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Privacy of natural persons

Thank you for your email of 23 October 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

How many people have been deported from New Zealand in 2024 to date, and the years 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020?

What were the reasons for each deportation in 2024 to date, and the years 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020? (for example, in 2024 so far 10 people were deported for overstaying a Visa, 5 people for committing criminal offences, etc)

What countries were people deported to in 2024 to date, and the years 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020? (For example, in 2024 so far 10 people have been deported to Australia, 5 people to India, etc).

Our response

People coming to New Zealand need to have a valid visa and comply with their visa conditions.

Compliance Officers engage with individuals who may be unlawfully in New Zealand without a visa or in breach of their visa conditions. They assess the severity of the case and prioritise cases where there is higher risk of immigration harm.

Not every case will result in a deportation order or deportation liability notice. Our approach is tailored based on each migrant's personal circumstance to address situations effectively and promote compliance.

Options include:

- Working with people to voluntarily depart New Zealand
- Deporting people from New Zealand
- Making people liable for deportation
- Issuing employers with infringement notices
- Supporting individuals to regularise their immigration status so they can remain here lawfully
- Informing and educating people – providing accessible information and making it easy for people to do the right thing.

We serve Deportation Liability Notices and Deportation Orders, where appropriate, to people who may be liable for deportation because of criminal activity of other public interest factors or being unlawfully in New Zealand.

Most people depart voluntarily when we contact them, and we encourage them to leave the country voluntarily or, if they can, get a new visa to remain here lawfully, in the first instance. A voluntary departure does not preclude people returning to New Zealand if they are able to obtain the necessary visa, but this will depend on the individual circumstances.

How many people have been deported from New Zealand in 2024 to date, and the years 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020?

The table below shows the total number of people who have been deported from New Zealand broken down by deportation type and calendar year.

Year	Deportation type			Total
	Client deported	Client self-deported	Voluntary departure	
2020	216	197	331	744
2021	202	160	209	571
2022	191	217	267	675
2023	244	235	248	727
2024 (to 13 November 2024)	307	228	360	895
Total	1,160	1,037	1,415	3,612

Deportation — A person who is unlawfully in New Zealand who has been served a deportation order and departs New Zealand, or a temporary visa holder who was made liable for deportation and departs New Zealand after the date when they may be served with a deportation order.

Self-deportation — A person who is unlawfully in New Zealand who departs New Zealand of their own volition and at no cost to the Ministry after the date when the person may be served with a deportation order, but they have not been served with such an order.

Voluntary departure — A person who is unlawfully in New Zealand or is a temporary visa holder who was made liable for deportation and departs of their own volition and at no cost to the Ministry prior to the date when the person may be served with a deportation order.

What were the reasons for each deportation in 2024 to date, and the years 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020? (for example, in 2024 so far 10 people were deported for overstaying a Visa, 5 people for committing criminal offences, etc)

The table below shows the reasons for deportation from New Zealand broken down by deportation type and calendar year.

Year	Deportation type			Total
	Client deported	Client self-deported	Voluntary departure	
2020	216	197	331	744
Resident – Criminal conviction	18	3	6	27
Resident – Fraud/Forgery	1	-	-	1
Temporary entry – Criminal conviction	21	33	68	122
Temporary entry – Other breach	8	38	161	207
Unlawful	168	123	96	387
2021	202	160	209	571
Resident – Criminal conviction	22	2	11	35
Resident – Fraud/Forgery	2	1	-	3

Temporary entry – Criminal conviction	15	31	46	92
Temporary entry – Other breach	7	36	96	139
Unlawful	156	90	56	302
2022	191	217	267	675
Resident – Criminal conviction	18	8	6	32
Resident – Fraud/Forgery	-	2	1	3
Temporary entry – Criminal conviction	20	25	37	82
Temporary entry – Other breach	16	40	107	163
Unlawful	137	142	116	395
2023	244	235	248	727
Resident – Criminal conviction	17	5	8	30
Temporary entry – Criminal conviction	35	16	39	90
Temporary entry – Other breach	31	44	131	206
Unlawful	161	170	70	401
2024 (to 13 November 2024)	307	228	360	895
Resident – Criminal conviction	22	5	7	34
Resident – Fraud/Forgery	3	-	-	3
Temporary entry – Criminal conviction	40	14	63	117
Temporary entry – Other breach	37	39	209	285
Unlawful	205	170	81	456
Total	1,160	1,037	1,415	3,612

What countries were people deported to in 2024 to date, and the years 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020? (For example, in 2024 so far 10 people have been deported to Australia, 5 people to India, etc).

Please refer to the table in Appendix 1 for the nationality of people deported from New Zealand broken down by nationality, year and deportation type.

