



OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, AUSTRALIA FINAL ESTIMATES FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1981

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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 (47.4%) 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 232,600. 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 (-0.5%), at 275,100, 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by the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, are shown in these publications if they are available and not yet superseded by final estimates.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 available 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 AND DEPARTURES-SUMMARY

Period	Arrivals					Total
	Permanent	Residents returning after—		Visitors arriving for—		
		Long-term	Short-term	Long-term	Short-term	
<i>Year ended 31 December—</i>						
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
<i>1980—</i>						
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
<i>1981—</i>						
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	Departures					Total
	Permanent	Residents departing for—		Visitors departing after—		
		Long-term	Short-term	Long-term	Short-term	
<i>Year ended 31 December—</i>						
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
<i>1980—</i>						
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
<i>1981—</i>						
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

