



OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, AUSTRALIA MARCH 1986

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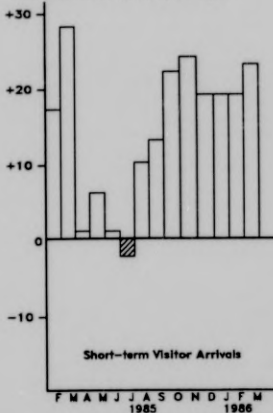
MAIN FEATURES

Short-term visitor arrivals and resident departures

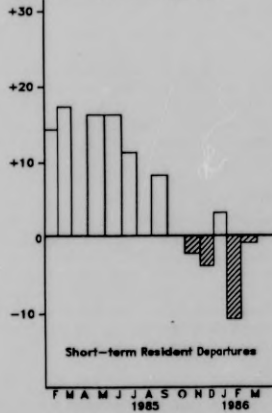
129,500 short-term visitors arrived in Australia in March 1986, 23% more than in March 1985, whilst 126,100 residents departed for short-term overseas trips, 1% fewer

than in March 1985. The percentage difference for the past 14 months compared with the same month one year ago is shown in the graph below.

Difference(%) between current month and same month 1 year ago



Difference(%) between current month and same month 1 year ago



The principal source countries of overseas visitors in March 1986 were the United Kingdom and Ireland (20%), New Zealand (18%), the USA (16%), and Japan (12%). The principal countries of destination for resident departures were New Zealand (18%), the United Kingdom and Ireland (13%), the USA (10%), Hong Kong (8%) and Indonesia (7%).

Permanent Movements

In March 1986, the number of permanent (settler) arrivals

was 8,890, an increase of 28% compared with March 1985. 31% (2,740) of settler arrivals were born in Europe and 39% (3,430) were born in Asia. Included in the March 1986 figure for Asia are 430 settlers born in Western Asia (Middle East). In March 1985, the proportion of settlers born in Asia was 45% and the proportion born in Europe was 28%. The number of settlers born in Africa increased from 290 in March 1985 to 520 in March 1986 (representing 6% of total settler arrivals).

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 More detailed statistics can be made available, on request, in unpublished form.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 his or her 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 comprises overseas visitors (except those who 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 comprises 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 2 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)'. The Appendix to the December 1985 issue of this publication contains a detailed list of countries included in the various regions of Asia.

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 one year or more are fully enumerated and processed. All movements by air 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 a level consistent with their general validity. 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, or in the case of settler arrivals the fact that the traveller holds a migrant visa, 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.

Related publications

14. Comprehensive definitions and explanations, and detailed data are contained in:

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TABLE 1. OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES - SUMMARY

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Period	Permanent arrivals	Long-term arrivals		Total permanent and long-term arrivals	Short-term arrivals(a)		Total arrivals(a)		
	Settlers	Australian residents	Overseas visitors		Australian residents	Overseas visitors			
Year ended 31 December—									
1983	78,390	47,810	27,380	153,570	1,219,700	943,900	2,317,100		
1984	73,110	51,560	28,870	153,530	1,374,700	1,015,100	2,543,300		
1985	82,000	55,670	34,880	172,550	1,494,700	1,142,600	2,809,900		
1985—									
January	5,870	5,490	5,080	16,440	182,000	82,600	281,000		
February	6,400	3,890	5,650	15,930	106,500	98,800	221,200		
March	6,930	3,920	3,320	14,170	100,500	105,400	220,100		
April	6,280	3,230	2,180	11,690	100,000	83,900	195,600		
May	6,230	3,300	2,210	11,740	122,100	75,700	209,500		
June	6,500	4,140	2,390	13,020	116,600	75,400	205,000		
July	6,120	4,520	2,530	13,160	125,600	83,100	221,900		
August	7,040	4,480	2,480	14,000	132,800	82,900	229,600		
September	6,930	4,030	2,750	13,710	167,900	77,300	238,900		
October	7,550	4,590	2,200	14,340	147,000	105,700	267,000		
November	7,770	5,550	2,040	15,360	112,100	121,900	249,300		
December	8,380	8,530	2,070	18,980	81,700	150,000	250,500		
1986—									
January	8,120	5,520	5,640	19,280	186,500	98,000	303,700		
February	7,220	4,050	6,260	17,540	102,000	118,000	237,500		
March	8,890	4,400	3,520	16,820	96,100	129,500	242,400		
Period	Permanent departures			Long-term departures		Total permanent and long-term departures	Short-term departures(a)		Total departures(a)
	Former settlers	Other residents	Total permanent	Australian residents	Overseas visitors		Australian residents	Overseas visitors	
Year ended 31 December—									
1983	15,850	10,020	25,870	48,180	26,460	100,510	1,253,000	928,900	
1984	12,550	9,760	22,310	50,780	23,270	96,360	1,418,600	985,800	
1985	10,020	8,600	18,620	51,030	23,790	93,440	1,512,000	1,096,500	
1985—									
January	810	960	1,760	6,520	2,160	10,450	101,100	110,800	
February	1,000	700	1,690	4,600	1,500	7,790	89,900	92,100	
March	950	790	1,740	4,700	1,710	8,160	126,800	108,800	
April	770	1,480	4,470	1,630	7,590	126,400	93,100	227,000	
May	720	1,360	4,010	1,730	7,090	144,700	67,200	239,200	
June	970	710	1,690	4,220	1,950	7,860	141,400	90,000	
July	800	660	1,460	4,340	1,730	7,540	132,800	69,800	
August	790	730	1,520	4,270	1,910	7,700	149,000	89,200	
September	700	610	1,310	3,580	1,280	6,170	124,200	76,600	
October	760	490	1,240	2,940	1,180	5,360	101,500	85,400	
November	800	690	1,490	3,130	2,000	6,620	106,100	113,600	
December	980	890	1,870	4,250	5,020	11,130	168,100	99,800	
1986—									
January	700	900	1,600	6,510	2,590	10,700	104,200	133,800	
February	810	710	1,520	4,260	1,590	7,370	79,900	111,900	
March	860	720	1,580	4,520	1,980	8,080	126,100	123,800	

