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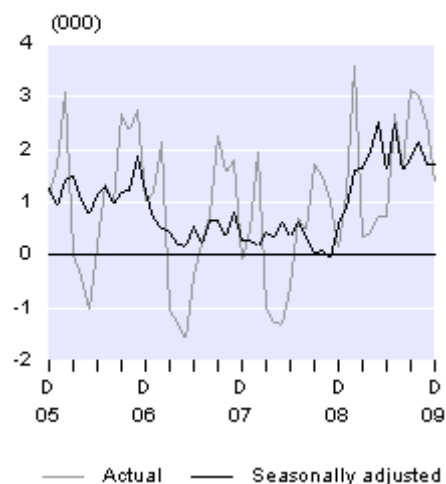
International Travel and Migration: December 2009

Highlights

- Visitor arrivals (341,300) were up 6 percent from December 2008 (322,200).
- There were more visitors from Australia (up 14,000) and the United States (up 2,800), but fewer visitors from China (down 2,300).
- Overseas trips by New Zealand residents (184,500) were down 1 percent from December 2008 (187,300).
- New Zealand residents departed on more trips to Australia (up 1,700) and Fiji (up 800), but fewer trips to Hong Kong (down 1,000), and India (down 800).
- Permanent and long-term arrivals exceeded departures by 1,700 on a seasonally adjusted basis.

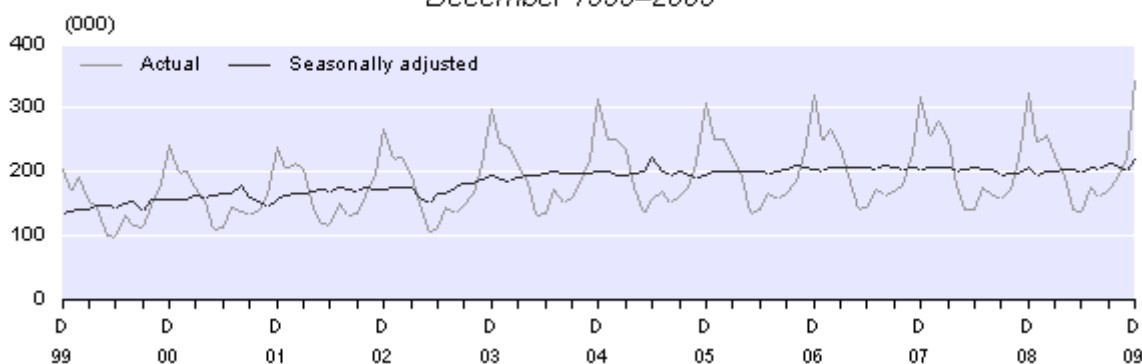
Monthly Net PLT Migration

December 2005–09



Monthly Visitor Arrivals

December 1999–2009



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Commentary

Visitor arrivals

Monthly visitor arrivals

Short-term overseas visitor arrivals to New Zealand numbered 341,300 in December 2009, the highest number of visitor arrivals ever recorded for a month. The total was up 19,100 (6 percent) from the previous high of 322,200 in December 2008. Visitor arrivals have increased in seven of the last nine months, compared with the same months of the previous year.

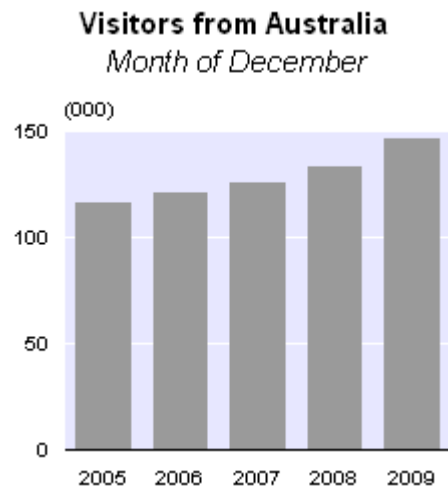
The estimated average number of visitors in New Zealand per day was 192,500 in December 2009, up 5 percent from December 2008 (182,800). The Christmas period is a popular time to visit friends and relatives. This purpose accounted for 81,700 of the visitors in New Zealand per day in December 2009, up from 77,400 in December 2008. Holiday visitors averaged 77,500 per day in December 2009, up from 72,000 the previous December.

Monthly visitors by source country

Visitor arrivals from Australia were up 14,000 (11 percent) in December 2009, compared with December 2008. This continues large monthly increases which began in April 2009. A holiday (up 8,500 or 17 percent), visiting friends and relatives (up 5,100 or 7 percent), and business (up 1,000 or 12 percent) were the main travel purposes contributing to the increase from Australia in December 2009.

There were increases in visitors from all Australian states and territories, with the largest from New South Wales (up 5,500 or 12 percent), Queensland (up 3,900 or 10 percent), Victoria (up 2,200 or 8 percent), and Western Australia (up 1,100 or 10 percent).

The 26,400 visitor arrivals from the United States in December 2009 were a record from that country for a December month, up 2,800 (12 percent) from December 2008, and more than the previous December high of 25,900 in 2003. The increase was recorded despite 500 fewer cruise ship passenger arrivals from the United States, compared with December 2008.



December 2009 also saw increases in visitor arrivals from Singapore (up 1,200 or 22 percent), France (up 700 or 26 percent), and India (up 700 or 25 percent).

