



# **Booming international arrivals in PNG's booming economy**

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# Structure of presentation

- Introduction;
- Overview of available data and its limitations;
- Overview of visitor arrivals in PNG;
- Arrivals by source country;
- Arrivals for employment purposes and work permits issued to foreign workers;
- Occupations of foreign workers;
- Summary and discussion.

# Introduction

## CONTEXT

- PNG's booming extractives and construction industries have increased labour demand that cannot be met locally;
- Strong link between growing economy and increasing number of arrivals (especially for employment and short-term business).

## AIMS

- Summarising data on international arrivals in PNG with a particular focus on arrivals for employment and business;
- Comparing arrivals data with work permit data;
- Showing recent trends in regards to source countries and occupations in which foreign workers are employed.





# Overview of available data

- Analysis of Arrival (and Departure) Card data (2000 to 2013), released by NSO;
- Analysis of Issued Work Permits per year (several years between 2000 and 2014), by DLIR.

# Arrival cards

WARNING - It is an offence under the *Employment of Non-Citizens Act 2007* for a non-citizen to engage in any occupation unless a valid work permit has been granted. Penalty - a fine of up to K10,000.

PLEASE  AND ANSWER

**A Residents returning to Papua New Guinea**

I have been absent from Papua New Guinea for  
 Years                      Months                      Days  
 Country where you spent most time abroad

**B Visitors or temporary entrant**

Do you have a communicable disease?    Yes    No  
 Do you have any criminal conviction/s?    Yes    No

I intend to stay in Papua New Guinea for a period of:  
 Years                      Months                      Days  
 Country of Residence

Main reason for coming to Papua New Guinea (Tick **ONLY ONE** box)

- |  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| <b>A</b> In Transit                      | <b>F</b> Holiday    |
| <b>B</b> Convention                      | <b>G</b> Employment |
| <b>C</b> Business                        | <b>H</b> Education  |
| <b>D</b> Accompanying Business Traveller | <b>I</b> Other      |
| <b>E</b> Visiting Relatives              | Specify             |

**Declaration**

The information I have given is true, correct and complete. I understand a false or misleading declaration/statement made to a Customs, Quarantine or Immigration officer is an offence and may result in a heavy penalty and/or forfeiture of any item not properly declared.

Signature: ..... Date: ...../...../.....

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

**ENTRY PERMIT No:**

**ENTRY PERMIT CATEGORY:**

.....  
 (Migration Officer's Name)

.....  
 (Migration Officer's Signature)

**INCOMING PASSENGER CARD • PNG**

The information set out on this card must be given by, or for, every passenger arriving in Papua New Guinea. A separate card must be completed by, or on behalf of, each incoming passenger and surrendered to an Officer at a designated port of entry.

PLEASE COMPLETE IN ENGLISH

Family Name

Given Names

Gender  Male  Female

Country of Birth

Country of Citizenship

Date of Birth

Passport Number

Expiry Date

Flight number or name of ship

In which Country did you board this flight or ship?

What is your Occupation?

Intended address in PNG

Your Contact Details (Phone, Email)

YOU MUST ANSWER EVERY QUESTION - IF UNSURE,  Yes

Are you bringing into PNG:

- Goods that may be prohibited or restricted, such as narcotic drugs, pornography, firearms, spring bladed knives or any other dangerous weapon? Yes  No
- Goods intended for gifts, sale, exchanged or trade? Yes  No
- PNG Kina 20,000 or the foreign equivalent? Yes  No
- New articles the total value of which exceeds K1,000 per adult and K500.00 per child under 18 years? Yes  No
- More than 250 cigarettes or 250 grams of tobacco products or more than 2 litres of alcohol? Yes  No
- Food of any kind, eg. meat, fats, milk, baby food, butter, cheese, confectionary, herbs, spices? Yes  No
- Plants or parts of plants, eg. fruits, nuts, seeds, bulbs, flowers, straw, wooden articles, bamboo, sugarcane, mushrooms, soil, etc? Yes  No
- Animals, parts of animals, animal and agricultural products including equipment, biological specimens such as vaccines, cultures, blood? Yes  No

Have you:

- Been on a farm - animal or agriculture site? Yes  No
- Visited an abattoir or meat packing place or been in contact with plantation crop? Yes  No

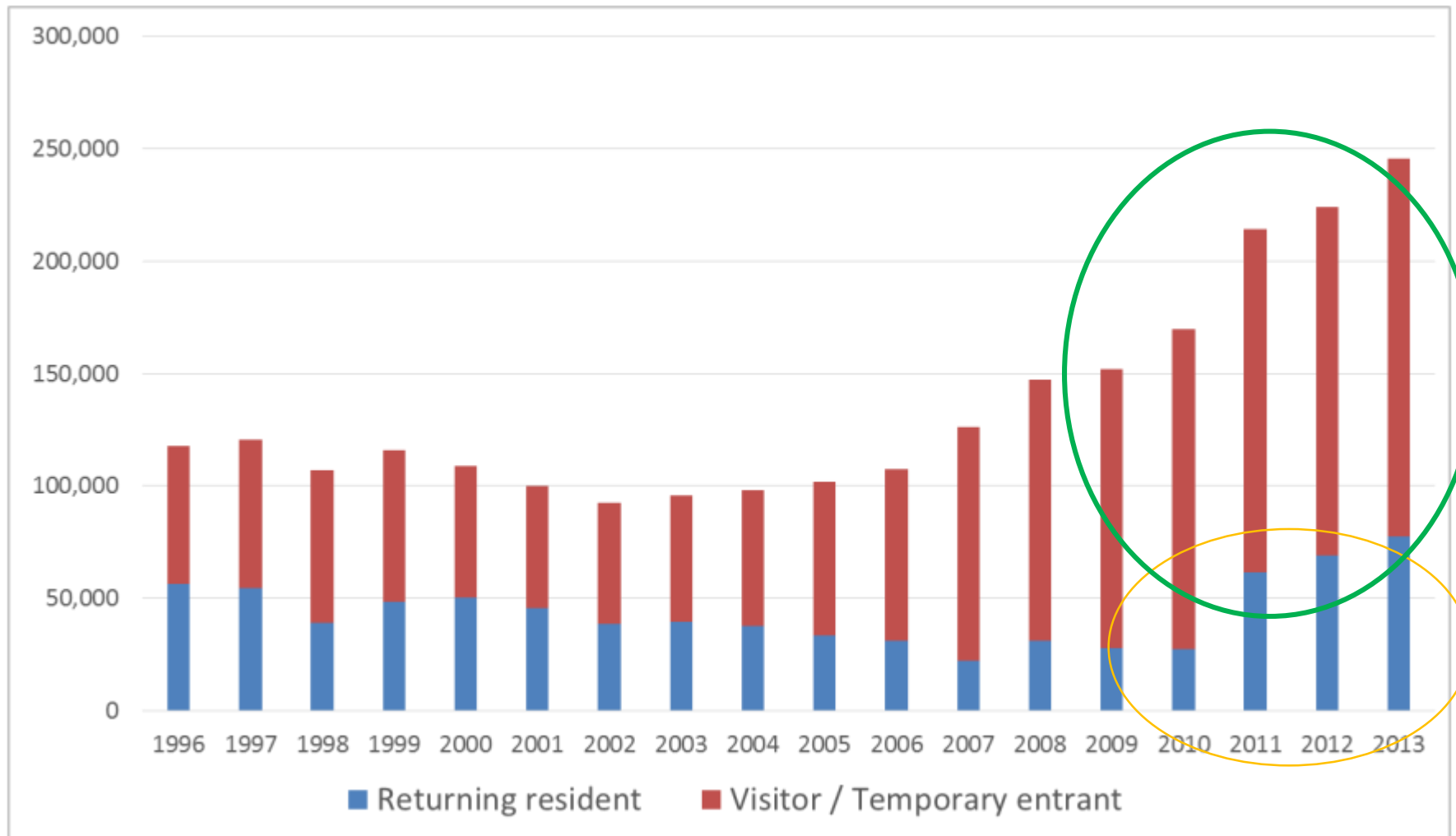
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# Shortcomings of Arrival Card data

