

Monthly Inbound Update

Oct Nov Dec 2023 (Provisional)

International Passenger Survey by the ONS

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1. Key Takeouts

Oct, Nov and Dec 2023 (Provisional)

Key takeouts

- **Visits:** A strong October but a sluggish November and December brought Q4 2023 visits below 2019 levels. Provisional visits in 2023 totalled at 37.9m visits, down 7% vs 2019 (and in line with [VisitBritain's forecast](#)).
- **Spend:** A record spend for October but weaker November and December saw Q4 just below 2019 levels but across 2023, visitors spent a record £30.9bn, up 9% vs 2019 (just below [VisitBritain's forecast](#)). In real terms, visitor spending was down 10% vs 2019 (and up 9% vs 2022).
- **Journey purpose:** In 2023, visits to friends/relatives was the only journey purpose to surpass 2019 levels with holiday and misc. visits just below 2019 and business visits down by one quarter. However, looking at growth vs 2022, VFR visits are showing a slowdown in growth whilst other journey purposes are recovering at a faster rate.
- **Global regions:** North America visits dipped in December but overall saw record visits in 2023. European visits were around one tenth below pre-pandemic levels at the annual level whilst the Rest of World was further behind at -17%.

2. Latest monthly inbound UK

Oct, Nov and Dec 2023 (Provisional)

Volume and Value Headlines

Total Visits (000)	2023	Change vs. 2019	Change vs. 2022	Total Spend (£m)	2023	Change vs. 2019	Change vs. 2022	Average Spend per Visit	2023	Change vs. 2019	Change vs. 2022
October 2023	3,700	-1%	11%	October 2023	£3,040	15%	5%	October 2023	£822	16%	-6%
November 2023	2,790	-11%	-14%	November 2023	£2,070	-6%	-8%	November 2023	£742	5%	6%
December 2023	2,930	-15%	-4%	December 2023	£2,180	-19%	-15%	December 2023	£744	-5%	-12%
Last 3 months (Oct-Dec 2023)	9,420	-9%	-2%	Last 3 months (Oct-Dec 2023)	£7,280	-3%	-6%	Last 3 months (Oct-Dec 2023)	£773	5%	-4%
2023	37,860	-7%	21%	2023	£30,880	9%	17%	2023	£816	17%	-4%

- **Visits:** Inbound visits to the UK in October 2023 were on par with 2019 but dipped in November and December. Across Q4, visits totalled at 9.4m, down 9% vs 2019 and down 2% vs 2022. Provisionally, total inbound visits across 2023 reached 37.9m, just below 2019 visits at -7% but surpassing 2022 visits by 21%.
- **Spend:** October 2023 saw record spend at £3.0bn whilst November and December spend remained below 2019 spend. Q4 2023 spend came to £7.3bn, down 3% on 2019 and down 6% on 2022. In 2023, inbound visitors spent a record £30.9bn in the UK, up 9% vs 2019 and up 17% vs 2022.
- **Average spend per visit:** The average spend per visit in 2023 was £816, up 17% vs 2019 and down 4% vs 2022.
- These provisional results are broadly in line with VisitBritain's forecast which predicted 37.8m visits and £31.7bn spend in 2023. Revised figures, due out in May will conclude the full story for 2023. [See the full forecast on our website.](#)

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Value (in real terms)

Total Spend (£m) IN REAL TERMS	Change vs. 2019	Change vs. 2022
October 2023	-6%	0%
November 2023	-23%	-12%
December 2023	-34%	-18%
Last 3 months (Oct-Dec 2023)	-21%	-10%
2023	-10%	9%

Average Spend per Visit IN REAL TERMS	Change vs. 2019	Change vs. 2022
October 2023	-5%	-10%
November 2023	-13%	2%
December 2023	-22%	-15%
Last 3 months (Oct-Dec 2023)	-13%	-8%
2023	-3%	-10%

In real terms (i.e. taking inflation into account):

- **Inbound spend** was down across the months in Q4 2023 with the sharpest decline seen in December 2023. At the annual level, in real terms, visitor spend was down 10% vs 2019 and up 9% vs 2022.
- **Average spend per visit** was also below 2019 levels across all months in Q4 2023. In 2023, average spend per visit was down 3% vs 2019 and down 10% vs 2022.

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Journey Purpose

Total Visits (000)	Oct 2023	Change vs. 2019	Change vs. 2022	Nov 2023	Change vs. 2019	Change vs. 2022	Dec 2023	Change vs. 2019	Change vs. 2022	Q4 2023	Change vs. 2019	Change vs. 2022	2023	Change vs. 2019	Change vs. 2022
Holiday	1,590	7%	26%	1,010	-15%	-17%	1,170	-16%	9%	3,770	-7%	6%	15,880	-6%	31%
Business	630	-26%	15%	740	-8%	31%	470	-14%	-4%	1,840	-16%	14%	6,520	-25%	27%
VFR	1,210	5%	4%	900	-6%	-29%	1,080	-12%	-17%	3,180	-4%	-14%	12,730	2%	8%
Misc	270	7%	-23%	140	-22%	-29%	210	-21%	20%	620	-11%	-14%	2,740	-4%	23%

