

OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, AUSTRALIA

PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES FOR DECEMBER 1979 AND JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1980
FINAL ESTIMATES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 1979

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MAIN FEATURES

Provisional estimates of total arrivals and total departures for the months of December 1979 and January and February 1980, and comparable figures for the corresponding months of previous years, are as follows:

	Total arrivals	Total departures
December 1978	168,648	208,449
December 1979p	193,100	208,000
January 1979	228,007	179,467
January 1980p	232,400	196,500
February 1979	151,134	140,581
February 1980p	185,800	174,300

October 1979 final estimates show large increases (25 per cent) over October 1978 in short-term visitor arrivals from the major source countries (Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Ireland) and a number of other countries, particularly Germany, the Netherlands and Hong Kong. Australian residents departing for short-term trips abroad continued to visit Canada, the U.S.A., Germany, the Netherlands and the U.K. and Ireland in increasing numbers. Total short-term resident departures in October 1979 were 15 per cent higher than in October 1978.

Short-term movement of overseas visitors and Australian residents in November 1979 showed a similar pattern to October 1979 movements. Visitors arriving increased by 12 per cent over November 1978, while residents departing increased by 13 per cent in the same period.

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 final figures for earlier periods. Revised figures for some months of 1979 are also contained in this publication. Provisional estimates are expected to be quickly superseded by better based statistics.

Related publications

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

3. 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

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					
	Permanent	Residents returning after -		Visitors arriving for -		Total	Permanent	Residents departing for -		Visitors departing after -		Total
		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	1,660,367	24,588	68,792	965,659	19,724	525,256	1,604,019
1978	73,171	57,312	989,025	28,043	580,883	1,728,434	23,096	60,099	1,004,931	19,194	564,250	1,671,570
1979	56,798	49,640	870,294	22,925	584,598	1,584,254	21,327	45,407	982,798	17,377	515,920	1,582,830
1978 -												
November	5,020	5,269	79,603	1,703	71,467	163,062	1,725	3,256	64,939	1,584	56,291	127,795
December	6,270	9,841	59,263	1,892	91,382	168,648	2,808	5,745	146,337	3,859	49,700	208,449
1979 -												
January	5,050	6,876	154,967	6,538	54,576	228,007	2,103	6,666	83,054	2,320	85,324	179,467
February	5,344	4,431	76,432	4,601	60,326	151,134	1,999	5,182	66,187	1,519	65,694	140,581
March	5,856	4,303	72,159	3,287	65,346	150,951	2,413	5,575	101,698	1,650	64,646	175,982
April	5,302	r3,858	r73,213	r2,474	r55,605	140,452	2,023	r4,854	r100,091	r1,455	r58,982	167,405
May	5,615	r3,759	r97,272	r2,512	r54,431	163,589	2,176	r5,197	r120,076	r1,737	r59,811	188,997
June	6,392	r3,818	r88,187	r2,381	r53,441	154,219	1,904	r3,946	r100,187	r1,550	r46,234	153,821
July	5,409	4,793	89,463	2,263	70,156	172,084	1,782	4,079	96,962	1,407	55,208	159,438
August	6,218	4,428	97,957	1,964	66,799	177,366	1,691	3,748	120,575	1,461	68,160	195,635
September	5,942	4,511	130,537	2,160	57,972	201,122	1,707	3,707	88,423	1,156	60,602	155,595
October	6,540	5,171	105,545	1,933	66,009	185,198	1,729	3,505	83,541	1,059	60,967	150,801
November	6,790	5,591	93,021	1,739	80,006	187,147	1,726	3,541	73,222	1,611	69,643	149,744
December p (a)	7,900	9,900	70,900	1,600	102,800	193,100	2,100	4,300	127,500	3,500	70,600	208,000
1980 -												
January p (a)	6,500	5,400	145,300	3,900	71,300	232,400	1,900	6,800	88,300	2,000	97,500	196,500
February p (a)	6,300	4,400	87,400	4,400	83,300	185,800	1,800	5,200	82,600	1,400	83,300	174,300

(a) Provisional estimates only - more detailed figures will be released when available.

