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OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, AUSTRALIA AUGUST 1989

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MAIN FEATURES

The number of overseas movements in August 1989 was 693,600, slightly less than the 705,200 recorded in August 1988. There were 339,800 arrivals (4% less than in August 1988) and 353,900 departures (1% less than in August 1988).

Permanent movement In August 1989:

- 11,500 settlers arrived in Australia, 15% less than in August 1988. This continues the reduction in settler arrivals in the first half of 1989 compared with 1988.
- 2,160 permanent departures were recorded, 41% more than in August 1988.

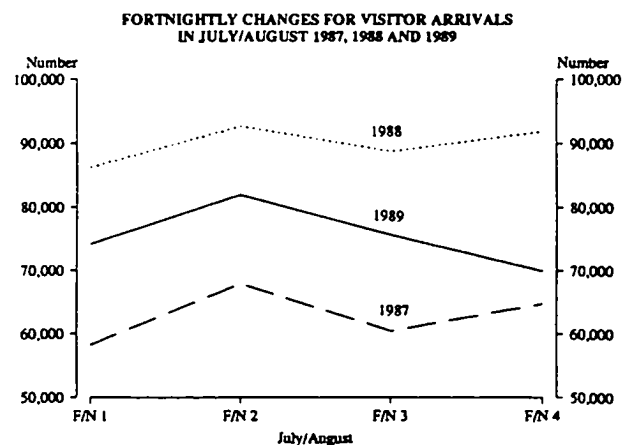
Arrivals of visitors for short-term visits In August 1989:

- 161,400 arrivals of overseas visitors for short-term visits were recorded, 18% less than in August 1988 but 15% more than in August 1987. In seasonally adjusted terms August 1989 short-term arrivals were 5% below those for July 1989.
- The effects of the domestic pilots' industrial action may have influenced the number of short term visitor arrivals in the last 2 weeks of August. As the table below shows, the number of short-term arrivals in the period 18 - 31 August was 9% below the average for the three preceding fortnights. In both 1987 and 1988 the corresponding comparison showed increases of 4% and 3% respectively.

- More than half (52%) of short term arrivals were for the purpose of 'holiday', (23%) for 'visiting relatives' and (11%) for 'business'.
- The duration of stay of visitors in Australia remains short, with 55% of visitor arrivals staying for less than 2 weeks.

Short Term Visitor Arrivals

Fortnight ended	FN	1989	1988	1987
20 July	1	74,200	86,300	58,300
3 August	2	82,000	92,700	67,900
17 August	3	75,700	88,800	60,500
31 August	4	70,000	91,900	64,700

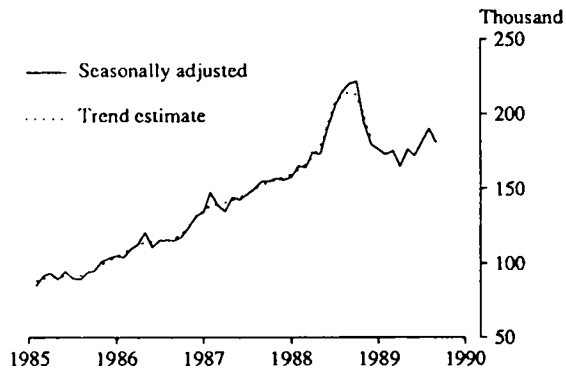


Departures of Australian residents for short-term trips abroad

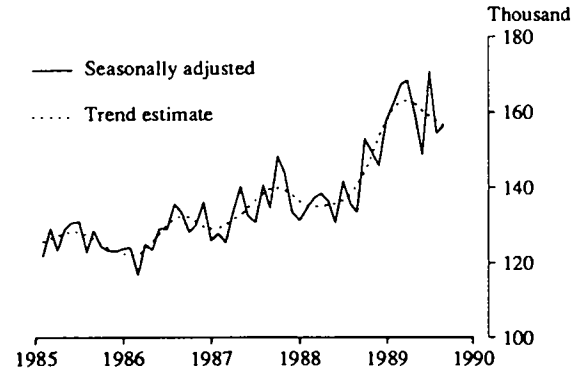
In August 1989:

- 165,400 departures of Australian residents for short-term overseas trips were recorded, 17% more than in August 1988.
- The most popular overseas destinations were the U.K. and Ireland (18%), New Zealand (15%), the U.S.A. (12%), and Indonesia (7%).
- 89,400 departures (54%) were for the purpose of 'holiday', 32,000 (19%) for 'visiting relatives' and 24,300 (15%) for 'business'.

