

# OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

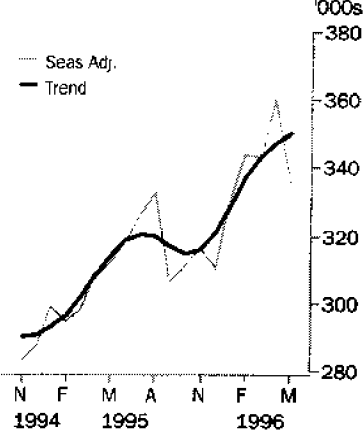
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## MAY KEY FIGURES

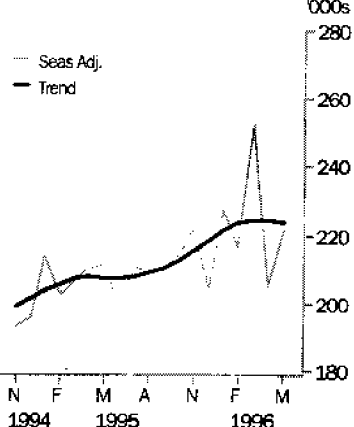
### Visitor arrivals

Short-term



### Resident departures

Short-term



	May 96 '000s	% change between Apr 96 and May 96	Jul 95 to May 96 '000s	% change on previous corresponding period
<b>Short-term</b>				
Visitor arrivals				
Trend	350.1	0.8	..	..
Original	261.5	..	3 659.2	11.8
Resident departures				
Trend	223.9	-0.3	..	..
Original	215.9	..	2 362.6	7.8
<b>Permanent*</b>				
Settler arrivals	6.3	..	91.8	15.5
Resident departures	2.2	..	26.7	6.4
<b>Total permanent &amp; long-term*</b>				
Settler and Visitor arrivals	14.4	..	244.9	10.7
Resident departures	10.4	..	140.9	4.9

\*Original

## MAY KEY POINTS

### SHORT-TERM

- The trend estimate for visitor arrivals grew slightly in May 1996. The figure of 350,100 is 0.8% higher than the April 1996 trend estimate. To maintain the current upward trend, the June 1996 seasonally adjusted figure will need to be 6.8% higher than the May 1996 figure.

### PERMANENT

- There were 6,330 permanent arrivals during May, bringing the total for the eleven months to May 1996 to 91,840. This was a 15% increase over the corresponding eleven month period to May 1995 (79,530).
- During May 1996, 2,180 Australian residents departed permanently, bringing total permanent departures for the eleven months to May 1996 to 26,660. This was a 6% increase over the corresponding eleven month period to May 1995 (25,080).

### TOTAL PERMANENT AND LONG-TERM

- There were 244,890 permanent and long-term arrivals and 140,860 departures during the eleven months to May 1996 resulting in a net gain of 104,030. This is 20% higher than the net gain recorded during the corresponding eleven month period to May 1995 (86,910).

## INQUIRIES

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Cameron Beaton on 06 252 6671, or any ABS Office.

# NOTES

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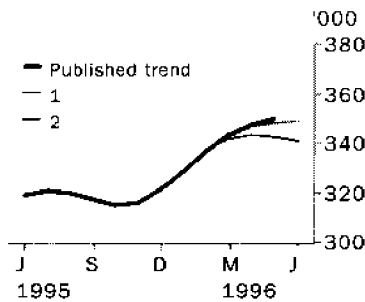
**TREND REVISIONS**

Each time new seasonally adjusted estimates become available, trend estimates of short-term arrivals and departures are revised (see paragraph 17 of the Explanatory Notes).

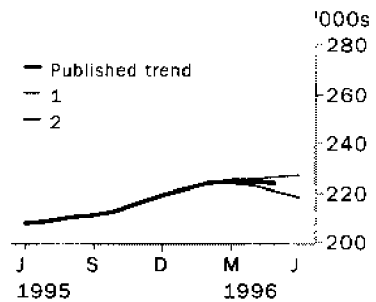
The examples in the graphs below show two illustrative scenarios and the consequent revisions to previous trend estimates of visitor arrivals and resident departures.

- 1** The June seasonally adjusted estimate is higher than the May estimate by:
  - 3.06% for visitor arrivals
  - 4.53% for resident departures
- 2** The June seasonally adjusted estimate is lower than the May estimate by:
  - 3.06% for visitor arrivals
  - 4.53% for resident departures

**VISITOR ARRIVALS**



**RESIDENT DEPARTURES**



The percentage changes of 3.06 and 4.53 were chosen because they represent the average absolute monthly percentage changes in visitor arrivals and resident departures over the last four years.

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# ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

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## SHORT-TERM MOVEMENTS

### VISITOR ARRIVALS

There were 261,500 visitor arrivals to Australia during May 1996. This brings the total number of overseas visitors during the eleven months to May 1996 to 3,659,200, a 12% increase over the number of overseas visitors during the corresponding eleven month period to May 1995 (3,273,800).

Japan, with 21% of all short-term visitors during the eleven months to May 1996, maintained its position as the most important source country for inbound visitors to Australia, followed by New Zealand (15%), the United Kingdom (9%), the United States of America (8%), Singapore (5%) and Korea (5%). Of the ten most important source countries during the eleven months to May 1996, New Zealand with 548,700 visitors, continued to be one of the fastest growing. Compared with the corresponding period to May 1995, New Zealand's increase of 21% was behind only Korea (42%) and Hong Kong (30%). In contrast, the United Kingdom went against the overall direction of growth, recording a decrease of 4%.

Of the other major sources countries during the eleven months to May 1996:

- 755,500 Japanese visitors arrived, an increase of 10% over the number of Japanese visitors recorded during the corresponding eleven month period to May 1995;
- 283,900 visitors arrived from the United States of America, an increase of 5%;
- 193,700 visitors arrived from Singapore, an increase of 12%;
- 129,000 visitors arrived from Indonesia, an increase of 16%; and
- 112,100 visitors arrived from Malaysia, an increase of 16%.

### RESIDENT DEPARTURES

The most important main destination for Australian residents departing during the eleven months to May 1996 was New Zealand (16%), followed by the United States of America (13%), the United Kingdom (10%), Indonesia (9%) and Hong Kong (6%).

During the eleven month period July 1995 to May 1996:

- 366,700 Australian residents visited New Zealand, an increase of 9% over the number recorded for the corresponding period to May 1995;
- 296,600 residents visited the United States of America, an increase of 10%;
- 241,700 residents visited the United Kingdom, an increase of 5%;
- 213,000 residents visited Indonesia, an increase of 9%; and
- 148,800 residents visited Hong Kong, an increase of 16%.

### PURPOSE OF JOURNEY

Just under 61% of all visitors during the eleven months to May 1996 stated on arrival that they had travelled to Australia for a holiday (2,217,900). A further 19% (681,000) stated that they were visiting friends/relatives, 10% (355,700) were on business trips and 3% arrived for the purpose of education.

### LENGTH OF STAY

Just over 62% of all short-term visitors who arrived in Australia during the eleven months to May 1996 stated an intention to stay less than two weeks (2,272,400), with a further 18% stating an intention to stay between two weeks and under one month (659,100).

