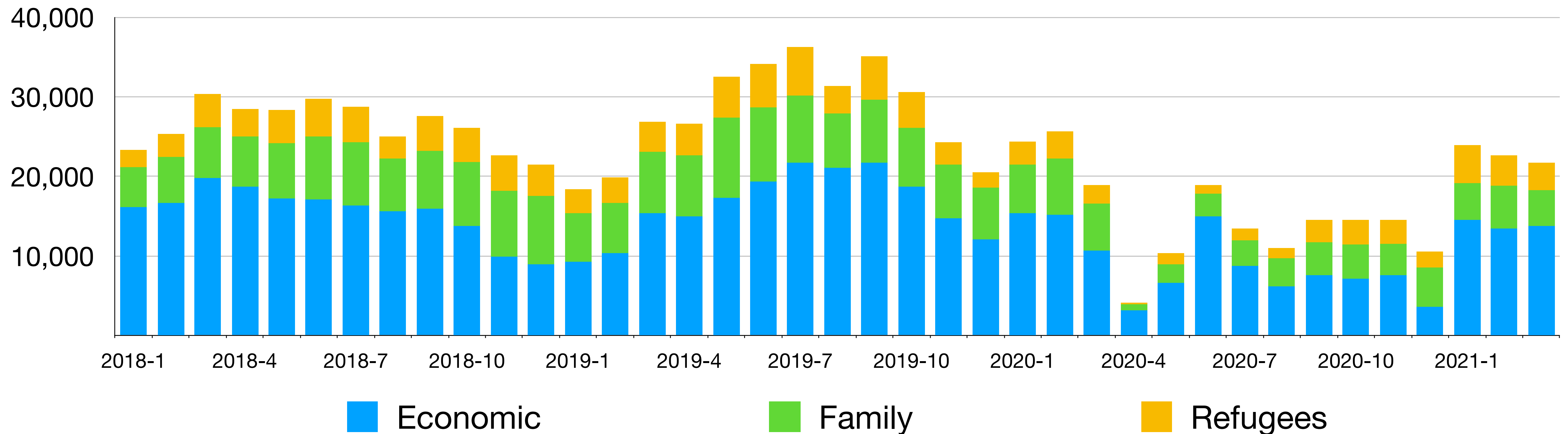


COVID-19 Immigration Effects

2018 to March 2021
Working Draft - Key Slides



Programs Examined

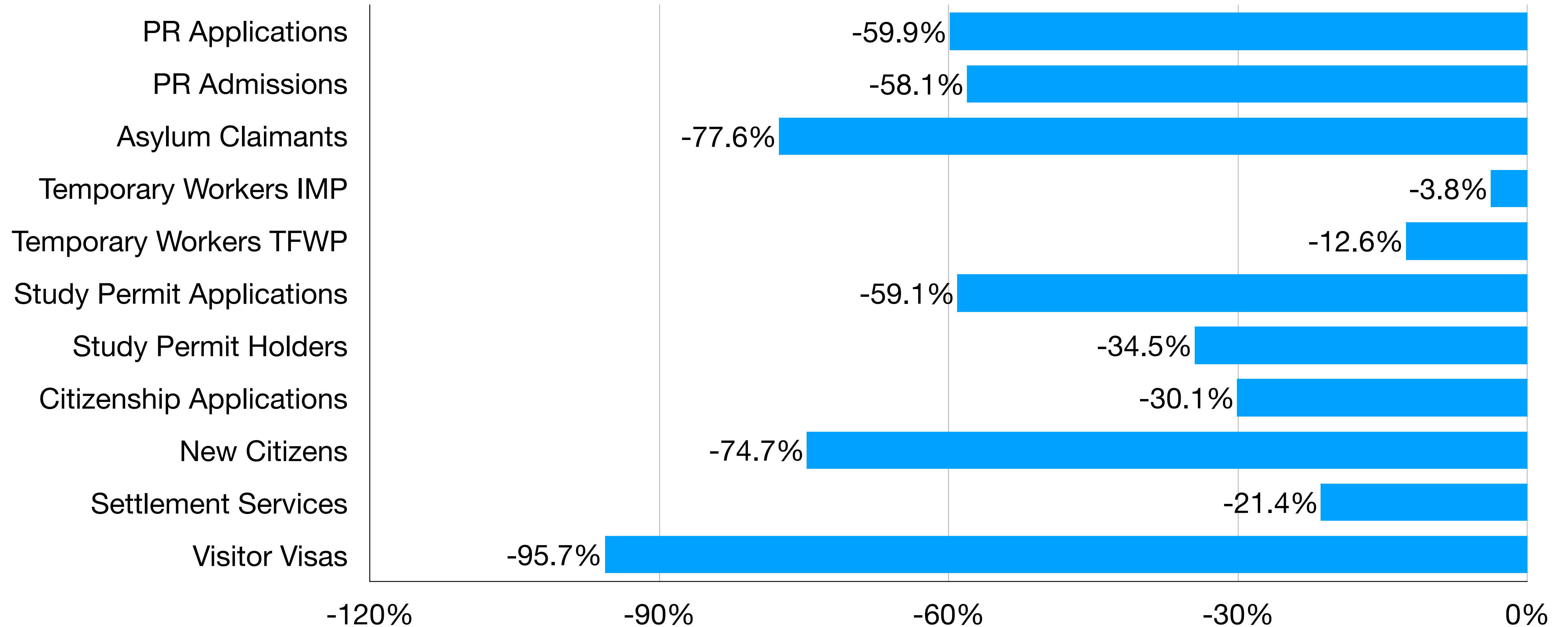
- **Permanent Residents/Immigrants (PRs):** Economic, Family and Refugees
 - TR to Permanent Resident transition
 - Asylum Claimants
- **Temporary Residents/International Mobility Program (IMP):** International Agreements (e.g., NAFTA, GATS), Canadian Interests (e.g., intra-corporate transfers, work exchange programs, post-graduate employment, spouses)
- **Temporary Residents/Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP):** caregivers, agriculture workers, other workers with Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA)
- **Study Permits** (international students)
- **Settlement Services**
- **Citizenship**
- **Visitor Visas**

March 2021 Highlights

- **March immigration continued to come back closer to traditional levels, reflecting government decision to use inventory of temporary residents to transition to permanent residency: First quarter 70,425 permanent resident admissions, annualized would be about 280,000**
- **PRs: Admissions decreased slightly from 23,365 in February to 22,410 in March. March Year-over-year change (change from 2019 in parentheses): Economic 29.3% (-10.2%), Family -25.4% (-42.7%), Refugees 53.1% (-5.7%)**
 - Applications: Increase from 22,516 in February to 24,195 in March. March year-over-year change (change from 2019): -17.9% (-30.4%)
 - Web “Immigrate to Canada”: Largely flat, from 360,525 in March (outside Canada) to 362,518 in April. April year-over-year change (change from 2019): 32.6% (2.0)%
 - Provincial Nominee Program: Decrease from 6,355 in January to 4,565 in February. February year-over-year change (change from 2019): -5.6% (-50.4%)
 - TR to PRs transition (i.e., those already in Canada): Increase from 11,680 in February (some double counting) to 12,625 in March. March year-over-year change (change from 2019): 138.4% (43.2%)
- **Temporary Residents:**
 - TRs/IMP: Flat, from 30,885 in February (post-grad employment 37%) to 31,115 in March. March year-over-year increase (two year change): Agreements 60.5% (-9.1%), Canadian Interests: 131.8% (72.8%). Other IMP Participants (largely open work permits granted to Hong Kong residents who hold HSAR or BNO passports) 11,756%
 - TRs/TFWP: Increase from 9,120 in February to 14,125 in March. March year-over-year increase (two year change): Caregivers 202.5% (-5.5%), Agriculture 174.3% (50.5%) and Other LMIA 114.8% (112.9%).
 - Web “Get a work permit”: From 59,929 in March (outside Canada) to 54,203 in April. April year-over-year change (change from 2019): -7.9% (-26.9%)
- **Students: Increase from 18,930 in February to 22,790 in March. March year-over-year change (change from 2019): 104.8% (13.3%)**
 - Applications: Decline from 47,835 in February (revised) to 44,073 in March. March year-over-year change (change from 2019): 136.7% (107.5%)
 - Web “Get a study permit”: From 77,401 in March (outside Canada) to 92,843 in April. Year-over-year change (change from 2019): 112.8% (21.5%)
- **Asylum Claimants: Increase from 1,080 in February (about 75% inland) to 1,280 in March. March year-over-year change (change from 2019): -64.2% (-69.7%)**
- **Settlement Services (December): Decline from 48,700 in November to 42,890 in December. December year-over-year (change from 2019): 21.6% (-17.1%)**
 - Web “Find immigrant services near you”: From 9,513 in March (outside Canada) to 8,608 in April. April year-over-year change (change from 2019): 23.3% (-22.5)
- **Citizenship: Decrease from 3,631 in February to 2,561 in March. March year-over-year change (change from 2019): -72.9% (-88.4%)**
 - Applications: From 16,783 in February to 6,069 in March. March year-over-year change (change from 2019): -70.4% (-76.1%)
 - “Apply for citizenship”: From 20,451 in March (outside Canada) to 19,161 in April. April year-over-year change (change from 2019): -16.3% (9.0%)
- **Visitor Visas: Decrease from 5,208 in February to 4,431 in March. March year-over-year change (change from 2019): -89.1% (-94.9%)**

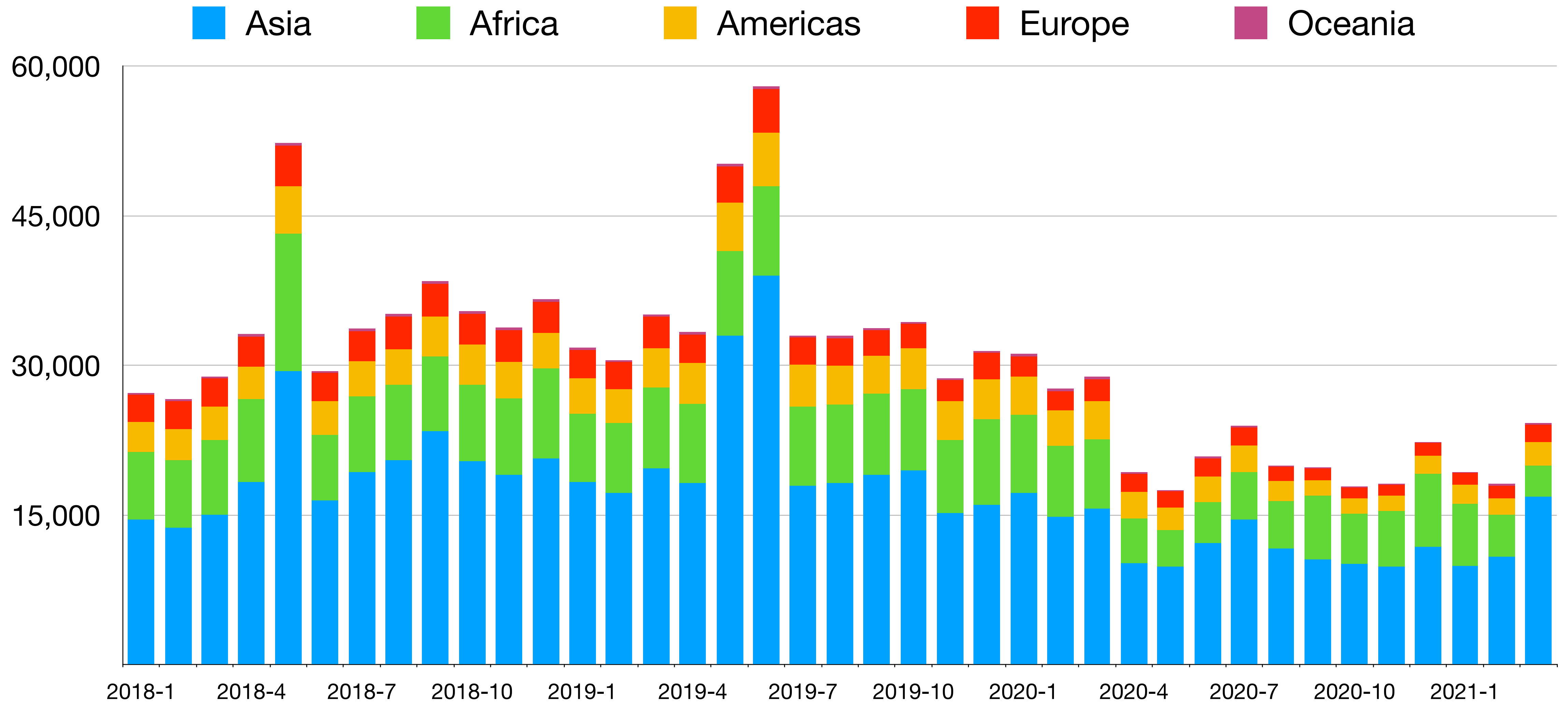
Overall Decline Across all Programs

April-December 2019-20 Comparison

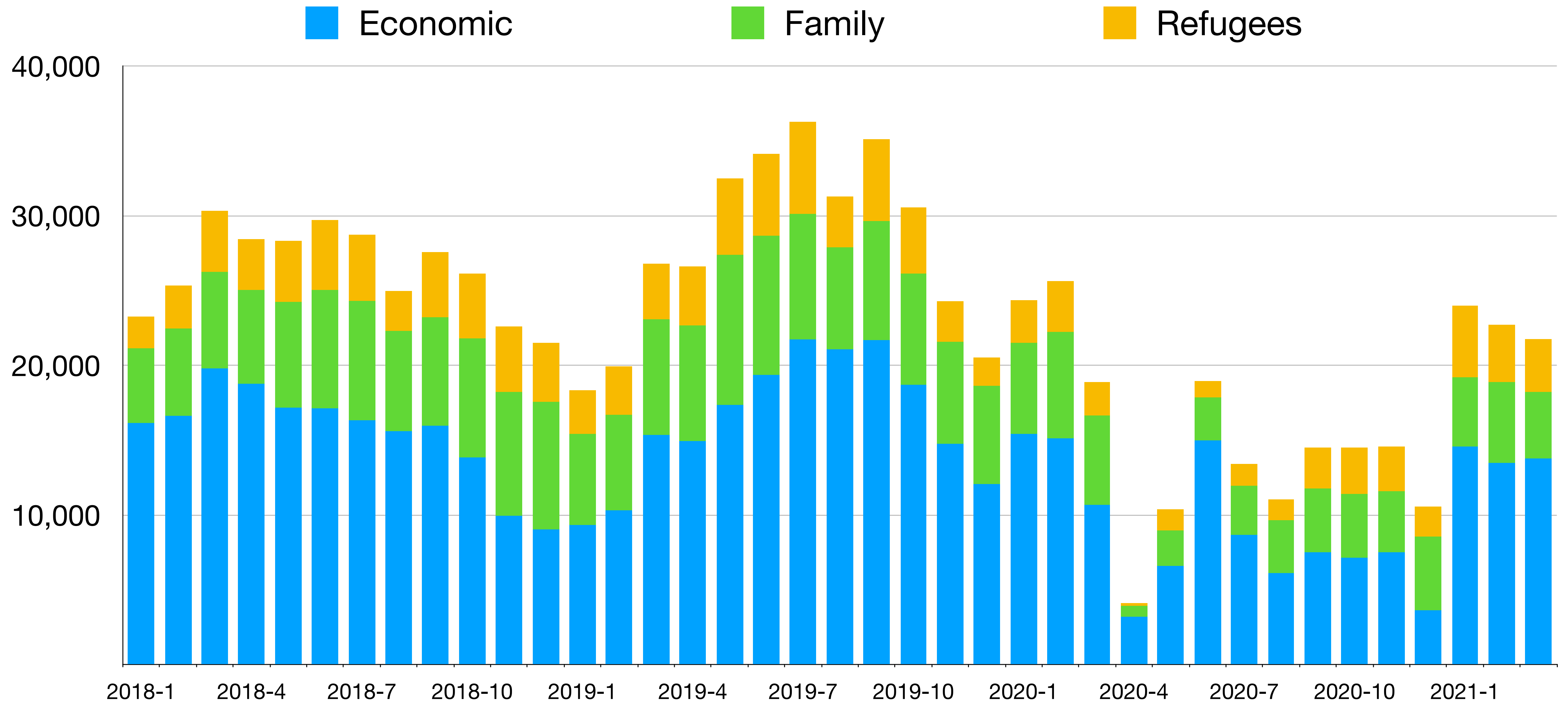


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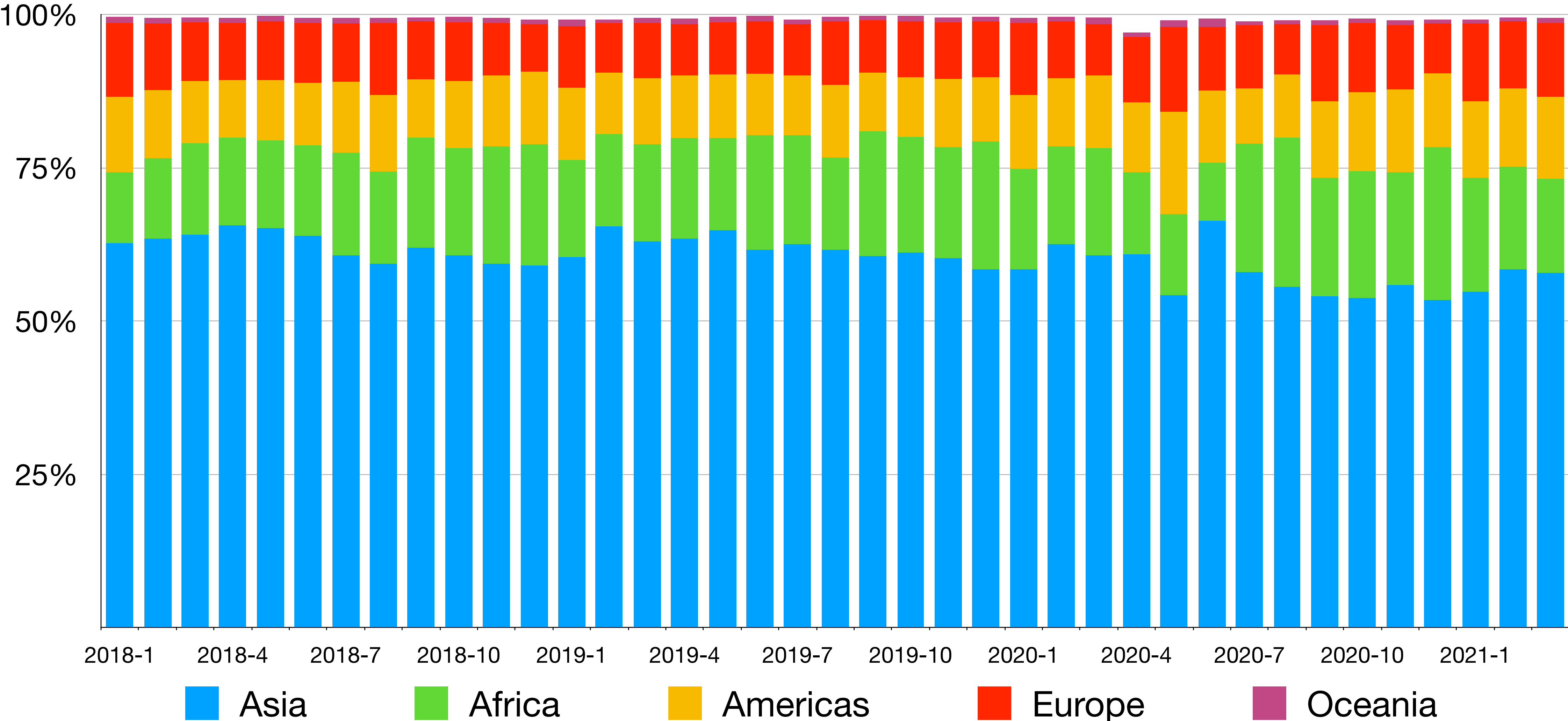
PR Applications: Region of Citizenship – 2018-21



