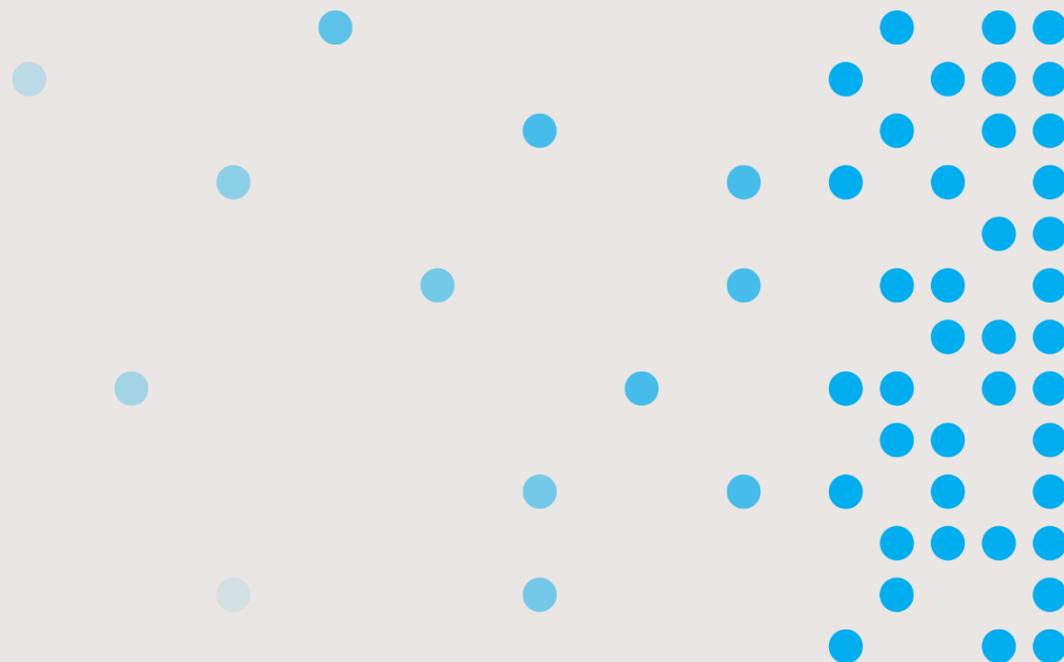


The Essential Report – Human Rights Law Centre

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About this poll

This report summarises the results of a fortnightly omnibus conducted by Essential Research with data provided by Qualtrics. The survey was conducted online from 8th to 13th December 2021 and is based on 1,095 respondents.

The maximum margin of error for a sample size of 1,095 is $\pm 3.0\%$ (at the 95% confidence level).

The methodology used to carry out this research is described in the appendix at the end of the report.