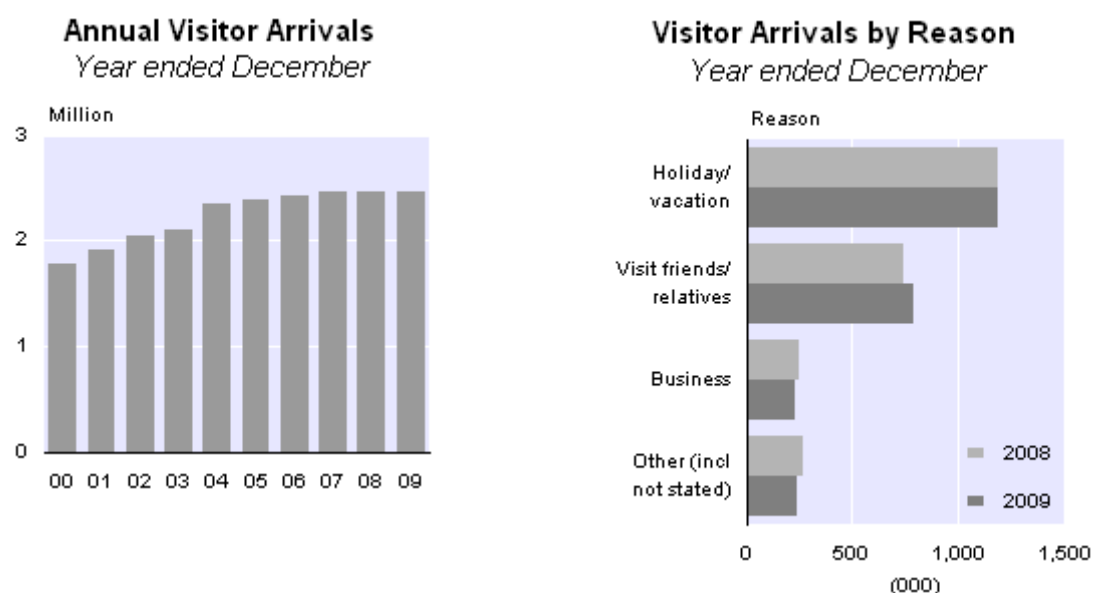
In contrast, there were fewer visitor arrivals from China (down 2,300 or 16 percent) and South Africa (down 900 or 21 percent), compared with December 2008.

Note: Provisional international travel statistics, including weekly and four-weekly visitor arrival data, are available on the Statistics NZ website. This data is updated each week with the most recently available information on visitor arrivals from 10 major source countries.

Annual visitor arrivals

There were 2.458 million visitor arrivals in the December 2009 year, similar to 2008 (2.459 million) and fewer than the 2.466 million visitor arrivals in 2007.

A holiday was the main travel reason for 1.185 million visitors to New Zealand in 2009, up 1,200 (less than 1 percent) from the previous year. Another 788,000 arrived to visit friends and relatives (up 45,000 or 6 percent), and 231,400 arrived for business (down 23,000 or 9 percent).



Annual visitors by source country

There were 1.083 million visitor arrivals from Australia in 2009, up 106,500 (11 percent) from 2008. However, fewer visitors came from the United Kingdom (down 26,700 or 9 percent), Korea (down 26,100 or 33 percent), Japan (down 24,100 or 23 percent), the United States (down 14,600 or 7 percent), and China (down 10,100 or 9 percent).

Visitor arrivals from Australia have more than doubled since 1999 (523,400). In contrast, the number of visitor arrivals from Japan (78,400) in 2009 was less than half the annual high (174,800) recorded in the January 2003 year. Similarly, the number of visitor arrivals from Korea (52,900) was less than half the annual high (130,700) recorded in the April 1997 year.

Departures of New Zealand residents

Monthly resident departures

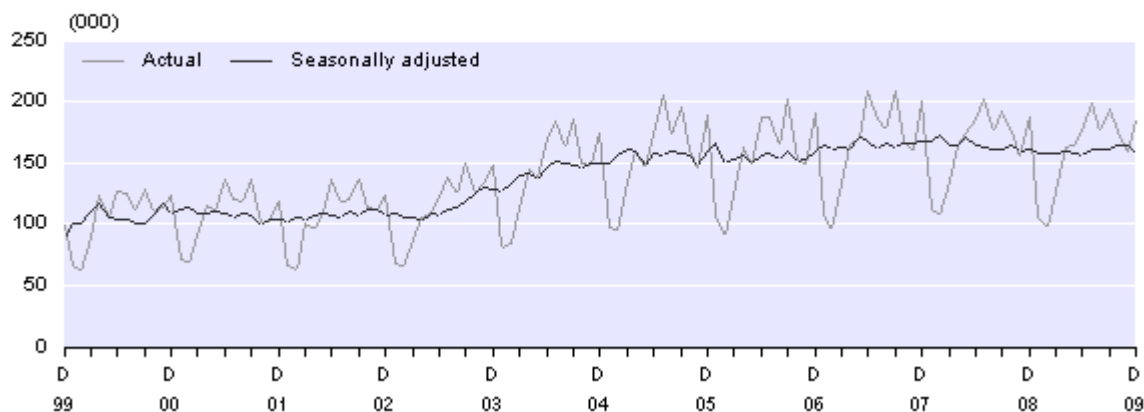
New Zealand residents departed on 184,500 short-term overseas trips in December 2009, down 2,800 (1 percent) from the 187,300 departures in December 2008. Both figures are well below the December month high of 199,700 departures by New Zealand residents in 2007.

In December 2009, New Zealand residents took more trips to Australia (up 1,700 or 2 percent) and Fiji (up 800 or 12 percent) than in December 2008. They took fewer trips to Hong Kong (down 1,000 or 36 percent) and India (down 800 or 16 percent).

The estimated average number of New Zealand residents who were temporarily overseas during December 2009 was 121,200 per day, down 2 percent from the average of 123,700 in December 2008. People who were primarily visiting friends and relatives accounted for just over half (64,300) of the December 2009 average.

Monthly New Zealand-resident Short-term Departures

December 1999–2009



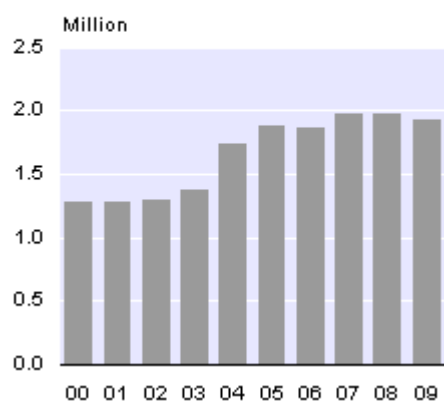
Annual resident departures

Short-term departures of New Zealand residents in the December 2009 year numbered 1.918 million, down 48,800 (2 percent) from 2008.

Trips to Australia (944,300), the most popular destination, were down 5,300 (less than 1 percent) from the previous year. There were also fewer trips to Fiji (down 7,100 or 7 percent), the United Kingdom (down 5,700 or 6 percent), the United States (down 5,300 or 6 percent), and New Caledonia (down 3,700 or 34 percent). However, there were more trips to Samoa (up 3,700 or 10 percent).

