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CHANGES TO THE SURVEY OF TOURIST
ACCOMMODATION

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

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|  |  |
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| June 1998 | 13 November 1998 |
| September 1998 | 26 February 1999 |

From March quarter 1998, significant changes will be made to the ongoing Survey of Tourist Accommodation. The Survey will include hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities in most rooms, and services apartments. Establishments with fewer than 15 rooms or units will be excluded from the collection.

For further information on this and other developments in tourist accommodation statistics, please contact Andy Harris on telephone 026252 5452, fax 0262515324 or Internet: andy.harris@abs.gov.au.
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# TOURISM INDICATORS <br> AUSTRALIA DECEMBER QUARTER 1997 

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| Tourist accommodation - supply and demand ${ }^{1}$ | Period |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Licensed hotels, motels, etc. |  | Units |  |  |  |
| Room occupancy rate $\dagger$ |  |  | Latest |  |  |
| Room nights occupied | Dec. qtr 1997 |  | figures |  |  |
| Room nights available | Dec. qtr 1997 |  |  | Previous |  |
| Guest nights occupied | Dec. qtr 1997 | no. |  | Period |  |
| Guest arrivals | Dec. qtr 1997 | \% |  |  | Corresponding |
| Takings from accommodation | Dec. qtr 1997 | '000s | 5041 |  | period last year |
|  | Dec. qtr 1997 | '000s | 58.2 |  |  |
| Caravan parks | Dec. qtr 1997 | '000s | 9641 | - |  |
| Site occupancy rate $\dagger$ |  | '000s | 16633 | 0.2 |  |
|  | Dec. qtr 1997 | \$m | 16864 | 1.3 | 2.8 |
| Holiday flats, units and houses | Dec. qtr 1997 |  | 8285 | 1.0 | -1.7 |
| Unit occupancy rate † |  | no. | 979.2 | 1.2 | 0.9 |
|  | Dec. qtr 1997 | \% |  | 1.5 | 4.0 |
| Visitor hostels | Dec. qtr 1997 |  | 2685 | 3.1 | 0.7 |
| Bed occupancy rate $\dagger$ |  | no. | 43.7 |  | 2.4 |
|  | Dec. qtr 1997 | \% |  | -0.2 | 3.5 |
|  | Dec. qtr 1997 |  | 43883 | - 1.1 |  |
| Domestic tourism ${ }^{2}$ |  | no. | 53.2 |  | - 0.6 |
| Number of overnight trips |  | \% |  | 4.0 | 0.3 |
| Number of visitor nights |  |  | 500 | - 1.7 |  |
|  | 1996-1997 |  | 46.1 |  | 3.9 |
|  | 1996-1997 |  |  | 0.2 | - 0.8 |
| International visitor arrivals |  | '000s |  | 1.7 |  |
| Number of visitor arrivals ${ }^{3}$ |  | '000s |  |  | 4.4 |
| Number of visitor arrivals ${ }^{3}$ |  |  | 62780 |  | 1.1 |
| Expenditure by international visitors ${ }^{4}$ | February 1998 |  | 250990 |  |  |
|  | 1997 |  |  | .. |  |
|  | 1996 | no. |  | .. |  |
| Australian departures ${ }^{3}$ |  | no. |  |  | - 0.4 |
| Short-term departures |  | \$m | 353600 |  | - 2.1 |
| Short-term departures |  |  | 4317900 |  |  |
|  | February 1998 |  | 7105 | 2.1 |  |
|  | 1997 |  |  | .. |  |
| Balance of payments ${ }^{5}$ |  | no. |  | .. | - 13.3 |
| Travel credits |  | no. |  |  | 3.7 |
| Travel debits |  |  | 196900 |  | 13.4 |
| Balance on travel services | Dec. qtr 1997 |  | 2932800 |  |  |
|  | Dec. qtr 1997 |  |  | - 5.0 |  |
|  | Dec. qtr 1997 | \$m |  | .. |  |
| Exchange rates ${ }^{6}$ |  | \$m |  |  | 9.3 |
| \$US |  | \$m | 2863 |  | 7.3 |
| \# Japanese |  |  | -2082 |  |  |
|  | December 1997 |  | 781 | - 5.7 |  |
|  | December 1997 |  |  | - 10.8 |  |
| Price index ${ }^{7}$ |  | per \$A |  | 11.0 | 1.5 |
| Holiday travel and accommodation |  | per \$A |  |  | 14.0 |
|  |  |  | 0.6527 |  | -21.3 |
|  | Dec. qtr 1997 |  | 84.79 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | -4.1 |  |
| For footnotes see end of table. |  | $1989-90=100$ |  | -2.3 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | - 18.1 |
|  |  |  | 107.8 |  | -8.3 |
|  |  |  |  | 2.0 |  |

Data item

| Period |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Employment ${ }^{8}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employed in accommodation, cafes and |  | Units |  |  |  |
| restaurants |  | Latest |  |  |  |
| Males |  | figures |  |  |  |
| Females | November 1997 | Previous |  |  |  |
| Persons | November 1997 |  |  | Corresponding period last year |  |
|  | November 1997 | '000s |  |  |  |
|  |  | '000s |  |  |  |
| Average weekly earnings ${ }^{9} \quad$ 'O00s 186.3 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{1}$ Tourist Accommodation, Australia (8635.0). |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{2}$ Domestic Tourism Monitor, Bureau of Tourism Research |  |  |  |  |  |
| T1 ${ }^{3}$ Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia (3401.0). |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{4}$ International Visitor Survey, Bureau of Tourism Research. Excludes international airfares and inclusive package tours purchased outside Australia. |  |  |  |  | 1.2 |
| ${ }^{5}$ Balance of Payments, Australia (5302.0). |  |  |  |  | +. 0 |
| ${ }^{6}$ Reserve Bank of Australia Bulletin. |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{7}$ Consumer Price Index (6401.0). |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{8}$ The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0). |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{9}$ Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (6302.0). |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{10}$ Building Approvals, Australia (8731.0). |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{11}$ Building Activity, Australia (8752.0.40.001 1.6 |  |  |  |  |  |
| NOTE: $\dagger$ Change is shown in terms of percentage points. |  |  |  |  |  |



## IN BRIEF

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

RETAIL TURNOVER

UNEMPLOYMENT

BUILDING ACTIVITY

TOURISM REGIONS

Travel credits for the month of March 1998 were $\$ 925 \mathrm{~m}$. This represents $46 \%$ of the total international services credits. However, this was $37 \%$ less than the previous month and 11\% less than for March 1997. Travel debits were $\$ 641 \mathrm{~m}$ for the month, similar to most recent months.

For more information refer to International Trade in Goods and Services, monthly (5368.0).

The trend estimate for retail turnover in the Hospitality and services category for the month of March 1998 was $\$ 1851$, A marginal increase over both the previous month and the same month in 1997. In original terms, there was a $10 \%$ increase over the previous month. However, March is traditionally a high turnover month for retail turnover in the Hospitality and services sector.

For more information refer to Retail Trade, monthly (8501.0).
Unemployed persons who had previously worked full time for at least two weeks in the last two years in the Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurant industry totalled 21,300 in March 1998. This represents $6 \%$ of the total number of unemployed at that time. Of the unemployed who previously worked in the industry, $52 \%$ were males. Almost half of unemployed who had worked in the industry had a duration of unemployment of between 4 and 13 weeks.

For more information refer to Labour Force, Australia, monthly (6203.0).
The value of building work commenced on hotels etc. during the December quarter 1997 was $\$ 339.1 \mathrm{~m}$. This was an increase of $75 \%$ over the figure for the corresponding period in 1996 and represented $10 \%$ of all non-residential building commencements. There was $\$ 421.9 \mathrm{~m}$ of building work on hotels etc. completed during the same period, an increase of $173 \%$ over the December quarter 1996 and $10 \%$ of the total value of non-residential building completions. The value of hotels etc still under construction at the end of December 1997 was $\$ 1,532.9 \mathrm{~m}$.

For more information refer to Building Activity, Australia, quarterly (8752.0).

The ABS, in consultation with the State and Territory Tourist Commissions and the Bureau of Tourism Research, has finalised a set of tourism regions which it is intended will be used for Tourist Accommodation publications. There may be some future changes to these regions, depending on factors including revisions to the ABS Australian Standard Geographical Classification.

As previously advised, there will be no State/Territory Tourist Accommodation publications from the March quarter 1998. Regional data will be included in the national publication and will be based on the tourism regions described above. Some finer level geographic data will be available on request.

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## FEATURE ARTICLE - DOWNTURN IN ASIAN VISITOR ARRIVALS

## FEATURE ARTICLE - TOURIST ACCOMMODATION DEVELOPMENTS

KEY POINTS
The ABS recently surveyed tourist accommodation development projects with an approved completion value of $\$ 2.0$ million or more. Results from the survey showed that:

- projects completed in the 12 months ended 31 December 1997 had a total value of $\$ 1,129$ million. They included developments which created 4,584 hotel and motel rooms (including 982 with a star grading of 5) and 840 holiday flats, units and serviced apartments.
- in the 12 month periods ending 31 December 1998 and 31 December 1999, the number of additional hotel and motel rooms expected to be completed are 4,711 and 2,940 respectively.
- of the 12,235 hotel and motel rooms completed or planned to be completed in the 3 year period January 1997 to December 1999, 24\% are star grade 5 and $52 \%$ star grade 4.
The following table shows details at 31 December 1997 of new accommodation:

|  | COMPLETED | EXPECTED TO BE |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| IN 12 MONTHS COMPLETED IN 12 |  |  |
| TO: | MONTHS TO: |  |
|  |  |  |
| Type of accommodation(a) | 31 Dec | 31 Dec |
|  | 1997 | 31 Dec |
|  |  | 1998 |

Number of rooms, etc. (excluding refurbishments)

(a) No caravan park projects were completed or expected to be completed in the period.

Tourist accommodation developments include new work or alterations and additions to establishments which provide predominantly short-term accommodation to the general public.

Relevant construction jobs (including refurbishments) were identified from the March to December 1997 quarterly Building Activity Surveys. Each developer was followed up for more information about each project. Projects covered include some not yet commenced at 30 November 1997 but which were expected to be completed no later than 31 December 1999. For more details and the availability of other data from the survey, contact Tony Bammann on (08) 82377316.

## FEATURE ARTICLE — OVERSEAS TOURISM MARKETING EXPENDITURE

INTRODUCTION

Overseas marketing expenditure by the businesses described above, (noting that the figures exclude independent/cooperative expenditure by the Australian Tourism Commission), amounted to $\$ 279.8 \mathrm{~m}$. This represents a $5.6 \%$ increase over the total recorded for the 1994-95 survey.

The major market targeted was Japan, where the operators described above expended $\$ 80.2 \mathrm{~m}$. Other markets which attracted significant marketing expenditure were Asia (excluding Japan) ( $\$ 75.8 \mathrm{~m}$ ) the USA and Canada $(\$ 40.7 \mathrm{~m})$, Europe, the UK and Ireland ( $\$ 55.9 \mathrm{~m}$ ) and New Zealand ( $\$ 17.7 \mathrm{~m}$ ). Together, these destinations attracted around $97 \%$ of total overseas marketing expenditure.

Inbound tour operators spent more on overseas marketing than any of the other single relevant industry sectors $(\$ 63.5 \mathrm{~m})$. Operators of accommodation establishments also spent a significant $\$ 49.3 \mathrm{~m}$. The Other Operators category, which includes Airlines, Meeting \& Incentive Travel, Convention and Exhibition organisers, spent $\$ 87.3 m$ overall.

The following comments are based on the data presented in tables 1 to 10 and relate to trends in room nights occupied and takings from accommodation for hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities.

Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates were revised as from March reference quarter 1997, following the ABS annual reanalysis of seasonal factors. Seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. The results of the latest review have been used to compile the revised seasonally adjusted and trend estimates given in this publication. See paragraphs 15 and 16 of the Explanatory Notes for more information on the seasonal adjustment process.

After steadily increasing since March quarter 1994, the trend in average takings per room night occupied at both current and average 1989-90 prices, has levelled off somewhat. Over the year to December 1997, the increase was $2.5 \%$ at current prices, while at average 1989-90 prices, the trend increased by $2.8 \%$ over the same period.

AVERAGE TAKINGS PER ROOM NIGHT OCCUPIED
TREND FIGURES


The trend in average takings per room night occupied for New South Wales has closely followed the Australian trend in that its rate of increase is slowing. The increase in the trend at current prices in December quarter 1997 was $3.2 \%$ over the same period in 1996, while at average 1989-90 prices, the increase in the trend was $3.6 \%$ for the year.

AVERAGE TAKINGS PER ROOM NIGHT OCCUPIED
TREND FIGURES


Victoria The trend in average takings for Victoria continues to display strong growth although there are signs of this growth slowing. Over the four quarters to December 1997 the trend at both current and average 1989-90 prices increased by just over $6 \%$.
The trend in average takings for Victoria continues to display strong growth although there are signs of this growth slowing. Over the four quarters to December 1997 the trend at both current and average

AVERAGE TAKINGS PER ROOM NIGHT OCCUPIED


1989-90 prices increased by just over 6\%.

Queensland The trend increase in average takings per room night occupied has flattened over recent years compared with the steady rise that occurred between June quarter 1992 and December quarter 1995. Over the year to December quarter 1997 there was virtually no change in average takings at either constant or average 1989-90 prices.


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AVERAGE TAKINGS PER ROOM NIGHT OCCUPIED


After rising sharply in the first two quarters of 1997 the trend in average takings per room night occupied flattened off and subsequently decreased in the December quarter. Over the year the trend increased by $3.4 \%$ at current prices and by $4.7 \%$ at average 1989-90 prices. After rising sharply in the first two quarters of 1997 the trend in average takings per room night occupied flattened off and subsequently decreased in the December quarter. Over the year the trend increased by $3.4 \%$ at current prices and by $4.7 \%$ at average 1989-90 prices.


