



OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, AUSTRALIA APRIL AND MAY 1986

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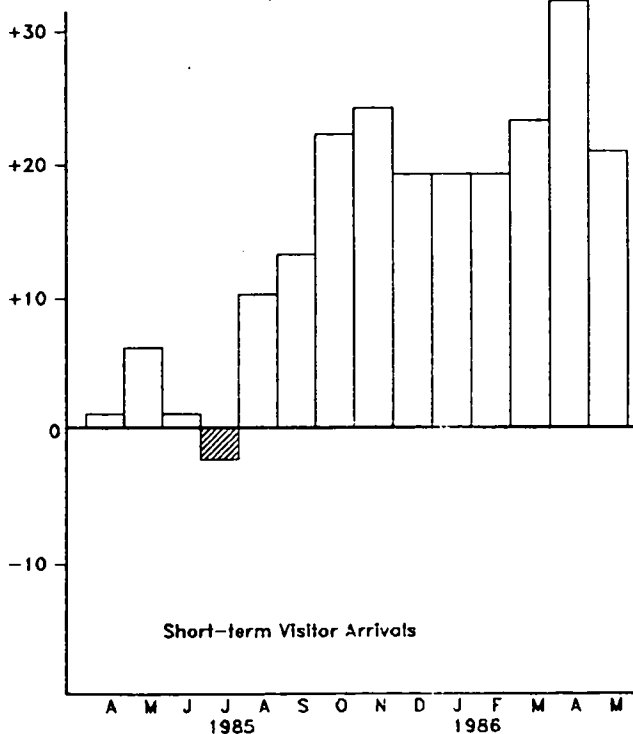
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MAIN FEATURES

Short-term visitor arrivals and resident departures

During April and May 1986, 202,300 short-term visitors arrived in Australia, 27% more than in the same period in 1985, and 261,100 residents departed for short-term overseas trips, 2.5% fewer than in April and May 1985.

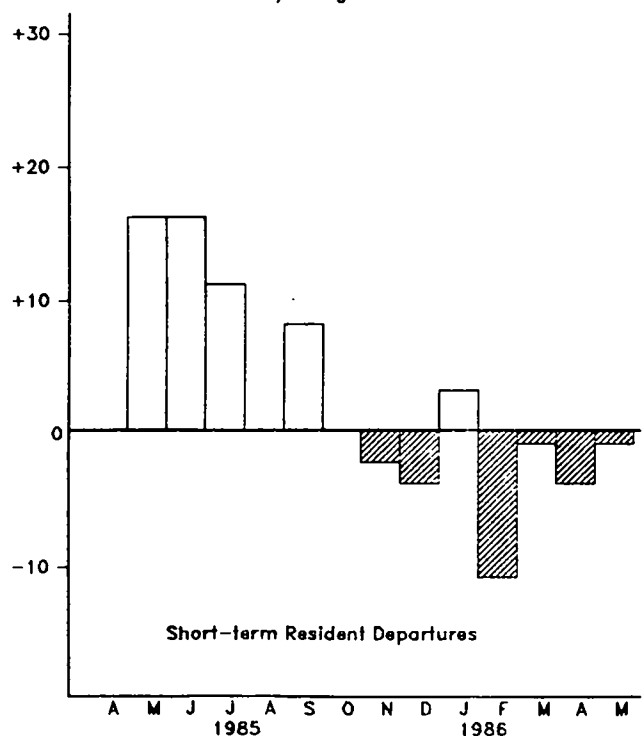
Difference(%) between current month and same month 1 year ago



Short-term Visitor Arrivals

The percentage differences for the past 14 months compared with the same month one year previously, are shown in the graphs below.

Difference(%) between current month and same month 1 year ago



Short-term Resident Departures

75% of the short-term visitors arriving in the period intended to stay less than one month while 54% of short-term residents departing intended to return within one month, with 80% within three months. The main countries of residence of the short-term visitors arriving were New Zealand (27%), USA (20%), Japan (12%) and UK and Ireland (9%), while the main destinations of short-term residents departing were UK and Ireland (17%), New Zealand (14%), USA (9%), Hong Kong (6%) and Indonesia (6%).

