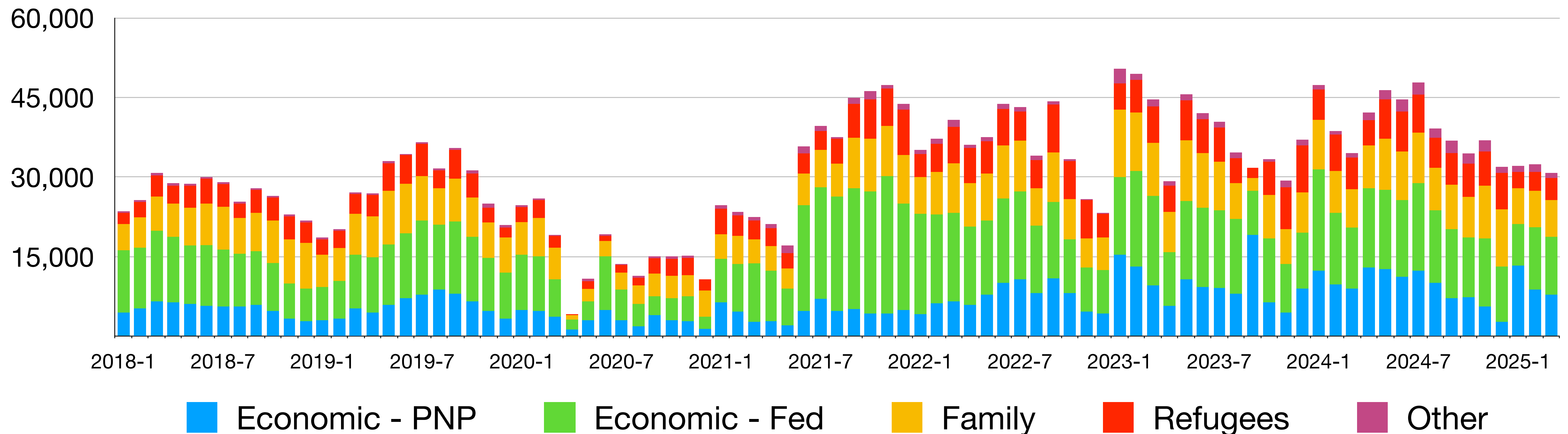


Canadian Immigration Tracker

2018 to March 2025
Working Draft - Key Slides



Programs Examined

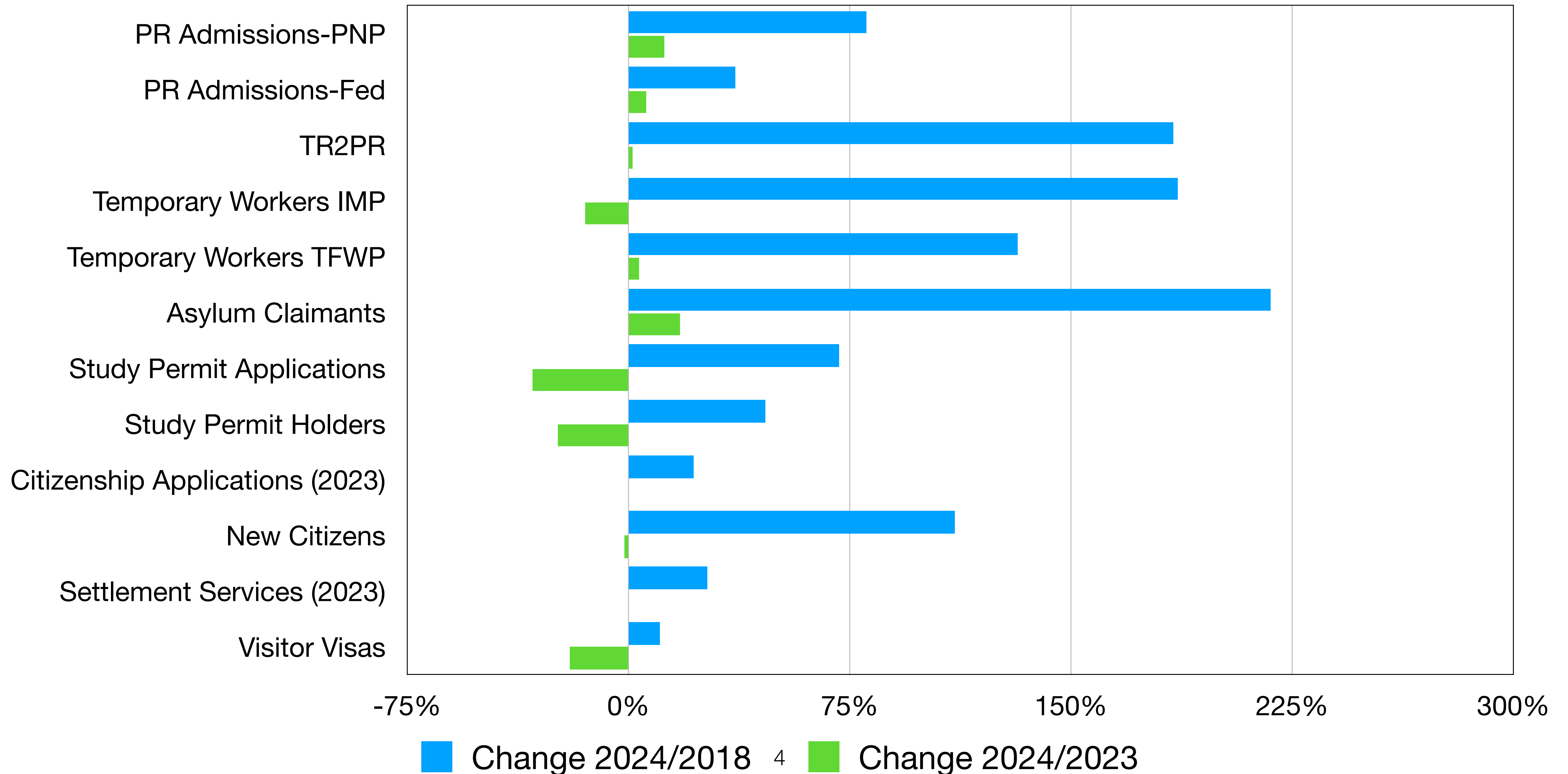
- **Permanent Residents/Immigrants (PRs):** Economic (PNP and Federal), Family and Refugees
 - TR to Permanent Resident transition
 - Asylum Claimants
- **Temporary Residents/International Mobility Program (IMP):** International Agreements (e.g., NAFTA, GATS), Canadian Interests (e.g., intra-corporate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

Q1 — 2025 Highlights

- **PR Admissions: Stable from 103,040 in Q4-2024 to 104,095 in Q1-2025. Q1 year-over-year change (change from 2023 in parentheses): Economic - PNP -3.6% (-21.1%), Economic - Federal -33.1% (-40.0%), Family -15.3% (-38.8%), Refugees -42.4% (-41.1%)**
 - Applications: Given time delays in entering application data, am using a six month time lag. Increase from 157,150 in Q1-2024 to 174,330 in Q3-2024. Q3-2024 year-over-year change (change from 2020): 19.7% (110.0%).
 - Express Entry and Arrima Invitations to Apply: Increase from 14,029 in Q4-2024 (0 Arrima) to 28,683 in Q1-2025 (0 Arrima). Q1-2025 year-over-year change (change from 2023): -11.0% (-29.3%)
 - TR to PRs transition (i.e., those already in Canada): Increase from 41,570 in Q4-2024 (47.2% of all PRs) to 66,450 in Q1-2025 (34.7% of all PRs). Q1-2025 year-over-year change (change from 2023): -14.4% (-26.5%)
- **Temporary Residents:**
 - TRs/IMP: Increase from 159,290 in Q4-2024 to 171,245 in Q1-2025. Q1-2025 year-over-year (change from 2023): Agreements: 10.3% (-2.9%), Canadian Interests: 1.1% (7.2%), Other IMP Participants -34.5% (15.7%), Not stated -74.2% (-63.9%)
 - TRs/TFWP: Stable from 45,290 in Q4-2024 to 44,760 in Q1-2025. Q1-2025 year-over-year change (change from 2023): Caregivers 60.0% (5.5%), Agriculture 3.0% (-15.9%) and Other LMIA 1.5% (7.5%).
 - TRs by occupation code: Full Year-over-year (D) change (change from 2022) 14.0% (157.4%)
- **Students: Decrease from 111,330 in Q4-2024 to 96,420 in Q1-2025. Q1-2025 year-over-year change (change from 2023): All -21.7% (4.7%), post-secondary -24.6% (1.3%)**
 - Applications: Decrease from 116,174 in Q4-2024 to 74,740 in Q1-2025. Q1-2025 year-over-year change (change from 2022): -54.7% (-61.5%)
- **Asylum Claimants: Decrease from 40,215 in Q4-2024 to 28,880 in Q1-2025. Q1-2025 year-over-year change (change from 2023): -38.7% (-11.1%)**
 - Irregular arrivals (Roxham Road etc): Increase from 260 in Q4-2024 to 400 in Q1-2025. Q1-2025 year-over-year change (change from 2021): -94.3% (-85.2%)
- **Settlement Services (2024): Increase from 2,922,275 in 2023 to 3,121,595 in 2024 (most recent data, services, not unique clients). 2024 year-over-year (change from 2022): 8.8% (33.6%)**
- **Citizenship: Increase from 69,476 in Q4-2024 to 87,765 in Q1-2025. Q1-2025 year-over-year change (change from 2022): -14.4% (3.9%)**
 - Applications (2024): From 317,538 in 2023 to 356,733 in 2024. 2024 Year-over-year change (change from 2022): 12.3% (35.0%)
- **Visitor Visas: Decline from 290,428 in Q4-2024 to 273,990 in Q1-2025. Q1-2025 year-over-year change (change from 2022): -13.0% (-33.5%).**