Further information relating to deportations can be found on the Immigration New Zealand website at <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/media-centre/common-topics/deportation> and <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/media-centre/common-topics/investigations-and-compliance>.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact media@mbie.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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Appendix 1

Number of people deported from New Zealand broken down by nationality, year of deportation and deportation type.

Year	Deportation type			Total
	Client deported	Client delf-deported	Voluntary departure	
2020	216	197	331	744
India	42	53	50	145
China	53	30	32	115
Great Britain	5	9	36	50
Fiji	9	15	6	30
Samoa	11	6	11	28
Malaysia	11	7	9	27
Philippines	-	3	23	26
Brazil	9	5	12	26
South Africa	4	5	16	25
France	3	5	17	25
Thailand	3	5	10	18
Tonga	10	4	4	18
United States of America	5	2	11	18
Germany	2	3	10	15
South Korea	2	6	5	13
Taiwan	4	2	6	12
Vietnam	6	4	2	12
Canada	4	2	4	10
Ireland	1	3	4	8
Vanuatu	3	1	3	7
Sri Lanka	2	2	3	7
Hong Kong	5	1	1	7
Tuvalu	1	4	1	6
Australia	-	-	6	6
Chile	-	1	5	6
Indonesia	1	2	3	6
Nepal	1	1	4	6
Papua New Guinea	-	2	3	5
Italy	-	-	5	5
Argentina	2	-	3	5
Spain	-	2	2	4
Colombia	-	1	3	4
Japan	1	-	3	4
Bangladesh	1	2	-	3
Russia	1	-	2	3
Israel	3	-	-	3
Switzerland	-	-	2	2
Belgium	-	-	2	2
Czech Republic	1	1	-	2

Netherlands	-	-	2	2
Nigeria	2	-	-	2
Peru	1	-	1	2
Portugal	2	-	-	2
Singapore	1	-	1	2
Ghana	-	-	1	1
Cambodia	-	1	-	1
Estonia	-	1	-	1
Zimbabwe	-	-	1	1
Jamaica	-	1	-	1
Kenya	-	1	-	1
Zambia	-	1	-	1
Hungary	1	-	-	1
Norway	-	-	1	1
Croatia	-	1	-	1
Ukraine	-	-	1	1
Unavailable	-	1	-	1
Uruguay	-	-	1	1
Austria	-	-	1	1
Jordan	-	-	1	1
Liechtenstein	-	1	-	1
Senegal	1	-	-	1
Iran	1	-	-	1
Solomon Islands	1	-	-	1
Kiribati	-	-	1	1
2021	202	160	209	571
China	87	18	20	125
India	12	43	30	85
Great Britain	5	6	24	35
Fiji	11	11	4	26
Samoa	13	3	9	25
Malaysia	16	2	6	24
Tonga	3	7	12	22
United States of America	4	8	7	19
Indonesia	8	4	5	17
Vanuatu	1	2	14	17
Philippines	1	6	8	15
Australia	9	-	3	12
Brazil	3	6	3	12
Argentina	-	6	6	12
France	-	-	11	11
Germany	1	7	3	11
Chile	1	2	7	10
Canada	5	1	2	8
South Africa	-	1	6	7
South Korea	-	3	4	7
Vietnam	3	2	1	6
Nepal	-	3	3	6
Thailand	2	1	2	5

Hong Kong	4	-	-	4
Russia	-	3	1	4
Uruguay	-	2	1	3
Colombia	-	1	2	3
Pakistan	1	-	2	3
Italy	-	2	1	3
Switzerland	-	3	-	3
Netherlands	1	1	1	3
Solomon Islands	1	-	1	2
Ecuador	-	-	2	2
Unavailable	-	1	1	2
Romania	2	-	-	2
Czech Republic	1	-	1	2
Japan	-	-	2	2
Ireland	-	-	1	1
Austria	1	-	-	1
Ukraine	1	-	-	1
Denmark	-	-	1	1
Taiwan	1	-	-	1
Norway	1	-	-	1
American Samoa	-	1	-	1
Estonia	-	-	1	1
Singapore	-	1	-	1
Bangladesh	1	-	-	1
Portugal	1	-	-	1
Kuwait	-	1	-	1
Zambia	-	1	-	1
Spain	-	1	-	1
Sri Lanka	-	-	1	1
Mexico	1	-	-	1
2022	191	217	267	675
India	32	40	46	118
China	63	24	22	109
Samoa	12	23	17	52
Fiji	9	16	9	34
Malaysia	14	7	11	32
Great Britain	6	13	13	32
Tonga	5	17	9	31
Vietnam	15	5	6	26
United States of America	2	8	14	24
South Africa	4	3	12	19
Brazil	1	6	11	18
Philippines	4	6	6	16
Vanuatu	2	2	11	15
Indonesia	1	2	8	11
Canada	4	3	3	10
Hong Kong	3	2	4	9
South Korea	2	2	4	8
France	3	-	4	7

