

OUTWARD MIGRATION FROM NEW ZEALAND

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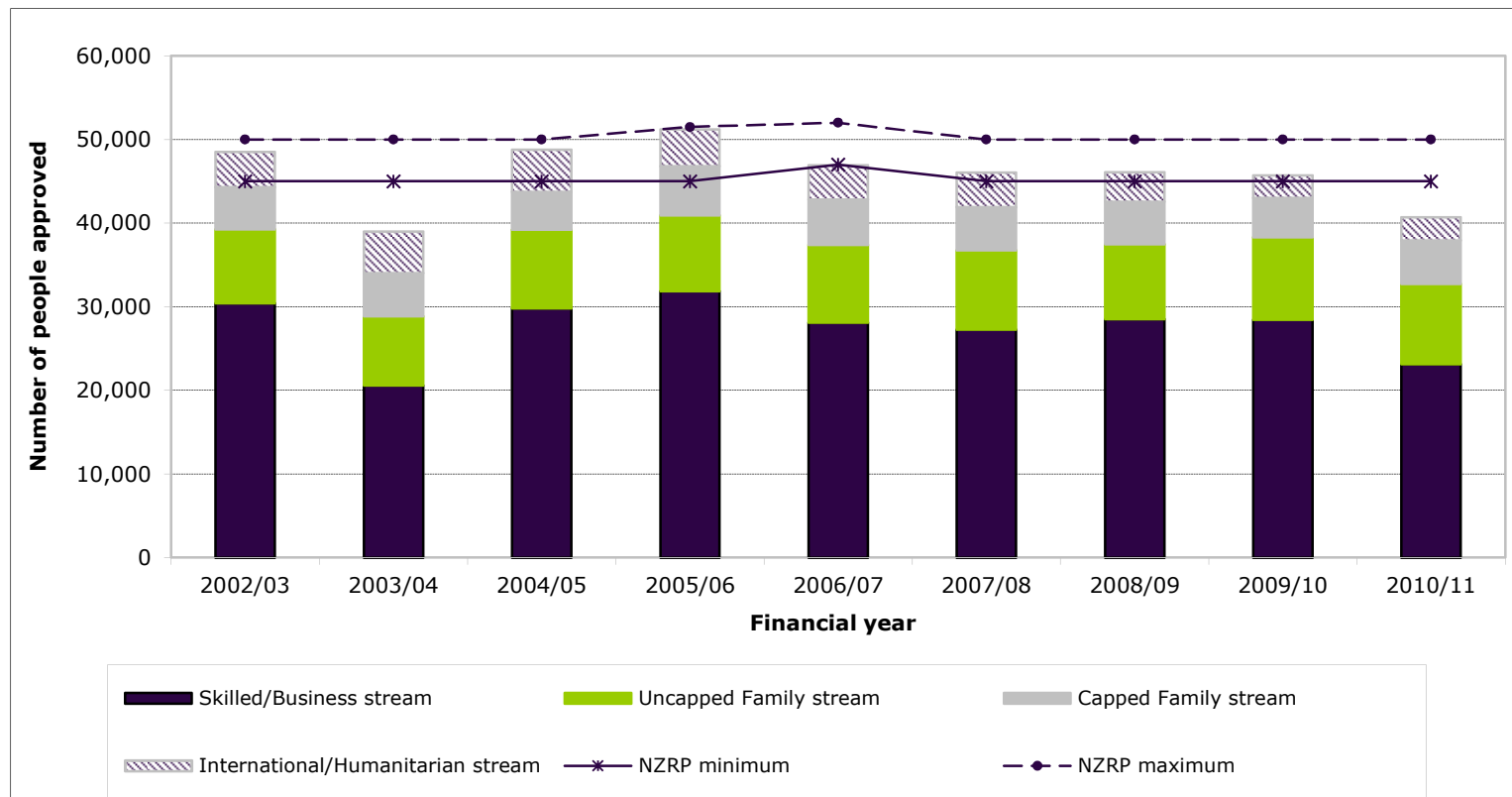


Background

- Research on migration
 - People on the Move (2006)
 - Use INZ movement data to understand the dynamics of migrants' absenteeism and movement patterns
 - Migration Trends & Outlook – annual report
 - Provides an overview of NZ's migration trends in a financial year
 - Immigration Monitoring Survey Programme (ISMP)
 - Aims to build up an evidence base of data about migrants' settlement outcomes, employers' experiences with migrants, and community attitudes towards immigration
 - The ISMP has been running since 2009
- Government focus on Business Growth Agenda
 - Bring in and retain skilled migrants, and ensure they settle well in New Zealand



New Zealand Residence Programme



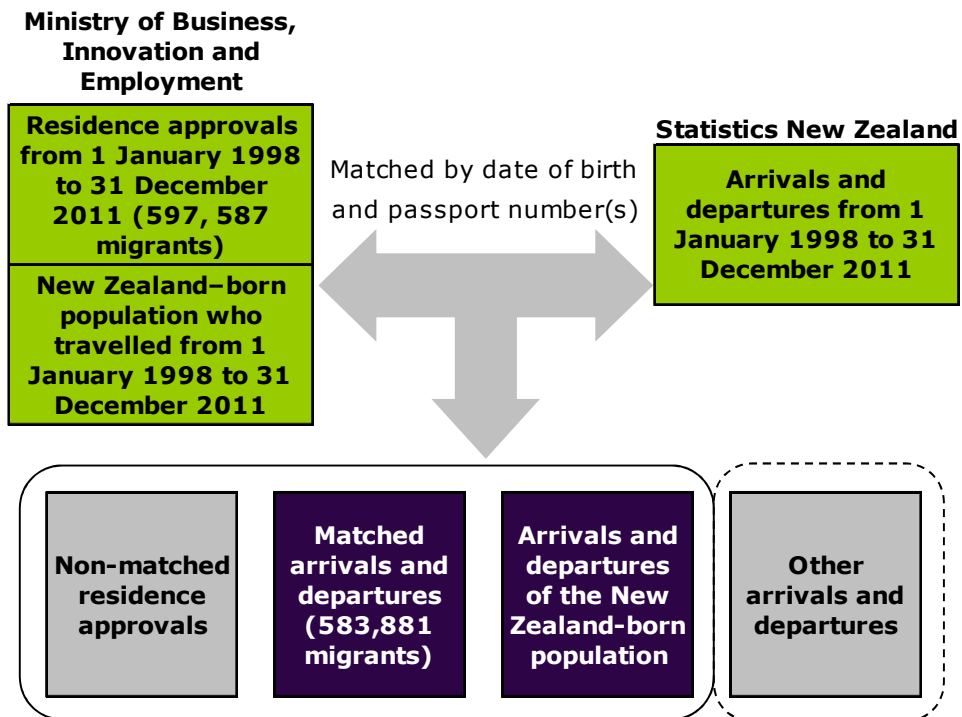
Objectives

- To identify the characteristics associated with international mobility of migrants and the NZ-born population
- To determine the duration of stay following the granting of permanent residence and the countries they move on to, and observe whether the move represents a one-off or ongoing mobility
- To evaluate the reliability of stated intentions versus actual time of being in NZ or absence from NZ
- To provide additional evidence for the MBIE Labour Group in reviewing key policies that support improving the economic and social outcomes from immigration
- To inform the development of new immigration and settlement policies for different groups of immigrants



