

Monthly Inbound Update

July and August 2022

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1. Latest monthly inbound UK

July and August 2022

Summary

- **Visits:** 2022 inbound UK visits have continued to increase month-on-month in the 8 months to August as traveller confidence has improved, reaching 3.5 million in August 2022. Between January and August 2022, the UK welcomed almost 19 million inbound visits.
- **Spending:** In the 8 months to August 2022 inbound visitors to the UK spent a total of £16.0 billion. Following the same pattern as visits, spend has continued to grow month-on-month, peaking in July and August at a little over £3 billion in each month.
- **Journey Purpose:**
 - **Holiday** visits have continued to grow in each month of 2022 through to August. There were 1.6 million inbound holiday visits to the UK in August 2022. Between January and August there were 7.4 million holiday visits to our shores, accounting for 39% of all inbound visits.
 - Inbound visits to **friends and relatives** have generally improved month on month up to August 2022, reaching 1.3 million visits in August. Driven by a strong start to 2022, visiting friends and family accounts for 38% (7.1 million) of all inbound visits in the first 8 months of 2022 though the VFR share of visits has stabilised at around 35% since May 2022.
 - There were 3.0 million **business** visits to the UK in the first 8 months of 2022, with July being the strongest month. Business visits accounted for 16% of all inbound visits between January to August 2022.
- **Global region:**
 - **Europe** made up 67% of all inbound visits to the UK in the first 8 months of 2022, equating to 12.7 million visits and posting month on month improvements (though a small dip in June). Between January – August 2022 visits from the **EU15** markets accounted for half of all UK visits.
 - Visits from **North America** have continued to improve across the first 8 months of 2022 reaching 3.4 million between January and August 2022. July and August were particularly strong months for visits to the UK from North America - with 630,000 visits in August, this is the highest August visits on record from this region.
 - The **Rest of the World** saw 560,000 visits to the UK in August 2022. Overall in the 8 months to August 2022 there were 2.8 million visits to the UK from this region – accounting for 15% of all inbound visits.

Monthly 2022 Headlines

Total	January 2022	February 2022	March 2022	April 2022	May 2022	June 2022	July 2022	August 2022	Year-to-date (Jan-Aug 2022)
Visits (000)	875	1,092	1,944	2,275	2,758	3,012	3,390	3,510	18,860
Spend (£m)	£730	£819	£1,418	£1,859	£2,225	£2,749	£3,120	£3,040	£15,960

- Visits:** 2022 inbound UK visits have continued to increase month-on-month in the 8 months to August as traveller confidence has improved. Up until 2019, July and August have traditionally been the strongest months for inbound visitors to the UK (with August 2019 holding the monthly record) therefore it is encouraging to see these months both performing relatively well this year. Between January and August 2022, the UK welcomed almost 19 million inbound visits.
- Spending:** In the 8 months to August 2022 inbound visitors to the UK spent a total of £16 billion. Following the same pattern as visits, spend has continued to grow month-on-month, peaking in July and August at a little over £3 billion in each month.

Monthly Journey Purpose – Visits (000)

Total Visits (000)	January 2022	February 2022	March 2022	April 2022	May 2022	June 2022	July 2022	August 2022	Year-to-date (Jan-Aug 2022)
Holiday	108	279	614	860	1,149	1,320	1,460	1,640	7,430
VFR	544	481	771	867	996	1,028	1,150	1,270	7,110
Business	169	253	424	376	444	481	520	360	3,030
Miscellaneous	54	79	135	172	169	182	260	230	1,280

- **Holiday** visits have continued to grow in each month of 2022 through to August. There were 1.6 million inbound holiday visits to the UK in August 2022. In the 8 months to August the UK welcomed 7.4 million inbound holiday makers to our shores, accounting for 39% of all inbound visits.
- Similar to holiday visits, inbound visits to **friends and relatives** in the UK have generally improved month on month up to August 2022, peaking at 1.3 million visits in August. Driven by a strong start to 2022, visiting friends and family accounts for 38% (7.1 million) of all inbound visits in the first 8 months of 2022 though the VFR share of visits has stabilised at around 35% since May 2022.
- There were 3 million **business** visits to the UK in the first 8 months of 2022, with July being the strongest month. Business visits accounted for 16% of all inbound visits between January to August 2022.
- All other visits, under '**miscellaneous**', which includes study, contributed 1.3 million visits in the 8 months to August 2022. Similar to business visits, July was the strongest month for miscellaneous visits.

Monthly Global Region – Visits (000)

Total Visits (000)	January 2022	February 2022	March 2022	April 2022	May 2022	June 2022	July 2022	August 2022	Year-to-date (Jan-Aug 2022)
Total Europe	611	861	1,478	1,648	1,843	1,742	2,160	2,320	12,660
→ EU	544	797	1,350	1,471	1,682	1,585	1,900	2,140	11,470
→ EU15	403	646	1,112	1,260	1,377	1,337	1,540	1,790	9,460
→ Other EU	136	152	243	217	298	250	360	340	2,000
→ Rest of Europe	72	63	123	172	168	155	260	190	1,203
North America	91	104	241	345	520	756	690	630	3,380
Rest of World	173	126	224	283	395	514	540	560	2,820

- **Europe** made up 67% of all inbound visits to the UK in the first 8 months of 2022, equating to 12.7 million visits and posting month on month improvements (though a small dip in June). Within Europe, the EU15 markets remain important source markets for inbound visits. Between January – August 2022 visits from the EU15 markets accounted for half of all UK visits.
- Visits from **North America** have continued to improve across the first 8 months of 2022 reaching 3.4 million between January and August 2022. July and August were particularly strong months for visits to the UK from North America - with 630,000 visits in August, this is the highest August visits on record from this region.
- The **Rest of the World** saw 560,000 visits to the UK in August 2022. Overall in the 8 months to August 2022 there were 2.8 million visits to the UK from this region – accounting for 15% of all inbound visits.

