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Dear

Thank you for your email of 4 October 2021 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry), requesting following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*As at 29 September 2021, the number of Principal Applicants who held the following Visas:*

- *Post Study Work Visa*
- *Talent (Accredited Employer) Work Visa*
- *Essential Skills Work Visa*
- *Religious Worker Work Visa*
- *Talent (Arts, Culture, Sports) Work Visa*
- *Long Term Skill Shortage List Work Visa*
- *Silver Fern Practical Experience Work Visa*
- *Trafficking Victim Work Visa*
- *Migrant Exploitation Protection Work Visa*
- *Skilled Migrant Category Job Search Work Visa*
- *Victims of Family Violence Work*
- *Visa South Island Contribution Work Visa*
- *Work Visa granted under Section 61 (provided the applicant held another eligible visa type within 6 months of being granted a Section 61 visa)*
- *Some Critical Purpose Visitor Visas (CPVV):*
  - *Critical health workers for longer term roles (6 months or longer), and*
  - *Other critical workers for long term roles (more than 6 months).*

The timeframe for responding to your request was extended until 30 November 2021 under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act.

### **Our Response**

Please refer to Table One for the requested data.



**Table One:**

<b>Visa Types</b>	<b>Number of Applicants who held the corresponding visa and are in New Zealand as at 29 September 2021</b>
Post Study Work Visa	29,921
Talent (Accredited Employer) Work Visa	15,740
Essential Skills Work Visa	64,496
Religious Worker Work Visa	625
Talent (Arts, Culture, Sports) Work Visa	77
Long Term Skill Shortage List Work Visa	3,165
Silver Fern Practical Experience Work Visa	58
Trafficking Victim Work Visa	3
Migrant Exploitation Protection Work Visa	28
Skilled Migrant Category Job Search Work Visa	0
Victims of Family Violence Work Visa	42
Visa South Island Contribution Work Visa	595
Work Visa granted under Section 61*	94
Critical Purpose Visitor Visas - Critical health worker**	995
Critical Purpose Visitor Visas - Other critical workers**	1,034
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>116,873</b>

\* Only includes clients that held another eligible visa type within 6 months of being granted a Section 61 visa.

\*\* Only includes clients that held visas for 6 months or longer.

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](mailto:INZOIAs@mbie.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely,



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