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**OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, AUSTRALIA
DECEMBER 1989**

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MAIN FEATURES

The number of overseas movements in December 1989 was 811,500, 6% more than in December 1988 and 22% more than in December 1987. There were 383,600 arrivals (3% more than December 1988) and 427,900 departures (9% more than December 1988).

Permanent movement
In December 1989:

- 9,730 settlers arrived in Australia, 24% less than December 1988 (12,860).
- 2,840 permanent departures were recorded, 38% more than December 1988 (2,050).

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

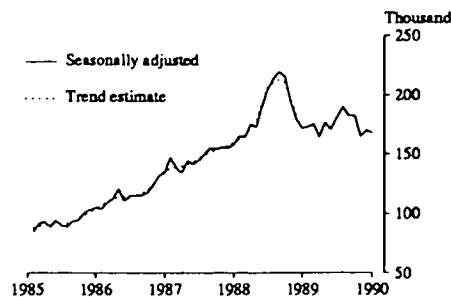
- The number of short-term visitor arrivals for the month was 247,400, slightly more than in December 1988 (245,800) and 11% higher than December 1987 (222,800). In seasonally adjusted terms, December 1989 short-term visitor arrivals were 1% less than in November 1989.
- 51% of short-term visitor arrivals were for the purpose of "holiday" and 33% for "visiting relatives" compared with 54% and 31% respectively in December 1988. There were 9,200 short-term visitor arrivals for the purpose of "education", a large increase compared with December 1988 (2,100); of these arrivals 79% came from China.

- 94,200 (38%) visitors intended to stay for less than two weeks and a further 105,900 (43%) intended to stay for between two weeks and two months. These proportions are much the same as in December 1988.
- The major source countries were : New Zealand with 45,000 (18% of total), the U.K. with 42,600 (17%), Japan with 35,100 (14%) and the U.S.A. with 21,500 (9%). Compared with December 1988 the U.K. was the only one of these countries to show an increase (6%) while the U.S.A decreased by 15% and New Zealand and Japan were slightly lower (2% and 1% respectively). China and Hong Kong both showed large increases in visitor arrivals compared with December 1988.

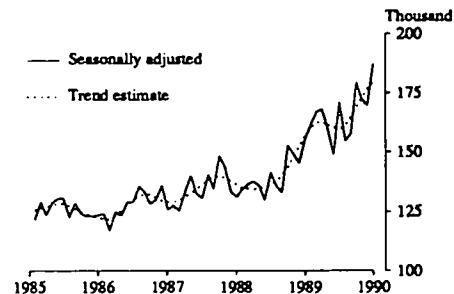
Departures of Australian residents for short-term trips abroad

- The number of Australian residents departing for short-term visits overseas continued to increase, numbering 244,900 in December 1989. This was 18% more than in December 1988 (206,700) and 40% more than in December 1987 (175,000). In seasonally adjusted terms, short-term resident departures for December 1989 were 10% higher than November 1989.
- The most popular destinations were : New Zealand (20% of total), the U.S.A. (12%), The U.K. (10%) and Hong Kong and Indonesia (both 6%).
- There were 135,300 (55% of total) departures for "holiday" and 73,700 (30%) for "visiting relatives".

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. This monthly publication also contains summary information for the quarter and year ended December 1989. More detailed data for these periods are available on request.

