

Monthly Inbound Update

September 2022

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1. Latest monthly inbound UK

September 2022

Summary

- **Visits:** Visits in September 2022 reached 3.0 million, down 10% on September 2019. Visits dipped slightly compared to August 2022 but this follows patterns from pre-COVID 19 with a natural dip after the peak summer period. Between January and September 2022, the UK welcomed 21.2 million inbound visitors.
- **Spend:** Spend was up 1% on September 2019 with inbound visitors spending £2.6m in September 2022. Similar to visits, spend dipped slightly from August, which is a typical pre-COVID 19 pattern. In the 9 months to September 2022, inbound visitors spent £18.4bn (in nominal terms) whilst in the UK.
- **Journey Purpose:**
 - **Holiday** visits have continued to grow in each month of 2022 through to August but dipped in September 2022 to 1.1 million visits. Holidays accounted for 39% of all inbound visits. From Jan-Sep 2022, there were 8.3 million holiday visits to the UK.
 - There were 1.0 million inbound visits to **friends and relatives** in September 2022, a new record for this month. Overall, VFR visits accounted for 35% of all inbound visits in September. From Jan-Sep 2022 there have been 7.9 million VFR visits to the UK.
 - **Business** was the only journey purpose to see a rise in visits from August to September with 566 million business visits in September 2022. From Jan-Sep 2022, there were 3.4 million business visits to the UK, accounting for 16% of all inbound visits.
 - All other visits, under '**miscellaneous**', which includes study, contributed 1.5 million visits in the 9 months to September 2022.
- **Global Regions:**
 - **Europe** made up 65% of all inbound visits in the first 9 months of 2022, equating to 13.7 million visits, with a small dip in June and September. EU15 markets remain an important source of markets for inbound visits and accounted for half of all UK visits (48%) from Jan-Sep 2022.
 - From Jan-Sep 2022, there were 4.1 million visits from **North America**. Despite visits falling in August and September from the peak in July, both months reported the highest visits on record at 717,000 and 648,000 visits respectively.
 - There were 480,000 visits from the **Rest of the World** in September 2022. Overall in the 9 months to September 2022 there were 3.4 million visits to the UK from this region – accounting for 16% of all inbound visits.

International Passenger Survey by the ONS 2022. Jan-Jun excludes those travelling via Eurotunnel - please see notes on slide 28 for further info.
All values and percentage changes in spend are in nominal terms.

Monthly 2022 Headlines

Total	January 2022	February 2022	March 2022	April 2022	May 2022	June 2022	July 2022	August 2022	September 2022	Year-to-date (Jan-Sep 2022)
Visits (000)	801	995	1,773	2,161	2,621	2,865	3,444	3,544	2,956	21,160
Spend (£m)	£672	£754	£1,305	£1,812	£2,169	£2,680	£3,252	£3,169	£2,631	£18,440

- **Visits:** Whilst UK inbound visits increased month-on-month in the 8 months to August, visits in September dipped slightly to 3.0 million visits. This follows patterns from pre-COVID-19 with a natural dip after the peak summer period. Between January and September 2022, the UK welcomed 21.2 million inbound visitors.
- **Spend:** In the 9 months to September 2022, inbound visitors spent £18.4bn (in nominal terms) whilst in the UK. Similar to visits, spend dipped slightly in September to £2.6m which is a typical pre-COVID-19 pattern.

Monthly Journey Purpose – Visits (000)

Total Visits (000)	January 2022	February 2022	March 2022	April 2022	May 2022	June 2022	July 2022	August 2022	September 2022	Year-to-date (Jan-Sep 2022)
Holiday	99	253	559	807	1,079	1,242	1,487	1,668	1,148	8,340
VFR	501	442	709	837	963	996	1,161	1,274	1,033	7,920
Business	153	227	382	350	414	450	524	359	566	3,420
Miscellaneous	49	72	123	167	164	178	272	243	209	1,480

- **Holiday** visits have continued to grow in each month of 2022 through to August but dipped in September 2022 to 1.1 million visits. Holidays have been the main reason inbound visitors have visited the UK since May 2022 and this continued into September where they accounted for 39% of all inbound visits. From Jan-Sep 2022, there were 8.3 million holiday visits to the UK.
- There were 1.0 million inbound visits to **friends and relatives** in September 2022, a new record for this month. Overall, VFR visits accounted for 35% of all inbound visits in September (a similar share since May 2022). In 2022 so far (Jan-Sep), there have been 7.9 million visits to friends and relatives in the UK.
- **Business** was the only journey purpose to see a rise in visits from August to September with 566 million business visits in September 2022. From Jan-Sep 2022, there were 3.4 million business visits to the UK, accounting for 16% of all inbound visits.
- All other visits, under '**miscellaneous**', which includes study, contributed 1.5 million visits in the 9 months to September 2022 (7% of all inbound visits).

Monthly Global Region – Visits (000)

Total Visits (000)	January 2022	February 2022	March 2022	April 2022	May 2022	June 2022	July 2022	August 2022	September 2022	Year-to-date (Jan-Sep 2022)
Total Europe	551	777	1,333	1,559	1,743	1,648	2,050	2,200	1,828	13,690
→ EU	488	714	1,210	1,385	1,584	1,492	1,802	2,023	1,640	12,340
→ EU15	353	565	973	1,178	1,288	1,250	1,481	1,721	1,331	10,140
→ Other EU	133	150	239	211	291	243	320	305	307	2,200
→ Rest of Europe	65	62	122	170	165	154	250	173	190	1,350
North America	86	98	227	328	494	719	794	717	648	4,110
Rest of World	164	120	213	274	383	498	600	627	480	3,360

- **Europe** made up 65% of all inbound visits in the first 9 months of 2022, equating to 13.7 million visits, with a small dip in June and September. EU15 markets remain an important source of markets for inbound visits and accounted for half of all UK visits (48%) from Jan-Sep 2022.
- From Jan-Sep 2022, there were 4.1 million visits from **North America**. Despite visits falling in August and September from the peak in July, both months reported the highest visits on record at 717,000 and 648,000 visits respectively.
- There were 480,000 visits from the **Rest of the World** in September 2022. Overall in the 9 months to September 2022 there were 3.4 million visits to the UK from this region – accounting for 16% of all inbound visits.