A holiday was the main travel reason for 772,000 New Zealand residents who departed in 2009, down 48,100 (6 percent) from the previous year. Another 669,100 departed to visit friends and relatives (up 38,300 or 6 percent). Departures for business purposes (256,200) were down 25,000 (9 percent) from 2008.

Annual Resident Departures
Year ended December



Resident Departures by Reason
Year ended December



Note: Provisional international travel statistics, including weekly and four-weekly resident departure data, are available on the Statistics NZ website. This data is updated each week with the most recently available information on resident departures to 10 major destination countries.

Permanent and long-term migration

Definition

Permanent and long-term (PLT) arrivals include people 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. The former group may include people with New Zealand residency, as well as students and holders of work permits. 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.

Monthly PLT migration

PLT arrivals exceeded departures by 1,400 in December 2009, compared with 100 in December 2008. There were 1,400 (18 percent) fewer PLT departures, including 1,300 fewer departures to Australia. Since February 2009, PLT departures have fallen by at least 1,000 each month compared with the same month of the previous year.

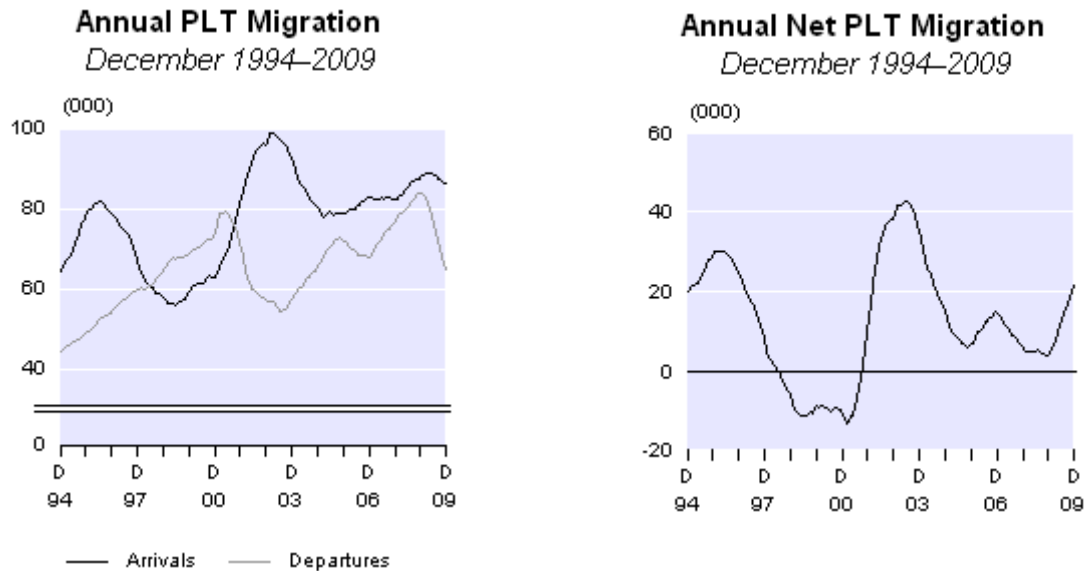
PLT arrivals were down 100 from December 2008, although there were 200 more PLT arrivals of New Zealand citizens.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, PLT arrivals exceeded PLT departures by 1,700 in December 2009, unchanged from November 2009, and similar to the average of 1,900 experienced since February 2009.

In December 2009, there were net inflows of migrants from the United Kingdom (1,300), India, Samoa, and China (each 200). There was a net outflow of 1,100 PLT migrants to Australia, the lowest for a December month since 2003, and a decrease from the net outflows of 2,600 in December 2008 and 2,500 in December 2007. There was also a net outflow of 300 migrants to Korea in December 2009.

Annual PLT migration

Net migration was 21,300 in the December 2009 year, compared with 3,800 in 2008. The increase in net migration was due to fewer departures. The 65,200 PLT departures in 2009 were down 18,500 (22 percent) from 2008. Over the same period, there were 86,400 PLT arrivals, down 1,100 (1 percent). The latest annual net migration total is the highest since the June 2004 year (22,000).



The net PLT migration gain of 21,300 in 2009 was higher than the annual average of 11,900 for the December years 1990–2009. Net PLT migration varied substantially within this 20-year period. The net gain peaked at 30,200 in the April 1996 year and again at 42,500 in the May 2003 year. Net outflows were experienced during most of 1998–2001, with the largest being a net loss of 13,200 people in the February 2001 year.

Annual PLT migration by country

In 2009, there were net PLT inflows from the United Kingdom (9,100), India (6,000), China (3,800), the Philippines (2,300), and Fiji (each 2,200).

The net PLT outflow to Australia was 18,000 in 2009, down from a record net outflow of 35,400 in 2008. The latest net outflow resulted from 32,800 PLT departures to Australia, partly offset by 14,800 PLT arrivals from Australia. Almost 9 in every 10 PLT departures to Australia were New Zealand citizens (28,600). Of the PLT arrivals from Australia, two-thirds were New Zealand citizens (10,000), similar to levels observed over the past decade.

Annual PLT migration by citizenship

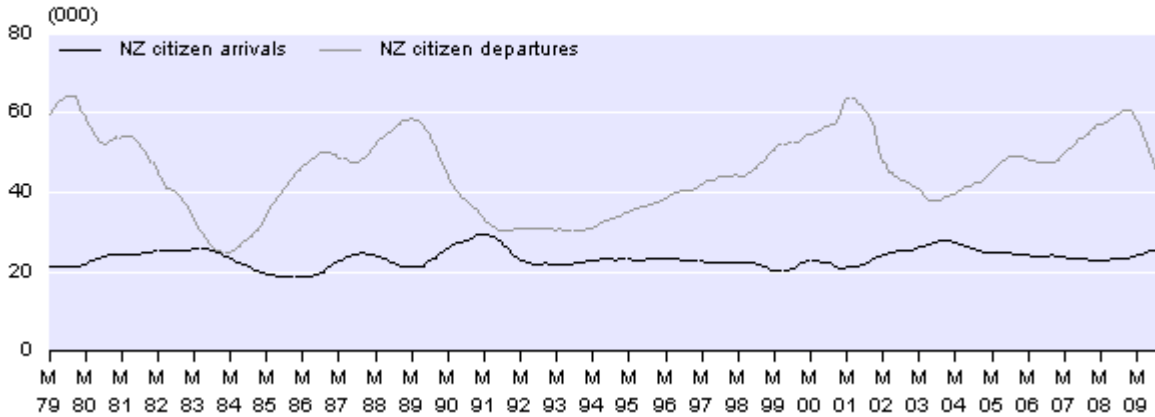
A net inflow of 36,700 non-New Zealand citizens and a net outflow of 15,500 New Zealand citizens were recorded in 2009.

