The Indian Diaspora in New Zealand

Changing Populations and Community Demographics, Preliminary Survey Results

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Areas of inquiry:

- Indian Demographics (e.g. age, gender, location, marital status, intermarriage)
- Ethnicity & Identity (e.g. ancestral regions, self-identification)
- Migration (e.g. birth country, migration pathways, year of arrival, migration reasons)
- Issues in Settlement, Acculturation & Social Integration
- Political Participation (e.g. voter registration, party identification)
- Citizenship (e.g. residency status, questions on onward migration, passports held)
- Cultural transmission to children (e.g. socio-cultural, linguistic, religious)
- Religion (e.g. respondent religion, practice, places of worship, conversions)
- Language (e.g. spoken languages, reading & writing, language usage and frequency)
- Education (e.g. educational attainment, highest qualification)
- Employment & income (e.g. job satisfaction, salary, remittances, home ownership)
- Racism and discrimination
This Presentation:

- Indian demographics
- Migration
- Residency & Citizenship
- Political participation
- Religion
- Language
- Education
- Employment & income
- Racism & discrimination
- will compare some of my results to the recent Integration of Immigrants Programme (IIP) Report on Indian Migrants in Auckland, released last week
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Methods:

• 79 Questions asked of 15 year-olds and above
• Predominantly web-based self-completion survey from 2009-2011
• About 10% were personally distributed hard-copy responses
• Nation-wide
• Received a total of 1092 responses to date
• Used a snowball sampling method in the absence of any existing survey frame
• Hence, this is not a totally random survey
Question 2: Location

Region of Survey Respondents (n=1088)

- Auckland: 47.5%
- Bay of Plenty: 1.4%
- Canterbury: 8%
- Hawkes Bay: 0.4%
- Manawatu: 1.3%
- Marlborough: 0.2%
- Nelson & Bays: 0.7%
- Northland: 0.5%
- Otago: 1.9%
- Southland: 0.4%
- Taranaki: 1.6%
- Waikato: 17.7%
- Wairarapa: 0.2%
- Wanganui: 0.1%
- Wellington: 18%
- West Coast: 0.2%
Survey Demographics

Question 3: Gender

Gender of Survey Respondents (n=1088)

- Female: 39.5%
- Male: 60.5%
Survey Demographics

Question 4: Age Range

Age Range of Survey Respondents (n=1089)
Survey Demographics

Question 8: Ancestral Home

Ancestral Regions of Survey Respondents (n=1025)

- Andra Pradesh: 6%
- Assam: 0.6%
- Bangladesh: 0.7%
- Bengal: 5.4%
- Bihar: 2.2%
- Delhi (NTC): 2.9%
- Goa: 1.8%
- Gujarat: 1.4%
- Haryana: 0.2%
- Himachal Pradesh: 0.2%
- Jammu & Kashmir: 1.1%
- Jharkhand: 0.2%
- Karnataka: 5.1%
- Kerala: 7.7%
- Madhya Pradesh: 1%
- Maharashtra: 8.9%
- Orissa: 0.5%
- Punjab: 10.2%
- Pakistan Punjab: 2.1%
- Rajasthan: 2.1%
- Sri Lankan Tamil: 1.4%
- Tamil Nadu: 9.7%
- Uttarkhand: 0.6%
- Uttar Pradesh: 8.6%
- Don't know: 2.7%
Survey Demographics
Question 30: Religion

Stated Religion of Survey Respondents (n=954)

