

Pacific windows in New Zealand's permanent migration scheme

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Outline

- Then and now – a brief history
- Pacific people in NZ
- Permanent migration from the Pacific
- Settlement outcomes
- Pacific futures



Migration from the Pacific

- Pre and post 1970s - what's the difference?
- Policy changes in recent times



New Zealand's Pacific people

- 6.9% of NZ's population – strong growth projection
- A diverse population – 13 distinct languages and cultural groups, and 60% born in NZ
- Young - median age 21, compares to 35 for total population
- Auckland has the largest Pacific population in the world – 27% of NZ Pacific people live in Auckland
- A major part of future workforce, but challenges of high youth unemployment and under achievement.



Pacific-born in New Zealand

Birthplace	1945	1971	2006
Melanesia	1,280	5,730	41,180
Micronesia	20	...	1,200
Polynesia	1,730	25,170	96,040
Pacific-born	3,030	30,900	138,420
% Polynesia	57.3	81.5	69.4

Data source: Unpublished tables, Statistics New Zealand

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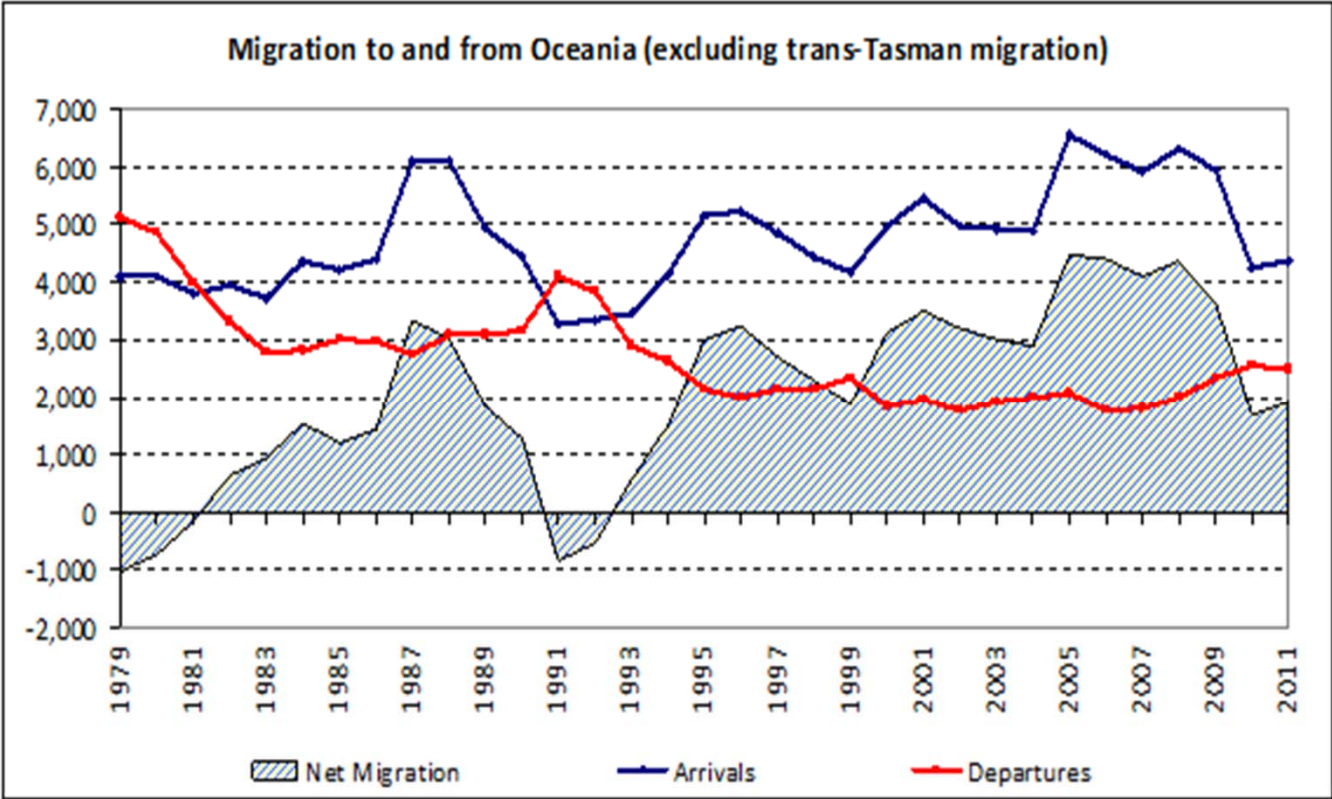
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Long term migration from the Pacific