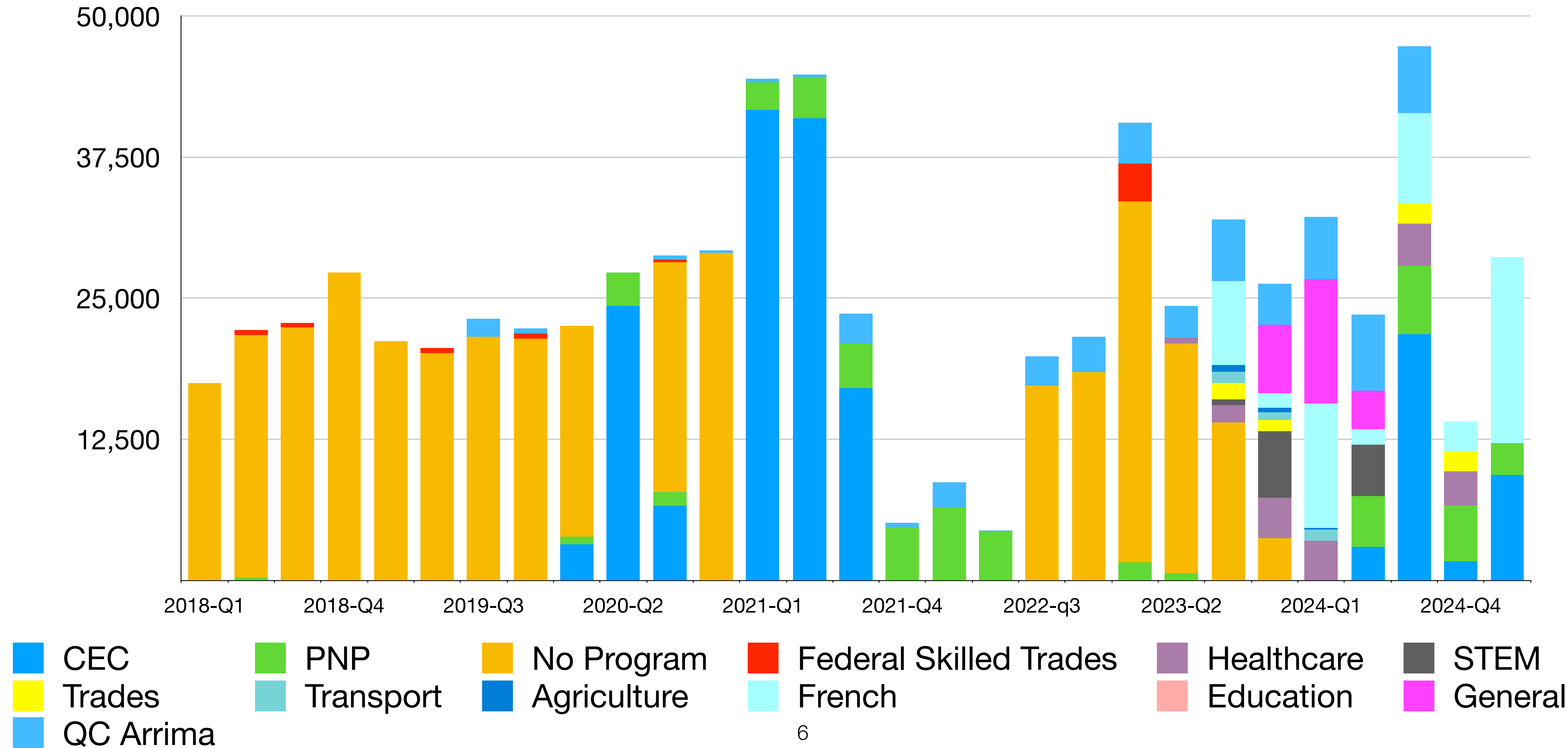
Change Across Major Programs

2024 full year Compared to full year 2018 Baseline, 2024/2023 Comparison

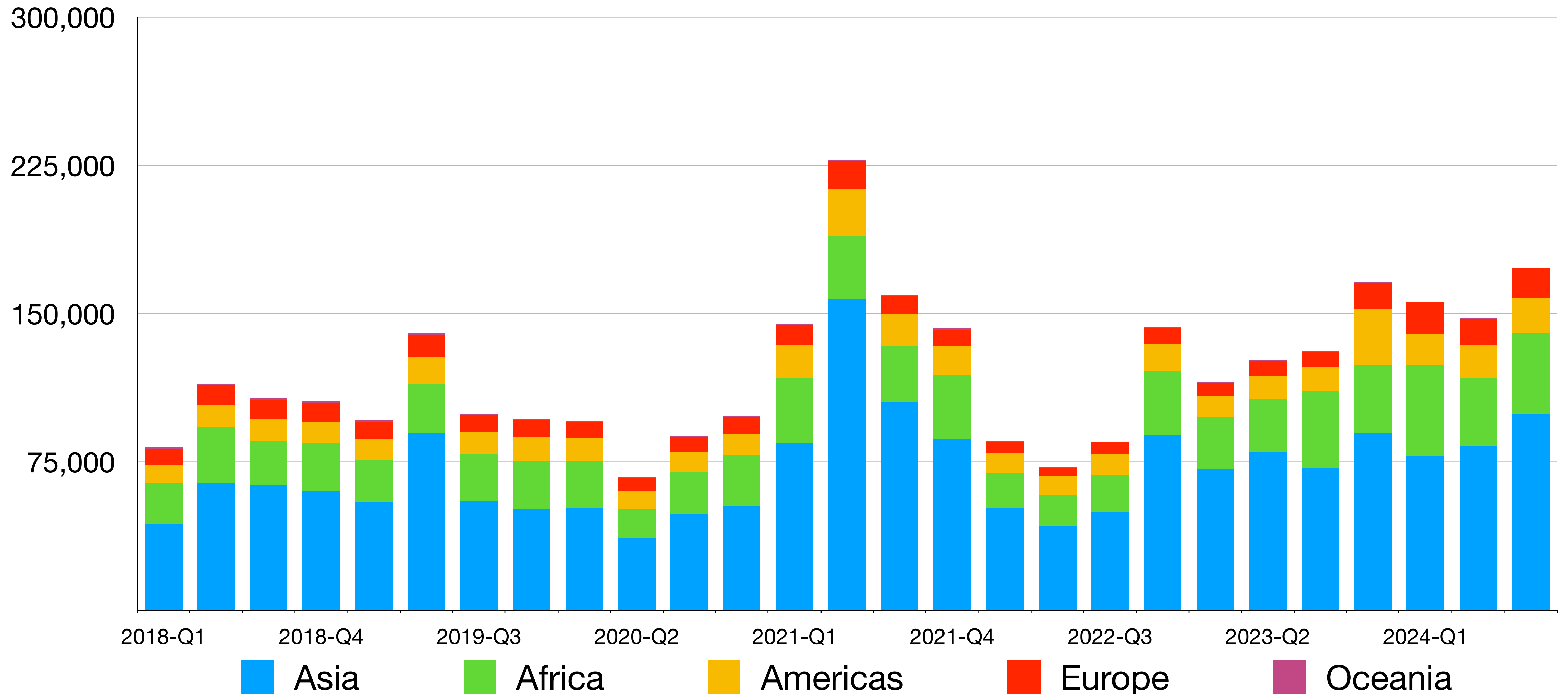


Permanent Residents

Express Entry & Arrima Invitations—2018-25

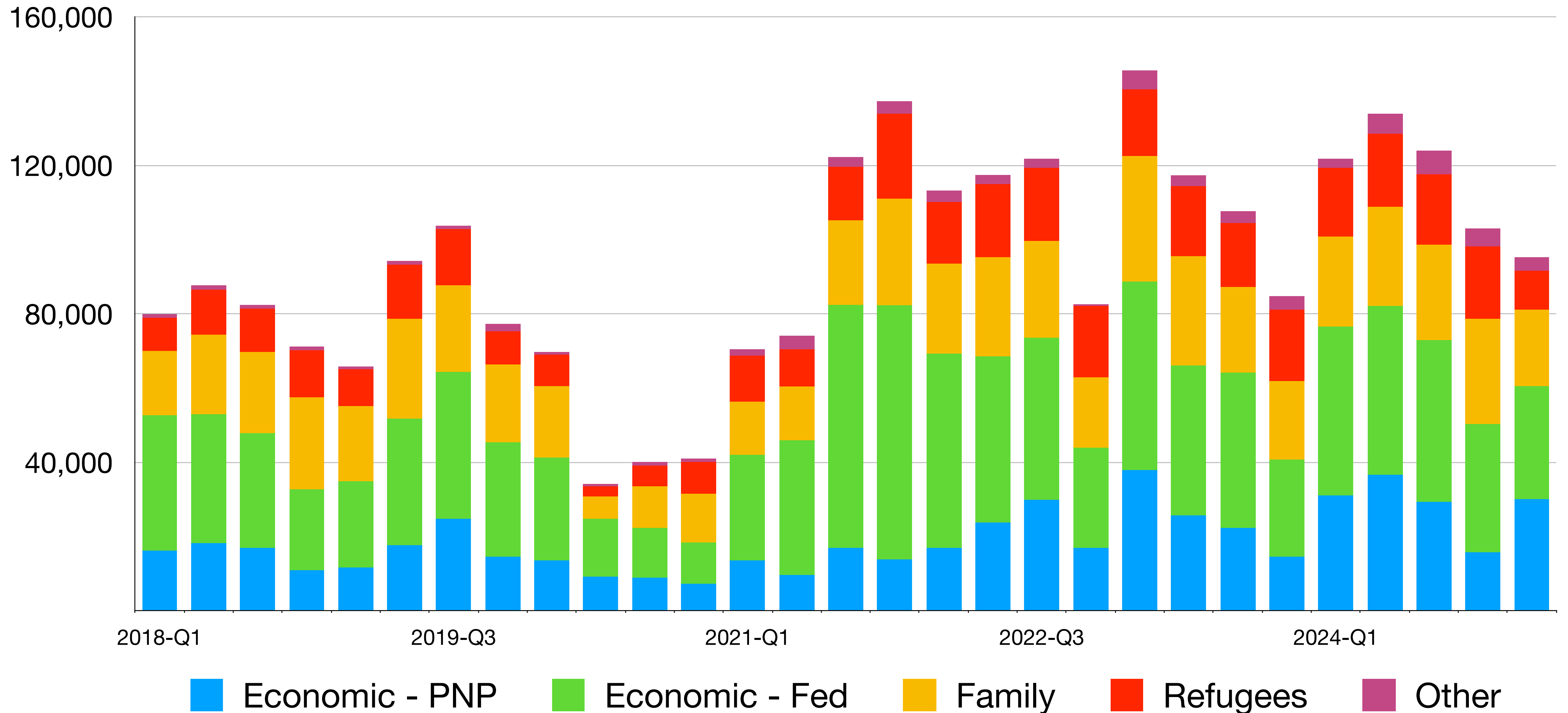


PR Applications: Region of Citizenship – 2018-24

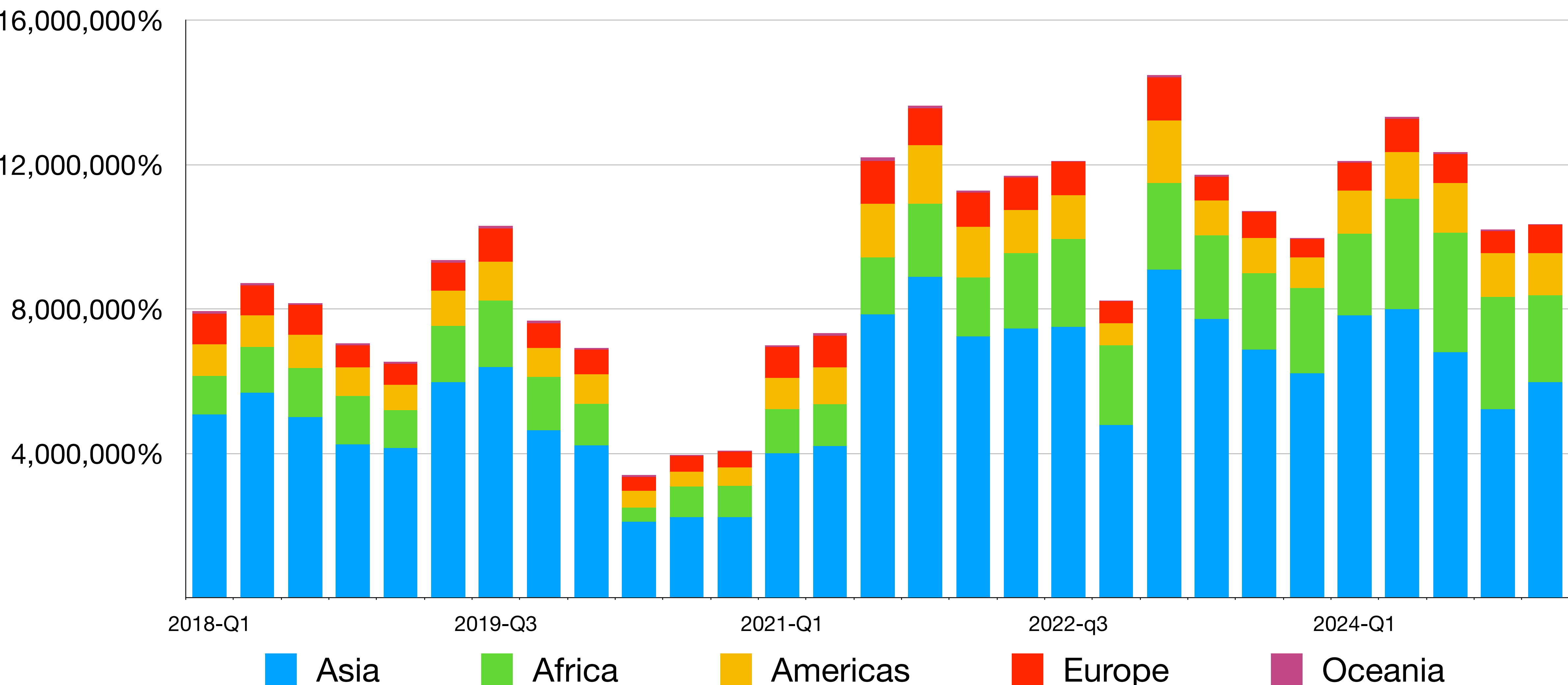


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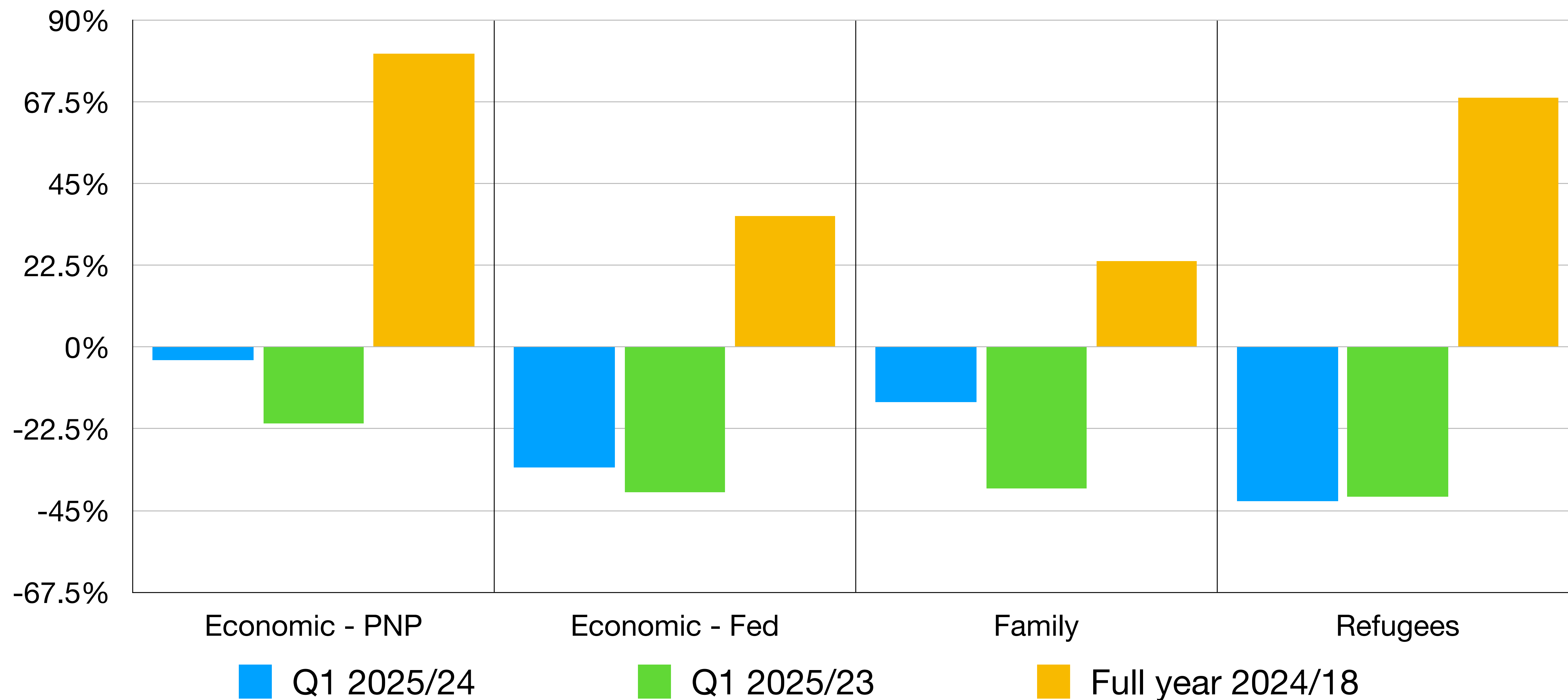


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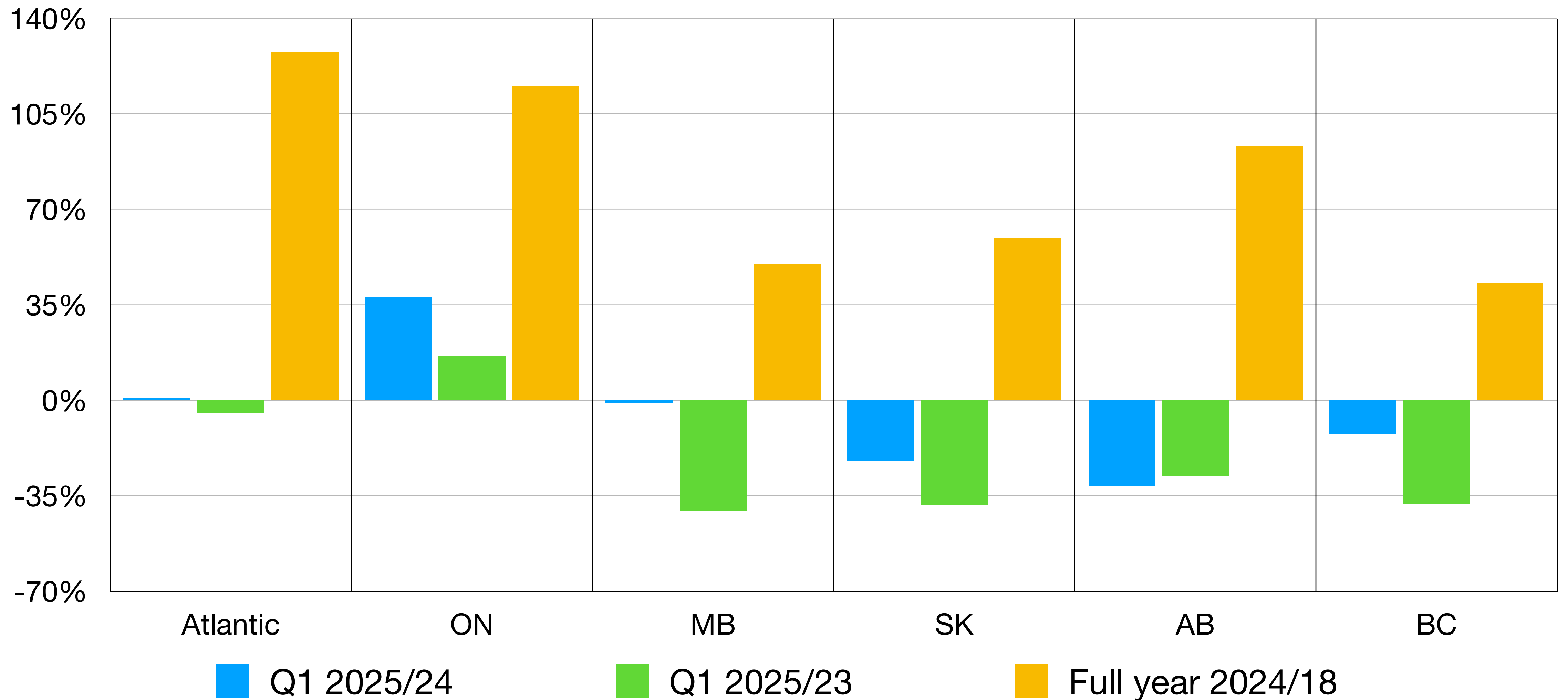
Admissions: PRs Canada Total

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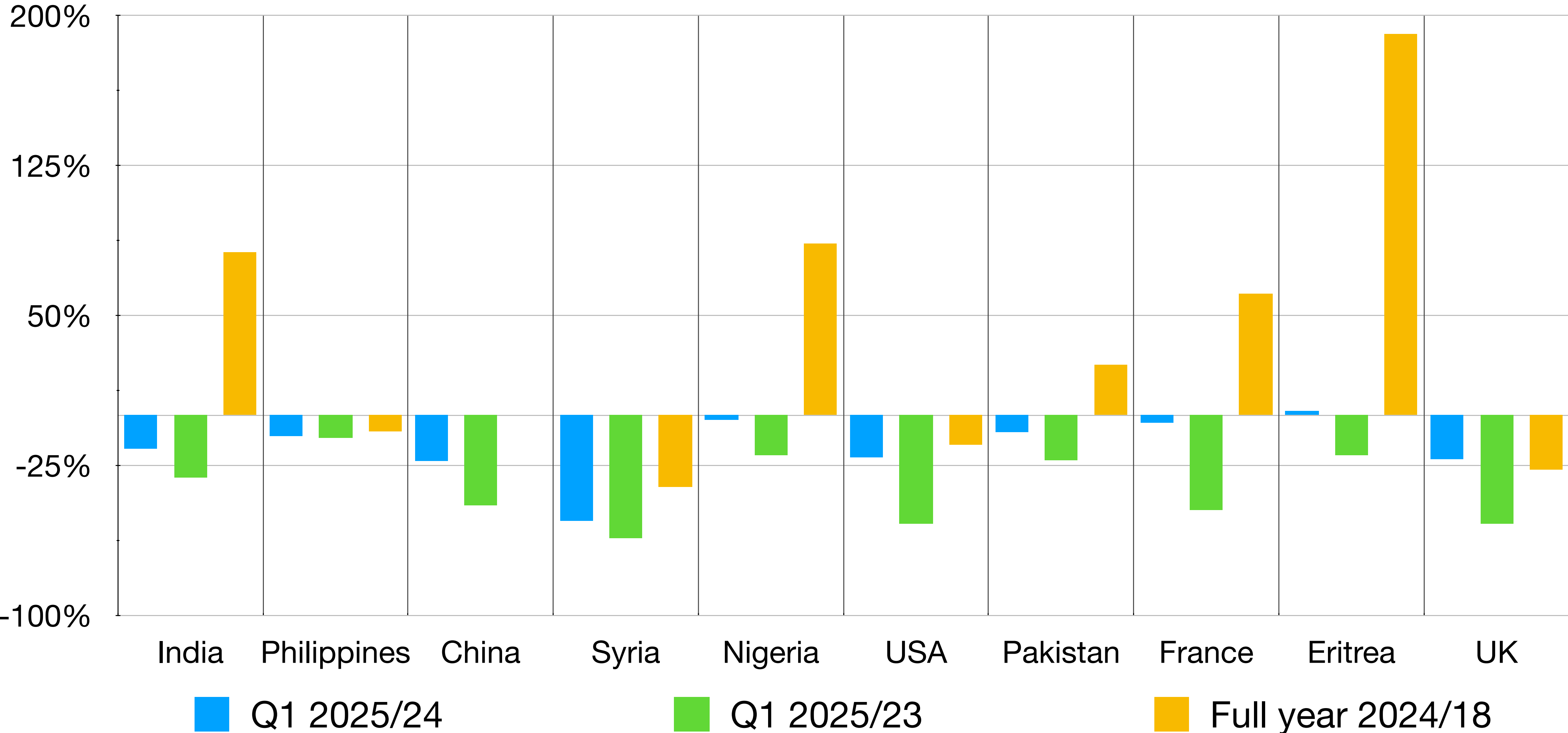
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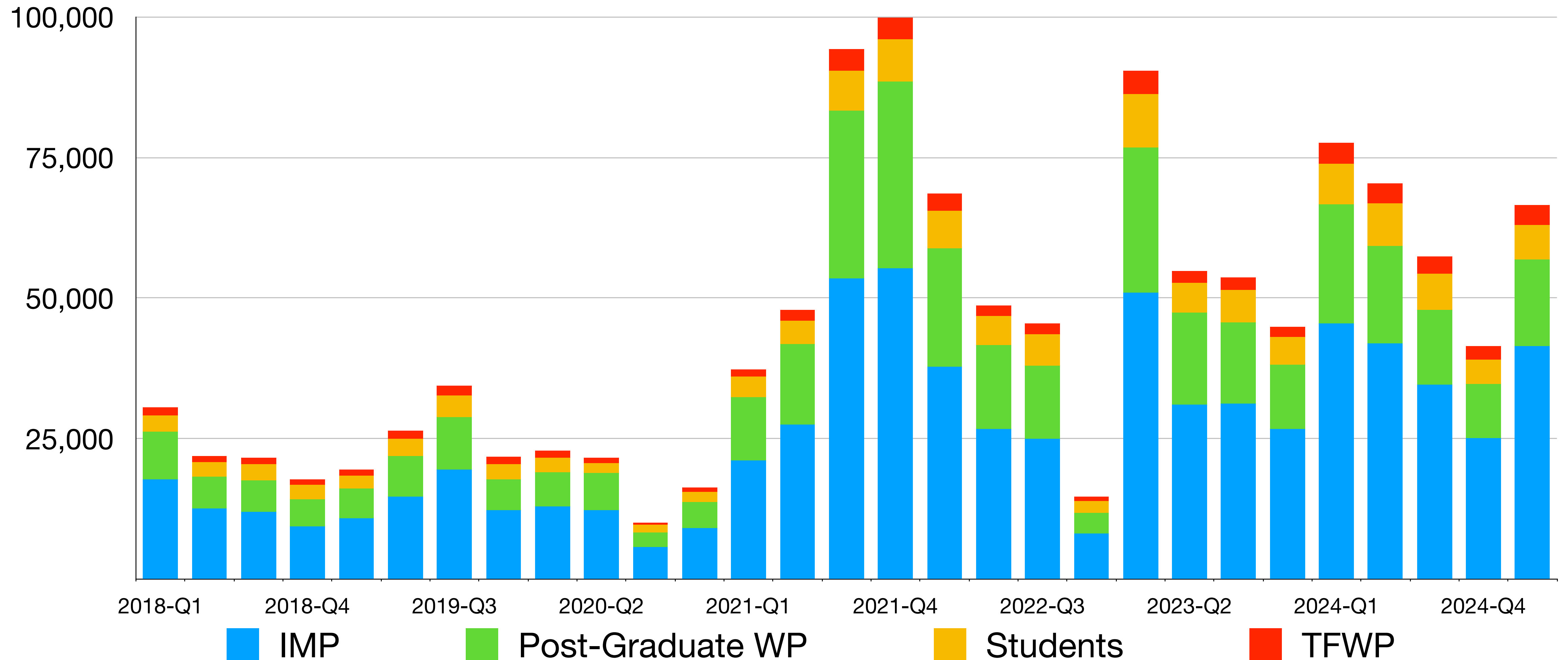
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Top 10 Countries — Ordered by 2018 base year



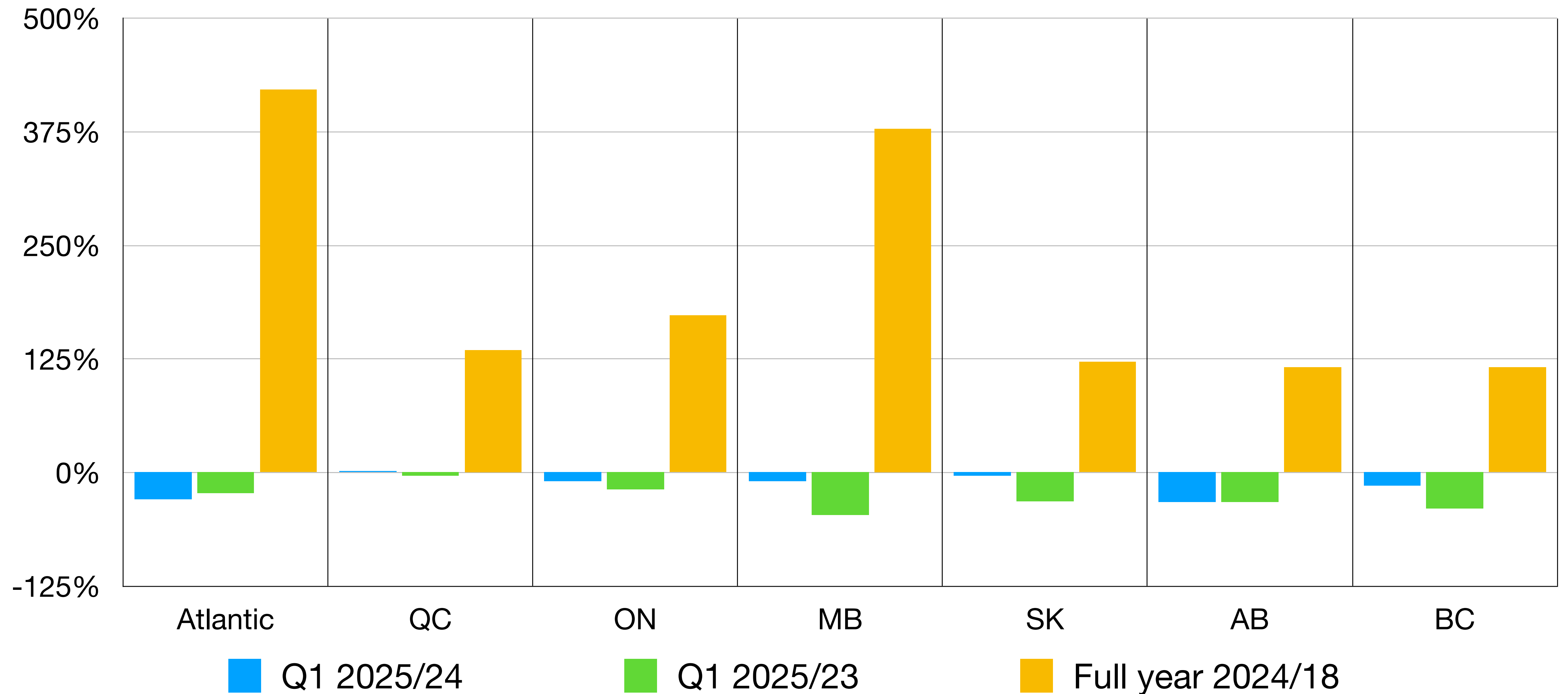
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By Program—2018-25