- **Holiday** visits in October reached a record but it was a weaker November and December leading to Q4 visits being down vs 2019. In 2023, holiday visits totalled at 15.9m, down 6% vs 2019 (and up 31% vs 2022).
- **Visits to friends and relative (VFR)** had been surpassing 2019 levels from June and saw record visits in October. However, recovery looked to slow down in November and December bringing Q4 visits down 4% vs 2019. Overall in 2023, VFR visits were the only journey purpose to surpass 2019 levels at a record 12.7m visits, up 2% vs 2019 (and up 8% vs 2022).
- **Business** visits remained below 2019 levels across Q4 2023 and at the annual level saw a slower recovery vs other journey purposes, remaining one quarter below 2019 levels (but up 27% vs 2022).
- All other visits under '**miscellaneous**', which includes study totalled at 2.7m visits, down 4% vs 2019 (and up 23% vs 2022).

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Global Region

Total Visits (000)	Oct 2023	Change vs. 2019	Change vs. 2022	Nov 2023	Change vs. 2019	Change vs. 2022	Dec 2023	Change vs. 2019	Change vs. 2022	Q4 2023	Change vs. 2019	Change vs. 2022	2023	Change vs. 2019	Change vs. 2022
Total Europe	2,530	0%	12%	2,010	-9%	-19%	2,180	-12%	2%	6,720	-7%	-2%	24,970	-9%	19%
→ EU	2,290	0%	15%	1,770	-11%	-22%	1,980	-11%	1%	6,050	-7%	-3%	22,620	-9%	19%
→ EU15	1,810	-5%	8%	1,350	-14%	-25%	1,660	-8%	5%	4,820	-9%	-5%	18,410	-9%	18%
North America	560	23%	0%	370	3%	0%	300	-20%	-24%	1,230	3%	-7%	6,110	14%	11%
Rest of World	600	-19%	22%	410	-26%	6%	450	-25%	-12%	1,470	-23%	5%	6,780	-17%	42%

- Visits from **Europe** were on par with pre-pandemic levels in October 2023 but dropped in November and December. Across 2023, there were 25.0m visits from Europe, down 9% vs 2019 (and up 19% vs 2022). A similar pattern of recovery was seen from the EU and EU15 in Q4 and 2023. See breakdown of other European groupings from slide 20.
- Visits from **North America** during October and November were similar to the volumes seen in 2022 (but above 2019 levels). December was weaker bringing the Q4 total to 1.2m visits, up 3% vs 2019 but down 7% vs 2022. Overall in 2023, North America showed the strongest recovery across global regions with a record 6.1m visits, up 14% vs 2019 and up 11% vs 2022.
- Those visiting from the **Rest of World** contributed 1.5m visits in Q4 and 6.8m visits across 2023, down 17% vs 2019 (and up 42% vs 2022).

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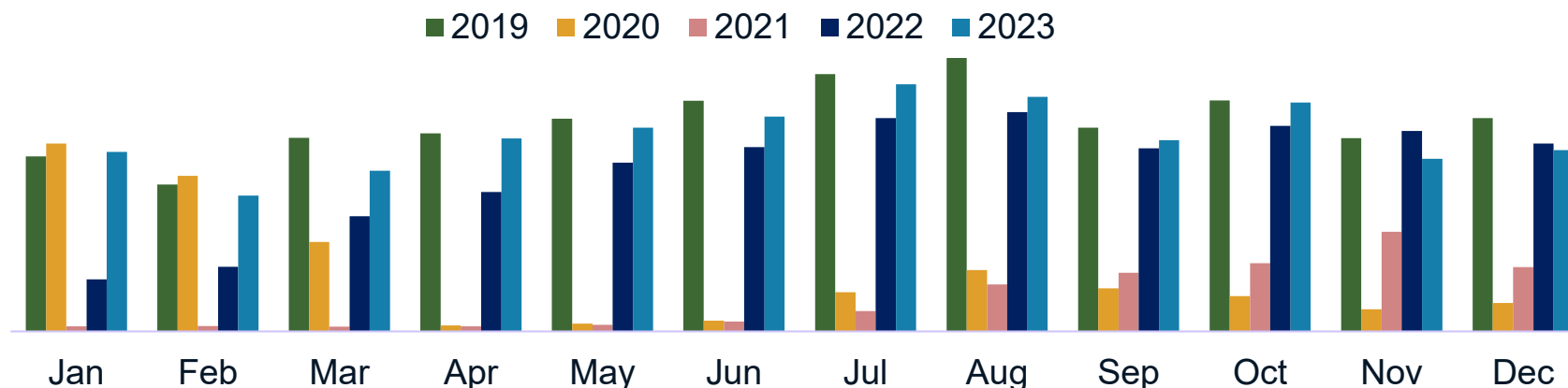
3. Detailed monthly trends

Oct, Nov and Dec 2023 (Provisional)

