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MAIN FEATURES

MARCH QUARTER 1981

Permanent and long-term movements

The upward trend of permanent (settler) arrivals evident in 1980 has continued into the first quarter of 1981. Settler arrivals in each quarter of 1980 were respectively 24.3%, 26.4%, 33.8% and 37.0% higher than those for the corresponding quarters of 1979. The figure for the March quarter 1981 was 29,775, an increase of 9,578 (47.4%) over the March quarter 1980. Permanent departures of Australian residents in the March quarter 1981 continued at the reduced levels experienced in 1980. The number (5,257) was 9.7% below the level of the March quarter 1980.

The patterns for long-term movement (stays of one year or more in Australia or abroad) were similar, higher numbers (13,382) for overseas visitors arriving (up 14.7% on the corresponding quarter of 1980) and lower numbers (15,776) for Australian residents departing (down 7.5%).

Short-term movement

Compared with the March quarter 1980, overseas visitor arrivals fell one per cent to 232,600. This is an improvement on the last quarter of 1980 which was 5.7% below the December quarter of 1979. The reduced levels in the March quarter 1981 occurred in February and March, and were due in the main to lower visitor arrivals from the Americas, New Zealand and Japan, partly offset by larger numbers from other Asian countries and European countries, but not the U.K.

Departures of Australian residents also were slightly lower (–0.5%), at 275,100, than in the March quarter 1980, but this was due only to substantially lower figures in February. The declines were mainly of trips to Europe, the U.K. and New Zealand. More people travelled to Asian countries (up 18%), particularly to Indonesia.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This series of publications comes out at approximately monthly intervals and contains the latest available provisional and final estimates in summary form. The new data in this issue are final estimates for February and March 1981.

2. Overseas arrivals and departures statistics are obtained from passenger cards completed by travellers. Provisional estimates, based on early counts of cards by the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, are shown in these publications if they are available and not yet superseded by final estimates.

Related publications

3. Comprehensive definitions and explanations, and detailed data for three months and twelve months periods, are contained in *Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia* (3402.0 and 3404.0) and in *Australian Demographic Statistics Quarterly* (3101.0). Some additional unpublished information in various forms can be made available on request.

4. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Note. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES-SUMMARY

Period	Arrivals					Total
	Permanent	Residents returning after—		Visitors arriving for—		
		Long-term	Short-term	Long-term	Short-term	
Year ended 31 December—						
1978	68,419	57,938	1,029,482	28,389	630,594	1,814,822
1979	72,236	61,441	1,144,334	33,450	793,345	2,104,807
1980	94,503	58,760	1,194,768	31,025	904,558	2,283,613
1980—						
February	6,422	4,426	88,120	4,390	82,207	185,564
March	7,362	4,412	90,930	3,366	86,795	192,865
April	7,475	3,854	82,531	2,085	61,767	157,713
May	7,363	3,539	99,729	2,173	60,662	173,466
June	7,036	3,941	95,171	2,001	69,732	177,880
July	7,420	4,282	94,188	2,231	77,331	185,453
August	8,080	4,567	99,787	2,375	69,956	184,765
September	8,016	3,984	118,286	2,131	60,873	193,290
October	9,198	4,705	110,680	2,031	71,886	198,500
November	10,084	6,233	97,902	2,146	84,787	201,152
December	9,634	9,422	66,904	2,182	112,587	200,728
1981—						
January	9,993	5,484	143,403	4,718	69,566	233,165
February	7,931	4,315	84,177	4,983	78,701	180,107
March	11,851	4,865	90,105	3,681	84,300	194,802
Departures						
Period	Permanent	Residents departing for—		Visitors departing after—		Total
		Long-term	Short-term	Long-term	Short-term	
Year ended 31 December—						
1978	24,960	58,519	1,062,234	19,643	597,123	1,762,480
1979	23,420	54,266	1,175,769	20,422	752,440	2,026,316
1980	20,843	50,713	1,203,602	19,306	874,090	2,168,555
1980—						
February	1,867	5,147	82,720	1,393	82,483	173,610
March	2,040	5,133	105,982	1,444	87,622	202,220
April	1,816	4,300	103,929	1,328	76,133	187,507
May	1,990	4,206	121,038	1,467	65,944	194,645
June	1,588	3,699	98,811	1,459	57,770	163,328
July	1,506	3,601	96,866	1,386	68,786	172,146
August	1,695	4,276	115,446	1,480	72,184	195,082
September	1,330	3,481	87,512	1,017	64,048	157,388
October	1,594	2,970	86,494	1,099	65,937	158,094
November	1,763	3,107	81,826	1,571	75,491	163,758
December	1,740	4,010	135,269	3,716	58,766	203,501
1981—						
January	1,802	6,650	88,936	1,951	105,006	204,345
February	1,611	4,338	77,148	1,199	75,118	159,414
March	1,844	4,788	109,014	1,465	88,095	205,206