SHORT-TERM VISITOR ARRIVALS (a)



SHORT-TERM RESIDENT DEPARTURES



(a) Refer to paragraph 20 of the Explanatory Notes at the back of this publication.

NOTE: Explanatory Notes are published at the back of this publication.

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)				Total arrivals (a)
		Australian residents	Overseas visitors		Australian residents	Overseas visitors (Actual)	Overseas visitors (Seasonally adjusted)	Overseas visitors (Trend estimate) (b)	
<i>Year ended</i>									
<i>31 December -</i>									
1986	103,330	55,870	38,130	197,320	1,513,200	1,429,400	..	..	3,139,900
1987	128,290	54,030	39,940	222,260	1,586,300	1,784,900	..	..	3,593,500
1988	151,550	54,990	47,330	253,860	1,637,900	2,249,300	..	..	4,141,100
<i>1988 -</i>									
May	11,470	3,380	2,640	17,490	104,000	157,100	189,900	191,200	278,600
June	11,380	4,190	3,060	18,630	118,800	163,800	204,800	206,700	301,200
July	12,490	4,640	4,090	21,220	162,400	203,300	214,300	212,100	386,900
August	13,560	3,910	3,220	20,690	136,900	196,900	219,900	214,900	354,400
September	12,780	4,220	3,600	20,600	160,600	179,600	221,800	212,400	360,800
October	12,660	4,220	3,660	20,540	188,400	207,300	194,600	199,800	416,200
November	13,010	5,120	3,070	21,200	128,600	208,000	180,100	n.a.	357,800
December	12,860	8,540	2,980	24,380	101,200	245,800	176,300	n.a.	371,400
<i>1989 -</i>									
January	12,600	5,240	8,200	26,040	222,200	168,900	173,100	n.a.	417,200
February	10,790	3,770	8,080	22,640	129,100	191,100	175,500	n.a.	342,800
March	11,650	3,670	3,930	19,250	132,100	180,000	164,800	n.a.	331,400
April	11,350	3,250	3,720	18,320	141,100	160,100	176,800	n.a.	319,500
May	10,180	3,040	3,020	16,240	121,200	136,600	172,000	n.a.	274,000
June	11,400	4,190	3,210	18,800	139,700	142,700	181,500	n.a.	301,200
July	10,740	4,400	4,870	20,010	197,900	175,400	190,300	n.a.	393,300
August	11,500	4,140	3,680	19,320	159,000	161,400	181,200	n.a.	339,800

(a) Figures for short term movement are largely based on a sample and are subject to sampling error. See paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail. (b) See paragraph 18 to 20 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)				Total departures (a)
		Australian residents	Overseas visitors		Australian residents (Actual)	Australian residents (Seasonally adjusted)	Australian residents (Trend estimate) (b)	Overseas visitors	
<i>Year ended</i>									
<i>31 December -</i>									
1986	18,820	48,560	27,190	94,570	1,539,600	..	..	1,363,800	2,997,900
1987	20,420	50,280	31,720	102,420	1,622,300	..	..	1,701,200	3,425,900
1988	20,320	54,120	30,330	104,770	1,697,600	..	..	2,174,100	3,976,500
<i>1988 -</i>									
May	1,750	4,130	2,000	7,880	129,200	130,600	135,900	182,500	319,600
June	1,570	3,920	2,280	7,770	165,700	141,900	136,700	143,400	316,900
July	1,800	4,670	2,370	8,840	153,300	135,900	138,200	171,900	334,000
August	1,530	5,070	2,030	8,630	141,900	133,500	140,800	200,300	350,800
September	1,440	3,950	1,980	7,370	170,300	153,100	144,200	181,600	359,300
October	1,520	3,660	1,790	6,970	127,800	149,700	148,500	192,500	327,300
November	1,610	3,690	2,610	7,910	124,100	145,900	153,400	198,200	330,200
December	2,050	4,880	6,050	12,980	206,700	157,900	157,800	171,800	391,500
<i>1989 -</i>									
January	2,060	7,360	3,250	12,670	131,700	162,500	161,200	221,700	366,100
February	1,860	5,140	2,320	9,320	112,700	167,300	163,000	170,900	292,900
March	2,080	5,420	3,150	10,650	170,900	168,600	163,300	187,300	368,900
April	2,090	5,260	2,500	9,850	153,000	159,400	162,300	172,700	335,500
May	1,820	4,430	2,260	8,510	146,700	148,900	160,600	162,000	317,200
June	1,810	4,210	2,950	8,970	197,800	171,000	159,100	127,000	333,700
July	2,150	4,940	2,720	9,810	173,800	154,600	157,900	150,600	334,200
August	2,160	5,570	2,340	10,070	165,400	156,400	156,800	178,400	353,900

