

The following persons require a returning resident's visa (RRV):

- a. the holder of a current residence permit who wishes to leave New Zealand temporarily, or
- b. a person who has held a residence permit, is temporarily overseas, and wishes to return to New Zealand, or
- c. a New Zealand citizen who is travelling on the passport of another country and wishes to have a residence permit placed in that passport on return to New Zealand.

Definitions:

- **Applicants:** Those individuals included in an application. Many applications can have more than one applicant. Individuals who apply for more than one visa or permit in a given year will be counted on each application.
- **Financial Year:** All data, unless otherwise stated, is for the financial year (1 July – 30 June).
- **Decided:** Applications which were approved or declined based on policy criteria. This does not include applications which failed lodgements, were withdrawn or NZIS refused to consider.

Notes:

- Applications decided after 4 May 2009 include advisers as well as agents.

People included on returning residence visa applications decided, by decision and financial year of decision.

table 1:

report prepared: 07-Mar-2010

data for period: 01-Jul-1997 to 06-Mar-2010

report prepared by: Business Information Services, Department of Labour (Immigration)

Applicant Type	(All)
Application Criteria	(All)
AgeRange	(All)
Gender	(All)

Applications/Clients Decided Financial Year Decided	Decision Type		
	Approved	Declined	Total
1997/98	48,483	1,411	49,894
1998/99	65,936	1,159	67,095
1999/00	50,549	913	51,462
2000/01	34,700	655	35,355
2001/02	29,548	498	30,046
2002/03	32,155	548	32,703
2003/04	45,977	748	46,725
2004/05	49,463	840	50,303
2005/06	41,540	608	42,148
2006/07	38,761	511	39,272
2007/08	45,081	543	45,624
2008/09	43,767	606	44,373
2009/10	31,213	400	31,613
Total	557,173	9,440	566,613

table 2: **People included on returning residence visa applications decided, by market, branch and applicant type.**

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Application Criteria	(All)
Nationality	(All)
Decision Type	(All)
Financial Year Decided	(All)

Applications/Clients Decided		Applicant Type		
Market	Decided Branch	Principal Applicant/Application	Secondary Applicant	Total
Asia/Middle East	Bangkok	540	195	735
	Beijing	1,638	735	2,373
	Dubai	29	15	44
	Dubai (MFAT)	1		1
	Hong Kong	3,813	1,676	5,489
	Jakarta	361	255	616
	Manila	139	29	168
	New Delhi	1,271	723	1,994
	Shanghai	861	477	1,338
	Singapore	2,110	1,417	3,527
	Taipei	4,809	4,287	9,096
	Tokyo	13	5	18
Asia/Middle East Total		15,585	9,814	25,399
Auckland Region	Auckland Central	76,255	41,257	117,512
	Auckland Shopfront - Transition team	38,508	21,701	60,209
	Hamilton	29,302	16,854	46,156
	Henderson	21,604	16,511	38,115
	Manukau Branch	63,210	37,720	100,930
	Northern Region Documentation Branch	14	3	17
	Quota	2	1	3
Auckland Region Total		228,895	134,047	362,942
Central / Southern Region / Australia	Christchurch	35,317	20,547	55,864
	Dunedin	11,708	6,004	17,712
	Palmerston North	17,881	9,514	27,395
	Palmerston North Student Branch	72	49	121
	Queenstown Branch	384	161	545
	Sydney	1,796	461	2,257
	Transitional Policy Processing Unit	296	178	474
	Wellington	34,196	15,062	49,258
	Wellington Business Unit	1,017	1,815	2,832
Central / Southern Region / Australia Total		102,667	53,791	156,458
Europe/America/Africa	London	5,478	2,318	7,796
	Los Angeles	158	58	216
	Moscow	136	38	174
	Washington DC	1,474	640	2,114
Europe/America/Africa Total		7,246	3,054	10,300
Other	Other	1,488	780	2,268
Other Total		1,488	780	2,268
Pacific Region	Apia	3,658	388	4,046
	Nuku'alofa	2,819	273	3,092
	Nuku'alofa Buddy Branch	6	1	7
	Pacific Division Auckland	13	6	19
	Suva	1,660	418	2,078
Pacific Region Total		8,156	1,086	9,242
Refugee Services	Refugee Quota Mangere	3		3
	Refugee Status	1		1
Refugee Services Total		4		4

Total	364,041	202,572	566,613
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table 3: People included on returning residence visa applications decided, by nationality and applicant type.

report prepared: 07-Mar-2010

data for period: 01-Jul-1997 to 06-Mar-2010

report prepared by: Business Information Services, Department of Labour (Immigration)

Application Criteria	(All)
AgeRange	(All)
Gender	(All)
Decision Type	(All)
Financial Year Decided	(All)

