



Summary results from first Survey of Recent Migrants to Australia

Who completes the survey

Recent migrants who complete the first survey are more likely to be aged 25–34 years old and more likely to be men than women. There are differences though, depending on the type of visa they are on.

What types of visas migrants are on

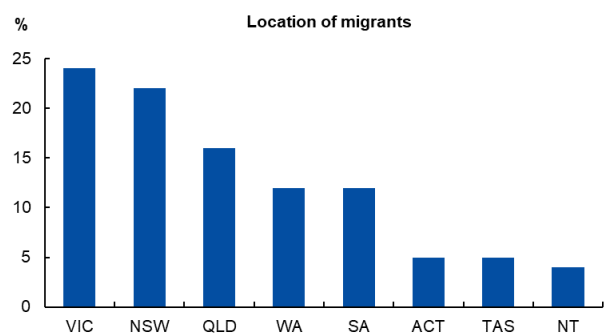
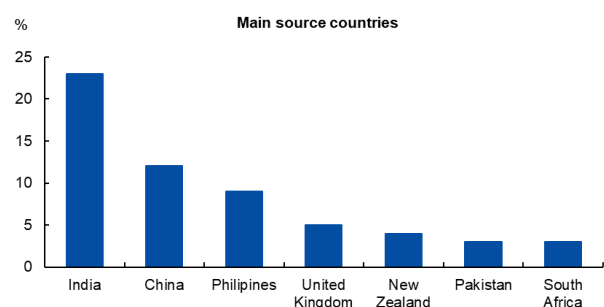
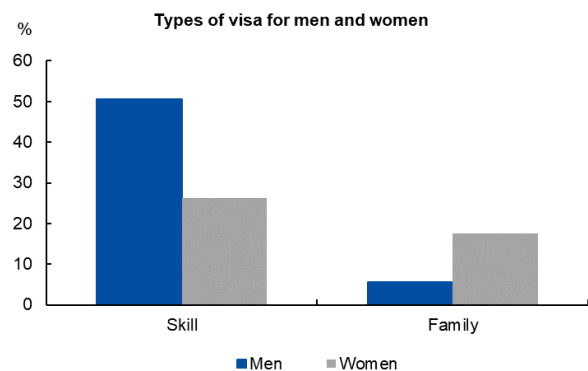
All migrants who complete the first survey are primary applicants. A majority of primary applicants enter under the Skill stream and are mainly men. A smaller group of primary applicants enter under the Family stream, and are mainly women.

Where recent migrants come from

India is the most popular source country for migration, accounting for around 23 per cent of migrants who complete the first survey. This is followed by China, the Philippines, and the United Kingdom.

Where they are living

Migrants who complete the first survey usually live in Victoria or New South Wales, followed by Queensland, Western Australia, and South Australia.



* Data is sourced from Cohort 6 (2018) of the first Survey of Recent Migrants to Australia (based on the primary applicant).

Other main characteristics

Most surveyed migrants speak English well and are well educated. Almost all migrants speak English as a first language, or rate themselves as good or very good English speakers. About two thirds have a university qualification at the bachelor or higher degree level.

Why migrants migrate to Australia

The reasons for migrating to Australia are quite different depending on whether migrants come on a skilled or family visa.

For migrants in the Family stream, not surprisingly the main reason for migrating to Australia is joining their partner, family, or relatives.

For those in the Skill stream, the main reason is to provide a better future for themselves or their family, or work / business opportunities.

Experiences in work

Around three quarters of migrants are working at the time of the first survey, mostly in full-time jobs, and mostly doing highly skilled or semi-skilled work.

Recent migrants are most commonly working as software and applications programmers, sales assistants, nurses, or accountants.

Other activities

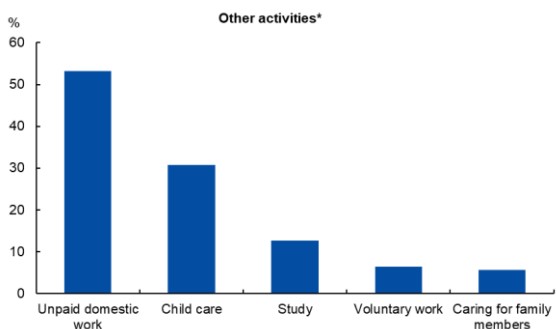
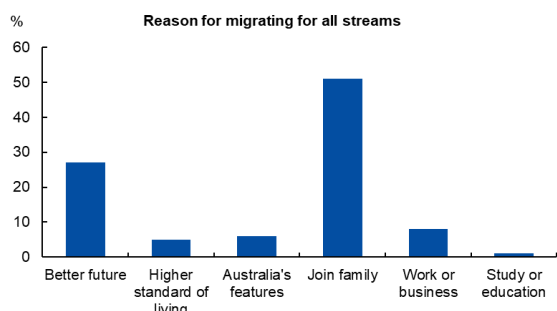
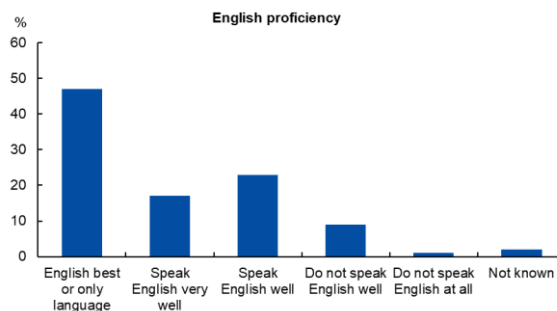
Apart from work, migrants are also involved in other types of activities. The most common is unpaid domestic work and child care.

While relatively fewer in number, some migrants take part in study, voluntary work through an organisation or group, and/or caring for elderly, disabled, or ill family members.

Want to know more

A more detailed report is available at:

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-statistics/research/live/continuous-survey-australia-migrant>



* Migrants may be engaged in more than one activity.

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