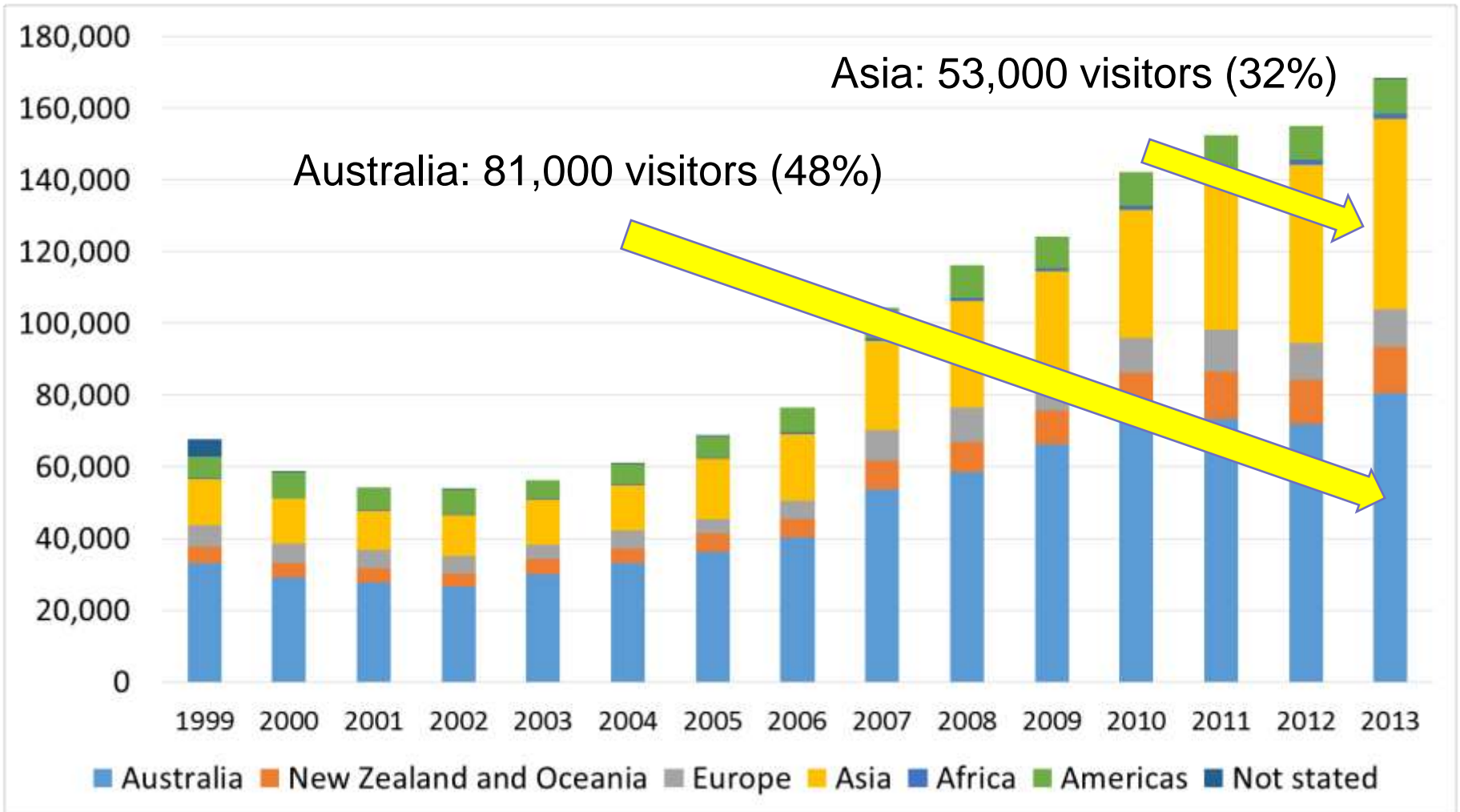
- Some missing data;
- Data entry errors;
- Shortcomings related to the data collected in the cards;
- Inconsistency in filling out the cards;
- Possibly incomplete data collection.

