

# International Travel and Migration: November 2012

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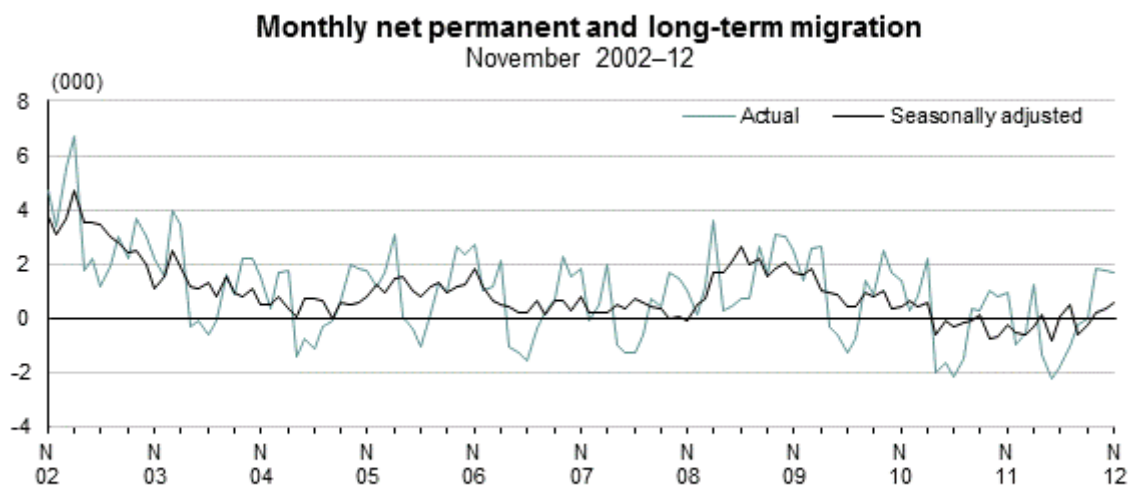
## Key facts

In November 2012 compared with November 2011:

- Visitor arrivals (232,100) were up 1,800. The biggest changes were in arrivals from:
  - China (up 3,300)
  - Australia (up 2,300)
  - the United States (down 1,200)
  - the United Kingdom (down 2,200).
- Overseas trips by New Zealand residents (173,200) were down 1,400. The biggest changes were in departures to:
  - Korea (down 700)
  - Australia (down 1,500).

In November 2012:

- Seasonally adjusted figures showed a net gain of 600 migrants.



Source: Statistics New Zealand

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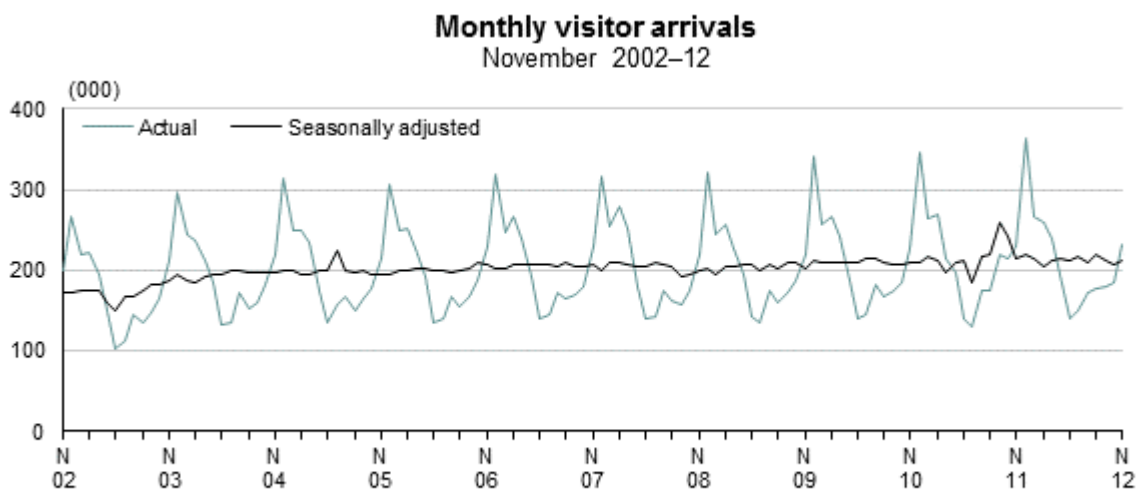
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## Commentary

- November visitor arrivals increase
- China overtakes UK as second-biggest annual source of visitors
- Fewer resident departures in November
- New Zealand residents take more trips in the November 2012 year
- Net gain of 600 migrants in November
- Net migration loss in the November 2012 year

### November visitor arrivals increase

Short-term overseas visitor arrivals to New Zealand numbered 232,100 in November 2012. This was up 1 percent from November 2011 (230,300).



Source: Statistics New Zealand

### Visitor arrivals by country of residence

The biggest changes in visitors by country of residence between November 2011 and November 2012 were in arrivals from:

- China (up 3,300)
- Australia (up 2,300)
- the United States (down 1,200)
- the United Kingdom (down 2,200).

Visitor arrivals from China numbered 21,800 in November 2012 – the highest ever for a November month, and an increase of 18 percent from the November 2011 figure (18,600).

Within Australia, there were more visitors from Victoria (up 2,400) and Western Australia (up 1,200) but fewer from Queensland (down 1,000).

Arrivals from the United Kingdom have decreased in most months since April 2007, just after the start of the global economic downturn.

## Visitor arrivals by travel purpose

The biggest changes in visitors by travel purpose between November 2011 and November 2012 were in arrivals for:

- visiting friends and relatives (up 1,700)
- conferences/conventions (down 1,500).

Visits from Australia contributed most to the change in arrivals to visit friends and relatives (up 1,200) and the decrease in arrivals for conferences/conventions (down 1,100). The number of arrivals for conferences/conventions varies depending on the events being held in New Zealand.

Holiday visitor arrivals in November 2012 (109,800) were similar to November 2011 (110,000), but there were differences by country. China (up 2,500) and Australia (up 2,000) contributed more holiday arrivals, offset by fewer from the United Kingdom (down 2,000), Germany, and the United States (each down 700).

## China overtakes UK as second-biggest annual source of visitors

There were 2.565 million visitor arrivals to New Zealand in the November 2012 year. This was down 1 percent from the November 2011 year (2.583 million), which was boosted by visitor arrivals for the Rugby World Cup.

Visitor arrivals from China (194,800) were up 53,500 from the November 2011 year. This increase, coupled with a decrease in visitors from the United Kingdom (down 40,400 to 191,400), saw China become New Zealand's second-biggest source of visitors. Australia remains the biggest source, supplying 1.158 million visitors in the November 2012 year. In percentage terms, Australia accounted for 45 percent of all visitors to New Zealand, and China 8 percent.

There has been dramatic growth in arrivals from China over the past 20 years. In the year ended November 1992, there were just 3,300 visitors. This rose to 74,300 visitors in 2002.

Holidaymakers made up 71 percent of visitor arrivals from China in the November 2012 year. A further 12 percent were in New Zealand to visit friends and relatives, while 8 percent arrived on business.

The median length of stay for Chinese visitors in the November 2012 year was 3.5 days, compared with 8.7 days for all visitors. The median age of visitors from China was 47 years, older than the median age of 40 years for all visitors. Of those visitors from China who stated a province, around half lived in Shanghai, Beijing (each 17 percent), and Guangdong province (14 percent).

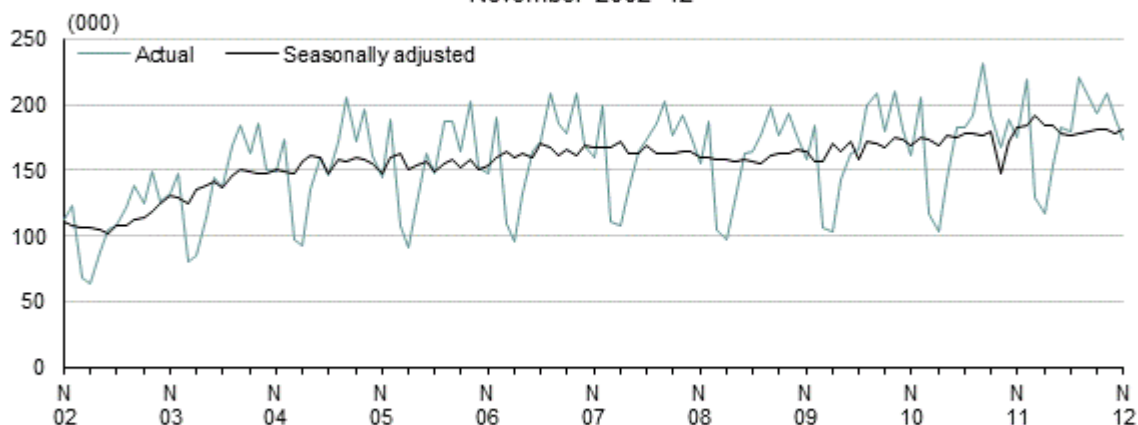
For more detailed data about visitor arrivals, see the Excel tables in the 'Downloads' box.