AVERAGE TAKINGS PER ROOM NIGHT OCCUPIED TREND FIGURES \$



AVERAGE TAKINGS PER ROOM NIGHT OCCUPIED


|  | New South Wales | Victoria | Queensland | South <br> Australia | Western <br> Australia | Tasmania | Northern <br> Territory | Australian <br> Capital <br> Territory | Australia |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ESTABLISHMENTS AND CAPACITY (number) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December quarter 1996- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Establishments | 1,732 | 1,013 | 1,137 | 352 | 337 | 187 | 98 | 47 | 4,903 |
| Guest rooms | 57,582 | 29,918 | 44,373 | 10,951 | 15,996 | 5,604 | 5,644 | 3,808 | 173,876 |
| Bed spaces | 166,474 | 83,279 | 137,178 | 31,266 | 41,580 | 16,195 | 16,729 | 11,422 | 504,123 |
| December quarter 1997- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Establishments | 1,771 | 1,040 | 1,176 | 347 | 344 | 213 | 102 | 48 | 5,041 |
| Guest rooms | 59,662 | 30,904 | 47,108 | 10,897 | 16,296 | 5,921 | 6,137 | 3,872 | 180,797 |
| Bed spaces | 172,984 | 85,581 | 146,771 | 31,206 | 42,709 | 16,995 | 18,272 | 11,652 | 526,170 |
| ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000) SEASONALLY ADJUSTED |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December quarter 1996 | 3,167.5 | 1,486.3 | 2,489.7 | 532.5 | 841.2 | 268.2 | 319.3 | 212.5 | 9,317.2 |
| March quarter 1997 | 3,132.7 | 1,545.1 | 2,449.0 | 538.7 | 841.9 | 255.6 | 315.1 | 210.3 | 9,288.2 |
| June quarter 1997 | 3,064.2 | 1,521.0 | 2,426.3 | 518.8 | 837.7 | 245.5 | 291.8 | 195.7 | 9,101.1 |
| September quarter 1997 | 3,083.7 | 1,576.6 | 2,501.0 | 539.5 | 828.6 | 267.4 | 294.8 | 201.6 | 9,293.1 |
| October | 1,053.5 | 511.2 | 833.7 | 187.9 | 276.5 | 92.1 | 104.7 | 75.9 | 3,135.3 |
| November | 1,044.5 | 507.7 | 831.0 | 185.9 | 285.4 | 87.8 | 102.0 | 69.2 | 3,113.5 |
| December | 1,053.9 | 518.0 | 818.3 | 185.7 | 285.0 | 94.4 | 99.8 | 68.5 | 3,123.7 |
| December quarter 1997 | 3,151.8 | 1,536.8 | 2,483.0 | 559.5 | 846.8 | 276.3 | 306.6 | 213.6 | 9,374.4 |
| ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED ('000) TREND |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December quarter 1996 | 3,131.0 | 1,504.3 | 2,446.9 | 524.5 | 841.8 | 259.4 | 308.2 | 208.3 | 9,224.4 |
| March quarter 1997 | 3,116.4 | 1,521.6 | 2,454.7 | 528.7 | 840.0 | 255.9 | 308.7 | 204.7 | 9,230.6 |
| June quarter 1997 | 3,096.8 | 1,542.1 | 2,459.2 | 532.5 | 836.9 | 256.0 | 301.7 | 202.9 | 9,228.1 |
| September quarter 1997 | 3,096.4 | 1,551.4 | 2,471.1 | 539.4 | 836.7 | 262.7 | 297.4 | 203.3 | 9,258.3 |
| October | 1,039.0 | 515.7 | 832.1 | 183.1 | 278.3 | 91.2 | 100.5 | 70.3 | 3,110.1 |
| November | 1,043.3 | 513.6 | 830.6 | 184.3 | 280.3 | 92.0 | 101.0 | 70.9 | 3,116.0 |
| December | 1,046.5 | 511.1 | 828.6 | 185.6 | 282.6 | 92.5 | 101.2 | 70.8 | 3,118.8 |
| December quarter 1997 | 3,119.7 | 1,550.9 | 2,492.5 | 551.1 | 839.2 | 272.1 | 299.2 | 207.5 | 9,332.0 |
| TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$m) SEASONALLY ADJUSTED |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December quarter 1996 | 326.1 | 147.6 | 247.4 | 39.9 | 78.7 | 21.2 | 30.8 | 20.1 | 911.9 |
| March quarter 1997 | 327.2 | 161.9 | 242.8 | 42.9 | 77.5 | 20.5 | 31.2 | 19.8 | 923.8 |
| June quarter 1997 | 327.7 | 158.3 | 237.7 | 42.9 | 78.1 | 19.5 | 28.2 | 18.5 | 910.9 |
| September quarter 1997 | 323.7 | 168.0 | 249.3 | 44.4 | 78.4 | 21.9 | 28.5 | 19.2 | 933.5 |
| October | 111.6 | 53.5 | 82.6 | 15.6 | 26.0 | 7.7 | 10.5 | 7.3 | 314.7 |
| November | 111.4 | 53.8 | 81.9 | 13.0 | 26.2 | 7.3 | 10.3 | 6.6 | 310.6 |
| December | 113.3 | 55.8 | 81.1 | 15.3 | 26.1 | 7.8 | 9.5 | 6.5 | 315.5 |
| December quarter 1997 | 336.3 | 163.1 | 245.6 | 43.9 | 78.3 | 22.8 | 30.3 | 20.5 | 940.7 |
| TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$m) TREND |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December quarter 1996 | 322.9 | 151.1 | 242.6 | 40.7 | 78.4 | 20.2 | 30.1 | 19.6 | 905.5 |
| March quarter 1997 | 326.2 | 156.5 | 243.1 | 41.9 | 78.1 | 20.4 | 30.1 | 19.3 | 915.6 |
| June quarter 1997 | 327.2 | 161.8 | 243.0 | 43.2 | 78.1 | 20.7 | 29.4 | 19.2 | 922.6 |
| September quarter 1997 | 328.5 | 164.4 | 244.5 | 43.9 | 78.2 | 21.4 | 29.0 | 19.3 | 929.3 |
| October | 109.9 | 54.7 | 82.7 | 14.6 | 26.0 | 7.5 | 9.9 | 6.7 | 312.1 |
| November | 110.7 | 54.5 | 82.5 | 14.5 | 26.0 | 7.6 | 9.9 | 6.8 | 312.7 |
| December | 111.3 | 54.3 | 82.1 | 14.5 | 26.1 | 7.7 | 10.0 | 6.8 | 312.7 |
| December quarter 1997 | 332.0 | 165.1 | 247.2 | 44.2 | 78.5 | 22.5 | 29.2 | 19.8 | 938.5 |
| TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$m) AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December quarter 1996- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Original | 277.0 | 127.3 | 217.4 | 35.3 | 69.3 | 18.6 | 23.7 | 17.1 | 785.6 |
| Seasonally adjusted | 270.9 | 123.1 | 204.8 | 32.6 | 66.5 | 17.5 | 25.3 | 16.6 | 757.2 |
| Trend | 268.0 | 126.0 | 200.4 | 33.2 | 66.2 | 16.6 | 24.7 | 16.1 | 751.3 |
| December quarter 1997- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Original | 287.9 | 140.5 | 215.6 | 39.7 | 69.5 | 19.8 | 23.4 | 17.9 | 814.1 |
| Seasonally adjusted | 280.0 | 136.1 | 202.3 | 36.2 | 66.6 | 18.8 | 25.1 | 17.1 | 782.2 |
| Trend | 276.8 | 137.9 | 204.0 | 36.5 | 66.8 | 18.5 | 24.2 | 16.6 | 781.2 |


| Period |  | Room nights occupied ('000)(a) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(b) |
| 1994 | - March quarter | 2,882.8 | 2,892.9 | 2,863.5 |
|  | June quarter | 2,773.6 | 2,868.1 | 2,902.9 |
|  | September quarter | 2,990.7 | 2,945.5 | 2,943.3 |
|  | December quarter | 3,065.3 | 3,008.6 | 2,982.1 |
| 1995 | - March quarter | 2,992.3 | 3,004.1 | 3,021.1 |
|  | June quarter | 2,939.0 | 3,039.6 | 3,055.8 |
|  | September quarter | 3,173.6 | 3,128.2 | 3,100.8 |
|  | December quarter | 3,172.2 | 3,116.4 | 3,139.7 |
| 1996 | - March quarter | 3,198.4 | 3,168.7 | 3,142.5 |
|  | June quarter | 3,024.3 | 3,129.6 | 3,130.7 |
|  | September quarter | 3,123.4 | 3,089.7 | 3,131.4 |
|  | December quarter | 3,221.7 | 3,167.5 | 3,131.0 |
| 1997 | - March quarter | 3,168.7 | 3,132.7 | 3,116.4 |
|  | June quarter | 2,945.2 | 3,064.2 | 3,096.8 |
|  | September quarter | 3,113.8 | 3,083.7 | 3,096.4 |
|  | December quarter | 3,220.2 | 3,151.8 | 3,119.7 |


| Period |  | Takings at current prices (\$m)(a) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(b) |
| 1994 | March quarter | 250.1 | 247.5 | 243.7 |
|  | June quarter | 233.5 | 246.1 | 250.4 |
|  | September quarter | 261.0 | 258.4 | 257.9 |
|  | December quarter | 274.9 | 268.2 | 265.8 |
| 1995 | March quarter | 276.9 | 273.2 | 274.5 |
|  | June quarter | 265.8 | 280.6 | 282.8 |
|  | September quarter | 298.1 | 295.8 | 291.8 |
|  | December quarter | 305.3 | 297.5 | 300.7 |
| 1996 | March quarter | 316.6 | 308.5 | 306.9 |
|  | June quarter | 296.8 | 313.7 | 311.8 |
|  | September quarter | 314.3 | 312.2 | 317.3 |
|  | December quarter | 333.5 | 326.1 | 322.9 |
| 1997 | March quarter | 337.2 | 327.2 | 326.2 |
|  | June quarter | 305.7 | 327.7 | 327.2 |
|  | September quarter | 325.2 | 323.7 | 328.5 |
|  | December quarter | 345.7 | 336.3 | 332.0 |


| Period | Takings at average 1989-90 prices (\$m)(c) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(b) |
| 1994 | March quarter | 229.2 | 226.9 | 223.1 |
|  | June quarter | 212.2 | 223.7 | 227.8 |
|  | September quarter | 235.2 | 232.8 | 232.6 |
|  | December quarter | 245.9 | 239.9 | 237.2 |
| 1995 | March quarter | 243.5 | 240.3 | 241.6 |
|  | June quarter | 230.4 | 243.1 | 244.9 |
|  | September quarter | 254.1 | 252.2 | 249.2 |
|  | December quarter | 258.0 | 251.5 | 254.2 |
| 1996 | March quarter | 265.8 | 259.0 | 257.4 |
|  | June quarter | 247.5 | 261.6 | 260.2 |
|  | September quarter | 261.5 | 259.7 | 263.9 |
|  | December quarter | 277.0 | 270.9 | 268.0 |
| 1997 | March quarter | 279.6 | 271.3 | 270.9 |
|  | June quarter | 254.3 | 272.6 | 272.2 |
|  | September quarter | 271.5 | 270.2 | 273.7 |
|  | December quarter | 287.9 | 280.0 | 276.8 |



MONTHLY TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION
AT CURRENT PRICES


QUARTERLY TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES

(a) For presentation purposes, the quarterly estimates of seasonally adjusted and trend data for room nights occupied and takings at current prices, shown in the tables, have been derived by summing the relevant monthly figures. However, the charts show the data plotted on a monthly basis. (b) Trend estimates are derived by eliminating the regular effects of seasonality and irregular short-term economic and other effects. Trend estimates, therefore, provide a more reliable measure of underlying movements in the data. (c) The deflator used to revalue current price data in this table is the Sydney All Groups Consumer Price Index. See paragraphs 4 to 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

| Period |  | Room nights occupied ('000)(a) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(b) |
| 1994 | March quarter | 1,372.7 | 1,321.3 | 1,316.7 |
|  | June quarter | 1,310.0 | 1,359.8 | 1,351.0 |
|  | September quarter | 1,315.5 | 1,371.6 | 1,383.0 |
|  | December quarter | 1,460.9 | 1,409.1 | 1,409.7 |
| 1995 | March quarter | 1,506.9 | 1,452.2 | 1,434.0 |
|  | June quarter | 1,372.1 | 1,427.9 | 1,452.4 |
|  | September quarter | 1,421.6 | 1,483.9 | 1,463.8 |
|  | December quarter | 1,519.1 | 1,468.7 | 1,479.6 |
| 1996 | March quarter | 1,568.2 | 1,490.2 | 1,496.3 |
|  | June quarter | 1,458.2 | 1,519.9 | 1,499.2 |
|  | September quarter | 1,427.7 | 1,493.9 | 1,502.0 |
|  | December quarter | 1,542.4 | 1,486.3 | 1,504.3 |
| 1997 | March quarter | 1,608.9 | 1,545.1 | 1,521.6 |
|  | June quarter | 1,459.8 | 1,521.0 | 1,542.1 |
|  | September quarter | 1,504.7 | 1,576.6 | 1,551.4 |
|  | December quarter | 1,595.5 | 1,536.8 | 1,550.9 |


| Period |  | Takings at current prices (\$m)(a) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(b) |
| 1994 | March quarter | 115.5 | 110.8 | 109.4 |
|  | June quarter | 105.8 | 112.1 | 113.0 |
|  | September quarter | 113.7 | 116.2 | 117.2 |
|  | December quarter | 127.1 | 123.1 | 121.6 |
| 1995 | March quarter | 131.9 | 126.9 | 126.5 |
|  | June quarter | 120.6 | 128.2 | 130.8 |
|  | September quarter | 135.3 | 138.4 | 134.4 |
|  | December quarter | 140.3 | 136.1 | 139.2 |
| 1996 | March quarter | 150.9 | 142.8 | 144.1 |
|  | June quarter | 142.7 | 152.2 | 146.5 |
|  | September quarter | 141.8 | 145.3 | 148.6 |
|  | December quarter | 152.6 | 147.6 | 151.1 |
| 1997 | March quarter | 169.4 | 161.9 | 156.5 |
|  | June quarter | 148.7 | 158.3 | 161.8 |
|  | September quarter | 163.7 | 168.0 | 164.4 |
|  | December quarter | 168.3 | 163.1 | 165.1 |


| Period |  | Takings at average 1989-90 prices (\$m)(c) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(b) |
| 1994 | March quarter | 103.8 | 99.7 | 98.3 |
|  | June quarter | 94.5 | 100.1 | 101.1 |
|  | September quarter | 101.3 | 103.6 | 104.3 |
|  | December quarter | 112.4 | 108.8 | 107.3 |
| 1995 | March quarter | 114.7 | 110.3 | 110.2 |
|  | June quarter | 103.8 | 110.3 | 112.4 |
|  | September quarter | 115.0 | 117.7 | 114.4 |
|  | December quarter | 118.4 | 114.8 | 117.8 |
| 1996 | March quarter | 127.5 | 120.7 | 121.4 |
|  | June quarter | 119.7 | 127.7 | 123.0 |
|  | September quarter | 118.5 | 121.5 | 124.3 |
|  | December quarter | 127.3 | 123.1 | 126.0 |
| 1997 | March quarter | 141.0 | 134.8 | 130.4 |
|  | June quarter | 124.0 | 132.0 | 135.1 |
|  | September quarter | 137.0 | 140.6 | 137.3 |
|  | December quarter | 140.5 | 136.1 | 137.9 |

## MONTHLY ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED



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QUARTERLY TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES

(a) For presentation purposes, the quarterly estimates of seasonally adjusted and trend data for room nights occupied and takings at current prices, shown in the tables, have been derived by summing the relevant monthly figures. However, the charts show the data plotted on a monthly basis. (b) Trend estimates are derived by eliminating the regular effects of seasonality and irregular short-term economic and other effects. Trend estimates, therefore, provide a more reliable measure of underlying movements in the data. (c) The deflator used to revalue current price data in this table is the Melbourne All Groups Consumer Price Index. See paragraphs 4 to 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

| Period |  | Room nights occupied ('000)(a) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(b) |
| 1994 | March quarter | 2,140.8 | 2,300.3 | 2,296.4 |
|  | June quarter | 2,201.9 | 2,327.7 | 2,324.1 |
|  | September quarter | 2,555.5 | 2,332.4 | 2,334.6 |
|  | December quarter | 2,405.4 | 2,338.9 | 2,342.3 |
| 1995 | March quarter | 2,188.3 | 2,352.4 | 2,350.9 |
|  | June quarter | 2,235.6 | 2,364.0 | 2,361.3 |
|  | September quarter | 2,596.3 | 2,368.7 | 2,373.8 |
|  | December quarter | 2,448.5 | 2,388.9 | 2,389.5 |
| 1996 | March quarter | 2,269.2 | 2,406.5 | 2,397.5 |
|  | June quarter | 2,278.3 | 2,410.6 | 2,409.5 |
|  | September quarter | 2,617.2 | 2,398.8 | 2,431.3 |
|  | December quarter | 2,556.8 | 2,489.7 | 2,446.9 |
| 1997 | March quarter | 2,288.5 | 2,449.0 | 2,454.7 |
|  | June quarter | 2,292.7 | 2,426.3 | 2,459.2 |
|  | September quarter | 2,726.7 | 2,501.0 | 2,471.1 |
|  | December quarter | 2,559.3 | 2,483.0 | 2,492.5 |


| Period |  | Takings at current prices (\$m)(a) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(b) |
| 1994 | March quarter | 190.6 | 202.5 | 200.2 |
|  | June quarter | 190.5 | 205.0 | 205.7 |
|  | September quarter | 222.6 | 208.7 | 208.8 |
|  | December quarter | 225.3 | 212.0 | 212.2 |
| 1995 | March quarter | 204.0 | 216.5 | 216.8 |
|  | June quarter | 206.2 | 222.1 | 221.8 |
|  | September quarter | 242.5 | 227.5 | 227.5 |
|  | December quarter | 245.6 | 231.2 | 232.3 |
| 1996 | March quarter | 227.1 | 238.1 | 235.0 |
|  | June quarter | 218.2 | 235.1 | 237.4 |
|  | September quarter | 252.9 | 238.4 | 240.8 |
|  | December quarter | 262.6 | 247.4 | 242.6 |
| 1997 | March quarter | 229.9 | 242.8 | 243.1 |
|  | June quarter | 220.6 | 237.7 | 243.0 |
|  | September quarter | 264.1 | 249.3 | 244.5 |
|  | December quarter | 261.7 | 245.6 | 247.2 |


| Period | Takings at average 1989-90 prices (\$m)(c) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(b) |
| 1994 | March quarter | 172.0 | 182.7 | 180.7 |
|  | June quarter | 170.8 | 183.8 | 184.5 |
|  | September quarter | 197.8 | 185.5 | 185.6 |
|  | December quarter | 198.2 | 186.5 | 186.2 |
| 1995 | March quarter | 176.2 | 186.9 | 187.7 |
|  | June quarter | 176.4 | 190.0 | 189.8 |
|  | September quarter | 205.7 | 193.0 | 192.9 |
|  | December quarter | 207.1 | 195.0 | 195.6 |
| 1996 | March quarter | 189.9 | 199.1 | 196.5 |
|  | June quarter | 181.2 | 195.3 | 197.5 |
|  | September quarter | 209.7 | 197.7 | 199.5 |
|  | December quarter | 217.4 | 204.8 | 200.4 |
| 1997 | March quarter | 189.3 | 199.8 | 200.6 |
|  | June quarter | 182.1 | 196.3 | 200.7 |
|  | September quarter | 218.8 | 206.5 | 202.0 |
|  | December quarter | 215.6 | 202.3 | 204.0 |