Data integration

- 98% of migrants were matched



All movements

- Focus of study is on movements lasting 6 months or more

Time in or out of New Zealand	Arrivals		Departures	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<i>Migrants</i>				
Less than 6 months	1,056,801	49.0	1,828,278	92.1
6 to 11 months	461,688	21.4	80,721	4.1
12 - 23 months	351,852	16.3	45,885	2.3
24 months or more	288,537	13.4	31,086	1.6
Total	2,158,881	100.0	1,985,970	100.0
<i>New Zealand born</i>				
Less than 6 months	7,415,568	60.2	11,807,139	86.3
6 to 11 months	2,137,296	17.3	871,071	6.4
12 - 23 months	1,578,843	12.8	618,816	4.5
24 months or more	1,193,286	9.7	383,679	2.8
Total	12,324,993	100.0	13,680,708	100.0

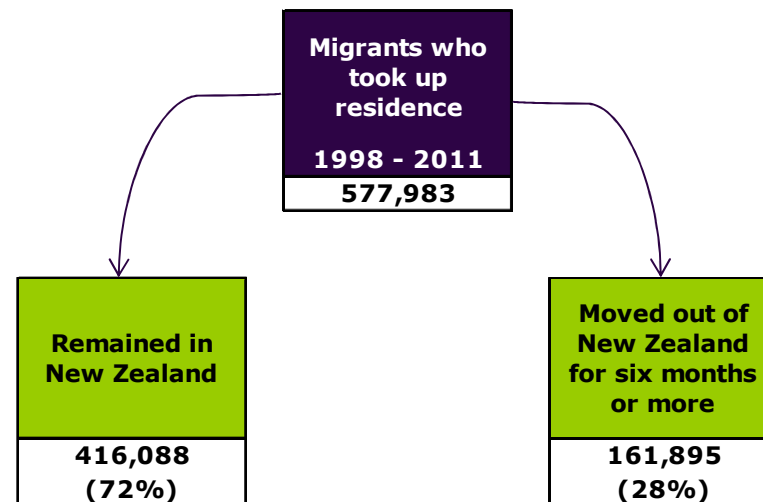
Profile of migrants

Characteristic	Migrants who moved out of NZ for 6 months or more since residence uptake	Migrants who remained in NZ since residence uptake	Migrants who took up residence
Gender			
Male	49.5%	48.4%	48.7%
Female	50.5%	51.6%	51.3%
Residence approval stream			
Skilled/Business Stream	63.5%	57.5%	59.2%
Uncapped Family Stream	17.1%	21.4%	20.2%
Capped Family Stream	14.4%	11.9%	12.6%
International/Humanitarian Stream	5.0%	9.2%	8.0%
Source country			
United Kingdom	17.2%	20.3%	19.4%
China	18.4%	11.1%	13.1%
India	11.2%	9.1%	9.7%
South Africa	6.8%	9.6%	8.8%
Other	46.4%	49.9%	49.0%
Total number of people	161,895	416,088	577,983



