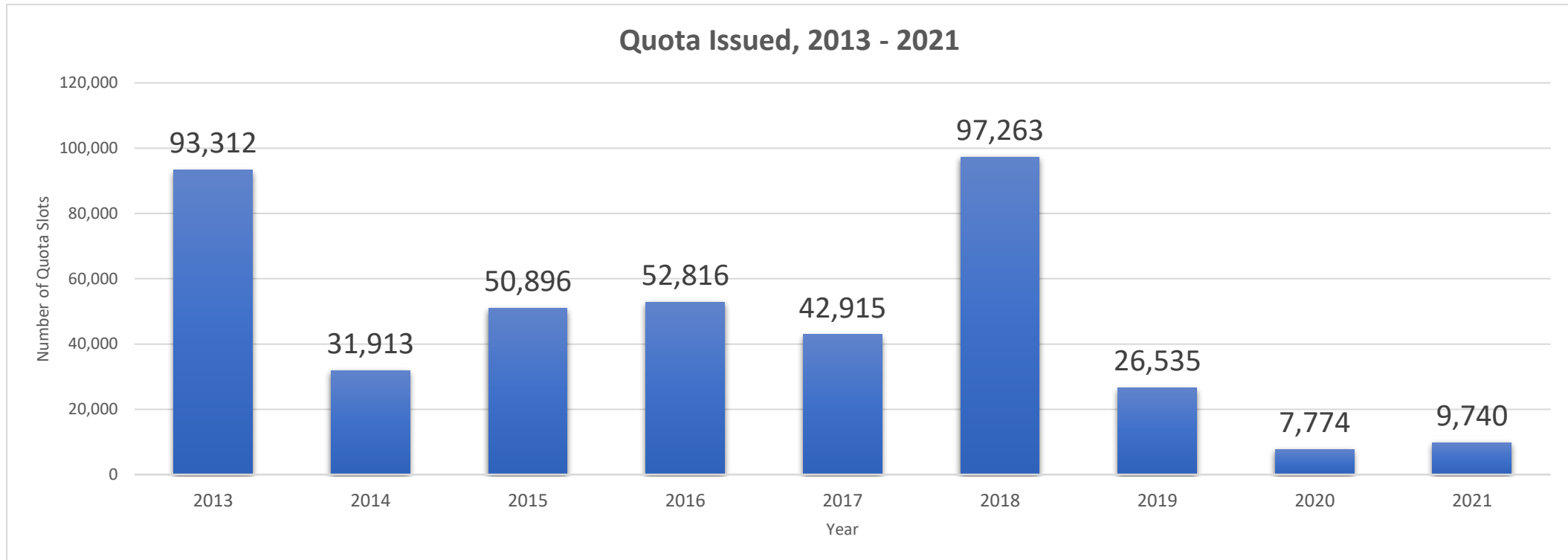




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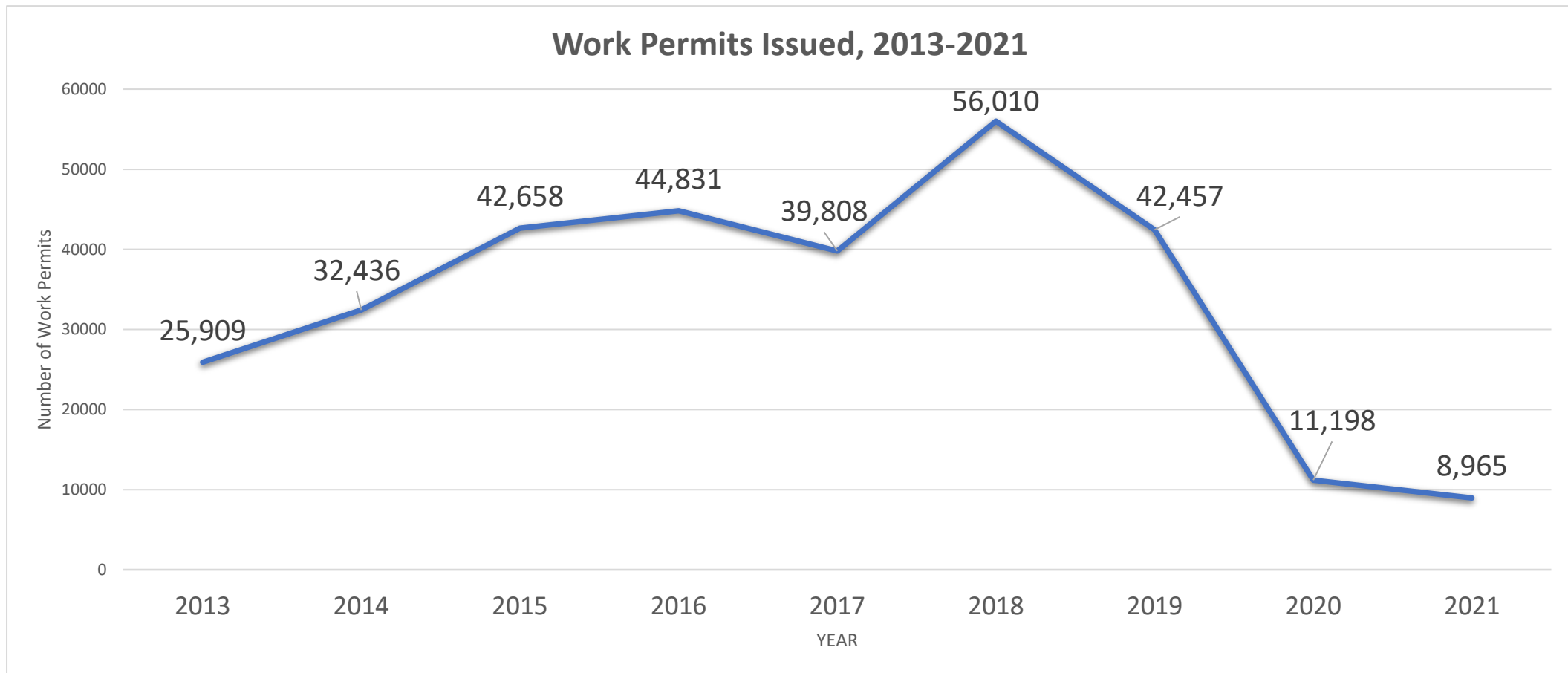
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Figure 1 – Quota Issued



- Data shows quota issued for the period of 1st January 2013 to 9th July 2021
- This data shows only the issued quota slots not the current active quota slots
- A quota slot does not represent a work permit (i.e foreign employee)
- All quota slots have an expiration and is not issued indefinitely
- 95.37% quota slots issued on 2018 was prior to 1st November 2018

Figure 2 – Work Permits Issued



- Data shows work permits issued for the period of 1st January 2013 to 9th July 2021
- This data only shows work permit issued to those outside of Maldives (i.e it does not include employer change, regularization, transfer from business visa)
- A work permit is issued when the work permit application is approved and work permit deposit for the employee has been paid



- The work permit issued employee' may not arrive to the Maldives, even though the work permit has been issued
- Employees can arrive within 90 days, from the date of approval of work permit
- Data only shows issued date, not arrived date
- Quota slot for which the work permit is issued, can differ from date/year from which the work permit is issued
- This data does not show the current active work permits, only issued