Source: Statistics New Zealand



Recent Pacific migration to NZ

PLT migration of Pacific citizens to and from New Zealand, 2002-2011 (March years)

Area	Arrivals	Departures	Net migration
Melanesia	27,160	8,120	18,990
Micronesia	630	410	1,200
Polynesia	26,230	17,210	9,020
New Zealand	54,020	25,790	28,230
% Melanesia	50.3	31.7	67.3

Data source: Statistics New Zealand

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Residence approvals, 2002-2012

Residence approvals of Pacific citizens in New Zealand, 2002-2011 (June years)

Area	2002-06	2007-11	% change
Melanesia	13,136	15,054	14.3
Micronesia	482	682	41.5
Polynesia	17,714	14,394	-18.7
New Zealand	31,332	30,130	-3.8
% Melanesia	41.9	49.9	8.0

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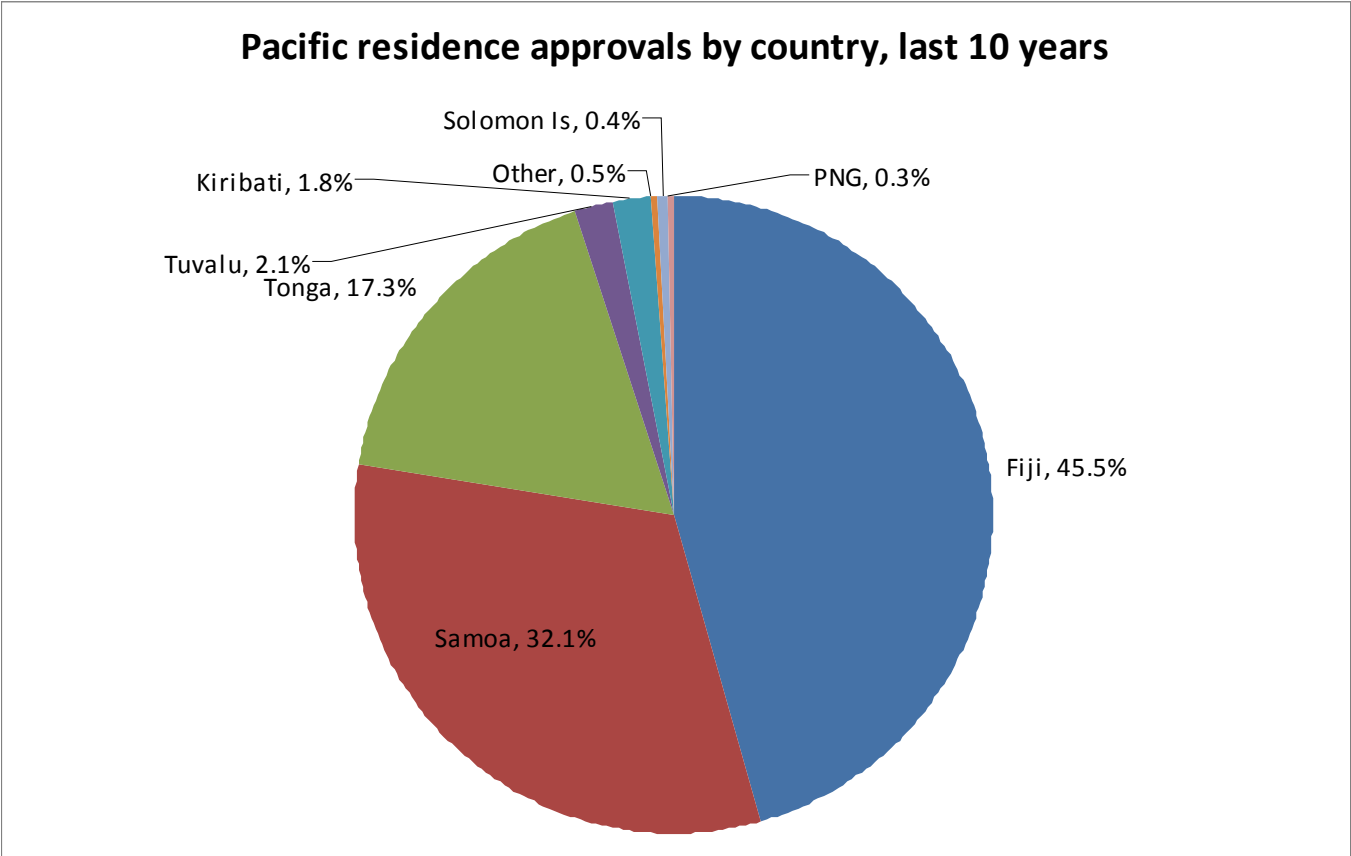
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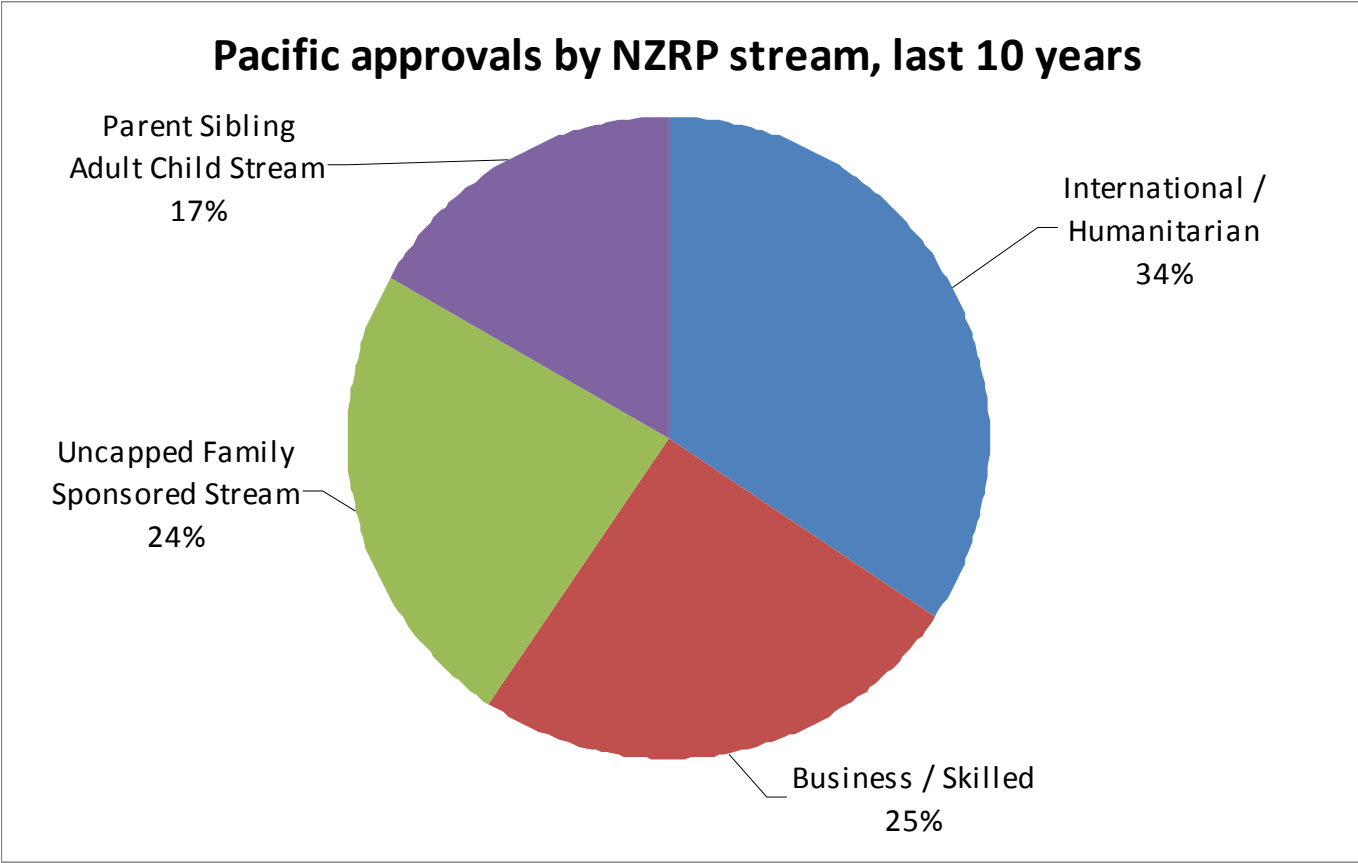
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Permanent migration from the Pacific



Permanent migration from the Pacific (cont.)