# Total number of arrivals in PNG (returning residents and visitors), 1996 to 2013



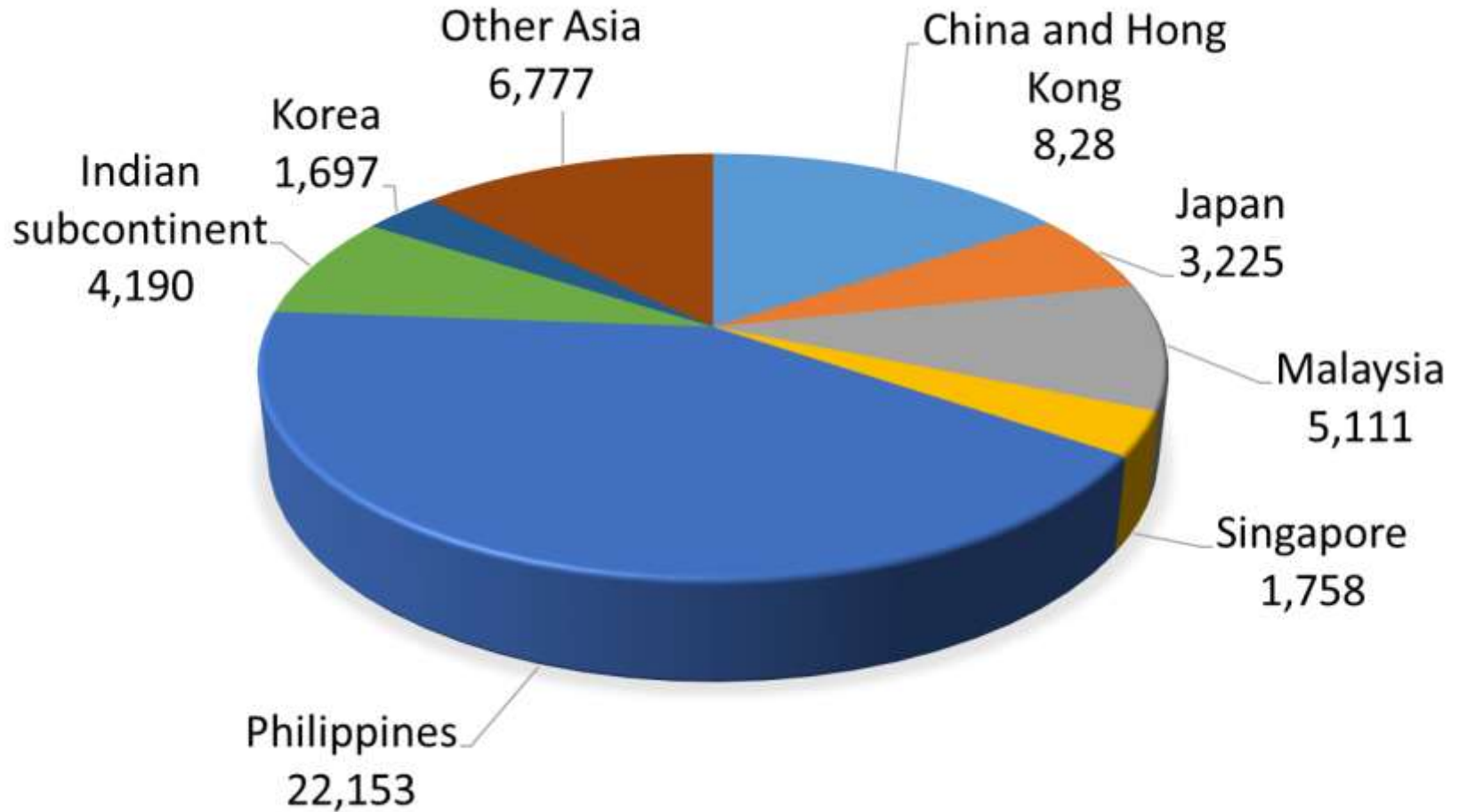
# Visitor arrival numbers by continent, 1999 to 2013

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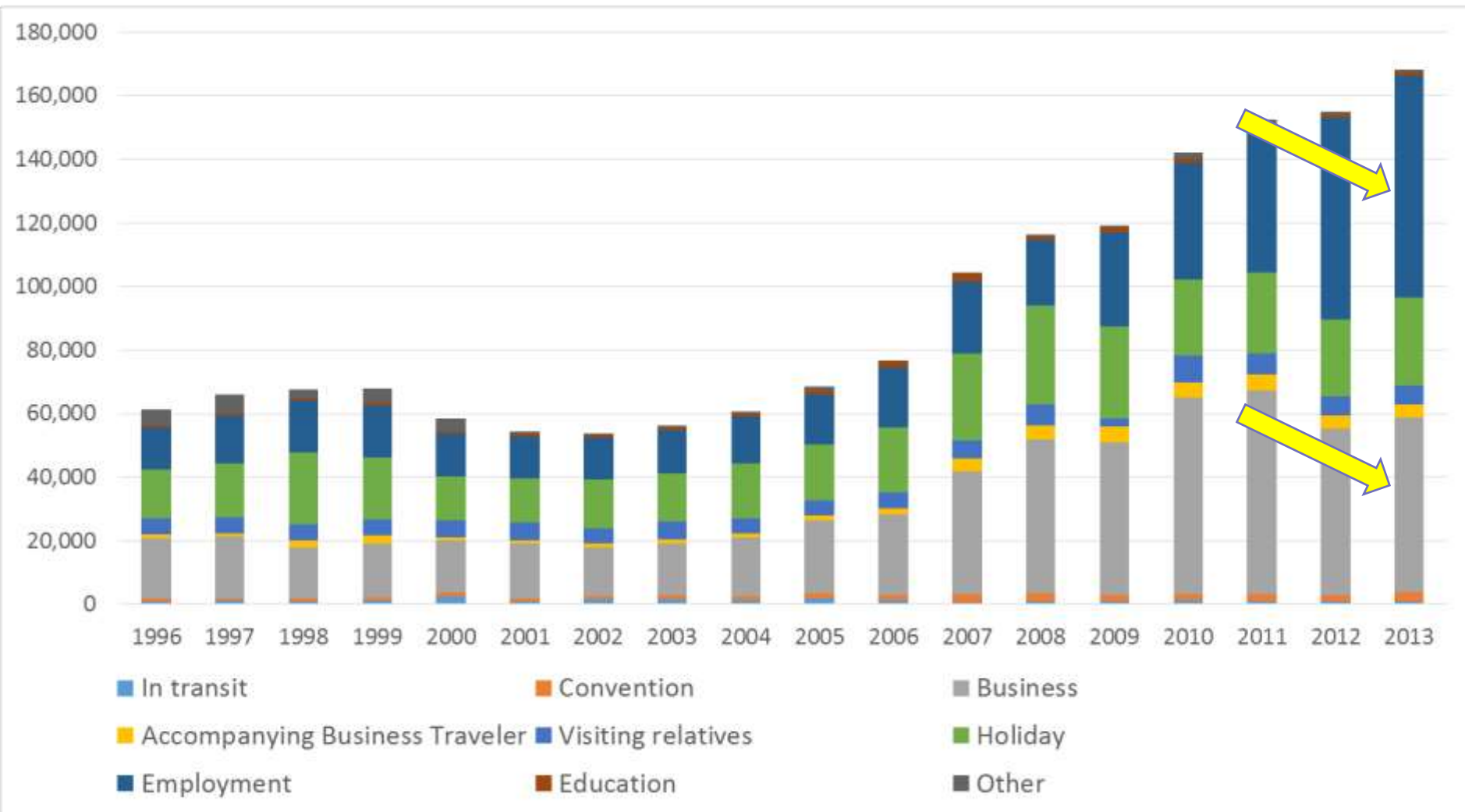




