

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 This does not include applications which failed lodgements, were withdrawn or NZIS refused to consider.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: 01-Nov-2009

data for period: 01-Jul-1997 to 31-Oct-2009

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	43,766	607	44,373
2009/10	15,942	217	16,159
<b>Total</b>	<b>541,901</b>	<b>9,258</b>	<b>551,159</b>

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

report prepared: 01-Nov-2009  
 data for period: 01-Jul-1997 to 31-Oct-2009  
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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	521	194	715
	Beijing	1,544	710	2,254
	Dubai	21	12	33
	Dubai (MFAT)	1		1
	Hong Kong	3,749	1,660	5,409
	Jakarta	351	253	604
	Manila	126	24	150
	New Delhi	1,208	696	1,904
	Shanghai	802	467	1,269
	Singapore	2,068	1,409	3,477
	Taipei	4,783	4,287	9,070
	Tokyo	13	5	18
Asia/Middle East Total		15,187	9,717	24,904
Auckland Region	Auckland Central	73,798	40,148	113,946
	Auckland Shopfront - Transition team	38,508	21,701	60,209
	Hamilton	28,383	16,249	44,632
	Henderson	20,417	15,803	36,220
	Manukau Branch	61,332	36,618	97,950
	Northern Region Documentation Branch	13	3	16
	Quota	2	1	3
Auckland Region Total		222,453	130,523	352,976
Central / Southern Region / Australia	Christchurch	34,240	19,948	54,188
	Dunedin	11,475	5,852	17,327
	Palmerston North	17,441	9,213	26,654
	Palmerston North Student Branch	72	49	121
	Queenstown Branch	324	132	456
	Sydney	1,735	449	2,184
	Transitional Policy Processing Unit	296	178	474
	Wellington	33,200	14,493	47,693
	Wellington Business Unit	1,009	1,811	2,820
Central / Southern Region / Australia Total		99,792	52,125	151,917
Europe/America/Africa	London	5,357	2,254	7,611
	Los Angeles	158	58	216
	Moscow	132	38	170
	Washington DC	1,440	615	2,055
Europe/America/Africa Total		7,087	2,965	10,052
Other	Other	1,483	780	2,263
Other Total		1,483	780	2,263
Pacific Region	Apia	3,555	376	3,931
	Nuku'alofa	2,787	268	3,055
	Nuku'alofa Buddy Branch	6	1	7
	Pacific Division Auckland	12	6	18
	Suva	1,625	407	2,032
Pacific Region Total		7,985	1,058	9,043
Refugee Services	Refugee Quota Mangere	3		3
	Refugee Status	1		1
Refugee Services Total		4		4

Total	353,991	197,168	551,159
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table 3: People included on returning residence visa applications decided, by nationality and applicant type.

report prepared: 01-Nov-2009

data for period: 01-Jul-1997 to 31-Oct-2009

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)	23	8	31
Afghanistan	495	147	642
Albania	16	15	31
Algeria	33	18	51
American Samoa	79	36	115
Andorra	1		1
Angola	1		1
Argentina	276	131	407
Armenia	3		3
Australia	107	32	139
Austria	673	222	895
Azerbaijan	9	3	12
Bahamas	5		5
Bahrain	30	16	46
Bangladesh	1,109	1,089	2,198
Barbados	9	2	11
Belarus	54	21	75
Belgium	328	174	502
Belize	12	4	16
Benin	1		1
Bermuda	2	7	9
Bhutan	8	2	10
Bolivia	41	11	52
Bosnia & Herzegovina	68	19	87
Botswana	6		6
Brazil	582	175	757
British Indian Ocean Territory	3		3
Brunei Darussalam	41	10	51
Bulgaria	250	169	419
Burma		2	2
Burundi	6	1	7
Cambodia	1,004	410	1,414
Cameroon	2		2
Canada	3,992	1,142	5,134
Chad	1	1	2
Chile	400	104	504
China	36,562	22,934	59,496
Cocos (Keeling) Island	1		1
Colombia	147	58	205
Congo	5	1	6
Cook Islands	1		1
Costa Rica	10	3	13
Croatia	347	149	496
Cuba	12	4	16
Cyprus	6	1	7
Czech Republic	285	71	356
Czechoslovakia	1	1	2
Democratic Republic of Congo	5	2	7
Denmark	753	244	997
Djibouti	2		2
Dominica	1		1
Dominican Republic	1		1
East Germany	1		1
East Timor	4	1	5
Ecuador	18	2	20
Egypt	717	781	1,498
El Salvador	6	7	13
Equatorial Guinea		2	2
Eritrea	12		12
Estonia	12	8	20
Ethiopia	123	14	137
Fiji	18,158	11,118	29,276
Finland	226	85	311
France	1,276	545	1,821
French Polynesia	23	3	26
Gabon	2	2	4
Gambia	2		2
Georgia	21	8	29
Germany	5,679	2,448	8,127
Ghana	131	35	166
Gibraltar	2		2
Great Britain	94,934	41,596	136,530
Greece	132	16	148
Greenland	1		1
Grenada	2	1	3
Guatemala	11	7	18
Guyana	10	2	12
Honduras	8	1	9
Hong Kong	8,619	4,502	13,121
Hungary	201	109	310
Iceland	51	28	79
India	25,516	21,060	46,576
Indonesia	2,667	1,776	4,443
Iran	1,167	592	1,759
Iraq	1,345	824	2,169
Ireland	3,387	851	4,238
Israel	325	266	591
Italy	672	243	915
Jamaica	15	6	21
Japan	5,650	1,329	6,979
Jordan	252	264	516
Kazakhstan	70	54	124
Kenya	86	54	140
Kiribati	181	127	308
Kosovo - UN Mission in	8	7	15
Kuwait	41	26	67
Kyrgyzstan	25	12	37
Laos	60	3	63
Latvia	47	17	64
Lebanon	100	66	166

