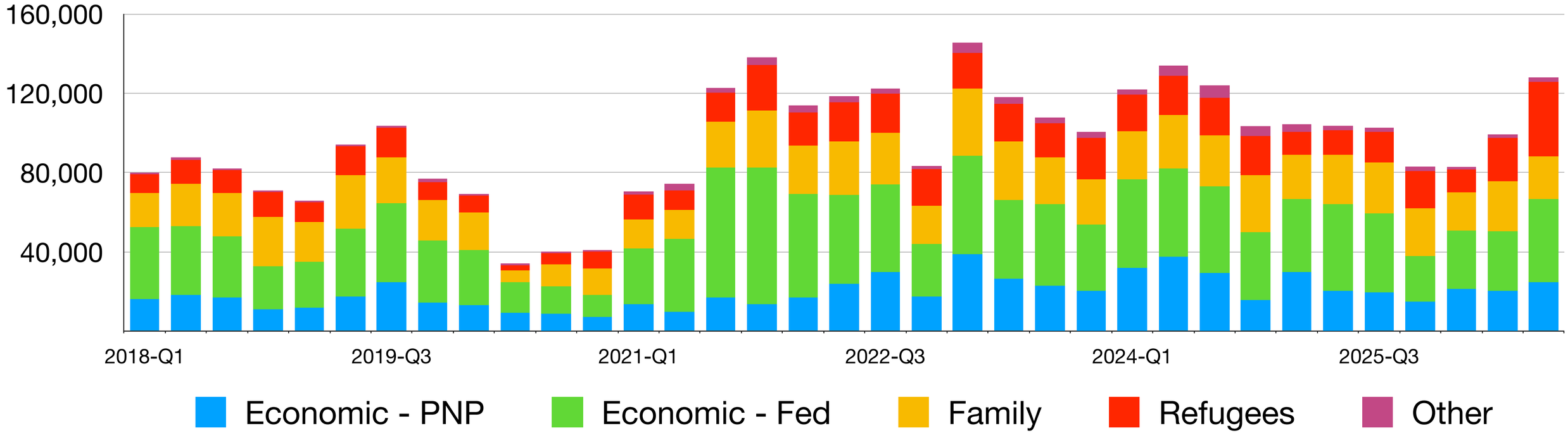
Canadian Immigration Tracker

2018 to 2026 - Third Quarter
Working Draft - Key Slides

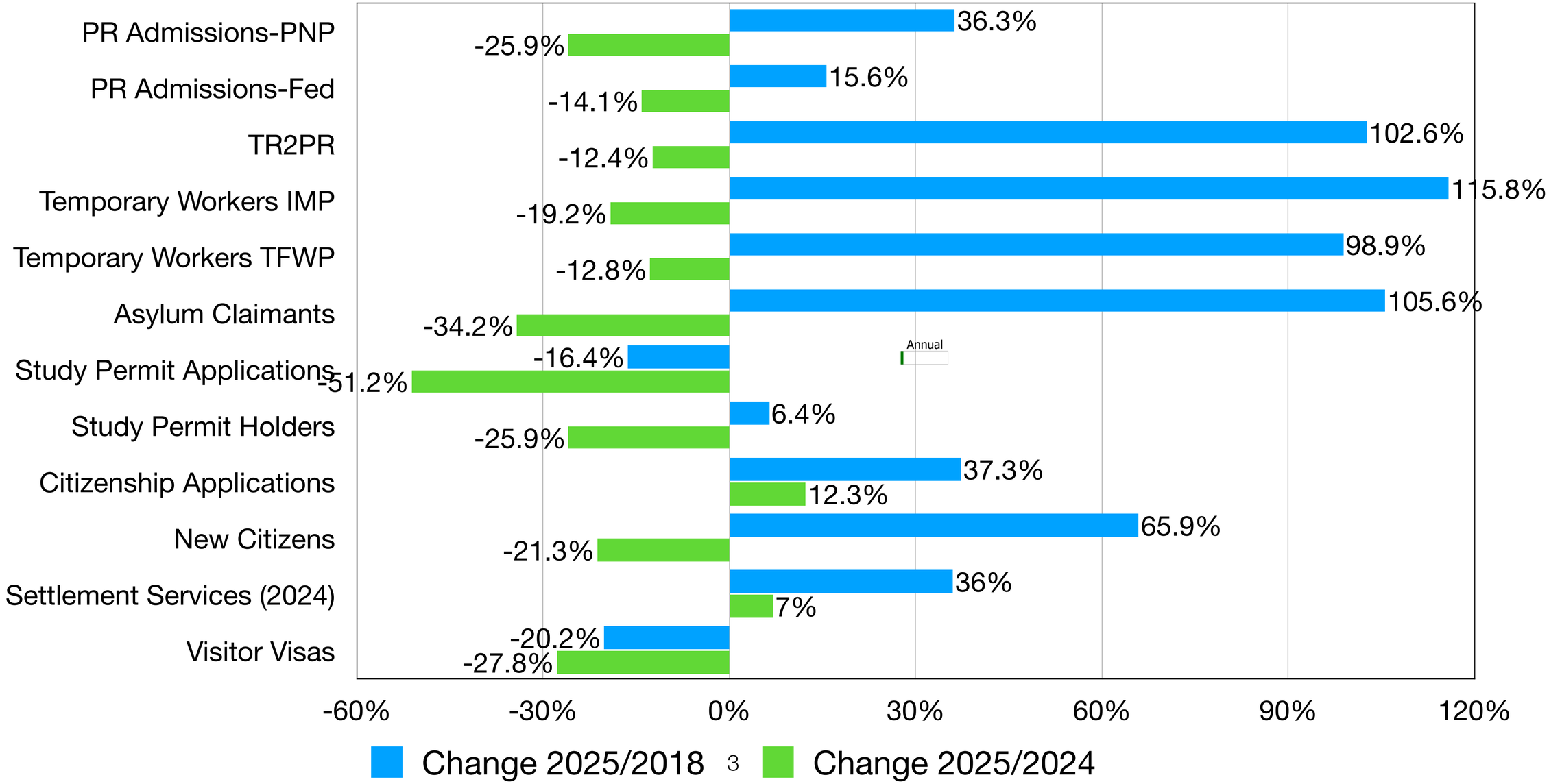


Programs Examined

- **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

Change Across Major Programs

2025 full year Compared to full year 2018 Baseline, 2025/2024 Comparison



Annual Comparisons—January-September

	2024	2025	**2026**	Year over year	2 year change	Levels Plan 2026 target (annual)	% Annual target	Levels Plan 2027 target (annual)
PR Applications	512,360	380,900	328,350	-13.8%	-35.9%			
PR Admissions	380,070	310,630	309,915	-0.2%	-18.5%	380,000	81.6%	380,000
One-Time TR2PR						75,000		275,000
PR Total						455,000		655,000
TR2PR - All	205,480	182,710	172,840	-5.4%	-15.9%			
TRs-IMP	573,565	444,515	659,960	48.5%	15.1%	170,000	388.2%	170,000
TRs-TFWP - All	150,495	140,535	129,665	-7.7%	-13.8%			
TRs-TFWP - Non-seasonal	89,835	78,455	65,610	-16.4%	-27.0%	60,000	109.4%	50,000
Students	422,705	293,780	274,585	-6.5%	-35.0%	155,000	177.2%	150,000
Study permit applications	462,820	231,685	164,680	-28.9%	-64.4%			
Asylum claimants	132,480	88,690	42,060	-52.6%	-68.3%			
Citizenship	380,215	310,725	310,110	-0.2%	-18.4%			
Visitor visas	1,176,735	818,075	900,510	10.1%	-23.5%			

Note: TFWP target excludes seasonal (agriculture) and permit extensions, have imputed 55 percent non-agriculture for LMIA target. Highlighting: Change - Red, decrease of 25 percent or more, Orange, decrease of 10 percent or less, Green, Increase, Percent of 2026 target - Green, Increase of 30 percent or less (likely in target), Red, likely to exceed target

Note: TR to PR transition: 33,000 workers and 115,000 protected persons over 2026-2027. 2027, additional 200,000, half workers, half humanitarian

Annual Comparisons—2025-2019

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Change 2023-19	Change 2025-23
PRs	341,175	184,605	406,055	437,635	471,820	483,655	393,770	38.3%	-16.5%
IMP	323,475	246,475	333,185	466,615	761,340	714,165	579,510	135.4%	-23.9%
TFWP	98,025	84,095	103,150	135,345	183,190	190,830	166,695	86.9%	-9.0%
Students	400,570	255,530	443,495	547,985	680,700	514,710	381,310	69.9%	-44.0%
Total	**1,163,245**	**770,705**	**1,285,885**	**1,587,580**	**2,097,050**	**1,903,360**	**1,521,285**	**80.3%**	**-27.5%**

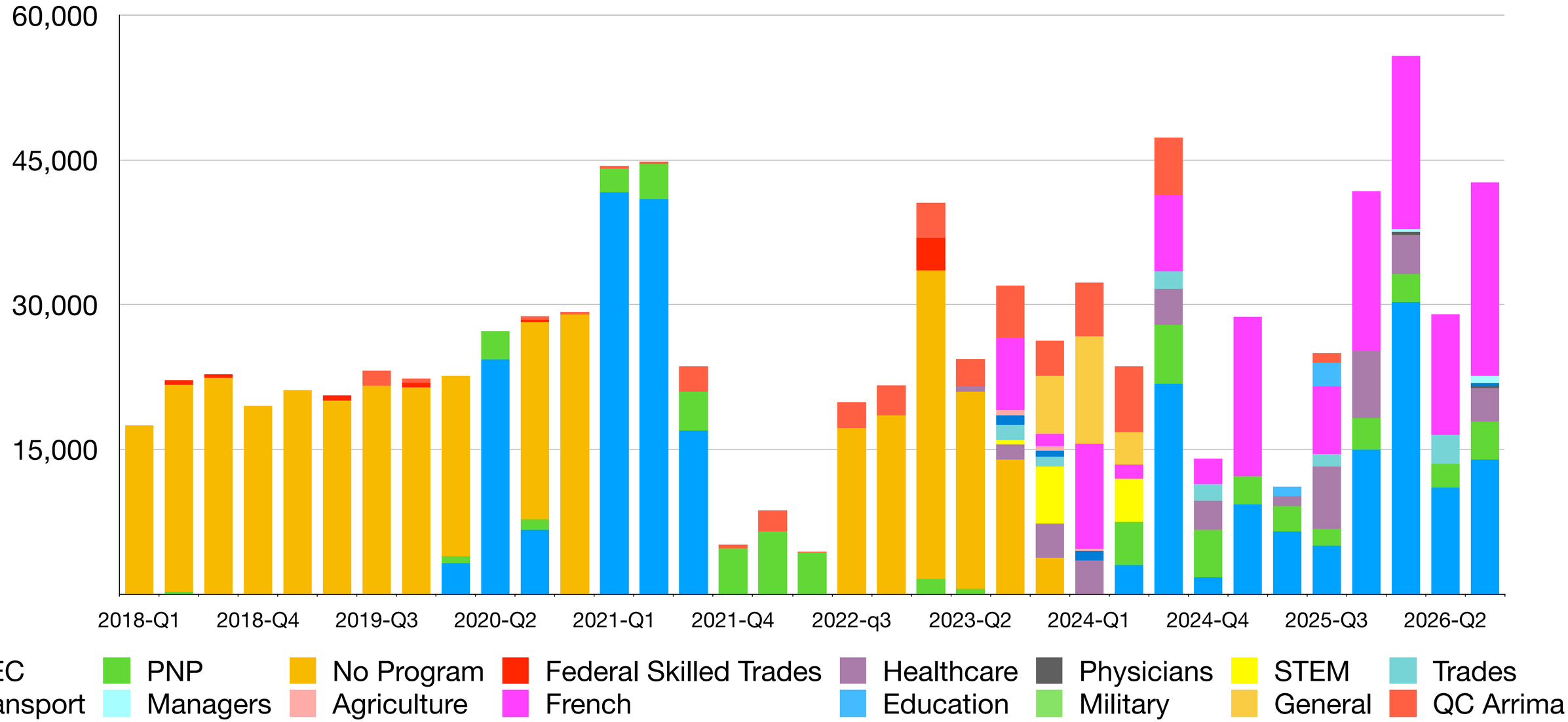
Source: Canada - Admissions of Permanent Residents by Province/Territory of Intended Destination and Immigration Category, Canada - International Mobility Program (IMP) work permit holders, Canada - Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP) work permit holders, Canada - Study permit holders by province/territory of intended destination, study level

Annual TR2PR Comparison—2025-2019

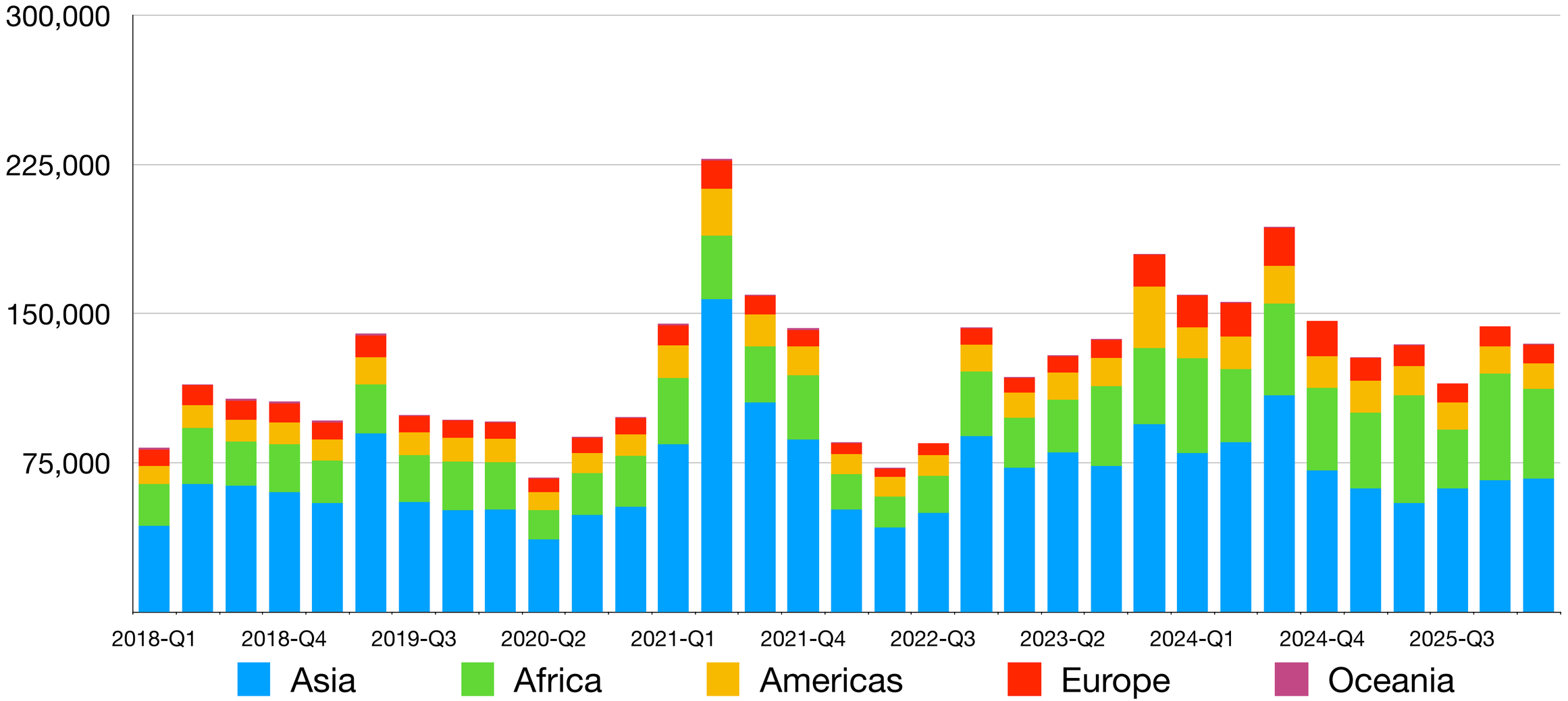
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Change 2023-19	Change 2025-23
IMP	70,825	50,060	187,505	111,720	146,215	147,305	132,795	106.4%	-9.2%
PGWP	27,515	19,395	88,425	52,735	67,875	61,470	49,985	146.7%	-26.4%
IS	11,570	7,755	22,680	19,740	25,605	25,580	20,790	121.3%	-18.8%
TFWP	5,655	3,295	10,980	7,555	10,365	12,800	12,940	83.3%	24.8%
Total	**115,565**	**80,505**	**309,590**	**191,750**	**250,060**	**247,155**	**216,510**	**116.4%**	**-13.4%**
PRs	341,175	184,605	406,055	437,635	471,820	483,655	393,770	38.3%	-16.5%
%	33.9%	43.6%	76.2%	43.8%	53.0%	51.1%	55.0%	56.5%	3.7%
	Percentage of total TR2PR								
IMP	61.3%	62.2%	60.6%	58.3%	58.5%	59.6%	61.3%	-4.6%	4.9%
PGWP	23.8%	24.1%	28.6%	27.5%	27.1%	24.9%	23.1%	14.0%	-14.9%
IS	10.0%	9.6%	7.3%	10.3%	10.2%	10.3%	9.6%	2.3%	-6.2%
TFWP	4.9%	4.1%	3.5%	3.9%	4.1%	5.2%	6.0%	-15.3%	44.2%

Permanent Residents

Express Entry & Arrima Invitations—2018-26

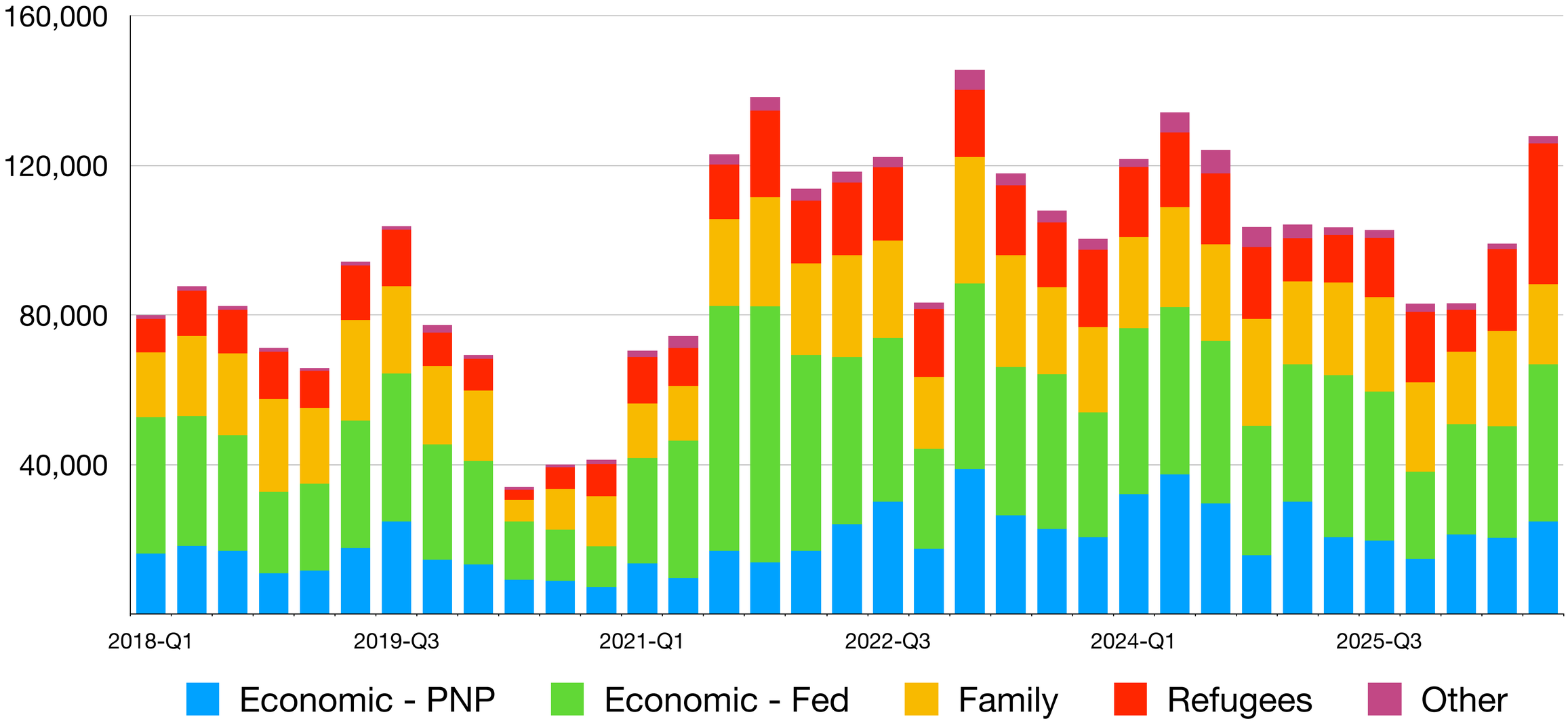


PR Applications: Region of Citizenship —2018-25

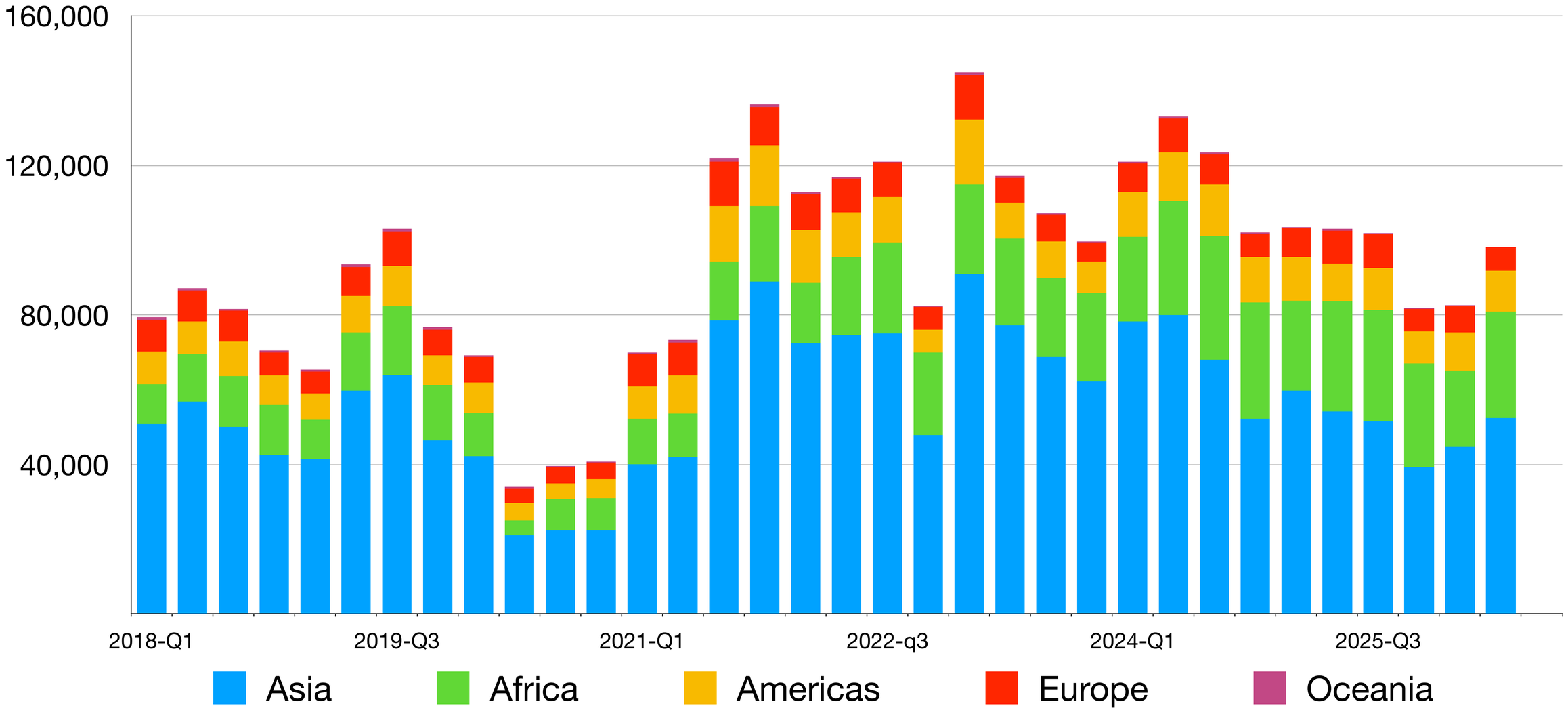


Note: Given delays in entering applications in processing systems, a six month time lag is used. May 2021 surge driven by applications from India (corrected from previous version)

