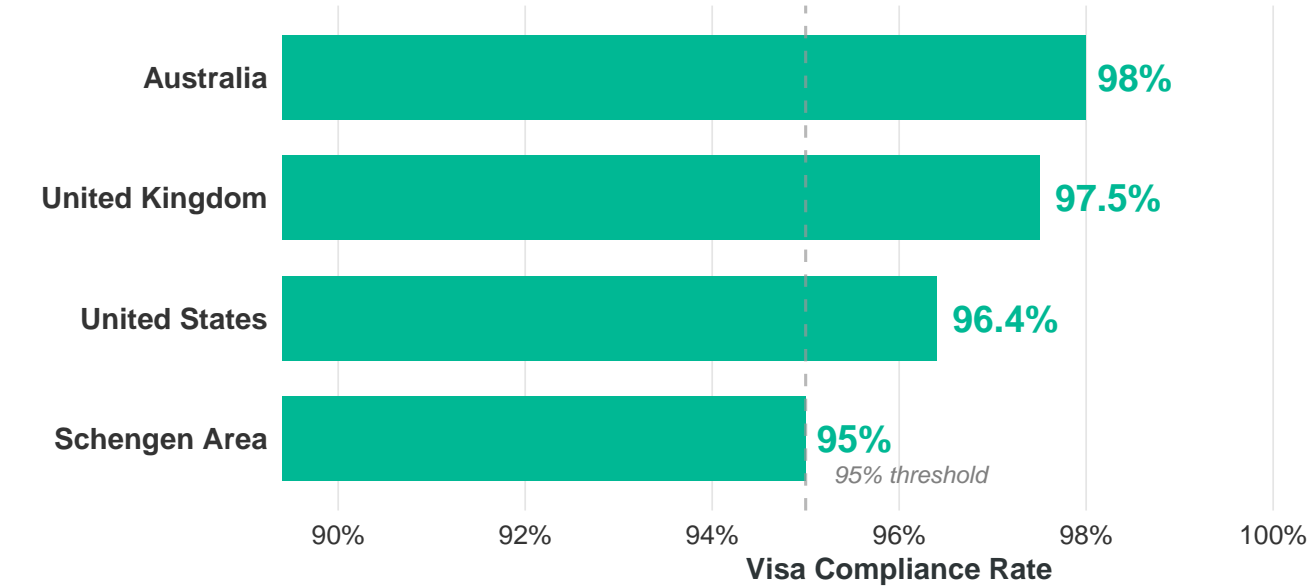


# The Compliance Reality: International Student Visa Data

Evidence shows the 'overstay crisis' is a myth – students are overwhelmingly compliant and economically beneficial

## The '97% Rule': International Student Visa Compliance

Percentage of students who departed on time or obtained legal extension



Sources: UK – ONS/Home Office Exit Checks (2024); USA – DHS FY2023 Entry/Exit Report; Australia – Dept. of Home Affairs estimates; Schengen – Eurostat estimates.  
Note: Y-axis starts at 90% to show variation. All countries exceed 95% compliance.

## Visa Compliance: The Overstay Reality

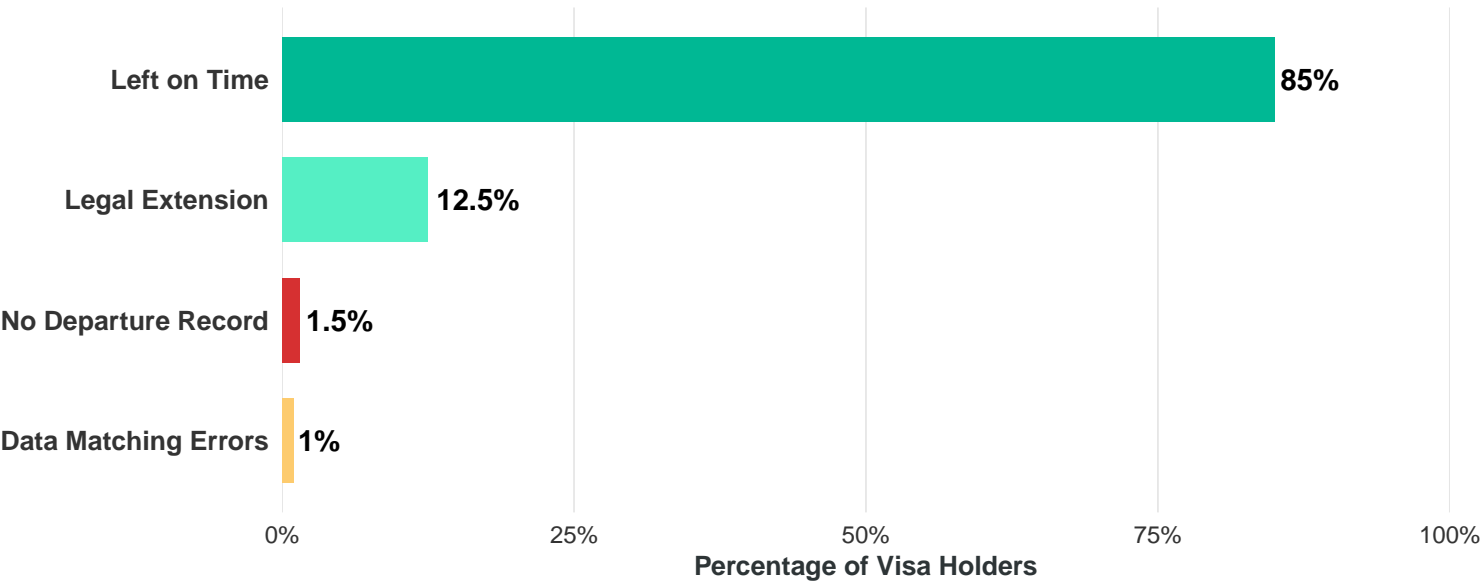
Zoomed view (80–100%) showing the tiny fraction of non-compliance