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 31 December -</i>									
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
1989	131,060	53,440	53,540	238,050	1,912,700	2,080,300	..	..	4,231,000
<i>1988 -</i>									
September	12,780	4,220	3,600	20,600	160,600	179,600	215,400	210,300	360,800
October	12,660	4,220	3,660	20,540	188,400	207,300	194,500	197,500	416,200
November	13,010	5,120	3,070	21,200	128,600	208,000	179,300	n.a.	357,800
December	12,860	8,540	2,980	24,380	101,200	245,800	171,700	n.a.	371,400
<i>1989 -</i>									
January	12,600	5,240	8,200	26,040	222,200	168,900	172,900	n.a.	417,200
February	10,790	3,770	8,080	22,640	129,100	191,100	175,200	n.a.	342,800
March	11,650	3,670	3,930	19,250	132,100	180,000	164,400	n.a.	331,400
April	11,350	3,250	3,720	18,320	141,100	160,100	176,500	n.a.	319,500
May	10,180	3,040	3,020	16,240	121,200	136,600	171,000	n.a.	274,000
June	11,400	4,190	3,210	18,800	139,700	142,700	181,100	n.a.	301,200
July	10,740	4,400	4,870	20,010	197,900	175,400	190,100	n.a.	393,300
August	11,500	4,140	3,680	19,320	159,000	161,400	182,200	n.a.	339,800
September	10,620	3,970	3,540	18,130	187,300	149,900	182,900	n.a.	355,400
October	9,740	4,210	3,630	17,580	218,000	174,100	164,900	n.a.	409,600
November	10,770	4,960	3,510	19,240	151,400	192,700	170,100	n.a.	363,300
December	9,730	8,600	4,160	22,490	113,700	247,400	168,100	n.a.	383,600

(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)	Australian residents (Trend estimate b)	Overseas visitors	
<i>Year ended 31 December -</i>									
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
1989	24,830	59,220	35,990	120,040	1,989,800	..	..	2,020,400	4,130,300
<i>1988 -</i>									
September	1,440	3,950	1,980	7,370	170,300	152,900	143,800	181,600	359,300
October	1,520	3,660	1,790	6,970	127,800	149,400	147,900	192,500	327,300
November	1,610	3,690	2,610	7,910	124,100	145,500	152,600	198,200	330,200
December	2,050	4,880	6,050	12,980	206,700	155,900	157,000	171,800	391,500
<i>1989 -</i>									
January	2,060	7,360	3,250	12,670	131,700	161,800	160,400	221,700	366,100
February	1,860	5,140	2,320	9,320	112,700	167,000	162,400	170,900	292,900
March	2,080	5,420	3,150	10,650	170,900	168,200	162,600	187,300	368,900
April	2,090	5,260	2,500	9,850	153,000	159,500	161,500	172,700	335,500
May	1,820	4,430	2,260	8,510	146,700	149,000	160,200	162,000	317,200
June	1,810	4,210	2,950	8,970	197,800	171,000	159,800	127,000	333,700
July	2,150	4,940	2,720	9,810	173,800	154,700	161,300	150,600	334,200
August	2,160	5,570	2,340	10,070	165,400	157,600	164,600	178,400	353,900
September	1,890	4,170	2,280	8,340	201,700	179,300	168,800	149,700	359,700
October	1,990	3,620	2,160	7,770	147,000	172,500	172,900	154,800	309,600
November	2,100	4,070	3,230	9,400	144,200	169,600	176,800	177,000	330,500
December	2,840	5,040	6,830	14,710	244,900	187,400	179,600	168,300	427,900