2. 2019 Comparisons

Latest 3 months and Year to Date

Visit (000) and Spend (£m) 2019 comparisons

Total Visits (000)	2022	Change vs. 2019^
July	3,390	-18%
August	3,510	-21%
Last 3 months (June – August)	9,910	-19%
Year to date (January – August)	18,860	-31%

Total Spend (£m)	2022	Change vs. 2019^
July	3,120	1%
August	3,040	-13%
Last 3 months (June – August)	8,910	-4%
Year to date (January – August)	15,960	-13%

- Inbound visitors spent £3.1 billion in the UK in July this year, up 1% on the same month in 2019. There were 3.4 million visits in July, down 18% on July 2019.
- Looking at August, visitors spent £3.0 billion across the UK, down 13% when comparing to August 2019. There were 3.5 million inbound visits to the UK in August 2022, down 21% on August 2019.
- Over the medium term period of the 3 months to August, inbound visitors spent £8.9 billion on our shores, just 4% less than they did in the same period of 2019. Visits during this time were down 19% (compared to 2019) at 9.9 million.
- In the 8 months from January to August 2022 inbound visitors spent just under £16 billion in the UK (13% less than in the same period of 2019) while visits saw a lag of 31% at 18.7 million visits.
- Overall the average spend per visit in 2022 (January to August) was £846 vs £671 for the same period of 2019. The 2022 average spend is 26% higher – in part due to a longer average length of stay seen in the first 6 months of 2022 as well as inflation.

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^Data from 2019 includes Irish land boarder data. Irish land boarder data is excluded from 2021 onwards

2019 Comparisons Journey Purpose – Visits (000)

Total Visits (000)	July 2022	Change vs. 2019^	August 2022	Change vs. 2019^	Last 3 months (Jun-Aug)	Change vs. 2019^	Year to date (January – August)	Change vs. 2019^
Holiday	1,460	-22%	1,640	-26%	4,420	-24%	7,430	-36%
VFR	1,150	-4%	1,270	-3%	3,450	0%	7,110	-13%
Business	520	-28%	360	-37%	1,360	-36%	3,030	-46%
Miscellaneous	260	-31%	230	-28%	670	-28%	1,280	-34%

- Across the short and long term measures presented here, **holiday** visits remain behind the levels reported in the same periods of 2019.
- From the table above, we can see a light shining from the VFR results (**visiting friends and relatives**). While July and August results remain just below those reported in the same months of 2019, in the 3 months to August inbound VFR visits were on par with results reported in the same months of 2019 (June 2022 also showed strong results compared to June 2019 – up 10%).
- Across the 4 journey purposes presented on this slide, **business** visits have been slower to recovery to 2019 levels.
- **Miscellaneous** visits tend to be a smaller proportion of all inbound UK visits and results can fluctuate. Compared to 2019 levels these do remain well below pre pandemic levels across the short and long terms measures presented here.

2019 Comparisons Global Region – Visits (000)

Total Visits (000)	July 2022	Change vs. 2019^	August 2022	Change vs. 2019^	Last 3 months (Jun-Aug)	Change vs. 2019^	Year to date (January – August)	Change vs. 2019^
Total Europe	2,160	-12%	2,320	-14%	6,220	-16%	16,320	-30%
→ EU	1,900	-13%	2,140	-14%	5,630	-16%	11,470	-30%
→ EU15	1,540	-15%	1,790	-14%	4,670	-16%	9,460	-30%
→ Other EU	360	-7%	340	-19%	950	-17%	2,000	-33%
→ Rest of Europe	260	-2%	190	-8%	605	-10%	1,203	-24%
North America	690	-1%	630	6%	2,080	7%	3,380	-9%
Rest of World	540	-46%	560	-50%	1,610	-46%	2,820	-48%

- In July and August 2022, there were over 2 million inbound **Europe** visits to the UK – the first 2 months to post +2 million visits from this global region since the start of 2020. Overall these levels remain around almost $\frac{3}{4}$ (70%) of the levels posted in the first 8 months of 2019.
- Between January to August 2022 **North America** visits reached 3.4 million visits (down 9% on 2019 results). However, a strong summer means in the 3 months to August 2022 North American visits were up 7% (compared to the same 3 months of 2019) at 2.1 million visits.
- 2022 **Rest of World** visits remain about half of the levels reported in the comparable measures in 2019.

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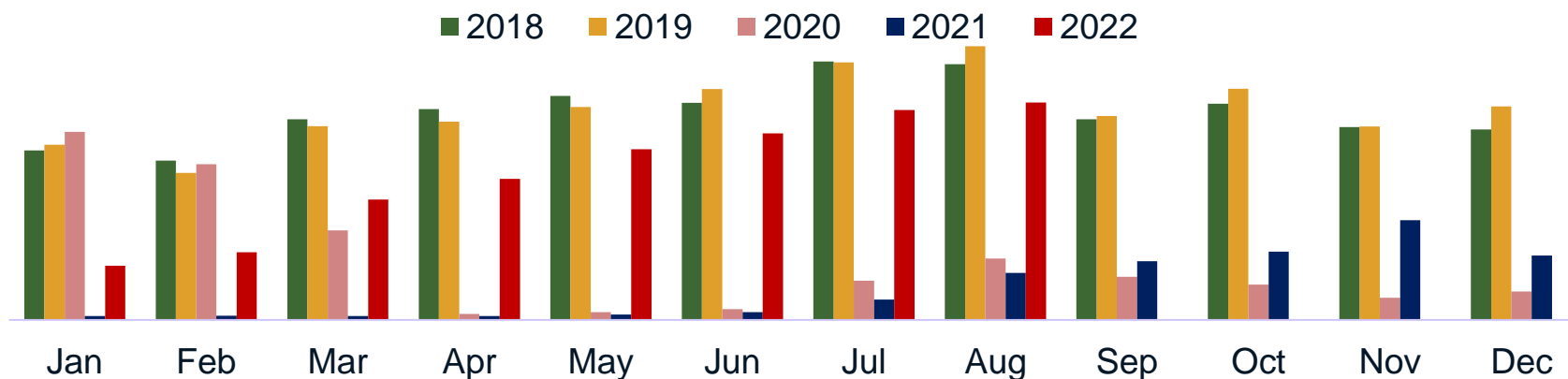
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3. Detailed monthly trends

