

The Survey of New Zealand Arrivals

Provisional findings for arrivals between 1 August 2020 and 9 January 2021

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About the Survey

The Survey of New Zealand Arrivals collects data on the characteristics and intentions of those arriving in Aotearoa New Zealand during the COVID-19 border closures. 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 research will provide useful information for the development of more responsive and effective policy settings to deliver a more productive, sustainable and inclusive economy.

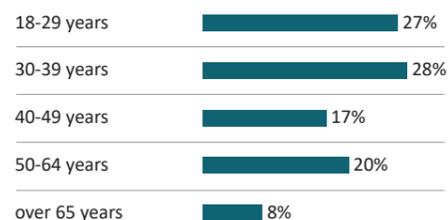
The target population for the Survey is people over the age of 18 who arrived in Aotearoa New Zealand during the COVID-19 border closures who had been living overseas and intend to stay in New Zealand for more than three months.

The provisional results presented here reflect those for the arrival population between 1 August 2020 and 9 January 2021. A total of 5,014 arriving during this period participated in the Survey. Weighting of the data based on StatsNZ border arrival data ensures the results are representative of the 31,508 arrivals from this group during this period. Further updates for those arriving between 10 January 2021 and 14 April 2021 will be reported when this data becomes available.

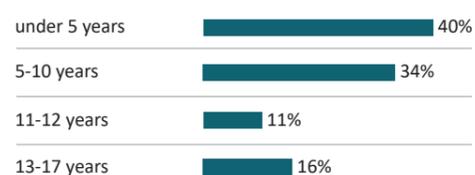
Who arrived in New Zealand?



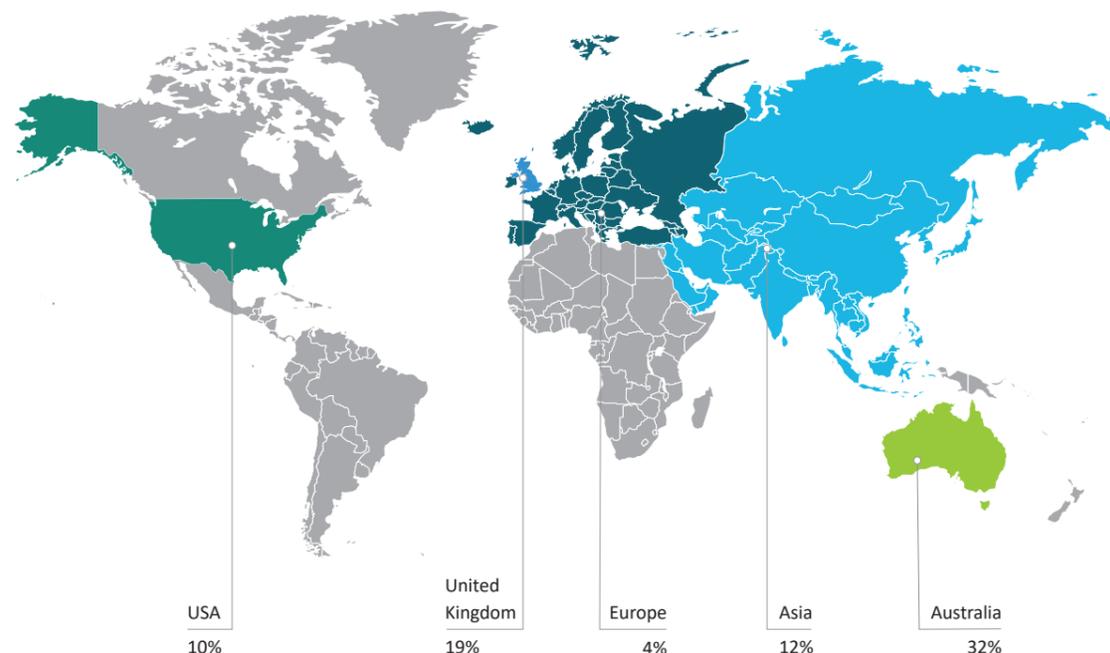
Over half of those arriving are aged 18 to 39