(a) Figures in this table relating to movement by air are largely based on a sample and are subject to sampling error. See paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail.

TABLE 2. PERMANENT (SETTLER) ARRIVALS: COUNTRY OF BIRTH

Country of birth (Summary)	Year ended 31 December		Quarter ended 31 March		Month of—			
					February		March	
	1984	1985	1985	1986	1985	1986	1985	1986
Africa	3,290	4,210	800	1,630	240	440	290	520
America	5,580	6,340	1,570	1,590	610	470	450	550
Asia—								
East and South East Asia	25,090	25,030	6,420	6,850	2,310	2,110	2,370	2,520
South Central Asia	5,350	5,270	1,140	1,250	320	350	450	490
Western Asia (Middle East)	4,310	4,170	920	1,270	320	430	330	430
Total Asia	34,750	34,470	8,480	9,370	2,960	2,900	3,140	3,430
Europe—								
U.K. and Ireland	11,750	13,130	2,820	4,090	860	1,150	950	1,590
Other Europe	9,330	10,520	2,360	2,980	770	1,010	970	1,170
Total Europe	21,070	23,650	5,180	7,070	1,630	2,160	1,920	2,760
Oceania—								
New Zealand	6,850	11,290	2,730	3,840	820	1,080	1,010	1,350
Other Oceania	1,570	2,040	430	730	140	190	130	270
Total Oceania	8,420	13,340	3,160	4,570	960	1,260	1,140	1,620
At sea and not stated	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	73,110	82,000	19,200	24,230	6,400	7,220	6,930	8,890

TABLE 3. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS
SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS