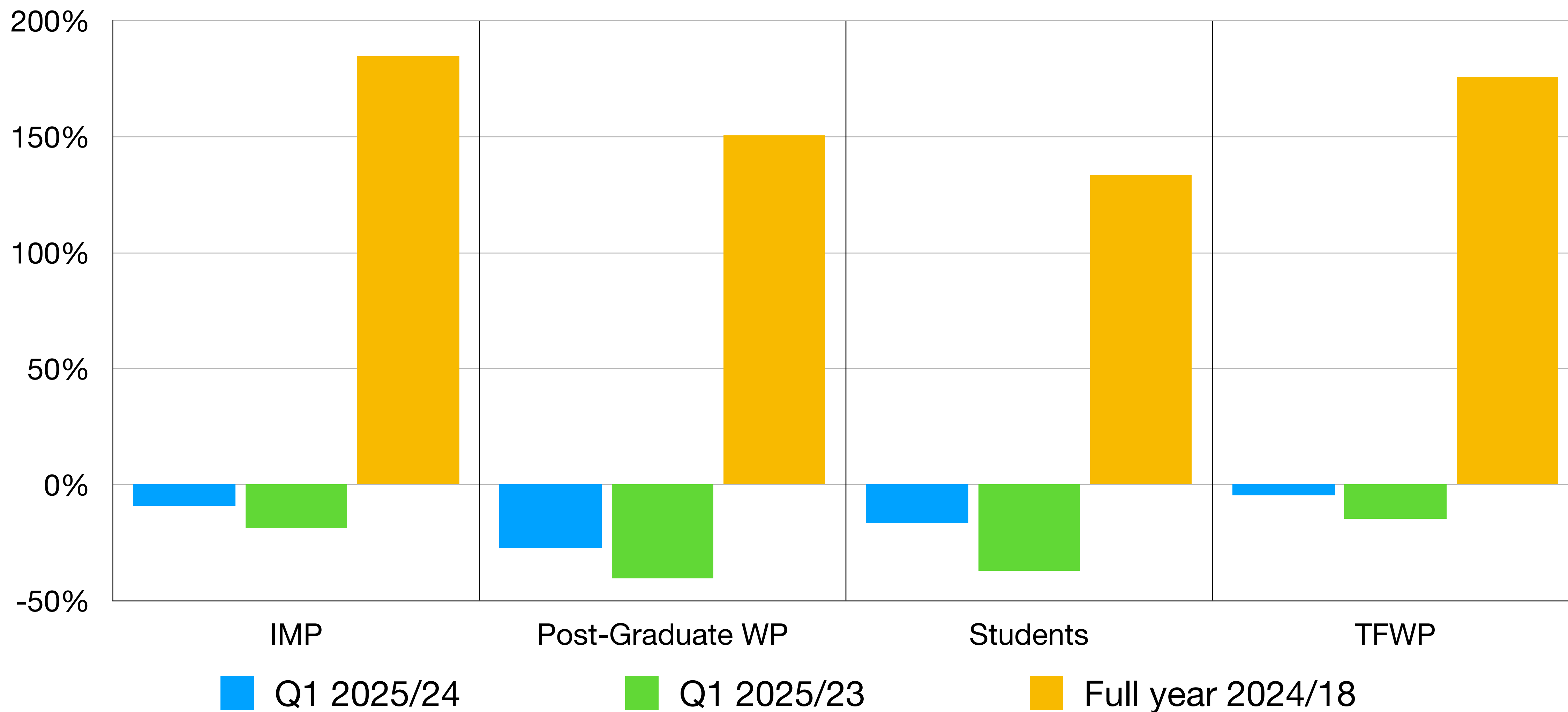
Admissions by Province: TRs to PRs

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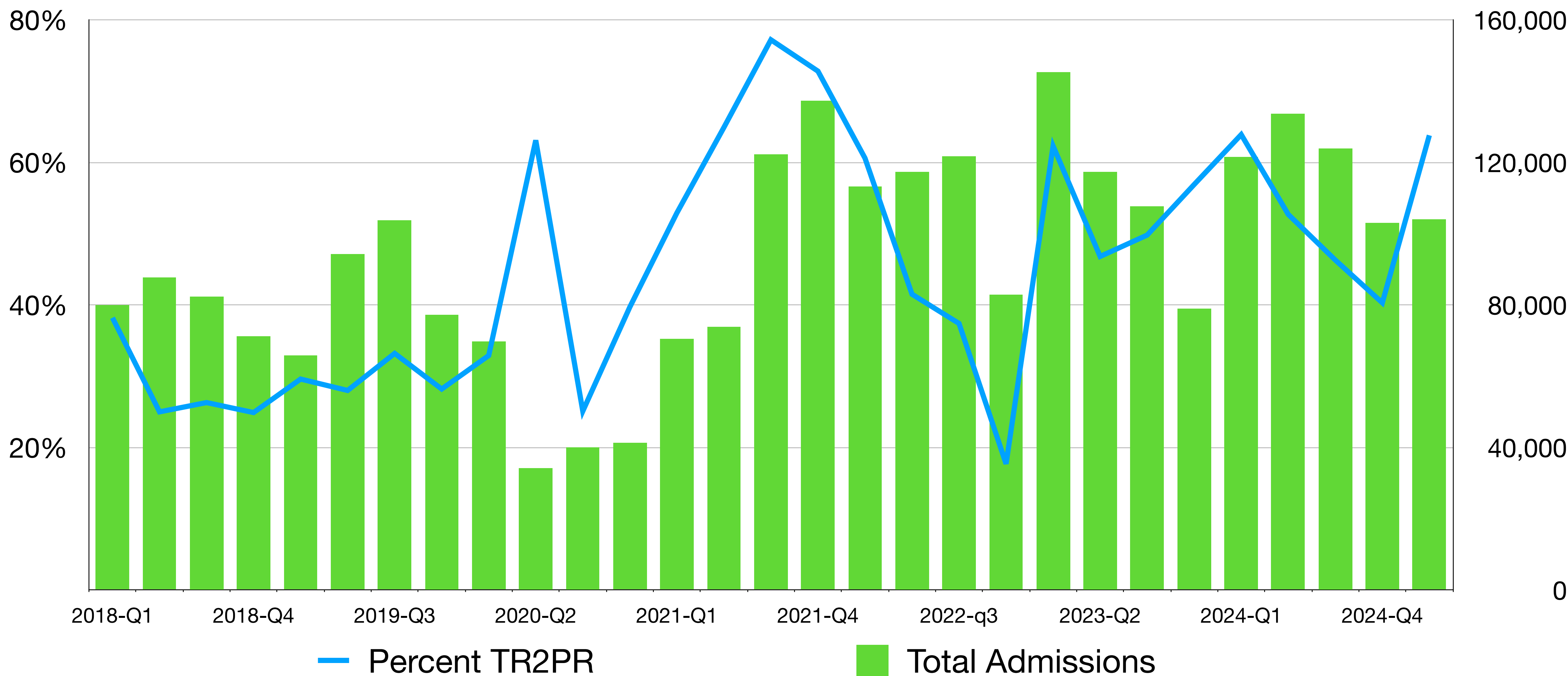
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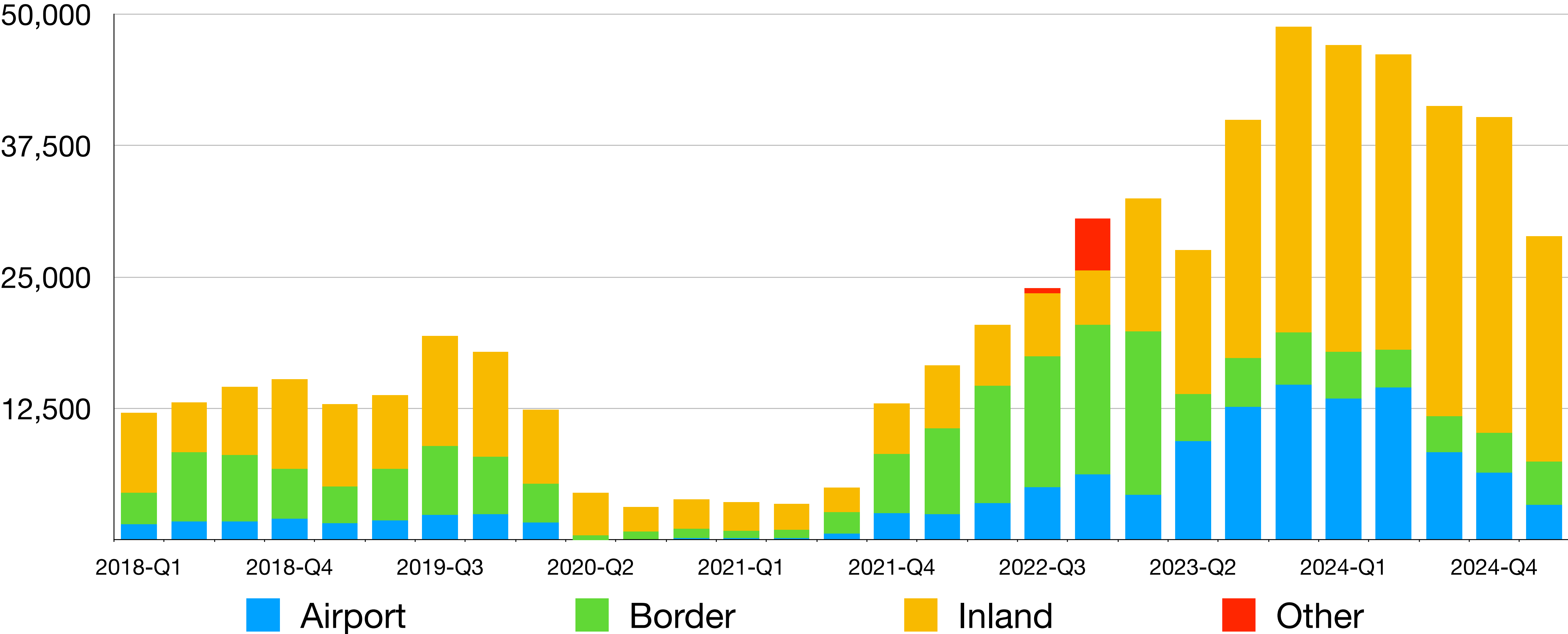
Two-Step Immigration

TR2PR Percent Total Admission—2018-25



Asylum Claimants

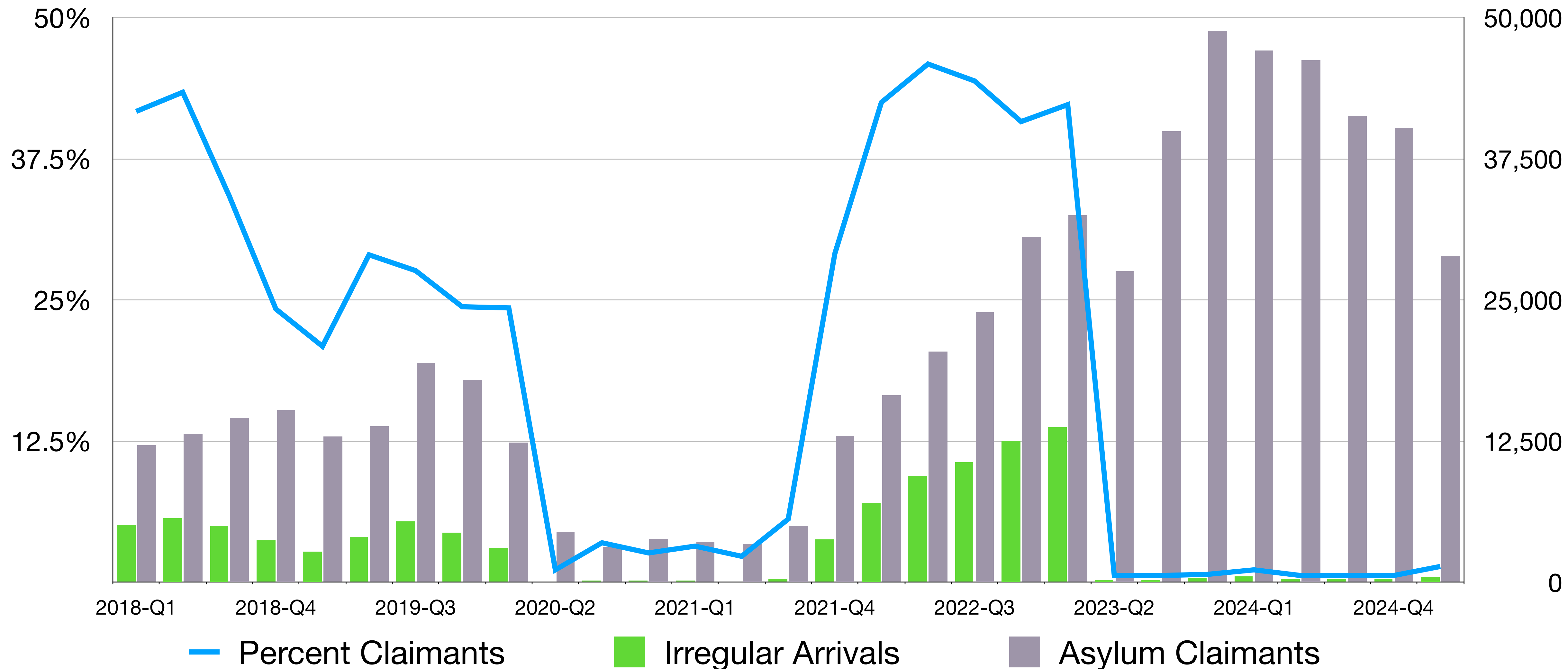
Asylum Claimants: Office Type 2018-24



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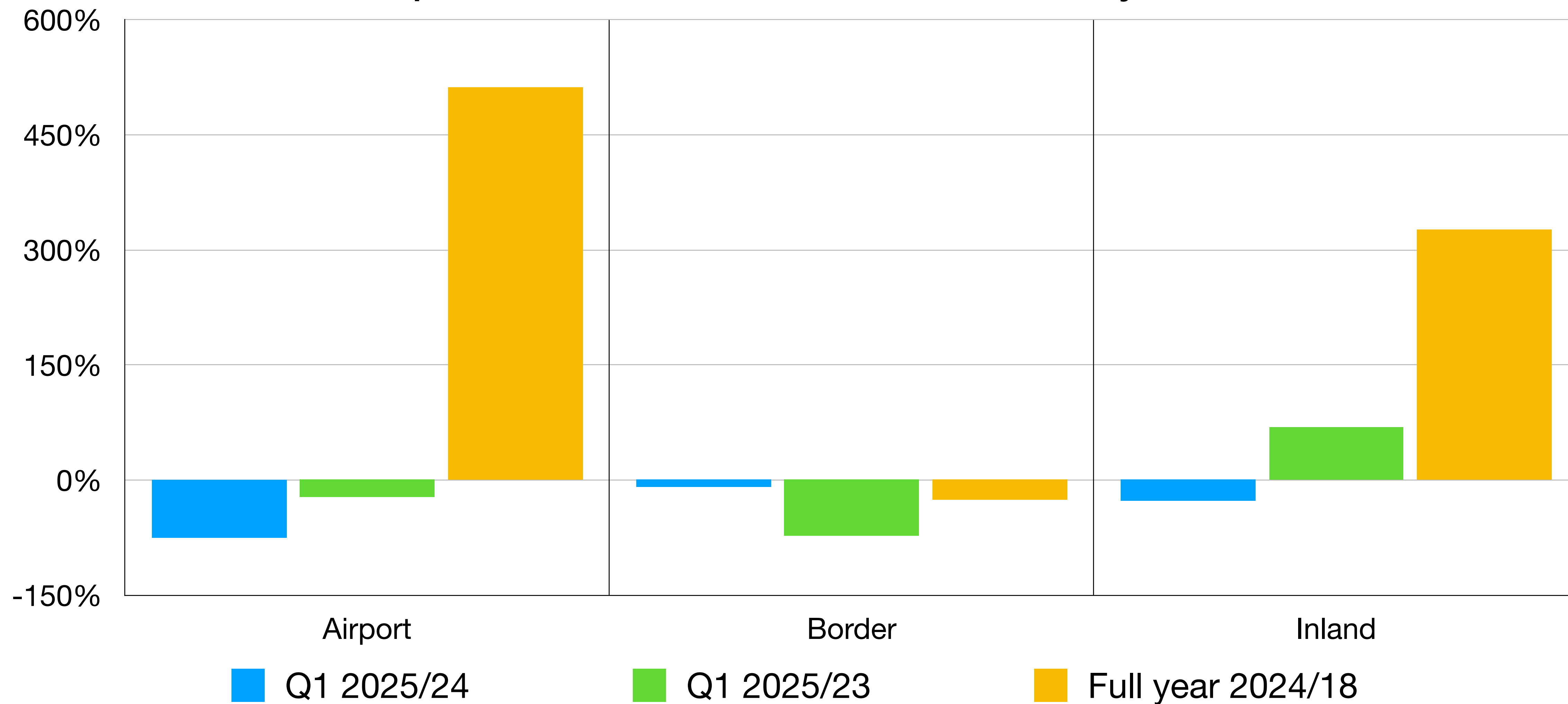
Asylum Claimants: Irregular Arrivals

