

International Travel and Migration: December 2012

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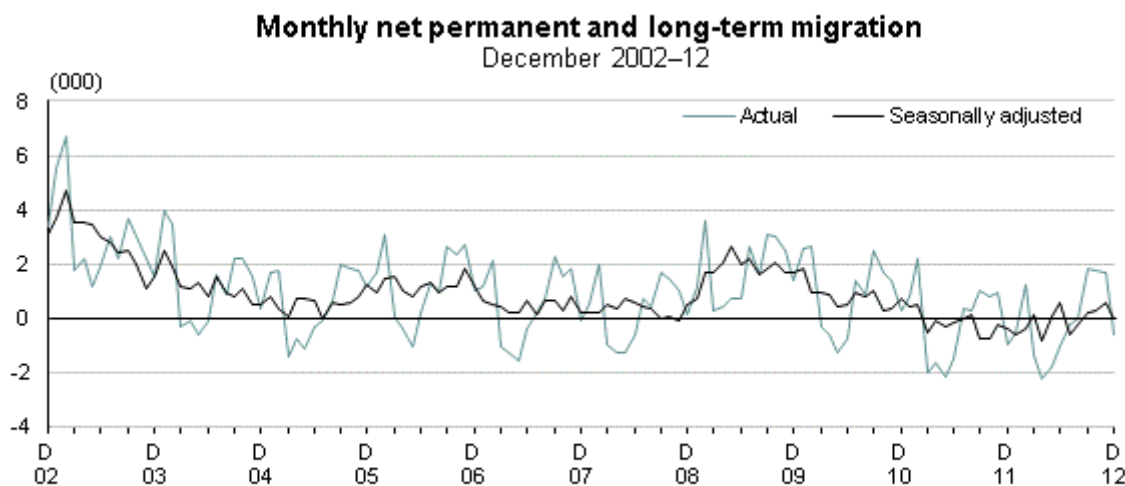
Key facts

In December 2012 compared with December 2011:

- Visitor arrivals (364,000) were down 200. The biggest changes were in arrivals from:
 - China (up 2,300)
 - Japan (up 2,100)
 - the United Kingdom (down 1,700)
 - Australia (down 2,100).
- Overseas trips by New Zealand residents (216,800) were down 2,100. The biggest changes were in departures to:
 - Thailand (up 1,500)
 - Fiji (down 1,400)
 - Australia (down 5,500).

In December 2012:

- Seasonally adjusted arrivals equalled departures (net migration of zero).



Source: Statistics New Zealand

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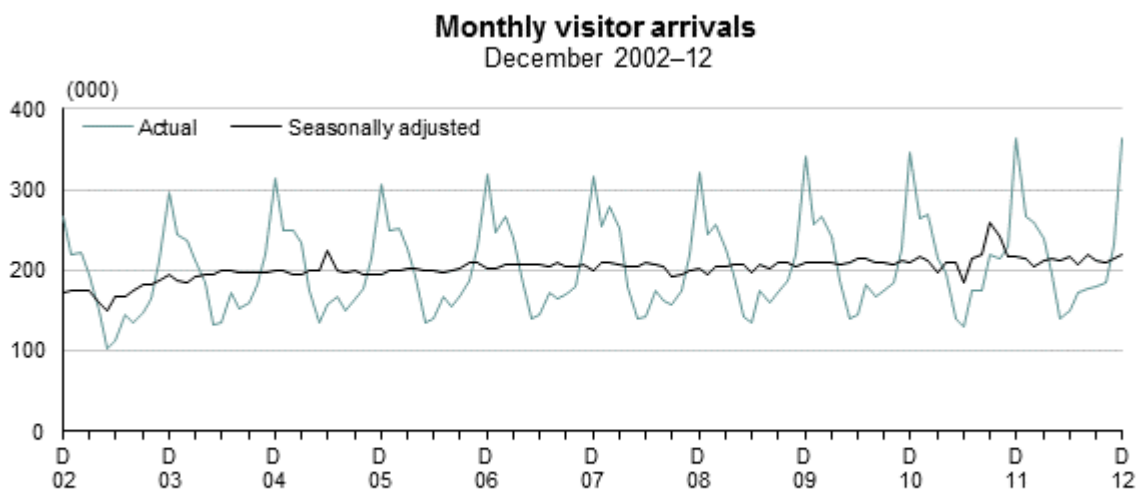
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Commentary

- Visitor numbers from Japan recover in December
- More annual visitor arrivals from China, fewer from the UK
- More residents depart to Thailand in December
- New Zealand residents take more overseas trips in the year
- Migration arrivals equal departures for the month
- Net migration shows a loss for the year

Visitor numbers from Japan recover in December

Short-term overseas visitor arrivals to New Zealand numbered 364,000 in December 2012. This was similar to December 2011 (364,200), but up 5 percent from December 2010 (345,700).



Visitor arrivals by country of residence

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

- China (up 2,300)
- Japan (up 2,100)
- Germany (up 1,100)
- Malaysia (down 1,300)
- the United Kingdom (down 1,700)
- Australia (down 2,100).

Visitor arrivals from China numbered 20,700 in December 2012 – the highest ever for a December month, and an increase of 12 percent from the December 2011 figure (18,400).

The 10,000 visitor arrivals from Japan showed a recovery from the drop in visitors in December 2011 (7,800), following the Christchurch earthquake in February and Japan's earthquake and tsunami in March. The December 2012 figure was even higher than in December 2010 (8,300), before the natural disasters.

The 32,800 visitors from the United Kingdom were down 5 percent from the previous year. Arrivals from the United Kingdom have decreased in most months since April 2007, just after the start of the global economic downturn.

Within Australia, there were more visitors from Western Australia (up 2,600), but fewer from Queensland (down 3,100) and New South Wales (down 1,300).

Visitor arrivals by travel purpose

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

- holidays (up 1,300)
- conferences and conventions (down 1,100).

The small rise in the number of holidays was a result of increases and decreases in different countries. There were increases from China (up 1,500), Japan (up 1,500), and Germany (up 1,200), partly offset by decreases from Australia (down 1,800) and Malaysia (down 1,100).

The number of arrivals for conferences and conventions depends on the events being held in New Zealand.

