

OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, AUSTRALIA FEBRUARY 1989

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MAIN FEATURES

The number of overseas movements in February 1989 was 635,600 compared with 592,400 in February 1988, an increase of 7%. There were 342,800 arrivals (9% more than in February 1988) and 292,900 departures (5% more than in February 1988).

Permanent Movement

In February 1989, 10,790 settlers arrived in Australia, 9% less than in February 1988 and the lowest monthly settler arrivals figures since July 1987. There were 1,860 permanent departures, 12% more than in February 1988.

Arrivals of visitors for short-term visits

In February 1989, there were 191,100 arrivals of overseas visitors for short-term visits, 6% higher than in February 1988. In seasonally adjusted terms, arrivals in February 1989 were slightly higher than in January 1989.

For two consecutive months, January and February 1989, Japan was the largest single source country of visitor arrivals. Arrivals from Japan numbered 32,400 in February 1989 (12% higher than in February 1988), representing 17% of total visitor arrivals. The number of arrivals from the U.K. and Ireland (31,300) was 28% higher than in February 1988, and was only slightly lower than the number of visitors from Japan.

In contrast, visitor arrivals from the U.S.A. in February 1989 (27,500) remained at the same level as in February 1988, while those from New Zealand were 14% lower compared with the level one year ago.

Departures of Australian residents for short-term trips abroad

In February 1989, there were 112,700 departures of Australian residents for short-term overseas trips, 19% more than in February 1988. There were 55,900 departures (50%)

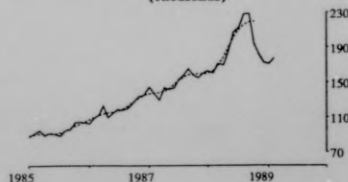
for the purpose of 'holiday', 28,800 (26%) for the purpose of 'business, convention and employment' and 20,100 (18%) for 'visiting relatives'. The most popular overseas destinations were New Zealand with 21,000 (19%), the U.S.A. with 14,600 (13%), and the U.K. and Ireland with 11,200 (10%). Hong Kong (8,200), Indonesia (7,800) and Singapore (7,500) each had a 7% share.

Departures to America and Asia were mainly for the purpose of 'holiday' (52% of departures to America and 59% to Asia) while only a small proportion of departures were for 'visiting relatives' (less than 10%). Departures to New Zealand and the U.K. and Ireland contained a higher proportion (over 30%) for the purpose of 'visiting relatives' than those to other countries. New Zealand is the most popular destination for residents travelling for the purpose of 'business, convention and employment' (19%), followed closely by the U.S.A.

Overall, 67% of residents departing intended to be away for less than 1 month with 36% for less than two weeks. 69% of departures to Singapore were for less than 2 weeks while only 7% of departures to the U.K. and Ireland were for the same duration. Departures to the other main destinations were mostly for less than 2 weeks, although the duration of stay for departures to the U.S.A. was longer, 60% intending to stay between 2 weeks and 2 months.

There were more Australian residents in the 25 - 34 age-group spending holidays overseas than in any other age-group while 'business' travellers were concentrated in the 35 and over age-groups (69% were aged between 35 and 59 years). There was a more even spread across age-groups for those 'visiting relatives'.

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



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



(a) Refer to paragraph 20 of the Explanatory Notes at the back of this publication.

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
		Australian residents	Overseas visitors		Australian residents	Overseas visitors (Actual)	Overseas visitors (Seasonally adjusted)	Overseas visitors (Trend estimate) (b)	
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	2,249,400	..	..	4,139,900
1987 -									
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	201,300	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	101,200	245,800	172,600	n.a.	371,400
1989 -									
January	12,600	5,240	8,200	26,030	222,200	168,900	171,000	n.a.	417,200
February	10,790	3,770	8,080	22,640	129,100	191,100	176,900	n.a.	342,800