2. 2019 Comparisons

Latest 3 months and Year to Date

2019 Comparisons - Visit (000) and Spend (£m)

Total Visits (000)	2022	Change vs. 2019 [^]
September	2,956	-10%
Last 3 months (July-September)	9,940	-16%
Year to date (January-September)	21,160	-28%

Total Spend (£m)	2022	Change vs. 2019 [^]
September	£2,631	1%
Last 3 months (July-September)	£9,050	-2%
Year to date (January-September)	£18,440	-10%

- In September 2022, there were 3.0 million inbound visits to the UK, down 10% on the same month in 2019. These visitors spent £2.6bn across the UK, 1% up on September 2019 (in nominal terms).
- Across the medium term period of Jul-Sep (Q3 2022), the UK welcomed 9.9 million visitors, down 16% on the same period in 2019. During these 3 months, inbound visitors spent £9.1bn, just shy of pre-pandemic spend in Jul-Sep 2019 (-2%).
- In the 9 months to September 2022, visits reached 21.2 million (72% of 2019 levels) whilst spend was shown to have recovered at a faster rate to £18.4bn (90% of 2019 levels)
- Overall the average spend per visit in 2022 (January to September) was £872 vs £696 for the same period of 2019. The 2022 average spend is 25% higher – in part due to a longer average length of stay seen in the first 6 months of 2022 as well as inflation.

International Passenger Survey by the ONS 2022. Jan-Jun 2022 and 2019 excludes those travelling via Eurotunnel - please see notes on slide 28 for further info. [^]Data from 2019 includes Irish land border data. Irish land border data is excluded from 2021 onwards. All values and percentage changes in spend are in nominal terms.

2019 Comparisons - Journey Purpose – Visits (000)

Total Visits (000)	September 2022	Change vs. 2019 [^]	Last 3 months (Jul-Sep)	Change vs. 2019 [^]
Holiday	1,148	-10%	4,300	-20%
VFR	1,033	12%	3,470	1%
Business	566	-35%	1,450	-33%
Miscellaneous	209	-5%	720	-21%

- Across the short and medium term measures above, **holiday** visits remain behind the levels reported in the same period pre-pandemic, in 2019.
- **Visiting friends and relatives** is the only journey purpose that is reporting higher results in September and Q3 2022 vs 2019. Visits in September were 12% higher compared to 2019 (a September VFR record), whilst Q3 visits were 1% higher than 2019.
- Although **business** visits peaked in September, they have been the slowest to recover, still 35% behind 2019 levels in September 2022. A similar picture was seen for Q3 2022 vs Q3 2019 as well.
- **Miscellaneous** visits tend to be a smaller proportion of all inbound UK visits and results can fluctuate. Compared to 2019 levels these visits remain below pre pandemic levels across the short and medium terms measures presented here.

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2019 Comparisons - Global Region – Visits (000)

Total Visits (000)	September 2022	Change vs. 2019^	Last 3 months (Jul-Sep)	Change vs. 2019^
Total Europe	1,828	-8%	6,080	-15%
→ EU	1,640	-10%	5,470	-16%
→ EU15	1,331	-12%	4,530	-16%
→ Other EU	307	-4%	930	-17%
→ Rest of Europe	190	10%	610	-5%
North America	648	42%	2,160	24%
Rest of World	480	-43%	1,710	-42%

- In September 2022, visits from **Europe** continued to grow closer to pre-pandemic levels, reaching 1.8 million visits (8% below September 2019). Visits for the Jul-Sep 2022 were 15% below 2019 levels, reporting 6.1 million visits.
- Visits from **North America** surpassed 2019 levels in the 3 months to September 2022 at 2.2 million visits (up 24% on Jul-Sep 2019).
- 2022 **Rest of World** visits remain just above half of the levels reported in the comparable measures in 2019.

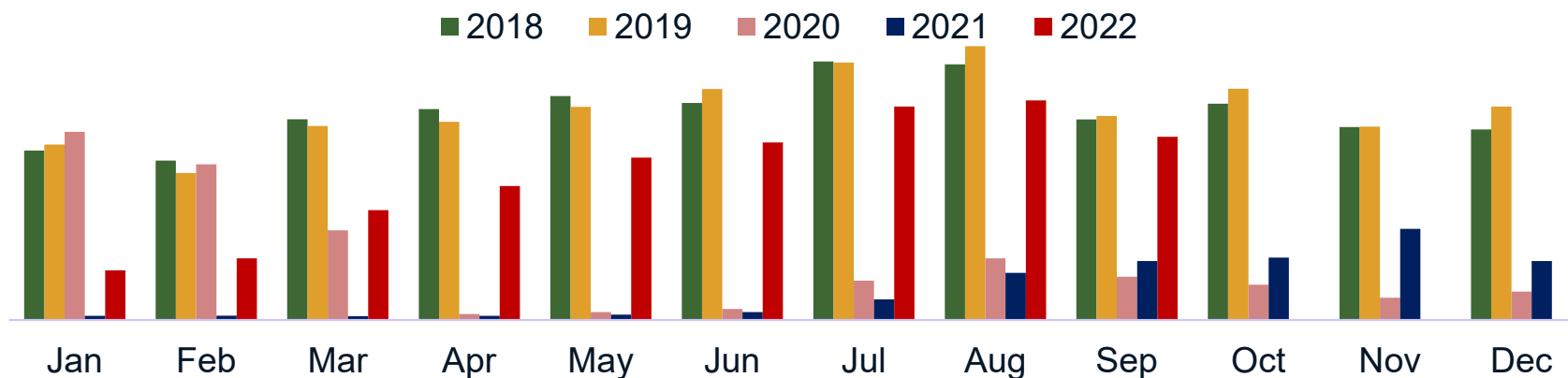
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3. Detailed monthly trends