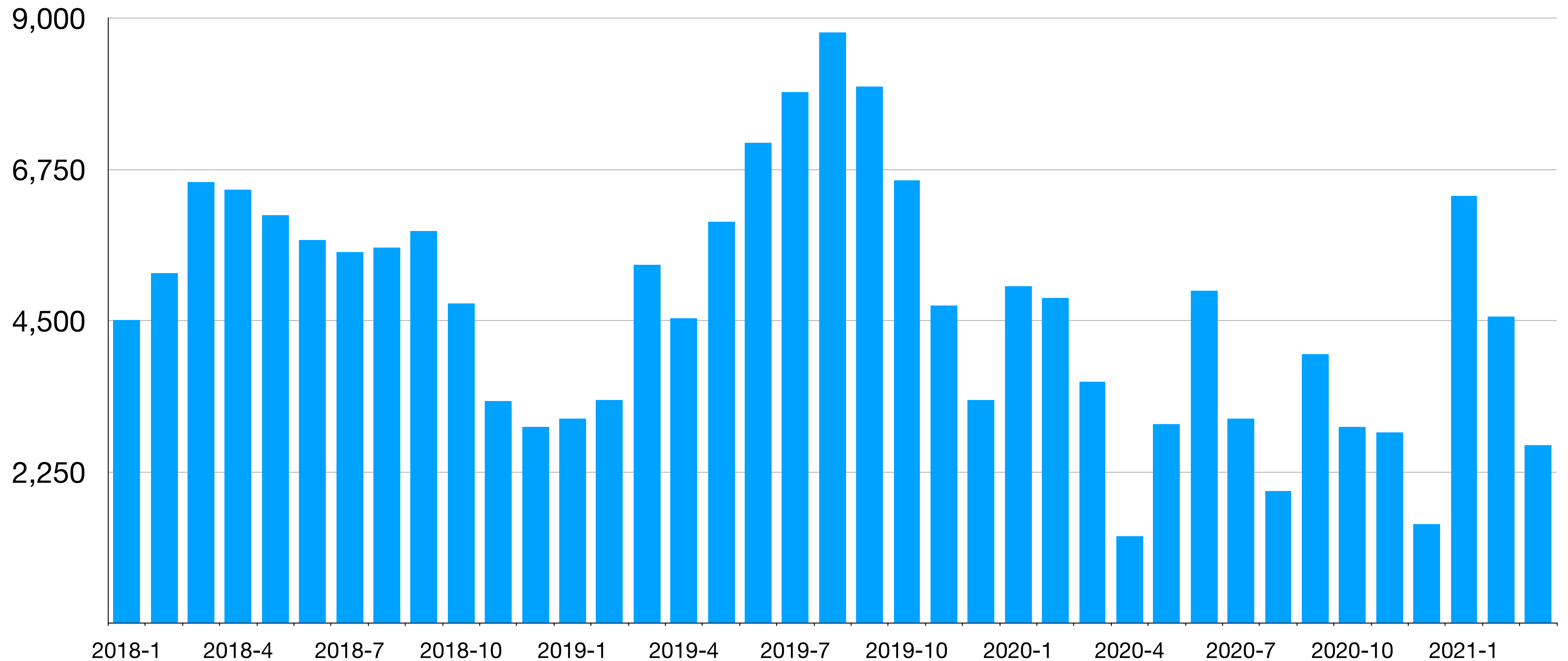
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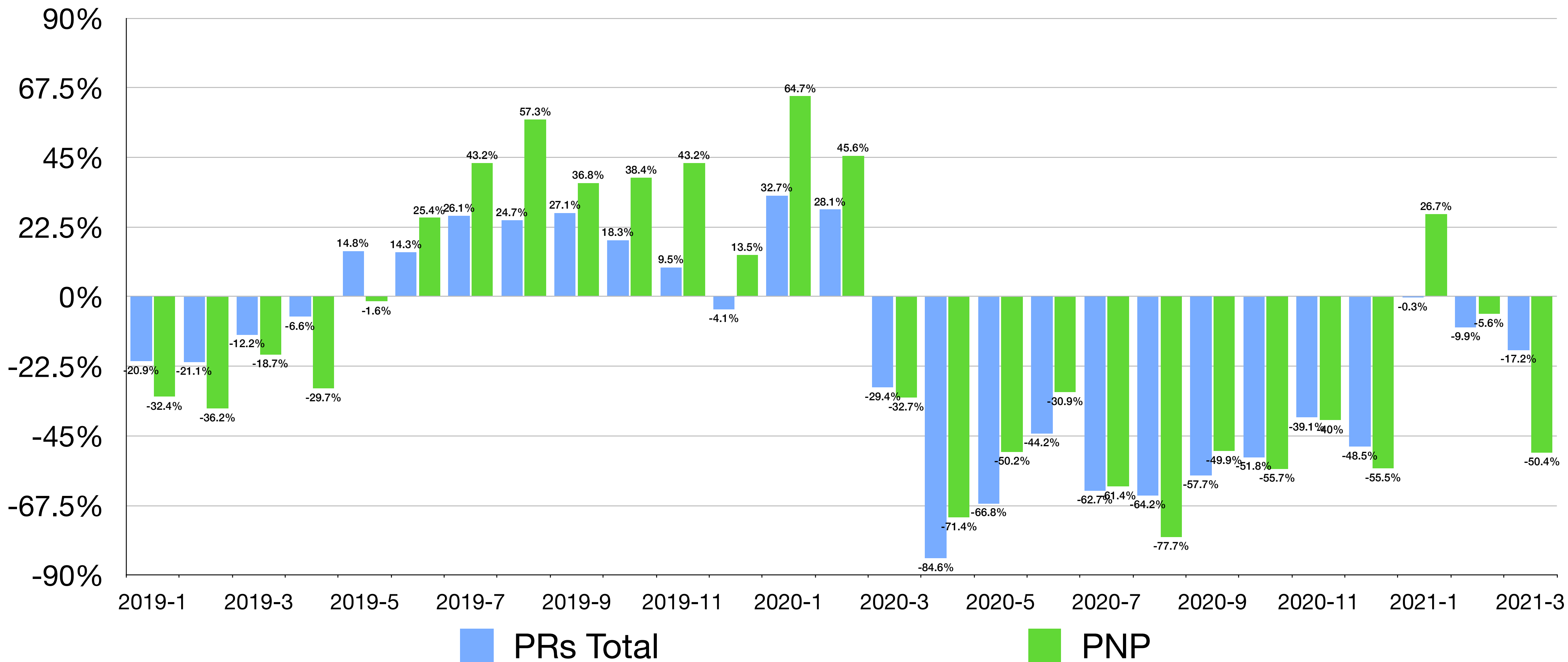


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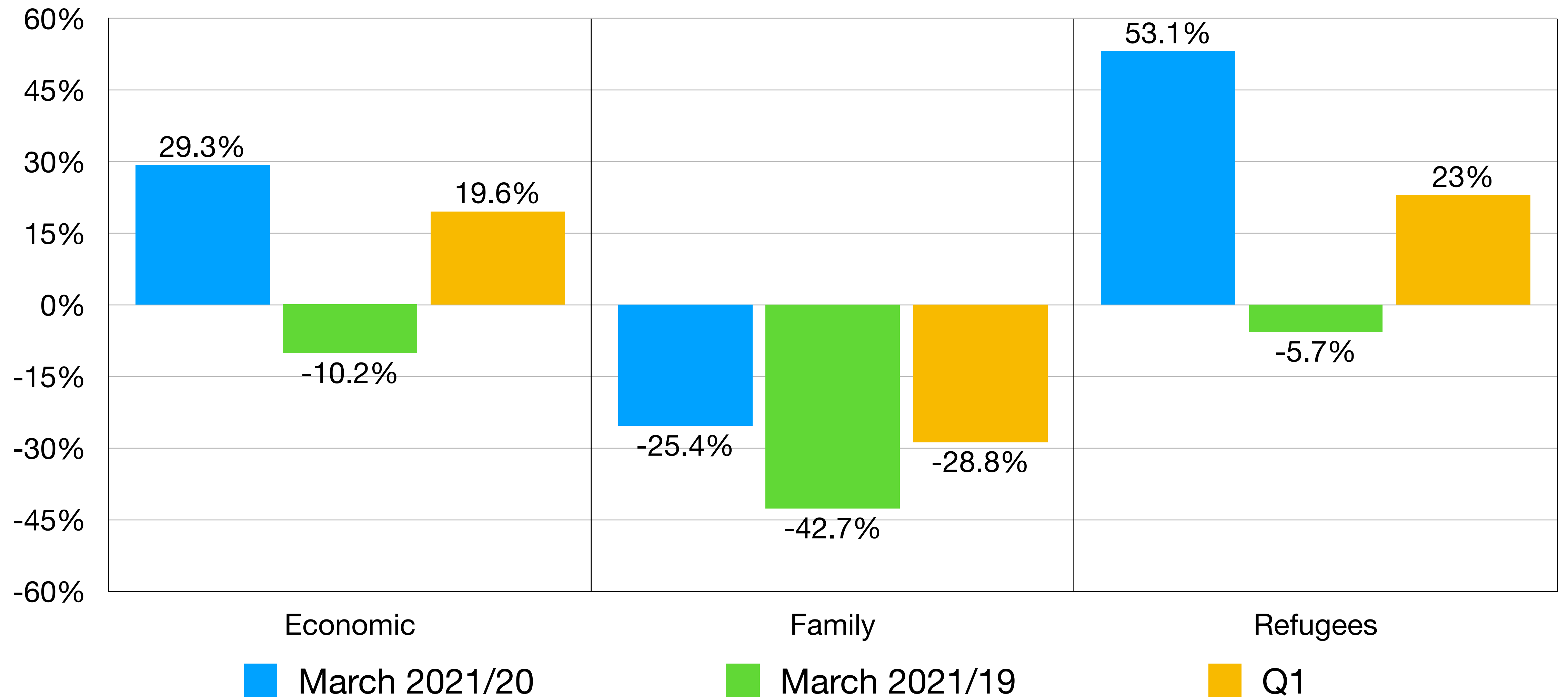
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Two-Year Comparison (monthly)



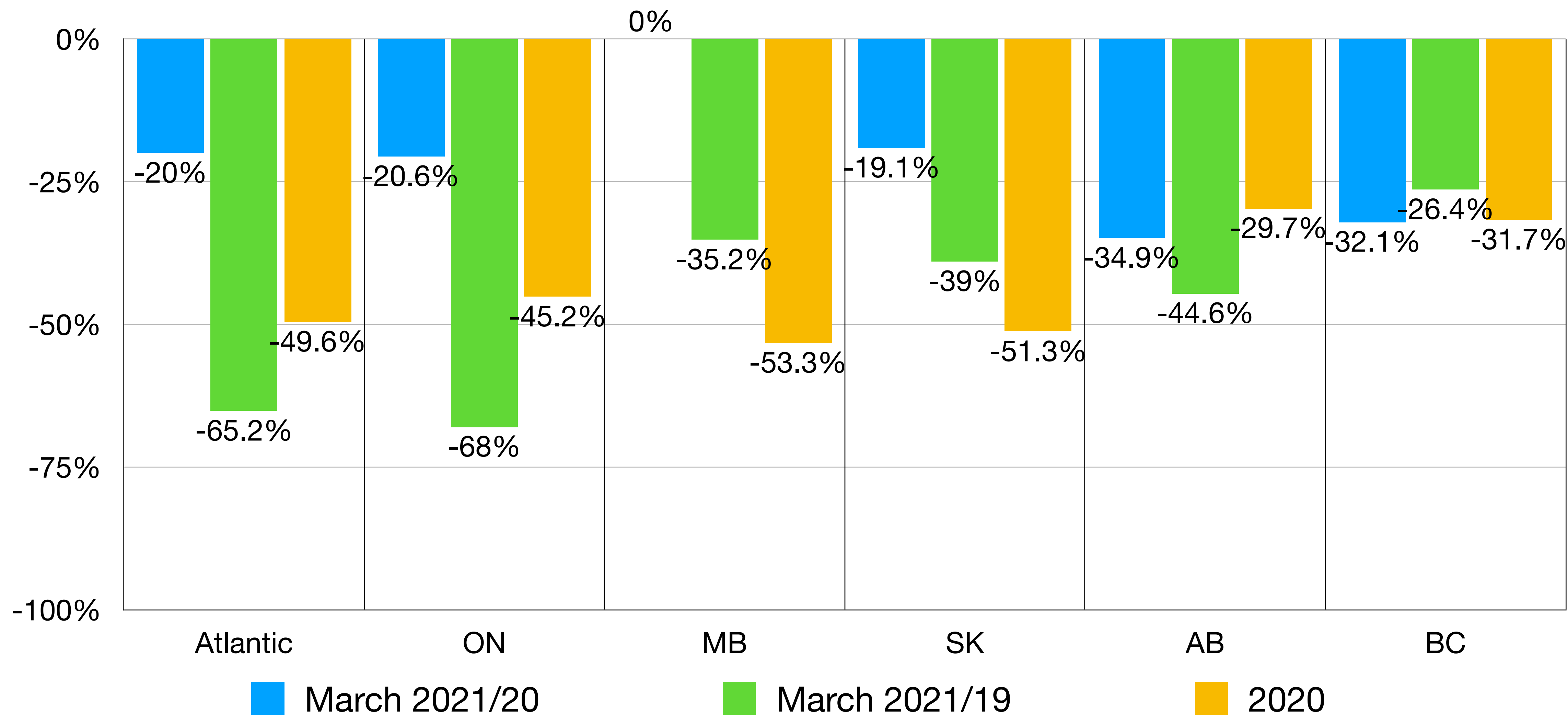
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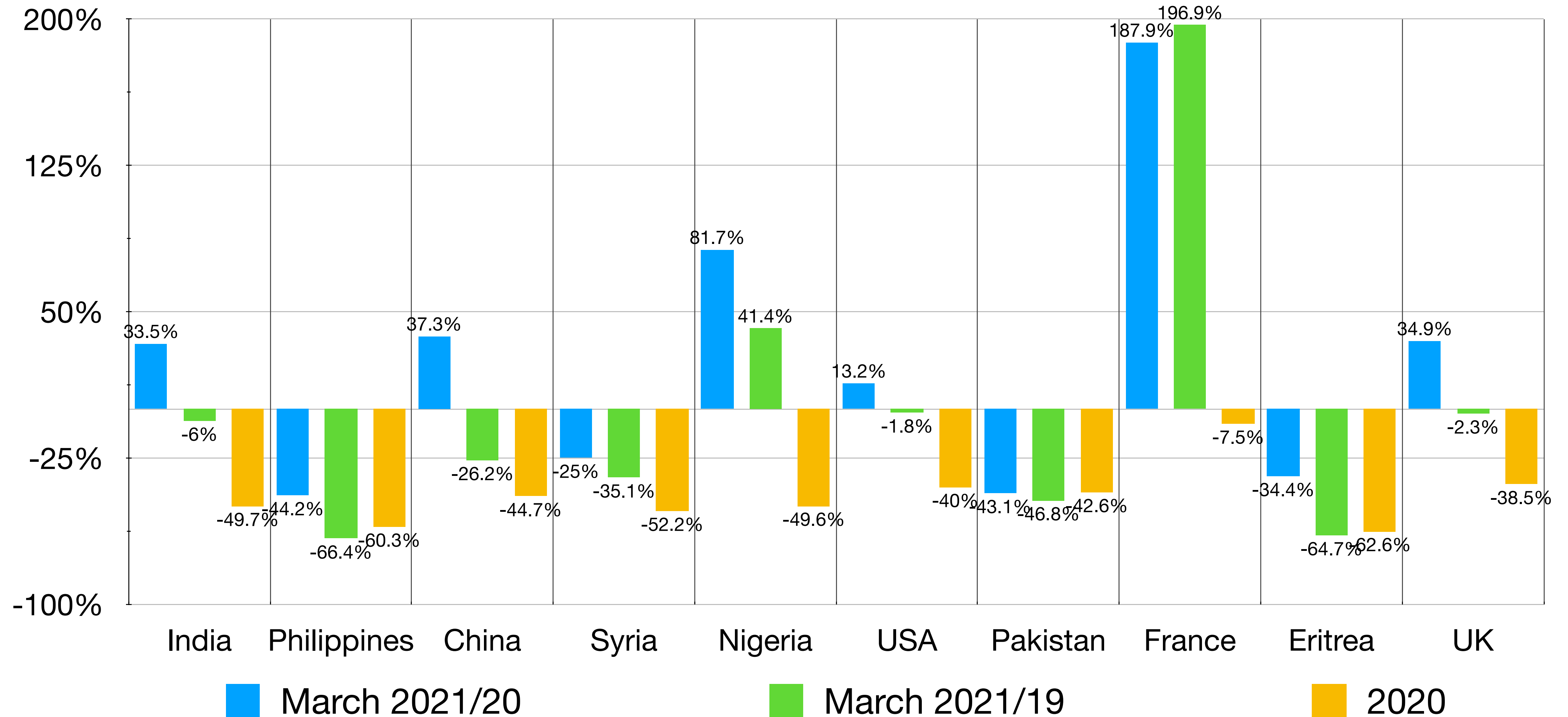
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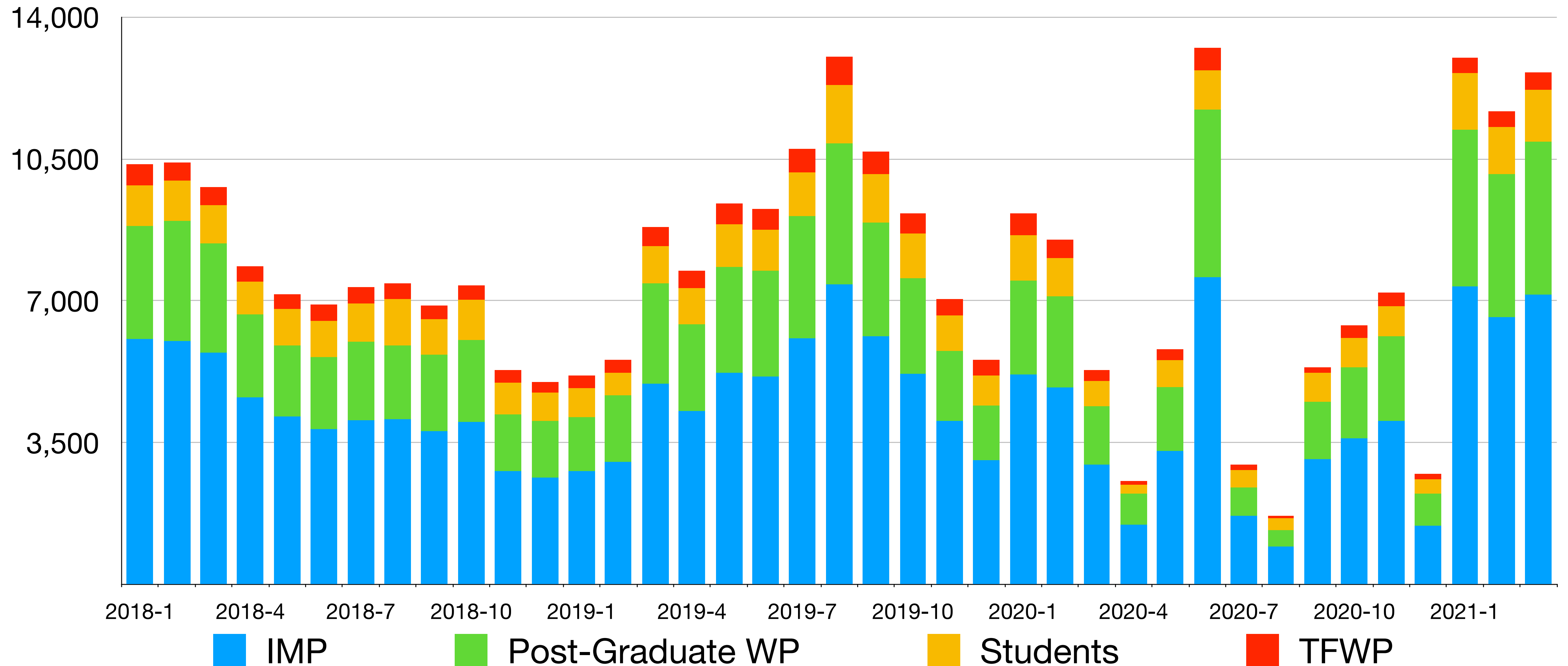
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Top 10 Countries — Ordered by 2018 base year