## Fewer resident departures in November

New Zealand residents departed on 173,200 overseas trips in November 2012, down 1 percent from November 2011. Many residents delayed travel until after the Rugby World Cup, resulting in more trips in November 2011 (174,600). The November 2012 figure is still higher than the 160,800 trips taken in November 2010.

## Monthly overseas trips by New Zealand residents

November 2002–12



Source: Statistics New Zealand

### Overseas trips by country of main destination

The biggest changes in overseas trips by country of main destination (where the person will spend the most time when overseas) between November 2011 and November 2012 were in trips to:

- Korea (down 700)
- Australia (down 1,500).

### New Zealand residents take more trips in the November 2012 year

Trips by New Zealand residents in the November 2012 year (2.171 million) rose 4 percent from the November 2011 year (2.080 million).

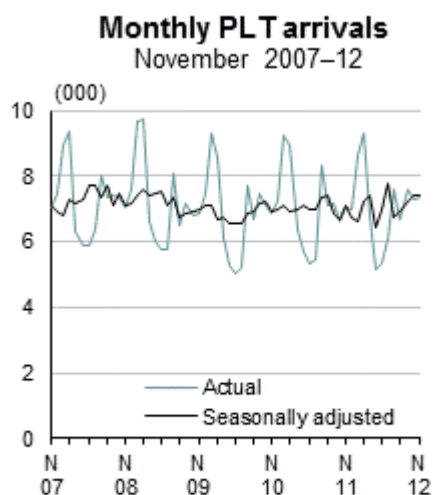
The biggest increases were in trips to Australia (up 24,300) and the United States (up 17,800). Over recent decades, changes in the number of trips to the United States have followed changes in the exchange rate.

In the November 2012 year, more trips were also made to a number of Pacific island destinations, including Fiji (up 4,800), the Cook Islands (up 4,400), and Samoa (up 3,800). There were also more trips to Japan (up 3,600), Thailand (up 3,500), and India (up 3,400).

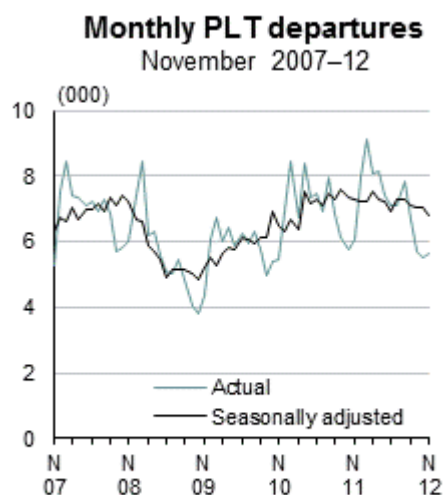
For more detailed data on overseas trips by New Zealand residents, see the Excel tables in the 'Downloads' box.

### Net gain of 600 migrants in November

Seasonally adjusted permanent and long-term (PLT) migration figures showed a net gain (more arrivals than departures) of 600 migrants in November 2012. This is the highest seasonally adjusted net gain of migrants since December 2010 (700).



Source: Statistics New Zealand



Source: Statistics New Zealand

There was a seasonally adjusted net loss of 2,800 migrants to Australia in November 2012. This is the lowest net loss to Australia since February 2011 (2,500), and is below the average of 3,300 between March 2011 and October 2012. The change in November 2012 was due to more arrivals from and fewer departures to Australia.

Since the start of the series in 1996, the highest ever net loss to Australia was 4,300 in February 2001. This was just before the eligibility of New Zealand citizens to access certain welfare benefits in Australia was changed on 26 February 2001.

## Net migration loss in the November 2012 year

Unadjusted figures showed there were 84,600 PLT arrivals in the November 2012 year, just above the 84,400 migrants in the November 2011 year. PLT departures numbered 86,200, up from 85,000 the previous year. This resulted in a net loss of 1,600 migrants in the November 2012 year.

New Zealand has experienced many periods of net migration loss. The highest net loss since the PLT migration series started (in April 1921) was 43,600 people in the July 1979 year.

A net loss of 38,800 people to Australia contributed to New Zealand's net loss of migrants in the November 2012 year. This is down from the record net loss of 40,000 in the August 2012 year. The November figure resulted from 53,500 departures to Australia, offset by 14,600 arrivals from Australia. In both directions, most migrants were New Zealand citizens.

There were net gains of migrants from most other countries in the November 2012 year, led by:

- the United Kingdom (5,600)
- China (5,200)
- India (5,000)
- the Philippines (2,100)
- Germany (1,600)
- Ireland (1,200).

For more detailed data about permanent and long-term migration, see the Excel tables in the 'Downloads' box.

## Definitions

### About the international travel and migration statistics

International travel and migration statistics count passengers arriving into and departing from New Zealand. Passengers are split into one of three passenger types: overseas visitors, New Zealand-resident travellers, and permanent and long-term migrants.

Arrivals and departures of overseas visitors and New Zealand resident travellers are key indicators of tourism and travel. Permanent and long-term migration is a component of New Zealand's population change (along with births and deaths), measuring changes in the characteristics of the population as well as population size.

### More definitions

**Citizenship:** determined from the country that issued the passport the person uses when arriving or departing. A person may hold passports from more than one country.

**Country of main destination:** the country where a New Zealand-resident traveller will spend the most time while overseas. Departure cards do not ask travellers which other countries they intend to visit on the same trip.

**Country of residence:** for arrivals, this is the country where the person last lived for 12 months or more. For departures, it is the country where the person will next live for 12 months or more.

**New Zealand-resident travellers:** people who live in New Zealand and are travelling overseas for less than 12 months.

**Overseas visitors:** people who live overseas and are visiting New Zealand for less than 12 months.

**Passenger type:** each passenger is classed as an overseas visitor, a New Zealand-resident traveller, or a permanent and long-term migrant. Passenger type is not related to legal permanent residence in a country or the visa type a person holds. It is based on the time spent in and out of New Zealand. This is primarily determined from responses on the arrival and departure cards to questions about how long the person is in or away from New Zealand, and where they last lived and will next live for 12 months or more.

**Permanent and long-term arrivals:** people from overseas arriving to live in New Zealand for 12 months or more (including permanently), and New Zealanders returning after an absence of 12 months or more overseas.

**Permanent and long-term departures:** New Zealanders departing for an absence of 12 months or more (including permanently), and people from overseas who are departing after a stay of 12 months or more in New Zealand.

**Travel purpose:** the main purpose for the visit to New Zealand or trip overseas. Categories are holiday, visiting friends and relatives, business, conferences and conventions, education, and other.

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[Provisional international travel statistics](#) provide the latest weekly and four-weekly figures for visitor arrivals and New Zealand-resident traveller departures, including figures for 10 major source and destination countries. These are released weekly, usually at 3pm on a Friday.

[International travel and migration articles](#) are occasional publications that provide analyses of selected topics.

Statistics NZ's [Tourism](#) web page lists tourism-related data sources, such as the Accommodation Survey and the Tourism Satellite Account.

[Tourism research and data](#) from the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment includes results from the International Visitor Survey, Domestic Travel Survey, and tourism forecasts.

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### **Information about international migration**

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Statistics NZ's [Migration](#) web page lists migration-related data sources, such as the Longitudinal Immigration Survey.

[Labour and Immigration Research Centre](#), part of the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment, publishes research reports and information about the immigration research programme.

Immigration New Zealand statistics include application and approval numbers for the main immigration visa types.



## Data quality

### Period specific information

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## Period specific information

### Removal of Infoshare time series

The Infoshare time series 'Permanent & long-term migration totals' was removed from the ITM group on 30 November 2012. All of the data from this series can be found in the new series 'Permanent & long-term migration key series'. This new series, which was released in September 2012, also contains seasonally adjusted and trend data on migration to and from Australia, as well as on migration of New Zealand and non-New Zealand citizens. We have published a [concordance between the old and new Infoshare series](#) in Excel format.