Detailed monthly trends - visits

Please see notes on slide 28 when interpreting 2020, 2021 and 2022 data

Overseas Visits to the UK - Total Visits (000)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	2,734	2,573	3,240	3,404	3,614	3,503	4,172	4,126	3,237	3,491	3,112	3,075
2019	2,830	2,372	3,129	3,199	3,438	3,727	4,155	4,418	3,292	3,731	3,121	3,445
2020	3,036	2,512	1,446	95	127	176	633	993	696	570	358	458
2021	65	69	61	65	86	126	331	759	949	1,006	1,470	951
2022	801	995	1,773	2,161	2,621	2,865	3,444	3,544	2,956			

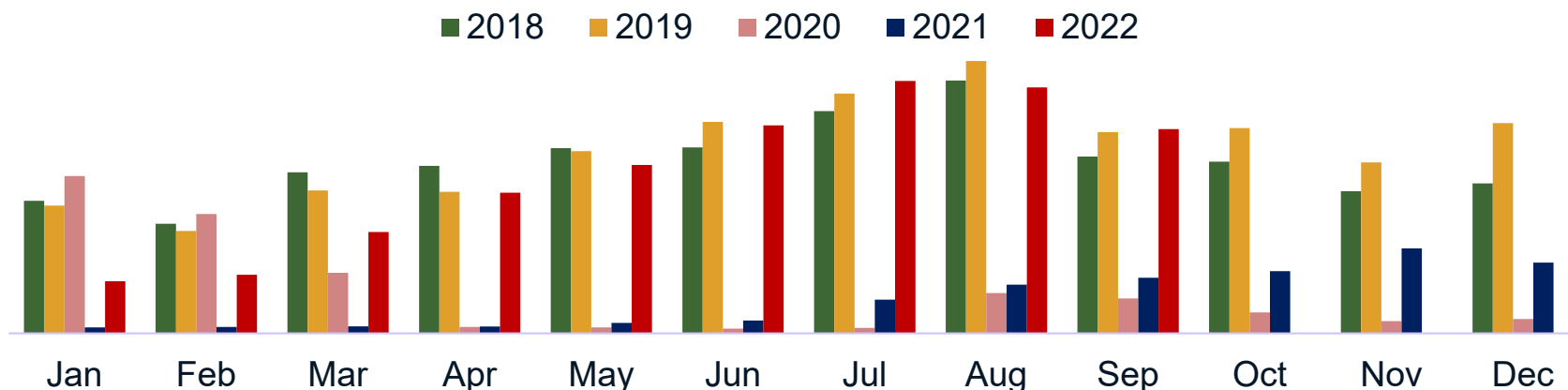
Note: Visits in thousands. Monthly data is replaced by the more accurate Quarterly data.

Long term trends showing percentage change year-on-year by quarter and more is available [here](#).

Detailed monthly trends - spend

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Overseas Visits to the UK - Total Spend (£m)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



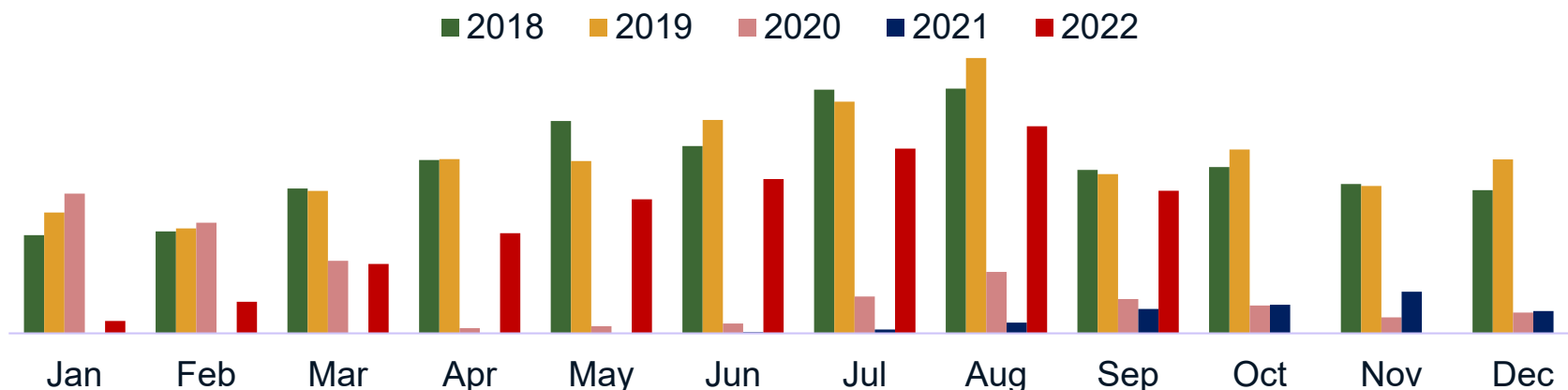
Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	1,708	1,412	2,074	2,157	2,385	2,396	2,864	3,259	2,278	2,212	1,830	1,931
2019	1,646	1,318	1,840	1,824	2,347	2,725	3,090	3,510	2,593	2,645	2,201	2,708
2020	2,026	1,538	780	82	75	61	69	519	448	270	156	185
2021	76	82	89	87	134	165	433	626	716	801	1,095	910
2022	672	754	1,305	1,812	2,169	2,680	3,252	3,169	2,631			

Note: Spending in million pounds. Monthly data is replaced by the more accurate Quarterly data.
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Detailed monthly trends – journey purpose - holiday