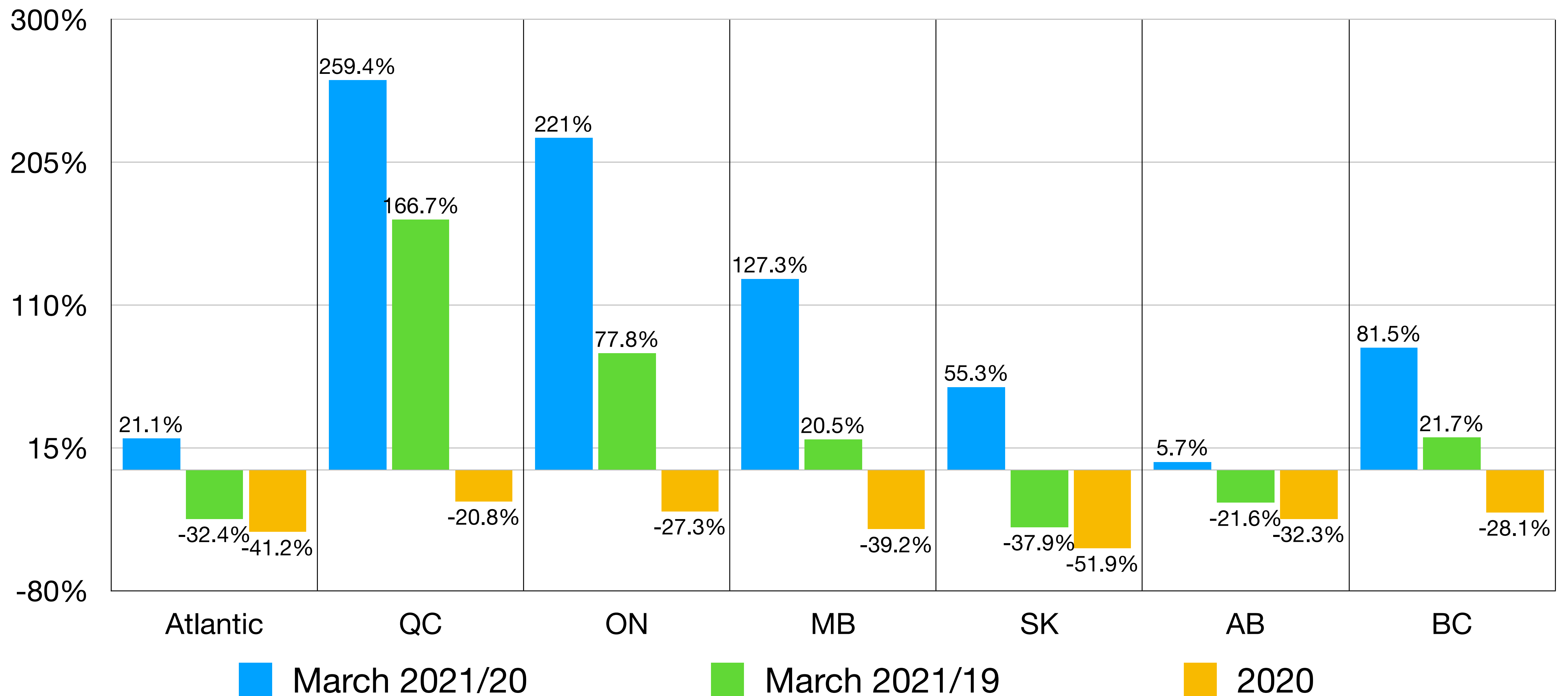
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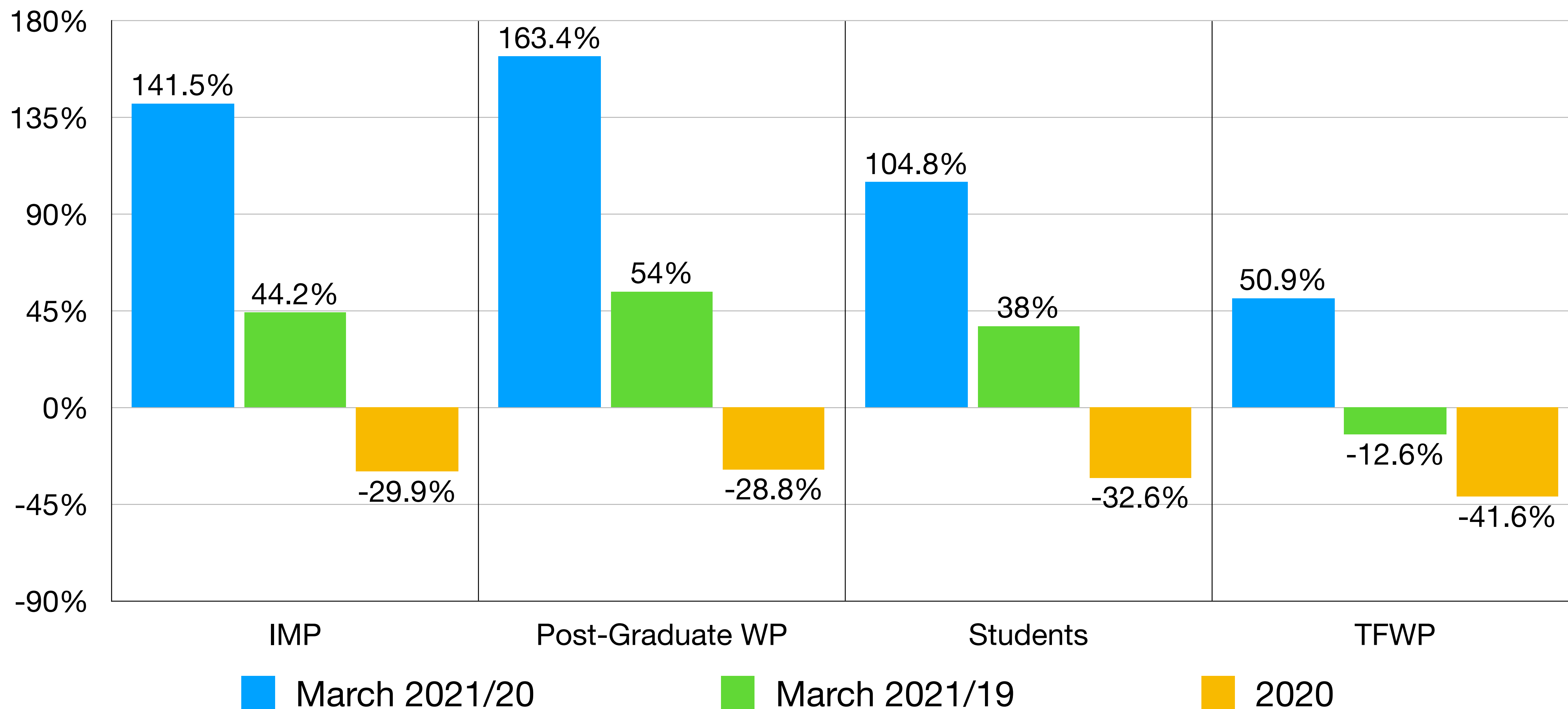
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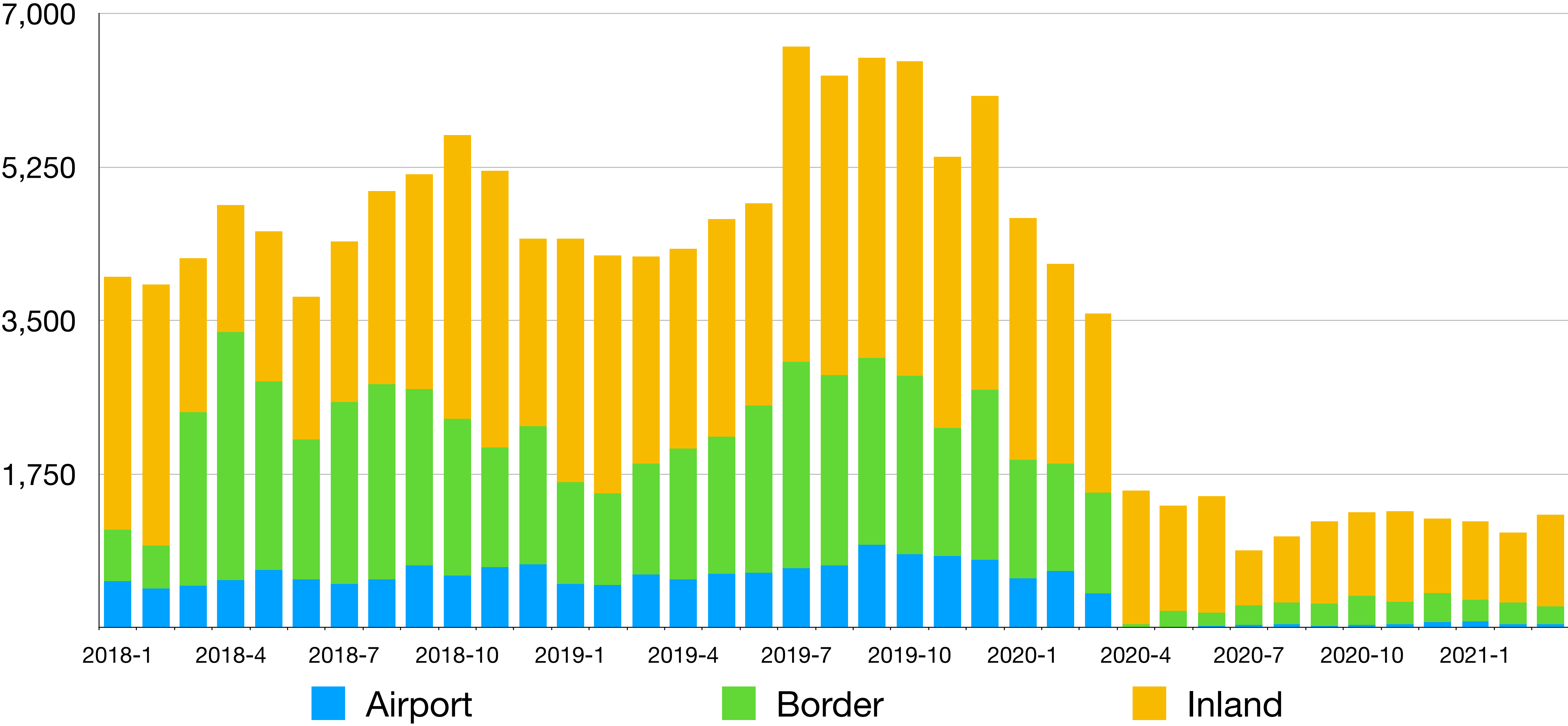


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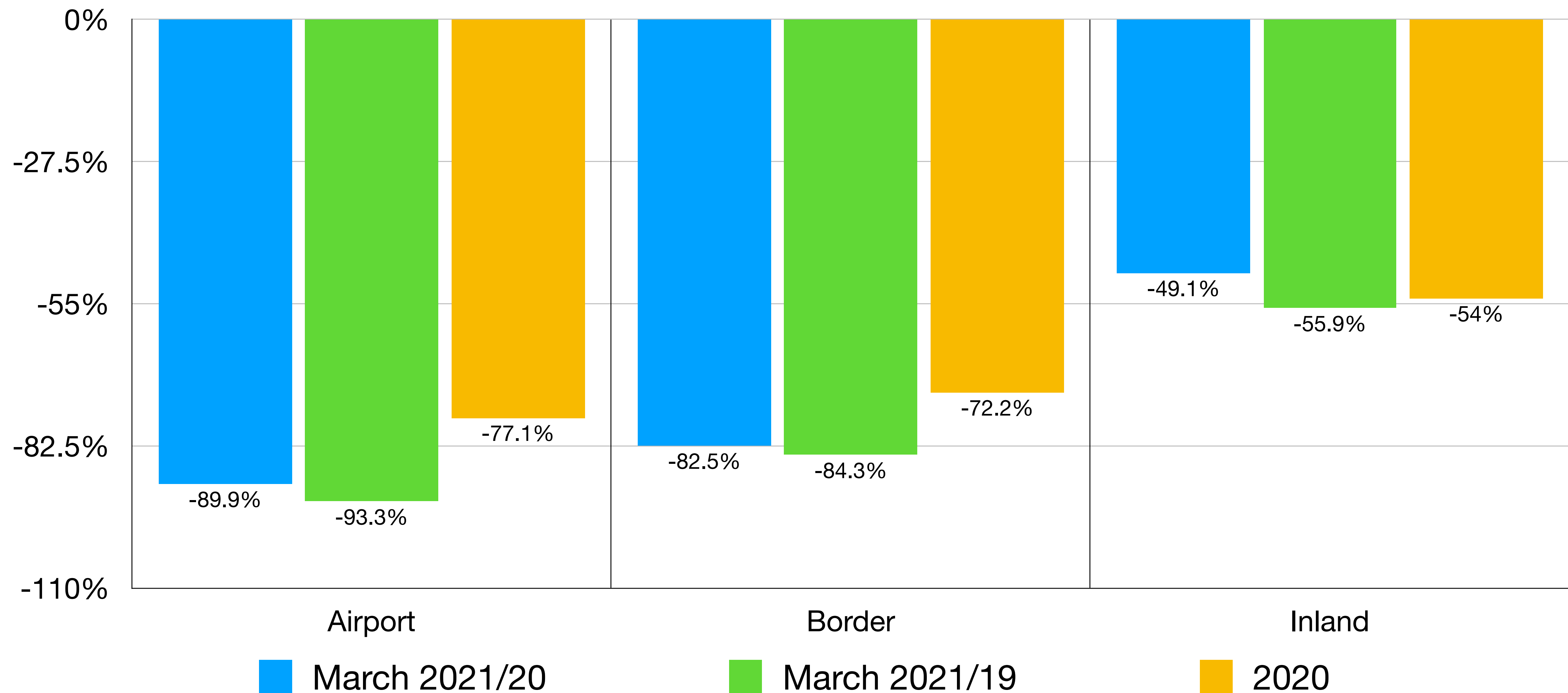


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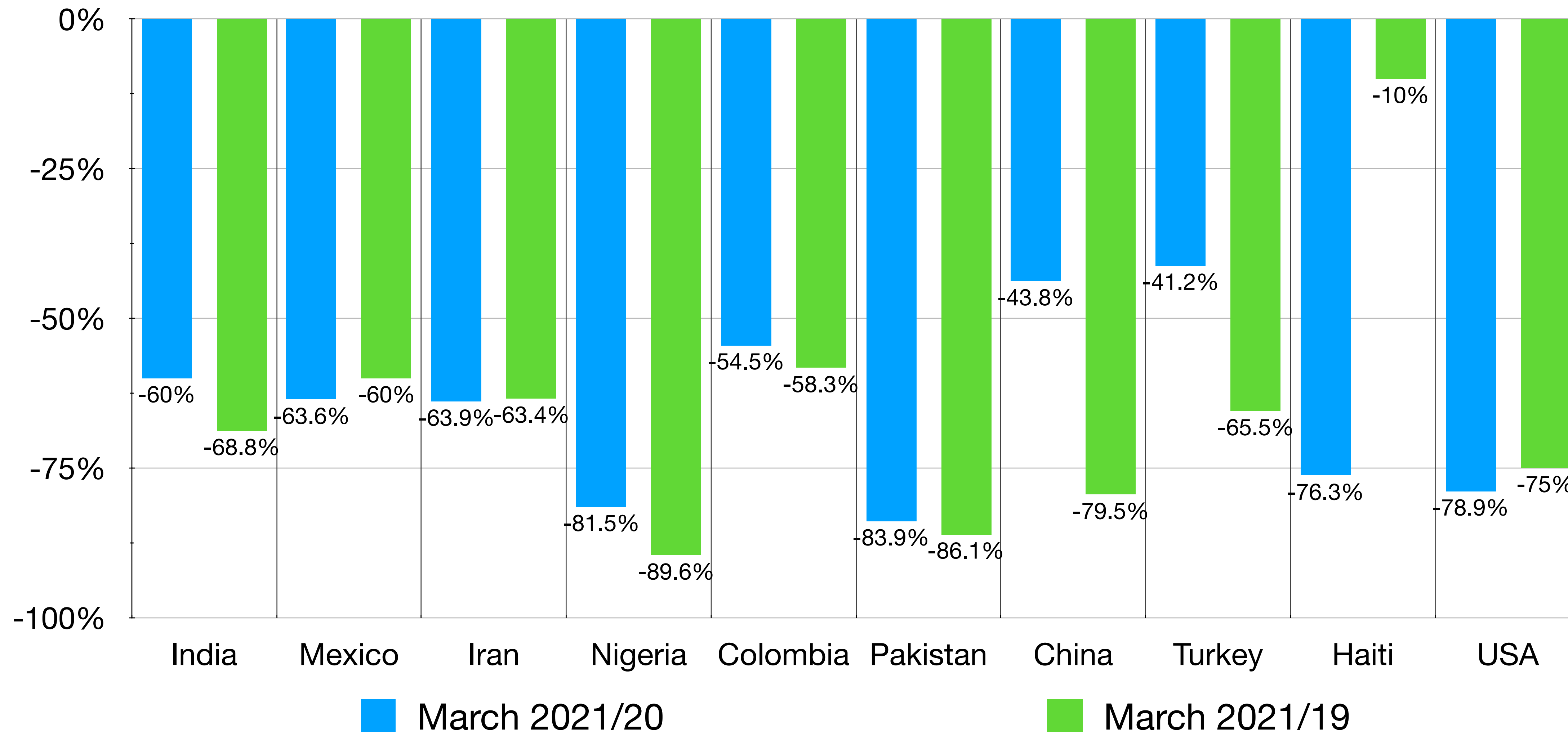
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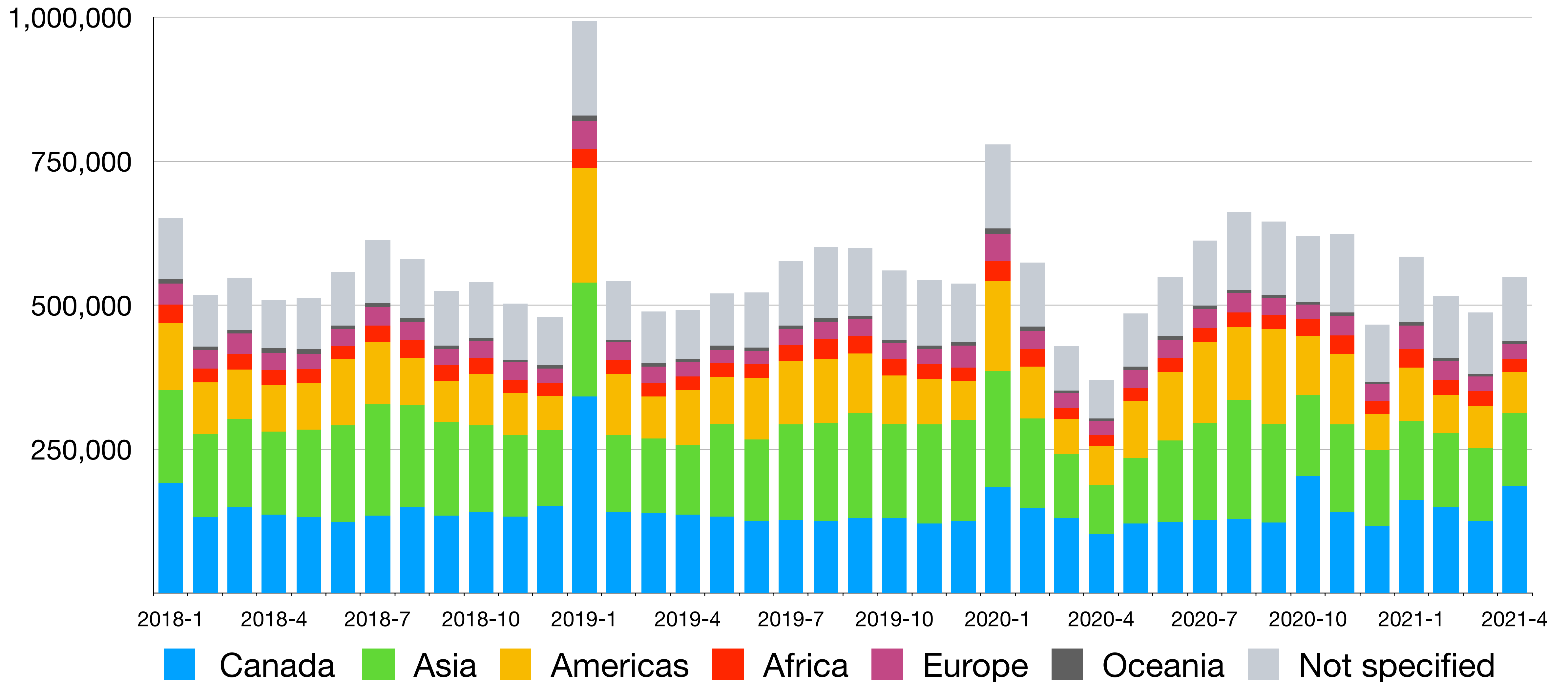