PLT arrivals of New Zealand citizens numbered 26,100 in 2009, above the average of 23,500 recorded for the 1979–2009 December years, but below peaks in the March 1991 year (29,600) and the October 2003 year (27,800). Arrivals of New Zealand citizens tend to show relatively little variation year-to-year, and the variation that does occur often follows trends in departures of New Zealand citizens a few years earlier.

PLT departures of New Zealand citizens have shown much more annual variation than arrivals of New Zealand citizens. The highest number of departures of New Zealand citizens was 64,300 in the October 1979 year, but by the January 1984 year, this had decreased to a low of 24,400. There were 41,600 PLT departures of New Zealand citizens in 2009, down from 60,600 the previous December year.

Annual PLT Migration of New Zealand Citizens

March 1979 year onwards

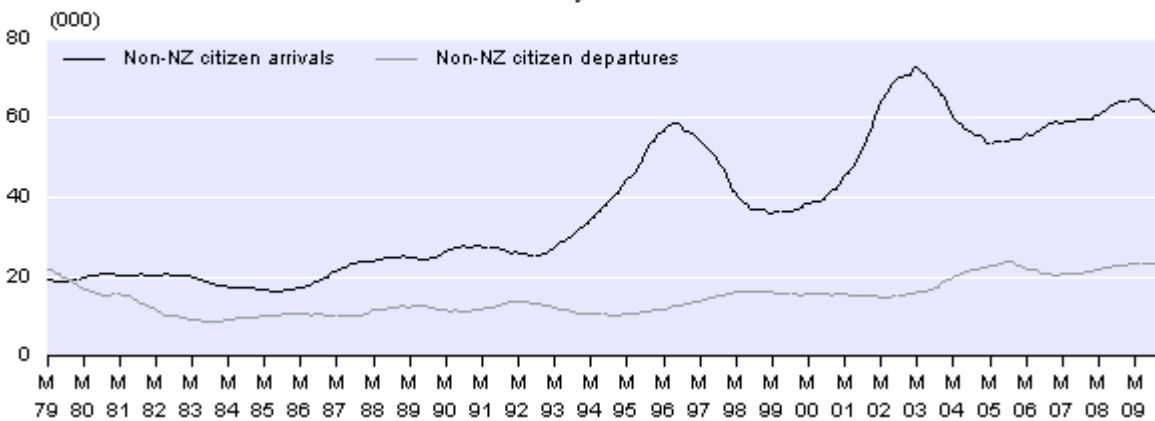


PLT arrivals of non-New Zealand citizens were less than 30,000 a year between 1979 and 1992, then doubled to reach a peak of 58,800 in the July 1996 year. Another peak of 72,800 was reached in the February 2003 year. The changes in arrivals of non-New Zealand citizens reflect changes in arrivals of temporary workers (including working holidaymakers) and overseas students staying for 12 months or more, as well as arrivals for residence. At 60,300, arrivals in 2009 were down by 3,600 from 2008.

PLT departures of non-New Zealand citizens have generally been increasing since 1984, corresponding with the general increase in arrivals of non-New Zealand citizens. There were 23,600 PLT departures of non-New Zealand citizens in 2009, up 600 from 2008.

Annual PLT Migration of Non-New Zealand Citizens

March 1979 year onwards



Annual PLT migration by permit type

In 2009, 30,000 PLT arrivals were Australian or New Zealand citizens who did not require a permit to remain in New Zealand. Of the 56,400 PLT arrivals who did require a permit, 21,900 arrived on work permits, 15,700 arrived on student permits, 13,800 arrived on residence permits, and 4,500 arrived on visitor permits. Compared with 2008, there were more PLT arrivals on

student permits (up 400), but fewer arrivals on work permits (down 2,100), visitor permits (down 800), and residence permits (down 700). The majority of residence approvals in recent years have been granted onshore, to people who arrived on other permit types.

Recent international travel and migration articles

Statistics NZ has recently released a number of articles on international travel and migration topics. These can be accessed on the [International travel and migration articles](#) page on the Statistics NZ website. The most recent releases are:

December 2009	Business Travel to and from New Zealand: 1989–2009 examines changes in the number and characteristics of people travelling to and from New Zealand for business over the past two decades.
October 2009	Rates of Travel to New Zealand by Country of Residence: 2009 examines the rates of travel to New Zealand when adjusted for the population of each source country.
May 2009	Visitors from the Republic of Korea, 1989–2008 examines the large fluctuations in the number of visitors from Korea, and the characteristics of these visitors.

Occupation data

From October 2009, Statistics NZ has adopted the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) for classifying the occupations of permanent and long-term migrants. A discussion of the reasons for, and implications of, the changes is on the [Statistics NZ website](#). As a result, there are new occupation tables on Infoshare, with details given on the [Infoshare data changes by date](#) webpage.

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Next release ...

International Travel and Migration: January 2010 will be released on 1 March 2010.

Technical notes

Nature of data

The statistics in this release are based on final international travel and migration counts. They relate to the number of passenger movements, rather than to the number of people – that is, the multiple movements of individual people during a given reference period are each counted separately.

Free online database

A large number of international travel and migration tables are available through Statistics NZ's Infoshare database (www.stats.govt.nz/infoshare), a free online tool that provides access to a range of time-series data. The international travel and migration subject can be found under **Tourism** on the **Browse** page of the database.

Changes in passenger type

Passenger type (overseas visitor, New Zealand-resident traveller, or permanent and long-term (PLT) migrant) is based on the time spent in and out of New Zealand, determined from past arrivals and departures of a person, and responses to questions on the arrival or departure card. Responses to the questions, and therefore the passenger type allocated, may be based on intentions. If a person's intentions change later during the trip, this passenger type may no longer be correct. For example, a person may come to New Zealand with the declared intention of settling permanently (PLT migrant), but in fact may return overseas after a few months (overseas visitor). Data users should recognise the limitations inherent in the information supplied by travellers.