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Overseas Visits to the UK - Holiday Visits (000)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	790	820	1,167	1,396	1,710	1,508	1,962	1,971	1,317	1,339	1,202	1,153
2019	973	844	1,147	1,403	1,388	1,718	1,866	2,217	1,282	1,480	1,187	1,401
2020	1,125	891	584	42	57	79	296	495	275	224	128	167
2021	1	3	3	2	3	8	30	86	196	230	335	179
2022	99	253	559	807	1,079	1,242	1,487	1,668	1,148			

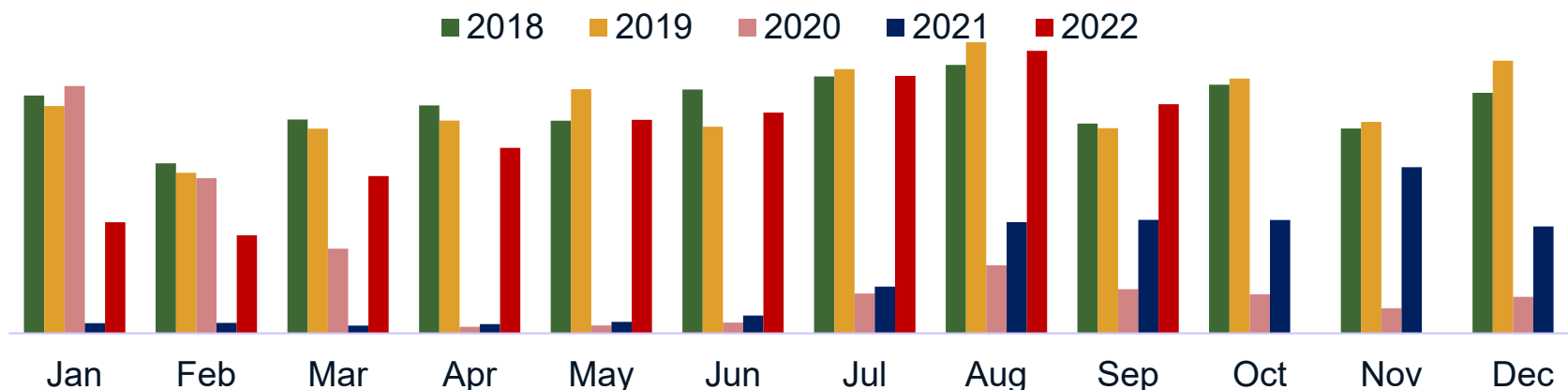
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Detailed monthly trends – journey purpose - VFR

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Overseas Visits to the UK - VFR Visits (000)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	1,073	766	964	1,028	959	1,099	1,159	1,210	946	1,122	924	1,085
2019	1,025	724	923	960	1,101	932	1,192	1,313	925	1,149	954	1,230
2020	1,115	700	382	29	35	48	180	307	199	176	113	165
2021	46	47	35	41	52	80	211	501	512	511	749	482
2022	501	442	709	837	963	996	1,161	1,274	1,033			

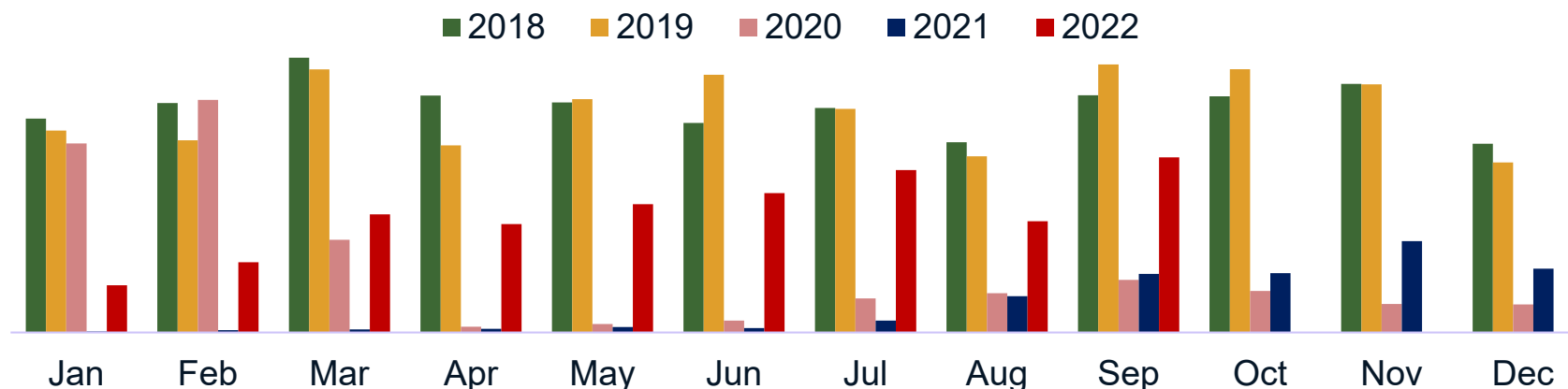
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Detailed monthly trends – journey purpose - business

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Overseas Visits to the UK - Business Visits (000)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	691	741	887	765	743	677	725	614	766	763	803	609
2019	652	621	850	604	754	832	722	569	866	850	801	549
2020	610	751	299	19	27	38	110	127	170	134	92	90
2021	3	7	10	12	18	14	38	117	189	192	295	206
2022	153	227	382	350	414	450	524	359	566			

