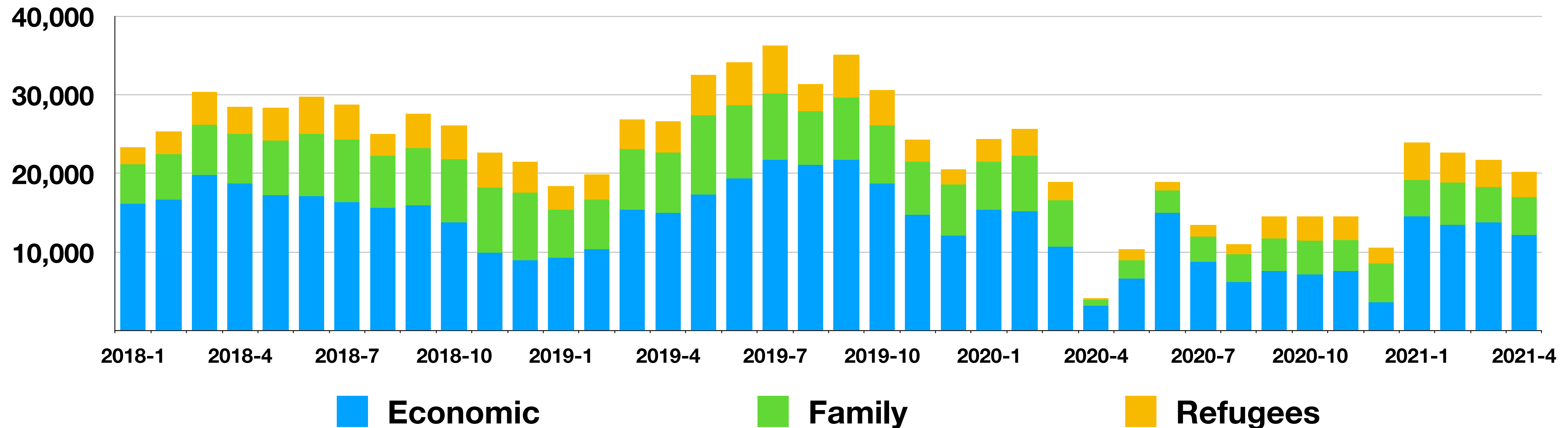


COVID-19 Immigration Effects

2018 to April 2021
Working Draft - Key Slides



Programs Examined

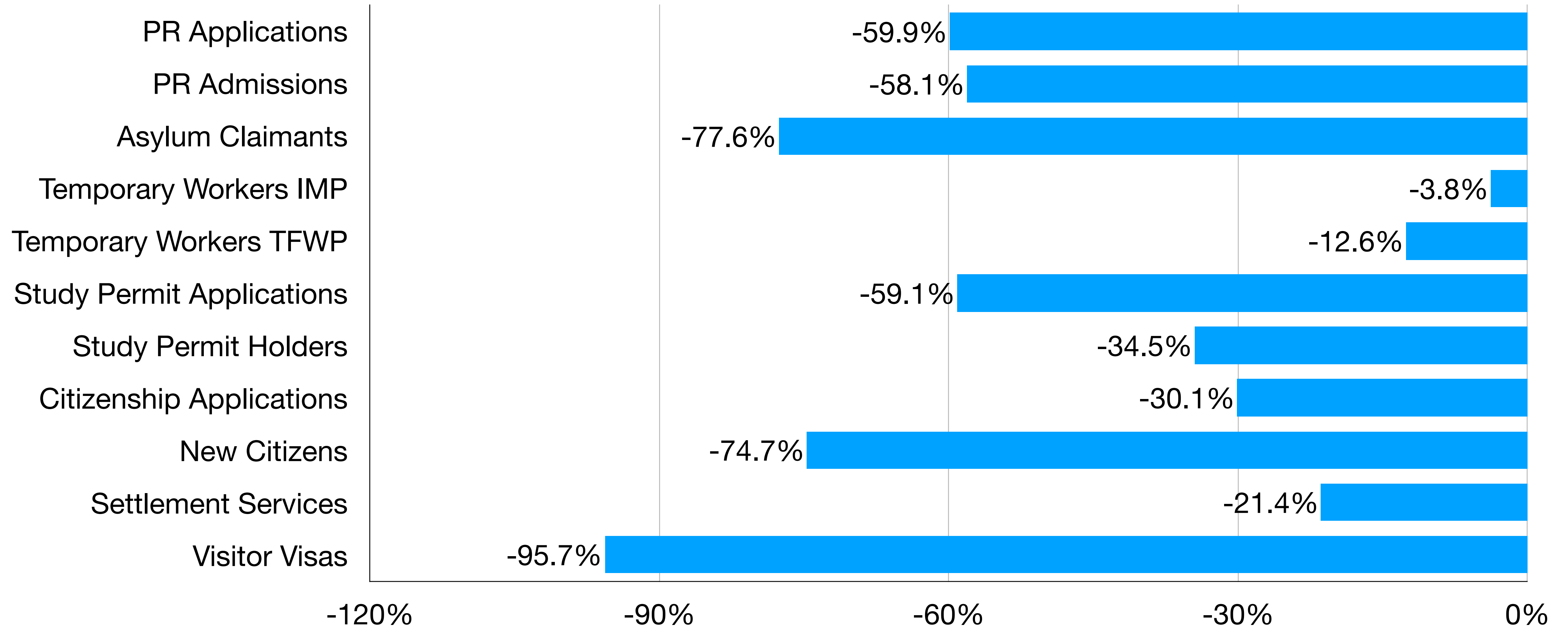
- **Permanent Residents/Immigrants (PRs):** Economic, Family and Refugees
 - TR to Permanent Resident transition
 - Asylum Claimants
- **Temporary Residents/International Mobility Program (IMP):** International Agreements (e.g., NAFTA, GATS), Canadian Interests (e.g., intra-corporate transfers, work 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**

April 2021 Highlights

- Given travel restrictions and initial shutdown, large gap between April 2021 and April 2020. Two year comparison (April 2019) more significant.
- April immigration continued to come back closer to traditional levels, reflecting government decision to use inventory of temporary residents to transition to permanent residency: First four months 91,530 permanent resident admissions, annualized would be about 275,000 (but likely to be higher)
- PRs: Admissions decreased slightly from 22,410 in March to 21,105 in April. April Year-over-year change (change from 2019 in parentheses): Economic 280.8% (-18.2%), Family 544.2% (-38.5%), Refugees 1,800% (-18.8%)
 - Applications: Increase from 24,195 in March to 26,048 in April. April year-over-year change (change from 2019): 31.7% (-21.7%)
 - Web “Immigrate to Canada”: Increase from 362,518 in April (outside Canada) to 440,452 in May. May year-over-year change (change from 2019): 20.4% (13.9%)
 - Provincial Nominee Program: Increase from 2,645 in March to 2,880 in April. April year-over-year change (change from 2019): 122.4% (-36.5%)
 - TR to PRs transition (i.e., those already in Canada): Decrease from 12,625 in March (some double counting) to 11,520 in April. April year-over-year change (change from 2019): 351.8% (49.0%)
- Temporary Residents:
 - TRs/IMP: Sharp decline from 31,115 in March to 19,815 in April. April year-over-year (two year change): Agreements 121.9% (-34.2%), Canadian Interests: -16.7% (19.7%). Other IMP Participants (largely open work permits granted to Hong Kong residents who hold HSAR or BNO passports) 9,237.5%
 - TRs/TFWP: Increase from 14,545 in March to 17,140 in April. April year-over-year increase (two year change): Caregivers 246.4% (-18.5%), Agriculture 3.9% (0.7%) and Other LMIA 168% (29.5%).
 - Web “Get a work permit”: From 54,203 in April (outside Canada) to 60,050 in May. May year-over-year change (change from 2019): -2.9% (-26.2%)
- Students: Increase from 22,790 in March to 31,200 in April. April year-over-year change (change from 2019): 63.9% (-2.6%)
 - Applications: Slight increase from 44,073 in March to 45,683 in April. April year-over-year change (change from 2019): 1,104.4% (37.8%)
 - Web “Get a study permit”: From 92,843 in April (outside Canada) to 122,865 in May Year-over-year change (change from 2019): 88.1% (47.5%)
- Asylum Claimants: Decrease from 1,280 in March (about 75% inland) to 1,110 in April. April year-over-year change (change from 2019): -29.3% (-74.3%)
- 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 hear you”: From 8,608 in April (outside Canada) to 9,524 in May. May year-over-year change (change from 2019): -3.5% (7.2%)
- Citizenship: Almost tripling from 2,561 in March to 6,825 in April. April year-over-year change (change from 2019): no number given April 2020 shutdown (-63.9%)
 - 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 19,161 in April (outside Canada) to 21,717 in May. May year-over-year change (change from 2019): -23.6% (95.0%)
- Visitor Visas: Decrease from 4,431 in March to 4,199 in April. April year-over-year change (change from 2019): 164.1% (-96.4%)

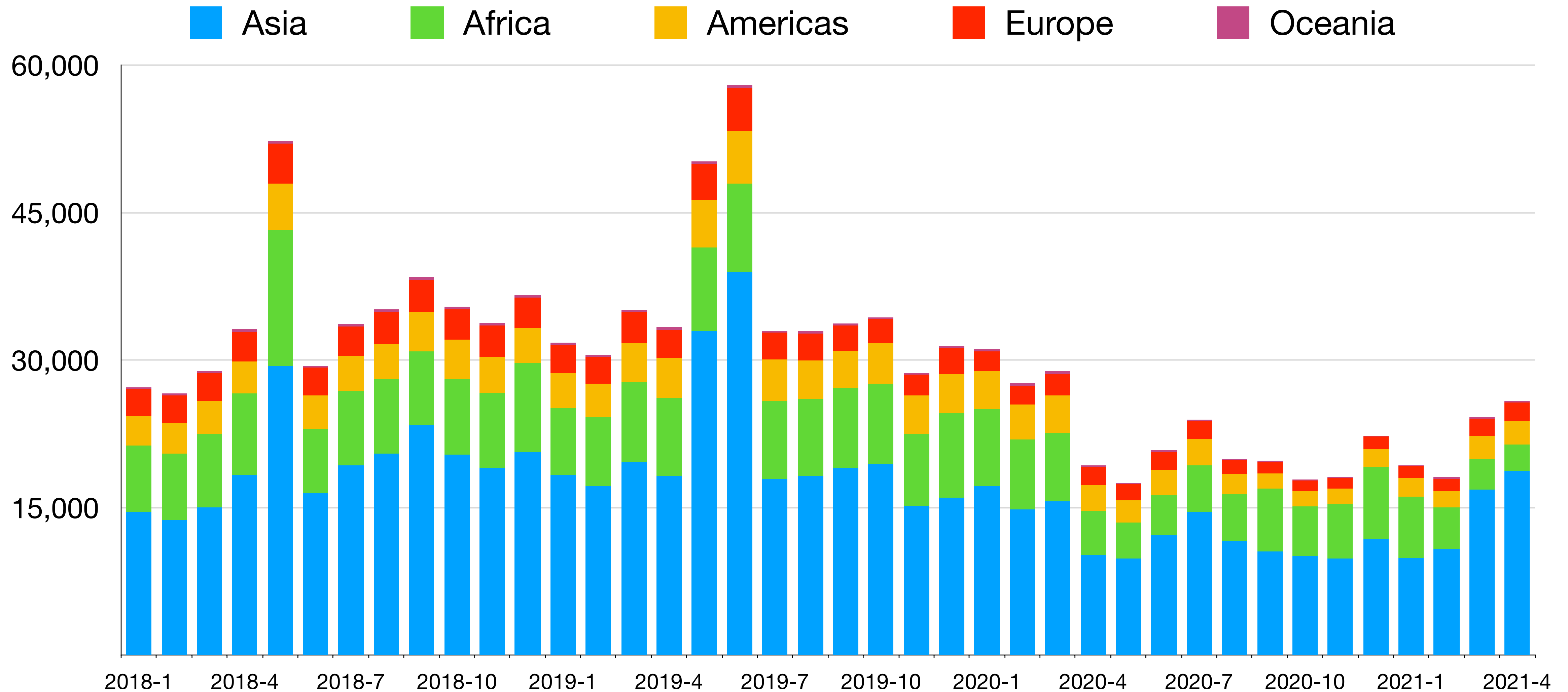
Overall Decline Across all Programs

April-December 2019-20 Comparison

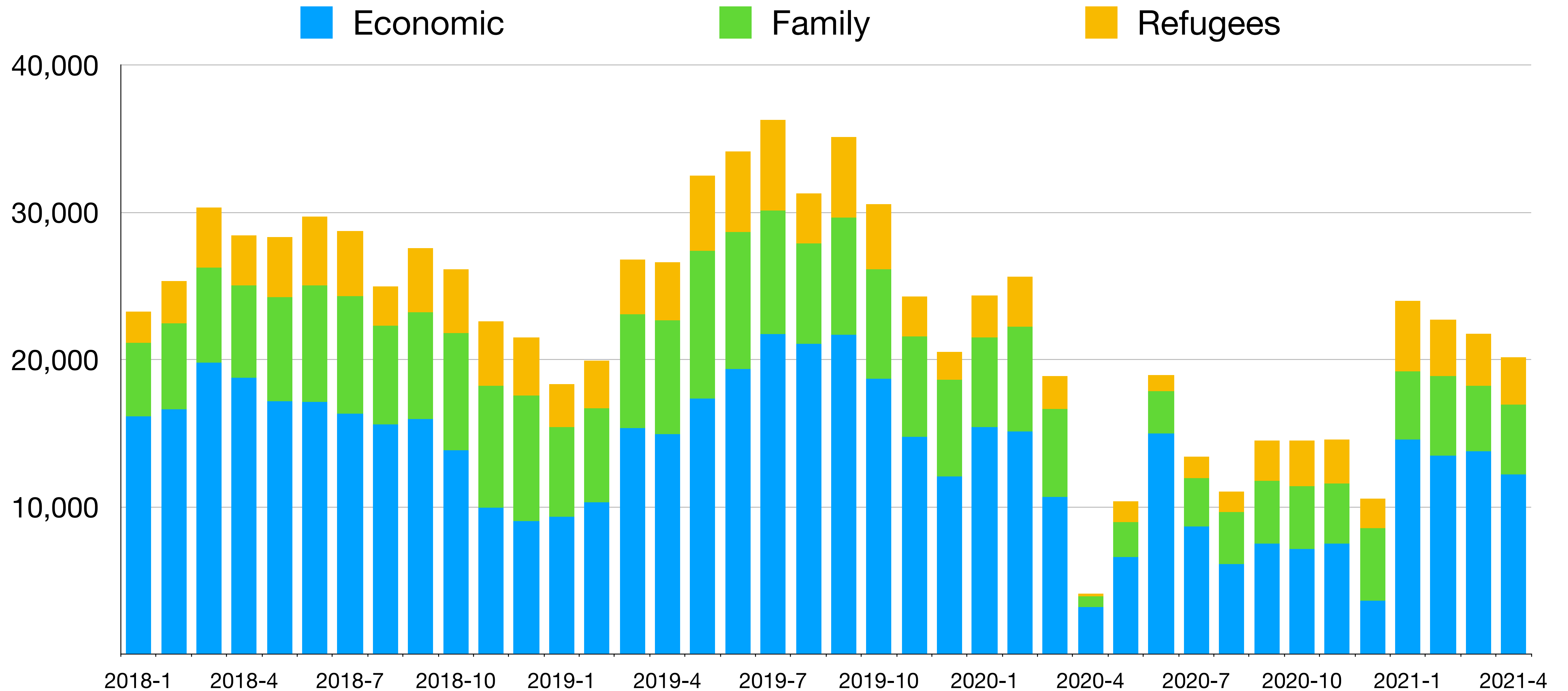


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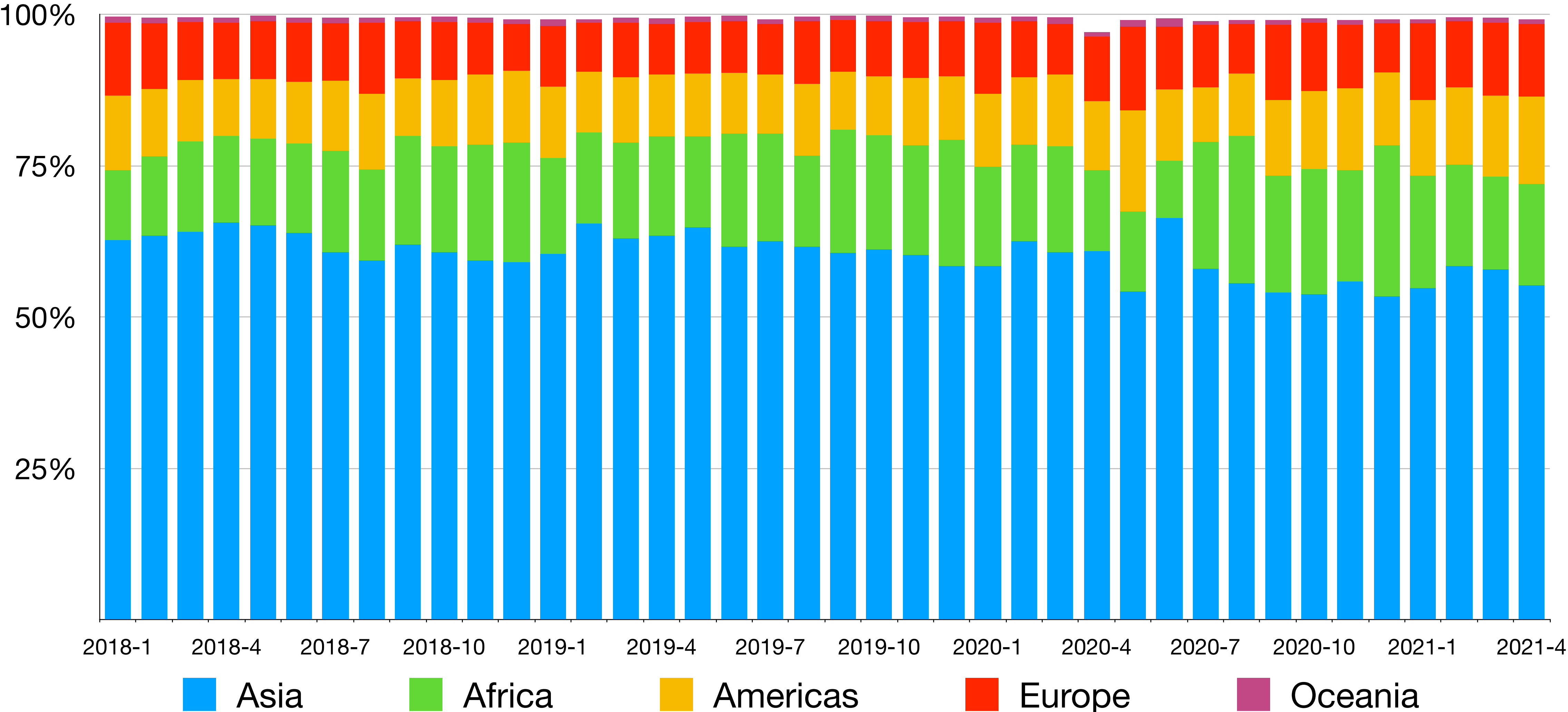
PR Applications: Region of Citizenship – 2018-21



