

OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, AUSTRALIA DECEMBER 1988

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MAIN FEATURES

The number of overseas movements in December 1988 was 761,700, compared with 667,600 in December 1987, an increase of 14%. There were 370,200 arrivals (11% more than in December 1987) and 391,500 departures (17% more than in December 1987).

Permanent movement

In December 1988, 12,860 settlers arrived in Australia, 8% more than the 11,860 recorded in December 1987, and there were 2,050 permanent departures, compared with 1,970 in December 1987.

Arrivals of visitors for short-term visits

In December 1988, there were 245,900 arrivals of overseas visitors for short-term visits, 10% higher than in December 1987 (222,800). For the year ended December 1988 there were 2.25 million arrivals of overseas visitors for short-term visits, an increase of 26% from the 1.78 million recorded in 1987.

In seasonally adjusted terms, arrivals in December 1988 were 8% higher than in December 1987. However, the seasonally adjusted number of visitor arrivals has declined in recent months, from 228,000 in September 1988 to 172,700 in December 1988.

Profile of visitors from the U.K. and Ireland

There were 27,900 visitors from the U.K. and Ireland, down from 35,100 in December 1987. However, the U.K. and Ireland remain the third largest source of visitors (11% of total) behind New Zealand (18%) and Japan (14%). Most visitors from the U.K. and Ireland (53%) come to Australia for the purpose of 'visiting relatives', and a further 40% for the purpose of 'holiday or accompanying business traveller'.

The ages of visitors from the U.K. and Ireland are evenly distributed with the 20 - 29 age group being the

largest (22%), followed by those aged 30 - 39 years and 60 years and over (both with 18%). For those intending to 'visit relatives' 74% are aged 40 years or more while of those arriving for the purpose of 'holiday or accompanying business traveller', 69% are less than 40 years old.

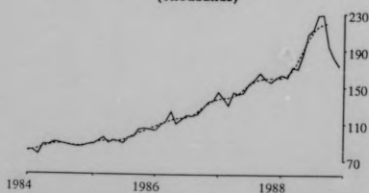
Visitors from the U.K. and Ireland stay longer than travellers from other countries - with 52% staying for more than one month. New South Wales was the most popular State with 42% followed by Queensland and Western Australia (both 16%) and Victoria (14%).

The profile of visitors from the U.K. and Ireland contrasts sharply with that of visitors from Japan. As reported in the November 1988 issue of this bulletin, Japanese visitors are young with an overwhelming majority visiting for the purpose of 'holiday' or 'convention, business or employment'; and they stay for a relatively short period of time.

Departures of Australian residents for short-term trips abroad

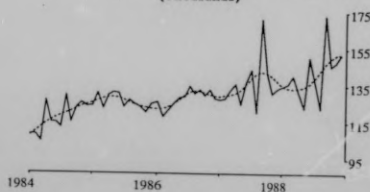
In December 1988, there were 206,900 departures of Australian residents for short-term visits overseas, 18% more than in December 1987. The trend estimate of resident departures continues to show an increase. The most popular overseas destinations were New Zealand (19%), the U.K. and Ireland (11%), the U.S.A. (10%) and Hong Kong (6%). There were 115,800 departures (56%) for the purpose of 'holiday', 61,300 (30%) for 'visiting relatives' and 14,900 (7%) for 'business' purposes. For the year ended December 1988 there were 1.7 million departures of Australian residents for short-term overseas trips, an increase of 5% compared with 1987.

SHORT-TERM VISITOR ARRIVALS
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATE (a)
(Thousands)



(a) Refer to paragraph 20 of the Explanatory Notes.

SHORT-TERM RESIDENT DEPARTURES
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATE
(Thousands)