Red segments represent students with no departure record, not confirmed illegal overstays.

## UK Student Visa Outcomes: The Full Picture

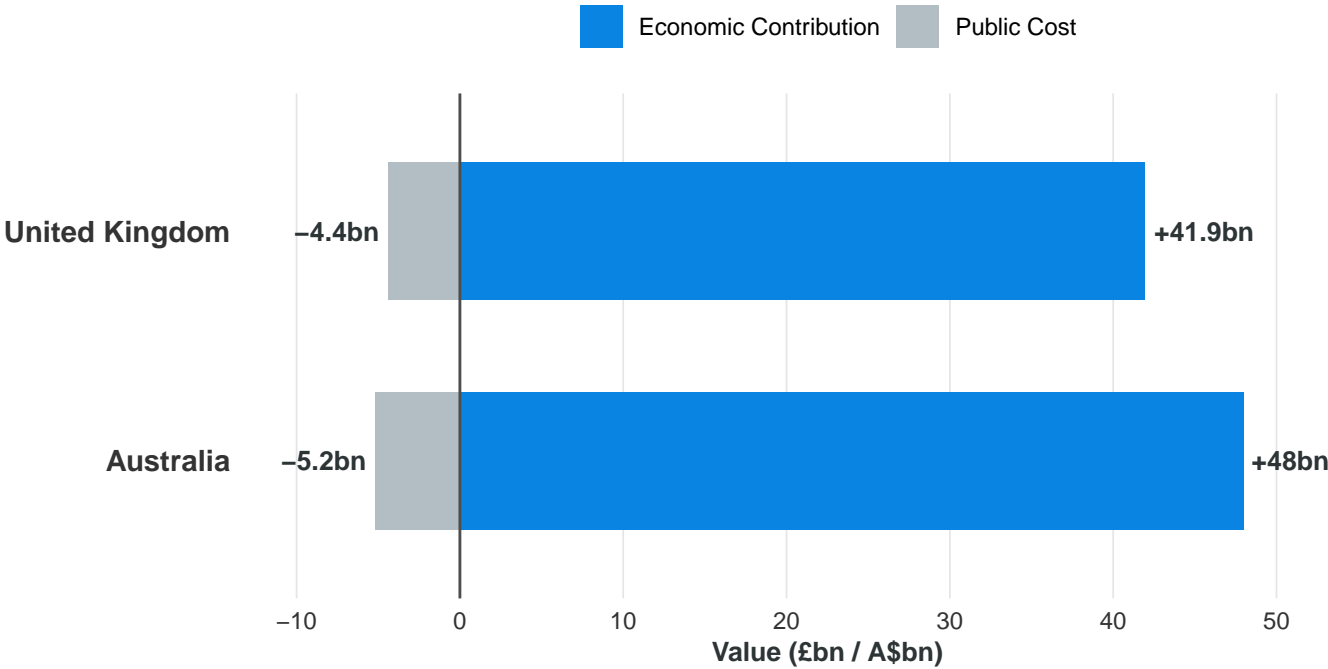
What actually happens when international student visas expire



Source: ONS/Home Office Exit Checks (2024).  
97.5% of students are fully compliant (departed on time or granted legal extension).  
'No Departure Record' includes both genuine overstays and data matching issues.

## The Economic Balance Sheet

International students are massive net contributors to host economies



Sources: UK – Universities UK (2023); Australia – Universities Australia (2024).  
Economic contribution includes tuition fees, living expenses, tourism, and post-study taxes.  
Public cost estimates include education subsidy, healthcare, and public service usage.