Permanent Movement

In April and May 1986, 16,010 settlers arrived in Australia, 28% more than in the same period in 1985, and 3,080 residents departed permanently, about the same number as in April and May 1985. 42% of the settlers arriving were born in Asia (including the Middle East) compared with 46% in April and May 1985. 28% of the settlers were born in Europe and 17% in Oceania, about the same proportions as in April and May 1985. The proportion of settlers born in Africa rose from 4% in April and May 1985 to 7% in the same period in 1986.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This series of publications contains statistics of overseas arrivals and departures in summary form for the latest available month during which the movement occurred. More detailed statistics can be made available, on request, in unpublished form.

Scope

2. The statistics in this publication relate to the number of movements rather than the number of travellers (i.e. the multiple movements of individual persons during a given reference period are each counted separately). The statistics exclude the movements of operational air and ships' crew, of transit passengers who pass through Australia but are not cleared for entry, and of passengers on pleasure cruises commencing and finishing in Australia aboard ships not then engaged on regular voyages.

Definitions

Category of movement

3. Category of movement is primarily determined by the traveller's selection of his or her own category on the passenger card. This selection is accepted provided it is consistent with other information on the passenger card.

Permanent movement

4. Permanent arrivals (settlers) comprise travellers who hold migrant visas, regardless of stated intended period of stay, New Zealand citizens who indicate an intention to settle and those who are otherwise eligible to settle (e.g. overseas born children of Australian citizens). Permanent departures are Australian residents (including former settlers) who on departure state they do not intend to return to Australia.

Long-term movement

5. Long-term arrivals comprise overseas visitors (except those who hold migrant visas-see paragraph 4 above) who intend to stay in Australia for 12 months or more and Australian residents returning after an absence of 12 months or more overseas. Long-term departures comprise Australian residents who intend to stay abroad for 12 months or more and overseas visitors departing who stayed 12 months or more in Australia.

Short-term movement

6. Movements of travellers whose intended or actual length of stay is less than twelve months are classified as short-term, except those who on arrival hold migrant visas (see paragraph 4 above).

7. A significant number of travellers state exactly 12 months or one year as their intended period of stay. Many of them stay for less than that period and on their departure from, or return to, Australia are therefore classified as short-term. To maintain consistency between arrivals and departures, movements of travellers who report their actual or intended period of stay as being one

year exactly are randomly allocated to long-term or short-term, in proportion to the number of movements of travellers who report their actual length of stay as up to one month more, or one month less, than one year.

Country of birth or residence

8. The grouping of countries into regions in Asia in Table 2 is based on United Nations' classification of world regions. Applying this classification, the region which includes most 'middle east' countries is included in Asia and is called 'Western Asia (Middle East)'. The Appendix to the December 1985 issue of this publication contains a detailed list of countries included in the various regions of Asia.

9. Statistics on country of birth or residence have certain limitations because of inadequate reporting on passenger cards. For instance, it is not possible to make a distinction between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, or to separately identify England, Scotland and Wales. Similarly 'Germany' could refer to the Federal Republic or to the Democratic Republic.

Estimation method

10. Overseas arrival and departure statistics are derived from a combination of full enumeration and sampling. All movements by sea regardless of duration of stay, all permanent movements and all movements with a duration of stay of more than one year are fully enumerated and processed. All movements by air with a duration of stay of one year or less are sampled and statistics relating to these movements are therefore estimates which may differ from statistics which would have been obtained if details of all these movements had been processed.

11. The statistics in this publication have been rounded to a level consistent with their general validity. The sums of the components may, due to rounding, not add exactly to totals.

Corrections and imputations

12. The imprecision due to sampling errors should not be confused with errors arising from imperfections in reporting, which may occur in any data collection, whether sampled or not. Every effort is made to minimise such errors, both through careful design of the passenger cards and through checks on the information once it is received. During the edit process some items are corrected where they conflict with other known information. Missing replies to certain items such as age and country of birth are also imputed by reference to other related items.

13. Errors of this kind differ from discrepancies arising from the fact that certain information reflects the travellers intentions, or in the case of settler arrivals the fact that the traveller holds a migrant visa, at the time the passenger cards were completed. These intentions are of course subject to change. Particularly affected are the distinction between permanent and temporary movement and in the latter case, length of intended stay, country in which most time will be spent and purpose of journey.