Settlement outcomes for Pacific Category Migrants using the LisNZ

- The Longitudinal Immigration Survey: New Zealand (LisNZ) is a key source of information about migrants' outcomes and experiences in New Zealand.
- Provides key information on Pacific and other groups of migrants.
- Data is available from Wave 1 - Wave 3 (based on interviews 6, 18 & 36 months after taking up permanent residence).
- The LisNZ results for the Pacific have generally been positive.



Early outcomes for Pacific Category Migrants

Table comparing settlement outcomes across residence categories using the LisNZ (6 months: W1)

	Pacific Category (SQ and PAC)	Family Partner	Family Parent	Skilled Principal	Skilled Secondary
Employment Rate	66%	62%	n/a	90%	55%
Advanced vocational qualification or higher	12%	47%	26%	69%	42%
Main non-labour market activity is caring for dependants	45%	40%	23%	12%	45%
Settled or Very Settled in NZ	92%	86%	87%	88%	86%

Source: Longitudinal Immigration Survey: New Zealand

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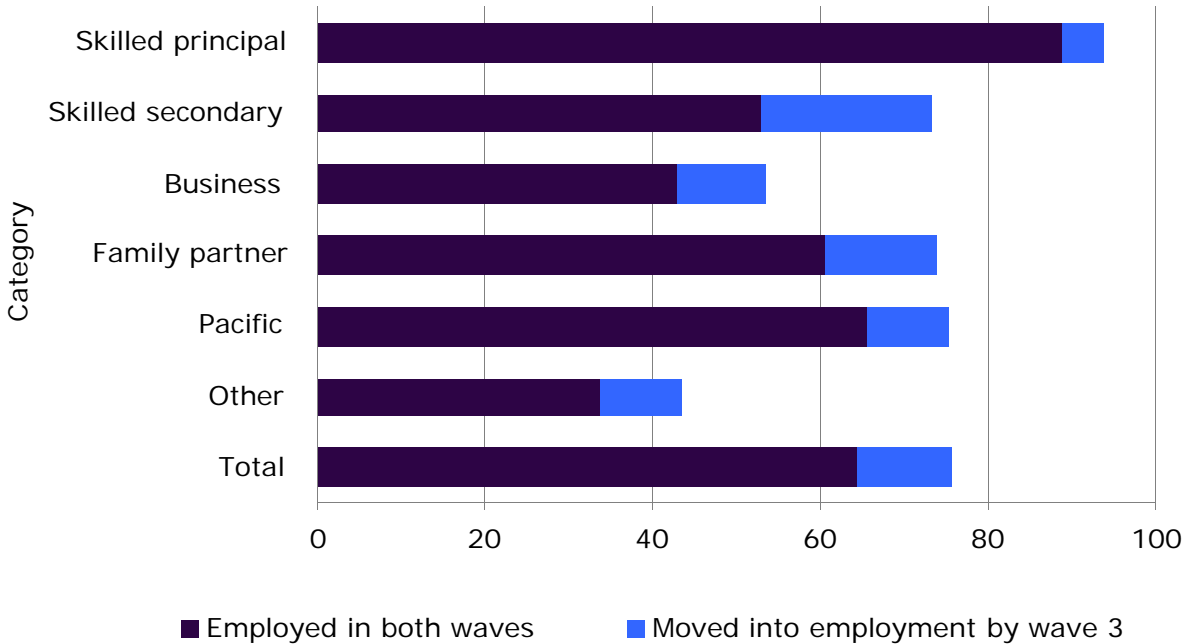
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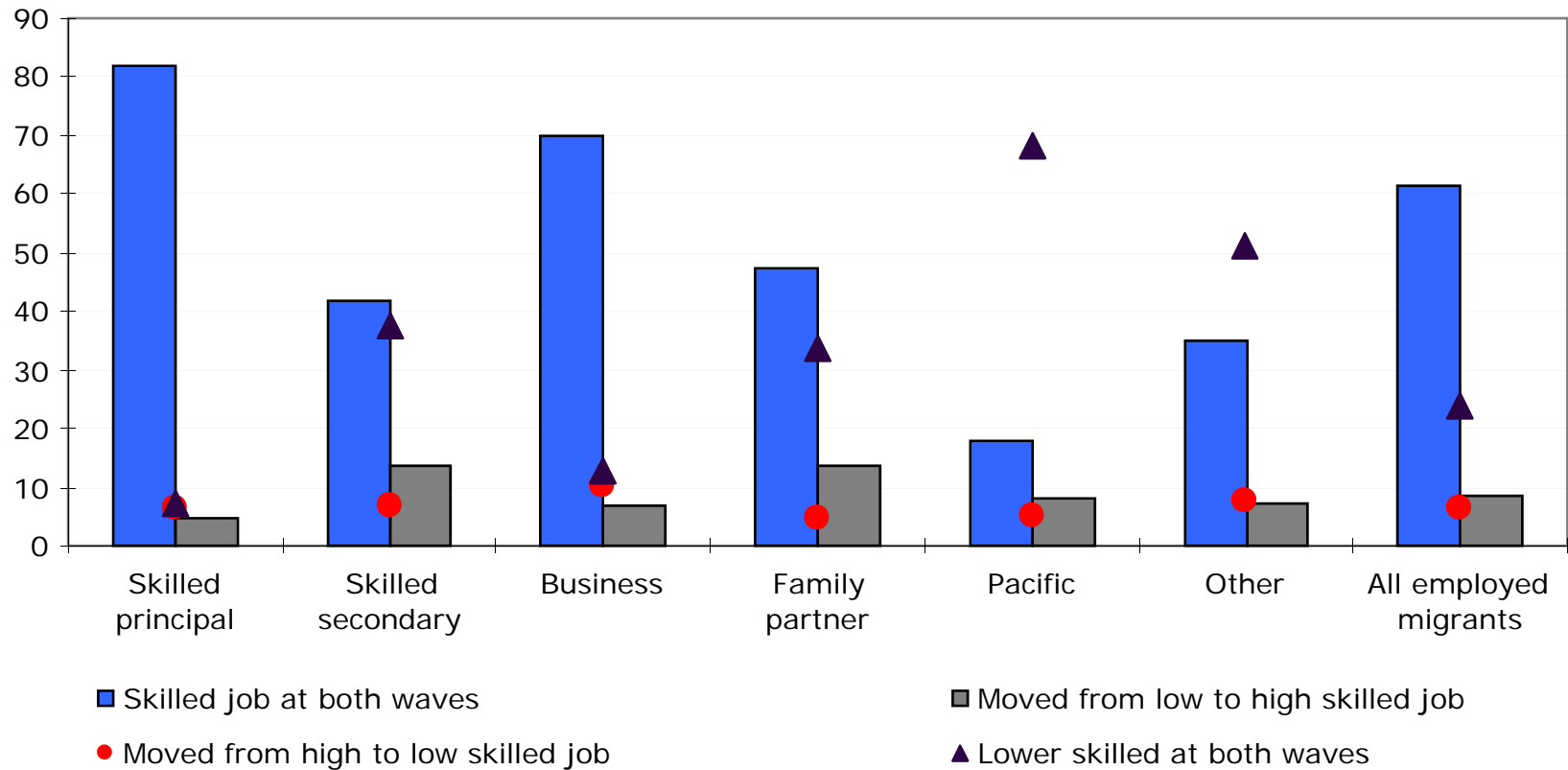


