# OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, AOUSTRALIA <br> FINAL ESTIMATES FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1981 


#### Abstract

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## MAIN FEATURES

## MARCH QUARTER 1981

## Permanent and long-term movements

The upward trend of permanent (settler) arrivals evident in 1980 has continued into the first quarter of 1981 . Settler arrivals in each quarter of 1980 were respectively $24.3 \%, 26.4 \%, 33.8 \%$ and $37.0 \%$ higher than those for the corresponding quarters of 1979. The figure for the March quarter 1981 was 29,775 , an increase of 9,578 ( $\mathbf{4 7 . 4 \%}$ ) over the March quarter 1980. Permanent departures of Australian residents in the March quarter 1981 continued at the reduced levels experienced in 1980 . The number $(5,257)$ was $9.7 \%$ below the level of the March quarter 1980.

The patterns for long-term movement (stays of one year or more in Australia or abroad) were similar, higher numbers $(13,382)$ for overseas visitors arriving (up $14.7 \%$ on the corresponding quarter of 1980 ) and lower numbers $(15,776)$ for Australian residents departing (down 7.5\%).

## Short-term movement

Compared with the March quarter 1980, overseas visitor arrivals fell one per cent to $\mathbf{2 3 2 , 6 0 0}$. This is an improvement on the last quarter of 1980 which was $5.7 \%$ below the December quarter of 1979. The reduced levels in the March quarter 1981 occurred in February and March, and were due in the main to lower visitor arrivals from the Americas, New Zealand and Japan, partly offset by larger numbers from other Asian countries and European countries, but not the U.K.

Departures of Australian residents also were slightly lower ( $\mathbf{- 0 . 5 \%}$ ), at $\mathbf{2 7 5 , 1 0 0}$, than in the March quarter 1980, but this was due only to substantially lower figures in February. The declines were mainly of trips to Europe, the U.K. and New Zealand. More people travelled to Asian countries (up 18\%), particularly to Indonesia.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction
This series of publications comes out at approximately monthly intervals and contains the latest available provisional and final estimates in summary form. The new data in this issue are final estimates for February and March 1981.
2. Overseas arrivals and departures statistics are obtained from passenger cards completed by travellers. Provisional estimates, based on early counts of cards by the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, are shown in these publications if they are available and not yet superseded by final estimates.

## Related publications

3. Comprehensive definitions and explanations, and detailed data for three months and twelve months periods, are contained in Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia (3402.0 and 3404.0) and in Australian Demographic Statistics Quarterly (3101.0). Some additional unpublished information in various forms can be made available on request.
4. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the Catalogue of Publications, Australia (1101.0) which is a vailable free of charge from any ABS office.

Note. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. OVERSEAS ARRIVALS ȦND DEP̄PARTURES-SUMMARY

| Period | Arrivals |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Residents returning after- |  |  | Visitors arriving for- |  | Total |
|  | Permanent | Long-term | Short-term | Long-term | Short-term |  |
| Year ended 31 December- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1978 | 68,419 | 57,938 | 1,029,482 | 28,389 | 630.594 | 1.814,822 |
| 1979 | 72,236 | 61,441 | 1,144.334 | 33,450 | 793.345 | 2.104.807 |
| 1980 | 94.503 | 58,760 | 1.194.768 | 31.025 | 904.558 | 2.283.613 |
| 1980- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February | 6.422 | 4.426 | 88.120 | 4.390 | 82.207 | 185.564 |
| March | 7,362 | 4,412 | 90,930 | 3.366 | 86.795 | 192.865 |
| April | 7,475 | 3,854 | 82.531 | 2,085 | 61.767 | 157,713 |
| May | 7,363 | 3.539 | 99.729 | 2.173 | 60.662 | 173.466 |
| June | 7,036 | 3.941 | 95.171 | 2.001 | 69,732 | 177.880 |
| July | 7,420 | 4,282 | 94,188 | 2,231 | 77.331 | 185.453 |
| August | 8,080 | 4.567 | 99,787 | 2.375 | 69.956 | 184.765 |
| September | 8.016 | 3,984 | 118,286 | 2.131 | 60,873 | 193.290 |
| October | 9,198 | 4,705 | 110,680 | 2.031 | 71.886 | 198.500 |
| November | 10,084 | 6.233 | 97.902 | 2.146 | 84.787 | 201.152 |
| December | 9,634 | 9.422 | 66,904 | 2.182 | 112.587 | 200.728 |
| 1981- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 9,993 | 5,484 | 143,403 | 4.718 | 69.566 | 233.165 |
| February | 7.931 | 4,315 | 84.177 | 4.983 | 78.701 | 180,107 |
| March | 11,851 | 4.865 | 90.105 | 3.681 | 84.300 | 194.802 |