### STATE OF STAY

45% of all overseas visitors departing Australia during the eleven months to May 1996 stated that they had spent the most time in New South Wales. Queensland was the next most popular state with 28% of tourists visiting, followed by Victoria (12%) and Western Australia (9%).

# ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

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## MIGRATION

### PERMANENT ARRIVALS

There were 6,330 permanent arrivals to Australia during May 1996, bringing the total number of settlers arriving during the eleven months to May 1996 to 91,840. This is a 15% increase over the number of permanent arrivals during the corresponding eleven month period to May 1995 (79,530).

On a regional basis, Europe and the Former USSR was the main source of settlers during the eleven months to May 1996 with 24,490 arrivals, 27% of all settlers. This is an increase of 4% on the number who arrived during the corresponding period to May 1995 (23,440).

Other important regions during the eleven months to May 1996 were:

- Northeast Asia (17,090), almost double the number arriving in the corresponding period in 1995;
- Oceania (14,730), 19% more than in 1995; and
- Southeast Asia (12,340), 8% less than in 1995.

The most important country of birth for settlers was New Zealand (contributing 12% of all settler arrivals during the eleven months to May 1996), closely followed by the United Kingdom and China (each contributing 11%).

# ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

## SOUTH AFRICA - A NEW MARKET

### VISITOR ARRIVALS

During the eleven months to May 1996, 33,900 South African residents made short-term visits to Australia, accounting for 0.9% of all short-term visitor arrivals. In the corresponding period to May 1992, 10,900 South African residents visited Australia, representing 0.4% of all short-term visitor arrivals. Of the South African residents who visited Australia in the eleven months to May 1996, 42% came for a holiday, 34% were visiting friends or relatives and 16% were on business or attending a convention or conference. This represents a marked change over the last five years, even after allowing for the change in classification of purpose of journey (see paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Explanatory Notes). In the eleven months to May 1992, 35% of South African visitors stated that they came for holidays, 46% were visiting relatives and 13% came for business or to attend a convention. The changes in purpose of journey are reflected in the increased proportion of visitors from South Africa who are under 50 years of age; 56% in the eleven months to May 1992 and 67% in the eleven months to May 1996. Similarly, there has been an increase in the proportion of South African visitors intending to stay for short periods (less than three weeks). During the eleven months to May 1996, 54% of South African visitors stated that they intended to stay for less than three weeks compared to 40% in the corresponding period to May 1992.

New South Wales remains the main destination for South African visitors to Australia. In the eleven months to May 1996, 52% of South African visitors indicated on arrival that they were visiting New South Wales, followed by Western Australia (21%), Victoria (12%) and Queensland (11%). This pattern was similar to the pattern in the eleven months to May 1992.

### RESIDENT DEPARTURES

Of Australian residents departing short-term in the eleven months to May 1996, 21,400 (0.9% of all short-term resident departures) stated South Africa as their main destination, compared to 7,900 (0.4%) recorded for the eleven months to May 1992. People who were visiting friends or relatives accounted for 36% of short-term resident departures, while another 36% went on holiday and 22% on business or to attend a convention or conference. Again this is a marked change in pattern from the corresponding period to May 1992 when 32% said they were going on holiday, 46% to visit relatives and 14% for business purposes. In the eleven months to May 1996, 28% of Australian residents mainly visiting South Africa were aged 50 years or over (up from 23% in the corresponding period to May 1992) and 32% were aged less than 30 years (up from 28% five years earlier). Showing a similar pattern to visitors from South Africa, and reflecting the increased proportion travelling for holidays, Australian residents mainly visiting South Africa in the eleven months to May 1996 intended to stay for shorter periods than those who had visited in the eleven months to May 1992. In that period, 14% had intended to stay for less than three weeks compared to 32% in the most recent period.

New South Wales maintained its position as the main source of visitors from Australia to South Africa. In the eleven months to May 1996, residents of New South Wales made up 40% of resident departures who stated that their main destination was South Africa, followed by Victoria (21%), Western Australia (18%) and Queensland (14%). This pattern differs somewhat from the distribution of Australia's population but resembles that of the South African born as recorded in the 1991 Census of Population and Housing.

TABLE 1. TOTAL MOVEMENT — ARRIVALS: CATEGORY OF MOVEMENT

Period	Permanent arrivals Settlers	Long-term arrivals		Total permanent and long-term arrivals	Short-term arrivals(a) ( <sup>'000</sup> )			Total arrivals (a) ( <sup>'000</sup> )	
		Australian residents	Overseas visitors		Australian residents	Overseas visitors (Original)	Overseas visitors (Seasonally adjusted b)		Overseas visitors (Trend estimate c)
<i>Year ended 31 December —</i>									
1993	65,680	73,430	58,830	197,930	2,215.2	2,996.2	..	5,409.3	
1994	77,940	78,060	65,910	221,910	2,302.5	3,361.7	..	5,886.2	
1995	96,970	78,790	78,170	253,940	2,470.8	3,725.8	..	6,450.6	
<i>Year ended 30 June —</i>									
1993	76,330	69,590	57,840	203,770	2,218.5	2,785.6	..	5,207.8	
1994	69,770	75,600	62,000	207,370	2,245.6	3,169.0	..	5,621.9	
1995	87,430	79,060	72,030	238,520	2,387.0	3,535.3	..	6,160.8	
<i>1995 —</i>									
March	7,320	5,220	4,390	16,930	167.6	313.5	298.3	498.1	
April	7,790	5,620	5,040	18,450	186.7	294.2	308.1	499.3	
May	6,890	4,390	3,450	14,720	175.1	244.8	312.4	434.7	
June	7,900	5,480	3,920	17,290	183.7	261.4	318.2	462.4	
July	8,420	6,950	11,470	26,840	247.2	329.7	326.4	603.8	
August	8,210	5,610	4,510	18,330	202.3	304.9	332.8	525.5	
September	8,250	6,070	4,470	18,790	232.7	268.6	306.4	520.0	
October	8,660	6,240	5,090	19,990	272.7	320.7	310.8	613.3	
November	8,960	7,050	4,060	20,080	187.6	342.9	316.3	550.6	
December	9,800	12,230	4,110	26,130	155.0	422.3	310.4	603.4	
<i>1996 —</i>									
January	9,400	7,600	13,680	30,670	312.9	317.2	330.9	660.7	
February	8,200	6,320	17,320	31,840	184.5	392.7	343.7	609.0	
March	8,420	5,670	6,060	20,150	185.9	365.6	343.0	571.6	
April	7,170	5,180	5,350	17,700	208.4	333.2	360.1	559.3	
May	6,330	4,370	3,670	14,370	179.7	261.5	335.3	455.6	

(a) Figures for short-term movement are based on a sample and are subject to sampling error. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail. (b) See paragraphs 14 and 15 of the Explanatory Notes. (c) See paragraphs 16 and 17 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 2. TOTAL MOVEMENT — DEPARTURES: CATEGORY OF MOVEMENT

