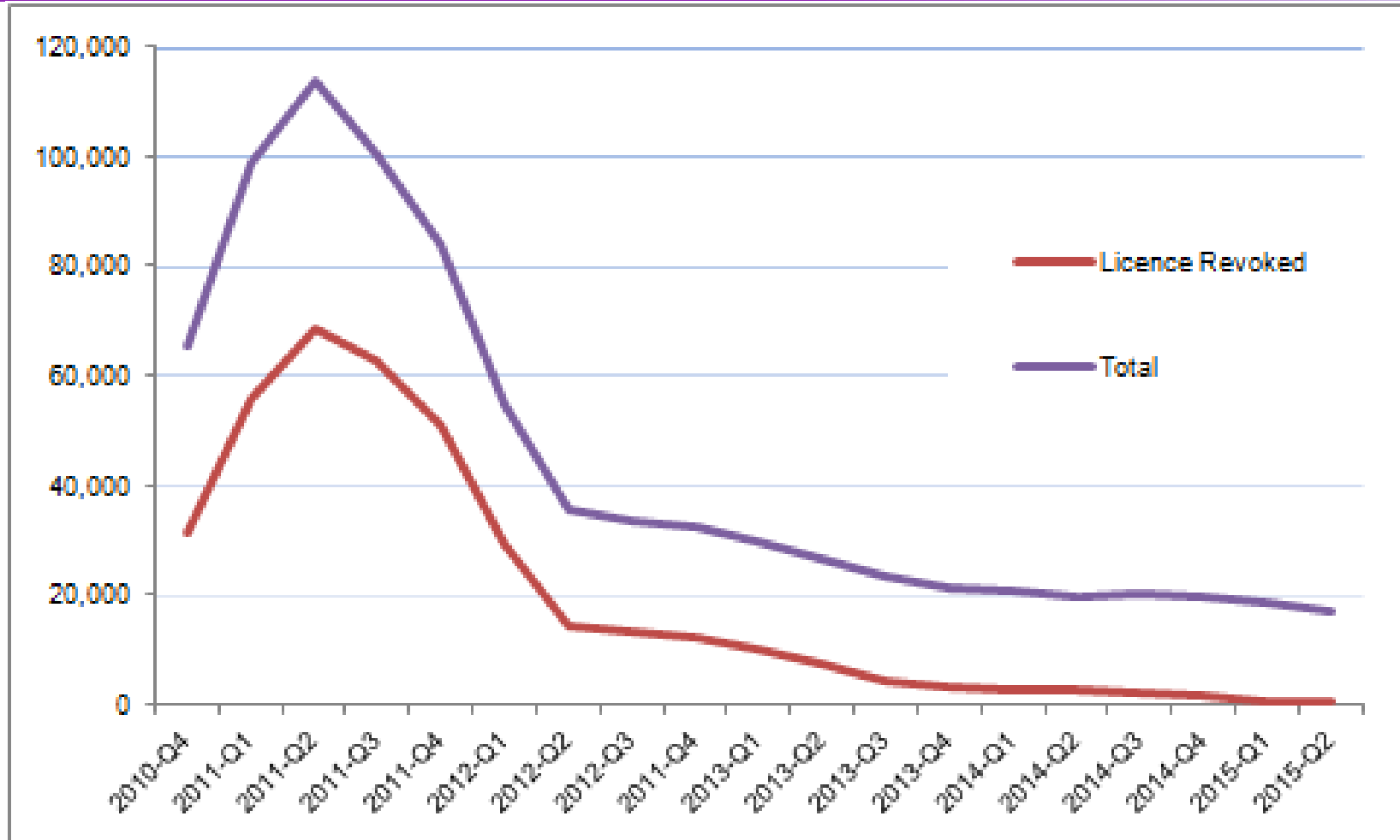
Table fa\_02: Family partner entry clearance visas applications and resolutions