## General information

### Data source

International travel and migration statistics are based on electronic arrival and departure records for each international passenger, supplied to Statistics NZ by the New Zealand Customs Service. These electronic records include flight and passport details, such as date of travel, date of birth, sex, and country of citizenship.

The New Zealand Customs Service also supplies Statistics NZ with arrival and departure cards completed by passengers. Additional detail such as country of residence and travel purpose is captured from these cards and added to the information from electronic records.

Arrival and departure cards are owned by Immigration New Zealand, and are used to administer numerous New Zealand laws in addition to the production of statistics. Statistics NZ captures information from the cards only for statistical purposes, and passes the cards to Immigration NZ after data capture is complete.

See the [arrival card](#) (PDF, 84kb). See the [departure card](#). These are for reference only.

## **Accuracy of the data**

### **Data collection**

Statistics NZ scans every arrival and departure card, and uses image recognition technology to automatically recognise and code responses. Processing staff then manually capture any required information not captured automatically – as not every response can be clearly recognised by automated software.

The imaging system automatically determines all of the information required for around 9 in every 10 cards, meaning about 1 million records are completed manually each year.

Some response fields are required from every card. These include passport number and birth date, which are used to match each card with the corresponding electronic record containing flight and passport details. Some fields are only required for certain passenger types, or for a sample of passengers.

### **Changes in recorded passenger intentions**

All arrivals and departures are processed so they can be allocated to one of three passenger types: overseas visitors, New Zealand-resident travellers, and permanent and long-term migrants.

A person may change their intentions after their arrival or departure, which may mean the recorded passenger type becomes incorrect. Statistics NZ does not revise published statistics to adjust for such changes.

### **Sampling**

Some fields are only collected for a sample of passengers. Data from the sample is used to estimate the characteristics of the full population. This still provides a good picture of the characteristics of travellers, while greatly decreasing the time and cost of capturing the data.

All figures for permanent and long-term migrants are actual counts (not derived from a sample). Arrival and departure totals for overseas visitors and New Zealand-resident travellers are also actual counts. More detailed data for overseas visitors and New Zealand-resident travellers, such as figures by country or travel purpose, are derived from a sample.

The sample ratios currently used are:

- Overseas visitor arrivals: 1 in 16
- Overseas visitor departures: 1 in 26
- New Zealand-resident traveller arrivals: 1 in 26
- New Zealand-resident traveller departures: 1 in 20.

Figures derived from a sample may contain sample error (a difference from the actual figure). Small numbers are more likely to contain a large sample error as a percentage of the actual figure, and should be used with caution.

[Information about international travel and migration](#) has tables showing the sample errors for selected cell sizes.

## Seasonally adjusted and trend series

The purpose of seasonally adjusting a time series is to measure and remove the varying seasonal components in the series (for example, there are more visitor arrivals during the New Zealand summer, due to the warmer weather and longer daylight hours). This makes the data for adjacent periods more comparable.

The seasonal adjustment process for international travel and migration statistics uses Statistics NZ's standard seasonal adjustment package, X-12-ARIMA, with enhancements that allow the specification and adjustment of additional calendar effects. These include the number and type of trading days in the month (as more people generally arrive and depart on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday), and holiday periods, which have important effects on travel but can occur in different months each year (eg Easter can be in March or April).

Both monthly and quarterly seasonally adjusted series are available. The quarterly series are adjusted independently of the adjustments made to the monthly series. Hence, quarterly figures may not equal the sum of monthly seasonally adjusted figures.

Seasonally adjusted and trend data back to January 1996 is subject to revision each period. The size of these revisions is expected to be minimal, with the largest revisions occurring in the periods immediately before the current month or quarter. Data before January 1996 is not revised. This cut-off is used because of the change to a four-term school year in 1996, which resulted in changes to the seasonal patterns of the New Zealand-resident traveller series.

## Interpreting the data

### Passenger counts

The statistics in this release relate to the number of passenger movements to and from New Zealand, rather than to the number of people – that is, the multiple movements of individual people during a given reference period are each counted separately. For example, a New Zealand resident making five business trips overseas within a year would be counted as five arrivals and five departures.

### Timing of published data

**Final international travel and migration statistics:** released approximately three weeks after the end of the reference month. This delay is longer for December and January data due to the peak travel period coinciding with the Christmas and New Year holidays.

**New Zealand and overseas port data:** becomes available two working days after the international travel and migration release.

**Provisional international travel statistics:** normally released at 3pm every Friday on the [Provisional international travel statistics](#) web page. These show the latest weekly and four-weekly figures for visitor arrivals and New Zealand-resident traveller departures, including figures for 10 major source and destination countries. No further data is available until the monthly release of final statistics.

## Confidentiality

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## More information

[Information about international travel and migration.](#)

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1. International travel and migration, by direction and passenger type, actual counts
2. International travel and migration, by direction and passenger type, seasonally adjusted and trend series
3. Short-term overseas visitor arrivals, by country of last permanent residence
4. Short-term overseas visitor arrivals, by travel purpose and country of last permanent residence
5. Short-term New Zealand-resident traveller departures, by country of main destination
6. Permanent and long-term arrivals, by country of last permanent residence
7. Permanent and long-term departures, by country of next permanent residence
8. Net permanent and long-term migration, by country of last/next permanent residence
9. Permanent and long-term migration, by citizenship, actual counts
10. Permanent and long-term migration, by citizenship, seasonally adjusted series

## Access more data on Infoshare

Use [Infoshare](#) to access time-series data specific to your needs. For this release, select the following categories from the Infoshare home page:

Subject category: **Tourism**

Group: **International Travel and Migration**

Table 1

**International travel and migration**

By direction and passenger type

Actual counts

Period	Arrivals				Departures				Net permanent & long-term migration <sup>(7)</sup>
	Short-term overseas visitors <sup>(1)</sup>	Short-term NZ-resident travellers <sup>(2)</sup>	Permanent & long-term migrants <sup>(3)</sup>	Total	Short-term overseas visitors <sup>(4)</sup>	Short-term NZ-resident travellers <sup>(5)</sup>	Permanent & long-term migrants <sup>(6)</sup>	Total	
Series ref: ITM	SVAZA	SRAZA	SPKAZZZZZA	STZAA	SVDZA	SRDZA	SPKDZZZZA	STZDA	SPKNZZZZA
<b>November month</b>									
2002	198,705	102,112	8,574	309,391	181,979	112,437	3,839	298,255	4,735
2003	211,735	120,353	7,087	339,175	190,329	132,644	4,894	327,867	2,193
2004	220,610	134,005	6,622	361,237	200,270	148,484	5,050	353,804	1,572
2005	214,694	133,309	6,353	354,356	195,955	144,197	4,624	344,776	1,729
2006	229,913	141,121	7,120	378,154	205,768	147,582	4,391	357,741	2,729
2007	228,813	153,043	7,048	388,904	204,610	159,493	5,248	369,351	1,800
2008	219,313	152,023	7,046	378,382	199,499	155,231	6,006	360,736	1,040
2009	219,939	154,893	6,878	381,710	198,512	158,441	4,377	361,330	2,501
2010	226,455	155,364	6,857	388,676	205,821	160,847	5,447	372,115	1,410
2011	230,292	166,552	7,027	403,871	210,567	174,555	6,082	391,204	945
2012	232,119	161,596	7,341	401,056	206,009	173,185	5,644	384,838	1,697
<b>Year ended November</b>									
2002	2,019,078	1,300,692	96,071	3,415,841	2,001,830	1,288,486	57,886	3,348,202	38,185
2003	2,074,640	1,366,367	93,426	3,534,433	2,080,469	1,350,100	56,654	3,487,223	36,772
2004	2,331,895	1,725,676	80,882	4,138,453	2,359,522	1,707,413	64,548	4,131,483	16,334
2005	2,388,946	1,876,647	78,741	4,344,334	2,403,465	1,857,046	72,584	4,333,095	6,157
2006	2,409,582	1,878,055	82,920	4,370,557	2,408,778	1,861,752	68,163	4,338,693	14,757
2007	2,467,461	1,973,865	82,588	4,523,914	2,473,333	1,970,988	76,000	4,520,321	6,588
2008	2,453,555	1,986,517	87,351	4,527,423	2,455,229	1,979,490	83,782	4,518,501	3,569
2009	2,439,252	1,937,501	86,533	4,463,286	2,444,939	1,921,103	66,512	4,432,554	20,021
2010	2,520,725	2,010,586	82,687	4,613,998	2,541,195	2,004,875	71,168	4,617,238	11,519
2011	2,582,935	2,084,560	84,442	4,751,937	2,604,919	2,079,733	85,010	4,769,662	-568
2012	2,564,824	2,179,043	84,649	4,828,516	2,585,636	2,171,249	86,216	4,843,101	-1,567

1. Overseas residents arriving in New Zealand for a stay of less than 12 months.
2. New Zealand residents arriving in New Zealand after an absence of less than 12 months.
3. Includes overseas migrants who arrive in New Zealand intending to stay for a period of 12 months or more (or permanently), plus New Zealand residents returning after an absence of 12 months or more.
4. Overseas residents departing New Zealand after a stay of less than 12 months.
5. New Zealand residents departing New Zealand for an absence of less than 12 months.
6. Includes New Zealand residents departing for an intended period of 12 months or more (or permanently), plus overseas visitors departing New Zealand after a stay of 12 months or more.
7. Permanent and long-term arrivals minus permanent and long-term departures.