Period	Permanent departures	Long-term departures		Total permanent and long-term departures	Short-term departures(a) ( <sup>'000</sup> )			Total departures (a) ( <sup>'000</sup> )
		Australian residents	Overseas visitors		Australian residents (Seasonally adjusted b)	Australian residents (Trend estimate c)	Overseas visitors	
<i>Year ended 31 December —</i>								
1993	28,070	64,300	48,050	140,430	2,267.1	..	..	2,931.0
1994	27,020	66,370	48,290	141,680	2,354.3	..	..	3,314.2
1995	27,870	69,080	52,410	149,360	2,518.6	..	..	3,676.8
<i>Year ended 30 June —</i>								
1993	27,910	65,450	47,740	141,100	2,299.5	..	..	2,730.7
1994	27,280	64,790	47,920	139,990	2,304.0	..	..	3,118.9
1995	26,950	68,380	50,160	145,480	2,422.0	..	..	3,486.4
<i>1995 —</i>								
March	2,360	5,810	3,840	12,010	194.6	206.7	207.3	329.0
April	2,110	5,910	3,250	11,270	214.6	210.2	207.9	301.2
May	2,150	5,490	2,660	10,300	201.7	211.8	207.7	277.8
June	1,870	4,670	4,630	11,170	229.4	199.4	207.7	249.3
July	2,500	5,980	4,430	12,910	233.6	211.1	208.2	282.5
August	2,430	6,250	3,360	12,050	197.5	209.0	209.5	336.2
September	2,040	4,740	3,300	10,080	254.6	209.8	210.5	265.6
October	2,070	4,260	2,810	9,130	194.0	214.4	212.6	289.0
November	2,220	4,610	5,840	12,670	201.1	221.3	215.6	334.3
December	2,980	5,740	10,270	18,990	279.5	204.8	218.8	344.1
<i>1996 —</i>								
January	3,070	9,770	4,310	17,150	175.8	227.4	221.0	396.6
February	2,250	6,270	3,950	12,470	167.2	216.6	223.7	354.0
March	2,540	6,600	4,290	13,420	235.9	252.8	224.6	366.7
April	2,380	5,910	3,290	11,570	207.4	205.4	224.6	353.9
May	2,180	5,230	3,020	10,420	215.9	221.5	223.9	290.3

(a) Figures for short-term movement are based on a sample and are subject to sampling error. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail. (b) See paragraphs 14 and 15 of the Explanatory Notes. (c) See paragraphs 16 and 17 of the Explanatory Notes.

**TABLE 3. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT(a) — ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS AND DEPARTURES OF AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS BY INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY AND PURPOSE OF JOURNEY(b)**  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

	Year ended 30 June		Quarter ended 31 March		Eleven months to May		Month of May	
	1994	1995	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
<b>ARRIVALS</b>								
<b>Intended length of stay</b>								
Under 1 week	955.9	1,065.0	282.9	320.1	974.4	1,116.7	93.7	101.9
1 and under 2 weeks	971.4	1,100.9	292.6	343.4	1,024.4	1,155.7	77.8	81.6
2 weeks and under 1 month	595.3	652.8	159.2	183.6	607.6	659.1	37.1	40.1
1 and under 2 months	319.8	345.9	90.2	94.8	323.9	334.7	15.8	16.7
2 and under 3 months	97.4	106.3	29.0	31.4	97.0	104.1	4.7	5.0
3 and under 6 months	109.9	128.3	34.8	41.5	118.9	136.8	7.9	8.3
6 and under 12 months	119.3	133.1	47.7	60.7	124.6	152.1	7.8	7.8
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>3,169.0</b>	<b>3,535.3</b>	<b>936.4</b>	<b>1,075.5</b>	<b>3,273.8</b>	<b>3,659.2</b>	<b>244.8</b>	<b>261.5</b>
<b>Purpose of journey(b)</b>								
Convention/conference	46.7	80.5	19.2	21.6	73.9	94.0	6.8	7.8
Business	304.1	325.2	83.8	96.6	299.9	355.7	29.9	32.0
Visiting friends/relatives	548.4	668.1	166.0	187.4	620.0	681.0	38.1	44.5
Holiday	2,020.9	2,163.0	569.0	658.4	2,005.7	2,217.9	150.6	157.6
Employment	28.4	22.7	5.8	6.6	20.8	20.5	1.7	1.4
Education	78.5	88.6	37.0	52.7	82.8	111.1	3.8	4.6
Other and not stated	142.0	187.2	55.5	52.1	170.8	179.0	13.9	13.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,169.0</b>	<b>3,535.3</b>	<b>936.4</b>	<b>1,075.5</b>	<b>3,273.8</b>	<b>3,659.2</b>	<b>244.8</b>	<b>261.5</b>
<b>DEPARTURES</b>								
<b>Intended length of stay</b>								
Under 1 week	257.4	248.6	57.9	68.0	223.3	262.1	22.3	26.7
1 and under 2 weeks	566.6	591.6	132.8	153.4	542.7	590.8	43.2	45.5
2 weeks and under 1 month	615.2	642.5	145.8	165.8	580.5	626.8	47.6	48.9
1 and under 2 months	417.7	448.5	75.6	81.5	404.7	420.5	37.4	41.9
2 and under 3 months	169.7	189.5	26.5	32.9	170.5	181.1	17.8	18.3
3 and under 6 months	151.2	169.6	30.9	32.9	148.0	151.7	20.7	22.3
6 and under 12 months	126.2	131.7	43.0	44.5	122.9	129.7	12.8	12.3
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>2,304.0</b>	<b>2,422.0</b>	<b>512.5</b>	<b>578.9</b>	<b>2,192.6</b>	<b>2,362.6</b>	<b>201.7</b>	<b>215.9</b>
<b>Purpose of journey(b)</b>								
Convention/conference	59.0	88.2	19.9	20.1	79.2	90.6	11.7	10.5
Business	393.1	420.3	103.6	114.8	381.8	419.7	39.0	42.9
Visiting friends/relatives	533.5	604.4	122.4	144.3	543.4	600.6	50.8	54.6
Holiday	1,149.6	1,131.9	221.5	250.0	1,026.8	1,065.8	87.7	94.3
Employment	53.1	57.8	16.9	19.1	53.3	71.7	4.3	4.9
Education	26.3	34.8	8.6	8.2	31.0	33.9	1.7	1.7
Other and not stated	89.4	84.7	19.6	22.4	77.1	80.2	6.6	7.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,304.0</b>	<b>2,422.0</b>	<b>512.5</b>	<b>578.9</b>	<b>2,192.6</b>	<b>2,362.6</b>	<b>201.7</b>	<b>215.9</b>

(a) Figures for short-term movement are based on a sample and are subject to sampling error. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail. (b) Break in time series data. See paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail. (c) Includes not stated.