More annual visitor arrivals from China, fewer from the UK

There were 2.565 million visitor arrivals to New Zealand in the December 2012 year. This was down 1 percent from the December 2011 year (2.601 million), which was boosted by visitor arrivals for the Rugby World Cup. However, the 2012 figure was up 2 percent when compared with the December 2010 year.

Annual visitor arrivals from China were up 35 percent (51,500) from the December 2011 year. This was due to an overall increase in total international outbound travel from China in recent years.

The increase from China was countered by fewer visitor arrivals from the United Kingdom (down 40,700), due to the global economic downturn. There were also fewer visitor arrivals from France (down 11,700) and South Africa (down 10,600), following increases the previous year during the Rugby World Cup.

Although there was little change in total visitor arrivals for the year, there were large changes in the purpose of visits. Holidaymakers decreased 49,800 when compared with the December 2011 year. In contrast, travellers visiting friends and relatives increased 22,900. New Zealanders now living in Australia made up most of the increase in arrivals visiting friends and relatives.

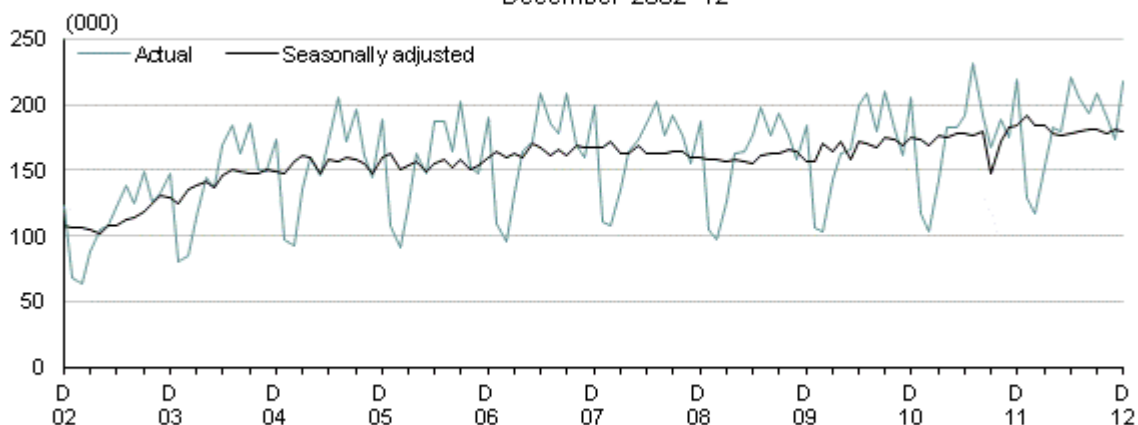
For more detailed data about visitor arrivals, see the Excel tables in the 'Downloads' box.

More residents depart to Thailand in December

New Zealand residents departed on 216,800 overseas trips in December 2012, down 1 percent from December 2011, but 5 percent higher than December 2010 (206,000).

Monthly overseas trips by New Zealand residents

December 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) between December 2011 and December 2012 were in trips to:

- Thailand (up 1,500)
- the United Kingdom (up 1,200)
- the United States (up 1,000)
- Fiji (down 1,400)
- Australia (down 5,500).

The 4,800 trips taken to Thailand in December 2012 were 47 percent more than in December 2011, and the highest number recorded for a December month. Over the past four months, trips to Thailand increased by an average of 900 per month, when compared with the same month of the previous year.

New Zealand residents take more overseas trips in the year

Trips by New Zealand residents in the December 2012 year (2.169 million) rose 4 percent from the December 2011 year (2.093 million).

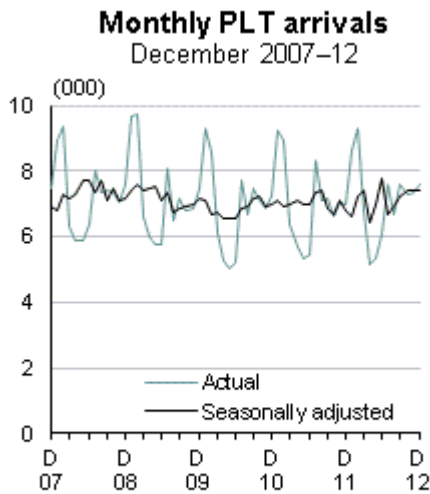
The biggest increases were in trips to the United States (up 17,300) and Australia (up 15,600). Over recent decades, changes in the number of trips to the United States have followed changes in the exchange rate.

In the December 2012 year, residents also made more trips to a number of Pacific island destinations, including the Cook Islands (up 4,900), Samoa (up 3,600), and Fiji (up 3,300). There were also more trips to Thailand (up 4,700), Japan (up 3,600), and India (up 3,300).

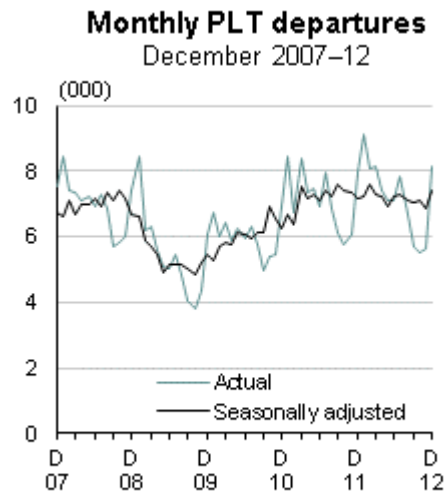
For more detailed data on overseas trips by New Zealand residents, see the Excel tables in the 'Downloads' box.

Migration arrivals equal departures for the month

Seasonally adjusted permanent and long-term (PLT) migration figures showed an equal number of arrivals and departures (net migration of zero) in December 2012. Over the past year, net migration fluctuated between positive and negative figures, averaging a net loss of 100 migrants.



Source: Statistics New Zealand



Source: Statistics New Zealand

The seasonally adjusted net loss of 3,300 migrants to Australia in December 2012 matched the monthly average since March 2011. 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 shows a loss for the year

Unadjusted figures showed there were 85,300 PLT arrivals in the December 2012 year, 1 percent more than the 84,200 migrants in the December 2011 year. PLT departures numbered 86,400, just up from 86,000 the previous year. This resulted in a net loss of 1,200 migrants in the December 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.