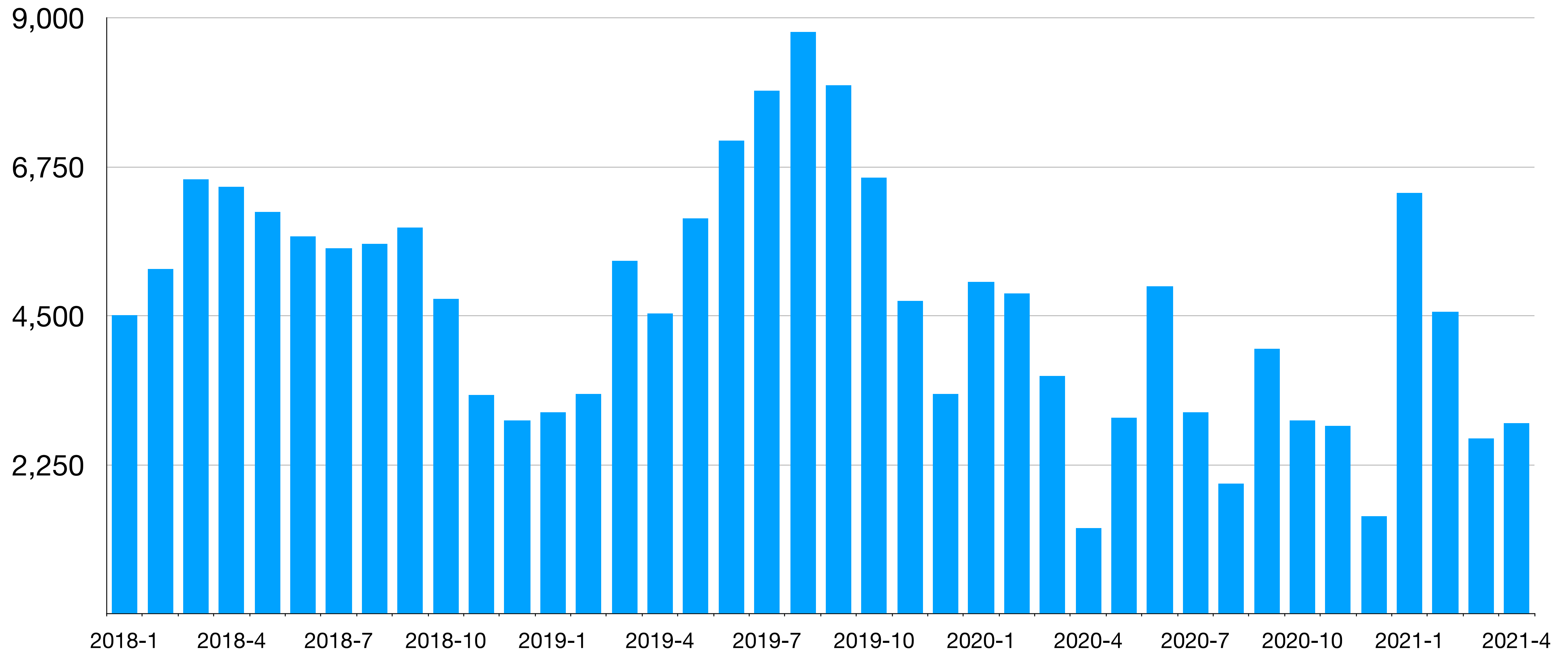
Admissions: PRs by Categories—2018-21



Admissions: PRs Region of Citizenship—2018-21

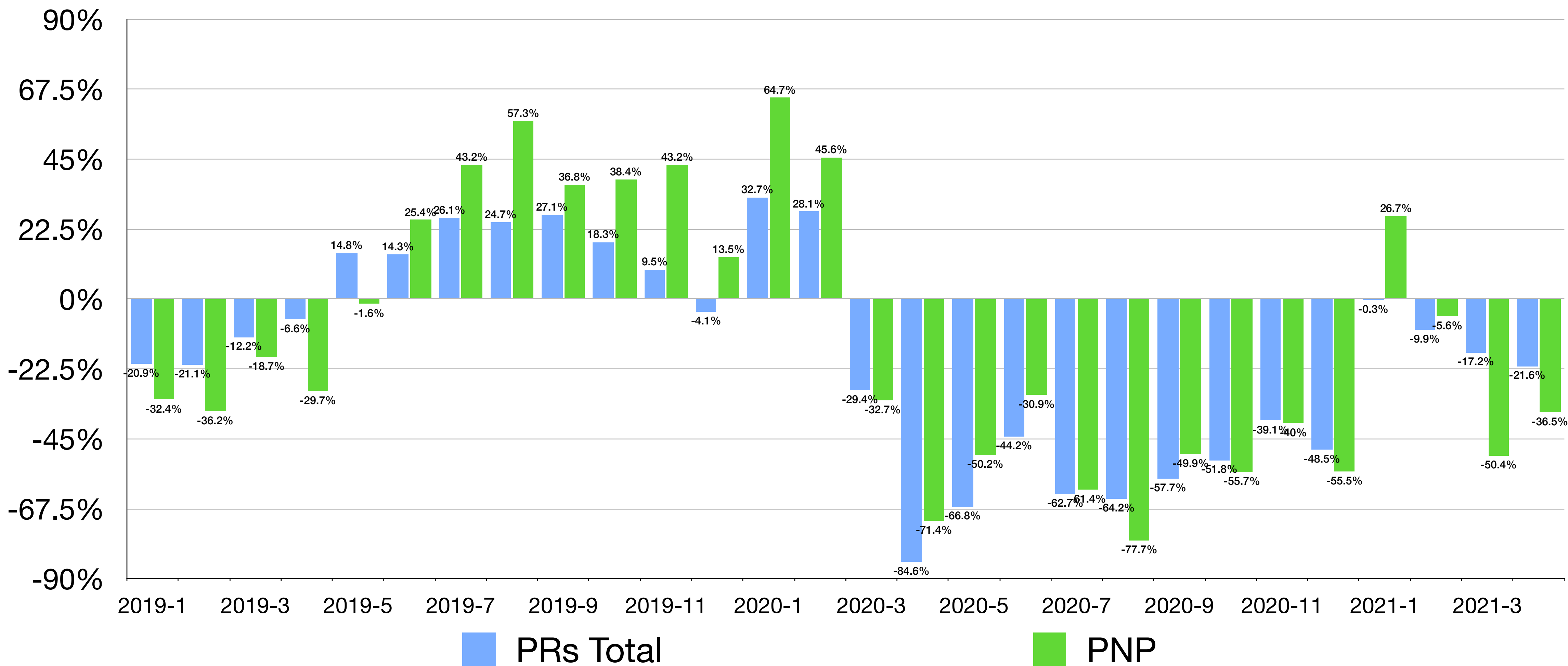


Admissions: Provincial Nominee Program— 2018-21



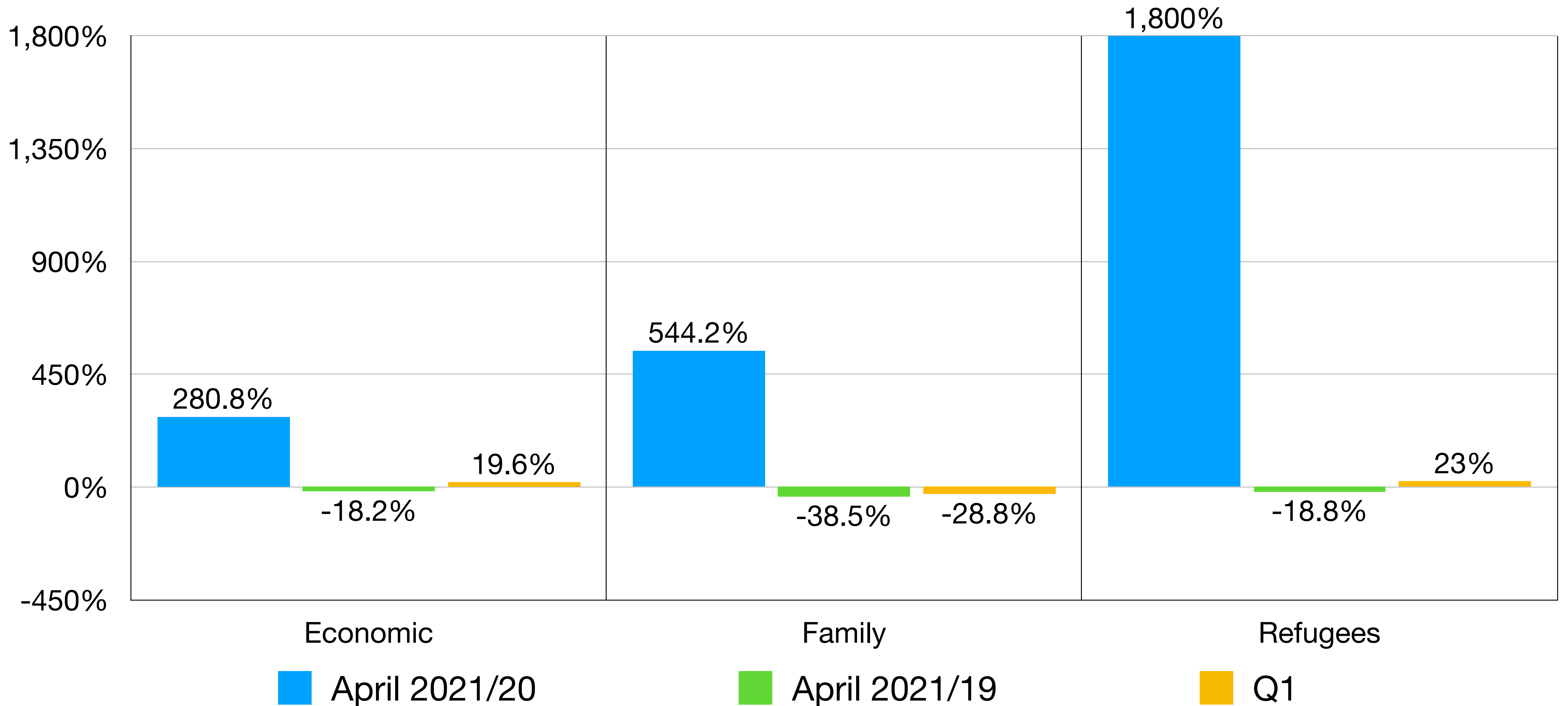
Admissions: PRs Total, Provincial Nominee Program

Two-Year Comparison (monthly)



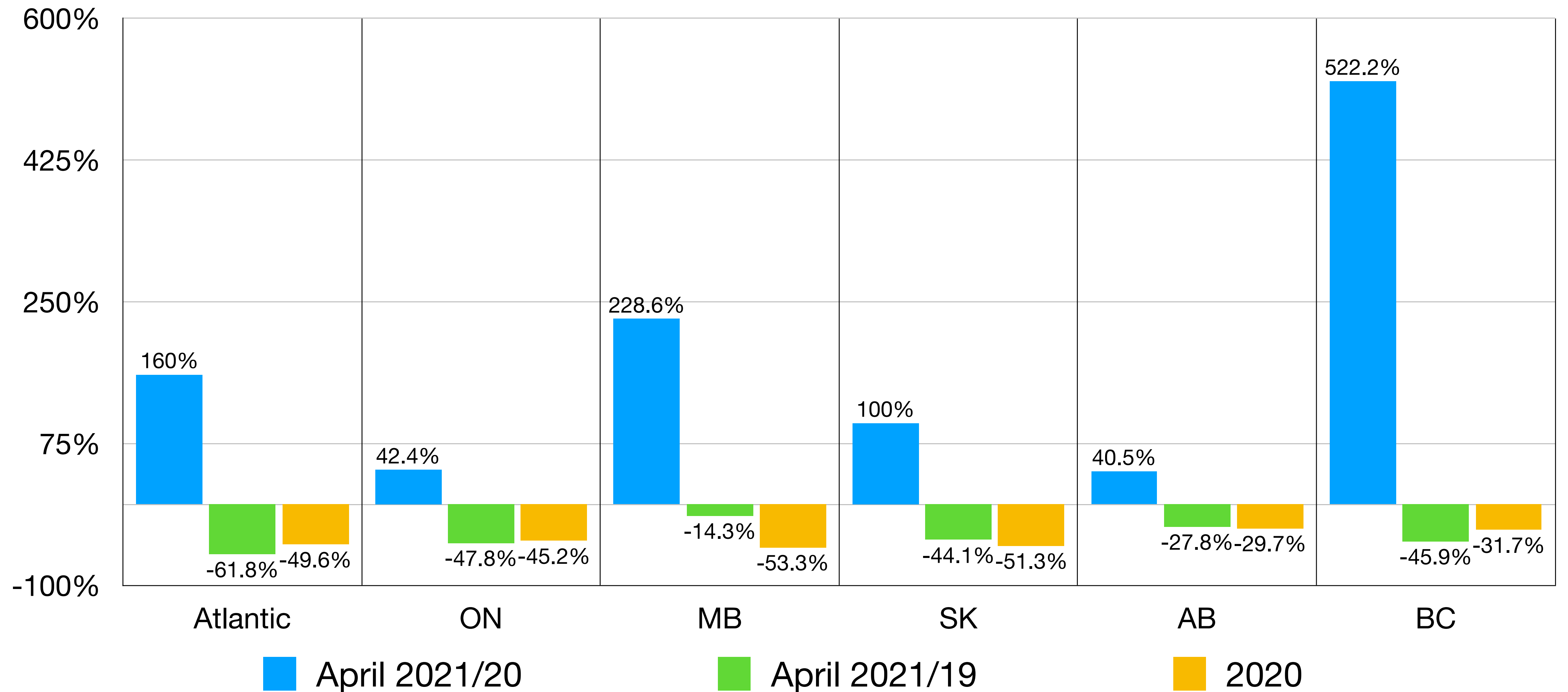
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April Comparison: 2021/20, 2021/19



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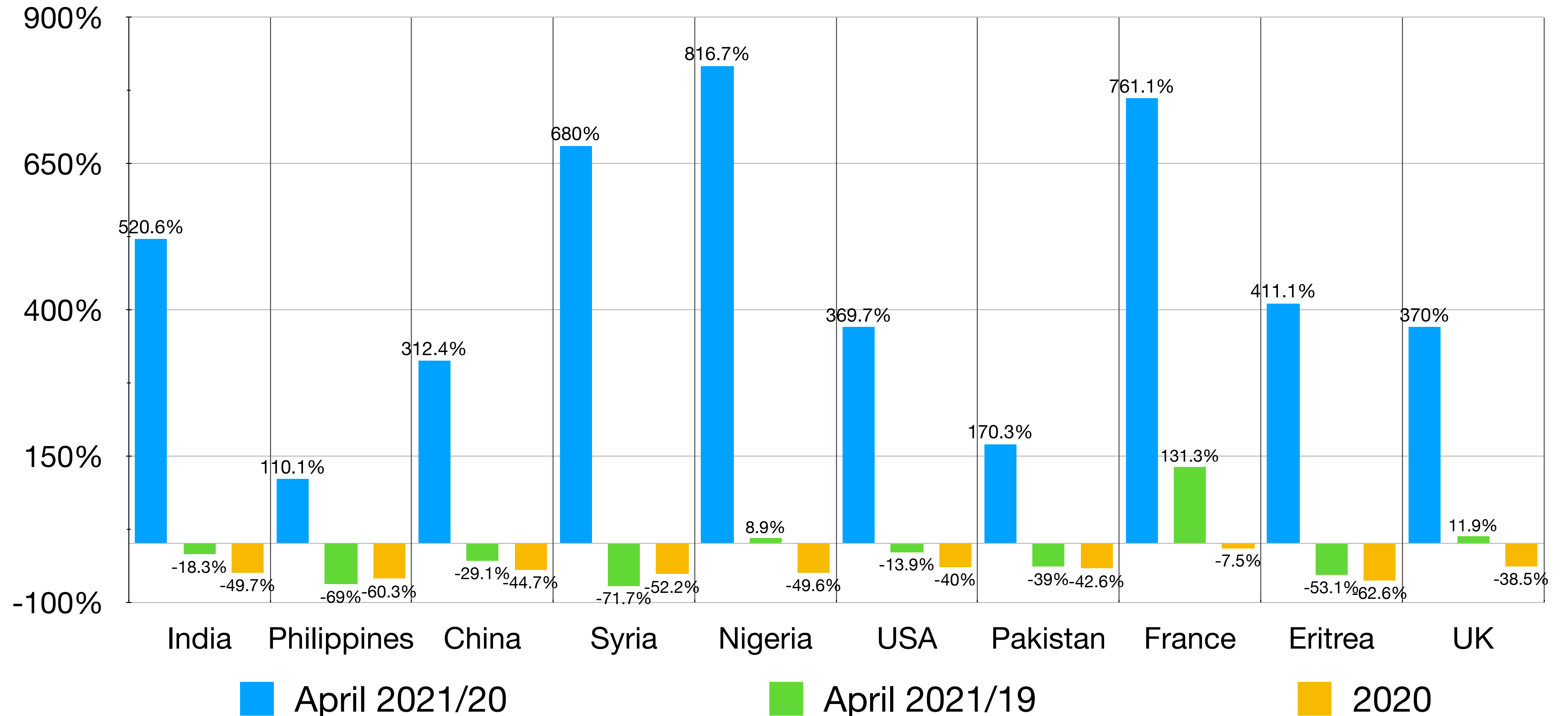
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Admissions: Permanent Residents by Citizenship

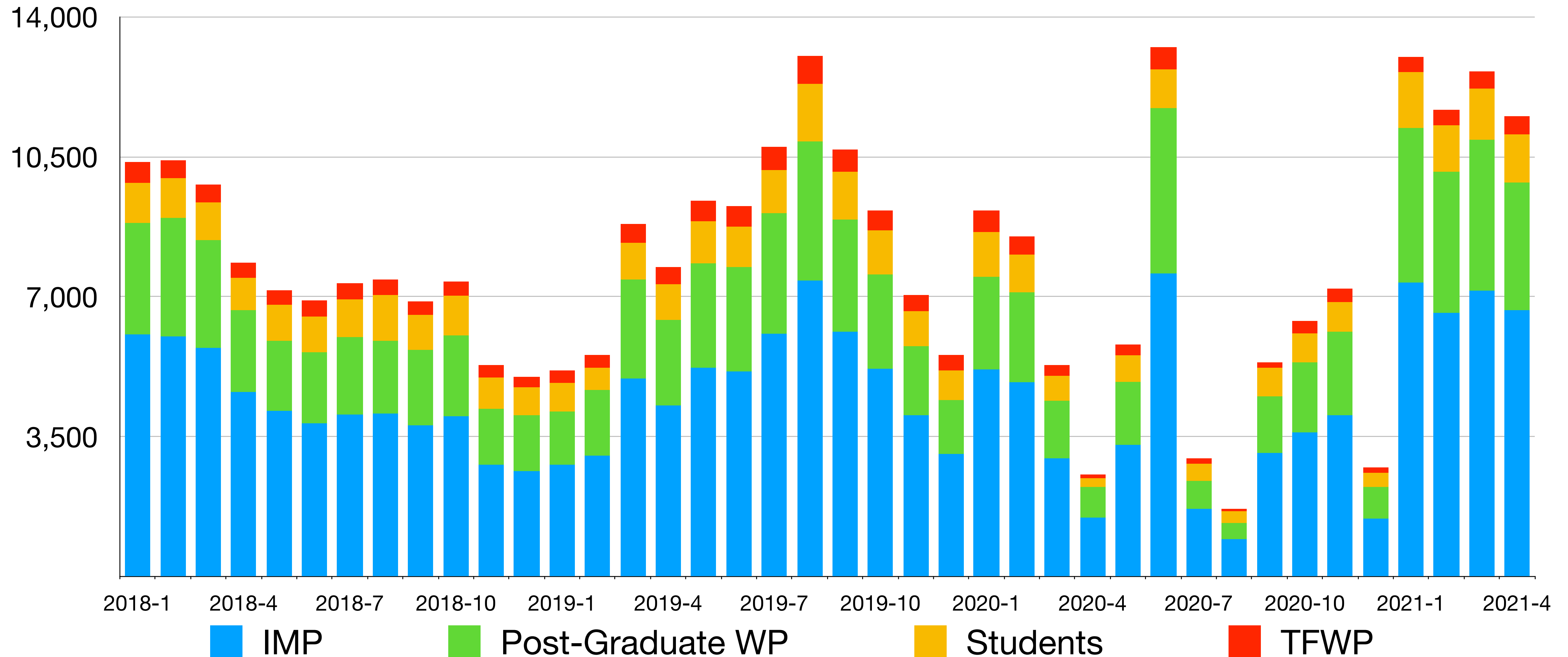
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Top 10 Countries — Ordered by 2018 base year