Detailed monthly trends - visits

Please see notes on slide 26 when interpreting 2020, 2021 and 2022 data

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
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	82	86	78	81	107	158	331	759	949	1,103	1,610	1,039
2022	839	1,045	1,860	2,252	2,728	2,977	3,445	3,545	2,956	3,322	3,238	3,038
2023	2,900	2,193	2,598	3,118	3,292	3,472	3,991	3,790	3,089	3,700	2,790	2,930

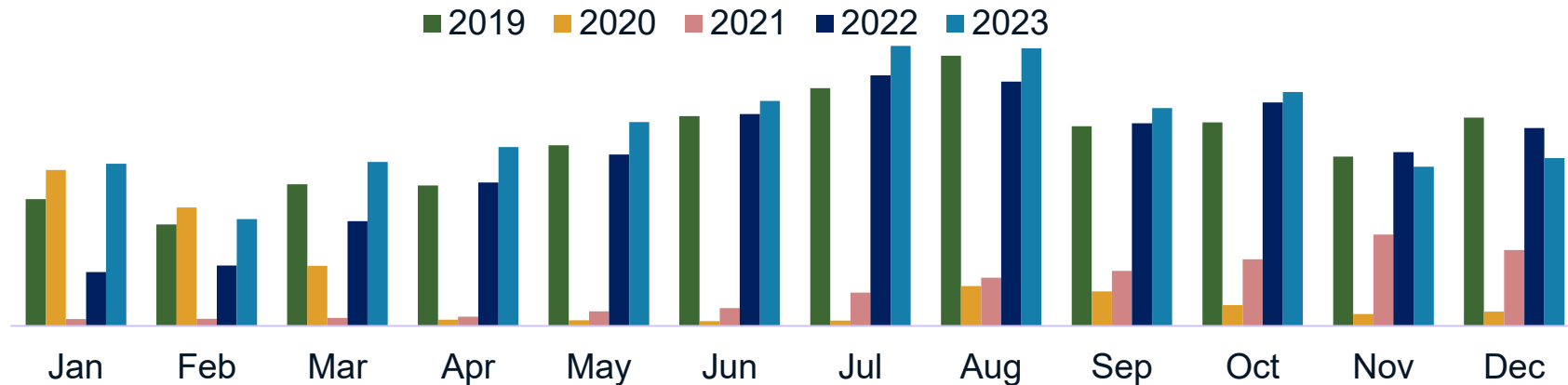
Note: Visits in thousands. Monthly data is replaced by the more accurate Quarterly data.

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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
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	89	95	103	122	189	234	433	626	716	867	1,186	985
2022	702	787	1,363	1,863	2,229	2,755	3,257	3,174	2,635	2,905	2,258	2,570
2023	2,107	1,388	2,130	2,325	2,649	2,925	3,637	3,609	2,831	3,040	2,070	2,180

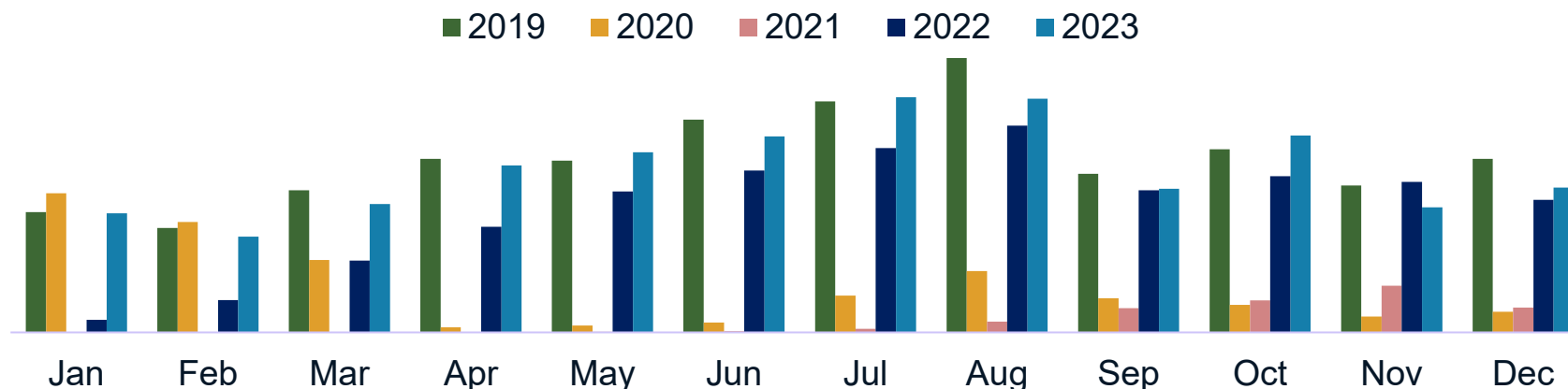
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Detailed monthly trends – journey purpose - holiday

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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
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	2	3	3	3	4	10	30	86	196	259	377	201
2022	102	262	579	853	1,138	1,307	1,488	1,669	1,149	1,262	1,215	1,070
2023	961	774	1,037	1,349	1,456	1,583	1,900	1,887	1,161	1,590	1,010	1,170