	Year ended 31 December		Quarter ended 31 March		Month of—			
	1984	1985	1985	1986	February		March	
					1985	1986	1985	1986
Intended length of stay								
Under 1 week	230,500	279,700	75,100	88,000	27,600	32,300	28,100	32,400
1 and under 2 weeks	199,100	226,500	52,700	66,700	19,700	24,600	20,700	26,600
2 weeks and under 1 month	230,100	247,800	56,100	70,200	17,900	22,700	22,100	28,000
1 and under 2 months	156,900	164,600	41,600	48,000	13,300	15,000	15,600	19,500
2 and under 3 months	61,800	65,600	17,900	20,300	5,500	6,300	6,100	7,500
3 and under 6 months	65,900	70,300	18,300	20,400	5,900	5,900	5,600	6,600
6 and under 12 months	62,000	76,200	22,100	28,300	8,000	10,000	6,100	7,500
Not stated	8,900	11,800	3,000	3,700	1,000	1,100	1,100	1,300
Purpose of journey								
In transit	64,400	79,600	21,800	25,600	7,700	8,300	7,300	9,200
Attending convention	19,400	20,100	2,900	4,700	800	1,900	1,600	2,200
Business	140,000	158,000	39,600	42,000	14,400	16,500	16,100	15,400
Accompanying business traveller	13,900	13,800	3,900	4,100	1,200	1,200	1,300	1,400
Visiting relatives	270,500	287,100	67,000	77,100	19,400	22,300	26,200	33,400
Holiday	435,600	500,000	124,400	163,700	45,000	57,300	45,700	60,700
Employment	12,400	16,600	4,700	5,700	1,500	1,900	1,500	1,700
Education	18,400	21,000	9,800	10,700	4,600	4,900	1,700	1,600
Other and not stated	40,400	46,400	12,700	12,000	4,200	3,700	4,100	3,900
Country of residence								
AFRICA—								
South Africa	10,600	10,400	2,300	3,100	700	900	1,000	1,300
Other	6,500	6,900	1,500	1,800	400	500	600	700
Total Africa	17,100	17,300	3,800	4,900	1,100	1,400	1,600	2,000
AMERICA—								
Canada	34,500	40,900	12,100	13,700	3,900	5,000	4,100	4,000
U.S.A.	160,400	196,500	47,600	58,500	16,600	20,900	18,200	20,100
Other	5,800	7,100	1,800	2,400	500	800	600	900
Total America	200,800	244,500	61,400	74,600	21,000	26,600	22,900	25,000
ASIA—								
Hong Kong	21,200	24,100	7,000	10,400	3,600	5,300	2,000	3,100
India	5,900	6,900	1,800	1,600	700	500	600	600
Indonesia	14,200	15,300	3,800	4,200	1,300	1,400	1,300	1,400
Japan	87,900	107,600	30,200	38,000	11,500	13,900	11,200	15,300
Malaysia	29,300	32,900	9,200	10,200	4,200	4,700	3,000	3,100
Philippines	8,300	9,300	2,400	2,200	900	700	900	900
Singapore	33,000	35,300	8,300	9,600	3,600	4,100	2,800	3,500
Taiwan	7,300	8,000	2,900	3,600	1,200	1,800	1,100	1,300
Thailand	5,400	5,900	1,400	1,800	600	600	500	800
Other	22,200	25,700	6,300	7,700	2,000	2,600	2,600	2,700
Total Asia	234,600	271,000	73,300	89,200	29,800	35,600	26,000	32,700
EUROPE—								
Denmark	4,300	5,100	1,400	1,800	500	600	500	500
Finland	1,700	2,100	500	800	200	400	300	300
France	11,200	12,000	2,500	3,100	900	1,000	800	1,100
Germany(a)	34,200	37,300	11,600	12,700	4,700	4,900	4,000	4,700
Greece	5,000	6,600	1,600	1,600	600	600	500	500
Ireland(b)	4,000	5,500	1,400	2,000	500	600	600	900
Italy	13,400	14,500	3,300	3,600	1,300	1,500	1,000	1,000
Netherlands	14,100	15,400	5,200	5,300	1,600	1,600	1,400	1,400
Norway	2,000	2,400	600	800	200	300	200	200
Sweden	7,600	9,700	2,500	3,700	900	1,300	900	1,000
Switzerland	12,500	14,300	3,900	4,800	1,500	1,500	1,100	1,500
United Kingdom	145,500	153,400	49,600	54,900	14,300	15,800	20,200	25,100
Yugoslavia	4,700	5,600	1,300	2,200	500	700	400	900
Other	13,200	16,900	4,100	2,800	1,500	1,700	1,300	1,300
Total Europe	273,500	300,800	89,500	101,700	29,200	32,600	33,200	40,400
OCEANIA—								
Fiji	9,700	12,400	3,000	3,500	1,100	1,100	1,000	1,200
New Caledonia	7,400	8,200	2,700	4,200	800	1,400	800	900
New Zealand	234,400	245,300	41,700	55,200	12,400	15,900	16,700	23,800
Papua New Guinea	23,700	27,700	7,100	8,000	1,900	1,900	1,900	2,000
Other	10,900	11,200	3,100	3,200	1,100	1,200	1,000	1,000
Total Oceania	286,200	304,900	57,500	74,000	17,400	21,400	21,400	29,000
Not stated	2,900	4,100	1,100	1,100	300	400	300	400
Total	1,815,100	1,942,600	286,000	345,500	98,000	118,000	105,400	129,500

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

TABLE 4. SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT : DEPARTURES OF AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS
SUMMARY OF CHARACTERISTICS