**TABLE 4. PERMANENT (SETTLER) ARRIVALS: COUNTRY OF BIRTH(a)**

Country of birth(a)	Year ended 30 June		Quarter ended 31 March		Eleven months to May		Month of May	
	1994	1995	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
<b>Major group —</b>								
Oceania and Antarctica	10,200	13,590	3,880	4,530	12,360	14,730	1,250	1,230
Europe and the Former USSR	20,470	25,520	6,510	6,710	23,440	24,490	1,990	1,900
Middle East and North Africa	4,830	7,150	1,750	1,730	6,400	7,210	720	390
Southeast Asia	14,240	14,860	3,390	3,300	13,460	12,340	1,030	680
Northeast Asia	8,050	9,900	2,400	5,600	8,920	17,090	710	1,110
Southern Asia	5,480	7,620	2,000	1,820	6,950	7,260	610	450
The Americas	3,160	3,910	980	890	3,590	3,520	310	270
Africa (excluding North Africa)	3,250	4,860	1,170	1,440	4,380	5,150	270	300
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>69,770</b>	<b>87,430</b>	<b>22,090</b>	<b>26,030</b>	<b>79,530</b>	<b>91,840</b>	<b>6,890</b>	<b>6,330</b>
<b>Major source countries —</b>								
Bosnia-Herzegovina	n.a.	2,440	680	920	2,210	3,130	260	350
China	2,740	3,710	880	3,370	3,250	10,230	380	810
Fiji	1,320	1,500	420	480	1,340	1,560	120	120
Former USSR and Baltic States	1,950	2,340	610	460	2,210	1,570	130	100
Former Yugoslavia n.f.d.(c)	n.a.	2,890	700	720	2,610	2,830	270	300
Hong Kong	3,330	4,140	990	1,260	3,770	4,080	190	140
India	2,640	3,910	1,010	890	3,540	3,500	330	190
New Zealand	7,770	10,500	3,010	3,440	9,550	11,100	980	940
Philippines	4,180	4,120	900	810	3,760	3,070	290	180
South Africa	1,650	2,790	720	900	2,520	2,990	130	150
Sri Lanka	1,430	1,950	500	400	1,840	1,860	120	110
United Kingdom	8,960	10,690	2,750	2,850	9,780	10,410	840	710
United States of America	1,370	1,770	440	360	1,610	1,470	160	100
Viet Nam	5,430	5,100	1,170	850	4,680	3,380	300	120

(a) See paragraphs 6 and 7 of the

(b) See paragraphs 6 and 7 of the

TABLE 5. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT(a) — ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS  
COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE(b)  
(<sup>000</sup>)

Country of residence(b)	Year ended		Quarter ended		Eleven months to		Month of	
	30 June	1995	31 March	1996	May	1996	May	1996
	1994	1995	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
<b>OCEANIA &amp; ANTARCTICA —</b>								
Fiji	17.3	19.7	4.6	5.5	18.6	19.0	1.3	1.4
New Caledonia	19.9	20.9	8.8	8.9	20.0	20.9	1.4	1.5
New Zealand	487.4	501.8	95.3	132.4	454.9	548.7	38.2	45.0
Papua New Guinea	42.3	42.2	9.7	10.2	38.0	37.5	3.2	2.9
Other	23.3	23.9	5.3	6.4	22.1	24.5	1.9	1.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>590.2</i>	<i>608.6</i>	<i>123.7</i>	<i>163.4</i>	<i>553.5</i>	<i>650.6</i>	<i>45.9</i>	<i>52.3</i>
<b>EUROPE &amp; THE FORMER USSR —</b>								
Austria	14.7	15.6	4.5	4.6	14.9	16.4	0.7	0.5
Belgium	6.0	7.6	2.0	2.2	7.3	7.8	0.3	0.3
Denmark	12.8	15.3	4.7	5.3	14.4	15.9	0.6	0.7
Former USSR & Baltic States	5.9	8.1	2.5	2.7	7.7	8.6	0.5	0.7
France	32.1	36.6	9.8	7.7	34.9	31.5	1.8	1.9
Germany	115.9	122.8	37.1	36.3	116.7	117.0	6.4	6.1
Greece	7.2	6.8	1.6	1.7	6.2	7.2	0.4	0.4
Ireland	13.3	16.3	4.4	5.1	14.6	16.8	0.8	0.9
Italy	35.0	36.2	8.2	8.3	34.7	35.6	1.6	1.7
Netherlands	29.8	31.8	8.9	10.6	30.3	34.5	1.5	1.5
Norway	5.3	6.0	1.9	2.1	5.6	6.5	0.2	0.2
Spain	6.3	6.7	1.6	1.6	6.2	7.2	0.3	0.3
Sweden	19.1	20.0	6.3	6.6	18.9	21.7	0.7	0.6
Switzerland	33.1	36.7	10.5	10.8	35.6	34.9	1.4	1.7
United Kingdom	317.2	354.5	112.7	108.2	339.2	325.9	17.1	18.0
Other	22.7	26.3	7.6	8.2	24.9	28.3	1.0	1.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>676.5</i>	<i>747.4</i>	<i>224.1</i>	<i>222.0</i>	<i>712.2</i>	<i>715.7</i>	<i>35.2</i>	<i>36.9</i>
<b>MIDDLE EAST &amp; NORTH AFRICA —</b>								
Israel	5.8	7.6	2.1	2.4	7.1	8.1	0.4	0.5
Other	16.4	18.0	4.3	4.6	16.5	19.9	0.9	1.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>22.2</i>	<i>25.7</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>23.6</i>	<i>28.0</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>1.7</i>
<b>SOUTHEAST ASIA —</b>								
Brunei	4.7	5.9	1.7	1.9	5.7	6.1	0.6	0.7
Indonesia	88.2	124.2	36.1	43.1	110.9	129.0	8.0	7.4
Malaysia	87.3	103.6	27.6	32.8	97.0	112.1	12.2	13.0
Philippines	19.2	23.4	4.9	7.1	21.8	28.6	2.8	3.4
Singapore	169.3	196.4	38.1	45.6	172.5	193.7	16.0	18.8
Thailand	58.2	77.7	15.5	18.8	73.4	79.0	7.9	7.5
Other	4.8	5.6	1.3	1.8	5.2	6.4	0.6	0.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>431.7</i>	<i>537.0</i>	<i>125.3</i>	<i>151.1</i>	<i>486.5</i>	<i>555.0</i>	<i>48.0</i>	<i>51.1</i>
<b>NORTHEAST ASIA —</b>								
China	25.0	34.6	8.5	11.8	31.7	45.5	2.9	4.4
Hong Kong	96.9	116.5	31.8	46.9	108.3	141.1	6.4	8.7
Japan	690.0	742.3	196.5	227.3	685.8	755.5	60.7	52.9
Korea	84.7	136.5	47.0	61.3	128.7	182.7	9.3	14.1
Taiwan	131.5	149.1	51.3	53.3	141.0	148.6	8.1	10.6
Other	2.0	2.5	0.6	0.5	2.4	1.6	0.1	0.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,030.2</i>	<i>1,181.5</i>	<i>335.7</i>	<i>401.1</i>	<i>1,097.8</i>	<i>1,275.1</i>	<i>87.4</i>	<i>90.8</i>
<b>SOUTHERN ASIA —</b>								
India	10.6	14.6	3.6	4.4	13.1	17.0	2.2	2.3
Other	6.6	8.4	2.3	3.4	7.9	11.3	0.5	0.8
<i>Total</i>	<i>17.2</i>	<i>23.0</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>21.0</i>	<i>28.4</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>3.0</i>
<b>THE AMERICAS —</b>								
Canada	52.4	55.3	17.0	19.2	52.2	58.6	2.8	3.0
United States of America	287.2	295.2	83.0	85.0	269.6	283.9	18.2	18.5
Other	14.7	18.5	5.3	6.1	17.4	19.0	1.1	1.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>354.2</i>	<i>369.1</i>	<i>105.3</i>	<i>110.3</i>	<i>339.3</i>	<i>361.4</i>	<i>22.1</i>	<i>22.9</i>
<b>AFRICA (excluding North Africa) —</b>								
South Africa	27.4	32.9	7.4	9.7	30.3	33.9	1.7	2.2
Other	13.7	9.1	2.1	2.8	8.6	9.8	0.4	0.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>41.1</i>	<i>42.0</i>	<i>9.5</i>	<i>12.5</i>	<i>38.9</i>	<i>43.6</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>2.6</i>
Not stated	5.5	1.1	0.5	0.3	1.1	.	0.0	.
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,169.0</b>	<b>3,535.3</b>	<b>936.4</b>	<b>1,075.5</b>	<b>3,273.8</b>	<b>3,659.2</b>	<b>244.8</b>	<b>261.5</b>

(a) Figures for short-term movement are based on a sample and are subject to sampling error. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail. (b) See paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Explanatory Notes.