Related publications

14. Comprehensive definitions and explanations, and detailed data are contained in:

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TABLE 1. OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES — SUMMARY

Period	Permanent arrivals		Long-term arrivals		Total permanent and long-term arrivals	Short-term arrivals(a)		Total arrivals(a)
	Settlers		Australian residents	Overseas visitors		Australian residents	Overseas visitors	
<i>Year ended 31 December—</i>								
1983	78,390		47,810	27,380	153,570	1,219,700	943,900	2,317,100
1984	73,110		51,560	28,870	153,530	1,374,700	1,015,100	2,543,300
1985	82,000		55,670	34,880	172,550	1,494,700	1,142,600	2,809,900
<i>1985—</i>								
March	6,930		3,920	3,320	14,170	100,500	105,400	220,100
April	6,280		3,230	2,180	11,690	100,000	83,900	195,600
May	6,230		3,300	2,210	11,740	122,100	75,700	209,500
June	6,500		4,140	2,390	13,020	116,600	75,400	205,000
July	6,120		4,520	2,530	13,160	125,600	83,100	221,900
August	7,040		4,480	2,480	14,000	132,800	82,900	229,600
September	6,930		4,030	2,750	13,710	167,900	77,300	258,900
October	7,550		4,590	2,200	14,340	147,000	105,700	267,000
November	7,770		5,550	2,040	15,360	112,100	121,900	249,300
December	8,380		8,550	2,070	18,990	81,700	150,000	250,600
<i>1986—</i>								
January	8,120		5,520	5,640	19,280	186,500	98,000	303,700
February	7,220		4,050	6,260	17,540	102,000	118,000	237,500
March	8,890		4,400	3,520	16,820	96,100	129,500	242,400
April	7,880		3,300	2,620	13,790	100,500	110,600	224,900
May	8,130		3,410	2,580	14,120	119,000	91,700	224,900

Period	Permanent departures			Long-term departures		Total permanent and long-term departures	Short-term departures(a)			Total departures(a)
	Former settlers	Other residents	Total permanent	Australian residents	Overseas visitors		Australian residents	Overseas visitors		
<i>Year ended 31 December—</i>										
1983	15,850	10,020	25,870	48,180	26,460	100,510	1,253,000	928,900	2,282,400	
1984	12,550	9,760	22,310	50,780	23,270	96,360	1,418,600	985,800	2,500,800	
1985	10,020	8,600	18,620	51,030	23,790	93,440	1,512,000	1,096,500	2,702,000	
<i>1985—</i>										
March	950	790	1,740	4,700	1,710	8,160	126,800	108,800	243,700	
April	770	720	1,480	4,470	1,630	7,590	126,400	93,100	227,000	
May	970	710	1,690	4,220	1,950	7,860	141,400	90,000	239,200	
June	720	650	1,360	4,010	1,730	7,090	144,700	67,200	219,100	
July	800	660	1,460	4,340	1,730	7,540	132,800	69,800	210,200	
August	790	730	1,520	4,270	1,910	7,700	149,000	89,200	245,800	
September	700	610	1,310	3,580	1,280	6,170	124,200	76,600	207,000	
October	760	490	1,240	2,940	1,180	5,360	101,500	85,400	192,300	
November	800	690	1,490	3,130	2,000	6,620	106,100	113,600	226,300	
December	980	890	1,870	4,250	5,020	11,130	168,100	99,800	279,100	
<i>1986—</i>										
January	700	900	1,600	6,510	2,590	10,700	104,200	133,800	248,700	
February	810	710	1,520	4,260	1,590	7,370	79,900	111,900	199,200	
March	860	720	1,580	4,520	1,980	8,080	126,100	123,800	258,000	
April	840	730	1,570	4,340	1,740	7,650	121,600	130,100	259,300	
May	790	720	1,510	4,080	1,880	7,470	139,500	106,600	253,600	

(a) Figures in this table relating to movement by air are largely based on a sample and are subject to sampling error. See paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail.

