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OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, AUSTRALIA OCTOBER 1989

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MAIN FEATURES

The number of overseas movements in October 1989 was 719,200, 3% less than the 743,400 recorded in October 1988. There were 409,600 arrivals (2% less than in October 1988) and 309,600 departures (5% less than in October 1988).

Permanent movement In October 1989:

- 9,740 settlers arrived in Australia, 23% less than in October 1988. This continues the reduction in settler arrivals which began in the first half of 1989 compared with 1988.
- 1,990 permanent departures were recorded, 31% more than in October 1988.

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

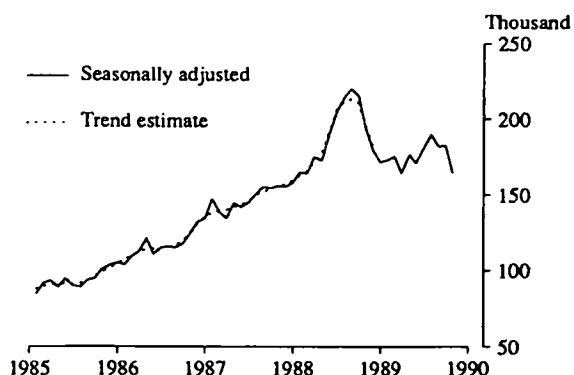
- 174,100 arrivals of overseas visitors for short-term visits were recorded, 16% less than in October 1988 but 5% more than in October 1987. In seasonally adjusted terms October 1989 short-term arrivals were 10% below those for September 1989.
- More than half (55%) of short-term arrivals were for the purpose of 'holiday', (20%) for 'visiting relatives' and (13%) for 'business'. This is the highest percentage of short-term visitors arriving for the purpose of holiday since February 1989.
- The duration of stay of visitors in Australia remains short, with 50% of visitor arrivals staying for less

than 2 weeks. However, there is a small drop in the percentage of visitors staying for less than 1 week in October 1989 and a slight increase in those staying for 2 to 4 weeks compared with visitors in September 1989. This may be a reflection of the changes in proportions of short-term visitors arriving from the major source countries. The proportion arriving from Japan (whose visitors normally stay relatively shorter periods) fell from 19% in September 1989 to 15% in October 1989 while the proportion for the United Kingdom and Ireland rose from 10% in September 1989 to 15% in October 1989.

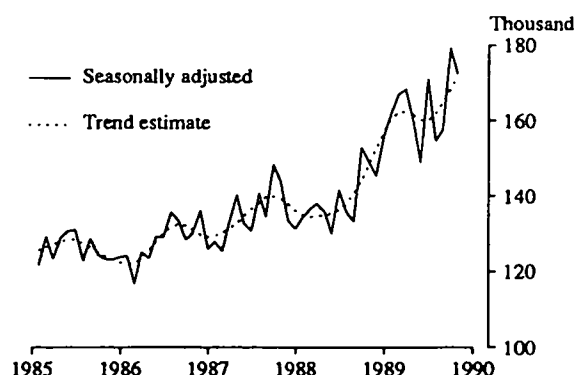
Departures of Australian residents for short-term trips abroad In October 1989:

- 147,000 departures of Australian residents for short-term overseas trips were recorded, 15% more than in October 1988. There is a general increase to almost all destinations. In seasonally adjusted terms, resident departures in October 1989 were 4% below September 1989.
- The most popular overseas destinations were New Zealand (14% of all departures), the U.S.A. (13%), Indonesia (9%) and the U.K. and Ireland (9%).
- Departures for the purpose of 'holiday' numbered 82,000 in October 1989 (56% of total), 28,400 departed for 'business' reasons (19%), and 21,700 departed to 'visit relatives' (15%).

