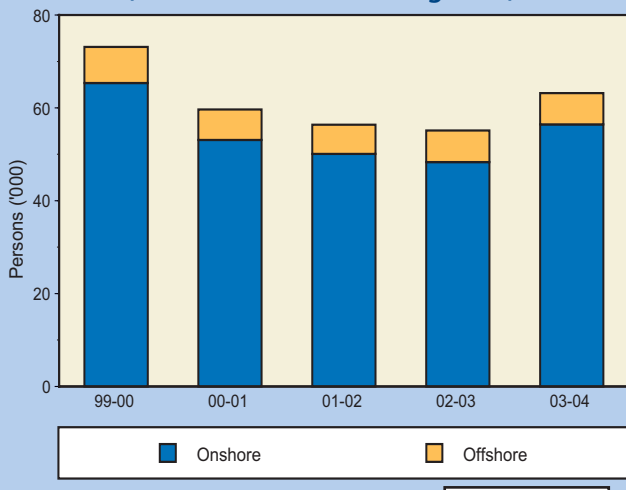


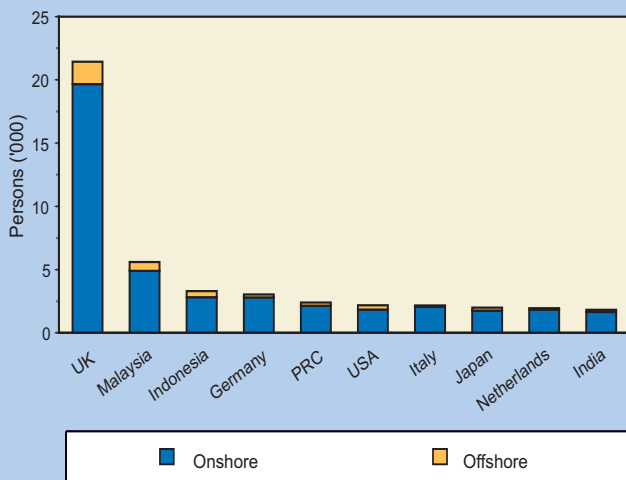
Resident Return Visas

Fig. 2-28: Resident Return Visas Granted (includes electronic visa grants)



Source Data: IMIRS

Fig. 2-29: Resident Return Visas by Country of Citizenship 2003-04



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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 2003-04, the total number of RRV applications lodged was 67,050, resulting in the grant of 63,190 RRVs. 53,030 RRVs were granted in Australia and 6,750 were granted overseas. A small number (990) RRV applications were refused.

The number of electronic RRV applications lodged during in 2003-04 was 3,560, up 49 per cent on 2002-03, resulting in the autogrant of 1,270 electronic RRVs. Those Internet applications not resulting in an autogrant of an RRV, are referred to the Department's Perth office for further processing. A further 2,140 RRVs were granted following this process.