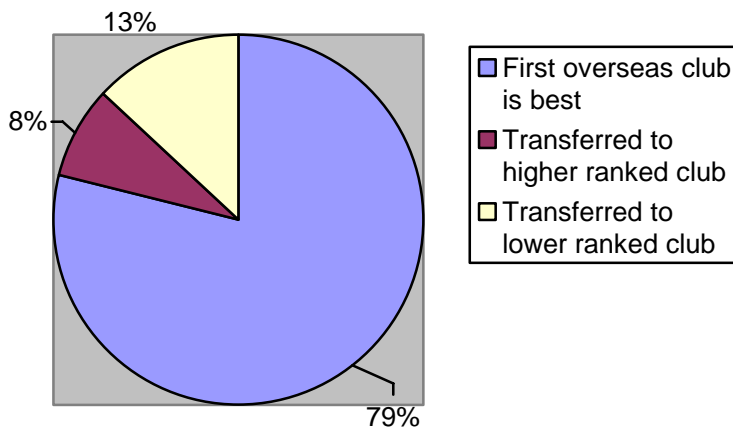


Overseas Football Career Path

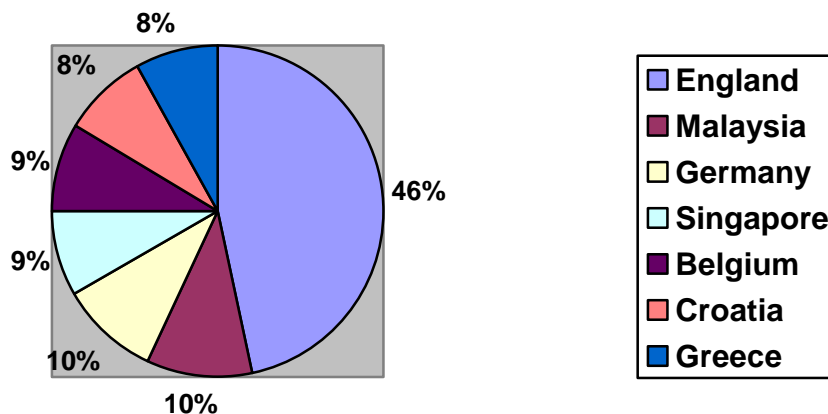
As you can see from the chart below:

- the first overseas club is highly likely to be the best level you will actually play at overseas. A huge 78.59% (367) of players, once overseas, only transferred to clubs that were at the same level as their first overseas club or they returned to Australia;
- only 8.35% (39) of player's actually moved to higher FIFA ranking clubs. This group mostly comprises of past and present Socceroos;
- importantly, 13.06% (61) of players actually transferred to lower ranking clubs after their first, second or third transfer overseas. This figure does not include transfers by players in the later stages of their careers, where age may lead to a decline in playing ability;



Australian players are also not shy about the location of their first club, with player's first transfer being to no less than 36 countries. It is no surprise that England leads the charge with almost a third of players first transferring to the sunny shores of the Her Majesty's kingdom. Bringing up the tail end are countries including, Argentina, Armenia, Bolivia, China, Czech Republic, Macedonia, Paraguay, South Africa and Wales.

First Overseas Club by Country



Overseas Club Destination, By Continent