(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 -									
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	139,200	171,900	334,000
August	1,530	5,070	2,030	8,630	141,900	122,700	r142,700	200,300	350,800
September	1,440	3,950	1,980	7,360	170,300	172,900	r146,400	181,600	359,300
October	1,520	3,660	1,790	6,970	127,800	145,600	r149,700	192,500	327,300
November	1,610	3,690	2,610	7,910	124,100	147,600	r152,900	198,200	330,200
December	2,050	4,880	6,050	12,980	206,700	151,900	r156,400	171,800	391,500
1989 -									
January	2,060	7,360	3,250	12,670	131,700	161,000	r160,200	221,700	366,100
February	1,860	5,140	2,320	9,320	112,700	170,100	163,600	170,900	292,900

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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 January		Month of February		
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
ARRIVALS									
Intended length of stay									
Under 1 week	441,100	495,200	129,700	146,100	33,400	38,300	40,200	44,500	44,300
1 and under 2 weeks	410,100	567,800	129,300	162,400	32,000	33,500	30,500	42,800	44,500
2 weeks and under 1 month	403,600	541,200	128,200	148,800	35,500	33,400	28,900	37,700	37,700
1 and under 2 months	224,900	279,500	78,900	90,300	21,400	22,500	18,800	23,100	25,900
2 and under 3 months	85,800	99,300	30,300	31,100	10,000	9,900	7,600	9,000	10,500
3 and under 6 months	93,400	110,300	34,500	39,200	11,400	11,600	7,500	8,400	11,200
6 and under 12 months	115,300	146,100	37,100	42,000	16,600	19,700	12,800	13,900	17,100
Not stated	10,700	9,700	3,600	1,200	1,100	—	1,500	1,000	—
Total	1,784,900	2,249,300	571,600	661,000	161,300	168,900	147,800	180,400	191,100
Purpose of journey									
In Transit	100,900	88,700	26,600	22,000	8,100	7,800	9,200	8,800	7,500
Attending convention	31,100	56,700	8,500	16,100	2,300	1,800	1,800	2,300	2,400
Business	195,300	234,300	52,900	60,600	14,700	14,800	16,900	21,600	21,500
Accompanying business traveller	18,900	23,000	4,700	6,500	2,000	2,100	1,700	1,700	1,800
Visiting relatives	370,200	448,500	133,500	152,400	32,700	32,400	25,600	31,100	35,900
Holiday	938,300	1,237,000	314,500	363,200	84,500	90,200	77,300	101,000	105,200
Employment	21,300	28,600	5,300	6,700	2,500	3,800	1,700	1,900	1,900
Education	35,200	47,800	7,200	8,100	8,000	9,900	6,100	6,500	9,200
Other and not stated	73,700	86,600	18,600	25,300	6,100	6,100	7,700	5,500	5,700
Total	1,784,900	2,249,300	571,600	661,000	161,300	168,900	147,800	180,400	191,100
DEPARTURES									
Intended length of stay									
Under 1 week	103,400	138,300	26,000	37,200	7,900	9,600	7,100	10,000	11,600
1 - 4 under 2 weeks	377,900	402,300	89,700	103,800	33,100	36,400	20,900	23,700	28,700
2 weeks and under 1 month	468,400	480,200	121,600	129,600	38,200	44,000	27,300	29,100	35,700
1 and under 2 months	292,000	302,300	87,200	97,100	15,300	19,800	12,000	14,300	15,900
2 and under 3 months	135,300	145,400	36,800	45,000	5,200	5,600	4,200	4,400	4,400
3 and under 6 months	125,000	126,500	21,400	25,600	4,200	5,300	4,500	5,100	5,700
6 and under 12 months	87,300	96,300	15,400	18,600	8,800	10,700	6,500	7,200	10,200
Not stated	33,000	6,300	13,300	1,700	400	400	3,000	500	600
Total	1,622,300	1,697,600	411,400	458,600	113,200	131,700	85,500	94,400	112,700
Purpose of journey									
Attending convention	37,000	37,200	6,800	8,000	1,900	2,300	2,900	1,800	3,000
Business	227,500	264,400	54,500	64,400	17,400	21,200	16,700	20,200	23,600
Accompanying business traveller	27,700	28,700	5,800	6,100	2,300	2,400	1,700	2,000	2,700
Visiting relatives	332,600	343,400	93,200	108,000	17,800	21,600	13,200	15,900	20,100
Holiday	874,100	912,000	216,000	243,900	63,800	72,800	42,200	47,800	55,900
Employment	24,300	28,400	4,800	6,900	2,900	3,500	1,800	1,900	2,300
Education	13,500	15,300	3,000	3,700	1,800	2,100	800	700	1,000
Other and not stated	85,600	68,200	27,300	17,600	5,500	5,900	6,200	4,100	4,200
Total	1,622,300	1,697,600	411,400	458,600	113,200	131,700	85,500	94,400	112,700