Applications/Clients Decided	Applicant Type		
	Principal Applicant/Application	Secondary Applicant	Total
(not recorded)	29	8	37
Afghanistan	509	149	658
Albania	18	16	34
Algeria	34	18	52
American Samoa	83	41	124
Andorra	1		1
Angola	1		1
Argentina	306	138	444
Armenia	3		3
Australia	107	32	139
Austria	686	231	917
Azerbaijan	10	3	13
Bahamas	5		5
Bahrain	28	16	44
Bangladesh	1,124	1,098	2,222
Barbados	9	2	11
Belarus	55	21	76
Belgium	332	178	510
Belize	12	4	16
Benin	1		1
Bermuda	2	7	9
Bhutan	9	2	11
Bolivia	41	11	52
Bosnia & Herzegovina	68	19	87
Botswana	6		6
Brazil	630	185	815
British Indian Ocean Territory	3		3
Brunei Darussalam	44	11	55
Bulgaria	262	179	441
Burma		2	2
Burundi	6	1	7
Cambodia	1,056	423	1,479
Cameroon	2		2
Canada	4,094	1,187	5,281
Chad	1	1	2
Chile	423	111	534
China	38,151	23,425	61,576
Cocos (Keeling) Island	1		1
Colombia	153	59	212
Congo	6	1	7
Cook Islands	1		1
Costa Rica	10	3	13
Croatia	351	149	500
Cuba	12	4	16
Cyprus	9	1	10
Czech Republic	306	74	380
Czechoslovakia	1	1	2
Democratic Republic of Congo	5	2	7
Denmark	766	244	1,010
Djibouti	2		2
Dominica	1		1
Dominican Republic	2		2
East Germany	1		1
East Timor	4	1	5
Ecuador	21	2	23
Egypt	730	786	1,516
El Salvador	8	7	15
Equatorial Guinea		2	2
Eritrea	13		13
Estonia	13	9	22
Ethiopia	135	16	151
Fiji	18,806	11,566	30,372
Finland	231	87	318
France	1,319	565	1,884
French Polynesia	23	3	26
Gabon	2	2	4
Gambia	2		2
Georgia	24	10	34
Germany	5,859	2,530	8,389
Ghana	134	36	170
Gibraltar	2		2
Great Britain	97,102	43,065	140,167
Greece	136	16	152
Greenland	1		1
Grenada	3	1	4
Guatemala	11	7	18
Guyana	10	2	12
Honduras	8	1	9
Hong Kong	8,668	4,515	13,183
Hungary	209	111	320
Iceland	52	28	80
India	26,383	21,460	47,843
Indonesia	2,717	1,793	4,510
Iran	1,201	614	1,815
Iraq	1,365	830	2,195
Ireland	3,491	885	4,376
Israel	335	270	605
Italy	703	251	954
Jamaica	15	6	21
Japan	5,799	1,357	7,156
Jordan	258	275	533
Kazakhstan	70	55	125
Kenya	92	57	149
Kiribati	194	133	327
Kosovo - UN Mission in	8	7	15
Kuwait	41	26	67
Kyrgyzstan	28	15	43
Laos	60	3	63
Latvia	51	19	70
Lebanon	104	67	171

Lesotho	1	1	2
Liberia	6		6
Libya	15	11	26
Liechtenstein	1		1
Lithuania	35	8	43
Luxembourg	15	5	20
Macau	61	33	94
Macedonia	253	212	465
Madagascar	7	2	9
Malawi	12	18	30
Malaysia	8,429	5,958	14,387
Maldives	33	20	53
Mali	2		2
Malta	30	35	65
Marshall Islands	1		1
Mauritania	1		1
Mauritius	76	81	157
Mexico	145	63	208
Moldova	20	15	35
Mongolia	12	12	24
Morocco	30	5	35
Mozambique	2	2	4
Myanmar	212	90	302
Namibia	51	90	141
Nauru	25	10	35
Nepal	313	336	649
Netherlands	9,500	4,369	13,869
New Caledonia	2	2	4
New Zealand	6,100	2,037	8,137
Nicaragua	1	4	5
Nigeria	138	75	213
North Korea	3	1	4
Norway	229	40	269
NZ Certificate of Identity	1		1
Oman	9	9	18
Pacific Island Trust Territory		1	1
Pakistan	1,105	822	1,927
Palau	1		1
Palestine	36	43	79
Panama	7	11	18
Papua New Guinea	196	53	249
Paraguay	6	3	9
Peru	185	35	220
Philippines	5,929	4,084	10,013
Pitcairn Islands	2		2
Poland	374	182	556
Portugal	281	163	444
Qatar		1	1
Reunion	18	6	24
Romania	645	483	1,128
Russia	2,098	1,114	3,212
Rwanda	12	8	20
Samoa	17,573	3,990	21,563
San Marino		1	1
Saudi Arabia	13	26	39
Senegal		1	1
Serbia	9	3	12
Serbia & Montenegro	6	4	10
Seychelles	12	5	17
Sierra Leone	11	7	18
Singapore	2,362	1,933	4,295
Slovakia	116	32	148
Slovenia	57	14	71
Solomon Islands	148	76	224
Somalia	152	8	160
South Africa	15,146	15,680	30,826
South Korea	11,093	12,194	23,287
Soviet Union	78	52	130
Spain	221	30	251
Sri Lanka	3,837	3,769	7,606
St Kitts - Nevis	1		1
St Lucia	4		4
St Vincent and the Grenadines	5		5
Stateless	67	39	106
Sudan	102	66	168
Suriname	2		2
Swaziland	3	6	9
Sweden	823	182	1,005
Switzerland	1,109	510	1,619
Syria	118	91	209
Taiwan	13,945	12,026	25,971
Tajikistan	1		1
Tanzania	24	7	31
Thailand	3,376	733	4,109
Togo	5	1	6
Tokelau	2	1	3
Tonga	15,183	3,846	19,029
Trinidad and Tobago	20	8	28
Tunisia	13	12	25
Turkmenistan		3	3
Turkey	204	43	247
Tuvalu	324	161	485
Uganda	13	11	24
Ukraine	505	208	713
United Arab Emirates	1		1
United States of America	10,529	4,526	15,055
Uruguay	62	58	120
US Outlying Islands		1	1
Uzbekistan	40	26	66
Vanuatu	71	17	88
Vatican City	2		2
Venezuela	26	11	37
Vietnam	1,369	410	1,779
Yemen	15	5	20
Yugoslavia	795	406	1,201
Zambia	97	85	182
Zimbabwe	1,466	1,147	2,613
Total	364,041	202,572	566,613