Permit type

The determination of passenger type by Statistics NZ is independent of the permit type a person holds.

With the exception of New Zealand citizens, Australian citizens, and a small number of other people exempt under the Immigration Act 1987, everyone entering New Zealand is required to obtain a permit to remain in New Zealand. People already in New Zealand can apply for a permit renewal or a new permit of a different type. However, Statistics NZ only holds data on the permit type that an individual was given on arrival.

Sampling accuracy

The statistics for short-term passenger movements by country (that is, overseas visitor arrivals by country of last permanent residence, and New Zealand-resident departures by country of main destination) are derived from a systematic random sample taken each month from arrival and departure cards, and are therefore subject to sampling errors. However, total counts for arrivals and departures of overseas visitors and New Zealand residents are actual counts, which are not subject to sampling errors. Figures for PLT arrivals and departures are also actual counts and have no sampling errors.

New Zealand-resident short-term departures

The commentaries relating to New Zealand-resident short-term departures are based on data for the country of main destination – that is, the country where each departing person intended to spend most of their time while away from New Zealand.

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 which 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 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 are 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 arrivals and departures series.

Processing system

The international travel and migration processing system incorporates scanning and image recognition technology. All arrival and departure cards are processed, but for around 9 in 10 cards the required information is captured automatically and no operator intervention is needed.

More information

For more information, follow the [link](#) from the technical notes of this release on the Statistics NZ website.

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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	SPZAA	STZAA	SVDZA	SRDZA	SPZDA	STZDA	SPZNA
December month									
1999	205,390	68,099	6,529	280,018	144,039	98,799	6,294	249,132	235
2000	243,023	74,476	6,462	323,961	167,522	123,988	7,900	299,410	-1,438
2001	239,807	69,374	8,725	317,906	165,847	118,125	5,321	289,293	3,404
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
Year ended December									
1999	1,607,478	1,209,682	59,743	2,876,903	1,600,317	1,184,922	68,772	2,854,011	-9,029
2000	1,789,078	1,269,538	62,994	3,121,610	1,779,059	1,283,439	74,306	3,136,804	-11,312
2001	1,909,809	1,302,811	81,094	3,293,714	1,901,699	1,287,296	71,368	3,260,363	9,726
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

(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.

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	
Series ref: ITM	SVAZS	SRAZS	SPZAS	STZAS	SVDZS	SRDZS	SPZDS	STZDS	SPZNS
Seasonally adjusted									
2008 Dec	208,100	168,050	7,130	383,280	202,370	160,390	6,550	369,310	580
2009 Jan	195,610	158,150	7,430	361,190	202,780	158,490	6,560	367,830	880
Feb	201,170	159,140	7,540	367,850	199,850	157,250	5,930	363,030	1,610
Mar	200,480	163,610	7,440	371,530	200,570	158,100	5,790	364,460	1,650
Apr	205,220	158,900	7,440	371,560	202,430	160,020	5,440	367,890	2,000
May	205,380	156,620	7,470	369,470	207,850	157,990	4,930	370,780	2,530
Jun	197,020	162,180	6,800	365,990	201,870	156,090	5,180	363,140	1,620
Jul	206,100	160,040	7,640	373,780	206,590	161,430	5,180	373,200	2,460
Aug	204,980	165,500	6,770	377,250	204,940	161,510	5,160	371,610	1,610
Sep	212,840	163,730	6,840	383,400	209,590	160,900	5,010	375,500	1,830
Oct	211,000	159,130	6,950	377,080	209,770	163,850	4,800	378,410	2,150
Nov	201,070	165,980	6,940	373,990	202,110	163,480	5,210	370,810	1,730
Dec	218,200	164,310	7,060	389,580	210,580	158,520	5,350	374,450	1,720
Series ref: ITM	SVAZT	SRAZT	SPZAT	STZAT	SVDZT	SRDZT	SPZDT	STZDT	SPZNT
Trend									
2008 Dec	198,150	161,010	7,290	368,930	200,810	159,640	6,730	367,030	560
2009 Jan	199,280	160,570	7,360	369,500	201,100	158,920	6,410	366,430	950
Feb	200,540	160,290	7,430	369,580	201,610	158,330	6,070	366,080	1,360
Mar	201,460	160,180	7,440	369,220	202,210	158,020	5,760	366,040	1,670
Apr	202,060	160,270	7,370	368,990	202,800	158,040	5,520	366,370	1,840
May	202,780	160,520	7,240	369,520	203,740	158,370	5,340	367,470	1,890
Jun	203,730	160,900	7,080	370,970	204,910	159,070	5,210	369,190	1,860
Jul	205,100	161,390	6,950	373,240	205,890	160,060	5,130	371,040	1,810
Aug	206,980	161,950	6,880	376,040	206,550	161,050	5,100	372,550	1,790
Sep	209,360	162,500	6,870	379,410	207,000	161,720	5,100	373,690	1,800
Oct	211,850	163,000	6,890	382,660	207,420	161,910	5,120	374,490	1,820
Nov	214,150	163,440	6,930	385,440	207,740	161,690	5,150	374,920	1,830
Dec	216,340	163,800	6,990	387,600	208,260	161,240	5,190	375,330	1,850

(1) Seasonally adjusted and trend series are revised monthly (refer to the technical notes of this release).

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(5) Overseas residents departing New Zealand after a stay of less than 12 months.

(6) New Zealand residents departing New Zealand for an absence of less than 12 months.

(7) 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.

(8) Permanent and long-term arrivals minus permanent and long-term departures.

Note: Data are independently rounded to the nearest 10.