Detailed monthly trends - visits

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Overseas Visits to the UK - Total Visits (000)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	2,734	2,573	3,240	3,404	3,614	3,503	4,172	4,126	3,237	3,491	3,112	3,075
2019	2,830	2,372	3,129	3,199	3,438	3,727	4,155	4,418	3,292	3,731	3,121	3,445
2020	3,036	2,512	1,446	95	127	176	633	993	696	570	358	458
2021	65	69	61	65	86	126	331	759	949	1,103	1,610	1,039
2022	875	1,092	1,944	2,275	2,758	3,012	3,390	3,510				

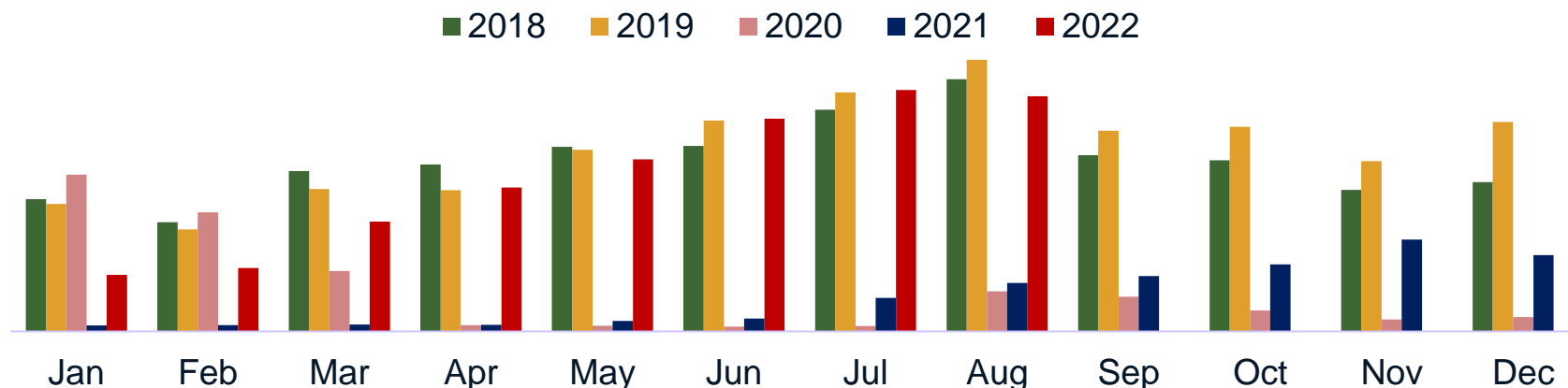
Note: Visits in thousands. Monthly data is replaced by the more accurate Quarterly data.

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Detailed monthly trends - spend

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Overseas Visits to the UK - Total Spend (£m)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	1,708	1,412	2,074	2,157	2,385	2,396	2,864	3,259	2,278	2,212	1,830	1,931
2019	1,646	1,318	1,840	1,824	2,347	2,725	3,090	3,510	2,593	2,645	2,201	2,708
2020	2,026	1,538	780	82	75	61	69	519	448	270	156	185
2021	76	82	89	87	134	165	433	626	716	867	1,186	985
2022	730	819	1,418	1,859	2,225	2,749	3,120	3,040				

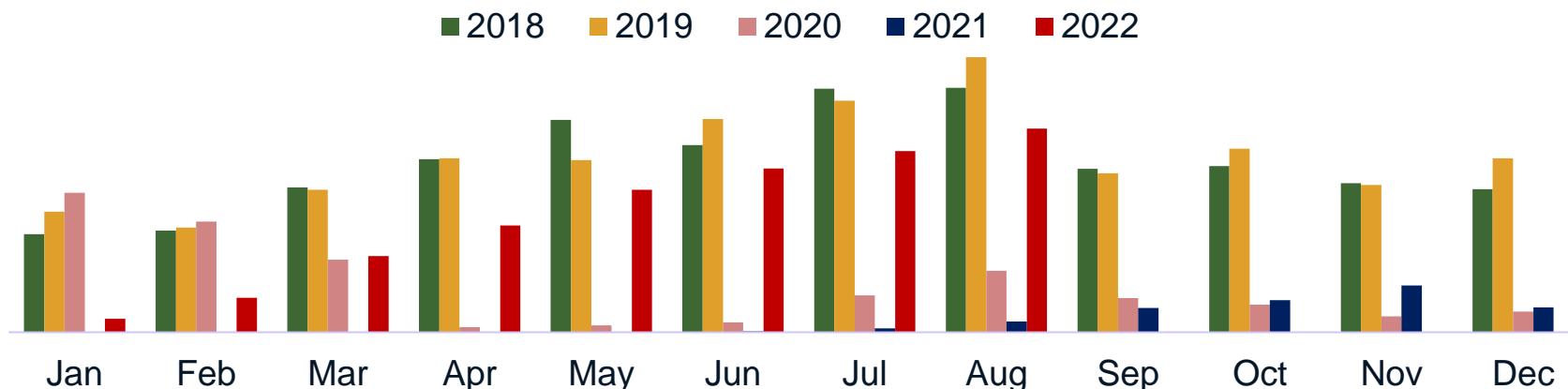
Note: Spending in million pounds. Monthly data is replaced by the more accurate Quarterly data.

