

MIGRANTS' SATISFACTION WITH LIFE IN NEW ZEALAND

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Why is this important?

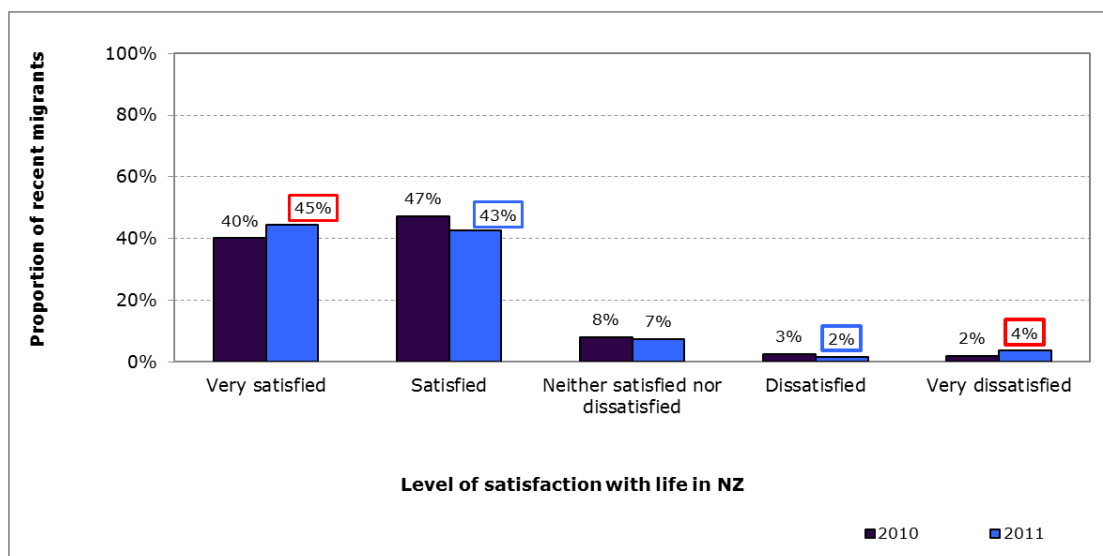
Satisfaction with life in New Zealand means newcomers are more likely to settle well and to encourage others to visit or migrate to New Zealand. It is also useful to find out the factors which contribute to life satisfaction.

What we found

Almost nine out of ten recent migrants were satisfied or very satisfied with life in New Zealand.

Although the overall proportion of recent migrants who were satisfied or very satisfied is unchanged between 2010 and 2011 at 87 percent, there has been a shift within that group, with more recent migrants in 2011 stating that they were very satisfied with life in New Zealand, up 5 percentage points to 45 percent.

Figure 1: Recent migrants' satisfaction with life in New Zealand 2010-2011



Source: Immigration Survey Monitoring Programme Migrants' Survey (2010 & 2011)

= Significantly higher result compared with 2010

= Significantly lower result compared with 2010

Year on year changes

Migrants who were more likely to be satisfied or very satisfied in 2011 compared with 2010 were:

- those aged 18 to 19 or 70 years and over
- those who were approved under the Skilled secondary category.

↳ Immigration Survey Monitoring Programme – Migrants Survey Indicators

Migrants who were less likely to be satisfied or very satisfied in 2011 compared with 2010 were:

- those who were approved under the Family partner category
- those in unpaid employment
- those from South East Asia.

The purpose of the Immigration Settlement Monitoring Programme is to improve our understanding of migrants' settlement and labour market outcomes, employers' experience with migrants, and community attitudes towards immigration.

These indicators are available at:

<http://www.dol.govt.nz/research/migration/ismp/ismpindicators.asp>

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