Source: Statistics New Zealand

Table 2

**International travel and migration**  
By direction and passenger type  
Seasonally adjusted and trend series<sup>(1)</sup>

Month	Arrivals				Departures				Net permanent & long-term migration <sup>(8)</sup>	
	Short-term overseas visitors <sup>(2)</sup>	Short-term NZ-resident travellers <sup>(3)</sup>	Permanent & long-term migrants <sup>(4)</sup>	Total	Short-term overseas visitors <sup>(5)</sup>	Short-term NZ-resident travellers <sup>(6)</sup>	Permanent & long-term migrants <sup>(7)</sup>	Total		
Series ref: ITM	SVAZS	SRAZS	SPKAZZZZZS	STZAS	SVDZS	SRDZS	SPKDZZZZZS	STZDS	SPKNZZZZZS	
<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>										
2011	Nov	213,790	180,870	7,080	401,740	215,390	182,430	7,300	405,120	-210
	Dec	219,710	185,610	6,740	412,060	219,740	183,900	7,250	410,890	-510
2012	Jan	214,240	186,140	6,640	407,010	218,680	191,290	7,230	417,210	-600
	Feb	204,190	184,250	7,210	395,650	215,530	183,580	7,540	406,660	-330
	Mar	211,230	181,340	7,400	399,970	210,060	184,090	7,280	401,430	120
	Apr	214,190	181,710	6,410	402,300	220,280	178,000	7,230	405,510	-830
	May	212,110	177,880	7,000	397,000	206,730	177,000	6,910	390,640	90
	Jun	216,850	179,330	7,790	403,970	221,990	178,040	7,260	407,290	530
	Jul	209,100	187,270	6,710	403,080	218,150	178,860	7,310	404,320	-600
	Aug	220,300	175,890	6,900	403,090	214,760	180,970	7,130	402,870	-230
	Sep	211,890	179,930	7,240	399,060	210,840	180,860	7,060	398,760	180
	Oct	208,470	177,280	7,390	393,130	214,520	178,500	7,060	400,080	340
	Nov	211,950	180,440	7,380	399,770	210,740	180,630	6,790	398,160	590
Series ref: ITM	SVAZT	SRAZT	SPKAZZZZZT	STZAT	SVDZT	SRDZT	SPKDZZZZZT	STZDT	SPKNZZZZZT	
<b>Trend</b>										
2011	Nov	222,200	182,310	6,860	410,770	224,800	180,240	7,370	413,760	-500
	Dec	218,980	183,760	6,870	408,450	222,020	182,510	7,350	412,410	-480
2012	Jan	215,570	184,150	6,950	405,020	218,560	183,820	7,320	409,510	-390
	Feb	212,930	183,700	7,040	401,990	216,100	183,690	7,290	406,590	-270
	Mar	211,710	182,670	7,100	400,340	215,310	182,320	7,260	404,380	-180
	Apr	211,920	181,360	7,080	400,220	215,680	180,460	7,230	402,800	-160
	May	212,820	180,140	7,030	400,770	216,390	179,040	7,200	401,600	-170
	Jun	213,560	179,260	6,980	401,240	216,780	178,530	7,180	401,340	-190
	Jul	213,650	178,810	6,970	401,320	216,450	178,710	7,160	401,670	-170
	Aug	213,120	178,660	7,030	400,570	215,430	179,250	7,130	401,610	-80
	Sep	212,410	178,810	7,130	399,520	214,090	179,780	7,080	401,020	60
	Oct	211,700	179,250	7,240	398,510	212,740	180,140	7,020	400,180	230
	Nov	211,130	179,880	7,340	397,840	211,920	180,350	6,960	399,780	370

- Seasonally adjusted and trend series are revised monthly (see 'Data quality' section of this release).
- Overseas residents arriving in New Zealand for a stay of less than 12 months.
- New Zealand residents arriving in New Zealand after an absence of less than 12 months.
- Includes overseas migrants who arrive in New Zealand intending to stay for a period of 12 months or more (or permanently), plus New Zealand residents returning after an absence of 12 months or more.
- Overseas residents departing New Zealand after a stay of less than 12 months.
- New Zealand residents departing New Zealand for an absence of less than 12 months.
- Includes New Zealand residents departing for an intended period of 12 months or more (or permanently), plus overseas visitors departing New Zealand after a stay of 12 months or more.
- Permanent and long-term arrivals minus permanent and long-term departures.