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TABLE 3. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS AND DEPARTURES OF AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS, INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY AND PURPOSE OF JOURNEY

	Year ended 31 December		Quarter ended 30 June		January to August		Month of August		
	1987	1988	1988	1989	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
ARRIVALS									
Intended length of stay									
Under 1 week	441,100	495,300	114,000	111,800	309,800	317,400	35,900	38,200	40,400
1 and under 2 weeks	410,100	567,800	133,400	114,800	356,700	314,600	37,100	56,400	41,300
2 weeks and under 1 month	403,600	541,200	112,500	91,700	346,500	289,100	34,900	60,200	41,700
1 and under 2 months	224,900	279,500	50,800	47,900	171,700	164,200	13,300	19,100	16,300
2 and under 3 months	85,800	99,300	19,900	19,700	61,900	61,400	4,300	5,400	5,400
3 and under 6 months	93,400	110,300	20,800	21,700	63,400	66,300	5,900	6,700	6,000
6 and under 12 months	115,300	146,100	27,400	31,600	90,700	103,200	8,200	9,900	10,400
Total (a)	1,784,900	2,249,300	481,400	439,400	1,408,600	1,316,200	140,400	196,900	161,400
Purpose of journey									
In Transit	100,900	88,700	19,100	17,500	59,700	53,200	8,800	8,100	7,000
Attending convention	31,100	56,700	12,700	6,100	34,100	15,900	5,000	9,300	1,800
Business	195,300	234,300	58,100	57,300	153,800	152,100	15,600	19,000	18,000
Accompanying business traveller	18,900	23,000	5,000	4,100	14,700	13,400	2,000	2,200	1,600
Visiting relatives	370,200	448,500	90,600	93,200	266,300	272,100	25,400	32,200	32,600
Holiday	938,300	1,237,000	264,000	229,200	772,400	700,700	74,100	112,100	89,200
Employment	21,300	26,600	6,200	7,800	17,500	20,500	2,000	2,200	2,200
Education	35,200	47,800	8,600	9,300	36,400	43,000	2,400	3,300	3,100
Other and not stated	73,700	86,600	17,100	14,900	53,800	45,300	5,200	8,700	6,000
Total	1,784,900	2,249,300	481,400	439,400	1,408,600	1,316,200	140,400	196,900	161,400
DEPARTURES									
Intended length of stay									
Under 1 week	103,400	138,300	36,800	44,600	88,800	111,200	9,200	10,700	14,600
1 and under 2 weeks	377,900	402,300	92,000	112,200	253,100	307,500	35,500	30,400	37,400
2 weeks and under 1 month	468,400	480,200	110,100	133,400	294,300	348,100	37,400	36,300	40,200
1 and under 2 months	292,000	302,300	73,100	85,300	174,200	204,800	28,000	27,900	31,400
2 and under 3 months	135,300	145,400	38,000	42,000	89,500	95,600	14,800	16,800	18,600
3 and under 6 months	125,000	126,600	48,700	50,400	93,500	103,100	11,000	11,200	14,000
6 and under 12 months	87,300	96,300	27,300	29,400	71,000	80,400	6,800	8,000	9,200
Total (a)	1,622,300	1,697,600	427,300	497,500	1,068,700	1,252,000	144,500	141,900	165,400
Purpose of journey									
Attending convention	37,000	37,200	9,900	14,600	24,600	33,600	3,700	3,400	5,400
Business	227,500	264,400	71,300	83,500	174,400	202,300	19,500	22,800	24,300
Accompanying business traveller	27,700	28,800	8,000	8,500	19,700	21,600	2,500	2,600	2,600
Visiting relatives	332,600	343,400	88,000	95,300	208,700	232,600	28,300	27,300	32,000
Holiday	874,100	912,000	222,400	261,800	568,200	673,900	80,900	76,300	89,400
Employment	24,300	28,400	7,400	9,000	19,000	24,100	2,000	2,100	2,800
Education	13,500	15,300	3,200	4,900	9,800	12,400	1,400	1,600	1,800
Other and not stated	85,600	68,200	17,100	20,000	44,200	51,400	6,200	5,700	7,100
Total	1,622,300	1,697,600	427,300	497,500	1,068,700	1,252,000	144,500	141,900	165,400