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Detailed monthly trends – journey purpose - holiday

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Overseas Visits to the UK - Holiday Visits (000)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	790	820	1,167	1,396	1,710	1,508	1,962	1,971	1,317	1,339	1,202	1,153
2019	973	844	1,147	1,403	1,388	1,718	1,866	2,217	1,282	1,480	1,187	1,401
2020	1,125	891	584	42	57	79	296	495	275	224	128	167
2021	1	3	3	2	3	8	30	86	196	259	377	201
2022	108	279	614	860	1,149	1,320	1,460	1,640				

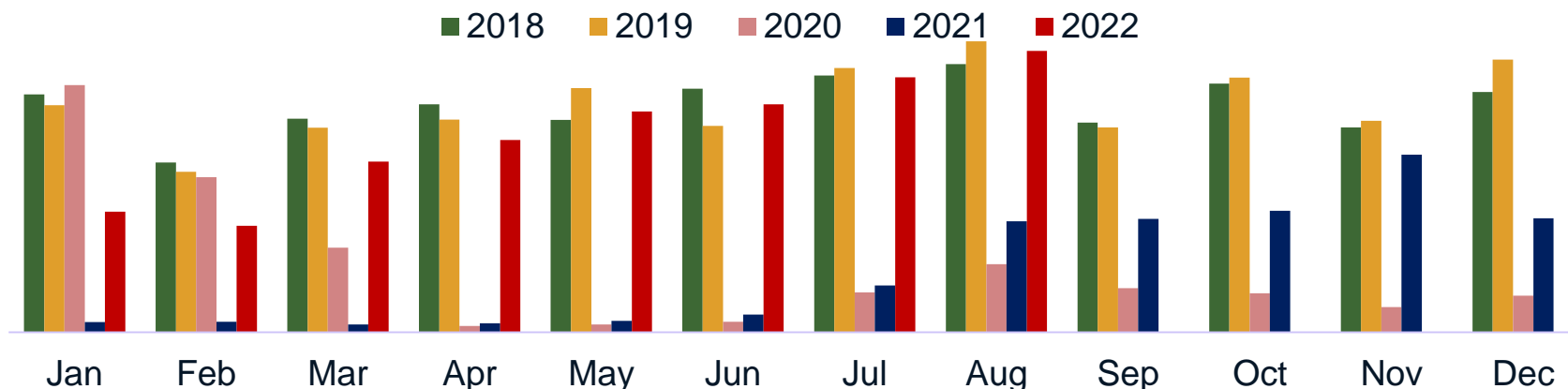
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Detailed monthly trends – journey purpose - VFR

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Overseas Visits to the UK - VFR Visits (000)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	1,073	766	964	1,028	959	1,099	1,159	1,210	946	1,122	942	1,085
2019	1,025	724	923	960	1,101	932	1,192	1,313	925	1,149	954	1,230
2020	1,115	700	382	29	35	48	180	307	199	176	113	165
2021	46	47	35	41	52	80	211	501	512	548	802	515
2022	544	481	771	867	996	1,028	1,150	1,270				

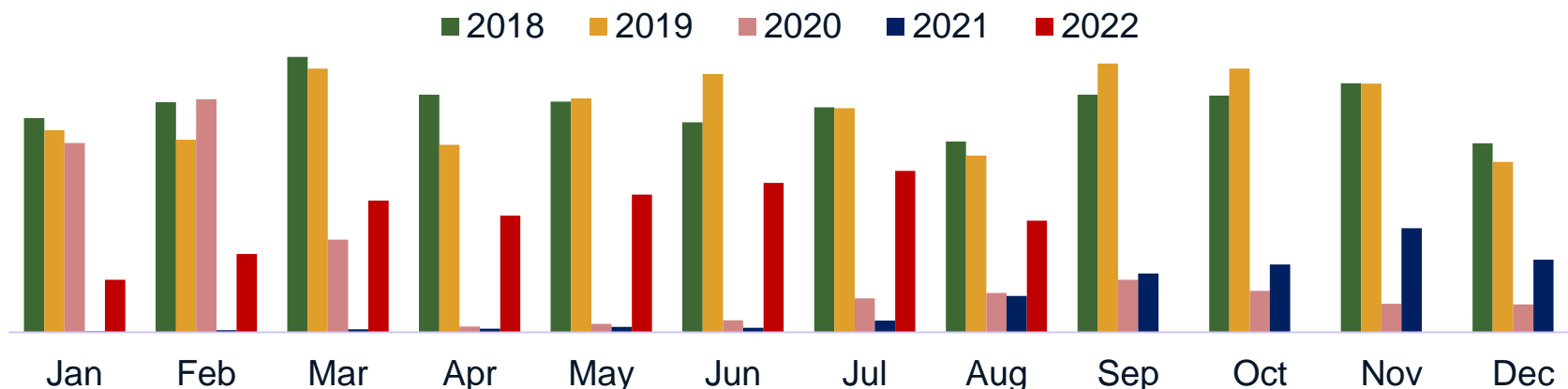
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Detailed monthly trends – journey purpose - business

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Overseas Visits to the UK - Business Visits (000)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	691	741	887	765	743	677	725	614	766	763	803	609
2019	652	621	850	604	754	832	722	569	866	850	801	549
2020	610	751	299	19	27	38	110	127	170	134	92	90
2021	3	7	10	12	18	14	38	117	189	218	335	234
2022	169	253	424	376	444	481	520	360				