Table 3

Short-term Overseas Visitor Arrivals⁽¹⁾
By country of last permanent residence

Country of last permanent residence	December month		December quarter		Year ended December		Percentage change from 2008		
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	Month	Quarter	Year
Oceania	153,711	166,995	325,683	360,540	1,109,585	1,218,981	8.6	10.7	9.9
Australia	132,867	146,880	281,825	319,058	976,200	1,082,680	10.5	13.2	10.9
Cook Islands	1,512	1,539	3,442	3,425	11,346	11,042	1.8	-0.5	-2.7
Fiji	4,320	3,753	8,138	7,295	22,512	23,608	-13.1	-10.4	4.9
French Polynesia	2,592	2,970	5,662	5,914	16,868	19,632	14.6	4.5	16.4
New Caledonia	1,755	2,052	3,623	4,122	12,888	15,217	16.9	13.8	18.1
Samoa	3,159	3,024	6,709	5,853	18,804	17,678	-4.3	-12.8	-6.0
Tonga	2,106	2,376	4,796	4,975	13,513	13,469	12.8	3.7	-0.3
Asia	48,789	50,652	119,205	119,399	450,049	393,884	3.8	0.2	-12.5
China, People's Republic of	13,959	11,691	31,973	30,390	112,398	102,259	-16.2	-5.0	-9.0
Hong Kong (SAR)	3,024	3,375	6,118	7,400	21,776	23,572	11.6	21.0	8.2
India	2,862	3,564	6,618	7,750	23,860	25,336	24.5	17.1	6.2
Indonesia	1,269	1,674	2,391	2,985	7,569	9,506	31.9	24.8	25.6
Japan	9,342	8,883	24,246	22,982	102,482	78,426	-4.9	-5.2	-23.5
Korea, Republic of	5,184	5,643	16,058	13,946	79,061	52,921	8.9	-13.2	-33.1
Malaysia	2,727	3,348	6,581	7,097	19,608	19,702	22.8	7.8	0.5
Philippines	918	972	2,198	2,145	9,230	7,572	5.9	-2.4	-18.0
Singapore	5,562	6,777	12,020	12,504	28,836	29,582	21.8	4.0	2.6
Taiwan	1,539	1,782	4,303	4,726	19,249	16,584	15.8	9.8	-13.8
Thailand	1,188	1,620	4,386	4,794	18,356	19,728	36.4	9.3	7.5
Europe	72,171	74,412	159,679	160,777	511,448	483,472	3.1	0.7	-5.5
Austria	945	972	2,265	2,444	6,747	6,819	2.9	7.9	1.1
Denmark	1,701	1,674	3,549	3,376	10,956	10,172	-1.6	-4.9	-7.2
France	2,727	3,429	6,589	8,098	21,125	23,227	25.7	22.9	10.0
Germany	9,315	9,882	22,325	23,291	62,300	64,564	6.1	4.3	3.6
Ireland	2,295	2,052	5,667	4,490	21,153	17,055	-10.6	-20.8	-19.4
Italy	1,269	1,296	2,665	2,929	8,151	8,460	2.1	9.9	3.8
Netherlands	4,347	4,401	9,945	9,553	25,536	24,300	1.2	-3.9	-4.8
Spain	918	1,134	3,140	3,848	9,502	10,539	23.5	22.5	10.9
Sweden	2,241	2,052	4,357	3,892	12,330	10,867	-8.4	-10.7	-11.9
Switzerland	2,511	2,997	5,173	5,872	14,533	14,997	19.4	13.5	3.2
United Kingdom	39,177	39,555	81,903	80,702	285,094	258,438	1.0	-1.5	-9.3
Americas	34,047	37,206	82,957	82,631	295,893	275,826	9.3	-0.4	-6.8
Brazil	1,431	1,674	3,037	3,491	11,413	11,355	17.0	14.9	-0.5
Canada	6,615	6,723	15,881	14,888	53,267	48,656	1.6	-6.3	-8.7
United States of America	23,625	26,379	59,069	59,131	212,410	197,792	11.7	0.1	-6.9
Africa and the Middle East	7,587	6,831	14,945	13,754	49,024	45,292	-10.0	-8.0	-7.6
Israel	729	972	2,073	2,490	5,926	6,768	33.3	20.1	14.2
South Africa	4,104	3,240	8,054	5,977	25,346	19,214	-21.1	-25.8	-24.2
United Arab Emirates	1,026	1,026	1,688	1,854	5,960	7,088	0.0	9.8	18.9
Not stated	3,780	3,753	8,882	8,698	31,236	30,077	-0.7	-2.1	-3.7
Total⁽²⁾	322,207	341,337	715,458	748,648	2,458,503	2,458,382	5.9	4.6	0.0

(1) Intended length of stay in New Zealand is 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

Table 4

Short-term New Zealand-resident Traveller Departures⁽¹⁾
By country of main destination

Country of main destination	December month		December quarter		Year ended December		Percentage change from 2008		
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	Month	Quarter	Year
Oceania	103,602	105,555	317,168	320,367	1,198,285	1,184,677	1.9	1.0	-1.1
Australia	83,669	85,374	256,813	260,199	949,624	944,277	2.0	1.3	-0.6
Cook Islands	3,689	3,689	13,263	12,572	53,474	55,727	0.0	-5.2	4.2
Fiji	6,510	7,316	21,418	22,328	99,346	92,283	12.4	4.2	-7.1
New Caledonia	527	341	2,513	1,664	10,627	6,966	-35.3	-33.8	-34.4
Samoa	4,774	4,588	10,930	12,418	37,688	41,433	-3.9	13.6	9.9
Tonga	2,108	2,232	4,864	4,662	17,479	16,321	5.9	-4.2	-6.6
Vanuatu	713	682	2,635	2,437	12,541	11,523	-4.3	-7.5	-8.1
Asia	34,999	34,007	84,653	86,954	256,060	249,574	-2.8	2.7	-2.5
China, People's Republic of	8,184	8,525	19,968	20,270	58,885	56,289	4.2	1.5	-4.4
Hong Kong (SAR)	2,697	1,736	7,079	6,245	19,859	17,106	-35.6	-11.8	-13.9
India	5,363	4,526	13,225	13,004	27,646	28,964	-15.6	-1.7	4.8
Indonesia	713	1,023	2,111	2,913	11,812	12,401	43.5	38.0	5.0
Japan	2,480	2,356	5,546	5,569	19,394	18,954	-5.0	0.4	-2.3
Korea, Republic of	3,038	2,542	5,564	5,809	14,687	13,113	-16.3	4.4	-10.7
Malaysia	2,325	2,263	6,251	5,260	17,700	16,308	-2.7	-15.9	-7.9
Philippines	2,077	2,294	3,323	3,347	9,608	9,761	10.4	0.7	1.6
Singapore	1,240	1,209	3,884	3,828	14,507	13,808	-2.5	-1.4	-4.8
Taiwan	1,395	1,612	3,435	3,988	10,283	10,094	15.6	16.1	-1.8
Thailand	2,449	2,790	7,395	8,460	29,857	30,557	13.9	14.4	2.3
Viet Nam	1,240	1,085	2,584	2,948	9,984	8,687	-12.5	14.1	-13.0
Europe	12,803	13,082	28,437	27,662	168,882	155,052	2.2	-2.7	-8.2
France	1,054	868	2,054	2,056	14,610	12,211	-17.6	0.1	-16.4
Germany	992	1,271	2,182	2,648	11,172	11,584	28.1	21.4	3.7
Italy	434	310	1,304	1,228	11,343	9,117	-28.6	-5.8	-19.6
United Kingdom	7,719	7,936	16,579	15,523	93,071	87,397	2.8	-6.4	-6.1
Americas	10,757	9,796	27,865	28,939	127,542	124,184	-8.9	3.9	-2.6
Canada	2,139	1,519	3,459	3,463	20,408	19,395	-29.0	0.1	-5.0
United States of America	7,192	6,727	20,196	20,389	93,319	88,050	-6.5	1.0	-5.6
Africa and the Middle East	4,619	5,704	10,411	11,590	32,724	34,327	23.5	11.3	4.9
South Africa	2,387	3,007	4,321	4,762	12,828	13,559	26.0	10.2	5.7
Not stated	20,429	16,244	49,461	43,406	181,987	168,849	-20.5	-12.2	-7.2
Total⁽²⁾	187,329	184,542	518,414	519,465	1,967,126	1,918,316	-1.5	0.2	-2.5