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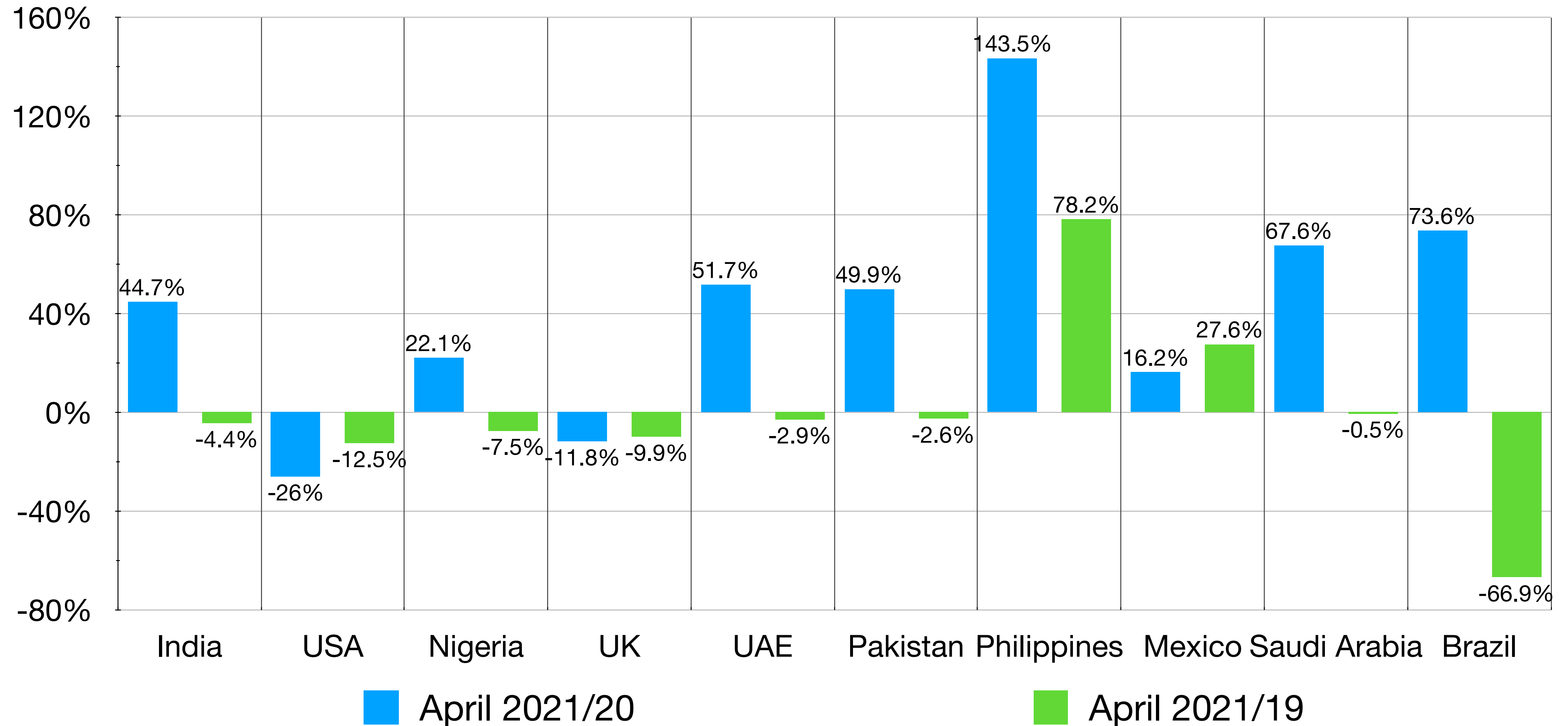
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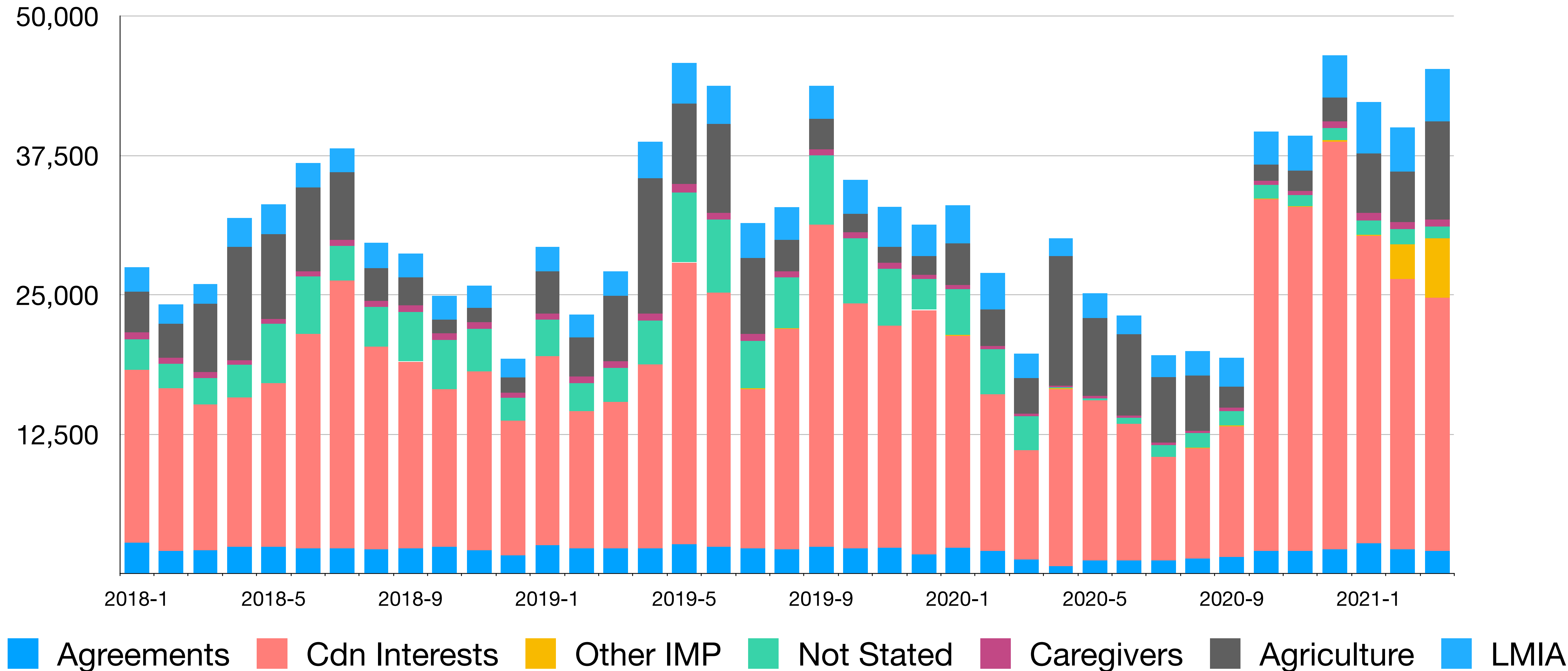
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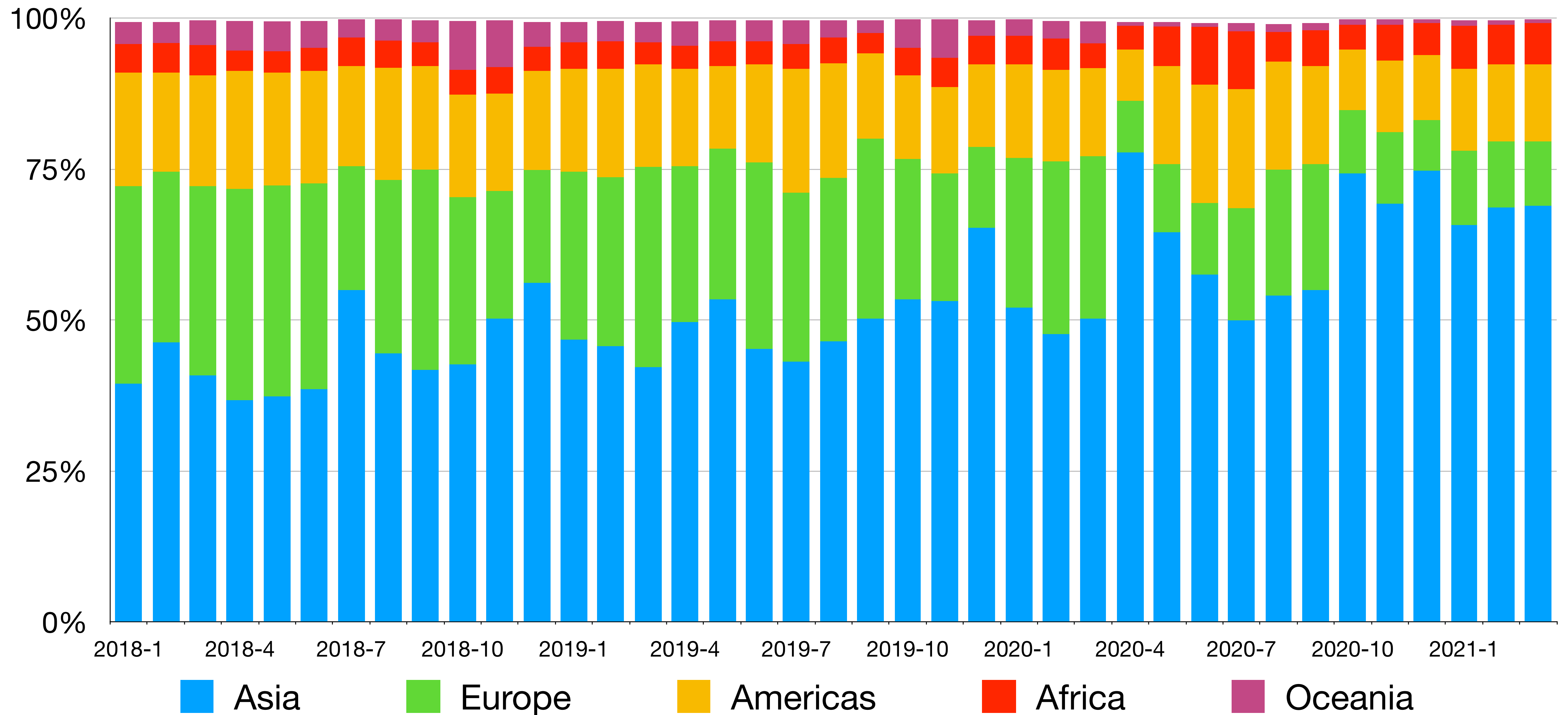