**Note:** Data are independently rounded to the nearest 10.

**Source:** Statistics New Zealand



Table 3

**Short-term overseas visitor arrivals<sup>(1)</sup>**  
By country of last permanent residence

Country of last permanent residence	November month			Year ended November			Change from 2011			
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	Month		Year	
							Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Oceania</b>	<b>96,225</b>	<b>103,424</b>	<b>106,688</b>	<b>1,245,137</b>	<b>1,284,617</b>	<b>1,299,600</b>	<b>3,264</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>14,983</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Australia	84,625	91,056	93,328	1,115,408	1,146,273	1,157,920	2,272	2.5	11,647	1.0
Cook Islands	800	896	848	10,492	11,317	10,192	-48	-5.4	-1,125	-9.9
Fiji	1,800	2,080	2,592	20,778	21,703	22,064	512	24.6	361	1.7
French Polynesia	1,550	1,248	1,344	19,305	17,124	15,744	96	7.7	-1,380	-8.1
New Caledonia	1,475	1,312	1,440	16,170	16,387	16,896	128	9.8	509	3.1
Samoa	1,550	1,648	1,600	16,780	16,209	16,416	-48	-2.9	207	1.3
Tonga	1,275	1,392	1,552	12,513	12,736	13,248	160	11.5	512	4.0
<b>Asia</b>	<b>45,600</b>	<b>47,840</b>	<b>51,072</b>	<b>450,387</b>	<b>451,976</b>	<b>508,048</b>	<b>3,232</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>56,072</b>	<b>12.4</b>
China, People's Republic of	14,875	18,560	21,824	120,222	141,289	194,752	3,264	17.6	53,463	37.8
Hong Kong (SAR)	1,675	2,000	2,080	24,356	24,863	25,920	80	4.0	1,057	4.3
India	2,650	2,752	3,104	28,932	28,252	30,080	352	12.8	1,828	6.5
Indonesia	775	976	1,072	9,663	10,736	12,720	96	9.8	1,984	18.5
Japan	8,375	5,840	6,032	88,324	69,417	69,968	192	3.3	551	0.8
Korea, Republic of	6,175	4,528	4,672	67,094	52,629	53,232	144	3.2	603	1.1
Malaysia	3,000	4,320	3,680	21,392	33,802	30,720	-640	-14.8	-3,082	-9.1
Philippines	625	784	864	8,168	8,503	9,616	80	10.2	1,113	13.1
Singapore	3,825	4,688	4,448	30,639	36,990	36,048	-240	-5.1	-942	-2.5
Taiwan	1,675	1,680	1,552	21,263	17,958	18,720	-128	-7.6	762	4.2
Thailand	1,325	832	976	21,227	17,958	16,512	144	17.3	-1,446	-8.1
<b>Europe</b>	<b>48,300</b>	<b>45,568</b>	<b>42,240</b>	<b>462,214</b>	<b>469,349</b>	<b>406,064</b>	<b>-3,328</b>	<b>-7.3</b>	<b>-63,285</b>	<b>-13.5</b>
Austria	925	704	800	6,858	6,977	7,104	96	13.6	127	1.8
Denmark	1,100	896	848	10,165	9,293	8,128	-48	-5.4	-1,165	-12.5
France	2,775	2,896	2,896	24,760	35,887	25,600	0	0.0	-10,287	-28.7
Germany	8,025	7,488	7,168	65,221	64,020	62,656	-320	-4.3	-1,364	-2.1
Ireland	1,275	1,088	1,008	13,515	16,417	11,264	-80	-7.4	-5,153	-31.4
Italy	900	880	864	8,724	8,893	8,560	-16	-1.8	-333	-3.7
Netherlands	3,075	2,992	2,640	23,545	23,490	21,696	-352	-11.8	-1,794	-7.6
Spain	1,375	1,328	1,120	10,750	9,861	9,248	-208	-15.7	-613	-6.2
Sweden	1,425	1,328	1,120	11,020	11,488	10,944	-208	-15.7	-544	-4.7
Switzerland	1,925	1,712	1,808	15,697	16,044	15,424	96	5.6	-620	-3.9
United Kingdom	21,175	20,000	17,824	237,909	231,764	191,360	-2,176	-10.9	-40,404	-17.4
<b>Americas</b>	<b>26,650</b>	<b>24,944</b>	<b>23,024</b>	<b>270,474</b>	<b>268,051</b>	<b>253,968</b>	<b>-1,920</b>	<b>-7.7</b>	<b>-14,083</b>	<b>-5.3</b>
Brazil	900	832	672	11,643	11,638	10,752	-160	-19.2	-886	-7.6
Canada	5,050	4,704	4,288	49,082	49,129	46,656	-416	-8.8	-2,473	-5.0
United States of America	19,150	17,856	16,640	191,902	184,228	177,856	-1,216	-6.8	-6,372	-3.5
<b>Africa and the Middle East</b>	<b>4,025</b>	<b>3,520</b>	<b>2,944</b>	<b>44,454</b>	<b>53,701</b>	<b>38,160</b>	<b>-576</b>	<b>-16.4</b>	<b>-15,541</b>	<b>-28.9</b>
South Africa	1,575	1,536	1,424	17,016	26,343	16,016	-112	-7.3	-10,327	-39.2
United Arab Emirates	450	464	368	7,652	7,850	6,800	-96	-20.7	-1,050	-13.4
<b>Not stated</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>4,416</b>	<b>5,136</b>	<b>35,191</b>	<b>45,957</b>	<b>50,288</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>4,331</b>	<b>9.4</b>
<b>Total<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>226,455</b>	<b>230,292</b>	<b>232,119</b>	<b>2,520,725</b>	<b>2,582,935</b>	<b>2,564,824</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-18,111</b>	<b>-0.7</b>

1. Overseas residents arriving in New Zealand for a stay of less than 12 months.

2. These totals are actual counts and may differ from the sum of individual figures for different countries that are derived from samples.

**Note:** SAR Special Administrative Region

**Source:** Statistics New Zealand

Table 4

**Short-term overseas visitor arrivals<sup>(1)</sup>**  
By travel purpose and country of last permanent residence

	November month			Year ended November			Change from 2011			
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	Month		Year	
							Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Visitor arrivals by travel purpose</b>										
Holiday/vacation	113,400	110,048	109,824	1,210,449	1,214,376	1,165,424	-224	-0.2	-48,952	-4.0
Visiting friends/relatives	60,825	67,872	69,584	781,219	819,441	856,928	1,712	2.5	37,487	4.6
Business	25,925	25,168	25,024	249,179	249,480	251,360	-144	-0.6	1,880	0.8
Education	3,025	2,720	2,992	54,318	54,104	50,928	272	10.0	-3,176	-5.9
Conference/convention	7,200	7,648	6,176	59,516	52,563	52,432	-1,472	-19.2	-131	-0.2
Other	8,925	10,384	12,352	98,334	116,773	120,864	1,968	19.0	4,091	3.5
Not stated	5,800	5,872	5,152	54,842	66,914	58,192	-720	-12.3	-8,722	-13.0
<b>Total<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>226,455</b>	<b>230,292</b>	<b>232,119</b>	<b>2,520,725</b>	<b>2,582,935</b>	<b>2,564,824</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-18,111</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
<b>Holiday/vacation arrivals by country of last permanent residence</b>										
Australia	29,275	30,288	32,304	460,024	454,270	435,552	2,016	6.7	-18,718	-4.1
China, People's Republic of	10,800	13,296	15,824	80,087	94,917	138,912	2,528	19.0	43,995	46.4
United States of America	12,425	10,816	10,144	112,374	104,854	98,864	-672	-6.2	-5,990	-5.7
United Kingdom	11,550	9,584	7,616	110,807	105,936	72,784	-1,968	-20.5	-33,152	-31.3
Japan	5,850	4,176	4,448	62,938	46,125	46,160	272	6.5	35	0.1
Germany	6,075	6,016	5,328	45,341	44,036	42,320	-688	-11.4	-1,716	-3.9
Korea, Republic of	4,275	3,216	2,944	41,342	32,714	34,528	-272	-8.5	1,814	5.5
Canada	2,925	2,784	2,480	27,628	26,903	24,896	-304	-10.9	-2,007	-7.5
Singapore	2,350	3,008	2,992	15,968	21,459	20,800	-16	-0.5	-659	-3.1
Malaysia	1,900	2,800	2,640	11,602	22,697	20,272	-160	-5.7	-2,425	-10.7
France	2,100	2,144	2,160	15,253	24,576	15,840	16	0.7	-8,736	-35.5
India	1,325	1,568	1,616	13,787	13,154	14,704	48	3.1	1,550	11.8
New Caledonia	1,075	1,040	1,040	12,539	12,801	13,264	0	0.0	463	3.6
Hong Kong (SAR)	800	1,008	1,136	12,487	12,477	13,200	128	12.7	723	5.8
Netherlands	2,525	2,080	1,856	15,124	14,689	13,056	-224	-10.8	-1,633	-11.1
Taiwan	1,075	992	848	13,371	10,895	11,696	-144	-14.5	801	7.4
French Polynesia	1,075	784	960	14,891	12,349	11,200	176	22.4	-1,149	-9.3
Switzerland	1,475	1,216	1,360	10,835	10,338	9,936	144	11.8	-402	-3.9
<b>Arrivals to visit friends/relatives by country of last permanent residence</b>										
Australia	30,800	36,368	37,600	412,241	442,868	475,568	1,232	3.4	32,700	7.4
United Kingdom	8,150	8,464	8,336	107,630	104,568	99,360	-128	-1.5	-5,208	-5.0
United States of America	3,075	2,992	3,264	41,216	39,701	40,272	272	9.1	571	1.4
China, People's Republic of	1,800	1,760	2,160	18,857	20,517	23,808	400	22.7	3,291	16.0
Canada	1,400	1,328	1,184	15,045	15,170	14,784	-144	-10.8	-386	-2.5
Fiji	1,100	1,280	1,664	12,840	13,069	13,744	384	30.0	675	5.2
South Africa	1,125	1,056	1,024	10,996	11,411	10,256	-32	-3.0	-1,155	-10.1
Germany	900	720	992	8,911	9,243	10,064	272	37.8	821	8.9
Korea, Republic of	825	576	640	12,021	9,382	8,448	64	11.1	-934	-10.0
<b>Business arrivals by country of last permanent residence</b>										
Australia	15,500	14,832	14,544	154,858	154,328	153,376	-288	-1.9	-952	-0.6
United States of America	2,200	1,920	1,952	19,522	19,676	19,456	32	1.7	-220	-1.1
China, People's Republic of	1,300	1,888	1,824	10,812	12,334	15,520	-64	-3.4	3,186	25.8
United Kingdom	825	1,056	1,056	9,989	10,532	9,840	0	0.0	-692	-6.6

1. Overseas residents arriving in New Zealand for a stay of less than 12 months.

2. These totals are actual counts and may differ from the sum of individual figures for different countries that are derived from samples.