Auckland and Canterbury were the only regions to gain migrants, with arrivals outnumbering departures by 3,900 and 400, respectively. Following the February 2011 Christchurch earthquake, departures from Canterbury increased, and arrivals decreased. In the last few months, the number of arrivals and departures have returned to pre-quake levels, and there has been a net inflow of migrants to Canterbury. In the December 2012 year, Canterbury had a net gain of 300 technicians and trade workers, whereas in 2010 and 2011 there were net losses. This net gain is mostly construction workers – a direct result of rebuilding in Christchurch.

A net loss of 38,800 people to Australia contributed to New Zealand's net loss of migrants in the December 2012 year. This is down from the record net loss of 40,000 in the August 2012 year. The December figure resulted from 53,700 departures to Australia, offset by 14,900 arrivals from Australia. In both directions, most migrants were New Zealand citizens.

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

- the United Kingdom (5,700)
- China (5,200)
- India (5,100)
- the Philippines (2,100)
- Germany (1,700)
- 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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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.

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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
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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 ⁽⁷⁾
	Short-term overseas visitors ⁽¹⁾	Short-term NZ-resident travellers ⁽²⁾	Permanent & long-term migrants ⁽³⁾	Total	Short-term overseas visitors ⁽⁴⁾	Short-term NZ-resident travellers ⁽⁵⁾	Permanent & long-term migrants ⁽⁶⁾	Total	
Series ref: ITM	SVAZA	SRAZA	SPKAZZZZZA	STZAA	SVDZA	SRDZA	SPKDZZZZZA	STZDA	SPKNZZZZZA
December month									
2002	265,691	72,138	8,605	346,434	188,539	123,574	5,188	317,301	3,417
2003	297,280	87,671	7,839	392,790	210,864	147,882	6,288	365,034	1,551
2004	313,057	100,722	7,436	421,215	211,029	173,679	7,111	391,819	325
2005	307,061	103,834	7,658	418,553	209,816	188,434	6,519	404,769	1,139
2006	319,040	103,071	7,470	429,581	219,986	190,466	6,479	416,931	991
2007	317,259	112,743	7,454	437,456	213,503	199,693	7,560	420,756	-106
2008	322,207	111,024	7,566	440,797	214,008	187,329	7,427	408,764	139
2009	341,337	109,170	7,443	457,950	222,549	184,542	6,072	413,163	1,371
2010	345,656	121,384	7,225	474,265	221,729	205,960	6,922	434,611	303
2011	364,165	127,356	6,970	498,491	232,670	218,882	7,954	459,506	-984
2012	363,959	128,022	7,576	499,557	232,359	216,782	8,158	457,299	-582
Year ended December									
2002	2,044,962	1,303,456	95,951	3,444,369	2,024,522	1,293,935	57,753	3,376,210	38,198
2003	2,106,229	1,381,900	92,660	3,580,789	2,102,794	1,374,408	57,754	3,534,956	34,906
2004	2,347,672	1,738,727	80,479	4,166,878	2,359,687	1,733,210	65,371	4,158,268	15,108
2005	2,382,950	1,879,759	78,963	4,341,672	2,402,252	1,871,801	71,992	4,346,045	6,971
2006	2,421,561	1,877,292	82,732	4,381,585	2,418,948	1,863,784	68,123	4,350,855	14,609
2007	2,465,680	1,983,537	82,572	4,531,789	2,466,850	1,980,215	77,081	4,524,146	5,491
2008	2,458,503	1,984,798	87,463	4,530,764	2,455,734	1,967,126	83,649	4,506,509	3,814
2009	2,458,382	1,935,647	86,410	4,480,439	2,453,480	1,918,316	65,157	4,436,953	21,253
2010	2,525,044	2,022,800	82,469	4,630,313	2,540,375	2,026,293	72,018	4,638,686	10,451
2011	2,601,444	2,090,532	84,187	4,776,163	2,615,860	2,092,655	86,042	4,794,557	-1,855
2012	2,564,618	2,179,709	85,255	4,829,582	2,585,325	2,169,149	86,420	4,840,894	-1,165

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⁽¹⁾

Month	Arrivals				Departures				Net permanent & long-term migration ⁽⁸⁾	
	Short-term overseas visitors ⁽²⁾	Short-term NZ-resident travellers ⁽³⁾	Permanent & long-term migrants ⁽⁴⁾	Total	Short-term overseas visitors ⁽⁵⁾	Short-term NZ-resident travellers ⁽⁶⁾	Permanent & long-term migrants ⁽⁷⁾	Total		
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Seasonally adjusted										
2011	Dec	217,720	185,640	6,780	410,140	218,330	183,670	7,190	409,200	-420
2012	Jan	213,920	186,220	6,620	406,760	218,640	191,230	7,230	417,100	-610
	Feb	204,850	184,330	7,200	396,380	215,460	183,570	7,610	406,640	-410
	Mar	211,360	181,420	7,410	400,190	209,950	184,120	7,270	401,340	140
	Apr	214,060	181,810	6,400	402,280	220,090	178,040	7,220	405,350	-820
	May	211,640	178,170	7,000	396,820	206,880	177,080	6,910	390,870	90
	Jun	216,430	179,400	7,780	403,620	221,980	178,140	7,240	407,360	540
	Jul	208,430	187,400	6,700	402,530	217,810	178,980	7,290	404,080	-580
	Aug	220,210	175,520	6,910	402,630	214,590	181,080	7,120	402,780	-210
	Sep	212,040	179,880	7,240	399,150	210,490	180,890	7,060	398,450	180
	Oct	209,330	177,140	7,390	393,860	215,220	178,440	7,090	400,750	300
	Nov	215,260	180,290	7,380	402,930	212,880	180,470	6,830	400,180	550
	Dec	219,200	179,160	7,390	405,750	218,100	179,580	7,390	405,070	0
Series ref: ITM	SVAZT	SRAZT	SPKAZZZZZT	STZAT	SVDZT	SRDZT	SPKZZZZZZT	STZDT	SPKNZZZZZT	
Trend										
2011	Dec	216,660	183,720	6,880	408,360	221,160	182,450	7,360	412,260	-490
2012	Jan	213,750	184,200	6,950	405,250	217,770	183,780	7,330	409,340	-400
	Feb	211,780	183,830	7,040	402,380	215,430	183,690	7,300	406,430	-280
	Mar	211,130	182,760	7,080	400,400	214,700	182,350	7,270	404,270	-190
	Apr	211,590	181,350	7,070	399,450	215,030	180,530	7,230	402,730	-160
	May	212,400	180,010	7,010	398,930	215,600	179,130	7,200	401,530	-170
	Jun	212,840	179,070	6,960	398,390	215,860	178,630	7,160	401,110	-170
	Jul	212,950	178,590	6,960	398,160	215,700	178,810	7,130	401,340	-150
	Aug	212,830	178,430	7,020	398,150	215,170	179,310	7,110	401,600	-70
	Sep	213,010	178,500	7,130	398,670	214,560	179,770	7,100	401,540	40
	Oct	213,630	178,800	7,250	399,680	214,300	180,050	7,090	401,490	160
	Nov	214,530	179,230	7,350	400,930	214,480	180,190	7,100	401,720	250
	Dec	215,400	179,670	7,440	401,980	214,260	180,420	7,090	401,320	330