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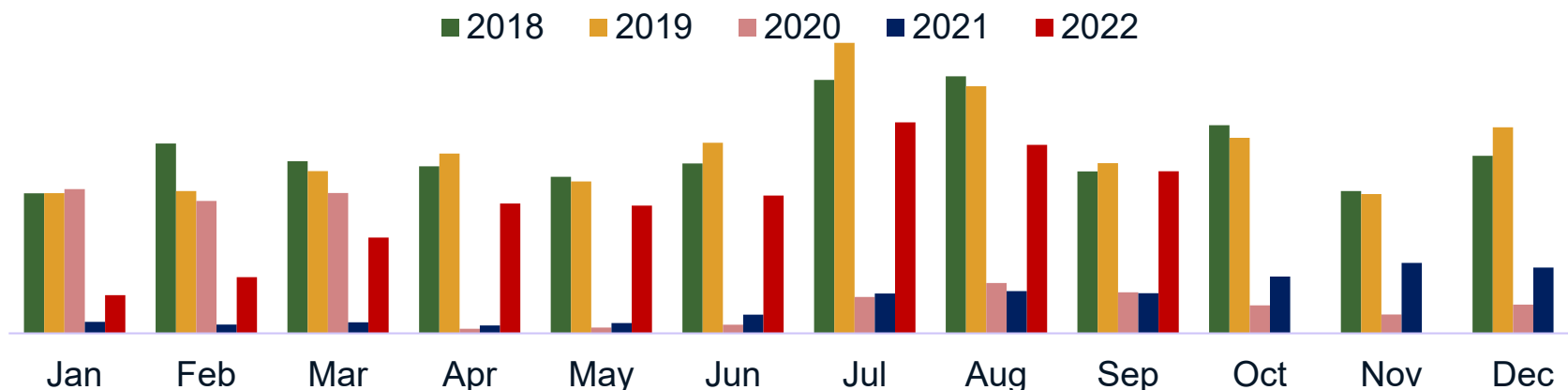
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Detailed monthly trends – journey purpose - misc

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Overseas Visits to the UK - Miscellaneous (includes short-term study, 000)

Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	180	245	222	215	202	219	327	331	209	268	183	229
2019	181	183	209	232	196	246	374	318	219	252	179	265
2020	186	170	181	6	7	11	47	65	53	36	24	37
2021	15	11	14	10	13	24	51	54	52	73	91	85
2022	49	72	123	167	164	178	272	243	209			

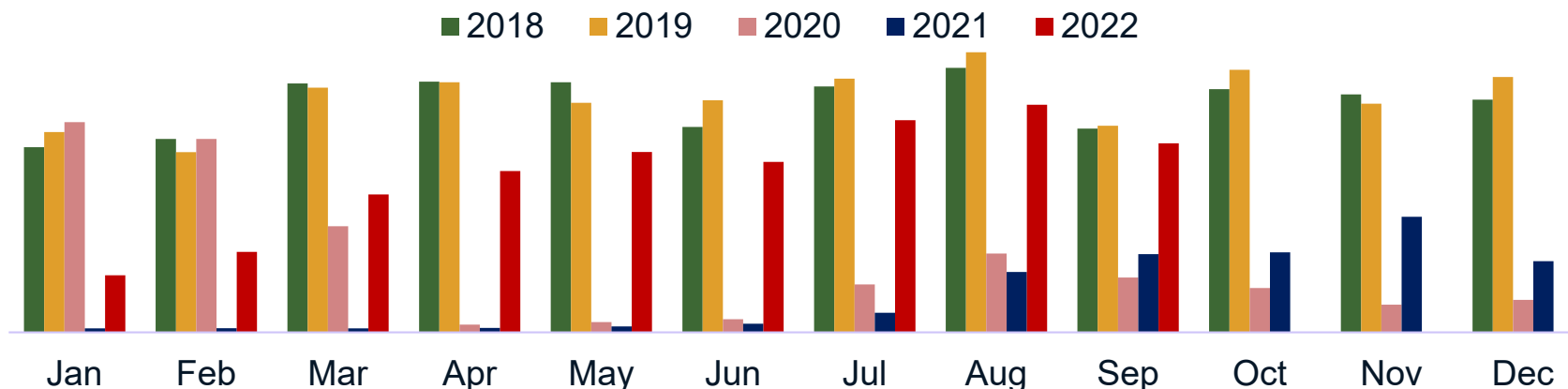
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Detailed monthly trends – global regions - Europe

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Overseas Visits to the UK - to the UK from Europe (000)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	1,790	1,870	2,405	2,423	2,417	1,985	2,377	2,557	1,970	2,350	2,300	2,249
2019	1,936	1,742	2,365	2,417	2,219	2,243	2,453	2,707	1,996	2,537	2,209	2,469
2020	2,032	1,869	1,025	74	98	126	463	761	529	429	267	313
2021	38	39	38	43	57	83	189	584	756	773	1,117	688
2022	551	777	1,333	1,559	1,743	1,648	2,050	2,200	1,828			

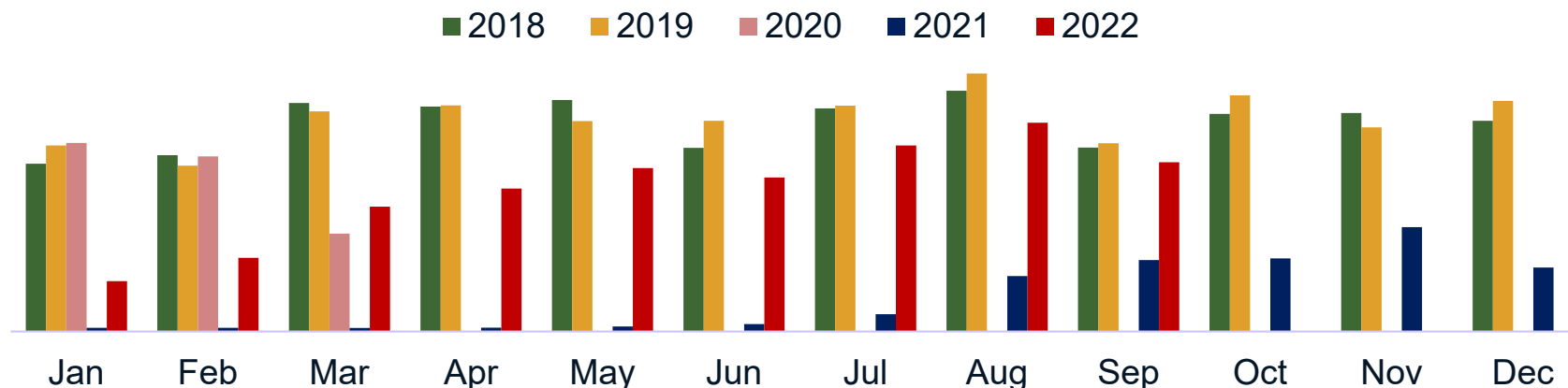
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Detailed monthly trends – global regions - EU