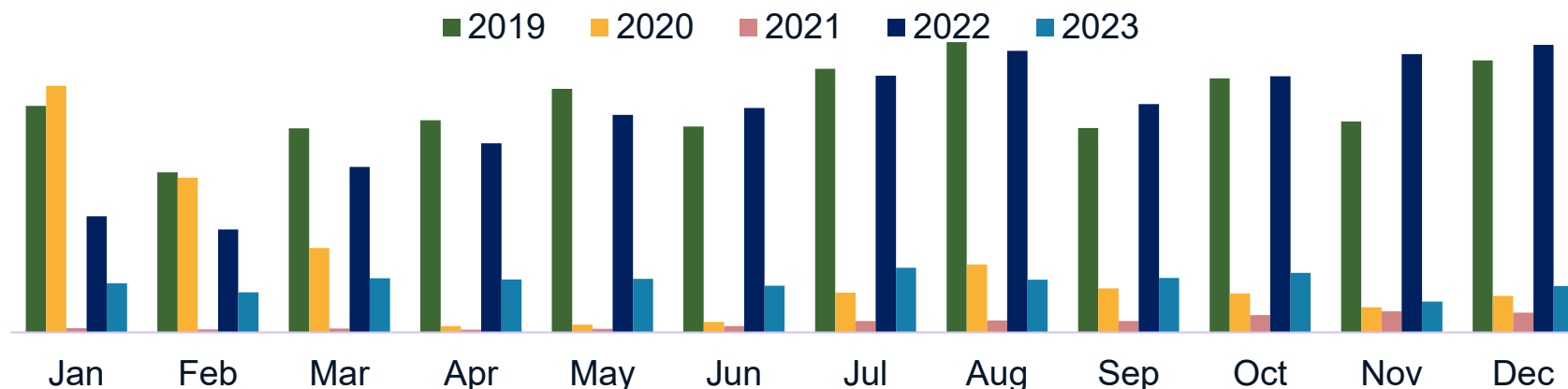
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Detailed monthly trends – journey purpose - VFR

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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
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	55	56	41	51	64	100	211	501	512	548	802	515
2022	525	466	748	856	984	1,015	1,161	1,274	1,033	1,158	1,259	1,300
2023	1,254	760	843	1,002	1,027	1,080	1,273	1,316	991	1,210	900	1,080

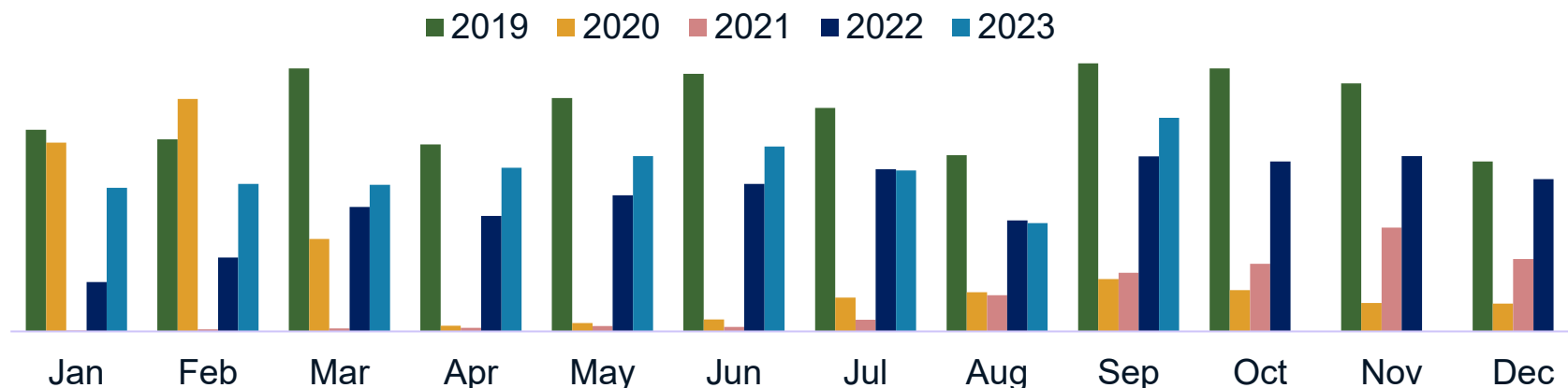
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Detailed monthly trends – journey purpose - business

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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
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	5	12	16	15	23	18	38	117	189	218	335	234
2022	525	466	748	856	984	1,015	1,161	1,274	1,033	1,158	1,259	1,300
2023	464	477	474	529	567	597	526	349	690	630	740	470

