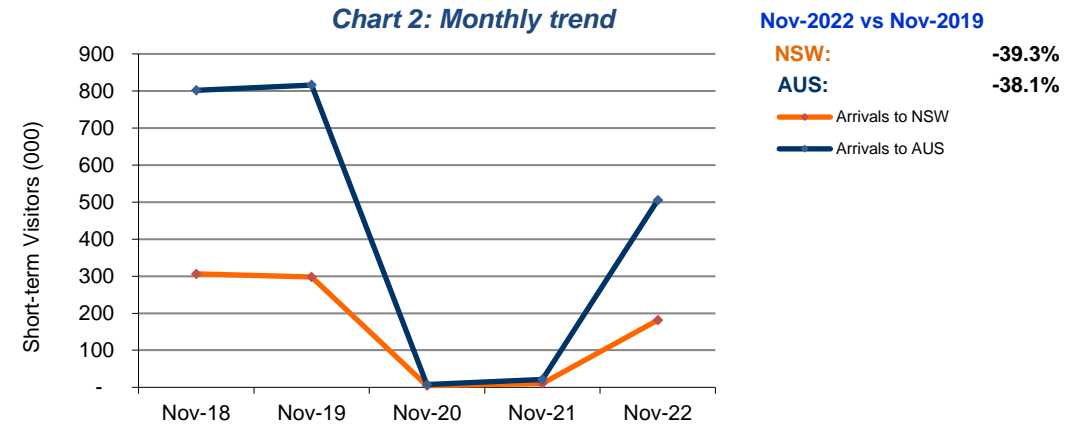
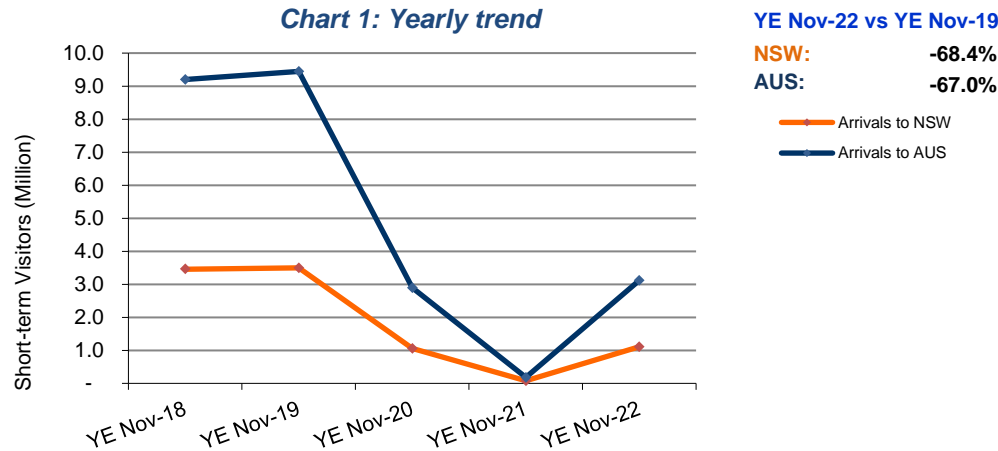


