

Returning Residence Apps Decided by FY

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

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

Condition
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.

Term	Definition
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.
Applications Decided	Applications which are approved or declined, based on policy criteria. Does not include applications which do not meet the lodgement requirements, were withdrawn or NZIS refuses to consider.
Financial Year	All data, unless otherwise stated, is for the financial year (1 July – 30 June).

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

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

Data for period July 01, 1997 to February 05, 2012

	Decision Type		Total
	Approved	Declined	
	Number Of Clients	Number Of Clients	Number Of Clients
	Sum	Sum	Sum
Financial Year Decided			
1997/98	48,481	1,411	49,892
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	45,975	750	46,725
2004/05	49,463	840	50,303
2005/06	41,540	608	42,148
2006/07	38,761	509	39,270
2007/08	45,080	543	45,623
2008/09	43,758	605	44,363
2009/10	44,393	537	44,930
2010/11	43,814	489	44,303
2011/12	26,316	214	26,530
Total	640,469	10,279	650,748

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

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		Applicant Type		Total Number Of Clients
		Principal Applicant / Application	Secondary Applicant	
		Number Of Clients	Number Of Clients	
		Sum	Sum	
Branch Market	Branch Name			
Border	Border Operations	14	5	19
	Fraud Branch	2	.	2
Central	Hamilton	33,642	20,258	53,900
	Palmerston North	18,153	9,754	27,907
	Palmerston North Student Branch	2,081	1,737	3,818
Europe/Africa/Middle East	Dubai	78	28	106
	Dubai (MFAT)	1	.	1
	London	6,139	2,620	8,759
	Moscow	165	42	207
	Pretoria	20	10	30
Inactive	Auckland Shopfront - Transition team	38,508	21,701	60,209
	Los Angeles	158	58	216
	Quota	2	1	3
	Transitional Policy Processing Unit	296	178	474
North Asia	Beijing	2,122	879	3,001
	Hong Kong	4,117	1,721	5,838
	Manila	198	49	247
	Shanghai	1,127	545	1,672
	Taipei	4,882	4,294	9,176

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Branch Market	Branch Name				
North Asia	Tokyo	13	5	18	
Northern	Auckland Central	87,664	47,213	134,877	
	Henderson	28,281	21,089	49,370	
	Manukau Branch	74,299	44,789	119,088	
	Northern Region Documentation Branch	22	6	28	
Other	Other	107	42	149	
Pacific/America	Apia	3,944	416	4,360	
	Auckland Pacific Branch	13	6	19	
	Nuku'alofa	2,949	277	3,226	
	Nuku'alofa Buddy Branch	6	1	7	
	Suva	1,787	453	2,240	
	Sydney	2,065	540	2,605	
	Washington DC	1,689	712	2,401	
Refugee	Refugee Quota Mangere	8	.	8	
	Refugee Status	1	.	1	

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Branch Market	Branch Name				
South Asia	Bangkok	633	222	855	
	Ho Chi Minh	2	.	2	
	Jakarta	388	257	645	
	New Delhi	1,493	803	2,296	
	Singapore	2,243	1,457	3,700	
Southern	Christchurch	40,165	23,886	64,051	
	Dunedin	13,205	7,043	20,248	
	Immigration Profiling Group	1,493	808	2,301	
	Queenstown Branch	819	337	1,156	
	Wellington	39,931	18,700	58,631	
	Wellington Business Unit	1,036	1,845	2,881	
Total		415,961	234,787	650,748	

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Nationality			
Afghanistan	613	198	811
Albania	23	18	41
Algeria	44	22	66
American Samoa	95	45	140
Andorra	1	.	1
Angola	1	.	1
Antigua & Barbuda	2	.	2
Argentina	401	176	577
Armenia	5	2	7
Australia	127	38	165
Austria	736	261	997
Azerbaijan	13	6	19
Bahamas	5	.	5
Bahrain	33	18	51
Bangladesh	1,216	1,134	2,350
Barbados	9	2	11
Belarus	74	35	109
Belgium	384	217	601
Belize	11	4	15

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Nationality			
Benin	1	.	1
Bermuda	2	7	9
Bhutan	32	28	60
Bolivia	49	16	65
Bosnia & Herzegovina	74	19	93
Botswana	12	2	14
Brazil	959	304	1,263
British Indian Ocean Territory	3	.	3
Brunei Darussalam	45	12	57
Bulgaria	311	203	514
Burma	.	2	2
Burundi	6	1	7
Cambodia	1,443	564	2,007
Cameroon	4	.	4
Canada	4,661	1,397	6,058
Chad	.	1	1
Chile	578	198	776
China	47,797	26,567	74,364
Cocos (Keeling) Island	1	.	1

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Nationality			
Colombia	222	88	310
Congo	12	1	13
Cook Islands	1	.	1
Costa Rica	14	4	18
Croatia	366	159	525
Cuba	14	4	18
Cyprus	10	2	12
Czech Republic	430	97	527
Czechoslovakia	2	1	3
Democratic Republic of Congo	11	6	17
Denmark	825	271	1,096
Djibouti	3	.	3
Dominica	2	.	2
Dominican Republic	2	.	2
East Germany	1	.	1
East Timor	4	.	4
Ecuador	28	4	32
Egypt	783	812	1,595
El Salvador	12	8	20

