

Types of migration (p. 8-9)

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I came from Bangalore in India. My wife and I arrived in Melbourne in 1982 and I came to Australia for work – to develop business between Australia, the Middle East and India. After four years of doing that I had the option of either going back or staying in Australia. That was when I chose to stay back in Australia and take out Australian citizenship.

I decided to stay in Australia because Australia gave me the chance of realising my full potential – not just in terms of business but also in terms of personal growth. I had just married and both our children were born here. We're very proud that Australia has also offered our children the chance to realise their full potential too.

Australia has offered us a lot of opportunities. We always had the choice of going back to India or sending them [our children] back to stay with their grandparents but we made the decision that Australia offered a better future for our children. It has been a very good decision.

CATEGORY	INDIA	AUSTRALIA
Population in millions	1,164.7	20.9
Urban population (as % of total)	28.3%	91.9 %
GDP per capita (PPP US\$)	\$2,753	\$34,923
Population living on less than \$2 a day (PPP US\$)	75.6%	0
Internet users per 1,000 people	55	698
Adult literacy rate (% age 15 and above)	male - 76.9% female - 54.5 %	male - 99.0% female - 99.0%
Doctors per 100,000 people	60	247
Life expectancy at birth	63.4 years	81.4 years

Source: United Nations Development Programme. 2009, Human Development Report 2009: Overcoming Barriers.

In 2008, there were 239,295 Indian-born people living in Australia.

In 2008, there were 97,000 Indian students studying in Australia – the second most popular destination for Indian students seeking an overseas education.

In 2009, India was Australia's third largest export market.

- Shabbir's migration to Australia is an example of the:
 - skilled stream
 - family stream
 - humanitarian program
- Look at the information in the table above and suggest reasons why Indian people might be attracted to migrate to Australia.

