

International Travel and Migration: February 2017

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Key facts

In February 2017 compared with February 2016 visitor arrivals were up 6,700 to 380,000.

The biggest changes were in arrivals from:

- China (down 19,400)
- United States (up 10,500)
- United Kingdom (up 3,300).

Overseas trips by New Zealand residents were up 20,300 to 147,400.

The biggest changes were in departures to:

- Australia (up 7,500)
- India (up 1,800)
- Tonga (down 1,300).

Permanent and long-term arrivals were up 500 to 13,800.

Permanent and long-term departures were up 500 to 5,200.

In February 2017, seasonally adjusted figures showed a net gain of 6,000 migrants.

In the February 2017 year compared with the February 2016 year:

- visitor arrivals numbered 3.54 million, up 341,400 (11 percent)
- New Zealand residents departed on 2.66 million trips overseas, up 231,600 (10 percent)
- permanent and long-term arrivals were 128,800, up 4,600 (4 percent)
- permanent and long-term departures were 57,500, up 600 (1 percent)
- net gain in migrants was 71,300.

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[Tourism research and data](#) from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment includes results from the International Visitor Survey, Domestic Travel Survey, and tourism forecasts.

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Statistics NZ's [Migration](#) web page lists migration-related data sources, such as the Longitudinal Immigration Survey (2005–09).

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