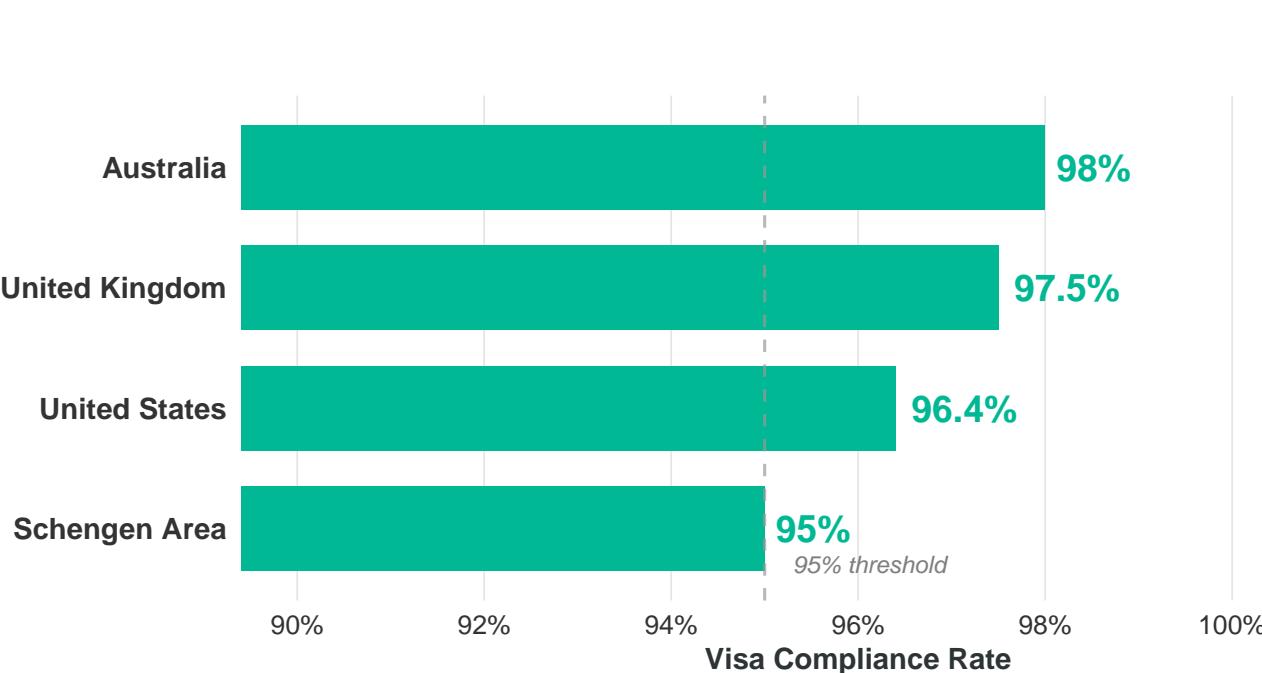


The Compliance Reality: International Student Visa Data

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

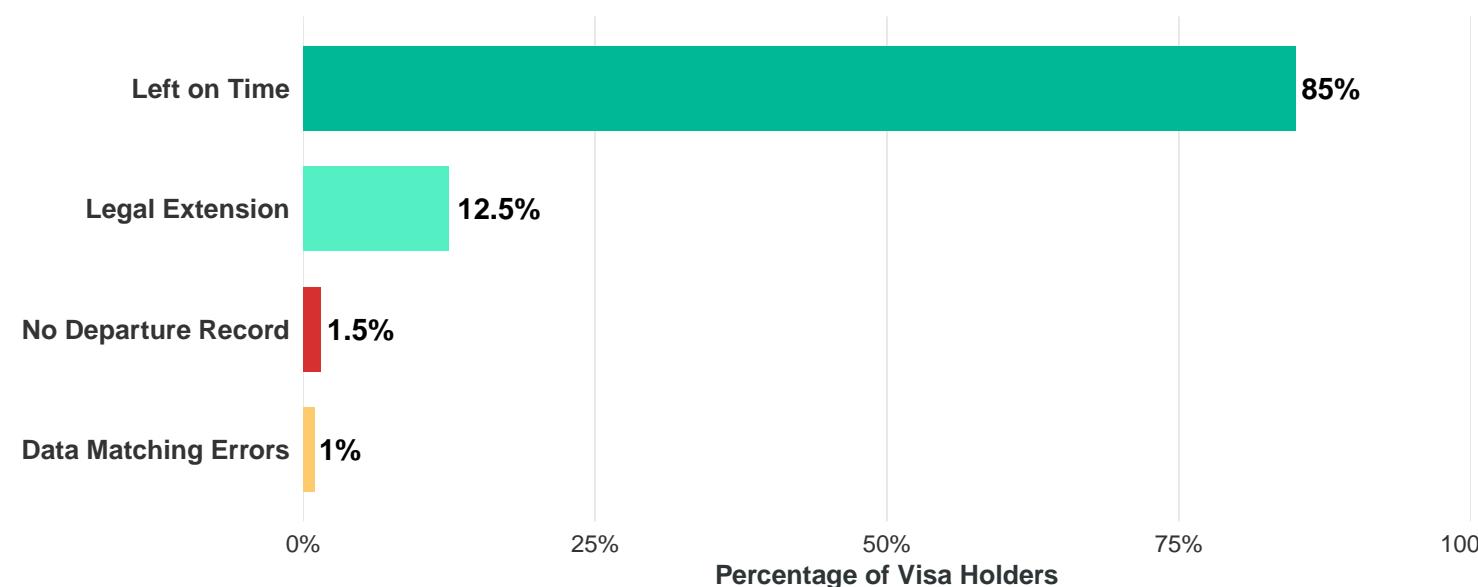
Zoomed view (80–100%) showing the tiny fraction of non-compliance