Figure 3 – Arrivals under Work Permit

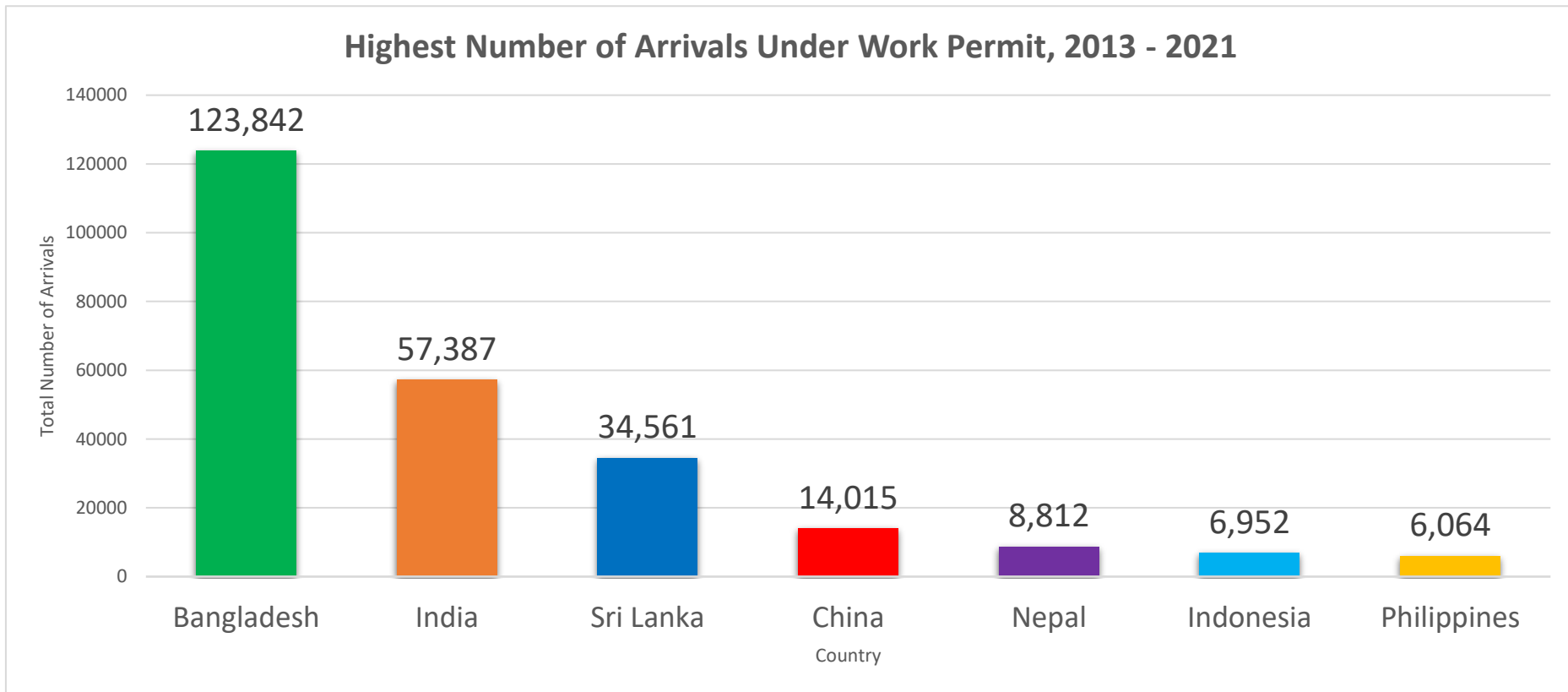


- Data shows work permit arrivals to the Maldives for the period of 1st January 2013 to 9th July 2021
- Data only shows work permit holders who have arrived in Maldives from abroad (i.e it does not include employer change, regularization, transfer from business visa & special visa)



- Work permit entry pass holders can arrive to Maldives within 90 days, from the date of its issuance
- Data only shows arrival date, not the work permit entry pass issued date
- Arrival date, work permit issued date and quota issued date are not the same
- This data does not show the current active work permits, only arrival dates and count
- Data does not show unique individuals it only shows unique work permits
- Details are shown in Data Table 1

Figure 4 – Countries with the Highest Number of Arrivals Under Work Permit



- Data shows work permit arrivals to the Maldives for the period of 1st January 2013 to 9th July 2021

