

Study Difficulty Index 2026: International Student Visa Barriers

Comparative analysis of entry barriers across 12 major destination countries

Study Difficulty Index 2026: Comparative Heatmap

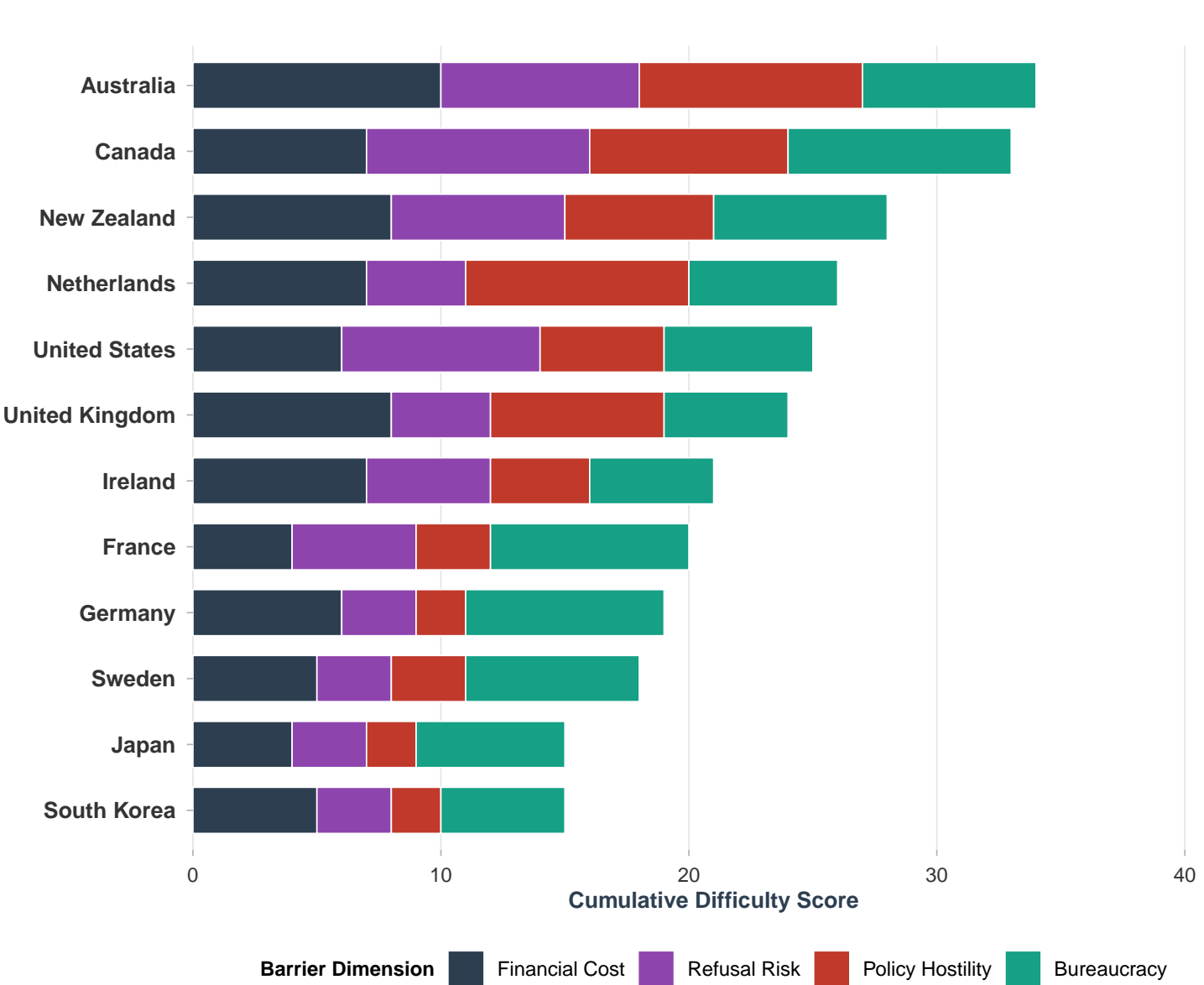
Barrier scores by country and dimension (1 = easy, 10 = very difficult) – 12 major destinations



Sources: Home Affairs Australia, IRCC Canada, UKVI, IND Netherlands, INZ, US State Dept, Campus France, German Foreign Office, StudyKorea, JASSO Japan, INIS Ireland, Migrationsverket Sweden (2025/26).

Study Visa Difficulty: Component Breakdown

Contribution of each barrier dimension to overall difficulty



Financial Cost: fees + funds. Refusal Risk: rejection rates. Policy Hostility: caps, bans. Bureaucracy: paperwork.