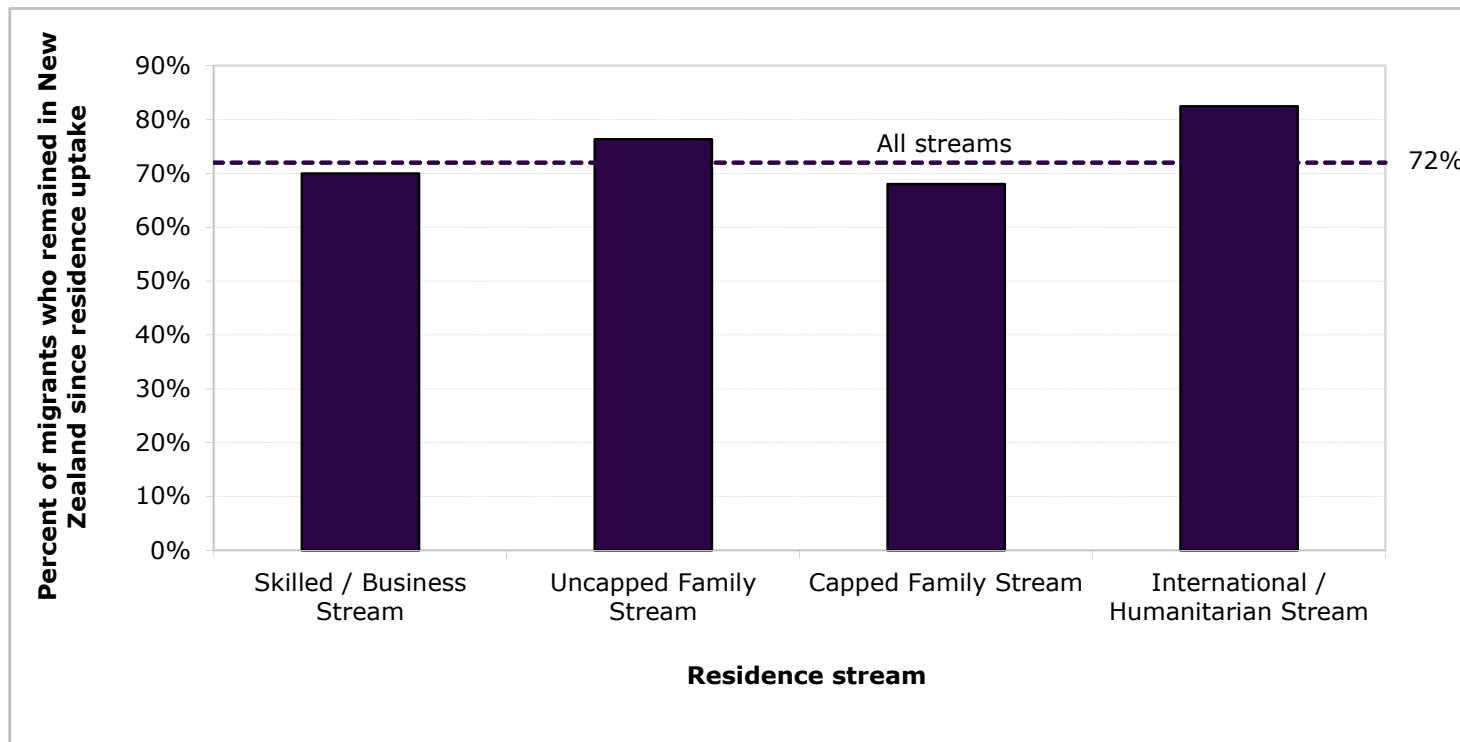
Retention

- 72% remained in New Zealand since taking up residence



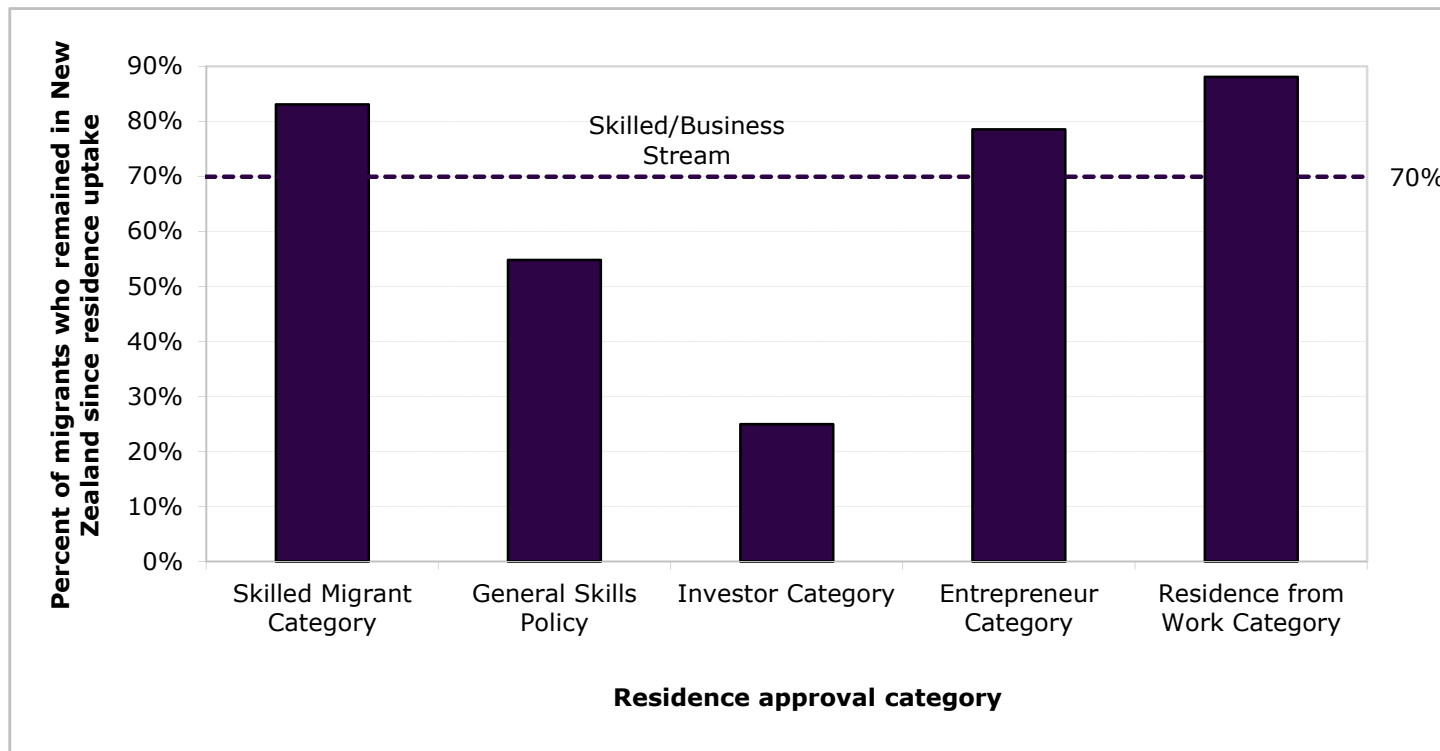
Retention by category

- Migrants approved through the Uncapped Family Sponsored stream and International/Humanitarian stream are more likely to remain in NZ