TABLE 6. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT<sup>(a)</sup> — DEPARTURES OF AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS  
MAIN DESTINATION<sup>(b)</sup>  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

Main destination <sup>(b)</sup>	Year ended 30 June		Quarter ended 31 March		Eleven months to May		Month of May	
	1994	1995	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
<b>OCEANIA &amp; ANTARCTICA —</b>								
Fiji	79.7	78.5	12.5	14.8	71.3	66.9	6.1	4.7
New Caledonia	16.3	14.0	2.9	2.5	12.7	11.1	0.8	0.8
New Zealand	350.7	361.2	92.7	106.2	337.6	366.7	21.6	25.4
Norfolk Island	17.9	18.5	4.3	3.8	16.6	16.0	1.4	1.5
Papua New Guinea	35.4	35.0	7.3	9.1	31.2	33.9	3.4	3.4
Vanuatu	22.7	18.4	3.3	4.8	16.0	17.1	2.0	1.6
Other	26.1	25.6	4.6	4.5	22.9	23.8	1.9	1.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>548.8</i>	<i>551.1</i>	<i>127.5</i>	<i>145.7</i>	<i>508.3</i>	<i>535.5</i>	<i>37.2</i>	<i>39.1</i>
<b>EUROPE &amp; THE FORMER USSR —</b>								
France	28.7	29.7	4.8	5.3	25.4	22.6	3.5	2.7
Germany	32.3	35.3	6.6	5.5	31.2	27.6	5.3	3.6
Greece	32.0	33.1	5.1	4.8	28.0	29.7	3.9	4.9
Ireland	13.0	14.1	1.9	1.9	12.4	13.8	1.3	1.5
Italy	44.2	47.4	6.7	8.3	39.7	46.3	5.4	6.9
Netherlands	13.7	15.4	2.6	3.2	13.6	13.7	1.9	1.6
Poland	6.5	6.6	0.7	0.8	5.1	5.2	1.2	0.8
Spain	7.1	6.7	1.2	1.4	5.7	7.7	1.0	1.3
Switzerland	9.1	10.6	2.0	2.5	9.3	8.9	0.9	0.8
United Kingdom	248.0	260.1	43.7	46.8	229.2	241.7	27.3	34.8
Other	64.0	71.3	10.7	11.4	59.2	65.1	8.7	11.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>498.6</i>	<i>530.4</i>	<i>86.0</i>	<i>91.8</i>	<i>458.8</i>	<i>482.2</i>	<i>60.5</i>	<i>69.9</i>
<b>MIDDLE EAST &amp; NORTH AFRICA —</b>								
Israel	8.5	8.6	1.8	2.2	8.0	8.3	0.6	0.7
Lebanon	12.5	16.0	3.0	3.1	14.2	15.1	1.6	2.2
Turkey	9.2	10.9	1.3	1.1	9.5	8.8	2.1	1.8
Other	17.1	17.5	4.0	4.7	16.6	19.5	1.1	2.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>47.1</i>	<i>52.9</i>	<i>10.0</i>	<i>11.1</i>	<i>48.2</i>	<i>51.7</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>6.8</i>
<b>SOUTHEAST ASIA —</b>								
Indonesia	206.3	213.8	45.8	51.8	195.0	213.0	13.2	15.6
Malaysia	85.3	85.7	18.6	21.0	78.7	81.7	6.7	5.1
Philippines	45.2	49.5	10.9	13.2	45.5	48.3	4.4	4.3
Singapore	92.3	92.7	22.8	25.0	85.5	89.7	6.1	6.1
Thailand	71.6	73.9	16.5	19.4	68.4	72.5	4.8	5.6
Viet Nam	28.9	38.2	11.4	11.9	35.3	36.9	2.4	1.9
Other	9.0	10.1	2.5	2.3	8.9	8.6	0.6	0.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>538.7</i>	<i>563.8</i>	<i>128.6</i>	<i>144.4</i>	<i>517.4</i>	<i>550.8</i>	<i>38.2</i>	<i>39.2</i>
<b>NORTHEAST ASIA —</b>								
China	29.3	48.0	11.2	12.7	44.0	50.9	3.2	4.3
Hong Kong	128.0	144.1	33.6	42.4	128.5	148.8	11.4	9.8
Japan	43.9	42.4	9.4	10.9	40.0	40.8	3.6	3.2
Korea	12.9	13.6	2.9	3.5	12.4	13.3	1.3	1.1
Taiwan	27.3	27.8	5.2	6.3	25.1	27.0	1.7	1.6
Other	1.4	1.2	0.2	0.3	1.1	1.7	0.1	0.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>242.8</i>	<i>277.0</i>	<i>62.5</i>	<i>76.1</i>	<i>251.2</i>	<i>282.5</i>	<i>21.3</i>	<i>20.1</i>
<b>SOUTHERN ASIA —</b>								
India	26.3	28.1	7.3	9.7	26.7	36.7	1.5	1.4
Sri Lanka	9.1	11.5	2.0	1.8	10.6	7.7	0.9	0.5
Other	9.2	10.4	2.8	3.0	9.9	13.1	0.4	0.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>44.5</i>	<i>50.0</i>	<i>12.1</i>	<i>14.4</i>	<i>47.2</i>	<i>57.5</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>2.4</i>
<b>THE AMERICAS —</b>								
Canada	36.0	38.6	6.4	7.2	34.8	37.8	3.7	4.7
United States of America	291.1	293.9	64.6	72.3	268.9	296.6	28.3	28.3
Other	17.7	20.8	4.7	5.1	19.7	21.3	1.0	1.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>344.9</i>	<i>353.3</i>	<i>75.7</i>	<i>84.6</i>	<i>323.4</i>	<i>355.8</i>	<i>33.1</i>	<i>34.4</i>
<b>AFRICA (excluding North Africa) —</b>								
South Africa	14.3	20.9	4.4	5.2	17.4	21.4	1.5	1.6
Other	15.7	14.6	3.0	3.1	13.5	14.8	1.3	1.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>30.0</i>	<i>35.5</i>	<i>7.3</i>	<i>8.3</i>	<i>30.9</i>	<i>36.2</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>2.8</i>
Not stated	8.5	7.9	2.7	2.5	7.3	.	0.5	.
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,304.0</b>	<b>2,422.0</b>	<b>512.5</b>	<b>578.9</b>	<b>2,192.6</b>	<b>2,362.6</b>	<b>201.7</b>	<b>215.9</b>

(a) Figures for short-term movement are based on a sample and are subject to sampling error. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail. (b) See paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Explanatory Notes.

