



### OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, AUSTRALIA FEBRUARY 1984

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#### MAIN FEATURES

##### FEBRUARY 1984

##### *Permanent and Long Term Movement*

In February 1984 total permanent and long term arrivals were 14,630, 5 per cent less than in February 1983 and 24 per cent less than in February 1982. 8,100 permanent and long term departures were recorded in February 1984, 5 per cent higher than February 1983 and 10 per cent higher than February 1982.

The excess of permanent and long term arrivals over departures declined from 11,710 in February 1982 to 7,630 in February 1983 and further to 6,530 in February 1984.

Settler arrivals numbered 5,170 in February 1984, 25 per cent below the February 1983 level and 44 per cent below the February 1982 level. The decline in settler arrivals is principally due to a reduced number of settlers arriving from Europe, a fall of 49 per cent to 1,620 compared with 3,190 in February 1983.

##### *Short Term Movement*

Overseas visitor arrivals in February 1984 were 84,500, 8 per cent higher than in February 1983. Visitors from America increased by 26 per cent to 18,900, from Asia by 13 per cent to 23,500 and from Oceania (mainly New Zealand) by 6 per cent to 16,200. Correspondingly visitors from Europe declined by 6 per cent to 24,500.

Short term departures of Australian residents were 78,800, 5 per cent higher than in February 1983. A decrease in departures to America of 25 per cent was more than balanced by an increase in departures to Europe of 37 per cent between February 1984 and February 1983.

2. Overseas arrival and departure statistics are obtained from passenger cards completed by travellers. The estimates in this publication are subject to both sampling and other errors and have been rounded to a level consistent with their general validity. The sums of components may not add exactly to totals, due to rounding.

##### *Related publications*

3. Comprehensive definitions and explanations, and detailed data for three and twelve monthly periods, are contained in *Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia* (3402.0 and 3404.0). Some additional unpublished information in various forms can be made available on request.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). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

##### *Symbols and other usages*

- \* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes. See paragraph 2 above.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

##### Introduction

This series of publications is released at approximately monthly intervals and contains the latest available final estimates in summary form. The new data in this issue are final estimates for February 1984.

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TABLE 1. OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES — SUMMARY

Period	Permanent arrivals	Arrivals of residents returning after—		Arrivals of visitors for—		Total arrivals
		Long-term	Short-term	Long-term	Short-term	
<i>Year ended 31 December—</i>						
1981	118,740	59,400	1,181,400	34,550	936,700	2,330,800
1982	107,170	53,770	1,259,600	34,270	954,700	2,409,500
1983	78,390	47,810	1,219,700	27,380	943,900	2,317,100
<i>1982—</i>						
December	6,760	7,870	71,100	1,570	111,600	198,900
<i>1983—</i>						
January	9,100	4,990	151,000	5,230	80,900	251,200
February	6,870	3,180	84,600	5,310	78,400	178,300
March	6,950	3,190	85,100	2,640	75,700	173,600
April	7,310	3,120	88,000	1,600	70,400	170,300
May	6,710	2,750	98,000	1,510	58,500	167,400
June	6,460	3,120	93,300	1,520	62,700	167,100
July	6,280	4,110	102,800	1,770	84,000	199,000
August	6,130	3,800	99,900	1,710	80,500	192,000
September	5,250	3,390	126,500	1,790	63,100	200,000
October	5,660	3,860	127,300	1,430	79,700	217,900
November	5,810	4,330	90,700	1,360	92,300	194,500
December	5,880	7,960	72,700	1,510	117,600	205,600
<i>1984—</i>						
January	5,720	5,210	160,200	4,450	78,700	254,200
February	5,170	3,650	88,700	5,810	84,500	187,900
Period	Permanent departures	Departures of residents for—		Departures of visitors after—		Total departures
		Long-term	Short-term	Long-term	Short-term	
<i>Year ended 31 December—</i>						
1981	19,860	46,740	1,217,300	19,020	900,400	2,203,300
1982	22,490	46,890	1,286,900	22,960	921,500	2,300,700
1983	25,870	48,180	1,253,000	26,460	928,900	2,282,400
<i>1982—</i>						
December	2,380	3,730	143,800	4,420	68,400	222,700
<i>1983—</i>						
January	2,240	6,410	88,400	2,450	110,300	209,800
February	1,900	3,870	75,400	1,870	84,000	167,100
March	3,040	5,100	111,200	2,340	81,400	203,000
April	1,930	3,720	96,300	1,830	75,800	179,600
May	2,110	3,730	114,600	1,900	70,100	192,500
June	1,920	3,460	108,300	1,910	55,500	171,000
July	2,410	4,150	113,400	2,220	66,300	188,500
August	1,880	4,100	116,600	1,970	85,300	209,800
September	1,880	3,700	103,400	1,560	71,900	182,500
October	1,670	2,860	87,300	1,470	74,200	167,600
November	2,410	3,260	88,200	2,150	78,200	174,200
December	2,390	3,820	149,800	4,790	75,800	236,700
<i>1984—</i>						
January	1,940	6,320	90,100	2,240	108,600	209,200
February	1,970	4,520	78,800	1,610	85,800	172,700