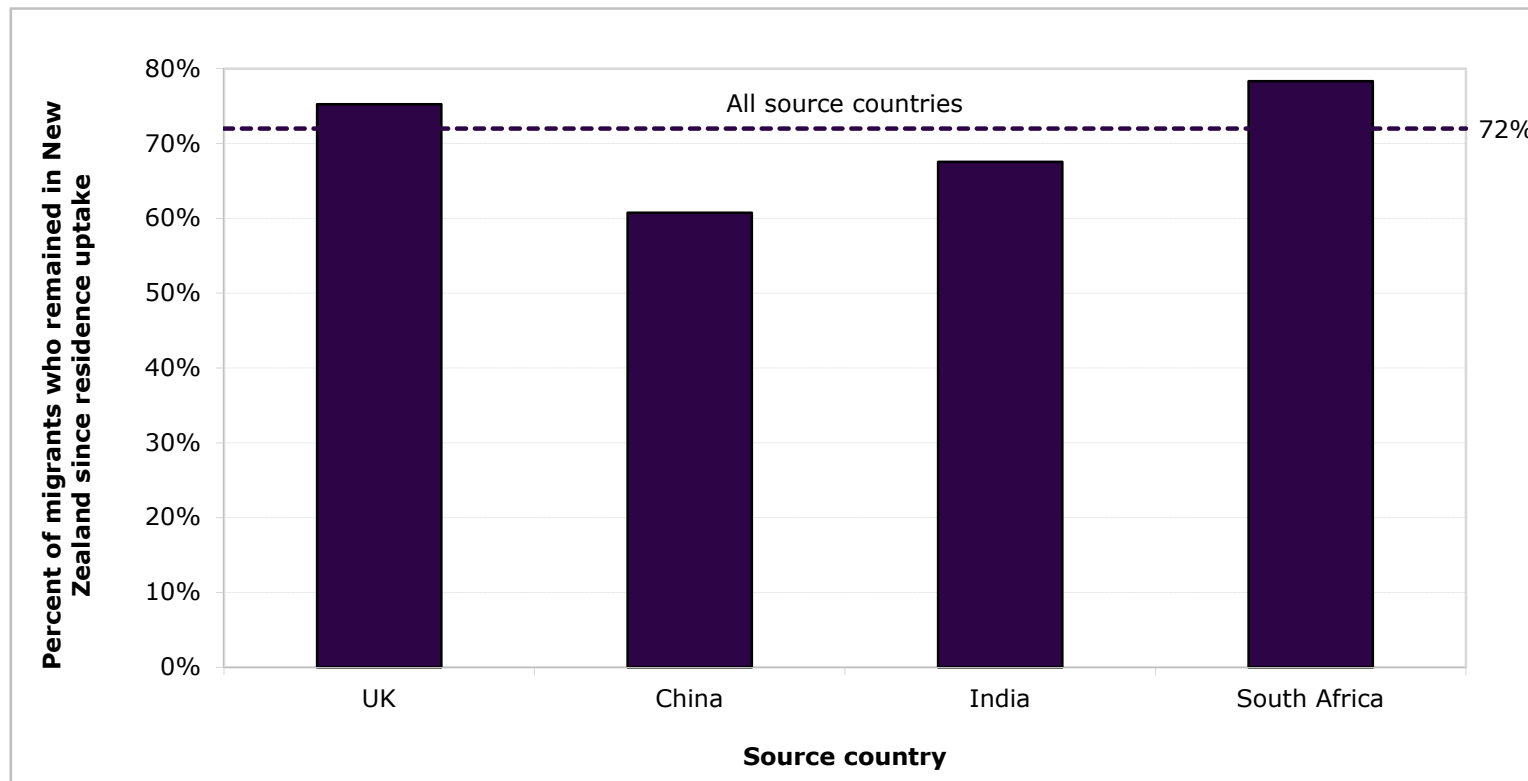
Retention of Skilled/Business migrants

- 83% of migrants approved through SMC have remained in NZ since taking up residence



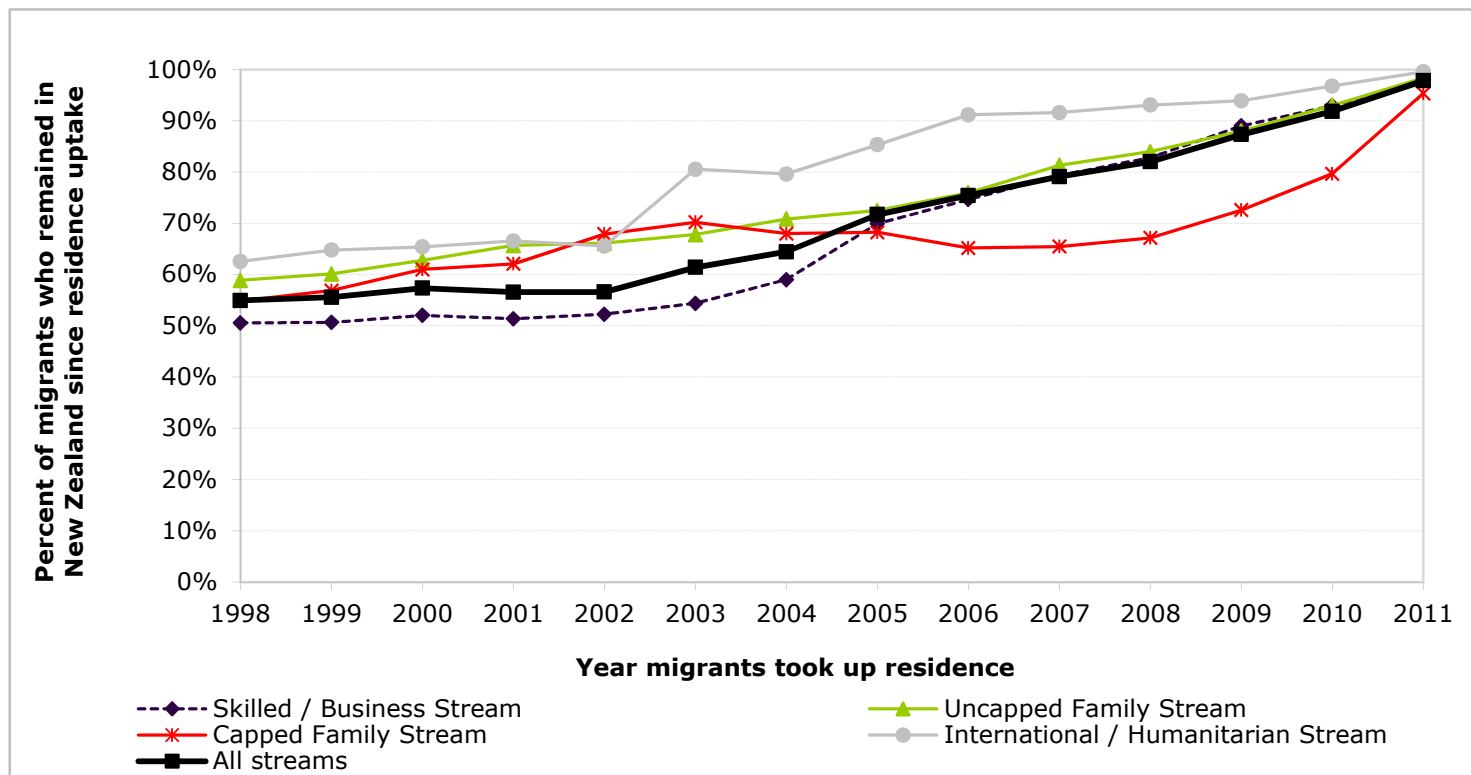
Retention by source country

- Migrants from China and India are less likely to remain in NZ after taking up residence