**TABLE 7. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT(a) — DEPARTURES OF OVERSEAS VISITORS  
STATE/TERRITORY IN WHICH MOST TIME WAS SPENT  
('000)**

State/Territory in which most time was spent	Year ended		Quarter ended		Eleven months to		Month of	
	30 June		31 March		May		May	
	1994	1995	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
New South Wales	1,438.8	1,569.2	465.0	520.6	1,464.5	1,627.7	123.7	128.0
Victoria	372.7	421.3	132.3	148.5	393.7	447.1	34.4	36.9
Queensland	869.7	981.8	253.2	285.2	904.1	1,016.9	78.4	83.2
South Australia	72.2	76.8	24.4	24.9	72.6	77.9	6.1	6.3
Western Australia	290.5	343.6	96.9	106.2	315.8	335.1	26.4	27.5
Tasmania	18.6	23.7	9.2	10.4	22.8	24.2	1.5	1.6
Northern Territory	31.3	37.7	6.0	7.3	34.3	38.1	4.8	3.5
Australian Capital Territory	23.4	27.4	8.2	8.7	25.5	29.6	1.6	2.3
Other Territories(b)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	5.6	n.a.	16.6	1.0	1.1
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>3,118.9</b>	<b>3,486.4</b>	<b>996.8</b>	<b>1,117.3</b>	<b>3,237.1</b>	<b>3,613.3</b>	<b>277.8</b>	<b>290.3</b>

(a) Figures for short-term movement are based on a sample and are subject to sampling error. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail. (b) Not available prior to February 1995. Includes Territories of Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Jervis Bay. (c) Includes not stated.

**TABLE 8. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT(a) — ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS  
COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE(b) AND PURPOSE OF JOURNEY(c)  
ELEVEN MONTHS TO MAY**

Country of residence(b)	Eleven months to May						Percentage change 1994 to 1996	Percentage change 1995 to 1996
	1994		1995		1996			
	('000)	%	('000)	%	('000)	%		
<b>Major group —</b>								
Oceania and Antarctica	541.6	18	553.5	17	650.6	18	20	18
Europe and the Former USSR	643.3	22	712.2	22	715.7	20	11	—
Middle East and North Africa	20.2	1	23.6	1	28.0	1	39	19
Southeast Asia	387.6	13	486.5	15	555.0	15	43	14
Northeast Asia	956.5	33	1,097.8	34	1,275.1	35	33	16
Southern Asia	15.7	1	21.0	1	28.4	1	81	35
The Americas	328.7	11	339.3	10	361.4	10	10	7
Africa (excluding North Africa)	38.9	1	38.9	1	43.6	1	12	12
<b>Total(d)</b>	<b>2,938.0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,273.8</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,659.2</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Selected source countries(b) —</b>								
Germany	110.5	4	116.7	4	117.0	3	6	—
Hong Kong	88.3	3	108.3	3	141.1	4	60	30
Indonesia	77.8	3	110.9	3	129.0	4	66	16
Japan	638.2	22	685.8	21	755.5	21	18	10
Korea	79.8	3	128.7	4	182.7	5	129	42
Malaysia	79.7	3	97.0	3	112.1	3	41	16
New Zealand	446.7	15	454.9	14	548.7	15	23	21
Singapore	148.5	5	172.5	5	193.7	5	30	12
Taiwan	125.7	4	141.0	4	148.6	4	18	5
United Kingdom	302.2	10	339.2	10	325.9	9	8	-4
United States of America	265.0	9	269.6	8	283.9	8	7	5
<b>Purpose of journey(c)</b>								
Convention/conference	43.6	1	73.9	2	94.0	3	116	27
Business	278.2	9	299.9	9	355.7	10	28	19
Visiting friends/relatives	510.0	17	620.0	19	681.0	19	(c)	(c)
Holiday	1,872.9	64	2,005.7	61	2,217.9	61	(c)	(c)
Employment	26.5	1	20.8	1	20.5	1	-23	-1
Education	73.9	3	82.8	3	111.1	3	50	34
Other and not stated	133.0	5	170.8	5	179.0	5	35	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,938.0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,273.8</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,659.2</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>12</b>

(a) Figures for short-term movement are based on a sample and are subject to sampling error. See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail. (b) See paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail. (c) Break in time series data. See paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail. (d) Includes not stated.

# EXPLANATORY NOTES

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## INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication contains statistics of persons arriving in, and departing from, Australia, together with the major characteristics of travellers. More detailed statistics can be made available on request (see paragraph 21).

## SOURCE OF THE STATISTICS

**2** Persons arriving in, or departing from, Australia are required to complete prescribed questionnaires in the form of Incoming and Outgoing Passenger Cards (see Appendix). These cards provide information to the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA) for administrative purposes and serve as the source of statistics of overseas arrivals and departures. In some cases pre-recorded visa data is used in lieu of passenger card data by DIMA. In accordance with the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*, information relating to individuals, individual flights or ships and individual carriers, which is contained in these cards or other documents, is treated as confidential by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

**3** Implementation of the *Migration Reform Act 1992* by DIMA required that a health and character check be incorporated with the Incoming Passenger Card. The redesign of both passenger cards followed and new passenger cards were officially introduced on 1 September 1994. The two main statistical changes affect *Marital status* and *Purpose of journey* and constitute a break in time series for these data items.

**4** In addition to the four *Marital status* categories of 'Never married', 'Married', 'Widowed' and 'Divorced', both passenger cards now include 'Separated but not divorced' and 'Common law/de facto'. The following changes were also made to the *Purpose of journey* question: on the Incoming Passenger Card 'In transit' was dropped; on the Outgoing Passenger Card 'Student vacation' was dropped; and on both cards 'Visiting relatives' was changed to 'Visiting friends/relatives', 'Convention' was changed to 'Convention/conference' and 'Accompanying business visitor' was dropped.

## SCOPE

**5** The statistics in this publication relate to the number of movements of travellers 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.

## COUNTRY CLASSIFICATION

**6** The classification of countries in this publication is the *Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics (ASCCSS)*. For more detailed information refer to the ABS publication *Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics (1269.0)*. Political developments in Europe, the former USSR and Africa have resulted in a number of changes, and are detailed in Revisions 1.01, 1.02 and 1.03 of the ASCCSS.

**7** Statistics on country of birth, citizenship, residence or main destination have certain limitations because of inadequate reporting on passenger cards. For instance, it is not possible to identify separately England, Scotland and Wales. Similarly Korea includes both the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

## STATE AND TERRITORY CLASSIFICATION

**8** Following the 1992 amendment to the *Acts Interpretation Act* to include the Indian Ocean Territories of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands as part of geographic Australia, population estimates commencing with the September quarter 1993 include estimates for these two territories. To reflect this change, another category of the State/Territory level has been created, known as Other Territories. Other Territories includes Jervis Bay Territory as well as Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands. Data for Other Territories are included in tables where specifically noted.