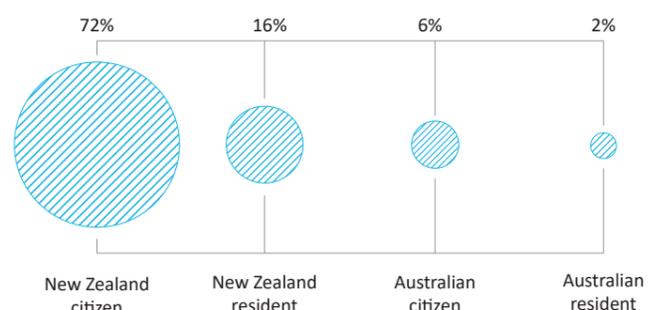
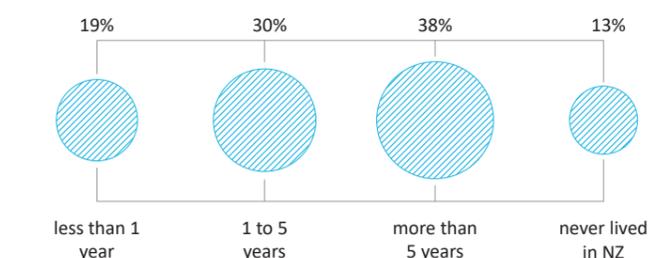
20% arrived in New Zealand with children. Children were aged:



Where were they living before their arrival in New Zealand?



38% had been living outside of New Zealand for more than 5 years



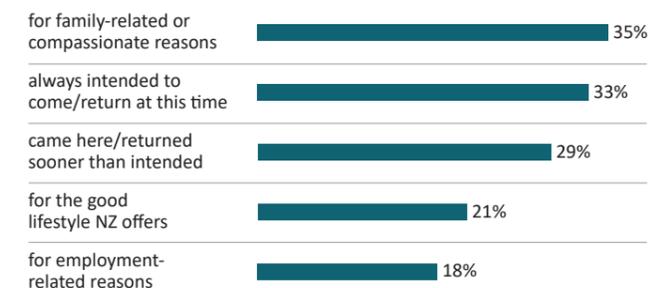
51% said COVID-19 was a factor in their decision to come to New Zealand

72% 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:

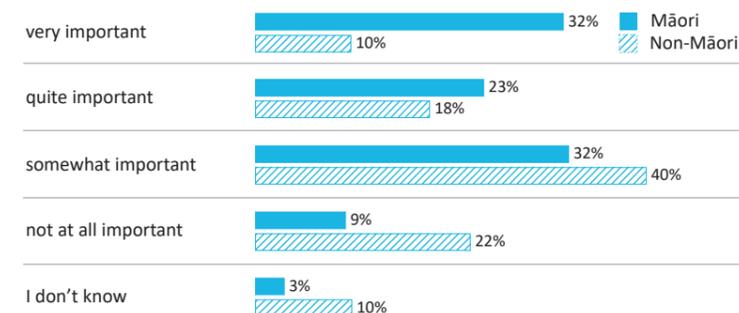


What connects them to New Zealand?

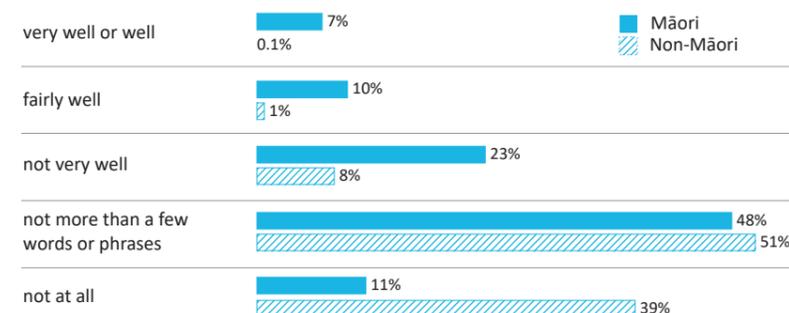
Most people had a strong sense of belonging to (8-10 out of 10):