- 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⁽¹⁾
By country of last permanent residence

Country of last permanent residence	December month			Year ended December			Change from 2011			
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	Month		Year	
							Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Oceania	171,593	183,840	180,704	1,249,735	1,296,864	1,296,464	-3,136	-1.7	-400	0.0
Australia	151,351	161,504	159,376	1,119,879	1,156,426	1,155,792	-2,128	-1.3	-634	-0.1
Cook Islands	1,624	1,616	1,280	10,577	11,309	9,856	-336	-20.8	-1,453	-12.8
Fiji	3,828	3,744	4,112	20,853	21,619	22,432	368	9.8	813	3.8
French Polynesia	2,755	2,416	2,224	19,090	16,785	15,552	-192	-7.9	-1,233	-7.3
New Caledonia	2,030	2,240	2,096	16,148	16,597	16,752	-144	-6.4	155	0.9
Samoa	2,494	3,072	2,848	16,250	16,787	16,192	-224	-7.3	-595	-3.5
Tonga	2,030	2,208	2,160	12,167	12,914	13,200	-48	-2.2	286	2.2
Asia	53,911	61,712	64,688	453,646	459,777	511,024	2,976	4.8	51,247	11.1
China, People's Republic of	14,181	18,416	20,688	122,712	145,524	197,024	2,272	12.3	51,500	35.4
Hong Kong (SAR)	3,306	3,840	4,192	24,287	25,397	26,272	352	9.2	875	3.4
India	4,118	4,128	3,904	29,486	28,262	29,856	-224	-5.4	1,594	5.6
Indonesia	1,798	2,512	2,048	9,787	11,450	12,256	-464	-18.5	806	7.0
Japan	8,294	7,840	9,952	87,735	68,963	72,080	2,112	26.9	3,117	4.5
Korea, Republic of	5,858	6,016	5,680	67,309	52,787	52,896	-336	-5.6	109	0.2
Malaysia	3,799	5,008	3,712	21,843	35,011	29,424	-1,296	-25.9	-5,587	-16.0
Philippines	1,044	1,104	1,056	8,240	8,563	9,568	-48	-4.3	1,005	11.7
Singapore	6,438	8,128	8,480	30,300	38,680	36,400	352	4.3	-2,280	-5.9
Taiwan	1,711	1,728	1,648	21,192	17,975	18,640	-80	-4.6	665	3.7
Thailand	1,827	1,392	1,824	21,434	17,523	16,944	432	31.0	-579	-3.3
Europe	69,223	68,816	68,384	457,025	468,942	405,632	-432	-0.6	-63,310	-13.5
Austria	1,044	976	1,056	6,930	6,909	7,184	80	8.2	275	4.0
Denmark	1,363	1,264	1,392	9,854	9,194	8,256	128	10.1	-938	-10.2
France	3,248	3,968	3,312	24,579	36,607	24,944	-656	-16.5	-11,663	-31.9
Germany	9,309	9,008	10,128	64,648	63,719	63,776	1,120	12.4	57	0.1
Ireland	1,827	1,712	1,568	13,290	16,302	11,120	-144	-8.4	-5,182	-31.8
Italy	1,189	1,248	1,264	8,617	8,952	8,576	16	1.3	-376	-4.2
Netherlands	4,234	4,352	4,080	23,378	23,608	21,424	-272	-6.3	-2,184	-9.3
Spain	1,131	1,216	992	10,747	9,946	9,024	-224	-18.4	-922	-9.3
Sweden	2,146	2,096	2,640	11,114	11,438	11,488	544	26.0	50	0.4
Switzerland	2,668	2,800	3,072	15,368	16,176	15,696	272	9.7	-480	-3.0
United Kingdom	35,960	34,512	32,800	234,314	230,316	189,648	-1,712	-5.0	-40,668	-17.7
Americas	35,090	35,504	34,608	268,358	268,465	253,072	-896	-2.5	-15,393	-5.7
Brazil	1,827	1,776	1,296	11,796	11,587	10,272	-480	-27.0	-1,315	-11.3
Canada	6,583	6,608	6,400	48,942	49,154	46,448	-208	-3.1	-2,706	-5.5
United States of America	24,186	24,672	24,496	189,709	184,714	177,680	-176	-0.7	-7,034	-3.8
Africa and the Middle East	7,308	7,168	6,704	44,931	53,561	37,696	-464	-6.5	-15,865	-29.6
South Africa	3,625	3,568	3,264	17,401	26,286	15,712	-304	-8.5	-10,574	-40.2
United Arab Emirates	1,073	1,200	1,072	7,699	7,977	6,672	-128	-10.7	-1,305	-16.4
Not stated	5,626	6,256	6,864	37,064	46,587	50,896	608	9.7	4,309	9.2
Total⁽²⁾	345,656	364,165	363,959	2,525,044	2,601,444	2,564,618	-206	-0.1	-36,826	-1.4

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⁽¹⁾
By travel purpose and country of last permanent residence

