Immigration Outcomes of International Tertiary Students in New Zealand

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Student Immigration Outcomes

1. What proportion of international fee-paying students transition to a work or residence visa in NZ?

2. What are the characteristics of students who transition and are there particular pathways for certain groups of students?
Student Immigration Outcomes

- Population
- Characteristics
- Data source
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30% of former international students remain in NZ five years post study
Increasing use of work policies to transition

- Left NZ
- Work
- Residence

Years: 2005 to 2012
2012 PTE leavers outnumber University and ITP students transitioning one year post study

- **Private Training Establishments (PTE's)**: 51%
- **Universities**: 25%
- **Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics (ITP's)**: 62%

Chart showing transitions and leaving NZ for each category.
ITP’s highest transition rate of all provider types
Increase in rate and number of PTE leavers transitioning

- Left NZ
- Transitioned
- Rate

- 0%
- 15%
- 30%
- 45%
- 60%

- 0
- 4000
- 8000
- 12000
- 16000

- 2005
- 2006
- 2007
- 2008
- 2009
- 2010
- 2011
- 2012

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Decrease in rate impacts number of University students transitioning
Highest numbers of students transitioning come from India.
Number of Indian leavers transitioning over takes China in 2009

- China
- India
Largest group transitioning studied at Diploma level

- Bachelors: 2000 transitioned, 3000 left NZ
- Diplomas: 4000 transitioned, 1000 left NZ
- Level 7 grad c & d: 1000 transitioned, 1000 left NZ
- Level 8 hons p.grad c & d: 500 transitioned, 500 left NZ
- Level 4 certificates: 200 transitioned, 100 left NZ
- Masters: 100 transitioned, 100 left NZ
- Level 1-3 certificates: 50 transitioned, 50 left NZ
- Doctorates: 20 transitioned, 20 left NZ
- Non formal: 10 transitioned, 10 left NZ
38% of all students transitioning studied in the field of management and commerce
Further Analysis

• Three year outcomes

• Visa types
Next steps

• Publication of this report
• Employment and labour market outcomes

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