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## OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1979

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### MAIN FEATURES

Total overseas arrivals in the September quarter 1979 are provisionally estimated at 536,700, about 12 per cent higher than in the September quarter 1978, almost entirely due to a substantial increase in overseas short-term (less than one year) arrivals.

Total departures are provisionally estimated at 497,000, about 15 per cent above the September quarter 1978 figure.

Settler arrivals in the September quarter were 17,800, an increase of 6 per cent over the September quarter 1978.

the months of October, November and December 1978 are shown overleaf. It is hoped to overcome the delay in the availability of these details in the months to come.

### Related publications

2. Statistics of overseas arrivals and departures are shown in some detail in the quarterly publication *Overseas Arrivals and Departures* (3402.0), which also contains comprehensive definitions and explanations, and in *Demographic Statistics, Quarterly* (3101.0).

3. All current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

### Symbols and other usages

- p preliminary – figure subject to revision
- r figure revised since previous issue
- .. not applicable

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### Introduction

This publication contains the latest available provisional estimates of overseas arrivals and departures as obtained from counts of passenger cards made by the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, together with preliminary and final figures for earlier periods. Provisional estimates are expected to be superseded quickly by better based statistics. Preliminary estimates are produced at a later stage of processing and are subject to minimal revision. More detailed statistics for

### Rounding

4. Provisional figures shown in this publication are rounded to the nearest hundred. Although preliminary and sampled estimates are not rounded, neither they nor the provisional figures should be assumed accurate to the last digit shown. 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					Departures				
	Residents returning after –			Visitors arriving for –		Residents departing for –			Visitors departing after –	
	Perma- nent	Long- term	Short- term	Long- term	Short- term	Perma- nent	Long- term	Short- term	Long- term	Short- term
Year ended 30 June –										
1977	70,916	59,193	963,730	26,133	540,395	24,588	68,792	965,659	19,724	525,256
1978	73,171	57,312	989,025	28,043	580,883	23,096	60,099	1,004,931	19,194	564,250
1979 p (a)	67,200	56,300	1,102,000	31,800	704,100	25,100	56,000	1,134,500	20,300	664,700
Month of –										
1978 – August	5,422	4,766	90,531	2,308	49,747	2,189	4,908	111,409	1,617	47,000
September	5,565	4,573	125,888	2,110	45,910	2,015	3,939	73,746	1,334	48,193
October	5,513	4,964	99,410	1,969	52,936	1,875	3,022	72,847	1,186	48,297
November	5,020	5,269	79,603	1,703	71,467	1,725	3,256	64,939	1,584	56,291
December	6,270	9,841	59,263	1,892	91,382	2,808	5,745	146,337	3,859	49,700
1979 – January p	5,036	4,898	157,085	3,963	57,206	2,070	6,282	83,345	1,912	86,033
February p	5,329	4,071	76,404	4,433	59,988	1,992	4,941	66,257	1,368	65,817
March p	5,823	3,861	73,081	3,201	65,573	2,362	5,340	101,942	1,499	64,861
April p	5,297	3,800	73,255	2,449	55,432	2,003	4,862	100,035	1,468	58,966
May p	5,547	3,764	96,791	2,496	53,897	2,161	5,452	120,721	1,774	57,854
June p (a)	6,500	3,600	84,400	2,200	57,000	1,700	3,300	101,500	1,300	44,900
July p (a)	5,500	4,800	87,900	2,400	66,600	1,800	4,100	93,100	1,400	54,700
August p (a)	6,300	4,800	95,800	2,300	62,100	1,700	4,400	61,400	1,600	123,600
September p (a)	6,000	4,600	130,100	2,300	55,200	1,700	4,000	84,600	1,200	57,700

(a) Provisional estimate only – see paragraphs 1 and 4 of the explanatory notes.

TABLE 2. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT: SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS

	Visitors arriving intending to stay less than 12 months						Residents departing intending to be away less than 12 months					
	October		November		December		October		November		December	
	Month of -		Month of -		Month of -		Month of -		Month of -		Month of -	
	1977	1978	1977	1978	1977	1978	1977	1978	1977	1978	1977	1978
<b>Intended length of stay -</b>												
Under 1 week	11,281	14,952	15,244	17,044	11,072	13,730	3,096	3,793	4,013	3,828	3,212	2,936
1 and under 2 weeks	10,002	10,684	9,666	10,915	7,416	10,240	9,683	13,069	8,731	9,690	11,597	14,632
2 weeks and under 1 month	9,893	10,884	9,685	10,822	19,368	23,712	26,572	29,015	19,448	21,916	46,351	52,271
1 and under 2 months	5,617	7,185	7,924	8,869	18,690	22,448	13,251	14,132	7,427	8,038	37,615	42,169
2 and under 3 months	2,368	2,384	5,311	5,449	6,836	8,192	4,236	4,188	7,644	8,314	14,633	17,671
3 and under 6 months	3,128	3,369	11,671	13,021	5,949	7,358	3,150	3,274	6,751	6,832	5,310	6,157
6 and under 12 months	3,000	2,748	4,749	4,438	3,690	4,460	4,657	4,352	4,219	5,230	7,213	7,906
Not stated	587	729	845	908	1,005	1,242	895	1,025	962	1,092	2,077	2,596
<b>Purpose of journey -</b>												
In transit	3,825	4,937	4,609	5,182	4,987	6,130	..	..	..	..	..	..
Attending convention	1,102	1,014	597	588	335	274	1,230	2,709	1,063	1,480	452	771
Business	8,018	10,462	8,944	9,301	4,372	4,892	9,918	11,106	9,189	8,730	6,141	7,066
Accompanying business traveller	792	881	704	857	463	668	1,062	1,314	1,192	1,424	1,274	1,939
Visiting relatives	10,018	11,788	23,656	26,021	32,301	38,165	11,319	10,994	11,425	12,677	32,591	37,868
Holiday	17,129	19,486	20,958	24,623	26,496	35,136	36,704	41,305	31,352	35,384	78,080	89,068
Employment	1,250	1,081	1,333	1,199	1,118	1,196	1,075	1,253	961	1,299	1,291	1,341
Education	233	244	195	254	273	412	4,230	295	452	299	1,015	946
Other and not stated	3,510	3,042	4,098	3,442	3,681	4,508		3,871	3,561	3,645	7,164	7,339
			<i>Country of last residence</i>						<i>Country in which most time will be spent</i>			
<b>Africa -</b>												
South Africa	352	654	401	764	756	1,321	317	311	540	598	843	1,225
Other	233	303	261	383	629	731	266	368		403	914	1,457
<b>America -</b>												
Canada	1,217	1,484	2,043	1,779	2,979	3,621	6,429	356	322	328	1,281	1,372
U.S.A.	8,377	9,174	9,371	10,176	6,832	8,647		7,825	4,157	4,896	11,752	13,845
Other	291	451	270	417	536	541		504	396	563	1,681	2,067
<b>Asia -</b>												
Hong Kong	498	546	672	704	1,082	862	3,257	3,711	2,518	2,415	4,944	5,393
Indonesia	413	675	481	400	728	1,055	2,051	2,718	1,650	2,216	4,053	5,153
Japan	2,959	3,851	4,432	3,941	3,259	4,053	2,148	1,820	908	651	1,718	1,142
Malaysia	511	657	1,319	1,024	1,476	1,435	1,126	1,378	1,351	1,093	3,414	3,953
Singapore	821	844	1,326	987	1,351	1,505	3,024	3,405	2,632	2,638	4,833	4,853
Other	1,449	2,162	1,930	2,333	2,125	2,802	4,204	5,149	3,818	4,371	10,711	13,118
<b>Europe -</b>												
Germany (a)	1,166	1,751	2,097	2,233	2,151	2,952	681	556	1,064	1,153	1,595	1,823
Greece	305	380	387	576	593	761	1,000	1,018	1,025	1,087	2,352	2,805
Italy	747	824	1,272	1,390	1,666	1,845	1,218	1,118	2,232	1,945	3,135	3,119
Netherlands	821	831	1,866	1,741	1,453	2,179	443	484	703	935	970	1,145
U.K. and Ireland	5,473	6,915	18,374	20,039	10,351	13,538	11,685	11,200	9,689	10,105	16,268	17,851
Other	2,964	2,524	3,751	4,182	3,669	4,457	1,868	2,048	2,784	2,976	5,022	5,249
<b>Oceania -</b>												
Fiji	612	620	569	729	1,146	1,260	4,350	4,691	3,022	3,925	5,882	7,098
New Caledonia	419	485	625	452	1,220	1,088	704	1,525	783	1,048	1,670	1,913
New Zealand	12,877	14,985	10,319	13,857	23,840	30,458	15,062	16,013	14,786	16,157	36,890	41,378
Papua New Guinea	1,789	1,530	1,534	1,786	4,057	4,000	1,663	1,647	1,486	1,600	2,346	3,107
Other	408	349	453	531	682	774	1,854	2,712	1,665	2,015	2,552	3,660
Not stated	1,177	939	1,343	1,041	1,448	1,498	1,683	2,246	1,665	1,820	3,182	3,610
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,875</b>	<b>52,936</b>	<b>65,095</b>	<b>71,467</b>	<b>74,026</b>	<b>91,382</b>	<b>65,540</b>	<b>72,847</b>	<b>59,195</b>	<b>64,939</b>	<b>128,008</b>	<b>146,337</b>

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



OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES: REVISED MONTHLY PUBLICATION

A survey of users of overseas arrivals and departures statistics was conducted by the ABS in June 1979. Although the response rate was disappointing (18% of questionnaires were returned), the survey indicated that a majority of responding users require only broad groupings of data on a monthly basis, but require these as soon as possible after the end of the month. The publication attached has therefore been revised to provide the latest available figures in an abridged form. While this version shows less detail than previous monthly publications, the ABS will still produce, in computer printout and microfiche form, a wide range of cross-classified tables on a monthly basis. These tabulations can be made available to users requiring more detail, and enquiries should be directed to the address shown at the head of the publication. A charge may be made for the supply of unpublished tables depending on the complexity of the request.

Future quarterly publications will include some monthly time-series data, but these publications will continue to come out well after the latest month included in the publication.

Your comments on the revised format of the monthly publications are invited. The current delays in the publication of data (caused by the increased volume of processing in the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs and the ABS) are now being overcome, and it is likely that by mid-1980, the current backlog of processing will be cleared and the delays substantially reduced.

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