(1) New Zealand resident departures for an intended period 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

Table 5

Permanent and Long-term Arrivals⁽¹⁾
By country of last permanent residence

Country of last permanent residence	December month		December quarter		Year ended December		Percentage change from 2008		
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	Month	Quarter	Year
Oceania	2,306	2,421	5,000	5,302	19,390	20,756	5.0	6.0	7.0
Australia	1,554	1,753	3,510	4,043	13,057	14,793	12.8	15.2	13.3
Fiji	396	203	800	432	3,109	2,768	-48.7	-46.0	-11.0
Samoa	174	238	315	417	1,501	1,573	36.8	32.4	4.8
Tonga	87	88	164	145	785	620	1.1	-11.6	-21.0
Asia	1,296	1,375	4,777	4,655	25,879	26,330	6.1	-2.6	1.7
China, People's Republic of	255	327	1,071	1,241	4,993	5,982	28.2	15.9	19.8
Hong Kong (SAR)	31	42	134	108	622	639	35.5	-19.4	2.7
India	219	278	969	1,104	5,923	6,888	26.9	13.9	16.3
Japan	93	98	431	378	2,436	2,161	5.4	-12.3	-11.3
Korea, Republic of	85	152	267	370	1,908	2,136	78.8	38.6	11.9
Malaysia	81	77	255	208	1,395	1,357	-4.9	-18.4	-2.7
Philippines	251	133	766	384	3,851	2,665	-47.0	-49.9	-30.8
Taiwan	45	27	144	129	756	694	-40.0	-10.4	-8.2
Thailand	35	37	128	156	833	874	5.7	21.9	4.9
Viet Nam	20	19	77	86	446	514	-5.0	11.7	15.2
Europe	2,725	2,492	8,364	7,986	26,674	25,962	-8.6	-4.5	-2.7
France	90	90	402	487	1,105	1,356	0.0	21.1	22.7
Germany	141	119	588	609	2,553	2,550	-15.6	3.6	-0.1
Ireland	131	128	455	494	1,370	1,649	-2.3	8.6	20.4
United Kingdom	2,106	1,900	6,039	5,489	18,655	17,391	-9.8	-9.1	-6.8
Americas	664	712	1,951	1,949	7,241	7,195	7.2	-0.1	-0.6
Argentina	91	93	156	199	520	548	2.2	27.6	5.4
Canada	178	168	562	543	1,796	1,757	-5.6	-3.4	-2.2
Chile	42	53	163	166	552	521	26.2	1.8	-5.6
United States of America	306	357	938	908	3,658	3,562	16.7	-3.2	-2.6
Africa and the Middle East	436	337	1,435	933	6,099	4,436	-22.7	-35.0	-27.3
Saudi Arabia	27	33	130	107	623	601	22.2	-17.7	-3.5
South Africa	219	134	710	295	3,159	1,838	-38.8	-58.5	-41.8
Not stated	139	106	413	316	2,180	1,731	-23.7	-23.5	-20.6
Total	7,566	7,443	21,940	21,141	87,463	86,410	-1.6	-3.6	-1.2

(1) Permanent and long-term 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.

Note: SAR Special Administrative Region

Table 6

Permanent and Long-term Departures⁽¹⁾
By country of next permanent residence

Country of next permanent residence	December month		December quarter		Year ended December		Percentage change from 2008		
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	Month	Quarter	Year
Oceania	4,367	3,075	11,806	7,269	50,437	35,076	-29.6	-38.4	-30.5
Australia	4,156	2,831	11,323	6,716	48,452	32,755	-31.9	-40.7	-32.4
Fiji	33	62	87	156	331	594	87.9	79.3	79.5
Samoa	65	61	156	140	596	634	-6.2	-10.3	6.4
Tonga	18	38	57	78	240	252	111.1	36.8	5.0
Asia	1,398	1,347	2,786	2,920	9,586	9,915	-3.6	4.8	3.4
China, People's Republic of	203	163	595	530	2,352	2,175	-19.7	-10.9	-7.5
Hong Kong (SAR)	34	38	99	102	444	339	11.8	3.0	-23.6
India	76	82	199	255	755	937	7.9	28.1	24.1
Japan	149	140	300	345	1,252	1,295	-6.0	15.0	3.4
Korea, Republic of	561	495	823	796	2,069	2,152	-11.8	-3.3	4.0
Malaysia	134	156	261	245	677	720	16.4	-6.1	6.4
Philippines	35	39	58	112	173	379	11.4	93.1	119.1
Taiwan	28	42	85	92	377	307	50.0	8.2	-18.6
Thailand	48	31	99	114	416	399	-35.4	15.2	-4.1
Viet Nam	21	19	45	38	153	147	-9.5	-15.6	-3.9
Europe	903	855	2,597	2,103	14,926	12,155	-5.3	-19.0	-18.6
France	45	43	115	115	523	576	-4.4	0.0	10.1
Germany	71	71	153	147	908	979	0.0	-3.9	7.8
Ireland	54	34	136	74	755	461	-37.0	-45.6	-38.9
United Kingdom	608	571	1,824	1,446	10,830	8,336	-6.1	-20.7	-23.0
Americas	500	530	1,361	1,282	5,454	5,134	6.0	-5.8	-5.9
Argentina	14	16	34	34	118	150	14.3	0.0	27.1
Canada	170	163	494	479	1,742	1,660	-4.1	-3.0	-4.7
Chile	22	23	65	68	229	305	4.5	4.6	33.2
United States of America	239	283	584	523	2,712	2,314	18.4	-10.4	-14.7
Africa and the Middle East	163	177	469	479	2,083	2,041	8.6	2.1	-2.0
Saudi Arabia	4	14	20	51	128	171	250.0	155.0	33.6
South Africa	44	86	101	226	310	672	95.5	123.8	116.8
Not stated	96	88	255	212	1,163	836	-8.3	-16.9	-28.1
Total	7,427	6,072	19,274	14,265	83,649	65,157	-18.2	-26.0	-22.1