Admissions: PRs by Categories—2018-26

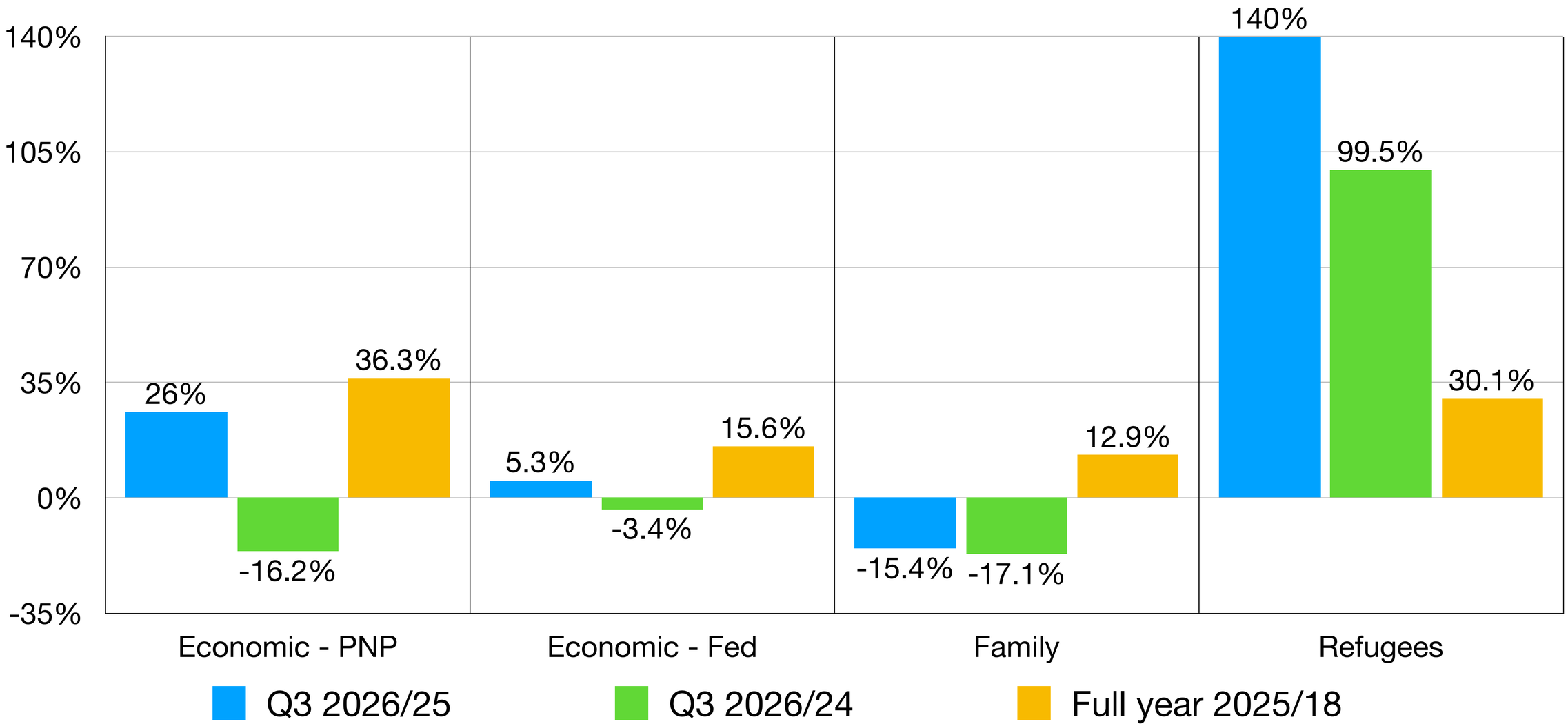


Admissions: PRs Region of Citizenship—2018-26



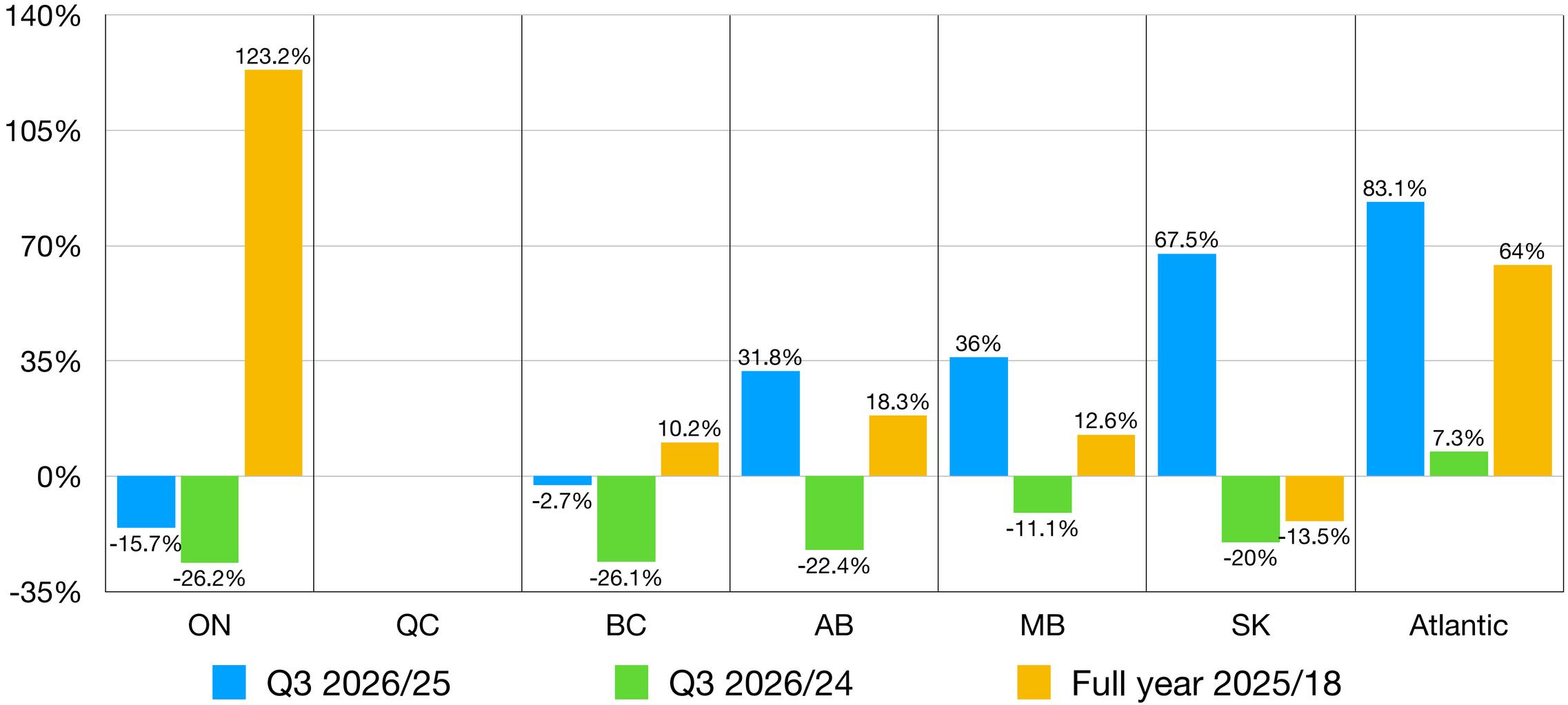
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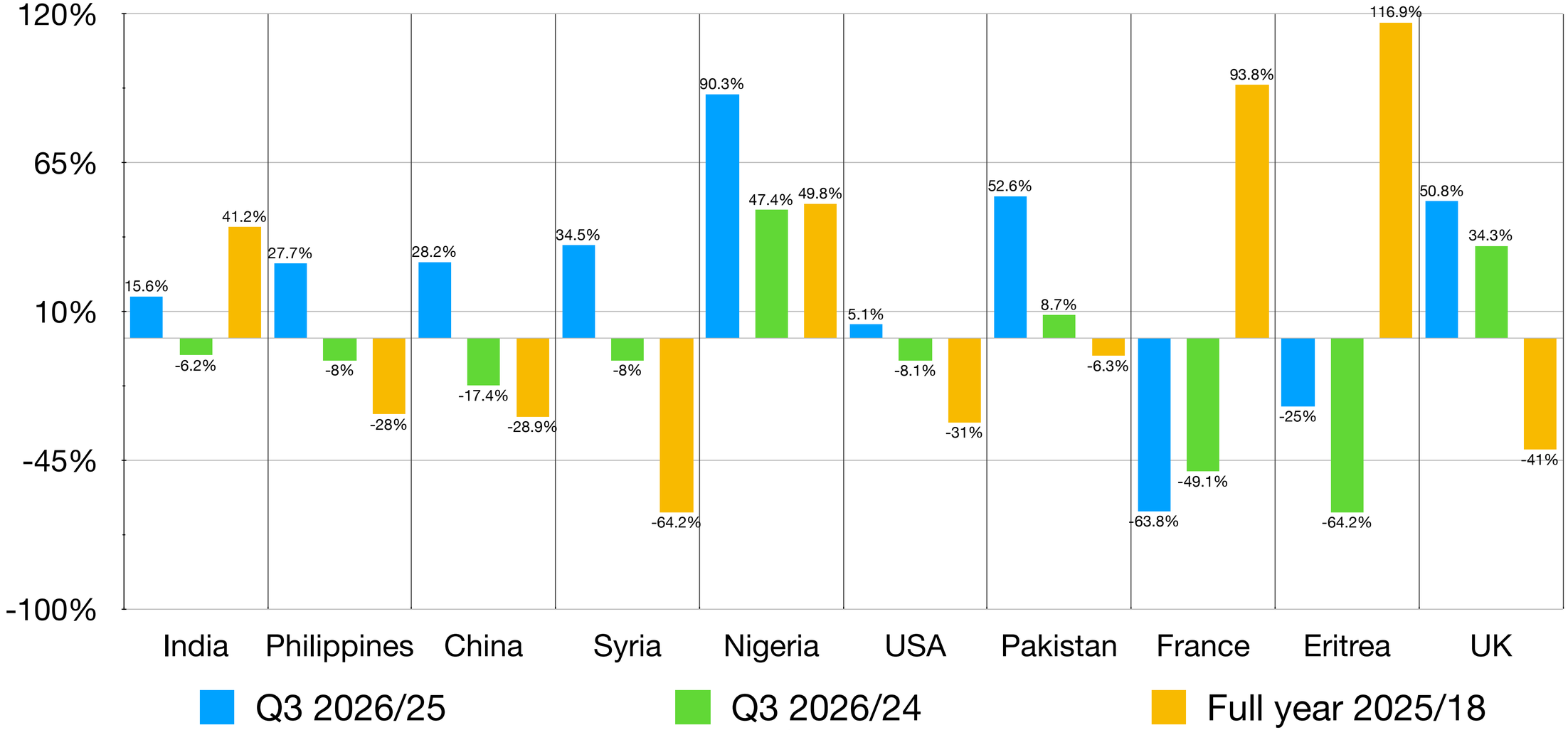
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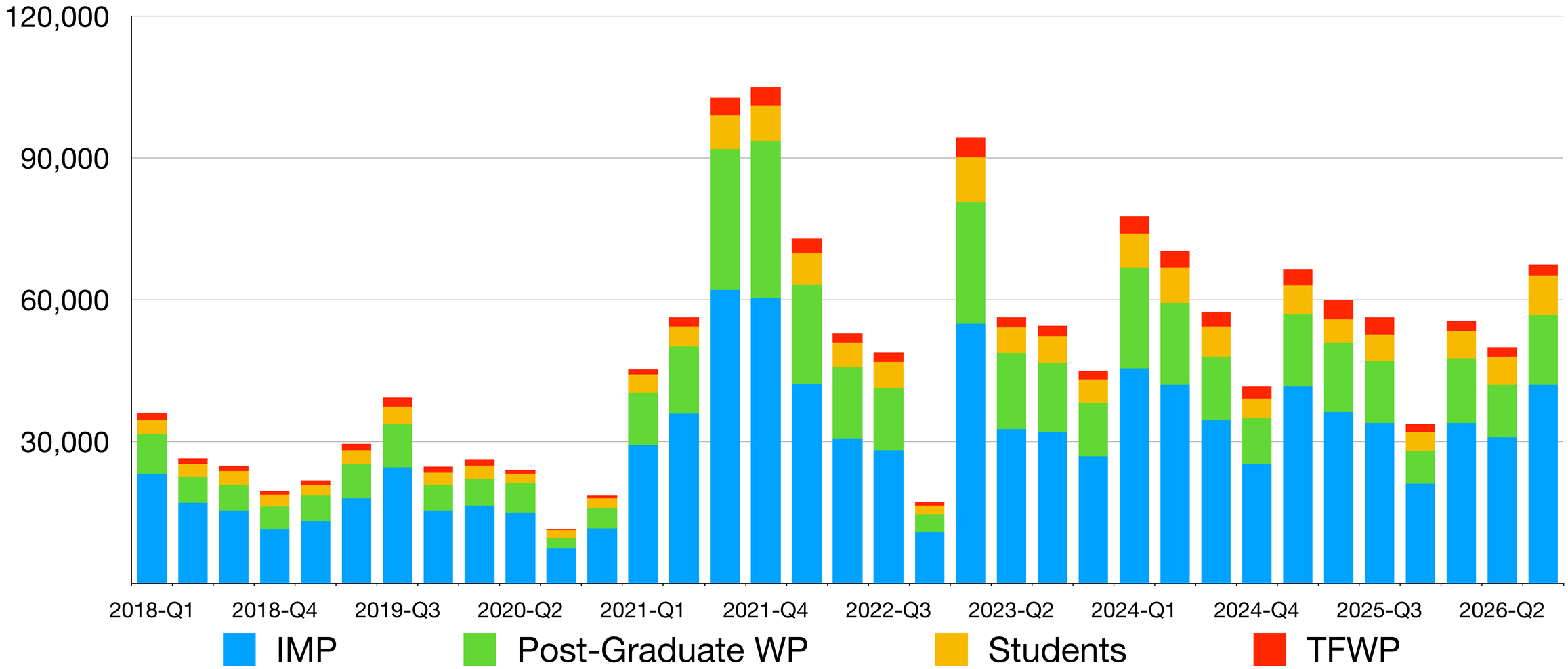
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Top 10 Countries — Ordered by 2018 base year



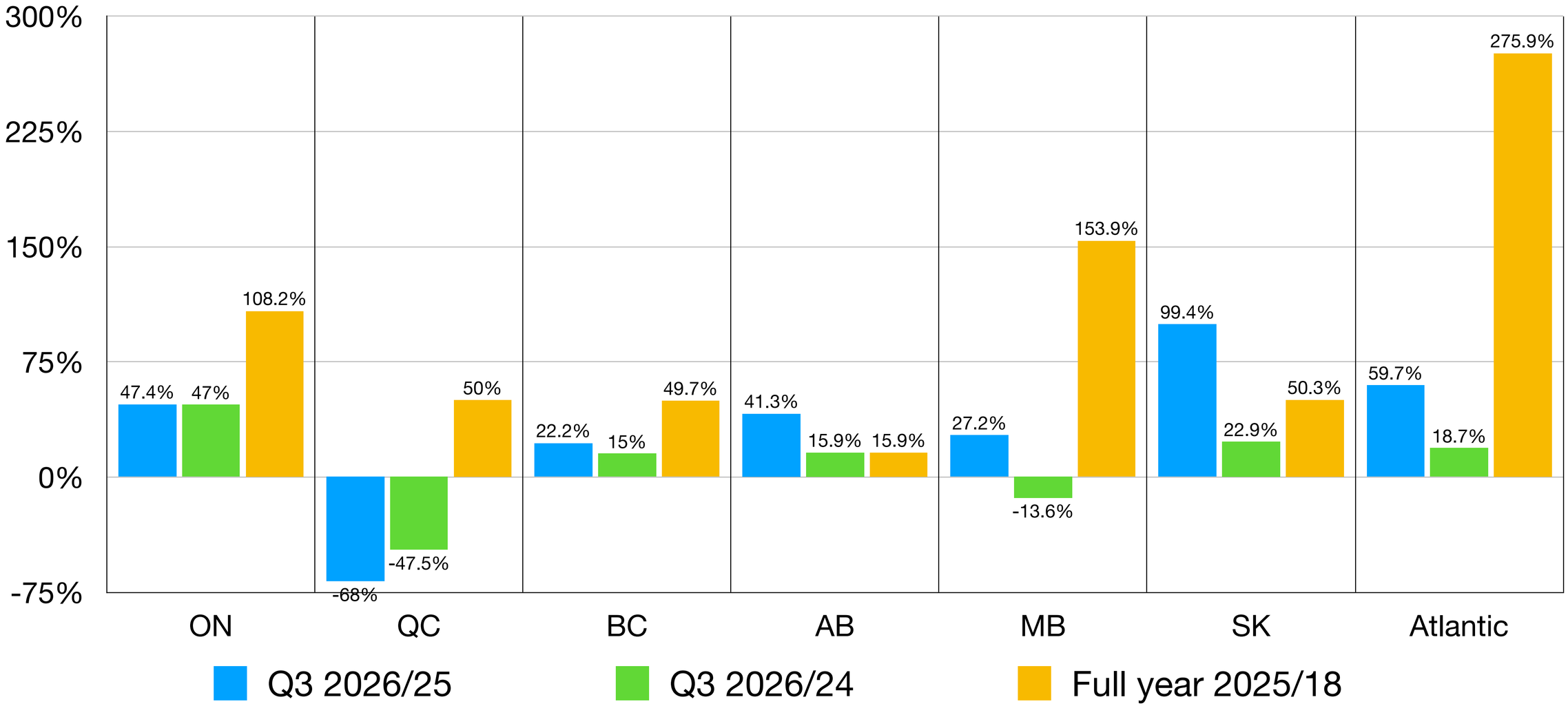
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By Program—2018-26