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)	
<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>								
July	12,490	4,640	4,090	21,220	162,400	203,300	214,000	386,900
August	13,560	3,910	3,220	20,690	136,900	196,900	219,600	354,400
September	12,780	4,220	3,600	20,600	160,600	179,600	215,400	360,800
October	12,660	4,220	3,660	20,540	188,400	207,300	194,500	416,200
November	13,010	5,120	3,070	21,200	128,600	208,000	179,300	357,800
December	12,860	8,540	2,980	24,380	101,200	245,800	171,700	371,400
<i>1989 -</i>								
January	12,600	5,240	8,200	26,040	222,200	168,900	172,900	417,200
February	10,790	3,770	8,080	22,640	129,100	191,100	175,200	342,800
March	11,650	3,670	3,930	19,250	132,100	180,000	164,400	331,400
April	11,350	3,250	3,720	18,320	141,100	160,100	176,500	319,500
May	10,180	3,040	3,020	16,240	121,200	136,600	171,000	274,000
June	11,400	4,190	3,210	18,800	139,700	142,700	181,100	301,200
July	10,740	4,400	4,870	20,010	197,900	175,400	190,100	393,300
August	11,500	4,140	3,680	19,320	159,000	161,400	182,200	339,800
September	10,620	3,970	3,540	18,130	187,300	149,900	182,900	355,400
October	9,740	4,210	3,630	17,580	218,000	174,100	164,900	409,600

(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)	Overseas visitors (Trend estimate b)	
<i>Year ended</i>								
<i>31 December -</i>								
1986	18,920	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>								
July	1,800	4,670	2,370	8,840	153,300	135,700	138,000	334,000
August	1,530	5,070	2,030	8,630	141,900	133,200	140,500	350,800
September	1,440	3,950	1,980	7,370	170,300	152,900	143,800	359,300
October	1,520	3,660	1,790	6,970	127,800	149,400	147,900	327,300
November	1,610	3,690	2,610	7,910	124,100	145,500	152,600	330,200
December	2,050	4,880	6,050	12,980	206,700	155,900	157,000	391,500
<i>1989 -</i>								
January	2,060	7,360	3,250	12,670	131,700	161,800	160,400	366,100
February	1,860	5,140	2,320	9,320	112,700	167,000	162,400	292,900
March	2,080	5,420	3,150	10,650	170,900	168,200	162,600	368,900
April	2,090	5,260	2,500	9,850	153,000	159,500	161,500	335,500
May	1,820	4,430	2,260	8,510	146,700	149,000	160,200	317,200
June	1,810	4,210	2,950	8,970	197,800	171,000	160,100	333,700
July	2,150	4,940	2,720	9,810	173,800	154,700	161,900	334,200
August	2,160	5,570	2,340	10,070	165,400	157,600	164,900	353,900
September	1,890	4,170	2,280	8,340	201,700	179,300	168,100	359,700
October	1,990	3,620	2,160	7,770	147,000	172,500	171,700	309,600