TABLE 2. PERMANENT (SETTLER) ARRIVALS: COUNTRY OF BIRTH

Country of birth (Summary)	Year ended 31 December		Quarter ended 31 March		Month of—			
	1984	1985	1985	1986	April		May	
					1985	1986	1985	1986
Africa	3,290	4,210	800	1,630	280	460	240	600
America	5,580	6,340	1,570	1,590	410	500	460	460
Asia—								
East and South East Asia	25,090	25,030	6,420	6,850	2,160	2,470	2,150	2,400
South Central Asia	5,350	5,270	1,140	1,250	440	500	450	500
Western Asia (Middle East)	4,310	4,170	920	1,270	250	420	270	410
Total Asia	34,750	34,470	8,480	9,370	2,850	3,390	2,880	3,310
Europe—								
U.K. and Ireland	11,750	13,130	2,820	4,090	920	1,320	960	1,440
Other Europe	9,330	10,520	2,360	2,980	790	850	670	890
Total Europe	21,070	23,650	5,180	7,070	1,710	2,170	1,630	2,330
Oceania—								
New Zealand	6,850	11,290	2,730	3,840	880	1,170	900	1,240
Other Oceania	1,570	2,040	430	730	150	190	120	190
Total Oceania	8,420	13,340	3,160	4,570	1,030	1,360	1,020	1,430
At sea and not stated	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	73,110	82,000	19,200	24,230	6,280	7,880	6,230	8,130

**TABLE 3. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS
SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS**

	Year ended 31 December		Quarter ended 31 March		Month of—			
	1984	1985	1985	1986	April		May	
					1985	1986	1985	1986
<i>Intended length of stay</i>								
Under 1 week	230,500	279,700	75,100	88,000	23,100	34,400	19,800	24,100
1 and under 2 weeks	199,100	226,500	52,700	66,700	18,000	24,400	17,600	21,600
2 weeks and under 1 month	230,100	247,800	56,100	70,200	17,900	23,600	18,300	23,000
1 and under 2 months	156,900	164,600	41,600	48,000	10,800	11,900	8,000	8,500
2 and under 3 months	61,800	65,600	17,900	20,300	4,100	4,600	3,100	3,400
3 and under 6 months	65,900	70,300	18,300	20,400	4,200	4,700	3,600	4,500
6 and under 12 months	62,000	76,200	22,100	28,300	4,900	5,900	4,300	5,700
Not stated	8,900	11,800	3,000	3,700	900	1,200	900	1,000
<i>Purpose of journey</i>								
In transit	64,400	79,600	21,800	25,600	5,700	8,200	5,800	7,500
Attending convention	19,400	20,100	2,900	4,700	1,400	3,300	3,200	2,600
Business	140,000	158,000	39,600	42,000	12,900	15,900	13,100	13,500
Accompanying business traveller	13,900	13,800	3,900	4,100	1,100	1,400	1,100	1,100
Visiting relatives	270,500	287,100	67,000	77,100	19,300	19,400	16,500	18,100
Holiday	435,600	500,000	124,400	163,700	38,000	54,100	29,800	41,500
Employment	12,400	16,600	4,700	5,700	1,300	1,800	1,400	1,500
Education	18,400	21,000	9,800	10,700	1,100	1,500	1,300	1,500
Other and not stated	40,400	46,400	12,700	12,000	3,000	5,000	3,400	4,300
<i>Country of residence</i>								
AFRICA—								
South Africa	10,600	10,400	2,300	3,100	800	1,000	600	900