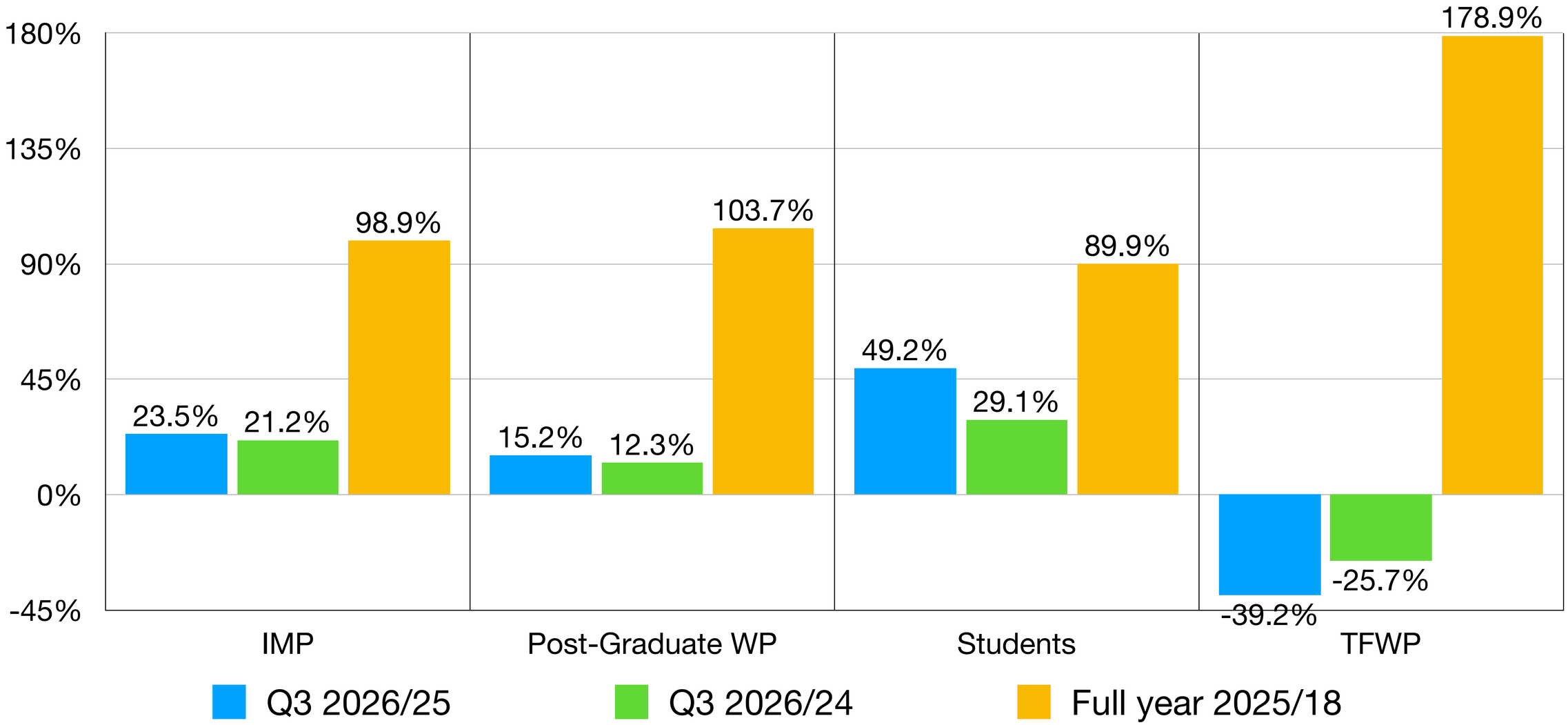
Admissions by Province: TRs to PRs

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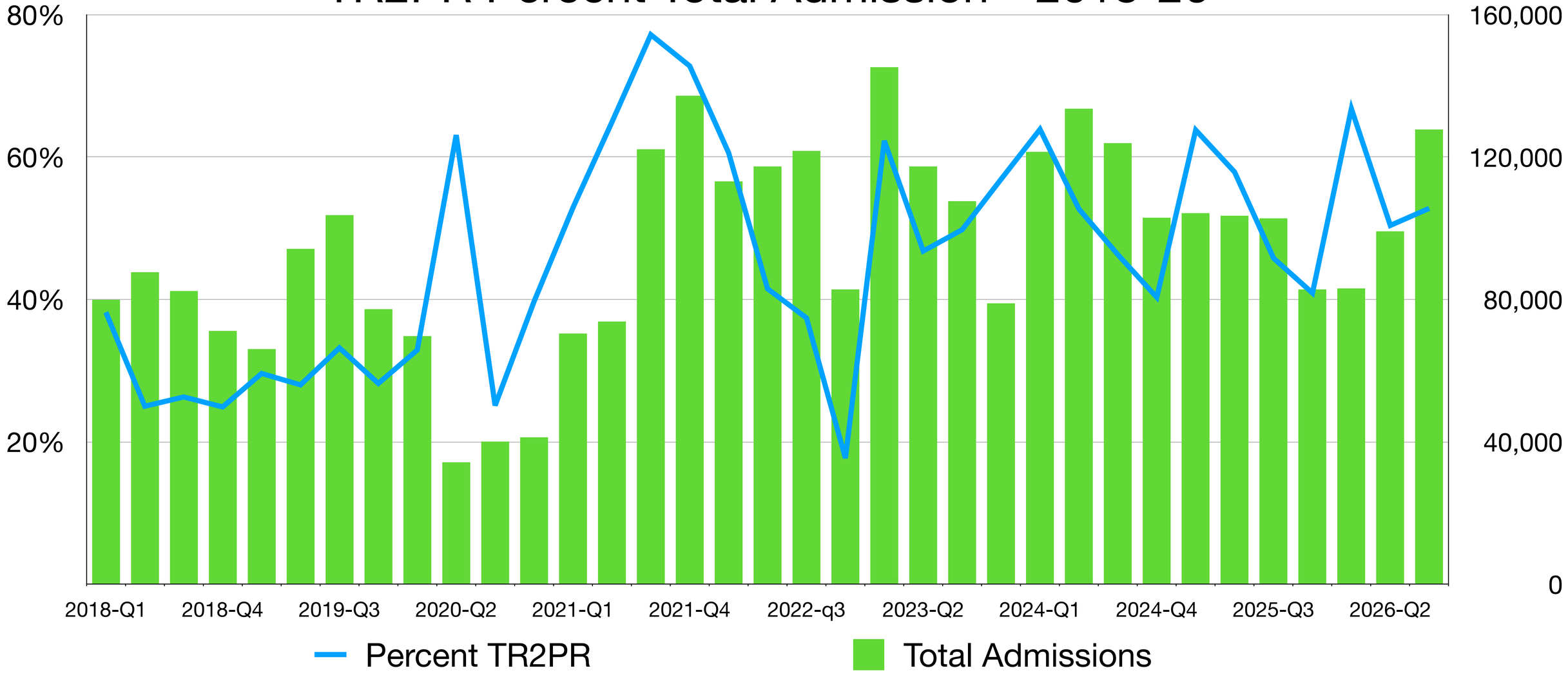
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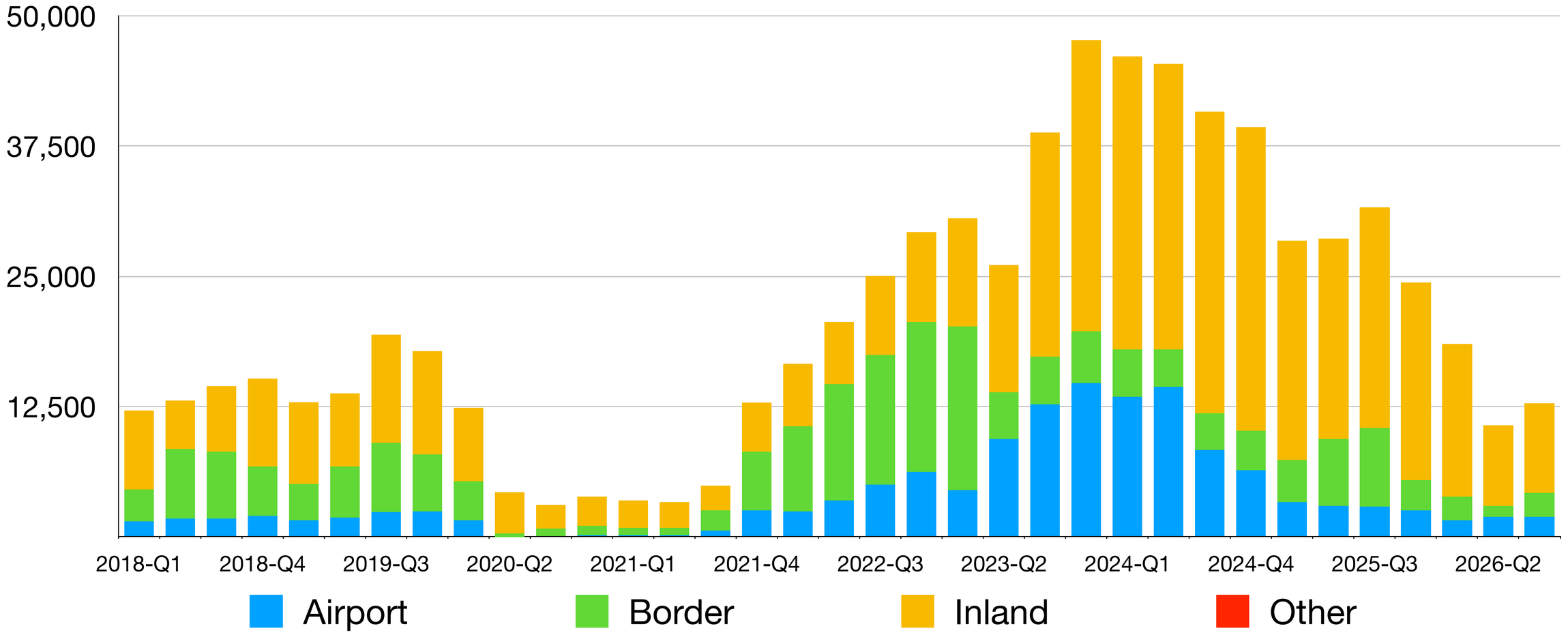
Two-Step Immigration

TR2PR Percent Total Admission—2018-26



Asylum Claimants

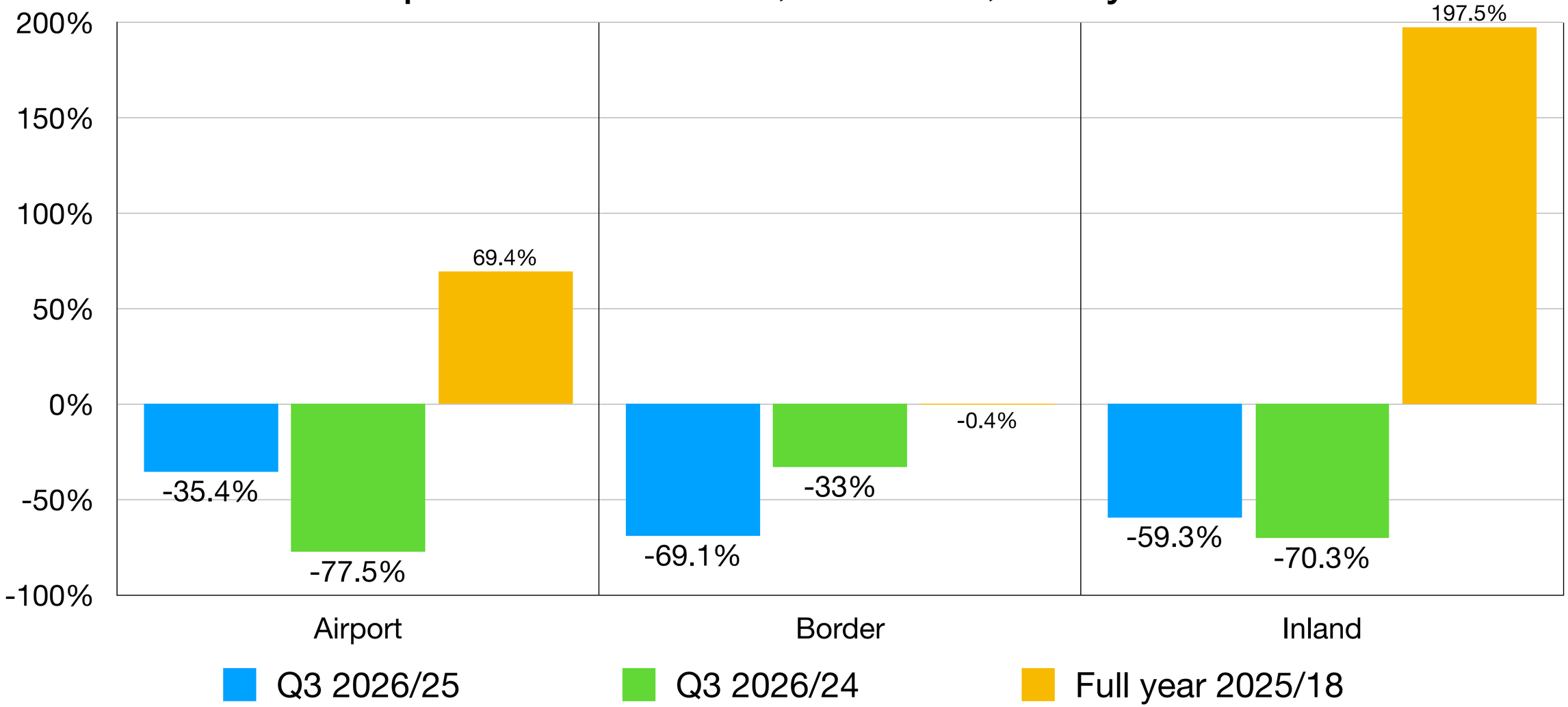
Asylum Claimants: Office Type 2018-26



Note: The “other claim office” surge in Q42022 likely reflected delays in classification, most of these were likely Inland

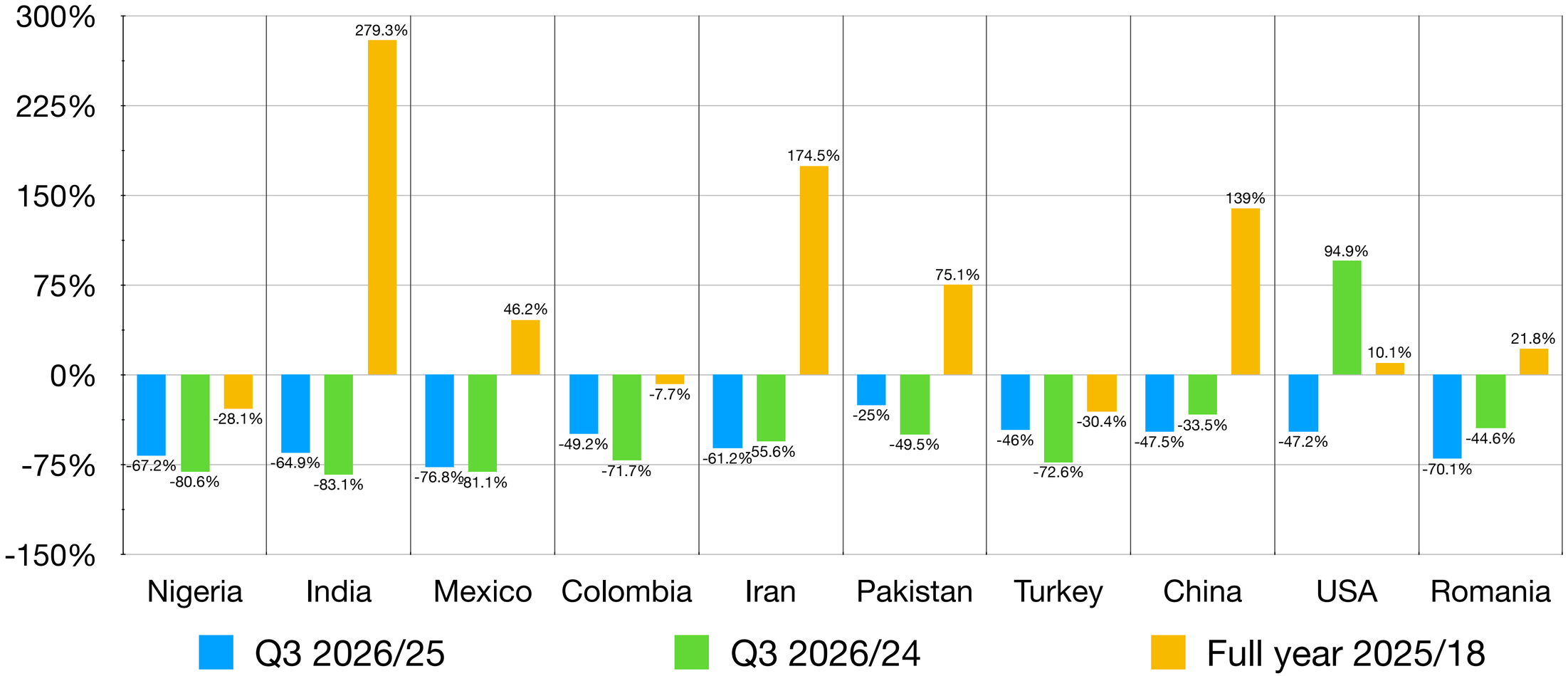
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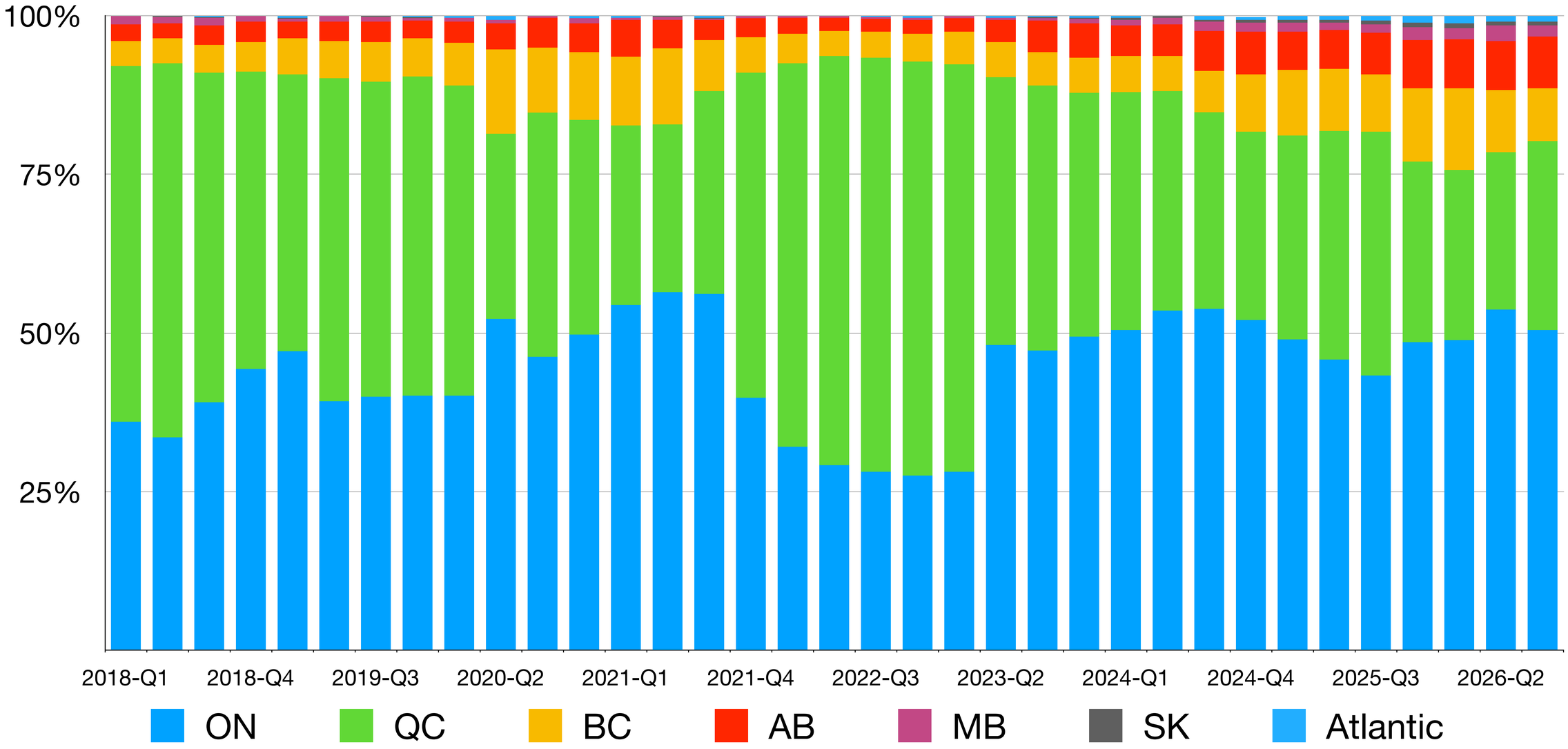