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

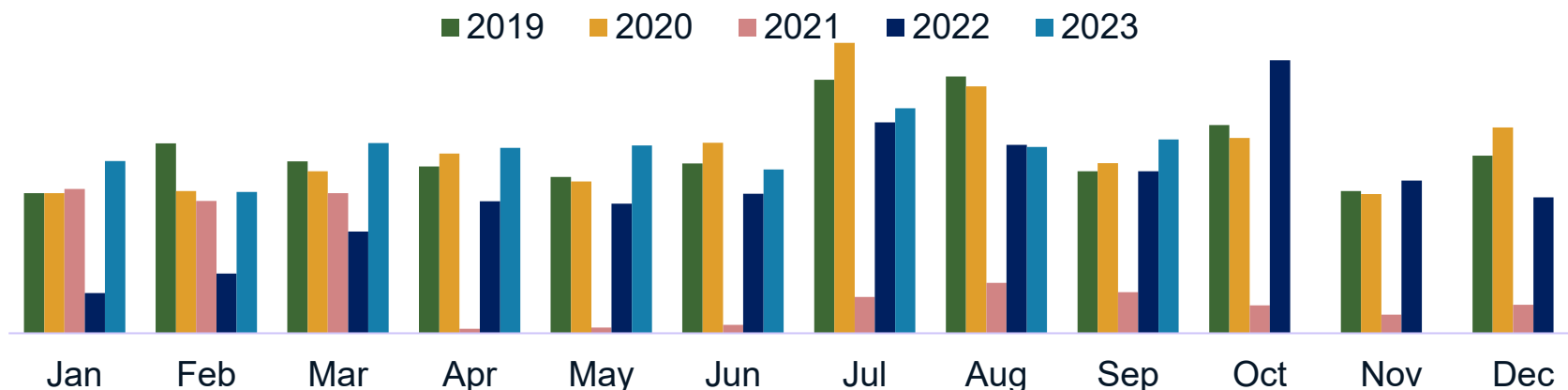
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Detailed monthly trends – journey purpose - misc

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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
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	19	14	18	12	16	29	51	54	52	78	96	90
2022	525	466	748	856	984	1,015	1,161	1,274	1,033	1,158	1,259	1,300
2023	222	182	245	239	242	211	292	238	246	270	140	210

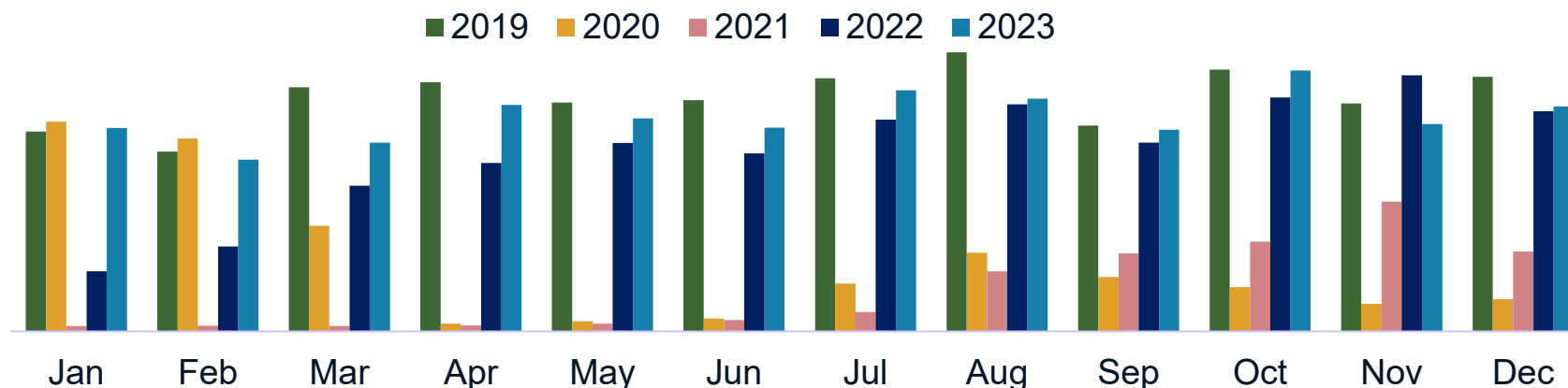
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Detailed monthly trends – global regions - Europe

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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
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	52	54	52	57	75	110	189	584	756	871	1,258	775
2022	584	823	1,413	1,634	1,828	1,727	2,053	2,202	1,830	2,269	2,483	2,135
2023	1,973	1,666	1,829	2,196	2,065	1,976	2,337	2,257	1,954	2,530	2,010	2,180

