

Do parents get left behind?

The majority of parents and their sponsors are in New Zealand 2 and 5 years after the parent has residence (57 and 62 per cent respectively).

A large proportion of parents are no longer in the country at the 2 and 5 year mark (29 and 39 per cent respectively) although their sponsors are still here. This means the parent has either left the country or is deceased.

In a very small number of cases both the parent and sponsor are no longer in New Zealand (3 per cent at two years and 2 per cent at five years). The possible reasons for this are that the parent and sponsor have both either left or died, or that one has died and the other has left the country.

In terms of a parent being left in New Zealand while the sponsor is absent, the figures are also low at 1 and 3 per cent respectively. There may be a legitimate reason for the parent being in-country without the sponsor, such as the sponsor working overseas while still supporting the parent, or the sponsor may have died. There was a spike in this group in 2012/13 and 2013/14.

The table below reflects the situation at 30 June 2018 for every parent and sponsor where a parent was granted residence under the 2012 settings. Breakdowns of the situation at the two and five years post-residence point are provided overleaf.

<i>Location of parents and their sponsors at 30 June 2018</i>	Frequency	Percent
Both sponsor and parent in NZ	9597	63.95
Sponsor in NZ and parent out of NZ	4767	31.77
Sponsor out of NZ and parent in NZ	280	1.87
Both sponsor and parent out of NZ	338	2.25
Other / Missing	24	0.16

Note: "Out of NZ" means that the individual is either no longer in New Zealand or is deceased

<i>Location of parents and their sponsors at 2 years post residence</i>	Frequency	Percent
Both sponsor and parent in NZ	8534	56.87
Sponsor in NZ and parent out of NZ	5807	38.7
Sponsor out of NZ and parent in NZ	175	1.17
Both sponsor and parent out of NZ	484	3.23
Other / Missing	6	0.04

<i>Location of parents and their sponsors at 5 years post residence</i>	Frequency	Percent
Both sponsor and parent in NZ	9362	62.39
Sponsor in NZ and parent out of NZ	4332	28.87
Sponsor out of NZ and parent in NZ	491	3.27
Both sponsor and parent out of NZ	821	5.47