(1) Permanent and long-term 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.

Note: SAR Special Administrative Region

Table 7

Net Permanent and Long-term Migration⁽¹⁾
By country of last/next permanent residence

Country of last/next permanent residence	December month ⁽²⁾		December quarter ⁽²⁾		Year ended December ⁽²⁾		Change from 2008		
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	Month	Quarter	Year
Oceania	-2,061	-654	-6,806	-1,967	-31,047	-14,320	1,407	4,839	16,727
Australia	-2,602	-1,078	-7,813	-2,673	-35,395	-17,962	1,524	5,140	17,433
Fiji	363	141	713	276	2,778	2,174	-222	-437	-604
Samoa	109	177	159	277	905	939	68	118	34
Tonga	69	50	107	67	545	368	-19	-40	-177
Asia	-102	28	1,991	1,735	16,293	16,415	130	-256	122
China, People's Republic of	52	164	476	711	2,641	3,807	112	235	1,166
Hong Kong (SAR)	-3	4	35	6	178	300	7	-29	122
India	143	196	770	849	5,168	5,951	53	79	783
Japan	-56	-42	131	33	1,184	866	14	-98	-318
Korea, Republic of	-476	-343	-556	-426	-161	-16	133	130	145
Malaysia	-53	-79	-6	-37	718	637	-26	-31	-81
Philippines	216	94	708	272	3,678	2,286	-122	-436	-1,392
Taiwan	17	-15	59	37	379	387	-32	-22	8
Thailand	-13	6	29	42	417	475	19	13	58
Viet Nam	-1	0	32	48	293	367	1	16	74
Europe	1,822	1,637	5,767	5,883	11,748	13,807	-185	116	2,059
France	45	47	287	372	582	780	2	85	198
Germany	70	48	435	462	1,645	1,571	-22	27	-74
Ireland	77	94	319	420	615	1,188	17	101	573
United Kingdom	1,498	1,329	4,215	4,043	7,825	9,055	-169	-172	1,230
Americas	164	182	590	667	1,787	2,061	18	77	274
Argentina	77	77	122	165	402	398	0	43	-4
Canada	8	5	68	64	54	97	-3	-4	43
Chile	20	30	98	98	323	216	10	0	-107
United States of America	67	74	354	385	946	1,248	7	31	302
Africa and the Middle East	273	160	966	454	4,016	2,395	-113	-512	-1,621
Saudi Arabia	23	19	110	56	495	430	-4	-54	-65
South Africa	175	48	609	69	2,849	1,166	-127	-540	-1,683
Not stated	43	18	158	104	1,017	895	-25	-54	-122
Total	139	1,371	2,666	6,876	3,814	21,253	1,232	4,210	17,439

(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) Minus sign indicates an excess of departures over arrivals.

Note: SAR Special Administrative Region

Table 8

Permanent and Long-term Migration
By country of citizenship

Period	Country of citizenship								
	New Zealand			Non-New Zealand			Total		
	Arrivals ⁽¹⁾	Departures ⁽²⁾	Net ⁽³⁾	Arrivals ⁽¹⁾	Departures ⁽²⁾	Net ⁽³⁾	Arrivals ⁽¹⁾	Departures ⁽²⁾	Net ⁽³⁾
To/from all countries⁽⁴⁾									
December month									
1999	3,889	4,403	-514	2,640	1,891	749	6,529	6,294	235
2000	3,464	5,880	-2,416	2,998	2,020	978	6,462	7,900	-1,438
2001	4,062	3,448	614	4,663	1,873	2,790	8,725	5,321	3,404
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
Year ended December									
1999	22,551	53,215	-30,664	37,192	15,557	21,635	59,743	68,772	-9,029
2000	20,763	58,680	-37,917	42,231	15,626	26,605	62,994	74,306	-11,312
2001	23,465	56,031	-32,566	57,629	15,337	42,292	81,094	71,368	9,726
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
To/from Australia⁽⁵⁾									
December month									
1999	1,115	3,036	-1,921	409	527	-118	1,524	3,563	-2,039
2000	1,024	4,125	-3,101	362	531	-169	1,386	4,656	-3,270
2001	1,191	2,053	-862	469	530	-61	1,660	2,583	-923
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
Year ended December									
1999	6,802	30,246	-23,444	3,704	3,629	75	10,506	33,875	-23,369
2000	6,789	34,891	-28,102	3,791	3,357	434	10,580	38,248	-27,668
2001	7,974	32,528	-24,554	4,212	3,505	707	12,186	36,033	-23,847
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

(1) For a definition of permanent and long-term arrivals, see table 5.

(2) For a definition of permanent and long-term departures, see table 6.

(3) A minus sign indicates an excess of departures over arrivals.

(4) Figures to/from all countries are derived from the ITM series SP1AZZZ0NZ, SP1DZZZ0NZ, SP1NZZZ0NZ, SP1AZZZZZ, SP1DZZZZZ, and SP1NZZZZZ, eg arrivals of non-New Zealand citizens is SP1AZZZZZ minus SP1AZZZ0NZ.

(5) Figures to/from Australia are derived from the ITM series SP1A1AU0NZ, SP1D1AU0NZ, SP1N1AU0NZ, SP1A1AUZZ, SP1D1AUZZ, and SP1N1AUZZ.