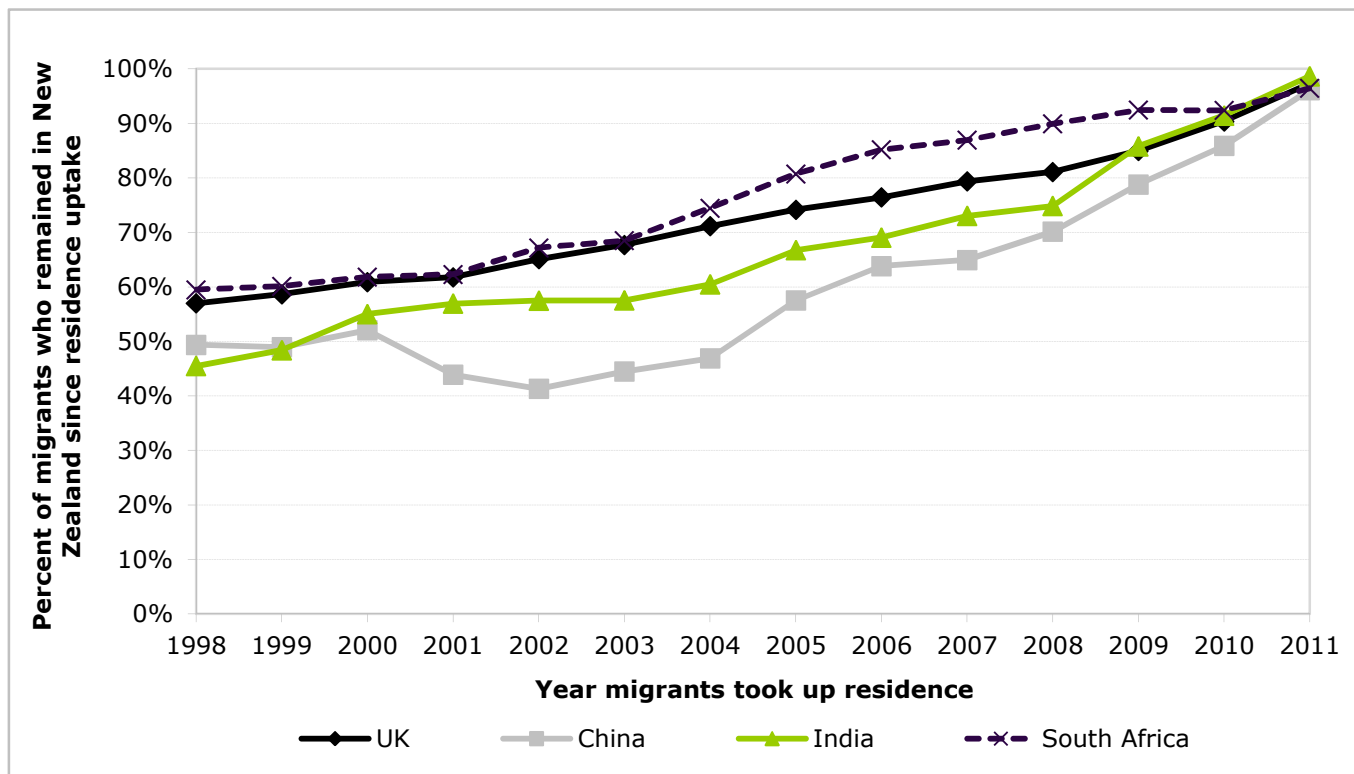
Retention by year of residence uptake

- About half of migrants who took up residence for at least 9 years have remained in New Zealand



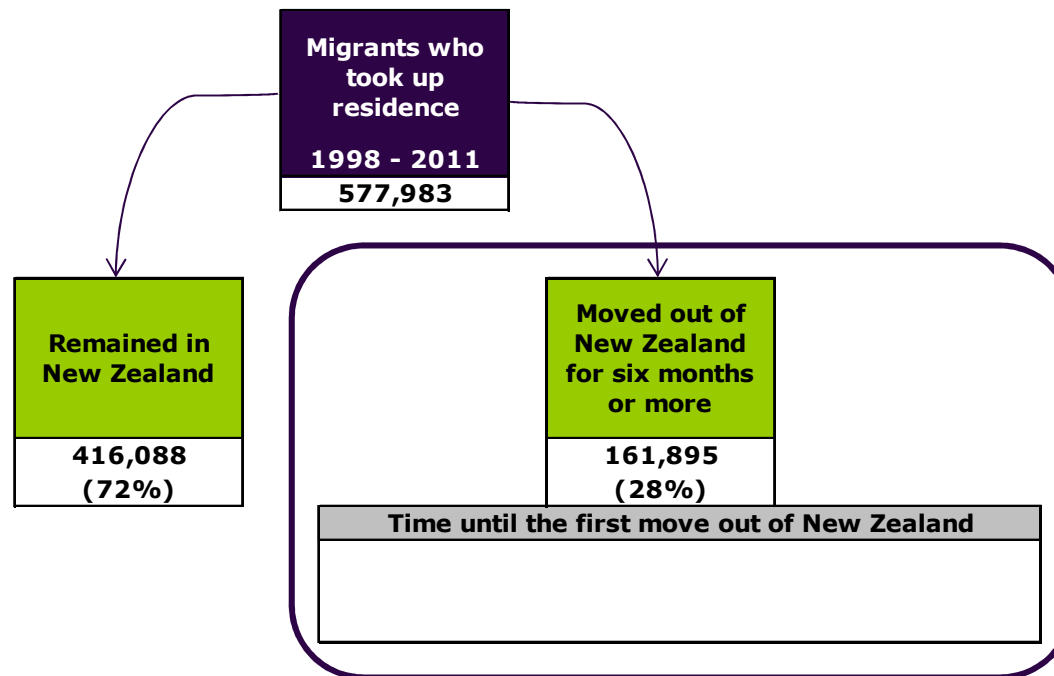
Retention by year of residence uptake

- Retention rates of migrants from China and India generally lower than migrants from the UK and South Africa



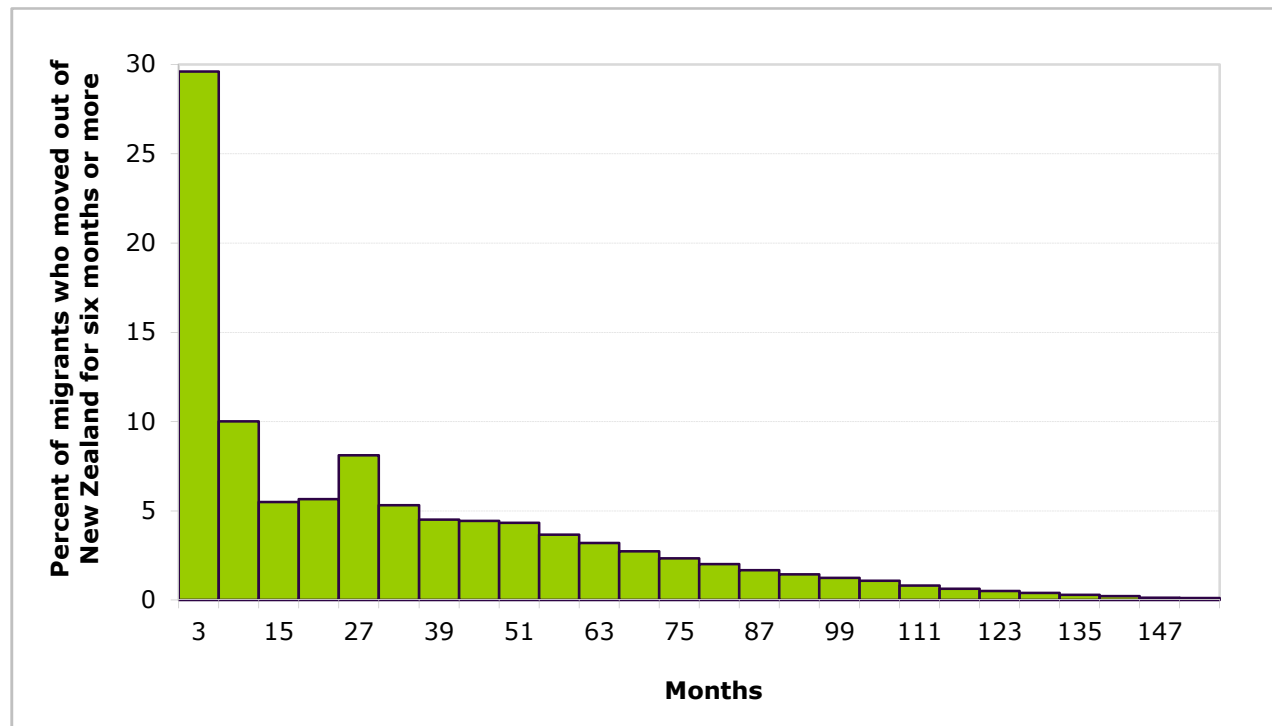
Time until first move out of New Zealand