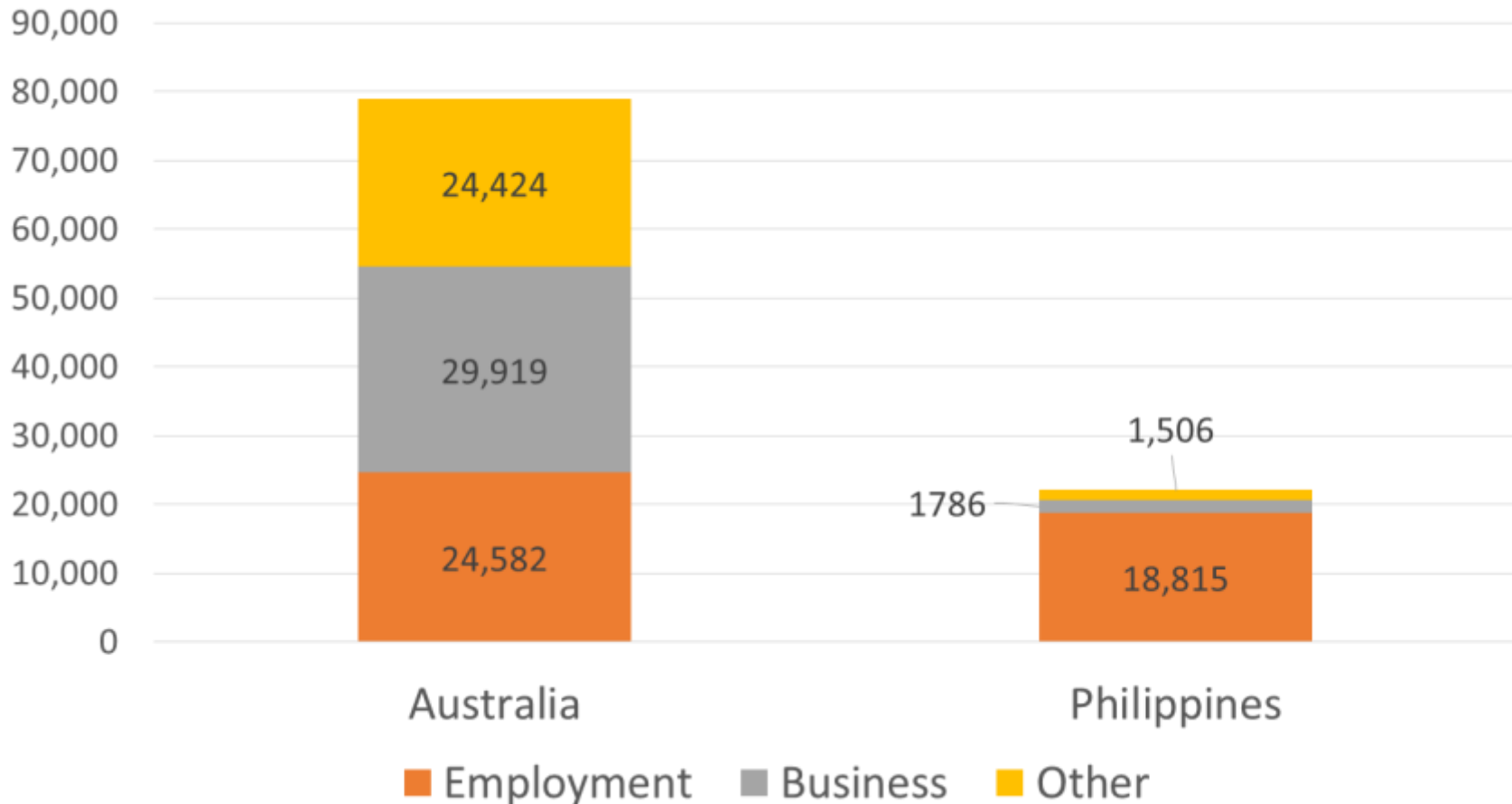
# Number of visitor arrivals from Asian countries, 2013



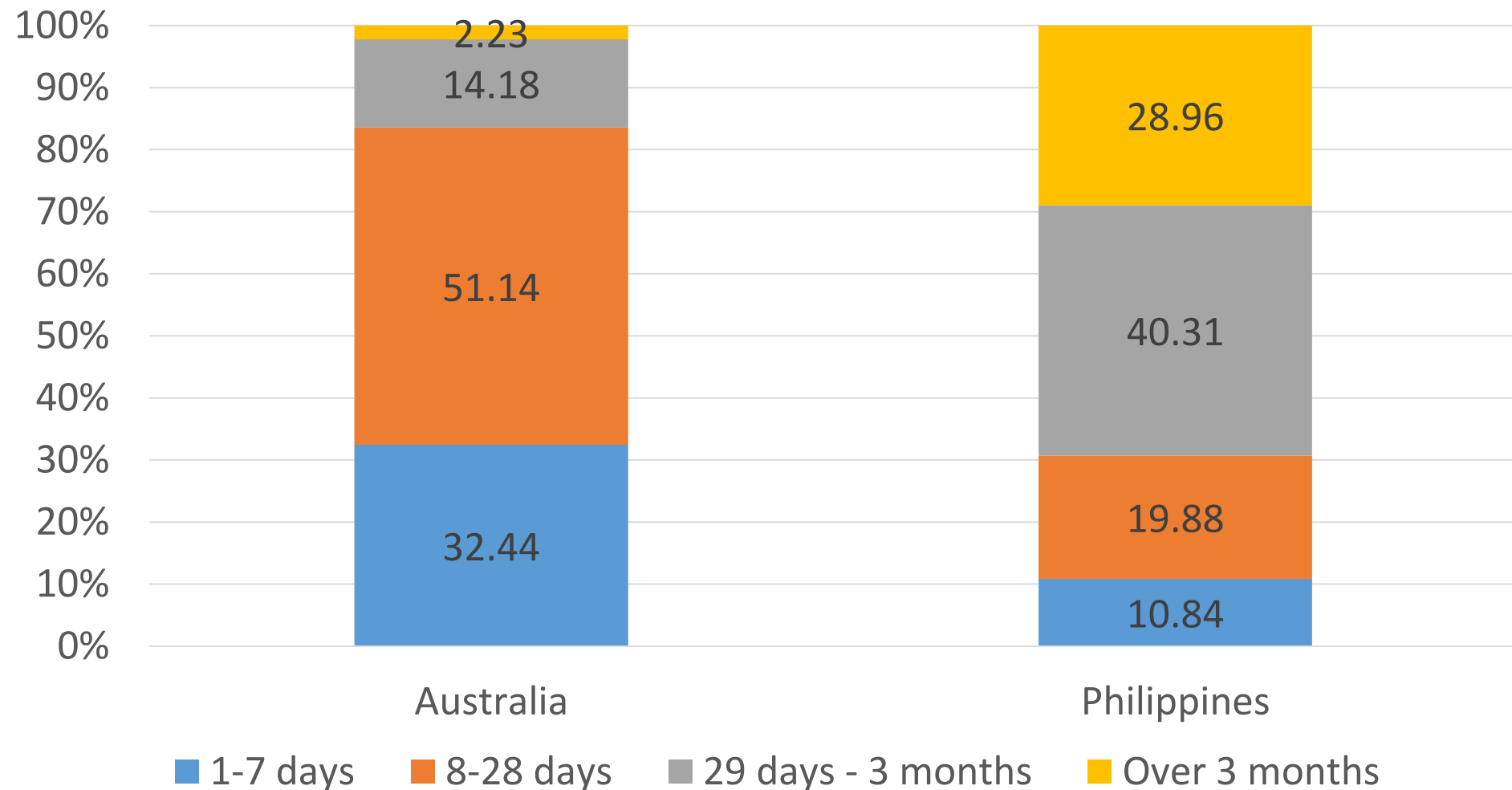
# Reasons for visitors arriving in PNG, 1996 to 2013 (absolute numbers)