- Agnostic: 3%
- Atheist: 4%
- Buddhist: 1.9%
- Christian: 11%
- Hindu: 54.8%
- Humanist / Rationalist: 5.3%
- Jain: 1.1%
- Jewish: 0.3%
- Muslim: 3.3%
- Parsi / Zorosarian: 1.4%
- Sikh: 6%
- Spiritual / Spiritualism: 1.3%
- Multireligious: 0.2%
- Other: 0.9%
- No religion or belief: 3%
- Don't know: 3%
- Prefer not to answer: 1.8%
Don’t speak an Indian language: 2.5%
Assamese: 0.2%
Bengali: 3.7%
Bhojpuri: 1%
Gujarati: 11.4%
Haryanvi: 0.2%
Hindi: 33.6%
Kannada: 3.1%
Kashmiri: 0.4%
Konkani: 1.5%
Kutchi: 0.4%
Maithili: 0.1%
Malayalam: 3.9%
Marathi: 7.1%
Oriya: 0.4%
Punjabi: 8.5%
Rajasthani: 1%
Sanskrit: 1.2%
Sindhi: 0.5%
Tamil: 8.5%
Telugu: 4.1%
Tulu: 0.4%
Urdu: 5%
Other: 1.1%

Languages of Survey Respondents (n=938)

Survey Demographics
Question 36: Spoken language

Percentage of Population
Migration: Birth Country

Question 16: In which country were you born?

Birth Country of Survey Respondents (n=982)

- Bangladesh: 0.1%
- Fiji: 13%
- Hong Kong: 0.1%
- India: 64.7%
- Kenya: 0.5%
- Malaysia: 2.5%
- New Zealand: 11.6%
- Pakistan: 0.8%
- Saudi Arabia: 0.3%
- Singapore: 0.5%
- South Africa: 1.6%
- Sri Lanka: 1.9%
- Tanzania: 0.6%
- UK: 0.5%
- USA: 0.4%
- Other: 0.7%
Migration Pathways

Question 18: Please list the countries in which you have lived, worked, studied or settled in for a period of six months or longer. List your responses in the order in which you migrated.

Direct Source countries: 12

Direct Migration (n=854)

- 68.8% of the survey population came to New Zealand directly from the country of their birth.
Migration Pathways

Question 18: Please list the countries in which you have lived, worked, studied or settled in for a period of six months or longer. List your responses in the order in which you migrated.

31.2% of the survey population came to New Zealand via a number of other countries, many following very circuitous paths.
## Migration Pathways

List of source & intermediate countries (n=69), with 167 distinct migration pathways

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Residency & Citizenship

Question 24: What is your current residency status in New Zealand?

- NZ Citizen: 64.8% (n=958)
- Permanent Resident: 24.6% (n=958)
- Work Permit: 5.3% (n=958)
- Study Permit: 4.5% (n=958)
- Visitor’s Permit: 0.4% (n=958)
- Australian Citizen: 0.3% (n=958)
Residency & Citizenship

Question 25: Do you feel that your settlement in New Zealand is permanent or temporary?

(n=952)

- Permanent: 72.3%
- Temporary: 7.4%
- Don't know: 20.3%

72% Stickability!
Residency & Citizenship

Question 27: If you were to move somewhere else after leaving New Zealand, what country or countries would you choose to settle in?

(n=660)

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Residency & Citizenship: Political Participation

Question 71: Are you currently registered to vote in New Zealand (aged 15 and above)?

(n=899)

- Yes: 84.9%
- No: 13.5%
- Don’t know: 1.6%
Residency & Citizenship: Political Participation

Question 72: Have you previously voted in a New Zealand election (of those registered)?
Residency & Citizenship: Political Participation

Question 73: With which political party or ideology do you most identify?

- Act
- Greens
- Labour
- Māori
- National
- NZ First
- United Future
- Labour/Green coalition
- Other
- Don’t know
- No political affiliation
- Don’t identify w/ any political party
- I prefer not to answer

(n=897)

Percentage

- 29.8%
- 23.9%
- 8.9%
- 8.2%
- 5.2%
- 1.5%
- 0.3%
- 0.2%
- 0.2%
- 0.4%
- 5%
- 1.4%
- 0%

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Education

Question 42: Are you currently attending, studying, or enrolled at school or anywhere else?