Trend estimate ----
Seasonally adjusted —

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		Overseas visitors (Actual)	Overseas visitors (Seasonally adjusted)	Overseas visitors (Trend estimate) (b)		
					Australian residents				
Year ended									
31 December -									
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	1,636,600	2,249,500	..	..	4,139,900
1987 -									
September	11,860	3,730	2,770	18,350	156,800	128,000	164,900	158,300	303,100
October	11,540	4,440	3,160	19,140	183,800	165,700	158,300	159,300	368,600
November	12,970	5,410	2,520	20,910	122,600	183,100	154,900	159,500	326,600
December	11,860	8,410	2,520	22,780	88,500	222,800	159,900	159,300	334,100
1988 -									
January	14,160	5,570	7,330	27,050	196,400	161,300	162,900	160,000	384,800
February	11,840	3,910	6,430	22,170	112,200	180,400	160,400	162,900	314,800
March	12,780	3,860	3,960	20,590	107,600	185,200	171,000	168,700	313,400
April	12,580	3,450	3,300	19,320	121,000	160,500	169,700	178,300	300,800
May	11,470	3,380	2,640	17,490	104,000	157,100	185,200	189,800	278,600
June	11,380	4,190	3,060	18,630	118,800	163,800	206,600	201,100	301,200
July	12,490	4,640	4,090	21,220	162,400	203,300	212,400	210,000	386,900
August	13,560	3,910	3,220	20,690	136,900	196,900	227,800	215,800	354,400
September	12,780	4,220	3,600	20,600	160,600	179,600	228,000	218,600	360,800
October	12,660	4,220	3,660	20,550	188,400	207,300	193,900	219,300	416,200
November	13,010	5,120	3,070	21,190	128,600	208,000	182,200	n.a.	357,800
December	12,860	8,540	2,980	24,380	99,900	245,900	172,700	n.a.	370,200

(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 17 to 19 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)			Overseas visitors	Total departures (a)
		Australian residents	Overseas visitors		Australian residents (Actual)	Australian residents (Seasonally adjusted)	Australian residents (Trend estimate) (b)		
Year ended 31 December -									
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	1,697,700	..	..	2,174,000	3,976,500
1987 -									
September	1,560	3,490	1,660	6,710	165,400	170,900	142,600	125,900	298,000
October	1,560	3,060	1,540	6,170	122,700	142,100	141,900	139,700	268,600
November	1,510	3,160	2,230	6,890	113,700	130,900	140,000	166,500	287,100
December	1,970	3,990	5,010	10,970	175,000	133,300	137,200	147,500	333,500
1988 -									
January	1,880	6,570	2,540	10,990	113,200	134,600	134,900	207,700	331,900
February	1,660	4,320	2,110	8,080	94,400	135,700	133,800	175,200	277,700
March	1,720	4,650	2,610	8,980	138,600	140,100	133,400	176,600	324,200
April	1,810	4,620	1,980	8,400	132,400	131,500	133,800	172,400	313,200
May	1,750	4,130	2,000	7,880	129,200	122,900	134,400	182,500	319,600
June	1,570	3,920	2,280	7,770	165,700	150,200	136,200	143,400	316,900
July	1,800	4,670	2,370	8,830	153,300	136,300	139,400	171,900	334,600
August	1,530	5,070	2,030	8,630	141,900	122,700	143,300	200,300	350,800
September	1,440	3,950	1,980	7,360	170,300	172,900	146,900	181,600	359,300
October	1,520	3,660	1,790	6,970	127,800	145,600	149,600	192,500	327,300
November	1,610	3,690	2,610	7,910	124,100	147,600	151,700	198,200	330,200
December	2,050	4,880	6,050	12,980	206,900	152,100	152,100	171,700	391,500

