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MAIN FEATURES

Final estimates of short-term visitor arrivals in the month of December 1979 show an increase of 16 per cent over the same figure for December 1978, with a large proportion of the increase being in visitors from the USA, Germany and the UK and Ireland. The majority of short-term visitor arrivals stated their purpose of journey as being "visiting relatives" or "holiday".

The number of Australian residents departing overseas for an intended stay of less than twelve months decreased, in comparison to December 1978, by 3 per cent, with a notable decrease in the "visiting relatives" and "holiday" categories, and in travel to New Zealand.

Month-to-month comparisons of this nature are subject to variations caused by alterations to air-fare structures, holiday periods and other effects. Care should be exercised in the interpretation of data of this kind.

of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs. Revised figures for some months of 1979 are also contained in this publication. Provisional estimates are expected to be quickly superseded by better based statistics.

Related publications

2. Statistics of overseas arrivals and departures are shown in some detail in the quarterly publication *Overseas Arrivals and Departures* (3402.0), which also contains comprehensive definitions and explanations, and in *Australian Demographic Statistics Quarterly* (3101.0).

Symbols

- p preliminary - figure subject to revision
- r figure revised since previous issue
- .. not applicable

Rounding

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

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains final estimates for December 1979 and the latest available provisional estimates of overseas arrivals and departures as obtained from counts of passenger cards made by the Department

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TABLE 1. OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES - SUMMARY

Period	Arrivals					Departures				
	Residents returning after -			Visitors arriving for -		Residents departing for -			Visitors departing after -	
	Perma- nent	Long- term	Short- term	Long- term	Short- term	Perma- nent	Long- term	Short- term	Long- term	Short- term
Year ended 30 June -										
1977	70,916	59,193	963,730	26,133	540,395	24,588	68,792	965,659	19,724	525,256
1978	73,171	57,312	989,025	28,043	580,883	23,096	60,099	1,004,931	17,194	564,250
1979 r	67,142	60,947	1,101,694	34,064	699,500	25,429	57,256	1,131,038	21,216	666,938
Month of -										
1978 - November	5,020	5,269	79,603	1,703	71,467	1,725	3,256	44,939	1,581	56,291
December	6,270	9,841	59,263	1,892	91,382	2,808	5,745	146,337	3,859	49,700
1979 - January	5,050	6,876	154,957	6,538	54,576	2,103	6,666	83,054	2,320	85,324
February	5,344	4,431	76,432	4,601	60,326	1,999	5,182	66,187	1,519	65,694
March	5,856	4,303	72,159	3,287	65,346	2,413	5,575	101,698	1,650	64,646
April	5,302	3,858	72,233	2,474	55,605	2,023	4,854	100,091	1,455	58,982
May	5,615	3,759	97,272	2,512	154,451	2,176	5,197	120,076	1,737	59,311
June	6,392	3,818	88,187	2,381	153,444	1,904	3,946	100,187	1,550	46,234
July	5,409	4,793	89,463	2,263	70,156	1,782	4,079	96,962	1,407	55,208
August	6,218	4,428	97,957	1,964	66,799	1,691	3,748	120,575	1,461	88,160
September	8,942	4,511	130,537	2,160	87,972	1,707	3,707	88,423	1,156	60,602
October	6,540	5,171	105,345	1,933	66,009	1,729	3,505	83,541	1,059	60,967
November	6,790	5,591	93,021	1,739	80,006	1,726	3,541	73,222	1,611	69,643
December	7,778	9,902	65,560	1,598	108,655	2,167	4,266	141,754	3,497	57,168
1980 - January p (a)	6,500	5,400	145,300	3,900	71,300	1,900	6,800	88,300	2,000	97,500
February p (a)	6,300	4,400	87,400	4,400	83,300	1,800	5,200	82,600	1,400	83,300

(a) Provisional estimates only - more detailed figures will be released when available.

OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES
TABLE 2. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT: SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS

