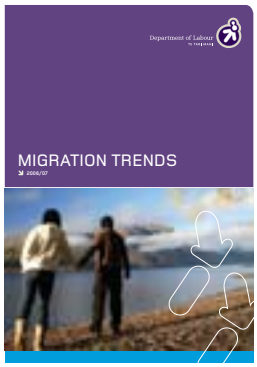


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**MIGRATION TRENDS 2006/07**

The Migration Trends report is the seventh in an annual series and provides an overview of immigration trends for the 2006/07 financial year. The report is used by the Department to inform immigration policy, marketing strategies and settlement services, and is a useful resource to government departments and the wider public.

Here are some of the highlights from the latest report:

- 46,964 people were granted permanent residence in 2006/07. For many, this wasn't their first time in New Zealand – 89% of principal applicants had previously held a temporary visitor, student, or work permit in New Zealand.
- Around 60% of permanent migrants come from 5 countries – the UK, China and India are the top 3. The UK is our largest source of permanent migrants and temporary workers. Over the last five years, migration from the UK and China has been predominantly through the Skilled/Business Stream. For India, there is a growing trend towards family migration.
- Chinese migrants are getting younger and more skilled as former international students gain work and permanent residence. 91% of Chinese skilled migrants were 20-29 years old.

- Most skilled migrants had a job or offer when they were granted permanent residence – 85% of principal applicants had a job or offer in 06/07, and 67% were actually working in New Zealand when they were granted residence.
- The number of people on temporary work permits has grown at around 18% per year over the last decade – over 115,000 people in 2006/07. Many factors have contributed to the increase, such as low unemployment and strong demand for workers, as well as the introduction of new work policies such as seasonal work policy.
- Over 67,100 students from more than 150 nationalities were granted a permit to study last year. While the total number of students fell 3% from the year before, there were increases in 8 out of the top 10 source countries and evidence of increasing market diversification.

Migration Trends 2006/07 can be obtained from the New Zealand Department of Labour's website at <http://www.dol.govt.nz/publication-view.asp?ID=254>

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