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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		
	1986	1987	1988	1986	1987	1988	1986	1987	1988
ARRIVALS									
Intended length of stay									
Under 1 week	361,700	441,100	496,800	115,300	129,700	147,600	38,500	40,600	48,200
1 and under 2 weeks	294,600	410,100	573,700	96,100	129,300	168,300	30,700	40,000	54,900
2 weeks and under 1 month	315,000	403,600	541,500	102,400	128,200	149,100	45,300	57,600	60,600
1 and under 2 months	194,400	224,900	275,500	74,000	78,900	86,200	41,800	43,700	43,500
2 and under 3 months	74,200	85,800	98,000	26,800	30,300	29,800	12,500	14,600	13,300
3 and under 6 months	81,400	93,400	108,700	30,800	34,500	37,600	11,800	12,900	13,400
6 and under 12 months	95,900	115,300	145,400	29,500	37,100	41,200	9,300	12,000	11,500
Not stated	12,200	10,700	9,700	2,100	3,600	1,200	300	1,300	100
Total	1,429,400	1,784,900	2,249,400	477,100	571,600	661,100	190,100	222,800	245,900
Purpose of journey									
In Transit	99,400	100,900	88,600	27,000	26,600	21,900	9,500	8,400	7,700
Attending convention	26,500	31,100	56,700	8,000	8,500	16,100	800	2,100	2,200
Business	169,600	195,300	235,300	45,300	52,900	61,600	9,800	11,300	13,700
Accompanying business traveller	15,000	18,900	23,000	3,400	4,700	6,500	800	1,200	1,600
Visiting relatives	326,000	370,200	443,200	122,700	133,500	147,200	63,700	67,500	71,600
Holiday	694,600	938,300	1,241,400	249,000	314,500	367,600	98,100	121,000	136,800
Employment	19,700	21,300	26,400	4,200	5,300	6,600	1,200	1,400	1,500
Education	24,200	35,200	48,100	3,300	7,200	8,500	800	1,700	2,400
Other and not stated	54,400	73,700	86,400	14,300	18,600	25,100	5,300	8,200	8,300
Total	1,429,400	1,784,900	2,249,400	477,100	571,600	661,100	190,100	222,800	245,900
DEPARTURES									
Intended length of stay									
Under 1 week	87,000	103,400	138,200	23,900	26,000	37,100	6,100	8,400	10,500
1 and under 2 weeks	359,300	377,900	402,400	88,100	89,700	103,900	23,500	25,900	33,500
2 weeks and under 1 month	453,400	468,400	480,500	114,400	121,600	129,900	49,100	49,600	60,100
1 and under 2 months	273,000	292,000	301,900	87,000	87,200	96,800	55,000	58,000	62,900
2 and under 3 months	139,000	135,300	145,700	41,200	36,800	45,400	22,100	19,700	24,000
3 and under 6 months	124,700	125,000	126,300	23,300	21,400	25,300	8,200	7,300	8,400
6 and under 12 months	88,400	87,300	96,300	15,400	15,800	18,700	5,600	5,700	6,800
Not stated	14,800	33,000	6,300	3,800	13,300	1,700	1,500	500	700
Total	1,539,600	1,622,300	1,697,700	397,200	411,400	458,700	171,100	175,000	206,900
Purpose of journey									
Attending convention	33,600	37,000	37,100	5,900	6,800	8,000	1,000	900	1,300
Business	199,700	227,500	264,600	48,400	54,500	64,600	11,600	13,100	14,900
Accompanying business traveller	26,600	27,700	28,700	6,000	5,800	6,000	2,200	1,500	2,100
Visiting relatives	308,500	332,600	342,500	97,600	93,200	107,100	55,000	54,200	61,300
Holiday	875,400	874,100	913,100	215,800	216,000	245,000	92,600	95,300	115,800
Employment	23,100	24,300	28,300	5,500	4,800	6,700	1,600	1,500	2,500
Education	12,600	13,500	15,300	2,700	3,000	3,700	1,100	1,400	1,600
Other and not stated	60,100	85,600	68,100	15,200	27,300	17,600	6,000	7,000	7,300
Total	1,539,600	1,622,300	1,697,700	397,200	411,400	458,700	171,100	175,000	206,900

TABLE 4. PERMANENT (SET FLIER) ARRIVALS : COUNTRY OF BIRTH

Country of birth (Summary)	Year ended 31 December			Quarter ended 31 December			Month of December		
	1986	1987	1988	1986	1987	1988	1986	1987	1988
Total Africa	7,350	9,060	8,150	2,270	2,380	1,800	760	820	660
Total America	6,600	7,440	7,800	1,750	1,770	1,770	530	620	650
Asia-									
East and South East Asia	28,260	37,970	45,500	7,250	10,530	12,480	2,400	3,810	4,510
South Central Asia	6,030	7,900	8,920	1,640	1,890	2,120	610	700	820
Western Asia (Middle East)	5,480	7,000	7,000	1,470	2,270	1,660	410	920	550
Total Asia	39,770	52,870	61,430	10,350	14,690	16,260	3,410	5,420	5,880
Europe-									
U.K. and Ireland	20,670	24,030	29,030	6,290	7,190	7,230	1,750	1,700	1,740
Other Europe	12,180	15,390	15,590	3,500	4,340	4,010	980	1,170	1,170
Total Europe	32,840	39,420	44,630	9,790	11,530	11,230	2,730	2,870	2,920
Oceania-									
New Zealand	14,140	15,360	24,870	3,050	4,620	6,240	1,110	1,680	2,270
Other Oceania	2,620	4,140	4,660	680	1,380	1,230	260	460	490
Total Oceania	16,760	19,490	29,530	3,730	6,010	7,460	1,370	2,140	2,760
At sea and not stated	10	-	10	10	-	-	-	-	-
Total	103,330	128,290	151,550	27,900	36,380	38,530	8,800	11,860	12,860