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Overseas Visits to the UK - to the UK from EU (000)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	1,626	1,708	2,215	2,180	2,243	1,779	2,161	2,333	1,782	2,108	2,117	2,041
2019	1,803	1,607	2,133	2,192	2,039	2,041	2,188	2,499	1,825	2,289	1,978	2,235
2020	1,827	1,697	948	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	35	35	34	37	48	72	167	537	691	708	1,011	620
2022	488	714	1,210	1,385	1,584	1,492	1,802	2,023	1,640	-	-	-

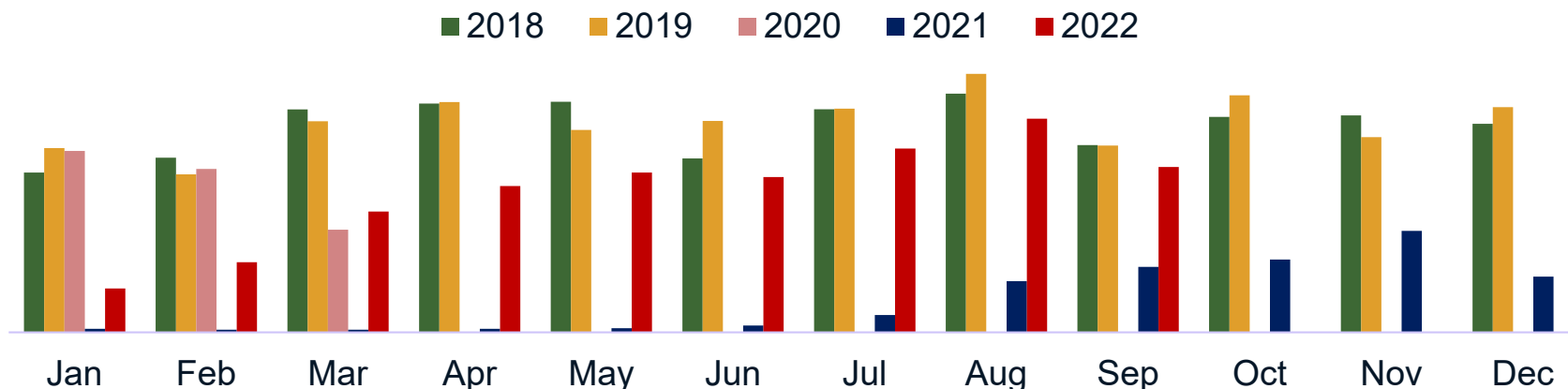
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Detailed monthly trends – global regions – EU15

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Overseas Visits to the UK - to the UK from EU15 (000)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	1,287	1,407	1,796	1,843	1,857	1,401	1,796	1,922	1,508	1,735	1,748	1,679
2019	1,483	1,272	1,701	1,854	1,630	1,703	1,802	2,083	1,505	1,910	1,572	1,814
2020	1,461	1,316	826									
2021	28	21	21	28	33	55	139	412	527	586	817	448
2022	353	565	973	1,178	1,288	1,250	1,481	1,721	1,331			

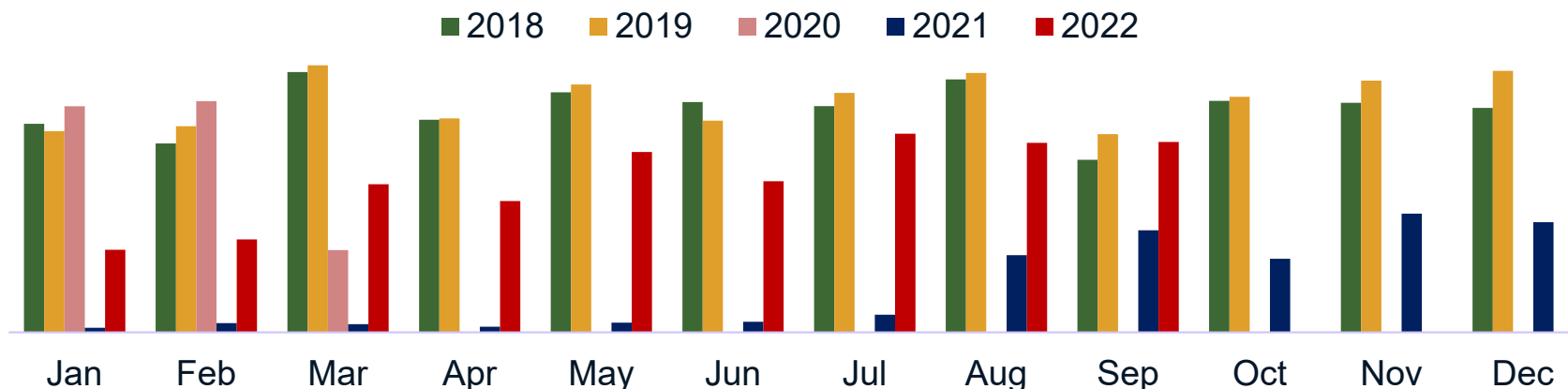
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Detailed monthly trends – global regions – EU Other