(a) Includes not stated.

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

Country of birth (Summary)	Year ended 31 December		Quarter ended 30 June		January to August		Month of August		
	1987	1988	1988	1989	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
Total Africa	9,060	8,150	2,110	1,250	5,890	3,740	680	590	400
Total America	7,440	7,800	1,900	1,720	5,320	4,780	680	700	620
Asia-									
East and South East Asia	37,970	45,500	10,270	12,200	29,270	31,780	3,400	3,840	3,940
South Central Asia	7,900	8,920	2,140	1,680	6,030	4,660	600	930	630
Western Asia (Middle East)	7,000	7,000	1,600	1,030	4,820	3,300	580	680	490
Total Asia	52,870	61,430	14,010	14,920	40,110	39,730	4,570	5,450	5,060
Europe-									
U.K. and Ireland	24,030	29,030	7,090	6,640	19,140	17,610	2,020	2,840	2,700
Other Europe	15,390	15,590	3,330	2,790	10,270	8,140	1,440	1,550	1,270
Total Europe	39,420	44,630	10,410	9,430	29,410	25,740	3,460	4,390	3,970
Oceania-									
New Zealand	15,360	24,870	6,050	4,620	16,470	13,460	1,340	2,000	1,090
Other Oceania	4,140	4,660	930	990	3,030	2,740	380	430	370
Total Oceania	19,490	29,530	6,980	5,610	19,500	16,200	1,720	2,430	1,460
Total (a)	128,290	151,550	35,430	32,930	100,240	90,210	11,110	13,560	11,500

(a) Includes not stated.

TABLE 5. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS, COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