Key findings – wave 3: Employment rates

Employed and self employed migrants at wave 3

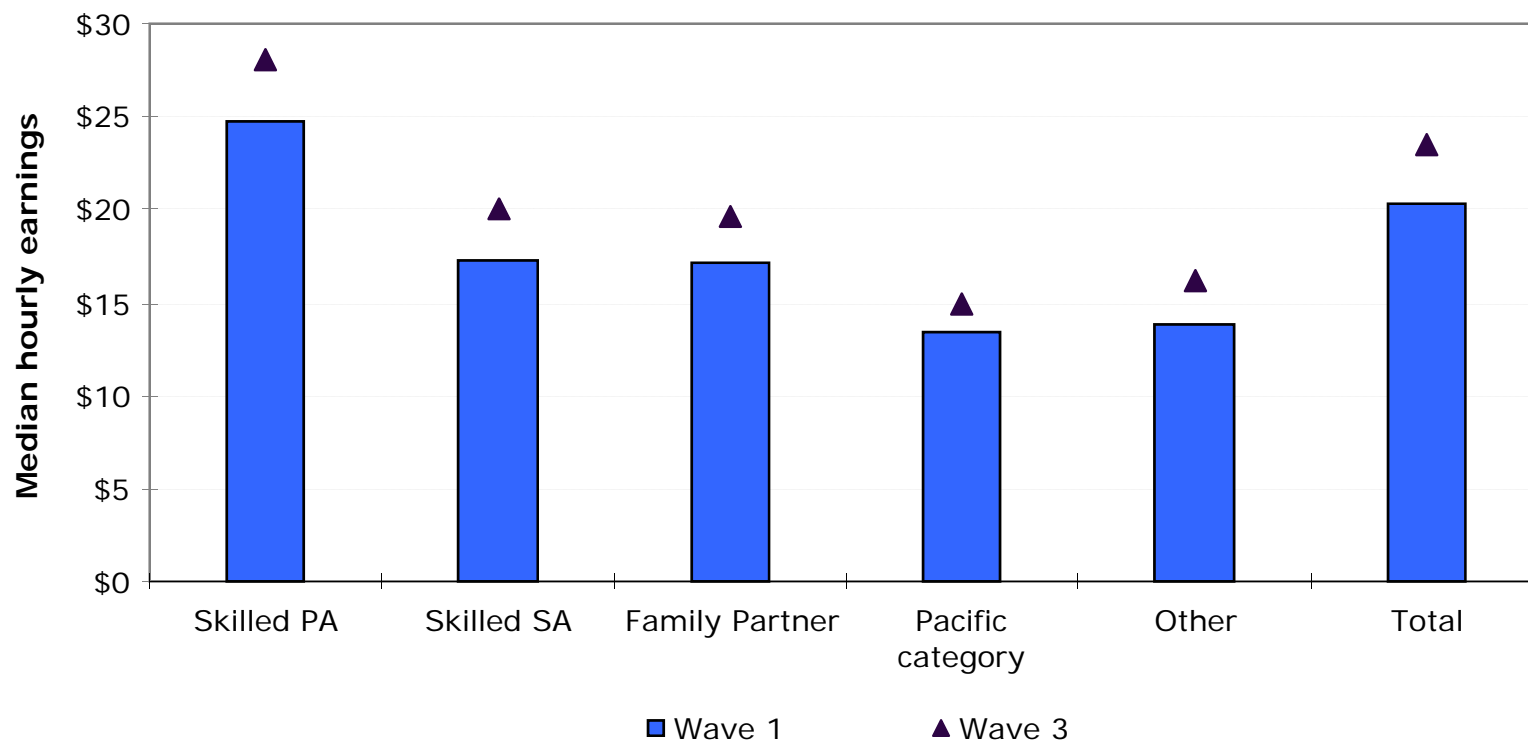


Movement between jobs with different skill levels

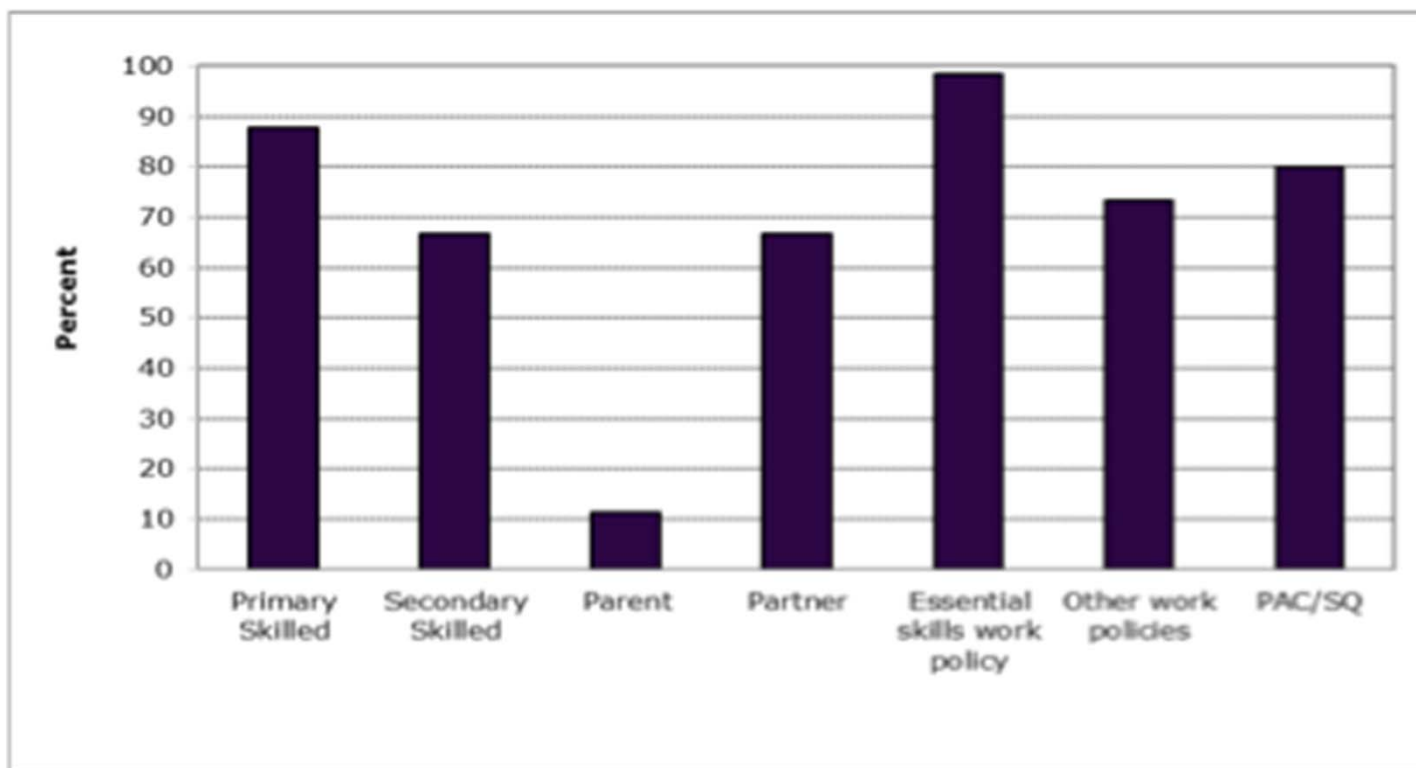


Income and wage movement

- Median hourly wage at wave 3: \$23.49/hour, \$49,000/annum



Immigration Survey Migration Programme (ISMP) 2011



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Key ISMP measures (cont)

Table comparing ISMP measures by immigration stream (2011)

Measure	Skilled PA	Skilled SA	Parent	Partner	Ess. Skills work	Other work	Total (excl. PAC/SQ)	PAC/SQ
Working for a wage or salary	88	67	11	67	98	73	67	80
Own business	8	5	2	8	3	4	5	0
Looking for work (out of those not working)	29	33	14	22	46	36	24	43
Home/domestic duties (out of those not working)	15	53	18	52	50	26	31	52
Difficulty in getting work in NZ	20	36	67	38	18	34	33	25
- Not enough jobs in the area they live in							17	33
- Lack NZ work experience							38	22
Satisfaction with main job	83	73	64	77	86	72	77	78
Skills match job	84	62	40	45	75	49	61	60



Pacific futures

- Demographic changes
 - By 2050 NZ could reach 5.2 million, 90% urban
 - Another 8 million in the Pacific Islands
- Main forces likely to impact mobility:
 - Urbanisation (especially Melanesia)
 - Demand for skilled labour in PNG's resource extraction industry
 - Environmental deterioration
 - Youth bulge and increasing levels of education



Pacific migration: a watershed?

- **Arrival cities** in the Pacific and on the Pacific Rim
- Re-emergence of **Melanesia**
- **New research** - Pacific futures scenarios – Oxford: IMI
- www.imi.ox.ac.uk/research-projects/global-migration-futures



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