Sri Lanka	1	3	2	6
Mexico	2	2	1	5
Kiribati	-	1	4	5
Nepal	-	3	2	5
Thailand	-	3	2	5
Italy	-	-	5	5
Chile	-	2	3	5
Argentina	-	2	3	5
Ireland	-	2	3	5
Mongolia	3	-	1	4
Germany	-	2	2	4
Colombia	1	-	3	4
Cambodia	-	4	-	4
Japan	-	1	2	3
Singapore	-	2	1	3
Czech Republic	-	-	3	3
Australia	-	-	3	3
Unavailable	-	-	3	3
Tuvalu	-	1	1	2
Taiwan	-	1	1	2
Pakistan	-	1	1	2
Spain	-	-	2	2
Uruguay	-	1	-	1
Turkey	-	1	-	1
Laos	-	1	-	1
Slovakia	-	1	-	1
Ukraine	-	1	-	1
Solomon Islands	-	-	1	1
Israel	-	-	1	1
Angola	-	-	1	1
Netherlands	-	1	-	1
Iraq	-	-	1	1
Serbia	-	-	1	1
Russia	1	-	-	1
Nigeria	-	1	-	1
Macau	-	-	1	1
Egypt	-	-	1	1
Switzerland	-	-	1	1
Honduras	-	1	-	1
Maldives	1	-	-	1
Mauritius	-	-	1	1
2023	244	235	248	727
India	45	40	55	140
China	39	51	48	138
Samoa	24	37	6	67
Fiji	16	24	10	50
Vietnam	35	6	4	45
Tonga	18	14	6	38
Indonesia	12	8	4	24
Malaysia	12	7	4	23

Great Britain	7	2	12	21
Unavailable	3	7	7	17
United States of America	3	1	10	14
Philippines	4	2	7	13
France	1	4	6	11
Vanuatu	-	1	7	8
Thailand	-	5	3	8
Chile	-	3	5	8
Brazil	2	1	4	7
South Korea	1	-	6	7
Ireland	2	4	1	7
Japan	2	-	4	6
Tuvalu	1	3	1	5
Australia	3	1	1	5
Germany	1	-	4	5
Czech Republic	-	-	5	5
Argentina	1	1	3	5
Italy	-	1	3	4
Bangladesh	-	2	2	4
Nepal	1	1	2	4
Canada	-	2	2	4
Sri Lanka	1	-	2	3
Mexico	2	-	1	3
Taiwan	1	1	1	3
South Africa	2	-	1	3
Switzerland	1	-	1	2
Zimbabwe	-	-	2	2
Saudi Arabia	1	1	-	2
Belgium	-	-	1	1
Uruguay	-	-	1	1
Jordan	-	-	1	1
Hong Kong	-	1	-	1
Pakistan	-	-	1	1
Chad	1	-	-	1
Turkey	-	-	1	1
Palestine	1	-	-	1
Lebanon	-	-	1	1
Singapore	1	-	-	1
Macau	-	-	1	1
Slovenia	-	1	-	1
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Tonga	23	35	15	73

Fiji	21	19	33	73
Samoa	21	24	14	59
Philippines	1	2	41	44
Malaysia	21	12	5	38
Unavailable	19	8	7	34
Indonesia	17	3	6	26
United States of America	8	12	5	25
Great Britain	5	6	12	23
Brazil	3	8	4	15
South Africa	5	1	5	11
Thailand	4	4	2	10
Sri Lanka	4	3	1	8
France	1	-	7	8
Argentina	-	2	6	8
Australia	3	1	4	8
Germany	1	1	4	6
Vanuatu	1	-	4	5
Uruguay	1	1	3	5
Bangladesh	2	-	3	5
South Korea	1	2	2	5
Saudi Arabia	2	1	2	5
Canada	1	1	3	5
Nepal	2	1	2	5
Tuvalu	-	2	2	4
Ireland	-	-	4	4
Colombia	2	-	2	4
Chile	2	1	1	4
Kiribati	1	1	1	3
Papua New Guinea	-	1	2	3
Japan	-	-	3	3
Cambodia	-	1	2	3
Taiwan	3	-	-	3
Czech Republic	-	-	3	3
Netherlands	-	-	2	2
Hong Kong	-	1	1	2
Russia	2	-	-	2
Jordan	-	-	2	2
Nigeria	-	1	-	1
Croatia	-	-	1	1
Morocco	1	-	-	1
Singapore	-	-	1	1
Macao	-	-	1	1
Ecuador	-	1	-	1
Turkey	1	-	-	1
Namibia	1	-	-	1
Italy	-	-	1	1
Portugal	1	-	-	1
Mauritius	-	-	1	1

Iran	-	-	1	1
Romania	1	-	-	1
Iraq	-	1	-	1
Serbia	1	-	-	1
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