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

Country of birth (Summary)	Month of—				Quarter ended 31 December		Year ended 31 December	
	January		February		1982	1983	1982	1983
	1983	1984	1983	1984				
Africa	600	360	390	260	1,120	970	5,060	4,340
America	450	320	360	240	1,250	910	4,480	4,020
Asia(a)—								
East and South East Asia	2,100	1,940	1,960	1,950	4,510	5,600	22,050	24,350
South Central Asia	320	260	230	260	680	830	2,900	3,280
Other Asia	150	210	110	200	510	790	2,220	2,080
Total Asia	2,570	2,420	2,300	2,410	5,700	7,200	27,170	29,700
Europe—								
U.K. and Ireland	2,760	1,110	1,660	770	7,330	3,760	34,790	19,630
Other Europe	1,750	650	1,530	850	5,780	2,760	23,620	13,730
Total Europe	4,520	1,760	3,190	1,620	13,110	6,520	58,410	33,360
Oceania—								
New Zealand	730	700	480	510	1,750	1,330	9,810	5,320
Other Oceania	230	160	140	140	480	410	2,250	1,650
Total Oceania	960	860	630	640	2,230	1,740	12,060	6,960
At sea and not stated	*	*	—	—	*	*	10	10
Total settlers	9,100	5,720	6,870	5,170	23,410	17,350	107,170	78,390

(a) The composition of the regions of Asia is shown in Appendix A in the January 1984 issue.