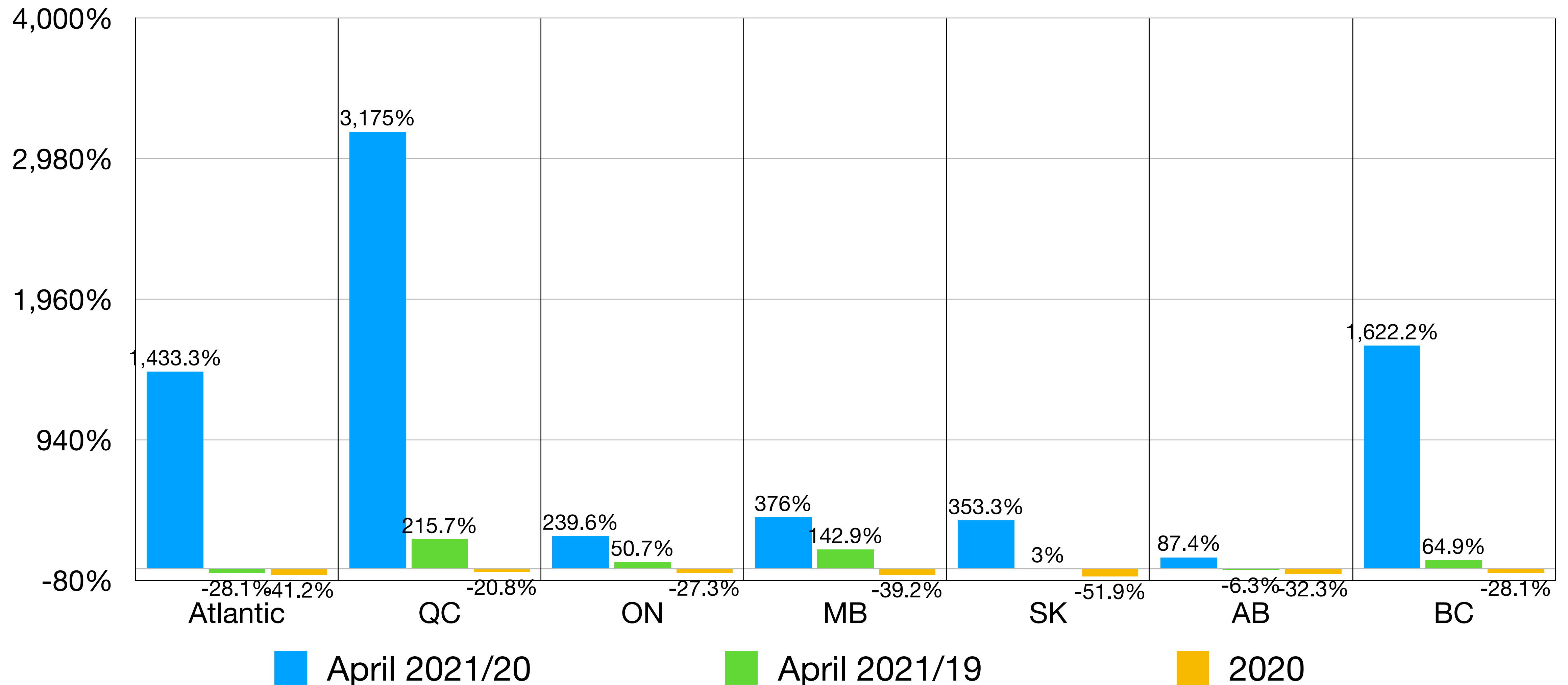
Admissions: Temporary to Permanent Residents

By Program—2018-21



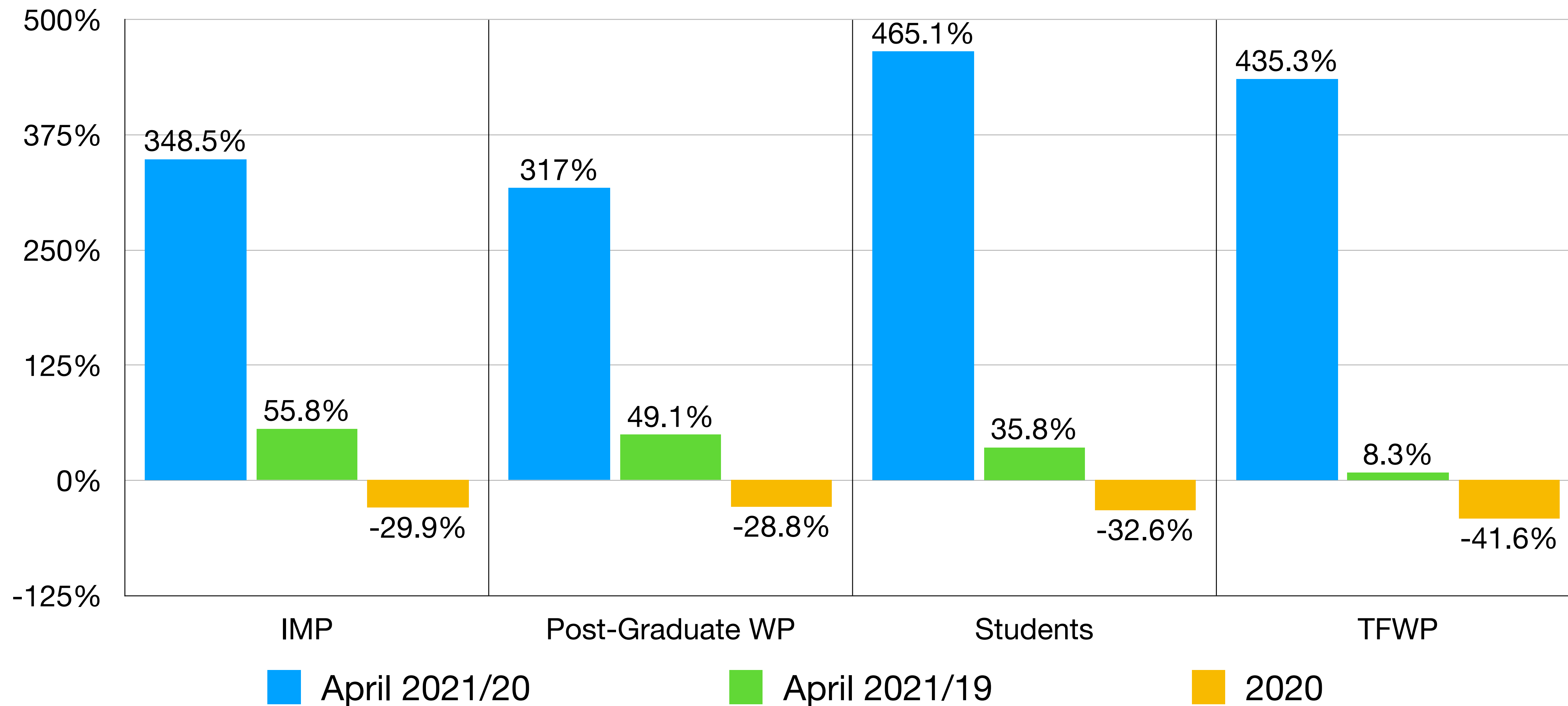
Admissions by Province: TRs to PRs

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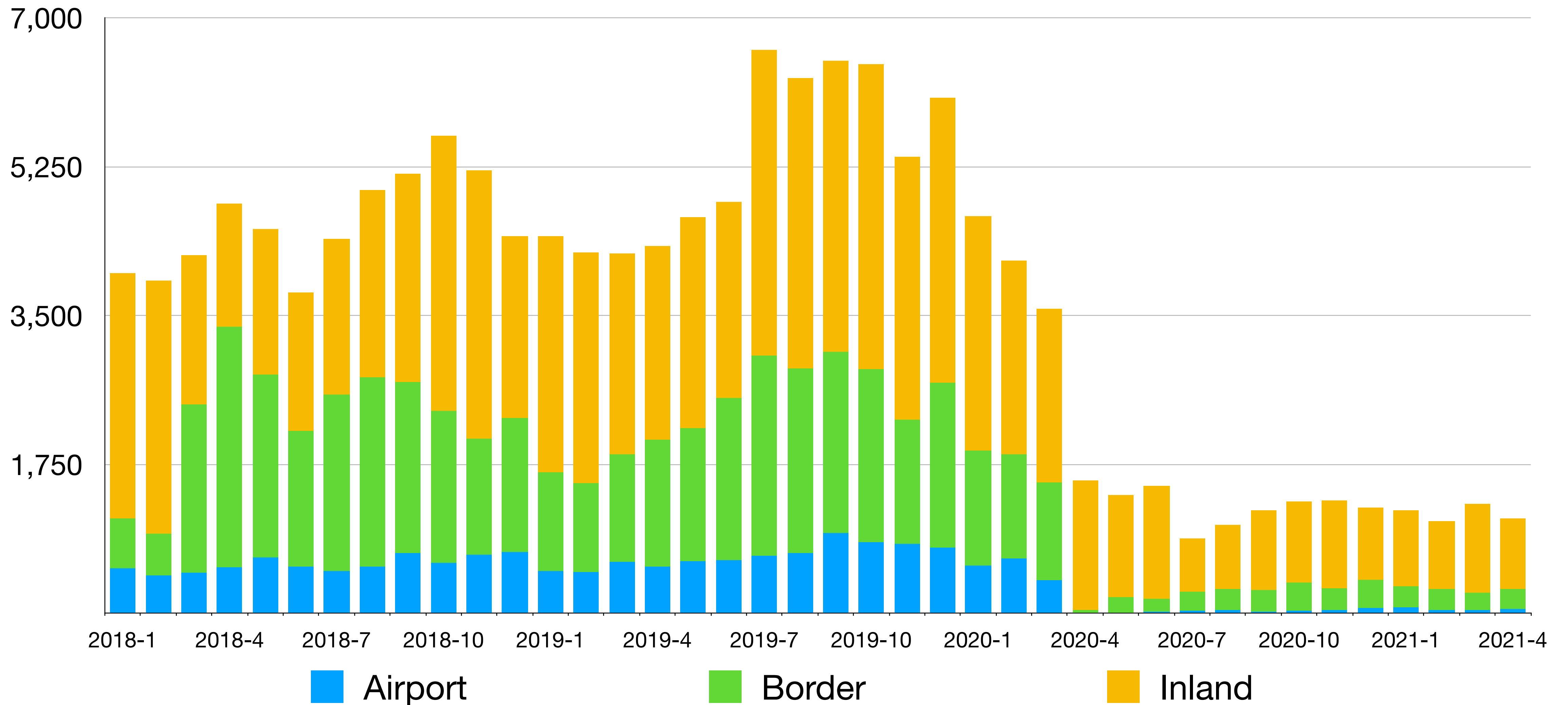


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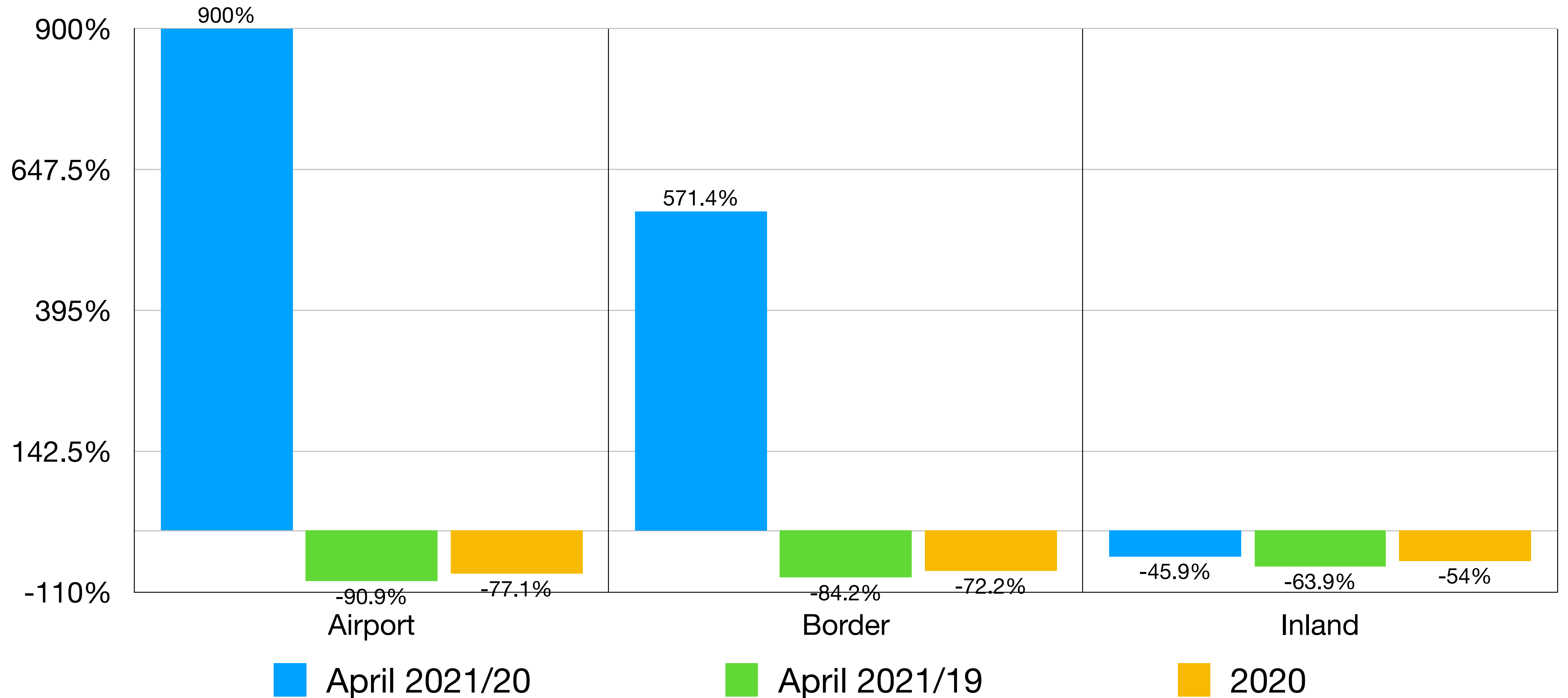


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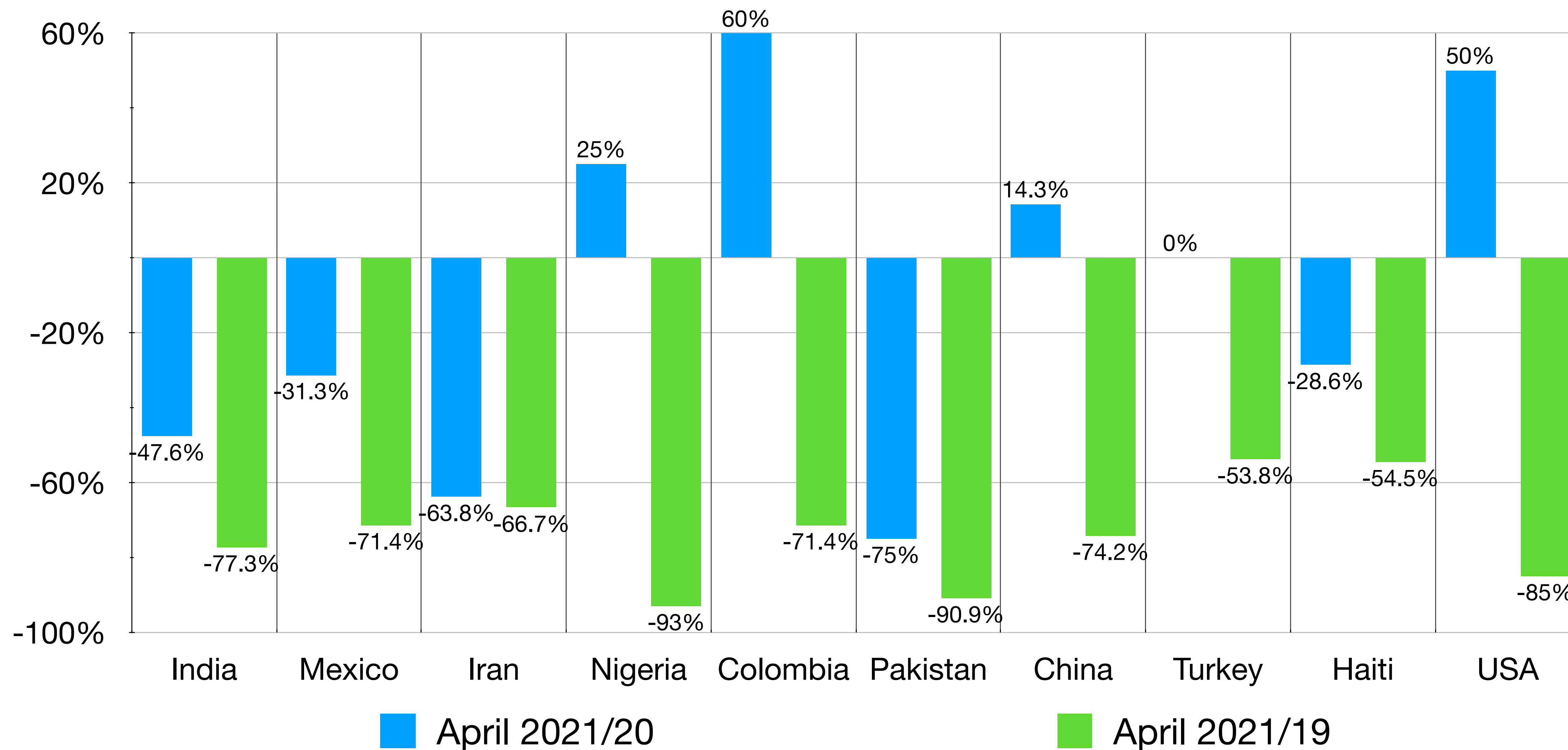
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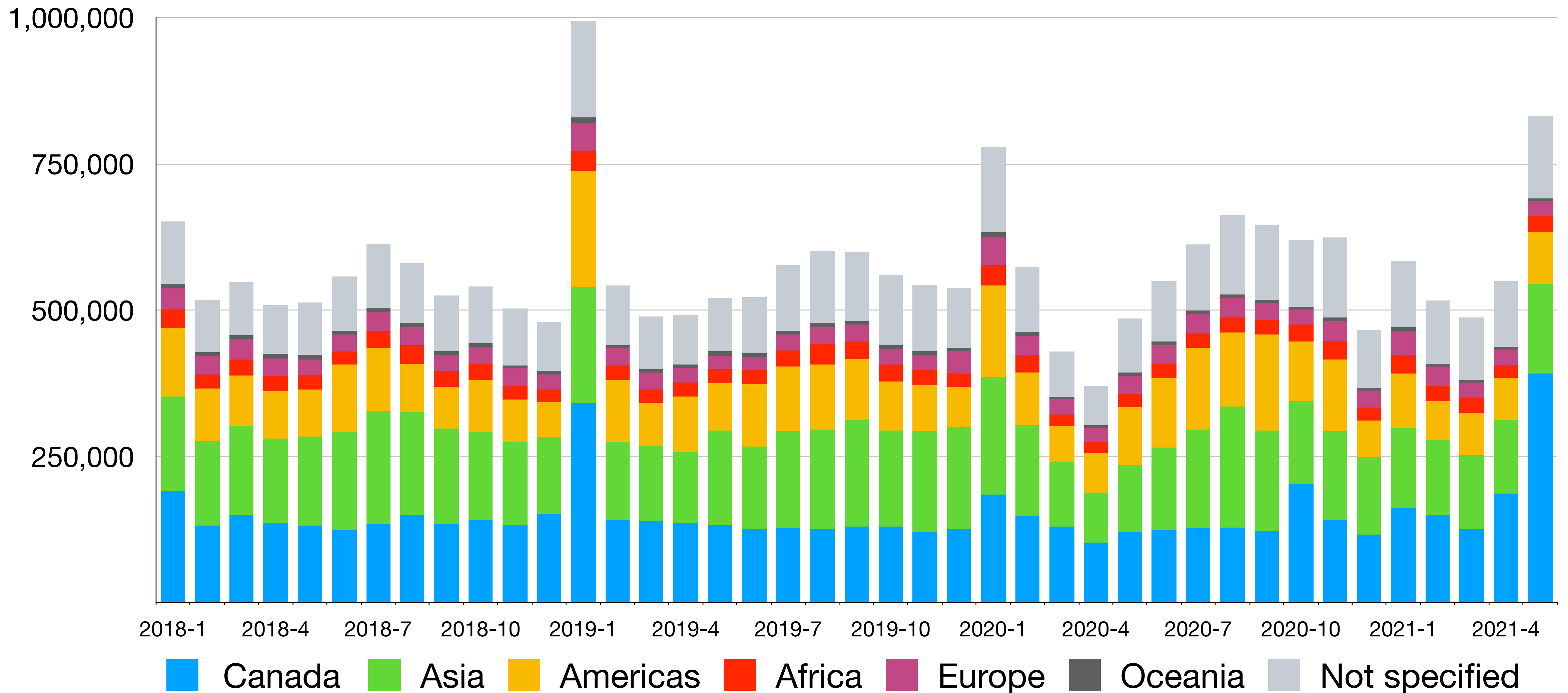