Studying? (n=928)
- No: 77.9%
- Yes: 20.5%
- Prefer not to answer: 0.8%
- Don't know: 0.8%

Full- or part-time (n=188)
- Full-time: 66.0%
- Part-time: 34.0%
Education

Question 43: What is your highest educational qualification?

*Professional degree = PhD, doctor, lawyer, other similar professional

Source for NZ statistics: Statistics New Zealand 2006 Census

53.6% of survey respondents have a post-tertiary qualification, compared to 4.2% of the general NZ population.
Employment & Income

Question 45: Have you ever had difficulty finding a job in New Zealand?

- **Yes**: 43.7% (n=867)
- **No**: 52.3%
- **Don’t know**: 4.0%
Employment & Income

Question 46: Have you ever needed to be retrained in New Zealand in order to find suitable employment?

- Yes: 22.5%
- No: 73.1%
- Don't know: 4.4%
Employment & Income

Question 47: Are you currently receiving any government benefit (e.g. unemployment, housing, student allowance)?

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50.5% are receiving either a student allowance, loan, scholarship, or superannuation, suggesting that they either will contribute, or have already contributed, to NZ society.

Only 13.5% of those receiving benefits are on the dole or receiving funds from Work & Income.
Employment & Income: Job relevancy

Question 51: Is your current job relevant to your highest qualification?

- Yes: 69.8% (n=701)
- No: 27.1%
- Don't know: 3.1%
Employment & Income: Do you feel qualified?

Question 53: Do you feel that you are under-qualified, qualified, or over-qualified for your current job?

- Over-qualified: 24.2%
- Qualified: 69.8%
- Under-qualified: 2.6%
- Don’t know: 3.3%

This suggests that many survey respondents are having difficulty finding suitable employment.
Employment & Income: Job Satisfaction

Question 54: How happy or content are you with your current job?

Job Satisfaction (n=725)

Unhappy: 5.8%
Somewhat happy: 23.2%
Happy: 37.2%
Very happy: 33.8%

94.2% of survey respondents are either somewhat happy, happy, or very happy with their current jobs.
Employment & Income: Salary vs. qualifications

Question 55: Do you think that your current salary is commensurate with your qualifications and skills?

- Yes: 50.3%
- No: 39.9%
- Don't know: 9.8%
Employment & Income: Salary

Question 56: My current annual income range is:

- 0%
- 5%
- 10%
- 15%
- 20%
- 25%
- $1-$5000
- $5001-$10,000
- $10,001-$15,000
- $15,001-$20,000
- $20,001-$25,000
- $25,001-$30,000
- $30,001-$35,000
- $35,001-$40,000
- $40,001-$50,000
- $50,001-$70,000
- $70,001-$100,000
- $100,001+

Source for NZ Statistics: Statistics New Zealand 2006 Census (those with income only)
Discrimination

Question 75: Have you ever felt that you were the target of or involved in an incident of cultural or racial discrimination in New Zealand?

(n=896)

- Yes: 44.4%
- No: 47.1%
- Don't know: 7.6%
- Prefer not to answer: 0.9%
Discrimination

Question 76: How often have these incidents occurred, if at all?

- Never: 37.6% (n=897)
- Rarely: 30.8%
- Sometimes: 20.5%
- Regularly: 3.9%
- Don't know: 5.2%
- Prefer not to answer: 2%

Percentage

(n=897)
Discrimination

Question 77: If these incidents happened to you, where have they occurred?

- Have not experienced any incidents: 28.7%
- At home: 1.1%
- In my neighbourhood: 8.3%
- At school: 9.8%
- While looking for employment: 12.2%
- In the workplace: 17.7%
- While out in the community: 19.4%
- Other: 4%

(n=809)

Apparently, there is less discrimination while looking for employment, then there is once one is employed. This refutes the findings of the recent IIP Report.

Further, most discrimination occurs within a community context, suggesting that employers are not the only ones that need to be targeted with new policy initiates.
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