QUARTERLY TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION
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(a) For presentation purposes, the quarterly estimates of seasonally adjusted and trend data for room nights occupied and takings at current prices, shown in the tables, have been derived by summing the relevant monthly figures. However, the charts show the data plotted on a monthly basis. (b) Trend estimates are derived by eliminating the regular effects of seasonality and irregular short-term economic and other effects. Trend estimates, therefore, provide a more reliable measure of underlying movements in the data. (c) The deflator used to revalue current price data in this table is the Brisbane All Groups Consumer Price Index. See paragraphs 4 to 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

| Period |  | Room nights occupied ('000)(a) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(b) |
| 1994 | March quarter | 477.8 | 472.2 | 471.7 |
|  | June quarter | 456.9 | 469.6 | 474.5 |
| 1995 | September quarter | 471.5 | 483.7 | 484.0 |
|  | December quarter | 517.0 | 497.4 | 494.8 |
|  | March quarter | 509.7 | 505.3 | 501.3 |
|  | June quarter | 481.8 | 496.2 | 502.2 |
|  | September quarter | 495.1 | 508.8 | 505.1 |
| 1996 | December quarter | 524.2 | 506.5 | 513.7 |
|  | March quarter | 538.7 | 526.8 | 518.8 |
|  | June quarter | 507.5 | 523.2 | 518.1 |
| 1997 | September quarter | 489.6 | 504.0 | 520.4 |
|  | December quarter | 553.1 | 532.5 | 524.5 |
|  | March quarter | 544.1 | 538.7 | 528.7 |
|  | June quarter | 503.7 | 518.8 | 532.5 |
|  | September quarter | 522.4 | 539.5 | 539.4 |
|  | December quarter | 584.1 | 559.5 | 551.1 |


| Period |  | Takings at current prices (\$m)(a) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(b) |
| 1994 | March quarter | 35.0 | 35.0 | 34.8 |
|  | June quarter | 32.5 | 34.4 | 35.1 |
|  | September quarter | 34.7 | 36.5 | 36.2 |
|  | December quarter | 41.3 | 37.5 | 37.2 |
| 1995 | March quarter | 37.9 | 37.9 | 37.9 |
|  | June quarter | 35.8 | 38.0 | 38.3 |
|  | September quarter | 37.1 | 39.2 | 38.9 |
|  | December quarter | 43.0 | 39.3 | 40.0 |
| 1996 | March quarter | 41.9 | 41.3 | 40.9 |
|  | June quarter | 39.1 | 41.6 | 40.8 |
|  | September quarter | 37.6 | 39.7 | 40.4 |
|  | December quarter | 43.3 | 39.9 | 40.7 |
| 1997 | March quarter | 43.0 | 42.9 | 41.9 |
|  | June quarter | 40.4 | 42.9 | 43.2 |
|  | September quarter | 41.7 | 44.4 | 43.9 |
|  | December quarter | 48.1 | 43.9 | 44.2 |


| Period | Takings at average 1989-90 prices (\$m)(c) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(b) |
| 1994 | March quarter | 30.8 | 30.8 | 30.6 |
|  | June quarter | 28.5 | 30.0 | 30.8 |
|  | September quarter | 30.2 | 31.8 | 31.4 |
|  | December quarter | 35.6 | 32.3 | 32.0 |
| 1995 | March quarter | 32.2 | 32.2 | 32.3 |
|  | June quarter | 30.1 | 32.0 | 32.2 |
|  | September quarter | 30.9 | 32.6 | 32.4 |
|  | December quarter | 35.5 | 32.5 | 33.0 |
| 1996 | March quarter | 34.5 | 33.9 | 33.6 |
|  | June quarter | 32.1 | 34.1 | 33.4 |
|  | September quarter | 30.7 | 32.5 | 33.1 |
|  | December quarter | 35.3 | 32.6 | 33.2 |
| 1997 | March quarter | 35.1 | 35.0 | 34.3 |
|  | June quarter | 33.1 | 35.2 | 35.5 |
|  | September quarter | 34.4 | 36.6 | 36.2 |
|  | December quarter | 39.7 | 36.2 | 36.5 |

QUARTERLY TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION
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(a) For presentation purposes, the quarterly estimates of seasonally adjusted and trend data for room nights occupied and takings at current prices, shown in the tables, have been derived by summing the relevant monthly figures. However, the charts show the data plotted on a monthly basis. (b) Trend estimates are derived by eliminating the regular effects of seasonality and irregular short-term economic and other effects. Trend estimates, therefore, provide a more reliable measure of underlying movements in the data. (c) The deflator used to revalue current price data in this table is the Adelaide All Groups Consumer Price Index. See paragraphs 4 to 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

| Period |  | Room nights occupied ('000)(a) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(b) |
| 1994 | March quarter | 753.7 | 770.8 | 768.4 |
|  | June quarter | 733.0 | 783.9 | 779.3 |
| 1995 | September quarter | 818.0 | 782.7 | 788.2 |
|  | December quarter | 829.1 | 798.3 | 797.0 |
|  | March quarter | 784.2 | 801.2 | 803.0 |
|  | June quarter | 764.8 | 817.2 | 805.6 |
|  | September quarter | 824.3 | 788.7 | 806.4 |
| 1996 | December quarter | 851.3 | 822.6 | 810.4 |
|  | March quarter | 806.0 | 813.9 | 818.7 |
|  | June quarter | 774.9 | 827.7 | 828.7 |
| 1997 | September quarter | 873.3 | 838.2 | 835.7 |
|  | December quarter | 871.4 | 841.2 | 841.8 |
|  | March quarter | 824.0 | 841.9 | 840.0 |
|  | June quarter | 785.0 | 837.7 | 836.9 |
|  | September quarter | 863.0 | 828.6 | 836.7 |
|  | December quarter | 878.2 | 846.8 | 839.2 |


| Period |  | Takings at current prices (\$m)(a) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(b) |
| 1994 | - March quarter | 57.0 | 57.5 | 57.5 |
|  | June quarter | 55.0 | 59.2 | 59.5 |
|  | September quarter | 64.5 | 62.3 | 61.7 |
|  | December quarter | 66.3 | 63.5 | 63.8 |
| 1995 | - March quarter | 64.4 | 65.1 | 65.7 |
|  | June quarter | 64.0 | 68.9 | 67.4 |
|  | September quarter | 70.0 | 67.5 | 68.9 |
|  | December quarter | 74.4 | 71.4 | 70.8 |
| 1996 | - March quarter | 72.8 | 72.8 | 73.5 |
|  | June quarter | 71.6 | 77.0 | 76.4 |
|  | September quarter | 80.8 | 78.2 | 78.0 |
|  | December quarter | 82.0 | 78.7 | 78.4 |
| 1997 | - March quarter | 76.6 | 77.5 | 78.1 |
|  | June quarter | 72.8 | 78.1 | 78.1 |
|  | September quarter | 80.9 | 78.4 | 78.2 |
|  | December quarter | 81.7 | 78.3 | 78.5 |


| Period |  | Takings at average 1989-90 prices (\$m)(c) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(b) |
| 1994 | - March quarter | 52.5 | 53.0 | 52.9 |
|  | June quarter | 50.4 | 54.3 | 54.5 |
|  | September quarter | 58.6 | 56.6 | 56.1 |
|  | December quarter | 59.7 | 57.2 | 57.3 |
| 1995 | - March quarter | 57.0 | 57.6 | 58.2 |
|  | June quarter | 55.7 | 59.9 | 58.8 |
|  | September quarter | 60.6 | 58.4 | 59.6 |
|  | December quarter | 64.0 | 61.4 | 60.8 |
| 1996 | - March quarter | 62.2 | 62.2 | 62.8 |
|  | June quarter | 60.7 | 65.3 | 64.9 |
|  | September quarter | 68.3 | 66.1 | 66.0 |
|  | December quarter | 69.3 | 66.5 | 66.2 |
| 1997 | - March quarter | 64.8 | 65.6 | 66.1 |
|  | June quarter | 61.7 | 66.1 | 66.2 |
|  | September quarter | 68.9 | 66.7 | 66.5 |
|  | December quarter | 69.5 | 66.6 | 66.8 |

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## MONTHLY TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION

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QUARTERLY TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES

(a) For presentation purposes, the quarterly estimates of seasonally adjusted and trend data for room nights occupied and takings at current prices, shown in the tables, have been derived by summing the relevant monthly figures. However, the charts show the data plotted on a monthly basis. (b) Trend estimates are derived by eliminating the regular effects of seasonality and irregular short-term economic and other effects. Trend estimates, therefore, provide a more reliable measure of underlying movements in the data. (c) The deflator used to revalue current price data in this table is the Perth All Groups Consumer Price Index. See paragraphs 4 to 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

| Period |  | Room nights occupied ('000)(a) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(b) |
| 1994 | March quarter | 318.0 | 254.9 | 259.7 |
|  | June quarter | 247.7 | 268.9 | 266.5 |
|  | September quarter | 212.4 | 271.8 | 267.9 |
|  | December quarter | 272.4 | 261.0 | 265.3 |
| 1995 | March quarter | 330.3 | 263.8 | 262.4 |
|  | June quarter | 238.1 | 261.9 | 265.1 |
|  | September quarter | 211.1 | 271.6 | 270.5 |
|  | December quarter | 288.8 | 274.8 | 271.6 |
| 1996 | March quarter | 337.2 | 267.7 | 266.4 |
|  | June quarter | 234.3 | 256.6 | 261.0 |
|  | September quarter | 199.4 | 257.3 | 260.5 |
|  | December quarter | 282.8 | 268.2 | 259.4 |
| 1997 | March quarter | 317.5 | 255.6 | 255.9 |
|  | June quarter | 224.4 | 245.5 | 256.0 |
|  | September quarter | 209.3 | 267.4 | 262.7 |
|  | December quarter | 289.9 | 276.3 | 272.1 |


| Period |  | Takings at current prices (\$m)(a) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(b) |
| 1994 | March quarter | 22.8 | 18.0 | 18.4 |
|  | June quarter | 17.8 | 19.4 | 19.2 |
|  | September quarter | 15.2 | 19.9 | 19.6 |
|  | December quarter | 20.2 | 19.2 | 19.6 |
| 1995 | March quarter | 25.0 | 19.6 | 19.6 |
|  | June quarter | 18.0 | 19.8 | 19.9 |
|  | September quarter | 15.5 | 20.5 | 20.5 |
|  | December quarter | 22.1 | 20.9 | 20.7 |
| 1996 | March quarter | 26.3 | 20.5 | 20.3 |
|  | June quarter | 17.8 | 19.6 | 19.8 |
|  | September quarter | 14.4 | 19.1 | 19.9 |
|  | December quarter | 22.6 | 21.2 | 20.2 |
| 1997 | March quarter | 25.8 | 20.5 | 20.4 |
|  | June quarter | 17.7 | 19.5 | 20.7 |
|  | September quarter | 16.7 | 21.9 | 21.4 |
|  | December quarter | 24.0 | 22.8 | 22.5 |


| Period |  | Takings at average 1989-90 prices (\$m)(c) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(b) |
| 1994 | March quarter | 20.4 | 16.1 | 16.5 |
|  | June quarter | 15.8 | 17.3 | 17.1 |
|  | September quarter | 13.4 | 17.6 | 17.3 |
|  | December quarter | 17.7 | 16.8 | 17.1 |
| 1995 | March quarter | 21.5 | 16.9 | 16.9 |
|  | June quarter | 15.3 | 16.9 | 17.0 |
|  | September quarter | 13.1 | 17.3 | 17.3 |
|  | December quarter | 18.5 | 17.6 | 17.4 |
| 1996 | March quarter | 21.9 | 17.1 | 16.9 |
|  | June quarter | 14.8 | 16.3 | 16.4 |
|  | September quarter | 11.9 | 15.8 | 16.4 |
|  | December quarter | 18.6 | 17.5 | 16.6 |
| 1997 | March quarter | 21.2 | 16.8 | 16.7 |
|  | June quarter | 14.6 | 16.1 | 17.0 |
|  | September quarter | 13.9 | 18.2 | 17.7 |
|  | December quarter | 19.8 | 18.8 | 18.5 |

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(a) For presentation purposes, the quarterly estimates of seasonally adjusted and trend data for room nights occupied and takings at current prices, shown in the tables, have been derived by summing the relevant monthly figures. However, the charts show the data plotted on a monthly basis. (b) Trend estimates are derived by eliminating the regular effects of seasonality and irregular short-term economic and other effects. Trend estimates, therefore, provide a more reliable measure of underlying movements in the data. (c) The deflator used to revalue current price data in this table is the Hobart All Groups Consumer Price Index. See paragraphs 4 to 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

| Period |  | Room nights occupied ('000)(a)(b) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(c) |
| 1994 | - March quarter | 204.6 | 269.6 | 268.3 |
|  | June quarter | 274.6 | 267.8 | 270.5 |
|  | September quarter | 347.5 | 270.4 | 271.2 |
|  | December quarter | 285.2 | 304.7 | 299.4 |
| 1995 | - March quarter | 221.6 | 291.8 | 294.8 |
|  | June quarter | 294.9 | 289.0 | 290.1 |
|  | September quarter | 372.5 | 289.8 | 289.8 |
|  | December quarter | 273.4 | 292.0 | 292.3 |
| 1996 | - March quarter | 226.6 | 295.2 | 290.8 |
|  | June quarter | 295.3 | 289.8 | 291.1 |
|  | September quarter | 369.6 | 287.5 | 299.1 |
|  | December quarter | 302.5 | 319.3 | 308.2 |
| 1997 | - March quarter | 238.5 | 315.1 | 308.7 |
|  | June quarter | 296.7 | 291.8 | 301.7 |
|  | September quarter | 380.4 | 294.8 | 297.4 |
|  | December quarter | 288.3 | 306.6 | 299.2 |


| Period |  | Takings at current prices $(\$ m)(a)(b)$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(c) |
| 1994 | March quarter | 15.5 | 21.6 | 21.5 |
|  | June quarter | 22.2 | 21.6 | 21.8 |
|  | September quarter | 29.4 | 22.0 | 21.8 |
|  | December quarter | 23.5 | 25.3 | 25.2 |
| 1995 | March quarter | 17.7 | 24.7 | 25.2 |
|  | June quarter | 26.5 | 25.8 | 25.3 |
|  | September quarter | 34.2 | 25.6 | 25.6 |
|  | December quarter | 23.8 | 25.8 | 26.3 |
| 1996 | March quarter | 19.9 | 27.5 | 27.1 |
|  | June quarter | 29.2 | 28.3 | 28.0 |
|  | September quarter | 37.2 | 27.9 | 29.2 |
|  | December quarter | 28.9 | 30.8 | 30.1 |
| 1997 | March quarter | 22.2 | 31.2 | 30.1 |
|  | June quarter | 29.0 | 28.2 | 29.4 |
|  | September quarter | 38.3 | 28.5 | 29.0 |
|  | December quarter | 28.2 | 30.3 | 29.2 |



MONTHLY ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED (b)


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| Period |  | Room nights occupied ('000)(a) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(b) |
| 1994 | - March quarter | 204.5 | 212.1 | 208.3 |
|  | June quarter | 199.2 | 203.9 | 208.5 |
|  | September quarter | 213.9 | 212.3 | 209.2 |
|  | December quarter | 215.8 | 207.6 | 212.2 |
| 1995 | - March quarter | 212.8 | 219.8 | 215.2 |
|  | June quarter | 209.3 | 213.4 | 214.8 |
|  | September quarter | 210.5 | 211.8 | 210.4 |
|  | December quarter | 216.0 | 206.1 | 207.6 |
| 1996 | - March quarter | 198.3 | 202.4 | 207.5 |
|  | June quarter | 215.9 | 219.0 | 207.8 |
|  | September quarter | 197.6 | 198.3 | 209.2 |
|  | December quarter | 221.0 | 212.5 | 208.3 |
| 1997 | - March quarter | 203.4 | 210.3 | 204.7 |
|  | June quarter | 192.0 | 195.7 | 202.9 |
|  | September quarter | 200.8 | 201.6 | 203.3 |
|  | December quarter | 225.4 | 213.6 | 207.5 |


| Period |  | Takings at current prices (\$m)(a) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(b) |
| 1994 | March quarter | 17.5 | 18.1 | 17.8 |
|  | June quarter | 17.2 | 17.4 | 18.0 |
|  | September quarter | 18.8 | 18.8 | 18.2 |
|  | December quarter | 18.4 | 17.9 | 18.6 |
| 1995 | March quarter | 18.8 | 19.4 | 19.1 |
|  | June quarter | 19.2 | 19.4 | 19.3 |
|  | September quarter | 19.0 | 19.3 | 19.0 |
|  | December quarter | 19.2 | 18.4 | 18.7 |
| 1996 | March quarter | 18.0 | 18.2 | 18.8 |
|  | June quarter | 20.3 | 20.4 | 19.1 |
|  | September quarter | 18.2 | 18.3 | 19.5 |
|  | December quarter | 20.7 | 20.1 | 19.6 |
| 1997 | March quarter | 19.2 | 19.8 | 19.3 |
|  | June quarter | 18.3 | 18.5 | 19.2 |
|  | September quarter | 19.0 | 19.2 | 19.3 |
|  | December quarter | 21.5 | 20.5 | 19.8 |


| Period |  | Takings at average 1989-90 prices (\$m)(c) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(b) |
| 1994 | - March quarter | 15.7 | 16.2 | 16.0 |
|  | June quarter | 15.4 | 15.5 | 16.1 |
|  | September quarter | 16.7 | 16.7 | 16.1 |
|  | December quarter | 16.2 | 15.8 | 16.3 |
| 1995 | - March quarter | 16.2 | 16.7 | 16.5 |
|  | June quarter | 16.4 | 16.5 | 16.4 |
|  | September quarter | 15.9 | 16.2 | 16.0 |
|  | December quarter | 16.0 | 15.3 | 15.6 |
| 1996 | - March quarter | 14.9 | 15.1 | 15.6 |
|  | June quarter | 16.7 | 16.8 | 15.8 |
|  | September quarter | 15.0 | 15.1 | 16.1 |
|  | December quarter | 17.1 | 16.6 | 16.1 |
| 1997 | - March quarter | 15.8 | 16.3 | 16.0 |
|  | June quarter | 15.2 | 15.4 | 15.9 |
|  | September quarter | 15.9 | 16.0 | 16.1 |
|  | December quarter | 17.9 | 17.1 | 16.6 |