Data Table 1 - Arrivals Under Work Permit

Country	Year									Grand Total
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Afghanistan		1		2	4	2	1	1	1	12
Albania				2	3	7				12
Algeria	2			3	2	1	9	1	2	20
American Samoa			1							1
Antigua and Barbuda					1	2				3
Argentina	2	3	5	4	5	7	12	4	1	43
Armenia		8		5	3	52	1	1		70
Australia	39	45	45	43	50	47	57	19	13	358
Austria	20	20	28	44	32	32	31	8	6	221
Azerbaijan		7	1	11	15	12	13	3	7	69
Bahamas		1								1
Bahrain			1			1				2
Bangladesh	13,605	18,090	24,139	22,833	7,133	25,810	12,111	99	22	123,842
Barbados						1	1			2
Belarus	8	9	6	10	12	24	17	12	7	105
Belgium	13	16	16	12	40	22	12	8	5	144

Country	Year									Grand Total
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Bhutan	4	14	12	28	25	64	72	13	16	248
Bolivia			2	1						3
Bosnia-Herzegovina			2			1				3
Botswana		1								1
Brazil	4	2	3	7	8	6	23	6	5	64
British Indian Ocean Territory							1			1
Brunei						1			1	2
Bulgaria	3	12	8	3	5	7	5	1	1	45
Cambodia	1	6		7	4	13	13	3	2	49
Cameroon		2	2	1		2	4	2	1	14
Canada	24	33	27	25	33	39	62	11	7	261
Cape Verde Islands							1			1
Chile					1	2	2	2	3	10
China	275	530	536	1,745	2,544	4,136	3,383	556	310	14,015
Colombia	1	6	1	3	5	5	6	2	1	30
Congo						2				2
Costa Rica	2	1	1	2	2	1	3	1	2	15
Cote D'ivoire					3					3

Country	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
Cuba	4	1	1	6	6	3	9	7	2	39
Cyprus	2				1	2				5
Czech Republic	158	150	52	22	24	26	25	26	14	497
Denmark	9	12	20	20	11	14	16	5	2	109
Djibouti						1				1
Dominica	1				1	1	2			5
Dominican Republic		1			1	2	3			7
Ecuador			2	1	3		1			7
Egypt	35	38	41	71	211	466	322	99	63	1,346
El Salvador						1				1
Estonia	1	4	3		2	3	1	1		15
Ethiopia		2	3	6	5		1			17
Fiji		4	5	3	1	3	1			17
Finland	1	2	4	2	6	13	6	6		40
France	81	107	111	107	131	133	132	47	26	875
Gambia		1	2							3
Georgia	2	3		5	3	24	5	2	4	48
Germany	134	160	154	166	171	158	159	44	46	1,192
Ghana	1	1			2	1	7	1	1	14

Country	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
Greece	13	8	8	6	11	10	4	3	2	65
Guatemala				1						1
Guinea					1		2			3
Haiti			2	1						3
Honduras	1		1				1		1	4
Hungary	6	7	20	16	10	12	6	6	1	84
Iceland							1	1		2
India	3,470	4,134	5,805	7,379	12,744	4,945	10,710	4,844	3,356	57,387
Indonesia	477	592	553	884	870	1,558	1,245	352	421	6,952
Iran	1	3	1	1	2	4	2	1	2	17
Iraq			1	1	1		1			4
Ireland	1	8	4	7	9	8	8	2	1	48
Israel	2					1				3
Italy	202	208	285	257	325	370	316	72	52	2,087
Jamaica				1		1	1			3
Japan	50	50	61	44	59	57	51	14	8	394
Jordan	2	2	4	6	9	63	24	7	2	119
Kazakhstan	5	13	14	9	25	25	46	32	26	195
Kenya	4	9	16	14	15	37	48	13	13	169

Country	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
Korea, Republic of	32	46	39	34	35	32	47	5	1	271
Kosovo					1	1				2
Kyrgyzstan	2	9	4	4	8	17	23	16	11	94
Laos					1		2			3
Latvia	2	7	2	5	6	5	3		1	31
Lebanon	5	4	1	2	9	8	16	2	7	54
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya					2	5	2			9
Liechtenstein						1	1			2
Lithuania		4	2	5	5	5	5	2		28
Luxembourg		1				2			1	4
Macedonia		2	2	5		3	3		1	16
Madagascar	2	3	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	16
Malawi	1				5		1			7
Malaysia	115	148	169	199	190	245	225	54	30	1,375
Malta	1	1			1					3
Mauritius	50	53	46	55	71	59	43	22	9	408
Mexico	2	5	7	9	11	11	38	5	6	94
Moldova	3	9	1	5	2	46	3	1	4	74
Mongolia			11		1					12