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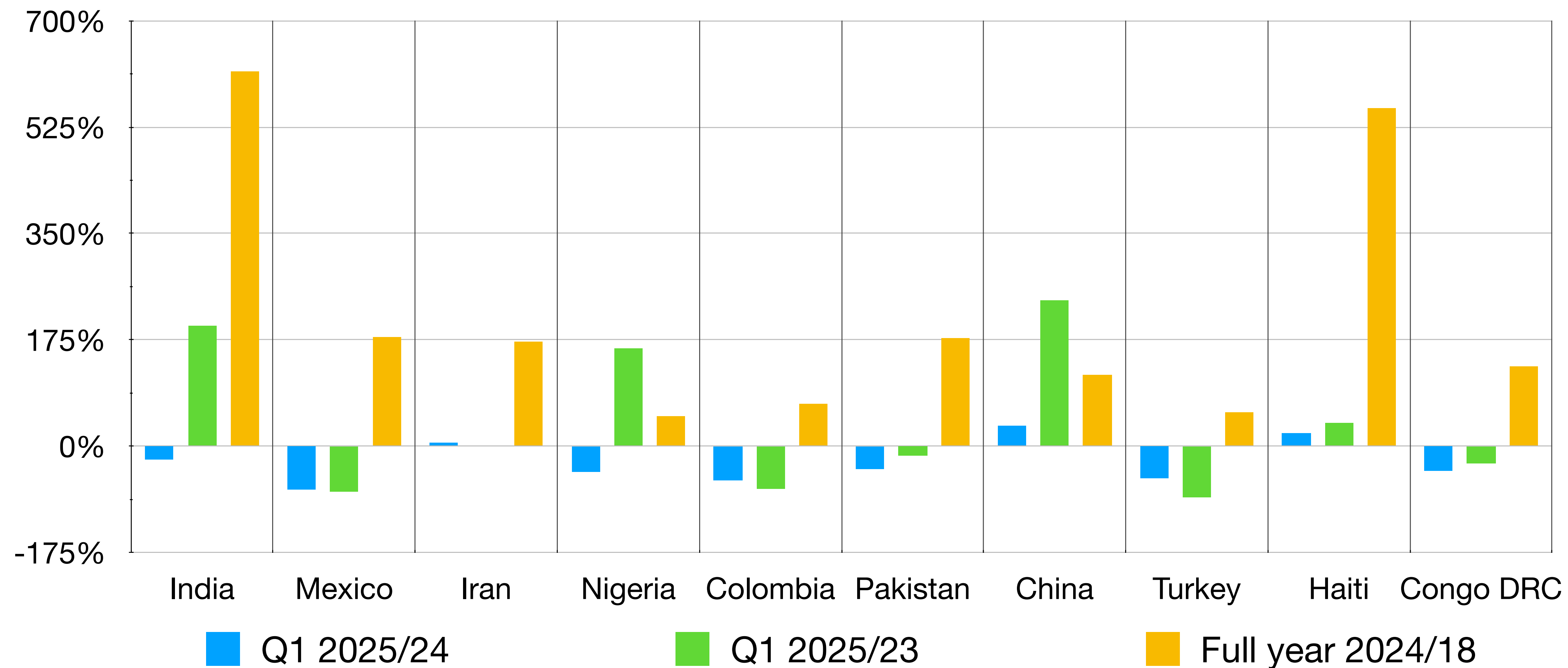
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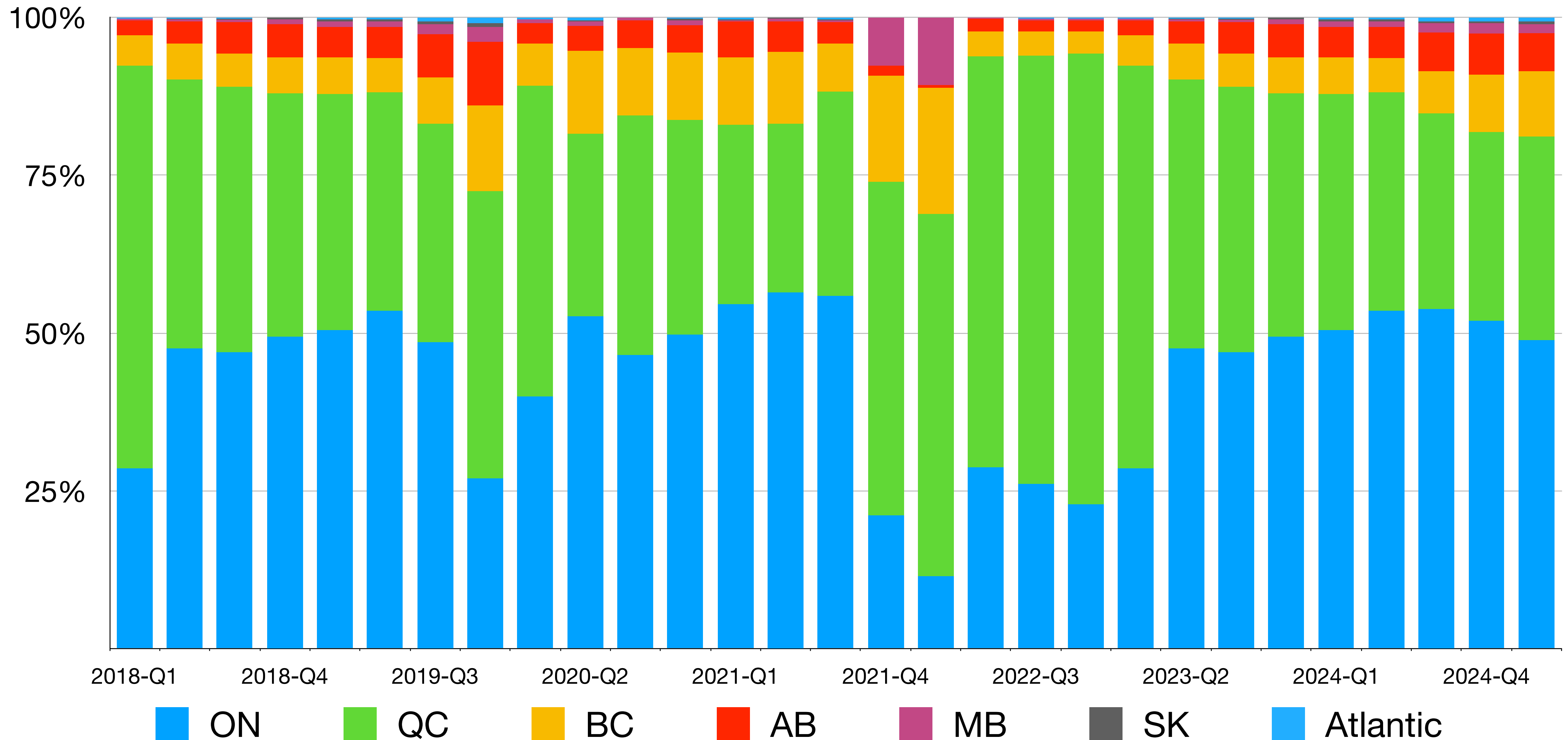
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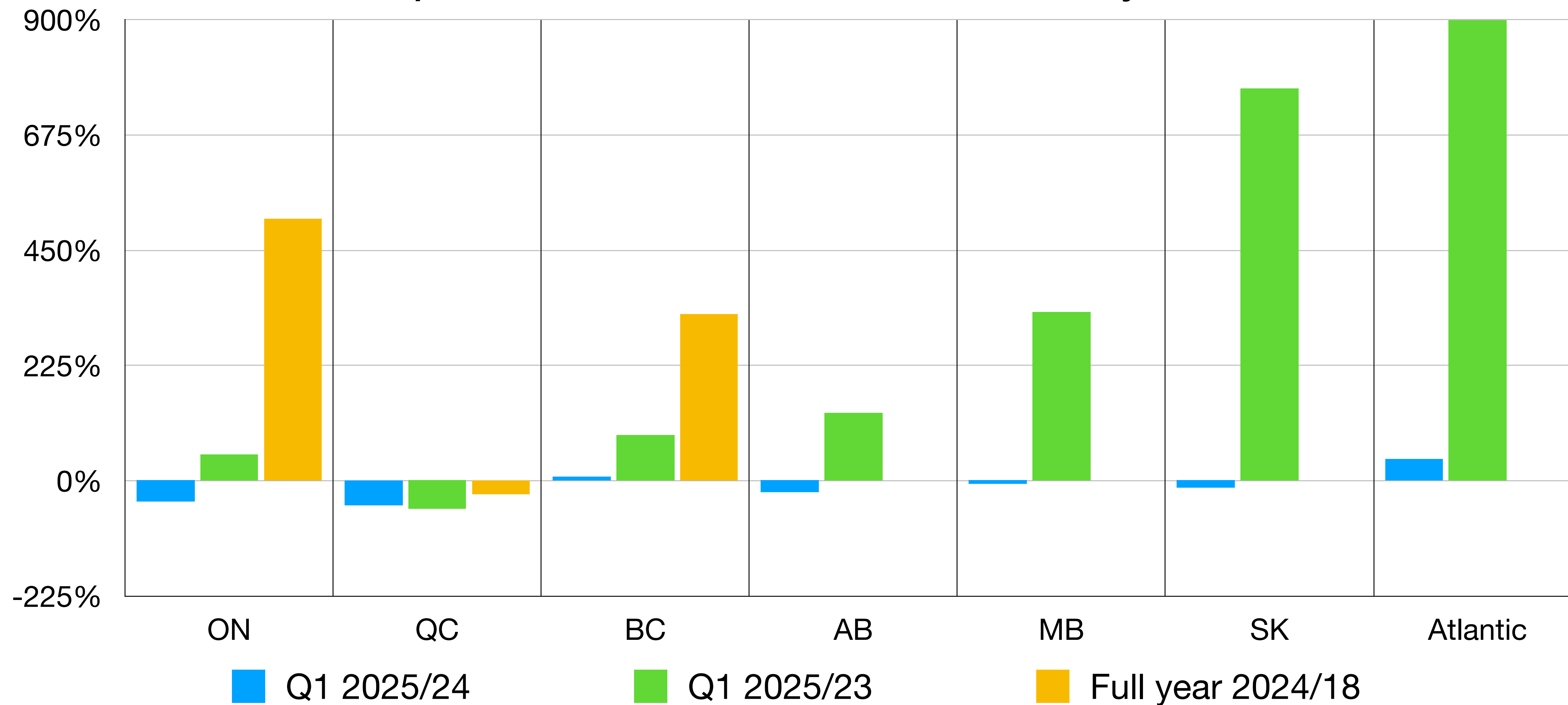
Note: USA no longer in top 25

Asylum Claimants: Provinces 2018-25



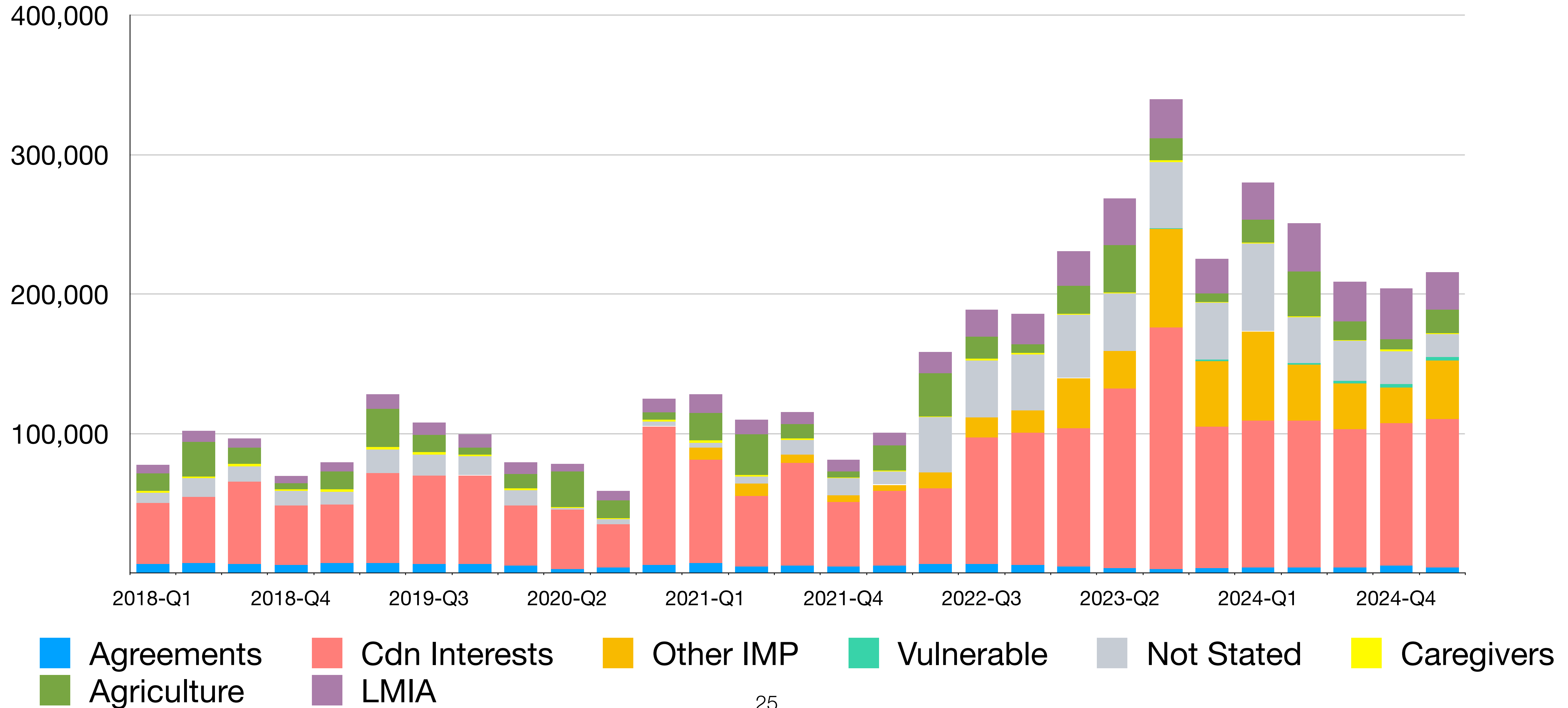
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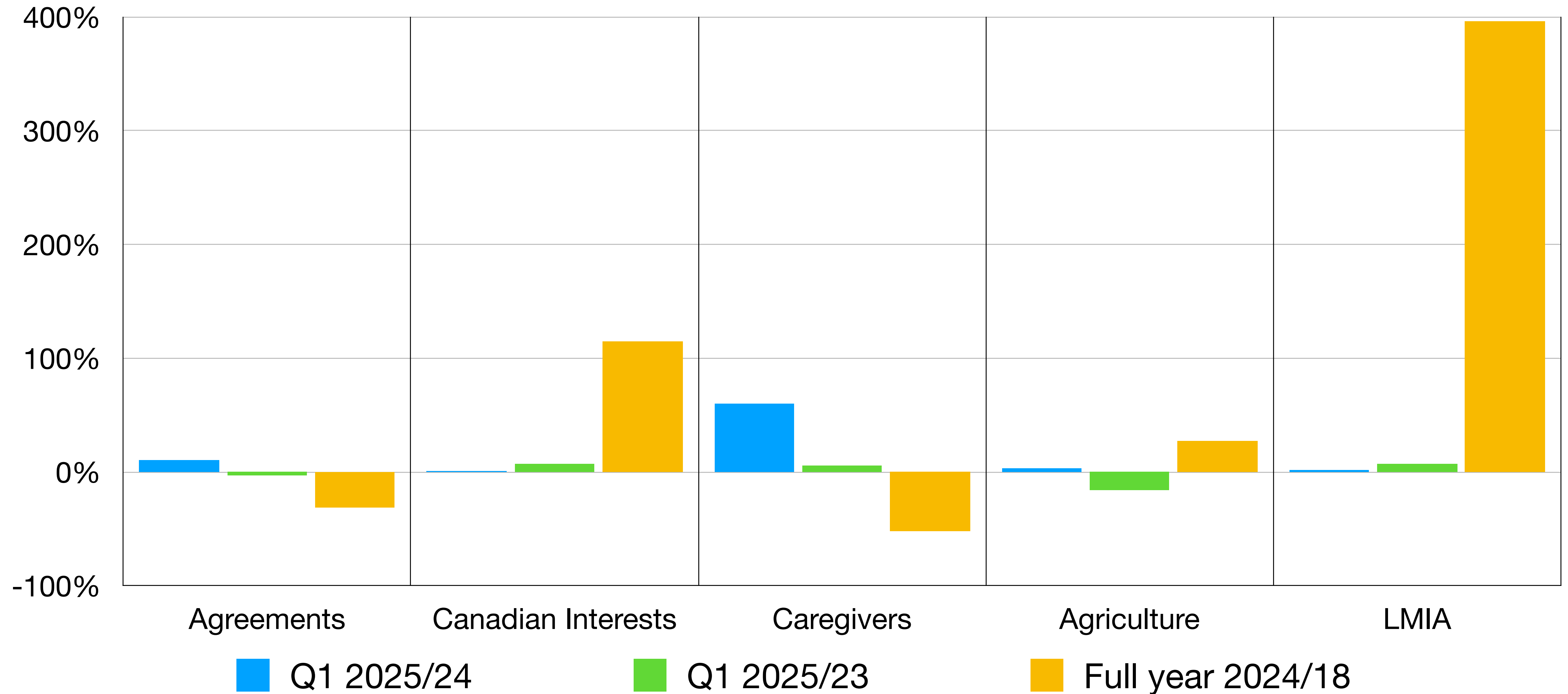
Temporary Residents

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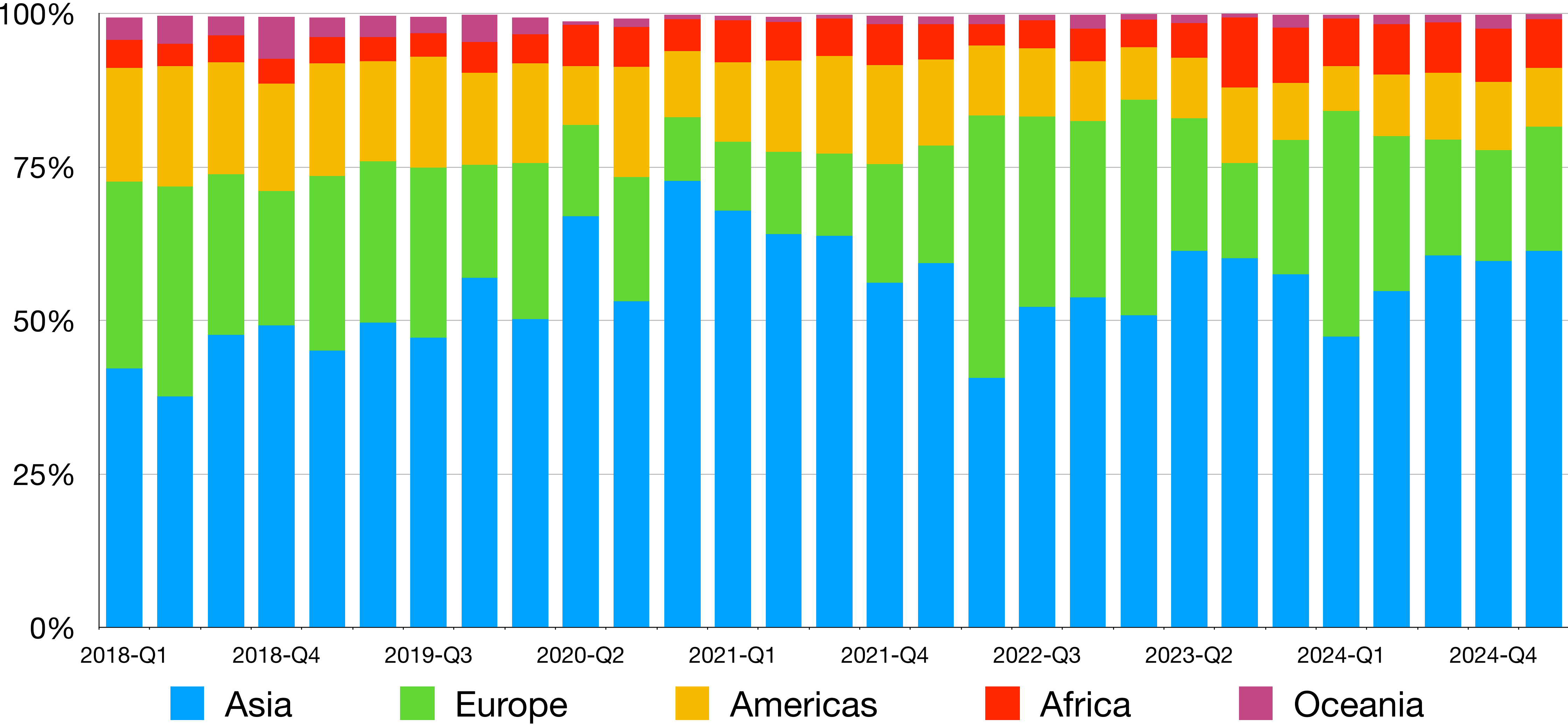


Temporary Residents by Program Canada

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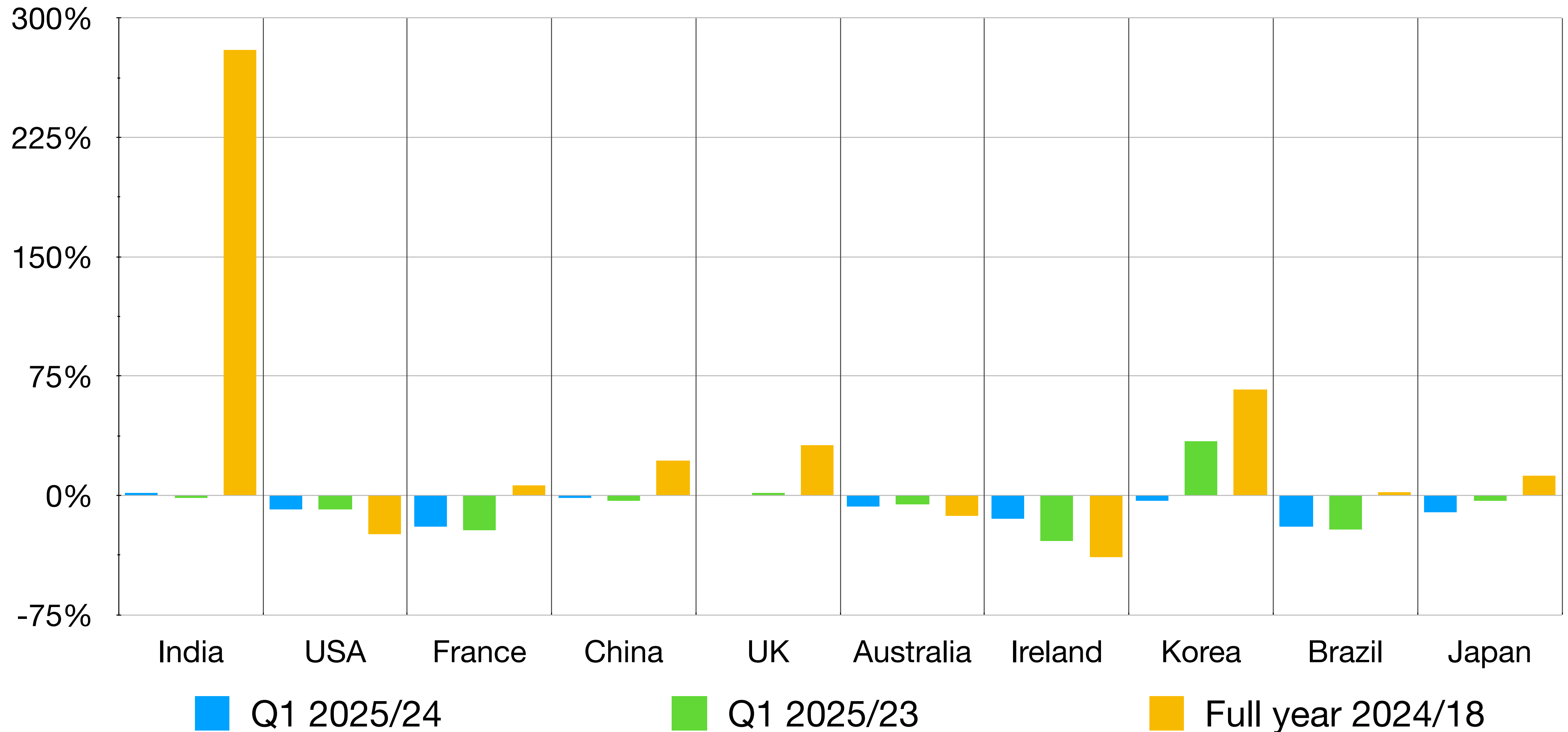


