

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.

An RRV enables the holder to depart Australia and return as a permanent resident for up to 5 years from the date of grant.

In 2005–06, the total number of RRV applications lodged was 60,343 resulting in 57,255 grants. 49,813 RRVs were granted in Australia and 7,442 were granted overseas. A small number (760) of RRV applications were refused.

The number of electronic RRV applications lodged during 2005–06 was 6,571, up 7.6 per cent on 2004–05. A total of 6,374 RRVs were granted as a result of this process.

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

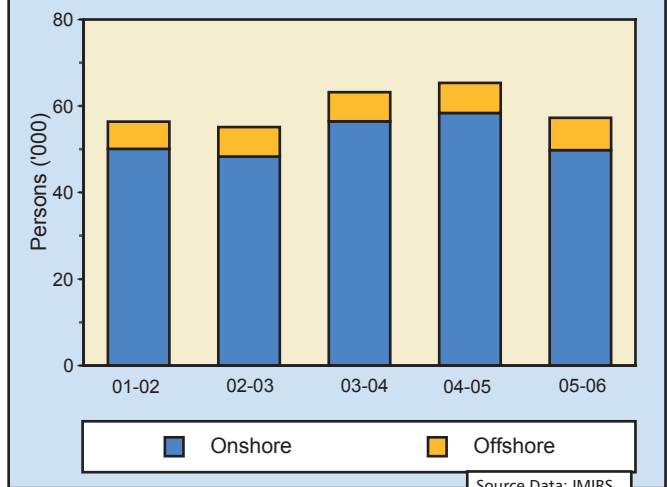


Fig. 2-31: Resident Return Visas by Country of Citizenship 2005–06