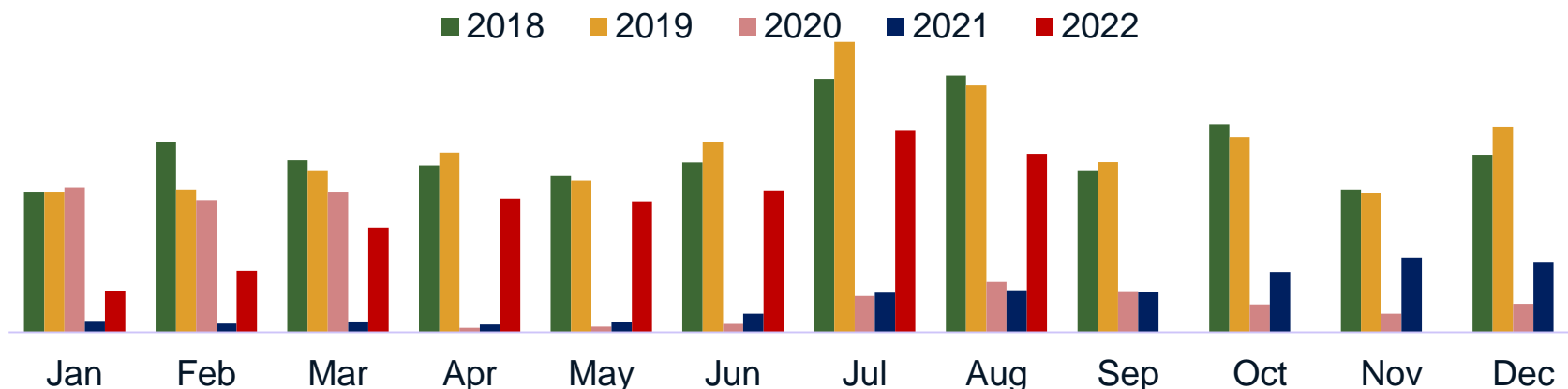
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Detailed monthly trends – journey purpose - misc

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Overseas Visits to the UK - Miscellaneous (includes short-term study, 000)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	180	245	222	215	202	219	327	331	209	268	183	229
2019	181	183	209	232	196	246	374	318	219	252	179	265
2020	186	170	181	6	7	11	47	65	53	36	24	37
2021	15	11	14	10	13	24	51	54	52	78	96	90
2022	54	79	135	172	169	182	260	230				

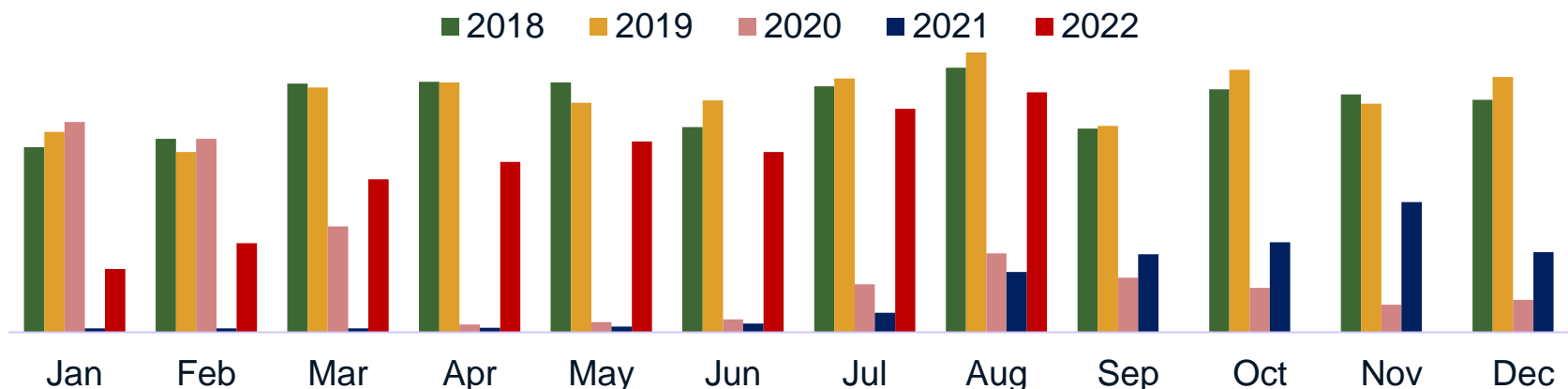
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Detailed monthly trends – global regions - Europe

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Overseas Visits to the UK - to the UK from Europe (000)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	1,790	1,870	2,405	2,423	2,417	1,985	2,377	2,577	1,970	2,350	2,300	2,249
2019	1,936	1,742	2,365	2,417	2,219	2,243	2,453	2,707	1,996	2,537	2,209	2,469
2020	2,032	1,869	1,025	74	98	126	463	761	529	429	267	313
2021	38	39	38	43	57	83	189	584	756	871	1,258	775
2022	611	861	1,478	1,648	1,843	1,742	2,160	2,320				

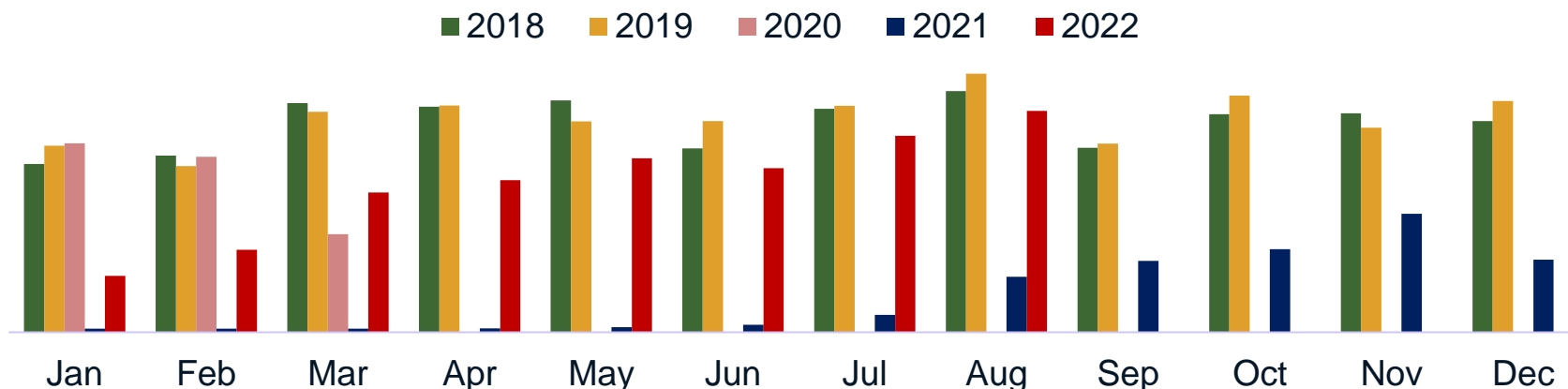
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Detailed monthly trends – global regions - EU