IMP by Region of Citizenship—2018-24



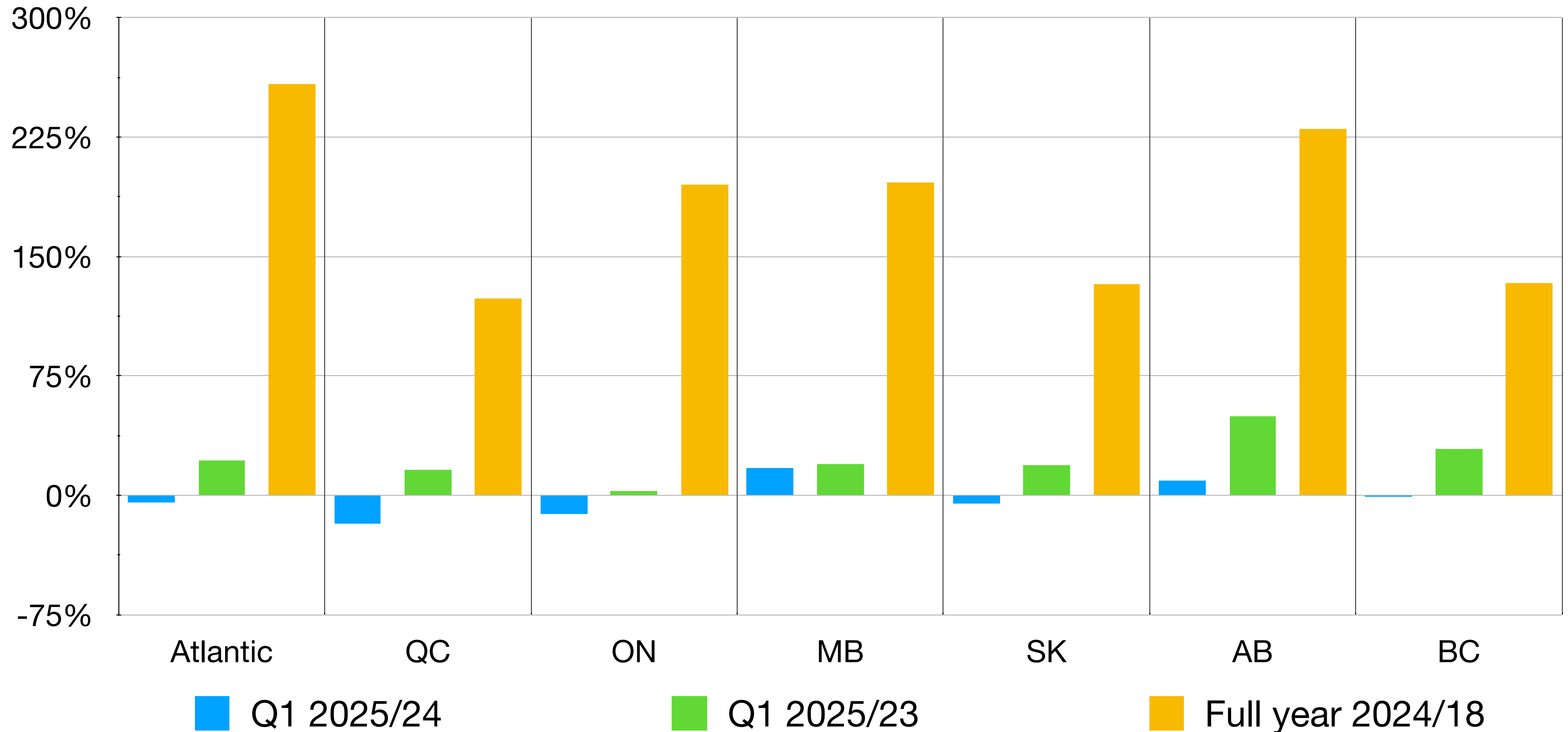
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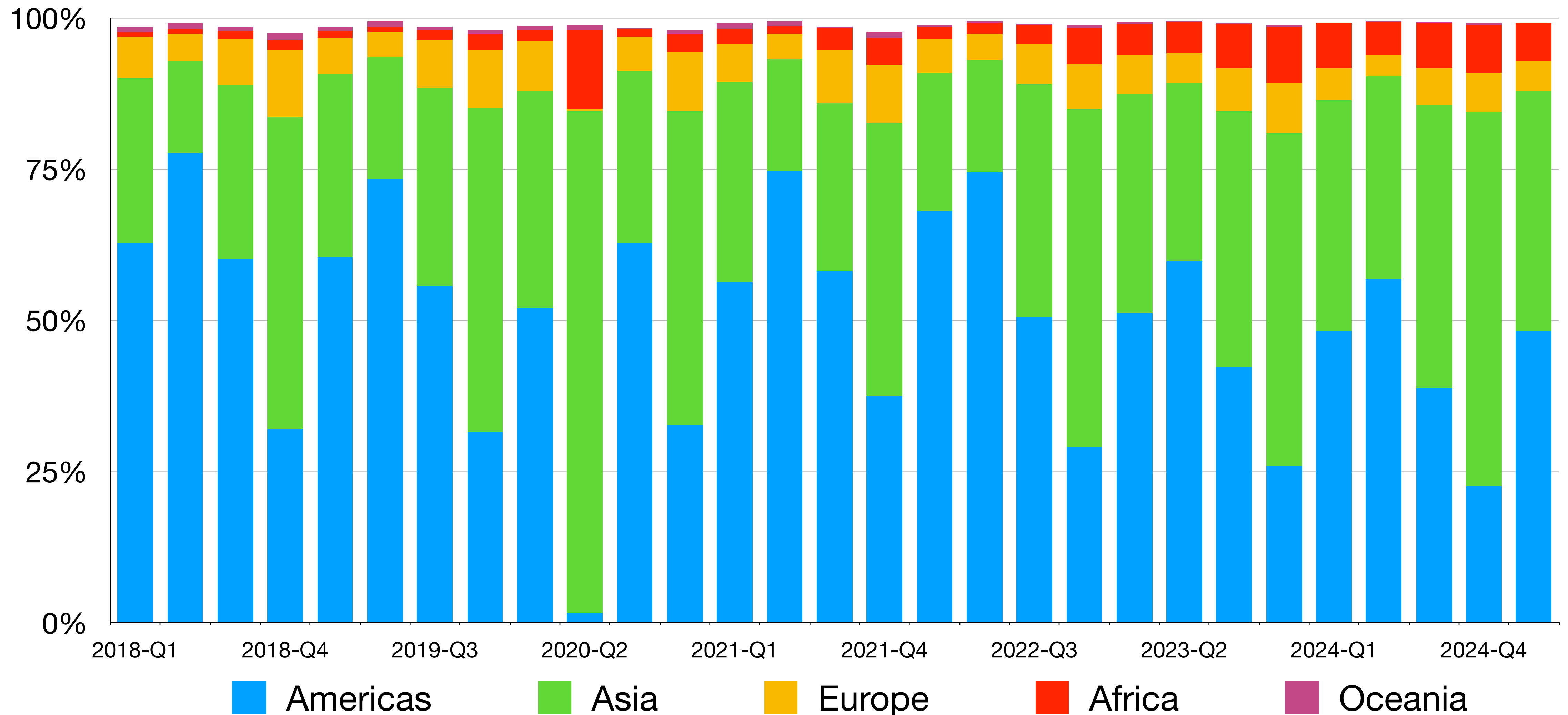


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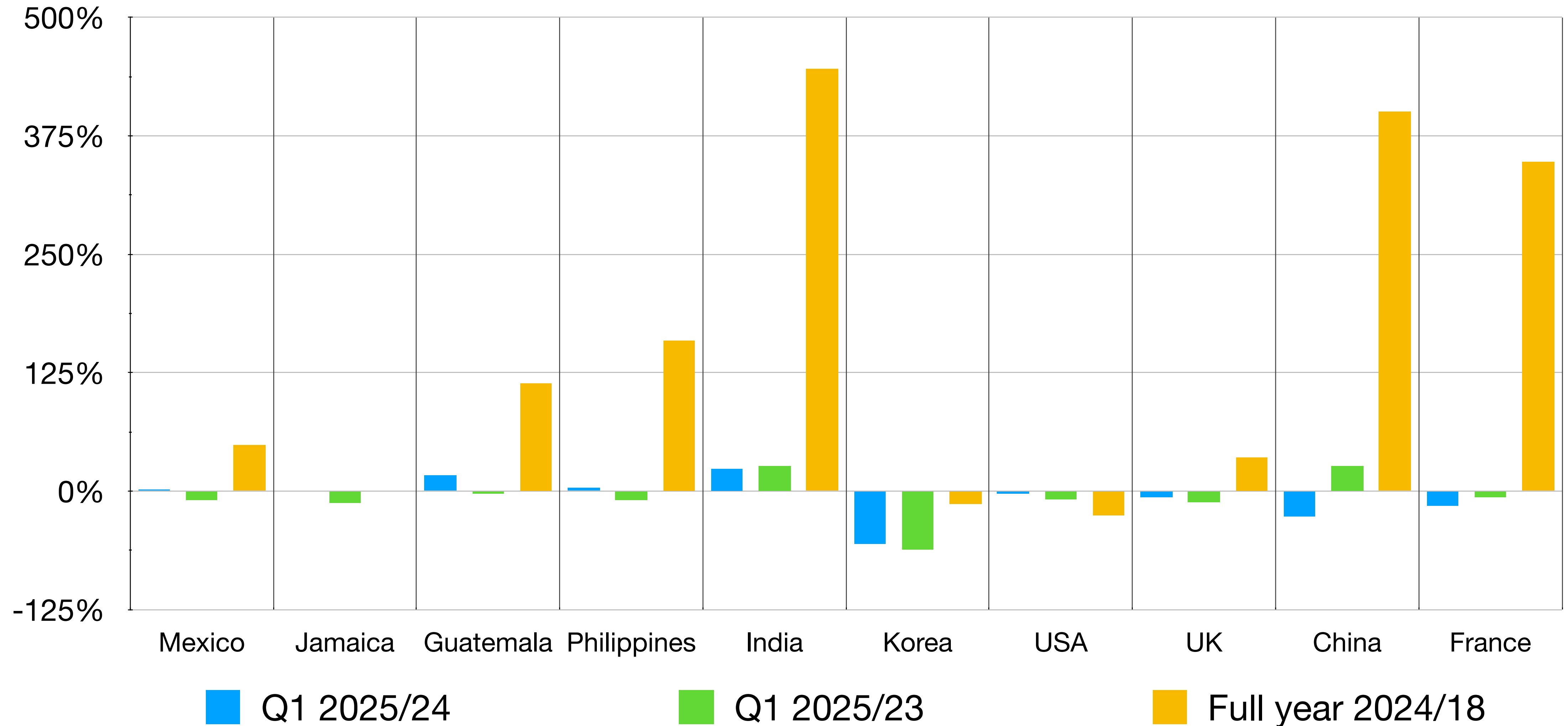


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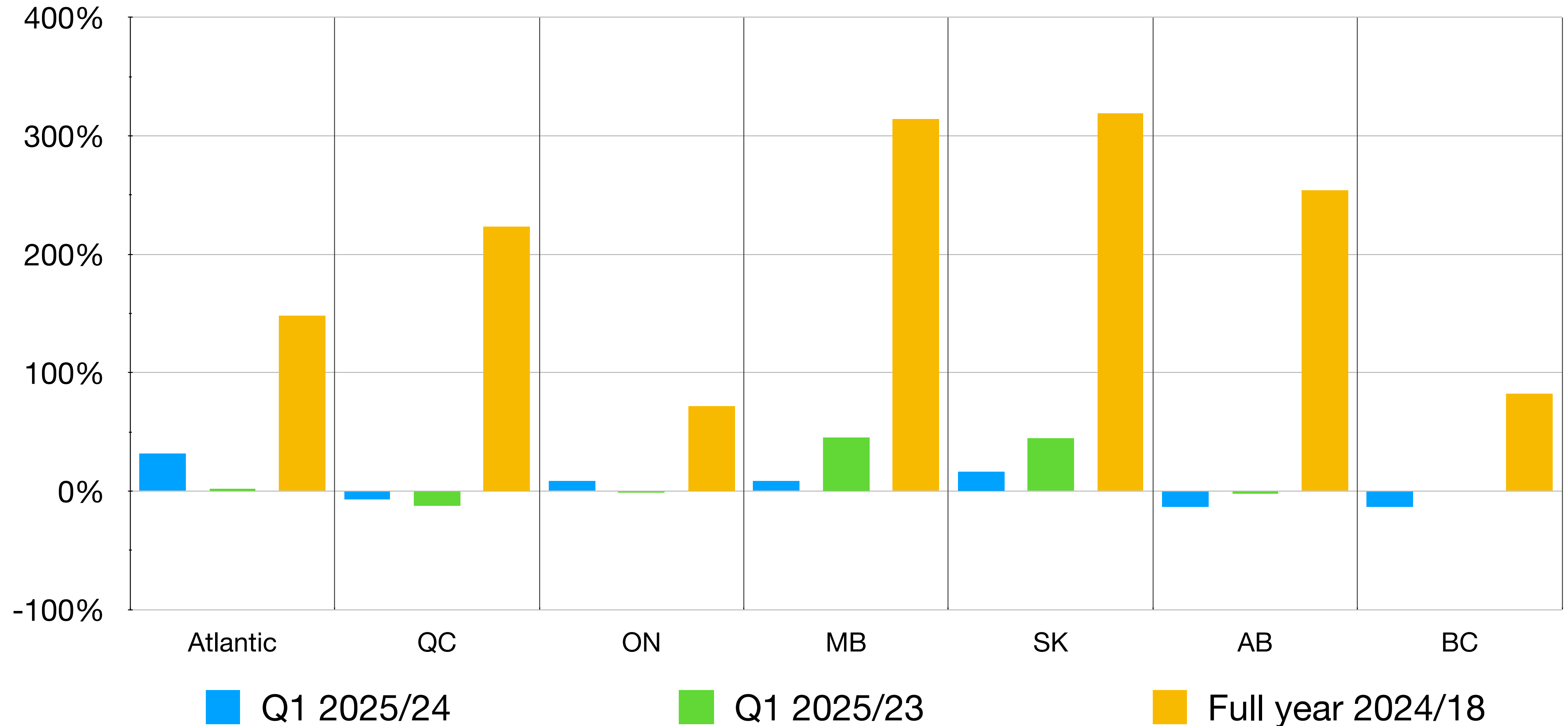
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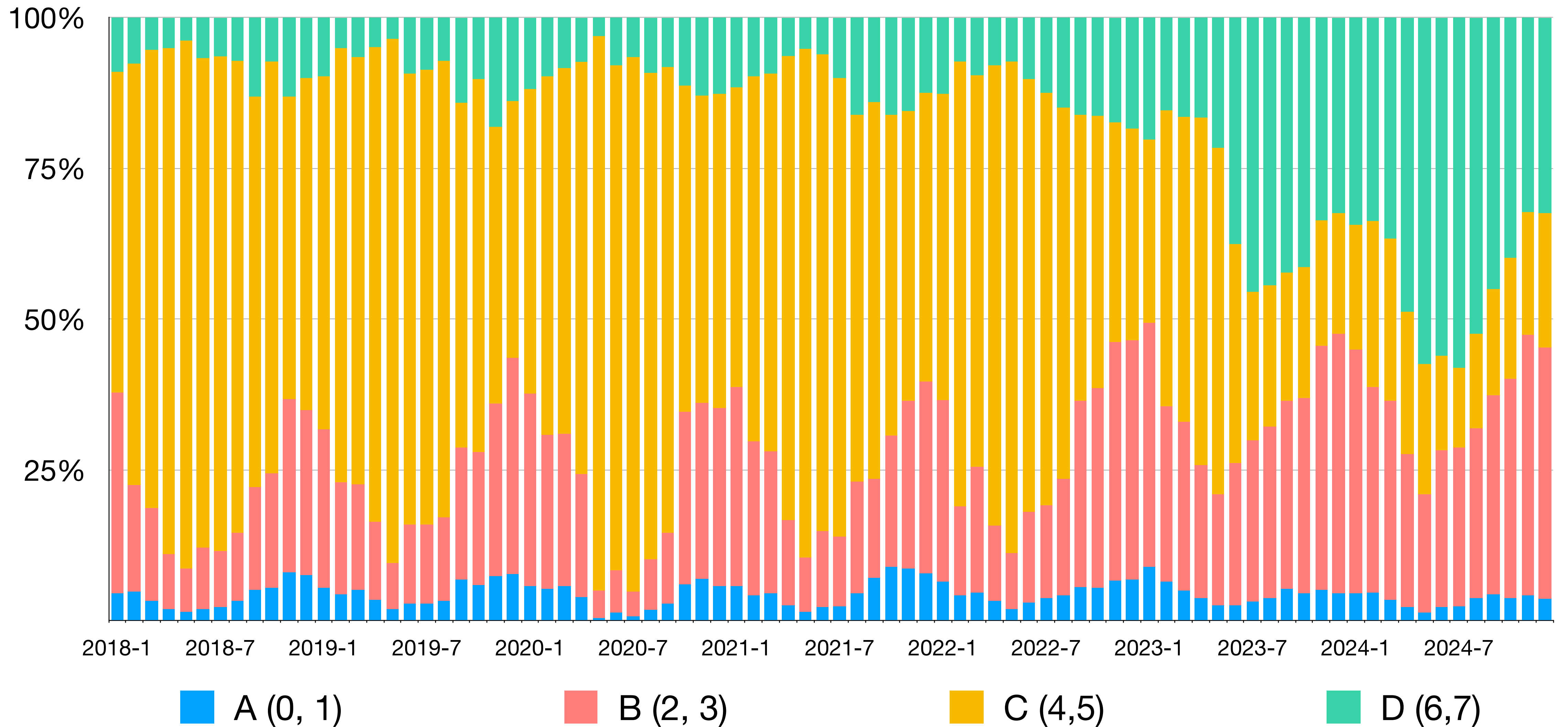
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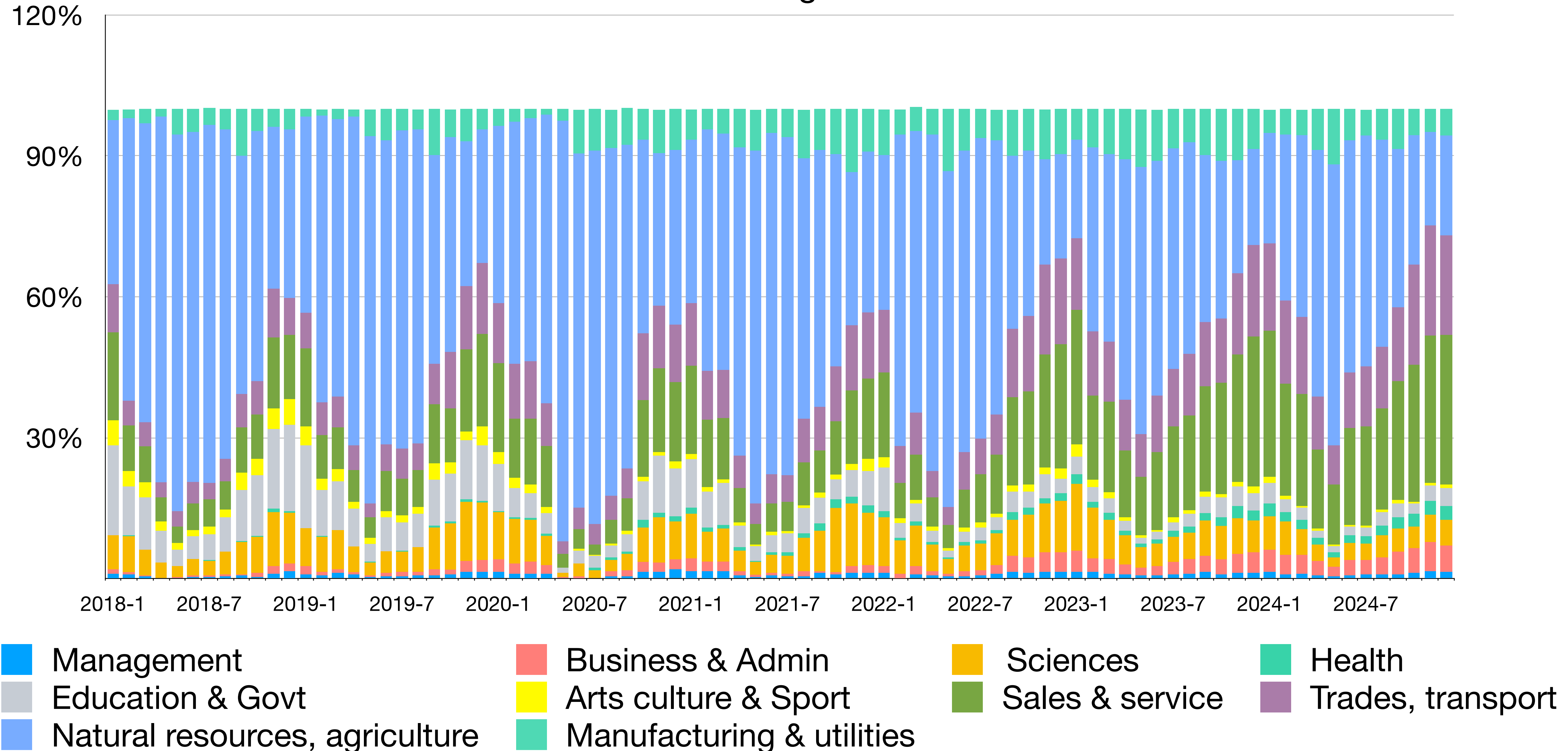
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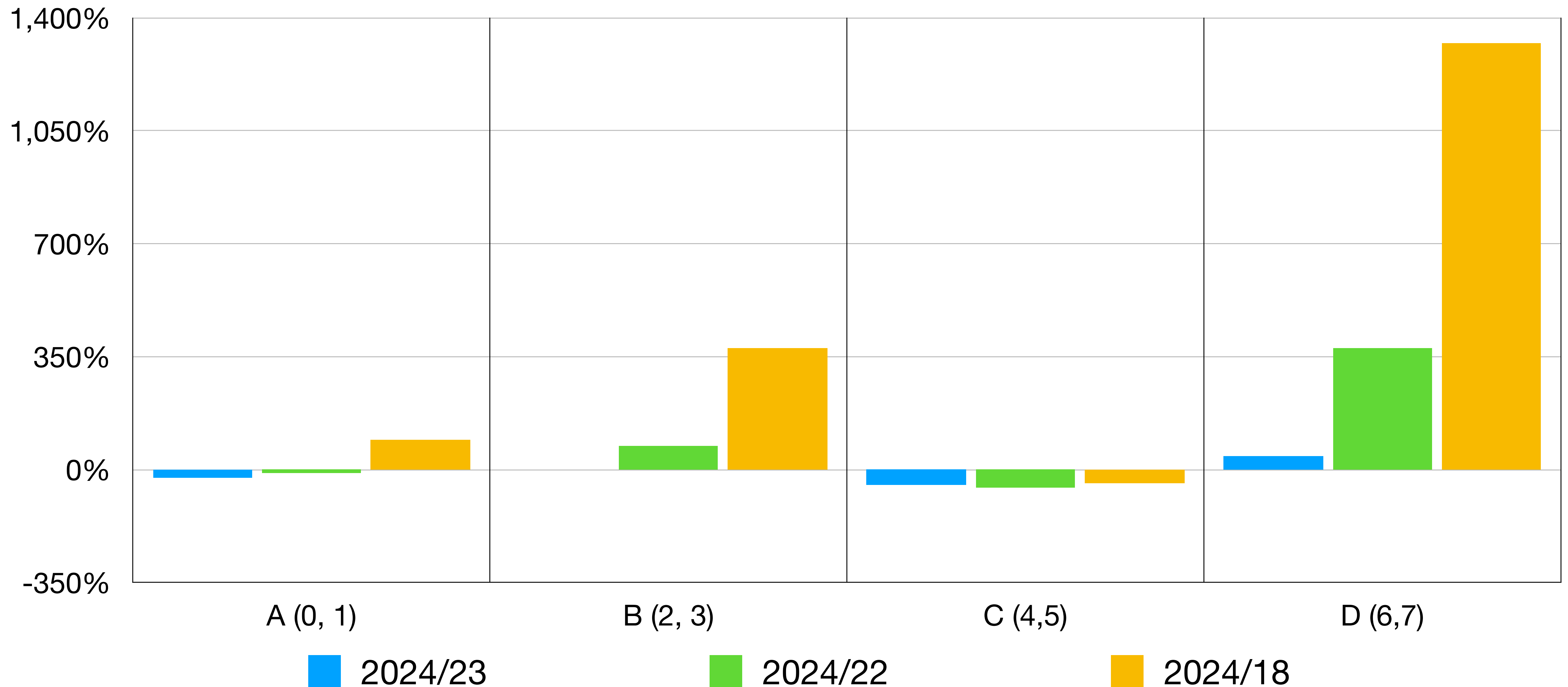
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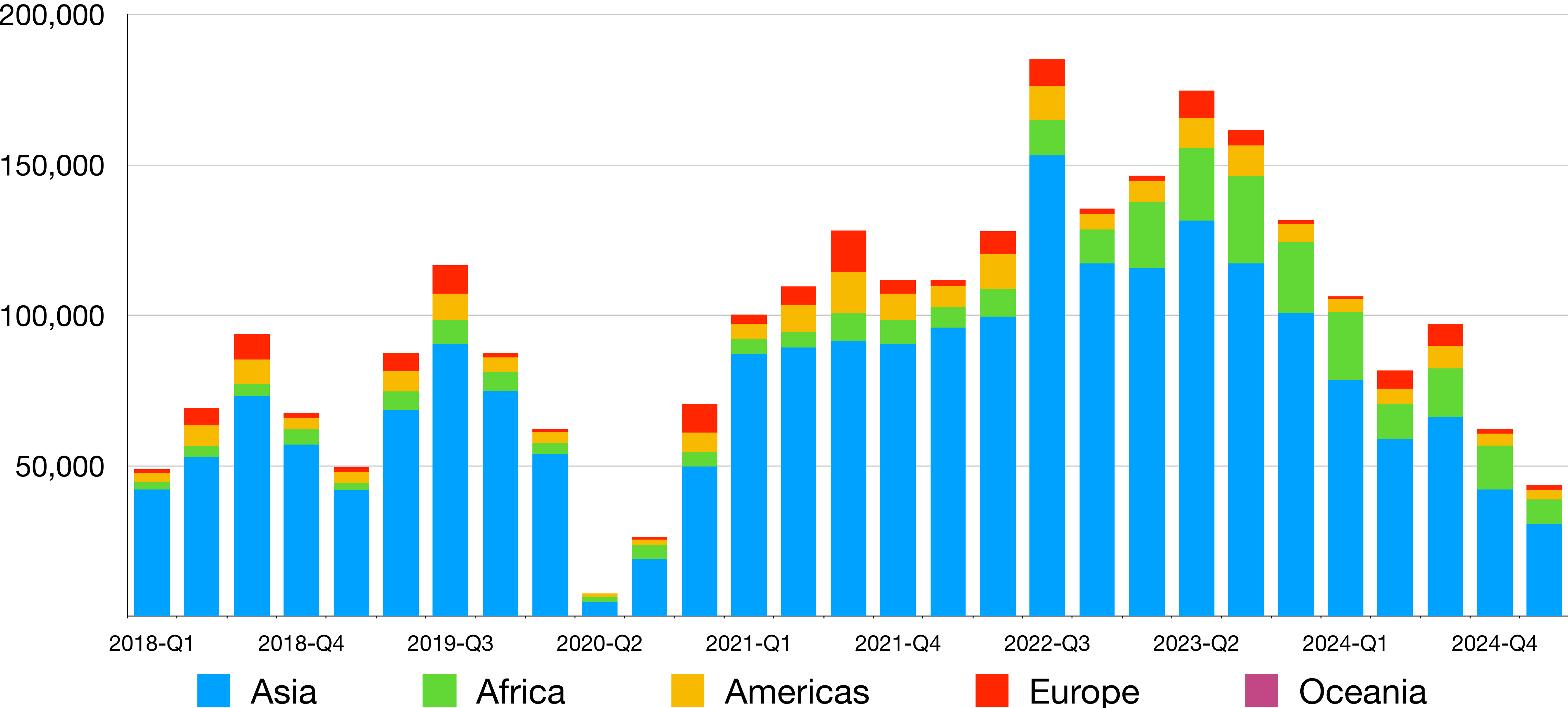
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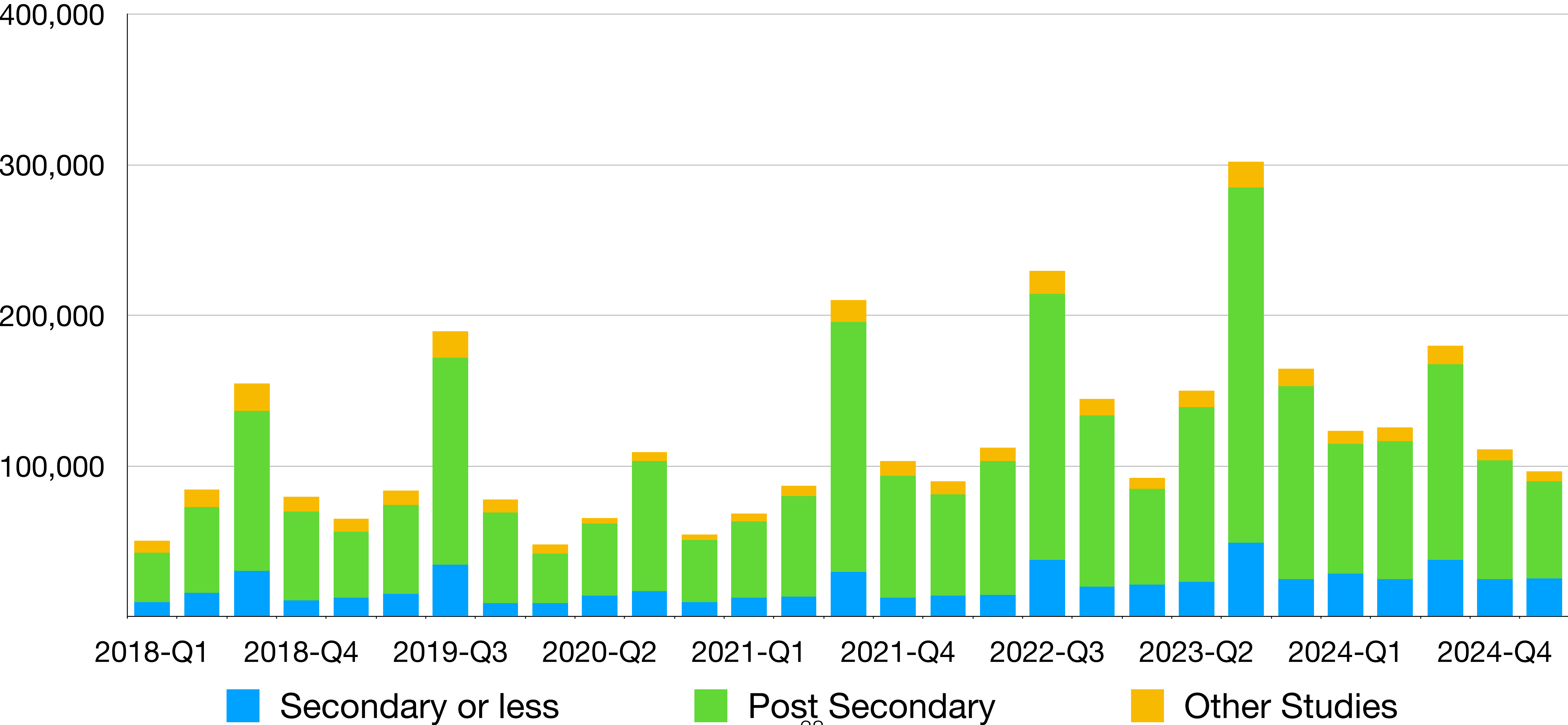