**Note:** SAR Special Administrative Region

**Source:** Statistics New Zealand

Table 5

**Short-term New Zealand-resident traveller departures<sup>(1)</sup>**  
By country of main destination

Country of main destination	November month			Year ended November			Change from 2011			
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	Month		Year	
							Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Oceania</b>	<b>96,512</b>	<b>103,800</b>	<b>102,860</b>	<b>1,221,593</b>	<b>1,236,884</b>	<b>1,279,200</b>	<b>-940</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>42,316</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Australia	79,460	84,100	82,560	969,374	971,051	995,400	-1,540	-1.8	24,349	2.5
Cook Islands	4,234	4,960	5,440	59,555	66,831	71,200	480	9.7	4,369	6.5
Fiji	6,003	6,920	6,820	96,000	101,240	106,080	-100	-1.4	4,840	4.8
New Caledonia	377	600	340	7,473	7,839	7,420	-260	-43.3	-419	-5.3
Samoa	3,219	3,540	3,420	44,329	42,342	46,100	-120	-3.4	3,758	8.9
Tonga	1,160	1,000	1,520	17,004	17,011	18,280	520	52.0	1,269	7.5
Vanuatu	667	800	720	11,273	11,000	12,400	-80	-10.0	1,400	12.7
<b>Asia</b>	<b>29,174</b>	<b>32,800</b>	<b>32,140</b>	<b>267,361</b>	<b>300,206</b>	<b>310,060</b>	<b>-660</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>9,854</b>	<b>3.3</b>
China, People's Republic of	6,931	7,780	7,140	64,612	66,879	66,740	-640	-8.2	-139	-0.2
Hong Kong (SAR)	2,146	1,920	2,400	16,555	17,604	18,480	480	25.0	876	5.0
India	5,046	6,100	6,400	29,902	34,949	38,300	300	4.9	3,351	9.6
Indonesia	986	1,200	960	14,992	16,783	19,660	-240	-20.0	2,877	17.1
Japan	1,189	1,500	1,660	19,638	16,588	20,160	160	10.7	3,572	21.5
Korea, Republic of	1,885	2,240	1,560	13,817	14,972	13,960	-680	-30.4	-1,012	-6.8
Malaysia	2,262	2,060	2,320	18,788	23,078	20,080	260	12.6	-2,998	-13.0
Philippines	783	1,080	1,240	11,177	14,826	15,280	160	14.8	454	3.1
Singapore	1,682	1,920	1,400	14,539	19,869	17,140	-520	-27.1	-2,729	-13.7
Taiwan	1,392	1,420	1,280	11,327	10,738	10,600	-140	-9.9	-138	-1.3
Thailand	2,204	2,360	2,800	27,937	36,013	39,560	440	18.6	3,547	9.8
Viet Nam	841	1,040	980	9,917	11,872	12,620	-60	-5.8	748	6.3
<b>Europe</b>	<b>7,134</b>	<b>7,480</b>	<b>6,640</b>	<b>168,834</b>	<b>168,535</b>	<b>176,080</b>	<b>-840</b>	<b>-11.2</b>	<b>7,545</b>	<b>4.5</b>
France	464	480	240	13,972	13,551	14,280	-240	-50.0	729	5.4
Germany	696	780	540	12,800	11,423	12,860	-240	-30.8	1,437	12.6
Italy	174	280	220	10,795	12,902	11,940	-60	-21.4	-962	-7.5
United Kingdom	3,799	4,020	4,000	92,673	91,568	94,400	-20	-0.5	2,832	3.1
<b>Americas</b>	<b>8,990</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>9,680</b>	<b>132,058</b>	<b>137,586</b>	<b>156,920</b>	<b>-320</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>19,334</b>	<b>14.1</b>
Canada	754	1,020	700	18,655	18,982	20,460	-320	-31.4	1,478	7.8
United States of America	6,670	7,280	7,380	97,760	102,866	120,660	100	1.4	17,794	17.3
<b>Africa and the Middle East</b>	<b>4,669</b>	<b>4,420</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>40,254</b>	<b>36,773</b>	<b>36,880</b>	<b>-920</b>	<b>-20.8</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>0.3</b>
South Africa	1,711	1,900	1,360	16,177	14,964	14,800	-540	-28.4	-164	-1.1
<b>Not stated</b>	<b>14,790</b>	<b>16,240</b>	<b>18,620</b>	<b>174,803</b>	<b>203,367</b>	<b>214,840</b>	<b>2,380</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>11,473</b>	<b>5.6</b>
<b>Total<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>160,847</b>	<b>174,555</b>	<b>173,185</b>	<b>2,004,875</b>	<b>2,079,733</b>	<b>2,171,249</b>	<b>-1,370</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>91,516</b>	<b>4.4</b>

1. New Zealand residents departing New Zealand for an absence of less than 12 months.

2. These totals are actual counts and may differ from the sum of individual figures for different countries that are derived from samples.

**Note:** SAR Special Administrative Region

**Source:** Statistics New Zealand

Table 6

**Permanent and long-term arrivals<sup>(1)</sup>**  
By country of last permanent residence

Country of last permanent residence	November month			Year ended November			Change from 2011			
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	Month		Year	
							Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Oceania</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>1,252</b>	<b>1,586</b>	<b>20,168</b>	<b>18,691</b>	<b>18,926</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Australia	1,143	997	1,269	15,758	14,357	14,637	272	27.3	280	2.0
Fiji	56	62	99	1,379	1,130	1,212	37	59.7	82	7.3
Samoa	74	116	127	1,395	1,572	1,520	11	9.5	-52	-3.3
Tonga	59	32	53	701	610	562	21	65.6	-48	-7.9
<b>Asia</b>	<b>1,888</b>	<b>1,941</b>	<b>1,837</b>	<b>26,490</b>	<b>26,671</b>	<b>27,128</b>	<b>-104</b>	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>1.7</b>
China, People's Republic of	489	548	557	6,160	7,353	7,710	9	1.6	357	4.9
Hong Kong (SAR)	54	78	67	643	795	778	-11	-14.1	-17	-2.1
India	529	493	442	7,480	6,330	6,358	-51	-10.3	28	0.4
Japan	112	110	109	2,009	1,961	1,936	-1	-0.9	-25	-1.3
Korea, Republic of	97	88	67	2,017	1,742	1,577	-21	-23.9	-165	-9.5
Malaysia	103	69	56	1,359	1,439	1,162	-13	-18.8	-277	-19.2
Philippines	148	220	176	1,936	2,221	2,415	-44	-20.0	194	8.7
Singapore	60	44	66	601	629	846	22	50.0	217	34.5
Sri Lanka	29	48	31	520	600	682	-17	-35.4	82	13.7
Taiwan	66	49	64	773	733	710	15	30.6	-23	-3.1
Thailand	43	50	57	826	834	881	7	14.0	47	5.6
Viet Nam	42	25	31	605	519	532	6	24.0	13	2.5
<b>Europe</b>	<b>2,455</b>	<b>2,674</b>	<b>2,678</b>	<b>22,670</b>	<b>24,643</b>	<b>23,731</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-912</b>	<b>-3.7</b>
Czech Republic	87	117	143	400	533	730	26	22.2	197	37.0
France	237	232	268	1,261	1,652	1,635	36	15.5	-17	-1.0
Germany	182	209	211	2,376	2,660	2,562	2	1.0	-98	-3.7
Ireland	164	189	192	1,348	1,877	1,669	3	1.6	-208	-11.1
United Kingdom	1,508	1,600	1,514	14,555	14,865	13,851	-86	-5.4	-1,014	-6.8
<b>Americas</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>7,340</b>	<b>7,496</b>	<b>7,468</b>	<b>-51</b>	<b>-7.3</b>	<b>-28</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
Argentina	58	57	61	510	527	628	4	7.0	101	19.2
Canada	215	206	172	1,910	1,892	1,711	-34	-16.5	-181	-9.6
Chile	39	39	54	515	536	585	15	38.5	49	9.1
United States of America	293	334	282	3,570	3,643	3,649	-52	-15.6	6	0.2
<b>Africa and the Middle East</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>3,868</b>	<b>3,813</b>	<b>3,792</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>54.6</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
South Africa	82	77	108	1,292	1,233	1,191	31	40.3	-42	-3.4
United Arab Emirates	43	27	31	529	567	570	4	14.8	3	0.5
<b>Not stated</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>2,151</b>	<b>3,128</b>	<b>3,604</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>15.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,857</b>	<b>7,027</b>	<b>7,341</b>	<b>82,687</b>	<b>84,442</b>	<b>84,649</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>0.2</b>

1. Includes overseas migrants who arrive in New Zealand intending to stay for a period of 12 months or more (or permanently), plus New Zealand residents returning after an absence of 12 months or more.

