

The Survey of New Zealand Arrivals

Findings for arrivals between 1 August 2020 and 1 April 2021

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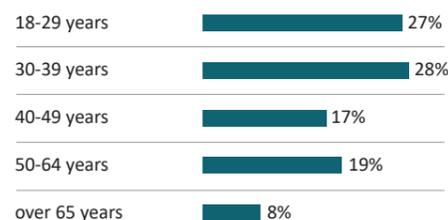
About the Survey

The Survey of New Zealand Arrivals collected data on the characteristics and intentions of those arriving in Aotearoa New Zealand during COVID-19 border restrictions. Findings from the Survey are helping us to build a better understanding of the impact of returnees (and other arrivals) on aspects of New Zealand's economy, including housing, the labour market, and the potential need for government services. This data provides useful information for the development of more responsive and effective policy settings to deliver a more productive, sustainable and inclusive economy. The target population for the Survey was people over the age of 18 who arrived in Aotearoa New Zealand during COVID-19 border restrictions who had been living overseas and intended to stay in New Zealand for more than three months. The results presented here reflect those for the arrival population between 1 August 2020 and 1 April 2021. A total of 9,553 arrivals during this period participated in the Survey. Weighting of the data based on StatsNZ border arrival data ensures the results are representative of the 46,316 arrivals from this group during this period.

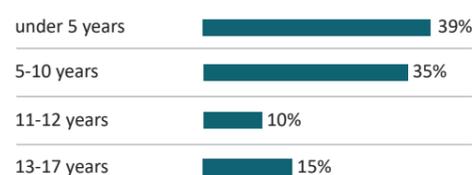
Who arrived in New Zealand?



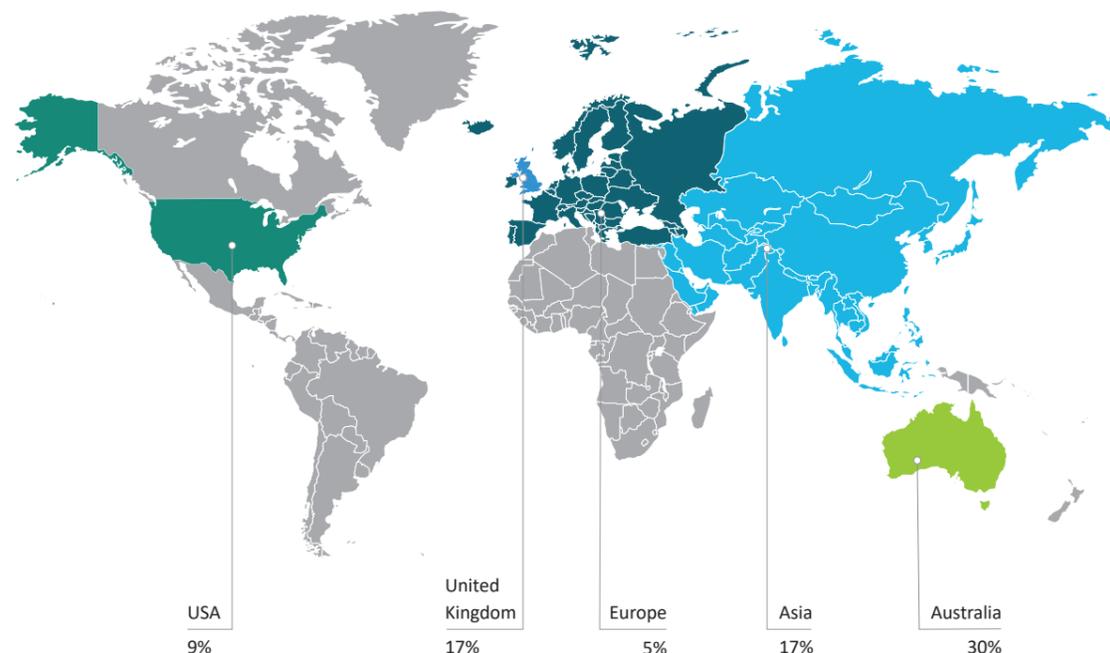
Over half of those arriving are aged 18 to 39