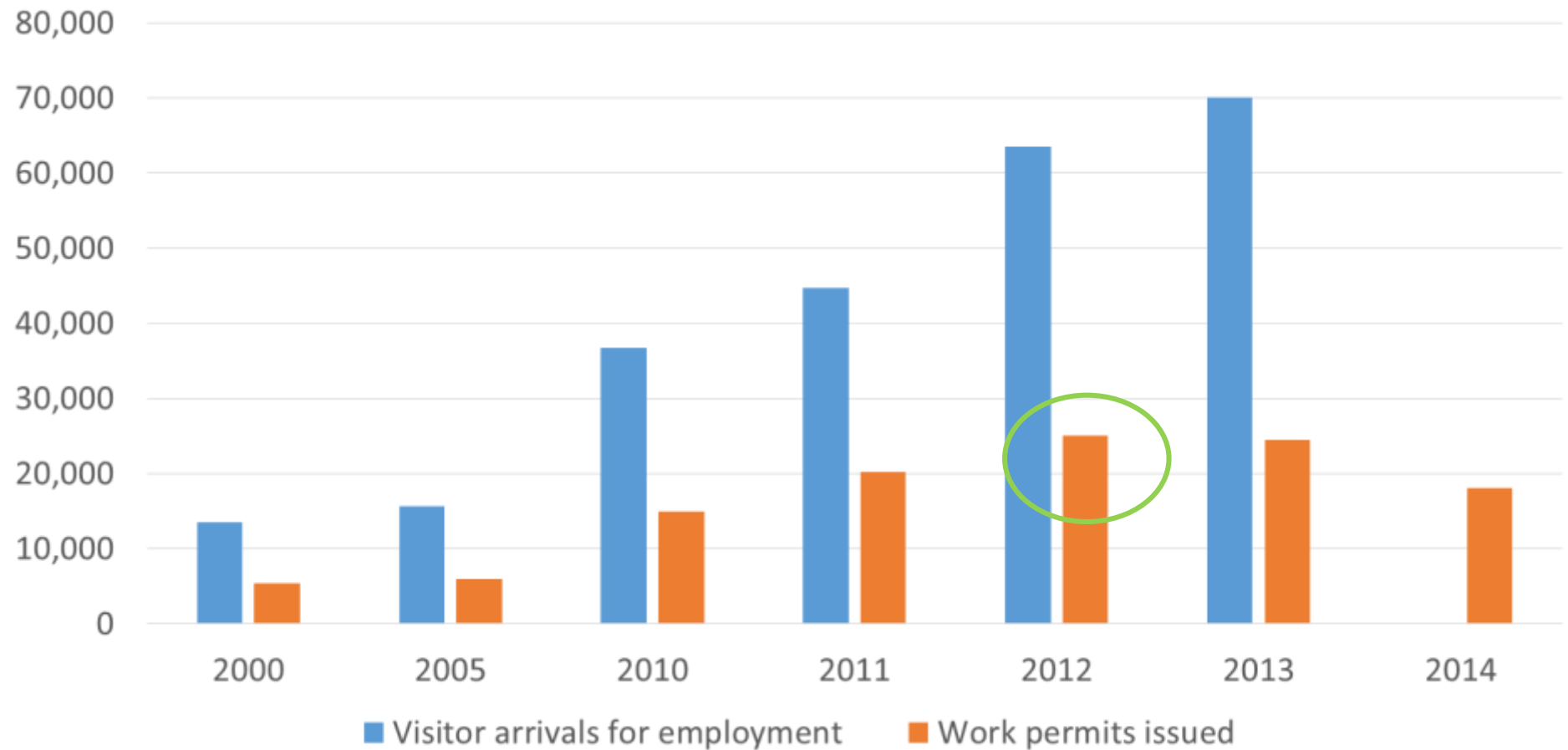
# Number of Australian and Filipino arrivals by reason of visit, 2013



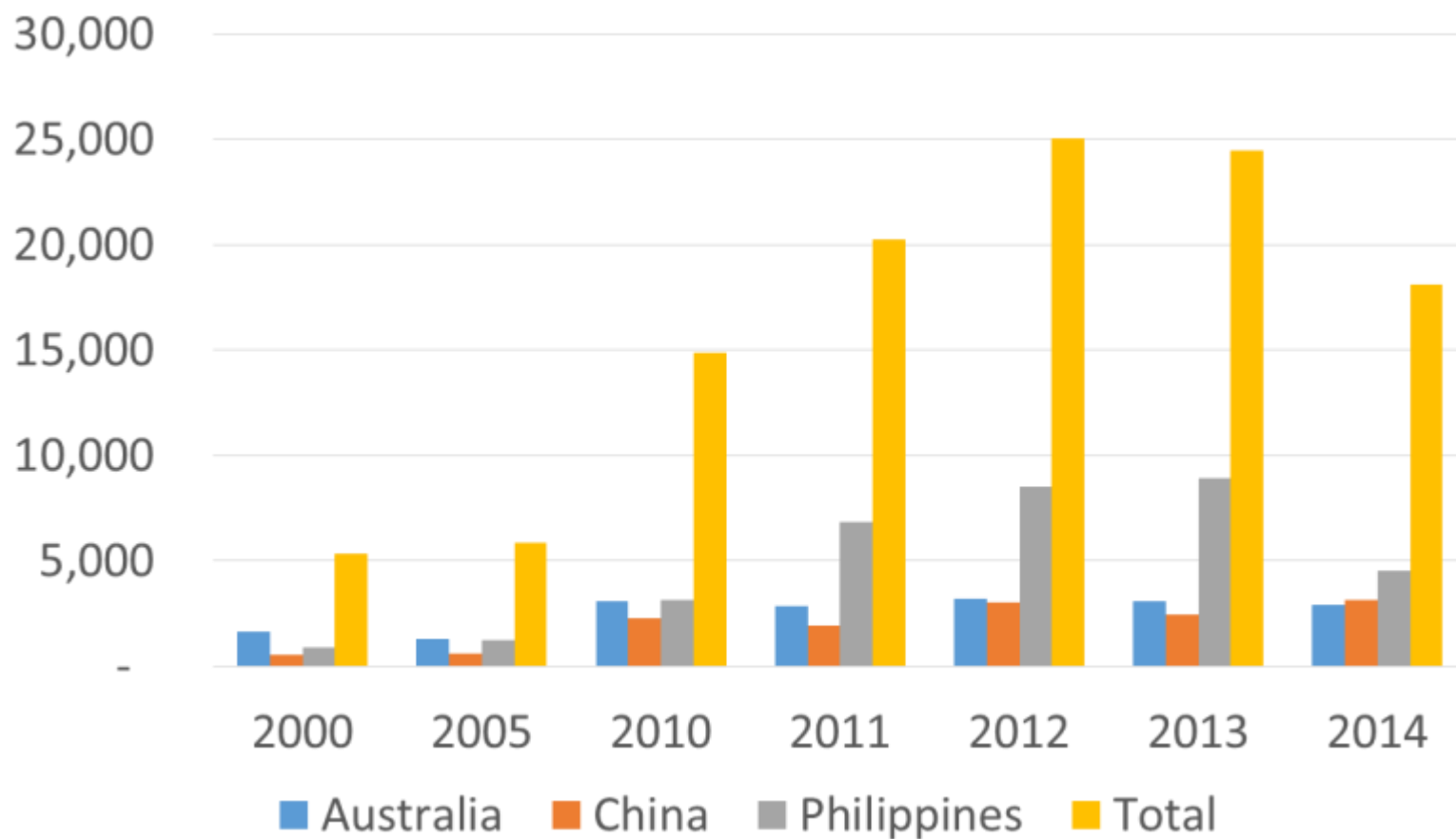
# Length of stay of visitors from Australia and Philippines, 2012