They rated the importance of Māori culture to them as:



They rated how well they could speak Māori as:



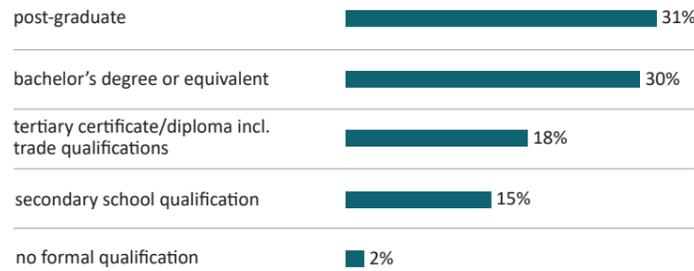
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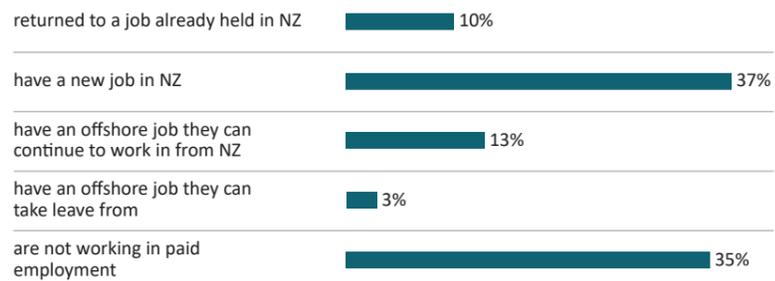
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What skills and experience do they have?

61% 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 (15%)	1 Health care and social assistance (16%)
Prof, Scientific and Technical Services (11%)	2 Prof, Scientific and Technical Services (11%)
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 Accommodation and Food (6%)

The top 10 occupations they:

were last working in overseas	are in or intend to work in
Registered Nurses	1 Registered Nurses
Chief Executives and Managing Directors	2 GP and Resident Medical Officers
Advertising, PR and Sales Managers	3 Advertising, PR and Sales Managers
Software and Applications Programmers	4 Software and Applications Programmers
GP and Resident Medical Officers	5 General Clerks
General Clerks	6 Sales Assistants (General)
General Managers	7 Chief Executives and Managing Directors
Management and Organisation Analysts	8 Accountants
Sales Assistants (General)	9 Construction Managers
Contract, Program and Project Admin	10 Management and Organisation Analysts

97% of arrivals speak English. French, Spanish, Mandarin and German were the next most common languages

35% are not working in paid employment

53% of people not working intend to seek work in New Zealand

48% are working in a job based in New Zealand

13% continue to work in an offshore job

Where are they living?



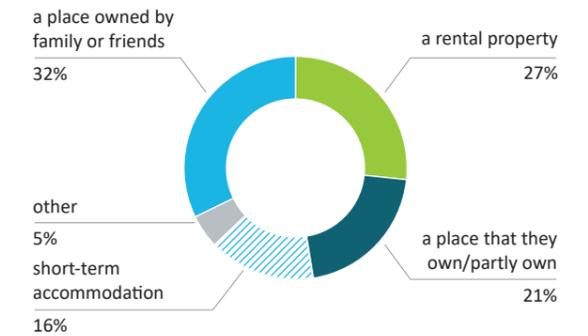
Do they plan to stay?

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

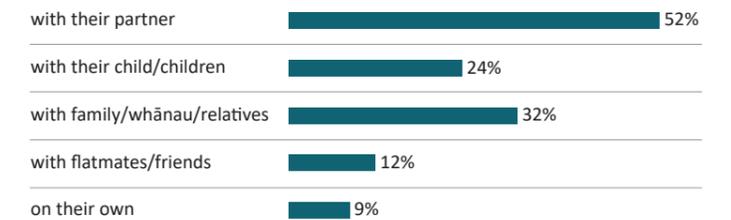
24% would leave New Zealand if the global COVID-19 situation improved

What is their NZ living situation?

They currently live in:



They are living:



79% 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

69% 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

12% said they did not know