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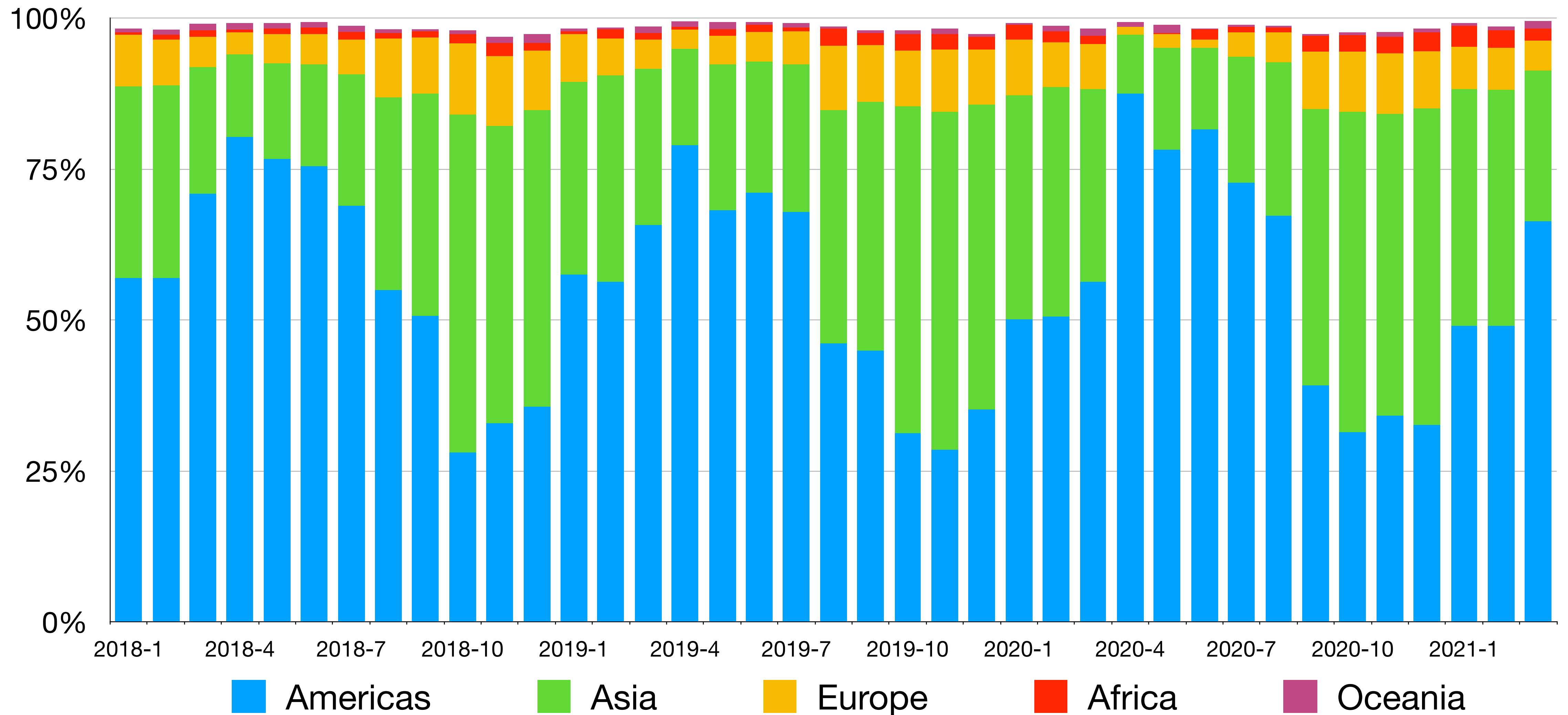
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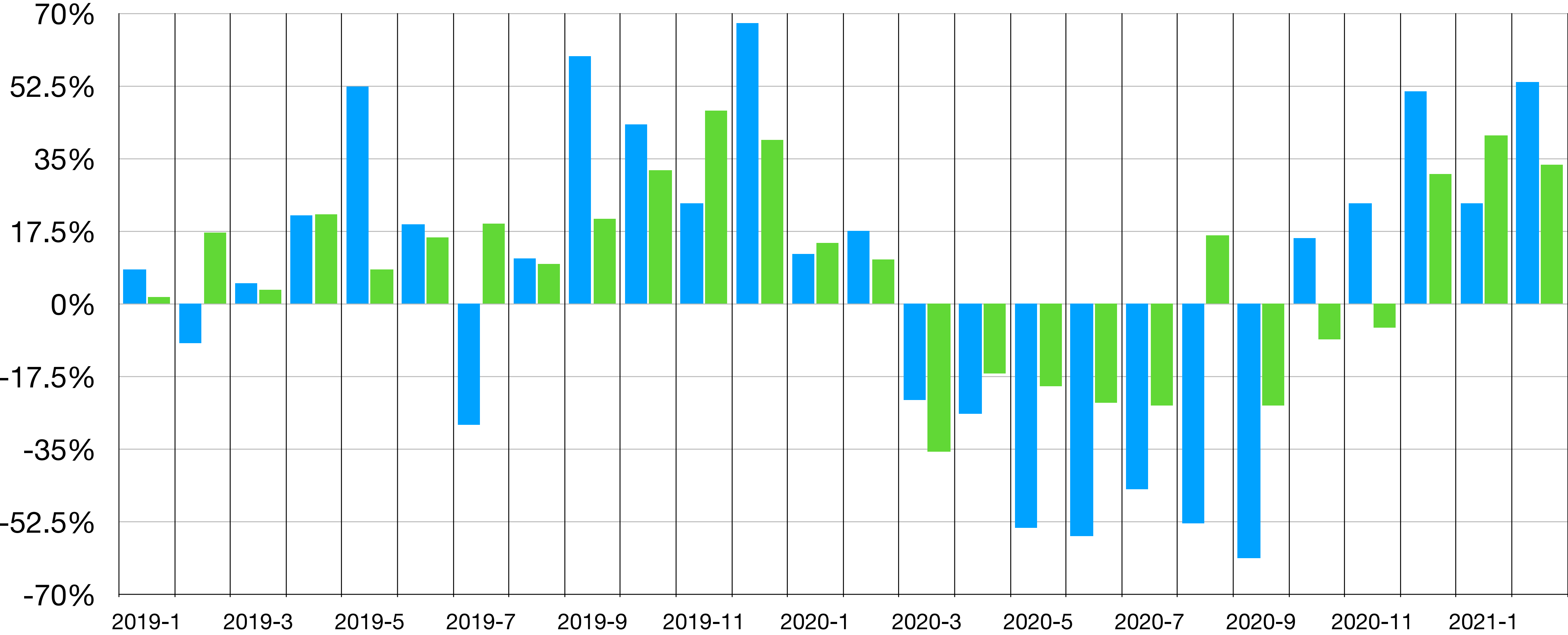
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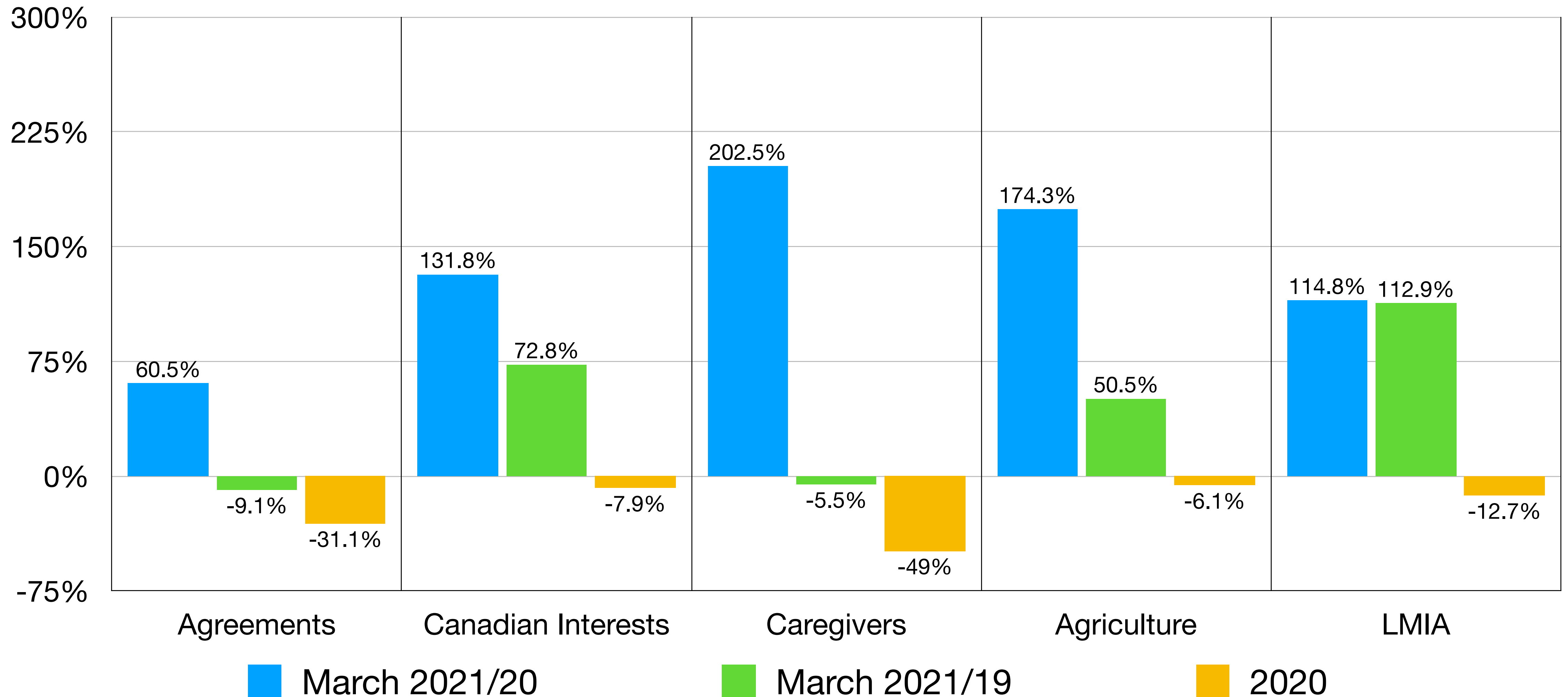
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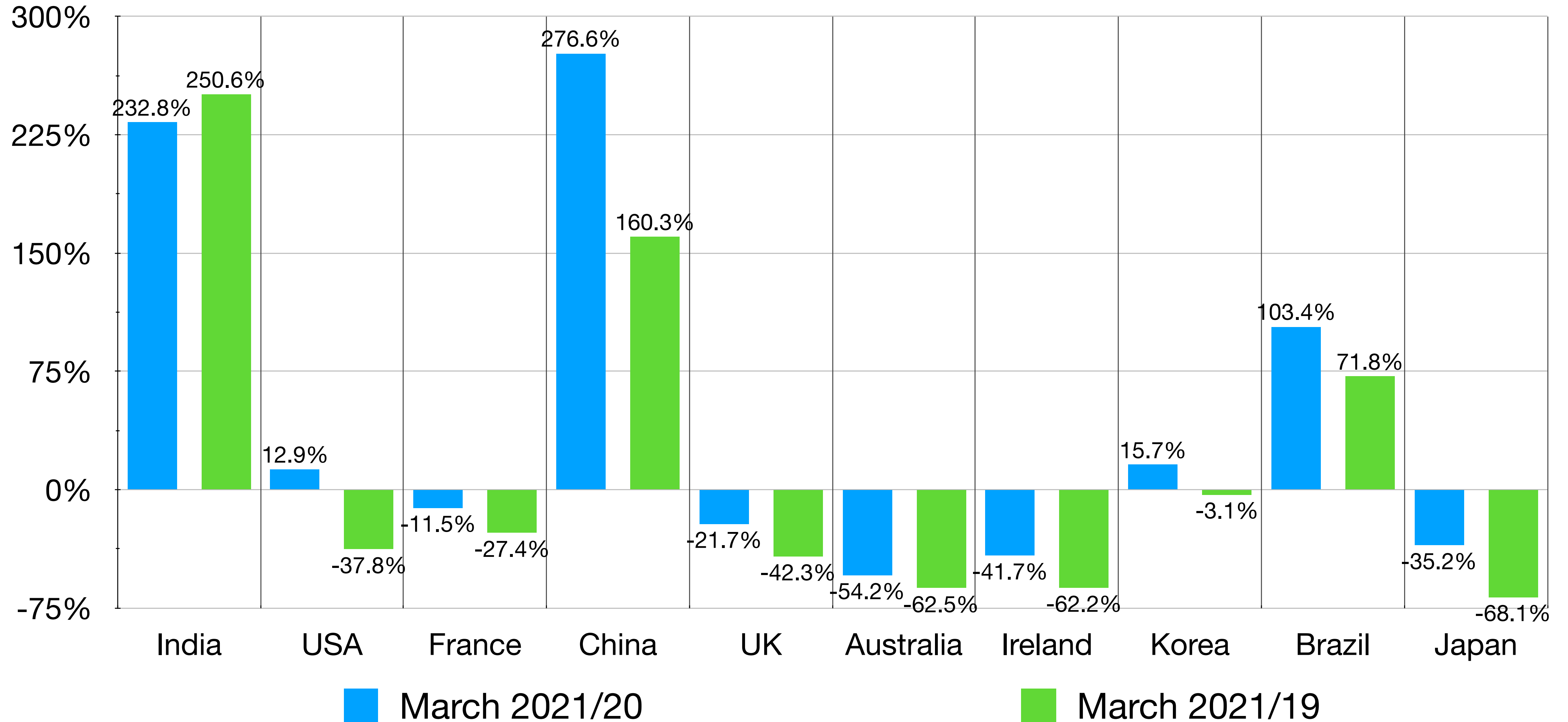
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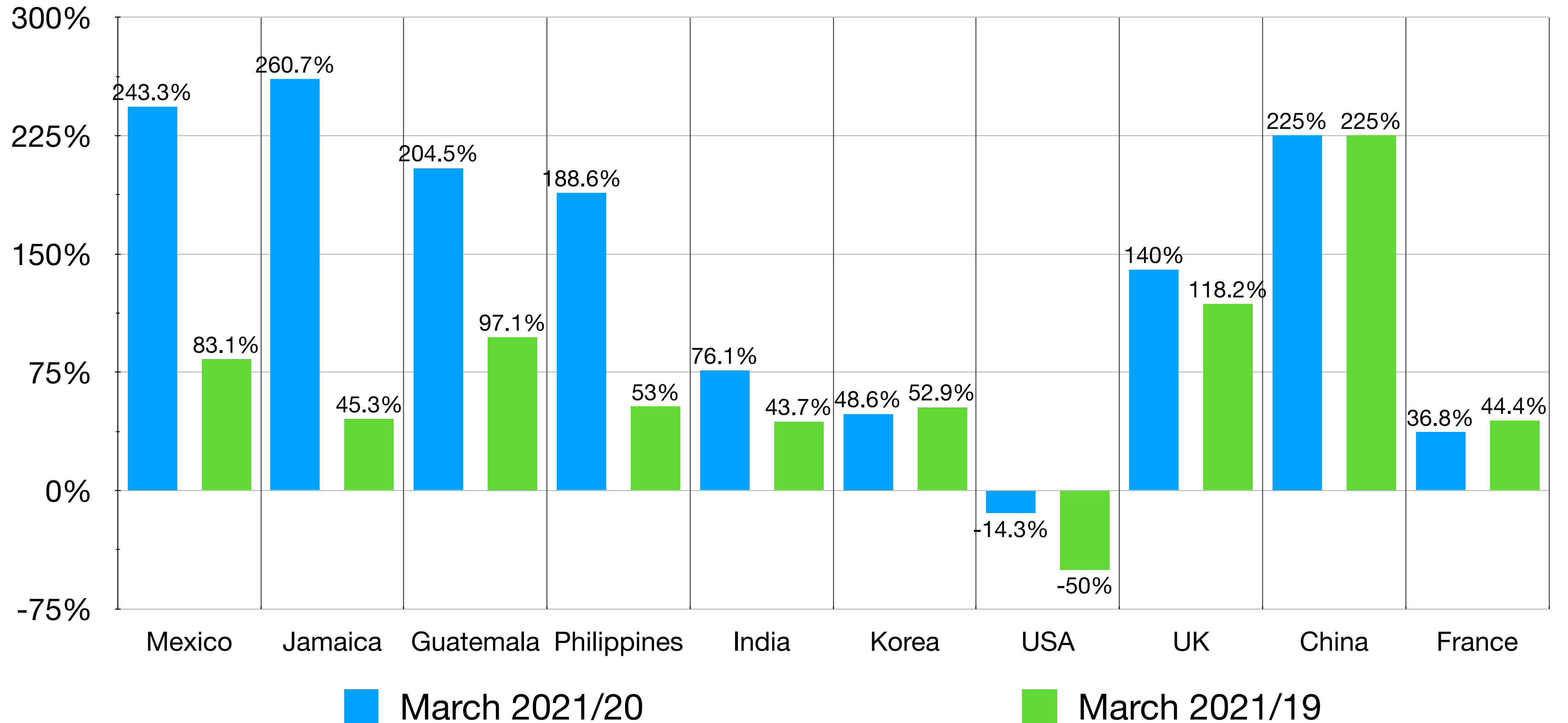
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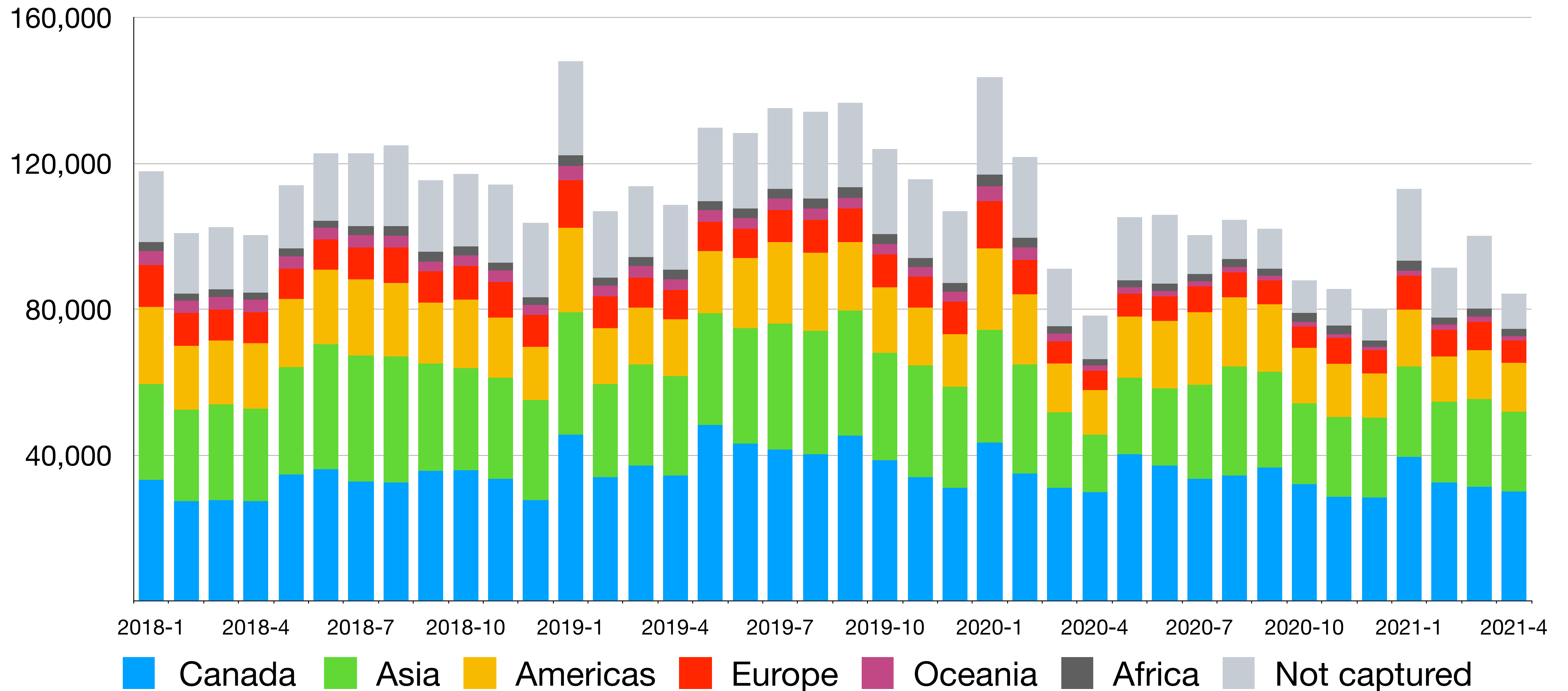
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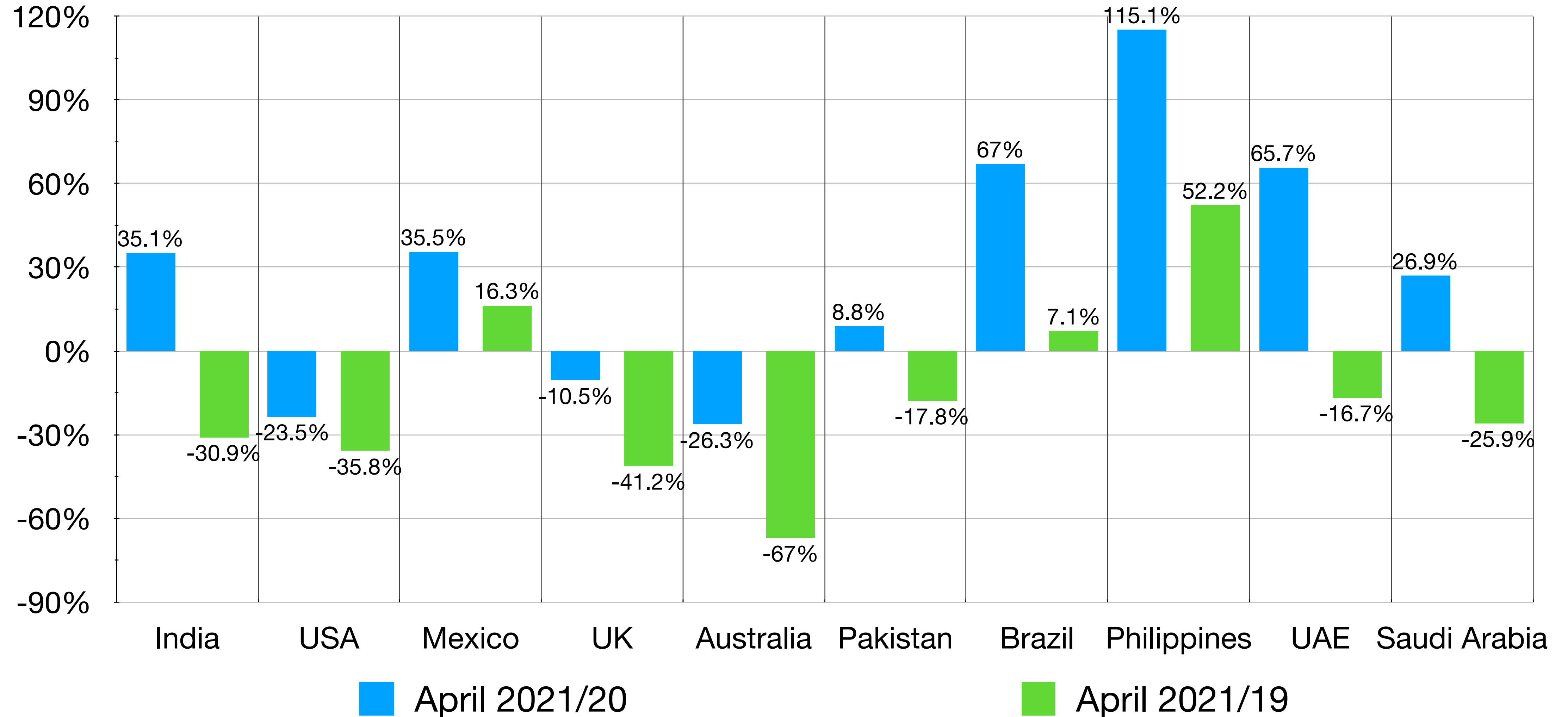
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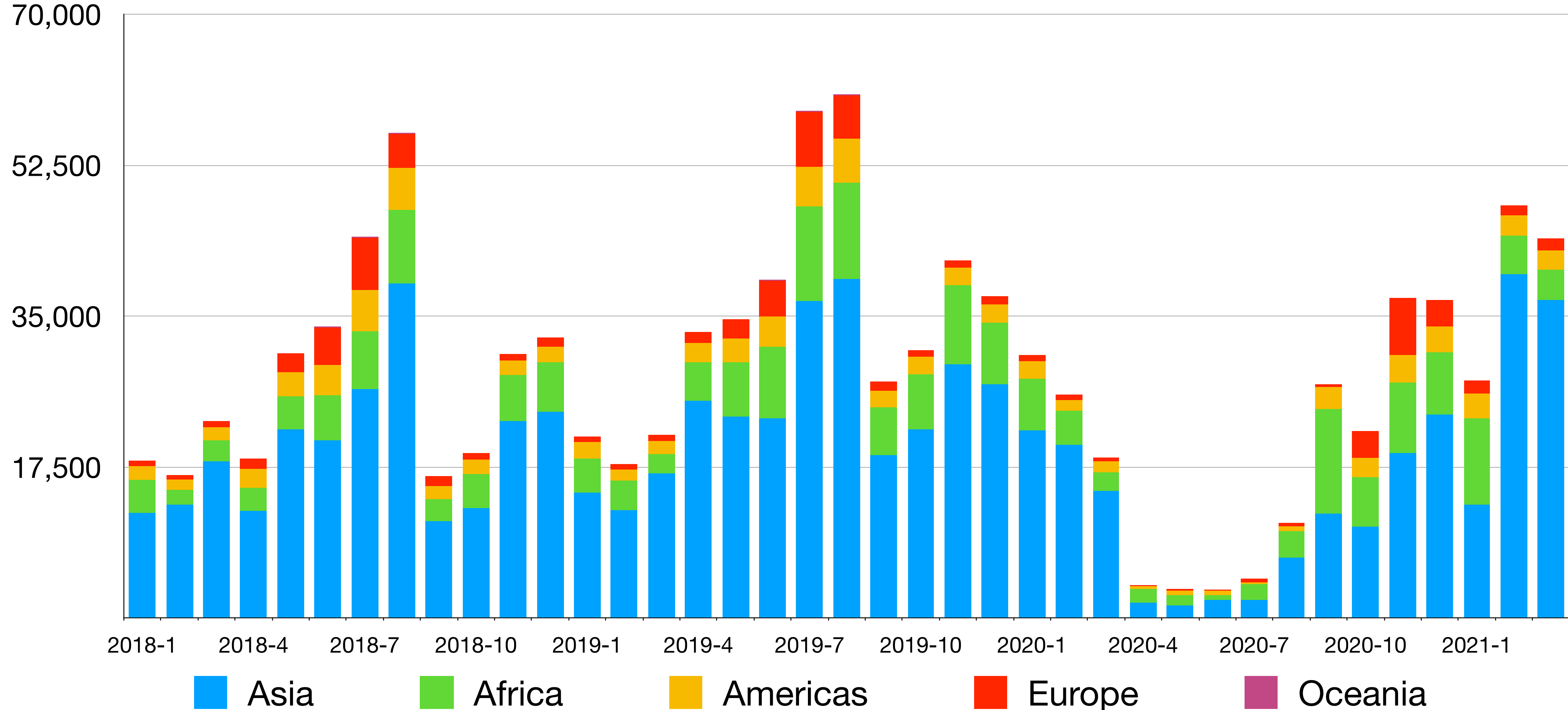
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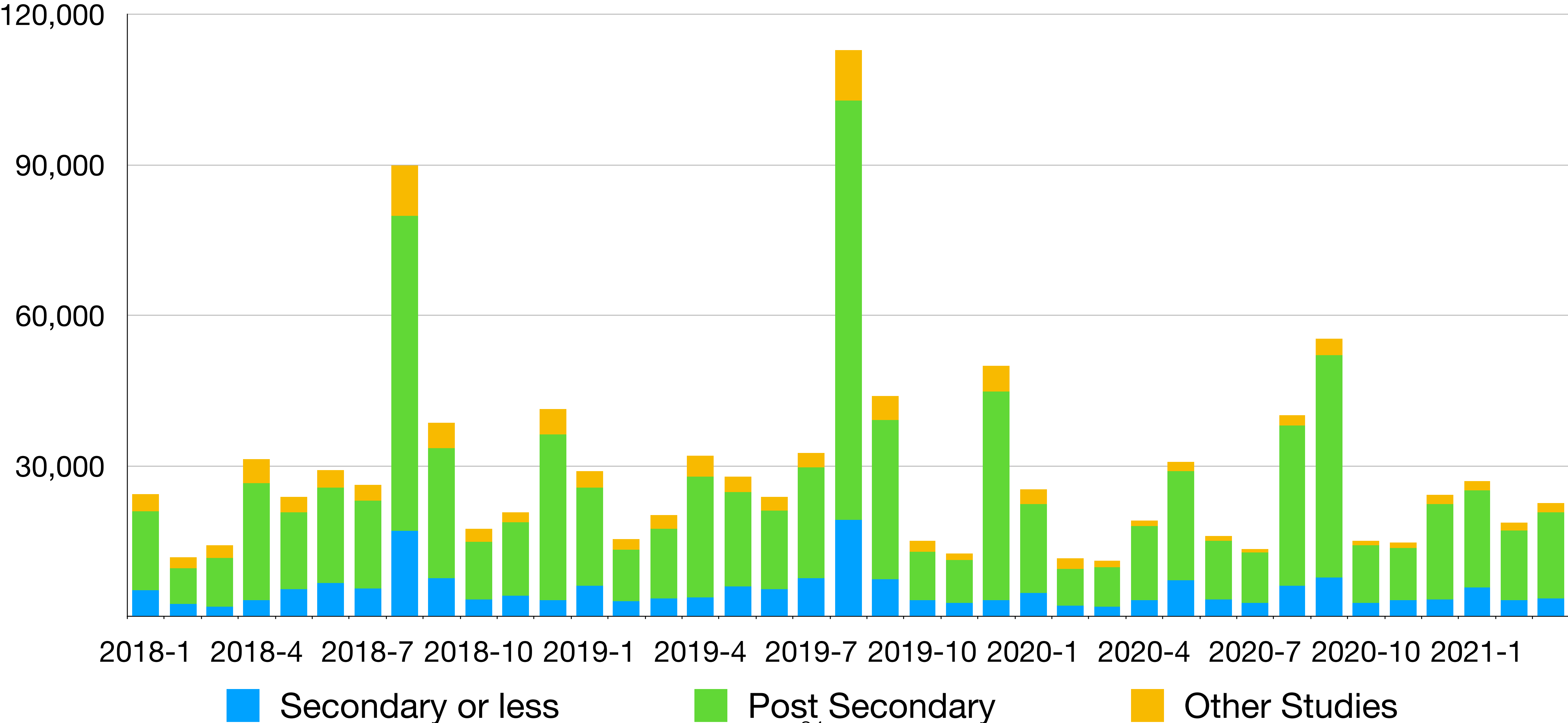