QUARTERLY TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION
AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES
AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES

(a) For presentation purposes, the quarterly estimates of seasonally adjusted and trend data for room nights occupied and takings at current prices, shown in the tables, have been derived by summing the relevant monthly figures. However, the charts show the data plotted on a monthly basis. (b) Trend estimates are derived by eliminating the regular effects of seasonality and irregular short-term economic and other effects. Trend estimates, therefore, provide a more reliable measure of underlying movements in the data. (c) The deflator used to revalue current price data in this table is the Canberra All Groups Consumer Price Index. See paragraphs 4 to 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

| Period |  | Room nights occupied ('000)(b) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(c) |
| 1994 | March quarter | 8,354.9 | 8,494.2 | 8,453.1 |
|  | June quarter | 8,196.9 | 8,549.7 | 8,577.2 |
|  | September quarter | 8,925.0 | 8,670.4 | 8,681.3 |
| 1995 | December quarter | 9,051.2 | 8,825.7 | 8,802.8 |
|  | March quarter | 8,746.2 | 8,890.6 | 8,882.7 |
|  | June quarter | 8,535.5 | 8,909.2 | 8,947.3 |
|  | September quarter | 9,305.0 | 9,051.6 | 9,020.5 |
| 1996 | December quarter | 9,293.5 | 9,076.2 | 9,104.4 |
|  | March quarter | 9,142.7 | 9,171.4 | 9,138.6 |
|  | June quarter | 8,788.8 | 9,176.3 | 9,146.1 |
| 1997 | September quarter | 9,297.6 | 9,067.7 | 9,189.5 |
|  | December quarter | 9,551.6 | 9,317.2 | 9,224.4 |
|  | March quarter | 9,193.5 | 9,288.2 | 9,230.6 |
|  | June quarter | 8,699.4 | 9,101.1 | 9,228.1 |
|  | September quarter | 9,521.2 | 9,293.1 | 9,258.3 |
|  | December quarter | 9,640.8 | 9,374.4 | 9,332.0 |


| Period |  | Takings at current prices (\$m)(b) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(c) |
| 1994 | March quarter | 703.9 | 711.1 | 703.2 |
|  | June quarter | 674.5 | 715.2 | 722.7 |
|  | September quarter | 759.9 | 742.8 | 741.3 |
|  | December quarter | 796.9 | 766.8 | 764.0 |
| 1995 | March quarter | 776.7 | 783.3 | 785.4 |
|  | June quarter | 756.1 | 802.7 | 805.6 |
|  | September quarter | 851.6 | 833.7 | 826.6 |
|  | December quarter | 873.6 | 840.6 | 848.8 |
| 1996 | March quarter | 873.5 | 869.8 | 866.5 |
|  | June quarter | 835.8 | 888.0 | 879.7 |
|  | September quarter | 897.1 | 879.1 | 893.8 |
|  | December quarter | 946.1 | 911.9 | 905.5 |
| 1997 | March quarter | 923.4 | 923.8 | 915.6 |
|  | June quarter | 853.2 | 910.9 | 922.6 |
|  | September quarter | 949.7 | 933.5 | 929.3 |
|  | December quarter | 979.2 | 940.7 | 938.5 |


| Period |  | Takings at average 1989-90 prices (\$m)(d) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend(c) |
| 1994 | March quarter | 638.3 | 644.8 | 637.2 |
|  | June quarter | 607.4 | 644.0 | 651.3 |
|  | September quarter | 679.2 | 663.9 | 662.7 |
|  | December quarter | 706.2 | 679.6 | 675.6 |
| 1995 | March quarter | 676.7 | 682.4 | 685.2 |
|  | June quarter | 650.8 | 690.9 | 693.2 |
|  | September quarter | 724.3 | 709.0 | 703.4 |
|  | December quarter | 737.5 | 709.6 | 716.5 |
| 1996 | March quarter | 733.3 | 730.1 | 726.7 |
|  | June quarter | 697.0 | 740.6 | 734.3 |
|  | September quarter | 746.2 | 731.3 | 743.3 |
|  | December quarter | 785.6 | 757.2 | 751.3 |
| 1997 | March quarter | 765.1 | 765.3 | 759.7 |
|  | June quarter | 708.9 | 756.9 | 766.7 |
|  | September quarter | 791.9 | 778.5 | 773.4 |
|  | December quarter | 814.1 | 782.2 | 781.2 |

QUARTERLY TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES

(a) All figures for Australia have been derived by summing the corresponding State and Territory figures (see Tables 2 to 9). (b) For presentation purposes, the quarterly estimates of seasonally adjusted and trend data for room nights occupied and takings at current prices, shown in the tables, have been derived by summing the relevant monthly figures. However, the charts show the data plotted on a monthly basis. (c) Trend estimates are derived by eliminating the regular effects of seasonality and irregular short-term economic and other effects. Trend estimates, therefore, provide a more reliable measure of underlying movements in the data. (d) The deflator used to revalue current price data is the Consumer Price Index.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

AVERAGE NIGHTLY NUMBER OF ROOMS OCCUPIED PER ESTABLISHMENT

| October | 53.2 | 16.1 | 6.3 | 9.9 | 19.8 | 77.9 | 196.0 | 12.6 | 21.7 |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| November | 56.3 | 14.7 | 5.9 | 8.7 | 18.4 | 80.3 | 216.6 | 12.4 | 21.0 |
| December | 46.5 | 12.9 | 5.4 | 7.9 | 15.9 | 67.3 | 170.6 | 11.3 | 18.0 |
| December quarter 1996 | 51.9 | 14.6 | 5.9 | 8.9 | 18.1 | 75.1 | 194.1 | 12.1 | 20.2 |
| October |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| November | 53.9 | 15.6 | 7.3 | 10.9 | 19.1 | 67.7 | 207.3 | 15.2 | 21.5 |
| December | 55.3 | 14.2 | 6.8 | 9.5 | 17.6 | 68.0 | 217.3 | 14.8 | 20.5 |
| December quarter 1997 | 45.0 | 12.7 | 6.4 | 8.8 | 15.5 | 55.9 | 181.4 | 12.9 | 17.7 |
|  | 51.3 | 14.2 | 6.9 | 9.7 | 17.4 | 63.8 | 201.9 | 14.3 | 19.9 |

AVERAGE NIGHTLY NUMBER OF GUESTS PER OCCUPIED ROOM

| October | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| November | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| December | 1.7 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.9 |
| December quarter 1996 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| October |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| November | 1.5 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| December | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.7 |
| December quarter 1997 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 1.8 |
|  | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 1.8 |

The number of establishments increased by $2 \%$ and the number of guest rooms available by $4 \%$ in New South Wales between December quarter 1996 and the December quarter 1997. Accordingly, the average number of rooms per establishment increased from 33 to 34 . Due mainly to the reclassification and declassification of establishments, there were changes in room supply across the different star gradings. The most significant were for the star grade 1 and ungraded categories which recorded increases of $21 \%$ and $47 \%$ respectively.

While the average size of establishments increased slightly overall, the average nightly number of rooms occupied fell. The star grade 3 and star grade 4 categories mainly contributed to the decrease. Significant increases for the star grade 1 and ungraded categories were less than the increases for available rooms in those categories and failed to offset the overall decrease.

The average nightly number of guests per occupied room remained unchanged overall, with slight falls in the star grade 4 and star grade 5 categories being offset by an increase for the ungraded category. This would mainly be due to the reclassification or declassification of existing establishments as well as the addition of new establishments to the collection.

|  |  |  |  |  | Total |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Overall, average takings per establishment increased marginally despite the decrease in average room occupancy. Only the star grade 4 category experienced a decrease, with all other categories recording relatively strong increases. The decrease for the star grade 4 category was smaller than the decrease in average occupancy, while the star grade 3 category recorded an increase despite a fall in average occupancy. For the remaining star grade categories, increases in average takings per establishment were greater than the increases in average occupancy.

Average takings per room night occupied increased overall and for all star grade categories, with the strongest growth being experienced in the star grade 1, star grade 2 and star grade 5 categories. Similarly, strong growth in average takings per guest night was recorded for these star grade categories although the ungraded category experienced a small decrease. For the star grade 4 and star grade 5 categories, strong increases in average takings per guest night occurred despite falls in the average nightly number of guests per occupied room.

|  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

The increase in the number of available guest rooms in Victoria over the year ended December quarter 1997 was proportionally slightly greater than the increase in the number of establishments, however the overall average number of rooms per establishment remained about the same. Increases in the number of available rooms per establishment were primarily at the upper end of the market, with star grade 1 , star grade 2 and ungraded establishments each recording falls. Most of this change is due to reclassification of establishments and the addition of new establishments to the collection.

The average nightly number of rooms occupied per establishment increased marginally overall. Only the star grade 1 and star grade 3 categories experienced increases.

The average nightly number of guests per occupied room remained the same overall, with decreases in the star grade 1 and ungraded categories being offset by an increase in the star grade 5 category.

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HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES, VICTORIA - continued


Average takings per establishment increased by $7 \%$ overall with only the star grade 4 and ungraded categories recording decreases. For those categories recording increases, the rises were significantly greater than average occupancy. This would indicate increased average tariffs for these categories.

Average takings per room night occupied and per guest night both increased by a similar amount overall, with only the ungraded category experiencing a decrease. Particularly strong growth was reported for the star grade 1 category. The overall result, once again, reflects increased tariffs as all average takings figures showed significant proportional increases over average occupancy.

|  | $\begin{array}{rr}\text { Licensed } & \text { Motels and } \\ \text { hotels with } & \text { guest } \\ \text { facilities } & \text { houses }\end{array}$ |  | Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Star grading |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
|  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Ungraded |  |
| ESTABLISHMENTS AND CAPACITY (number) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December quarter 1996- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Establishments | 270 | 867 | 25 | 372 | 461 | 89 | 16 | 174 | 1,137 |
| Guest rooms | 20,770 | 23,603 | 377 | 6,960 | 16,662 | 11,709 | 3,837 | 4,828 | 44,373 |
| Rooms per establishment | 77 | 27 | 15 | 19 | 36 | 132 | 240 | 28 | 39 |
| December quarter 1997- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Establishments | 277 | 899 | 33 | 320 | 487 | 122 | 19 | 195 | 1,176 |
| Guest rooms | 22,011 | 25,097 | 531 | 5,889 | 16,243 | 13,828 | 4,438 | 6,179 | 47,108 |
| Rooms per establishment | 79 | 28 | 16 | 18 | 33 | 113 | 234 | 32 | 40 |
| AVERAGE NIGHTLY NUMBER OF ROOMS OCCUPIED PER ESTABLISHMENT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October | 53.4 | 17.8 | 6.8 | 10.4 | 24.9 | 98.0 | 180.5 | 15.7 | 26.3 |
| November | 52.1 | 16.7 | 6.3 | 9.6 | 23.0 | 96.9 | 187.9 | 15.1 | 25.1 |
| December | 46.2 | 14.5 | 5.5 | 8.7 | 20.2 | 83.7 | 152.6 | 14.1 | 22.0 |
| December quarter 1996 | 50.5 | 16.3 | 6.2 | 9.6 | 22.7 | 92.8 | 173.5 | 15.0 | 24.5 |
| October | 53.4 | 17.4 | 7.5 | 9.6 | 21.7 | 80.5 | 170.8 | 17.4 | 25.8 |
| November | 51.7 | 16.0 | 7.1 | 8.8 | 19.7 | 77.3 | 176.3 | 16.4 | 24.4 |
| December | 44.5 | 14.3 | 6.4 | 8.4 | 17.6 | 66.7 | 143.8 | 14.4 | 21.4 |
| December quarter 1997 | 49.8 | 15.9 | 7.0 | 8.9 | 19.7 | 74.8 | 163.5 | 16.0 | 23.8 |
| AVERAGE NIGHTLY NUMBER OF GUESTS PER OCCUPIED ROOM |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| November | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| December | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| December quarter 1996 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| October | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 |
| November | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| December | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| December quarter 1997 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 |

The number of establishments in Queensland increased by 3\% while the supply of guest rooms increased by 6\% between December quarter 1996 and December quarter 1997. This led to an overall increase in the average size of establishments from 39 to 40 rooms. The average number of rooms per establishment, however, fell for all star grade categories other than the star grade 1 and ungraded categories which recorded increases of $7 \%$ and $14 \%$ respectively.

Due to reclassification of establishments and the addition of new establishments, most star grade categories recorded significant changes in the number of establishments and guest rooms. The star grade 2 category recorded decreases in both the number of establishments and the number of rooms, while the number of rooms also fell for the star grade 3 category. All other categories recorded increases in number of rooms.

The average nightly number of rooms occupied per establishment fell overall, with only the star grade 1 and ungraded categories experiencing increases. The star grade 2 , star grade 3 , star grade 4 and star grade 5 categories all recorded greater decreases than the average size of establishments in these categories.

The only change that occurred in average nightly number of guests per occupied room was in the star grade 2 category where there was an increase from 1.7 to 1.8 . There was no change overall.

|  | $\begin{array}{rr}\text { Licensed } & \text { Motels and } \\ \text { hotels with } & \text { guest } \\ \text { facilities } & \text { houses }\end{array}$ |  | Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Star grading |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
|  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Ungraded |  |
| AVERAGE TAKINGS PER ESTABLISHMENT (\$'000) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October | 216.0 | 40.2 | 7.5 | 16.7 | 61.4 | 353.3 | 1,183.7 | 46.6 | 82.0 |
| November | 205.6 | 36.7 | 6.9 | 15.0 | 53.8 | 335.4 | 1,202.4 | 44.4 | 76.8 |
| December | 196.3 | 33.5 | 6.7 | 15.3 | 51.3 | 308.5 | 1,071.8 | 45.6 | 72.1 |
| December quarter 1996 | 617.9 | 110.4 | 21.1 | 47.0 | 166.4 | 997.2 | 3,457.9 | 136.7 | 231.0 |
| October | 210.1 | 40.0 | 8.2 | 16.3 | 51.8 | 285.0 | 1,077.7 | 42.1 | 80.1 |
| November | 196.4 | 35.5 | 7.3 | 14.2 | 44.5 | 261.9 | 1,063.6 | 39.5 | 73.4 |
| December | 184.4 | 33.6 | 7.7 | 15.0 | 43.5 | 238.1 | 964.0 | 39.3 | 69.1 |
| December quarter 1997 | 590.9 | 109.1 | 23.2 | 45.5 | 139.7 | 785.0 | 3,105.4 | 120.9 | 222.6 |
| AVERAGE TAKINGS PER ROOM NIGHT OCCUPIED (\$) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October | 130.9 | 72.8 | 35.6 | 51.9 | 79.4 | 116.3 | 211.6 | 97.6 | 100.8 |
| November | 131.5 | 73.2 | 36.2 | 52.0 | 78.1 | 115.4 | 213.3 | 98.4 | 101.9 |
| December | 137.1 | 74.6 | 38.8 | 56.6 | 82.1 | 118.9 | 226.5 | 104.1 | 105.8 |
| December quarter 1996 | 133.0 | 73.5 | 36.8 | 53.4 | 79.8 | 116.8 | 216.6 | 100.0 | 102.7 |
| October | 130.0 | 74.3 | 35.1 | 54.9 | 77.0 | 114.2 | 203.6 | 85.3 | 101.1 |
| November | 129.1 | 74.1 | 34.3 | 54.0 | 75.2 | 113.1 | 201.1 | 86.0 | 101.3 |
| December | 134.6 | 76.1 | 38.5 | 57.9 | 79.8 | 115.4 | 216.3 | 90.3 | 104.7 |
| December quarter 1997 | 131.1 | 74.8 | 35.9 | 55.6 | 77.2 | 114.2 | 206.5 | 87.1 | 102.3 |
| AVERAGE TAKINGS PER GUEST NIGHT (\$) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October | 70.2 | 40.7 | 21.4 | 30.0 | 42.9 | 63.5 | 115.2 | 52.6 | 55.2 |
| November | 72.8 | 41.8 | 21.4 | 31.0 | 43.1 | 65.3 | 120.0 | 53.8 | 57.3 |
| December | 68.8 | 38.3 | 22.8 | 31.0 | 40.7 | 60.4 | 115.2 | 51.6 | 53.7 |
| December quarter 1996 | 70.6 | 40.3 | 21.8 | 30.6 | 42.3 | 63.1 | 116.8 | 52.7 | 55.4 |
| October | 68.5 | 40.9 | 20.4 | 31.2 | 41.2 | 60.6 | 110.5 | 46.2 | 54.5 |
| November | 72.2 | 41.9 | 20.9 | 31.5 | 42.6 | 62.8 | 112.8 | 47.4 | 57.0 |
| December | 68.1 | 38.6 | 22.2 | 31.4 | 39.9 | 58.1 | 110.1 | 44.9 | 53.1 |
| December quarter 1997 | 69.6 | 40.5 | 21.1 | 31.4 | 41.2 | 60.5 | 111.2 | 46.1 | 54.8 |

Average takings per establishment decreased overall. All categories other than the star grade 1 category recorded significant decreases. These decreases reflect similar decreases in average room occupancy. The increase in the star grade 1 category reflects the increase in room nights occupied in this category.

Average takings per room night occupied and per guest both fell marginally overall, contributing to the decrease in average takings per establishment. The star grade 2 category recorded the only increase in average takings per room and per guest, while the ungraded category experienced the greatest decrease ( $13 \%$ for both measures).