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### ESTIMATION METHOD

**9** Overseas arrival and departure statistics are derived from a combination of full enumeration and sampling. All permanent movements and all movements with a duration of stay of one year or more are fully enumerated. All movements with a duration of stay of less than one year are sampled. 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.

**10** From April 1995, the fractions used for sampling movements of the citizens of Australia, France, Germany, Japan and Taiwan were changed, reflecting increases in the number of movements. From May 1995 further changes were made to the fractions used for sampling movements of citizens of Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Republic of Korea, Switzerland and Thailand. Comments on the sampling errors associated with the estimates are contained in the Standard Errors pages. All movements with a duration of stay less than one year are sampled using the following stratification:

<i>Country of Citizenship</i>	<i>Sample</i>
Australia	1 in 55
Japan	1 in 50
New Zealand, United Kingdom (excluding Ireland) and the United States of America	1 in 40
Germany, Malaysia, Singapore and Taiwan	1 in 20
Canada, France, Indonesia, Italy, Netherlands, Republic of Korea, Switzerland and Thailand	1 in 15
Any other individual country depending on the number of movements	1 in 1, or 1 in 4, or 1 in 10

**11** The statistics in this publication have been rounded to the nearest 100 for short-term movements and to the nearest 10 for permanent and long-term movements. In tables showing both short-term and permanent and long-term movements the total movements have been rounded to the nearest 100. 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 at the time the passenger cards were completed. These intentions are, of course, subject to change. Particularly affected is 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.

### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATES

**14** Original and seasonally adjusted short-term overseas visitor arrivals and short-term Australian resident departures are shown in Tables 1 and 2 respectively. In the seasonally adjusted series, account has been taken of normal seasonal factors and trading day effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays etc. in the month) and the effect of movement in the date of Easter which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months.

# EXPLANATORY NOTES

## SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATES (continued)

**15** Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series may be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment procedures do not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month, such as the effect of major sporting and cultural events, changes in airfares and the fluctuation of \$A relative to other currencies. Irregular influences that are highly volatile can make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variation.

**16** The trend estimates for short-term overseas visitor arrivals and short-term Australian resident departures are shown in Tables 1 and 2 respectively. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson weighted moving average to all months of the respective seasonally adjusted series except the first and last six months. Trend series are created for the last six months by applying surrogates of the Henderson weighted moving average to the seasonally adjusted series.

**17** While this technique enables smoothed data for the latest period to be produced, it does result in revisions to the smoothed series, principally of recent months, as additional observations become available. There may also be revisions as a result of the re-estimation of the seasonal factors. For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series — Monitoring 'Trends', an Overview* (1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on 06 252 6345.

## RELATED PUBLICATIONS

**18** Users of these statistics may also wish to refer to the following ABS publications:

- *Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia* (3402.0) — issued quarterly to December quarter 1994
- *Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia* (3404.0) — issued annually to 1993
- *Australian Demographic Statistics* (3101.0) — issued quarterly
- *Migration, Australia* (3412.0) — issued annually
- *Tourism Indicators, Australia* (8634.0) — issued quarterly

**19** Related statistics are also published by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, the Department of Transport and Communications and the Bureau of Tourism Research.

**20** Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. Both are available from any ABS office.

## ADDITIONAL STATISTICS AVAILABLE

**21** In some cases, the ABS can make available information which is not published. This information may be made available in one or more of the following forms: microfiche, photocopy, data tape, floppy disk, computer printout, clerically-extracted tabulations. Generally, a charge is made for providing unpublished information. A full list of unpublished Overseas Arrival and Departure tabulations is available on request. Inquiries should be made to Cameron Beaton on 06 252 6671.

## SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

- nil or rounded to zero
- .. not applicable
- n.a. not available
- n.f.d. not further defined
- r revised

## GLOSSARY

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<b>Australian resident</b>	Australian residence is self-defined as reported by travellers when completing Incoming and Outgoing passenger cards.
<b>Category of movement</b>	<p>Overseas Arrivals and Departures are classified according to length of stay (in Australia or overseas), recorded in months and days by travellers on passenger cards. There are three main <i>categories of movement</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>permanent movements</li><li>long-term movements</li><li>short-term movements.</li></ul> <p>A significant number of travellers (i.e. overseas visitors to Australia on arrival and Australian residents going abroad) 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. Accordingly in an attempt 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.</p>
<b>Country of residence</b>	Country of residence refers to the country in which travellers regard themselves as living or as last having lived.
<b>Intended length of stay</b>	On arrival in Australia, all overseas visitors are asked to state their 'Intended length of stay in Australia'. On departure from Australia, all Australian residents are asked to state their 'Intended length of stay abroad'.
<b>Long-term arrivals</b>	Long-term arrivals comprise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>overseas visitors who intend to stay in Australia for 12 months or more (but not permanently); and</li><li>Australian residents returning after an absence of 12 months or more overseas.</li></ul>
<b>Long-term departures</b>	Long-term departures comprise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Australian residents who intend to stay abroad for 12 months or more (but not permanently); and</li><li>overseas visitors departing who stayed 12 months or more in Australia.</li></ul>
<b>Main destination</b>	Australian residents travelling overseas are asked on departure for the name of the country in which they intend to spend most time.
<b>Overseas Arrivals and Departures (OAD)</b>	Overseas Arrivals and Departures refer to the arrival or departure of Australian residents or overseas visitors, through Australian airports (or sea ports), which have been recorded on Incoming or Outgoing Passenger Cards. Statistics on Overseas Arrivals and Departures relate to the number of movements of travellers rather than the number of travellers (i.e. the multiple movements of individual persons during a given reference period are all counted).

## GLOSSARY

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- Permanent arrivals** 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).
- This definition of settlers is used by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs. Prior to 1985 the definition of settlers used by the ABS was the stated intention of the traveller only. Numerically the effect of the change in definition is insignificant. The change was made to avoid the confusion caused by minor differences between data on settlers published separately by the ABS and the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.
- Permanent departures** Permanent departures are Australian residents (including former settlers) who on departure state that they intend to settle permanently in another country.
- Purpose of journey** On arrival in, or departure from, Australia all overseas visitors and Australian residents are asked to state their purpose of journey. From September 1994, all statistics relating to *purpose of journey* have been published using the following categories:
- convention/conference
  - business
  - visiting friends/relatives
  - holiday
  - employment
  - education
  - other
- In tabulations of data collected before September 1994, the 'Other' category includes 'In transit' and the 'Holiday' category includes both 'Student vacation' and 'Accompanying business visitor'.
- Short-term arrivals** Short-term arrivals comprise:
- overseas visitors whose intended stay in Australia is less than 12 months; and
  - Australian residents returning after an absence of less than 12 months overseas.
- Short-term departures** Short-term departures comprise:
- Australian residents whose intended period of stay abroad is less than 12 months; and
  - overseas visitors departing who stayed less than 12 months in Australia.
- State/Territory of stay** Overseas visitors are asked on departure for the name of the State or Territory in which they spent the most time.

# STANDARD ERRORS

## RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

**1** Estimates based on a sample are subject to sampling variability i.e. they may differ from those that would be obtained from full enumeration.

