

MBIE Refugee Survey 2025

n= **525**

Former refugees

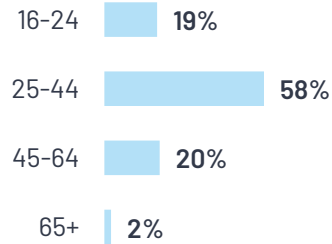


53%
Female



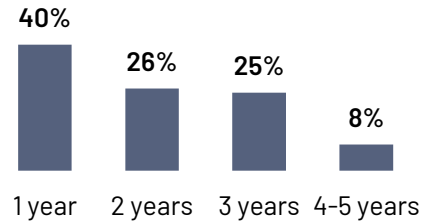
46%
Male

Age groups

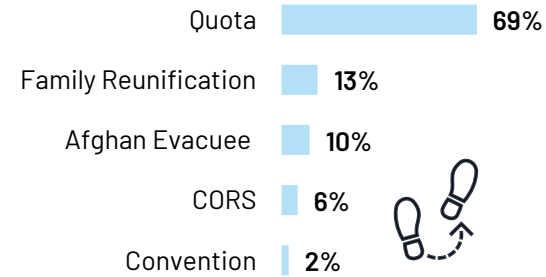


Who we heard from

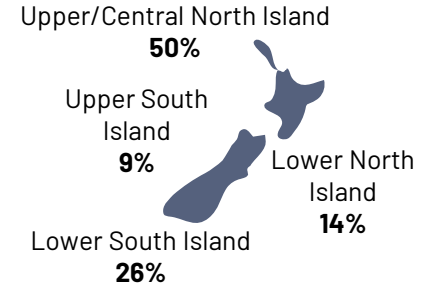
Years Living in NZ



Cohort



Location



Belonging

Sense of belonging to New Zealand



Top 3 ways to improve sense of belonging to NZ

- Family members being in NZ **78%**
- Better English skills **54%**
- More friends from other backgrounds **51%**
- Ability to work / get a job **51%**

Top 3 contributors to strong sense of belonging to NZ

- Family members being in NZ **71%**
- Involvement in community groups **44%**
- Friends from own background **41%**
- Friends from a mix of backgrounds **41%**



Being far from my partner and family, I often feel sad and lonely, and at times it feels overwhelming to carry all the daily responsibilities on my own.



Work & Employment



23%
Are **employed** (working for a wage/salary or self-employed)

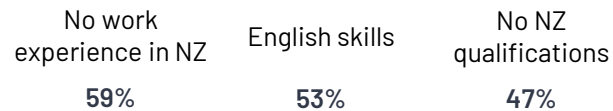


72%
Of those who are employed have **high job satisfaction**



78% Have had **difficulties** finding work

Top 3 issues with finding work:



Discrimination



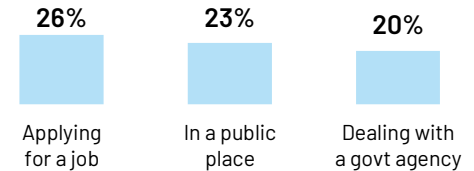
78% Have **not** experienced discrimination in the last 12 months



Since I came to New Zealand, what has helped me and my family the most is the way the government supports people equally, regardless of where they're from.



However, for those who have experienced discrimination, it happened while...



Language class participation

- 81%** Currently participating / participated and finished
- 10%** Not participating / have not participated
- 9%** Don't need to participate - already have good English skills

Children

86% Agree their child has **settled well** into life in NZ



This is a safe place to watch my children grown up.