	Applications	Resolved	Granted	%	Refused	%	Withdrawn or lapsed
YE June 2006	55,532	55,321	46,906	85%	<b>8,020</b>	<b>14%</b>	395
YE June 2007	57,770	59,237	49,821	84%	<b>8,877</b>	<b>15%</b>	539
YE June 2008	58,505	56,906	47,595	84%	<b>8,791</b>	<b>15%</b>	520
YE June 2009	50,179	49,987	40,506	81%	<b>8,925</b>	<b>18%</b>	556
YE June 2010	43,774	44,396	37,004	83%	<b>7,051</b>	<b>16%</b>	341
YE June 2011	43,947	43,991	35,991	82%	<b>7,684</b>	<b>17%</b>	316
YE June 2012	42,222	40,269	33,905	84%	<b>6,160</b>	<b>15%</b>	204
YE June 2013	31,838	36,761	24,517	67%	<b>12,015</b>	<b>33%</b>	229
YE June 2014	32,331	32,333	26,037	81%	<b>5,537</b>	<b>17%</b>	759
YE June 2015	36,143	41,657	27,345	66%	<b>13,857</b>	<b>33%</b>	455
Change: latest	+3,812	+9,324	+1,308		+8,320		<b>-304</b>
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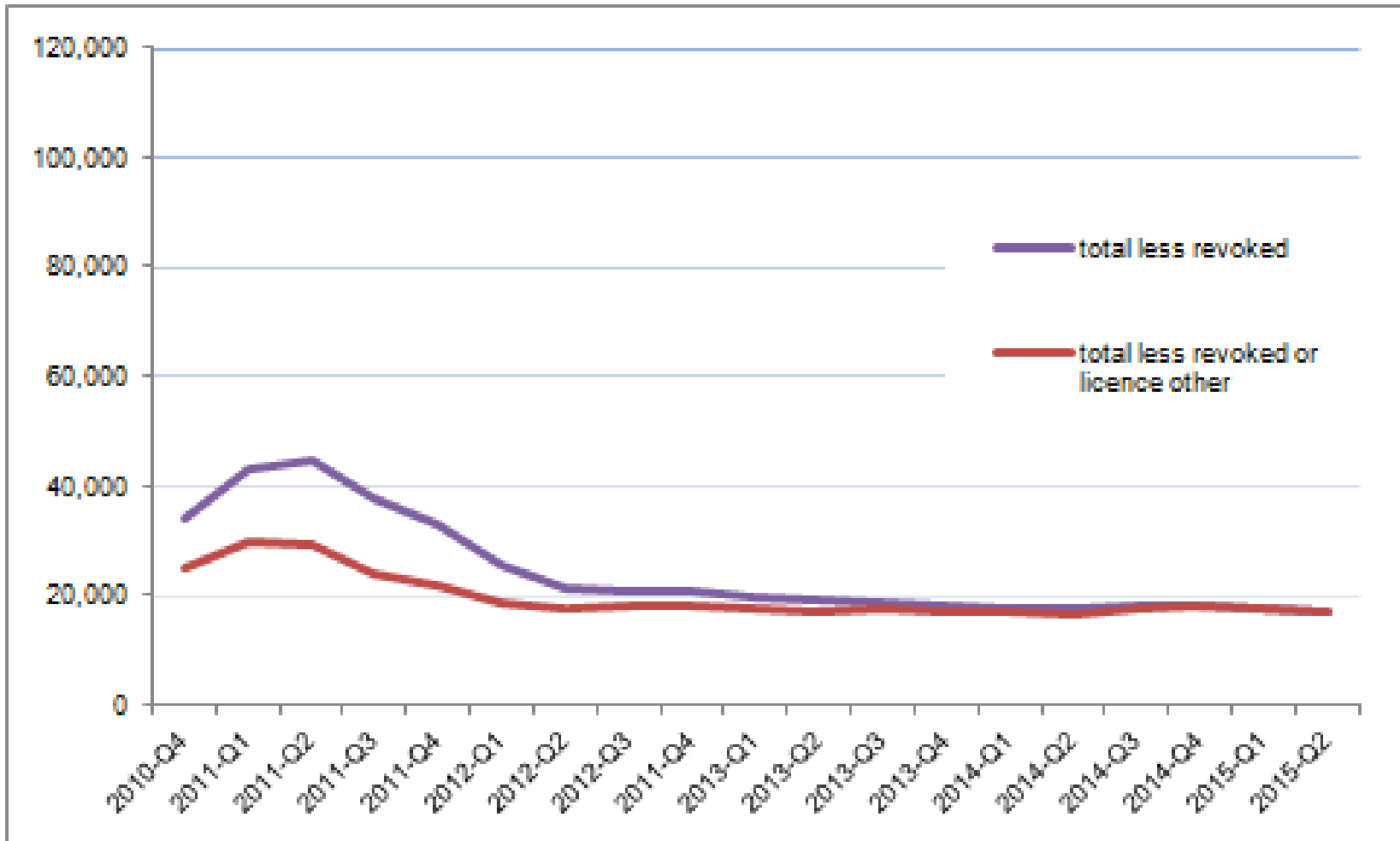
# Falls in FE sponsored visa applications – why?



# FE sponsored visa applications



# FE sponsored visa applications – excluding where licenses have been revoked or suspended





# Exit checks

- Will not provide a measure of net migration nor can it replace IPS
- Data shared with ONS [Semaphore extracts] and ONS have reported on potential
- Extra exit checks data was required from April 2015
- Designed for operational purposes; still need to further work to appraise data quality (e.g. matching rates and missing data)

# How well do you know the HO data on students? Quiz Question 1 [if time permits]

- The peak level of applications for entry clearance visas for Students (Tier 4 and equivalent, main applicants) was
- A YE March 2007
- B YE March 2008
- C YE March 2010
- D YE March 2011

# Quiz Question 2

- The grant rate for entry clearance visas for Students (Tier 4 and equivalent, main applicants) in academic year 2009/10 (Year ending June 2010) was
  - A 67%
  - B 72%
  - C 84%
  - D 94%

# Quiz Question 3

- The latest level of applications for entry clearance visas for Students (Tier 4 and equivalent, main applicants, YE June 2015) was
- A 295,000
- B 273,000
- C 226,000
- D 208,000

# Quiz Question 4

- The grant rate for entry clearance visas for Students (Tier 4 and equivalent, main applicants) in academic year 2014/15 (Year ending June 2015) was
  - A 67%
  - B 72%
  - C 84%
  - D 94%

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