



Ref. No. DOIA 2021-0806

10 November 2021

Privacy of natural persons

Dear Privacy of natural persons

Thank you for your email of 5 October 2021 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry), requesting following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

If you are unable to give us a break down of visa holders in towns then could we please request a breakdown of the following:

- *Total number of visa holders in NZ as at 4 October 2021*
- *Total number of student visa holders in NZ now*
- *Total number of visitor visa holders in NZ now*
- *Total number of work visa holders in NZ now*

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

Our response

- ***Total number of visa holders in NZ as at 4 October 2021***

The data you have requested is recorded using a series of snapshots published by Immigration New Zealand (INZ) on a weekly basis. The date you have specified was included in the snapshot for week ending 9 October 2021. The total number of visa holders in New Zealand as at 9 October 2021 is **1,014,072**. Note this includes people who are in New Zealand on resident or permanent resident visas.



- **Total number of student visa holders in NZ now**
- **Total number of visitor visa holders in NZ now**
- **Total number of work visa holders in NZ now**

Table One below provides the total number of student, visitor and work visa holders in New Zealand as of 30 October 2021.

Table One:

Visa Type	Number of people
Student	46,407
Visitor	18,035
Work	168,406
Total	232,848

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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