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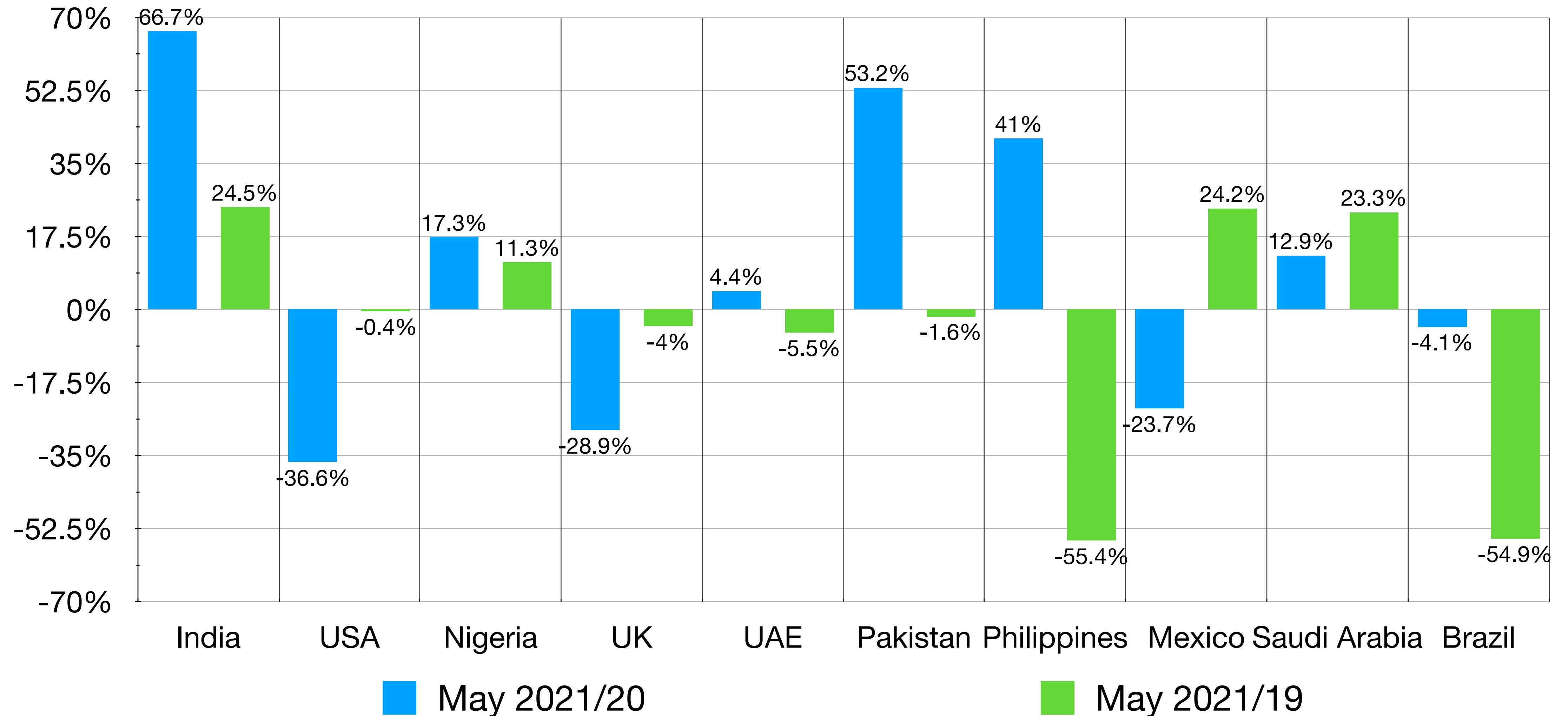
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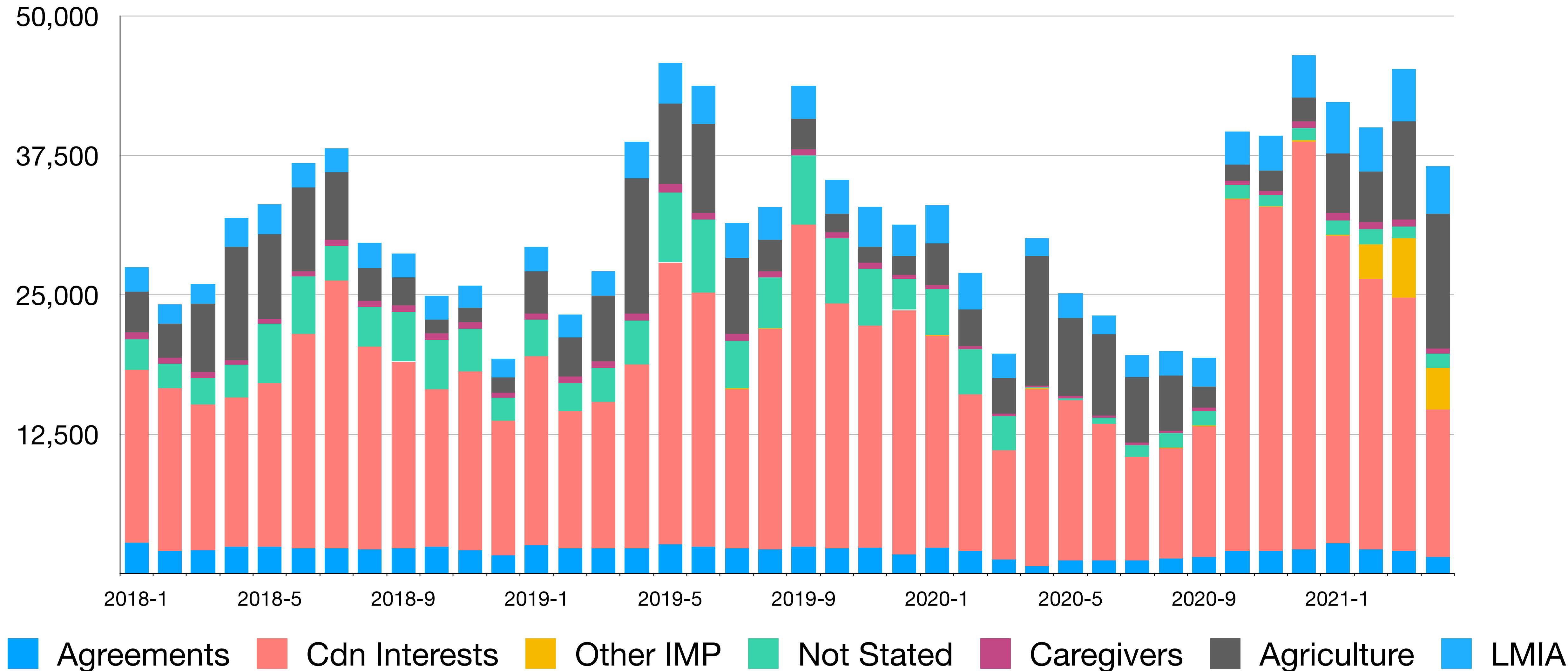
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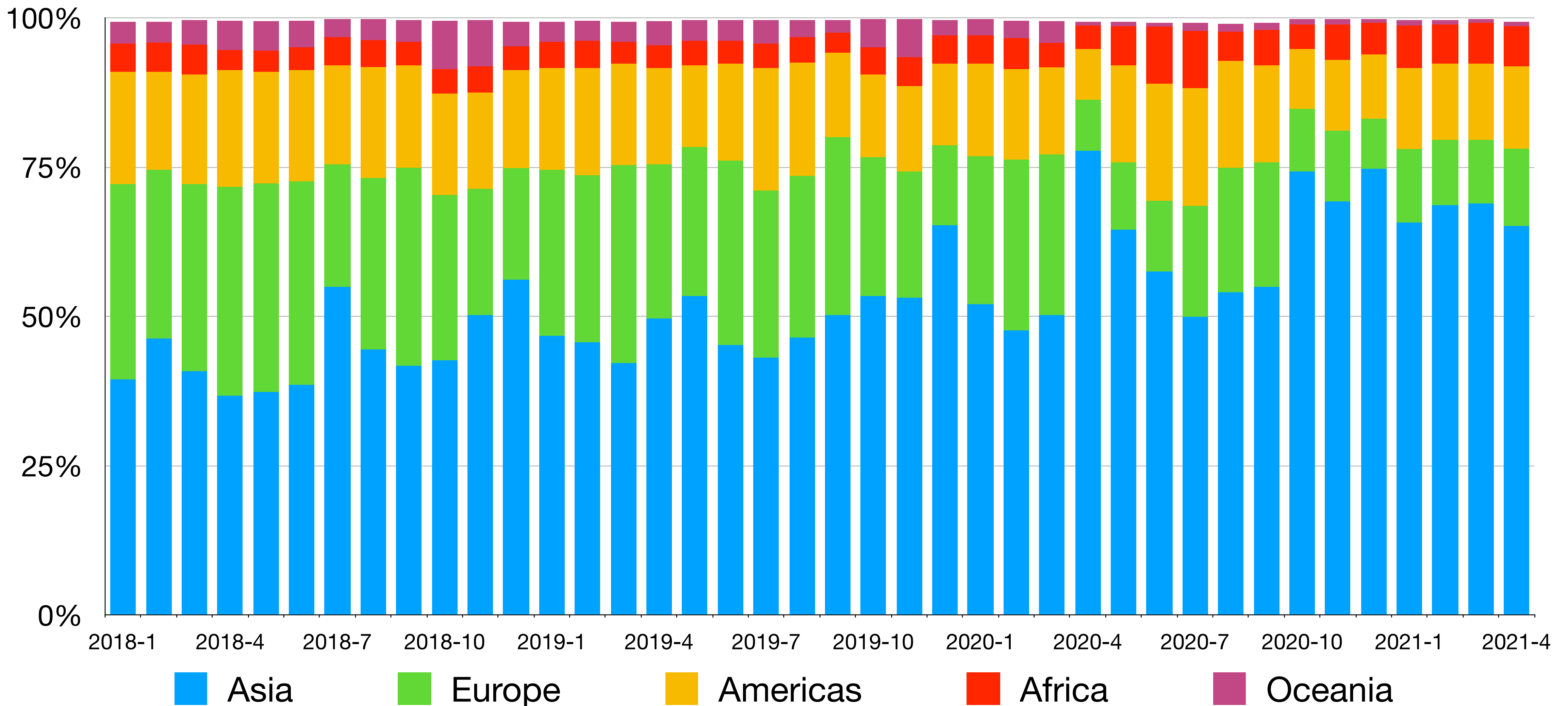


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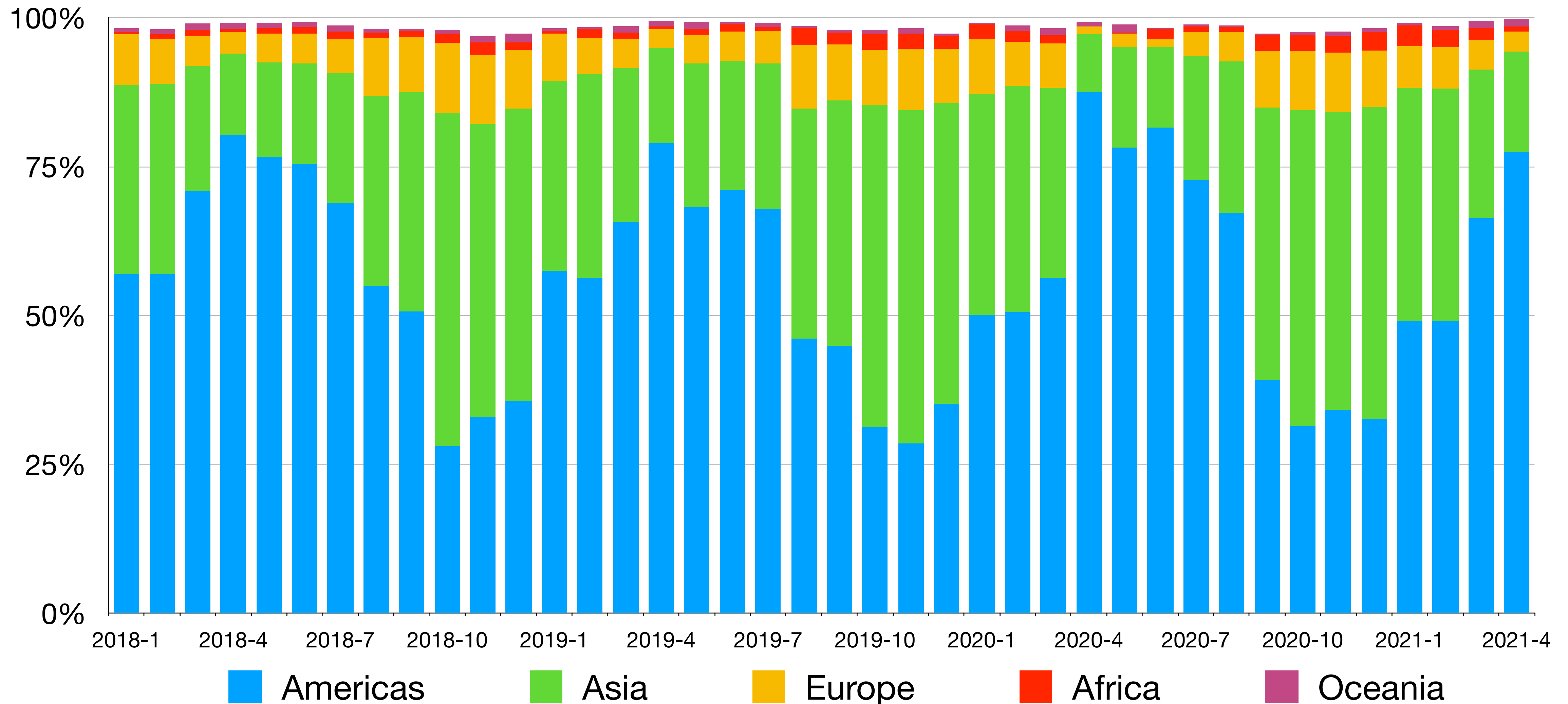
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IMP by Region of Citizenship—2018-21



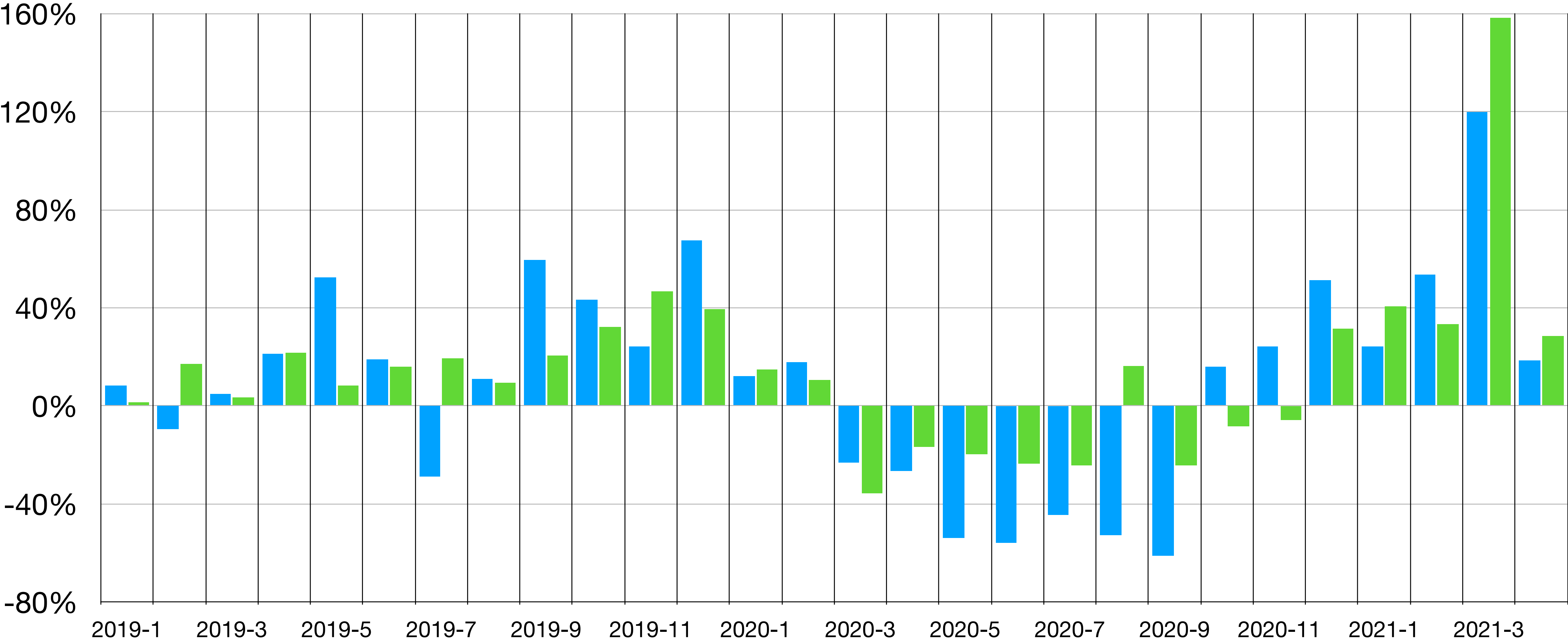
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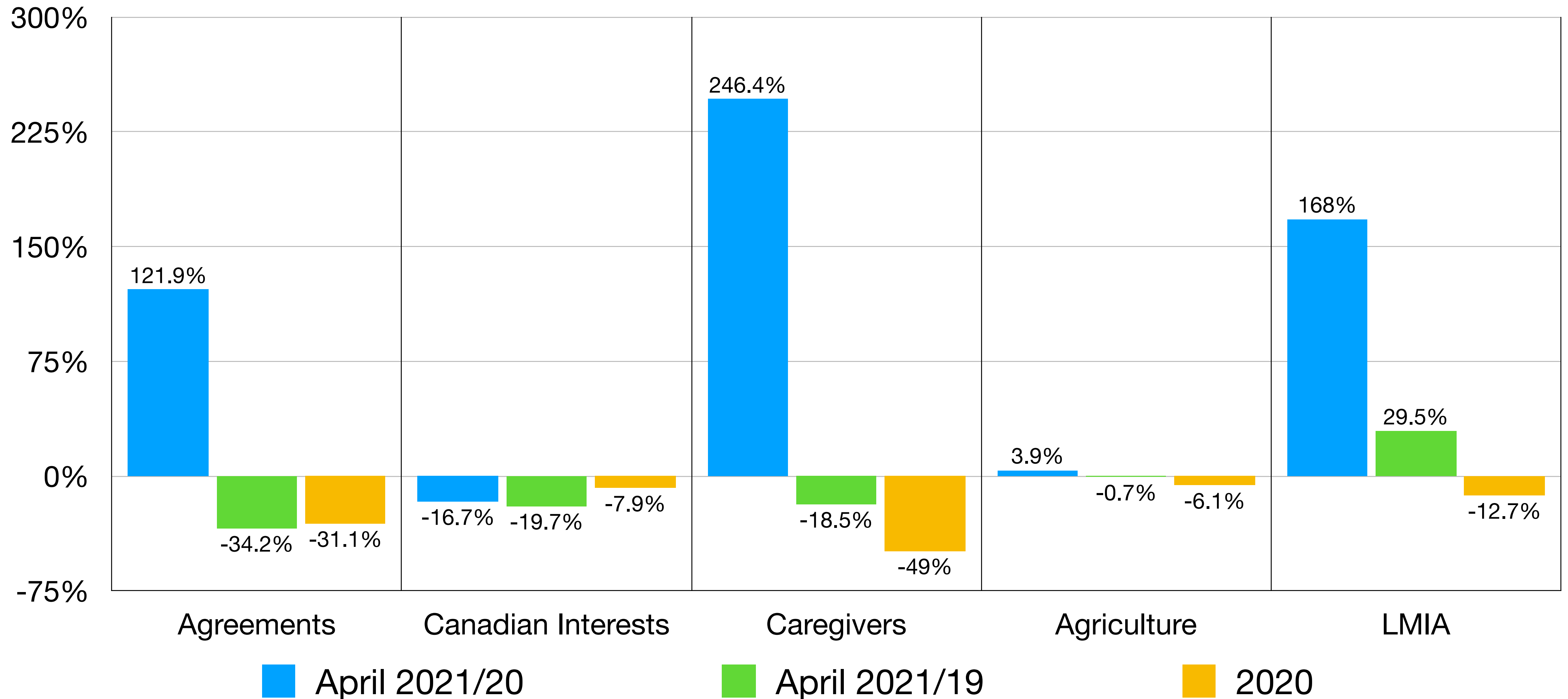
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IMP TFWP



