MYTH
Migrants are a drain on the public purse

FACT
Migrants pay substantially more in tax than they cost the state

**NET FISCAL CONTRIBUTION**
(per person, per year)

$2,653
MIGRANTS

$172
KIWIS

Migrant contribution is higher because:

- ✓ they tend to be in the economically active age band
- ✓ Government has not had to pay for migrants’ education
- ✓ they have good employment outcomes.
THE NEW NEW ZEALANDERS
Why migrants make good Kiwis

71% of Kiwis feel migrants make an important contribution to New Zealand’s culture and society

87% of migrants feel they belong to New Zealand

67% of Kiwis feel migrants make an important contribution to New Zealand’s economy

Source: Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, General Social Survey

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**Question**
Are migrants flooding into New Zealand?

**Answer**
Inward migration is at a record high, but not all migrants are here to stay.

- **Residence Visa** (here to stay)
- People here on temporary visas (most will return to their home country)
- Returning New Zealanders and Australians (not affected by immigration policy)

Based on Permanent and Long Term arrivals, by visa type – year to June 2016 (Statistics New Zealand)