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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 31 December			Month of December		
	1987	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
ARRIVALS									
Intended length of stay									
Under 1 week	441,100	495,300	499,800	129,700	146,100	141,300	40,600	46,600	44,700
1 and under 2 weeks	410,100	567,800	494,000	129,300	162,400	141,900	40,000	49,100	49,400
2 weeks and under 1 month	403,600	541,200	448,500	128,200	148,800	130,100	57,600	60,200	58,700
1 and under 2 months	224,900	279,500	265,600	78,900	90,300	85,700	43,700	47,500	47,300
2 and under 3 months	85,800	99,300	98,900	30,300	31,100	31,500	14,600	14,600	15,100
3 and under 6 months	93,400	110,300	110,700	34,500	39,200	36,100	12,900	15,100	13,200
6 and under 12 months	115,300	146,100	162,700	37,100	42,000	47,500	12,000	12,600	19,100
Total (a)	1,784,900	2,249,300	2,080,300	571,600	661,000	614,100	222,800	245,800	247,400
Purpose of journey									
In Transit	100,900	88,700	78,600	26,600	22,000	19,400	8,400	7,800	6,900
Attending convention	31,100	56,700	25,400	8,500	16,100	6,200	2,100	2,200	800
Business	195,300	234,300	230,800	52,900	60,600	58,800	11,300	12,800	13,000
Accompanying business traveller	18,900	23,000	19,400	4,700	6,500	4,300	1,200	1,600	1,000
Visiting relatives	370,200	448,500	459,900	133,500	152,400	158,400	67,500	76,900	80,900
Holiday	938,300	1,237,000	1,107,000	314,500	363,200	327,800	121,000	132,400	127,100
Employment	21,300	26,600	30,000	5,300	6,700	6,700	1,400	1,600	2,100
Education	35,200	47,800	62,800	7,200	8,100	16,100	1,700	2,100	9,200
Other and not stated	73,700	86,600	66,400	18,600	25,300	16,600	8,200	8,500	6,400
Total	1,784,900	2,249,300	2,080,300	571,600	661,000	614,100	222,800	245,800	247,400
DEPARTURES									
Intended length of stay									
Under 1 week	103,400	138,300	175,900	26,000	37,200	47,500	8,400	10,600	15,600
1 and under 2 weeks	377,900	402,300	487,800	89,700	103,800	124,800	25,900	33,400	37,200
2 weeks and under 1 month	468,400	480,200	565,200	121,600	129,600	152,700	49,600	59,800	70,600
1 and under 2 months	292,000	302,300	353,300	87,200	97,100	112,700	58,000	63,200	75,300
2 and under 3 months	135,300	145,400	158,500	36,800	45,000	49,800	19,700	23,700	28,400
3 and under 6 months	125,000	126,600	139,800	21,400	25,600	27,500	7,300	8,700	10,300
6 and under 12 months	87,300	96,300	108,100	15,400	18,600	21,100	5,700	6,800	7,500
Total (a)	1,622,300	1,697,600	1,989,800	411,400	458,600	536,200	175,000	206,700	244,900
Purpose of journey									
Attending convention	37,000	37,200	47,700	6,800	8,000	8,200	900	1,400	1,500
Business	227,500	264,400	302,200	54,500	64,400	72,100	13,100	14,700	18,000
Accompanying business traveller	27,700	28,800	33,000	5,800	6,100	7,500	1,500	2,200	2,600
Visiting relatives	332,600	343,400	387,600	93,200	108,000	124,200	54,200	62,200	73,700
Holiday	874,100	912,000	1,085,500	216,000	243,900	291,100	95,300	114,700	135,300
Employment	24,300	28,400	35,700	4,800	6,900	8,800	1,500	2,600	2,600
Education	13,500	15,300	19,400	3,000	3,700	4,600	1,400	1,600	2,100
Other and not stated	85,600	68,200	78,700	27,300	17,600	19,800	7,000	7,400	9,100
Total	1,622,300	1,697,600	1,989,800	411,400	458,600	536,200	175,000	206,700	244,900

(a) Includes not stated.

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

Country of birth (Summary)	Year ended 31 December			Quarter ended 31 December			Month of December		
	1987	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
Total Africa	9,060	8,150	5,360	2,380	1,800	1,220	820	660	450
Total America	7,440	7,800	7,460	1,770	1,770	2,000	620	650	850
Asia-									
East and South East Asia	37,970	45,500	45,970	10,530	12,480	10,460	3,810	4,510	3,480
South Central Asia	7,900	8,920	6,740	1,890	2,120	1,450	700	820	490
Western Asia (Middle East)	7,000	7,000	4,810	2,270	1,660	1,180	920	550	350
Total Asia	52,870	61,430	57,520	14,690	16,260	13,090	5,420	5,880	4,320
Europe-									
U.K. and Ireland	24,030	29,030	26,490	7,190	7,230	6,500	1,700	1,740	1,540
Other Europe	15,390	15,590	12,830	4,340	4,010	3,600	1,170	1,170	1,140
Total Europe	39,420	44,630	39,320	11,530	11,230	10,100	2,870	2,920	2,680
Oceania-									
New Zealand	15,360	24,870	17,340	4,620	6,240	2,850	1,680	2,270	1,060
Other Oceania	4,140	4,660	4,040	1,380	1,230	960	460	490	380
Total Oceania	19,490	29,530	21,390	6,010	7,460	3,810	2,140	2,760	1,440
Total (a)	128,290	151,550	131,060	36,380	38,530	30,230	11,860	12,860	9,730

(a) Includes not stated.

