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Dear Raja

Thank you for your email of 1 October 2021 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry), requesting following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I wish to know the 165000 immigrants who are eligible for residency their nationality in percentage-wise or total number.

Additional to that how many Indian immigrants have come in the last 3 years from 29 September 2021.

The timeframe for responding to your request was extended until 29 November 2021 under section 15A(1)(a) of the Act.

Our response

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In the below table, we have provided the number of people on eligible visas but this does not necessarily mean all people listed will qualify for residence under the skilled, settled or scarce criteria. Partners and children who do not hold an eligible visa may be included in a residence application as a secondary applicant.

Details for nationalities that have five or less people on eligible visas have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect individuals' privacy.

I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.



Table One: Nationalities of the people on the relevant temporary work visas who may be eligible as principal applicants (as at 31 July 2021)¹

India	35688	Iran	180	Tuvalu	27
Philippines	20934	Zimbabwe	168	Belarus	24
China	12486	Peru	153	Ghana	24
Great Britain	7917	Ukraine	150	Uzbekistan	24
South Africa	6012	Cambodia	138	Solomon Islands	21
Fiji	3774	Poland	135	Bulgaria	18
Sri Lanka	2985	Kenya	108	Norway	18
Brazil	2586	Nigeria	102	Venezuela	18
Nepal	2310	Belgium	96	Zambia	18
South Korea	2214	Serbia	96	Albania	15
Malaysia	1674	Kazakhstan	93	Bolivia	15
USA	1506	Turkey	93	Brunei Darussalam	15
Argentina	1440	Sweden	90	Laos	15
Chile	1371	Jordan	87	Macau	15
Vietnam	1293	Hungary	75	Namibia	15
Ireland	1167	Israel	75	Vanuatu	15
Thailand	1146	Switzerland	75	Greece	12
France	1137	Mauritius	72	Iraq	12
Italy	957	Finland	69	Jamaica	12
Japan	891	Portugal	69	Moldova	12
Germany	786	Croatia	66	Bhutan	9
Indonesia	753	Slovakia	63	Botswana	9
Russia	744	Egypt	60	Costa Rica	9
Tonga	741	Estonia	57	Ethiopia	9
Canada	699	Denmark	51	Malawi	9
Bangladesh	666	Latvia	48	Maldives	9
Colombia	654	Slovenia	48	Malta	9
Samoa	531	Myanmar	45	Mongolia	9
Hong Kong	453	Saudi Arabia	45	Sudan	9
Taiwan	435	Kiribati	42	Afghanistan	6
Czech Republic	414	Papua New Guinea	42	Armenia	6
Netherlands	342	Lithuania	39	Bosnia and Herzegovina	6
Mexico	318	Macedonia	39	Cuba	6
Uruguay	309	Romania	36	Libya	6
Pakistan	246	Austria	33	Oman	6
Singapore	198	Ecuador	30	Tanzania	6
Spain	186	Lebanon	27	Trinidad and Tobago	6
				Yemen	6

¹ People on visitor visas are not included in this dataset therefore Critical Purpose Visitor Visas are not represented here, even though many will be eligible.

Nationalities with smaller numbers have been rounded to multiples of three in line with Statistics New Zealand's recommended approach to confidentiality.

Additional to that how many Indian immigrants have come in the last 3 years from 29 September 2021.

Table Two: The number of people on an Indian passport in New Zealand who currently hold a work visa as at 29 September 2021, who first entered New Zealand on any visa (except visitors) after 29 September 2018²

Visa Type	Nationality	Total
Work <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approved In Principle• Essential Skills• Essential Skills - Skill Level 1• Victims of Domestic Violence• Victims of People Trafficking• Migrant Exploitation Protection• Religious Worker• Job Search• Silver Fern Practical Experience• Post-study - Employer Assisted• Post-study – Open• Long Term Skill Shortage List Occupation• South Island Contribution• Talent (Accredited Employer)• Talent - Arts, Culture and Sports	India	14046

I trust you find this information useful. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Immigration New Zealand at INZOIAs@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,



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² Does not take into account those who had applied for but not yet been granted a work visa. Some people in NZ on Critical Purpose Visitors visas were also eligible for the pathway – these people are not counted. The number includes people in New Zealand on work visas outside of the eligible criteria for the one-off residence pathway (e.g. RSE (Recognised Seasonal Employer) and WHS (Working Holiday Scheme)).