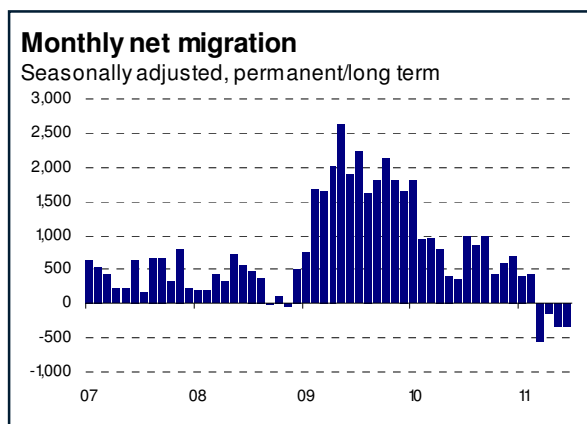




	Monthly Flows		Annual Flows	
	Actual	Seasonally adjusted	Total	Working age ⁽³⁾
Arrivals ⁽¹⁾	5,436	6,840	84,016	69,298
Departures ⁽²⁾	6,927	7,180	80,149	64,692
Net migration gain/(loss)	-1,491	-340	3,867	4,606

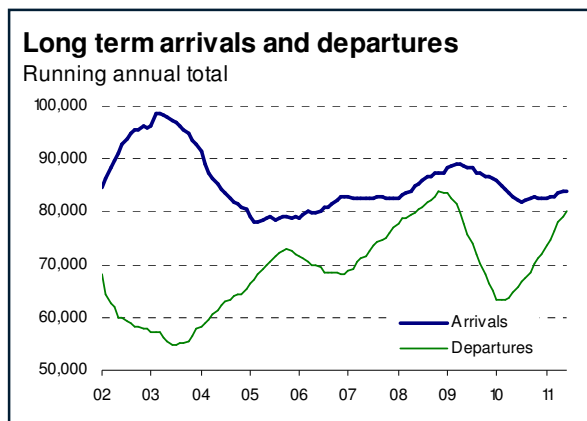
(1) Intended stay longer than one year (2) Intended absence longer than one year (3) 15-64 years
Data source: Statistics New Zealand



Seeking shelter in Australia

During the June quarter, a net 820 people left New Zealand (seasonally adjusted). More New Zealanders leaving permanently to live in Australia was the main driver of this increase. With departures holding up, annual net migration will continue to decline over 2011.

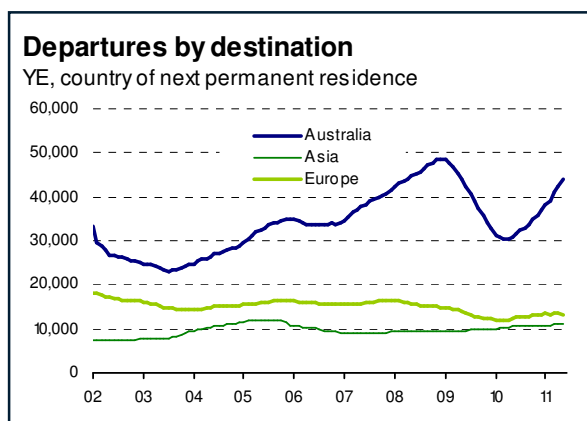
Following the February Christchurch earthquake, average monthly permanent departures from New Zealand have risen to 7,313, well up on the average of 6,216 per month for the year to February (seasonally adjusted).



The primary destination for recent departures has been Australia – with nearly 4,000 more people leaving to go to Australia in the June quarter relative to a year ago.

Departures excluding those to Australia actually declined from a year earlier in the June quarter, with departures to Europe down by 212 and departures to the Americas falling by 153.

Permanent arrivals fell slightly in June, and are now at their lowest level since June 2010 (seasonally adjusted). Even so, arrival numbers have held up surprisingly well in the face of New Zealand’s weak labour market.



In the June quarter, a sharp drop in arrivals from Australia has been made up for by an increase in arrivals from Asia and Europe. Arrivals from China and the United Kingdom have seen the biggest increase in numbers, rising by 31% and 8.9% respectively.

Although arrival numbers are expected to hold up, the after-effects of the Christchurch earthquake are expected to drive more people overseas permanently. As a result, monthly net migration outflows will continue in the coming months.