	Year ended 31 December		Quarter ended 31 March		Month of—			
	1984	1985	1985	1986	February		March	
					1985	1986	1985	1986
Intended length of stay								
Under 1 week	62,800	74,000	14,900	18,300	5,400	5,800	6,300	8,600
1 and under 2 weeks	296,700	317,300	70,300	76,000	19,600	18,100	25,900	32,500
2 weeks and under 1 month	448,900	475,600	117,300	106,700	32,600	27,200	43,900	38,300
1 and under 2 months	255,900	271,400	46,300	44,600	13,800	11,700	18,400	17,500
2 and under 3 months	135,200	142,500	19,300	17,800	5,200	4,400	9,100	8,700
3 and under 6 months	119,500	127,400	19,700	17,200	4,700	4,700	11,400	8,900
6 and under 12 months	84,200	86,800	26,600	26,900	7,800	7,900	10,700	10,500
Not stated	15,500	17,000	3,500	2,700	800	500	1,200	1,100
Purpose of journey								
Attending convention	30,900	34,100	6,500	8,100	2,200	1,600	3,000	4,300
Business	174,300	182,300	40,500	43,900	13,000	14,900	16,200	16,400
Accompanying business traveller	23,400	25,600	5,900	5,800	1,800	1,600	1,900	1,800
Visiting relatives	265,000	287,900	50,300	50,900	15,900	13,700	21,200	22,000
Holiday	837,200	891,400	193,500	179,500	51,300	42,100	77,300	74,200
Employment	20,600	21,700	6,000	6,000	1,800	1,600	1,700	1,900
Education	12,600	12,500	2,900	3,100	700	700	900	700
Other and not stated	54,700	56,500	12,200	13,000	3,200	3,800	4,600	4,800
Country in which most time will be spent								
AFRICA—								
Egypt	3,700	4,500	700	700	300	200	200	300
South Africa	7,800	7,700	1,900	1,200	500	200	900	500
Other	5,200	5,300	800	1,200	400	400	200	400
Total Africa	16,700	17,500	3,400	3,100	1,100	800	1,300	1,200
AMERICA—								
Canada	15,800	17,000	2,300	2,300	600	600	1,100	1,100
U.S.A.	140,700	134,900	30,700	29,500	8,700	7,900	12,800	12,100
Other	17,500	19,700	4,600	4,000	1,500	1,000	1,600	1,500
Total America	174,000	171,600	37,700	35,800	10,700	9,400	15,500	14,700
ASIA—								
China	15,600	22,400	6,000	4,400	2,200	700	1,200	2,200
Hong Kong	96,100	99,200	26,600	23,100	6,800	4,900	10,300	9,400
India	14,400	15,300	3,400	3,600	700	700	1,400	1,500
Indonesia	87,900	100,400	21,200	22,100	5,600	6,100	7,400	8,600
Japan	26,300	31,300	5,300	5,000	1,000	1,200	3,000	2,300
Malaysia	38,700	41,400	10,000	10,200	2,500	2,300	3,300	3,900
Philippines	26,700	27,300	6,800	6,100	2,000	2,200	2,500	2,300
Singapore	61,300	61,600	15,300	16,300	3,900	3,600	5,400	7,000
Thailand	19,800	24,900	6,100	8,700	1,300	1,700	2,300	4,000
Other	38,500	42,800	8,400	9,500	2,500	2,600	3,200	3,000
Total Asia	425,400	466,600	109,200	112,000	28,400	25,600	39,700	43,900
EUROPE—								
France	13,000	14,000	2,600	2,900	700	700	1,000	1,100
Germany(a)	23,300	24,800	4,200	4,300	1,200	1,100	1,900	1,900
Greece	28,500	32,500	4,200	4,000	1,100	900	2,500	2,200
Ireland(b)	5,700	6,600	900	800	200	100	500	400
Italy	39,500	43,900	5,700	5,500	1,300	1,400	3,000	2,700
Netherlands	12,200	13,500	1,900	2,100	600	600	900	1,000
Switzerland	6,600	7,500	1,700	1,900	500	600	400	600
United Kingdom	194,800	211,900	34,700	30,800	8,600	8,000	19,600	16,100
Yugoslavia	15,400	17,000	1,500	1,700	300	400	900	1,000
Other	36,300	38,600	5,400	5,400	1,500	1,500	2,200	2,300
Total Europe	375,300	410,200	62,800	59,400	16,000	15,400	32,800	29,300
OCEANIA—								
Fiji	88,800	82,100	14,900	14,200	4,000	3,000	5,100	7,100
New Caledonia	24,100	5,000	1,300	1,400	100	200	200	400
New Zealand	237,200	279,200	69,900	66,400	24,100	20,300	26,200	23,200
Norfolk Is	16,000	20,400	5,000	5,600	1,300	1,700	2,000	2,000
Papua New Guinea	26,300	25,800	5,800	5,800	1,800	2,000	1,800	1,900
Vanuatu	16,200	11,100	3,000	2,300	800	500	900	900
Other	13,800	15,800	3,100	3,000	800	800	900	1,200
Total Oceania	422,500	439,300	103,000	98,700	33,000	28,400	37,100	36,700
Not stated	4,700	6,900	1,800	1,100	600	300	300	300
Total	1,418,600	1,512,000	317,000	310,200	89,900	79,900	126,000	126,100

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