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

	Month of—				Quarter ended		Year ended	
	January		February		31 December		31 December	
	1983	1984	1983	1984	1982	1983	1982	1983
<i>Intended length of stay</i>								
Under 1 week	15,400	17,500	20,300	21,800	54,400	58,200	190,300	202,600
1 and under 2 weeks	11,500	11,300	14,800	17,200	44,600	50,700	159,100	176,400
2 weeks and under 1 month	15,400	15,500	15,400	16,200	59,300	66,700	221,100	221,600
1 and under 2 months	16,400	13,700	11,900	11,900	55,000	54,400	171,900	158,500
2 and under 3 months	6,200	5,800	4,400	5,200	20,800	19,700	64,500	57,300
3 and under 6 months	7,000	6,900	4,800	4,800	24,100	22,000	71,900	64,100
6 and under 12 months	8,200	7,300	6,200	6,500	18,200	15,500	66,900	55,500
Not stated	800	700	600	800	2,000	2,300	8,900	8,000
<i>Purpose of journey</i>								
In transit	6,000	6,000	6,400	5,900	15,900	15,800	64,400	62,300
Attending convention	600	700	1,100	1,700	2,600	3,400	13,400	16,700
Business	8,800	8,200	12,300	13,400	32,100	31,200	129,200	123,800
Accompanying business traveller	1,000	1,200	1,200	1,200	2,300	2,900	11,500	12,200
Visiting relatives	23,700	22,600	17,600	16,900	94,400	96,800	284,200	268,200
Holiday	32,500	32,100	33,100	36,900	116,000	125,900	375,300	396,100
Employment	1,600	1,300	900	1,000	3,400	2,300	18,400	11,600
Education	3,600	3,500	3,300	4,100	2,300	2,400	16,700	17,500
Other and not stated	3,200	3,100	2,600	3,400	9,400	8,900	41,600	35,600
<i>Country of residence</i>								
<b>AFRICA—</b>								
South Africa	900	900	600	700	4,000	4,100	11,500	11,400
Other and unspecified	500	500	600	500	1,900	1,700	6,200	5,800
<i>Total, Africa</i>	<i>1,400</i>	<i>1,300</i>	<i>1,200</i>	<i>1,300</i>	<i>5,800</i>	<i>5,800</i>	<i>17,800</i>	<i>17,200</i>
<b>AMERICA—</b>								
Canada	3,300	3,700	3,500	4,000	9,300	10,100	32,400	33,000
U.S.A.	9,700	11,300	11,200	14,500	33,300	37,800	126,000	140,000
Other and unspecified	500	500	200	400	1,400	1,900	5,400	5,100
<i>Total, America</i>	<i>13,500</i>	<i>15,600</i>	<i>15,000</i>	<i>18,900</i>	<i>44,000</i>	<i>49,700</i>	<i>163,800</i>	<i>178,000</i>
<b>ASIA—</b>								
Hong Kong	1,500	1,600	3,200	2,700	5,000	5,300	20,500	20,900
India	300	400	400	400	1,600	1,400	5,400	5,400
Indonesia	1,200	1,000	1,000	1,100	5,000	4,300	15,600	13,300
Japan	5,200	6,200	8,000	8,700	21,000	24,400	60,400	71,800
Malaysia	2,600	1,900	2,600	3,700	7,900	8,700	22,900	27,700
Philippines	400	400	400	600	2,000	1,800	7,000	6,700
Singapore	1,200	1,700	2,200	2,800	10,000	11,800	24,400	29,700
Thailand	300	300	600	500	1,400	1,400	5,400	5,000
Other and unspecified	1,700	1,700	2,400	2,900	6,600	8,200	21,300	23,900
<i>Total, Asia</i>	<i>14,400</i>	<i>15,200</i>	<i>20,800</i>	<i>23,500</i>	<i>60,400</i>	<i>67,300</i>	<i>182,900</i>	<i>204,500</i>
<b>EUROPE—</b>								
France	1,000	800	700	900	3,000	3,100	10,200	10,000
Germany(a)	3,200	3,100	4,800	4,000	12,300	11,100	38,900	34,600
Greece	400	300	300	300	1,900	1,600	5,000	4,200
Ireland(b)	700	500	400	300	1,200	1,400	4,600	5,000
Italy	1,000	1,000	1,300	900	4,700	4,700	12,100	12,000
Netherlands	2,000	1,700	1,200	1,300	5,900	5,100	16,800	14,900
Switzerland	1,200	1,200	1,100	1,300	4,000	4,200	10,800	11,600
United Kingdom	18,700	17,500	13,500	12,400	53,600	51,800	173,100	147,700
Yugoslavia	700	500	300	400	1,700	1,500	4,600	3,900
Other and unspecified	2,100	2,500	2,200	2,700	9,100	9,100	24,300	24,200
<i>Total, Europe</i>	<i>31,000</i>	<i>29,200</i>	<i>26,000</i>	<i>24,500</i>	<i>97,400</i>	<i>93,600</i>	<i>300,300</i>	<i>268,100</i>
<b>OCEANIA—</b>								
Fiji	1,100	1,000	800	1,000	3,900	3,000	12,000	9,400
New Caledonia	1,800	1,300	1,000	900	2,300	2,200	9,000	8,500
New Zealand	13,800	11,100	11,500	11,800	54,800	58,400	233,300	225,000
Papua New Guinea	3,000	2,900	1,300	1,600	7,100	6,800	25,500	23,000
Other and unspecified	800	800	800	900	2,100	2,000	8,200	7,900
<i>Total, Oceania</i>	<i>20,500</i>	<i>17,200</i>	<i>15,300</i>	<i>16,200</i>	<i>70,200</i>	<i>72,400</i>	<i>287,900</i>	<i>273,800</i>
Not stated	200	200	100	200	500	800	2,000	2,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,900</b>	<b>78,700</b>	<b>78,400</b>	<b>84,500</b>	<b>278,300</b>	<b>289,600</b>	<b>954,700</b>	<b>943,900</b>