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>October</i>		<i>November</i>		<i>October</i>		<i>November</i>	
	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979</i>
Intended length of stay –								
Under 1 week	14,952	16,725	17,044	19,529	3,793	4,079	3,828	3,763
1 and under 2 weeks	10,684	13,383	10,915	14,354	13,069	14,542	9,690	13,065
2 weeks and under 1 month	10,884	14,042	10,822	14,109	29,015	29,278	21,916	23,279
1 and under 2 months	7,185	9,807	8,869	8,747	14,132	18,308	8,038	8,910
2 and under 3 months	2,384	2,719	5,449	5,817	4,188	5,881	8,314	8,395
3 and under 6 months	3,369	4,713	13,021	11,611	3,274	5,127	6,832	9,038
6 and under 12 months	2,748	3,635	4,438	4,676	4,352	5,244	5,230	5,498
Not stated	729	986	908	1,164	1,025	1,082	1,092	1,275
Purpose of journey –								
In transit	4,937	5,271	5,182	6,499	..	..	..	..
Attending convention	1,014	1,964	588	1,986	2,709	2,753	1,480	1,335
Business	10,462	9,943	9,301	11,139	11,106	11,342	8,730	9,886
Accompanying business traveller	881	1,045	857	875	1,314	1,471	1,424	1,352
Visiting relatives	10,788	16,961	26,021	24,476	10,994	16,629	12,677	15,521
Holiday	19,486	25,665	24,623	29,565	41,305	46,003	35,384	39,634
Employment	1,081	1,195	1,199	1,151	1,253	1,128	1,299	1,291
Education	244	440	254	508	295	780	299	835
Other and not stated	3,042	3,525	3,442	3,807	3,871	3,435	3,645	3,370
			<i>Country of last residence</i>				<i>Country in which most time will be spent</i>	
Africa –								
South Africa	654	930	764	807	311	688	598	511
Other	303	335	383	340	368	322	403	434
America –								
Canada	1,484	1,983	1,779	2,865	356	617	328	707
U.S.A.	9,174	10,767	10,176	12,098	7,825	14,612	4,896	8,975
Other	451	445	417	421	548	523	563	886
Asia –								
Hong Kong	546	916	704	906	3,711	3,845	2,415	4,419
Indonesia	675	585	400	506	2,718	3,697	2,216	2,588
Japan	3,851	4,107	3,941	5,917	1,820	1,247	651	899
Malaysia	657	828	1,024	1,342	1,378	1,164	1,093	1,442
Singapore	844	881	987	1,566	3,405	3,056	2,638	2,455
Other	2,162	2,169	2,333	2,744	5,149	5,553	4,371	6,028
Europe –								
Germany (a)	1,751	2,609	2,233	3,283	556	1,295	1,153	1,250
Greece	380	359	576	634	1,018	1,603	1,087	1,596
Italy	824	797	1,390	1,396	1,118	1,446	1,945	2,304
Netherlands	831	1,437	1,741	2,367	484	1,163	935	924
U.K. and Ireland	6,915	10,210	20,039	14,778	11,200	14,782	10,105	9,612
Other	2,524	3,386	4,182	4,995	2,048	2,660	2,976	3,064
Oceania –								
Fiji	620	605	729	776	4,691	4,922	3,925	3,891
New Caledonia	485	513	452	627	1,525	611	1,048	1,480
New Zealand	14,985	19,851	13,857	18,887	16,013	15,221	16,157	15,498
Papua New Guinea	1,530	1,646	1,786	1,821	1,647	1,542	1,600	1,730
Other	349	364	531	651	2,712	2,746	2,015	2,320
Not stated	939	289	1,041	280	2,246	225	1,820	204
Total	52,936	66,009	71,467	80,006	72,847	83,541	64,939	73,222

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

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TABLE 3. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS FOR MONTHS BETWEEN APRIL AND SEPTEMBER 1979