	December month			Year ended December			Change from 2011			
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	Month		Year	
							Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Visitor arrivals by travel purpose										
Holiday/vacation	159,935	162,080	163,408	1,213,460	1,216,521	1,166,752	1,328	0.8	-49,769	-4.1
Visiting friends/relatives	145,000	159,216	158,832	778,340	833,657	856,544	-384	-0.2	22,887	2.7
Business	16,733	17,056	16,784	249,334	249,803	251,088	-272	-1.6	1,285	0.5
Education	2,436	2,624	2,160	54,459	54,292	50,464	-464	-17.7	-3,828	-7.1
Conference/convention	2,755	4,000	2,944	59,247	53,808	51,376	-1,056	-26.4	-2,432	-4.5
Other	8,323	9,408	12,416	99,340	117,858	123,872	3,008	32.0	6,014	5.1
Not stated	7,569	8,912	5,408	56,579	68,257	54,688	-3,504	-39.3	-13,569	-19.9
Total⁽²⁾	345,656	364,165	363,959	2,525,044	2,601,444	2,564,618	-206	-0.1	-36,826	-1.4
Holiday/vacation arrivals by country of last permanent residence										
Australia	58,725	60,880	59,072	461,023	456,425	433,744	-1,808	-3.0	-22,681	-5.0
China, People's Republic of	9,570	12,576	14,080	82,151	97,923	140,416	1,504	12.0	42,493	43.4
United States of America	13,775	13,712	13,936	110,057	104,791	99,088	224	1.6	-5,703	-5.4
United Kingdom	12,296	9,424	8,576	110,386	103,064	71,936	-848	-9.0	-31,128	-30.2
Japan	6,206	5,504	7,008	63,042	45,423	47,664	1,504	27.3	2,241	4.9
Germany	6,902	6,112	7,360	45,331	43,246	43,568	1,248	20.4	322	0.7
Korea, Republic of	3,219	3,600	3,664	41,105	33,095	34,592	64	1.8	1,497	4.5
Canada	3,248	3,136	2,976	27,420	26,791	24,736	-160	-5.1	-2,055	-7.7
Singapore	4,640	5,984	6,288	16,072	22,803	21,104	304	5.1	-1,699	-7.5
Malaysia	2,552	3,520	2,416	11,913	23,665	19,168	-1,104	-31.4	-4,497	-19.0
France	2,262	2,240	2,128	15,625	24,554	15,728	-112	-5.0	-8,826	-35.9
India	2,465	2,192	2,384	14,227	12,881	14,896	192	8.8	2,015	15.6
Hong Kong (SAR)	2,088	2,288	2,592	12,631	12,677	13,504	304	13.3	827	6.5
New Caledonia	1,769	2,000	1,792	12,634	13,032	13,056	-208	-10.4	24	0.2
Netherlands	2,610	2,384	2,256	15,331	14,463	12,928	-128	-5.4	-1,535	-10.6
Taiwan	1,189	1,232	1,152	13,318	10,938	11,616	-80	-6.5	678	6.2
French Polynesia	2,233	1,920	1,792	14,586	12,036	11,072	-128	-6.7	-964	-8.0
Switzerland	1,972	1,776	2,000	10,647	10,142	10,160	224	12.6	18	0.2
Arrivals to visit friends/relatives by country of last permanent residence										
Australia	75,806	82,272	82,784	413,662	449,334	476,080	512	0.6	26,746	6.0
United Kingdom	22,040	23,344	22,672	104,182	105,872	98,688	-672	-2.9	-7,184	-6.8
United States of America	7,627	7,632	7,440	41,175	39,706	40,080	-192	-2.5	374	0.9
China, People's Republic of	2,117	2,816	2,960	18,841	21,216	23,952	144	5.1	2,736	12.9
Canada	2,842	2,912	2,896	14,944	15,240	14,768	-16	-0.5	-472	-3.1
Fiji	2,610	2,688	2,784	13,155	13,147	13,840	96	3.6	693	5.3
South Africa	2,407	2,592	2,496	11,054	11,596	10,160	-96	-3.7	-1,436	-12.4
Germany	1,740	2,208	2,192	8,518	9,711	10,048	-16	-0.7	337	3.5
Japan	1,392	1,552	1,856	8,322	9,048	8,656	304	19.6	-392	-4.3
Business arrivals by country of last permanent residence										
Australia	9,483	9,472	9,808	155,053	154,317	153,712	336	3.5	-605	-0.4
United States of America	1,479	1,392	1,472	19,678	19,589	19,536	80	5.7	-53	-0.3
China, People's Republic of	1,508	1,648	1,856	10,808	12,474	15,728	208	12.6	3,254	26.1
United Kingdom	870	736	640	10,211	10,398	9,744	-96	-13.0	-654	-6.3

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⁽¹⁾
By country of main destination

Country of main destination	December month			Year ended December			Change from 2011			
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	Month		Year	
							Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Oceania	115,104	118,640	112,400	1,231,142	1,240,420	1,272,960	-6,240	-5.3	32,540	2.6
Australia	92,301	95,580	90,060	976,301	974,330	989,880	-5,520	-5.8	15,550	1.6
Cook Islands	3,927	4,140	4,900	59,793	67,044	71,960	760	18.4	4,916	7.3
Fiji	8,283	8,500	7,140	96,967	101,457	104,720	-1,360	-16.0	3,263	3.2
New Caledonia	825	580	500	7,957	7,594	7,340	-80	-13.8	-254	-3.3
Samoa	4,719	4,800	4,720	44,460	42,423	46,020	-80	-1.7	3,597	8.5
Tonga	2,475	2,720	2,200	17,247	17,256	17,760	-520	-19.1	504	2.9
Vanuatu	825	800	920	11,416	10,975	12,520	120	15.0	1,545	14.1
Asia	38,940	42,880	42,940	272,294	304,146	310,120	60	0.1	5,974	2.0
China, People's Republic of	8,217	9,580	8,880	64,304	68,242	66,040	-700	-7.3	-2,202	-3.2
Hong Kong (SAR)	2,442	2,720	2,460	17,261	17,882	18,220	-260	-9.6	338	1.9
India	5,577	5,940	6,220	30,953	35,312	38,580	280	4.7	3,268	9.3
Indonesia	1,023	1,440	1,440	14,992	17,200	19,660	0	0.0	2,460	14.3
Japan	2,871	2,720	2,600	20,153	16,437	20,040	-120	-4.4	3,603	21.9
Korea, Republic of	2,343	2,560	2,560	13,618	15,189	13,960	0	0.0	-1,229	-8.1
Malaysia	2,343	2,740	2,520	18,868	23,475	19,860	-220	-8.0	-3,615	-15.4
Philippines	3,927	3,340	3,280	12,810	14,239	15,220	-60	-1.8	981	6.9
Singapore	1,485	1,760	1,740	14,815	20,144	17,120	-20	-1.1	-3,024	-15.0
Taiwan	1,749	1,720	1,580	11,464	10,709	10,460	-140	-8.1	-249	-2.3
Thailand	2,937	3,300	4,840	28,084	36,376	41,100	1,540	46.7	4,724	13.0
Viet Nam	1,485	1,820	2,120	10,317	12,207	12,920	300	16.5	713	5.8
Europe	11,946	14,540	16,000	167,698	171,129	177,540	1,460	10.0	6,411	3.7
France	660	760	980	13,764	13,651	14,500	220	28.9	849	6.2
Germany	957	1,180	1,020	12,486	11,646	12,700	-160	-13.6	1,054	9.1
Italy	264	380	260	10,749	13,018	11,820	-120	-31.6	-1,198	-9.2
United Kingdom	7,557	8,880	10,040	92,294	92,891	95,560	1,160	13.1	2,669	2.9
Americas	11,649	13,200	14,120	133,911	139,137	157,840	920	7.0	18,703	13.4
Canada	2,013	2,200	2,140	19,149	19,169	20,400	-60	-2.7	1,231	6.4
United States of America	7,887	9,380	10,340	98,920	104,359	121,620	960	10.2	17,261	16.5
Africa and the Middle East	5,709	5,700	6,640	40,259	36,764	37,820	940	16.5	1,056	2.9
South Africa	3,036	3,000	3,580	16,206	14,928	15,380	580	19.3	452	3.0
Not stated	23,001	24,380	24,980	181,560	204,746	215,440	600	2.5	10,694	5.2
Total⁽²⁾	205,960	218,882	216,782	2,026,293	2,092,655	2,169,149	-2,100	-1.0	76,494	3.7