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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		Quarter ended		January to		Month of		
	31 December		30 September		October		October		
	1987	1988	1988	1989	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
ARRIVALS									
Intended length of stay									
Under 1 week	441,100	495,300	115,300	119,300	393,600	402,500	40,900	44,400	44,000
1 and under 2 weeks	410,100	567,800	153,200	114,100	464,100	395,000	42,700	58,700	42,900
2 weeks and under 1 month	403,600	541,200	164,800	116,200	441,300	355,900	35,600	48,900	37,500
1 and under 2 months	224,900	279,500	66,900	60,500	212,200	199,700	17,200	22,900	19,900
2 and under 3 months	85,800	99,300	20,100	19,900	75,300	74,300	6,600	7,100	6,900
3 and under 6 months	93,400	110,300	22,200	22,100	81,300	84,200	9,400	10,200	9,600
6 and under 12 months	115,300	146,100	34,500	34,600	118,000	128,500	11,900	13,900	13,300
Total (a)	1,784,900	2,249,300	579,900	486,700	1,795,500	1,640,200	165,700	207,300	174,100
Purpose of journey									
In Transit	100,900	88,700	22,200	19,200	73,400	64,700	8,400	6,600	5,500
Attending convention	31,100	56,700	20,400	6,400	46,600	22,000	4,200	6,000	2,800
Business	195,300	234,300	59,000	57,600	195,800	193,900	19,700	22,200	21,900
Accompanying business traveller	18,900	23,000	6,200	5,000	19,100	17,000	1,800	2,600	1,900
Visiting relatives	370,200	448,500	98,300	101,500	331,900	336,600	30,200	35,900	35,100
Holiday	938,300	1,237,000	327,600	258,400	993,300	874,900	91,100	119,500	95,600
Employment	21,300	26,600	6,900	7,400	22,500	25,500	2,200	2,500	2,200
Education	35,200	47,800	13,400	14,200	42,800	50,500	3,200	3,200	3,800
Other and not stated	73,700	86,600	25,700	17,000	70,100	55,000	5,000	8,900	5,200
Total	1,784,900	2,249,300	579,900	486,700	1,795,500	1,640,200	165,700	207,300	174,100
DEPARTURES									
Intended length of stay									
Under 1 week	103,400	138,300	34,500	46,900	114,300	143,400	8,300	13,100	15,000
1 and under 2 weeks	377,900	402,300	112,000	136,200	335,600	410,800	35,900	37,200	47,700
2 weeks and under 1 month	468,400	480,200	133,000	150,500	390,600	458,100	41,900	40,000	45,600
1 and under 2 months	292,000	302,300	83,400	95,700	223,700	260,200	17,100	18,600	19,600
2 and under 3 months	135,300	145,400	44,200	47,500	107,000	115,500	5,500	6,600	6,800
3 and under 6 months	125,000	126,600	33,500	39,100	107,400	118,600	5,700	6,400	6,300
6 and under 12 months	87,300	96,300	23,300	25,000	83,100	93,000	5,000	5,400	6,000
Total (a)	1,622,300	1,697,600	465,500	540,900	1,366,800	1,600,700	122,700	127,800	147,000
Purpose of Journey									
Attending convention	37,000	37,200	11,800	16,100	32,800	42,300	3,600	3,600	2,800
Business	227,500	264,400	69,500	77,500	225,600	258,600	22,100	25,700	28,400
Accompanying business traveller	27,700	28,800	8,200	9,200	24,900	28,100	2,400	2,200	2,600
Visiting relatives	332,600	343,400	86,700	95,700	255,000	285,000	19,500	19,600	21,700
Holiday	874,100	912,000	259,600	306,700	736,100	876,500	66,100	68,000	82,000
Employment	24,300	28,400	7,200	8,900	23,700	29,900	1,500	2,200	3,000
Education	13,500	15,300	5,000	5,300	12,700	15,900	700	1,100	1,100
Other and not stated	85,600	68,200	17,500	21,600	56,000	64,400	6,900	5,400	5,400
Total	1,622,300	1,697,600	465,500	540,900	1,366,800	1,600,700	122,700	127,800	147,000

(a) Includes not stated.

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

Country of birth (Summary)	Year ended		Quarter ended		January to		Month of		
	31 December		30 September		October		October		
	1987	1988	1988	1989	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
Total Africa	9,060	8,150	1,730	1,350	6,800	4,450	830	450	310
Total America	7,440	7,800	2,100	1,940	6,610	6,090	520	580	620
Asia-									
East and South East Asia	37,970	45,500	11,370	11,790	37,010	38,880	3,050	3,980	3,370
South Central Asia	7,900	8,920	2,560	1,790	7,460	5,760	530	660	480
Western Asia (Middle East)	7,000	7,000	1,750	1,200	5,780	4,030	590	450	400
Total Asia	52,870	61,430	15,680	14,780	50,250	48,670	4,170	5,090	4,240
Europe-									
U.K. and Ireland	24,030	29,030	7,840	7,070	24,570	22,110	2,470	2,770	2,120
Other Europe	15,390	15,590	4,140	3,370	12,930	10,460	1,410	1,340	1,230
Total Europe	39,420	44,630	11,980	10,440	37,500	32,570	3,880	4,110	3,350
Oceania-									
New Zealand	15,360	24,870	6,150	3,340	20,680	15,420	1,470	2,050	930
Other Oceania	4,140	4,660	1,180	1,020	3,830	3,370	680	400	290
Total Oceania	19,490	29,530	7,330	4,370	24,520	18,790	2,150	2,450	1,220
Total (a)	128,290	151,550	38,830	32,870	125,680	110,570	11,540	12,660	9,740