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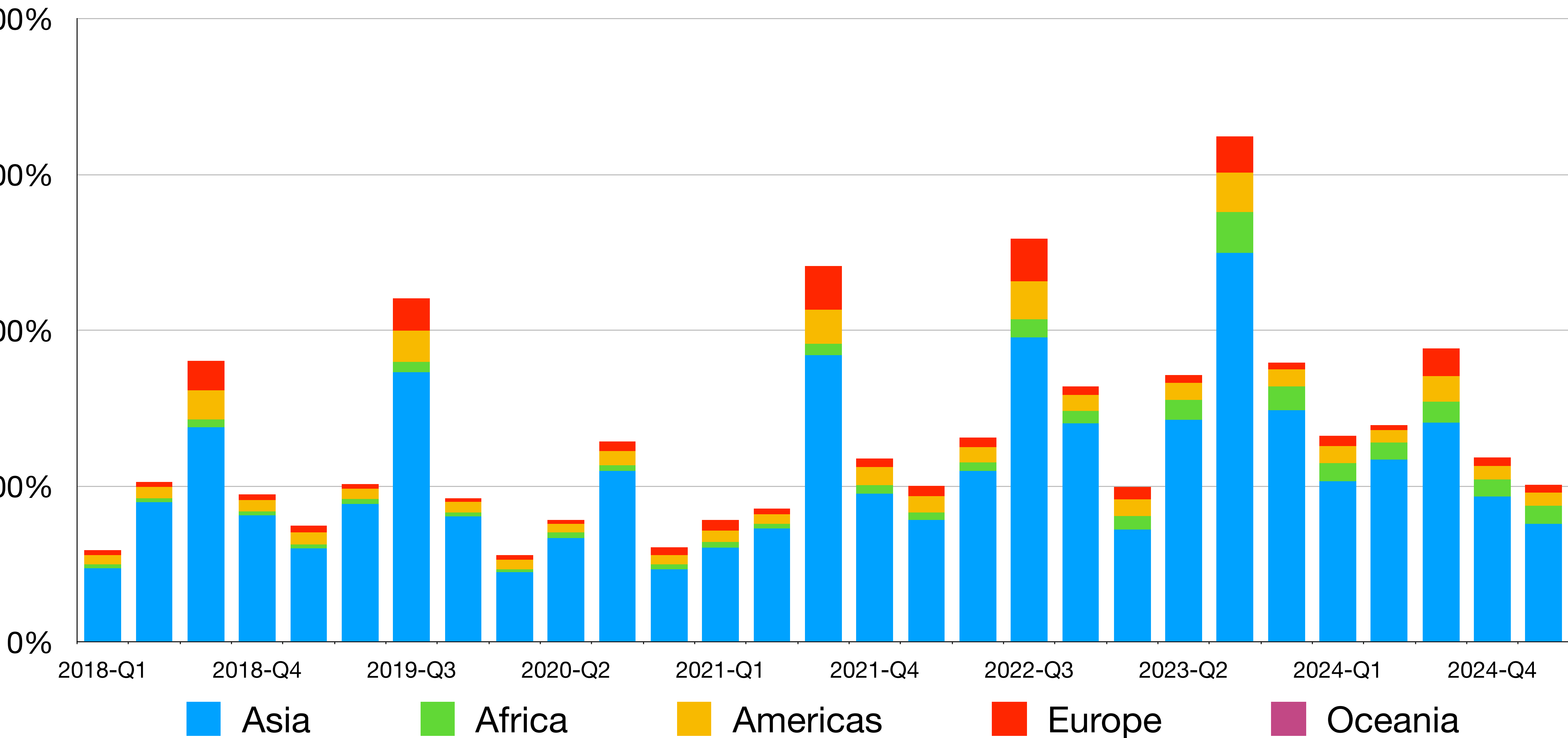
Study Permit Applications—By Region—2018-25



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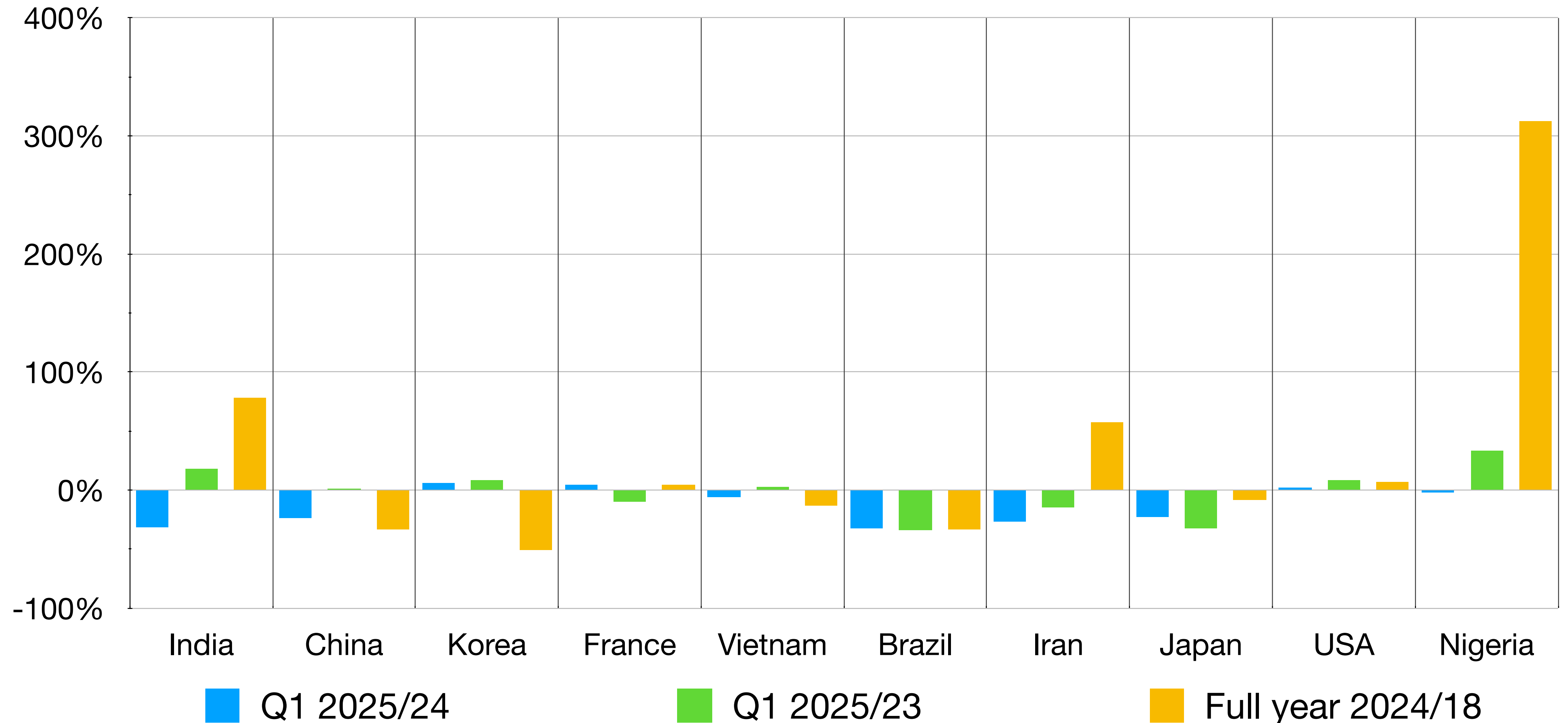
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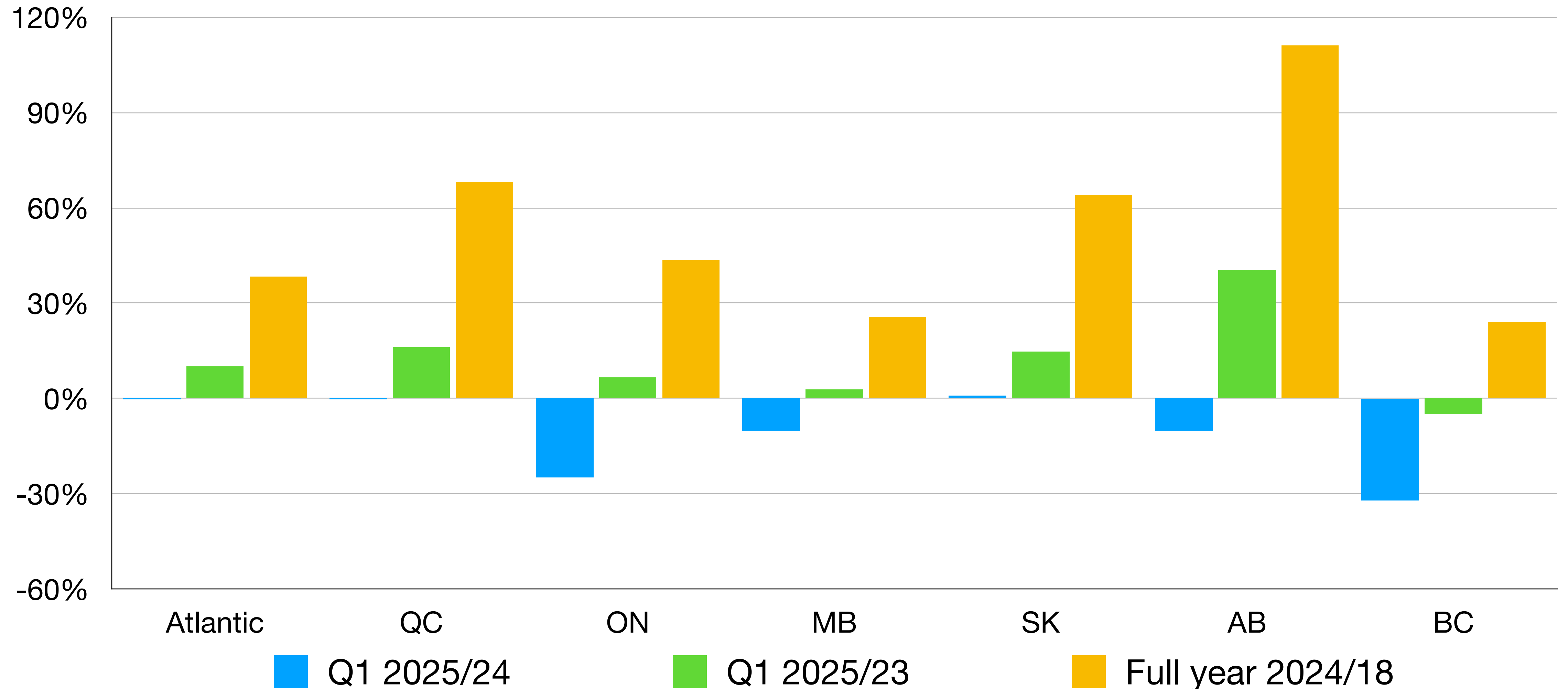
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Top 10 Countries — Ordered by Number of Permits, 2018 base year