Temporary Residents by Program Canada

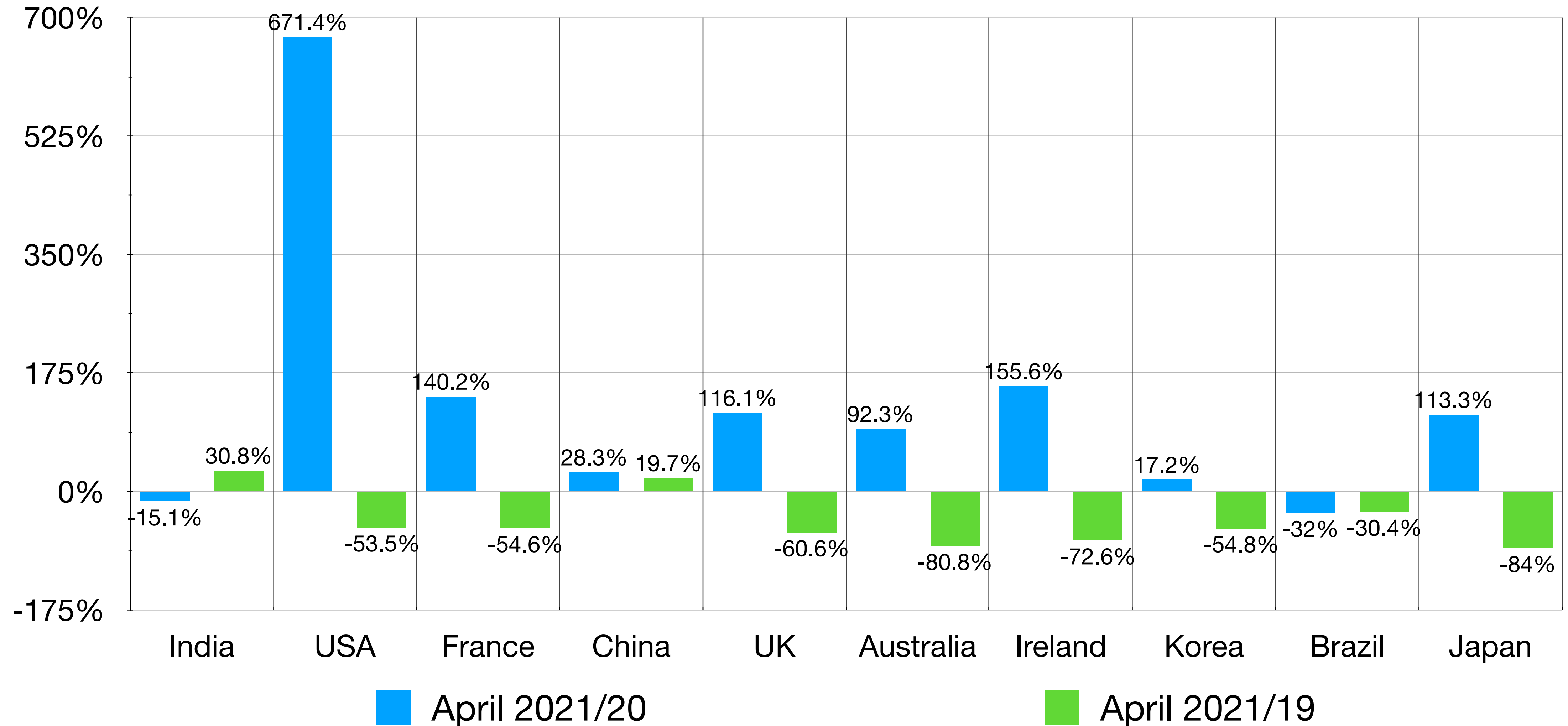
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IMP by Citizenship

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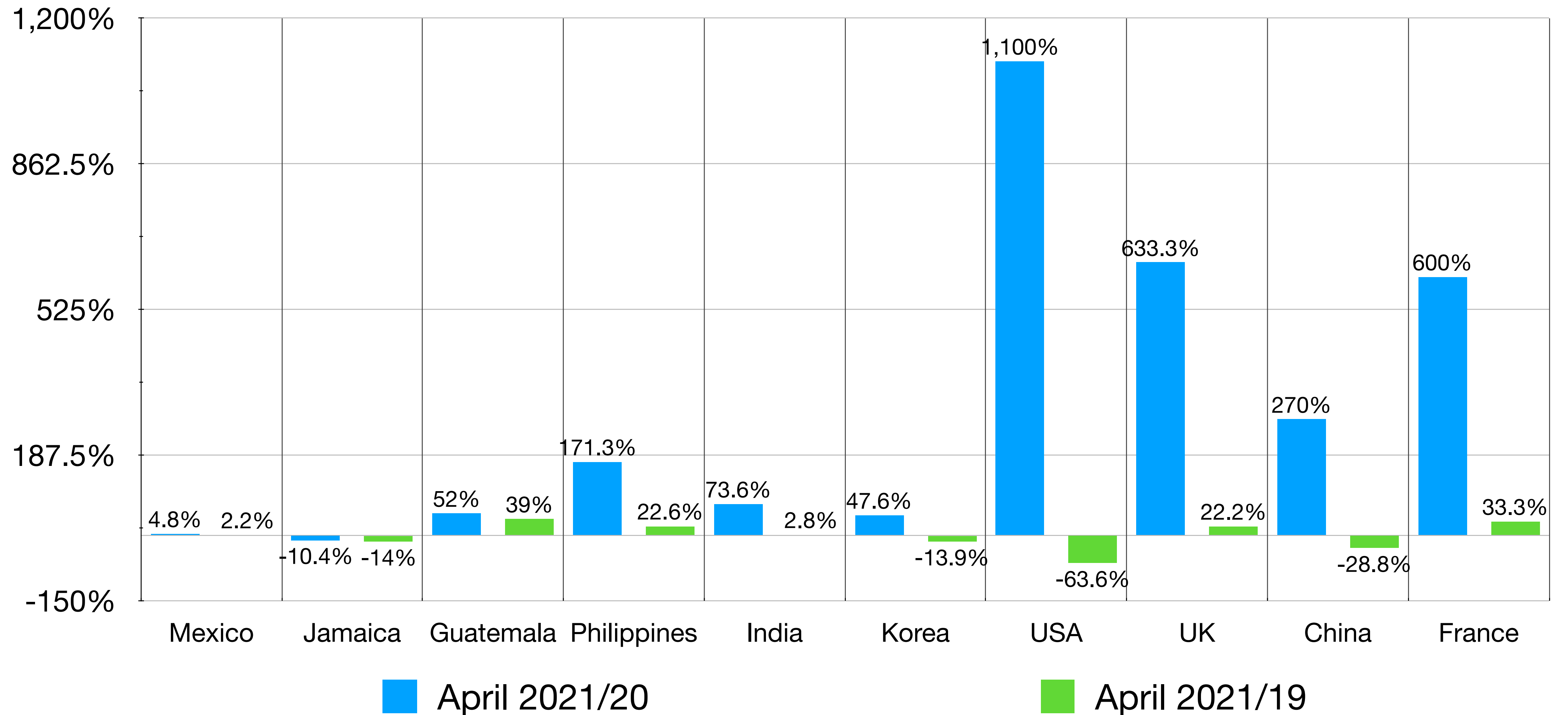
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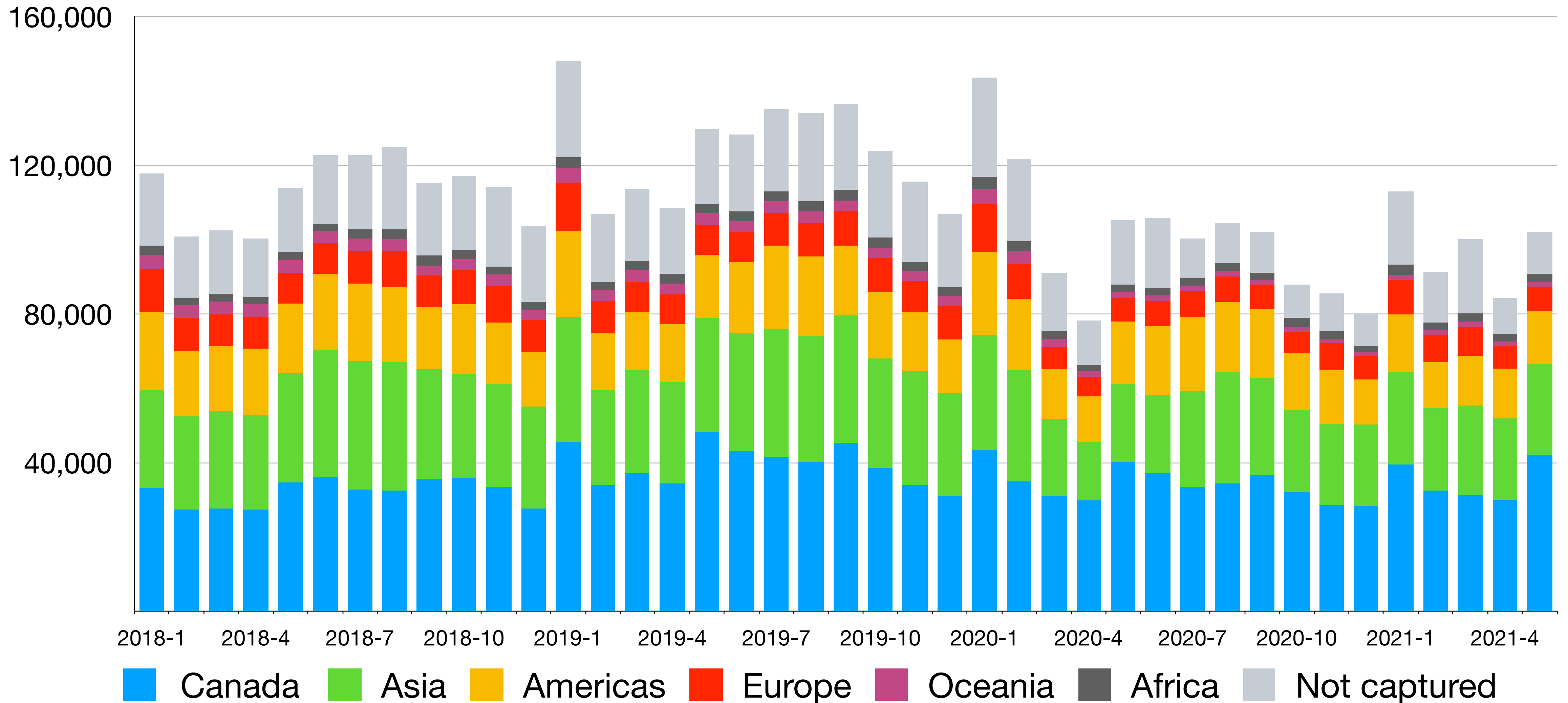
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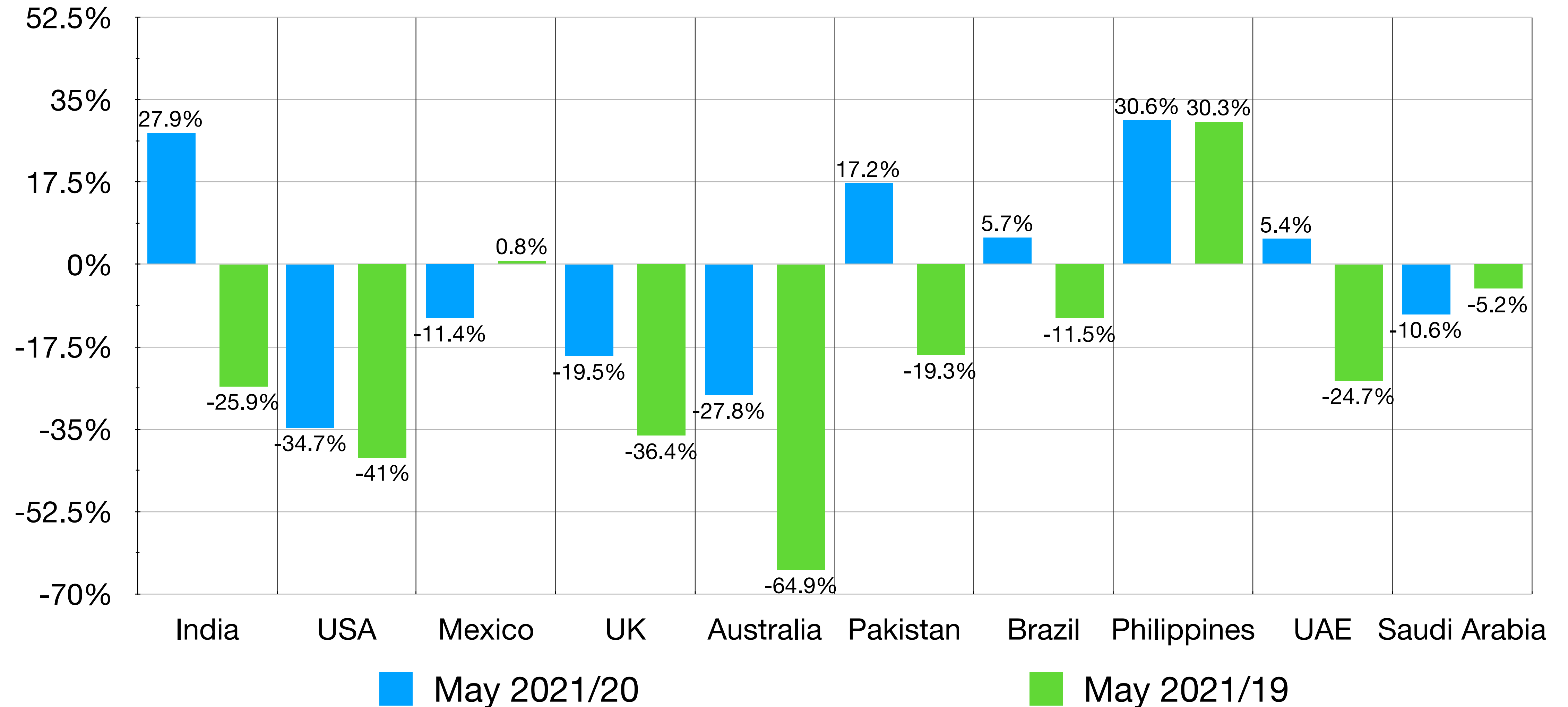
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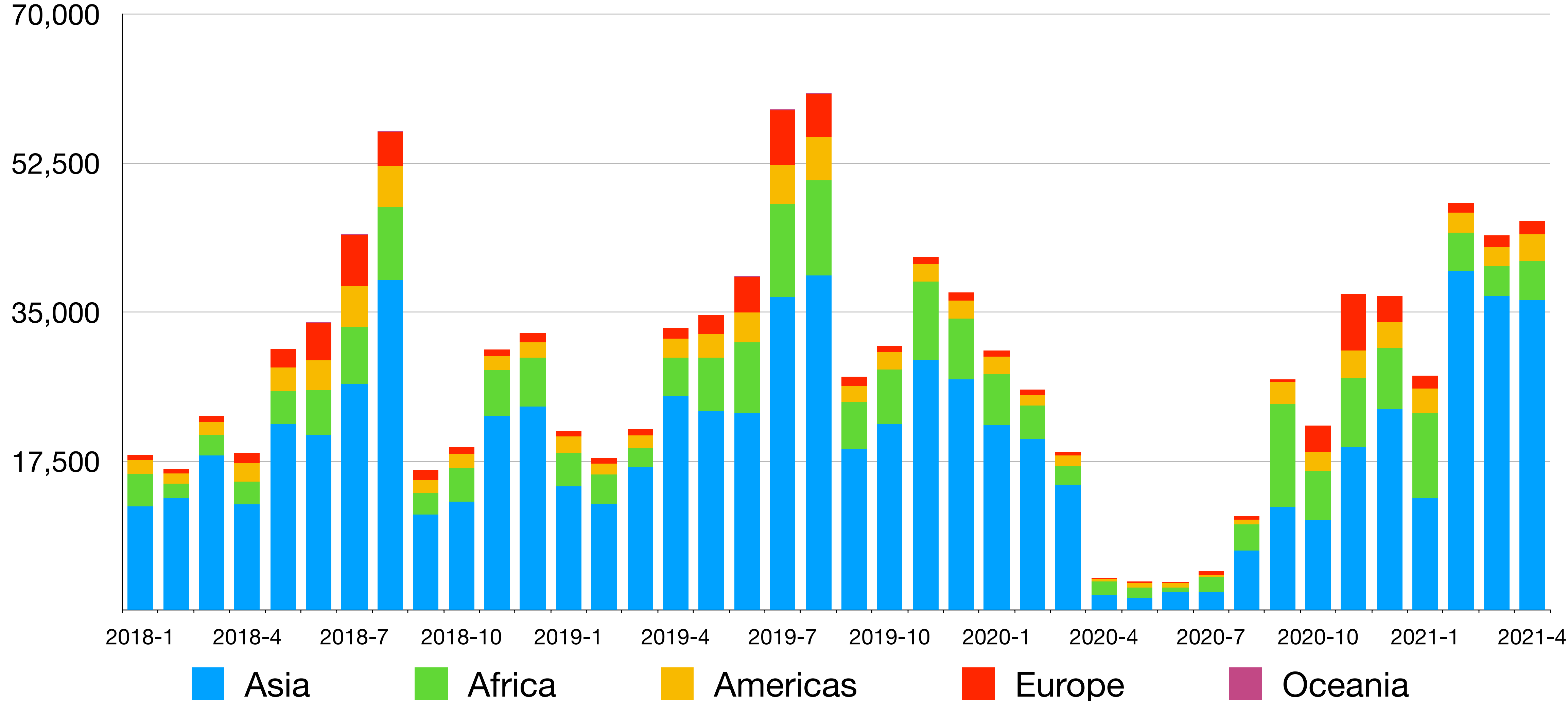
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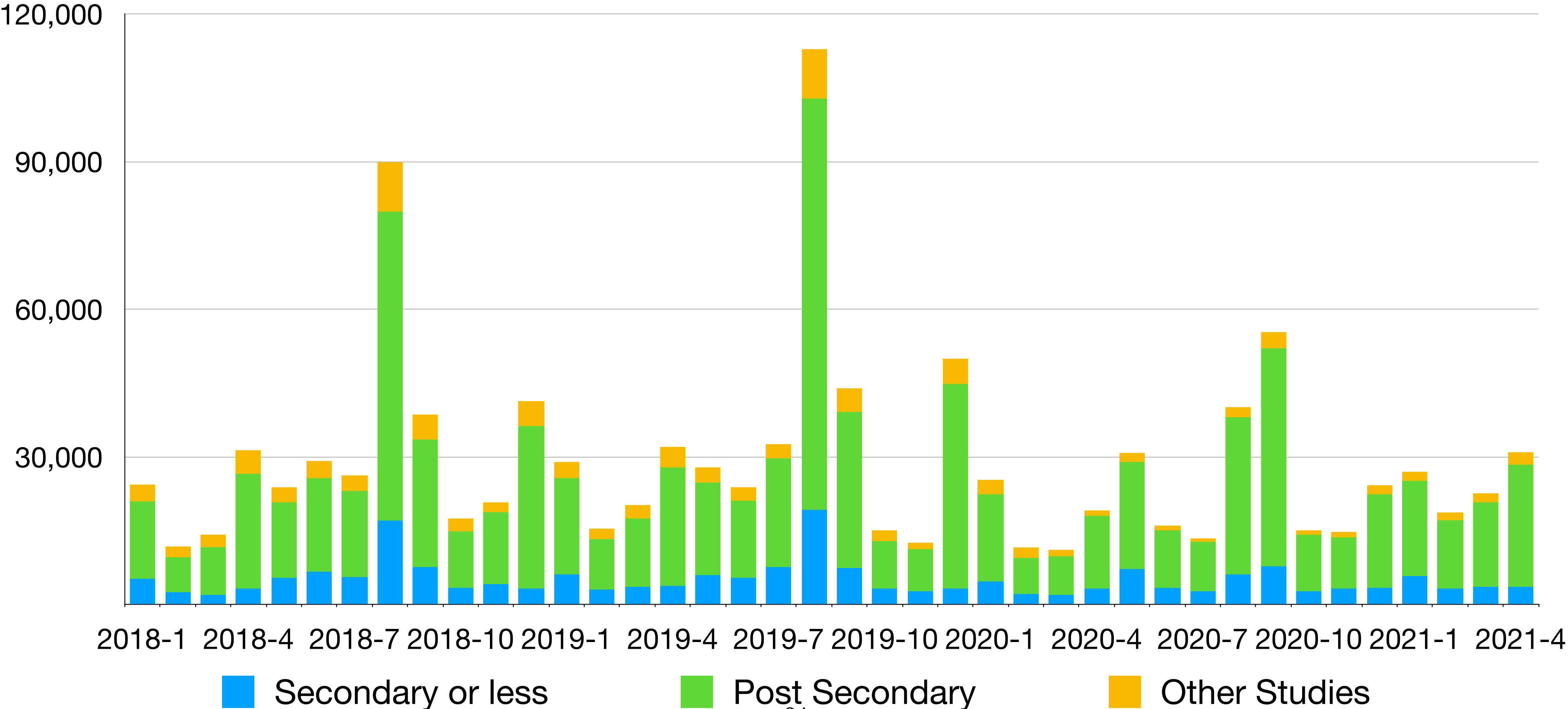