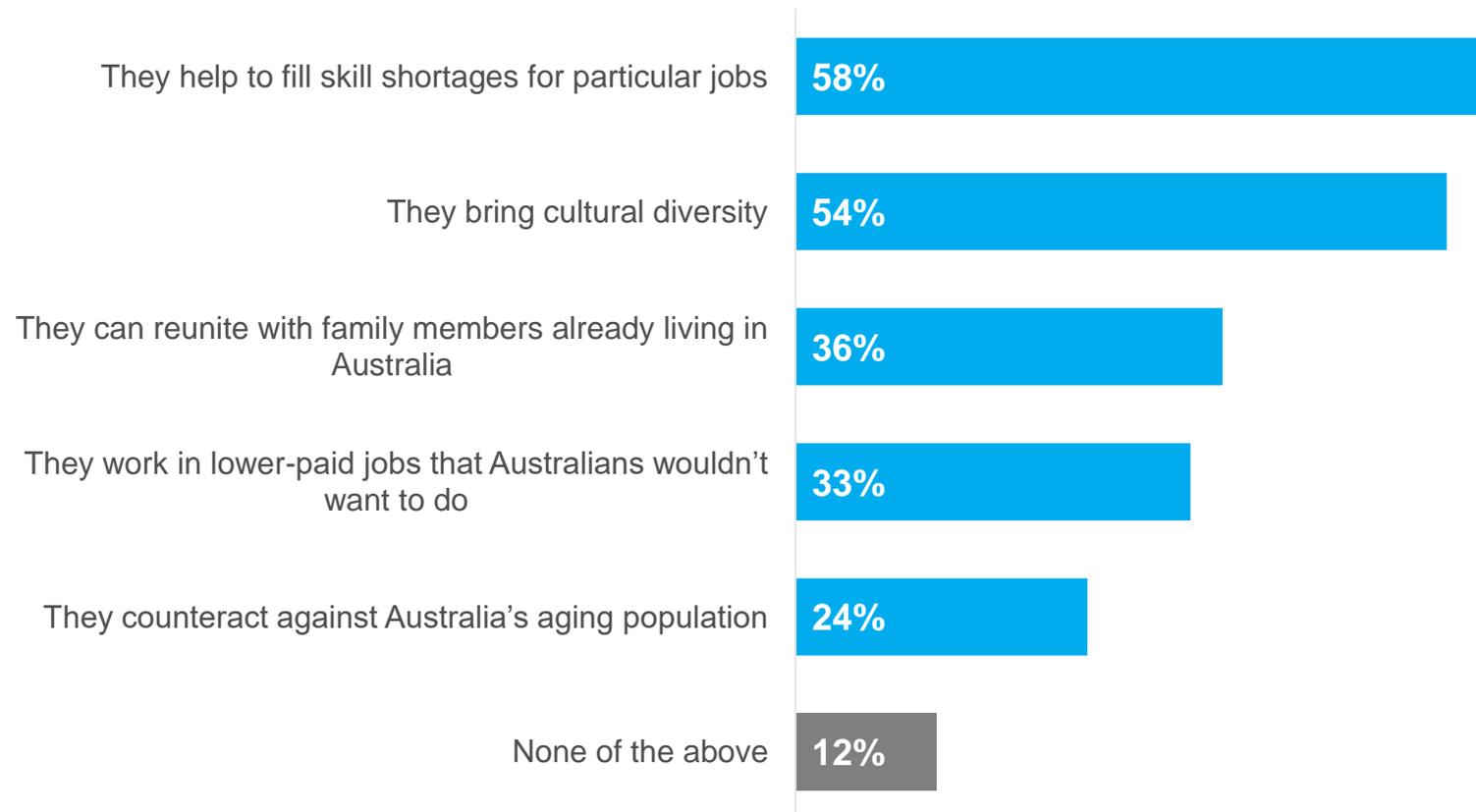
Note that due to rounding, not all tables necessarily total 100% and subtotals may also vary.



Main benefits of migrants living and working in Australia

Q What do you think are the main benefits of migrants who live and work in Australia?

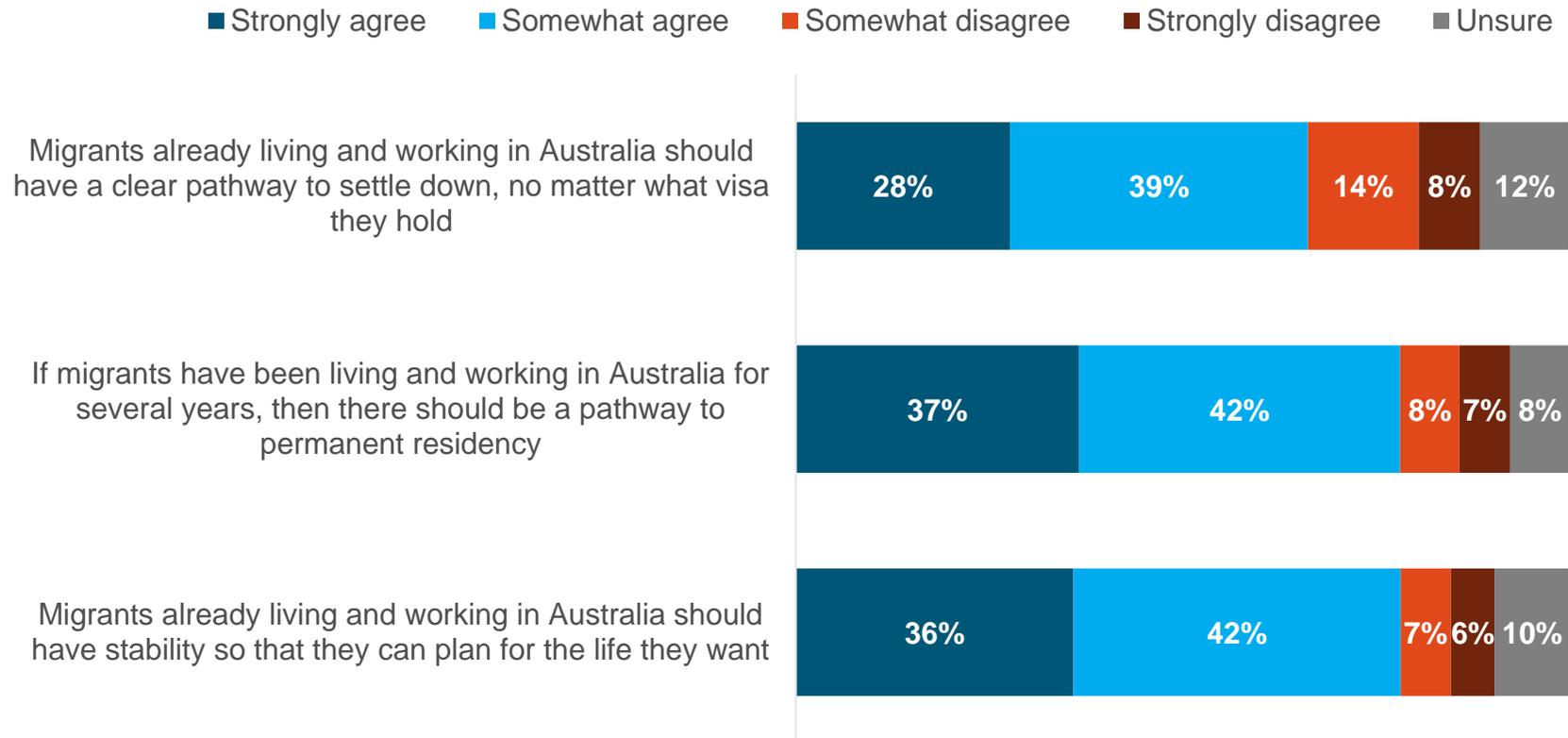
Please select all that apply.