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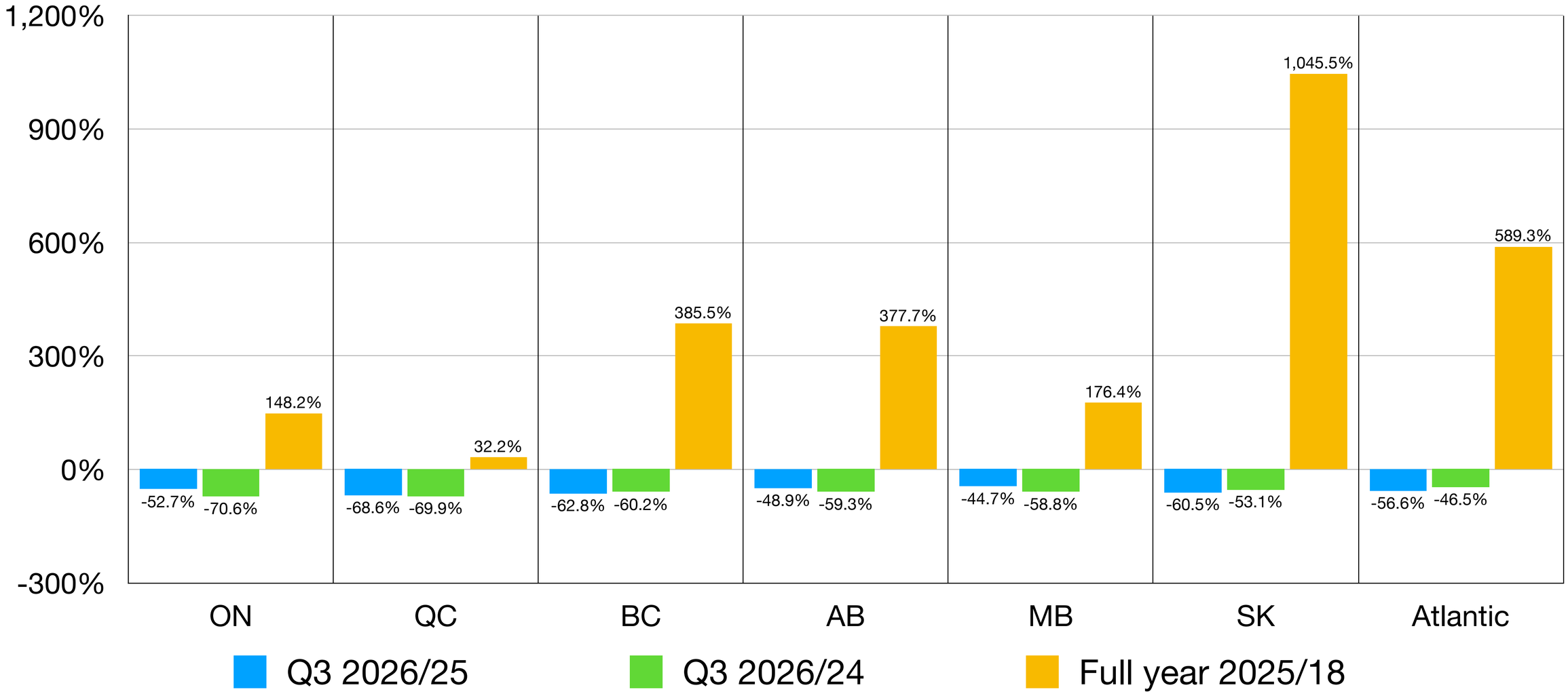


Asylum Claimants: Provinces 2018-26



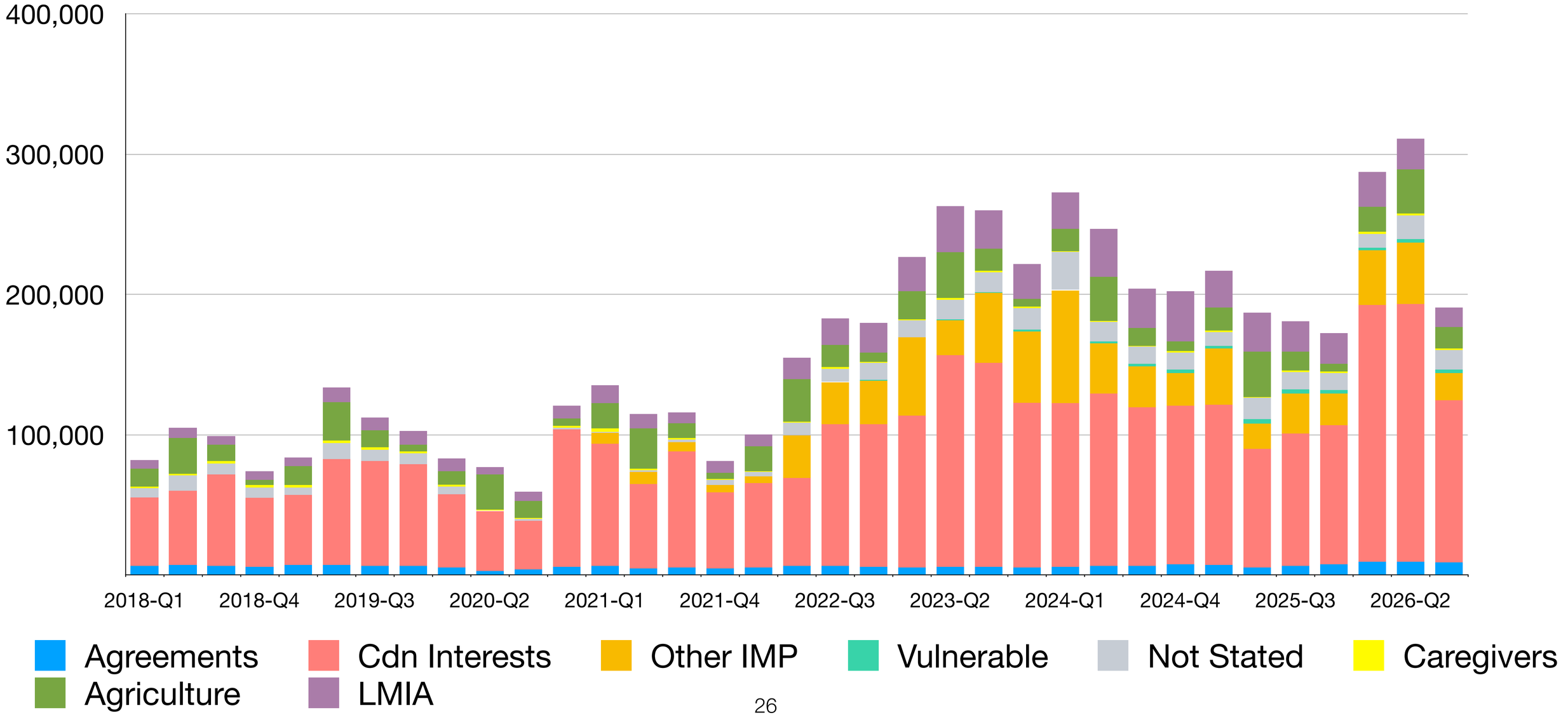
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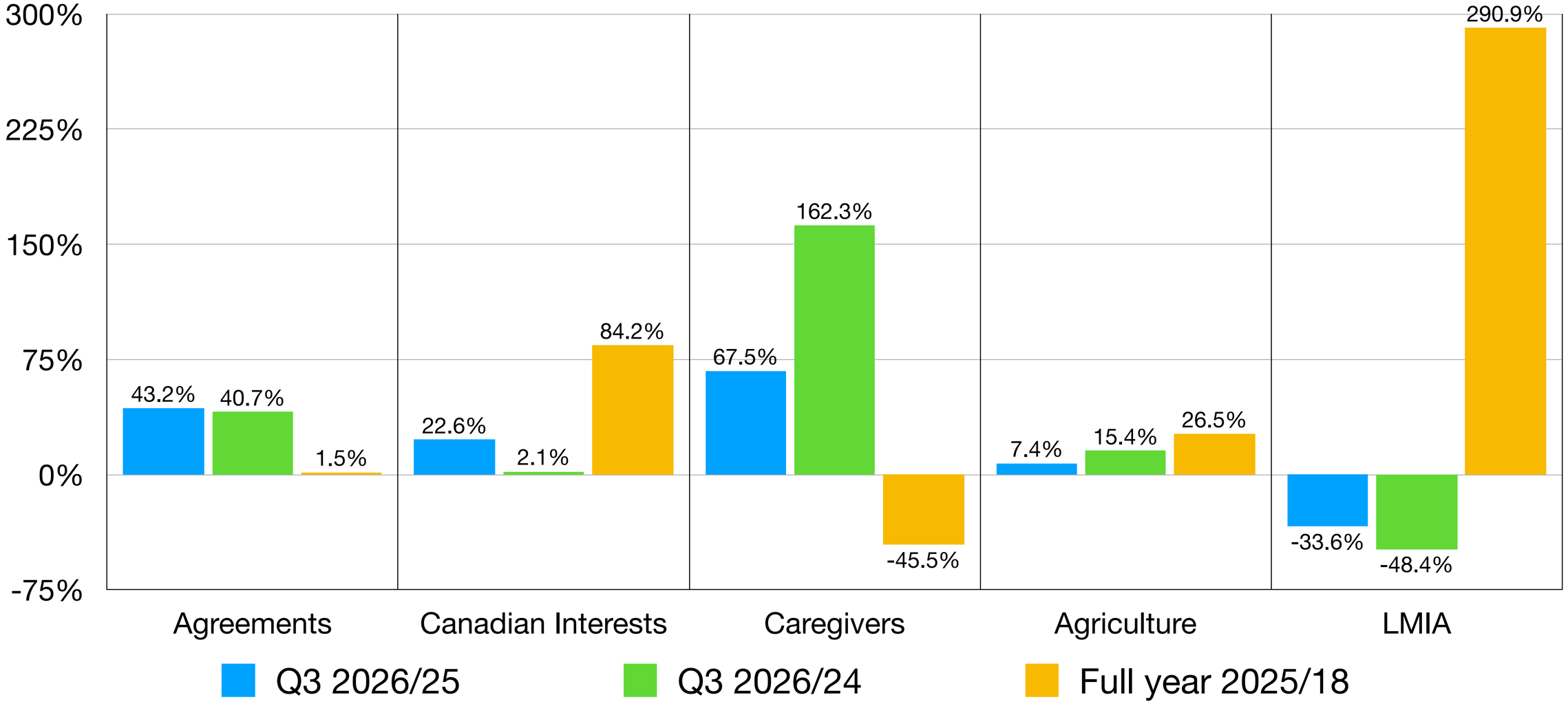
Temporary Residents

IMP & TFWP Work Permit Holders—2018-26

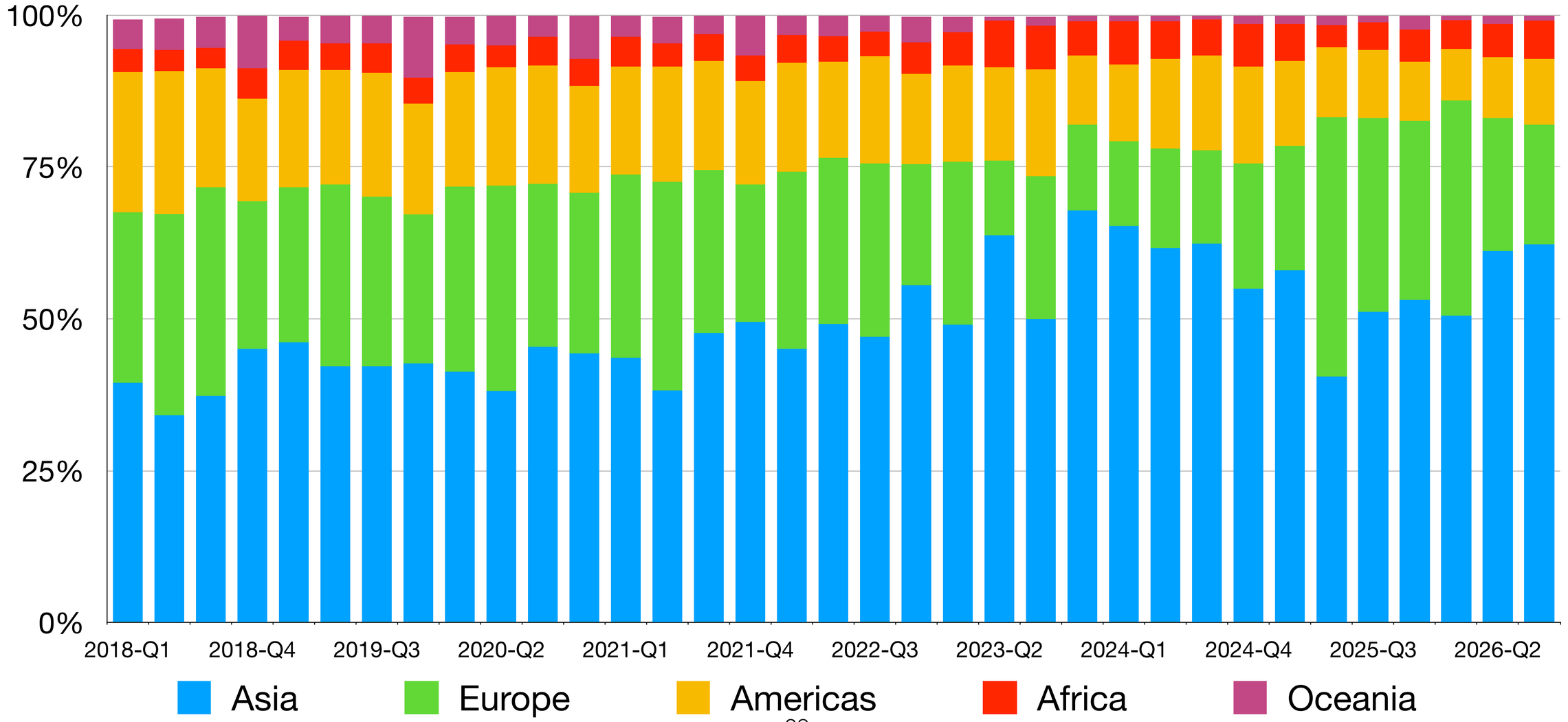


Temporary Residents by Program Canada

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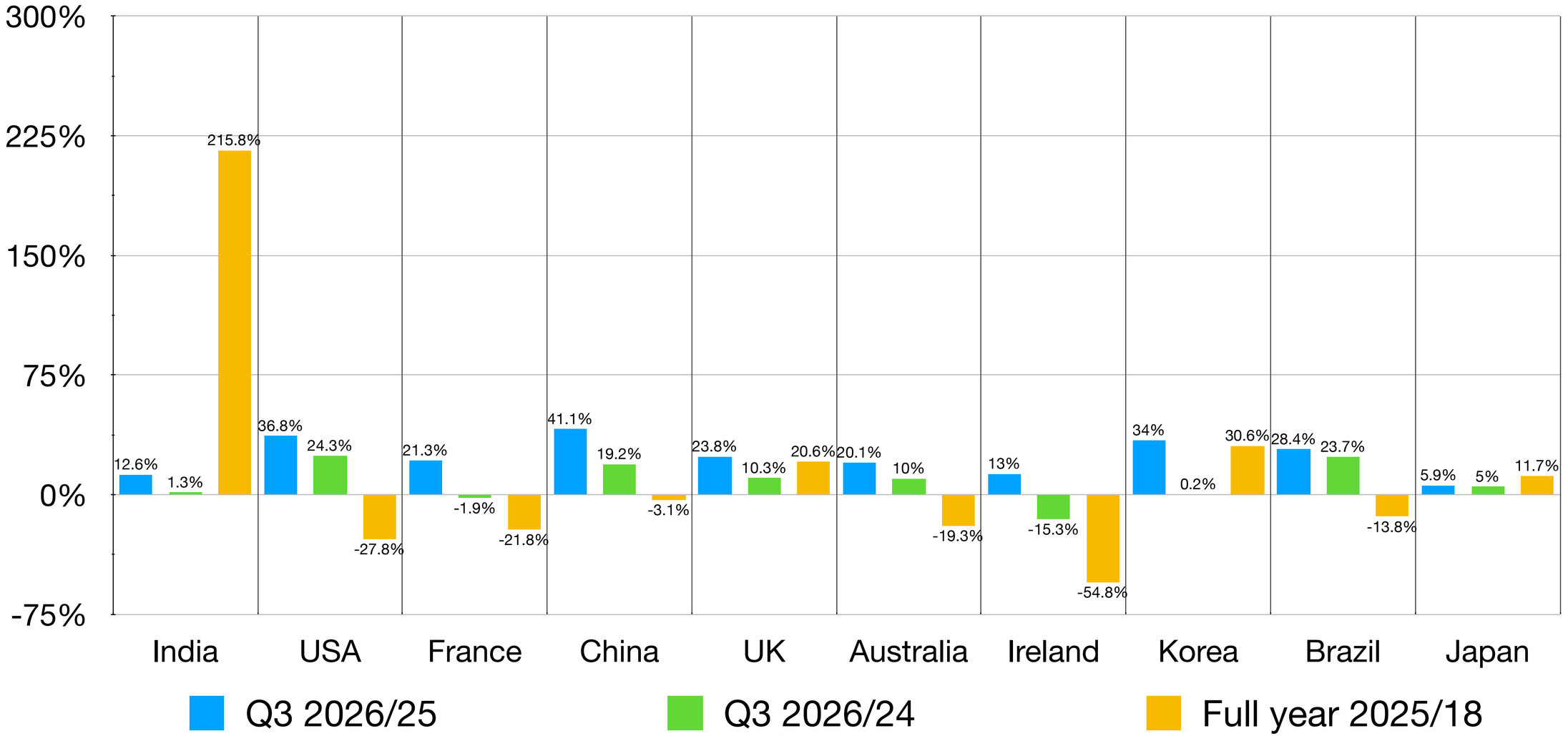


IMP by Region of Citizenship—2018-26



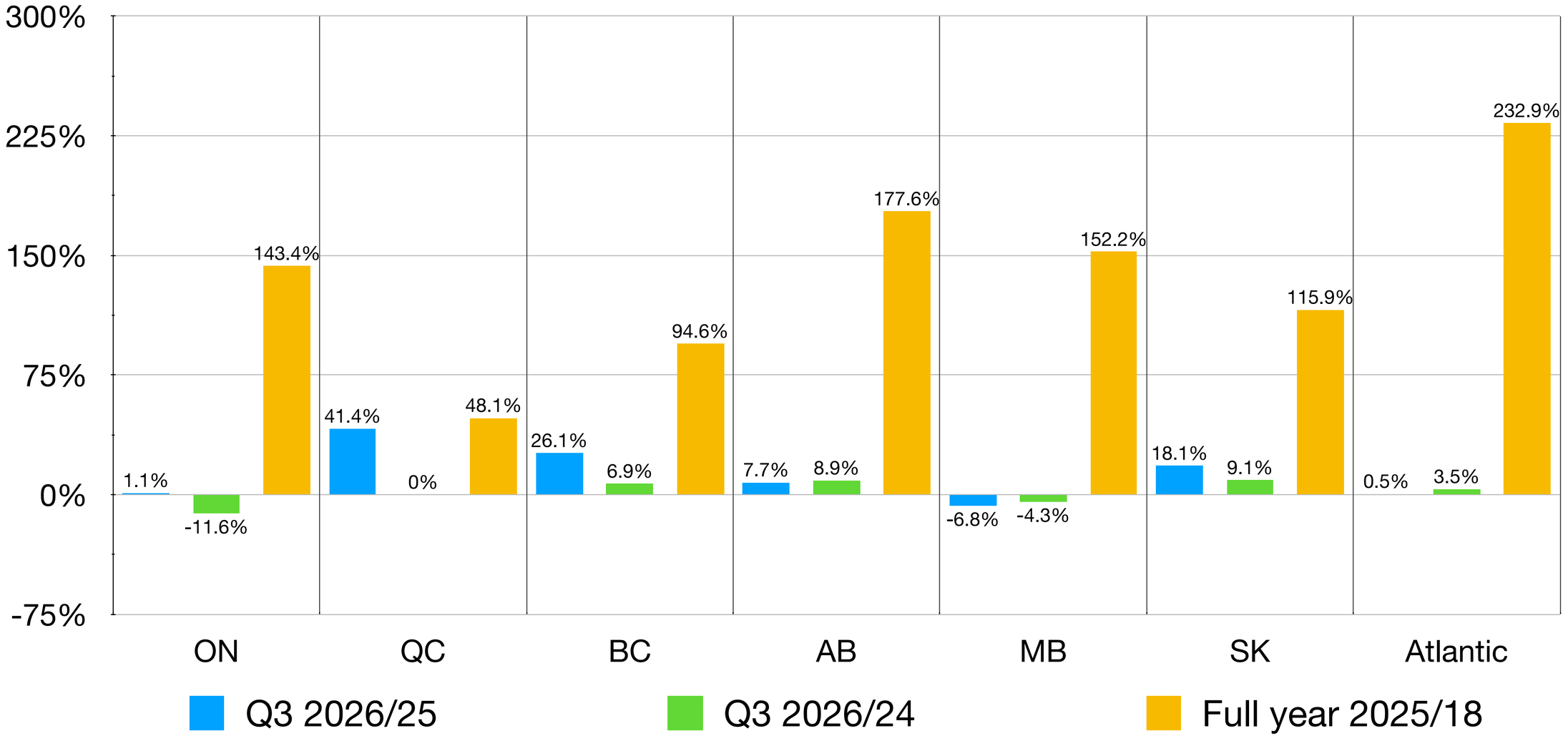
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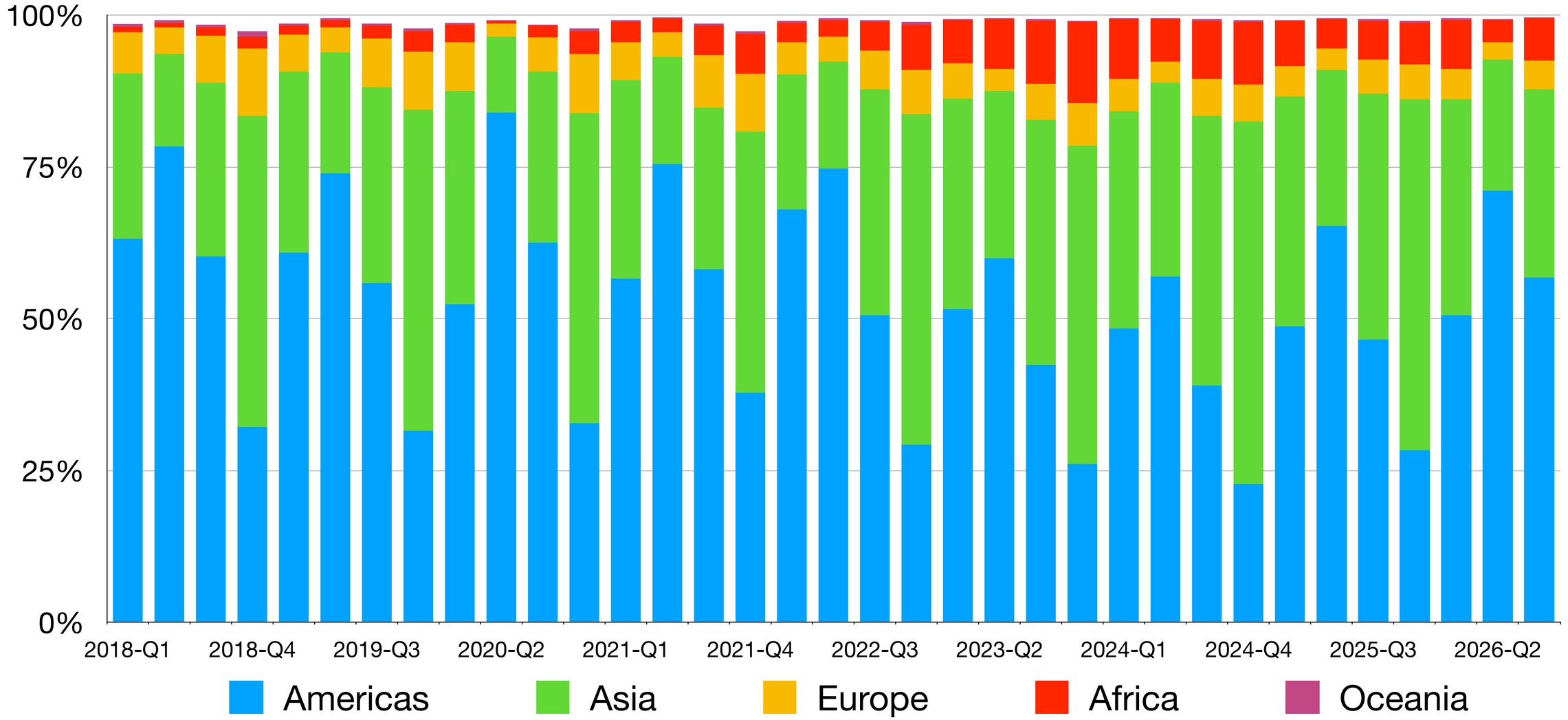