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⁽¹⁾
By country of last permanent residence

Country of last permanent residence	December month			Year ended December			Change from 2011			
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	Month		Year	
							Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Oceania	2,332	2,205	2,445	20,079	18,564	19,166	240	10.9	602	3.2
Australia	1,837	1,666	1,909	15,842	14,186	14,880	243	14.6	694	4.9
Fiji	137	140	156	1,313	1,133	1,228	16	11.4	95	8.4
Samoa	176	218	192	1,333	1,614	1,494	-26	-11.9	-120	-7.4
Tonga	60	70	44	673	620	536	-26	-37.1	-84	-13.5
Asia	1,408	1,366	1,551	26,523	26,629	27,313	185	13.5	684	2.6
China, People's Republic of	344	371	384	6,177	7,380	7,723	13	3.5	343	4.6
Hong Kong (SAR)	50	33	68	651	778	813	35	106.1	35	4.5
India	307	258	292	7,509	6,281	6,392	34	13.2	111	1.8
Japan	80	115	78	1,991	1,996	1,899	-37	-32.2	-97	-4.9
Korea, Republic of	118	103	110	1,983	1,727	1,584	7	6.8	-143	-8.3
Malaysia	73	70	77	1,355	1,436	1,169	7	10.0	-267	-18.6
Philippines	129	136	170	1,932	2,228	2,449	34	25.0	221	9.9
Singapore	86	69	107	609	612	884	38	55.1	272	44.4
Sri Lanka	37	42	34	529	605	674	-8	-19.0	69	11.4
Taiwan	29	23	45	775	727	732	22	95.7	5	0.7
Thailand	34	33	52	823	833	900	19	57.6	67	8.0
Viet Nam	26	19	20	612	512	533	1	5.3	21	4.1
Europe	2,292	2,137	2,347	22,470	24,488	23,941	210	9.8	-547	-2.2
Czech Republic	23	67	35	404	577	698	-32	-47.8	121	21.0
France	117	137	136	1,288	1,672	1,634	-1	-0.7	-38	-2.3
Germany	120	115	155	2,377	2,655	2,602	40	34.8	-53	-2.0
Ireland	82	87	92	1,302	1,882	1,674	5	5.7	-208	-11.1
United Kingdom	1,686	1,454	1,593	14,341	14,633	13,990	139	9.6	-643	-4.4
Americas	635	703	632	7,263	7,564	7,397	-71	-10.1	-167	-2.2
Argentina	50	69	58	467	546	617	-11	-15.9	71	13.0
Canada	191	190	187	1,933	1,891	1,708	-3	-1.6	-183	-9.7
Chile	59	32	20	521	509	573	-12	-37.5	64	12.6
United States of America	278	349	307	3,491	3,714	3,607	-42	-12.0	-107	-2.9
Africa and the Middle East	354	381	327	3,885	3,840	3,738	-54	-14.2	-102	-2.7
South Africa	142	163	146	1,300	1,254	1,174	-17	-10.4	-80	-6.4
United Arab Emirates	54	59	41	536	572	552	-18	-30.5	-20	-3.5
Not stated	204	178	274	2,249	3,102	3,700	96	53.9	598	19.3
Total	7,225	6,970	7,576	82,469	84,187	85,255	606	8.7	1,068	1.3

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⁽¹⁾
By country of next permanent residence