	Visitors arriving intending to stay less than 12 months						Residents departing intending to be away less than 12 months					
	month of -						month of -					
	October		November		December		October		November		December	
	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979
Intended length of stay -												
Under 1 week	14,952	16,725	17,044	19,529	13,730	15,217	3,793	4,079	3,828	3,763	2,936	3,359
1 and under 2 weeks	10,684	13,383	10,915	14,354	10,240	11,001	13,069	14,542	9,690	13,065	14,632	15,031
2 weeks and under 1 month	10,884	14,042	10,822	14,109	23,712	27,943	29,015	29,278	21,916	23,279	52,271	48,703
1 and under 2 months	7,185	9,807	8,869	8,747	22,448	29,264	14,132	18,308	8,038	8,910	42,169	41,008
2 and under 3 months	2,384	2,719	5,449	5,817	8,192	10,606	4,188	5,881	8,314	8,395	17,671	17,461
3 and under 6 months	3,369	4,713	13,021	11,611	7,338	9,104	3,274	5,127	6,832	9,038	6,157	7,150
6 and under 12 months	2,748	3,635	4,438	4,676	4,460	3,879	4,352	5,244	5,230	5,498	7,906	5,999
Not stated	729	986	908	1,164	1,242	1,645	1,025	1,082	1,092	1,275	2,596	3,042
Purpose of journey -												
In transit	4,937	5,271	5,182	6,499	6,130	6,474	..	..	..	..	..	..
Attending convention	1,014	1,964	588	1,986	274	893	2,709	2,753	1,480	1,335	771	904
Business	10,462	9,943	9,301	11,139	4,892	5,723	11,106	11,342	8,730	9,886	7,066	7,804
Accompanying business traveller	881	1,045	857	875	668	623	1,314	1,471	1,424	1,352	1,939	1,575
Visiting relatives	10,788	16,961	26,021	24,476	38,165	49,576	10,994	16,629	12,677	15,521	37,868	36,747
Holiday	19,486	25,665	24,623	29,565	35,136	38,957	41,305	46,003	35,384	39,634	89,068	87,220
Employment	1,081	1,195	1,199	1,151	1,196	965	1,253	1,128	1,299	1,291	1,341	1,486
Education	244	440	254	508	412	512	295	780	299	835	946	948
Other and not stated	3,042	3,525	3,442	3,807	4,508	4,933	3,871	3,435	3,645	3,370	7,339	5,072
	Country of last residence						Country in which most time will be spent					
Africa -												
South Africa	654	930	764	807	1,321	1,679	311	688	598	511	1,225	1,315
Other	303	335	383	340	731	606	368	322	403	434	1,457	1,461
America -												
Canada	1,484	1,983	1,779	2,865	3,621	3,597	356	617	328	707	1,372	1,214
U.S.A.	9,174	10,767	10,176	12,098	8,647	9,835	7,825	14,612	4,896	8,975	13,845	13,846
Other	451	445	417	421	541	730	548	523	563	886	2,067	1,956
Asia -												
Hong Kong	546	916	704	906	862	1,435	3,711	3,845	2,415	4,419	5,393	6,639
Indonesia	675	585	400	506	1,055	1,238	2,718	3,697	2,216	2,588	5,153	5,537
Japan	3,851	4,107	3,941	5,917	4,053	5,118	1,820	1,247	651	899	1,142	860
Malaysia	657	828	1,024	1,342	1,435	1,608	1,378	1,164	1,093	1,442	3,953	3,270
Singapore	844	881	987	1,566	1,505	1,823	3,405	3,056	2,638	2,455	4,853	4,836
Other	2,162	2,169	2,333	2,744	2,802	7,910	5,149	5,553	4,371	6,028	13,118	13,886
Europe -												
Germany (a)	1,751	2,609	2,233	3,283	2,952	4,545	556	1,295	1,153	1,250	1,823	2,233
Greece	380	359	576	634	761	994	1,018	1,603	1,087	1,596	2,805	2,731
Italy	824	797	1,390	1,396	1,845	2,100	1,118	1,446	1,945	2,304	3,119	3,686
Netherlands	831	1,437	1,741	2,367	2,179	2,671	484	1,163	935	924	1,145	1,142
U.K. and Ireland	6,915	10,210	20,039	14,778	13,538	22,068	11,200	14,782	10,105	9,612	17,851	17,091
Other	2,524	3,386	4,182	4,995	4,457	6,392	2,048	2,660	2,976	3,064	5,249	5,344
Oceania -												
Fiji	620	605	729	776	1,260	1,339	4,691	4,922	3,925	3,891	7,098	6,677
New Caledonia	485	513	452	627	1,088	973	1,525	611	1,048	1,480	1,913	1,742
New Zealand	14,955	19,851	13,857	18,887	30,458	32,161	16,013	15,221	16,157	15,498	41,378	38,965
Papua New Guinea	1,530	1,646	1,786	1,821	4,000	3,527	1,647	1,542	1,600	1,730	3,107	2,961
Other	349	364	531	651	774	822	2,712	2,746	2,015	2,320	3,660	3,764
Not stated	939	289	1,041	280	1,498	483	2,246	225	1,820	204	3,610	599
Total	52,936	66,009	71,467	80,006	91,382	108,655	72,847	83,541	64,939	73,222	146,337	141,754

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