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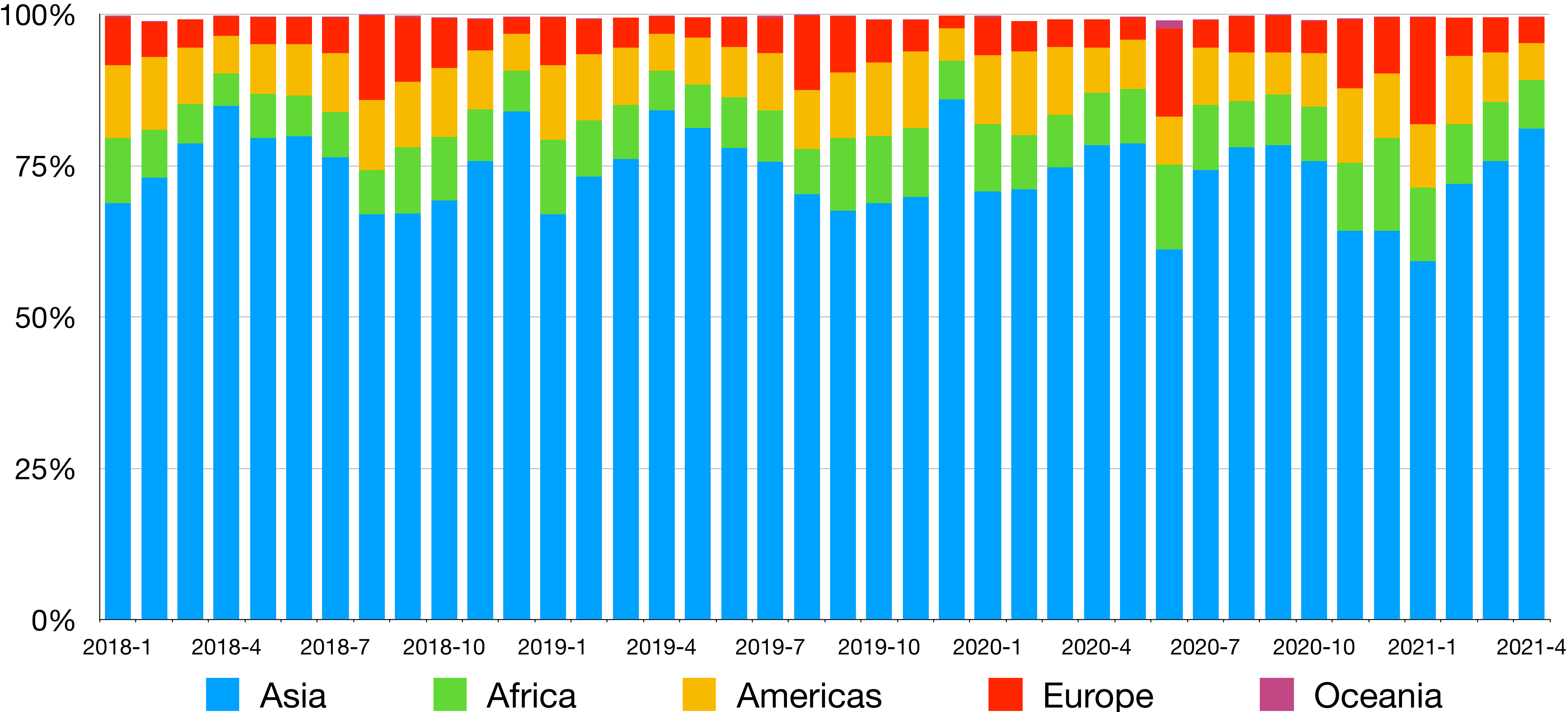
Study Permit Applications—By Region—2018-21



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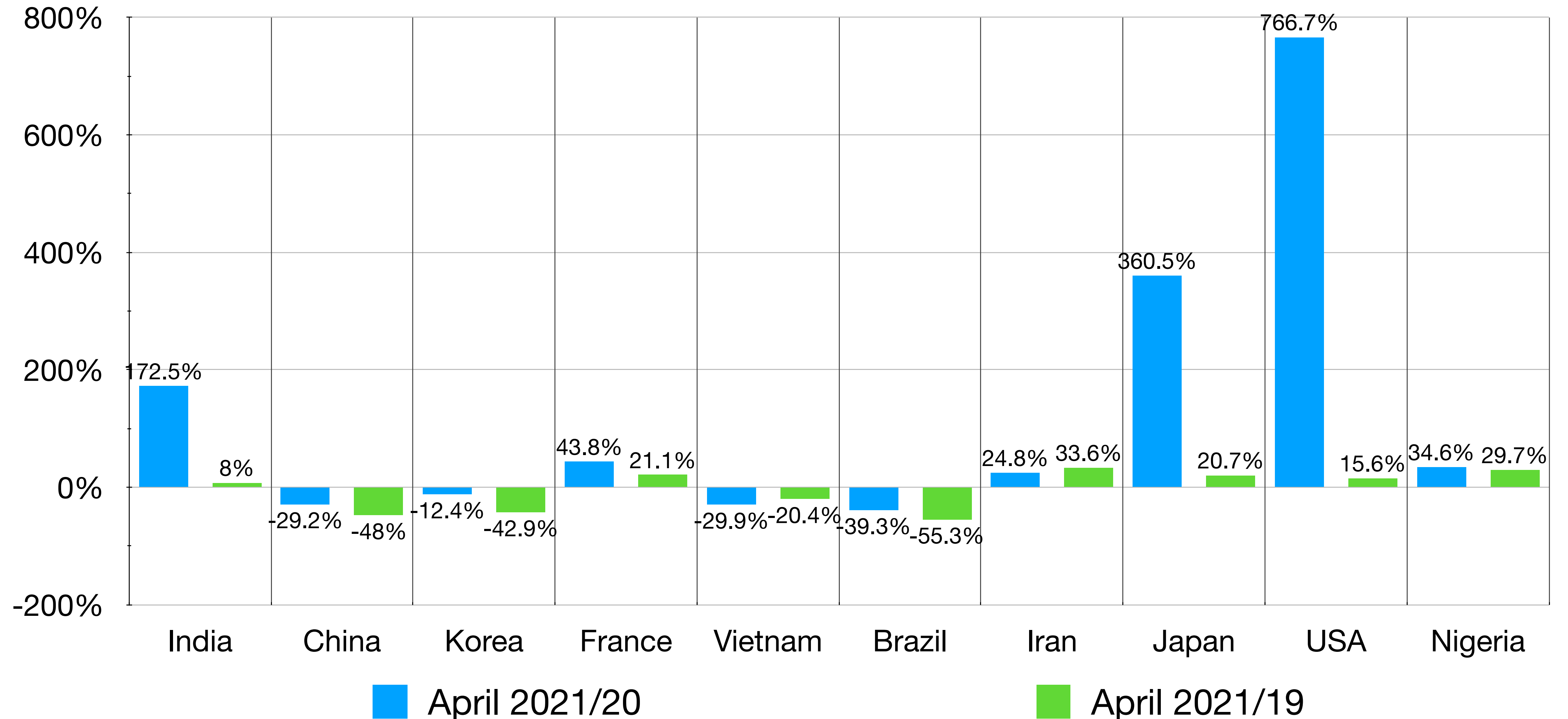
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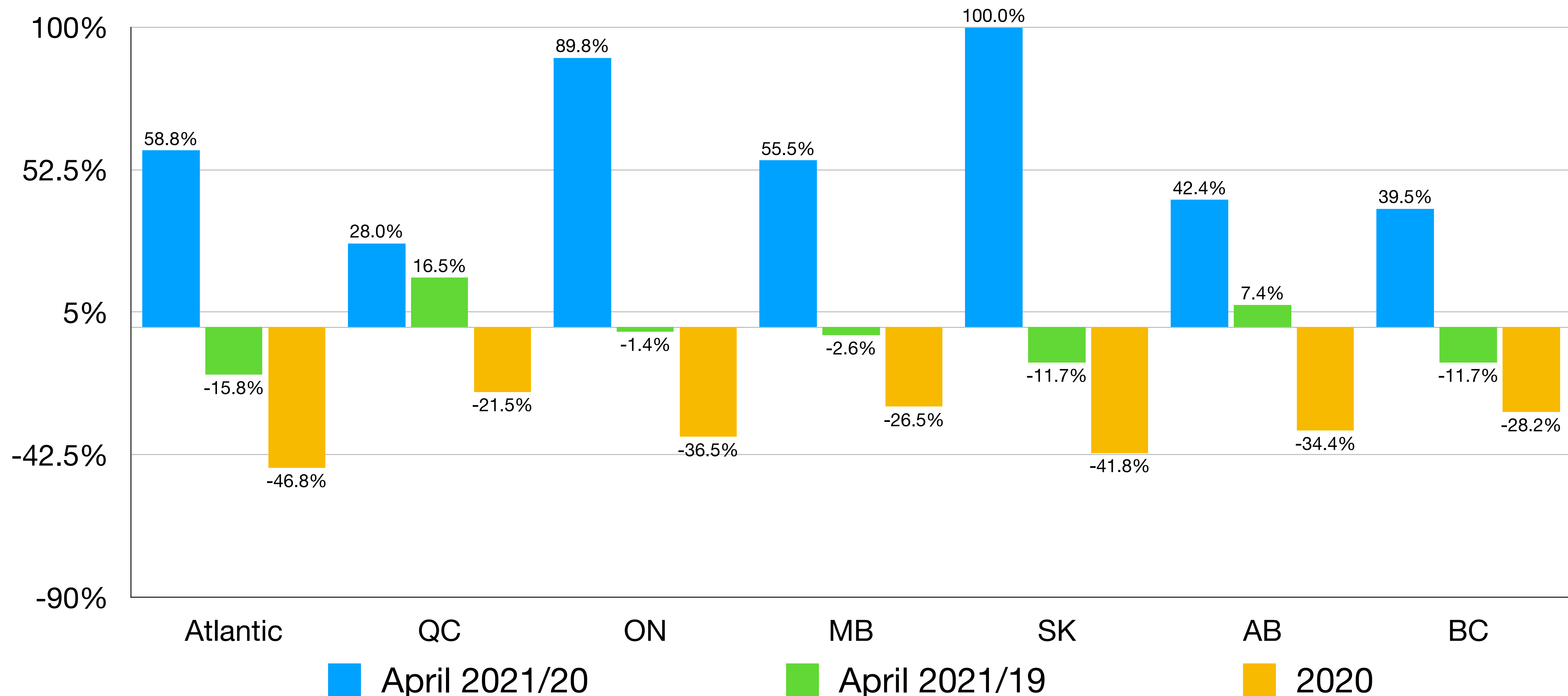
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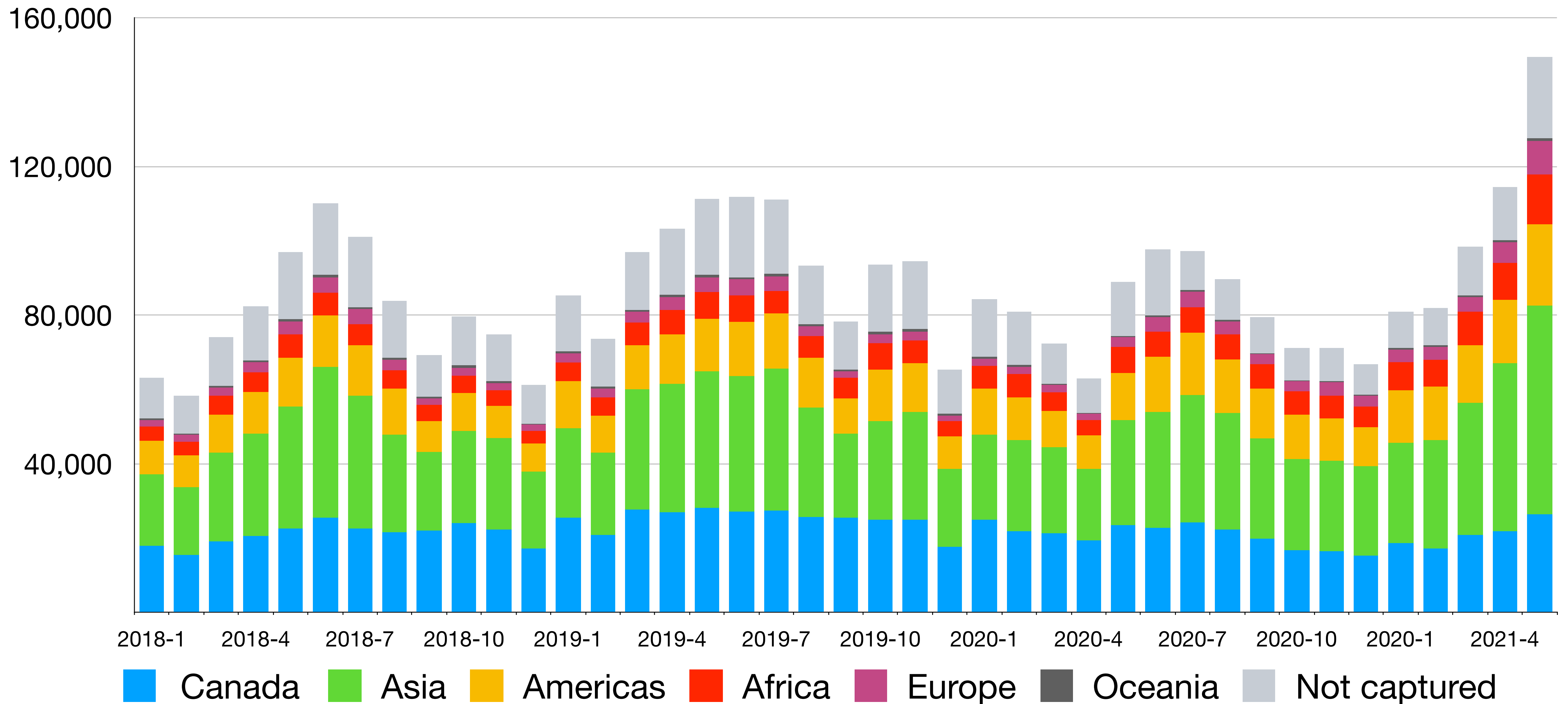