Country of residence	Year ended		Quarter ended		January to		Month of		
	31 December	1988	30 June	1989	August	1989	1987	1988	1989
AFRICA -									
South Africa	9,600	9,400	1,700	1,500	5,000	4,400	700	500	500
Other	7,900	10,900	2,600	1,800	6,500	5,500	700	800	700
<i>Total Africa</i>	<i>17,500</i>	<i>20,300</i>	<i>4,300</i>	<i>3,300</i>	<i>11,500</i>	<i>9,900</i>	<i>1,400</i>	<i>1,300</i>	<i>1,200</i>
AMERICA -									
Canada	52,700	66,700	12,600	9,300	39,600	33,900	2,700	4,700	3,200
U.S.A.	309,000	322,300	69,100	59,700	206,100	172,700	22,500	28,000	18,900
Other	11,300	15,400	2,400	2,300	7,900	7,500	900	900	800
<i>Total America</i>	<i>373,100</i>	<i>404,400</i>	<i>84,200</i>	<i>71,300</i>	<i>253,600</i>	<i>214,100</i>	<i>26,100</i>	<i>33,600</i>	<i>22,900</i>
ASIA -									
China	10,900	18,000	4,100	5,400	10,000	15,000	900	1,300	1,200
Hong Kong	42,700	49,400	9,800	8,700	36,300	37,100	4,400	5,300	6,200
India	7,400	10,700	3,100	3,200	6,900	7,000	600	900	800
Indonesia	21,500	29,600	9,000	7,300	19,200	18,500	1,400	1,800	1,600
Israel	4,400	5,200	1,000	1,000	3,200	3,500	300	400	500
Japan	215,600	352,300	79,600	76,500	219,000	231,300	20,100	30,700	31,200
Korea (a)	6,900	9,200	2,100	2,200	6,000	6,600	500	800	900
Malaysia	47,100	52,100	13,300	9,800	34,000	27,700	3,100	3,100	2,400
Philippines	12,200	13,400	4,300	3,200	9,100	7,500	900	1,000	600
Singapore	57,000	63,500	16,500	15,600	36,800	35,300	3,300	3,400	3,100
Taiwan	16,000	19,200	3,100	2,400	12,500	12,400	900	1,600	1,600
Thailand	11,200	15,800	4,700	4,600	9,700	11,400	900	1,100	1,000
Other	18,200	21,900	5,300	4,700	14,000	14,000	1,400	1,800	2,100
<i>Total Asia</i>	<i>470,900</i>	<i>660,300</i>	<i>155,800</i>	<i>144,400</i>	<i>416,800</i>	<i>427,400</i>	<i>38,800</i>	<i>53,300</i>	<i>53,400</i>
EUROPE -									
Austria	6,400	9,100	1,400	1,500	5,600	5,300	300	500	600
Denmark	8,700	11,400	1,800	1,600	6,600	5,900	500	800	700
Finland	4,200	5,700	900	900	2,900	2,900	200	400	200
France	17,100	21,000	3,800	3,600	13,500	12,900	2,100	2,000	1,700
Germany (b)	53,300	65,900	8,500	10,500	39,900	41,700	3,200	4,100	3,700
Greece	7,100	8,100	1,400	1,100	4,200	3,800	400	400	200
Ireland (c)	9,800	13,100	2,300	2,900	8,000	8,300	700	1,000	800
Italy	19,300	25,200	3,200	2,900	14,800	12,600	2,200	3,300	2,800
Netherlands	17,300	22,400	2,900	3,100	13,100	11,900	1,200	1,800	1,300
Norway	4,300	5,200	700	500	3,200	2,200	200	300	200
Poland	3,400	4,100	900	1,000	2,400	2,600	400	400	300
Sweden	21,900	26,900	3,300	3,200	14,400	14,400	900	1,100	800
Switzerland	21,300	26,000	4,000	4,300	14,800	15,900	1,000	1,200	1,400
United Kingdom	198,900	260,300	42,100	48,700	156,100	166,100	11,400	14,900	14,300
U.S.S.R (d)	1,500	2,900	500	1,200	1,600	3,100	200	300	400
Yugoslavia	6,300	6,800	1,100	1,100	3,900	3,600	400	500	500
Other	11,000	15,500	2,800	2,100	8,900	8,000	1,000	1,400	1,200
<i>Total Europe</i>	<i>411,900</i>	<i>529,600</i>	<i>81,400</i>	<i>90,300</i>	<i>313,800</i>	<i>321,400</i>	<i>26,400</i>	<i>34,300</i>	<i>31,200</i>
OCEANIA -									
Fiji	16,500	19,300	4,100	4,300	11,600	11,200	1,400	1,700	1,400
New Caledonia	14,400	17,200	3,100	2,400	12,600	10,000	1,200	1,900	1,100
New Zealand	427,300	534,300	135,400	111,800	351,100	287,000	41,800	64,800	46,300
Papua New Guinea	32,800	37,800	8,300	6,900	23,400	21,900	2,000	3,200	2,300
Other	14,700	19,800	4,000	4,100	12,000	11,600	1,200	2,500	1,500
<i>Total Oceania</i>	<i>505,800</i>	<i>628,200</i>	<i>154,900</i>	<i>129,400</i>	<i>410,700</i>	<i>341,800</i>	<i>47,600</i>	<i>74,000</i>	<i>52,700</i>
Total (e)	1,784,900	2,249,300	481,400	439,400	1,408,600	1,316,200	140,400	196,900	161,400

(a) Includes North Korea, South Korea and Korea undefined. (b) Comprises the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany. (c) Includes Republic of Ireland and Ireland, undefined. (d) Includes Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Ukraine and U.S.S.R. (e) Includes other and not stated.