| Period | Depariures |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Residents deparing for- |  |  | Visitors departing after- |  | Total |
|  | Permanent | Long-term | Short-term | Long-term | Short-term |  |
| Year ended 31 December- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1978 | 24,960 | 58,519 | 1,062.234 | 19.643 | 597.123 | 1.762.480 |
| 1979 | 23,420 | 54,266 | 1,175,769 | 20,422 | 752,440 | 2,026,316 |
| 1980 | 20,843 | 50,713 | 1,203.602 | 19,306 | 874,090 | 2.168.555 |
| 1980- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February | 1,867 | 5.147 | 82,720 | 1.393 | 82.483 | 173.610 |
| March | 2,040 | 5.133 | 105.982 | 1.444 | 87.622 | 202.220 |
| April | 1,816 | 4.300 | 103.929 | 1.328 | 76,133 | 187.507 |
| May | 1,990 | 4,206 | 121,038 | 1.467 | 65.944 | 194.645 |
| June | 1.588 | 3,699 | 98,811 | 1.459 | 57.770 | 163.328 |
| July | 1,506 | 3,601 | 96.866 | 1.386 | 68.786 | 172.146 |
| August | 1,695 | 4.276 | 115,446 | 1.480 | 72.184 | 195,082 |
| September | 1,330 | 3,481 | 87.512 | 1.017 | 64.048 | 157.388 |
| October | 1.594 | 2.970 | 86.494 | 1.099 | 65.937 | 158.094 |
| November | 1,763 | 3,107 | 81,826 | 1.571 | 75.491 | 163.758 |
| December | 1,740 | 4,010 | 135,269 | 3.716 | 58.766 | 203.501 |
| 1981- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 1,802 | 6.650 | 88.936 | 1.951 | 105,006 | 204.345 |
| February | 1,611 | 4,338 | 77.148 | 1.199 | 75.118 | 159.414 |
| March | 1.844 | 4.788 | 109,014 | 1.465 | 88.095 | 205.206 |

TABLE 2. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : OVERSEAS VISITORS ARRIVING SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS

