

# About IMSED Research

IMSED Research has the lead role within the New Zealand government for research and evaluation regarding International Migration, Settlement, and Employment Dynamics (IMSED).

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- FAMILY
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- REFUGEE



**IMSED Research has an exciting and varied work programme that includes:**

**IMMIGRATION TRENDS, DYNAMICS AND FLOWS ANALYSIS**

A core activity of IMSED Research is publishing analyses of New Zealand immigration trends. This includes information about temporary and permanent migration flows, and information about the impacts of policy changes on migration. We examine various dimensions of the migration process within a range of projects, and we analyse compositional changes in migrant flows—for example by gender, age, and country of origin.

**LONGITUDINAL IMMIGRATION SURVEY: NEW ZEALAND (LISNZ)**

What is the migration experience of newcomers to New Zealand after six months? Eighteen months? Three years? The LisNZ is a collaborative study with Statistics New Zealand, and the findings will provide a valuable insight into migrants’ settlement experiences in the short term and over time. The LisNZ will help develop immigration policies and settlement programmes.

**NEW ZEALAND AND MIGRATION WITHIN THE PACIFIC**

IMSED Research leads an evaluation of the implementation of the Recognised Seasonal Employer (RSE) scheme for Pacific kick-start states. We also support external institutions in evaluating the development outcomes of some Pacific states participating in RSE.

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**RESEARCH**

**THE STRATEGIC AIMS OF THE IMSED RESEARCH PROGRAMME ARE:**

- ➔ To undertake and facilitate high quality research to understand the migration process as well as migrant experiences and settlement outcomes. This includes migrants’ experiences of, contribution to, and impact on New Zealand over short, medium, and longer terms;
- ➔ To provide strategic and tactical support for business operations and planning that underpin roll-out of immigration and settlement policies and programmes;
- ➔ To build a strong, relevant evidence base to inform those immigration and settlement policies and processes that are most likely to afford both migrants and New Zealand with successful outcomes;
- ➔ To provide leadership, foster connections, and construct a central platform for building the immigration and settlement knowledge base.

Collaborative projects that study population movement in the Pacific region, or that assess outcomes for migrants that are welcomed through Pacific quota policies, also form part of the IMSED Research programme.

#### **QUOTA REFUGEES TEN YEARS ON: PERSPECTIVES ON INTEGRATION, COMMUNITY AND IDENTITY**

What are the integration experiences and outcomes for people who arrived in New Zealand through the quota refugee category ten or more years ago? What is the make-up of their social networks and how is their identity shaped in the New Zealand context? This three-year research programme, led by IMSED Research in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Development and the Department of Internal Affairs, aims to answer these questions by building our knowledge and understanding of long-term resettlement for former refugees.

#### **IMMIGRATION SURVEY MONITORING PROGRAMME**

IMSED Research will provide a three-year cycle of repeat surveys that will assist understanding of the experience of all migrants who come to New Zealand; employers' perspectives; and the impacts of changes to immigration and settlement policy and practices.

#### **SETTLEMENT RESEARCH**

An evaluation of the Migrant Levy funded settlement services will assess the contribution of these services in meeting the information needs of newcomers and assisting in their successful settlement, and will also deliver a "legacy" evaluation



tool that can be used to help inform future investment decisions. Planning is currently underway and project completion is scheduled for 2010. This evaluation is informed by an overarching Settlement Knowledge Base (SKB) framework that was recently completed. In turn the settlement services evaluation will inform the future iterations of the SKB by fleshing out the framework in more detail, as well as by providing evidence on what settlement services work and why, within the settlement continuum.

#### **ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF IMMIGRATION**

How does immigration interact with economic performance, and what relationships exist between migration and markets? The Economic Impacts of Immigration (EII) programme consists of studies that analyse individual sector impacts and a model that estimates the overall impact of changing the size and composition of immigration inflows.

#### **MIGRANT AND REFUGEE YOUTH SETTLEMENT AND SOCIAL INCLUSION RESEARCH**

This programme of research aims to build a picture of migrant and refugee youth in New Zealand and identify factors which facilitate or act as barriers to settlement and social inclusion.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information on our IMSED Research programme and links to our research publications visit our website:

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