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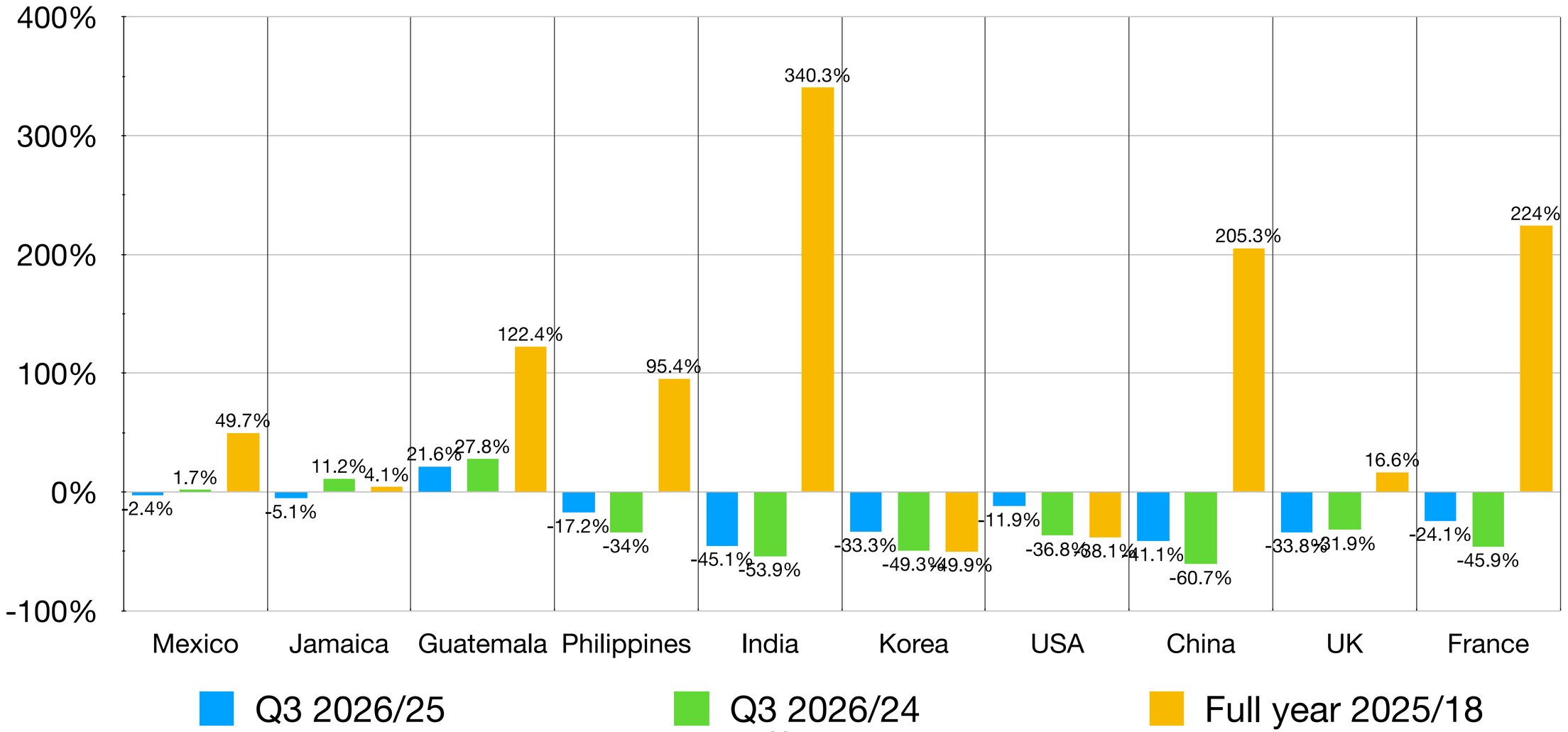


TFWP by Region of Citizenship—2018-26



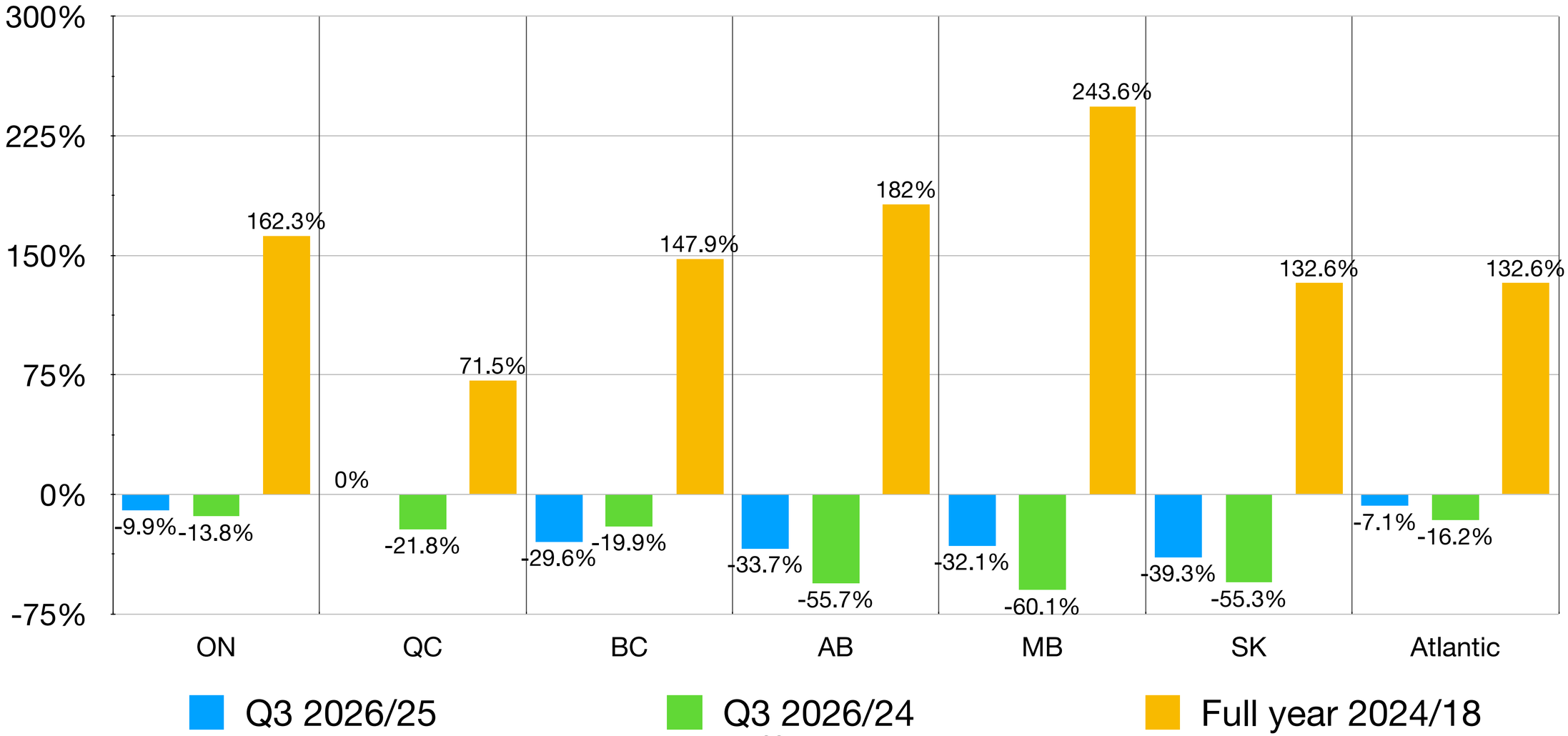
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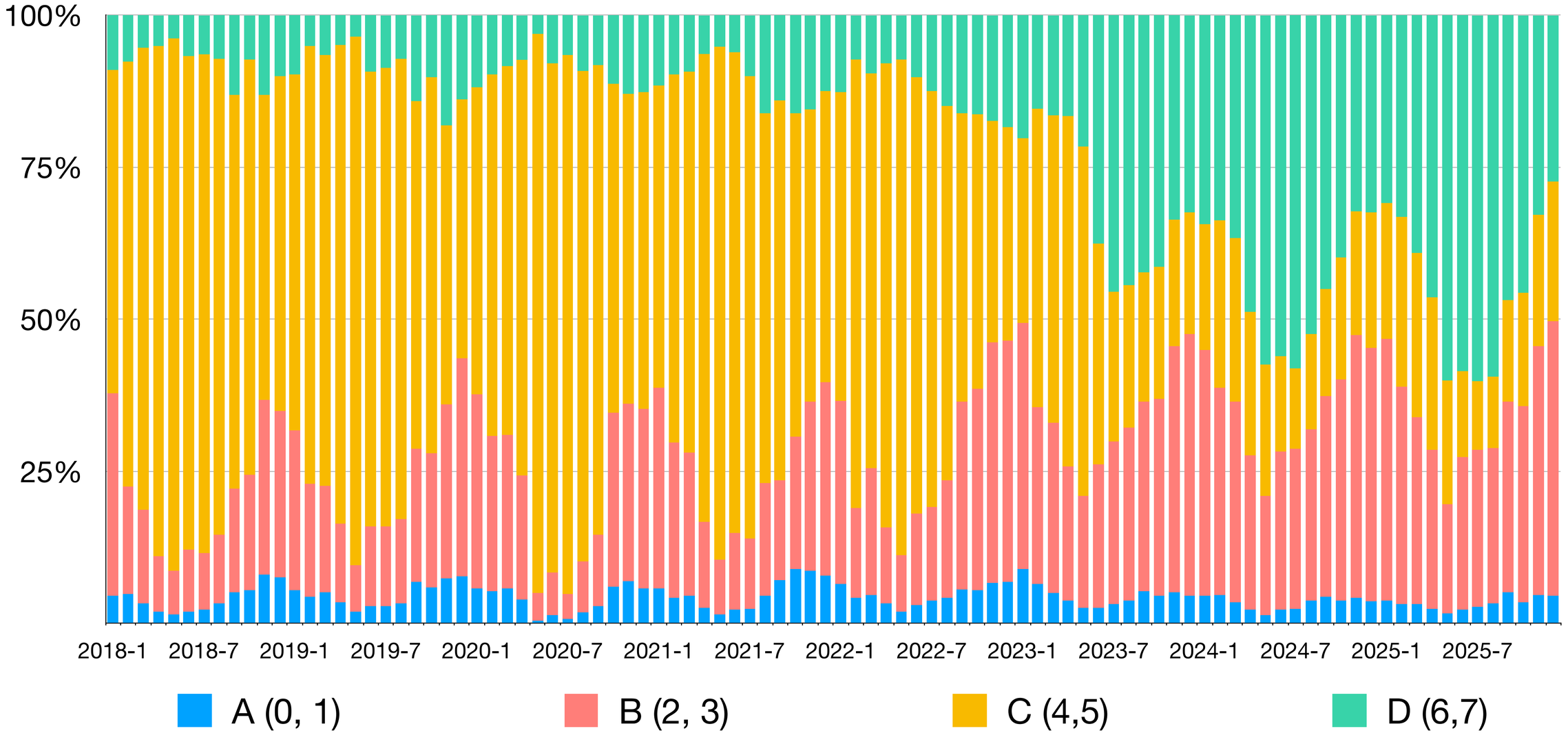
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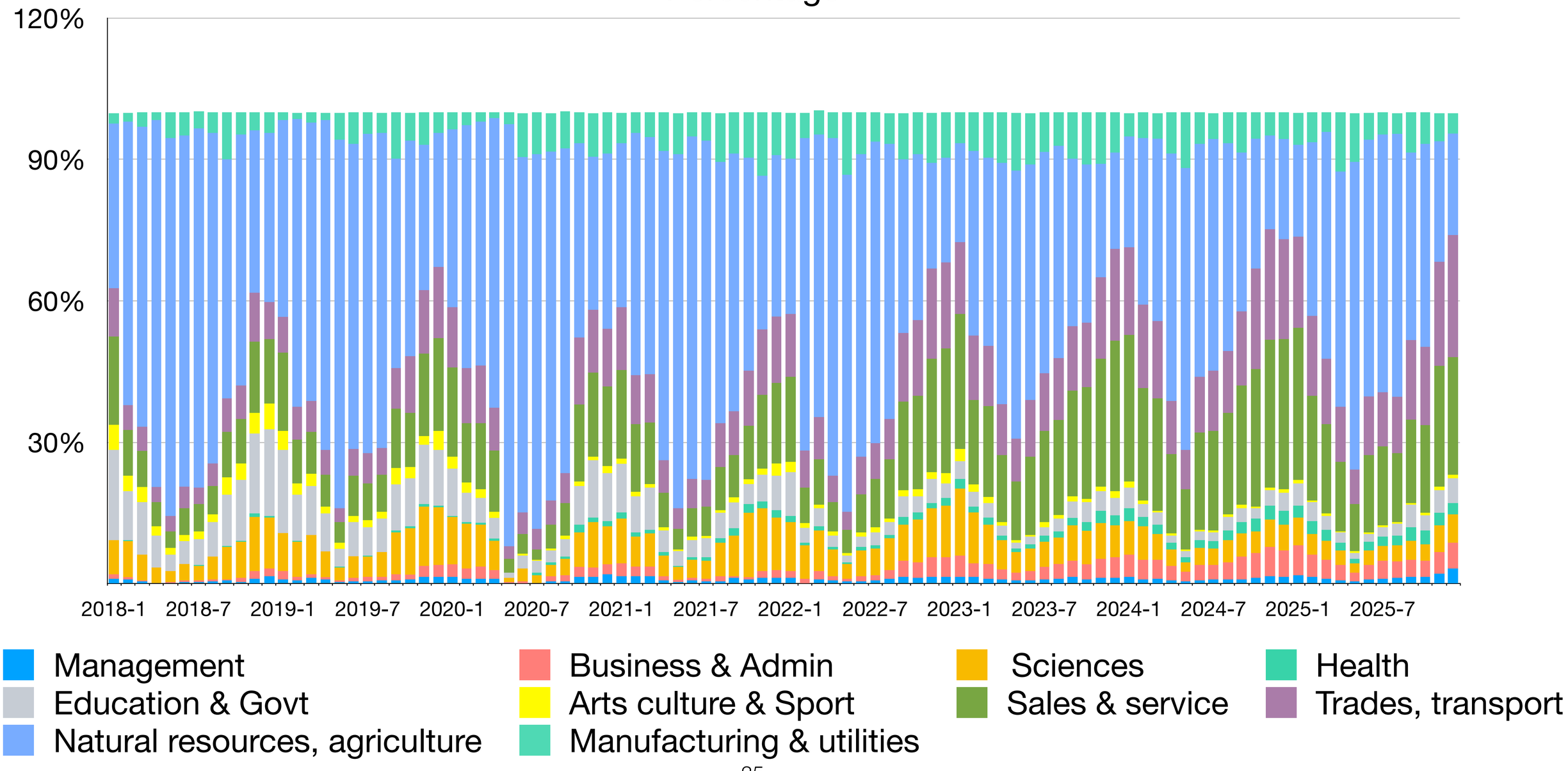


TFWP by NOC Level—2018-25

Overall shift to lower skilled

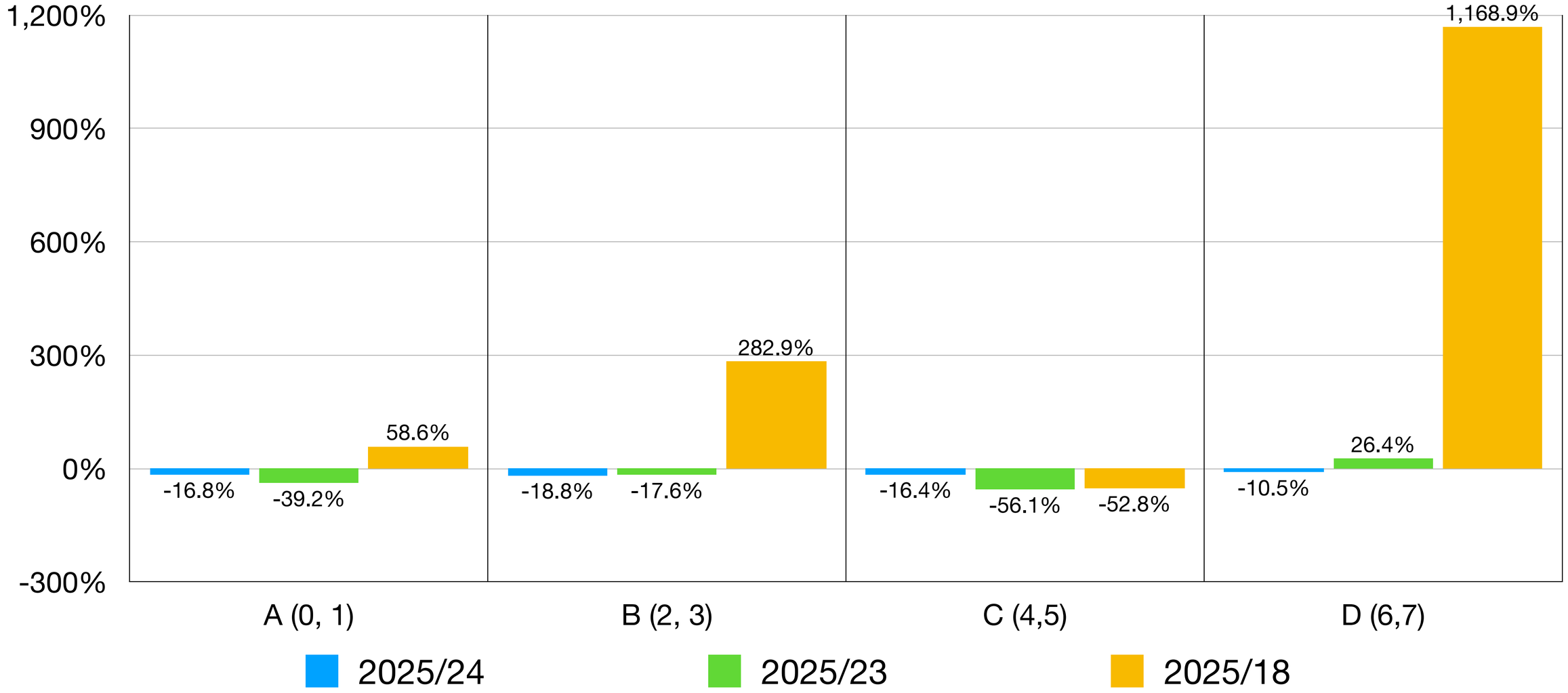


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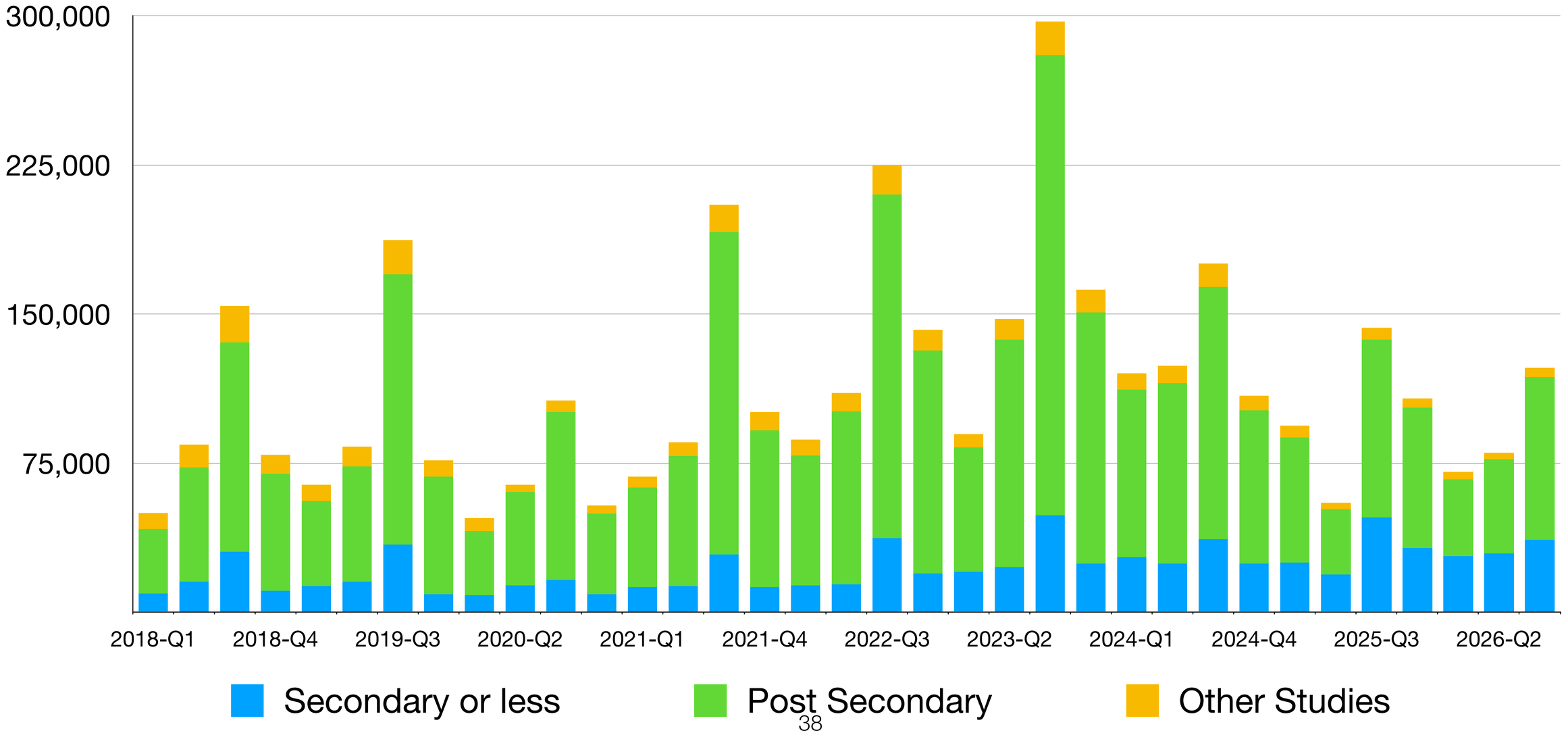
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Full-Year Comparisons: 2025/24, 2025/23, 2025/18