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

Country of birth (Summers)	Year ended 31 December		Quarter ended 31 December		Month of January		Month of February		
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
Total Africa	9,660	8,150	2,380	1,800	970	620	730	780	510
Total America	7,440	7,800	1,770	1,770	710	610	570	670	570
Asia-									
East and South East Asia	37,970	45,500	10,530	12,480	4,080	3,700	2,780	3,430	3,680
South Central Asia	7,900	8,920	1,890	2,120	780	660	650	620	440
Western Asia (Middle East)	7,000	7,000	2,270	1,660	630	510	460	640	480
Total Asia	52,870	61,430	14,690	16,260	5,500	4,870	3,900	4,690	4,600
Europe-									
U.K. and Ireland	24,030	29,030	7,190	7,230	2,710	2,360	1,620	1,890	1,820
Other Europe	15,390	15,590	4,340	4,010	1,370	1,100	1,150	1,390	900
Total Europe	39,420	44,630	11,530	11,230	4,080	3,460	2,760	3,280	2,820
Oceania-									
New Zealand	15,360	24,870	4,620	6,240	2,320	2,660	1,030	1,960	1,910
Other Oceania	4,140	4,660	1,380	1,230	580	390	230	460	380
Total Oceania	19,490	29,530	6,010	7,460	2,900	3,050	1,270	2,420	2,290
At sea and not stated	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
Total	128,290	151,550	36,380	38,530	14,160	12,600	9,220	11,840	10,790