# Comparison of the number of visitor arrivals for employment and work permits issued



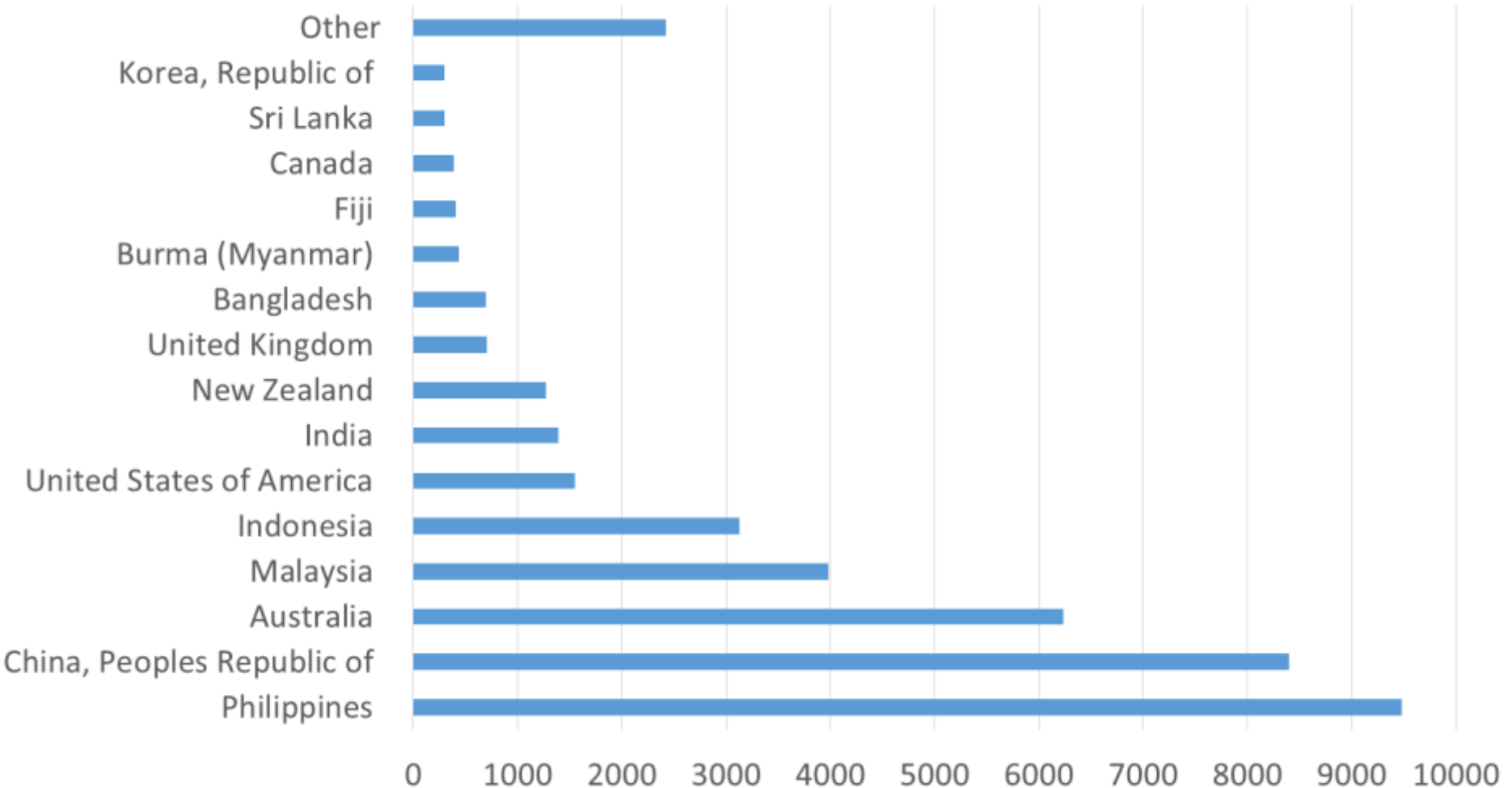
# Number of work permits issued for PNG, 2000 to 2014



# Work permits for PNG issued by country, various years 2000 to 2014

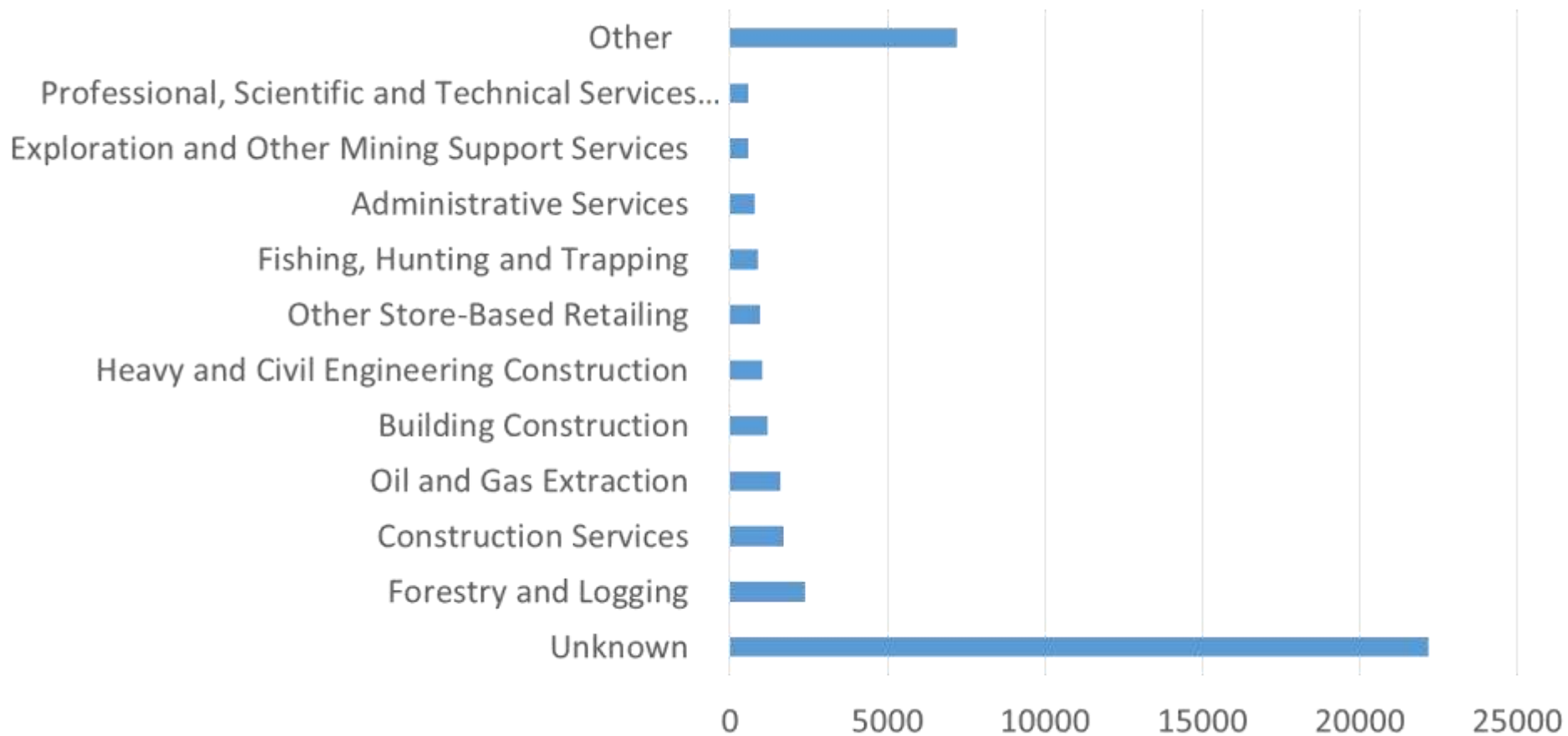
	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Australia	1,622	1,319	3,111	2,830	3,203	3,063	2,906
Bangladesh	9	38	112	650	928	617	338
China	532	577	2,302	1,927	3,009	2,464	3,145
Germany	106	61	94	55	62	97	58
India	178	206	427	747	650	782	788
Indonesia	177	294	662	1,333	1,899	1,507	1,505
Malaysia	639	709	1,773	1,649	1,656	1,762	1,512
New Zealand	265	195	549	592	695	643	604
Philippines	886	1,224	3,162	6,855	8,538	8,921	4,544
Thailand	13	23	144	433	1,073	832	62
UK	133	145	374	402	444	402	313
US	212	395	722	665	614	928	447
Total	5,313	5,881	14,901	20,242	25,047	24,495	18,100

