

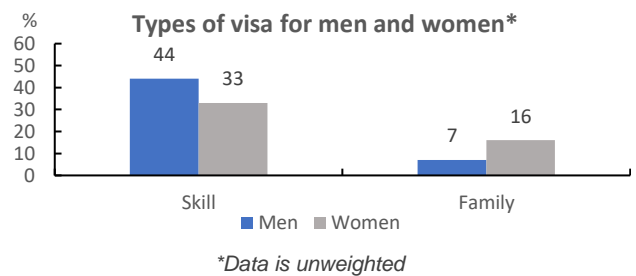


Snapshot of results from the 2023 Introductory Survey of Recent Migrants to Australia

The Survey of Recent Migrants to Australia aims to understand the characteristics and experiences of migrants who have recently arrived in Australia, or who were recently granted a permanent or provisional visa. This survey is completed by primary applicant migrants and their spouses (regardless of whether their spouse is also a migrant). This explanatory notes report provides a snapshot of English proficiency, reasons for migrating, experiences of working in Australia, and other activities of recent migrants. Migrants taking part in the survey are surveyed on three occasions, one year apart. These summary results report on the findings from the first of these three surveys, the Introductory Survey, conducted in 2023, and includes only primary applicant responses.

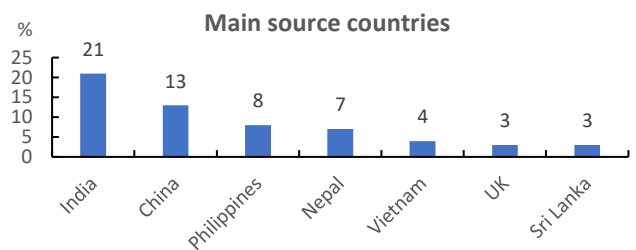
Who completes the survey

Recent migrants who complete the first survey are most likely to be aged 26–35 years old, and males and females were equally likely to complete the survey. There are differences though, depending on the type of visa they are on.



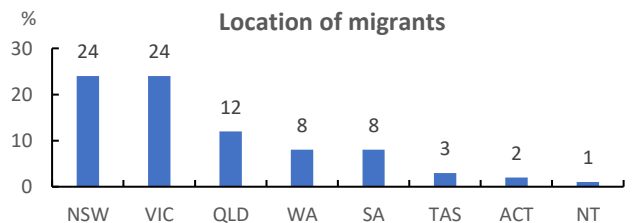
What types of visas migrants are on

The majority of primary applicants arrived under the Skill stream and are mainly men. A smaller group of primary applicants arrived under the Family stream and are mainly women.



Where recent migrants come from

India is the top source country for migration, accounting for around 21 per cent of migrants who completed the first survey. This is followed by the People’s Republic of China, the Philippines and Nepal.

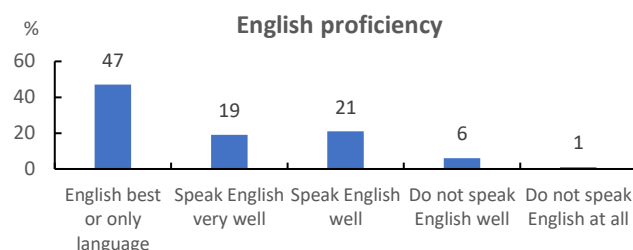


Where they are living

Migrants who completed the Introductory Survey usually live in Victoria or New South Wales, followed by Queensland, Western Australia, and South Australia.

Other main characteristics

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

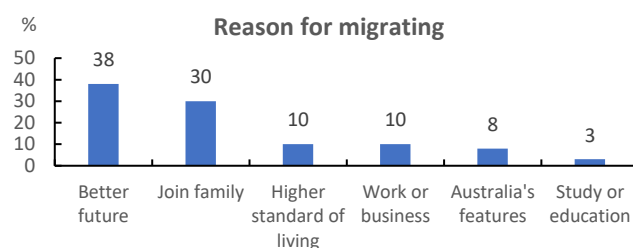


Why migrants migrate to Australia

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

For surveyed migrants in the Family stream, the main reason for migrating to Australia is joining their partner, family, or relatives.

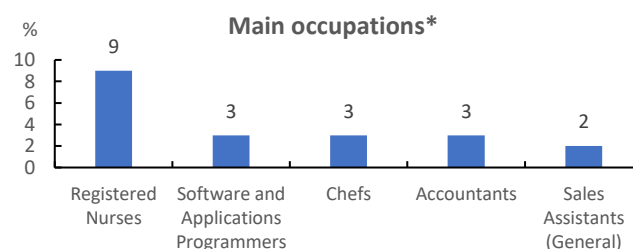
For those in the Skill stream, the main reason is to provide a better future for themselves or their family.



Experiences in work

More than three quarters of migrants were working at the time of the first survey, mostly in full-time jobs, and performing highly skilled or semi-skilled work.

Recent migrants are most commonly working as Nurses, Accountants, Chefs, or Software and Applications Programmers.

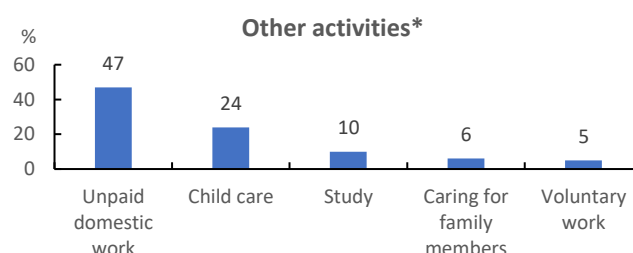


*Excludes 'not known' and 'not working' responses

Other activities

Apart from work, migrants are also involved in other types of activities. Of migrants who completed the first survey, the most common activity is unpaid domestic work and child care.

Some migrants take part in study, caring for elderly, disabled, or ill family members, and/or voluntary work through an organisation or group. For example, almost one-in-ten recent surveyed migrants took part in study in Australia.



*Migrants may be engaged in more than one activity

Note: Data is sourced from the 2023 Introductory Survey of Recent Migrants to Australia (based on the primary applicant). Apart from 'Types of visa for men and women', all data presented are weighted percentages. 'Not known' responses have been included in calculating weighted percentages, however, they have been suppressed across all charts, except 'Main occupations'.