	<i>Visitors arriving intending to stay less than 12 months</i>						<i>Residents departing intending to be away less than 12 months</i>					
	<i>April r</i>	<i>May r</i>	<i>June r</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>April r</i>	<i>May r</i>	<i>June r</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>September</i>
Intended length of stay –												
Under 1 week	13,194	12,005	12,517	12,257	14,083	12,370	3,914	3,077	3,562	3,541	3,749	3,878
1 and under 2 weeks	10,797	11,264	9,786	16,477	14,728	11,604	13,238	16,069	12,403	11,865	19,653	14,347
2 weeks and under 1 month	13,857	13,016	11,770	17,852	16,380	13,116	27,270	35,046	21,767	25,378	35,995	28,628
1 and under 2 months	7,863	6,705	7,436	11,703	7,810	8,375	20,439	20,306	18,735	17,896	24,413	18,872
2 and under 3 months	2,531	2,326	3,564	3,464	4,791	3,063	10,482	12,933	12,394	13,135	14,291	8,659
3 and under 6 months	2,878	4,366	4,399	4,119	3,843	4,597	11,736	18,116	18,496	13,369	11,718	6,207
6 and under 12 months	3,597	3,890	3,148	3,437	4,046	3,968	11,349	12,084	11,160	10,164	8,734	5,993
Not stated	887	879	823	847	1,119	879	1,662	2,447	1,671	1,614	2,021	1,840
Purpose of journey –												
In transit	4,614	5,045	6,899	5,587	6,092	5,498	..	..	..	..	..	..
Attending convention	745	1,544	570	957	1,464	1,166	2,923	2,131	2,830	1,987	2,473	3,161
Business	8,265	8,098	7,651	9,190	7,752	8,976	10,565	12,330	10,496	10,102	11,156	12,427
Accompanying business traveller	778	949	467	761	1,052	932	1,722	1,973	1,505	1,926	1,886	1,900
Visiting relatives	14,651	14,465	13,378	17,766	16,125	14,147	19,533	24,157	23,915	22,755	24,840	15,532
Holiday	21,113	18,844	19,409	29,668	25,433	21,311	56,695	71,261	52,281	53,055	70,257	48,551
Employment	747	1,159	1,098	1,595	1,654	1,519	1,118	1,492	937	1,461	1,672	1,460
Education	461	1,129	632	824	1,196	1,615	835	1,364	702	1,120	2,095	1,309
Other and not stated	4,231	3,216	3,341	3,808	6,030	2,807	6,700	5,367	7,523	4,555	6,196	4,081
				<i>Country of last residence</i>						<i>Country in which most time will be spent</i>		
Africa –												
South Africa	746	617	488	449	597	792	606	521	396	501	583	551
Other	215	412	184	249	329	353	358	501	452	536	700	522
America –												
Canada	1,073	1,018	971	1,574	1,520	1,198	792	1,116	1,370	1,817	1,282	1,140
U.S.A.	5,477	5,720	6,012	7,030	6,650	6,843	12,582	16,875	11,253	12,505	14,373	12,462
Other	322	480	425	522	416	399	394	498	199	429	393	619
Asia –												
Hong Kong	1,121	620	726	1,292	1,079	765	2,824	3,436	2,921	2,220	3,777	4,098
Indonesia	555	677	1,077	908	749	711	2,413	4,304	3,316	2,963	5,381	2,814
Japan	3,002	2,446	1,877	2,674	3,157	2,409	1,269	1,197	928	882	1,275	917
Malaysia	765	677	535	638	786	620	1,168	1,539	1,163	1,288	1,876	1,800
Singapore	925	854	953	919	953	766	4,187	4,549	2,878	3,042	4,202	3,743
Other	1,963	2,295	1,825	1,758	2,360	1,856	5,456	5,892	4,972	5,188	7,521	5,637
Europe –												
Germany (a)	2,326	1,410	1,298	2,221	1,774	1,805	1,745	2,777	2,118	1,972	2,666	2,023
Greece	176	192	234	353	354	243	4,249	4,808	5,078	5,176	3,859	2,011
Italy	537	449	484	799	923	606	2,550	5,229	6,433	5,412	4,888	2,806
Netherlands	730	741	1,011	1,345	869	1,220	1,365	1,827	1,556	915	1,603	1,064
U.K. and Ireland	6,707	6,511	4,187	8,743	7,000	7,581	24,095	27,667	22,323	20,429	25,463	16,130
Other	2,329	2,111	1,962	2,878	3,116	2,420	4,937	8,513	10,045	7,420	6,989	3,962
Oceania –												
Fiji	585	612	387	444	553	631	4,993	6,162	5,528	6,318	7,126	6,296
New Caledonia	797	781	570	563	934	613	852	1,197	1,034	725	1,738	612
New Zealand	21,385	22,757	25,718	32,543	30,123	22,961	16,029	15,432	10,059	12,399	18,545	14,388
Papua New Guinea	2,127	1,658	1,283	1,385	1,610	2,366	2,030	2,587	1,370	2,099	2,983	1,879
Other	531	591	402	442	583	697	2,494	3,115	2,562	2,494	3,161	2,803
Not stated	1,211	824	839	423	367	120	2,704	339	2,234	231	192	143
Total	55,605	54,451	53,444	70,156	66,799	57,972	100,091	120,076	100,187	96,962	120,575	88,423

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