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

Country of residence	Year ended			Quarter ended			Month of		
	31 December			31 December			December		
	1987	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
AFRICA -									
South Africa	9,600	9,400	8,000	3,200	3,700	3,000	1,600	1,800	1,300
Other	7,900	10,900	9,300	2,700	3,500	3,000	1,500	1,700	1,500
<i>Total Africa</i>	<i>17,500</i>	<i>20,300</i>	<i>17,300</i>	<i>5,800</i>	<i>7,200</i>	<i>5,900</i>	<i>3,000</i>	<i>3,500</i>	<i>2,800</i>
AMERICA -									
Canada	52,700	66,700	54,200	18,900	21,000	16,600	6,800	6,700	5,400
U.S.A.	309,000	322,300	260,700	95,700	90,000	67,700	28,600	25,200	21,500
Other	11,300	15,400	11,700	3,900	5,900	3,300	1,700	2,300	1,700
<i>Total America</i>	<i>373,100</i>	<i>404,400</i>	<i>326,600</i>	<i>118,500</i>	<i>116,900</i>	<i>87,600</i>	<i>37,000</i>	<i>34,200</i>	<i>28,500</i>
ASIA -									
China	10,900	18,000	29,100	4,100	6,100	13,000	1,000	2,000	9,300
Hong Kong	42,700	49,400	54,100	11,300	10,300	13,700	5,500	4,900	6,300
India	7,400	10,700	10,900	2,100	2,600	2,900	800	900	1,200
Indonesia	21,500	29,600	29,000	6,800	8,300	8,400	3,900	4,100	4,500
Israel	4,400	5,200	5,400	1,100	1,600	1,500	500	600	600
Japan	215,600	352,300	349,500	71,800	103,700	90,500	26,700	35,500	35,100
Korea (a)	6,900	9,200	10,400	2,300	2,700	3,000	1,000	800	1,200
Malaysia	47,100	52,100	44,300	15,300	14,600	13,600	6,000	5,600	3,600
Philippines	12,200	13,400	11,000	2,900	3,200	2,600	1,000	1,000	1,000
Singapore	57,000	63,500	65,200	21,300	22,400	25,100	11,100	11,300	12,600
Taiwan	16,000	19,200	21,500	5,900	5,900	7,900	2,000	1,700	2,500
Thailand	11,200	15,800	17,300	3,200	4,600	4,800	1,000	1,200	1,100
Other	18,200	21,900	22,900	5,900	6,200	7,000	2,600	2,600	3,100
<i>Total Asia</i>	<i>470,900</i>	<i>660,300</i>	<i>670,500</i>	<i>153,900</i>	<i>192,200</i>	<i>194,000</i>	<i>63,000</i>	<i>72,300</i>	<i>82,100</i>
EUROPE -									
Austria	6,400	9,100	9,200	2,700	2,900	3,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Denmark	8,700	11,400	10,200	3,400	3,700	3,300	1,400	1,300	1,300
Finland	4,200	5,700	5,200	1,900	2,400	2,000	900	700	800
France	17,100	21,000	20,100	4,600	6,200	5,700	1,900	2,200	2,200
Germany (b)	53,300	65,900	68,100	20,100	21,700	21,200	8,500	8,300	8,600
Greece	7,100	8,100	7,400	2,900	3,500	3,200	1,400	1,600	1,600
Ireland (c)	9,800	13,100	12,200	3,800	4,400	3,300	1,400	1,400	1,200
Italy	19,300	25,200	20,500	6,400	9,100	6,600	3,600	3,900	3,200
Netherlands	17,300	22,400	20,100	5,700	7,700	6,900	2,400	2,700	2,800
Norway	4,300	5,200	3,700	1,900	1,500	1,200	1,100	500	400
Poland	3,400	4,100	4,400	1,300	1,400	1,400	500	600	400
Sweden	21,900	26,900	24,100	9,400	11,000	8,400	4,300	4,800	3,500
Switzerland	21,300	26,000	27,400	8,600	9,500	9,600	3,700	3,700	4,400
United Kingdom	198,900	260,300	272,900	72,100	90,100	93,100	33,800	40,100	42,600
U.S.S.R (d)	1,500	2,900	5,400	700	1,100	1,800	300	400	800
Yugoslavia	6,300	6,800	6,400	2,400	2,600	2,600	1,300	1,100	1,200
Other	11,000	15,500	13,500	4,400	5,100	4,600	1,800	1,800	1,600
<i>Total Europe</i>	<i>411,900</i>	<i>529,600</i>	<i>530,700</i>	<i>152,400</i>	<i>183,900</i>	<i>177,700</i>	<i>69,300</i>	<i>76,100</i>	<i>77,700</i>
OCEANIA -									
Fiji	16,500	19,300	17,500	5,200	6,100	5,000	1,800	2,800	2,500
New Caledonia	14,400	17,200	13,400	3,700	3,500	2,900	1,800	1,600	1,500
New Zealand	427,300	534,300	449,300	117,100	131,500	126,000	40,200	45,900	45,000
Papua New Guinea	32,800	37,800	34,800	10,000	10,700	9,900	4,600	4,900	4,900
Other	14,700	19,800	18,400	4,400	6,100	5,100	1,700	2,500	2,400
<i>Total Oceania</i>	<i>505,800</i>	<i>628,200</i>	<i>533,500</i>	<i>140,300</i>	<i>157,900</i>	<i>148,900</i>	<i>50,100</i>	<i>57,700</i>	<i>56,300</i>
Total (e)	1,784,900	2,249,300	2,080,300	571,600	661,000	614,100	222,800	245,800	247,400