(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**

	Month of—				Quarter ended		Year ended	
	January		February		31 December		31 December	
	1983	1984	1983	1984	1982	1983	1982	1983
<i>Intended length of stay</i>								
Under 1 week	2,900	3,300	4,400	4,900	16,900	15,300	56,600	58,000
1 and under 2 weeks	21,300	22,000	19,600	16,700	63,400	62,600	261,800	252,400
2 weeks and under 1 month	34,800	35,300	25,400	26,300	109,000	110,000	427,300	405,900
1 and under 2 months	13,100	12,600	11,300	12,200	65,800	71,000	232,500	233,900
2 and under 3 months	4,400	4,200	3,500	4,800	29,100	31,200	112,500	108,600
3 and under 6 months	3,300	3,500	4,100	5,200	19,500	17,700	102,900	101,100
6 and under 12 months	7,400	8,100	5,800	7,800	13,500	13,900	76,100	77,200
Not stated	1,100	1,100	1,100	800	4,600	3,800	17,200	16,000
<i>Purpose of journey</i>								
Attending convention	1,100	1,200	1,500	1,900	4,600	5,600	28,800	27,000
Business	9,700	11,100	11,500	14,000	33,000	35,800	148,000	148,900
Accompanying business traveller	1,800	2,200	1,000	1,400	4,000	4,700	20,500	21,200
Visiting relatives	13,100	13,100	10,900	14,000	67,400	70,500	235,900	236,600
Holiday	55,000	54,600	45,400	41,600	193,100	190,000	770,600	737,800
Employment	2,100	2,700	1,700	1,500	4,500	4,300	20,600	19,900
Education	1,400	1,500	600	900	2,300	2,600	11,200	11,500
Other and not stated	4,100	3,700	2,800	3,500	12,900	12,000	51,300	50,000
<i>Country in which most time will be spent</i>								
AFRICA—								
South Africa	500	700	500	500	3,200	2,700	8,300	7,000
Other and unspecified	400	700	300	400	2,200	2,600	7,600	7,300
Total, Africa	900	1,300	800	900	5,400	5,200	15,900	14,300
AMERICA—								
Canada	500	400	600	600	2,700	2,700	14,200	14,300
U.S.A.	9,000	7,000	12,700	8,500	33,900	29,300	160,300	137,700
Other and unspecified	700	800	500	1,300	3,400	5,800	7,400	11,800
Total, America	10,200	8,200	13,800	10,400	40,000	37,900	181,900	163,800
ASIA—								
Hong Kong	6,500	7,200	4,800	5,100	21,700	24,300	73,300	78,900
India	900	1,500	700	1,100	5,600	6,500	11,800	12,800
Indonesia	6,600	8,800	4,600	5,200	20,000	22,300	80,500	80,200
Japan	1,400	1,300	700	1,000	6,700	6,600	24,000	24,300
Malaysia	3,200	4,000	2,500	2,200	9,900	10,200	36,700	38,900
Philippines	2,200	2,000	2,300	1,800	9,400	7,600	30,300	26,200
Singapore	5,500	5,200	3,600	3,100	18,400	13,600	71,100	54,900
Thailand	1,300	1,800	900	1,100	5,300	6,400	16,300	16,900
Other and unspecified	2,700	2,800	2,100	2,200	13,100	11,500	42,300	45,400
Total, Asia	30,400	34,700	22,100	22,800	110,100	109,100	386,400	378,400
EUROPE—								
France	700	900	500	600	2,200	2,200	10,900	9,700
Germany(a)	900	1,100	900	1,200	3,900	4,200	20,700	18,700
Greece	700	1,000	700	900	4,300	3,900	27,400	25,000
Ireland(b)	100	100	100	300	700	1,000	4,500	4,000
Italy	1,300	1,300	1,100	1,400	6,100	7,400	35,400	35,600
Netherlands	400	500	400	500	1,800	2,400	12,000	11,200
Switzerland	400	600	300	400	1,400	1,400	5,200	5,600
United Kingdom	5,700	6,100	5,700	8,000	25,900	31,800	150,700	161,500
Yugoslavia	300	300	400	600	2,000	2,200	14,600	13,500
Other and unspecified	1,600	1,400	900	1,500	5,700	5,800	30,700	29,500
Total, Europe	12,100	13,100	11,100	15,300	54,000	62,500	312,000	314,300
OCEANIA—								
Fiji	7,000	6,900	5,200	4,800	22,200	21,200	90,300	79,100
New Caledonia	1,500	1,800	1,000	1,000	5,400	5,200	21,100	19,900
New Zealand	19,500	17,500	17,300	19,000	67,200	65,400	213,500	211,700
Papua New Guinea	2,400	2,400	1,700	2,000	6,300	6,600	25,100	25,500
Other and unspecified	3,500	3,800	2,100	2,600	10,500	11,400	36,100	41,300
Total, Oceania	33,900	32,400	27,300	29,300	111,600	109,800	386,100	377,400
Not stated	800	300	200	100	700	900	4,600	4,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,400</b>	<b>90,100</b>	<b>75,400</b>	<b>78,800</b>	<b>321,800</b>	<b>325,400</b>	<b>1,286,900</b>	<b>1,253,000</b>

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