Other	6,500	6,900	1,500	1,800	500	600	300	500
<i>Total Africa</i>	<i>17,100</i>	<i>17,300</i>	<i>3,800</i>	<i>4,900</i>	<i>1,300</i>	<i>1,600</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,400</i>
AMERICA—								
Canada	34,500	40,900	12,100	13,700	4,200	4,100	2,300	2,200
U.S.A.	160,400	196,500	47,600	58,500	18,900	25,800	12,400	13,700
Other	5,800	7,100	1,800	2,400	500	900	700	700
<i>Total America</i>	<i>200,800</i>	<i>244,500</i>	<i>61,400</i>	<i>74,600</i>	<i>23,600</i>	<i>30,800</i>	<i>15,300</i>	<i>16,600</i>
ASIA—								
Hong Kong	21,200	24,100	7,000	10,400	1,800	1,800	1,100	1,600
India	5,900	6,900	1,800	1,600	600	500	800	800
Indonesia	14,200	15,300	3,800	4,200	1,100	1,100	900	1,000
Japan	87,900	107,600	30,200	38,000	7,800	15,200	6,900	8,500
Malaysia	29,300	32,900	9,200	10,200	3,100	3,500	2,100	2,100
Philippines	8,300	9,300	2,400	2,200	1,100	1,000	700	1,000
Singapore	33,000	35,300	8,300	9,600	2,100	2,500	2,000	2,600
Taiwan	7,300	8,000	2,900	3,600	700	1,300	400	600
Thailand	5,400	5,900	1,400	1,800	600	1,100	500	600
Other	22,200	25,700	6,300	7,700	1,700	2,300	1,700	2,200
<i>Total Asia</i>	<i>234,600</i>	<i>271,000</i>	<i>73,300</i>	<i>89,200</i>	<i>20,500</i>	<i>30,400</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>20,900</i>
EUROPE—								
Denmark	4,300	5,100	1,400	1,800	300	300	200	200
Finland	1,700	2,100	500	800	100	200	100	100
France	11,200	12,000	2,500	3,100	700	800	900	900
Germany(a)	34,200	37,300	11,600	12,700	2,200	2,100	1,500	1,700
Greece	5,000	6,600	1,600	1,600	500	400	200	300
Ireland(b)	4,000	5,500	1,400	2,000	400	500	400	300
Italy	13,400	14,500	3,300	3,600	800	800	800	700
Netherlands	14,100	15,400	5,200	5,300	800	900	600	700
Norway	2,000	2,400	600	800	100	200	200	100
Sweden	7,600	9,700	2,500	3,700	600	700	400	500
Switzerland	12,500	14,300	3,900	4,800	900	1,000	800	900
United Kingdom	145,500	153,400	49,600	54,900	9,200	10,600	8,100	7,600
Yugoslavia	4,700	5,600	1,300	2,200	300	300	300	300
Other	13,200	16,900	4,100	4,400	1,000	1,300	1,000	800
<i>Total Europe</i>	<i>273,500</i>	<i>300,800</i>	<i>89,500</i>	<i>101,700</i>	<i>17,700</i>	<i>20,100</i>	<i>15,400</i>	<i>15,000</i>
OCEANIA—								
Fiji	9,700	12,400	3,000	3,500	1,000	900	1,000	900
New Caledonia	7,400	8,200	2,700	4,200	400	500	700	800
New Zealand	234,400	245,300	41,700	55,200	15,900	22,500	22,600	32,900
Papua New Guinea	23,700	27,700	7,100	8,000	2,200	2,400	1,700	1,900
Other	10,900	11,300	3,100	3,200	800	1,000	800	1,000
<i>Total Oceania</i>	<i>286,200</i>	<i>304,900</i>	<i>57,500</i>	<i>74,000</i>	<i>20,300</i>	<i>27,300</i>	<i>26,700</i>	<i>37,500</i>
Not stated	2,900	4,100	1,100	1,100	300	300	300	300
Total	1,015,100	1,142,600	286,800	345,500	83,900	110,600	75,700	91,700

