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MAIN FEATURES

Provisional estimates of total arrivals in October 1979 are 183,500, an increase of 11 per cent over October 1978. Provisional estimates of total departures are 148,200, an increase of 16 per cent over October 1978.

64,400 short-term visitors arrived in October 1979, an increase of 21 per cent over October 1978; Australian residents departing for short term trips abroad also increased by 9 per cent (from 72,800 in October 1978 to 79,200 in October 1979).

February 1979 figures show large increases in short term arrivals from Germany (52 per cent increase over February 1978), U.K. and Ireland (46 per cent), and New Zealand (31 per cent). February 1979 departure figures show a significant increase of Australian residents visiting the U.S.A. a rise of 84 per cent over February 1978.

are produced at a later stage of processing and are subject to minimal revision. More detailed statistics for the months of December 1978, January and February 1979 are shown overleaf.

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 Provisional estimates are expected to be superseded quickly by better based statistics.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

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					
	Perma- nent	Residents returning after –		Visitors arriving for –		Perma- nent	Residents departing for –		Visitors departing after –		
		Long- term	Short- term	Long- term	Short- term		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	57,000	1,101,700	32,000	704,400	25,100	56,600	1,134,100	20,900	663,900	
Month of –											
1978 – 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 r	5,057	5,276	156,710	3,965	57,208	2,103	6,666	83,054	2,320	85,324	
February r	5,345	4,430	76,432	4,622	60,305	1,999	5,182	66,187	1,519	65,694	
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	125,600	1,600	59,500	
September p (a)	6,000	4,600	130,100	2,300	55,200	1,700	4,000	84,600	1,200	57,700	
October p (a)	6,500	5,200	105,500	1,900	64,400	1,700	3,500	79,200	1,100	62,700	

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

TABLE 2. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Visitors arriving intending to stay less than 12 months</i>						<i>Residents departing intending to be away less than 12 months</i>					
			<i>Month of -</i>						<i>Month of -</i>			
			<i>December</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>			<i>December</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>		
	<i>1977</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>1977</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979</i>
Intended length of stay -												
Under 1 week	11,072	13,730	12,073	12,927	13,978	13,778	3,212	2,936	2,549	2,612	3,351	3,158
1 and under 2 weeks	7,416	10,240	7,394	8,725	9,465	11,117	11,597	14,632	12,293	16,327	7,907	9,011
2 weeks and under 1 month	19,368	23,712	10,039	12,276	9,318	11,491	46,351	52,271	34,893	38,762	20,349	22,906
1 and under 2 months	18,690	22,448	6,998	8,292	7,220	10,005	37,615	42,169	10,367	10,998	9,273	11,786
2 and under 3 months	6,836	8,192	3,011	3,812	2,686	3,877	14,633	17,671	3,599	3,277	3,992	4,559
3 and under 6 months	5,949	7,358	4,366	4,468	3,490	4,167	5,310	6,157	2,774	2,510	4,566	5,730
6 and under 12 months	3,690	4,460	5,290	5,551	5,068	4,366	7,213	7,906	6,664	6,947	6,639	7,709
Not stated	1,005	1,242	726	1,157	658	1,502	2,077	2,596	1,278	1,620	1,007	1,329
Purpose of journey -												
In transit	4,987	6,130	5,463	5,736	4,867	5,059						
Attending convention	335	274	234	374	899	666	452	771	857	1,871	849	1,115
Business	4,372	4,892	4,900	5,655	9,693	10,573	6,141	7,066	8,017	7,935	8,737	9,328
Accompanying business traveller	463	668	726	814	768	1,011	1,274	1,939	1,492	1,591	1,174	1,351
Visiting relatives	32,301	38,165	12,011	13,805	10,584	15,243	32,591	37,868	9,818	10,087	9,984	13,214
Holiday	26,496	35,136	18,775	22,420	17,828	20,946	78,080	89,068	46,400	53,495	31,518	35,645
Employment	1,118	1,196	2,012	2,430	1,573	1,535	1,251	1,341	1,744	2,095	1,151	1,368
Education	273	412	2,012	1,921	2,503	1,954	1,015	946	766	1,230	377	644
Other and not stated	3,681	4,508	3,765	4,052	3,167	3,318	7,164	7,339	5,323	4,750	3,295	3,521
			<i>Country of last residence</i>						<i>Country in which most time will be spent</i>			
Africa -												
South Africa	756	1,321	461	740	449	644	843	1,225	223	492	131	485
Other	629	731	268	264	365	408	914	1,457	353	327	245	362
America -												
Canada	2,979	3,621	2,434	2,393	2,392	2,650	1,281	1,372	385	306	290	321
U.S.A.	6,832	8,647	6,079	6,871	8,994	9,304	11,752	13,845	6,033	6,964	4,160	7,649
Other	536	541	258	346	320	402	1,681	2,067	354	522	427	515
Asia -												
Hong Kong	1,082	862	627	970	1,238	944	4,944	5,393	3,808	5,016	2,261	2,280
Indonesia	728	1,055	576	551	823	621	4,053	5,153	3,320	3,958	1,717	2,215
Japan	3,259	4,053	3,078	3,033	3,835	4,295	1,718	1,142	754	803	756	581
Malaysia	1,476	1,435	817	768	1,471	907	3,414	3,953	2,293	2,391	1,116	1,110
Singapore	1,351	1,505	533	745	697	851	4,833	4,853	4,313	4,640	2,266	2,311
Other	2,125	2,802	1,654	1,839	2,043	2,133	10,711	13,118	5,315	6,119	3,608	4,115
Europe -												
Germany (a)	2,151	2,952	1,571	1,864	1,820	2,765	1,595	1,823	489	554	539	1,060
Greece	593	761	307	190	208	295	2,352	2,805	1,021	957	796	1,108
Italy	1,666	1,845	689	1,041	604	732	3,135	3,119	1,088	1,018	822	1,212
Netherlands	1,453	2,179	1,056	1,511	1,062	1,348	970	1,145	569	367	378	618
U.K. and Ireland	10,351	13,538	5,953	7,372	7,675	11,168	16,268	17,851	5,177	5,046	10,550	12,578
Other	3,669	4,457	2,497	2,830	2,484	3,133	5,022	5,249	2,045	1,934	2,045	2,742
Oceania -												
Fiji	1,146	1,260	676	778	643	695	5,882	7,098	5,744	6,649	2,366	2,963
New Caledonia	1,220	1,088	1,463	1,378	969	1,092	1,670	1,913	1,575	1,972	641	578
New Zealand	23,840	30,458	13,905	17,384	10,295	13,455	36,890	41,378	23,074	26,819	17,322	17,832
Papua New Guinea	4,057	4,000	3,354	3,038	1,840	1,549	2,346	3,107	2,211	2,207	1,396	1,464
Other	682	774	448	790	667	769	2,552	3,660	2,282	3,693	1,538	1,849
Not stated	1,448	1,498	1,192	514	990	147	3,182	3,610	1,990	299	1,717	235
Total	74,026	91,382	49,898	57,208	51,883	60,305	128,008	146,337	74,417	83,054	57,084	66,187

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