**2** The sampling error associated with any estimate can be estimated from the sample results and one measure so derived is the standard error. Given an estimate and the standard error on that estimate, there are about two chances in three that the sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained from full enumeration, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. The relative standard error is the standard error on the estimate expressed as a percentage of the estimate.

**3** It would be impractical to publish estimates of standard errors for all figures in individual tables. However, the following tables of standard errors and relative standard errors give an indication of the magnitude of the sampling error associated with any estimate of a particular size for short-term and total movement.

### APPROXIMATE STANDARD ERRORS ON ESTIMATES FOR STRATIFIED SAMPLE

<i>Estimated number of persons</i>	SHORT-TERM DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS		SHORT-TERM ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE OF OVERSEAS VISITORS		TOTAL ARRIVALS OR DEPARTURES	
	<i>Standard error</i>	<i>Relative standard error</i>	<i>Standard error</i>	<i>Relative standard error</i>	<i>Standard error</i>	<i>Relative standard error</i>
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
10 000	550	6	490	5	550	6
5 000	450	9	330	7	410	8
2 000	280	14	230	11	250	13
1 000	200	20	150	15	170	17
750	180	24	140	19	150	20
500	130	26	110	22	125	25
400	120	30	100	25	115	29
300	110	36	84	28	97	32
200	90	45	70	35	80	40
100	63	63	49	49	56	56

**4** An example of the use of this table is as follows. If the estimate of the number of Australian resident departures for short-term visits abroad is 500, then the standard error on this estimate is 130 i.e. there are two chances in three that the actual number of Australian resident departures for short-term visits abroad will lie between 370 and 630 and nineteen chances in twenty that it will lie between 240 and 760.

**5** The larger the size of an estimate the smaller the relative standard error. For any estimate of greater than 10,000 the relative standard error will be less than 6%.



# STANDARD ERRORS

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## RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

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**6** The estimate of the difference between an estimate in two different periods or between different estimates from the same period is also subject to sampling error. The standard error on the difference between any two estimates which are subject to sampling error can be approximated by using the larger standard error of the estimates inflated by a factor of 1.4.

An example of the use of this procedure is as follows. Assume the estimates of the number of arrivals to Australia from Taiwan during January 1994 and January 1995 are 1,500 and 750 respectively. The difference between the 1994 and 1995 figures is 750 and the standard errors on these estimates are approximately 190 and 140. The standard error on the difference is approximately 266 ( $1.4 \times 190$ ), and there are nineteen chances in twenty that the estimate of the difference between the two years will lie between 218 and 1,282.

# APPENDIX — PASSENGER CARDS<sup>1</sup>

## INCOMING CARD

One of these cards must be answered for each passenger.  
Complete in **ENGLISH** using **BLOCK LETTERS**

**AUSTRALIA**  
**INCOMING PASSENGER CARD**

**1** Family/Surname \_\_\_\_\_

**2** Given names \_\_\_\_\_

**3** Passport number \_\_\_\_\_

**4** Nationality as shown in passport \_\_\_\_\_

**5** Country of birth \_\_\_\_\_

**6** Date of birth Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**7** Sex Male  Female

**8** Current marital status: Never married  Widowed  Separated but not divorced   
Married  Divorced  Common law / de facto

**9** Please  and answer **only one** of A or B or C

<p><b>A</b> Migrating permanently to Australia <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(1) Previous country of residence _____</p> <p>(2) Main reason for coming to Australia ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one only):                  Convention/conference <input type="radio"/> Business <input type="radio"/>                  Visiting friends/relatives <input type="radio"/> Holiday <input type="radio"/>                  Employment <input type="radio"/> Education <input type="radio"/> Other <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(3) Country of residence _____</p>	<p><b>B</b> Visitor or temporary entrant <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(1) Intended length of stay in Australia                  Years _____ Months _____ Days _____                  or                  Years _____ Months _____ Days _____</p> <p>(2) Country where you spend most time while abroad _____</p>	<p><b>C</b> Resident returning to Australia <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(1) Time you have been away from Australia                  Years _____                  Months _____                  OR                  Days _____</p> <p>(2) Country where you spend most time while abroad _____</p>
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**10** Usual occupation \_\_\_\_\_

**11** Intended address in Australia \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

**12** Flight number or name of ship \_\_\_\_\_

**13** Country where boarded this flight/ship \_\_\_\_\_ **Questions continue** ▶

**14** Are you an Australian CITIZEN?

Yes  Go straight to 'Please sign here' at 15

No  Please answer the following questions:

	Yes	No	
(a) Do you currently suffer from tuberculosis?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(b) Have you any criminal conviction/s for which the sentence/s (whether served or not) totalled 12 months imprisonment or more?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(c) Have you ever been found guilty, or acquitted, of committing a crime because you were of unsound mind?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(d) Have you ever been deported, removed or excluded from any country (including Australia)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(e) Do you owe \$1000 or more to the Australian Government?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Or, if applicable, no change to the answer you gave on your last Australian visa application

**15** Please sign here to declare that the information you have given on this card is complete. Migration legislation requires that you answer all questions truthfully.

Date DAY \_\_\_\_\_ MONTH \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

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# APPENDIX — PASSENGER CARDS<sup>1</sup>

## OUTGOING CARD

**AUSTRALIA**  
**OUTGOING PASSENGER CARD**

One of these cards must be answered for each passenger  
Complete in **ENGLISH** using **BLOCK LETTERS**

**1** Family/Surname

**2** Given names

**3** Passport number

**4** Nationality as shown in passport

**5** Country of birth

**6** Date of birth: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**7** Sex: Male  Female

**8** Current marital status: Never married  Widowed  Separated but not divorced   
Married  Divorced  Common law / de facto

**9** Please  and answer **only one** of D or E or F

<p><b>D</b> Visitor or temporarily entrant departing <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(1) Length of time you have been in Australia this visit: Years _____ Months _____ OR Days _____</p> <p>(2) Australian city or State where you spent most time: _____</p> <p>(3) Country of residence: _____</p>	<p><b>E</b> Resident departing temporarily <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(1) Intended length of stay abroad: Years _____ Months _____ Days _____ OR _____</p> <p>(2) Main reason for going abroad (only one): Convention/conference <input type="radio"/> Business <input type="radio"/> Visiting friends/relatives <input type="radio"/> Holiday <input type="radio"/> Employment <input type="radio"/> Education <input type="radio"/> Other <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(3) Country in which you will spend most time while abroad: _____</p> <p>(4) Australian State where you live: _____</p>	<p><b>F</b> Resident departing permanently <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(1) Country of future residence: _____</p> <p>(2) Australian State where you lived: _____</p> <p>(3) If you were not born in Australia: • How long ago did you come to live in Australia? Years _____ Months _____ • Did you intend to settle permanently? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/></p>
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**10** Usual occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

**11** Flight number or name of ship: \_\_\_\_\_

**12** Overseas country where you will get off this flight or ship: \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions continue** ▶

**13** Airport / Port of departure: \_\_\_\_\_

**14** Departure date: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**15** Please sign here to declare that the information you have given on this card is complete. Migration legislation requires that you answer all questions truthfully.

Date: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

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