AVERAGE NIGHTLY NUMBER OF ROOMS OCCUPIED PER ESTABLISHMENT

| October | 24.2 | 17.0 | 3.5 | 9.7 | 19.4 | 47.8 | 310.5 | 8.4 | 19.4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| November | 22.0 | 15.1 | 2.9 | 8.3 | 16.7 | 48.4 | 281.2 | 7.4 | 17.3 |
| December | 18.0 | 12.9 | 2.2 | 7.4 | 14.1 | 39.6 | 215.5 | 7.1 | 14.6 |
| December quarter 1996 | 21.4 | 15.0 | 2.8 | 8.5 | 16.7 | 45.3 | 268.9 | 7.6 | 17.1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October | 25.9 | 18.0 | 3.9 | 10.4 | 20.4 | 50.3 | 309.7 | 8.6 | 20.5 |
| November | 25.2 | 16.4 | 4.0 | 9.2 | 18.5 | 50.6 | 314.4 | 7.3 | 19.2 |
| December | 19.6 | 13.2 | 3.6 | 7.8 | 14.5 | 38.2 | 231.4 | 7.7 | 15.2 |
| December quarter 1997 | 23.6 | 15.9 | 3.8 | 9.1 | 17.8 | 46.3 | 284.9 | 7.8 | 18.3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

AVERAGE NIGHTLY NUMBER OF GUESTS PER OCCUPIED ROOM

| October | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| November | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| December | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| December quarter 1996 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 1.6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 1.7 |  |
| November | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| December | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| December quarter 1997 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 1.6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The number of establishments and number of guest rooms available in South Australia were both slightly lower in December quarter 1997 compared with the same quarter in 1996. The average number of rooms per establishment was unchanged at 31. The most significant variation in number of guest rooms and average size was in the ungraded category which recorded decreases of $17 \%$ and $14 \%$ respectively.

The average nightly number of rooms occupied per establishment increased by $7 \%$ overall. All star grade categories recorded increases, the greatest being in the star grade 1 category which increased by $36 \%$.

The average nightly number of guests per occupied room remained unchanged overall. However, the star grade 1 and star grade 4 categories both experienced increases.


Reflecting the increase in average room demand, there were overall increases recorded in average takings per establishment (13\%), average takings per room night occupied (5\%) and average takings per guest night ( $6 \%$ ). All star grade categories experienced strong increases in average takings per establishment. For all, other than the star grade 1 category, the increases were greater than the increases in average room occupancy.

The only decreases in average takings per room night and per guest were in the star grade 1 category. Particularly strong growth was experienced in the ungraded category which recorded increases of $10 \%$ and $12 \%$ respectively.


AVERAGE NIGHTLY NUMBER OF ROOMS OCCUPIED PER ESTABLISHMENT

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| October | 38.1 | 25.9 | 5.1 | 14.4 | 34.8 | 84.5 | 265.9 | 12.7 | 31.8 |
| November | 35.8 | 22.2 | 4.3 | 13.0 | 30.2 | 80.3 | 250.7 | 13.7 | 28.7 |
| December | 31.0 | 20.2 | 3.2 | 11.8 | 26.8 | 65.9 | 225.5 | 12.8 | 25.4 |
| December quarter 1996 | 34.9 | 22.7 | 4.2 | 13.1 | 30.6 | 76.6 | 247.3 | 13.0 | 28.6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October | 36.3 | 25.0 | 4.4 | 12.7 | 33.5 | 69.3 | 182.5 | 22.0 | 30.5 |
| November | 35.2 | 21.5 | 3.8 | 11.9 | 29.3 | 66.1 | 187.8 | 20.8 | 28.2 |
| December | 30.2 | 19.7 | 2.5 | 10.6 | 25.8 | 60.0 | 167.8 | 17.4 | 24.8 |
| December quarter 1997 | 33.9 | 22.1 | 3.6 | 11.7 | 29.5 | 65.1 | 179.3 | 20.0 | 27.8 |


| AVERAGE NIGHTLY NUMBER OF GUESTS PER OCCUPIED ROOM |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| October | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.6 |
| November | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| December | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.8 |
| December quarter 1996 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| October | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.6 |
| November | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.6 |
| December | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| December quarter 1997 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.7 |

The number of establishments in Western Australia increased marginally between December 1996 and December 1997, as did the number of available guest rooms. Accordingly, the average number of rooms per establishment remained unchanged. Due to reclassification and the addition of new establishments there were changes in room numbers and average size across the star grades. The largest were for the ungraded category and were due to the declassification of a significant number of establishments during the year (i.e. establishments which were previously included in the star grade categories but which were "ungraded" at the end of the year).

The average nightly number of rooms occupied per establishment decreased marginally overall with all star grade categories other than the ungraded category, which increased by $54 \%$, recording significant falls. The greatest decrease (33\%) was in the star grade 5 category which suggests that some previous star grade 5 establishments have been declassified and are now "ungraded".

Overall, there was no change in the average nightly number of guests per occupied room, with decreases in the star grade 3 and ungraded categories being offset by increases in the star grade 1 and star grade 5 categories.

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Average takings per establishment decreased by more than $2 \%$ overall. The higher star grade categories experienced the largest decreases with the star grade 4 and star grade 5 categories recording falls of $11 \%$ and $33 \%$ respectively. These falls reflect similar decreases in average occupancy and have resulted largely from the declassification of some establishments. The ungraded category experienced an increase of $65 \%$. This increase was greater than the increase in average occupancy.

Average takings per room night occupied and average takings per guest night both decreased marginally overall. Both the star grade 4 and star grade 5 categories recorded significant decreases with all other star grade categories recording increases. Once again, it should be noted that these movements were, to some extent, caused by movement of some establishments to the ungraded category.

|  | Licensed hotels with facilities | Total |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Star grading |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | guest houses | 1, 2 and ungraded | 3 | 4 and 5 | Total |
| ESTABLISHMENTS AND CAPACITY (number) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December quarter 1996- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Establishments | 91 | 96 | 74 | 74 | 39 | 187 |
| Guest rooms | 3,532 | 2,072 | 1,456 | 2,409 | 1,739 | 5,604 |
| Rooms per establishment | 39 | 22 | 20 | 33 | 45 | 30 |
| December quarter 1997- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Establishments | 98 | 115 | 75 | 80 | 58 | 213 |
| Guest rooms | 3,519 | 2,402 | 1,325 | 2,416 | 2,180 | 5,921 |
| Rooms per establishment | 36 | 21 | 18 | 30 | 38 | 28 |
| AVERAGE NIGHTLY NUMBER OF ROOMS OCCUPIED PER ESTABLISHMENT |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October | 21.1 | 12.4 | 8.2 | 17.6 | 30.7 | 16.6 |
| November | 22.8 | 13.4 | 8.9 | 19.5 | 32.4 | 18.0 |
| December | 19.0 | 10.7 | 7.9 | 14.8 | 27.6 | 14.7 |
| December quarter 1996 | 21.0 | 12.2 | 8.3 | 17.3 | 30.2 | 16.4 |
| October | 19.3 | 10.9 | 6.4 | 15.7 | 24.3 | 14.8 |
| November | 20.5 | 11.4 | 6.8 | 16.5 | 25.8 | 15.6 |
| December | 18.6 | 10.1 | 6.3 | 13.9 | 24.2 | 14.0 |
| December quarter 1997 | 19.5 | 10.8 | 6.5 | 15.4 | 24.8 | 14.8 |
| AVERAGE NIGHTLY NUMBER OF GUESTS PER OCCUPIED ROOM |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| November | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| December | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| December quarter 1996 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| October | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| November | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| December | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| December quarter 1997 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.7 |

The number of hotels, motels and guest houses in Tasmania increased by $14 \%$ between December quarter 1995 and December quarter 1997, while the supply of guest rooms increased by $6 \%$. The average number of guest rooms per establishment accordingly decreased by $7 \%$. Due to reclassification of establishments and the inclusion in the survey of new, smaller establishments, the star grade 4 and 5 category had on average $16 \%$ fewer rooms per establishment. The remaining categories also recorded decreases.

The average nightly number of rooms occupied per establishment fell by $10 \%$. This is a greater decrease than that for average size and, once again, all star grade categories recorded decreases with the largest being for the star grade 4 and 5 category which fell by $18 \%$, although this was in line with the decrease in average establishment size.

Average nightly number of guests per occupied room remained unchanged overall with the 1 star, 2 star and ungraded category recording a small decrease.

|  | Total |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Star grading |  |  |  |  | Total |
|  | hotels with facilities | guest houses | 1, 2 and ungraded | 3 | 4 and 5 |  |
| AVERAGE TAKINGS PER ESTABLISHMENT (\$'000) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October | 55.2 | 26.6 | 18.0 | 34.8 | 94.2 | 40.5 |
| November | 57.4 | 28.1 | 18.9 | 38.1 | 94.9 | 42.3 |
| December | 51.6 | 24.6 | 18.5 | 31.9 | 85.5 | 37.8 |
| December quarter 1996 | 164.2 | 79.3 | 55.4 | 104.7 | 274.6 | 120.6 |
| October | 52.8 | 25.1 | 12.8 | 32.9 | 77.0 | 37.8 |
| November | 52.0 | 25.9 | 12.9 | 32.2 | 78.0 | 37.9 |
| December | 51.3 | 24.7 | 14.1 | 30.2 | 75.8 | 36.9 |
| December quarter 1997 | 156.0 | 75.7 | 39.8 | 95.2 | 230.8 | 112.6 |
| AVERAGE TAKINGS PER ROOM NIGHT OCCUPIED (\$) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October | 84.3 | 69.4 | 71.0 | 63.6 | 99.0 | 78.6 |
| November | 83.9 | 69.6 | 70.4 | 65.2 | 97.7 | 78.4 |
| December | 87.7 | 74.2 | 75.4 | 69.6 | 99.8 | 82.6 |
| December quarter 1996 | 85.2 | 70.9 | 72.2 | 65.9 | 98.8 | 79.8 |
| October | 88.0 | 74.2 | 64.7 | 67.3 | 102.2 | 82.5 |
| November | 84.4 | 75.6 | 63.8 | 65.1 | 100.7 | 80.9 |
| December | 89.1 | 78.6 | 72.8 | 70.1 | 100.8 | 85.0 |
| December quarter 1997 | 87.1 | 76.1 | 67.0 | 67.4 | 101.2 | 82.8 |
| AVERAGE TAKINGS PER GUEST NIGHT (\$) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October | 52.2 | 38.1 | 39.6 | 35.3 | 64.6 | 46.4 |
| November | 51.8 | 38.1 | 40.4 | 36.6 | 61.8 | 46.1 |
| December | 50.2 | 38.8 | 40.6 | 36.6 | 59.2 | 45.7 |
| December quarter 1996 | 51.4 | 38.3 | 40.2 | 36.1 | 61.9 | 46.1 |
| October | 54.8 | 41.1 | 37.6 | 37.2 | 65.3 | 48.9 |
| November | 53.1 | 42.1 | 38.0 | 37.0 | 63.4 | 48.5 |
| December | 50.8 | 40.7 | 40.8 | 36.3 | 57.7 | 46.6 |
| December quarter 1997 | 52.9 | 41.3 | 38.8 | 36.8 | 62.0 | 48.0 |

Overall, average takings per establishment decreased by 7\%. Decreases were recorded for all star grade categories that were in line with the decreases in average occupancy. The largest decrease was $28 \%$ for the 1 star, 2 star and ungraded category. This category also experienced the largest fall in average occupancy.

Average takings per room night occupied and per guest night, however, both increased overall with increases for the 4 star and 5 star category more than offsetting decreases in the 1 star, 2 star and ungraded category. The star grade 3 category recorded a decrease in average takings per room night occupied but an increase in average takings per guest.

|  |  |  |  | Total |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

There was an increase of 4 establishments (4\%) in the Northern Territory over the year to December 1997 and the number of guest rooms increased by $9 \%$. Accordingly, the average number of rooms per establishment increased from 58 to 60 . There was significant variation in room numbers across the different star gradings. However, much of the change was due to establishments being declassified during the year, i.e. establishments which were included in the star grade categories last year but were included as "ungraded" at the end of December 1997.

Overall, the average nightly number of rooms occupied per establishment fell by $9 \%$, with a large increase for the ungraded category failing to offset significant falls in each of the remaining star grade categories. Each star grade category showed a larger fall in average occupancy than in average size.

The average nightly number of guests per occupied room remained unchanged overall, with increases in the star grade 4 and star grade 5 category offsetting decreases in the star grade 1 and star grade 2 categories.


AVERAGE TAKINGS PER ROOM NIGHT OCCUPIED (\$)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| October | 126.8 | 79.0 | 53.1 | 61.8 | 98.2 | 149.2 | 54.7 | 96.4 |
| November | 119.2 | 82.0 | 51.6 | 65.9 | 95.3 | 140.0 | 57.2 | 96.1 |
| December | 118.9 | 76.6 | 52.2 | 62.2 | 93.3 | 142.1 | 53.1 | 93.0 |
| December quarter 1996 | 122.2 | 79.4 | 52.4 | 63.2 | 96.0 | 144.2 | 55.1 | 95.5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October | 127.0 | 83.5 | 40.4 | 65.7 | 103.3 | 139.1 | 84.1 | 100.1 |
| November | 126.8 | 82.6 | 41.6 | 60.9 | 102.4 | 142.7 | 80.3 | 99.8 |
| December | 114.0 | 76.9 | 39.9 | 59.2 | 98.3 | 129.2 | 69.1 | 91.6 |
| December quarter 1997 | 123.6 | 81.6 | 40.7 | 62.4 | 101.8 | 137.9 | 79.0 | 97.9 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| AVERAGE TAKINGS PER GUEST NIGHT (\$) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| October | 78.1 | 44.3 | 31.6 | 33.3 | 56.2 | 94.2 | 35.6 | 55.9 |
| November | 77.2 | 49.2 | 31.4 | 38.9 | 57.5 | 94.9 | 37.7 | 59.4 |
| December | 72.9 | 44.2 | 28.8 | 33.3 | 54.6 | 90.8 | 39.9 | 54.9 |
| December quarter 1996 | 76.4 | 45.9 | 30.8 | 34.9 | 56.2 | 93.6 | 37.3 | 56.8 |
| October | 77.1 | 48.3 | 25.5 | 38.7 | 59.3 | 83.9 | 51.3 | 58.9 |
| November | 81.3 | 51.4 | 25.7 | 37.5 | 62.6 | 89.6 | 55.2 | 62.8 |
| December | 69.2 | 44.9 | 24.5 | 34.1 | 56.6 | 77.2 | 44.5 | 54.3 |
| December quarter 1997 | 76.4 | 48.5 | 25.3 | 37.1 | 59.8 | 84.1 | 50.8 | 59.0 |

Overall average takings per establishment decreased in line with the decrease in average demand. All star grade categories, other than the ungraded category, recorded significant falls. The ungraded category recorded an increase of $171 \%$. Once again, these variations would be largely due to the de-grading of establishments.

Average takings per room night occupied and per guest night increased $3 \%$ and $4 \%$ respectively overall. There was significant variability across the star grades, however, with large increases for the ungraded category being strongly influenced by the de-grading of establishments. The largest decreases were for the star grade 1 category which experienced a fall of $22 \%$ in average takings per room night occupied and $18 \%$ in average takings per guest night.

|  | Licensed hotels with facilities | Motels and guest houses | Total |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Star grading |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 1,2 and ungraded | 3 | 4 and 5 | Total |
| ESTABLISHMENTS AND CAPACITY (number) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December quarter 1996- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Establishments | 15 | 32 | 14 | 24 | 9 | 47 |
| Guest rooms | 1,765 | 2,043 | 681 | 2,144 | 983 | 3,808 |
| Rooms per establishment | 118 | 64 | 49 | 89 | 109 | 81 |
| December quarter 1997- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Establishments | 15 | 33 | 14 | 24 | 10 | 48 |
| Guest rooms | 1,762 | 2,110 | 657 | 2,022 | 1,193 | 3,872 |
| Rooms per establishment | 117 | 64 | 47 | 84 | 119 | 81 |

AVERAGE NIGHTLY NUMBER OF ROOMS OCCUPIED PER ESTABLISHMENT

| October | 96.9 | 47.1 | 32.0 | 70.4 | 91.1 | 63.0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| November | 71.8 | 35.9 | 22.0 | 51.0 | 77.3 | 47.4 |
| December | 65.1 | 32.4 | 21.7 | 45.5 | 68.4 | 42.8 |
| December quarter 1996 | 78.0 | 38.5 | 25.3 | 55.7 | 79.0 | 51.1 |
| October | 95.2 | 49.9 | 35.6 | 65.8 | 99.7 | 64.0 |
| November | 77.6 | 38.9 | 25.5 | 53.0 | 82.0 | 51.0 |
| December | 56.6 | 29.6 | 18.6 | 41.1 | 58.0 | 38.0 |
| December quarter 1997 | 76.5 | 39.5 | 26.6 | 53.3 | 79.8 | 51.0 |

AVERAGE NIGHTLY NUMBER OF GUESTS PER OCCUPIED ROOM

| October | 1.6 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| November | 1.4 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 1.6 |  |
| December | 1.6 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 1.7 | 1.6 |  |
| December quarter 1996 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 1.5 |  |
| October |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| November | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 1.6 |  |
| December | 1.6 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 1.5 |  |
| December quarter 1997 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 1.7 |  |
|  |  | 2.0 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 1.6 |  |

The number of establishments in the Australian Capital Territory increased from 47 to 48 (2\%) in December quarter 1997 compared with the same quarter in 1996 and room supply also increased by $2 \%$. Accordingly, the average number of rooms per establishment remained unchanged. The overall increase in room supply was attributable to the star grade 4 and star grade 5 category with the remaining categories recording decreases. This could reflect some changes in classification of establishments across star grade categories.

