

# THE NEW NEW ZEALANDERS

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MYTH

**Migrants are a drain on the public purse**

FACT

**Migrants pay substantially more in tax than they cost the state**

NET FISCAL CONTRIBUTION  
(per person, per year)

**\$2,653**

MIGRANTS

**\$172**

KIWIS

**Migrant contribution is higher because:**

- ✓ they tend to be in the economically active age band
- ✓ Government has not had to pay for migrants' education
- ✓ they have good employment outcomes.



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**71%**

of Kiwis feel migrants make an important contribution to New Zealand's culture and society



**67%**

of Kiwis feel migrants make an important contribution to New Zealand's economy

**&**



**87%**

of migrants feel they belong to New Zealand

Source: Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, General Social Survey



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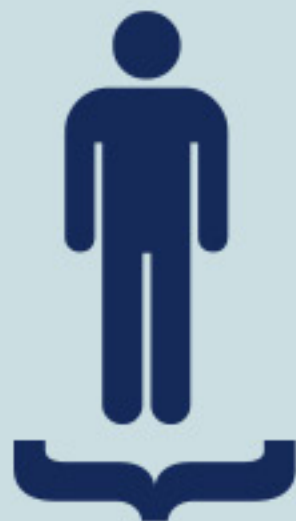
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QUESTION

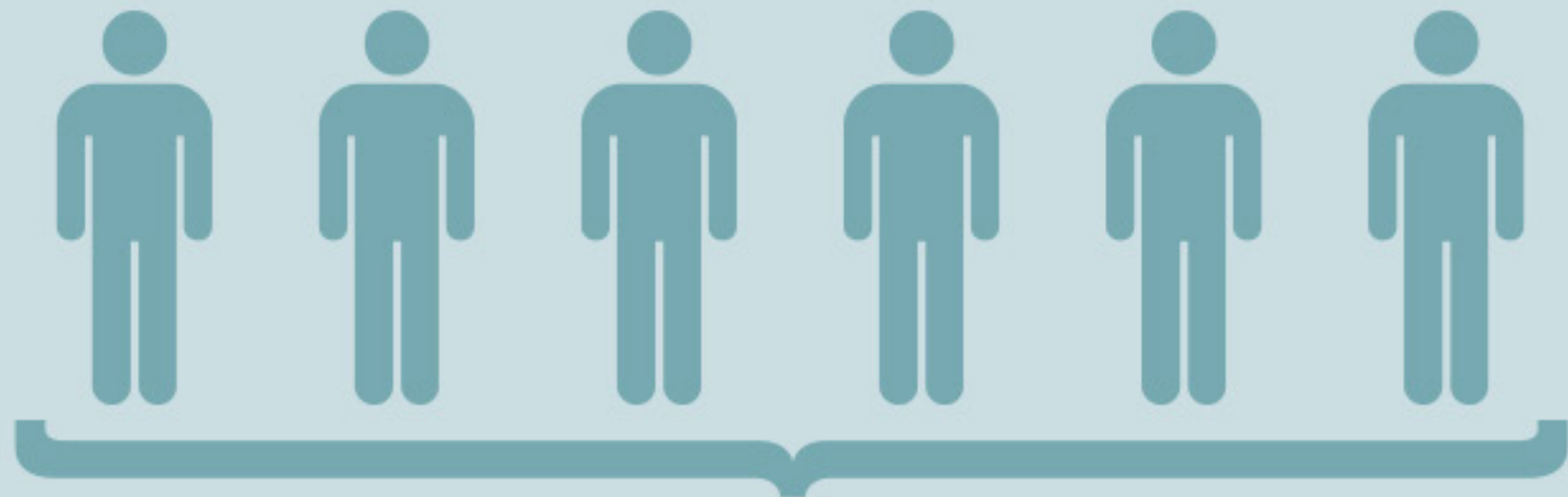
Are migrants flooding into New Zealand?

ANSWER

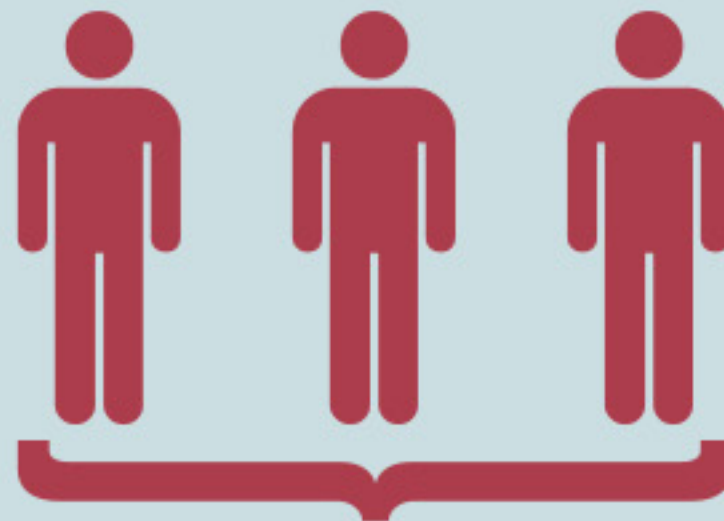
Inward migration is at a record high, but not all migrants are here to stay.



RESIDENCE VISA  
(here to stay)



PEOPLE HERE ON TEMPORARY VISAS  
(most will return to their home country)



RETURNING NEW ZEALANDERS  
AND AUSTRALIANS  
(not affected by immigration policy)

Based on Permanent and Long Term arrivals, by visa type – year to June 2016 (Statistics New Zealand)