TABLE 6. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : DEPARTURES OF AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS, COUNTRY OF INTENDED STAY

Country of intended stay	Year ended		Quarter ended		January to		Month of		
	31 December		30 June		August		August		
	1987	1988	1988	1989	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
AFRICA -									
Egypt	4,100	4,900	900	1,200	2,600	3,500	300	300	500
South Africa	7,700	8,300	1,700	2,200	3,900	5,900	500	400	600
Other	8,800	9,700	2,000	2,400	5,400	6,000	800	700	1,000
<i>Total Africa</i>	<i>20,600</i>	<i>22,900</i>	<i>4,600</i>	<i>5,900</i>	<i>11,900</i>	<i>15,500</i>	<i>1,600</i>	<i>1,400</i>	<i>2,100</i>
AMERICA -									
Canada	20,400	23,700	6,400	9,100	16,400	20,500	2,400	2,700	2,500
U.S.A.	174,100	196,300	55,300	61,700	122,400	153,800	16,400	15,900	19,600
Other	20,400	23,900	3,800	4,700	12,100	11,800	1,500	1,700	1,100
<i>Total America</i>	<i>215,000</i>	<i>243,900</i>	<i>65,400</i>	<i>75,400</i>	<i>150,800</i>	<i>186,100</i>	<i>20,300</i>	<i>20,300</i>	<i>23,200</i>
ASIA -									
China	17,200	19,100	4,100	4,400	11,100	9,300	1,600	1,600	600
Cyprus	3,100	3,200	900	1,200	2,100	2,500	300	500	600
Hong Kong	103,300	104,700	21,800	24,800	62,900	71,400	8,100	7,400	8,000
India	20,000	19,300	2,700	3,700	9,100	11,000	1,000	1,200	1,200
Indonesia	117,400	133,600	31,700	33,900	86,400	91,800	10,000	11,100	11,800
Israel	7,000	6,000	1,600	1,700	3,600	3,500	400	200	200
Japan	25,600	30,100	7,000	10,300	17,800	23,400	1,600	2,200	2,600
Korea (a)	4,700	7,400	1,400	2,100	3,400	4,700	300	500	600
Lebanon	6,300	5,300	1,800	700	3,800	3,000	700	500	300
Malaysia	47,200	48,400	11,300	12,800	30,500	37,200	4,300	3,600	4,000
Philippines	33,500	35,700	7,600	10,200	21,300	26,700	2,400	2,600	2,500
Singapore	83,700	93,400	22,100	27,200	60,000	73,800	7,300	7,700	7,800
Taiwan	6,700	8,000	1,800	2,700	4,700	6,600	500	500	800
Thailand	48,800	59,800	13,000	18,800	36,900	52,400	3,500	3,600	5,800
Turkey	5,600	6,300	2,500	2,800	4,600	5,100	300	500	600
Other	17,300	19,500	3,700	5,900	11,200	15,100	1,000	1,100	1,500
<i>Total Asia</i>	<i>547,400</i>	<i>599,900</i>	<i>135,000</i>	<i>163,200</i>	<i>369,400</i>	<i>437,700</i>	<i>43,300</i>	<i>44,800</i>	<i>49,000</i>
EUROPE -									
Austria	5,100	5,300	1,300	1,200	3,600	3,900	400	700	700
France	15,800	16,300	4,100	6,000	9,600	12,900	1,600	1,400	1,800
Germany (b)	26,100	26,900	8,400	9,500	17,200	20,300	2,600	2,900	3,300
Greece	33,900	33,600	14,600	12,600	26,400	24,600	3,400	3,400	3,400
Ireland (c)	6,700	8,100	2,500	2,900	5,400	6,300	1,000	1,000	1,200
Italy	40,100	39,300	13,200	13,800	27,800	29,500	4,400	4,300	4,300
Malta	4,800	5,300	2,400	2,000	4,200	4,000	500	300	600
Netherlands	14,100	12,700	4,000	4,500	8,900	9,400	1,700	1,500	1,500
Poland	3,100	3,900	2,000	2,400	3,000	3,800	300	300	300
Spain	5,100	5,000	1,500	1,400	3,300	3,200	500	500	500
Sweden	3,000	3,900	1,600	1,500	2,700	2,800	200	300	300
Switzerland	7,400	8,100	2,000	2,700	5,200	6,600	700	700	1,100
United Kingdom	207,400	213,400	67,900	73,800	145,100	161,700	23,200	25,300	27,900
Yugoslavia	17,600	16,000	6,700	5,200	12,800	11,200	1,700	1,900	1,800
Other	18,000	19,000	6,800	7,900	13,800	17,400	2,200	2,300	2,800
<i>Total Europe</i>	<i>408,200</i>	<i>416,900</i>	<i>138,900</i>	<i>147,700</i>	<i>288,900</i>	<i>317,700</i>	<i>44,300</i>	<i>46,700</i>	<i>51,500</i>
OCEANIA -									
Cook Islands	4,000	4,100	1,000	1,100	2,400	2,300	300	200	300
Fiji	60,500	73,200	14,600	21,200	44,200	56,700	10,800	5,500	7,700
New Caledonia	10,800	10,300	1,300	3,000	5,000	8,000	500	800	1,300
New Zealand	275,300	247,100	47,900	59,700	148,700	174,700	18,000	16,600	24,400
Norfolk Is.	18,400	15,000	3,500	3,600	9,400	9,100	1,100	800	500
Papua New Guinea	27,500	32,700	7,500	8,700	20,100	22,900	2,300	2,800	2,400
Solomon Islands	4,100	3,600	900	1,100	2,300	2,500	400	300	300
Tahiti	5,100	5,200	1,000	1,500	2,900	4,800	500	400	500
Vanuatu	5,700	9,100	2,500	2,300	5,600	6,600	400	600	1,100
Other	5,800	6,800	1,600	2,800	3,800	6,200	300	500	1,200
<i>Total Oceania</i>	<i>417,400</i>	<i>407,100</i>	<i>81,900</i>	<i>105,000</i>	<i>244,400</i>	<i>293,700</i>	<i>34,600</i>	<i>28,400</i>	<i>39,600</i>
Total (d)	1,622,300	1,697,600	427,300	497,500	1,068,700	1,252,000	144,500	141,900	165,400

