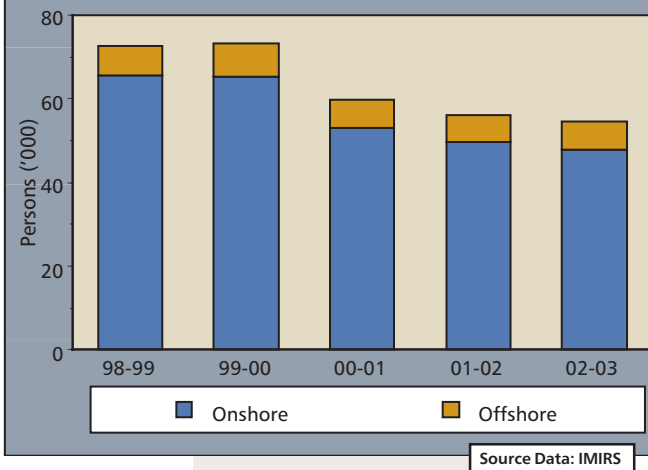


Resident Return Visas

Fig. 2-27: Resident Return Visas Granted



The purpose of Resident Return Visas (RRVs) is to facilitate the re-entry of Australian permanent residents; and ensure that only those people with a genuine commitment to residing in Australia, or who are contributing to Australia's well-being, retain the right to return and remain permanently in Australia

In 2002-03, the total number of RRV applications lodged during 2002-03 was 57,446, resulting in the grant of 54,544 RRVs. 47,723 RRVs were granted in Australia and 6,821 were granted overseas. A small number (955) of RRV applications were refused.

The number of electronic RRV applications received during the financial year was 1,822. This represents an 89 per cent increase over the number in the first year of operation.

Fig. 2-28: Resident Return Visas by Country of Citizenship, 2002-03