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

Country of residence	Year ended		Quarter ended		Month of		Month of		
	31 December		30 December		January		February		
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
AFRICA -									
South Africa	9,600	9,400	3,200	3,700	700	700	600	700	600
Other	7,900	10,900	2,700	3,500	800	900	600	800	900
<i>Total Africa</i>	<i>17,500</i>	<i>20,300</i>	<i>5,800</i>	<i>7,200</i>	<i>1,500</i>	<i>1,600</i>	<i>1,200</i>	<i>1,400</i>	<i>1,400</i>
AMERICA -									
Canada	52,700	66,700	18,900	21,000	5,300	6,200	5,500	5,600	6,000
U.S.A.	309,000	322,300	95,700	90,000	26,600	22,800	28,900	27,000	27,500
Other	11,300	15,400	3,900	5,900	1,200	1,600	900	1,500	800
<i>Total America</i>	<i>373,100</i>	<i>404,400</i>	<i>118,500</i>	<i>116,900</i>	<i>33,200</i>	<i>30,600</i>	<i>35,300</i>	<i>34,100</i>	<i>34,400</i>
ASIA -									
China	10,900	18,000	4,100	6,100	900	1,700	700	900	3,100
Hong Kong	42,700	49,400	11,300	10,300	3,100	3,200	3,700	7,500	7,900
India	7,400	10,700	2,100	2,600	600	800	500	700	600
Indonesia	21,500	29,600	6,800	8,300	2,000	2,200	1,700	1,800	2,200
Israel	4,400	5,200	1,100	1,600	400	500	400	400	500
Japan	215,600	352,300	71,800	103,700	20,500	29,500	18,800	29,000	32,400
Korea	6,900	9,200	2,300	2,700	900	900	500	800	700
Malaysia	47,100	52,100	15,300	14,600	3,600	3,200	4,600	5,400	5,100
Philippines	12,200	13,400	2,900	3,200	700	600	1,100	700	1,000
Singapore	57,000	63,500	21,300	22,400	3,000	2,500	3,800	5,800	5,600
Taiwan	16,000	19,200	5,900	5,900	1,200	1,100	3,500	3,600	4,400
Thailand	11,200	15,800	3,200	4,600	700	1,000	800	1,100	1,700
Other	18,200	21,900	5,900	6,200	1,700	1,500	1,500	1,600	1,600
<i>Total Asia</i>	<i>470,900</i>	<i>660,300</i>	<i>153,900</i>	<i>192,200</i>	<i>39,400</i>	<i>48,600</i>	<i>41,600</i>	<i>59,300</i>	<i>66,800</i>
EUROPE -									
Denmark	8,700	11,400	3,400	3,700	1,100	1,100	900	1,100	1,000
Finland	4,200	5,700	1,900	2,400	500	600	400	400	400
France	17,100	21,000	4,600	6,200	2,100	2,000	1,500	1,600	1,400
Germany(a)	53,300	65,900	20,100	21,700	6,600	7,500	6,500	8,600	8,000
Greece	7,100	8,100	2,900	3,500	600	600	700	800	700
Ireland(b)	9,800	13,100	3,800	4,400	1,100	1,200	800	1,100	1,200
Italy	19,300	25,200	6,400	9,100	1,800	1,400	2,200	2,300	2,200
Netherlands	17,300	22,400	5,700	7,700	2,500	1,800	1,800	2,400	2,400
Norway	4,300	5,200	1,900	1,500	500	500	400	400	500
Sweden	21,900	26,900	9,400	11,000	3,300	3,500	2,400	2,800	3,300
Switzerland	21,300	26,000	8,600	9,500	2,600	3,000	2,300	2,900	2,900
United Kingdom	198,900	260,300	72,100	90,100	23,600	23,900	18,400	23,300	30,200
Yugoslavia	6,300	6,800	2,400	2,600	600	600	800	700	600
Other	22,300	31,700	9,100	10,600	2,400	2,700	2,000	2,700	2,900
<i>Total Europe</i>	<i>411,900</i>	<i>529,600</i>	<i>152,400</i>	<i>183,900</i>	<i>49,400</i>	<i>50,200</i>	<i>41,100</i>	<i>51,100</i>	<i>57,600</i>
OCEANIA -									
Fiji	16,500	19,300	5,200	6,100	1,600	1,600	1,300	1,200	1,300
New Caledonia	14,400	17,200	3,700	3,500	3,100	3,100	1,800	2,000	1,900
New Zealand	427,300	534,300	117,100	131,500	27,200	26,700	20,700	27,700	23,700
Papua New Guinea	32,800	37,800	10,000	10,700	4,100	4,500	2,200	1,900	2,200
Other	14,700	19,800	4,400	6,100	1,500	1,600	1,400	1,200	1,500
<i>Total Oceania</i>	<i>505,800</i>	<i>628,200</i>	<i>140,300</i>	<i>157,900</i>	<i>37,500</i>	<i>37,600</i>	<i>27,400</i>	<i>34,100</i>	<i>30,500</i>
Other and not stated	5,700	6,600	800	3,000	300	300	1,200	300	300
Total	1,784,900	2,249,300	571,600	661,000	161,300	168,900	147,800	180,400	191,100