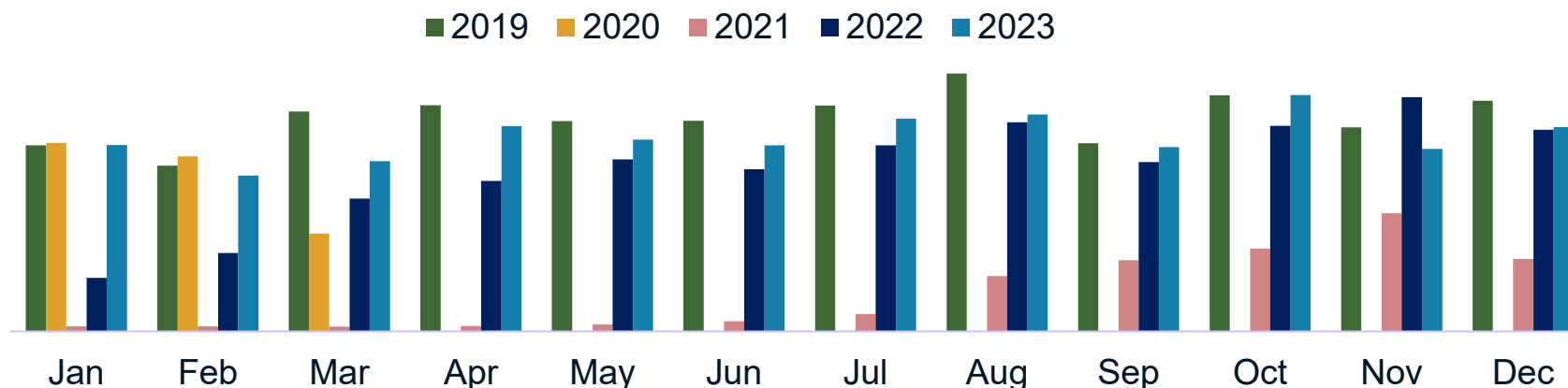
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Detailed monthly trends – global regions - EU

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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
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	49	50	48	51	66	99	167	537	691	803	1,147	703
2022	520	761	1,289	1,459	1,668	1,572	1,804	2,026	1,642	1,993	2,270	1,956
2023	1,807	1,512	1,649	1,990	1,859	1,805	2,063	2,104	1,787	2,290	1,770	1,980

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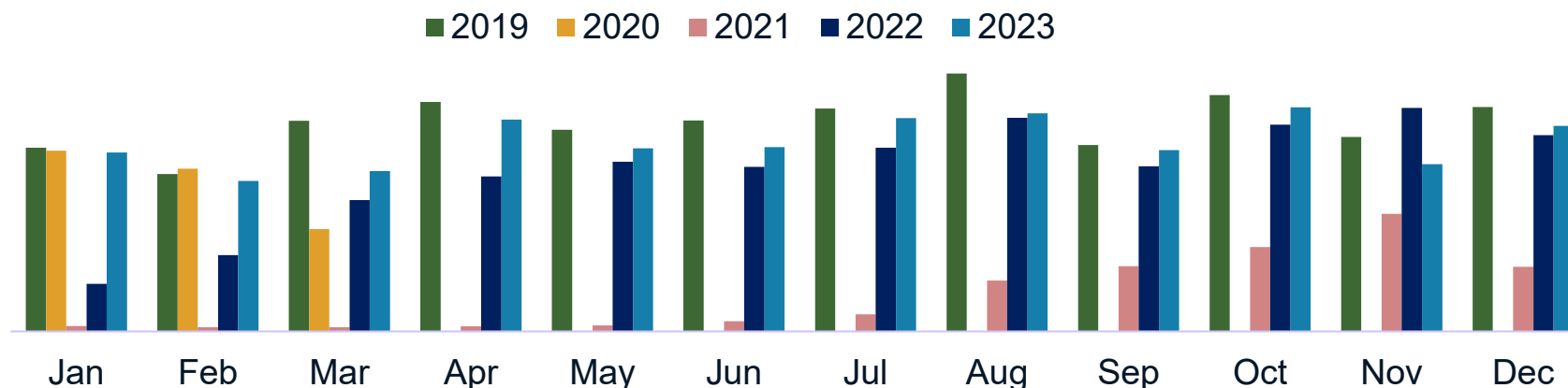
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Detailed monthly trends – global regions – EU15

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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
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	44	33	34	42	49	82	139	412	527	682	951	521
2022	385	617	1,062	1,253	1,370	1,330	1,484	1,725	1,334	1,671	1,805	1,586
2023	1,446	1,215	1,296	1,710	1,480	1,490	1,723	1,762	1,465	1,810	1,350	1,660

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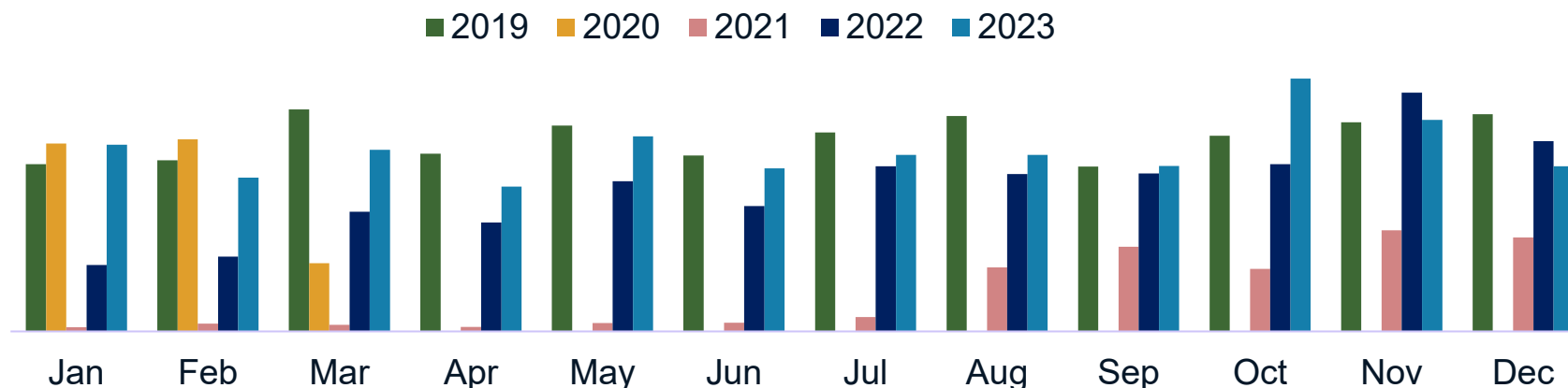
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Detailed monthly trends – global regions – EU Other