Country	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
Montenegro		3	2	1	3		2	2	2	15
Morocco	8	16	14	27	39	71	69	16	30	290
Myanmar	8	11	22	28	73	203	79	12	11	447
Namibia		2		1		2	2		2	9
Nepal	412	536	615	838	1,523	2,413	1,500	500	475	8,812
Netherlands	9	25	20	36	42	30	23	9	6	200
New Zealand	8	5	13	9	8	8	12	2		65
Nicaragua							1			1
Nigeria	1	1	3	2	15	15	9	6	8	60
Norway		1	1	2	4	3	6	1	1	19
Oman					1		1			2
Pakistan	140	156	131	126	128	129	119	50	50	1,029
Palestine		1	2	2	1		3	2	1	12
Panama	1									1
Papua New Guinea				1	1		1	1		4
Peru	1		1		1	9	7	2	1	22
Philippines	370	545	621	826	832	1,269	1,061	281	259	6,064
Poland	7	11	19	21	42	21	23	10	6	160
Portugal	4	14	14	17	13	21	18	13	10	124

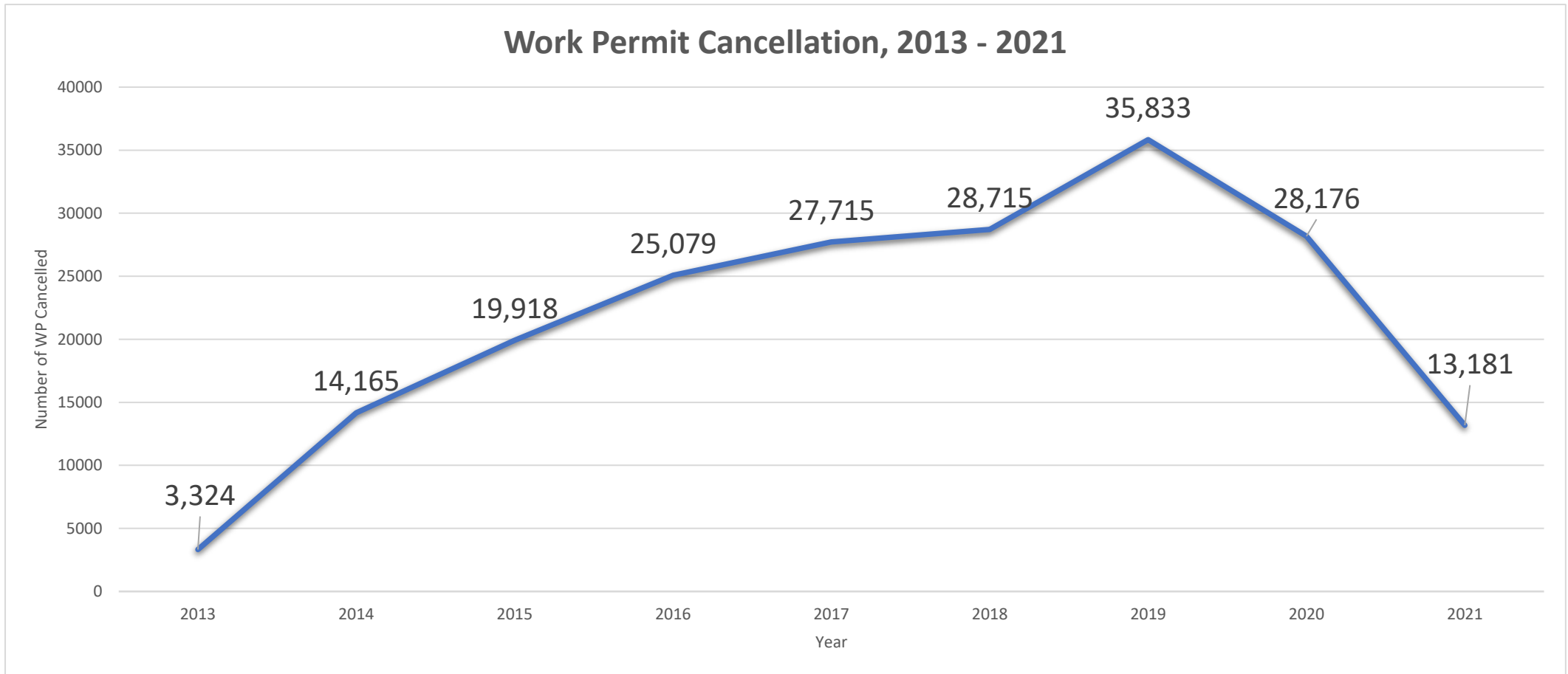
Country	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
Romania	6	15	16	10	17	15	15	7	2	103
Russia	52	77	87	76	95	197	128	74	70	856
Rwanda					1		1		1	3
Saint Lucia				1	2	1	2			6
San Marino		2				1				3
Saudi Arabia	1	2	2		1	19	4		8	37
Senegal	1		3	12	8	1	5	1		31
Serbia	6	9	11	10	10	13	17	4	7	87
Seychelles	1	3	1	3	3	5	5	1	1	23
Sierra Leone		1			1					2
Singapore	33	35	37	51	49	51	43	8	9	316
Slovakia	14	8	12	7	11	4	7	2	5	70
Slovenia	2	3	2	3	9	7	12	1	3	42
Somalia						1				1
South Africa	26	26	36	45	55	69	86	39	30	412
Spain	30	52	45	57	53	65	115	19	30	466
Sri Lanka	2,582	3,613	3,933	4,681	5,116	6,150	6,004	1,528	954	34,561
Sudan	4	2	2		16	8		2	1	35
Swaziland			3	2			1			6