(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		30 September		October		October		
	1987	1988	1988	1989	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
AFRICA -									
South Africa	9,600	9,400	1,800	1,600	6,400	5,700	800	800	600
Other	7,900	10,900	2,500	2,100	8,100	6,900	500	700	600
<i>Total Africa</i>	<i>17,500</i>	<i>20,300</i>	<i>4,400</i>	<i>3,700</i>	<i>14,500</i>	<i>12,600</i>	<i>1,300</i>	<i>1,400</i>	<i>1,200</i>
AMERICA -									
Canada	52,700	66,700	17,700	10,700	53,300	42,700	4,700	7,600	5,100
U.S.A.	309,000	322,300	85,500	60,800	266,200	216,700	33,000	33,900	23,700
Other	11,300	15,400	3,600	2,700	11,500	9,300	1,100	2,000	800
<i>Total America</i>	<i>373,100</i>	<i>404,400</i>	<i>106,700</i>	<i>74,200</i>	<i>331,000</i>	<i>268,700</i>	<i>38,900</i>	<i>43,500</i>	<i>29,700</i>
ASIA -									
China	10,900	18,000	4,900	3,400	13,600	17,400	1,400	1,700	1,300
Hong Kong	42,700	49,400	15,100	16,400	42,000	44,100	2,700	2,900	3,700
India	7,400	10,700	2,800	2,600	8,900	8,900	600	800	1,000
Indonesia	21,500	29,600	7,100	6,500	23,600	22,600	1,400	2,300	2,100
Israel	4,400	5,200	1,300	1,400	4,000	4,200	300	400	400
Japan	215,600	352,300	88,700	88,400	280,500	285,300	19,900	31,900	26,200
Korea (a)	6,900	9,200	2,200	2,700	7,300	8,300	600	800	800
Malaysia	47,100	52,100	11,000	9,000	42,100	34,800	3,700	4,600	4,200
Philippines	12,200	13,400	3,200	2,300	11,200	9,200	900	1,100	900
Singapore	57,000	63,500	11,300	11,400	45,300	44,300	4,100	4,200	4,200
Taiwan	16,000	19,200	3,700	4,300	15,400	16,000	1,500	2,100	2,400
Thailand	11,200	15,800	3,800	3,300	13,300	14,900	1,300	2,000	2,300
Other	18,200	21,900	5,500	6,000	17,300	17,700	1,500	1,600	1,800
<i>Total Asia</i>	<i>470,900</i>	<i>660,300</i>	<i>160,400</i>	<i>157,800</i>	<i>524,500</i>	<i>527,700</i>	<i>39,800</i>	<i>56,500</i>	<i>51,200</i>
EUROPE -									
Austria	6,400	9,100	2,000	2,100	7,000	7,100	700	800	1,000
Denmark	8,700	11,400	2,600	2,400	8,800	7,800	900	1,200	900
Finland	4,200	5,700	1,200	900	3,900	3,700	400	500	500
France	17,100	21,000	5,600	5,800	16,500	16,100	1,100	1,700	1,600
Germany (b)	53,300	65,900	14,100	14,200	50,900	53,500	5,600	6,700	6,700
Greece	7,100	8,100	1,400	1,400	5,300	4,700	500	700	500
Ireland (c)	9,800	13,100	2,700	2,400	10,300	10,000	1,300	1,700	1,100
Italy	19,300	25,200	7,000	6,100	18,800	15,300	1,100	2,600	1,400
Netherlands	17,300	22,400	5,200	4,300	16,400	14,500	1,500	1,700	1,300
Norway	4,300	5,200	1,100	700	4,100	2,800	400	400	400
Poland	3,400	4,100	1,000	1,100	3,100	3,400	300	400	400
Sweden	21,900	26,900	3,800	3,300	18,500	17,800	2,100	2,600	2,100
Switzerland	21,300	26,000	4,700	5,100	19,300	20,300	2,000	2,800	2,600
United Kingdom	198,900	260,300	46,200	46,900	195,000	204,100	18,300	24,700	24,300
U.S.S.R (d)	1,500	2,900	800	1,100	2,200	4,000	200	400	500
Yugoslavia	6,300	6,800	1,200	1,200	4,600	4,400	300	400	500
Other	11,000	15,500	4,200	3,600	11,700	10,200	1,000	1,300	1,200
<i>Total Europe</i>	<i>411,900</i>	<i>529,600</i>	<i>104,600</i>	<i>102,600</i>	<i>396,300</i>	<i>399,900</i>	<i>37,700</i>	<i>50,600</i>	<i>47,000</i>
OCEANIA -									
Fiji	16,500	19,300	4,600	3,900	14,600	13,500	2,100	1,500	1,000
New Caledonia	14,400	17,200	4,400	2,300	14,600	11,200	800	1,000	700
New Zealand	427,300	534,300	176,900	128,500	450,600	362,700	40,700	47,800	39,400
Papua New Guinea	32,800	37,800	10,300	9,200	30,200	27,500	3,000	3,100	2,600
Other	14,700	19,800	5,800	4,600	15,400	14,700	1,400	1,700	1,400
<i>Total Oceania</i>	<i>505,800</i>	<i>628,200</i>	<i>201,900</i>	<i>148,500</i>	<i>525,400</i>	<i>429,600</i>	<i>47,900</i>	<i>55,100</i>	<i>45,000</i>
Total (e)	1,784,900	2,249,300	579,900	486,700	1,795,500	1,640,200	165,700	207,300	174,100