|  | Visitors arriving intending to stay less than 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Month of |  |  |  |  |  | Quarter ended 31 March |  |
|  | January |  | February |  | March |  |  |  |
|  | 1980 | 1981 | 1980 | 1981 | 1980 | 1981 | 1980 | 1981 |
| Intended length of stay- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 1 week | 15.922 | 15,911 | 20,103 | 16,159 | 19,353 | 17,143 | 55,378 | 49,213 |
| 1 and under 2 weeks | 10.122 | 10,433 | 15,414 | 12.706 | 14,663 | 14.451 | 40,199 | 37,589 |
| 2 weeks and under 1 month | 12,840 | 15,378 | 16,610 | 16,518 | 20,427 | 18.602 | 49.876 | 50,499 |
| 1 and under 2 months | 10.556 | 10,647 | 14,753 | 17.001 | 17,218 | 15,758 | 42,527 | 43.406 |
| 2 and under 3 months | 3.935 | 4.526 | 4.678 | 4.807 | 4,673 | 5.437 | 13,286 | 14.770 |
| 3 and under 6 months | 5.485 | 5,179 | 4,387 | 4,707 | 4.635 | 5,105 | 14,507 | 14,990 |
| 6 and under 12 months | 6,031 | 6.456 | 5,030 | 5,628 | 4,668 | 6.417 | 15,728 | 18,501 |
| Not stated | 1.084 | 1.037 | 1.233 | 1.174 | 1,158 | 1,387 | 3,475 | 3,599 |
| Purpose of journey- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In transit | 6.518 | 6,669 | 6.256 | 5,221 | 5,924 | 5,810 | 18,698 | 17,700 |
| Attending convention | 504 | 533 | 3,130 | 1,195 | 1.263 | 1,392 | 4,897 | 3,120 |
| Business | 6.798 | 7.187 | 10,845 | 10.490 | 12,202 | 12.539 | 29.845 | 30,216 |
| Accompanying business traveller | 896 | 1,067 | 1.004 | 1.195 | 845 | 885 | 2,745 | 3,147 |
| Visiting relatives | 17,089 | 16.664 | 21,344 | 23.577 | 26,483 | 25,030 | 64,917 | 65,271 |
| Holiday | 26.483 | 29,255 | 31,745 | 30,036 | 33,226 | 31.533 | 91.454 | 90,824 |
| Employment | 2,075 | 2,084 | 1,334 | 1.222 | 1.344 | 1,805 | 4,754 | 5,111 |
| Education | 2.276 | 2,198 | 2.786 | 2,848 | 1,126 | 1,255 | 6,188 | 6,300 |
| Other and not stated | 3,336 | 3,910 | 3.761 | 2,917 | 4,381 | 4,050 | 11.478 | 10,878 |
|  | Country of last residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Africa- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| South Africa | 827 | 843 | 664 | 856 | 989 | 1.007 | 2.479 | 2,705 |
| Other | 280 | 282 | 389 | 391 | 276 | 557 | 945 | 1,231 |
| Total, Africa | 1.107 | 1.125 | 1,053 | 1,247 | 1.265 | 1,564 | 3.424 | 3,936 |
| America- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 2,785 | 3.234 | 4.701 | 3,382 | 3.920 | 3,944 | 11,406 | 10,560 |
| U.S.A. | 8.280 | 8,779 | 13.561 | 11.865 | 14,613 | 11,661 | 36,453 | 32,305 |
| Other | 471 | 422 | 417 | 475 | 393 | 491 | 1,281 | 1,388 |
| Total, America | 11.536 | 12,435 | 18,679 | 15.722 | 18,926 | 16.096 | 49,140 | 44.253 |
| Asia- Al8, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hong Kong | 704 | 880 | 1.869 | 2,254 | 1,388 | 975 | 3,962 | 4,109 |
| Indonesia | 702 | 1,170 | 858 | 1,088 | 958 | 1.018 | 2,518 | 3,276 |
| Japan | 4,578 | 4.581 | 6,143 | 5,347 | 5,437 | 4.831 | 16,158 | 14.759 |
| Malaysia | 966 | 1.089 | 1.538 | 1.850 | 1.560 | 1,731 | 4,064 | 4,670 |
| Phillipines | 302 | 364 | 419 | 757 | 576 | 646 | 1,297 | 1,767 |
| Singapore | 729 | 888 | 1,255 | 1,287 | 1,636 | 1,598 | 3.620 | 3,772 |
| Thailand | 255 | 359 | 512 | 500 | 463 | 539 | 1,230 | 1,398 |
| Other | 1.123 | 1,590 | 1,777 | 1,852 | 1,602 | 1,924 | 4,501 | 5,367 |
| Total. Asia | 9.359 | 10.921 | 14.371 | 14.935 | 13,620 | 13,262 | 37,350 | 39,118 |
| Europe- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| France | 643 | 590 | 657 | 643 | 731 | 724 | 2,031 | 1.957 |
| Germany (a) | 3.128 | 3.645 | 4,341 | 4.454 | 4,007 | 4,073 | 11.476 | 12,171 |
| Greece | 417 | 293 | 440 | 406 | 393 | 415 | 1.250 | 1,114 |
| Italy | 1.162 | 1.095 | 1,053 | 1.276 | 781 | 1.012 | 2.996 | 3.383 |
| Netherlands | 1,770 | 1,574 | 2,059 | 2.225 | 1,896 | 1.846 | 5.724 | 5,645 |
| Switzerland | 672 | 862 | 876 | 942 | 602 | 851 | 2,150 | 2,654 |
| U.K. and Ireland | 10.039 | 9.685 | 15,880 | 18.385 | 17.965 | 18.073 | 43,882 | 46.144 |
| Yugoslavia | 679 | 697 | 413 | 461 | 528 | 570 | 1,620 | 1,728 |
| Other | 1.626 | 1,858 | 2,004 | 2.032 | 2,109 | 2.160 | 5.742 | 6,051 |
| Total. Europe | 20.136 | 20.299 | 27.723 | 30,824 | 29.012 | 29.724 | 76.871 | 80.847 |
| Oceania- 20, 20, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fiji | 748 | 844 | 921 | 910 | 906 | 778 | 2.575 | 2,531 |
| New Caledonia | 1.612 | 1.599 | 1.035 | 1.006 | 608 | 519 | 3,255 | 3,124 |
| New Zealand | 17.376 | 17.909 | 15,337 | 11,369 | 19,903 | 19.850 | 52,617 | 49.127 |
| Papua New Guinea | 2.891 | 3.262 | 2.028 | 1.716 | 1.911 | 1,721 | 6.830 | 6.700 |
| Other | 915 | 945 | 858 | 667 | 463 | 528 | 2,236 | 2,139 |
| Total. Oceania | 23,542 | 24.559 | 20,179 | 15.668 | 23.791 | 23.396 | 67.513 | 63.621 |
| Not stated | 295 | 228 | 203 | 305 | 180 | 258 | 678 | 791 |
| Total | 65,975 | 69,566 | 82,207 | 78,701 | 86,795 | 84,300 | 234,976 | 232,567 |