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

Country of residence	Year ended 31 December			Quarter ended 30 December			Month of December		
	1986	1987	1988	1986	1987	1988	1986	1987	1988
AFRICA -									
South Africa	12,500	9,600	9,300	3,800	3,200	3,600	1,500	1,600	1,800
Other	7,100	7,900	10,800	2,300	2,700	3,400	1,200	1,500	1,600
Total Africa	19,600	17,500	20,100	6,100	5,800	7,000	2,600	3,000	3,400
AMERICA -									
Canada	47,000	52,700	66,600	17,000	18,900	20,900	6,300	6,800	6,600
U.S.A.	245,400	309,000	322,000	85,700	95,700	89,800	26,900	28,600	25,000
Other	9,300	11,300	15,400	2,700	3,900	5,900	1,000	1,700	2,300
Total America	301,700	373,100	404,100	105,400	118,500	116,600	34,100	37,000	33,900
ASIA -									
China	6,200	10,900	18,000	1,800	4,100	6,100	600	1,000	2,000
Hong Kong	33,500	42,700	65,500	9,400	11,300	26,400	4,700	5,500	21,000
India	6,900	7,400	10,700	2,200	2,100	2,700	700	800	1,000
Indonesia	17,700	21,500	29,500	5,400	6,800	8,200	3,100	3,900	4,000
Israel	4,000	4,400	5,200	1,200	1,100	1,600	400	500	600
Japan	145,600	215,600	352,200	47,200	71,800	103,600	17,300	26,700	35,500
Korea	4,800	6,900	9,200	1,600	2,300	2,700	500	1,000	800
Malaysia	38,600	47,100	52,000	13,700	15,300	14,600	5,200	6,000	5,500
Philippines	11,200	12,200	13,400	3,500	2,900	3,200	1,100	1,000	1,000
Singapore	45,000	57,000	63,400	18,200	21,300	22,500	9,400	11,100	11,200
Taiwan	12,000	16,000	19,200	5,000	5,900	5,900	1,800	2,000	1,800
Thailand	8,000	11,200	15,800	2,700	3,200	4,500	900	1,000	1,200
Other	16,000	18,200	21,800	4,800	5,900	6,100	1,900	2,600	2,500
Total Asia	349,500	470,900	676,000	116,500	153,900	208,000	47,600	63,000	88,100
EUROPE -									
Denmark	6,300	8,700	11,400	2,300	3,400	3,700	900	1,400	1,300
Finland	3,100	4,200	5,700	1,300	1,900	2,300	500	900	600
France	13,900	17,100	20,900	4,400	4,600	6,100	1,700	1,900	2,200
Germany(a)	41,900	53,300	65,900	15,600	20,100	21,700	6,900	8,500	8,300
Greece	6,400	7,100	8,100	2,500	2,900	3,400	1,200	1,400	1,600
Ireland(b)	7,400	9,800	13,000	2,700	3,800	4,300	900	1,400	1,400
Italy	17,300	19,300	25,200	7,400	6,400	9,000	3,800	3,600	3,900
Netherlands	15,900	17,300	22,400	5,100	5,700	7,700	2,100	2,400	2,700
Norway	3,200	4,300	5,200	1,400	1,900	1,500	500	1,100	500
Sweden	14,200	21,900	26,900	6,600	9,400	11,000	2,900	4,300	4,800
Switzerland	16,900	21,300	25,900	6,600	8,600	9,400	2,900	3,700	3,600
United Kingdom	176,000	198,900	246,700	66,800	72,100	76,500	30,700	33,800	26,500
Yugoslavia	6,400	6,300	6,800	2,300	2,400	2,600	1,200	1,300	1,100
Other	18,800	22,300	31,600	7,000	9,100	10,500	2,700	3,700	3,900
Total Europe	347,500	411,900	515,600	131,900	152,400	169,900	58,900	69,300	62,200
OCEANIA -									
Fiji	13,300	16,500	19,300	4,600	5,200	6,100	2,600	1,800	2,800
New Caledonia	11,100	14,400	17,200	3,000	3,700	3,500	1,300	1,800	1,600
New Zealand	336,700	427,300	533,500	94,700	117,100	130,600	36,700	40,200	45,100
Papua New Guinea	31,900	32,800	37,600	9,700	10,000	10,600	4,400	4,600	4,800
Other	13,100	14,700	18,800	4,000	4,400	6,100	1,600	1,700	2,500
Total Oceania	406,100	505,800	627,300	116,000	140,300	156,900	46,600	50,100	56,800
Other and not stated	5,000	5,700	6,200	1,200	800	2,700	400	300	1,600
Total	1,429,400	1,784,900	2,249,400	477,100	571,600	661,100	190,100	222,800	245,900

(a) Comprises the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany. (b) Includes Republic of Ireland and Ireland, undefined.