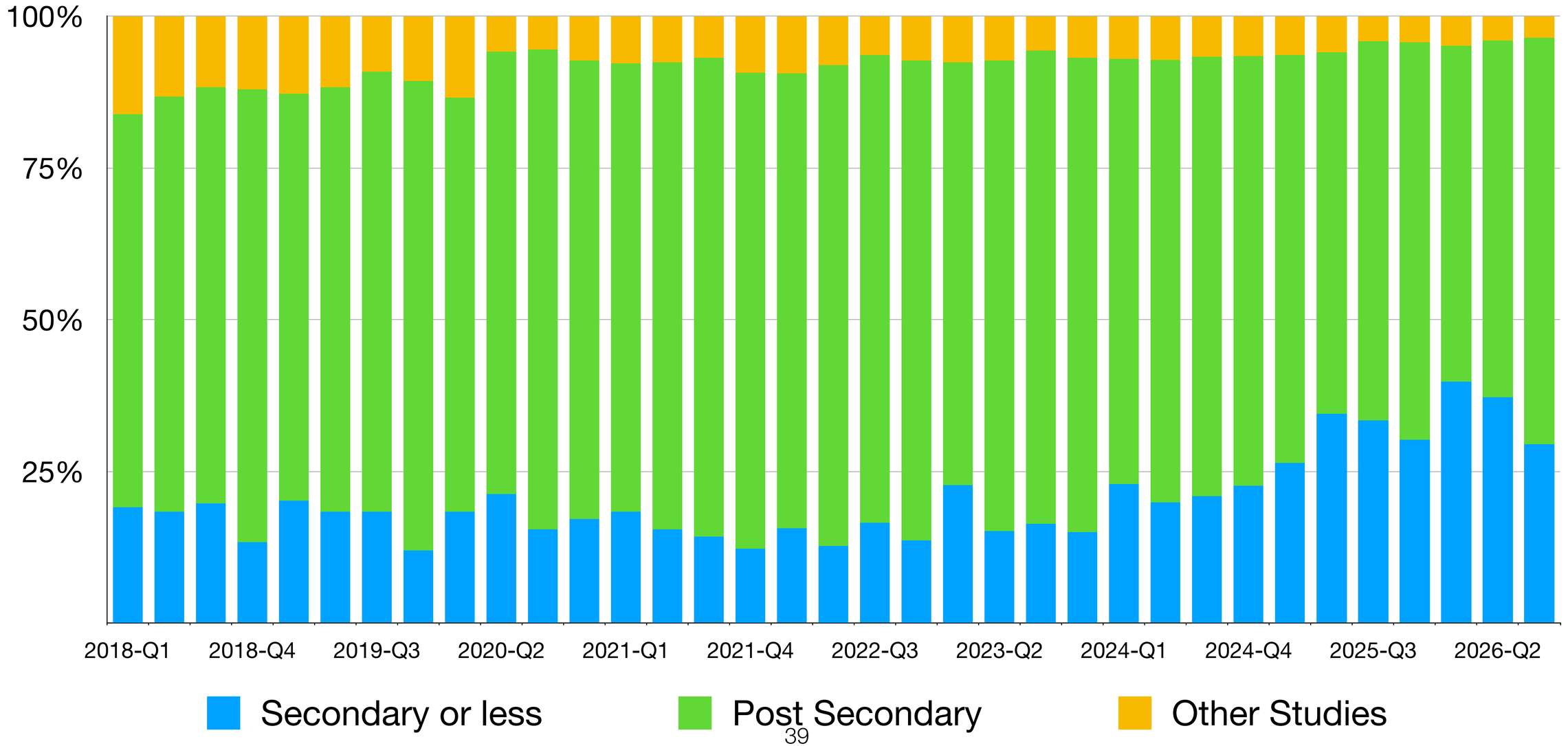
Study Permits

Study Permit Holders—By Level—2018-26



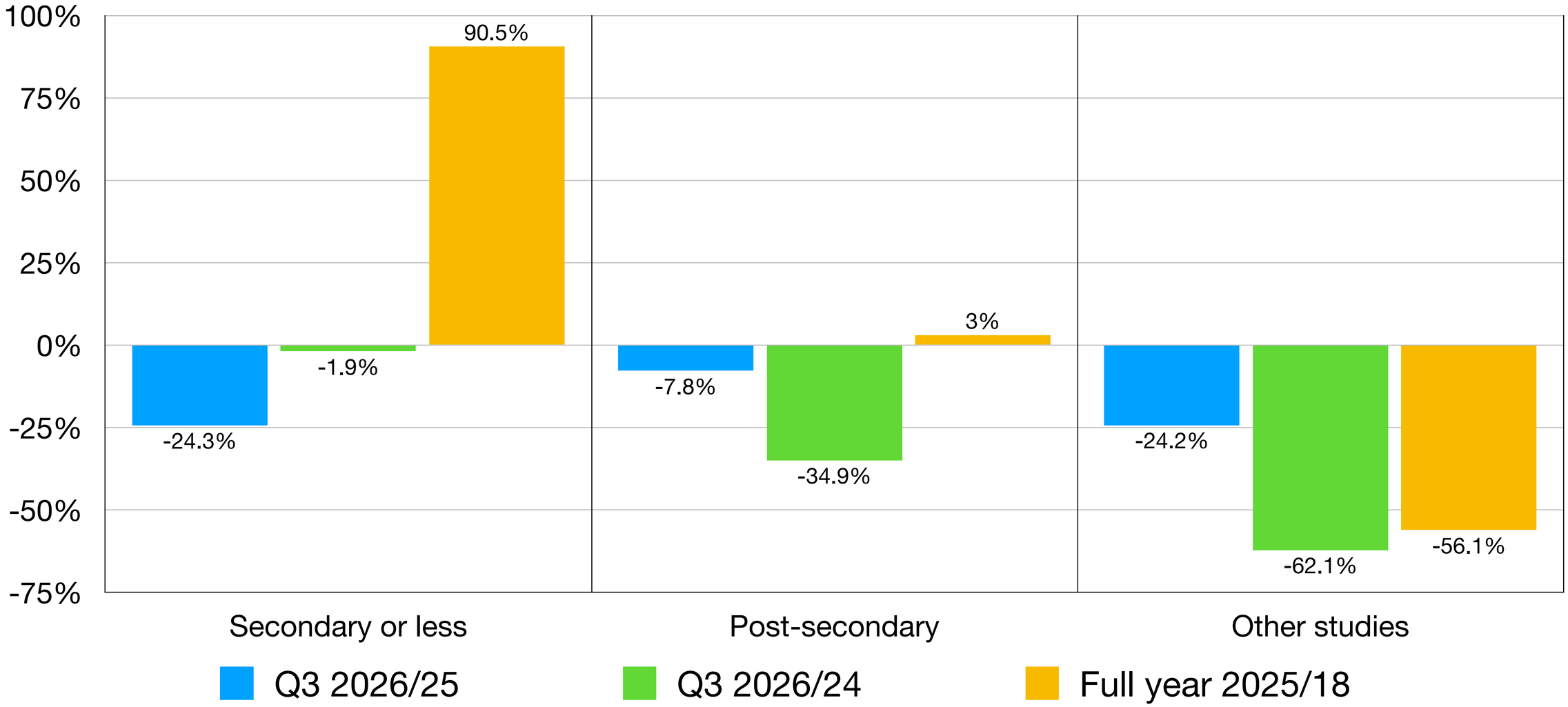
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Percentage showing increase secondary or less

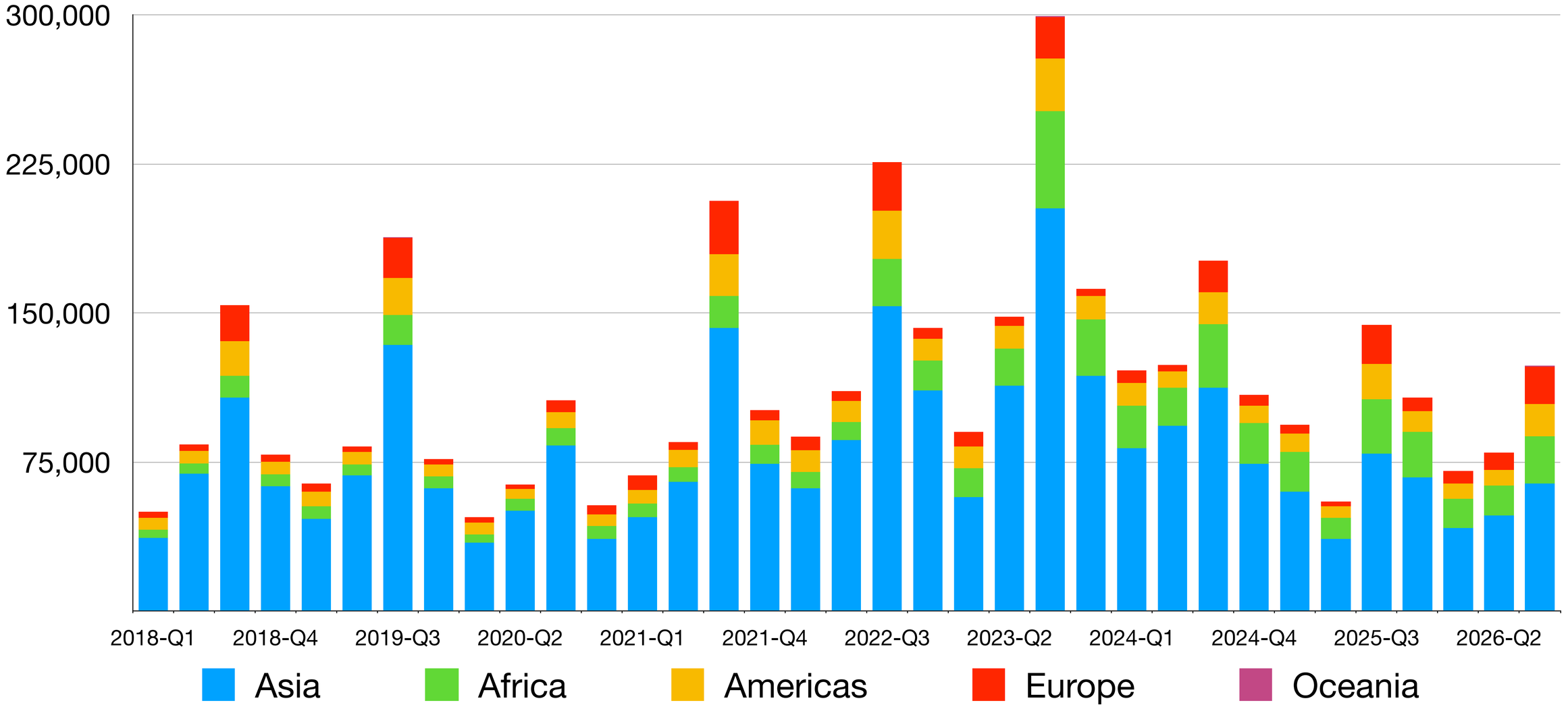


Students by Level

Q3 Comparison: 2026/25, 2026/24, Full year 2025/18



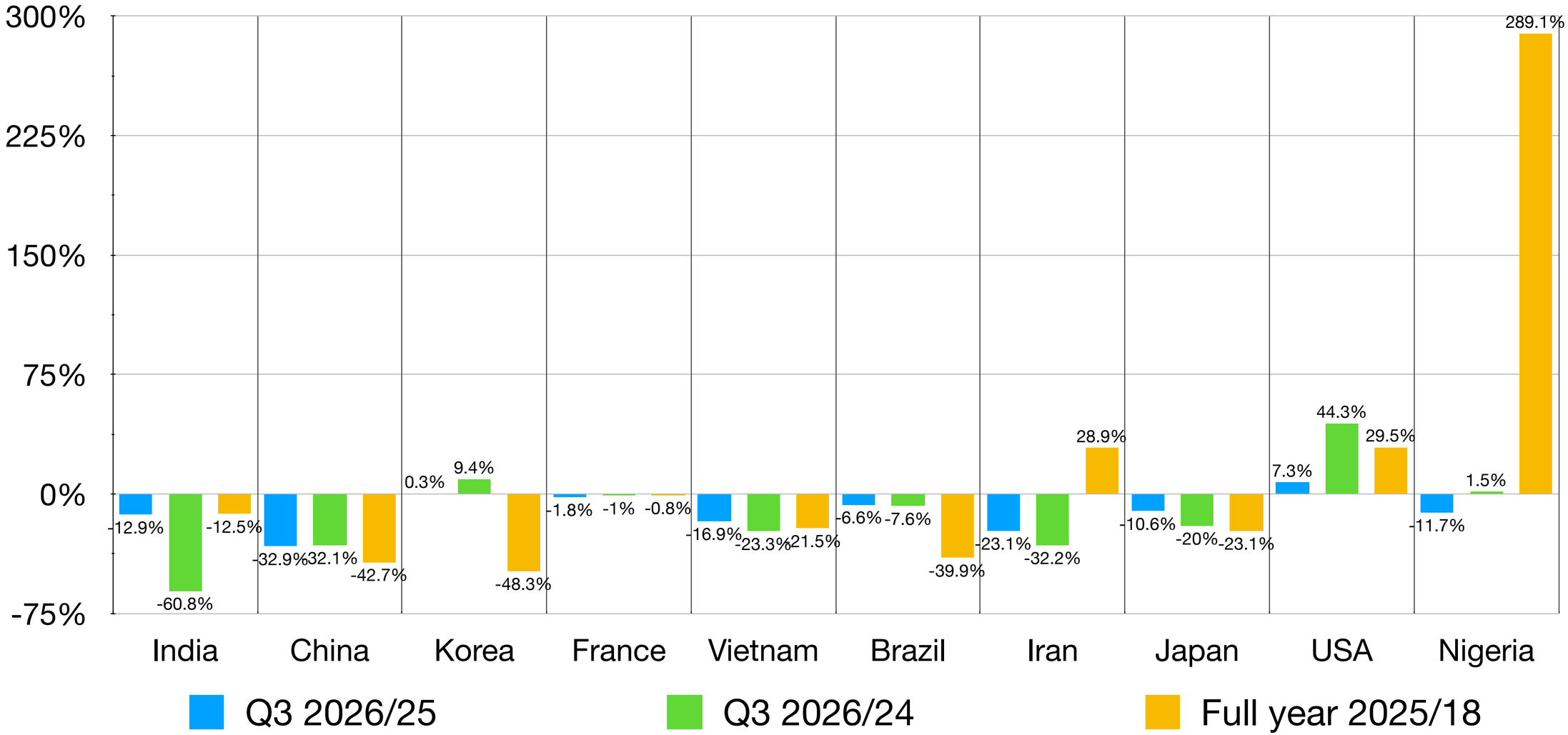
Study Permit Applications—By Region—2018-26



Study Permit Holders by Citizenship

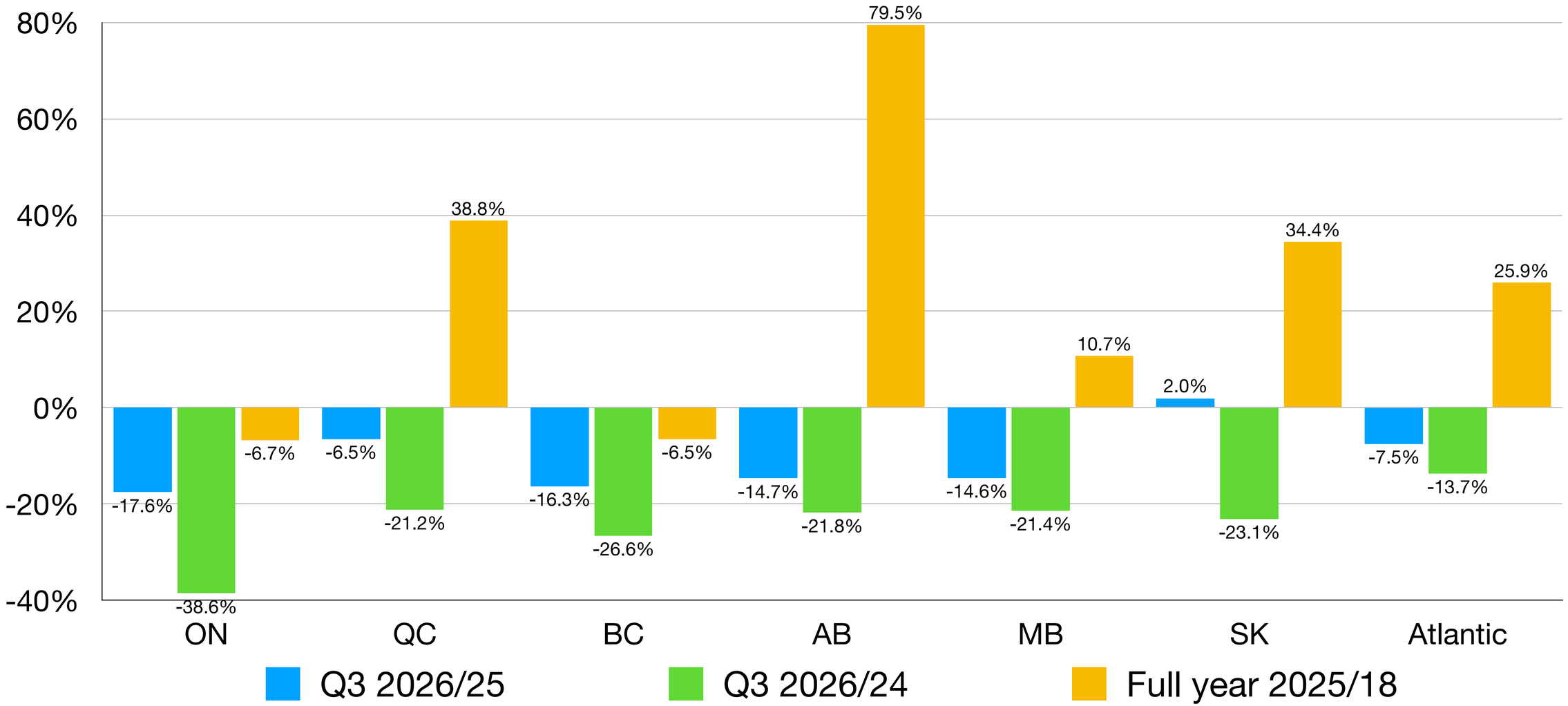
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Top 10 Countries — Ordered by Number of Permits, 2018 base year