[^0]TABLE 3. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS DEPARTING SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS

|  | Residents departing intending to be away less than 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Month of |  |  |  |  |  | Quarler ended 31 March |  |
|  | January |  | February |  | March |  |  |  |
|  | 1980 | 1981 | 1980 | 1981 | 1980 | 1981 | 1980 | 1981 |
| Intended length of stay- 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 1 week | 3,093 | 3.122 | 3,694 | 3.245 | 4.194 | 3,863 | 10,982 | 10.231 |
| 1 and under 2 weeks | 16,025 | 18,358 | 14.630 | 15,139 | 19.431 | 18,989 | 50.086 | 52.486 |
| 2 weeks and under 1 month | 35.622 | 35,539 | 26,028 | 26,319 | 31.641 | 35.814 | 93,291 | 97.671 |
| 1 and under 2 months | 14,597 | 14,209 | 17,021 | 14,502 | 18.048 | 18.472 | 49,666 | 47.183 |
| 2 and under 3 months | 5,011 | 5,024 | 5.970 | 4,515 | 9,001 | 8.937 | 19.982 | 18.476 |
| 3 and under 6 months | 3,706 | 3,733 | 6,023 | 5.582 | 10.426 | 10.617 | 20.154 | 19.933 |
| 6 and under 12 months | 7,960 | 7,368 | 7,902 | 6,660 | 11.169 | 10,562 | 27.032 | 24.588 |
| Not stated | 1,694 | 1,585 | 1,453 | 1,185 | 2.071 | 1.759 | 5.217 | 4,528 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Attending convention | 1,455 | 1,264 | 1,726 | 1.445 | 3,484 | 2,341 | 6.664 | 5.050 |
| Business | 9.472 | 10.422 | 10,564 | 10.951 | 11.782 | 13,120 | 31.818 | 34.493 |
| Accompanying business traveller | 1,938 | 2,196 | 1.409 | 1.283 | 1.610 | 1.527 | 4,956 49.525 | 5.005 48,317 |
| Visiting relatives | 13,646 | 13,447 | 15.636 | 13.879 | 20,243 | 20.991 | 49.525 | 48,317 |
| Holiday | 53,770 | 53,867 | 46,949 | 43.628 | 62.712 | 63.509 | 163.431 5.595 | 161.005 |
| Employment | 1,959 | 2,199 | 2.094 | 1.963 | 1.542 | 2.025 | 5.595 | 6.186 |
| Education | 1,203 | 1,295 | 813 | 586 | 566 | 715 | 2.583 | 2.596 |
| Other and not stated | 4,265 | 4,246 | 3,530 | 3.414 | 4.043 | 4.786 | 11.838 | 12.445 |
|  | Country in which most time will be spent |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Africa- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| South Africa | 571 | 339 | 634 | 523 | 498 | 756 | 1,703 | 1.617 |
| Other | 798 | 573 | 493 | 347 | 451 | 673 | 1,742 | 1,594 |
| Total. Africa | 1,369 | 912 | 1.127 | 870 | 949 | 1.429 | 3.445 | 3,211 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 446 | 519 | 743 | 500 | 859 | 1,529 | 2,048 | 2.549 |
| U.S.A. | 8.689 | 9,081 | 10.590 | 9.972 | 15,025 | 15,314 | 34.305 | 34.368 |
| Other | 791 | 575 | 615 | 522 | 607 | 705 | 2.012 | 1.800 |