Study Permit Holders by Province

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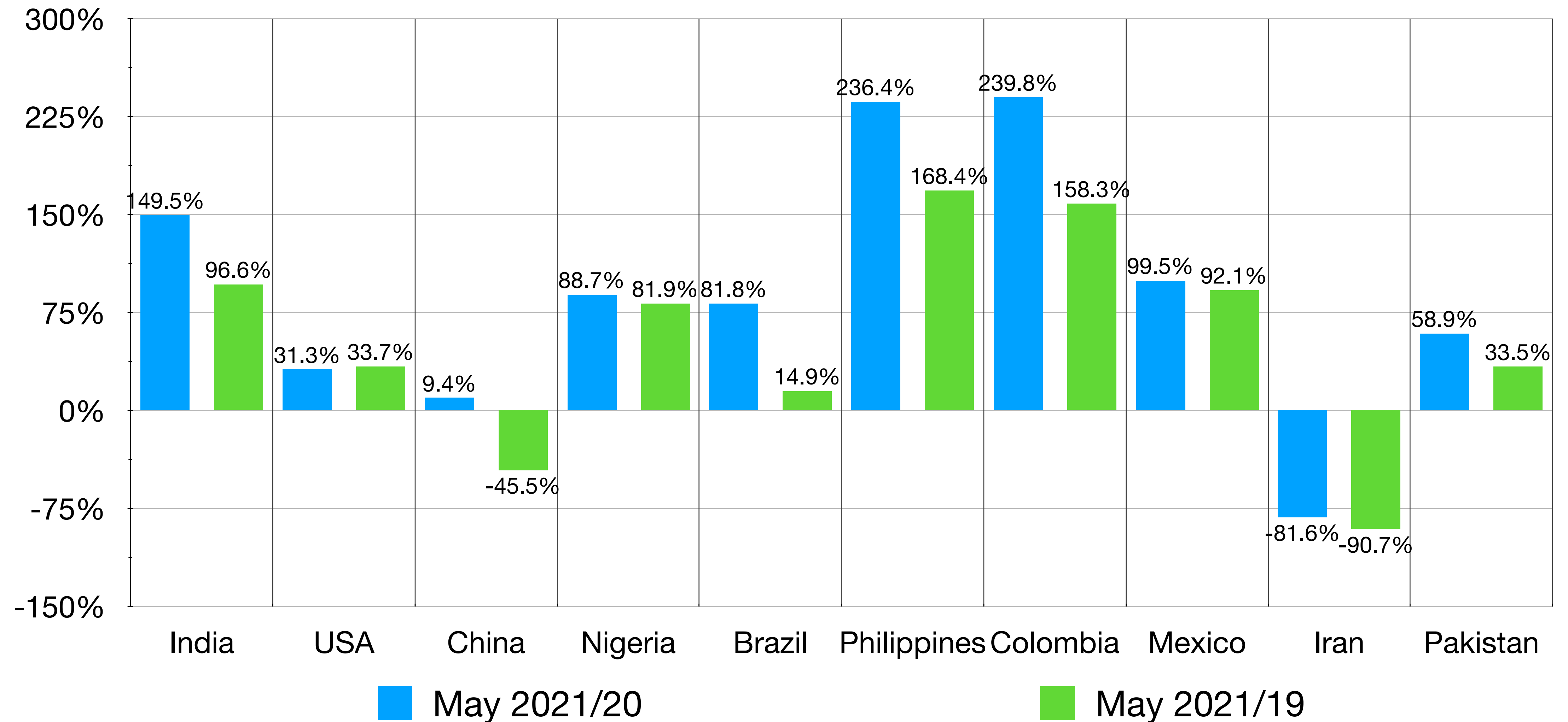
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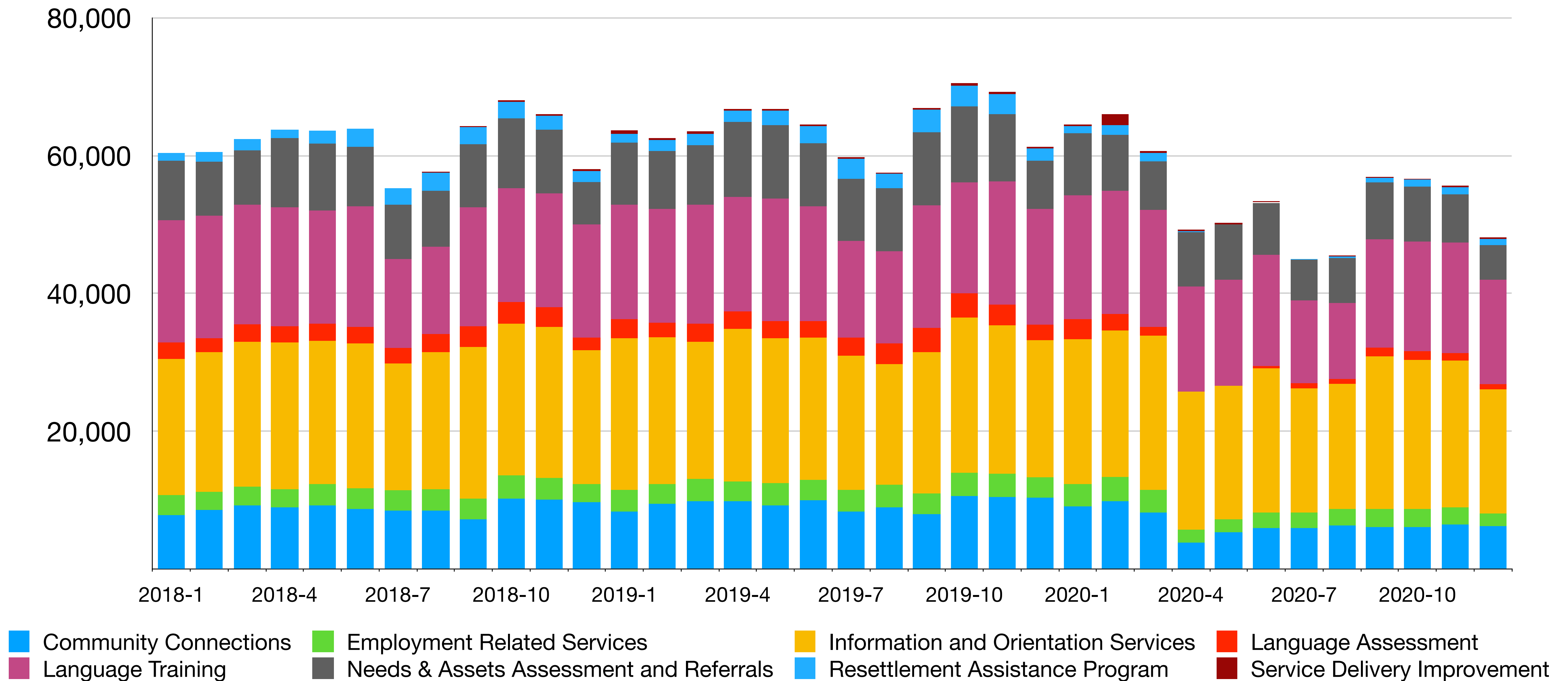
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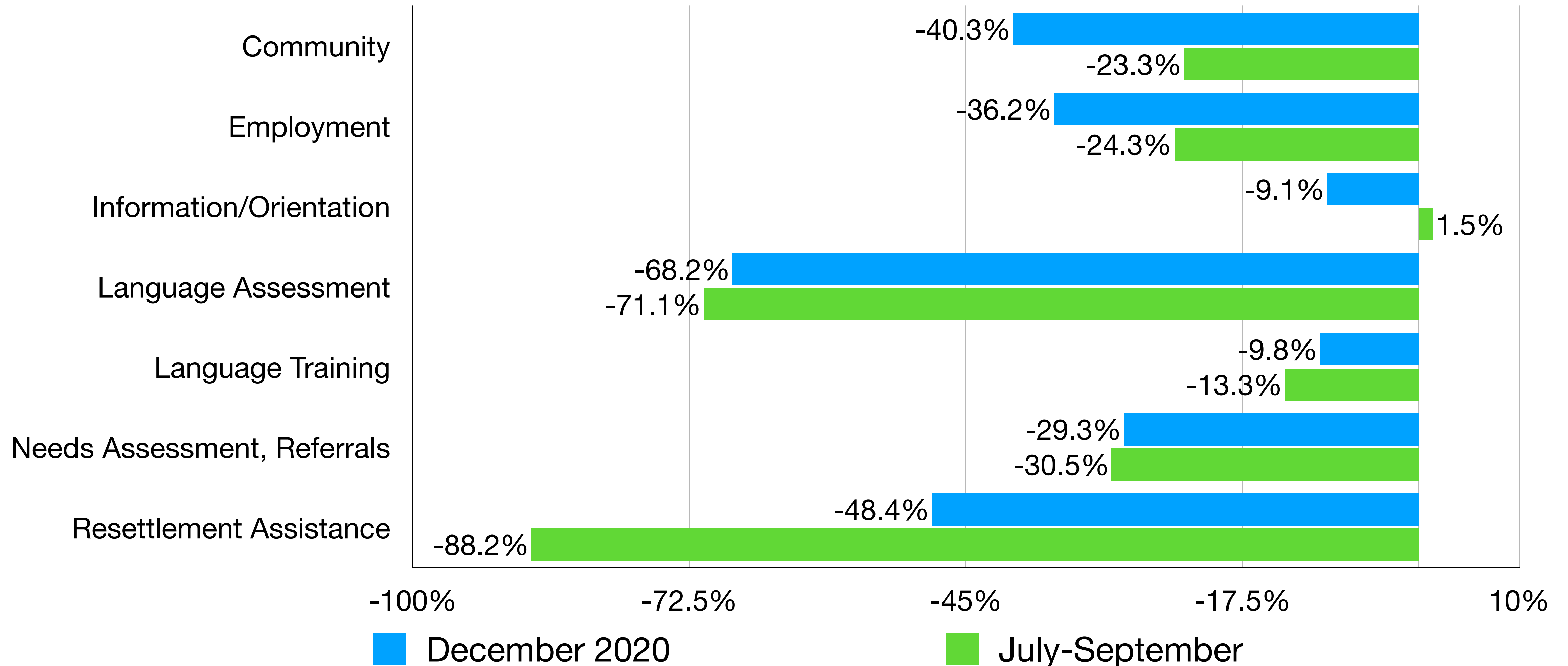
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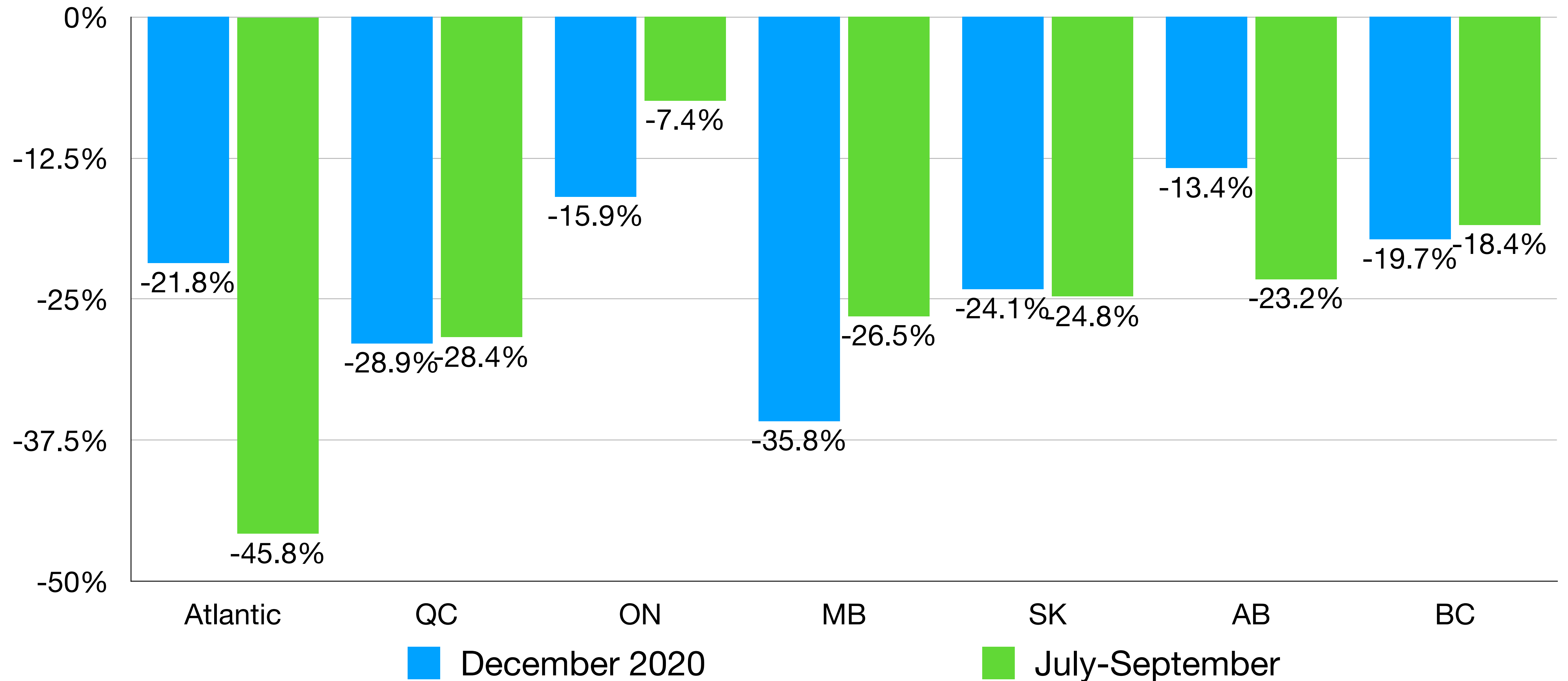
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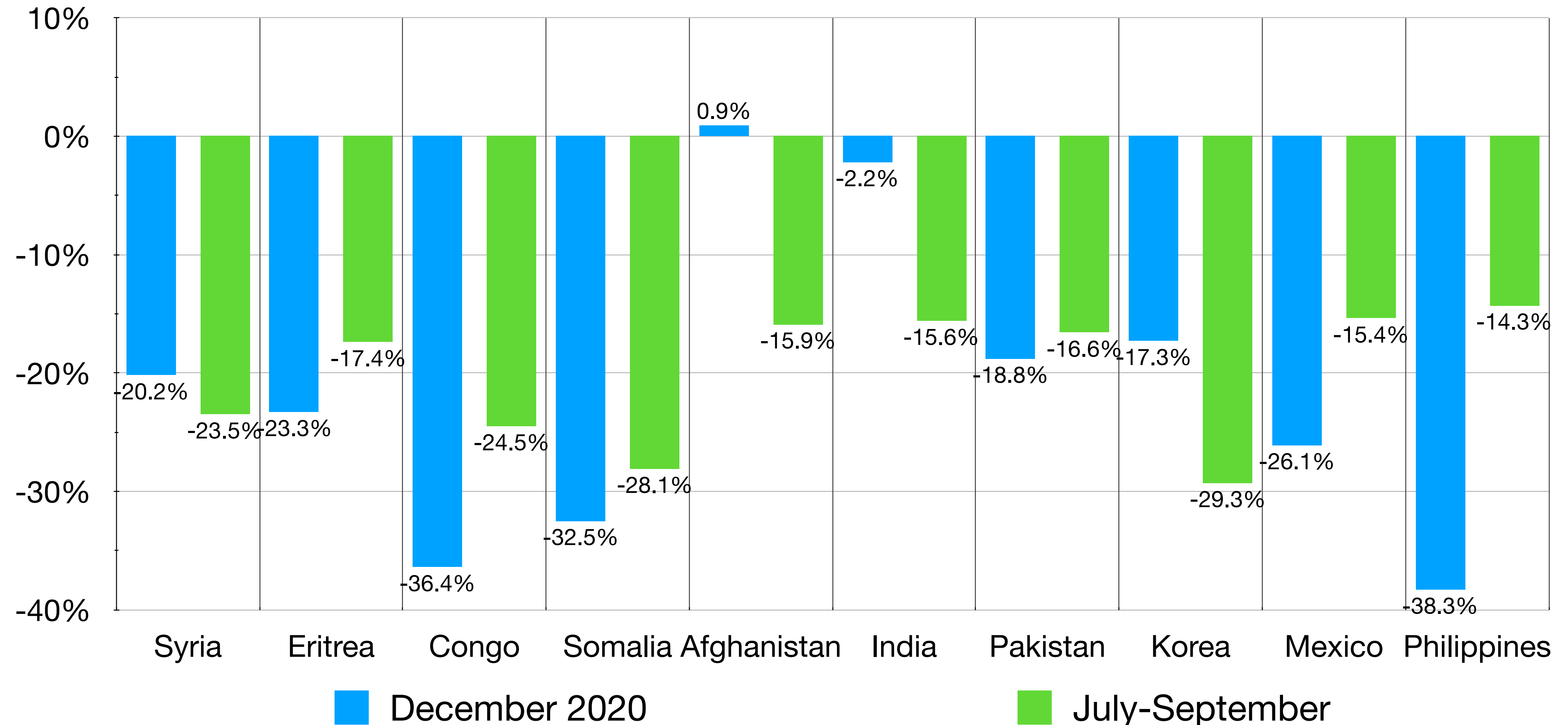
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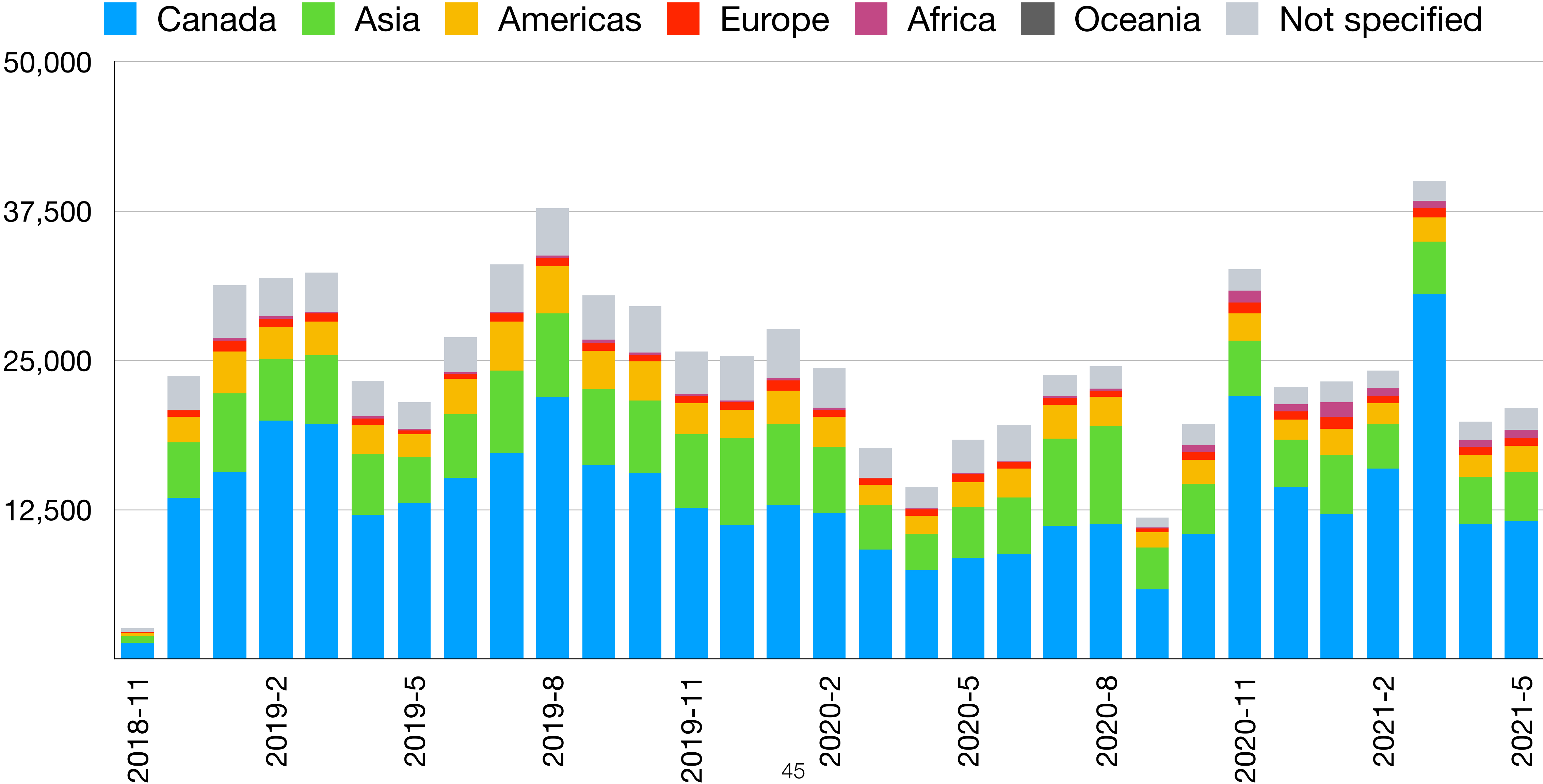
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Top 10, 2018 base year



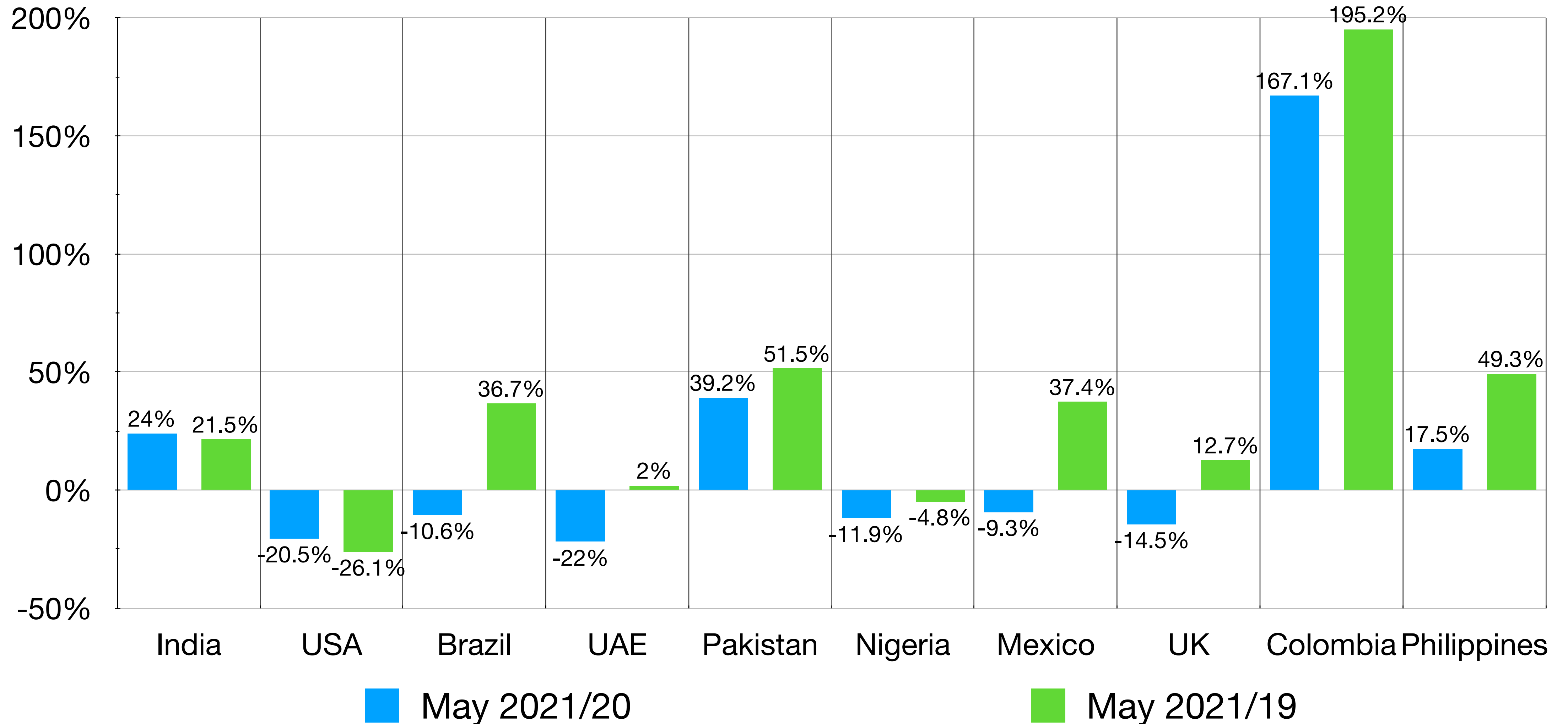
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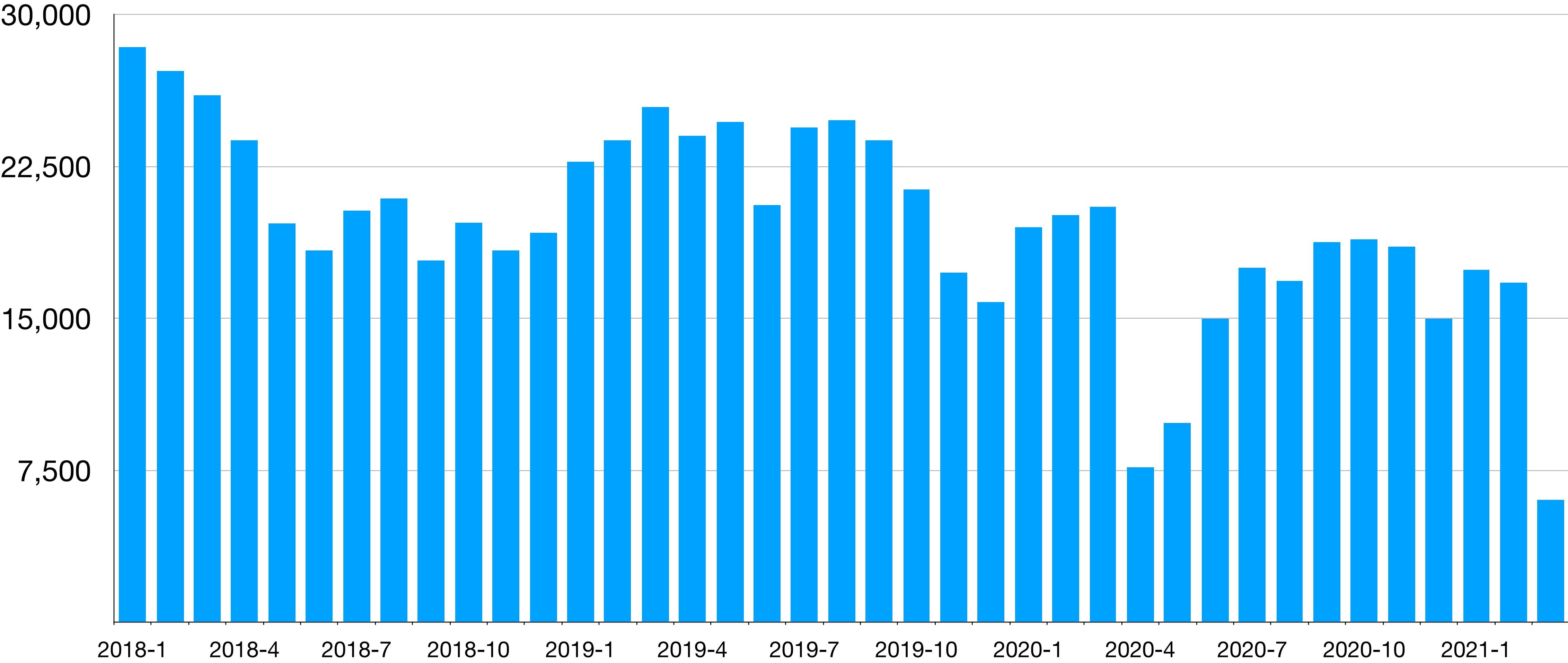
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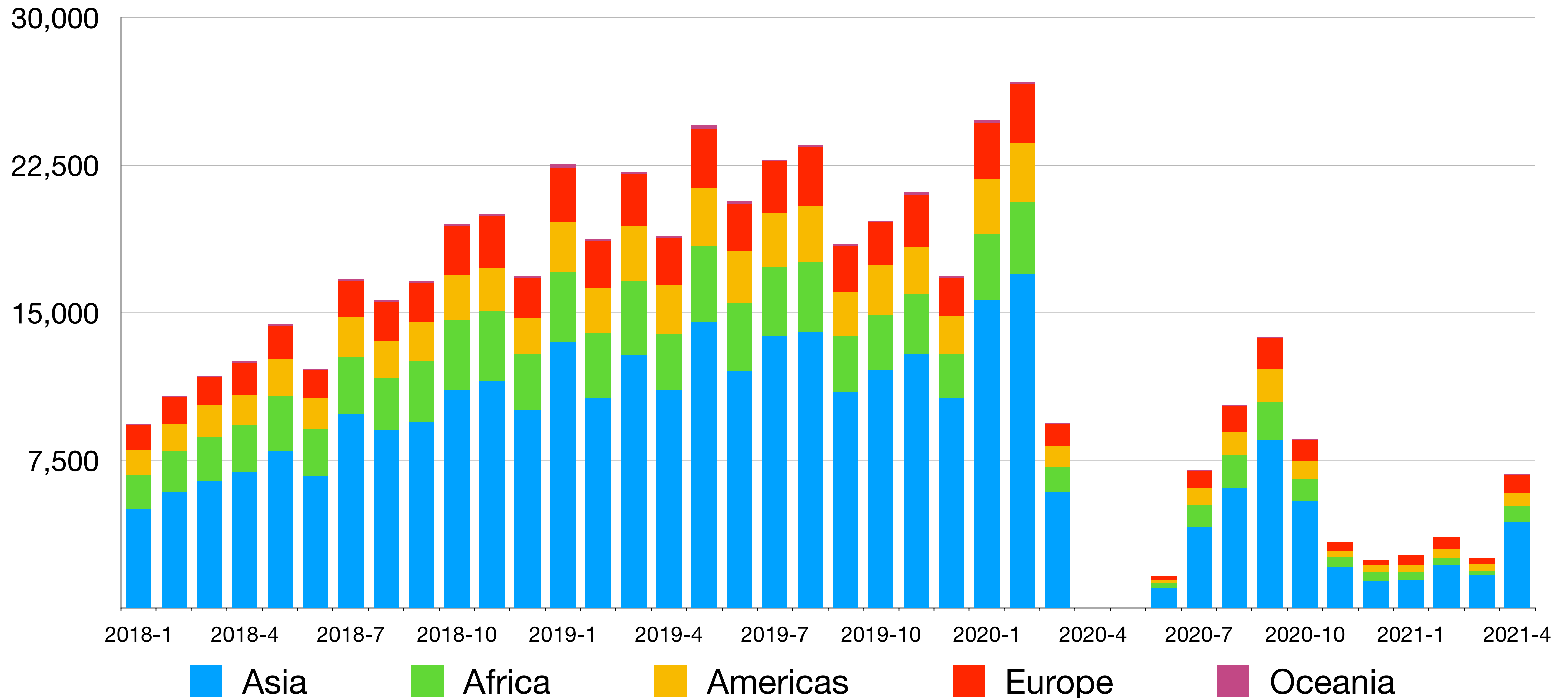