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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
2019	324	332	430	345	399	341	386	418	319	380	405	421
2020	364	372	132									
2021	8	15	13	9	16	17	28	124	164	121	196	182
2022	129	145	232	211	291	243	320	305	306	324	463	369
2023	362	298	352	281	378	316	342	342	321	490	410	320

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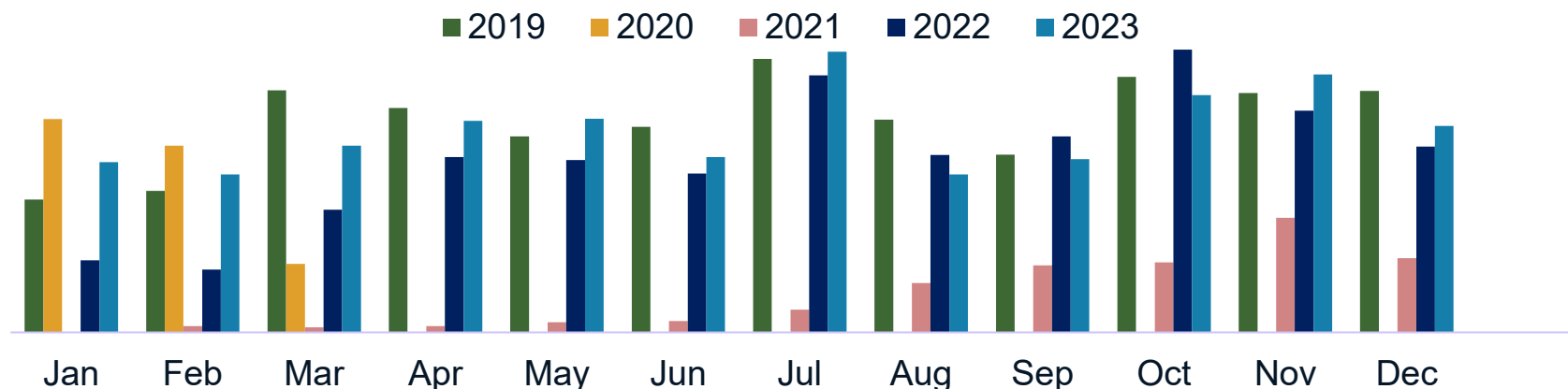
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Detailed monthly trends – global regions – Rest of Europe

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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
2019	129	137	235	218	190	199	265	206	172	248	232	234
2020	207	181	67									
2021	0	6	5	6	10	11	22	48	65	68	111	72
2022	70	61	119	170	167	154	249	172	190	274	215	180
2023	165	153	181	205	207	170	272	153	168	230	250	200

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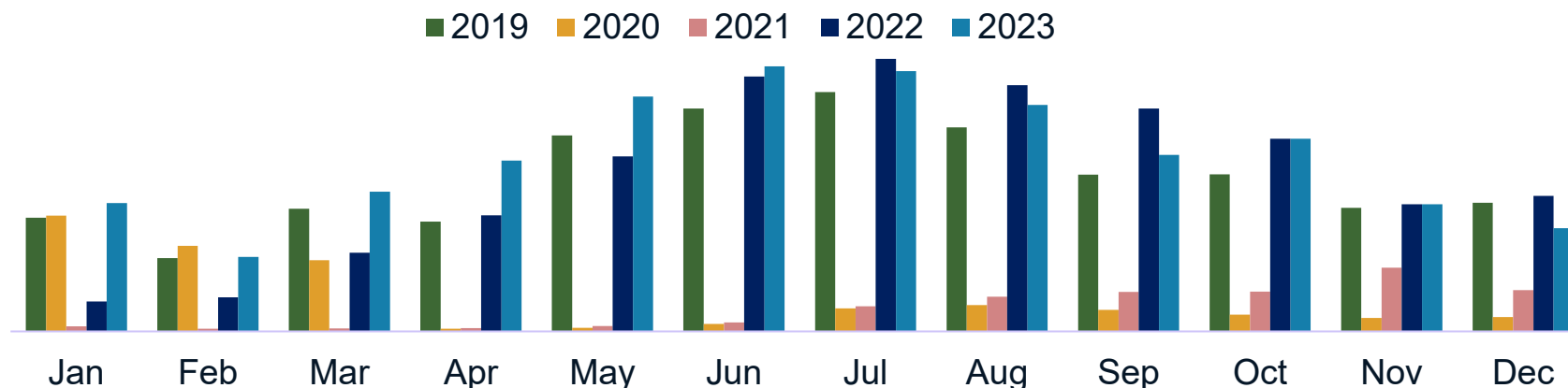
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Detailed monthly trends – global regions – North America