(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			Month of		
	31 December			31 December			December		
	1987	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
AFRICA -									
Egypt	4,100	4,900	6,300	1,500	1,900	2,200	800	1,100	1,100
South Africa	7,700	8,300	11,600	3,400	3,600	4,600	1,900	2,300	2,500
Other	8,800	9,700	10,300	2,600	3,500	3,400	1,800	1,900	1,700
<i>Total Africa</i>	<i>20,600</i>	<i>22,900</i>	<i>28,300</i>	<i>7,500</i>	<i>9,000</i>	<i>10,100</i>	<i>4,500</i>	<i>5,300</i>	<i>5,300</i>
AMERICA -									
Canada	20,400	23,700	30,100	4,100	5,400	6,500	2,300	2,700	3,800
U.S.A.	174,100	196,300	241,700	45,500	53,100	62,900	15,300	20,800	28,600
Other	20,400	23,900	21,200	8,000	9,000	7,400	4,300	4,500	4,300
<i>Total America</i>	<i>215,000</i>	<i>243,900</i>	<i>293,100</i>	<i>57,600</i>	<i>67,500</i>	<i>76,700</i>	<i>21,900</i>	<i>27,900</i>	<i>36,600</i>
ASIA -									
China	17,200	19,100	13,900	3,600	4,900	3,200	1,400	1,700	900
Cyprus	3,100	3,200	3,600	600	800	600	300	300	300
Hong Kong	103,300	104,700	116,800	28,200	31,900	34,200	11,400	13,400	15,600
India	20,000	19,300	23,200	7,800	8,400	9,100	4,100	5,000	5,500
Indonesia	117,400	133,600	146,100	30,200	34,000	39,000	9,400	12,400	14,300
Israel	7,000	6,000	6,200	2,600	2,000	2,200	1,400	1,300	1,300
Japan	25,600	30,100	40,600	8,000	9,300	12,200	2,600	3,300	4,200
Korea (a)	4,700	7,400	7,800	1,400	2,000	2,100	400	700	900
Lebanon	6,300	5,300	5,000	1,100	1,200	1,700	500	600	700
Malaysia	47,200	48,400	62,300	12,100	13,100	18,600	5,400	6,300	9,400
Philippines	33,500	35,700	41,900	10,100	11,800	11,900	4,600	5,900	6,100
Singapore	83,700	93,400	117,800	21,000	25,100	32,000	7,400	9,600	11,800
Taiwan	6,700	8,000	10,600	2,000	2,700	3,300	700	1,200	1,800
Thailand	48,800	59,800	86,600	14,200	18,200	25,800	4,600	7,300	9,700
Turkey	5,600	6,300	6,900	900	1,200	1,300	400	500	400
Other	17,300	19,500	25,800	5,200	6,100	8,500	2,400	3,000	4,700
<i>Total Asia</i>	<i>547,400</i>	<i>599,900</i>	<i>714,900</i>	<i>149,200</i>	<i>172,600</i>	<i>205,800</i>	<i>57,000</i>	<i>72,600</i>	<i>87,700</i>
EUROPE -									
Austria	5,100	5,300	6,400	1,300	1,300	1,800	900	600	1,100