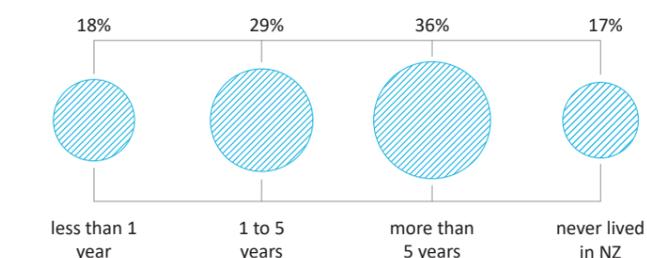
20% arrived in New Zealand with children. Children were aged:



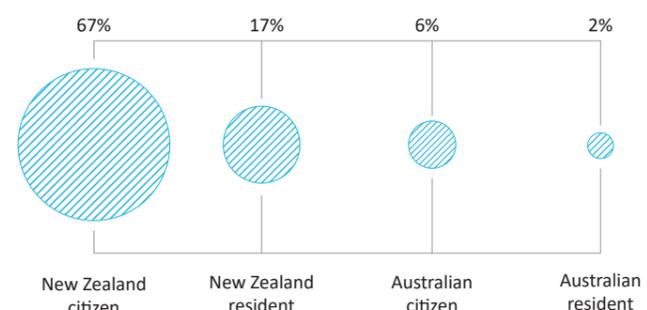
Where were they living before their arrival in New Zealand?



36% had been living outside of New Zealand for more than 5 years



48% said COVID-19 was a factor in their decision to come to New Zealand

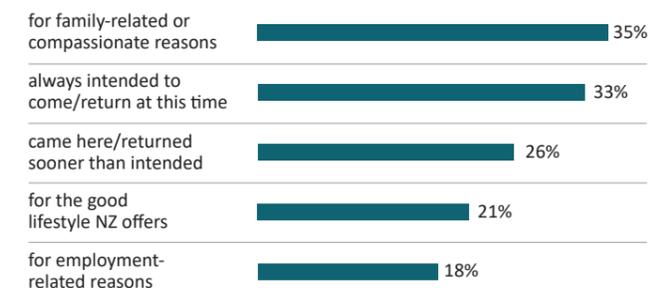


67% are New Zealand citizens

9% of arrivals are of Māori descent

Why did they come to New Zealand?

Their top 5 reasons for coming/returning to New Zealand at this time are:

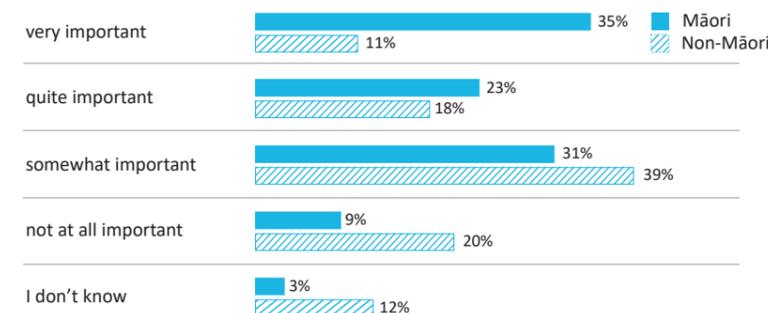


What connects them to New Zealand?

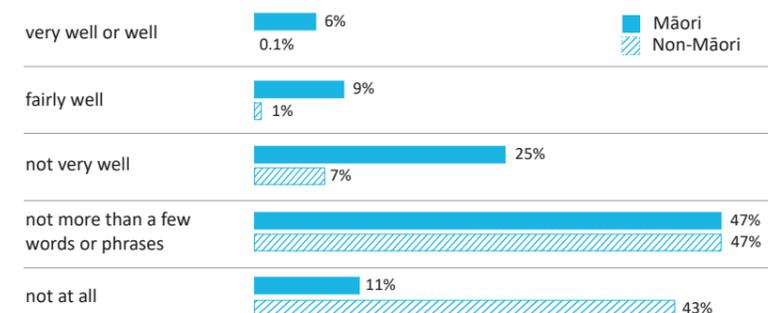
Most people had a strong sense of belonging to (8-10 out of 10):



They rated the importance of Māori culture to them as:



They rated how well they could speak Māori as:



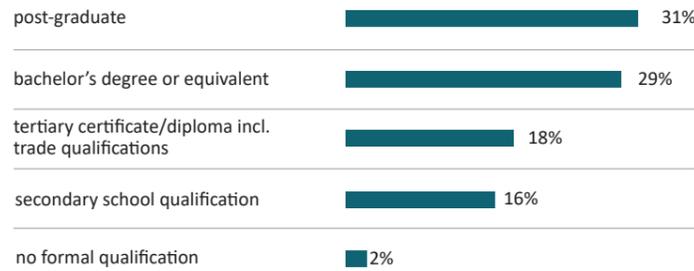
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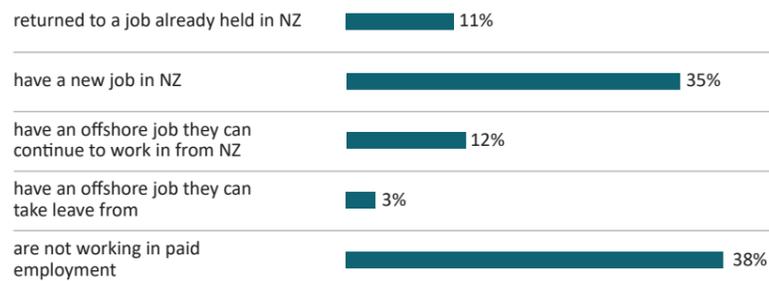
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What skills and experience do they have?

60% have a bachelor's degree or higher. Their highest qualification is:



Their current employment situation is that they:



The top five industries they:

were last working in overseas	are in or intend to work in
Health care and social assistance (16%)	1 Health care and social assistance (16%)
Prof, Scientific and Technical Services (11%)	2 Prof, Scientific and Technical Services (10%)
Education and Training (10%)	3 Education and Training (8%)
Information Media and Telecoms (7%)	4 Information Media and Telecoms (7%)
Accommodation and Food (7%)	5 Construction (7%)

The top 10 occupations they:

were last working in overseas	are in or intend to work in
Registered Nurse	1 Registered Nurse
Advertising, Public Relations, Sales Manager	2 GP or Resident Medical Officer
Chief Executive or Managing Director	3 Software and Applications Programmer
GP or Resident Medical Officer	4 Sales Assistant (General)
Software and Applications Programmer	5 Advertising, Public Relations, Sales Manager
General Manager	6 Accountant
Sales Assistant (General)	7 Construction Manager
Accountant	8 General Clerk
General Clerk	9 Management and Organisation Analyst
Civil Engineering Professional	10 Policy and Planning Manager

94% of arrivals speak English. French, Spanish, Mandarin and German were the next most common languages

38% are not working in paid employment

55% of people not working intend to seek work in New Zealand

46% are working in a job based in New Zealand

12% continue to work in an offshore job

Where are they living?



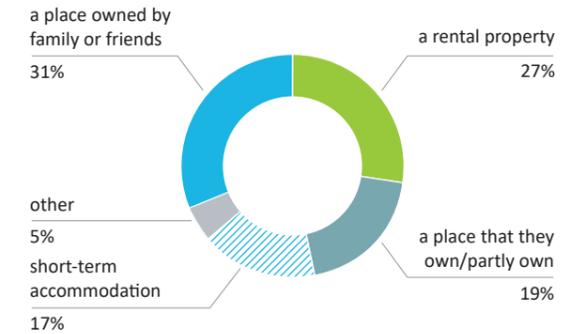
Do they plan to stay?

84% intend to stay in the region they are currently living in for 3 months or more

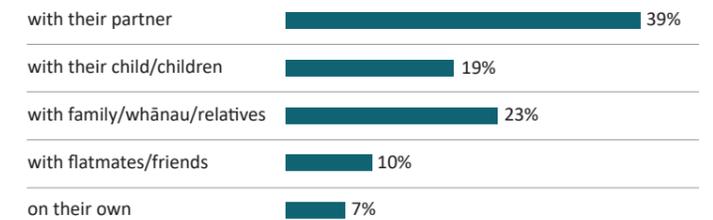
22% would leave New Zealand if the global COVID-19 situation improved

What is their NZ living situation?

They currently live in:



They are living:



80% agree or strongly agree with the statement "My living situation is suitable for my needs"

Of those who disagreed, the top reasons were that their place:

- had too many people living there
- was too expensive
- was too small

68% think they will not need financial or other government support in the next six months

Of those who think they will need support, the top three needs were:

- accommodation
- income
- living expenses

14% said they did not know