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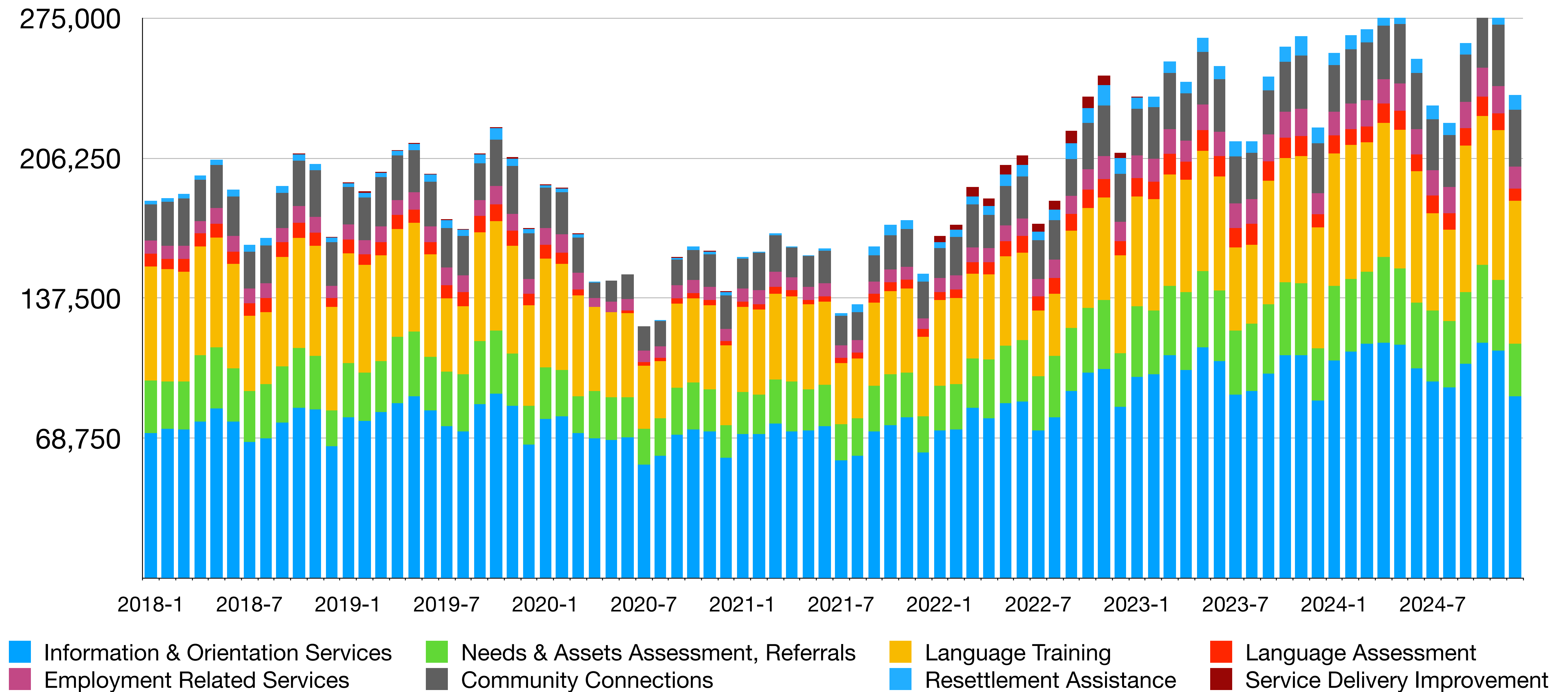
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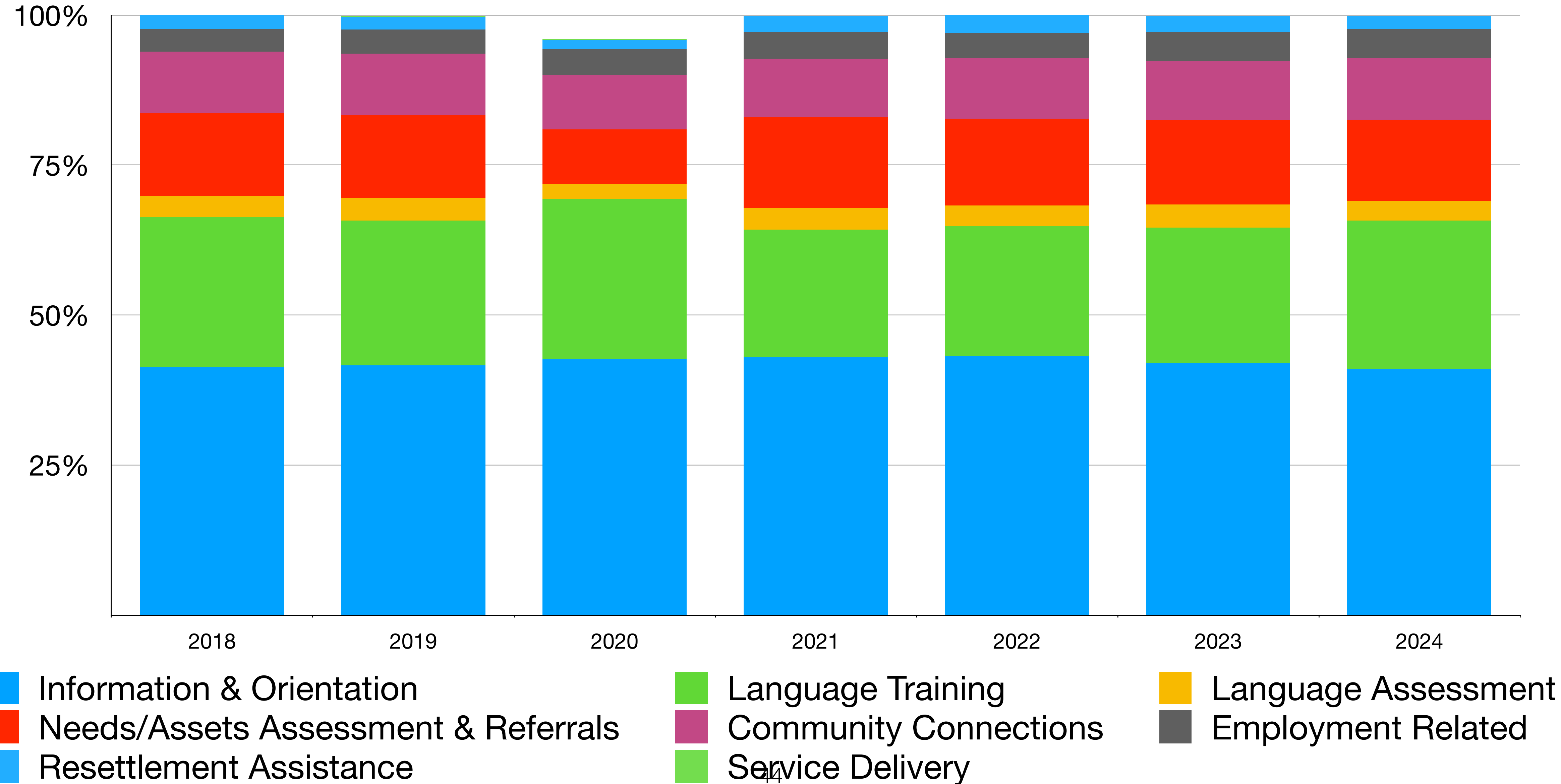
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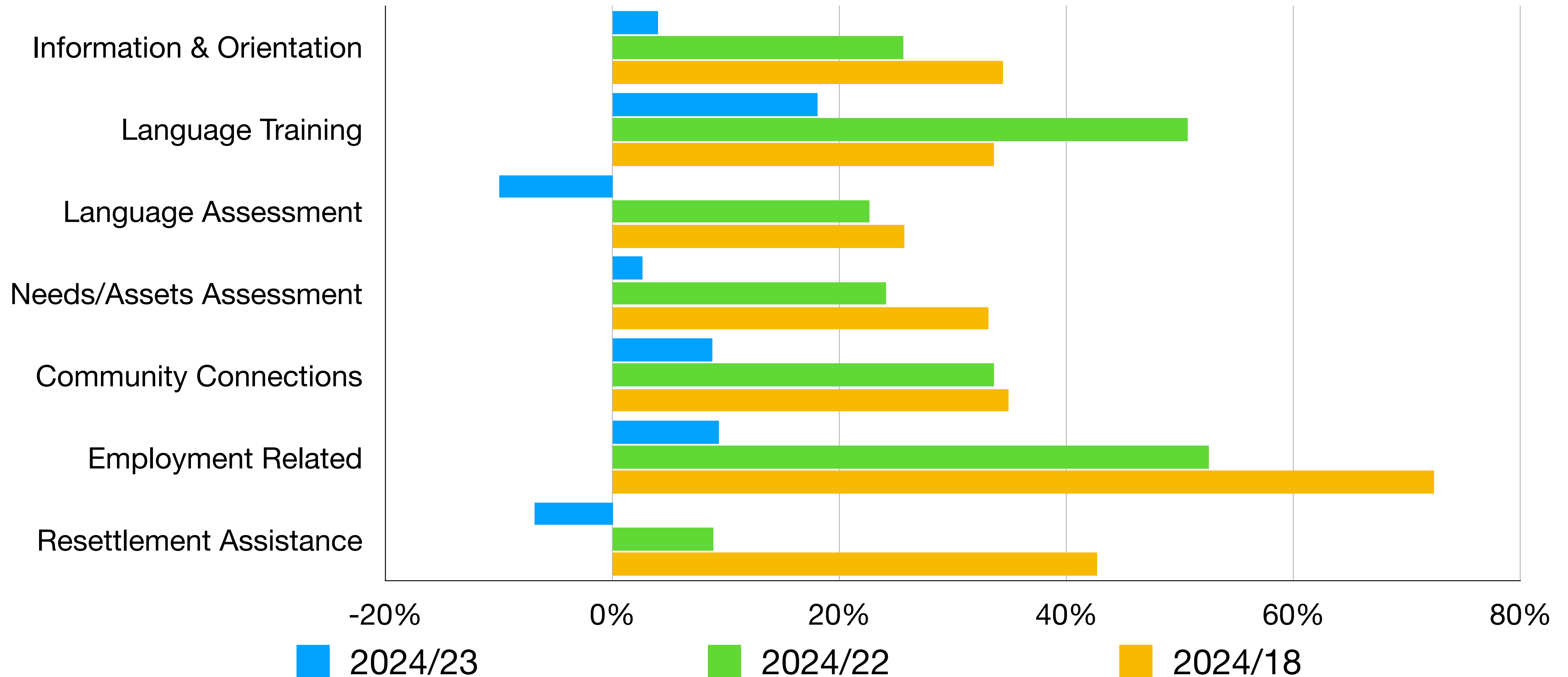


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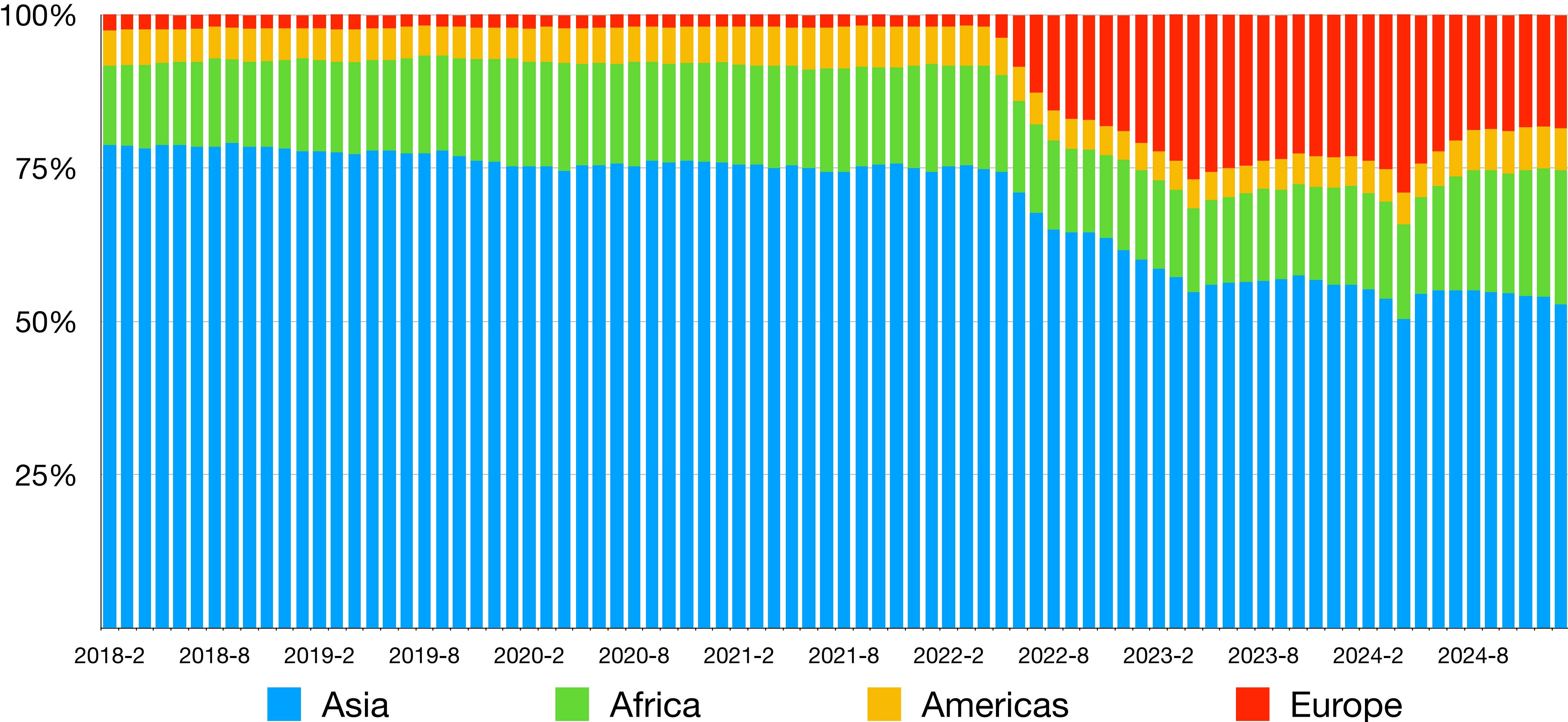
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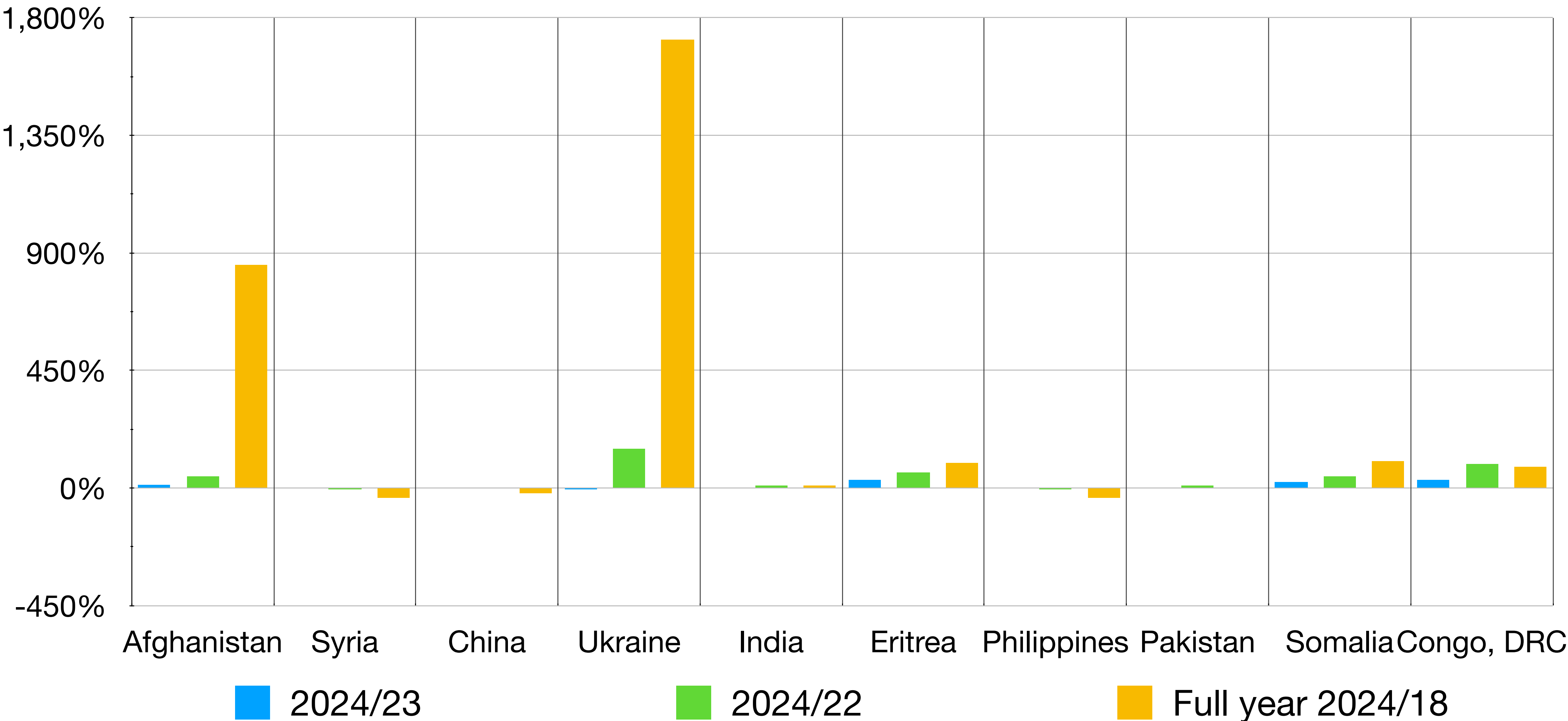