# Overseas Arrivals Trend

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics

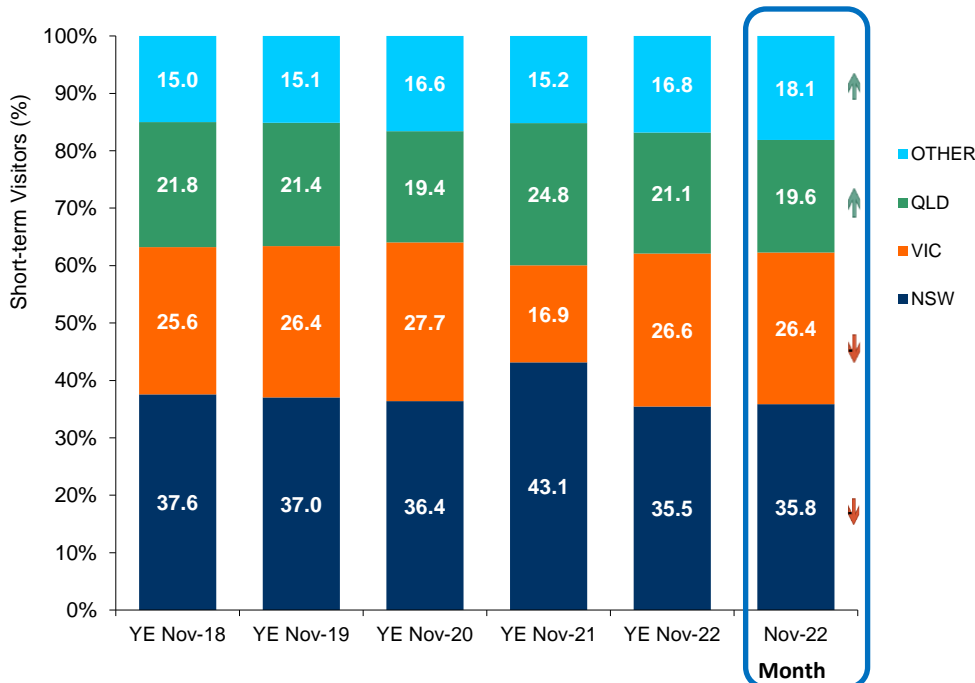
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## Short-term International Visitor Arrivals to NSW vs. Australia



Note: YE means 'year ended' and contains 12 months of data.

## Chart 3: Short-term International Visitor Arrivals to Australia: Market Share by state of Arrival



### How has international visitor movement changed?

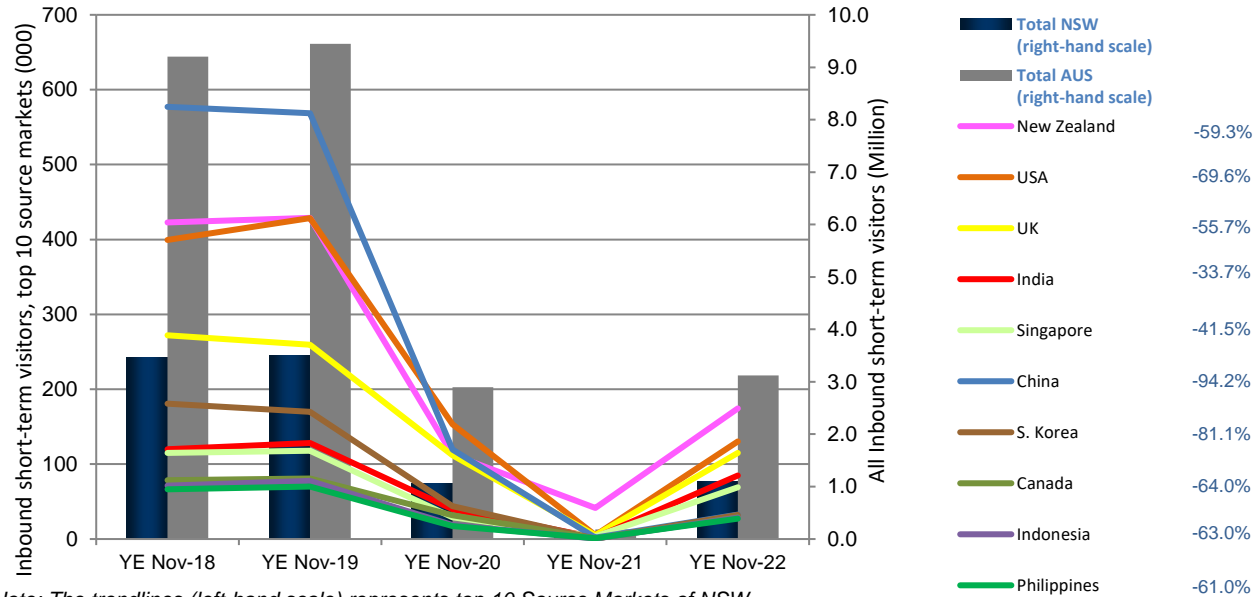
Australia's international border closed at the end of March in 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic and reopened to fully vaccinated travellers in late February 2022. Prior to February 2022, travel to Australia had been allowed to Australians and New Zealanders under strict monitoring and other certain travel groups who had been granted individual exemptions. The two-way trans-Tasman bubble was paused in June 2021, then resumed in April 2022 enabling quarantine/ isolation-free travel between Australia and New Zealand. Since early July 2022, all travellers have been allowed to enter and/ or leave Australia regardless of their vaccination status.