TABLE 2. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : OVERSEAS VISITORS ARRIVING
SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS

	<i>Visitors arriving intending to stay less than 12 months</i>							
	<i>Month of</i>						<i>Quarter ended</i>	
	<i>January</i>		<i>February</i>		<i>March</i>		<i>31 March</i>	
	<i>1980</i>	<i>1981</i>	<i>1980</i>	<i>1981</i>	<i>1980</i>	<i>1981</i>	<i>1980</i>	<i>1981</i>
Intended length of stay—								
Under 1 week	15,922	15,911	20,103	16,159	19,353	17,143	55,378	49,213
1 and under 2 weeks	10,122	10,433	15,414	12,706	14,663	14,451	40,199	37,589
2 weeks and under 1 month	12,840	15,378	16,610	16,518	20,427	18,602	49,876	50,499
1 and under 2 months	10,556	10,647	14,753	17,001	17,218	15,758	42,527	43,406
2 and under 3 months	3,935	4,526	4,678	4,807	4,673	5,437	13,286	14,770
3 and under 6 months	5,485	5,179	4,387	4,707	4,635	5,105	14,507	14,990
6 and under 12 months	6,031	6,456	5,030	5,628	4,668	6,417	15,728	18,501
Not stated	1,084	1,037	1,233	1,174	1,158	1,387	3,475	3,599
Purpose of journey—								
In transit	6,518	6,669	6,256	5,221	5,924	5,810	18,698	17,700
Attending convention	504	533	3,130	1,195	1,263	1,392	4,897	3,120
Business	6,798	7,187	10,845	10,490	12,202	12,539	29,845	30,216
Accompanying business traveller	896	1,067	1,004	1,195	845	885	2,745	3,147
Visiting relatives	17,089	16,664	21,344	23,577	26,483	25,030	64,917	65,271
Holiday	26,483	29,255	31,745	30,036	33,226	31,533	91,454	90,824
Employment	2,075	2,084	1,334	1,222	1,344	1,805	4,754	5,111
Education	2,276	2,198	2,786	2,848	1,126	1,255	6,188	6,300
Other and not stated	3,336	3,910	3,761	2,917	4,381	4,050	11,478	10,878
<i>Country of last residence</i>								
Africa—								
South Africa	827	843	664	856	989	1,007	2,479	2,705
Other	280	282	389	391	276	557	945	1,231
<i>Total, Africa</i>	<i>1,107</i>	<i>1,125</i>	<i>1,053</i>	<i>1,247</i>	<i>1,265</i>	<i>1,564</i>	<i>3,424</i>	<i>3,936</i>
America—								
Canada	2,785	3,234	4,701	3,382	3,920	3,944	11,406	10,560
U.S.A.	8,280	8,779	13,561	11,865	14,613	11,661	36,453	32,305
Other	471	422	417	475	393	491	1,281	1,388