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Overseas Visits to the UK - to the UK from EU (000)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	1,626	1,708	2,215	2,180	2,243	1,779	2,161	2,333	1,782	2,108	2,117	2,041
2019	1,803	1,607	2,133	2,192	2,039	2,041	2,188	2,499	1,825	2,289	1,978	2,235
2020	1,827	1,697	948	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	35	35	34	37	48	72	167	537	691	803	1,147	703
2022	544	797	1,350	1,471	1,682	1,585	1,900	2,140	-	-	-	-

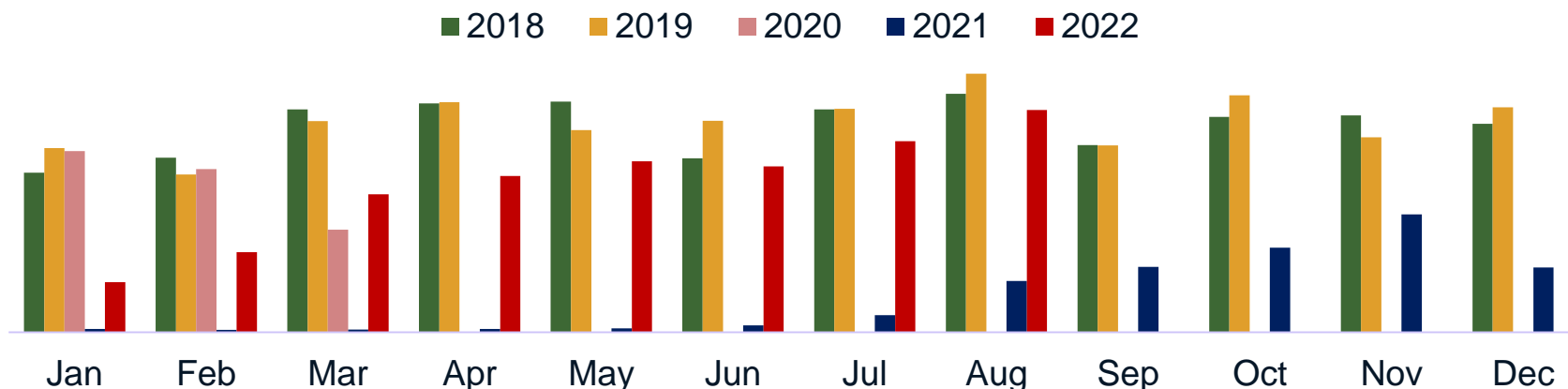
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Detailed monthly trends – global regions – EU15

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Overseas Visits to the UK - to the UK from EU15 (000)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	1,287	1,407	1,796	1,843	1,857	1,401	1,796	1,922	1,508	1,735	1,748	1,679
2019	1,483	1,272	1,701	1,854	1,630	1,703	1,802	2,083	1,505	1,910	1,572	1,814
2020	1,461	1,316	826	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	28	21	21	28	33	55	139	412	527	682	951	521
2022	403	646	1,112	1,260	1,377	1,337	1,540	1,790	-	-	-	-

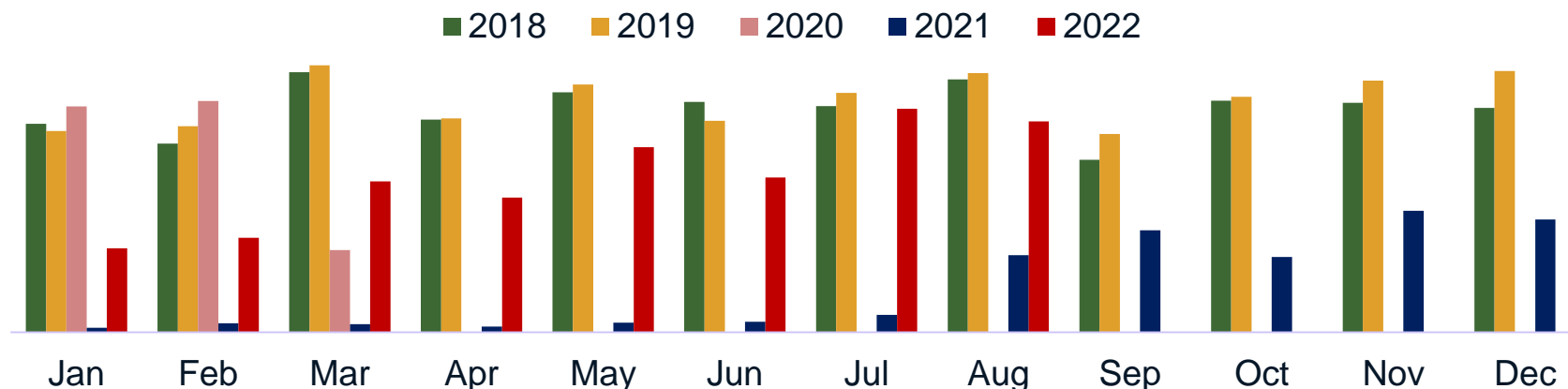
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Detailed monthly trends – global regions – EU Other