(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 January		Month of February		
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
AFRICA -									
Egypt	4,100	4,900	1,500	1,900	400	600	100	400	300
South Africa	7,700	8,300	3,400	3,600	500	700	400	400	400
Other	8,800	9,700	2,600	3,500	700	800	500	500	600
Total Africa	20,600	22,900	7,500	9,000	1,500	2,100	1,000	1,300	1,400
AMERICA -									
Canada	20,400	23,700	4,100	5,400	1,100	1,200	800	1,400	1,600
U.S.A.	174,100	196,300	45,500	53,100	10,200	15,000	9,100	10,600	14,600
Other	20,400	23,900	8,000	9,000	900	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Total America	215,000	243,900	57,600	67,500	12,200	17,800	11,400	13,600	17,600
ASIA -									
China	17,200	19,100	3,600	4,900	1,200	1,100	700	900	800
Hong Kong	103,300	104,700	28,200	31,900	9,500	9,700	5,600	6,700	8,200
India	20,000	19,300	7,800	8,400	1,700	2,200	1,200	1,300	1,300
Indonesia	117,400	133,600	30,200	34,000	12,300	11,600	6,400	8,300	7,800
Israel	7,000	6,000	2,600	2,000	400	400	200	300	300
Japan	25,600	30,100	8,000	9,300	2,000	2,600	1,200	1,700	1,600
Lebanon	6,300	5,300	1,100	1,200	200	500	100	200	400
Malaysia	47,200	48,400	12,100	13,100	4,000	3,600	2,000	2,300	3,000
Philippines	33,500	35,700	10,100	11,800	2,900	5,100	2,000	2,900	3,300
Singapore	83,700	93,400	21,000	25,100	8,000	8,300	5,000	4,900	7,500
Thailand	48,800	59,800	14,200	18,200	5,100	7,100	2,800	3,700	5,800
Turkey	5,600	6,300	900	1,200	300	100	200	200	300
Other	31,800	38,100	9,300	11,600	2,700	3,500	2,100	2,300	2,800
Total Asia	547,400	599,900	149,200	172,600	50,300	55,900	29,800	35,800	43,000
EUROPE -									
France	15,800	16,300	3,500	4,300	1,000	1,400	600	800	1,200
Germany(a)	26,100	26,900	6,000	6,400	1,200	1,500	900	1,000	1,400
Greece	33,900	33,600	5,400	5,100	800	1,000	800	800	1,100
Ireland(b)	6,700	8,100	1,600	2,000	300	200	100	200	400
Italy	40,100	39,300	7,000	7,800	1,200	2,000	1,300	1,300	1,400
Netherlands	14,100	12,700	2,700	2,500	400	700	700	500	500
Switzerland	7,400	8,100	1,900	1,900	500	900	500	700	600
United Kingdom	207,400	213,400	39,900	46,100	7,700	9,100	7,300	7,500	10,800
Yugoslavia	17,600	16,000	2,200	2,200	300	300	300	400	400
Other	39,100	42,500	7,300	8,300	1,400	1,900	1,400	1,500	1,800
Total Europe	408,200	416,900	77,400	86,600	14,700	19,000	13,900	14,600	19,600
OCEANIA -									
Fiji	60,500	73,200	10,100	19,900	5,900	6,900	2,600	3,800	4,200
New Caledonia	10,800	10,300	3,100	3,800	1,100	1,300	500	300	300
New Zealand	275,300	247,100	85,600	74,300	21,700	20,900	19,200	20,000	21,000
Norfolk Is.	18,400	15,000	5,300	3,800	1,300	1,200	1,400	1,100	1,300
Papua New Guinea	27,500	32,700	7,300	9,000	2,300	3,700	1,700	2,000	2,400
Vanuatu	5,700	9,100	2,300	2,400	500	600	200	500	400
Other	19,000	19,700	5,200	6,300	1,500	1,900	1,100	800	1,300
Total Oceania	417,400	407,100	118,900	119,500	34,300	36,400	26,800	28,600	30,900
Other and not stated	13,700	6,900	800	3,400	100	600	2,700	500	200
Total	1,622,300	1,697,600	411,400	458,600	113,200	131,700	85,500	94,400	112,700

(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 AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS,
COUNTRY OF INTENDED STAY BY PURPOSE OF JOURNEY, FEBRUARY 1989