(a) Comprises the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany. (b) Includes Republic of Ireland and Ireland, undefined.

**TABLE 4. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : DEPARTURES OF AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS
SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS**

	Year ended 31 December		Quarter ended 31 March		Month of—			
	1984	1985	1985	1986	April		May	
					1985	1986	1985	1986
<i>Intended length of stay</i>								
Under 1 week	62,800	74,000	14,900	18,300	6,200	7,600	7,500	6,000
1 and under 2 weeks	296,700	317,300	70,300	76,000	25,700	22,400	28,100	30,400
2 weeks and under 1 month	448,900	475,600	117,300	106,700	36,200	33,700	44,600	41,200
1 and under 2 months	255,900	271,400	46,300	44,600	21,400	21,600	20,600	21,400
2 and under 3 months	135,200	142,500	19,300	17,800	11,900	10,900	12,900	12,900
3 and under 6 months	119,500	127,400	19,700	17,200	13,600	13,700	17,200	17,000
6 and under 12 months	84,200	86,800	26,600	26,900	10,000	10,500	8,900	9,200
Not stated	15,500	17,000	3,500	2,700	1,500	1,200	1,600	1,400
<i>Purpose of journey</i>								
Attending convention	30,900	34,100	6,500	8,100	3,300	3,400	3,400	3,300
Business	174,300	182,300	40,500	43,900	17,100	18,700	17,700	18,800
Accompanying business traveller	23,400	25,600	5,900	5,800	2,500	2,400	2,800	2,500
Visiting relatives	265,000	287,900	50,300	50,900	22,600	22,800	26,400	26,900
Holiday	837,200	891,400	193,500	179,500	73,700	66,400	82,900	79,100
Employment	20,600	21,700	6,000	6,000	2,000	2,300	1,700	2,000
Education	12,600	12,500	2,900	3,100	900	900	1,400	1,300
Other and not stated	54,700	56,500	12,200	13,000	4,300	4,700	5,200	5,500
<i>Country in which most time will be spent</i>								
AFRICA—								
Egypt	3,700	4,500	700	700	500	300	300	200
South Africa	7,800	7,700	1,900	1,200	600	400	500	500
Other	5,200	5,300	800	1,200	200	400	400	400
<i>Total Africa</i>	<i>16,700</i>	<i>17,500</i>	<i>3,400</i>	<i>3,100</i>	<i>1,400</i>	<i>1,100</i>	<i>1,200</i>	<i>1,100</i>
AMERICA—								
Canada	15,800	17,000	2,300	2,300	1,500	1,700	1,300	1,800
U.S.A.	140,700	134,900	30,700	29,500	10,400	10,600	13,800	13,100
Other	17,500	19,700	4,600	4,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
<i>Total America</i>	<i>174,000</i>	<i>171,600</i>	<i>37,700</i>	<i>35,800</i>	<i>13,400</i>	<i>13,800</i>	<i>16,600</i>	<i>16,400</i>
ASIA—								
China	15,600	22,400	6,000	4,400	2,500	1,600	2,600	2,200
Hong Kong	96,100	99,200	26,600	23,100	7,900	6,900	8,700	9,100
India	14,400	15,300	3,400	3,600	900	1,000	800	900
Indonesia	87,900	100,400	21,200	25,100	6,900	6,300	9,100	8,900
Japan	26,300	31,300	5,300	5,000	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,200
Malaysia	38,700	41,400	10,000	10,200	2,800	2,800	3,700	3,500
Philippines	26,700	27,300	6,800	6,100	2,200	2,000	2,100	2,500
Singapore	61,300	61,600	15,300	16,300	4,300	6,600	5,200	6,700
Thailand	19,800	24,900	6,100	8,700	1,800	2,200	2,100	3,100
Other	38,500	42,800	8,400	9,500	3,700	4,000	3,600	3,700
<i>Total Asia</i>	<i>425,400</i>	<i>466,600</i>	<i>109,200</i>	<i>112,000</i>	<i>36,500</i>	<i>36,900</i>	<i>41,500</i>	<i>43,700</i>
EUROPE—								
France	13,000	14,000	2,600	2,900	1,300	1,300	1,600	1,500
Germany(a)	23,300	24,800	4,200	4,300	2,800	2,900	2,900	2,500
Greece	28,500	32,500	4,200	4,000	3,000	4,300	3,900	4,400
Ireland(b)	5,700	6,600	900	800	400	300	500	500
Italy	39,500	43,900	5,700	5,500	3,900	3,800	5,200	4,600
Netherlands	12,200	13,500	1,900	2,100	1,500	1,400	1,900	1,400
Switzerland	6,600	7,500	1,700	1,900	600	600	600	600
United Kingdom	194,800	211,900	34,700	30,800	22,700	21,400	23,700	23,100
Yugoslavia	15,400	17,000	1,500	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,900	2,400
Other	36,300	38,600	5,400	5,400	3,600	3,000	4,700	4,900
<i>Total Europe</i>	<i>375,300</i>	<i>410,200</i>	<i>62,800</i>	<i>59,400</i>	<i>41,400</i>	<i>40,500</i>	<i>47,100</i>	<i>46,000</i>
OCEANIA—								
Fiji	88,800	82,100	14,900	14,200	6,400	5,000	6,800	6,700
New Caledonia	24,100	5,000	1,300	1,400	200	400	200	700
New Zealand	237,200	279,200	69,900	66,400	20,700	18,300	20,500	17,600
Norfolk Is	16,000	20,400	5,000	5,600	1,800	1,600	1,600	1,500
Papua New Guinea	26,300	25,800	5,800	5,800	2,200	1,900	2,400	2,100
Vanuatu	16,200	11,100	3,000	2,300	700	600	1,200	1,200
Other	13,800	15,800	3,100	3,000	1,000	1,200	1,700	1,600
<i>Total Oceania</i>	<i>422,500</i>	<i>439,300</i>	<i>103,000</i>	<i>98,700</i>	<i>33,000</i>	<i>29,000</i>	<i>34,500</i>	<i>31,600</i>
Not stated	4,700	6,900	1,800	1,100	800	400	600	700
Total	1,418,600	1,512,000	317,800	310,200	126,400	121,600	141,400	139,500

(a) Comprises the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany. (b) Includes Republic of Ireland and Ireland, undefined.