<i>Total, America</i>	<i>11,536</i>	<i>12,435</i>	<i>18,679</i>	<i>15,722</i>	<i>18,926</i>	<i>16,096</i>	<i>49,140</i>	<i>44,253</i>
Asia—								
Hong Kong	704	880	1,869	2,254	1,388	975	3,962	4,109
Indonesia	702	1,170	858	1,088	958	1,018	2,518	3,276
Japan	4,578	4,581	6,143	5,347	5,437	4,831	16,158	14,759
Malaysia	966	1,089	1,538	1,850	1,560	1,731	4,064	4,670
Philippines	302	364	419	757	576	646	1,297	1,767
Singapore	729	888	1,255	1,287	1,636	1,598	3,620	3,772
Thailand	255	359	512	500	463	539	1,230	1,398
Other	1,123	1,590	1,777	1,852	1,602	1,924	4,501	5,367
<i>Total, Asia</i>	<i>9,359</i>	<i>10,921</i>	<i>14,371</i>	<i>14,935</i>	<i>13,620</i>	<i>13,262</i>	<i>37,350</i>	<i>39,118</i>
Europe—								
France	643	590	657	643	731	724	2,031	1,957
Germany (a)	3,128	3,645	4,341	4,454	4,007	4,073	11,476	12,171
Greece	417	293	440	406	393	415	1,250	1,114
Italy	1,162	1,095	1,053	1,276	781	1,012	2,996	3,383
Netherlands	1,770	1,574	2,059	2,225	1,896	1,846	5,724	5,645
Switzerland	672	862	876	942	602	851	2,150	2,654
U.K. and Ireland	10,039	9,685	15,880	18,385	17,965	18,073	43,882	46,144
Yugoslavia	679	697	413	461	528	570	1,620	1,728
Other	1,626	1,858	2,004	2,032	2,109	2,160	5,742	6,051
<i>Total, Europe</i>	<i>20,136</i>	<i>20,299</i>	<i>27,723</i>	<i>30,824</i>	<i>29,012</i>	<i>29,724</i>	<i>76,871</i>	<i>80,847</i>
Oceania—								
Fiji	748	844	921	910	906	778	2,575	2,531
New Caledonia	1,612	1,599	1,035	1,006	608	519	3,255	3,124
New Zealand	17,375	17,909	15,337	11,369	15,903	19,850	52,617	49,127
Papua New Guinea	2,891	3,262	2,028	1,716	1,911	1,721	6,830	6,700
Other	915	945	858	667	463	528	2,236	2,139
<i>Total, Oceania</i>	<i>23,542</i>	<i>24,559</i>	<i>20,179</i>	<i>15,668</i>	<i>23,791</i>	<i>23,396</i>	<i>67,513</i>	<i>63,621</i>
Not stated	295	228	203	305	180	258	678	791
Total	65,975	69,566	82,207	78,701	86,795	84,300	234,976	232,567

(a) Comprises the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany.

TABLE 3. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT: AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS DEPARTING
SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS