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Overseas Visits to the UK - to the UK from EU Other (000)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	336	304	419	343	387	371	365	407	278	373	370	362
2019	324	332	430	345	399	341	386	418	319	380	405	421
2020	364	372	132	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	7	15	13	9	16	17	28	124	164	118	191	177
2022	133	150	239	211	291	243	320	305	307			

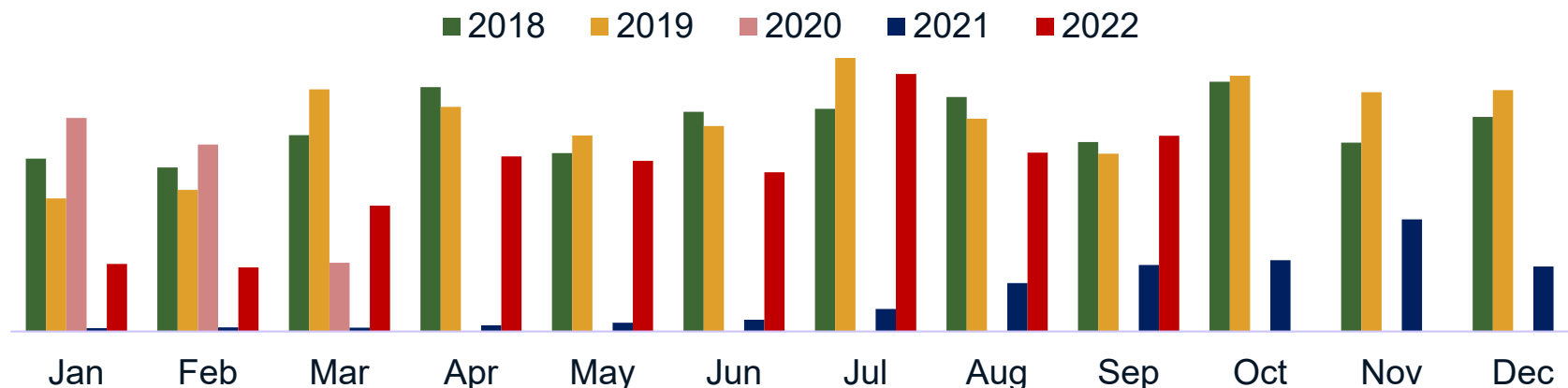
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Detailed monthly trends – global regions – Rest of Europe

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Overseas Visits to the UK - to the UK from Rest of Europe (000)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	167	159	190	237	173	213	216	227	184	242	183	208
2019	129	137	235	218	190	199	265	206	172	248	232	234
2020	207	181	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	3	4	4	6	8	11	22	47	64	69	109	63
2022	65	62	122	170	165	154	250	173	190			

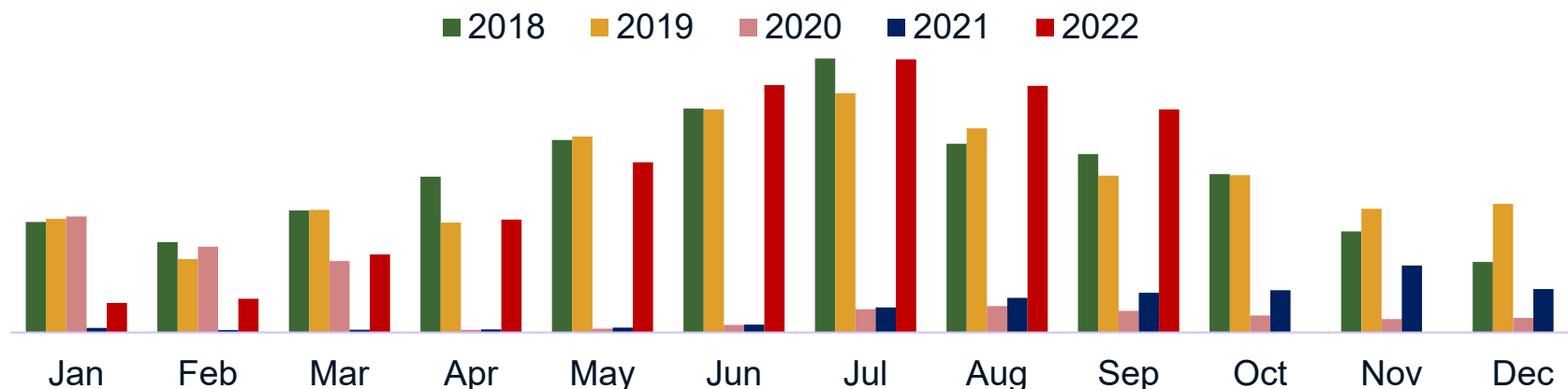
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Detailed monthly trends – global regions – North America

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Overseas Visits to the UK - to the UK from North America (000)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	321	262	354	453	560	651	797	548	519	460	294	205
2019	330	213	356	319	570	648	696	593	456	457	360	374
2020	337	249	208	7	11	22	67	77	63	49	39	42
2021	13	7	8	9	14	23	73	101	115	123	194	126
2022	86	98	227	328	494	719	794	717	648			

