

New Zealand Refugee Resettlement Strategy: Success Indicators and Measures

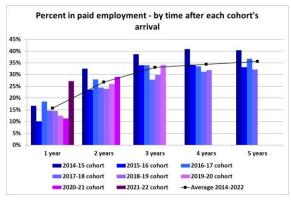
Outcomes update for 2023

Outcome 1: Self-sufficiency

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

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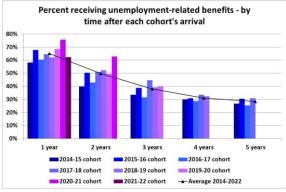
Increased proportion in paid employment



- The 2021-22 cohort had a very unusually high employment rate of 27% one year after arrival. This is well above the average value of 16% at year one for the cohorts depicted here.
- The employment rate among former quota refugees steadily increases over time, to around 36% on average at year five for all cohorts depicted here.

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Decreased proportion receiving unemployment-related benefits



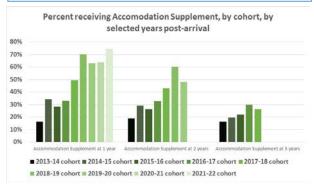
- 62% of working-age adults in the 2021-22 cohort were receiving an unemployment-related benefit one year after arrival, a little less than the average of 65% for the cohorts depicted here.
- The proportion receiving unemployment-related benefits generally decreases over time, to around 28% by year five for all cohorts depicted here.

Outcome 2: Housing

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

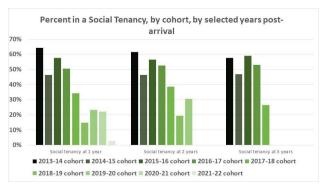
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Decreased proportion of refugees receiving housing assistance after two years and five years in New Zealand



- 75% of the 2021-22 cohort received the Accommodation Supplement at one year after arrival. The rate for the one-year measure has generally climbed over the years.
- Only 3% of the 2021-22 cohort were living in a social tenancy at year one, a substantial drop from the previous year's cohort (22%).
- These two figures are respectively the highest and lowest figures on record for the year-one measures.

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



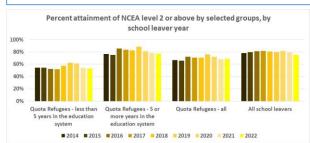
- In recent years there has been a general move away from social tenancy towards the use of the Accommodation Supplement, and this general trend continues to be evident from these latest figures.
- Large year-to-year variations can result when a large group(s) of refugees from an annual quota might be settled in a particular area with a relative shortage or abundance of social housing.
- While the balance between social tenancy 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.

Outcome 3: Education

Refugees achieve educational and vocational qualifications

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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 levers from the Schooling Analysis Unit, Ministry of

- Among 2022 school leavers who are former Quota Refugees and who have 5 or more years in the education system, there was a slight decline in achievement of NCEA level 2 or above, down to 77% (from 78%). However, this compares with a rate of 75% among all school leavers.
- The figure for former Quota Refugees with less than 5 years in the education system was 53%, again a slight decline.

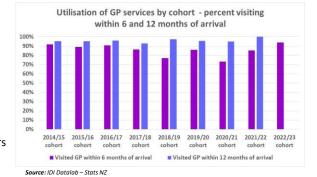
Outcome 4: Health and Well-being

Refugees and their families enjoy healthy, safe and independent lives

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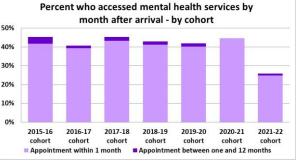
Utilisation of GP services

- 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, 100% of the 2021-22 cohort had visited a GP.



¹ Sufficient data has not been released by the Ministry of Health for this graph to be updated for the most recent 2022-23 cohort year refugees

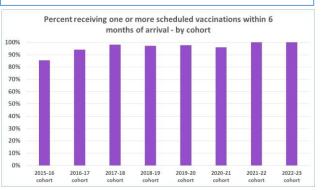
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- Only 26% of the 2021-22 cohort had attended a mental health-related appointment in their first 12 months after arrival. Of these, 96% had an appointment within a month.
- It is not clear why this number is so much less than previous years, although this may be a result of COVIDrelated service disruption.

Success Indicator

Proportion of quota refugee children receiving age-appropriate vaccinations (within 6 and 12 months of arrival)



Source: IDI Datalab - Stats NZ

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.

² 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