**In the year ended (YE) November 2022, international short-term visitor arrivals to NSW decreased by 68.4 per cent (Chart 1) when compared to YE November 2019 (pre-pandemic). Meanwhile, in the month of November 2022 (Chart 2), NSW received 181,040 short-term visitor arrivals, which was the highest number of arrivals in the post-COVID period, but still down 39.3 per cent when compared to November 2019. In contrast, both yearly and monthly arrivals saw a considerable increase when compared with same periods in 2021 respectively.**

NSW maintains its lead of Australia, attracting 35.5 per cent of international visitors (Chart 3) in the YE November 2022, which was 7.6 percentage points lower than prior year.

For the month of November 2022, NSW received 35.8 per cent of international visitors, 13 percentage points less on November 2021. Victoria's share also decreased by 5 percentage points, while Queensland's market share increased this month by 13 percentage points.

**Chart 4: Arrivals to NSW vs. Australia & top 10 source markets for NSW**



Note: The trendlines (left-hand scale) represents top 10 Source Markets of NSW.

**Table 1: Top 5 Source Markets for NSW: Arrivals**

Year Ended November 2022					
Country of Origin	Rank	No. of Visitors	YE Nov-22 vs YE Nov-21	Share of NSW visitors	Share of AUS
New Zealand	1	174,370	+132,850	15.8%	28.9%
USA	2	130,110	+124,930	11.8%	48.7%
UK	3	114,820	+109,750	10.4%	36.5%
India	4	85,060	+83,030	7.7%	30.9%
Singapore	5	68,980	+65,530	6.2%	25.9%
<b>Top 5 source market TOTAL</b>		<b>573,340</b>	<b>+516,090</b>	<b>51.8%</b>	
<b>NSW</b>		<b>1,106,410</b>	<b>+1,028,020</b>		<b>35.5%</b>

Note: Top 5 source market total is not necessarily made up of the same countries in the previous year.

Month of November 2022					
Country of Origin	Rank	No. of Visitors	Nov-22 vs Nov-21	Share of NSW visitors	Share of AUS
New Zealand	1	26,740	+26,220	14.8%	29.3%
USA	2	26,400	+25,370	14.6%	51.5%
UK	3	19,470	+17,870	10.8%	35.2%
India	4	11,240	+10,270	6.2%	31.8%
Singapore	5	9,310	+7,730	5.1%	24.9%
<b>Top 5 source market TOTAL</b>		<b>93,160</b>	<b>+87,430</b>	<b>51.5%</b>	
<b>NSW</b>		<b>181,040</b>	<b>+170,830</b>		<b>35.8%</b>

Note: Top 5 source market total is not necessarily made up of the same countries in the same month previous year.

## Where are they from?

### Australia:

In the **YE November 2022** (Chart 4), Australia received 3.1 million international short-term visitor arrivals (down 67.0 per cent on YE November 2019). As the closure of Australia's international border remained in force until late February 2022, arrivals from all countries continued to be highly impacted.

The top three markets for Australia for the year were New Zealand, the UK and India. New Zealand's ongoing top market spot has been reinforced by the reciprocal trans-Tasman travel bubble. Quarantine-free travel between New Zealand and Australia was suspended in mid-June 2021 due to the re-emergence of COVID-19 cases, however the one-way travel bubble resumed in early March 2022, which converted to two-way bubble in April 2022.

### NSW:

In the **YE November 2022** (Chart 4), NSW received 1.1 million international short-term visitors (down 68.4 per cent on YE November 2019). This number represents the third lowest volume of international short-term visitors on record (since 2008) for YE November, which was slightly above the 2020 visitation (the lowest number of arrivals was recorded in 2021). This year, NSW received only 32 per cent of its pre-Covid arrivals (YE November 2019).

All the top 5 source markets in YE November 2022 marked an increase as compared to YE November 2021. New Zealand recorded the largest absolute increase in arrivals to NSW, followed by the USA (Table 1).

In the **month of November 2022**, NSW received 181,040 short-term visitor arrivals, recording an increase on the same month in the previous year (but down 39.3 per cent on November 2019). This month, the State received over half (61 per cent) of the pre-Covid arrivals. The highest number of overseas arrivals to NSW was recorded by New Zealand, followed by the USA and the UK.