# Number of active work permits by country of origin, May 2015

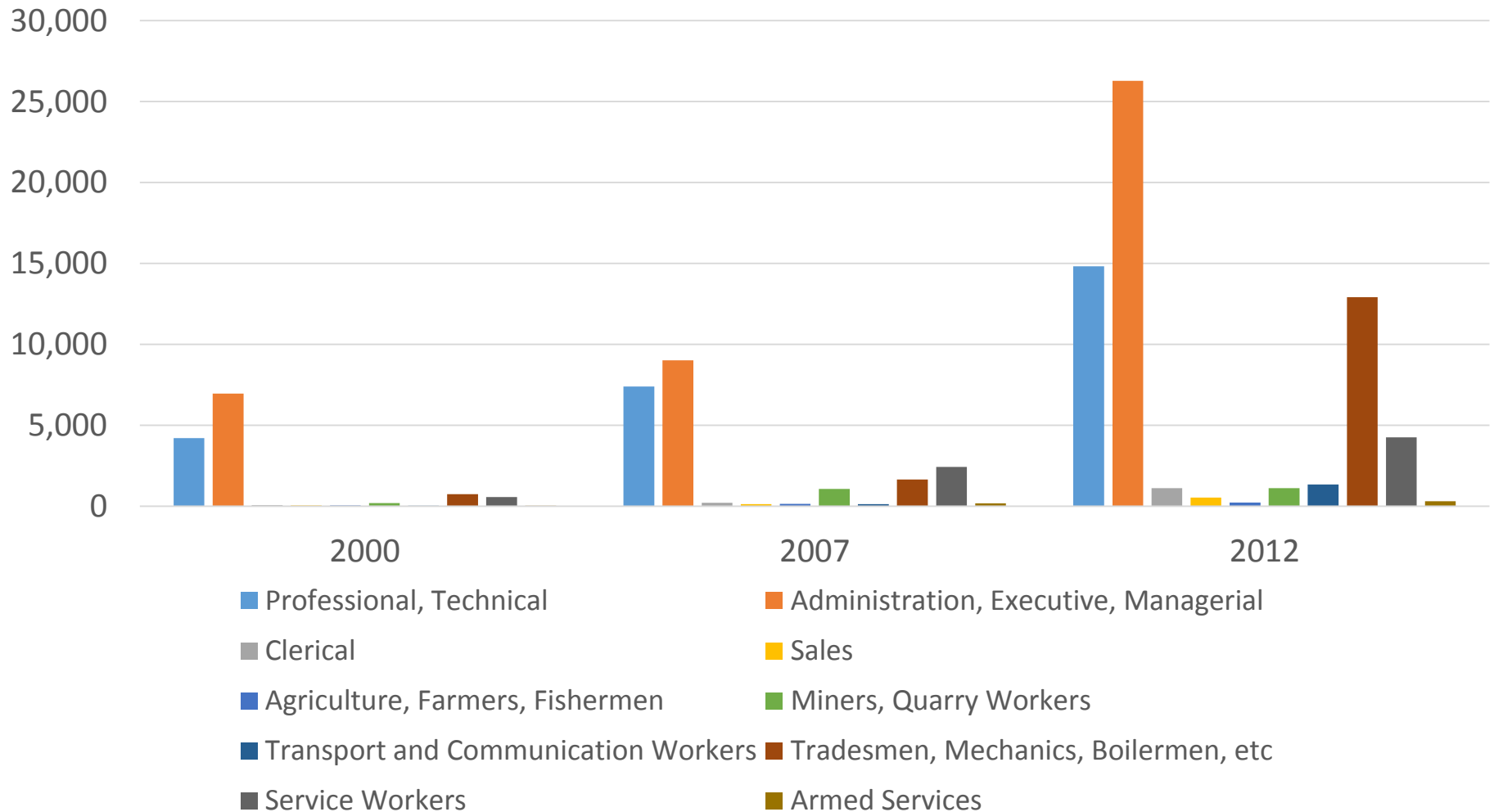




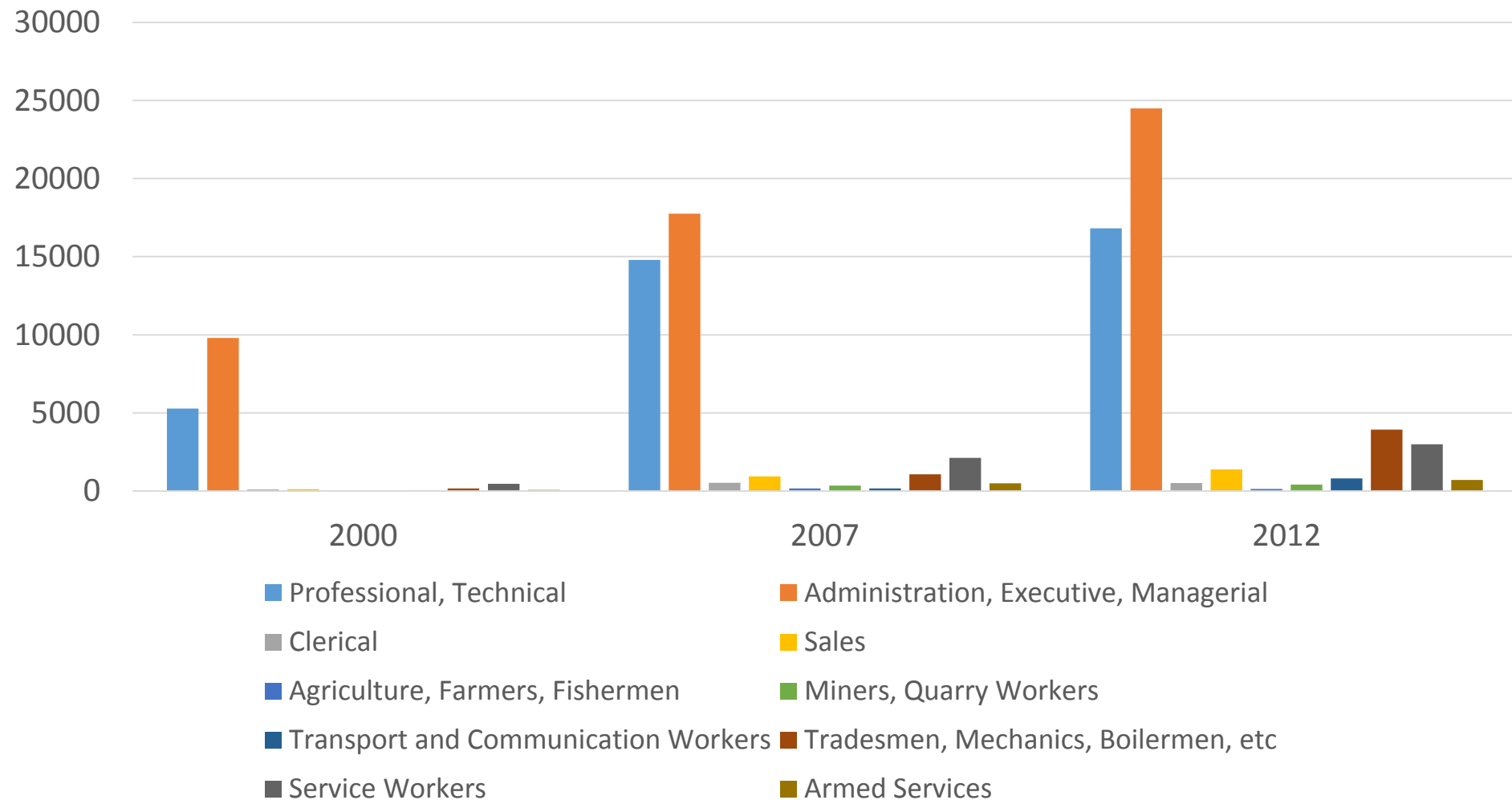
# Industry of work permit holders, May 2015



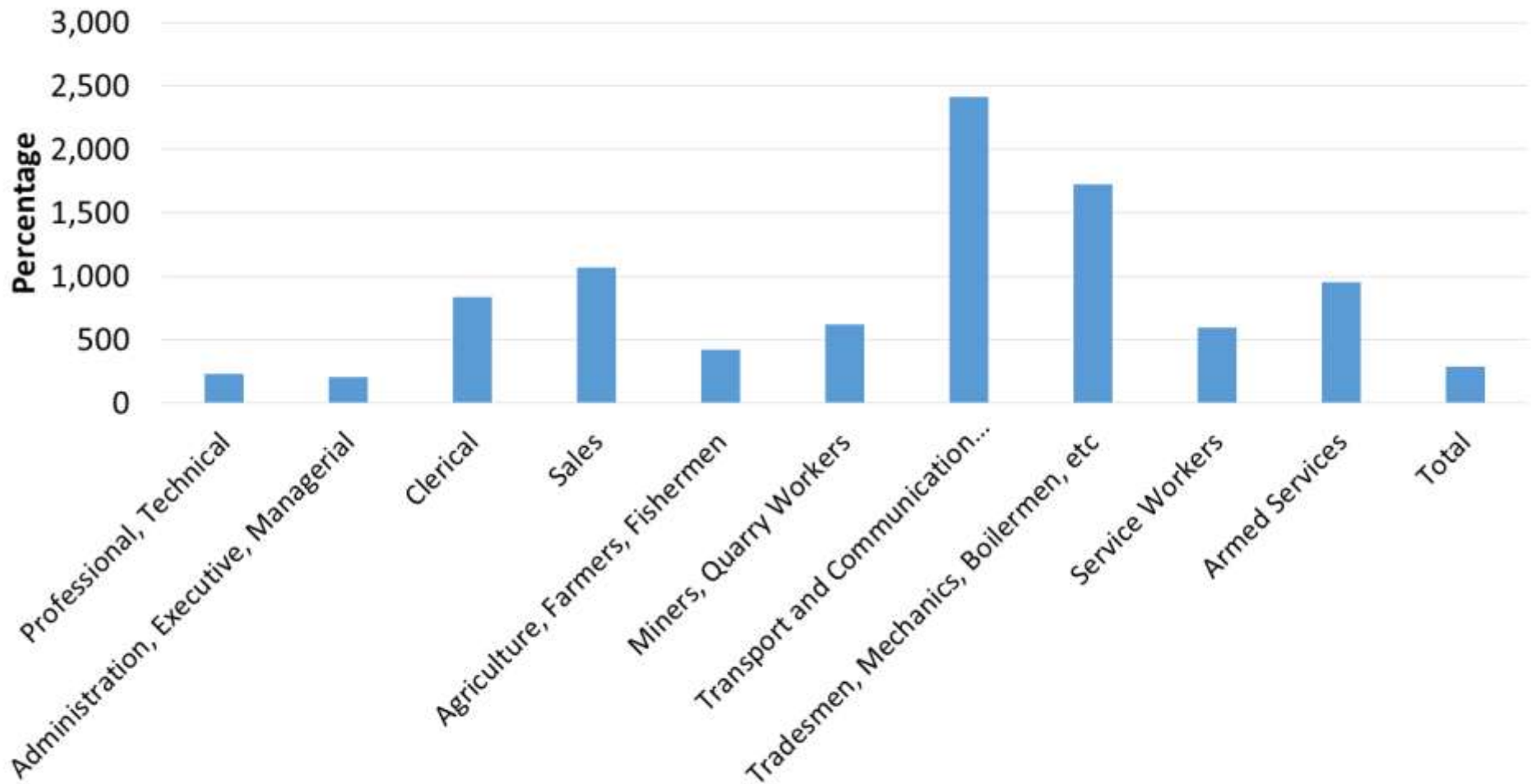
# Occupational categories of visitors arriving for employment



# Occupational categories of visitors arriving for business



# % increase of major occupational categories among visitors, 2000 to 2012



# Occupations of work permit holders, May 2015





# Summary and discussion

- Employment and business are major reasons for visiting PNG;
- Some striking differences between work permit and arrivals data;
- Importance to look at different data sets;
- Australians continue to dominate overall arrivals in PNG but not the stock of foreign work permit holders.