Ukraine accounts for the sharp increase in Europe

Settlement Services by Citizenship

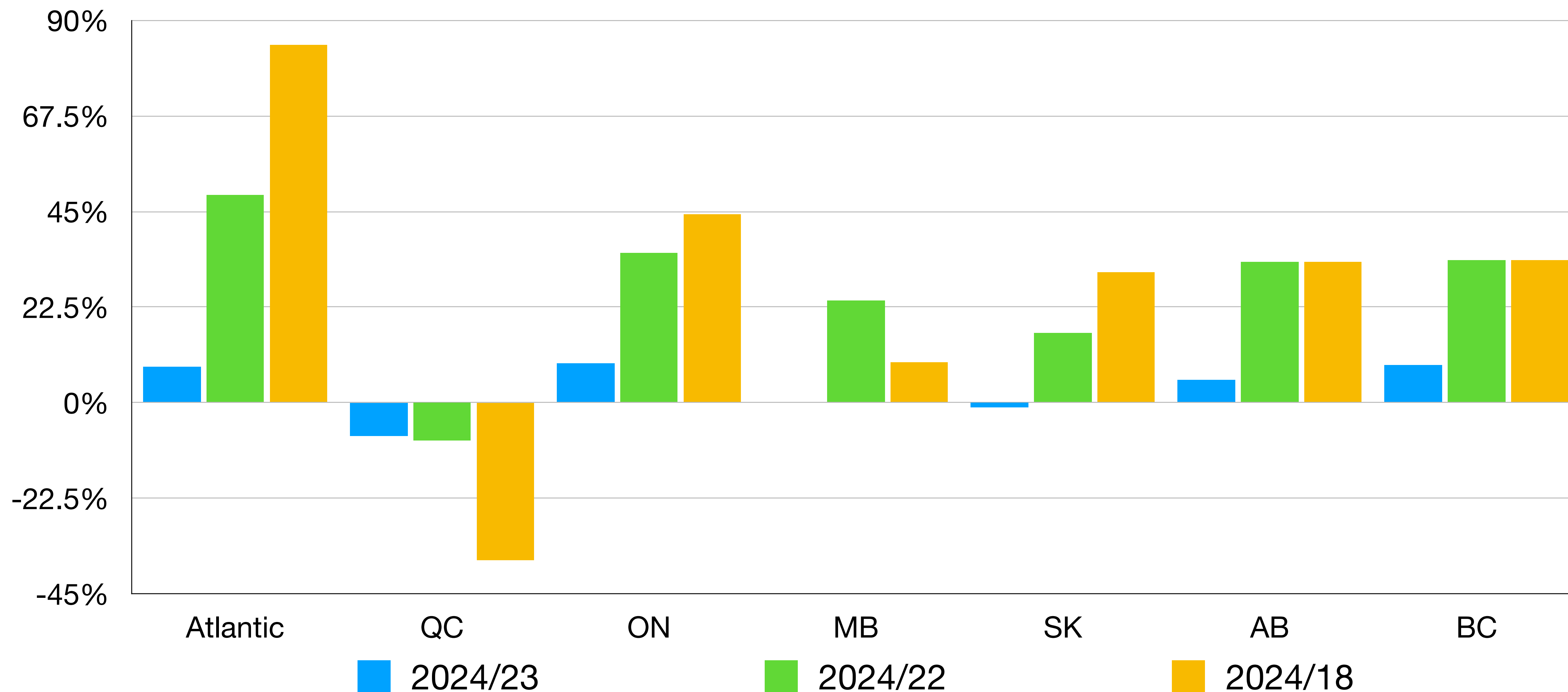
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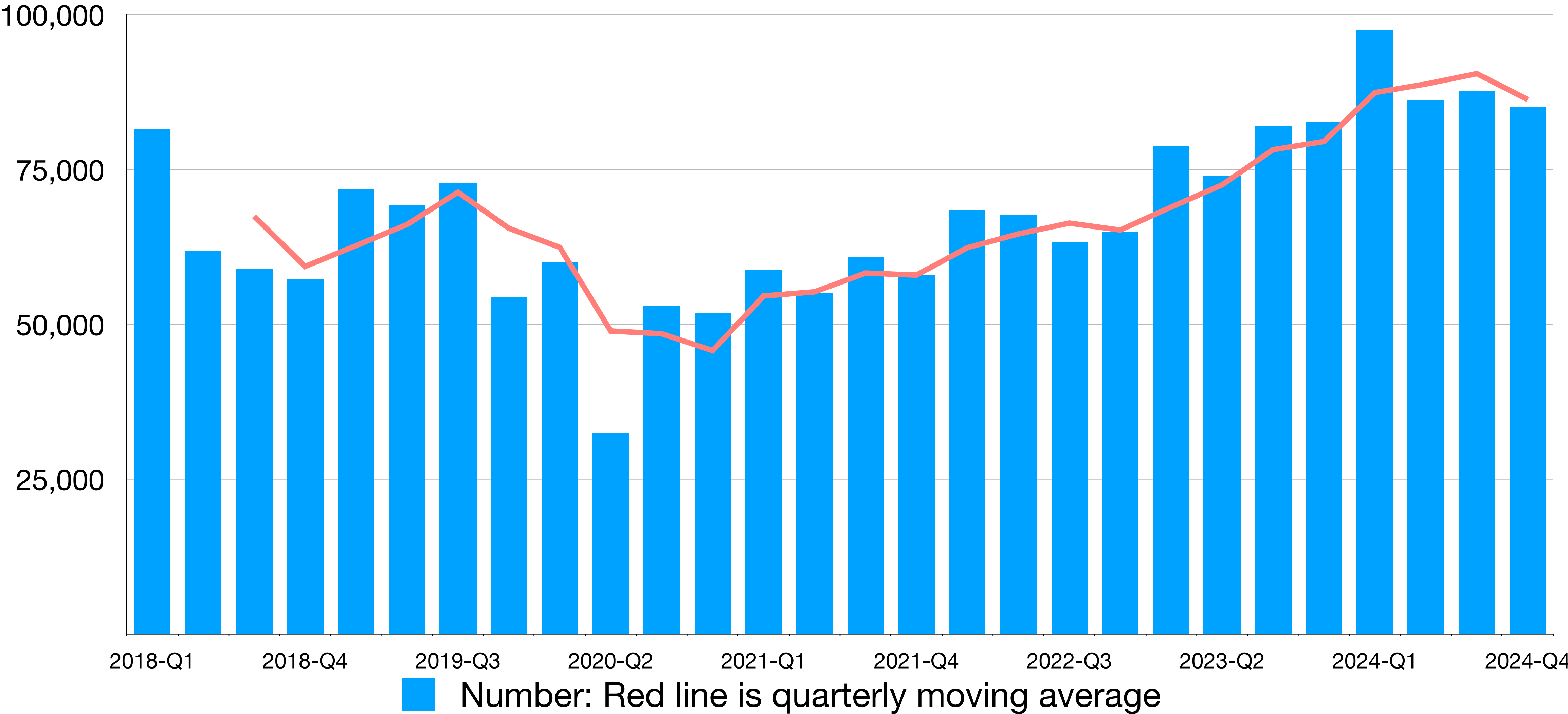
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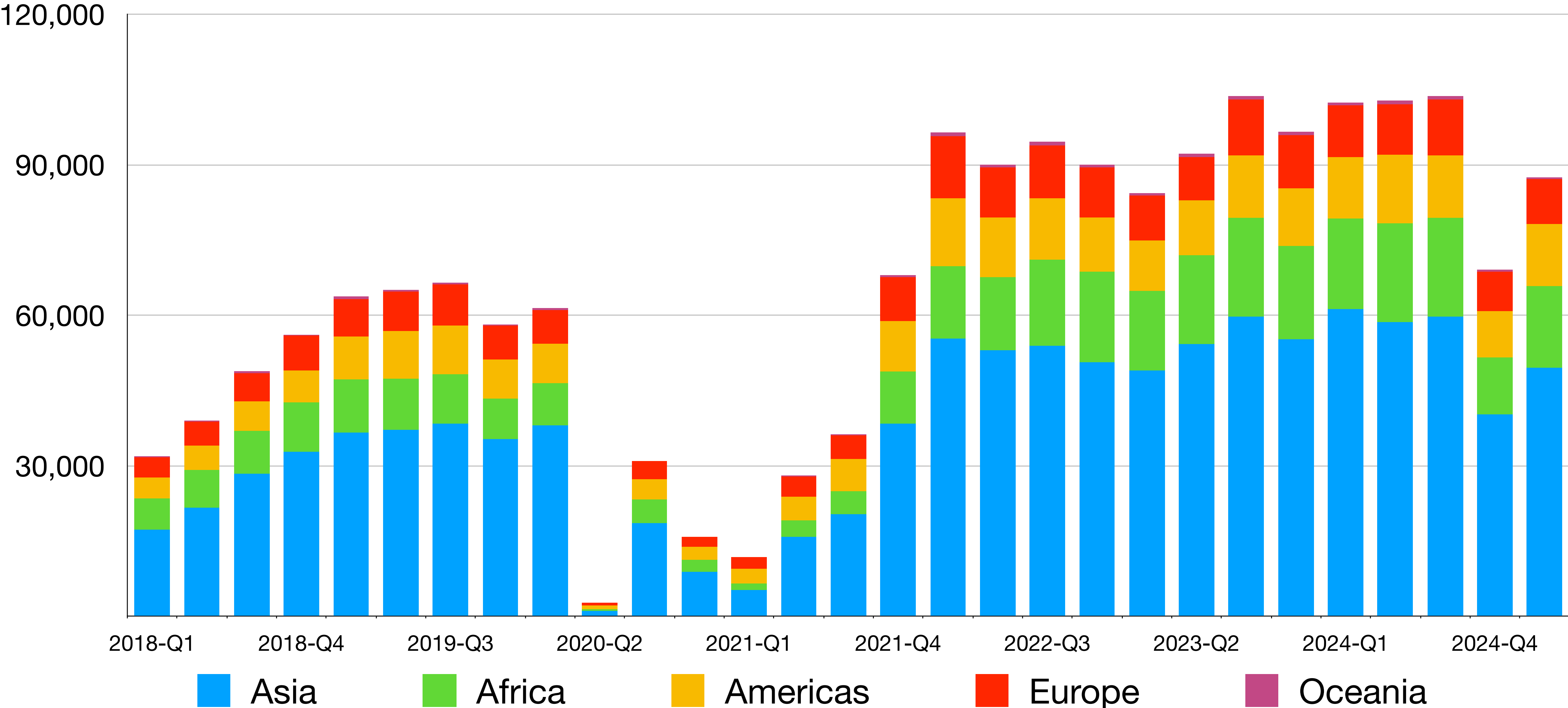
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Citizenship Applications—2018-24



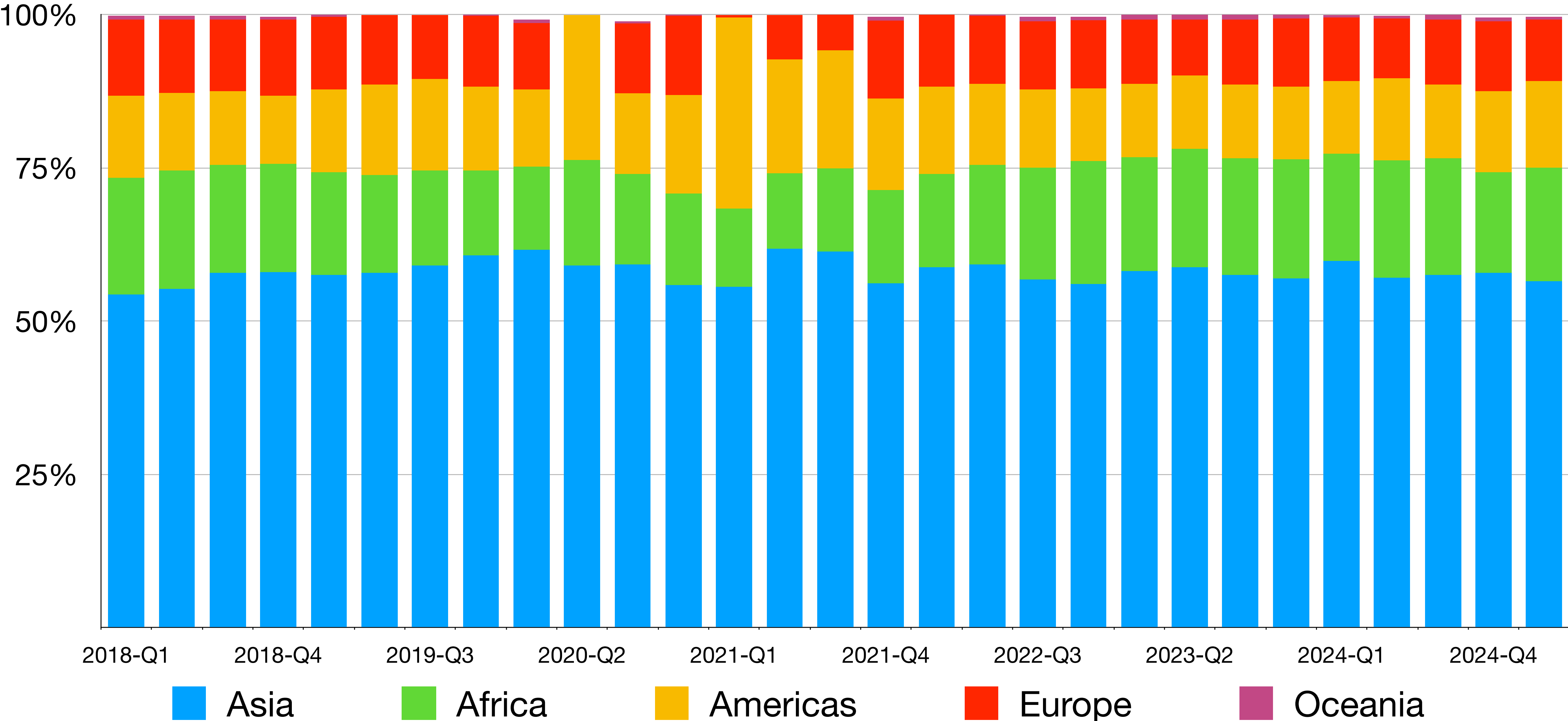
New Citizens — By Region of Birth — 2018-25

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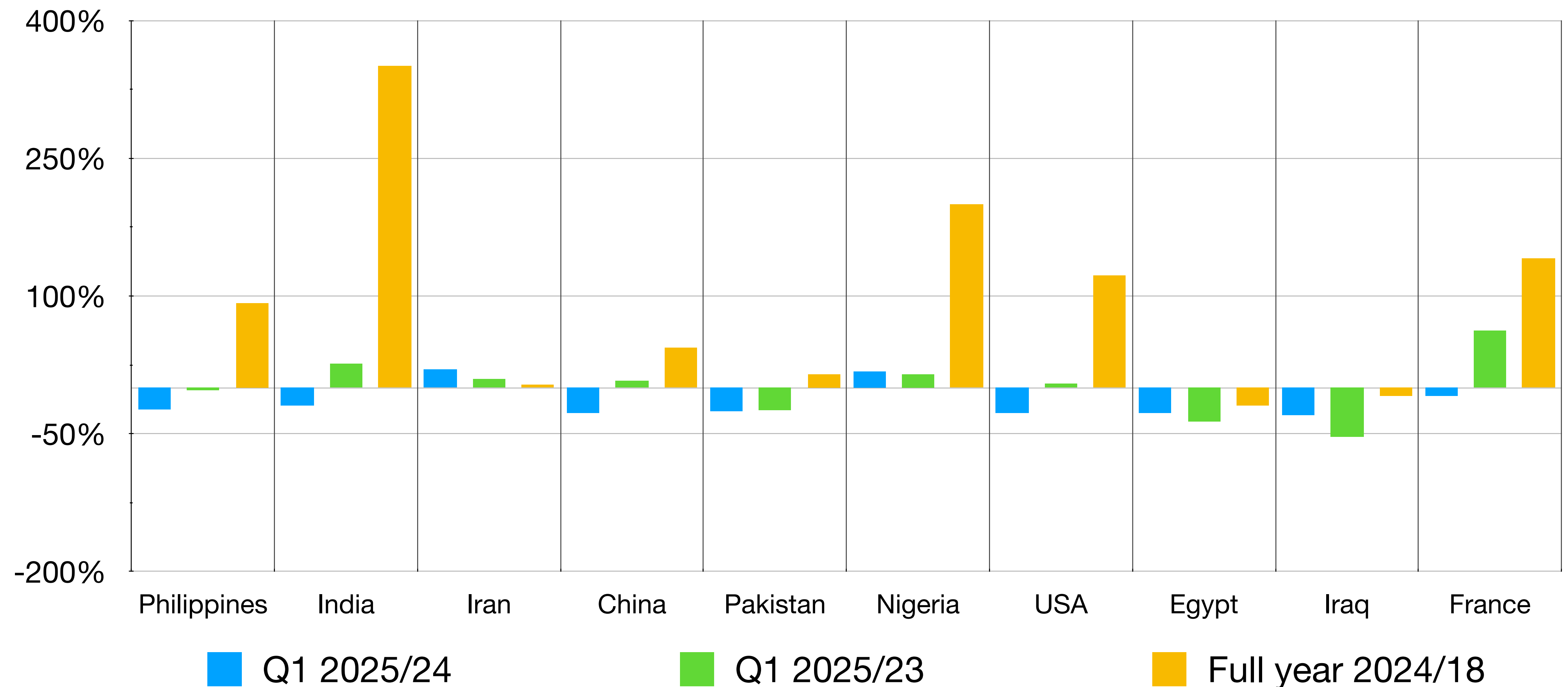
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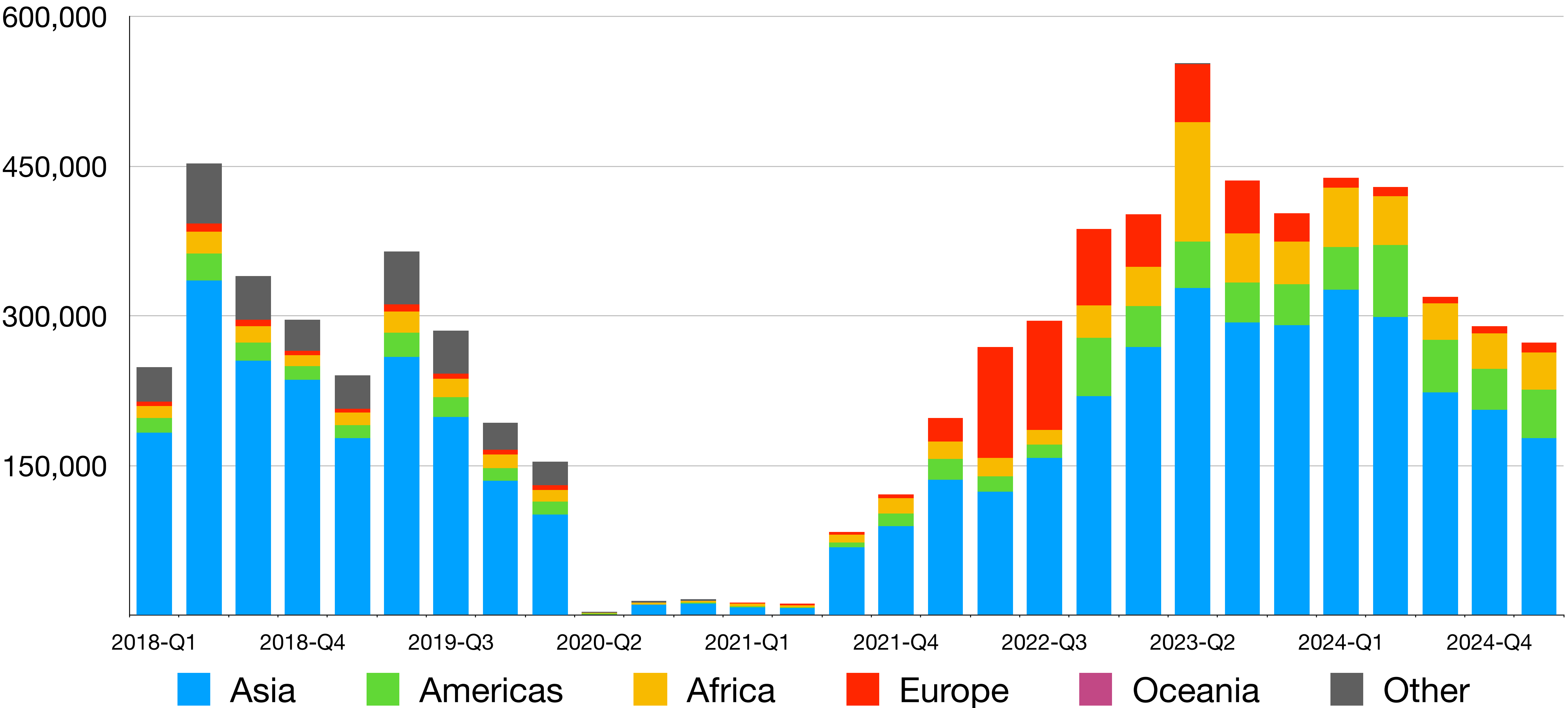
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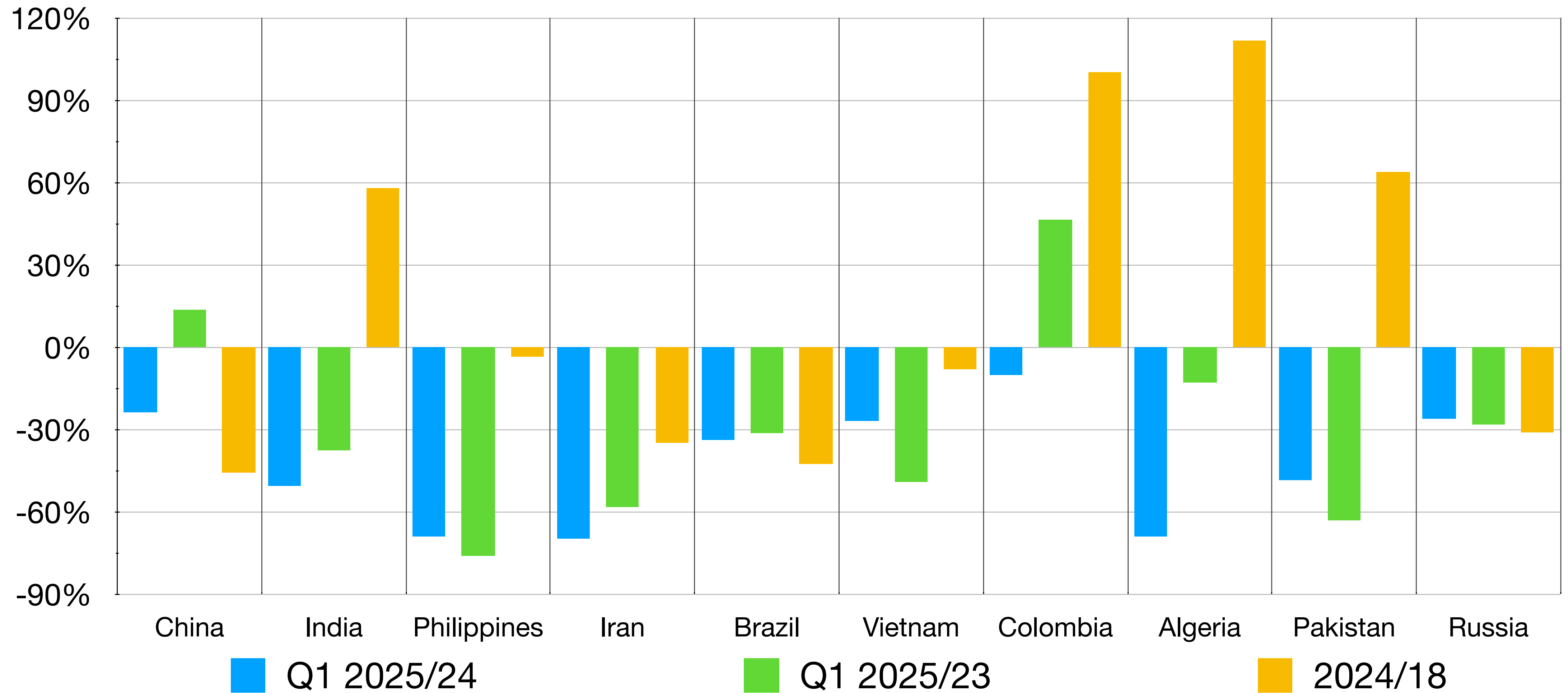
Visitor Visas — By Source Country — 2018-25



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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
- 2018 is used as baseline