- 28% moved out of NZ for a period of 6 months or more

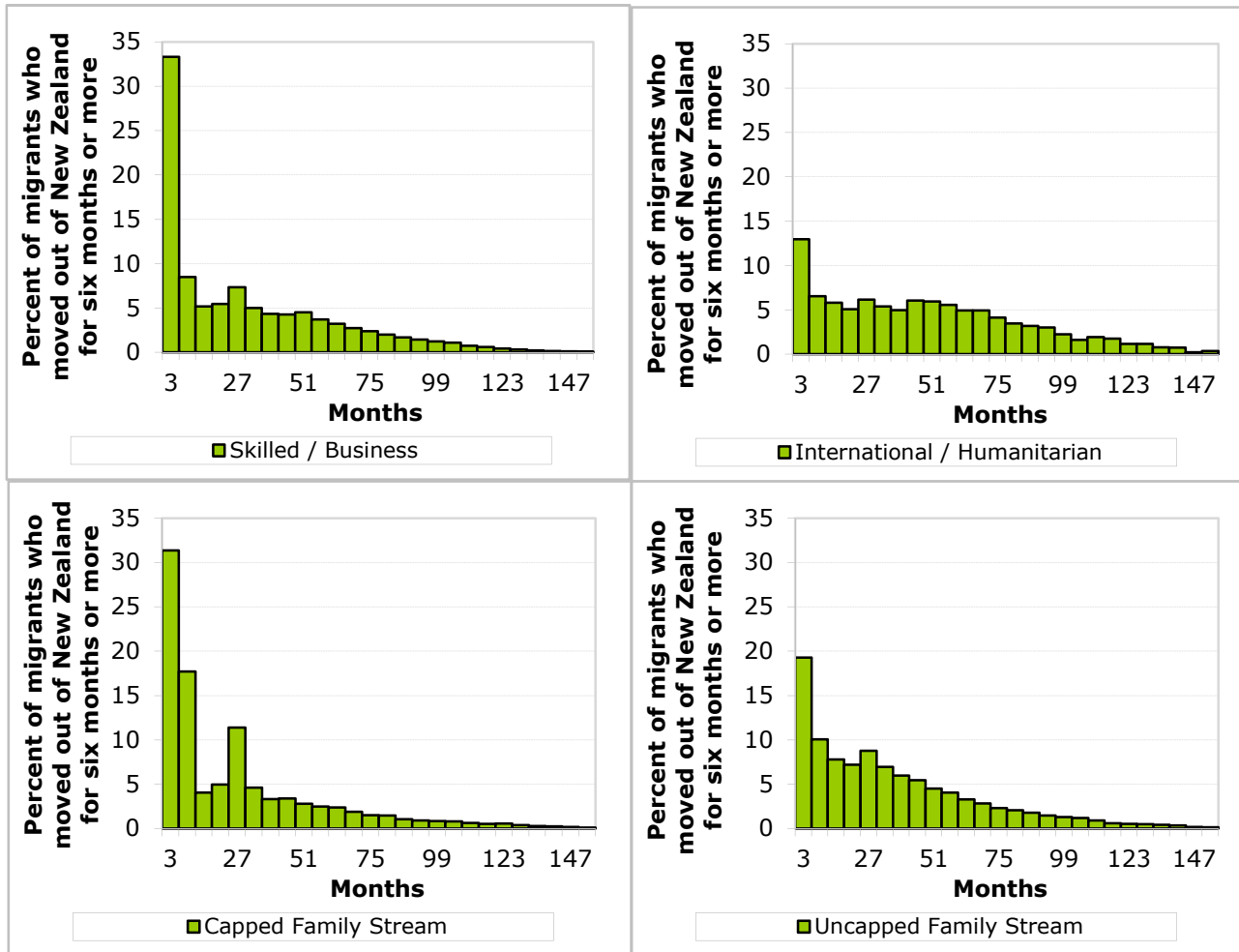


Time until the first move out of NZ

- Almost 30% leave in the first six months of residence uptake
- 8% leave after 2 years of residence uptake