The average nightly number of rooms occupied per establishment fell marginally overall, driven by a fall in demand for rooms in the star grade 3 category. Increases in the remaining categories failed to offset this decrease.

The average number of guests per occupied room remained unchanged, with a decrease in the star grade 1, 2 and ungraded category being offset by an increase in star grade 4 and star grade 5 category. Average number of guests remained the same for the star grade 3 category.

|  |  |  |  | Total |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

Average takings per establishment increased marginally over the period, with a decrease in the star grade 4 and star grade 5 category being offset by increases in the 1 star, 2 star and ungraded category. For the star grade 4 and 5 category, the decrease occurred despite an increase in average occupancy. For the remaining categories, there was a greater increase in average takings per establishment for the star grade 1, 2 and ungraded category than there was in average occupancy, and for the star grade 3 category there was a marginal decrease which was less than the fall in average occupancy.

Average takings per room night occupied and average takings per guest night both increased overall. The star grade 4 and 5 category was the only to experience a decrease, however, this was more than offset by increases in the remaining star grade categories.


The number of hotels, motels and guest houses in Australia increased by 3\% in December quarter 1997, compared with December quarter 1996 and the number of rooms available rose by $4 \%$. Accordingly, the average size of establishments in terms of average number of rooms increased by $3 \%$. Only the star grade 2 and star grade 3 categories recorded decreases in the number of rooms available. Some of this variability is due to reclassification and declassification of establishments, as well as the inclusion of new establishments in the survey.

The average number of rooms occupied per establishment decreased marginally overall, with only the star grade 1 and ungraded categories experiencing increases. The average number of guests per occupied room also showed an overall decrease, however, there was no change across the star grade categories. For all star grade categories other than the star grade 1 and star grade 2 categories, the changes in average nightly number of rooms occupied per establishment roughly reflected the changes in average establishment size. For the star grade 1 category there was an $11 \%$ increase in average occupancy and no increase in average size, while for the star grade 2 category demand fell by $1 \%$ while average size remained unchanged.

|  |  |  |  |  | Total |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Average takings per establishment increased marginally overall, with increases in the star grade 1, star grade 2 and ungraded categories more than offsetting decreases in the remaining categories. Apart from the star grade 2 category, where there was an increase in average takings despite a fall in average occupancy, average takings per establishment closely reflected increased occupancy for the remaining categories.

Average takings per room night occupied and per guest night both increased by $3 \%$ overall. There was, however, some variability across the different star grade categories. Average takings per guest night fell in the star grade 4 category despite an increase in average takings per room night, while for the ungraded category, there was a marginal increase in average takings per guest and a small decrease per occupied room. These variations are largely due to reclassification and declassification of establishments over the survey period. The overall increase in average takings per guest night occurred mainly because of the fall in the average number of guests per occupied room.

## INTERNATIONAL TOURISM

During the December quarter 1997, 1, 194,200 overseas visitors arrived in Australia. This was $0.3 \%$ more than arrived in the December quarter 1996 $(1,191,100)$.

The trend estimate for arrivals of overseas visitors continued to decline during the December quarter 1997. However, the estimate for the month of December 1997 was $2.5 \%$ greater than for the same month in 1996.

There were significant decreases in the number of visitor arrivals from Thailand (45\%), Korea (28\%) and Indonesia (22\%). These were offset, to some extent, by increases from the United Kingdom (12\%) and Singapore and Canada (both 9\%).

The median intended length of stay for visitors arriving in Australia during the December quarter 1997 was 9.5 days. This was much the same as for the December quarter 1996. The countries recording the greatest median lengths of stay for visitors arriving in Australia were Switzerland (29.6 days), Germany ( 27.6 days) and the United Kingdom (24.0 days).

During December quarter 1997, 195,300 visitors arrived from Japan, an increase of $2 \%$ over the same quarter in 1996. Visitors from Japan accounted for $16 \%$ of all visitors to Australia in December quarter 1997, the same proportion of all visitors to Australia as in the December quarter 1996.

MONTHLY VISITOR ARRIVALS, RESIDENTS OF JAPAN, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES, TO DECEMBER


After peaking in August 1997, the trend estimate for visitors arriving from Japan has been declining over recent months and is $4 \%$ lower than for the month of December 1996.

The median length of stay in Australia for visitors from Japan for December quarter 1997 was 5.8 days, $8 \%$ less than for the December quarter in 1996 (6.3 days).

The majority of Japanese visitors to Australia by air disembarked at either Brisbane (44\%) or Sydney (30\%). Almost all of the remaining Japanese visitors disembarked at Cairns.

Visitor arrivals from New Zealand during December quarter 1997 totalled 177,400, an increase of $6 \%$ over the same quarter in 1996.

These visitors accounted for $15 \%$ of all visitors arriving in Australia during the quarter compared to $14 \%$ in the December quarter 1996. The trend estimate of visitors increased by $17 \%$ between the months of December 1996 and December 1997.

MONTHLY VISITOR ARRIVALS, RESIDENTS OF NEW ZEALAND, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES, TO DECEMBER


Visitors arriving from New Zealand during the December quarter 1997 had a median intended length of stay of 8.8 days. and overall intended to stay a total of 2.7 million days in Australia. Of this total, $42 \%$ was accounted for by people whose main purpose for travelling to Australia was 'Visiting friends/relatives', while a further 37\% were 'Holiday' visitors. Of New Zealand visitors who travelled by air, $48 \%$ disembarked in Sydney, $27 \%$ in Brisbane and $21 \%$ in Melbourne.

MONTHLY VISITOR ARRIVALS, RESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES, TO DECEMBER

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United States of America, marginally fewer than arrived in December quarter 1996. These visitor arrivals represented 8\% of all visitor arrivals in Australia for the quarter. The trend estimate for visitors arriving from the United States increased by 4\% in December 1997 compared to December 1996.

Visitors from the United States of America in December quarter 1997 had a median intended length of stay of 11.9 days and intended to stay a total of 1.8 million days. This was a decrease of $6 \%$ from the December quarter 1996. Most visitors arriving by air from the United States of America during the December quarter 1997 (83\%) disembarked in Sydney, while a further 12\% disembarked in Melbourne.

Kingdom during the December quarter 1997. This was $9 \%$ more than in the corresponding quarter in 1996 and represented $12 \%$ of total visitor arrivals. The trend estimate of visitor arrivals increased by $21 \%$ between the months of December 1996 and December 1997.

MONTHLY VISITOR ARRIVALS, RESIDENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES, TO DECEMBER


Visitors from the United Kingdom during December quarter 1997 intended to spend a total of 7.2 million person days in Australia with a median intended length of stay of 24 days. United Kingdom visitors accounted for 12\% of all visitors to Australia during December quarter 1996.

There were 770,100 departures of Australian residents for short-term trips abroad during December quarter 1997. This was $6 \%$ more than the number of similar departures in December quarter 1996. New Zealand was the most popular country of intended stay, accounting for $15 \%$ of all Australian residents departing, followed by Indonesia (11\%), the United States of America (12\%) and the United Kingdom (9\%).

During December quarter 1997, the median intended length of stay for Australian residents departing on short-term trips abroad was 18.3 days, a decrease of 3\% from the figure reported in December quarter 1996 (18.9 days). The United Kingdom reported both the highest median intended length of stay (29.7 days) and the highest total number of days intended to be spent abroad ( 3.7 million days) for the December quarter 1997. The next highest median intended lengths of stay were recorded by Italy and Viet Nam (both 29.6 days).

Half (50\%) of all departures by air from Australia during December quarter 1997 were from Kingsford Smith (Sydney) airport. Tullamarine (Melbourne) airport recorded $22 \%$ of total departures with Eagle Farm (Brisbane) airport accounting for $12 \%$ and Perth airport $11 \%$.

The main purpose of journey for Australian residents departing for short-term trips abroad during December quarter 1997 was for 'holiday', accounting for $39 \%$ of all persons departing, followed by 'visiting friends/relatives' (34\%) and 'business' (10\%).

There were 145,100 visitor arrivals from the United

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ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE FOR SELECTED COUNTRIES (a) JANUARY 1997 TO DECEMBER 1997 ('O00)

| Country of residence | 1997 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 6.1 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 5.7 |
| Germany | 11.3 | 10.4 | 10.0 | 11.1 | 10.4 | 9.3 | 9.6 | 12.6 | 11.2 | 10.1 | 11.2 | 12.2 |
| Hong Kong | 13.6 | 13.3 | 13.1 | 12.5 | 13.7 | 11.7 | 11.3 | 10.7 | 16.5 | 14.7 | 11.1 | 11.6 |
| Japan | 65.1 | 69.3 | 72.5 | 68.7 | 60.5 | 60.3 | 73.6 | 69.5 | 76.8 | 68.2 | 66.0 | 64.0 |
| Malaysia | 8.7 | 11.7 | 9.6 | 11.7 | 16.2 | 10.4 | 15.1 | 10.1 | 19.3 | 11.7 | 7.4 | 17.0 |
| New Zealand | 60.5 | 67.1 | 51.7 | 65.1 | 53.3 | 52.6 | 69.6 | 45.0 | 54.8 | 58.3 | 56.4 | 58.9 |
| Papua New Guinea | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 3.5 |
| Singapore | 17.4 | 17.6 | 21.5 | 20.1 | 18.4 | 22.5 | 23.4 | 19.9 | 21.8 | 24.8 | 19.3 | 17.8 |
| United Kingdom | 34.1 | 32.8 | 34.0 | 27.1 | 32.5 | 33.3 | 30.7 | 35.0 | 37.7 | 38.4 | 35.6 | 37.9 |
| United States of America | 28.5 | 26.1 | 25.3 | 26.6 | 28.2 | 27.3 | 30.2 | 28.7 | 29.2 | 25.7 | 25.4 | 30.6 |
| Other | 107.3 | 106.8 | 108.5 | 103.0 | 129.4 | 126.6 | 124.5 | 105.8 | 112.7 | 106.1 | 107.1 | 88.8 |
| Total | 355.3 | 363.9 | 354.7 | 354.4 | 372.5 | 362.8 | 397.1 | 346.7 | 389.6 | 366.8 | 349.7 | 348.0 |
| TREND ESTIMATE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.6 |
| Germany | 11.0 | 10.8 | 10.5 | 10.3 | 10.2 | 10.3 | 10.5 | 10.8 | 11.0 | 11.1 | 11.2 | 11.3 |
| Hong Kong | 13.6 | 13.5 | 13.2 | 12.7 | 12.4 | 12.3 | 12.5 | 12.8 | 13.0 | 13.1 | 13.1 | 12.9 |
| Japan | 66.8 | 67.4 | 67.4 | 66.9 | 66.6 | 67.1 | 68.4 | 69.6 | 70.2 | 69.6 | 68.2 | 66.6 |
| Malaysia | 12.1 | 12.1 | 11.9 | 12.0 | 12.5 | 13.1 | 13.6 | 13.6 | 13.3 | 13.0 | 12.7 | 12.4 |
| New Zealand | 58.0 | 58.6 | 58.9 | 58.9 | 58.1 | 56.9 | 55.6 | 55.2 | 55.5 | 56.7 | 58.6 | 60.8 |
| Papua New Guinea | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| Singapore | 18.0 | 18.5 | 19.2 | 19.9 | 20.7 | 21.4 | 21.8 | 21.9 | 21.7 | 21.5 | 21.2 | 21.1 |
| United Kingdom | 33.3 | 32.7 | 31.9 | 31.3 | 31.4 | 32.1 | 33.2 | 34.6 | 35.9 | 36.9 | 37.8 | 38.7 |
| United States of America | 27.1 | 26.8 | 26.7 | 27.0 | 27.6 | 28.2 | 28.4 | 28.3 | 28.1 | 27.9 | 28.0 | 28.4 |
| Other | 106.5 | 108.0 | 111.1 | 115.0 | 118.4 | 120.3 | 119.8 | 116.5 | 111.2 | 105.5 | 100.5 | 96.0 |
| Total | 355.2 | 357.3 | 359.8 | 362.9 | 366.8 | 370.8 | 373.1 | 372.5 | 369.2 | 364.7 | 360.7 | 357.7 |

(a) For further explanation, see Glossary.

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ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE FOR SELECTED COUNTRIES (a)

| Country of residence | Original <br> ('000) |  |  |  | \% change over <br> December quarter 1996 |  | Median intended length of stay (days) | No. <br> person days (a) ('000) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | October | November | December | December quarter 1997 |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 5.4 | 7.4 | 8.0 | 20.8 | 8.9 | 1.7 | 20.9 | 1.001 .2 |
| Germany | 13.5 | 12.7 | 15.0 | 41.2 | 0.6 | 3.5 | 27.6 | 1,550.4 |
| Hong Kong | 11.7 | 9.1 | 15.2 | 36.0 | -7.1 | 3.0 | 8.2 | 683.3 |
| Indonesia | 10.8 | 10.8 | 12.8 | 34.4 | -21.8 | 2.9 | 7.8 | 709.8 |
| Japan | 58.5 | 61.8 | 75.1 | 195.3 | 1.7 | 16.4 | 5.8 | 2,491.9 |
| Korea | 21.9 | 22.7 | 10.1 | 54.6 | -25.8 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 918.6 |
| Malaysia | 12.3 | 11.7 | 13.7 | 37.7 | -6.5 | 3.2 | 7.9 | 686.3 |
| New Zealand | 64.7 | 52.3 | 60.4 | 177.4 | 5.8 | 14.9 | 8.8 | 2,715.1 |
| Papua New Guinea | 3.6 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 12.4 | 3.6 | 1.0 | 8.0 | 208.6 |
| Singapore | 19.1 | 28.5 | 39.8 | 87.3 | 8.9 | 7.3 | 7.4 | 1,023.5 |
| Switzerland | 3.5 | 4.8 | 5.7 | 14.1 | -3.4 | 1.2 | 29.6 | 666.4 |
| Taiwan | 11.9 | 10.8 | 10.2 | 32.8 | -9.7 | 2.7 | 6.9 | 475.7 |
| Thailand | 4.3 | 2.8 | 5.8 | 12.9 | -45.0 | 1.1 | 6.7 | 285.5 |
| United Kingdom | 38.7 | 47.1 | 59.3 | 145.1 | 11.7 | 12.2 | 24.0 | 7,210.2 |
| United States of America | 28.2 | 28.9 | 32.1 | 89.2 | -0.4 | 7.5 | 11.9 | 1,816.6 |
| Other | 58.6 | 63.8 | 80.4 | 202.9 | 7.6 | 17.0 | n.a. | 8,729.7 |
| Total | 366.5 | 379.5 | 448.3 | 1,194.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 31,173.0 |

[^0]| Country of embarkation | Kingsford Smith (Sydney) | Tullamarine <br> (Melbourne) | Eagle <br> Farm <br> (Brisbane) | Cairns | Adelaide | Perth | Darwin | Total <br> Aust. (b) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fiji | 7.2 | 1.1 | 1.7 | - | - | - | - | 10.0 |
| Hong Kong | 33.8 | 12.6 | 7.2 | 11.1 | 1.6 | 4.6 | 0.3 | 71.4 |
| Indonesia | 21.1 | 8.1 | 3.1 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 13.4 | 3.9 | 51.8 |
| Japan | 58.7 | 6.0 | 84.5 | 37.5 | 0.3 | 5.7 | 0.3 | 193.3 |
| Malaysia | 18.1 | 8.0 | 9.3 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 15.7 | 1.3 | 55.8 |
| New Zealand | 113.0 | 48.4 | 62.5 | 5.5 | 0.1 | 3.7 | - | 233.8 |
| Papua New Guinea | 1.9 | - | 4.6 | 7.5 | - | - | - | 14.0 |
| Philippines | 7.4 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 0.2 | - | - | - | 11.7 |
| Singapore | 51.8 | 28.0 | 35.7 | 12.0 | 8.7 | 46.1 | 5.4 | 189.1 |
| Thailand | 18.1 | 6.0 | 3.3 | 0.5 | - | 6.3 | - | 34.3 |
| United Kingdom | 28.9 | 11.2 | 4.9 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 15.6 | 0.1 | 62.8 |
| United States of America | 69.2 | 10.2 | 1.1 | 2.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | - | 83.2 |
| Other | 100.1 | 22.0 | 36.2 | 5.4 | 1.5 | 11.5 | 2.2 | 178.9 |
| Total | 529.5 | 163.8 | 256.1 | 85.1 | 16.6 | 122.7 | 13.5 | 1190.2 |

(a) For further explanation, see Glossary. (b) Includes all airports.

Overseas visitor arrivals in Australia by air totalled 1,190,200 during December quarter 1997, only marginally more than during the same quarter in $1996(1,186,700)$. Almost half $(529,500$ or $44 \%)$ arrived in Australia through Kingsford Smith (Sydney) airport, 22\% arrived through Eagle Farm (Brisbane), 14\% through Tullamarine (Melbourne) and a further $10 \%$ through Perth airport. These percentages are very close to those recorded for the December quarter 1996.