Lesotho	1	1	2
Liberia	6		6
Libya	15	11	26
Lithuania	31	8	39
Luxembourg	15	5	20
Macau	60	32	92
Macedonia	245	207	452
Madagascar	7	2	9
Malawi	11	17	28
Malaysia	8,221	5,848	14,069
Maldives	30	18	48
Mali	2		2
Malta	28	32	60
Marshall Islands	1		1
Mauritania	1		1
Mauritius	67	64	131
Mexico	141	63	204
Moldova	18	15	33
Mongolia	11	12	23
Morocco	29	5	34
Mozambique	2	2	4
Myanmar	197	88	285
Namibia	51	88	139
Nauru	24	10	34
Nepal	297	325	622
Netherlands	9,407	4,304	13,711
New Caledonia	2	2	4
New Zealand	5,951	2,015	7,966
Nicaragua	1	4	5
Nigeria	135	75	210
North Korea	3	1	4
Norway	221	39	260
NZ Certificate of Identity	1		1
Oman	8	8	16
Pacific Island Trust Territory		1	1
Pakistan	1,075	814	1,889
Palau	1		1
Palestine	36	43	79
Panama	7	11	18
Papua New Guinea	195	53	248
Paraguay	5	3	8
Peru	179	34	213
Philippines	5,476	3,565	9,041
Pitcairn Islands	2		2
Poland	362	179	541
Portugal	280	166	446
Qatar		1	1
Reunion	18	6	24
Romania	616	461	1,077
Russia	2,030	1,088	3,118
Rwanda	11	8	19
Samoa	17,119	3,820	20,939
San Marino		1	1
Saudi Arabia	11	24	35
Senegal		1	1
Serbia	2	3	5
Serbia & Montenegro	6	4	10
Seychelles	12	5	17
Sierra Leone	11	7	18
Singapore	2,311	1,898	4,209
Slovakia	115	32	147
Slovenia	57	14	71
Solomon Islands	136	69	205
Somalia	150	8	158
South Africa	14,581	15,132	29,713
South Korea	10,857	12,059	22,916
Soviet Union	78	52	130
Spain	216	27	243
Sri Lanka	3,762	3,716	7,478
St Kitts - Nevis	1		1
St Lucia	1		1
St Vincent and the Grenadines	5		5
Stateless	66	39	105
Sudan	100	66	166
Suriname	2		2
Swaziland	3	6	9
Sweden	804	182	986
Switzerland	1,085	501	1,586
Syria	117	91	208
Taiwan	13,874	12,021	25,895
Tajikistan	1		1
Tanzania	22	7	29
Thailand	3,254	714	3,968
Togo	5	1	6
Tokelau	2	1	3
Tonga	14,883	3,708	18,591
Trinidad and Tobago	19	7	26
Tunisia	13	12	25
Turkmenistan		3	3
Turkey	196	41	237
Tuvalu	298	144	442
Uganda	11	8	19
Ukraine	492	203	695
United Arab Emirates	1		1
United States of America	10,222	4,394	14,616
Uruguay	51	47	98
US Outlying Islands		1	1
Uzbekistan	38	24	62
Vanuatu	68	16	84
Vatican City	2		2
Venezuela	25	11	36
Vietnam	1,300	390	1,690
Yemen	15	5	20
Yugoslavia	793	405	1,198
Zambia	94	85	179
Zimbabwe	1,366	1,092	2,458
Total	353,991	197,168	551,159