| Total. America | 9.926 | 10.175 | 11,948 | 10.994 | 16.491 | 17.548 | 38.365 | 38,717 |
| Asia- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hong Kong | 4,297 | 5,234 | 4.019 | 3.698 | 5,650 | 6,190 | 13.966 | 15.122 |
| Indonesia | 4.845 | 7,977 | 3,458 | 6.086 | 4,595 | 6.763 | 12.898 | 20.826 |
| Japan | 1,149 | 1.069 | 766 | 765 | 1.098 | 1.545 | 3.014 | 3,379 8.501 |
| Malaysia | 2,497 | 3,774 | 2,357 2,056 | 2,266 | 1,844 | 2,461 | 6.699 7.028 | 8.501 6.690 |
| Phillipines | 2,868 | 2,437 | 2.056 | 2,122 | 2,105 | 2.131 | 7.028 | 6.690 15.157 |
| Singapore | 5,410 | 5,770 | 3,901 | 4.828 | 4.593 | 4,559 | 13.904 3.109 | 15.157 |
| Thailand | 1,121 | 1,342 | 886 | 809 | 1.103 | 963 | 3.109 | 3,114 |
| Other | 3,234 | 3.139 | 2.421 | 2,875 | 4.121 | 4.291 | 9.776 | 10.306 |
| Total, Asia | 25,421 | 30.742 | 19,864 | 23,449 | 25.109 | 28.903 | 70,394 | 83.095 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| France | 535 | 466 | 489 | 307 | 487 | 694 | 1.512 | 1.467 |
| Germany (a) | 1,005 | 805 | 1.211 | 1.279 | 1.828 | 1.900 | 4.044 | 1,984 5.126 |
| Greece | 1,376 | 998 | 1.497 | 1,104 | 3.919 | 3.023 | 6,792 | 5.126 |
| Italy | 1.470 | 1,764 | 1,279 | 1,158 | 2,825 | 2.985 | 5.573 | 5.906 |
| Netherlands | 680 | 553 | 937 | 875 | 1,369 | 1.400 | 2.985 | 2.829 |
| Switzerland | 492 | 464 | 288 | 338 | 264 | 406 | 1.044 | 1.208 3574 |
| U.K. and Ireland | 8,514 | 8.200 | 13,099 | 10.422 | 18.617 | 16.952 | 40.231 | 35.574 |
| Yugoslavia | 493 | 567 | 478 | 661 | 1.255 | 1.105 | 2.226 | 2.333 4.655 |
| Other | 1,519 | 1,253 | 1.599 | 1.143 | 2.413 | 2.260 | 5.531 | 4,655 |
| Total, Europe | 16.084 | 15,070 | 20.877 | 17.287 | 32.977 | 30.725 | 69,938 | 63.082 |
| Oceania- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fiji | $\because 5,345$ | 5.096 | 3,396 | 3,224 | 5.451 | 4.511 | 14,191 | 12.830 |
| New Caledonia | 1.877 | 1.561 | 1,511 | 1,460 | 1.225 | 1.095 20.932 | 4,614 02026 | 4.115 58.102 |
| New Zealand | 21,949 | 20,963 | 20.067 | 16,207 | 20.010 | 20.932 | 62,026 5 | 58.102 5.118 |
| Papua New Guinea | 2,102 | 2.101 | 1.633 | 1,521 | 1.529 1.911 | 1.496 2.110 | 5.264 7.036 | 5.118 5.631 |
| Other | 3.226 | 2.068 | 1,900 | 1.451 | 1.911 | 2,110 | 7.036 93.131 | 5.631 85.796 |
| Total, Oceania | 34.499 | 31,789 | 28,507 | 23.863 | 30, 126 | 30.144 | 93.131 | 85.796 |
| Not stated | 410 | 248 | 397 | 685 | 329 | 264 | 1.136 | 1.197 |
| Total | 87,708 | 88,936 | 82,720 | 77,148 | 105,982 | 109,014 | 276,410 | 275,097 |

(a) Comprises the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany.


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