(a) Includes North Korea, South Korea and Korea undefined. (b) Comprises the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany. (c) Includes Republic of Ireland and Ireland, undefined. (d) Includes other and not stated.

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 their 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 that 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 these 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 4 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)'.

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 permanent movements and all movements with a duration of stay of one year or more are fully enumerated and processed. All movements with a duration of stay of less than one year 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 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

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.

15. Seasonal adjustment may be carried out by various methods and the results may vary slightly according to the procedure adopted. Accordingly, seasonally adjusted statistics should not be regarded as in any way definitive. In interpreting particular seasonally adjusted statistics it is important to bear in mind the methods by which they have been derived and the limitations to which the methods used are subject. The adjustment procedure used for the Short-Term Visitor Arrivals and Resident Departures data is an aggregative adjustment. Prior to the July 1989 issue these data were adjusted at the category total level only (for visitor arrivals and resident departures separately). The aggregative method adjusts the major components separately (in this instance, the main countries of each category). The adjusted category total is obtained by summing the adjusted components. For more detail, contact the Supervisor, Time Series Analysis, A.B.S. on (062) 52 6103.

16. 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 structure 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.

17. The seasonally adjusted series can, however, be smoothed to reduce the impact of the irregular component in the adjusted series. There are a number of ways of accomplishing this, depending on the intended uses of the smoothed series. If importance is attached to measuring the underlying change in the most recent periods, moving averages employing appropriate weighting patterns should be adopted; the choice of averaging technique will determine in part the degree of smoothness of the derived series. The longer the term of the moving average the longer is the time series affected by revisions resulting from more recent data. In order to ensure that the underlying trend-cycle of a series is reflected in the trend estimate series, the degree of smoothness alone cannot always be used as the sole criterion in determining which moving average is appropriate.

18. The trend estimate short-term overseas visitor arrivals and short-term Australian resident departures statistics are shown in Tables 1 and 2 respectively. The trend estimate has been derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to the series.

19. 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 concerning the smoothing process refer to an Information Paper *A Guide to Smoothing Time Series — Estimates of "Trend"* (1316.0).

20. With the conclusion of World Expo 88 in October 1988 an abrupt dislocation may have occurred in the trend path of the Short-term Overseas Visitor Arrivals series. In these circumstances there are insufficient data available to estimate reliably the current trend movements, therefore the trend estimate from November 1988 onwards is not published. As subsequent data become available this situation with regard to estimates of trend movements will be monitored, and will be released when considered reliable.

Related publications

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

Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia (3402.0)—
issued quarterly

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23. As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries should be made to Mr Mark Patton on Canberra (062) 52 6671.

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