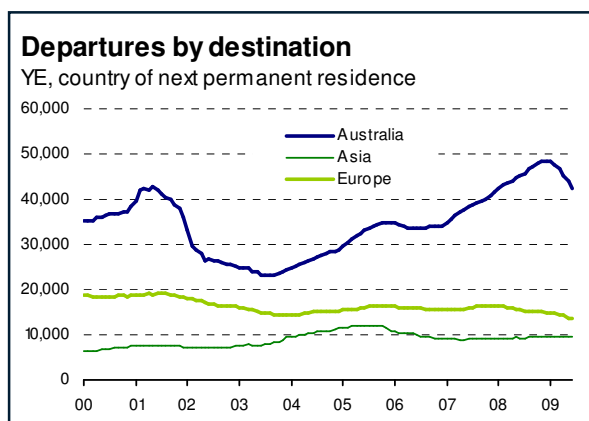
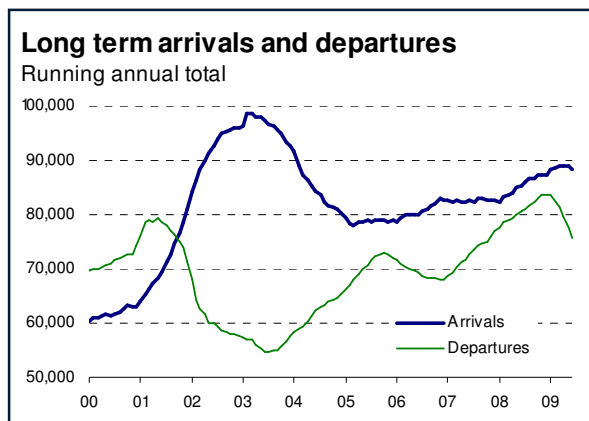
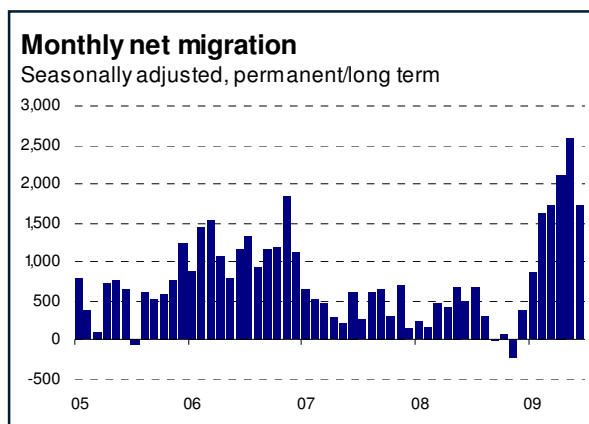




	Monthly Flows		Annual Flows	
	Actual	Seasonally adjusted	Total	Working age ⁽³⁾
Arrivals ⁽¹⁾	5,746	6,800	88,251	71,486
Departures ⁽²⁾	5,016	5,070	75,736	60,649
Net migration gain/(loss)	730	1,730	12,515	10,837

(1) Intended stay longer than one year (2) Intended absence longer than one year (3) 15-64 years
Data source: Statistics New Zealand



Don't move, don't panic

Over the June quarter New Zealand experienced a seasonally adjusted net migration gain of 6,420 people. This quarterly inflow was the largest since October 2003. With the sharp decline in permanent departures from New Zealand persisting, we expect net migration to climb over 20,000pa by the end of 2009.

The decline in departures to Australia continued to accelerate, with the June quarter recording 35% fewer departures than in June 2008. The number of departures to Aussie has not declined so sharply since August 2001. Departures to the United Kingdom also continued to sink like a stone, falling 30% from a year earlier – the most rapid decline since September 1981.

The incredible reduction in departures so far has exceeded our expectations. If departures remain around current levels there is upside risk to our net migration forecasts.

Inward migration in June gave up some of its recent gains, falling by a seasonally adjusted 9.7% from May – the largest monthly decline since March 2004. Behind this result were drops in arrivals from the United Kingdom (down 12% on June 2008) and Asia (down 11%). Last month's decline in arrivals is consistent with our forecasts, but there is a risk that arrivals from Asia going forward could fall more steeply than we allowed for.

The drastic economic slowdown caused by the recent financial crisis has led to a rapid adjustment in permanent departure numbers from New Zealand. With the global economy expected to remain soft well into 2010, departures will remain low. The net migration inflow is set to hold above its historical average level for the next two years at least.