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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
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	15	8	9	10	16	26	73	101	115	116	185	120
2022	87	99	229	338	509	741	793	716	648	560	370	394
2023	373	217	406	497	683	771	757	659	513	560	370	300

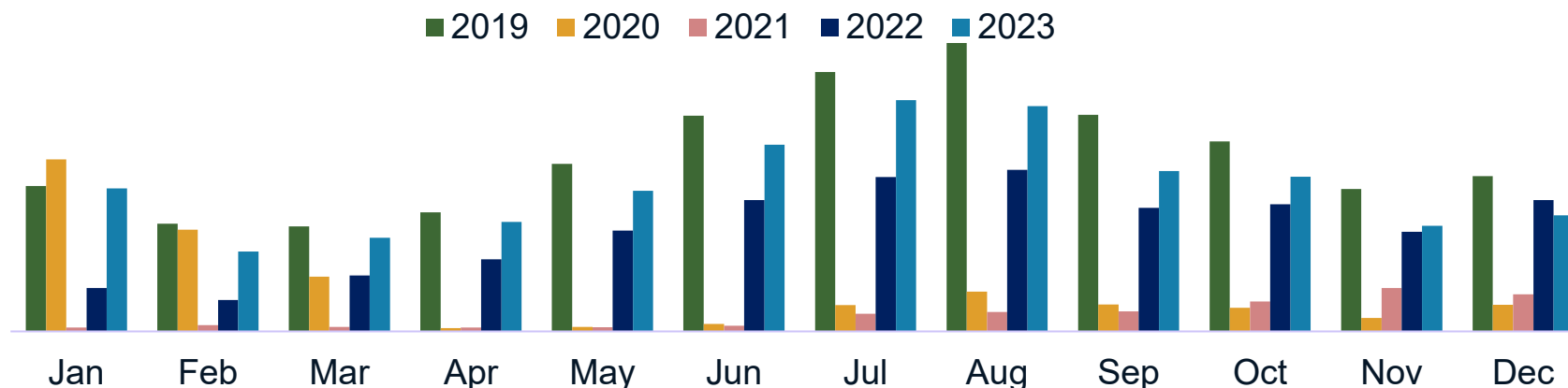
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Detailed monthly trends – global regions – Rest of World

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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
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	15	24	17	15	16	22	69	75	78	116	168	144
2022	168	122	217	280	391	509	599	626	479	493	386	509
2023	555	310	363	425	545	724	897	874	622	600	410	450

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4. Survey background

About this data

This report is based on the latest International Passenger Survey (IPS) data released by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) on the morning of **26th March 2024**. The report covers provisional October, November and December 2023 data. Comparisons have been made to 2019 to show the rate of recovery, and also to 2022 to show growth coming out of the pandemic. The ONS have also revised Jan-Jun 2021 figures as they did not scale up to the annual figures first published.

The IPS data is based on interviews with a sample of departing visitors. The number interviewed varies but is typically around 3,000 per month. Sample sizes at the monthly level and quarterly level (for some analysis and comparisons) can be low and results should be treated with caution, especially for spending. Please refer to the [ONS website](#) for information on confidence levels, which can be found in the 2022 travel trends publications.

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 values and percentage changes in spend are in nominal terms (i.e. not taking inflation into account), unless stated otherwise.
- From 2021, data excludes those travelling across the Irish Land Border.
- Figures in this report are rounded to align with the published ONS results.

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

Visit the [VisitBritain IPS webpage](#) to explore the IPS data in more detail.

Important notice for interpreting data

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 sea ports and train stations during the year. To produce statistics for the periods impacted the Office for National Statistics (ONS) have applied the following processes to the data since March 2020:

- **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.
- **2021** – The ONS were unable to restart interviewing at Eurotunnel (but continued at Eurostar) in Q4 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions. The ONS has used passenger numbers to model the Eurotunnel data for this quarter. Data for those travelling via Dover was only collected from Q3 2021. In addition, no estimates are included for any travel across the Irish border.
- **January to June 2022** – The ONS were unable to restart interviewing at Eurotunnel (but continued at Eurostar) during this period due to COVID-19 restrictions. The ONS has used passenger numbers to model the Eurotunnel data for Q1-Q2 2022. The ONS restarted IPS interviews at all ports from July 2022. Please see our [2022 inbound page](#) for more information.

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
- **MoM** – month on month
- **YTD** – year to date

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