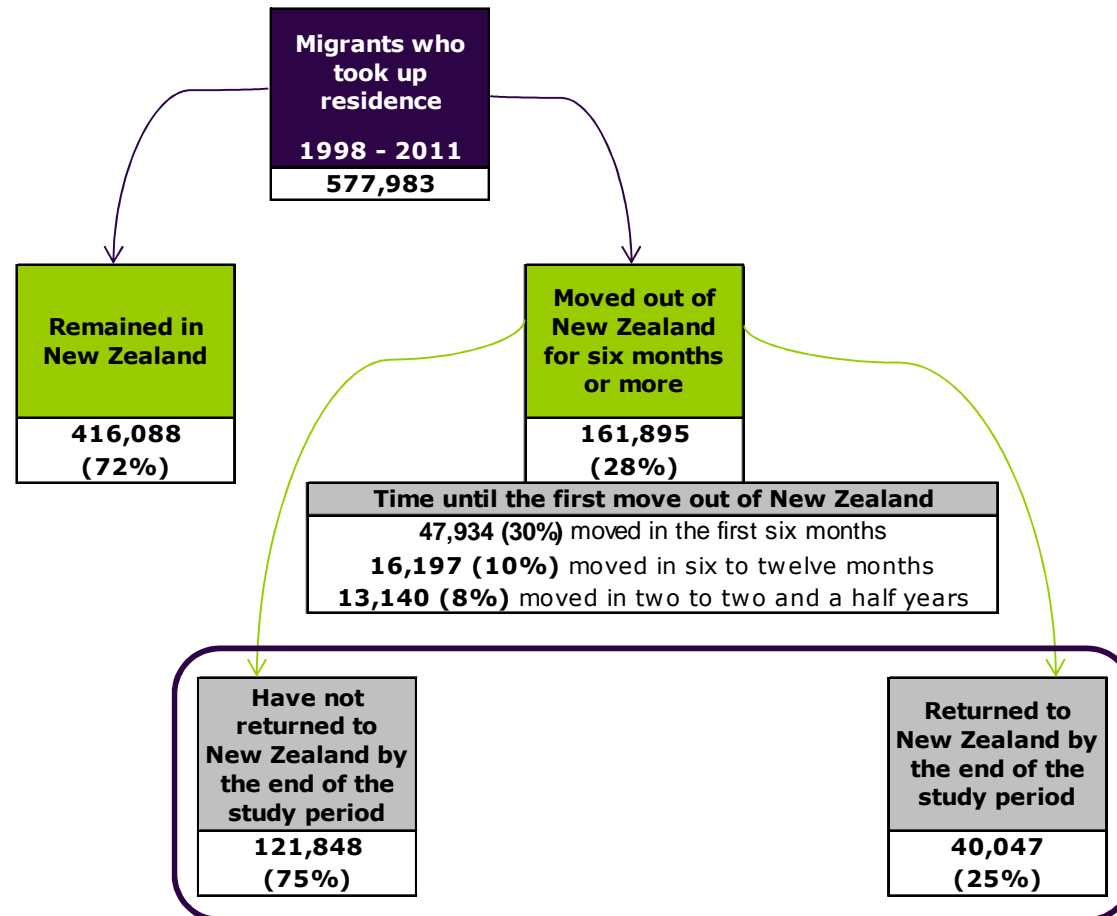


Time until the first move by residence approval stream



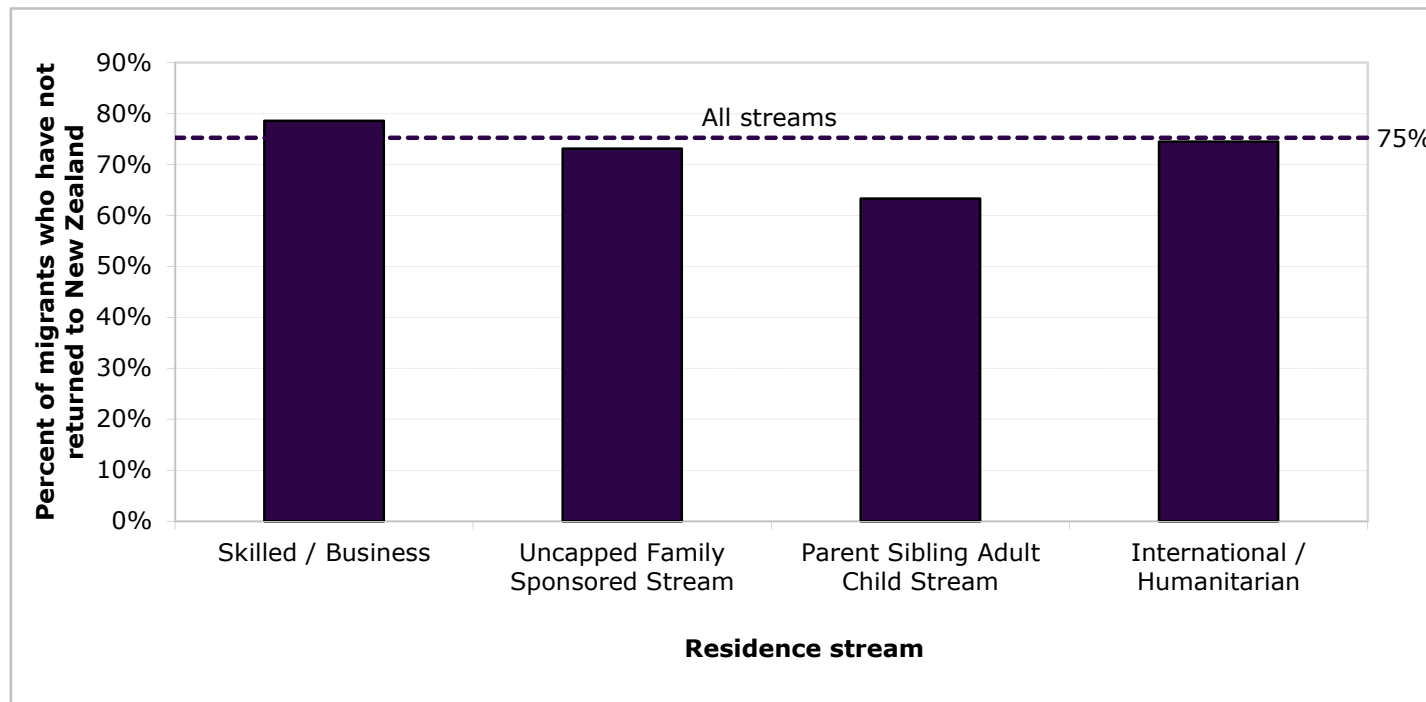
Migrants who move out of New Zealand

- 75% have not returned



Migrants who have not returned to NZ

- Capped Family Stream more likely to return to NZ



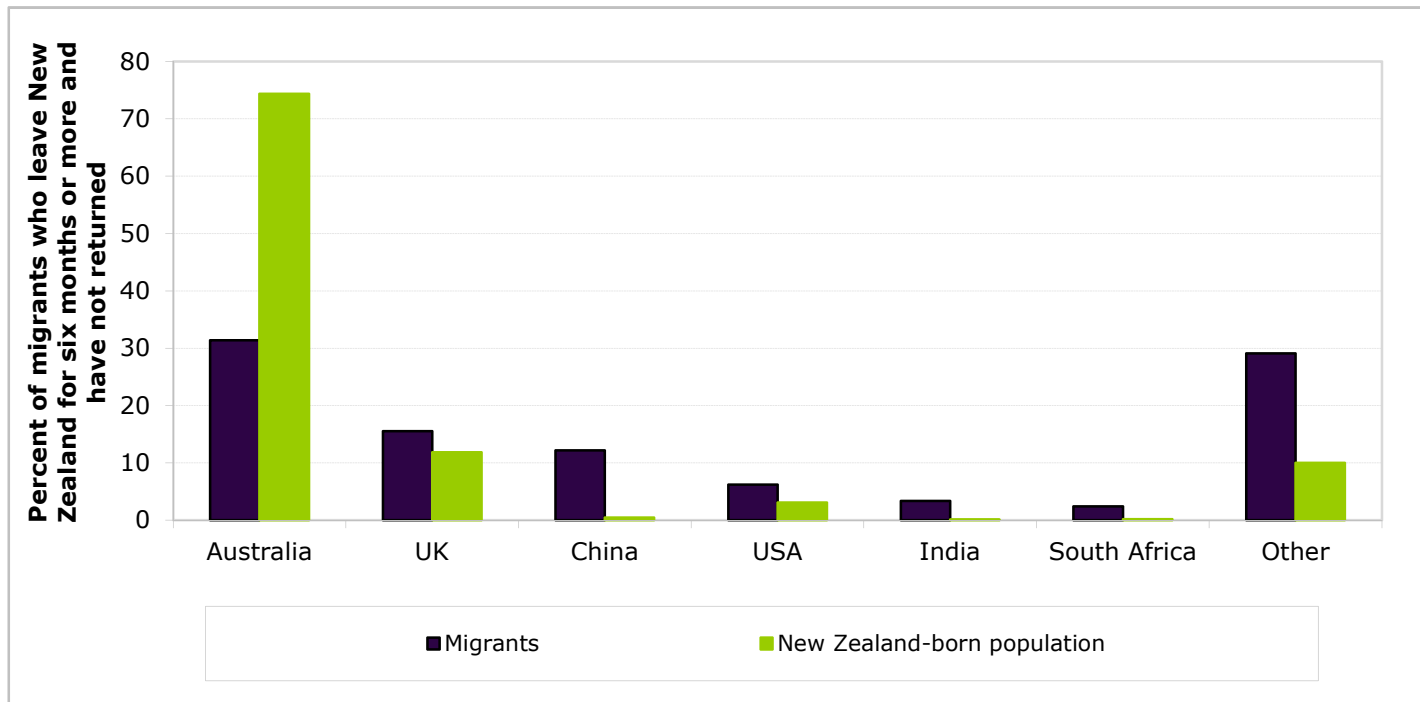
Destination for people who left NZ

- Migrants and the NZ born population who left NZ long-term and have not returned by the end of the study period, most (93%) did not return after their first long-term departure
- Missing destinations in the integrated dataset can lead to potential biases in the analysis
 - Older migrants' (50+ years) destinations are less likely to be known

Population group	People who have not returned to New Zealand		
	Destination known	Number of people	Proportion with destination known (%)
Migrants	65,985	121,846	54
New Zealand-born population	464,431	609,683	76

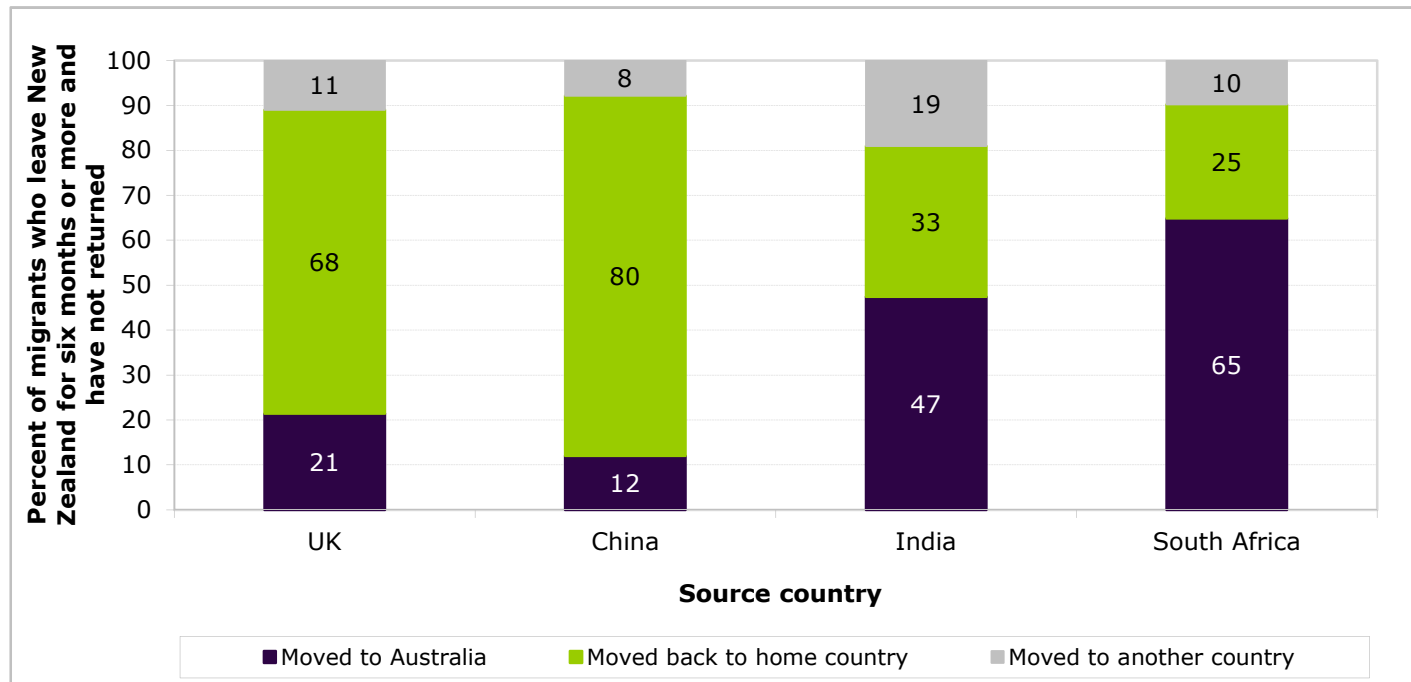
Destination of migrants and the NZ born population

- Majority of the NZ born population go to Australia
- 31% of migrants go to Australia, some returning to their home countries



Destination of migrants by source country

- Majority of migrants from UK and China moved back to their home country
- Almost half of migrants from India and over 65 percent of migrants from South Africa have moved on to Australia



Occupations of people leaving for Australia

