

Changes in English Proficiency between Wave 1 and Wave 2 : Primary Applicant *

	Visa Category					Total
	<i>Preferential Family/Family Stream</i>	<i>Concessional Family/Skilled- Australian Linked</i>	<i>Business Skills & Employer Nomination Scheme</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Humanitarian</i>	
Changes in Spoken Proficiency						
Better	22%	14%	12%	9%	40%	19%
Same	45%	28%	41%	28%	57%	40%
Worse	5%	2%	6%	5%	3%	4%
NA - English Best/Only Language both waves	28%	56%	42%	58%	1%	37%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Changes in Reading Proficiency						
Better	19%	9%	13%	3%	40%	15%
Same	48%	32%	37%	34%	51%	43%
Worse	5%	3%	9%	4%	8%	5%
NA - English Best/Only Language both waves	28%	56%	42%	58%	1%	37%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Changes in Written Proficiency						
Better	18%	10%	10%	8%	33%	15%
Same	48%	30%	39%	27%	58%	41%
Worse	6%	4%	9%	6%	9%	6%
NA - English Best/Only Language both waves	28%	56%	42%	58%	1%	37%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Longitudinal Survey of Immigrants to Australia,
Second Cohort Wave 1 and 2 data (for settler arrivals between 1/9/1999 and 31/8/2000 inclusive) as at 06/01/2003.

* So that outcomes for Wave 1 & Wave 2 can be compared, this table only includes results where the Primary Applicant was interviewed in both waves