Citizenship

Citizenship Applications—2018-21

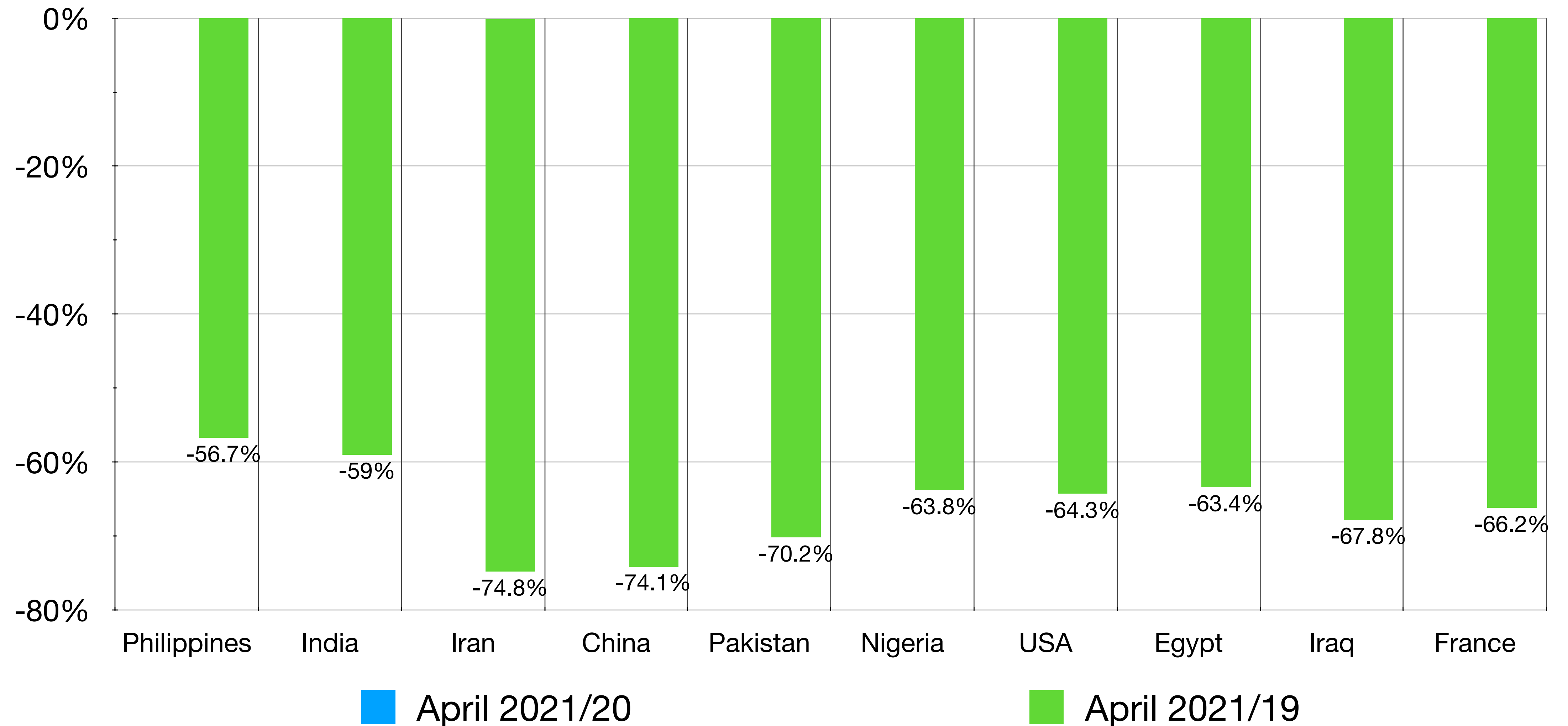


New Citizens—By Region of Birth—2018-21



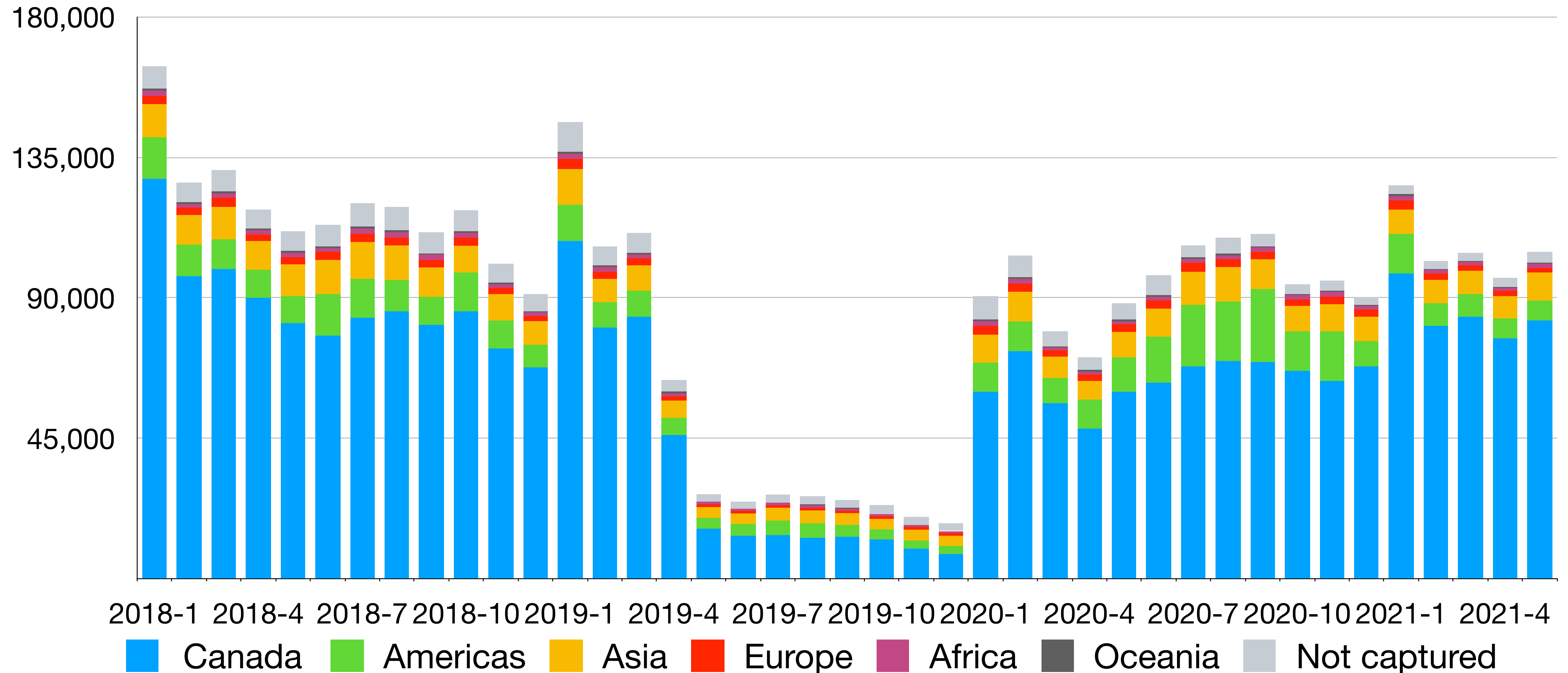
Citizenship by Region of Birth

April Comparison: 2021/19 Top 10 Countries—Ordered by 2018 base year
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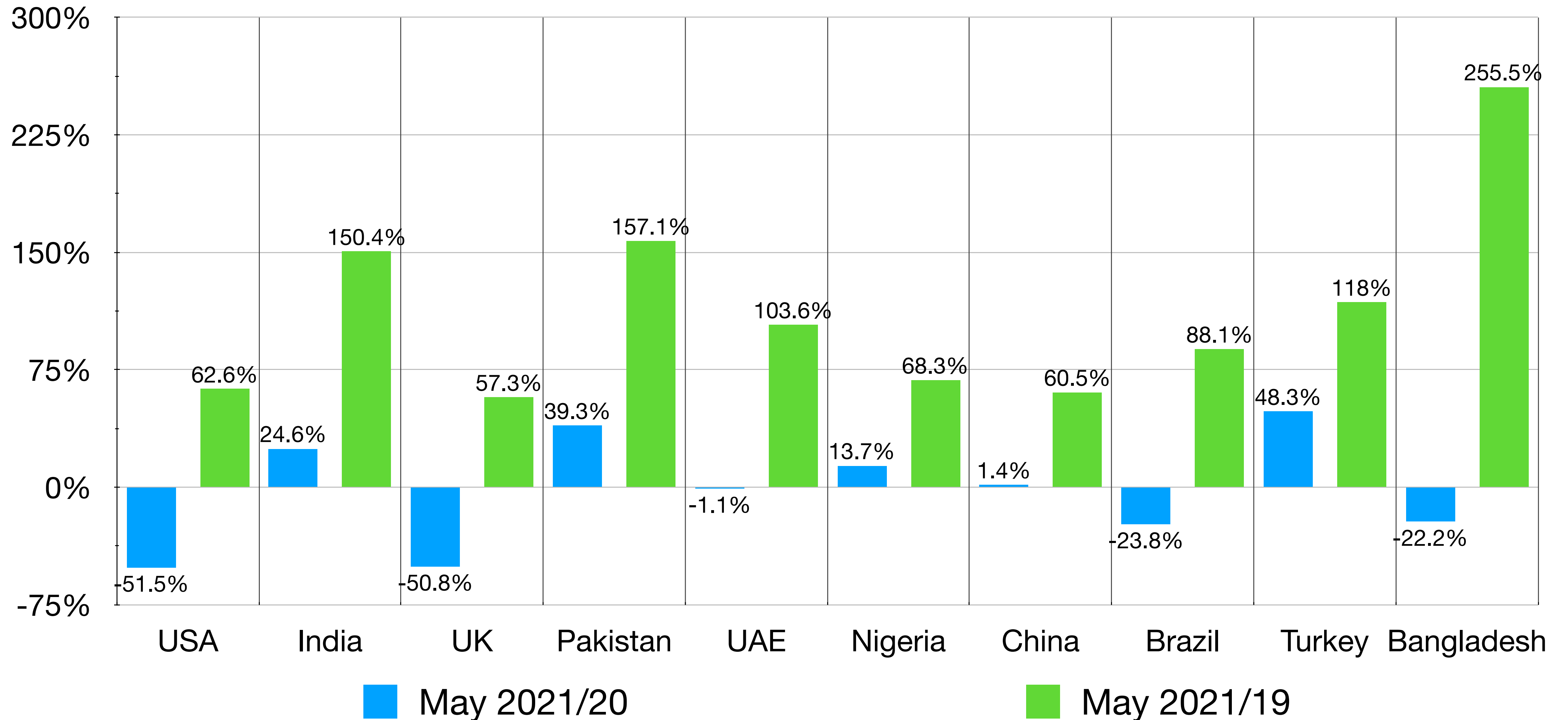
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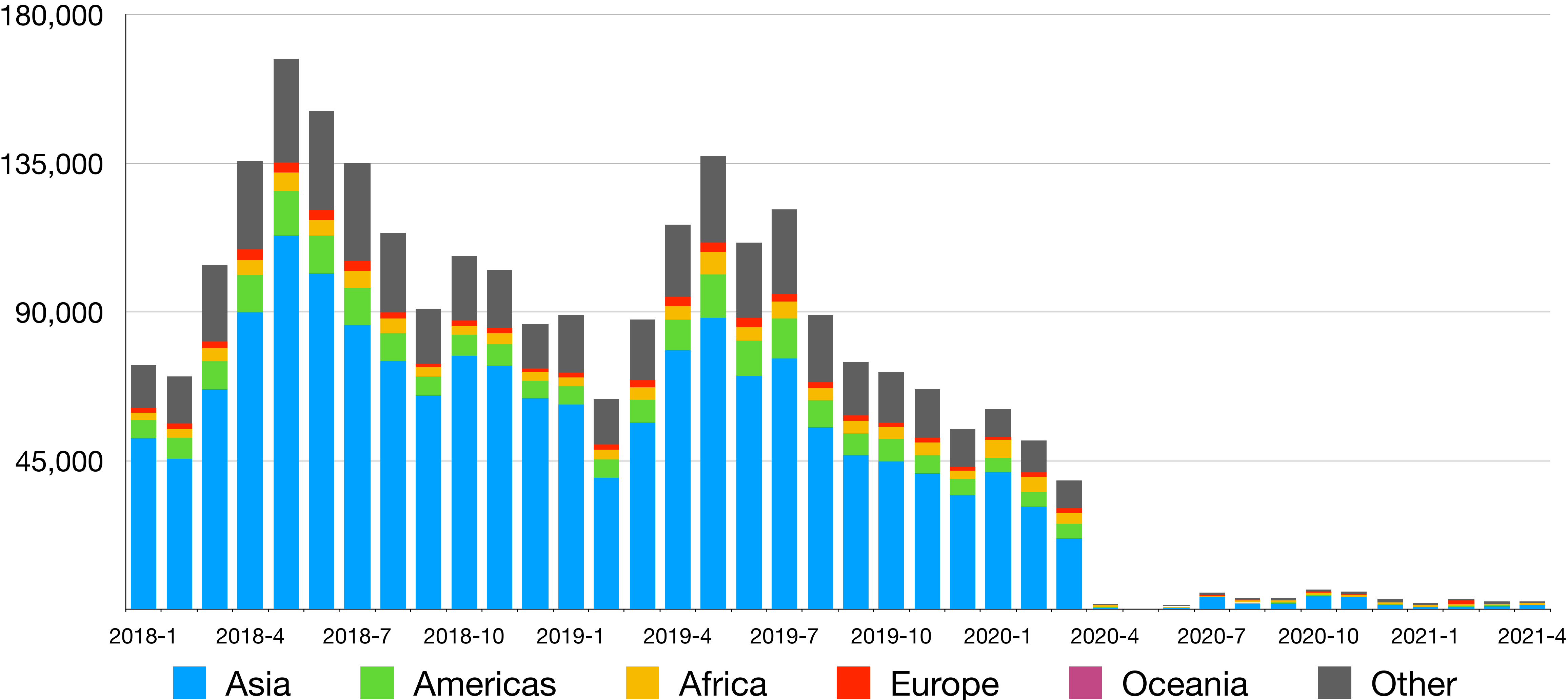
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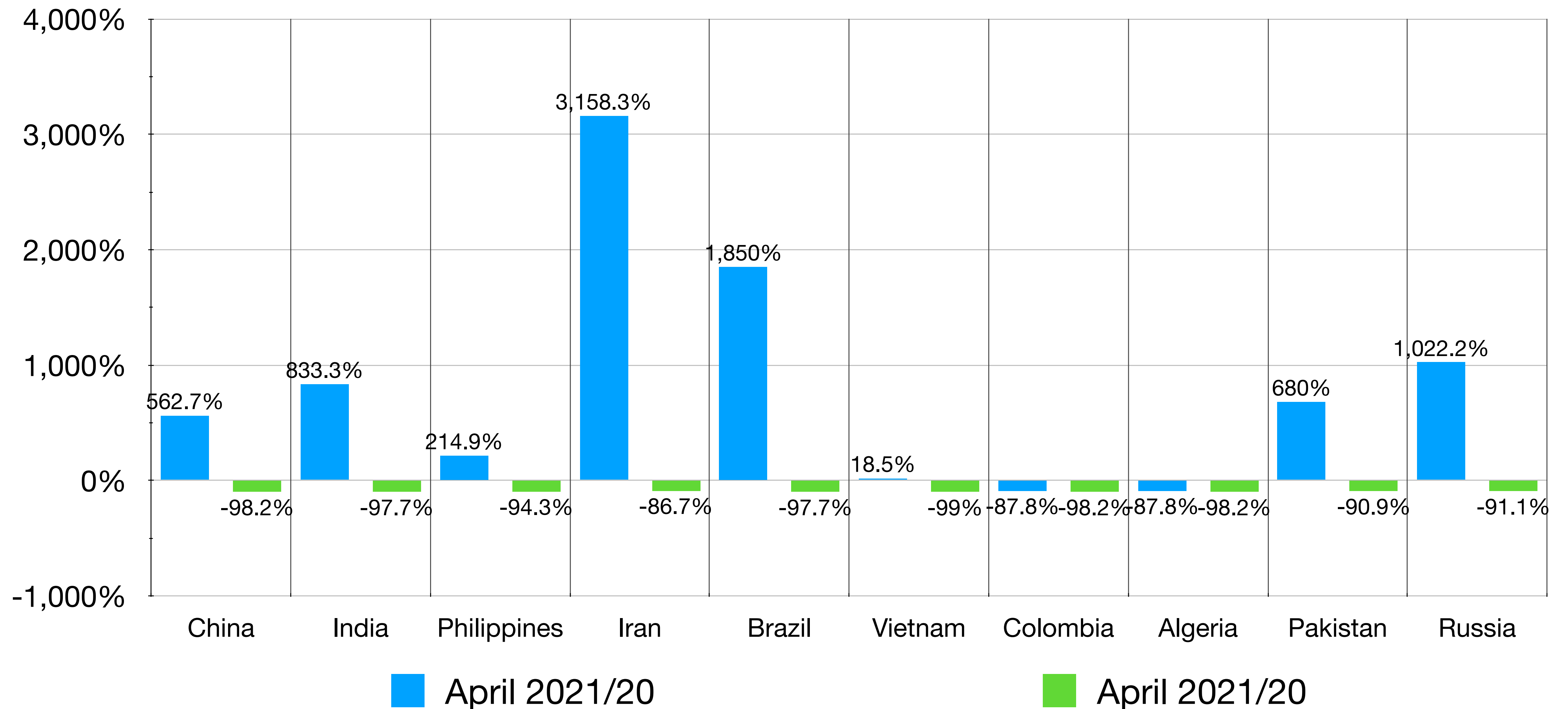
Visitor Visas — By Source Country — 2018-21



Visitor Visas—By Source Country

April Comparison: 2021/20, 2021/19

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