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

Country of intended stay	Year ended 31 December			Quarter ended 30 December			Month of December		
	1986	1987	1988	1986	1987	1988	1986	1987	1988
AFRICA -									
Egypt	3,400	4,100	4,900	1,200	1,500	1,800	700	800	1,100
South Africa	5,600	7,700	8,400	2,200	3,400	3,700	1,400	1,900	2,400
Other	7,000	8,800	9,700	2,600	2,600	3,500	1,400	1,800	1,900
Total Africa	16,000	20,600	23,000	6,000	7,500	9,100	3,500	4,500	5,400
AMERICA -									
Canada	21,000	20,400	23,700	4,400	4,100	5,400	2,000	2,300	2,700
U.S.A.	145,600	174,100	196,500	35,800	45,500	53,300	10,900	15,300	21,000
Other	19,000	20,400	23,900	6,700	8,000	9,000	3,300	4,300	4,500
Total America	185,600	215,000	244,100	46,900	57,600	67,700	16,200	21,900	28,200
ASIA -									
China	19,100	17,200	19,000	4,200	3,600	4,900	1,700	1,400	1,600
Hong Kong	119,300	103,300	104,500	30,100	28,200	31,600	10,600	11,400	13,200
India	17,300	20,000	19,400	7,300	7,800	8,500	4,100	4,100	5,000
Indonesia	104,400	117,400	133,700	25,600	30,200	34,100	9,400	9,400	12,500
Israel	5,100	7,000	6,100	1,900	2,600	2,000	1,200	1,400	1,400
Japan	26,500	25,600	30,000	6,600	8,000	9,300	2,200	2,600	3,300
Lebanon	6,800	6,300	5,300	1,700	1,100	1,200	800	500	600
Malaysia	41,600	47,200	48,400	11,200	12,100	13,100	5,300	5,400	6,300
Philippines	30,000	33,500	35,800	10,600	10,100	11,900	4,500	4,600	6,000
Singapore	80,800	83,700	93,600	20,100	21,000	25,300	5,400	7,400	9,700
Thailand	34,600	48,800	60,000	9,900	14,200	18,300	3,400	4,600	7,500
Turkey	4,700	5,600	6,300	800	900	1,200	300	400	500
Other	30,000	31,800	38,100	9,500	9,300	11,600	4,800	3,900	5,300
Total Asia	520,200	547,400	600,200	139,700	149,200	172,900	53,500	57,000	72,900
EUROPE -									
France	14,300	15,800	16,300	3,200	3,500	4,200	1,600	1,700	2,200
Germany(a)	25,300	26,100	26,900	5,700	6,000	6,400	2,500	2,700	2,600
Greece	31,600	33,900	33,600	5,600	5,400	5,100	2,600	2,800	2,000
Ireland(b)	6,000	6,700	8,200	1,500	1,600	2,100	900	700	1,200
Italy	39,300	40,100	39,300	8,100	7,000	7,800	4,500	3,900	3,600
Netherlands	13,300	14,100	12,700	3,100	2,700	2,500	1,200	1,000	1,000
Switzerland	7,500	7,400	8,100	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,000	1,100	1,100
United Kingdom	204,500	207,400	213,200	43,600	39,900	45,900	19,600	17,900	21,500
Yugoslavia	17,300	17,600	16,000	3,000	2,200	2,200	1,500	900	900
Other	37,500	39,100	42,500	8,100	7,300	8,300	4,100	4,000	3,800
Total Europe	396,700	408,200	416,700	83,600	77,400	86,400	39,600	36,800	39,800
OCEANIA -									
Fiji	77,300	60,500	73,200	17,700	10,100	19,900	6,900	5,400	8,900
New Caledonia	10,000	10,800	10,400	3,300	3,100	3,900	1,400	1,200	1,600
New Zealand	256,300	275,300	246,900	78,500	85,600	74,100	41,000	40,300	39,000
Norfolk Is.	19,300	18,400	14,900	5,700	5,300	3,800	2,000	1,700	1,500
Papua New Guinea	25,800	27,500	32,700	6,400	7,300	9,000	2,700	2,800	3,500
Vanuatu	8,700	5,700	9,100	1,800	2,300	2,400	800	1,000	800
Other	18,000	19,000	19,600	5,400	5,200	6,200	2,600	2,000	2,500
Total Oceania	415,400	417,400	406,900	118,800	118,900	119,300	57,300	54,500	57,900
Other and not stated	5,800	13,700	6,900	2,200	800	3,400	1,000	300	2,800
Total	1,539,600	1,622,300	1,697,700	397,200	411,400	458,700	171,100	175,000	206,900

(a) Comprises the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany. (b) Includes Republic of Ireland and Ireland, undefined.