Country of next permanent residence	December month			Year ended December			Change from 2011			
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	Month		Year	
							Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Oceania	4,058	5,042	5,168	39,393	53,524	55,789	126	2.5	2,265	4.2
Australia	3,828	4,767	4,960	36,830	51,054	53,676	193	4.0	2,622	5.1
Fiji	67	71	39	700	610	474	-32	-45.1	-136	-22.3
Samoa	50	66	60	693	670	578	-6	-9.1	-92	-13.7
Tonga	30	22	22	302	295	305	0	0.0	10	3.4
Asia	1,315	1,259	1,225	10,807	11,279	10,098	-34	-2.7	-1,181	-10.5
China, People's Republic of	240	216	221	2,609	2,713	2,475	5	2.3	-238	-8.8
Hong Kong (SAR)	36	37	47	394	430	415	10	27.0	-15	-3.5
India	71	143	91	1,195	1,348	1,293	-52	-36.4	-55	-4.1
Japan	108	109	84	1,121	1,090	922	-25	-22.9	-168	-15.4
Korea, Republic of	416	369	343	2,195	2,150	1,707	-26	-7.0	-443	-20.6
Malaysia	148	114	160	832	889	774	46	40.4	-115	-12.9
Philippines	38	24	28	365	408	347	4	16.7	-61	-15.0
Singapore	60	56	50	469	481	429	-6	-10.7	-52	-10.8
Sri Lanka	17	7	7	117	103	85	0	0.0	-18	-17.5
Taiwan	26	32	37	324	342	328	5	15.6	-14	-4.1
Thailand	37	38	51	365	384	473	13	34.2	89	23.2
Viet Nam	47	28	28	203	245	219	0	0.0	-26	-10.6
Europe	803	938	978	13,216	13,206	12,322	40	4.3	-884	-6.7
Czech Republic	5	13	18	138	147	195	5	38.5	48	32.7
France	40	64	50	698	740	728	-14	-21.9	-12	-1.6
Germany	83	100	86	1,133	1,074	950	-14	-14.0	-124	-11.5
Ireland	21	47	54	430	380	487	7	14.9	107	28.2
United Kingdom	531	594	642	9,068	9,092	8,259	48	8.1	-833	-9.2
Americas	452	448	492	5,477	5,169	5,381	44	9.8	212	4.1
Argentina	17	13	11	186	162	180	-2	-15.4	18	11.1
Canada	119	158	151	1,546	1,521	1,580	-7	-4.4	59	3.9
Chile	21	24	15	299	254	273	-9	-37.5	19	7.5
United States of America	247	211	263	2,679	2,609	2,799	52	24.6	190	7.3
Africa and the Middle East	191	163	175	1,993	1,723	1,676	12	7.4	-47	-2.7
South Africa	73	52	55	615	508	438	3	5.8	-70	-13.8
United Arab Emirates	33	34	39	460	381	373	5	14.7	-8	-2.1
Not stated	103	104	120	1,132	1,141	1,154	16	15.4	13	1.1
Total	6,922	7,954	8,158	72,018	86,042	86,420	204	2.6	378	0.4

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⁽¹⁾
By country of last/next permanent residence

Country of last/next permanent residence	December month ⁽²⁾			Year ended December ⁽²⁾			Change from 2011	
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	Month	Year
Oceania	-1,726	-2,837	-2,723	-19,314	-34,960	-36,623	114	-1,663
Australia	-1,991	-3,101	-3,051	-20,988	-36,868	-38,796	50	-1,928
Fiji	70	69	117	613	523	754	48	231
Samoa	126	152	132	640	944	916	-20	-28
Tonga	30	48	22	371	325	231	-26	-94
Asia	93	107	326	15,716	15,350	17,215	219	1,865
China, People's Republic of	104	155	163	3,568	4,667	5,248	8	581
Hong Kong (SAR)	14	-4	21	257	348	398	25	50
India	236	115	201	6,314	4,933	5,099	86	166
Japan	-28	6	-6	870	906	977	-12	71
Korea, Republic of	-298	-266	-233	-212	-423	-123	33	300
Malaysia	-75	-44	-83	523	547	395	-39	-152
Philippines	91	112	142	1,567	1,820	2,102	30	282
Singapore	26	13	57	140	131	455	44	324
Sri Lanka	20	35	27	412	502	589	-8	87
Taiwan	3	-9	8	451	385	404	17	19
Thailand	-3	-5	1	458	449	427	6	-22
Viet Nam	-21	-9	-8	409	267	314	1	47
Europe	1,489	1,199	1,369	9,254	11,282	11,619	170	337
Czech Republic	18	54	17	266	430	503	-37	73
France	77	73	86	590	932	906	13	-26
Germany	37	15	69	1,244	1,581	1,652	54	71
Ireland	61	40	38	872	1,502	1,187	-2	-315
United Kingdom	1,155	860	951	5,273	5,541	5,731	91	190
Americas	183	255	140	1,786	2,395	2,016	-115	-379
Argentina	33	56	47	281	384	437	-9	53
Canada	72	32	36	387	370	128	4	-242
Chile	38	8	5	222	255	300	-3	45
United States of America	31	138	44	812	1,105	808	-94	-297
Africa and the Middle East	163	218	152	1,892	2,117	2,062	-66	-55
South Africa	69	111	91	685	746	736	-20	-10
United Arab Emirates	21	25	2	76	191	179	-23	-12
Not stated	101	74	154	1,117	1,961	2,546	80	585
Total	303	-984	-582	10,451	-1,855	-1,165	402	690

