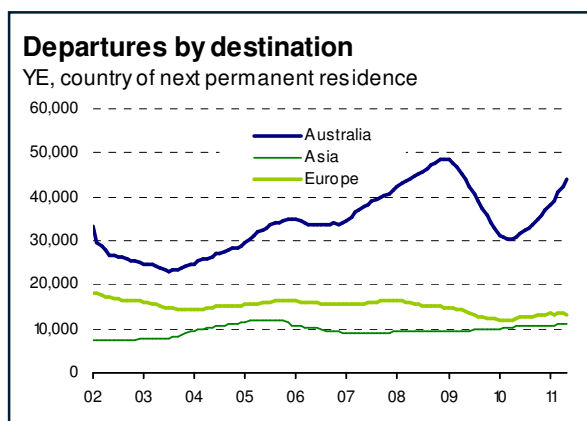
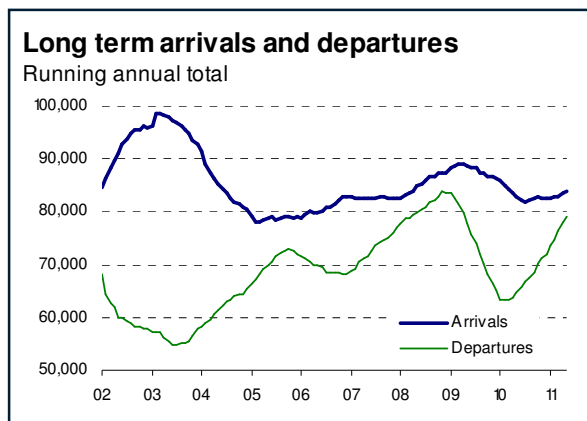
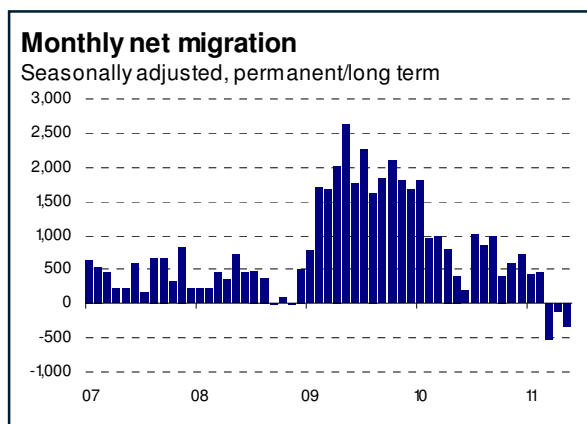




	Monthly Flows		Annual Flows	
	Actual	Seasonally adjusted	Total	Working age ⁽³⁾
Arrivals⁽¹⁾	5,340	6,940	83,781	69,077
Departures⁽²⁾	7,483	7,290	79,156	63,976
Net migration gain/(loss)	-2,143	-350	4,625	5,101

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



Quake related departures continue

Net migration outflows continued to expand in the three months to May, with a seasonally adjusted 990 people leaving. This was the largest outflow since April 2001 when signaled benefit changes in Australia led to a sudden outflow of New Zealand residents. Net migration is expected to stabilise during the coming quarters as the negative impact of the quake dissipates.

Seasonally adjusted New Zealand resident departures rose to 5,146 people in May. This departure figure was only just below the post-quake March departure figure, and was the second highest result since August 2008. Since the quake, permanent New Zealand departures have risen a seasonally adjusted 19% from the three months to February.

A significant number of the recent departures from New Zealand have been heading to Australia – with departures to Aussie in the three months to May up 52% from a year earlier. The increase in permanent departures to Australia has accounted for practically the entire increase in departures relative to May 2010.

While departures have risen sharply, permanent arrivals to New Zealand have remained relatively stable. A pull back in arrivals from Australia has been met by a lift in arrivals from Hong Kong, India, and the United Kingdom in recent months.

Following the June aftershocks in Christchurch, we expect more residents to leave the region permanently – some of which will move overseas. With departures climbing and arrivals numbers staying stable, annual net migration is expected to decline further during 2011.