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Overseas Visits to the UK - to the UK from EU Other (000)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	336	304	419	343	387	371	365	407	278	373	370	362
2019	324	332	430	345	399	341	386	418	319	380	405	421
2020	364	372	132	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	7	15	13	9	16	17	28	124	164	121	196	182
2022	136	152	243	217	298	250	360	340				

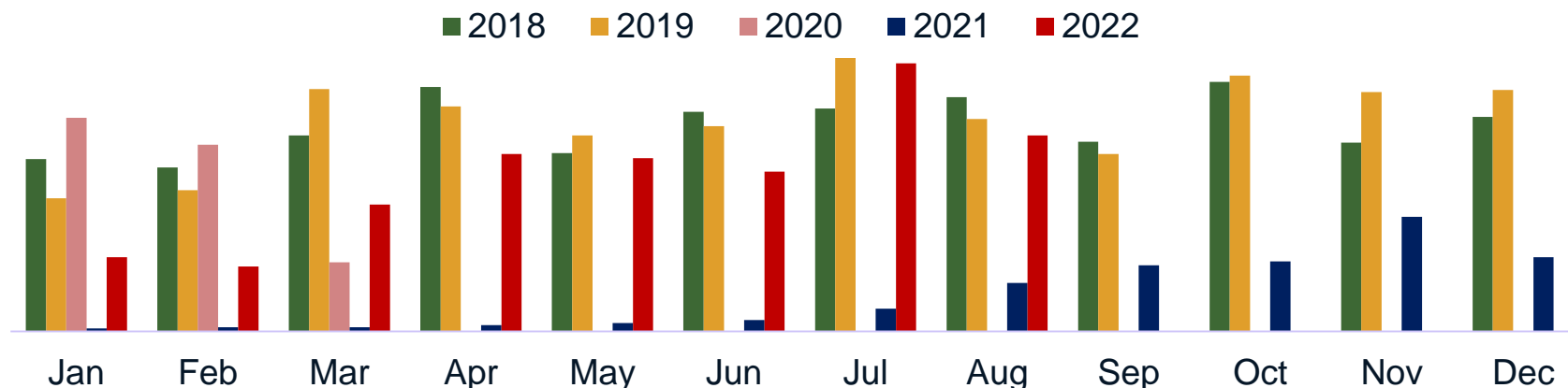
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Detailed monthly trends – global regions – Rest of Europe

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Overseas Visits to the UK - to the UK from Rest of Europe (000)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	167	159	190	237	173	213	216	227	184	242	183	208
2019	129	137	235	218	190	199	265	206	172	248	232	234
2020	207	181	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	3	4	4	6	8	11	22	47	64	68	111	72
2022	72	63	123	172	168	155	260	190				

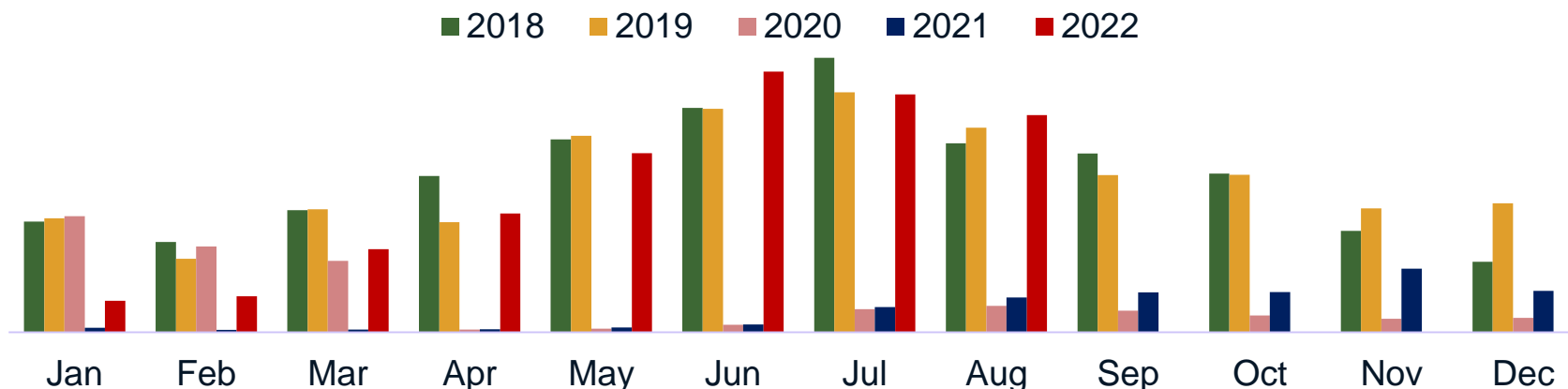
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Detailed monthly trends – global regions – North America

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Overseas Visits to the UK - to the UK from North America (000)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	321	262	354	453	560	651	797	548	519	460	294	205
2019	330	213	356	319	570	648	696	593	456	457	360	374
2020	337	249	208	7	11	22	67	77	63	49	39	42
2021	13	7	8	9	14	23	73	101	115	116	185	120
2022	91	104	241	345	520	756	690	630				