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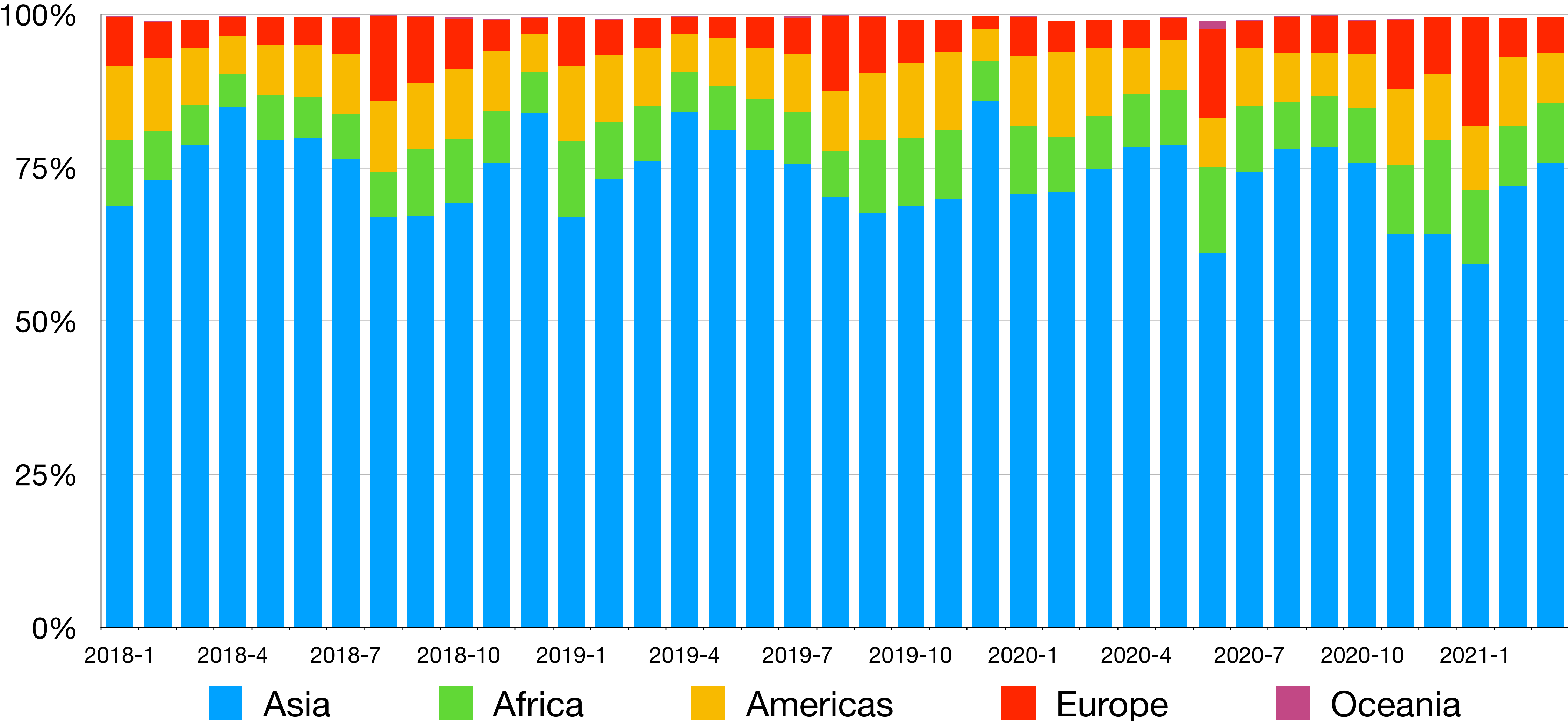
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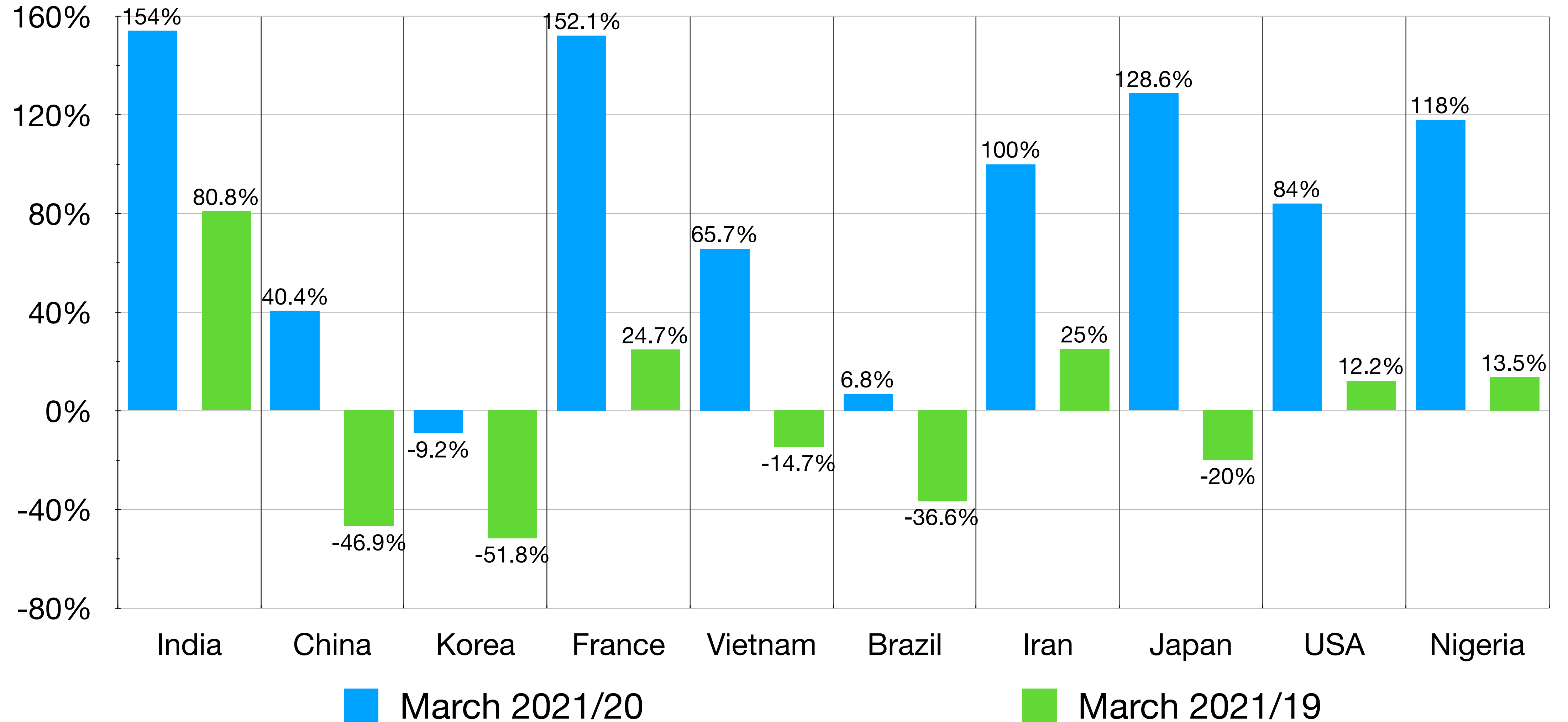
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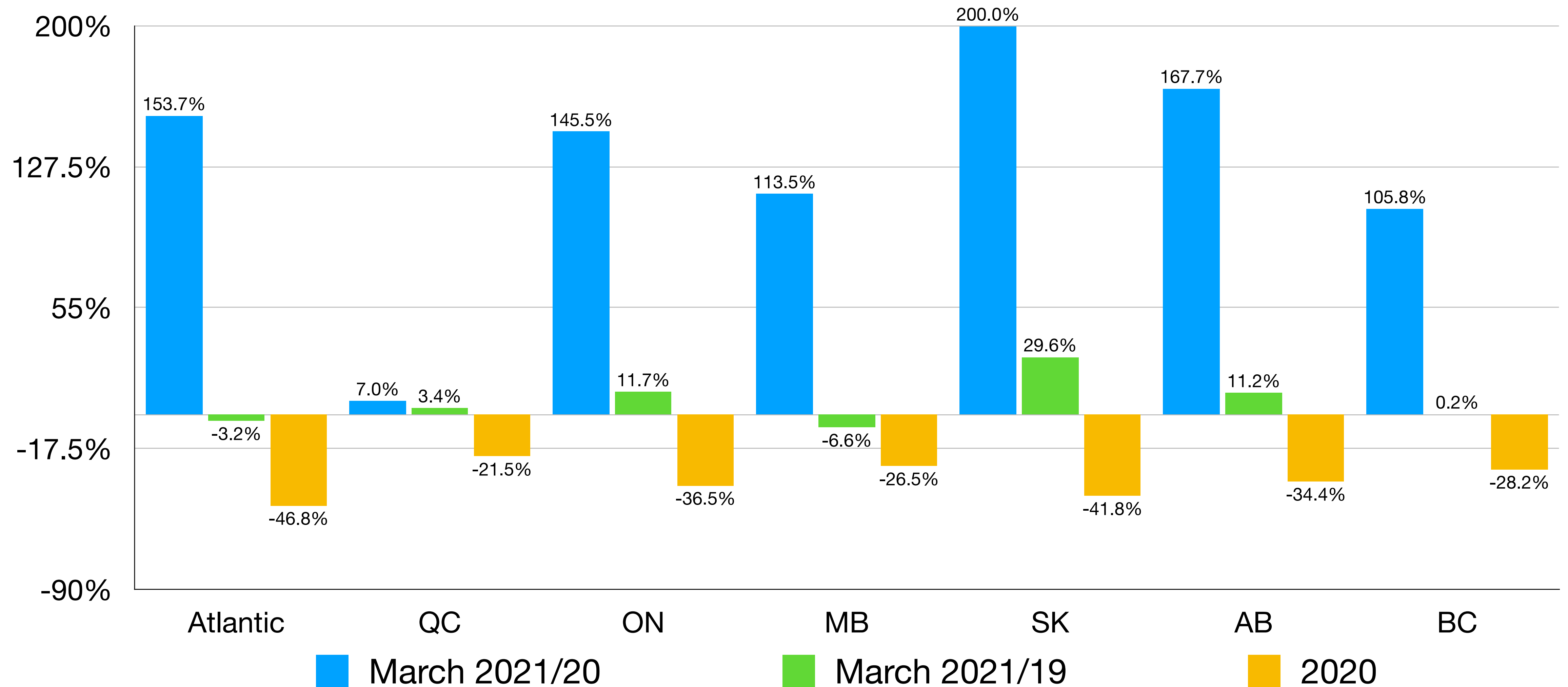
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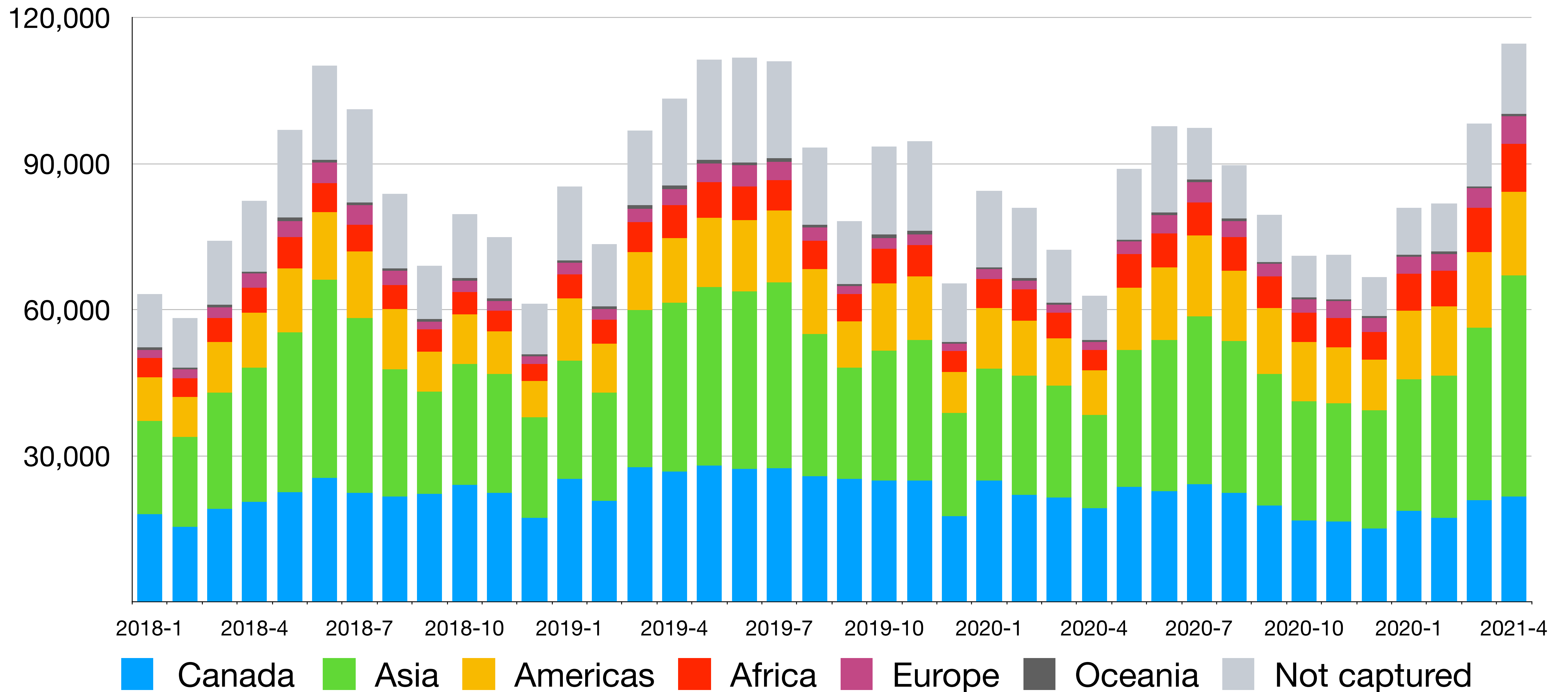