Study Permit Holders by Province

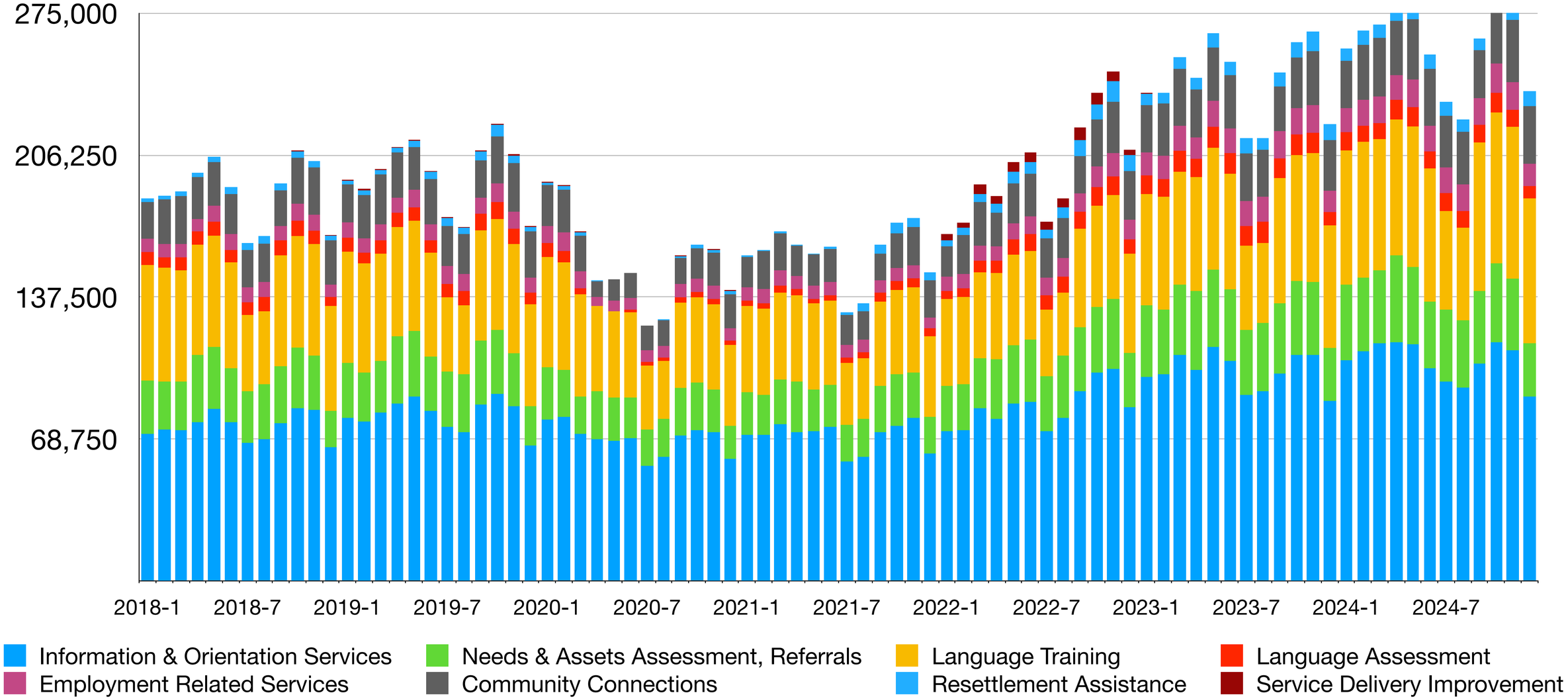
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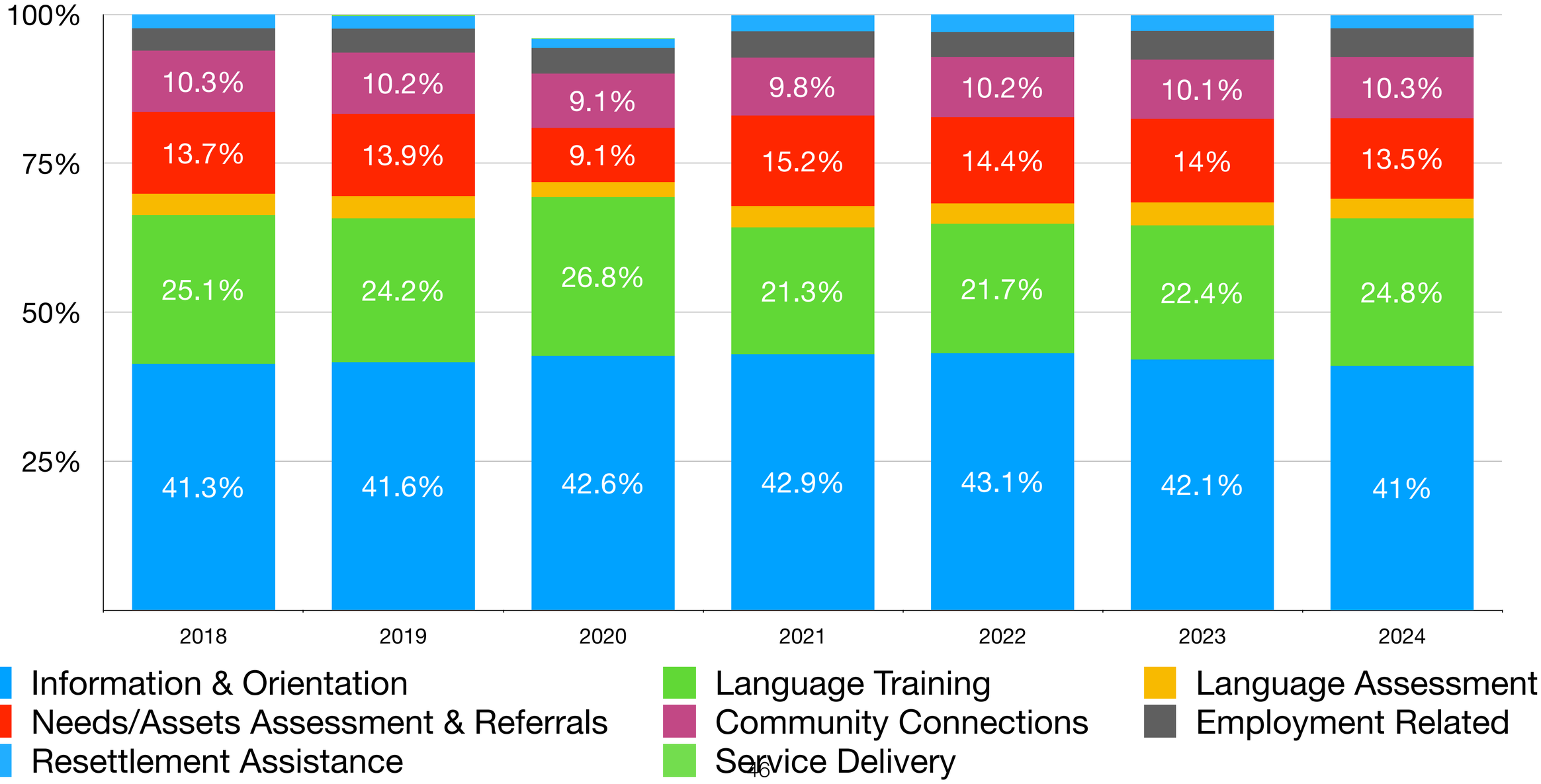
Settlement Services

Settlement—By Service—2018-24

Pre-Arrival and In Canada Services

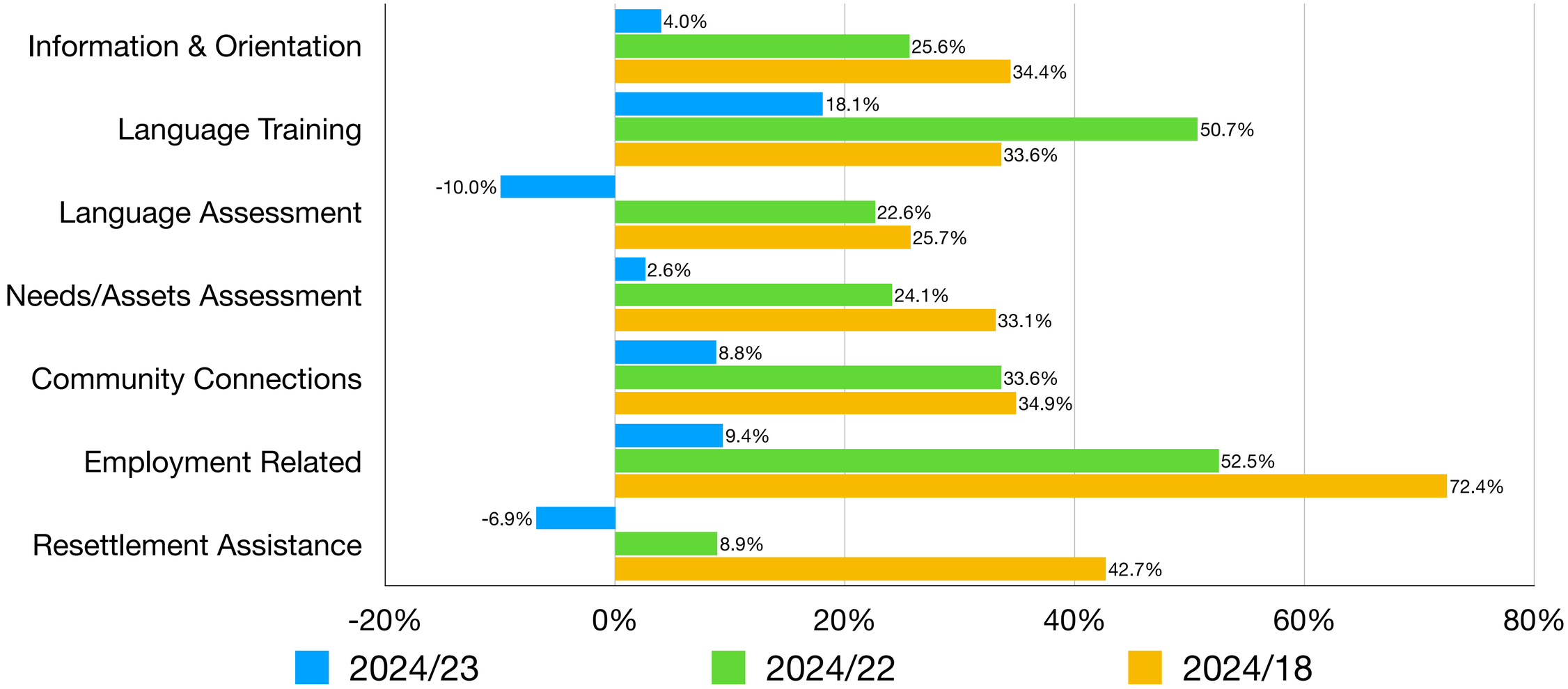


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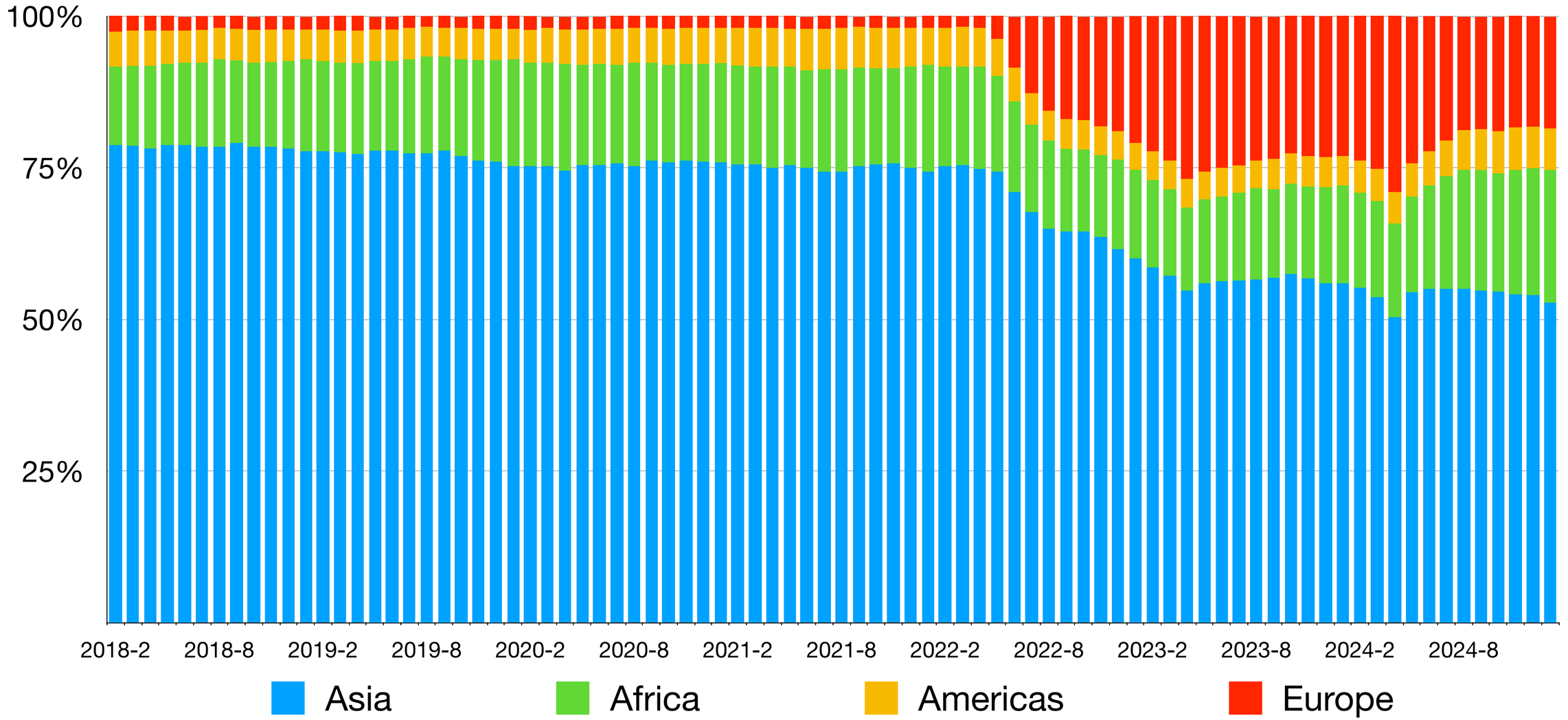
Settlement Services

Annual Comparisons: 2024/23, 2024/22, Full year 2024/18



Settlement Services—By Region—2022-24

Top 25 Countries

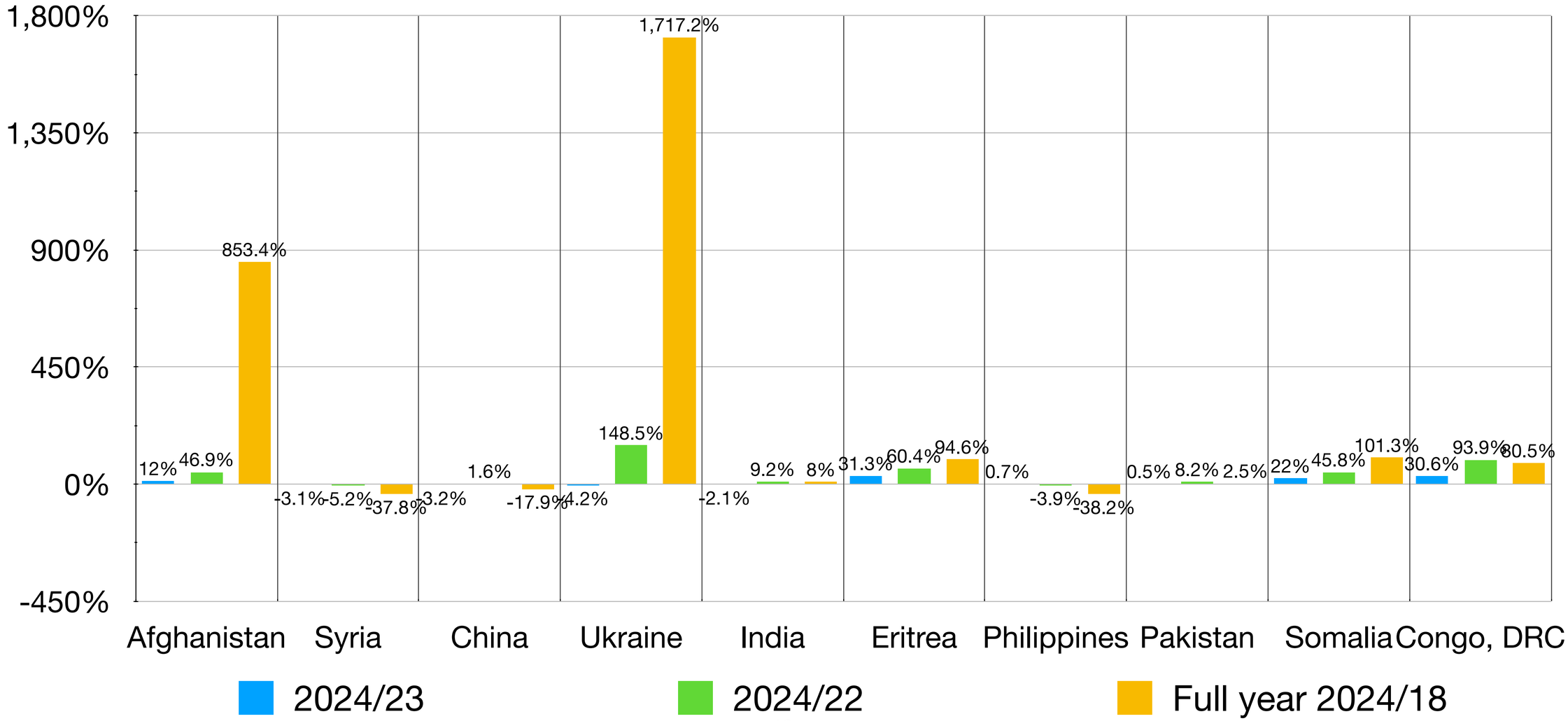


Ukraine accounts for the sharp increase in Europe

Settlement Services by Citizenship

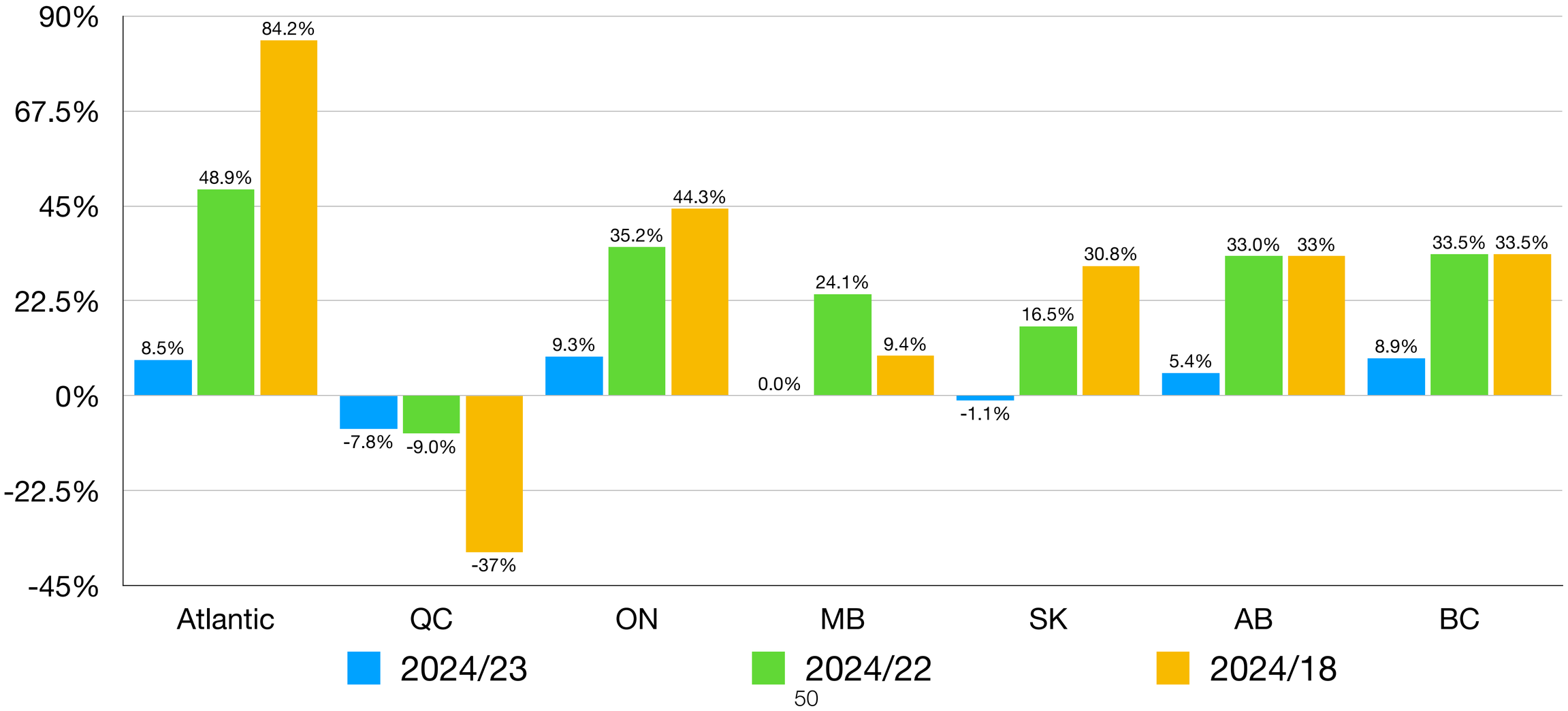
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Top 10 2028-24



