

At a glance

Perceptions of Immigration Policy and Immigration New Zealand

2010 Community Survey
Immigration Survey Monitoring Programme

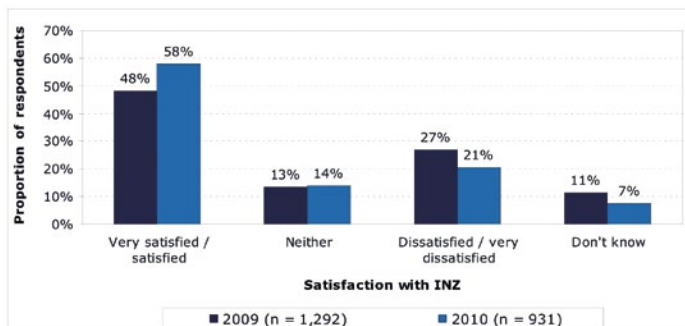


The 2010 Community Survey was undertaken from late-June to late-July 2010, with respondents randomly selected from the Electoral Roll. A total of 931 respondents completed the survey via telephone (86 percent) or online (14 percent), with a response rate of 34 percent.

Key findings

More respondents were satisfied with the job Immigration New Zealand (INZ) is doing managing immigration in the best interests of New Zealand's society, economy, and labour market compared with 2009 (Figure 1). A majority of respondents (58 percent) were satisfied or very satisfied with INZ.

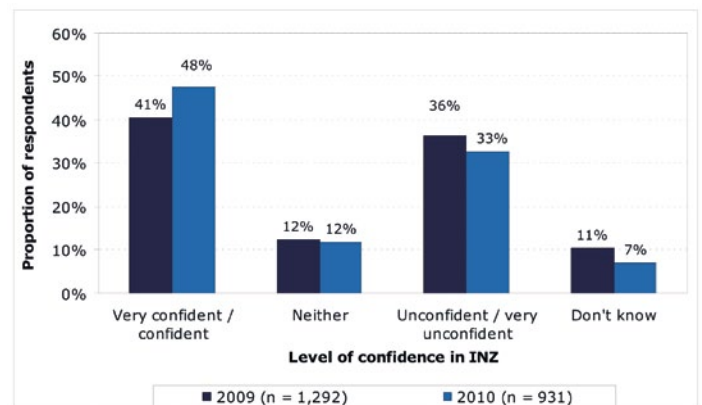
Figure 1: Ratings of satisfaction with Immigration New Zealand



Source: Immigration Survey Monitoring Programme.

Despite increasing levels of satisfaction with INZ, respondents were divided over the level of confidence they had in INZ to make the right decisions about who to let into New Zealand. Almost half (48 percent) of respondents expressed confidence in INZ (Figure 2), an increase of 7 percentage points from 2009.

Figure 2: Level of confidence in Immigration New Zealand



Source: Immigration Survey Monitoring Programme.

Respondents generally supported the number of permanent residents allowed into New Zealand under current immigration policy. The proportion of respondents who think the number of permanent residents admitted is about right has risen slightly from 52 percent in 2009 to 56 percent in 2010.

In general, if respondents were satisfied with one aspect of immigration policy or with Immigration New Zealand, they were more likely to be satisfied with other aspects. Around two-thirds of respondents who were satisfied with Immigration New Zealand expressed confidence in Immigration New Zealand and a similar number felt the number of migrants let in each year was about right.

Conversely, those who were dissatisfied with Immigration New Zealand were far less likely to express confidence in Immigration New Zealand.

The Immigration Survey Monitoring Programme encompasses new migrants to New Zealand (temporary and permanent), employers, and the New Zealand public. Its purpose is to build an evidence base of information about migrants' settlement and labour market outcomes, employers' experiences with migrants, and community attitudes towards immigration and migrant integration.

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