Study Permit Holders by Province

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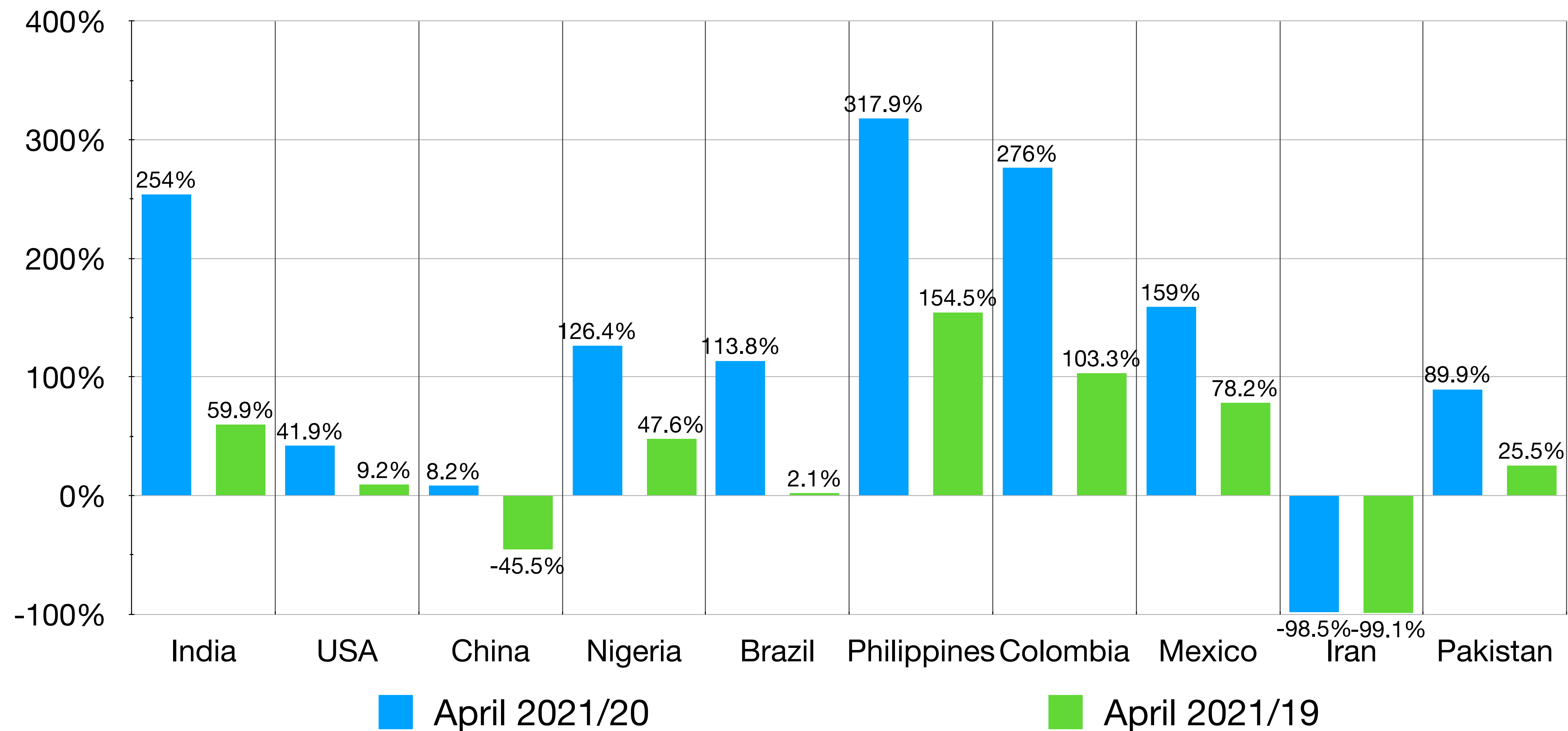
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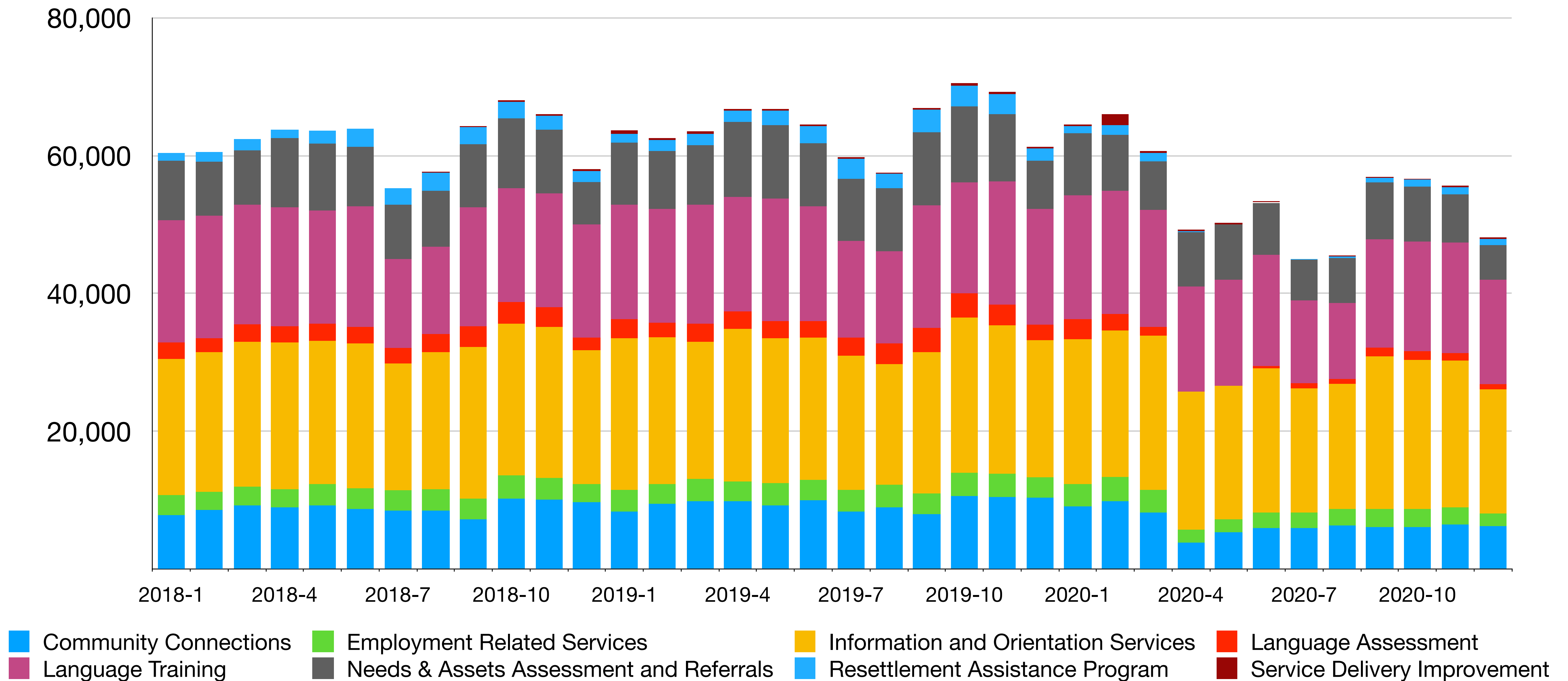
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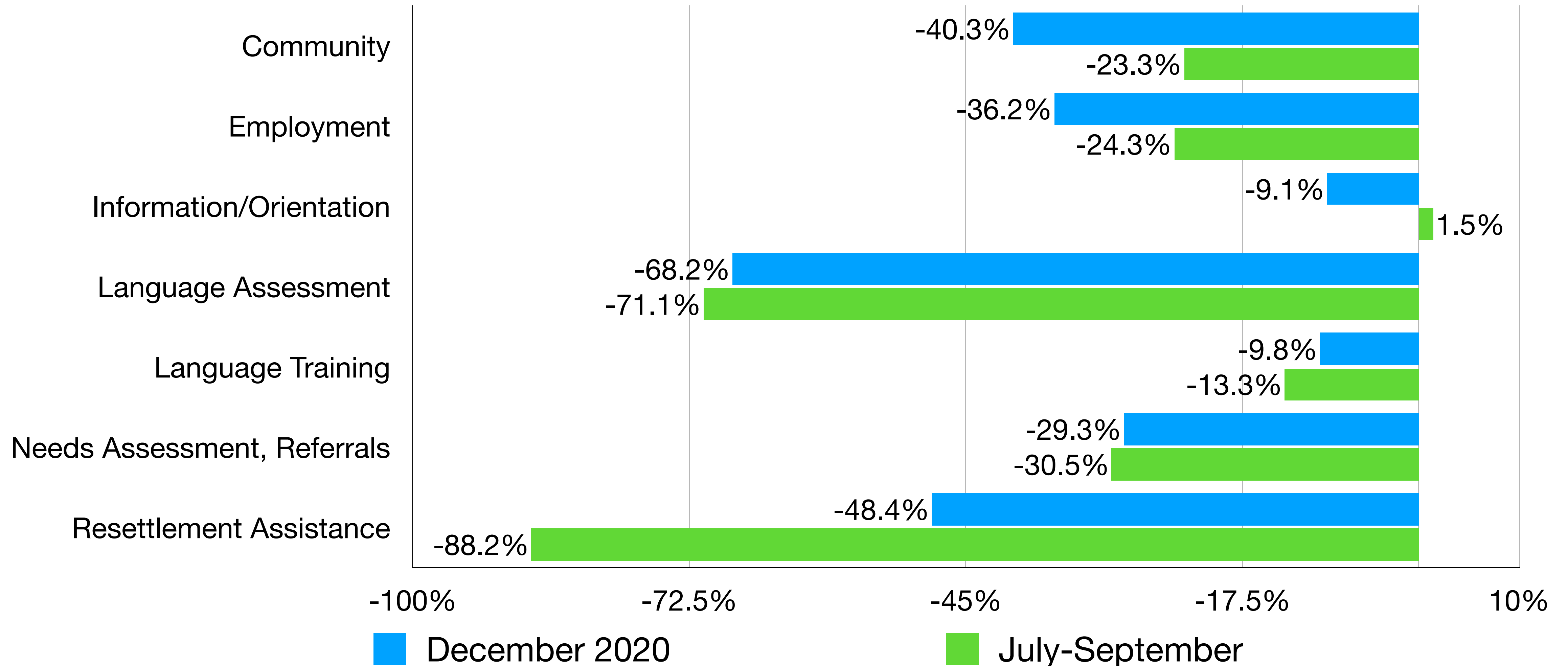
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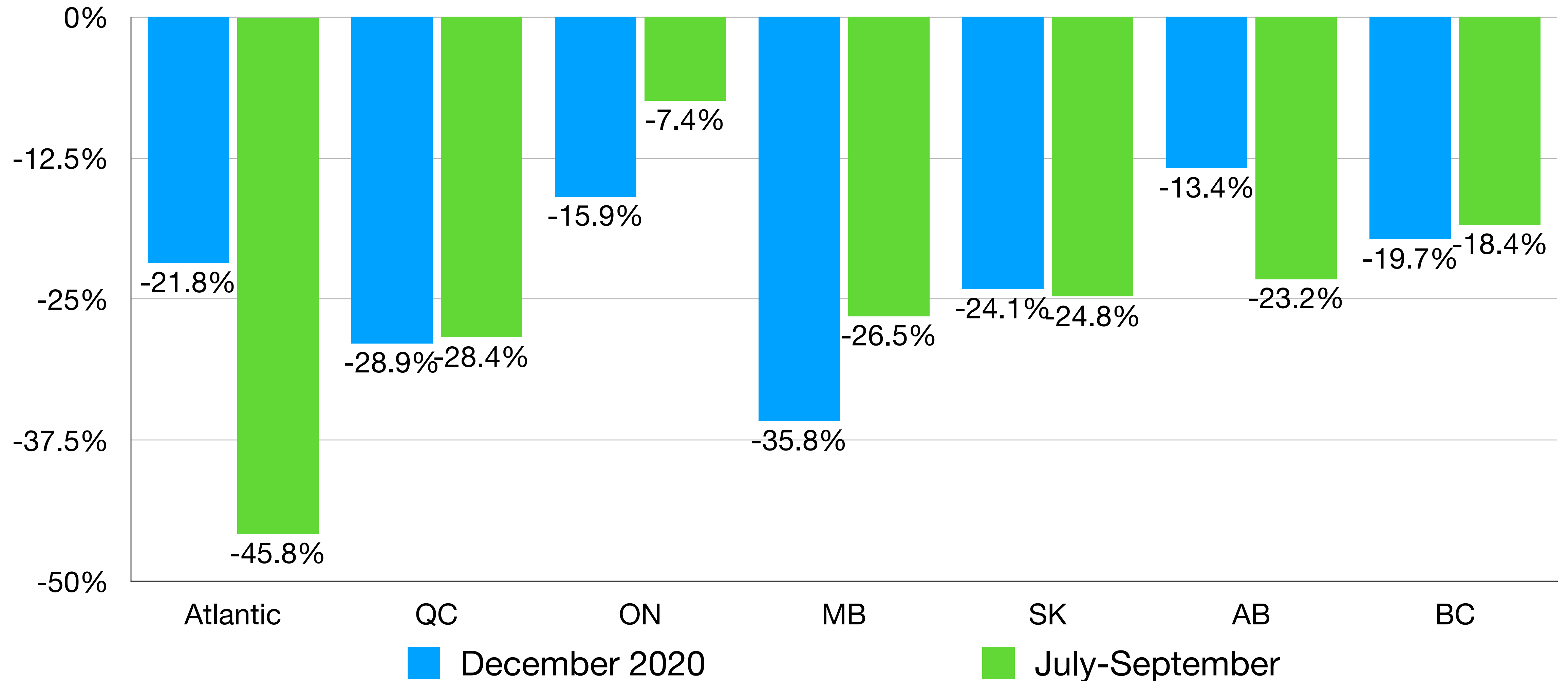
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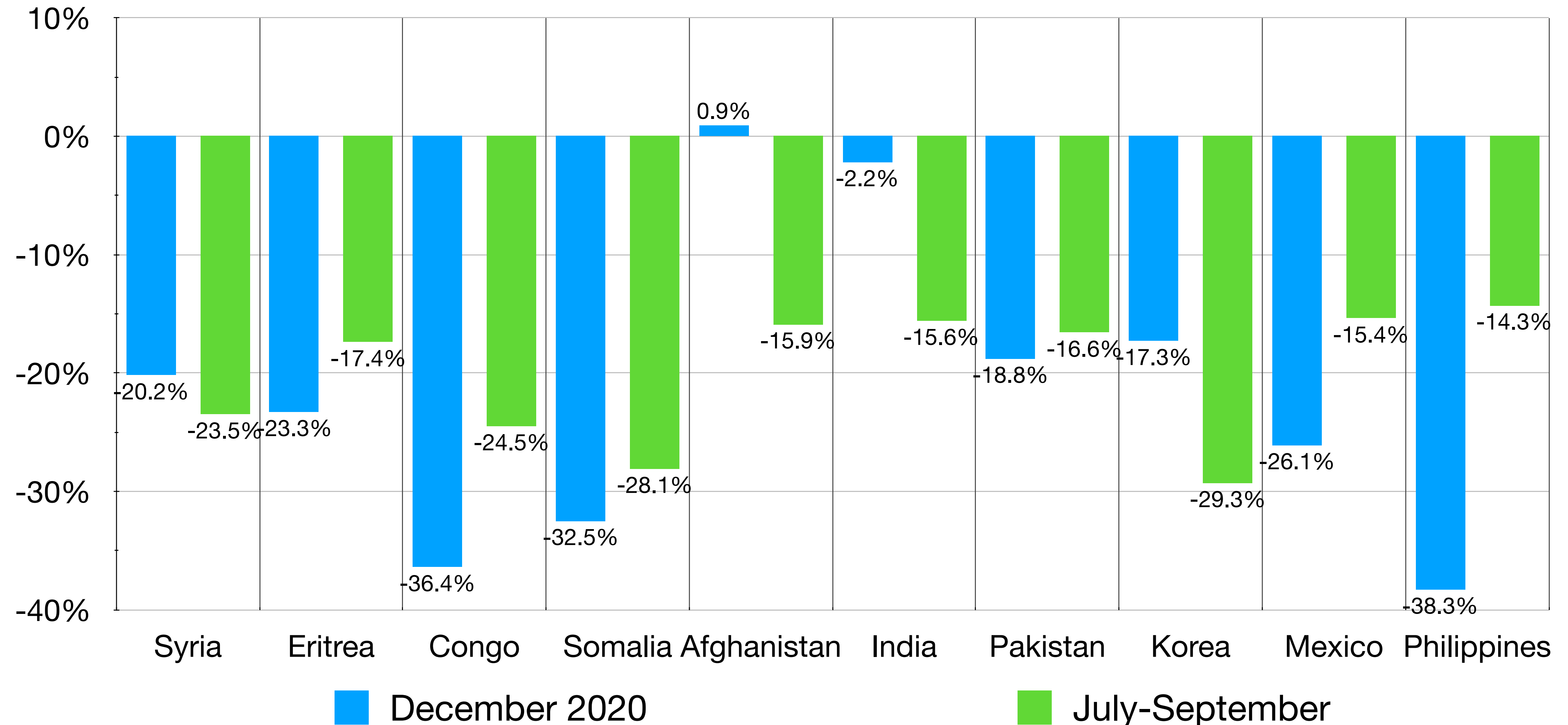
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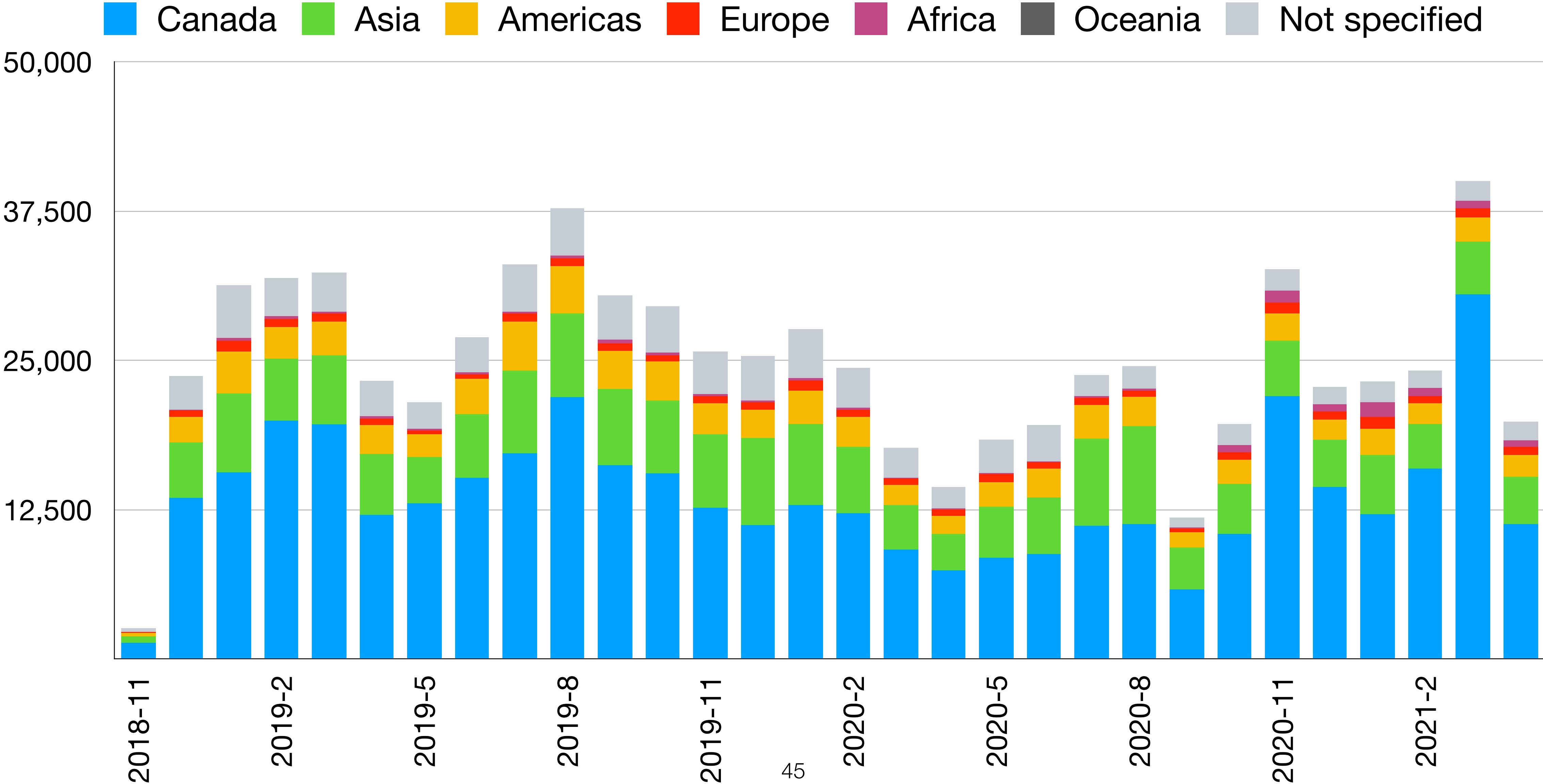
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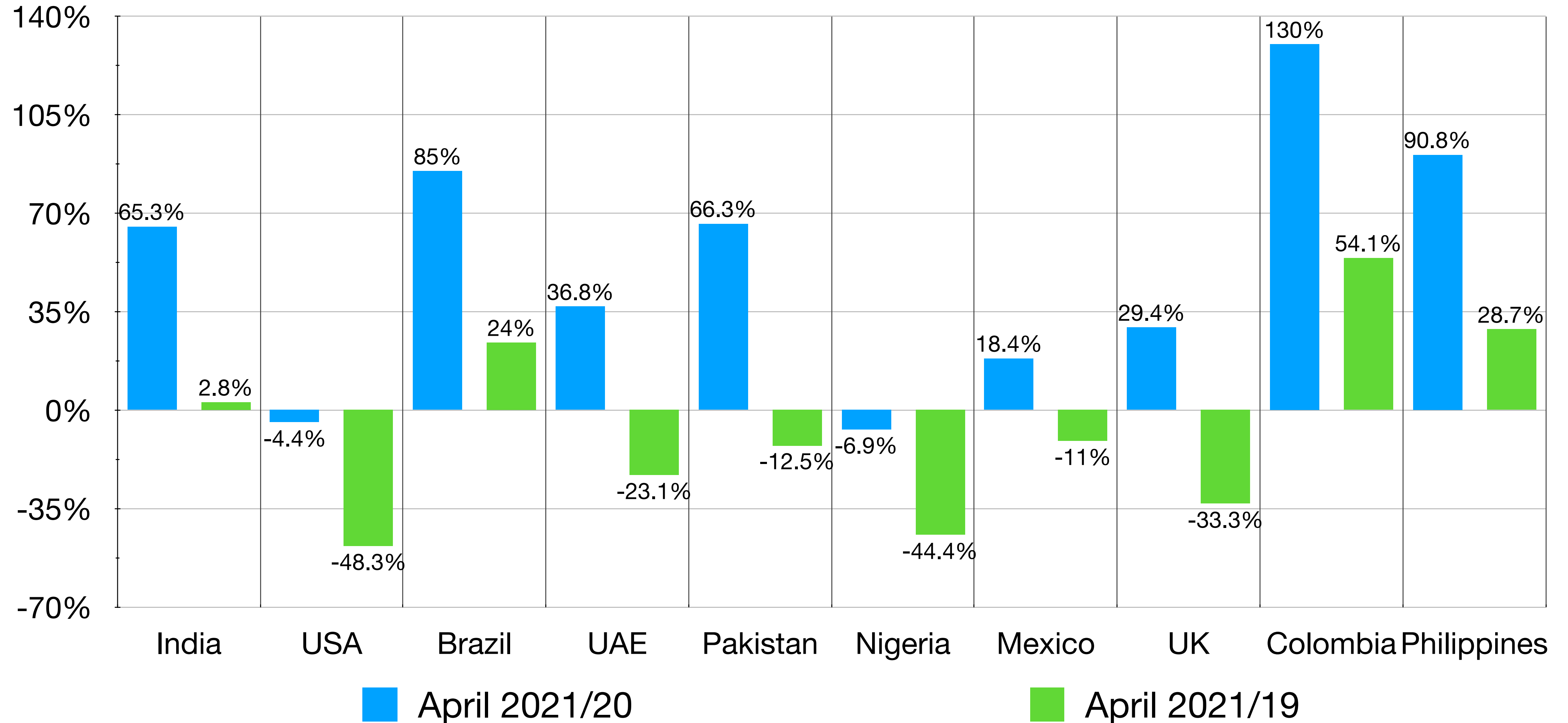
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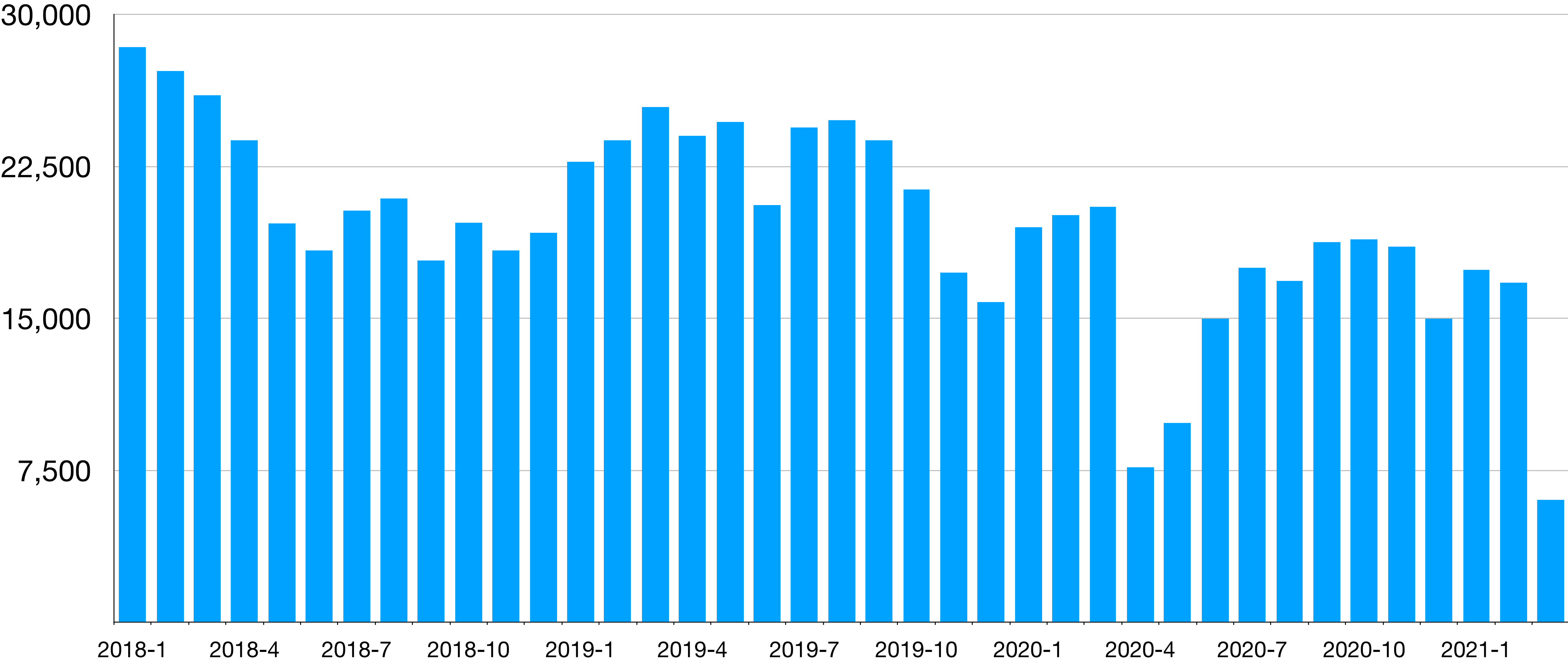
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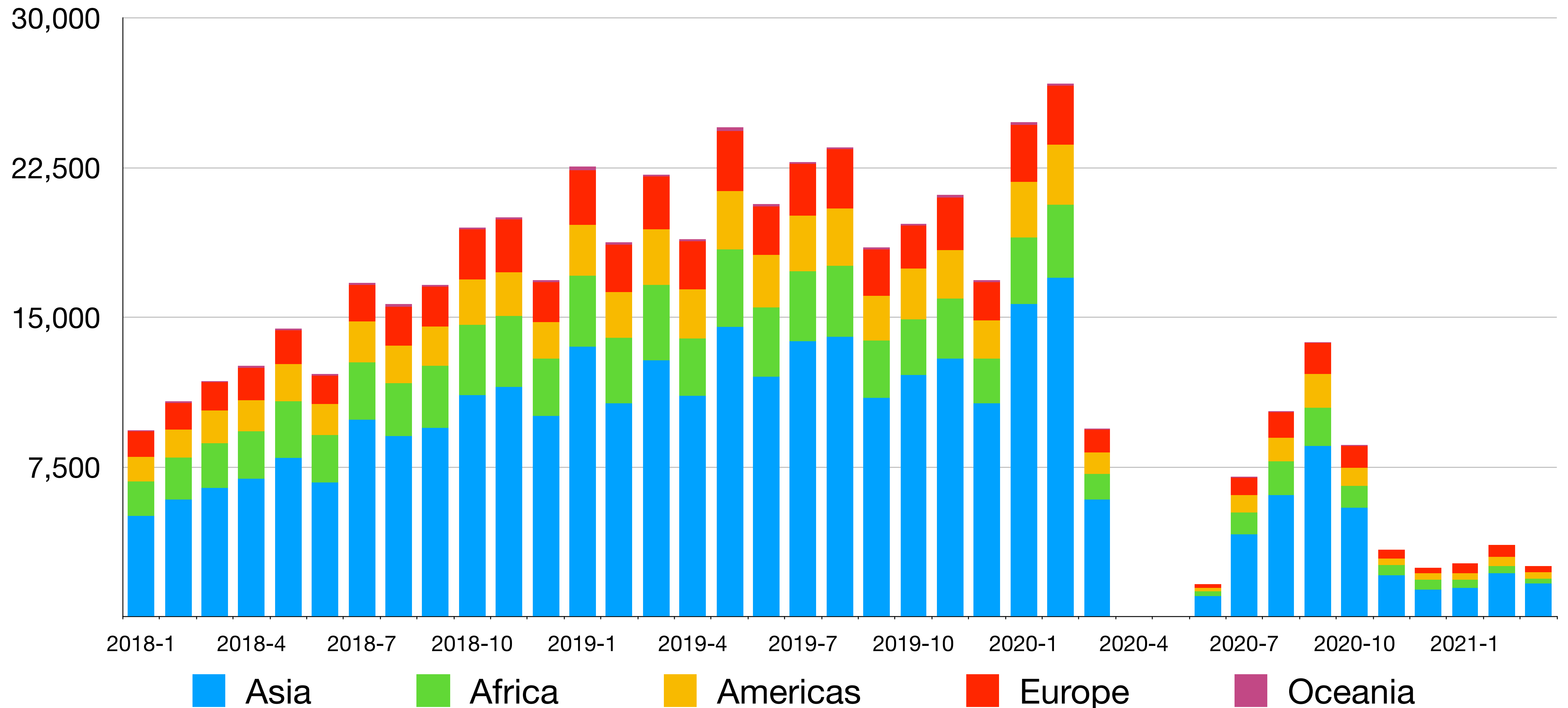