The major countries of embarkation of overseas visitors to Australia by air were New Zealand (20\% of all visitors by air), Japan (16\%) and Singapore ( also 16\%).

Kingsford Smith airport was the most important port of entry for overseas visitors from all countries of embarkation except Japan and Papua New Guinea. The countries of embarkation with the highest proportions of arrivals by air at Kingsford Smith airport were the United States of America (83\%), Fiji ( $72 \%$ ), Philippines ( $62 \%$ ), Thailand (53\%) and New Zealand (48\%). For visitors embarking from Japan, the main ports of arrival were Eagle Farm (44\%), Kingsford Smith (30\%) and Cairns (19\%).

| Country of residence | Main purpose of journey (b) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Convention/ conference | Business | Visiting friends/ relatives | Holiday | Employment | Education | Other and not stated | Total |
| PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 0.4 | 1.8 | 8.0 | 9.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 20.8 |
| Germany | 0.6 | 2.5 | 7.8 | 28.7 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 41.2 |
| Hong Kong | 0.6 | 3.4 | 8.4 | 21.3 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 36.0 |
| Indonesia | 0.7 | 2.4 | 5.0 | 21.1 | 0.2 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 34.4 |
| Japan | 0.7 | 8.0 | 4.8 | 175.0 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 5.2 | 195.3 |
| Korea | 1.5 | 2.7 | 4.6 | 40.0 | - | 2.1 | 3.6 | 54.6 |
| Malaysia | 1.1 | 1.9 | 8.2 | 24.1 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 37.7 |
| New Zealand | 4.7 | 25.0 | 59.6 | 76.8 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 9.3 | 177.4 |
| Papua New Guinea | 0.6 | 0.8 | 2.4 | 6.4 | - | 0.5 | 1.8 | 12.4 |
| Singapore | 1.1 | 7.0 | 8.4 | 67.2 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 2.7 | 87.3 |
| Switzerland | 0.2 | 0.9 | 2.4 | 10.1 | - | 0.2 | 0.3 | 14.1 |
| Taiwan | 0.5 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 24.9 | - | 0.9 | 3.2 | 32.8 |
| Thailand | 0.4 | 1.2 | 2.0 | 7.3 | - | 1.1 | 0.9 | 12.9 |
| United Kingdom | 2.1 | 10.3 | 68.0 | 56.8 | 2.4 | 0.4 | 5.0 | 145.1 |
| United States of America | 4.0 | 18.0 | 23.0 | 37.7 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 5.0 | 89.2 |
| Other | 8.3 | 23.4 | 61.7 | 84.9 | 1.9 | 3.5 | 19.2 | 202.9 |
| Total | 27.7 | 110.9 | 275.9 | 691.5 | 7.5 | 17.0 | 63.6 | 1,194.2 |
| NUMBER OF PERSON DAYS (a) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 5.7 | 38.3 | 339.3 | 498.3 | 51.5 | 20.2 | 47.8 | 1,001.2 |
| Germany | 7.5 | 54.5 | 357.2 | 1,004.3 | 24.4 | 38.0 | 64.5 | 1,550.4 |
| Hong Kong | 3.7 | 41.1 | 184.6 | 240.2 | 3.9 | 182.8 | 26.9 | 683.3 |
| Indonesia | 6.2 | 31.3 | 96.9 | 246.2 | 3.3 | 276.8 | 49.2 | 709.8 |
| Japan | 4.8 | 183.6 | 121.4 | 1,816.5 | 27.0 | 221.2 | 117.4 | 2,491.9 |
| Korea | 11.7 | 35.3 | 125.6 | 327.0 | 3.5 | 346.8 | 68.8 | 918.6 |
| Malaysia | 9.0 | 19.3 | 230.8 | 265.3 | 9.4 | 123.7 | 28.7 | 686.3 |
| New Zealand | 31.7 | 204.3 | 1,141.8 | 998.6 | 173.6 | 19.9 | 145.1 | 2,715.1 |
| Papua New Guinea | 4.7 | 6.0 | 56.6 | 92.7 | 2.8 | 30.4 | 15.5 | 208.6 |
| Singapore | 9.0 | 51.5 | 159.4 | 652.1 | 18.4 | 91.9 | 41.3 | 1,023.5 |
| Switzerland | 2.6 | 19.5 | 105.8 | 479.8 | 3.6 | 32.9 | 22.1 | 666.4 |
| Taiwan | 3.7 | 16.8 | 72.9 | 218.8 | 3.0 | 130.1 | 30.3 | 475.7 |
| Thailand | 3.4 | 11.0 | 64.5 | 66.1 | 3.7 | 110.8 | 26.0 | 285.5 |
| United Kingdom | 32.6 | 212.8 | 2,728.8 | 3,351.2 | 457.2 | 58.3 | 369.4 | 7,210.2 |
| United States of America | 36.6 | 298.0 | 585.0 | 629.1 | 80.2 | 52.9 | 134.9 | 1,816.6 |
| Other | 104.0 | 469.7 | 3,491.1 | 3,152.6 | 278.4 | 461.3 | 772.8 | 8,729.7 |
| Total | 277.0 | 1,693.0 | 9,861.5 | 14,038.7 | 1,143.9 | 2,198.1 | 1,960.9 | 31,173.0 |

(a) For further explanation, see Glossary. (b) See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes and Glossary for further explanation.

During December quarter 1997, 1,194,200 visitors arrived in Australia, a marginal increase over the number in December quarter 1996. These visitors intended to spend a total of 31.2 million days in Australia, an increase of $4 \%$ over the corresponding period in 1996. Off the total number of intended days to be stayed, $45 \%$ ( 14.1 million days) were intended for 'Holiday' purposes and $32 \%$ for 'Visiting friends/relatives'.

Visitors from the United Kingdom intended to stay the greatest number of person days, 7.2 million (23\%), of all days of intended length of stay. This number of days was followed by visitors from New Zealand (2.7 million days or $9 \%$ ) and visitors from Japan ( 2.5 million days or $8 \%$ ).

## A. MAIN PURPOSE OF JOURNEY (a) BY INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY DECEMBER QUARTER 1997 <br> ('000)

| Main purpose of journey (a) | Intended length of stay |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total (b) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Under <br> 1 week | $\begin{gathered} 1 \text { week } \\ \text { and under } \\ 2 \text { weeks } \end{gathered}$ | 2 weeks and under 1 month | 1 month and under 2 months | 2 months and under 3 months | 3 months and under 6 months | 6 months and under 12 months |  |
| Convention/conference | 0.3 | 0.4 | - | - | - | - | - | 0.7 |
| Business | 4.2 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 8.0 |
| Visiting friends/relatives | 0.8 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 4.8 |
| Holiday | 95.9 | 69.2 | 5.9 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 175.0 |
| Employment | - | - | - | - | 0.1 | - | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Education | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.6 |
| Other and not stated | 2.3 | 2.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 5.2 |
| Total | 103.6 | 75.9 | 7.7 | 1.9 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 3.1 | 195.3 |

(a) See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes and Glossary for further explanation. (b) Includes not stated.
B. AGE BY MAIN PURPOSE OF JOURNEY (a) DECEMBER QUARTER 1997 ('000)

| Main purpose of journey (a) | Age group (years) |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0-14 | 15-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65 and over |  |
| Convention/conference | - | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | - | 0.7 |
| Business | - | 0.3 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 0.9 | - | 8.0 |
| Visiting friends/relatives | 0.3 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 4.8 |
| Holiday | 7.7 | 33.8 | 60.7 | 18.2 | 23.6 | 20.1 | 10.9 | 175.0 |
| Employment | - | - | - | - | - | 0.1 | - | 0.1 |
| Education | - | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.2 | - | - | - | 1.6 |
| Other and not stated | 0.4 | 0.6 | 1.9 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 5.2 |
| Total | 8.4 | 36.7 | 67.0 | 21.8 | 27.7 | 22.3 | 11.4 | 195.3 |

(a) See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes and Glossary for further explanation.

## C. MAJOR PORT OF ARRIVAL BY AIR BY COUNTRY OF LAST EMBARKATION DECEMBER QUARTER 1997 ('000)

| Country of last embarkation | Major port of clearance |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Total } \\ \text { Aust. (a) } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kingsford Smith (Sydney) | Tullamarine (Melbourne) | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Eagle } \\ \text { Farm } \\ \text { (Brisbane) } \end{array}$ | Cairns | Adelaide | Perth | Darwin |  |
| Major group - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oceania and Antarctica | 1.7 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.3 | - | 0.1 | - | 3.7 |
| Europe and the Former USSR | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Middle East and North Africa | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Southeast Asia | 2.1 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 2.5 | 0.4 | 6.8 |
| Northeast Asia | 53.5 | 6.1 | 81.8 | 36.5 | 0.4 | 5.7 | 0.2 | 184.5 |
| Southern Asia | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| The Americas | 0.3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.3 |
| Africa (excluding North Africa) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total (b) | 57.7 | 7.6 | 83.4 | 37.0 | 0.5 | 8.3 | 0.5 | 195.3 |
| Major source countries - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Japan | 51.0 | 5.4 | 81.1 | 36.0 | 0.3 | 5.4 | 0.2 | 179.6 |
| Singapore | 1.5 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 4.7 |
| New Zealand | 1.5 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.1 | - | 0.1 | - | 3.2 |

(a) Includes all airports. (b) Includes not stated.

## A. MAIN PURPOSE OF JOURNEY (a) BY INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY DECEMBER QUARTER 1997 ('000)

| Main purpose of journey (a) | Intended length of stay |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total (b) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Under <br> 1 week | 1 week and under 2 weeks | 2 weeks and under 1 month | 1 month and under 2 months | 2 months and under 3 months | 3 months and under 6 months | 6 months and under 12 months |  |
| Convention/conference | 3.1 | 1.2 | 0.4 | - | - | - | - | 4.7 |
| Business | 19.0 | 3.3 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 25.0 |
| Visiting friends/relatives | 10.6 | 19.6 | 19.5 | 6.8 | 1.6 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 59.6 |
| Holiday | 19.7 | 34.9 | 18.2 | 2.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 76.8 |
| Employment | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 1.3 |
| Education | 0.3 | 0.2 | - | - | - | - | - | 0.7 |
| Other and not stated | 4.7 | 2.5 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 9.3 |
| Total | 57.6 | 61.8 | 40.9 | 10.7 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 177.4 |

(a) See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes and Glossary for further explanation. (b) Includes not stated.

| B. AGE BY MAIN PURPOSE OF JOURNEY (a) DECEMBER QUARTER 1997 ('000) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Age group (years) |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| Main purpose of journey (a) | 0-14 | 15-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65 and over |  |
| Convention/conference | - | 0.4 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 4.7 |
| Business | - | 0.9 | 5.9 | 8.9 | 6.8 | 2.1 | 0.3 | 25.0 |
| Visiting friends/relatives | 8.1 | 7.3 | 11.0 | 8.5 | 8.4 | 7.9 | 8.4 | 59.6 |
| Holiday | 9.6 | 10.7 | 15.5 | 13.7 | 14.0 | 7.7 | 5.5 | 76.8 |
| Employment | - | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | - | - | 1.3 |
| Education | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | - | - | 0.7 |
| Other and not stated | 0.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 9.3 |
| Total | 18.7 | 21.7 | 35.5 | 34.9 | 32.5 | 19.0 | 15.0 | 177.4 |

(a) See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes and Glossary for further explanation.

## C. MAJOR PORT OF ARRIVAL BY AIR BY COUNTRY OF LAST EMBARKATION DECEMBER QUARTER 1997 <br> ('000)

| Country of last embarkation | Major port of clearance |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total <br> Aust. (a) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kingsford Smith (Sydney) | Tullamarine <br> (Melbourne) | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Eagle } \\ \text { Farm } \\ \text { (Brisbane) } \end{array}$ | Cairns | Adelaide | Perth | Darwin |  |
| Major group - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oceania and Antarctica | 72.9 | 35.2 | 52.8 | 3.5 | 0.1 | 3.3 | - | 168.1 |
| Europe and the Former USSR | 0.5 | 0.2 | - | - | - | 0.2 | - | 0.8 |
| Middle East and North Africa | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Southeast Asia | 2.0 | 0.4 | 0.6 | - | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 3.9 |
| Northeast Asia | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.4 | - | - | 0.1 | - | 1.7 |
| Southern Asia | 0.2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.2 |
| The Americas | 0.6 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.7 |
| Africa (excluding North Africa) | 0.6 | - | - | - | - | 0.1 | - | 0.7 |
| Total (b) | 77.7 | 36.1 | 53.8 | 3.6 | 0.1 | 4.2 | 0.3 | 176.1 |
| Major source countries - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New Zealand | 72.6 | 35.2 | 52.6 | 3.3 | 0.1 | 3.3 | - | 167.4 |
| Singapore | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | - | 0.1 | 0.3 | - | 1.0 |
| United Kingdom | 0.3 | 0.2 | - | - | - | 0.2 | - | 0.6 |

[^1]| A. MAIN PURPOSE OF JOURNEY (a) BY INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY DECEMBER QUARTER 1997 ('000) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Intended length of stay |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total (b) |
| Main purpose of journey (a) | Under <br> 1 week | 1 week and under 2 weeks | 2 weeks and under 1 month | 1 month and under 2 months | 2 months and under 3 months | 3 months and under 6 months | 6 months and under 12 months |  |
| Convention/conference | 0.2 | 1.0 | 0.8 | - | - | - | - | 2.1 |
| Business | 3.5 | 2.9 | 2.2 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 10.3 |
| Visiting friends/relatives | 1.6 | 4.9 | 25.6 | 21.9 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 1.7 | 68.0 |
| Holiday | 4.6 | 7.0 | 21.9 | 10.0 | 2.5 | 4.0 | 6.8 | 56.8 |
| Employment | - | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 2.4 |
| Education | - | - | - | - | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| Other and not stated | 0.8 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 5.0 |
| Total | 10.7 | 17.6 | 51.4 | 33.4 | 9.7 | 11.2 | 11.1 | 145.1 |

(a) See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes and Glossary for further explanation. (b) Includes not stated.

## B. AGE BY MAIN PURPOSE OF JOURNEY (a) DECEMBER QUARTER 1997

 ('000)| Main purpose of journey (a) | Age group (years) |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0-14 | 15-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | $\begin{gathered} 65 \text { and } \\ \text { over } \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Convention/conference | - | - | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 2.1 |
| Business | - | 0.3 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 10.3 |
| Visiting friends/relatives | 5.3 | 4.0 | 11.9 | 7.7 | 11.3 | 12.4 | 15.4 | 68.0 |
| Holiday | 3.0 | 8.9 | 17.4 | 6.8 | 8.0 | 7.3 | 5.5 | 56.8 |
| Employment | - | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.1 | - | - | 2.4 |
| Education | - | 0.1 | 0.2 | - | - | - | - | 0.4 |
| Other and not stated | 0.5 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 5.0 |
| Total | 8.7 | 15.1 | 34.9 | 19.3 | 23.6 | 21.7 | 21.8 | 145.1 |

(a) See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes and Glossary for further explanation.

## C. MAJOR PORT OF ARRIVAL BY AIR BY COUNTRY OF LAST EMBARKATION DECEMBER QUARTER 1997 <br> ('000)

| Country of last embarkation | Major port of clearance |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total <br> Aust. (a) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kingsford Smith (Sydney) | Tullamarine <br> (Melbourne) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Eagle } \\ \text { Farm } \\ \text { (Brisbane) } \end{gathered}$ | Cairns | Adelaide | Perth | Darwin |  |
| Major group - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oceania and Antarctica | 8.1 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 0.8 | - | 0.2 | - | 13.1 |
| Europe and the Former USSR | 24.0 | 8.1 | 3.6 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 12.5 | - | 50.1 |
| Middle East and North Africa | 0.7 | 0.7 | - | - | - | - | - | 1.5 |
| Southeast Asia | 18.4 | 7.6 | 6.9 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 14.3 | 2.3 | 57.7 |
| Northeast Asia | 7.7 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 16.1 |
| Southern Asia | 0.3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.3 |
| The Americas | 3.4 | 0.8 | - | 0.1 | - | - | - | 4.3 |
| Africa (excluding North Africa) | 0.6 | - | - | - | - | 1.2 | - | 1.8 |
| Total (b) | 63.1 | 21.4 | 14.9 | 8.0 | 5.4 | 29.4 | 2.5 | 144.9 |
| Major source countries - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United Kingdom | 21.3 | 7.6 | 3.5 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 12.5 | - | 46.8 |
| Singapore | 9.5 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 8.0 | 0.9 | 32.6 |
| New Zealand | 7.1 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 0.5 | - | 0.2 | - | 11.4 |
| Hong Kong | 4.0 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 1.0 | - | 9.5 |
| Thailand | 3.4 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.2 | - | 1.0 | - | 6.1 |

(a) Includes all airports. (b) Includes not stated.