Migrants on short term visas

Q Many migrants live and work in Australia on temporary or short-term visas. They are only able to work in Australia while that visa is valid. Some visas require that they can only work in specific position, or for a single employer (so they are unable to change jobs).

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about migrants living and working in Australia on short term visas?



Migrants and their future regardless of visa type

Q Which of the following statements is closer to your own view about migrants living and working in Australia?

Migrants should have stability to plan for their future here no matter what type of visa they hold

55%

Migrants should only be here on temporary visas, that is, for as long as an employer wants them

26%

Unsure

19%



Main benefits of migrants living and working in Australia

Q What do you think are the main benefits of migrants who live and work in Australia?

Please select all that apply

	Total	Gender		Age			Education		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Secondary Education	Professional Qualification	University Education
They help to fill skill shortages for particular jobs	58%	63%	54%	48%	55%	69%	50%	58%	67%
They bring cultural diversity	54%	54%	54%	51%	55%	56%	49%	52%	62%
They can reunite with family members already living in Australia	36%	37%	34%	37%	32%	38%	32%	37%	38%
They work in lower-paid jobs that Australians wouldn't want to do	33%	33%	32%	25%	31%	42%	33%	32%	35%
They counteract against Australia's aging population	24%	31%	18%	22%	24%	27%	20%	20%	33%
None of the above	12%	9%	14%	9%	13%	12%	19%	11%	5%
Base (n)	1,095	539	556	338	372	385	283	407	382



	State				
	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA
They help to fill skill shortages for particular jobs	57%	65%	55%	57%	54%
They bring cultural diversity	51%	60%	53%	51%	58%
They can reunite with family members already living in Australia	35%	40%	31%	36%	35%
They work in lower-paid jobs that Australians wouldn't want to do	31%	35%	29%	39%	35%
They counteract against Australia's aging population	25%	25%	21%	21%	31%
None of the above	12%	8%	12%	14%	13%
Base (n)	351	271	220	88	110



Migrants on short term visas

- Q Many migrants live and work in Australia on temporary or short-term visas. They are only able to work in Australia while that visa is valid. Some visas require that they can only work in specific position, or for a single employer (so they are unable to change jobs).

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about migrants living and working in Australia on short term visas?

Migrants already living and working in Australia should have a clear pathway to settle down, no matter what visa they hold

	Total	Gender		Age			Education		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Secondary Education	Professional Qualification	University Education
Strongly agree	28%	29%	26%	34%	23%	27%	22%	24%	37%
Somewhat agree	39%	42%	35%	36%	43%	36%	38%	41%	38%
Somewhat disagree	14%	13%	16%	12%	15%	16%	14%	14%	15%
Strongly disagree	8%	8%	8%	6%	8%	9%	10%	9%	4%
Unsure	12%	8%	14%	12%	11%	12%	16%	12%	6%
TOTAL: Agree	66%	71%	62%	70%	66%	63%	60%	65%	75%
TOTAL: Disagree	22%	21%	24%	18%	23%	25%	24%	24%	19%
Base (n)	1,095	539	556	338	372	385	283	407	382



	State				
	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA
Strongly agree	26%	33%	25%	20%	29%
Somewhat agree	42%	39%	39%	34%	31%
Somewhat disagree	13%	13%	14%	21%	16%
Strongly disagree	11%	5%	6%	10%	6%
Unsure	7%	10%	17%	14%	18%
TOTAL: Agree	69%	72%	63%	54%	60%
TOTAL: Disagree	24%	18%	20%	32%	22%
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How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about migrants living and working in Australia on short term visas?