Country of intended stay	Purpose of journey				Total
	Visiting relatives	Holiday	Attending convention, Business and Employment	Accompanying business traveller Other and not stated	
Total Africa	400	500	300	200	1,400
America-					
U.S.A.	1,100	7,500	5,100	900	14,600
Other America	700	1,700	500	200	3,100
Total America	1,800	9,100	5,600	1,100	17,600
Asia-					
Hong Kong	700	4,600	2,000	900	8,200
Indonesia	300	6,500	700	200	7,800
Singapore	500	4,500	2,300	300	7,500
Other Asia	2,900	9,700	5,300	1,600	19,500
Total Asia	4,500	25,300	10,300	2,900	43,000
Europe-					
U.K. & Ireland	3,700	4,200	2,400	800	11,100
Other Europe	2,900	3,100	1,900	600	8,500
Total Europe	6,600	7,300	4,300	1,400	19,600
Oceania-					
New Zealand	6,300	7,500	5,600	1,500	21,000
Other Oceania	500	6,000	2,700	700	9,800
Total Oceania	6,800	13,500	8,300	2,200	30,900
Other and not stated	—	100	—	—	200
Total All Countries	20,100	55,900	28,800	7,800	112,700

TABLE 8. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : DEPARTURES OF AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS, AGE BY
PURPOSE OF JOURNEY, FEBRUARY 1989

Age (Years)	Purpose of journey				Total
	Visiting relatives	Holiday, Accompanying business traveller	Attending convention, Business and Employment	Other and not stated	
Under 15	2,700	2,400	—	700	5,800
15 - 24	2,000	12,400	1,100	900	16,400
25 - 34	3,800	15,900	6,400	1,200	27,300
35 - 44	3,900	10,100	10,900	1,000	25,900
45 - 59	4,000	11,500	9,100	900	25,600
60 - 64	1,400	2,300	700	200	4,700
65 and over	2,100	3,900	600	200	6,900
Total	20,100	58,600	28,800	5,200	112,700

TABLE 9. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : DEPARTURES OF AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS, INTENDED DURATION OF STAY BY PURPOSE OF JOURNEY, FEBRUARY 1989

Intended duration of stay	Purpose of journey				Total
	Visiting relatives	Holiday, Accompanying business traveller	Attending convention, Business and Employment	Other and not stated	
Less than 2 weeks	3,200	21,100	14,600	1,400	40,300
2 weeks and under 1 month	5,200	21,700	7,300	1,400	35,700
1 and under 2 months	5,200	7,200	3,000	500	15,900
2 and under 12 months	6,400	8,400	3,800	1,700	20,200
Not stated	—	300	200	100	600
Total	20,100	58,600	28,800	5,200	112,700

TABLE 10. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : DEPARTURES OF AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS, COUNTRY OF INTENDED STAY BY INTENDED DURATION OF STAY, FEBRUARY 1989

Country of intended stay	Intended duration of stay				Total(a)
	Less than 2 weeks	2 weeks and under 1 month	1 and under 2 months	2 and under 12 months	
Total Africa	200	200	400	500	1,400
America-					
U.S.A.	3,900	6,200	2,500	1,900	14,600
Other America	200	800	700	1,300	3,100
Total America	4,100	7,000	3,200	3,200	17,600
Asia-					
Hong Kong	4,000	2,100	900	1,100	8,200
Indonesia	3,800	3,200	400	300	7,800
Singapore	5,200	1,500	400	400	7,500
Other Asia	5,900	7,500	2,800	3,200	19,500
Total Asia	18,900	14,300	4,500	5,000	43,000
Europe-					
U.K & Ireland	800	2,100	2,500	5,700	11,100
Other Europe	700	1,500	2,500	3,600	8,500
Total Europe	1,600	3,600	5,000	9,300	19,600
Oceania-					
New Zealand	9,400	8,200	2,200	1,100	21,000
Other Oceania	6,000	2,200	500	1,100	9,800
Total Oceania	15,400	10,400	2,700	2,200	30,900
Other and not stated	100	100	—	—	200
Total All Countries	40,300	35,700	15,900	20,200	112,700

(a) Total includes 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 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 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.

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