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



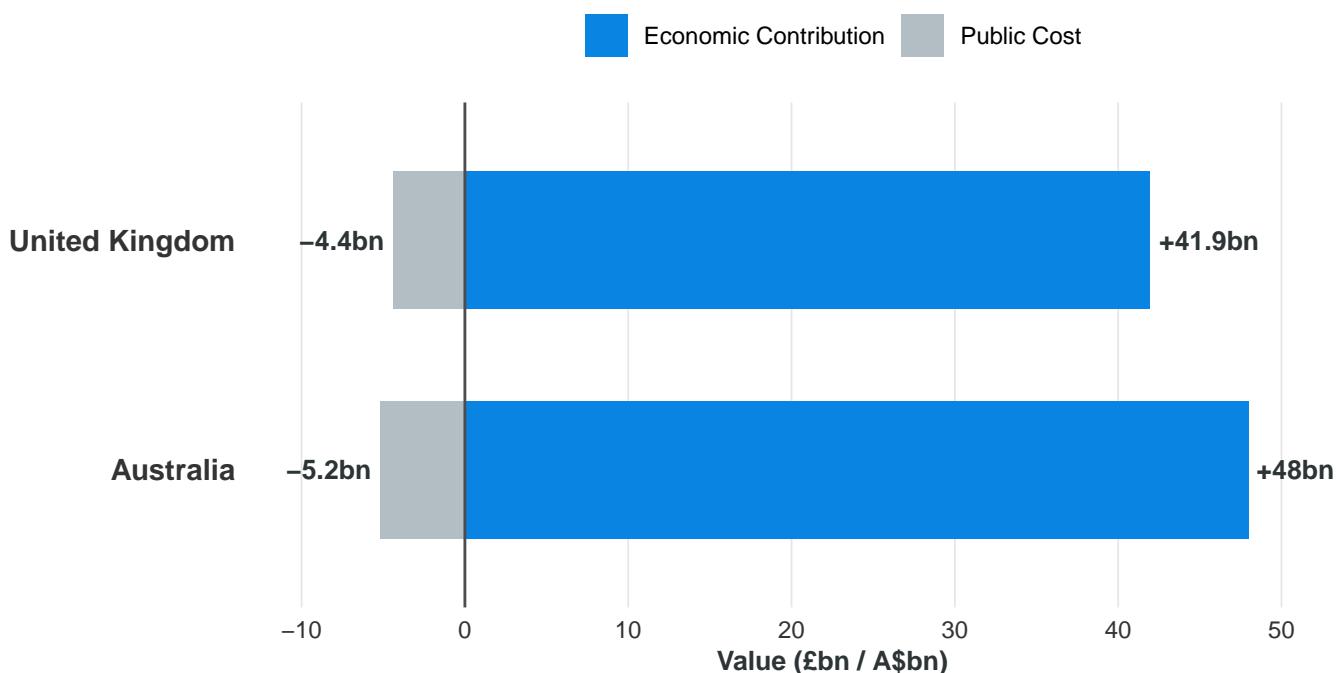
Source: ONS/Home Office Exit Checks (2024).

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.