



NEW ZEALAND
IMMIGRATION

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OVERSTAYERS

There is an express obligation under the Immigration Act 2009 for all unlawful persons to leave New Zealand. The legal obligation to leave New Zealand before a temporary visa expires is clearly communicated on visas.

People who are overstayers, regardless of nationality, must appreciate that if there are no special circumstances that call for the grant of a visa they are expected to leave New Zealand, or face deportation.

In 2013/14, INZ deported 660 people whose visas had expired and were unlawfully in New Zealand, or who had committed offences and were deported directly from prison.

We encourage people who are unlawfully in New Zealand to contact Immigration New Zealand to discuss their circumstances and determine what the best option is for them. They can contact us on our free phone 0508 55 88 55.

If an individual has any information about the whereabouts of people unlawfully in New Zealand we encourage them to contact us.

Immigration New Zealand is grateful for the public's assistance in helping to locate anyone unlawfully in New Zealand.



ESTIMATED OVERSTAYERS 2000 TO 2013

* Totals include Rest of World (generally nationalities where there were fewer than 200 cases) figures.

Note: Gaps occur where the nationality was included in the Rest of World estimate. For example, the October 2006 report was the first year South Korea was split out from Rest of World.

	Jul 2000	Nov 2001	Oct 2002	May 2003	Nov 2003	Apr 2004	Oct 2005	Apr 2006	Oct 2006	Apr 2007	Oct 2007	Apr 2008	Oct 2008	Apr 2009	Oct 2009	Apr 2010	Oct 2010	May 2011	Aug 2012	Sep 2013	Oct 2014
Samoa	5,456	3,621	3,822	3,500	3,713	3,900	3,149	3,742	3,582	4,085	4,198	4,036	3,661	4,082	3,981	3,945	3,540	3,509	2,983	2,686	2,451
Tonga	5,073	2,774	2,940	2,736	2,816	2,496	2,352	2,497	2,136	2,284	2,294	2,270	2,181	2,457	2,786	2,995	2,982	3,109	3,044	2,889	2,536
China	558	800	912	1,225	1,968	2,050	2,880	2,591	2,584	2,261	2,312	2,066	2,056	1,965	1,877	1,678	1,785	1,632	1,604	1,617	1,406
Thailand	1,809	1,968	1,617	1,560	1,328	1,232	801	695	539	473	489	412	400	443	409	384	415	366	301	268	220
USA	316	1,148	1,056	775	999	952										402					
Great Britain	1,184	1,066	888	1,330	1,292	816	1,372	1,276	1,034	1,029	830	1,060	671	729	581	611	649	535	506	486	486
Fiji	912	684	702	742	810	750	603	731	599	686	786	743	653	713	919	1,045	1,031	1,055	853	771	699
Tuvalu		609	680	664	744	**	450	489	502	518	483	489	463	469	510	501	498	535	484	466	463
India	451	420	533	832	924	1,066	880	807	680	630	620	558	556	534	535	510	591	581	678	785	790
Malaysia	465	450	370	410	490	574	765	698	645	613	695	686	632	683	638	629	526	525	447	392	383
Indonesia	342	280	295	345	264	292	296	335	278	243	206	192	173	157	165	140	136	139	144	121	114
Brazil					126	194	252	274	176	182	196	236	211	227	187	172	149	158	172	107	92
Philippines							168	156	141	130	141	138	145	173	182	154	165	164	120	93	87
Kiribati							105	106	81	90	98	82	91	99	105	130	121	110	140	121	118
Czech Rep						156	99	102	76	68	49	46	35	28	24	17	12	26	14	17	15
South Korea									506**	492	573	469	456	416	502	392	438	356	354	312	269
Rest of World							5,628	4,589	3,804	3,614	3,517	3,496	3,164	2,596	2,480	2,055	2,578	2,230	2,200	2,020	2,033
Est totals*	20,657	18,287	18,134	18,405	20,440	20,338	19,800	19,091	17,364	17,397	17,487	16,979	15,548	15,769	15,880	15,760	15,614	15,030	14,044	13,151	12,162