(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 September		October		October		
	1987	1988	1988	1989	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
AFRICA -									
Egypt	4,100	4,900	900	1,400	3,400	4,500	300	400	400
South Africa	7,700	8,300	1,500	2,500	5,100	7,700	700	400	600
Other	8,800	9,700	2,400	2,500	6,900	7,700	400	700	700
<i>Total Africa</i>	<i>20,600</i>	<i>22,900</i>	<i>4,700</i>	<i>6,300</i>	<i>15,400</i>	<i>19,800</i>	<i>1,500</i>	<i>1,500</i>	<i>1,700</i>
AMERICA -									
Canada	20,400	23,700	8,000	9,800	19,500	24,800	700	1,200	1,100
U.S.A.	174,100	196,300	52,300	67,200	160,600	198,200	16,300	17,400	19,300
Other	20,400	23,900	6,900	4,500	17,400	15,200	2,100	2,500	1,500
<i>Total America</i>	<i>215,000</i>	<i>243,900</i>	<i>67,300</i>	<i>81,600</i>	<i>197,500</i>	<i>238,200</i>	<i>19,100</i>	<i>21,100</i>	<i>21,800</i>
ASIA -									
China	17,200	19,100	6,100	2,500	16,400	12,100	1,400	2,300	1,500
Cyprus	3,100	3,200	1,100	1,200	2,600	3,000	—	100	100
Hong Kong	103,300	104,700	25,800	26,500	81,600	91,800	8,900	8,800	9,300
India	20,000	19,300	3,900	5,000	12,300	15,800	1,700	1,400	1,700
Indonesia	117,400	133,600	37,600	41,300	111,400	120,700	11,500	11,800	13,600
Israel	7,000	6,000	1,100	1,100	4,300	4,500	600	300	500
Japan	25,600	30,100	7,500	10,500	23,500	33,000	3,300	2,700	4,600
Korea (a)	4,700	7,400	2,900	2,200	6,100	6,400	600	600	700
Lebanon	6,300	5,300	1,400	1,300	4,400	3,600	200	300	400
Malaysia	47,200	48,400	12,600	17,000	39,100	48,500	3,700	3,700	4,900
Philippines	33,500	35,700	7,700	9,000	26,900	32,700	2,700	3,000	2,700
Singapore	83,700	93,400	25,000	30,800	76,000	95,800	6,900	7,700	10,000
Taiwan	6,700	8,000	1,800	2,100	6,100	8,100	600	900	800
Thailand	48,800	59,800	13,900	21,500	47,400	69,200	4,900	5,800	8,500
Turkey	5,600	6,300	1,900	2,100	5,500	6,000	300	300	400
Other	17,300	19,500	4,600	5,200	14,800	19,300	1,700	1,500	1,900
<i>Total Asia</i>	<i>547,400</i>	<i>599,900</i>	<i>155,000</i>	<i>179,100</i>	<i>478,300</i>	<i>570,500</i>	<i>49,100</i>	<i>51,100</i>	<i>61,500</i>
EUROPE -									