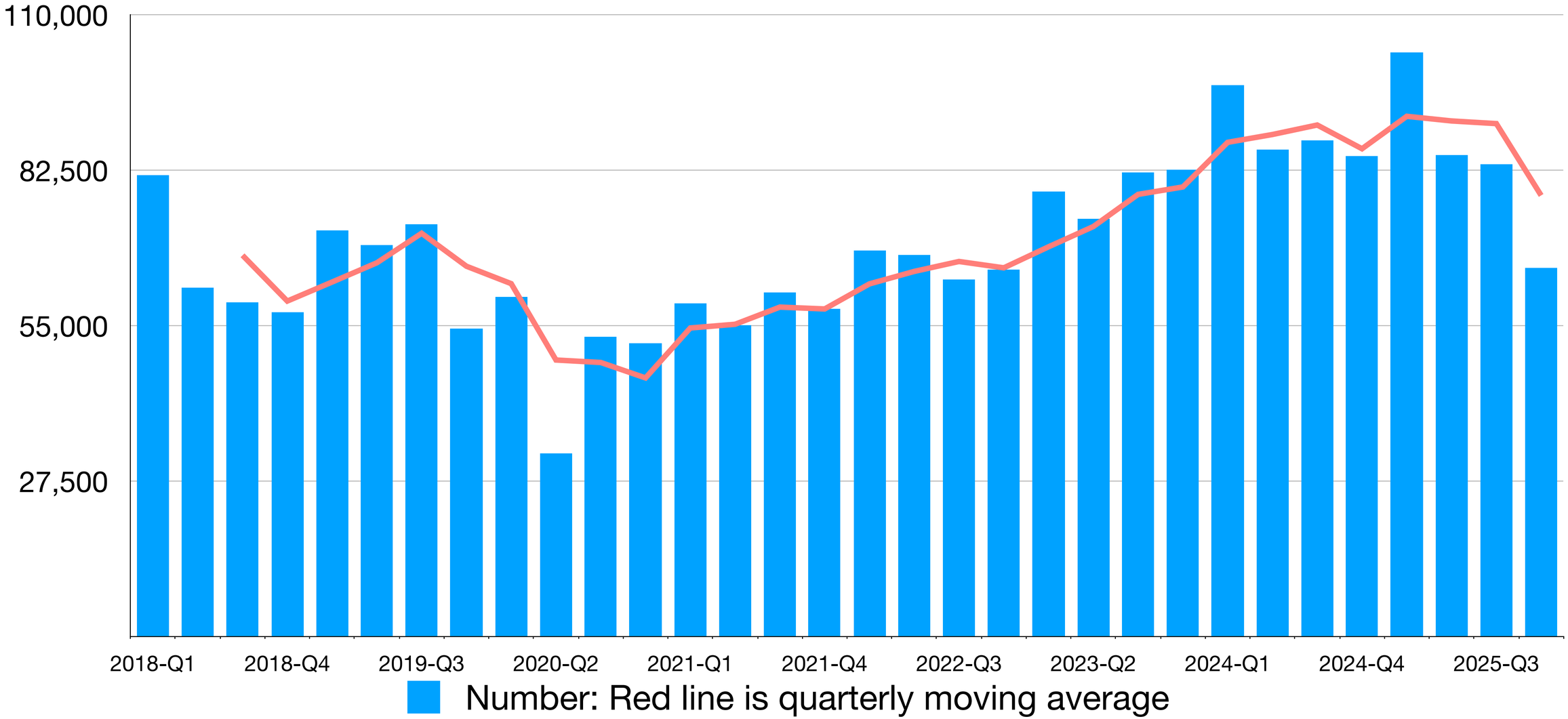
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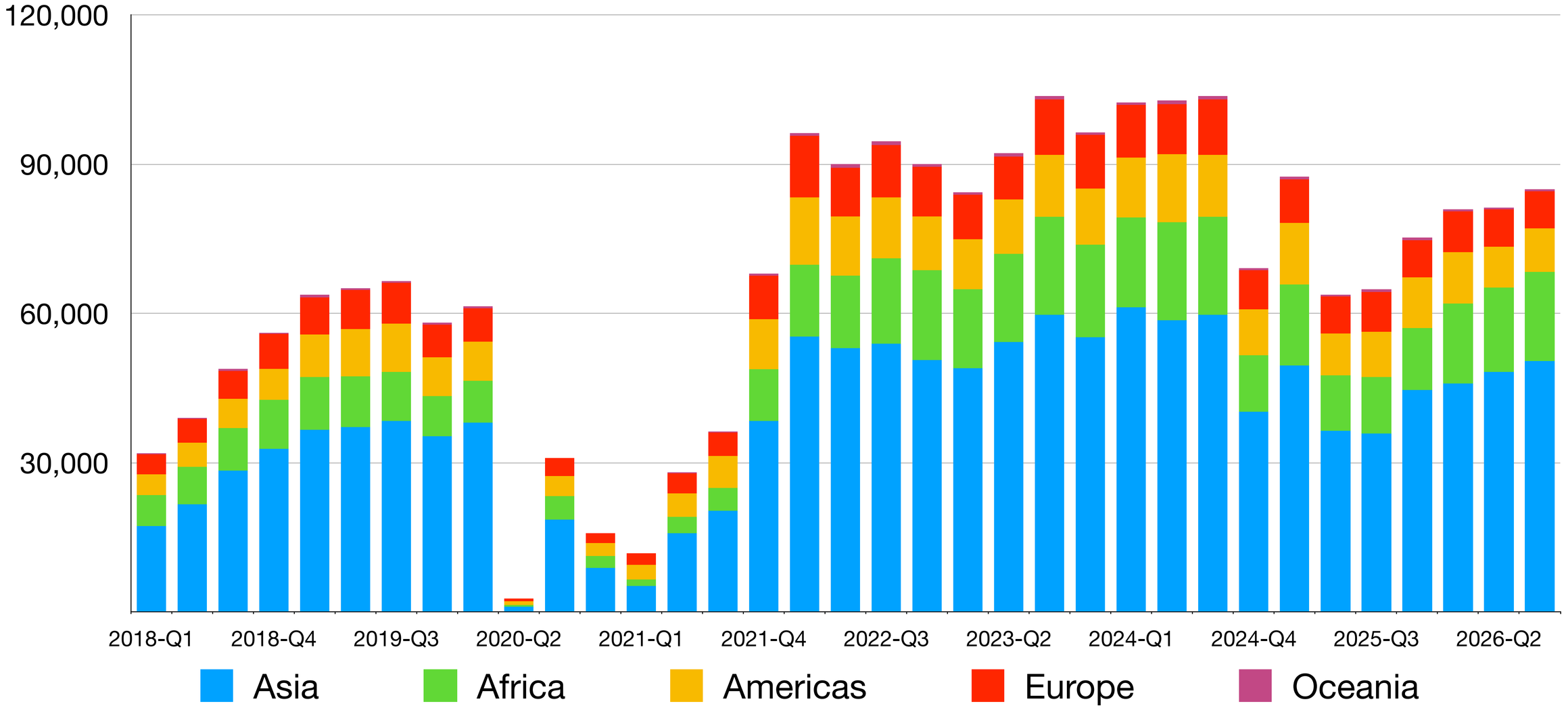
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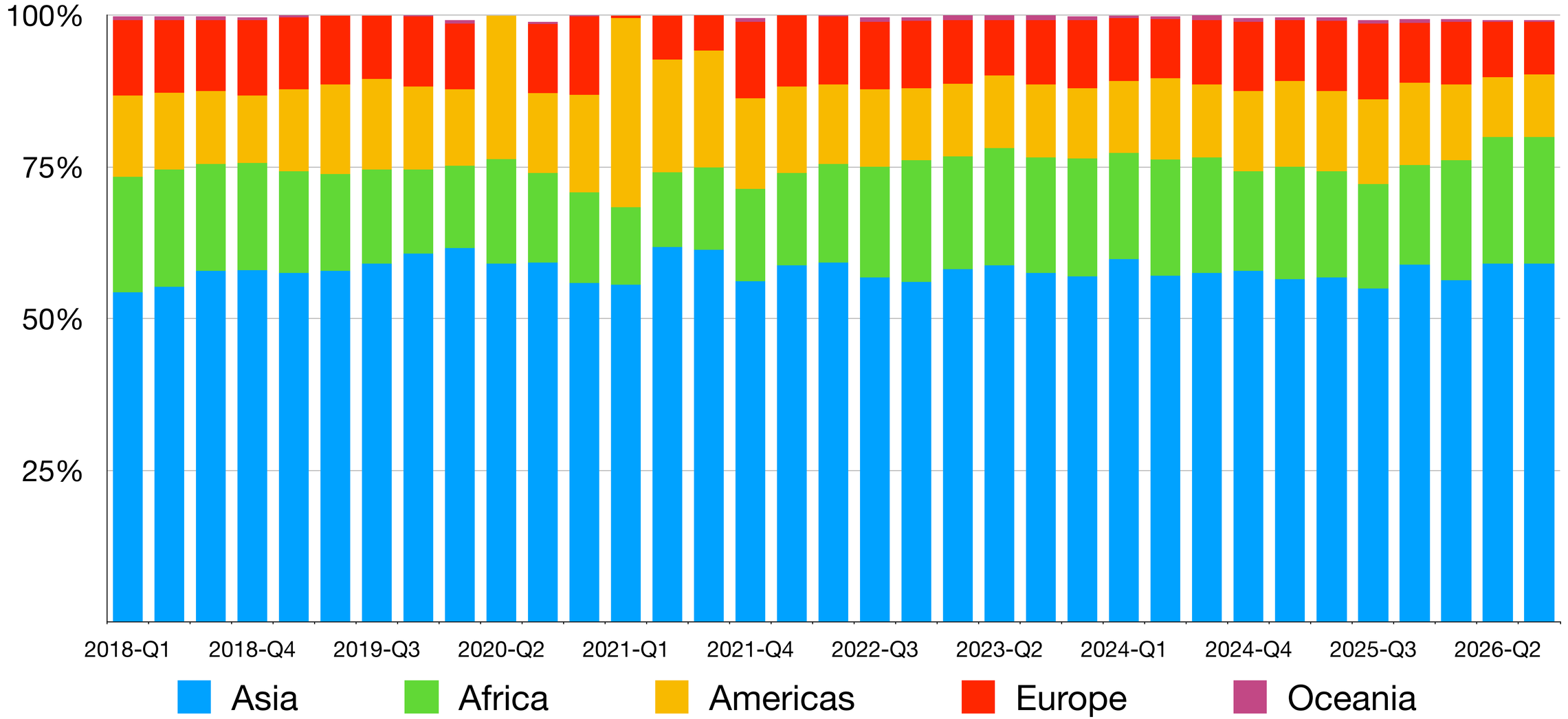
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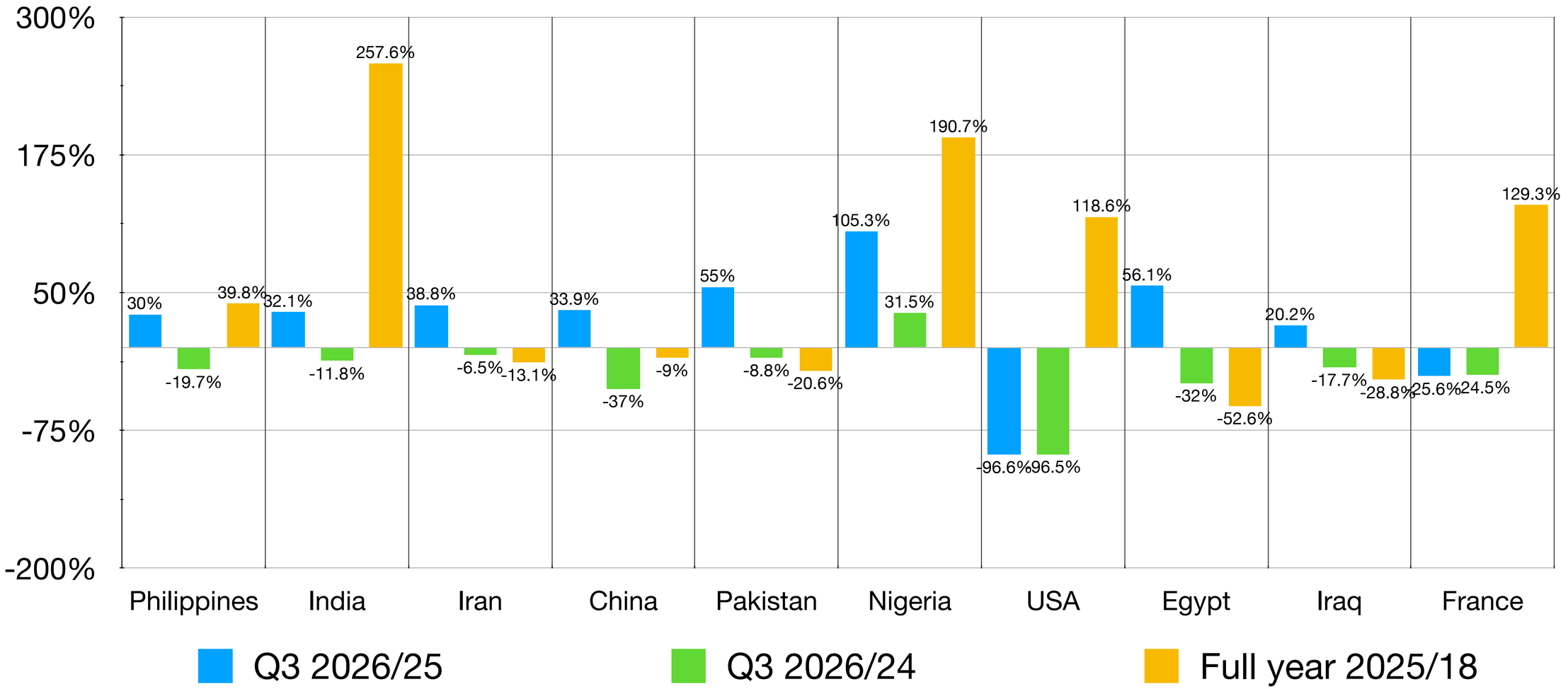
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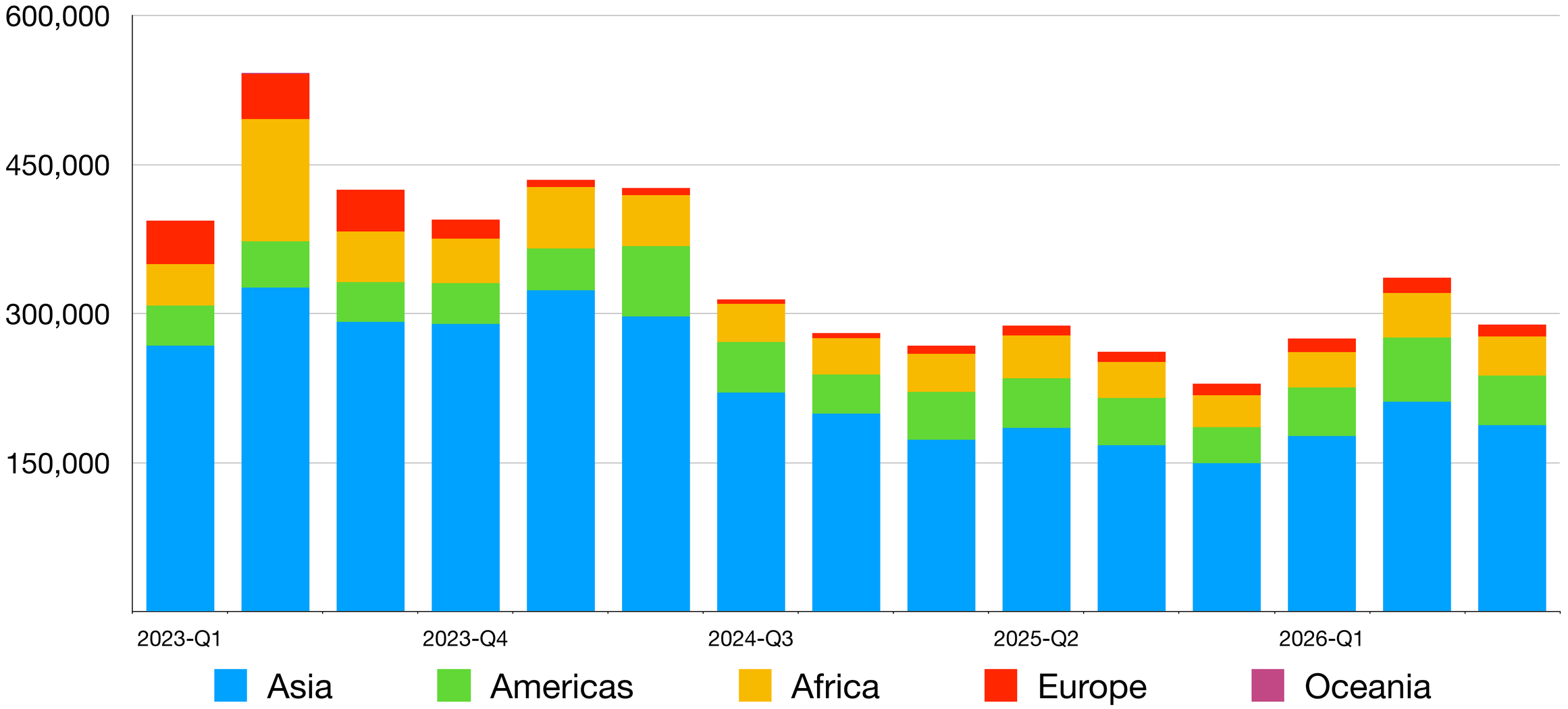
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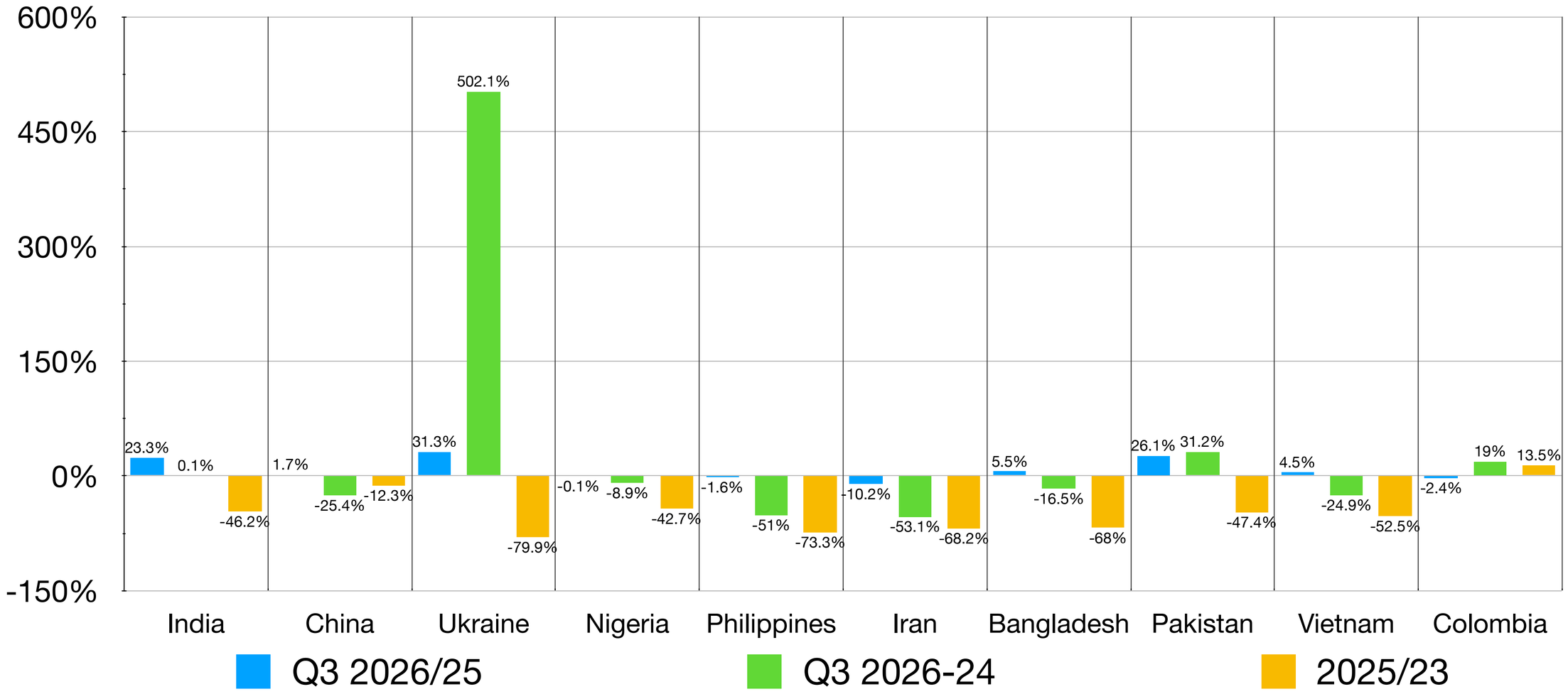
Visitor Visas—By Source Country—2023-26



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Top 10 Countries



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
- **Study Permits:** Canada - Study permit holders by country of citizenship and year in which permit(s) became effective, Canada - Study permit holders by province/territory of intended destination, study level and year in which permit(s) became effective, Source Countries - Applications Processed by IRCC for New Study Permit Applications
- 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