TABLE 7. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : DEPARTURES OF VISITORS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND - ACTUAL LENGTH OF STAY AND STATE OR TERRITORY IN WHICH MOST TIME SPENT

ACTUAL LENGTH OF STAY AND STATE OR TERRITORY IN WHICH MOST TIME SPENT												
Period	Actual length of stay				State or Territory in which most time spent							Total
	Under 2 weeks	2 weeks and under 1 month	1 month and under 3 months	3 months and over	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas., N.T. and A.C.T.		
1987 -												
September	3,000	2,500	3,100	2,500	5,200	1,600	1,900	500	1,500	500	11,100	
October	3,400	3,200	2,700	2,000	5,600	1,700	1,800	600	1,500	200	11,300	
November	4,200	3,600	5,000	2,600	6,500	2,600	2,100	1,300	2,500	400	15,400	
December	3,500	3,000	4,600	2,300	5,800	2,500	1,900	800	2,100	500	13,400	
1988 -												
January	4,400	8,900	15,400	3,400	14,600	5,800	3,100	1,700	5,700	1,000	32,100	
February	5,600	5,900	10,500	4,700	12,600	5,100	2,400	1,600	4,200	1,800	26,700	
March	5,400	6,800	9,300	6,400	12,700	5,100	2,800	1,900	4,400	900	27,900	
April	3,600	8,600	13,900	5,200	12,600	5,500	4,200	2,500	5,800	900	31,400	
May	3,400	3,900	8,600	5,800	9,100	3,500	3,800	1,400	3,400	600	21,800	
June	2,900	2,400	3,700	4,100	6,000	2,100	2,300	500	1,900	300	13,100	
July	2,500	3,700	3,600	3,500	6,300	1,900	2,600	500	1,500	400	13,300	
August	3,000	4,900	7,700	3,600	8,300	3,200	4,200	800	2,100	700	19,300	
September	3,100	3,100	5,000	3,800	6,500	1,800	3,600	500	1,900	700	15,000	
October	3,900	5,200	4,000	2,800	7,300	2,100	3,100	900	2,000	500	15,900	
November	5,100	6,500	7,700	3,000	9,800	3,600	3,800	1,600	2,900	600	22,300	
December	4,400	4,600	6,700	3,100	8,000	2,600	3,000	1,400	3,100	900	18,900	

TABLE 8. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND - AGE AND PURPOSE OF JOURNEY, DECEMBER 1988

Age	Purpose of journey				Total
	Attending convention, Business and Employment	Holiday, Accompanying business traveller	Visiting relatives	Other and not stated	
Under 19	100	1,700	2,200	200	4,200
20 - 24	100	1,600	700	100	2,600
25 - 29	200	2,000	1,100	200	3,500
30 - 34	100	1,200	1,200	100	2,700
35 - 39	100	1,100	1,000	100	2,200
40 - 44	200	1,100	1,000	-	2,300
45 - 49	100	500	1,100	-	1,800
50 and over	100	1,800	6,300	300	8,600
Total	1,100	11,000	14,600	1,100	27,900

TABLE 9. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND - INTENDED DURATION OF STAY AND PURPOSE OF JOURNEY, DECEMBER 1988

Intended duration of stay	Purpose of journey				Total
	Attending convention, Business and Employment	Holiday, Accompanying business traveller	Visiting relatives	Other and not stated	
Under 2 weeks	500	1,500	500	700	3,300
2 weeks and under 1 month	100	3,400	3,600	-	7,200
1 month and under 3 months	100	3,500	7,900	200	11,700
3 months and over	300	2,600	2,600	200	5,600
Total	1,100	11,000	14,600	1,100	27,900

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) comprises 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 them 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 movements by sea regardless of duration of stay, all permanent movements and all movements with a duration of stay of more than one year are fully enumerated and processed. All movements by air with a duration of stay of one year or less 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 are 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.

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 SA 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 for November and December 1988 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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