Country	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
Sweden	12	9	8	12	7	7	8	7	5	75
Switzerland	40	33	36	39	38	43	42	17	12	300
Syria		6	5	4	52	15	3	1	1	87
Taiwan	19	38	30	42	56	56	79	10	7	337
Tajikistan	2	3	3	6	16	74	17	5	8	134
Tanzania		1	3	3	7	9	11		5	39
Thailand	211	202	241	299	410	501	499	196	142	2,701
Trinidad and Tobago					1	1	1			3
Tunisia	3	4	10	8	18	18	24	11	4	100
Turkey	29	20	58	377	452	554	132	190	116	1,928
Turkmenistan	1	1	1	1		1	3			8
Uganda	1			1	2	6	6	3	2	21
Ukraine	38	71	82	76	119	106	115	64	70	741
United Arab Emirates		1	1			1	1	1		5
United Kingdom	78	124	103	124	139	139	125	49	43	924
United States of America	25	45	47	39	35	38	47	13	15	304
Uruguay						1				1
Uzbekistan	14	8	7	19	19	29	40	12	14	162
Venezuela		2	1		2	5	3	4		17



Country	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
Vietnam	29	31	70	51	59	76	52	49	8	425
Yemen		1	1	4	3	4	1	1	1	16
Zambia	1			1	2	1				5
Zimbabwe	2	8	2	5	10	7	19	2	7	62
Grand Total	23,116	30,405	38,675	42,161	34,563	51,185	40,025	9,675	6,973	276,778

Figure 5 – Work Permit Cancellation



- Data shows cancellation of work permits for the period of 1st January 2013 to 9th July 2021
- Data only shows Work Permits cancelled after the foreign employee leaves the country (does not include cancellation of work permits related to employer change, regularization & voluntary return programme)



- Under the voluntary return programme conducted by the Ministry during March 2020 – December 2020 a total of 8938 work permits were cancelled (this data does not include this figure)
- Data does not show the date at which the employee left the country, it only shows the date on which the permit was cancelled