

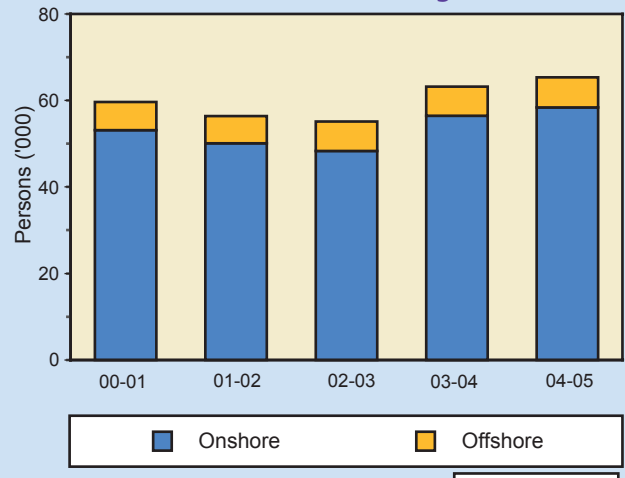
Resident Return Visas

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 2004-05, the total number of RRV applications lodged was 67,861 resulting in the grant of 65,371 RRVs. 58,367 RRVs were granted in Australia and 7,004 were granted overseas. A small number (937) RRV applications were refused.

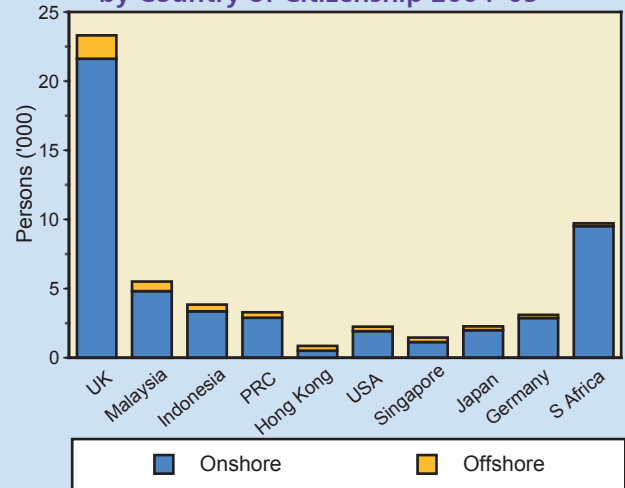
The number of electronic RRV applications lodged during 2004-05 was 6,105, up 71.49 per cent on 2003-04, resulting in the autogrant of 2,201 electronic RRVs. Those Internet applications not resulting in an autogrant of an RRV, are referred to the department's Perth office for further processing. A further 3,718 RRVs were granted following this process.

Fig. 2-30: Resident Return Visas Granted (includes electronic visa grants)



Source Data: IMIRS

Fig. 2-31: Resident Return Visas by Country of Citizenship 2004-05



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