**Note:** SAR Special Administrative Region

**Source:** Statistics New Zealand

Table 7

**Permanent and long-term departures<sup>(1)</sup>**  
By country of next permanent residence

Country of next permanent residence	November month			Year ended November			Change from 2011			
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	Month		Year	
							Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Oceania</b>	<b>3,066</b>	<b>3,699</b>	<b>3,467</b>	<b>38,410</b>	<b>52,540</b>	<b>55,663</b>	<b>-232</b>	<b>-6.3</b>	<b>3,123</b>	<b>5.9</b>
Australia	2,873	3,528	3,316	35,833	50,115	53,483	-212	-6.0	3,368	6.7
Fiji	33	28	31	695	606	506	3	10.7	-100	-16.5
Samoa	55	49	53	704	654	584	4	8.2	-70	-10.7
Tonga	27	30	24	310	303	305	-6	-20.0	2	0.7
<b>Asia</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>1,060</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>10,839</b>	<b>11,335</b>	<b>10,132</b>	<b>-127</b>	<b>-12.0</b>	<b>-1,203</b>	<b>-10.6</b>
China, People's Republic of	243	236	236	2,532	2,737	2,470	0	0.0	-267	-9.8
Hong Kong (SAR)	40	47	31	396	429	405	-16	-34.0	-24	-5.6
India	115	114	97	1,206	1,276	1,345	-17	-14.9	69	5.4
Japan	75	72	72	1,153	1,089	947	0	0.0	-142	-13.0
Korea, Republic of	175	164	150	2,274	2,197	1,733	-14	-8.5	-464	-21.1
Malaysia	122	197	127	840	923	728	-70	-35.5	-195	-21.1
Philippines	11	24	30	366	422	343	6	25.0	-79	-18.7
Singapore	26	43	39	467	485	435	-4	-9.3	-50	-10.3
Sri Lanka	19	13	6	113	113	85	-7	-53.8	-28	-24.8
Taiwan	26	23	23	340	336	323	0	0.0	-13	-3.9
Thailand	46	50	58	359	383	460	8	16.0	77	20.1
Viet Nam	16	29	20	175	264	219	-9	-31.0	-45	-17.0
<b>Europe</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>13,268</b>	<b>13,071</b>	<b>12,282</b>	<b>-87</b>	<b>-11.7</b>	<b>-789</b>	<b>-6.0</b>
Czech Republic	10	10	18	142	139	190	8	80.0	51	36.7
France	60	63	43	701	716	742	-20	-31.7	26	3.6
Germany	60	64	42	1,121	1,057	964	-22	-34.4	-93	-8.8
Ireland	36	33	38	443	354	480	5	15.2	126	35.6
United Kingdom	488	465	428	9,108	9,029	8,211	-37	-8.0	-818	-9.1
<b>Americas</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>5,555</b>	<b>5,173</b>	<b>5,337</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>-7.8</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Argentina	12	14	13	185	166	182	-1	-7.1	16	9.6
Canada	127	143	117	1,590	1,482	1,587	-26	-18.2	105	7.1
Chile	27	23	22	301	251	282	-1	-4.3	31	12.4
United States of America	164	148	160	2,715	2,645	2,747	12	8.1	102	3.9
<b>Africa and the Middle East</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>1,979</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>1,664</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>-87</b>	<b>-5.0</b>
South Africa	43	36	47	628	529	435	11	30.6	-94	-17.8
United Arab Emirates	28	17	26	448	380	368	9	52.9	-12	-3.2
<b>Not stated</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>1,140</b>	<b>1,138</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,447</b>	<b>6,082</b>	<b>5,644</b>	<b>71,168</b>	<b>85,010</b>	<b>86,216</b>	<b>-438</b>	<b>-7.2</b>	<b>1,206</b>	<b>1.4</b>

1. Includes New Zealand residents departing for an intended period of 12 months or more (or permanently), plus overseas visitors departing New Zealand after a stay of 12 months or more.

**Note:** SAR Special Administrative Region

**Source:** Statistics New Zealand

Table 8

**Net permanent and long-term migration<sup>(1)</sup>**  
By country of last/next permanent residence

Country of last/next permanent residence	November month <sup>(2)</sup>			Year ended November <sup>(2)</sup>			Change from 2011	
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	Month	Year
<b>Oceania</b>	<b>-1,698</b>	<b>-2,447</b>	<b>-1,881</b>	<b>-18,242</b>	<b>-33,849</b>	<b>-36,737</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>-2,888</b>
Australia	-1,730	-2,531	-2,047	-20,075	-35,758	-38,846	484	-3,088
Fiji	23	34	68	684	524	706	34	182
Samoa	19	67	74	691	918	936	7	18
Tonga	32	2	29	391	307	257	27	-50
<b>Asia</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>15,651</b>	<b>15,336</b>	<b>16,996</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1,660</b>
China, People's Republic of	246	312	321	3,628	4,616	5,240	9	624
Hong Kong (SAR)	14	31	36	247	366	373	5	7
India	414	379	345	6,274	5,054	5,013	-34	-41
Japan	37	38	37	856	872	989	-1	117
Korea, Republic of	-78	-76	-83	-257	-455	-156	-7	299
Malaysia	-19	-128	-71	519	516	434	57	-82
Philippines	137	196	146	1,570	1,799	2,072	-50	273
Singapore	34	1	27	134	144	411	26	267
Sri Lanka	10	35	25	407	487	597	-10	110
Taiwan	40	26	41	433	397	387	15	-10
Thailand	-3	0	-1	467	451	421	-1	-30
Viet Nam	26	-4	11	430	255	313	15	58
<b>Europe</b>	<b>1,690</b>	<b>1,930</b>	<b>2,021</b>	<b>9,402</b>	<b>11,572</b>	<b>11,449</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>-123</b>
Czech Republic	77	107	125	258	394	540	18	146
France	177	169	225	560	936	893	56	-43
Germany	122	145	169	1,255	1,603	1,598	24	-5
Ireland	128	156	154	905	1,523	1,189	-2	-334
United Kingdom	1,020	1,135	1,086	5,447	5,836	5,640	-49	-196
<b>Americas</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>1,785</b>	<b>2,323</b>	<b>2,131</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>-192</b>
Argentina	46	43	48	325	361	446	5	85
Canada	88	63	55	320	410	124	-8	-286
Chile	12	16	32	214	285	303	16	18
United States of America	129	186	122	855	998	902	-64	-96
<b>Africa and the Middle East</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>1,889</b>	<b>2,062</b>	<b>2,128</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>66</b>
South Africa	39	41	61	664	704	756	20	52
United Arab Emirates	15	10	5	81	187	202	-5	15
<b>Not stated</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>1,988</b>	<b>2,466</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>478</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,410</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>1,697</b>	<b>11,519</b>	<b>-568</b>	<b>-1,567</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>-999</b>

1. Net permanent and long-term (PLT) migration is derived by subtracting PLT departures from PLT arrivals. PLT arrivals include overseas migrants who arrive in New Zealand intending to stay for a period of 12 months or more (or permanently), plus New Zealand residents returning after an absence of 12 months or more. PLT departures include New Zealand residents departing for an intended period of 12 months or more (or permanently), plus overseas visitors departing New Zealand after a stay of 12 months or more.