Migrants already living and working in Australia should have stability so that they can plan for the life they want

	Total	Gender		Age			Education		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Secondary Education	Professional Qualification	University Education
Strongly agree	36%	35%	36%	41%	34%	33%	30%	32%	46%
Somewhat agree	42%	44%	41%	38%	41%	48%	43%	47%	38%
Somewhat disagree	7%	7%	6%	6%	8%	6%	7%	7%	6%
Strongly disagree	6%	6%	6%	4%	7%	6%	6%	6%	4%
Unsure	10%	8%	11%	11%	10%	8%	14%	8%	6%
TOTAL: Agree	78%	80%	77%	78%	75%	81%	73%	79%	84%
TOTAL: Disagree	12%	12%	12%	11%	15%	11%	13%	13%	10%
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	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA
Strongly agree	33%	40%	35%	34%	38%
Somewhat agree	45%	43%	42%	41%	37%
Somewhat disagree	8%	2%	7%	6%	8%
Strongly disagree	9%	3%	4%	8%	3%
Unsure	6%	11%	12%	11%	15%
TOTAL: Agree	77%	84%	77%	75%	75%
TOTAL: Disagree	17%	6%	11%	15%	10%
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How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about migrants living and working in Australia on short term visas?

If migrants have been living and working in Australia for several years, then there should be a pathway to permanent residency

	Total	Gender		Age			Education		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Secondary Education	Professional Qualification	University Education
Strongly agree	37%	37%	36%	43%	32%	35%	30%	35%	44%
Somewhat agree	42%	42%	41%	35%	46%	43%	41%	41%	43%
Somewhat disagree	8%	8%	7%	6%	8%	8%	8%	9%	6%
Strongly disagree	7%	6%	7%	6%	7%	7%	8%	7%	4%
Unsure	8%	6%	9%	9%	6%	7%	12%	7%	3%
TOTAL: Agree	78%	79%	77%	78%	78%	78%	72%	77%	87%
TOTAL: Disagree	14%	15%	14%	13%	15%	15%	16%	16%	10%
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Strongly agree	35%	40%	37%	31%	35%
Somewhat agree	43%	46%	38%	40%	40%
Somewhat disagree	7%	6%	8%	13%	5%
Strongly disagree	8%	3%	6%	7%	9%
Unsure	6%	5%	10%	9%	11%
TOTAL: Agree	78%	85%	75%	71%	76%
TOTAL: Disagree	16%	9%	15%	20%	14%
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Migrants and their future regardless of visa type

Q Which of the following statements is closer to your own view about migrants living and working in Australia?

	Total	Gender		Age			Education		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Secondary Education	Professional Qualification	University Education
Migrants should have stability to plan for their future here no matter what type of visa they hold	55%	61%	49%	60%	53%	52%	45%	55%	64%
Migrants should only be here on temporary visas, that is, for as long as an employer wants them	26%	25%	28%	20%	30%	29%	27%	29%	23%
Unsure	19%	14%	23%	20%	18%	19%	28%	16%	13%
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Unsure	16%	21%	18%	23%	21%
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Appendix: Methodology, margin of error and professional standards

The data gathered for this report is gathered from a fortnightly online omnibus run by Essential Research with sample provided by Qualtrics from online panels.

The online omnibus is active from the Wednesday night of each week and closed on the following Sunday. The target population is all Australian residents aged 18+. Participants were invited to participate and completed the survey online without an interviewer present and incentives were offered for participation.

The response rate varies each week, but usually delivers 1000+ interviews. Quotas are applied to be representative of the target population by age, gender and location.

RIM weighting is applied to the data using information sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC). The factors used in the weighting are age, gender, location and party ID.

Information for the weighting efficiency, effective sample size and margin of error for each poll (from June 2021) can be found here:
<https://essentialvision.com.au/about-this-poll>

Each fortnight, the team at Essential Media Communications discusses issues that are topical and a series of questions are devised to put to the Australian public. Some questions are repeated regularly (such as political preference and leadership approval), while others are unique to each week and reflect current media and social issues. Full text for standard voting and regular political preferences can be found in the link above. No questions were asked prior to these questions which have material influence on results.

Participants not eligible to vote in federal elections (either for age, residency or other reasons) are excluded from voting intention. Eligible participants are able to select 'Unsure' for voting intention. They were then asked a 'leaner' question which also included an 'Unsure' option. Participants answering 'Unsure' are NOT excluded from published results, or any subsequent questions. 2 party preferred (2PP) calculations use stated preference. Preference flows from previous federal and state elections are only used for participants answering 'Unsure' for stated preference.

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