Family Migration to Australia

Session III: The role of family reunification in facilitating integration

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Migration to Australia 2014–15

190,000
The number of places available in Australia's Migration Programme

PURPOSE

Build economy
Shape society
Support labour market
Reunite family

STREAMS

68%
Skill

32%
Family

FLEXIBILITY

Migration Programme outcome

- Planning levels are set by government each year
- The size and composition changes to meet the social and economic needs of Australia

Current at May 2014
Over time, the composition of the programme has become more skill focused.

Source: DIBP data
Total no. of skilled ‘primary’ migrants and ‘secondary’ applicants (family members) over 5 years

2009/2010 to 2013/2014
Skill Stream - Primary and Secondary Applicants

- Primary applicants: 317,915 (54.6%)
- Secondary applicants: 286,960 (47.4%)
Composition of family members (secondary applicants) of skilled migrants over 5 years


- 0-19 years: 153,953 (48.4%)
- 20-34 years: 99,382 (31.3%)
- 35-44 years: 14,230 (4.5%)
- 45-59 years: 1,125 (0.4%)
- 60 years and over: 49,031 (15.4%)
Labour market outcomes for skilled/family/humanitarian migrants

2011 Labour Market Outcomes
Employment to population ratio

- Skilled Primary applicants: 90%
- Skilled dependent applicants: 45%
- Family primary applicants: 44%
- Family secondary applicants: 61%
- Humanitarian primary applicants: 71%
Educational attainment of migrants

Figure 6 Educational Attainment, Migrants and the General Population

Source: ABS (2013b).
Participation of family/skilled/humanitarian partner migrants

Source: ANU Partners Survey 2012