	Residents departing intending to be away less than 12 months							
	Month of						Quarter ended	
	January		February		March		31 March	
	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981
Intended length of stay—								
Under 1 week	3,093	3,122	3,694	3,245	4,194	3,863	10,982	10,231
1 and under 2 weeks	16,025	18,358	14,430	15,139	19,431	18,989	50,086	52,486
2 weeks and under 1 month	35,622	35,539	26,028	26,319	31,641	35,814	93,291	97,671
1 and under 2 months	14,597	14,209	17,021	14,502	18,048	18,472	49,666	47,183
2 and under 3 months	5,011	5,024	5,970	4,515	9,001	8,937	19,982	18,476
3 and under 6 months	3,706	3,733	6,023	5,582	10,426	10,617	20,154	19,933
6 and under 12 months	7,960	7,368	7,902	6,660	11,169	10,562	27,032	24,588
Not stated	1,694	1,585	1,453	1,185	2,071	1,759	5,217	4,528
Purpose of journey—								
Attending convention	1,455	1,264	1,726	1,445	3,484	2,341	6,664	5,050
Business	9,472	10,422	10,564	10,951	11,782	13,120	31,818	34,493
Accompanying business traveller	1,938	2,196	1,409	1,283	1,610	1,527	4,956	5,005
Visiting relatives	13,646	13,447	15,636	13,879	20,243	20,991	49,525	48,317
Holiday	53,770	53,867	46,949	43,628	62,712	63,509	163,431	161,005
Employment	1,959	2,199	2,094	1,963	1,542	2,025	5,595	6,186
Education	1,203	1,295	813	586	566	715	2,583	2,596
Other and not stated	4,265	4,246	3,530	3,414	4,043	4,786	11,838	12,445
Country in which most time will be spent								
Africa—								
South Africa	571	339	634	523	498	756	1,703	1,617
Other	798	573	493	347	451	673	1,742	1,594
Total, Africa	1,369	912	1,127	870	949	1,429	3,445	3,211
America—								
Canada	446	519	743	500	859	1,529	2,048	2,549
U.S.A.	8,689	9,081	10,590	9,972	15,025	15,314	34,305	34,368
Other	791	575	615	522	607	705	2,012	1,800
Total, America	9,926	10,175	11,948	10,994	16,491	17,548	38,365	38,717
Asia—								
Hong Kong	4,297	5,234	4,019	3,698	5,650	6,190	17,966	15,122
Indonesia	4,845	7,977	3,458	6,086	4,595	6,763	12,898	20,826
Japan	1,149	1,069	766	765	1,098	1,545	3,014	3,379
Malaysia	2,497	3,774	2,357	2,266	1,844	2,461	6,699	8,501
Philippines	2,868	2,437	2,056	2,122	2,105	2,131	7,028	6,690
Singapore	5,410	5,770	3,901	4,828	4,593	4,559	13,904	15,157
Thailand	1,121	1,342	886	809	1,103	963	3,109	3,114
Other	3,234	3,139	2,421	2,875	4,121	4,291	9,776	10,306
Total, Asia	25,421	30,742	19,864	23,449	25,109	28,903	70,394	83,095
Europe—								
France	535	466	489	307	487	694	1,512	1,467
Germany (a)	1,005	805	1,211	1,279	1,828	1,900	4,044	3,984
Greece	1,376	998	1,497	1,104	3,919	3,023	6,792	5,126
Italy	1,470	1,764	1,279	1,158	2,825	2,985	5,573	5,906
Netherlands	680	553	937	875	1,369	1,400	2,985	2,829
Switzerland	492	464	288	338	264	406	1,044	1,208
U.K. and Ireland	8,514	8,200	13,099	10,422	18,617	16,952	40,231	35,574
Yugoslavia	493	567	478	661	1,255	1,105	2,226	2,333
Other	1,519	1,253	1,599	1,143	2,413	2,260	5,531	4,655
Total, Europe	16,084	15,070	20,877	17,287	32,977	30,725	69,938	63,082
Oceania—								
Fiji	5,345	5,096	3,396	3,224	5,451	4,511	14,191	12,830
New Caledonia	1,877	1,561	1,511	1,460	1,225	1,095	4,614	4,115
New Zealand	21,949	20,963	20,067	16,207	20,010	20,932	62,026	58,102
Papua New Guinea	2,102	2,101	1,633	1,521	1,529	1,496	5,264	5,118
Other	3,226	2,068	1,900	1,451	1,911	2,110	7,036	5,631
Total, Oceania	34,499	31,789	28,507	23,863	30,126	30,144	93,131	85,796
Not stated	410	248	397	685	329	264	1,136	1,197
Total	87,708	88,936	82,720	77,148	105,982	109,014	276,410	275,097

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