France	15,800	16,300	20,500	3,500	4,300	5,100	1,700	2,200	2,300
Germany (b)	26,100	26,900	30,800	6,000	6,400	7,000	2,700	2,600	2,600
Greece	33,900	33,600	31,700	5,400	5,100	4,500	2,800	2,000	2,400
Ireland (c)	6,700	8,100	10,100	1,600	2,000	2,700	700	1,100	1,800
Italy	40,100	39,300	41,600	7,000	7,800	7,600	3,900	3,600	3,300
Malta	4,800	5,300	5,000	700	900	900	200	400	500
Netherlands	14,100	12,700	13,300	2,700	2,500	2,700	1,000	1,000	1,100
Poland	3,100	3,900	5,400	400	700	1,100	200	400	500
Spain	5,100	5,000	5,600	1,200	1,300	1,700	600	600	700
Sweden	3,000	3,900	4,200	700	800	900	300	400	400
Switzerland	7,400	8,100	9,000	1,900	1,900	1,700	1,100	1,100	900
United Kingdom	207,400	213,400	237,500	39,900	46,100	50,400	17,900	21,700	24,200
Yugoslavia	17,600	16,000	15,200	2,200	2,200	2,800	900	900	1,300
Other	18,000	19,000	23,700	3,000	3,400	4,400	1,800	1,500	1,900
<i>Total Europe</i>	<i>408,200</i>	<i>416,900</i>	<i>460,000</i>	<i>77,400</i>	<i>86,600</i>	<i>95,300</i>	<i>36,800</i>	<i>40,000</i>	<i>44,800</i>
OCEANIA -									
Cook Islands	4,000	4,100	4,000	1,000	1,000	1,100	300	400	600
Fiji	60,500	73,200	93,900	10,100	19,900	26,700	5,400	8,900	10,700
New Caledonia	10,800	10,300	14,500	3,100	3,800	4,700	1,200	1,500	2,000
New Zealand	275,300	247,100	297,300	85,600	74,300	92,800	40,300	39,200	48,400
Norfolk Is.	18,400	15,000	12,200	5,300	3,800	2,600	1,700	1,500	900
Papua New Guinea	27,500	32,700	34,400	7,300	9,000	8,500	2,800	3,500	3,500
Solomon Islands	4,100	3,600	3,600	1,000	800	700	500	400	300
Tahiti	5,100	5,200	6,800	1,300	1,900	1,300	500	700	500
Vanuatu	5,700	9,100	12,800	2,300	2,400	4,700	1,000	900	1,400
Other	5,800	6,800	13,000	1,800	2,500	4,900	800	1,200	2,200
<i>Total Oceania</i>	<i>417,400</i>	<i>407,100</i>	<i>492,400</i>	<i>118,900</i>	<i>119,500</i>	<i>148,100</i>	<i>54,500</i>	<i>58,100</i>	<i>70,500</i>
Total (d)	1,622,300	1,697,600	1,989,800	411,400	458,600	536,200	175,000	206,700	244,900

(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 (c.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)—
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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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