Citizenship

Citizenship Applications—2018-21

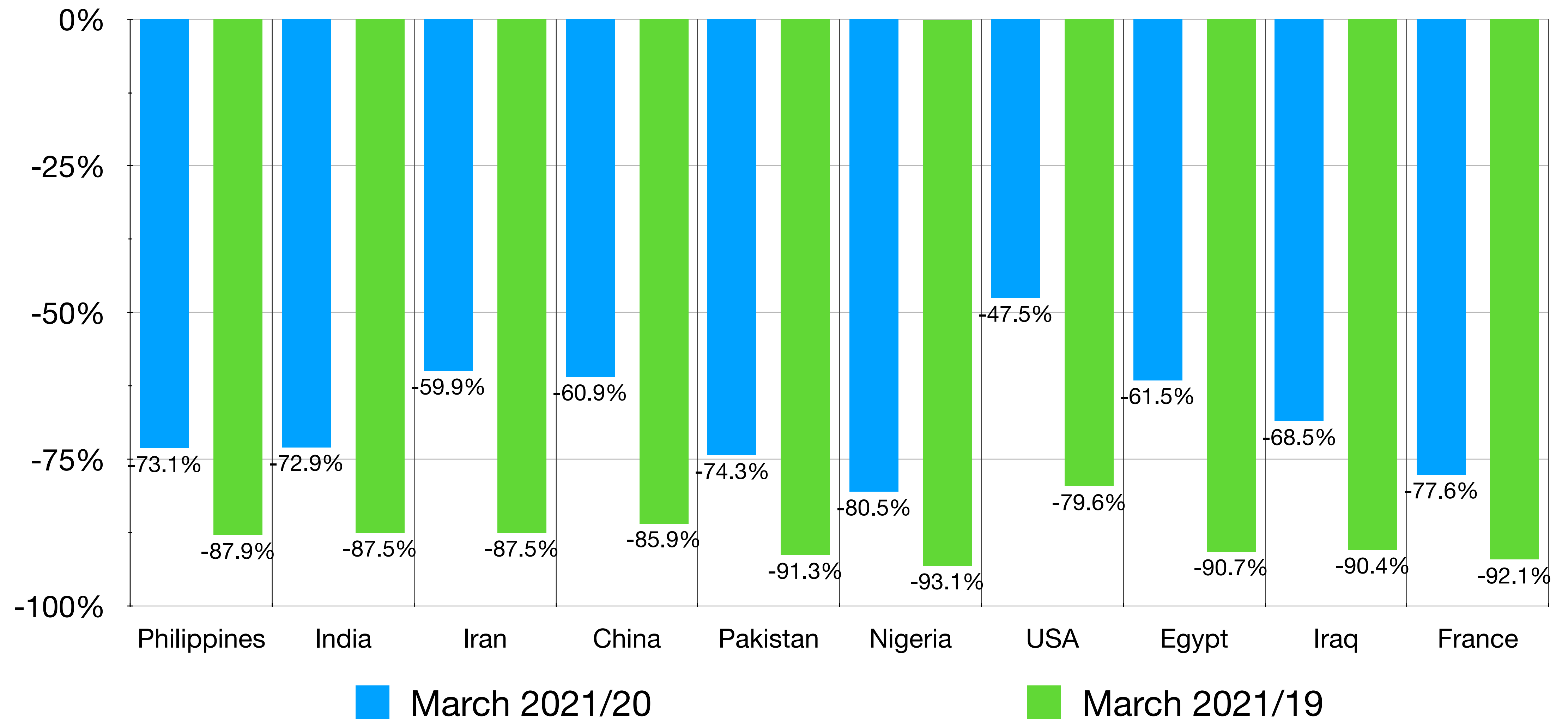


New Citizens—By Region of Birth—2018-21



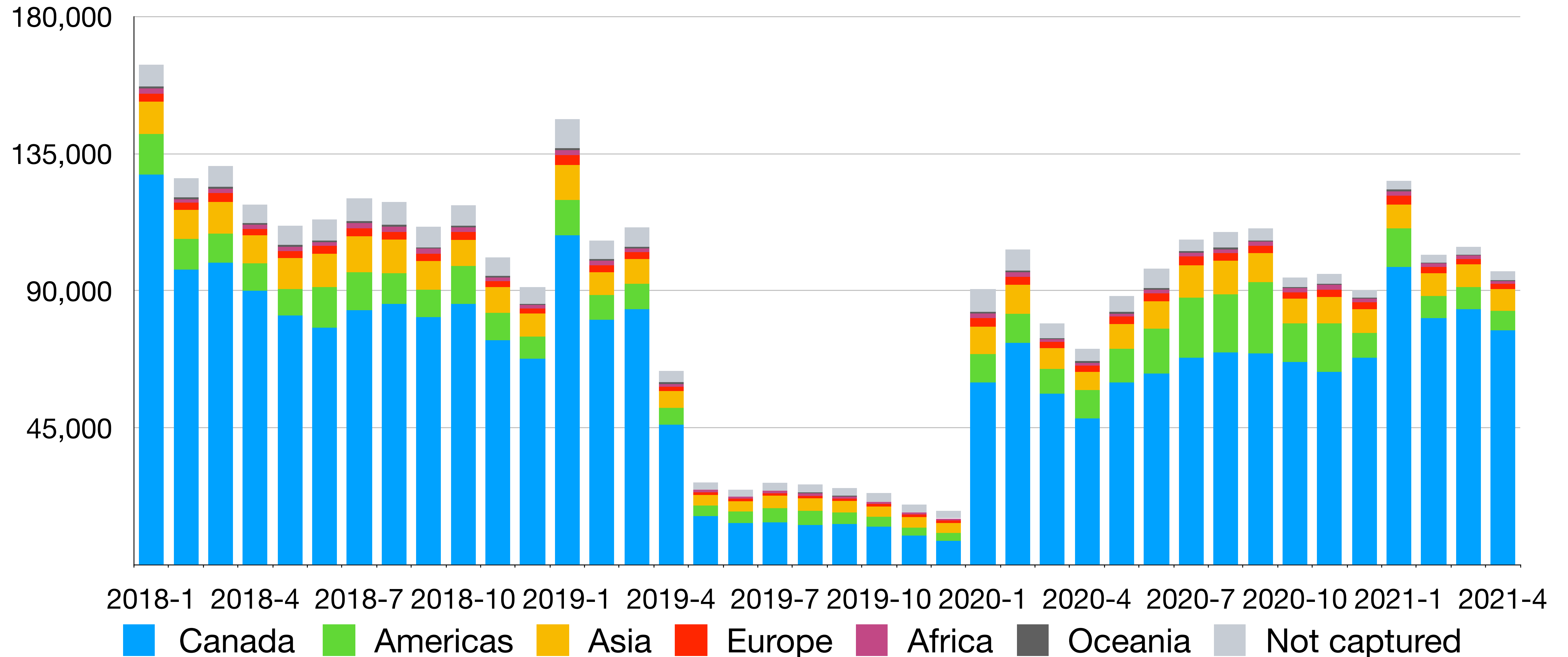
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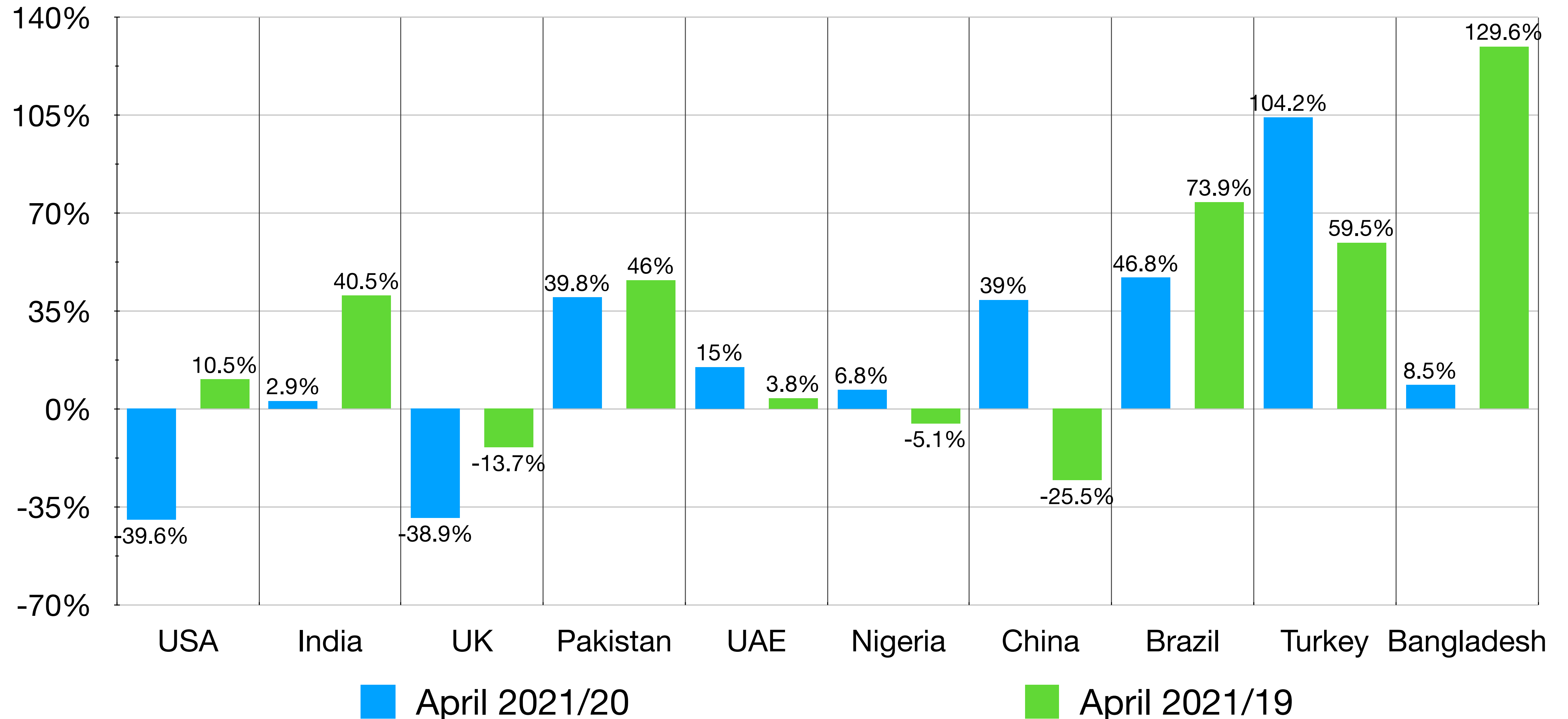
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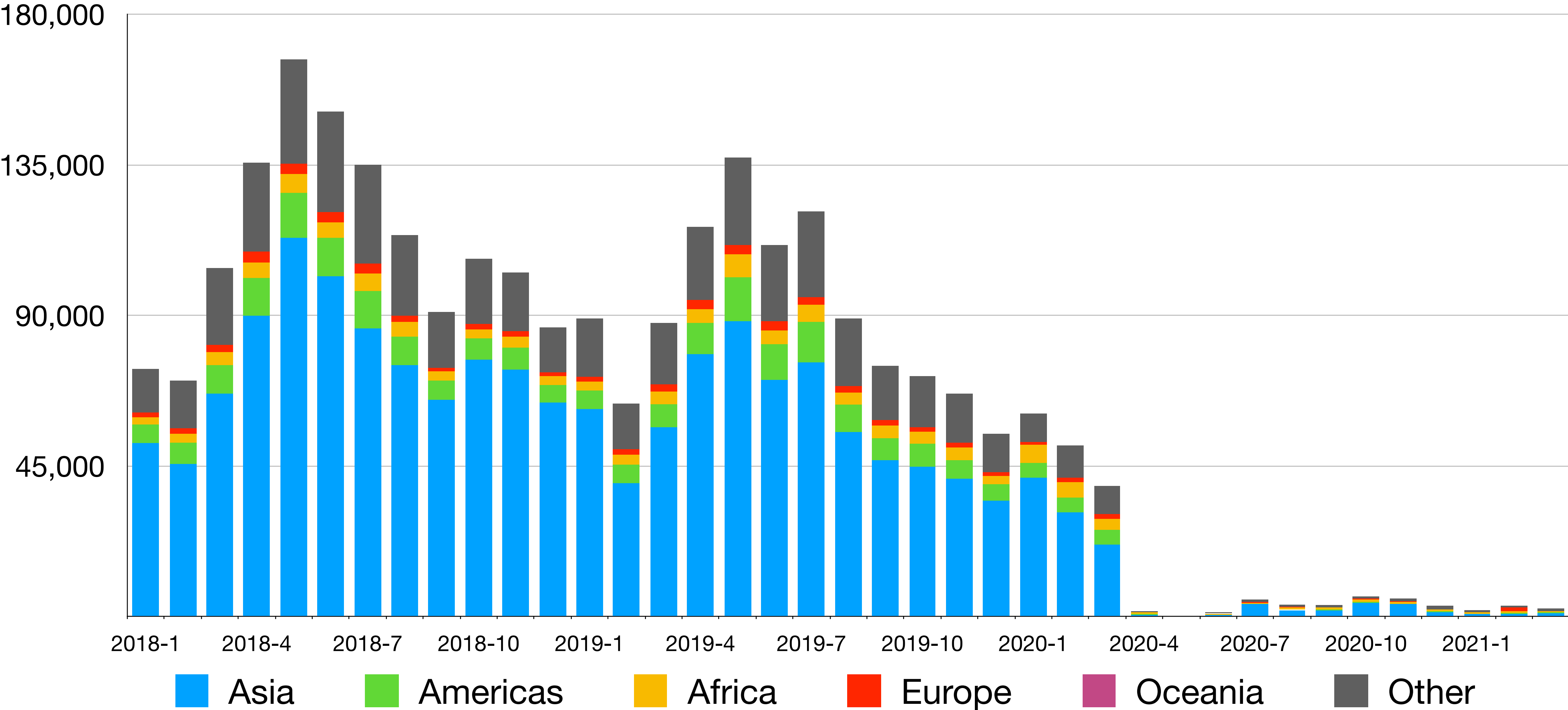
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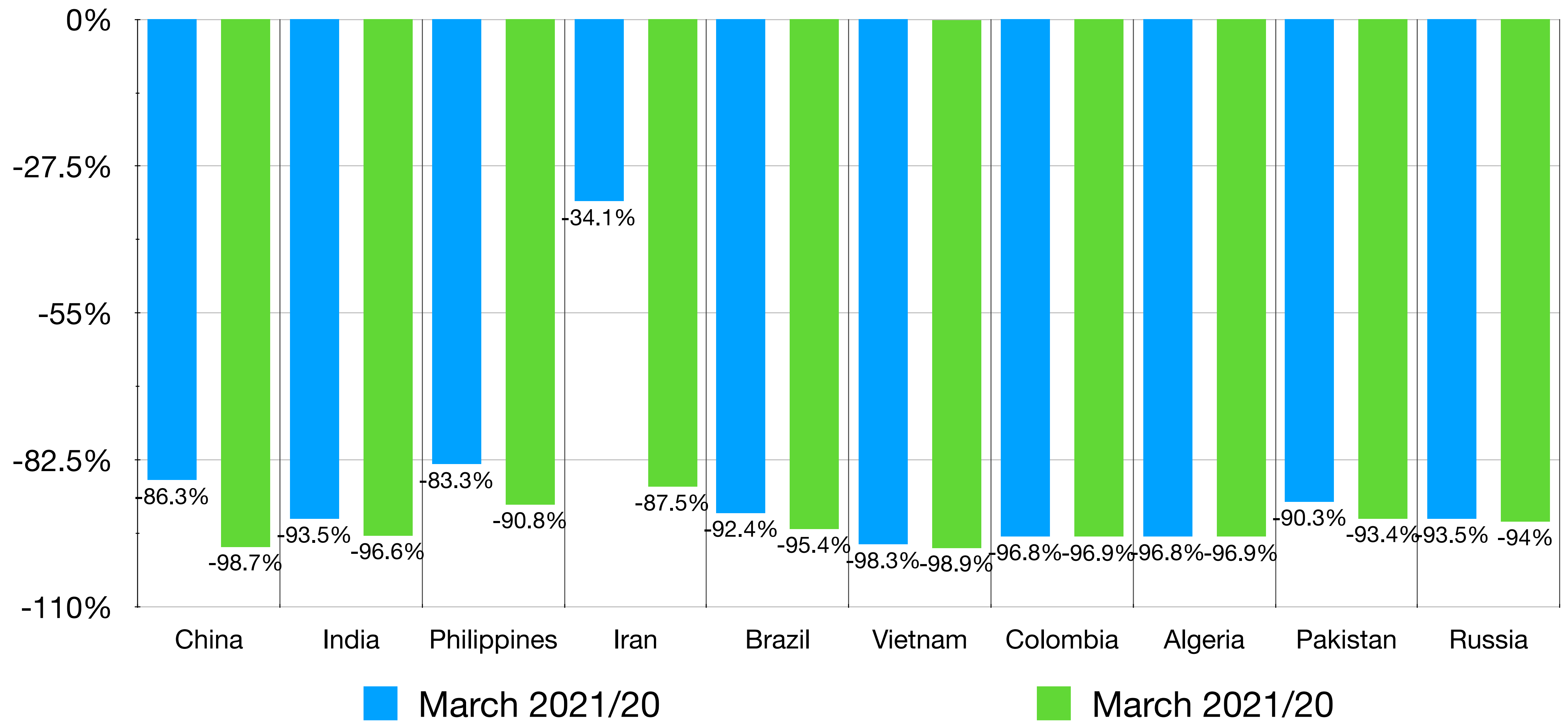
Visitor Visas — By Source Country — 2018-21



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Top 10 Countries—Ordered by 2018 base year



Research Questions

- Which programs contracted most quickly and which source countries were most affected? Similarly, which programs and source countries recovered more quickly?
- Did application success rates vary pre and post-COVID by source country?
- Were exogenous factors such as US immigration restrictions or tensions with China a factor?
- Did interest in immigrating to Canada increase or decrease and for which countries?

Annex

Top Countries Share of Total (2018)

	10 Countries	25 Countries
Permanent Residents	60.9%	77.7%
IMP	70.8%	86.4%
TFWP	85.2%	93.2%
Study Permits	70.3%	73.8%
Asylum Claimants	57.4%	77.4%
Citizenship	50.3%	71.5%

Top Countries (2018)

Permanent Residents		IMP		TFWP		Students		Settlement		Citizenship	
India	69,980	India	55,610	Mexico	28,860	India	107,105	Syria	15,530	Philippines	19,647
Philippines	35,050	USA	26,540	Jamaica	10,200	China	85,100	Eritrea	11,865	India	19,486
China	29,710	Finland	23,445	Guatemala	9,810	Korea	16,875	Congo	11,355	Iran	10,037
Syria	12,045	China	21,910	Philippines	8,750	Vietnam	12,370	Somalia	10,785	PRC	9,718
Nigeria	10,920	UK	11,205	India	7,380	Iran	7,040	Afghanistan	9,550	Pakistan	9,406
USA	10,905	Australia	8,850	Korea	1,960	Japan	6,685	India	9,035	Nigeria	4,398
Pakistan	9,490	Ireland	8,675	USA	1,850	Bangladesh	4,155	Pakistan	8,360	USA	4,229
France	6,175	Korea	8,105	UK	940	Philippines	4,075	Korea of	7,775	Egypt	4,115
Eritrea	5,695	Brazil	8,080	China	935	Taiwan	3,160	Mexico	7,640	Iraq	3,951
UK	5,660	Japan	7,250	France	915	Saudi Arabia	2,870	Philippines	6,995	France	3,836

Data Sources

- **PRs:** [Canada - Admissions of Permanent Residents by Province/Territory of Intended Destination and Immigration Category](#), [Canada - Admissions of Permanent Residents by Country of Citizenship](#), [COVID Immigration Impact - PR Applications Source Countries](#)
 - TR to Permanent Resident transition: [Canada – Admissions of Permanent Residents with Prior Post-graduate Work Permit Holder Status by Province/Territory of Intended Destination and Immigration Category](#), [Canada – Admissions of Permanent Residents with Prior International Mobility Program Work Permit Holder Status by Province/Territory of Intended Destination and Immigration Category](#), [Canada – Admissions of Permanent Residents with Prior Study Permit Holder Status by Province/Territory of Intended Destination and Immigration Category](#), [Canada – Admissions of Permanent Residents with Prior Temporary Foreign Worker Program Work Permit Holder Status by Province/Territory of Intended Destination and Immigration Category](#)
 - Asylum Claimants: [Canada - Asylum Claimants by Claim Office Type, Province/Territory* of Claim and Claim Year](#), [Canada - Asylum Claimants by Top Twenty-Five Countries of Citizenship \(2019 ranking\)](#), [Claim Office Type and Claim Year](#)
- **TRs:** [Canada - International Mobility Program \(IMP\) work permit holders by province/territory of intended destination, program and year in which permit\(s\) became effective](#), [Canada - Temporary Foreign Worker Program \(TFWP\) work permit holders by province/territory of intended destination, program and year in which permit\(s\) became effective](#), [Canada – International Mobility Program work permit holders by country of citizenship and year in which permit\(s\) became effective](#), [Canada – Temporary Foreign Worker Program work permit holders by country of citizenship and year in which permit\(s\) became effective](#)
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- Settlement Services: Special request IRCC data table
- **Citizenship:** [Source Countries \(Country of Birth\) - New Canadian Citizens \(in Persons\) by Month](#)
- Web: Provided by IRCC