Occupation of people who moved to Australia	
Migrants	New Zealand-born
<i>Nursing and Midwifery Professionals</i>	<i>Specialised Managers</i>
<i>Specialised Managers</i>	Housekeeping and Restaurant Services Workers
Architects, Engineers and Related Professionals	Salespersons and Demonstrators
Computing Professionals	Motor Vehicle Drivers
Health Professionals (Except Nursing)	Labourers
Physical Science and Engineering Technicians	Building Frame and Related Trades Workers
General Managers	Building Finishers and Related Trades Workers
Machinery Mechanics and Fitters	Library, Mail and Related Clerks
Business Professionals	<i>Nursing and Midwifery Professionals</i>
Electricians	Finance and Sales Associate Professionals



General conclusions

- NZ's migrant retention appears reasonably high (72%)
- Skilled migrants have skills in demand and are more likely to leave NZ than other migrant groups
- Some migrants appear to leave relatively soon after taking up residence
- Australia is a common destination for migrants who leave (31%) and more so for New Zealanders who leave (74%)
 - But there is an element of circular migration among our main source countries of migrants
- This work supports other research that shows a broader skill range in the migration of New Zealand-born to Australia than migrants



Next steps

- Report to be released in November 2012
- Labour & Immigration Research Centre <http://www.dol.govt.nz/research/>