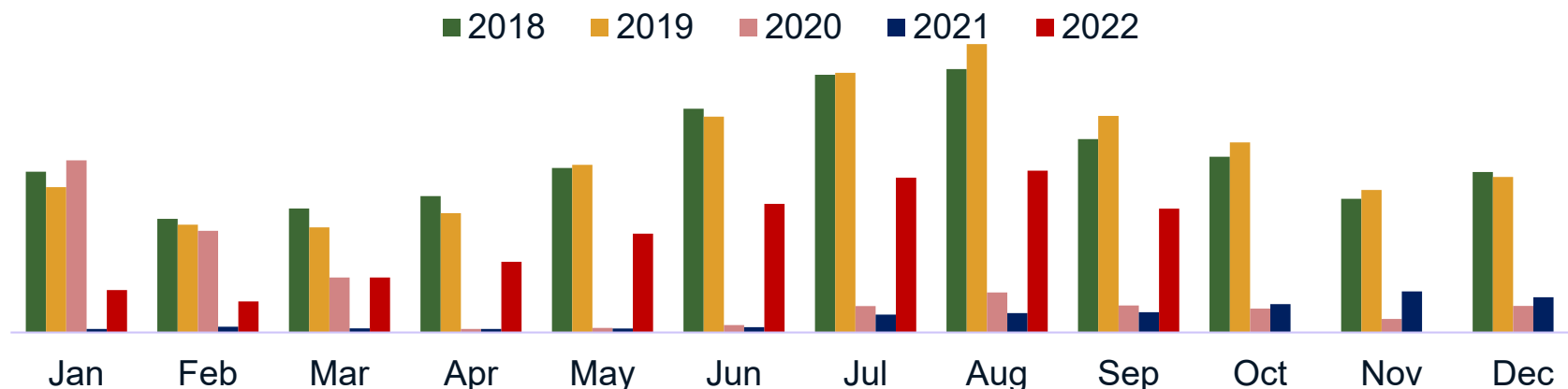
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Detailed monthly trends – global regions – Rest of World

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Overseas Visits to the UK - to the UK from Rest of World (000)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	623	440	480	528	637	867	999	1,021	749	681	518	622
2019	563	418	407	462	650	836	1,006	1,118	840	737	552	602
2020	667	394	213	13	17	29	102	155	105	92	52	103
2021	13	22	16	14	15	20	69	75	78	109	159	137
2022	164	120	213	274	383	498	600	627	480			

Note: Visits in thousands. Monthly data is replaced by the more accurate Quarterly data.

Long term trends showing percentage change year-on-year by quarter and more is available [here](#).

4. About this data

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This report is based on the latest International Passenger Survey (IPS) data released by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) on the morning of **31st January 2023**. This data covers provisional September 2022 data but may be revised again for the annual 2022 release in summer 2023. The Q3 2023 data (which includes September) was also released by the ONS on the 31st January 2023. Quarterly data can be more granular than the rounded figures presented in this report. Please note Jan-Aug data has also been revised. Due to the impact of COVID-19 restrictions on the IPS interviews, there are some caveats to the data noted on slide 28.

The IPS data is based on interviews with a sample of departing visitors. The number interviewed varies but is typically around 3,000 per month. Sample sizes at the monthly level for some analysis and comparisons can be low and results should be treated with caution, especially for spending. For absolute clarity we have included sample sizes within this report where breakdowns have been provided.

Please also note:

- All data is sourced from the International Passenger Survey by the Office for National Statistics.
- All figures quoted are not “seasonally adjusted”.
- Numbers in some tables / charts may not sum due to rounding.
- All values and percentage changes in spend are in nominal terms (i.e. not taking inflation into account).
- From 2021, data excludes the Irish land border data

Refer to the [ONS website](#) for more on IPS methodology and UK outbound travel.

Important notice – impact of COVID-19 on IPS

The International Passenger Survey (IPS) was suspended on 16 March 2020 due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Interviewing initially began at UK airports at the start of 2021, though the IPS remained suspended at some sea ports and train stations during the year. To produce statistics for the periods impacted the Office for National Statistics (ONS) have applied the following processes to the data since March 2020:

- **March 2020** - With the data collected for most of March when the IPS was running the ONS had part of the data needed for the month. To produce estimates for the full month of March the ONS worked on the assumption that passenger characteristics in the second, unsampled, half of the month were represented by those sampled in the first half.
- **April – December 2020 (Q2, Q3, Q4 2020)** - The travel and tourism figures for this period are based entirely on administrative sources and modelling as no data was collected during this period. In producing these results the ONS have made assumptions that some previous trends have continued, for example, the proportions of passengers travelling for business or holidays. The data was not made available by Mode, therefore we are unable to compare current AIR data to this period in 2020 and have opted to compare AIR data to 2019 instead.
- **2021** – data published for 2021 should be interpreted with the caveats that no data was collected for those travelling to the UK by Eurotunnel and data for those travelling via Dover was only collected from Q3. In addition, no estimates are included for any travel across the Irish border. Please see [our 2021 inbound data page](#) for more information.
- **January to June 2022** – the ONS were unable to restart interviewing at Eurotunnel (but continued at Eurostar) during this period due to COVID-19 restrictions so data for this timeframe excludes those travelling via Eurotunnel. Eurotunnel data has been excluded from 2019 for Q1 and Q2 in order to make comparisons on slides 9 for year-to-date. The ONS restarted IPS interviews at all ports from July 2022. Please see our [2022 inbound page](#) for more information.

Please [refer to the ONS website for the official release and more information on IPS methodology and UK outbound travel](#)

Definitions

Regions:

- **Total Europe** includes **EU15** (Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Finland, Germany, Greece, Irish Republic, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and Sweden); **Other EU** (Bulgaria, Cyprus (South), Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia (note that Croatia has been included in the 'Other EU' category since it joined in July 2013; before July 2013 this group was labelled as A12) and **Rest of Europe** (European countries outside the EU (including Russia, Norway and Switzerland). Before July 2013 Croatia was also included here, but from July 2013 appears in Other EU)
- **North America** - Canada (including Greenland and St Pierre et Miquelon), USA (including Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands)
- **Rest of World** – Countries outside Europe and North America (Africa, Asia, Central America, Middle East, Oceania, South America)

Journey purpose:

- **VFR** - Visiting Friends and Relatives
- **Miscellaneous visits** - includes those for short term study, to attend sports events, for personal shopping, health or religious purposes, accompanying others and many more

Other:

- **Visit** - all departing visits from overseas residents (including those who may be UK nationals but live elsewhere, excluding other nationals who have been in the UK for 12 months or longer)
- **Spend** - the amount visitors report spending in the UK during their stay
- **YoY** - Year on Year

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