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Nationality			
Equatorial Guinea	.	2	2
Eritrea	36	7	43
Estonia	14	11	25
Ethiopia	188	29	217
Federated States of Micronesia	1	2	3
Fiji	22,222	14,499	36,721
Finland	258	99	357
France	1,581	716	2,297
French Polynesia	25	12	37
Gabon	2	2	4
Gambia	3	1	4
Georgia	27	11	38
Germany	6,689	2,993	9,682
Ghana	145	42	187
Gibraltar	2	.	2
Great Britain	107,059	50,545	157,604
Greece	141	16	157
Greenland	1	.	1
Grenada	3	1	4

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Guatemala	14	7	21
Guinea	1	.	1
Guyana	10	2	12
Honduras	8	1	9
Hong Kong	8,988	4,582	13,570
Hungary	286	159	445
Iceland	57	30	87
India	30,804	23,556	54,360
Indonesia	3,010	1,887	4,897
Iran	1,357	689	2,046
Iraq	1,578	941	2,519
Ireland	3,988	1,043	5,031
Israel	404	326	730
Italy	816	289	1,105
Jamaica	17	14	31
Japan	6,536	1,570	8,106
Jordan	307	305	612
Kazakhstan	85	63	148
Kenya	124	85	209

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Nationality			
Kiribati	281	228	509
Kosovo - Republic of	2	.	2
Kosovo - UN Mission in	11	8	19
Kuwait	45	26	71
Kyrgyzstan	30	18	48
Laos	75	3	78
Latvia	60	23	83
Lebanon	130	72	202
Lesotho	1	1	2
Liberia	8	.	8
Libya	17	11	28
Liechtenstein	1	.	1
Lithuania	53	14	67
Luxembourg	15	5	20
Macau	68	33	101
Macedonia	288	233	521
Madagascar	7	2	9
Malawi	18	21	39
Malaysia	9,173	6,401	15,574

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Nationality			
Maldives	34	21	55
Mali	2	.	2
Malta	31	40	71
Marshall Islands	1	.	1
Mauritania	1	.	1
Mauritius	118	134	252
Mexico	186	69	255
Moldova	23	16	39
Mongolia	16	15	31
Montenegro	1	.	1
Morocco	46	5	51
Mozambique	2	2	4
Myanmar	283	107	390
NZ Certificate of Identity	1	.	1
Namibia	56	99	155
Nauru	26	12	38
Nepal	383	397	780
Netherlands	9,950	4,659	14,609
New Caledonia	3	2	5

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Nationality			
New Zealand	6,830	2,264	9,094
Nicaragua	1	4	5
Nigeria	186	125	311
North Korea	3	2	5
Norway	244	51	295
Oman	10	9	19
Pacific Island Trust Territory	.	1	1
Pakistan	1,301	905	2,206
Palau	1	.	1
Palestine	50	53	103
Panama	6	11	17
Papua New Guinea	212	60	272
Paraguay	10	3	13
Peru	232	54	286
Philippines	8,665	7,336	16,001
Pitcairn Islands	2	.	2
Poland	464	219	683
Portugal	297	173	470
Qatar	.	1	1

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Reunion	18	5	23
Romania	765	569	1,334
Russia	2,508	1,257	3,765
Rwanda	16	10	26
Samoa	19,684	4,942	24,626
San Marino	.	1	1
Saudi Arabia	24	30	54
Senegal	.	1	1
Serbia	40	22	62
Serbia & Montenegro	5	5	10
Seychelles	19	14	33
Sierra Leone	12	10	22
Singapore	2,532	2,072	4,604
Slovakia	148	40	188
Slovenia	65	20	85
Solomon Islands	169	94	263
Somalia	174	11	185
South Africa	18,413	19,848	38,261
South Korea	12,016	12,912	24,928

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Nationality			
Soviet Union	77	51	128
Spain	277	42	319
Sri Lanka	4,376	4,281	8,657
St Kitts - Nevis	1	.	1
St Lucia	5	.	5
St Vincent and the Grenadines	6	1	7
Stateless	72	41	113
Sudan	115	73	188
Suriname	3	.	3
Swaziland	3	6	9
Sweden	919	213	1,132
Switzerland	1,202	551	1,753
Syria	128	92	220
Taiwan	14,245	12,082	26,327
Tajikistan	6	11	17
Tanzania	29	14	43
Thailand	4,025	893	4,918
Togo	5	1	6
Tokelau	2	1	3

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Tonga	16,434	4,479	20,913
Trinidad and Tobago	22	9	31
Tunisia	14	12	26
Turkemenistan	1	3	4
Turkey	261	64	325
Tuvalu	420	222	642
US Outlying Islands	.	1	1
Uganda	16	12	28
Ukraine	602	254	856
United Arab Emirates	1	.	1
United States of America	11,909	5,243	17,152
Unknown	15	8	23
Uruguay	93	96	189
Uzbekistan	55	29	84
Vanuatu	82	18	100
Vatican City	1	.	1
Venezuela	40	21	61
Vietnam	1,757	563	2,320
Yemen	17	5	22

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Nationality			
Yugoslavia	801	411	1,212
Zambia	121	112	233
Zimbabwe	1,935	1,570	3,505
Total	415,961	234,787	650,748