2. A minus sign indicates an excess of departures over arrivals.

**Note:** SAR Special Administrative Region

**Source:** Statistics New Zealand

Table 9

**Permanent and long-term migration****By citizenship**

Actual counts

Period	Citizenship								
	New Zealand			Non-New Zealand			Total		
	Arrivals <sup>(1)</sup>	Departures <sup>(1)</sup>	Net	Arrivals <sup>(1)</sup>	Departures <sup>(1)</sup>	Net	Arrivals <sup>(1)</sup>	Departures <sup>(1)</sup>	Net
Series ref: ITM	SPKAZZZ0NZA	SPKDZZZ0NZA	SPKNZZZ0NZA	SPKAZZZ8Y YA	SPKDZZZ8Y YA	SPKNZZZ8Y YA	SPKAZZZZZA	SPKDZZZZZA	SPKNZZZZZA
<b>To/from all countries</b>									
<b>November month</b>									
2002	2,695	2,415	280	5,879	1,424	4,455	8,574	3,839	4,735
2003	2,598	2,818	-220	4,489	2,076	2,413	7,087	4,894	2,193
2004	2,397	2,969	-572	4,225	2,081	2,144	6,622	5,050	1,572
2005	2,047	2,964	-917	4,306	1,660	2,646	6,353	4,624	1,729
2006	2,349	2,879	-530	4,771	1,512	3,259	7,120	4,391	2,729
2007	2,299	3,548	-1,249	4,749	1,700	3,049	7,048	5,248	1,800
2008	2,254	4,131	-1,877	4,792	1,875	2,917	7,046	6,006	1,040
2009	2,436	2,465	-29	4,442	1,912	2,530	6,878	4,377	2,501
2010	2,044	3,369	-1,325	4,813	2,078	2,735	6,857	5,447	1,410
2011	1,952	3,848	-1,896	5,075	2,234	2,841	7,027	6,082	945
2012	2,106	3,730	-1,624	5,235	1,914	3,321	7,341	5,644	1,697
<b>Year ended November</b>									
2002	25,292	42,544	-17,252	70,779	15,342	55,437	96,071	57,886	38,185
2003	27,695	38,428	-10,733	65,731	18,226	47,505	93,426	56,654	36,772
2004	25,429	42,728	-17,299	55,453	21,820	33,633	80,882	64,548	16,334
2005	24,211	49,301	-25,090	54,530	23,283	31,247	78,741	72,584	6,157
2006	24,347	47,472	-23,125	58,573	20,691	37,882	82,920	68,163	14,757
2007	23,108	54,722	-31,614	59,480	21,278	38,202	82,588	76,000	6,588
2008	23,369	60,871	-37,502	63,982	22,911	41,071	87,351	83,782	3,569
2009	25,843	42,988	-17,145	60,690	23,524	37,166	86,533	66,512	20,021
2010	25,060	44,884	-19,824	57,627	26,284	31,343	82,687	71,168	11,519
2011	23,715	58,577	-34,862	60,727	26,433	34,294	84,442	85,010	-568
2012	22,695	61,779	-39,084	61,954	24,437	37,517	84,649	86,216	-1,567
Series ref: ITM	SPKA1AU0NZA	SPKD1AU0NZA	SPKN1AU0NZA	SPKA1AU8Y YA	SPKD1AU8Y YA	SPKN1AU8Y YA	SPKA1AUZZA	SPKD1AUZZA	SPKN1AUZZA
<b>To/from Australia</b>									
<b>November month</b>									
2002	739	1,448	-709	394	189	205	1,133	1,637	-504
2003	783	1,713	-930	366	293	73	1,149	2,006	-857
2004	680	1,915	-1,235	371	288	83	1,051	2,203	-1,152
2005	580	1,997	-1,417	345	285	60	925	2,282	-1,357
2006	692	1,956	-1,264	344	275	69	1,036	2,231	-1,195
2007	653	2,567	-1,914	358	328	30	1,011	2,895	-1,884
2008	629	3,117	-2,488	333	403	-70	962	3,520	-2,558
2009	818	1,744	-926	379	290	89	1,197	2,034	-837
2010	729	2,496	-1,767	414	377	37	1,143	2,873	-1,730
2011	630	3,084	-2,454	367	444	-77	997	3,528	-2,531
2012	835	2,988	-2,153	434	328	106	1,269	3,316	-2,047
<b>Year ended November</b>									
2002	8,529	22,272	-13,743	4,450	3,171	1,279	12,979	25,443	-12,464
2003	9,286	20,934	-11,648	4,879	3,148	1,731	14,165	24,082	-9,917
2004	8,844	25,010	-16,166	5,494	3,473	2,021	14,338	28,483	-14,145
2005	8,204	30,590	-22,386	5,226	4,140	1,086	13,430	34,730	-21,300
2006	8,418	29,816	-21,398	4,953	4,057	896	13,371	33,873	-20,502
2007	8,407	36,243	-27,836	5,214	4,543	671	13,621	40,786	-27,165
2008	8,294	43,515	-35,221	4,874	4,959	-85	13,168	48,474	-35,306
2009	9,826	29,828	-20,002	4,768	4,252	516	14,594	34,080	-19,486
2010	10,341	31,252	-20,911	5,417	4,581	836	15,758	35,833	-20,075
2011	9,101	44,937	-35,836	5,256	5,178	78	14,357	50,115	-35,758
2012	9,499	48,561	-39,062	5,138	4,922	216	14,637	53,483	-38,846

1. For a definition of permanent and long-term arrivals, see table 6, and for permanent and long-term departures, see table 7.

Source: Statistics New Zealand

Table 10

**Permanent and long-term migration**

By citizenship

Seasonally adjusted series<sup>(1)</sup>

Month	Citizenship									
	New Zealand <sup>(2)</sup>			Non-New Zealand <sup>(2)</sup>			Total <sup>(2)</sup>			
	Arrivals <sup>(3)</sup>	Departures <sup>(3)</sup>	Net	Arrivals <sup>(3)</sup>	Departures <sup>(3)</sup>	Net	Arrivals <sup>(3)</sup>	Departures <sup>(3)</sup>	Net	
Series ref: ITM	SPKAZZZ0NZS	SPKDZZZ0NZS	SPKNZZZ0NZS	SPKAZZZ8YYS	SPKDZZZ8YYS	SPKNZZZ8YYS	SPKAZZZZZS	SPKDZZZZS	SPKNZZZZS	
<b>To/from all countries</b>										
2011	Nov	1,840	5,000	-3,170	5,250	2,280	2,970	7,080	7,300	-210
	Dec	1,760	5,270	-3,510	5,170	2,100	3,070	6,740	7,250	-510
2012	Jan	1,760	5,010	-3,250	4,850	2,140	2,710	6,640	7,230	-600
	Feb	1,980	5,440	-3,460	5,220	2,140	3,080	7,210	7,540	-330
	Mar	1,800	5,080	-3,280	5,700	2,090	3,610	7,400	7,280	120
	Apr	1,820	5,160	-3,340	4,610	2,050	2,560	6,410	7,230	-830
	May	1,840	4,960	-3,120	5,180	1,990	3,190	7,000	6,910	90
	Jun	1,970	5,260	-3,300	5,730	2,030	3,700	7,790	7,260	530
	Jul	1,930	5,340	-3,410	4,710	2,040	2,660	6,710	7,310	-600
	Aug	1,990	5,130	-3,140	4,940	1,990	2,960	6,900	7,130	-230
	Sep	1,980	5,150	-3,170	5,260	1,900	3,360	7,240	7,060	180
	Oct	1,980	5,070	-3,090	5,410	1,920	3,480	7,390	7,060	340
	Nov	1,990	4,890	-2,890	5,380	1,940	3,440	7,380	6,790	590
Series ref: ITM		SPKA1AU0NZS	SPKD1AU0NZS	SPKN1AU0NZS	SPKA1AU8YYS	SPKD1AU8YYS	SPKN1AU8YYS	SPKA1AUZZS	SPKD1AUZZS	SPKN1AUZZS
<b>To/from Australia</b>										
2011	Nov	690	3,900	-3,200	410	480	-70	1,110	4,380	-3,270
	Dec	740	4,010	-3,270	430	410	10	1,170	4,420	-3,250
2012	Jan	720	3,820	-3,110	380	390	-10	1,100	4,220	-3,120
	Feb	790	4,130	-3,330	440	440	0	1,230	4,560	-3,330
	Mar	730	4,000	-3,280	420	410	10	1,140	4,410	-3,270
	Apr	720	4,060	-3,340	400	440	-40	1,120	4,500	-3,380
	May	740	3,960	-3,220	420	400	20	1,160	4,370	-3,200
	Jun	830	4,260	-3,430	420	410	20	1,260	4,670	-3,410
	Jul	840	4,330	-3,490	410	440	-30	1,250	4,770	-3,520
	Aug	800	4,120	-3,320	420	480	-60	1,230	4,600	-3,370
	Sep	900	4,110	-3,210	480	400	90	1,380	4,510	-3,130
	Oct	850	4,080	-3,230	470	360	110	1,320	4,440	-3,130
	Nov	920	3,810	-2,890	490	350	130	1,410	4,170	-2,760

1. Seasonally adjusted series is revised monthly (see 'Data quality' section of this release).

2. New Zealand and non-New Zealand citizens are seasonally adjusted independently from, and therefore may not sum to, total citizens.

3. For a definition of permanent and long-term arrivals, see table 6, and for permanent and long-term departures, see table 7.

**Note:** Data are independently rounded to the nearest 10.

**Source:** Statistics New Zealand