Austria	5,100	5,300	1,500	1,900	4,400	4,900	200	400	300
France	15,800	16,300	5,000	5,600	13,100	16,900	900	1,100	1,500
Germany (b)	26,100	26,900	8,500	9,400	22,500	25,900	1,400	2,000	2,100
Greece	33,900	33,600	9,400	10,100	29,700	28,000	1,400	1,200	800
Ireland (c)	6,700	8,100	2,900	3,200	6,500	7,700	300	400	400
Italy	40,100	39,300	12,900	13,600	33,500	36,000	1,500	2,000	2,100
Malta	4,800	5,300	1,400	1,600	4,600	4,300	200	200	200
Netherlands	14,100	12,700	4,600	3,800	11,000	11,400	900	800	900
Poland	3,100	3,900	1,000	1,300	3,300	4,600	100	100	400
Spain	5,100	5,000	1,400	1,800	4,000	4,300	400	300	400
Sweden	3,000	3,900	1,200	1,200	3,400	3,500	200	200	200
Switzerland	7,400	8,100	2,400	2,300	6,600	7,700	400	400	400
United Kingdom	207,400	213,400	68,300	74,400	179,200	199,700	11,200	11,900	12,500
Yugoslavia	17,600	16,000	5,500	5,300	14,300	13,100	500	600	600
Other	18,000	19,000	6,600	8,000	16,500	20,500	400	900	1,100
<i>Total Europe</i>	<i>408,200</i>	<i>416,900</i>	<i>132,500</i>	<i>143,600</i>	<i>352,700</i>	<i>388,500</i>	<i>19,900</i>	<i>22,400</i>	<i>23,800</i>
OCEANIA -									
Cook Islands	4,000	4,100	1,500	1,100	3,400	3,100	500	300	300
Fiji	60,500	73,200	21,500	27,900	59,600	76,000	3,000	6,300	8,700
New Caledonia	10,800	10,300	3,100	4,100	7,700	11,400	1,100	1,300	1,600
New Zealand	275,300	247,100	59,900	75,800	190,000	224,700	22,200	17,200	20,200
Norfolk Is.	18,400	15,000	3,600	1,900	12,300	10,500	1,800	1,200	900
Papua New Guinea	27,500	32,700	9,300	8,400	26,300	28,300	2,400	2,600	2,400
Solomon Islands	4,100	3,600	1,100	1,100	3,000	3,100	300	200	200
Tahiti	5,100	5,200	1,300	1,800	3,900	5,900	500	600	400
Vanuatu	5,700	9,100	2,400	4,100	7,500	10,000	800	800	1,900
Other	5,800	6,800	1,400	4,000	5,300	9,600	300	1,000	1,500
<i>Total Oceania</i>	<i>417,400</i>	<i>407,100</i>	<i>105,200</i>	<i>130,200</i>	<i>319,100</i>	<i>382,500</i>	<i>32,900</i>	<i>31,500</i>	<i>38,100</i>
Total (d)	1,622,300	1,697,600	465,500	540,900	1,366,800	1,600,700	122,700	127,800	147,000

(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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