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 ⁽¹⁾	Departures ⁽¹⁾	Net	Arrivals ⁽¹⁾	Departures ⁽¹⁾	Net	Arrivals ⁽¹⁾	Departures ⁽¹⁾	Net
Series ref: ITM	SPKAZZZ0NZA	SPKDZZZ0NZA	SPKNZZZ0NZA	SPKAZZZ8Y YA	SPKDZZZ8Y YA	SPKNZZZ8Y YA	SPKAZZZZZA	SPKDZZZZZA	SPKNZZZZZA
To/from all countries									
December month									
2002	4,187	3,016	1,171	4,418	2,172	2,246	8,605	5,188	3,417
2003	4,183	3,447	736	3,656	2,841	815	7,839	6,288	1,551
2004	3,823	3,909	-86	3,613	3,202	411	7,436	7,111	325
2005	3,777	3,809	-32	3,881	2,710	1,171	7,658	6,519	1,139
2006	3,448	3,953	-505	4,022	2,526	1,496	7,470	6,479	991
2007	3,309	4,876	-1,567	4,145	2,684	1,461	7,454	7,560	-106
2008	3,493	4,607	-1,114	4,073	2,820	1,253	7,566	7,427	139
2009	3,734	3,177	557	3,709	2,895	814	7,443	6,072	1,371
2010	3,525	4,034	-509	3,700	2,888	812	7,225	6,922	303
2011	3,000	5,101	-2,101	3,970	2,853	1,117	6,970	7,954	-984
2012	3,515	5,376	-1,861	4,061	2,782	1,279	7,576	8,158	-582
Year ended December									
2002	25,417	42,112	-16,695	70,534	15,641	54,893	95,951	57,753	38,198
2003	27,691	38,859	-11,168	64,969	18,895	46,074	92,660	57,754	34,906
2004	25,069	43,190	-18,121	55,410	22,181	33,229	80,479	65,371	15,108
2005	24,165	49,201	-25,036	54,798	22,791	32,007	78,963	71,992	6,971
2006	24,018	47,616	-23,598	58,714	20,507	38,207	82,732	68,123	14,609
2007	22,969	55,645	-32,676	59,603	21,436	38,167	82,572	77,081	5,491
2008	23,553	60,602	-37,049	63,910	23,047	40,863	87,463	83,649	3,814
2009	26,084	41,558	-15,474	60,326	23,599	36,727	86,410	65,157	21,253
2010	24,851	45,741	-20,890	57,618	26,277	31,341	82,469	72,018	10,451
2011	23,190	59,644	-36,454	60,997	26,398	34,599	84,187	86,042	-1,855
2012	23,210	62,054	-38,844	62,045	24,366	37,679	85,255	86,420	-1,165
Series ref: ITM	SPKA1AU0NZA	SPKD1AU0NZA	SPKN1AU0NZA	SPKA1AU8Y YA	SPKD1AU8Y YA	SPKN1AU8Y YA	SPKA1AUZZA	SPKD1AUZZA	SPKN1AUZZA
To/from Australia									
December month									
2002	1,272	1,800	-528	427	410	17	1,699	2,210	-511
2003	1,351	2,244	-893	527	453	74	1,878	2,697	-819
2004	1,245	2,625	-1,380	511	527	-16	1,756	3,152	-1,396
2005	1,186	2,635	-1,449	529	553	-24	1,715	3,188	-1,473
2006	1,120	2,759	-1,639	530	571	-41	1,650	3,330	-1,680
2007	1,194	3,554	-2,360	471	624	-153	1,665	4,178	-2,513
2008	1,114	3,557	-2,443	440	599	-159	1,554	4,156	-2,602
2009	1,332	2,285	-953	421	546	-125	1,753	2,831	-1,078
2010	1,313	3,211	-1,898	524	617	-93	1,837	3,828	-1,991
2011	1,186	4,137	-2,951	480	630	-150	1,666	4,767	-3,101
2012	1,418	4,421	-3,003	491	539	-48	1,909	4,960	-3,051
Year ended December									
2002	8,610	22,019	-13,409	4,408	3,051	1,357	13,018	25,070	-12,052
2003	9,365	21,378	-12,013	4,979	3,191	1,788	14,344	24,569	-10,225
2004	8,738	25,391	-16,653	5,478	3,547	1,931	14,216	28,938	-14,722
2005	8,145	30,600	-22,455	5,244	4,166	1,078	13,389	34,766	-21,377
2006	8,352	29,940	-21,588	4,954	4,075	879	13,306	34,015	-20,709
2007	8,481	37,038	-28,557	5,155	4,596	559	13,636	41,634	-27,998
2008	8,214	43,518	-35,304	4,843	4,934	-91	13,057	48,452	-35,395
2009	10,044	28,556	-18,512	4,749	4,199	550	14,793	32,755	-17,962
2010	10,322	32,178	-21,856	5,520	4,652	868	15,842	36,830	-20,988
2011	8,974	45,863	-36,889	5,212	5,191	21	14,186	51,054	-36,868
2012	9,731	48,845	-39,114	5,149	4,831	318	14,880	53,676	-38,796

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⁽¹⁾

Month	Citizenship									
	New Zealand ⁽²⁾			Non-New Zealand ⁽²⁾			Total ⁽²⁾			
	Arrivals ⁽³⁾	Departures ⁽³⁾	Net	Arrivals ⁽³⁾	Departures ⁽³⁾	Net	Arrivals ⁽³⁾	Departures ⁽³⁾	Net	
Series ref: ITM	SPKAZZZ0NZS	SPKDZZZ0NZS	SPKNZZZ0NZS	SPKAZZZ8YYS	SPKDZZZ8YYS	SPKNZZZ8YYS	SPKAZZZZZS	SPKDZZZZS	SPKNZZZZS	
To/from all countries										
2011	Dec	1,750	5,210	-3,460	5,200	2,090	3,120	6,780	7,190	-420
2012	Jan	1,770	5,020	-3,250	4,830	2,140	2,700	6,620	7,230	-610
	Feb	1,970	5,450	-3,480	5,220	2,140	3,080	7,200	7,610	-410
	Mar	1,800	5,080	-3,280	5,700	2,090	3,600	7,410	7,270	140
	Apr	1,820	5,160	-3,340	4,610	2,050	2,560	6,400	7,220	-820
	May	1,840	4,960	-3,120	5,170	1,990	3,180	7,000	6,910	90
	Jun	1,960	5,250	-3,290	5,730	2,030	3,700	7,780	7,240	540
	Jul	1,930	5,330	-3,400	4,710	2,040	2,670	6,700	7,290	-580
	Aug	2,000	5,120	-3,120	4,960	1,980	2,980	6,910	7,120	-210
	Sep	1,980	5,160	-3,180	5,260	1,900	3,360	7,240	7,060	180
	Oct	1,980	5,110	-3,130	5,410	1,930	3,480	7,390	7,090	300
	Nov	2,000	4,930	-2,930	5,380	1,970	3,410	7,380	6,830	550
	Dec	2,050	5,490	-3,440	5,340	2,050	3,300	7,390	7,390	0
Series ref: ITM		SPKA1AU0NZS	SPKD1AU0NZS	SPKN1AU0NZS	SPKA1AU8YYS	SPKD1AU8YYS	SPKN1AU8YYS	SPKA1AUZZS	SPKD1AUZZS	SPKN1AUZZS
To/from Australia										
2011	Dec	750	3,980	-3,230	430	420	20	1,180	4,400	-3,210
2012	Jan	710	3,830	-3,120	380	390	-10	1,100	4,230	-3,130
	Feb	800	4,130	-3,340	440	440	0	1,230	4,570	-3,340
	Mar	730	4,000	-3,280	420	410	10	1,140	4,410	-3,270
	Apr	720	4,060	-3,330	400	440	-40	1,120	4,490	-3,370
	May	740	3,950	-3,220	420	400	20	1,160	4,360	-3,200
	Jun	830	4,240	-3,410	420	410	20	1,250	4,650	-3,400
	Jul	840	4,320	-3,480	410	430	-30	1,250	4,750	-3,500
	Aug	800	4,110	-3,310	420	480	-60	1,220	4,590	-3,370
	Sep	900	4,120	-3,220	480	400	80	1,380	4,510	-3,130
	Oct	850	4,100	-3,260	470	360	110	1,310	4,470	-3,150
	Nov	920	3,850	-2,920	480	350	130	1,410	4,200	-2,790
	Dec	890	4,250	-3,360	450	360	90	1,340	4,610	-3,270

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