

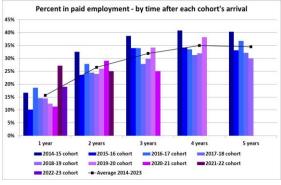
## New Zealand Refugee Resettlement Strategy: Success Indicators and Measures

## **Outcomes update for 2024**

## **Outcome 1: Self-sufficiency**

All working age refugees (18 – 64) are in paid work or supported by a family member in paid work

# **Success Indicator** Increased proportion in paid employment

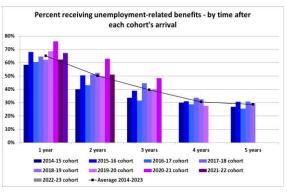


Source: IDI Datalab - Stats NZ

- The 2022-23 cohort had a reasonably high employment rate of 19% one year after arrival. This is above the average level of 14% at year one for the previous cohorts for the years up until 2020-21, but not as high as the unusually high one year rate among the 2021-22 cohort (27%).
- The employment rate among former Quota refugees has steadily increased over time, to around 34% on average at year five for all cohorts depicted here.

#### **Success Indicator**

Decreased proportion receiving unemployment-related benefits



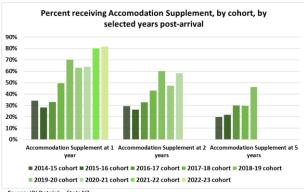
- 67% of working-age adults in the 2022-23 cohort were receiving an unemployment-related benefit one year after arrival, only a little more than the average of 65% for the cohorts depicted here.
- The proportion receiving unemployment-related benefits generally decreases over time, to around 29% by year five for all cohorts depicted here.

## **Outcome 2: Housing**

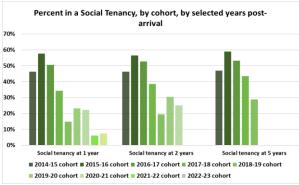
Refugees live independently of government housing assistance in homes that are safe, healthy and affordable

#### Success Indicator

Decreased proportion of refugees receiving housing assistance after two years and five years in New Zealand



- 82% of the 2022-23 cohort received the Accommodation Supplement at one year after arrival. The rate for the one-year measure has generally climbed over the years.
- The share of quota refugees in social housing has been decreasing but there has been a corresponding rise in the share of quota refugees accessing other form of housing support, such as the Accommodation Supplement. This cohort are housed in private housing.



**Success Indicator** 

2016-17

70%

50%

40%

30%

20%

- Only 7% of the 2022-23 cohort were living in a social tenancy at year one. This figure is close to the equivalent figure for the 2021-22 cohort (6%), and both represent a substantial drop from 22% for the 2020-21 cohort.
- Large year-to-year variations can result when a large group(s) of refugees from an annual quota are settled in a particular area with a relative shortage or abundance of social housing.
- While the balance between provision of social tenancies and Accommodation Supplement changes over time, each individual cohort will tend to receive a similar type of housing support at five years to that which they received at year one.

Proportion of Quota refugee children receiving age-appropriate

Percent receiving one or more scheduled vaccinations within

6 months of arrival - by cohort

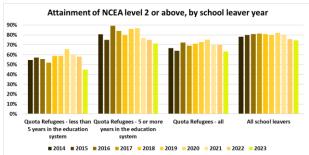
vaccinations (within 6 and 12 months of arrival)3

### **Outcome 3: Education**

Refugees achieve educational and vocational qualifications

#### **Success Indicator**

Proportion of refugee school leavers attaining NCEA Level 2, after 5 years or more in the New Zealand education system



Source: IDI Datalab – Stats NZ. Data on all school leavers from Schooling Analysis Unit, Ministry of Education

- Among 2023 school leavers who are former Quota Refugees, there was a continued decline in achievement of NCEA level 2 or above and the rate is lower than the average for all school leavers. This was particularly marked among those who had been in the system for less than 5 years (down to 45% from 58%).
- In the last three years, the attainment rates for both refugee and non-refugee students have declined.

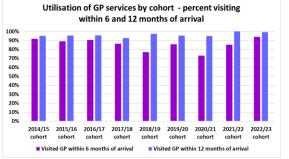
## **Outcome 4: Health and Well-being**

Refugees and their families enjoy healthy, safe and independent lives

#### **Success Indicator**

Utilisation of GP services

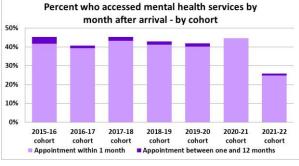
- While the majority of Quota Refugees visit a GP within 6 months of arrival, among the 2022-23 cohort, 6% had not visited a GP within this time period, an improvement on the 2021-22 cohort figure (15%).
- Within 12 months of arrival, virtually all (99%) of the 2022-23 cohort had visited a GP.



#### Source: IDI Datalab - Stats NZ

### **Success Indicator**

Access to mental health services (at least one face-face visit)1,2



- Only 26% of the 2021-22 cohort had attended a mental health-related appointment in their first 12 months after arrival. Of these, 96% had an appointment within a month.
- previous years, although this may be a result of COVIDrelated service disruption.

· For the second year running, 100% of former Quota refugees aged under 17 years who arrived in the 2022-23 year had received an age-appropriate vaccination within six months of arrival.

2017-18 2018-19 2019-20

cohort

2020-21 2021-22

It is not clear why this number is so much less than

<sup>1</sup> Sufficient data has not been released by the Ministry of Health for this graph to be updated for the two most recent refugee cohort years (the 2022-23 and 2023-24 years). <sup>2</sup> Note, however, that a small number in this cohort who waited for more than a month cannot be reported on because this number falls below the allowable threshold for release from the Stats NZ IDI Datalab

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Sufficient data has not been released by the Ministry of Health for this graph to be updated for the most recent refugee cohort year (the 2023-24 year).