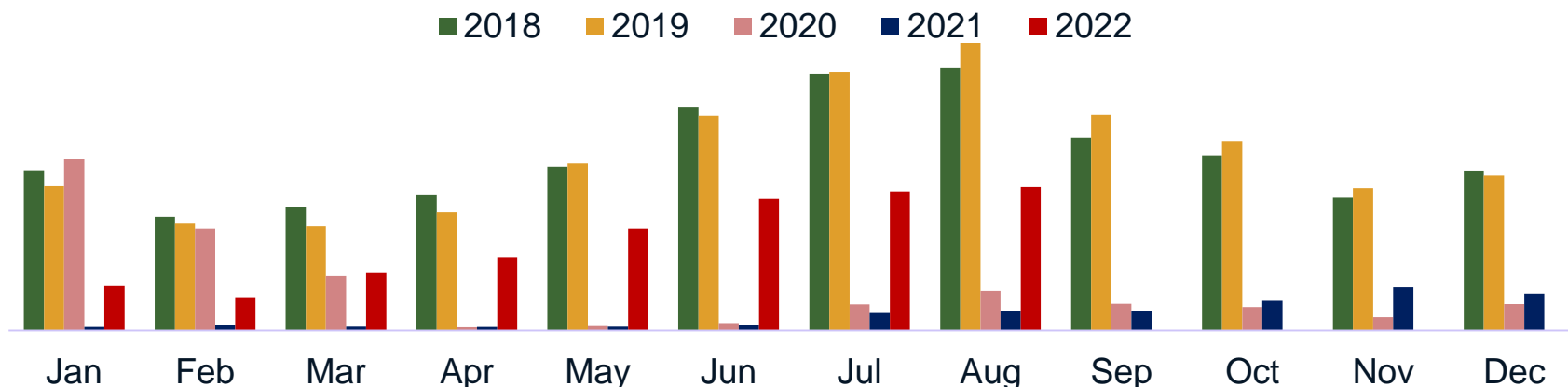
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Detailed monthly trends – global regions – Rest of World

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Overseas Visits to the UK - to the UK from Rest of World (000)
Source: Office for National Statistics, International Passenger Survey



Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	623	440	480	528	637	867	999	1,021	749	681	518	622
2019	563	418	407	462	650	836	1,006	1,118	840	737	552	602
2020	667	394	213	13	17	29	102	155	105	92	52	103
2021	13	22	16	14	15	20	69	75	78	116	168	144
2022	173	126	224	283	395	514	540	560				

Note: Visits in thousands. Monthly data is replaced by the more accurate Quarterly data.

[Long term trends showing percentage change year-on-year by quarter and more is available here.](#)

4. About this data

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This report is based on the latest International Passenger Survey (IPS) data released by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) on the morning of **5th December 2022**. This data covers July and August 2022 and will be revised in the quarterly release (July-September 2022). The data may be further revised for the annual 2022 release.

[Read the 'Inbound research & insights' section of the VisitBritain website](#) for much more detail on long term trends, data for individual markets and UK regions. Short term figures give an indication of the very latest trends, but should be used with caution. IPS is not designed to report accurately by month, and figures should be treated as indicative. Analysis of the last three months or longer is more reliable. All figures are provisional and subject to revision by the ONS.

The IPS data is based on interviews with a sample of departing visitors and the number interviewed varies but is typically around 3,000 per month.

Please also note:

- All data is sourced from the International Passenger Survey by the Office for National Statistics.
- All figures quoted are not “seasonally adjusted”.
- Numbers in some tables / charts may not sum due to rounding.
- All percentage changes in spend are nominal.
- From 2021 data excludes the Irish land boarder data

Refer to the [ONS website](#) for more on IPS methodology and UK outbound travel.

Important notice – impact of COVID-19 on IPS

The International Passenger Survey (IPS) was suspended on 16 March 2020 due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Interviewing initially began at UK airports at the start of 2021, though the IPS remained suspended at some ports until July 2022. To produce statistics for the periods impacted, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) have applied the following processes to the data from March 2020 to June 2022 therefore caution should be used when making comparison of IPS data across the periods impacted by COVID-19.

- **March 2020** - With the data collected for most of March when the IPS was running the ONS had part of the data needed for the month. To produce estimates for the full month of March the ONS worked on the assumption that passenger characteristics in the second, unsampled, half of the month were represented by those sampled in the first half.
- **April – December 2020 (Q2, Q3, Q4 2020)** - The travel and tourism figures for this period are based entirely on administrative sources and modelling as no data was collected during this period. In producing these results the ONS have made assumptions that some previous trends have continued, for example, the proportions of passengers travelling for business or holidays. The data was not made available by Mode (and for some global regions), therefore we are unable to compare current AIR data to this period in 2020 and have opted to compare AIR data to 2019 instead.
- **2021** – data published for 2021 should be interpreted with the caveats that no data was collected for those travelling to the UK by Eurotunnel and data for those travelling via Dover was only collected from Q3. Please see [our 2021 inbound data page](#) for more information.
- **January to June 2022** – the ONS were unable to restart interviewing at Eurotunnel during this period due to COVID-19 restrictions but have modelled passenger numbers to estimate these results and allow comparisons to be made over time.

Please [refer to the ONS website for the official release and more information on IPS methodology and UK outbound travel](#).

Definitions

Regions:

- **Total Europe** includes **EU15** (Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Finland, Germany, Greece, Irish Republic, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and Sweden); **Other EU** (Bulgaria, Cyprus (South), Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia (note that Croatia has been included in the 'Other EU' category since it joined in July 2013; before July 2013 this group was labelled as A12) and **Rest of Europe** (European countries outside the EU (including Russia, Norway and Switzerland). Before July 2013 Croatia was also included here, but from July 2013 appears in Other EU)
- **North America** - Canada (including Greenland and St Pierre et Miquelon), USA (including Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands)
- **Rest of World** – Countries outside Europe and North America (Africa, Asia, Central America, Middle East, Oceania, South America)

Journey purpose:

- **VFR** - Visiting Friends and Relatives
- **Miscellaneous visits** - includes those for short term study, to attend sports events, for personal shopping, health or religious purposes, accompanying others and many more

Other:

- **Visit** - all departing visits from overseas residents (including those who may be UK nationals but live elsewhere, excluding other nationals who have been in the UK for 12 months or longer)
- **Spend** - the amount visitors report spending in the UK during their stay
- **YoY** - Year on Year

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