## A. MAIN PURPOSE OF JOURNEY (a) BY INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY DECEMBER QUARTER 1997 ('000)

| Main purpose of journey (a) | Intended length of stay |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total (b) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Under <br> 1 week | 1 week and under 2 weeks | 2 weeks and under 1 month | 1 month and under 2 months | 2 months and under 3 months | 3 months and under 6 months | 6 months and under 12 months |  |
| Convention/conference | 1.2 | 2.1 | 0.8 | - | - | - | - | 4.0 |
| Business | 6.9 | 6.2 | 3.2 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 18.0 |
| Visiting friends/relatives | 1.4 | 5.4 | 10.3 | 4.1 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 23.0 |
| Holiday | 6.1 | 14.1 | 14.2 | 1.8 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 37.7 |
| Employment | - | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.8 |
| Education | - | 0.1 | 0.1 | - | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| Other and not stated | 1.0 | 2.3 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 5.0 |
| Total | 16.7 | 30.2 | 29.4 | 7.2 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 89.2 |

(a) See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes and Glossary for further explanation. (b) Includes not stated.

## B. AGE BY MAIN PURPOSE OF JOURNEY (a) DECEMBER QUARTER 1997 ('000)

| Main purpose of journey (a) | Age group (years) |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0-14 | 15-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | $65 \text { and }$ over |  |
| Convention/conference | - | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 4.0 |
| Business | - | 0.3 | 3.6 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 2.0 | 0.3 | 18.0 |
| Visiting friends/relatives | 2.5 | 3.1 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 23.0 |
| Holiday | 2.0 | 2.2 | 6.6 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 6.2 | 7.7 | 37.7 |
| Employment | - | - | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.1 | - | - | 0.8 |
| Education | - | 0.3 | 0.2 | - | - | - | - | 0.5 |
| Other and not stated | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 5.0 |
| Total | 4.9 | 6.5 | 16.6 | 18.0 | 18.9 | 12.1 | 12.0 | 89.2 |

(a) See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes and Glossary for further explanation.

## C. MAJOR PORT OF ARRIVAL BY AIR BY COUNTRY OF LAST EMBARKATION DECEMBER QUARTER 1997 <br> ('000)

| Country of last embarkation | Major port of clearance |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total <br> Aust. (a) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kingsford Smith (Sydney) | Tullamarine <br> (Melbourne) | Eagle Farm (Brisbane) | Cairns | Adelaide | Perth | Darwin |  |
| Major group - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oceania and Antarctica | 8.8 | 3.8 | 1.8 | 1.2 | - | - | - | 15.8 |
| Europe and the Former USSR | 0.3 | - | - | - | - | 0.2 | - | 0.5 |
| Middle East and North Africa | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Southeast Asia | 2.7 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | - | 1.3 | 0.2 | 6.0 |
| Northeast Asia | 1.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.3 | - | 0.2 | - | 3.1 |
| Southern Asia | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| The Americas | 52.2 | 7.1 | 0.8 | 2.0 | - | - | - | 62.2 |
| Africa (excluding North Africa) | 0.1 | - | - | - | - | 0.1 | - | 0.2 |
| Total (b) | 65.7 | 12.6 | 3.4 | 3.8 | - | 1.8 | 0.2 | 87.9 |
| Major source countries - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States of America | 52.2 | 7.1 | 0.8 | 2.0 | - | - | - | 62.2 |
| New Zealand | 7.6 | 3.8 | 1.3 | 0.6 | - | - | - | 13.4 |
| Singapore | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | - | 0.6 | - | 2.9 |

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DEPARTURES OF OVERSEAS VISITORS (a) ('000)
DECEMBER QUARTER 1997

| Length of stay in Australia | State or Territory in which most time was spent |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | $N T$ | ACT | Aust. (b) |
| JAPAN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 1 week | 46.0 | 5.1 | 42.5 | 0.4 | 3.2 | - | 0.1 | 0.3 | 98.0 |
| 1 week and under 2 weeks | 28.9 | 2.6 | 30.6 | 0.7 | 2.7 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 66.7 |
| 2 weeks and under 1 month | 1.5 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 0.7 | - | - | 0.1 | 4.1 |
| 1 month and under 2 months | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | - | - | - | 1.6 |
| 2 months and under 1 year | 3.6 | 1.2 | 2.6 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.1 | - | 0.4 | 8.8 |
| Total | 80.9 | 9.6 | 77.2 | 1.4 | 7.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 179.2 |
| NEW ZEALAND |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 1 week | 33.2 | 14.2 | 8.9 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 59.5 |
| 1 week and under 2 weeks | 15.8 | 10.1 | 31.2 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 62.4 |
| 2 weeks and under 1 month | 8.6 | 4.4 | 16.7 | 0.8 | 2.6 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 34.0 |
| 1 month and under 2 months | 2.2 | 0.8 | 2.6 | - | 0.6 | - | - | 0.1 | 6.3 |
| 2 months and under 1 year | 2.7 | 0.9 | 2.4 | - | 1.3 | - | 0.2 | 0.1 | 7.6 |
| Total | 62.5 | 30.4 | 62.0 | 3.3 | 7.4 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 169.9 |
| UNITED KINGDOM |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 1 week | 6.6 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 1.0 | - | 0.1 | - | 12.0 |
| 1 week and under 2 weeks | 6.6 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 0.6 | 2.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | - | 15.0 |
| 2 weeks and under 1 month | 14.6 | 4.9 | 8.1 | 2.1 | 7.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 38.2 |
| 1 month and under 2 months | 6.9 | 2.7 | 4.5 | 1.7 | 4.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 21.1 |
| 2 months and under 1 year | 6.6 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 0.9 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 15.1 |
| Total | 41.3 | 14.2 | 20.3 | 5.6 | 17.5 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 101.5 |
| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 1 week | 11.5 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 0.3 | 0.8 | - | 0.2 | 0.3 | 19.0 |
| 1 week and under 2 weeks | 17.0 | 3.3 | 5.8 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 28.8 |
| 2 weeks and under 1 month | 10.9 | 2.8 | 4.7 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 21.3 |
| 1 month and under 2 months | 2.3 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 5.6 |
| 2 months and under 1 year | 3.5 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 7.4 |
| Total | 45.2 | 11.1 | 15.6 | 2.4 | 3.9 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 82.0 |
| TOTAL ALL COUNTRIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 1 week | 175.0 | 39.2 | 99.7 | 3.3 | 29.3 | 0.7 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 352.4 |
| 1 week and under 2 weeks | 130.7 | 42.9 | 115.2 | 6.1 | 27.4 | 3.5 | 1.8 | 2.9 | 331.2 |
| 2 weeks and under 1 month | 69.4 | 26.9 | 52.2 | 6.8 | 22.3 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 1.6 | 185.1 |
| 1 month and under 2 months | 30.3 | 12.8 | 19.8 | 4.5 | 12.7 | 0.9 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 84.1 |
| 2 months and under 1 year | 49.4 | 30.0 | 23.7 | 5.6 | 17.8 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 131.4 |
| Total | 454.8 | 151.8 | 310.7 | 26.3 | 109.6 | 8.4 | 10.2 | 9.5 | 1084.2 |

(a) For further explanation, see Glossary. (b) Includes Other Territories and not stated.

Of the 181,000 Japanese visitors to leave Australia during December quarter 1997, the majority (164,700 or $92 \%$ ) had stayed for less than two weeks; $55 \%(98,000)$ had stayed under one week.

Approximately $\mathbf{7 2 \%}$ of visitors from New Zealand and $58 \%$ of visitors from the United States of America had spent less than two weeks in Australia. For these two countries, $92 \%$ and $84 \%$ of departures respectively had spent less than a month in Australia.

New South Wales was the most popular destination of overseas visitors. Of all departing overseas visitors, $43 \%$ stated, on departure, that they had spent the most time in New South Wales, including $55 \%$ of all visitors from the United States of America, $45 \%$ from Japan, $41 \%$ from the United Kingdom and $39 \%$ from New Zealand. Queensland was the second most visited State ( $29 \%$ of all visitors) and Victoria the third most popular ( $13 \%$ of all visitors).

| Country of intended stay | 1997 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fiji | 7.0 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 7.6 | 6.3 |
| Hong Kong | 16.7 | 17.0 | 15.4 | 14.4 | 14.7 | 15.1 | 11.1 | 11.7 | 7.4 | 12.0 | 10.7 | 12.4 |
| Indonesia | 22.9 | 23.4 | 26.0 | 22.9 | 27.0 | 24.7 | 24.4 | 27.6 | 31.1 | 26.8 | 28.1 | 24.2 |
| Italy | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 3.2 |
| Malaysia | 8.4 | 9.0 | 10.4 | 7.8 | 8.6 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 9.5 | 8.1 | 5.9 | 8.2 | 6.9 |
| New Zealand | 33.3 | 33.8 | 34.7 | 32.5 | 36.2 | 33.7 | 30.4 | 35.5 | 33.7 | 35.7 | 35.0 | 34.8 |
| Singapore | 8.9 | 8.0 | 7.7 | 6.9 | 10.6 | 9.0 | 8.6 | 11.7 | 10.0 | 7.8 | 9.4 | 7.4 |
| Thailand | 6.8 | 9.0 | 9.8 | 5.6 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 5.9 | 6.8 | 7.2 | 6.3 | 8.7 | 8.7 |
| United Kingdom | 23.8 | 24.3 | 25.9 | 21.0 | 32.8 | 26.4 | 26.3 | 25.5 | 29.1 | 31.0 | 28.2 | 25.4 |
| United States of America | 30.9 | 27.7 | 27.8 | 28.2 | 28.6 | 28.6 | 24.0 | 32.4 | 31.7 | 29.8 | 31.2 | 31.1 |
| Other | 74.7 | 74.0 | 84.5 | 71.9 | 79.0 | 77.5 | 74.5 | 80.4 | 83.2 | 90.4 | 84.7 | 75.7 |
| Total | 238.2 | 238.5 | 254.4 | 221.9 | 257.3 | 243.1 | 223.8 | 252.2 | 253.0 | 257.7 | 256.8 | 235.9 |
| TREND ESTIMATE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fiji | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 6.6 |
| Hong Kong | 16.0 | 16.2 | 16.0 | 15.3 | 14.4 | 13.2 | 12.1 | 11.2 | 10.7 | 10.6 | 10.7 | 10.9 |
| Indonesia | 23.5 | 23.8 | 24.2 | 24.5 | 25.0 | 25.8 | 26.6 | 27.2 | 27.6 | 27.6 | 27.3 | 27.0 |
| Italy | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.6 |
| Malaysia | 8.6 | 8.7 | 8.8 | 8.9 | 8.9 | 8.7 | 8.5 | 8.2 | 8.0 | 7.6 | 7.3 | 7.0 |
| New Zealand | 35.0 | 34.5 | 34.1 | 33.8 | 33.6 | 33.6 | 33.7 | 33.9 | 34.2 | 34.6 | 34.9 | 35.3 |
| Singapore | 8.0 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 8.4 | 8.9 | 9.4 | 9.7 | 9.8 | 9.5 | 9.1 | 8.7 | 8.3 |
| Thailand | 7.8 | 8.0 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 7.2 | 6.8 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 7.4 | 7.8 | 8.2 |
| United Kingdom | 24.3 | 24.6 | 25.2 | 25.8 | 26.4 | 27.0 | 27.6 | 27.9 | 28.1 | 28.1 | 27.9 | 28.0 |
| United States of America | 28.9 | 28.6 | 28.2 | 27.9 | 27.8 | 28.1 | 28.7 | 29.4 | 30.1 | 30.7 | 31.2 | 31.5 |
| Other | 74.4 | 75.5 | 76.4 | 76.8 | 77.0 | 77.7 | 79.0 | 80.8 | 82.5 | 83.4 | 83.6 | 83.3 |
| Total | 238.1 | 239.6 | 240.8 | 241.0 | 240.9 | 241.8 | 243.8 | 246.7 | 249.3 | 250.7 | 250.6 | 250.9 |

(a) For further explanation, see Glossary.

DEPARTURES OF AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS FOR SHORT-TERM TRIPS ABROAD, SELECTED COUNTRIES OF INTENDED STAY (a), DECEMBER QUARTER 1997

| Country of intended stay | Original ('000) |  |  |  | \% change over <br> December quarter 1996 | \% of total short-term departures | Median intended length of stay (days) | No. person days (a) ('000) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | October | November | December | December quarter 1997 |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 2.2 | 2.0 | 5.8 | 9.9 | 11.2 | 1.3 | 27.8 | 585.4 |
| China | 8.8 | 6.1 | 8.5 | 23.3 | 41.7 | 3.0 | 18.8 | 754.0 |
| Fiji | 6.4 | 6.5 | 8.9 | 21.8 | 5.3 | 2.8 | 9.8 | 370.4 |
| Hong Kong | 10.6 | 11.9 | 18.2 | 40.6 | -21.1 | 5.3 | 29.1 | 1,887.6 |
| Indonesia | 31.8 | 25.8 | 23.6 | 81.2 | 16.9 | 10.5 | 9.7 | 1,478.2 |
| Italy | 4.4 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 9.8 | -0.7 | 1.3 | 29.6 | 406.9 |
| Japan | 6.2 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 16.0 | 30.7 | 2.1 | 12.4 | 483.6 |
| Malaysia | 5.9 | 7.9 | 10.5 | 24.3 | -15.4 | 3.2 | 20.2 | 928.3 |
| New Zealand | 33.1 | 31.8 | 51.3 | 116.2 | -4.4 | 15.1 | 11.3 | 2,045.0 |
| Philippines | 4.0 | 5.2 | 9.6 | 18.8 | 1.4 | 2.4 | 27.6 | 623.3 |
| Singapore | 8.0 | 9.9 | 8.4 | 26.3 | 0.6 | 3.4 | 7.6 | 647.8 |
| Thailand | 7.5 | 9.0 | 9.8 | 26.2 | 14.9 | 3.4 | 13.4 | 572.4 |
| United Kingdom | 24.2 | 18.8 | 24.1 | 67.2 | 16.6 | 8.7 | 29.7 | 3,676.5 |
| United States of America | 29.6 | 25.7 | 35.9 | 91.2 | 6.7 | 11.8 | 20.2 | 2,909.5 |
| Viet Nam | 2.2 | 4.2 | 8.3 | 14.6 | -4.4 | 1.9 | 29.6 | 658.8 |
| Other | 52.1 | 60.3 | 70.2 | 182.6 | 12.7 | 23.7 | n.a. | 8,159.5 |
| Total | 236.9 | 232.5 | 300.7 | 770.1 | 5.9 | 100.0 | 18.3 | 26,187.3 |

(a) For further explanation, see Glossary.

| Country of disembarkation | Kingsford Smith (Sydney) | Tullamarine <br> (Melbourne) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Eagle } \\ \text { Farm } \\ \text { (Brisbane) } \end{gathered}$ | Cairns | Adelaide | Perth | Darwin | Total <br> Aust. (b) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fiji | 13.8 | 4.0 | 3.5 | - | 0.1 | - | - | 21.4 |
| Hong Kong | 31.3 | 15.4 | 8.6 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 5.9 | - | 63.4 |
| Indonesia | 23.7 | 17.6 | 4.3 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 24.7 | 9.6 | 82.8 |
| Japan | 13.4 | 2.1 | 4.2 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 0.4 | - | 21.8 |
| Malaysia | 10.8 | 7.0 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 1.7 | 7.5 | 1.2 | 32.6 |
| New Zealand | 61.8 | 30.5 | 24.6 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 4.4 | - | 123.6 |
| Papua New Guinea | 1.8 | 0.1 | 3.9 | 4.5 | - | - | 0.1 | 10.4 |
| Philippines | 11.7 | 4.4 | 2.8 | - | 0.1 | 0.1 | - | 19.1 |
| Singapore | 27.8 | 14.3 | 9.1 | 0.8 | 4.8 | 19.1 | 1.6 | 77.9 |
| Thailand | 19.2 | 10.2 | 4.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 6.8 | 0.1 | 41.2 |
| United Kingdom | 18.8 | 11.7 | 4.5 | 0.3 | 1.9 | 7.1 | 0.1 | 44.3 |
| United States of America | 74.5 | 19.5 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 96.2 |
| Other | 77.5 | 30.7 | 16.8 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 6.5 | 0.7 | 134.4 |
| Total | 386.0 | 167.1 | 92.0 | 10.8 | 15.1 | 82.7 | 13.4 | 769.1 |

(a) For further explanation, see Glossary. (b) Includes all airports.

Of the 770,100 Australian residents who departed the country during December quarter 1997, almost all departed by air. Half of these departures were from Sydney airport, with the next most prominent airport for embarkation being Melbourne (22\%), while $12 \%$ departed from Brisbane and $11 \%$ from Perth.

The main country of intended short-term stay for departing Australian resident for the quarter was New Zealand with $16 \%$ of the Total number of departures. A further $13 \%$ intended to disembark in the United States of America, 11\% in Indonesia and 10\% in Singapore.

Of Australian residents intending to disembark in the United States of America, 77\% left from Sydney airport. Exactly half of New Zealand bound outbound short-term Australian residents left from the same airport. Of all overseas departures of Australian residents from Darwin airport, $72 \%$ intended to disembark in Indonesia.

| Country of intended stay | Main purpose of journey (a) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Convention/ conference | Business | Visiting friends/ relatives | Holiday | Employment | Education | Other and not stated | Total |
| PERSONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 0.3 | 0.9 | 3.0 | 4.9 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 9.9 |
| China | 1.3 | 5.2 | 6.2 | 9.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 23.3 |
| Fiji | 0.4 | 1.5 | 4.5 | 14.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 21.8 |
| Hong Kong | 1.3 | 8.2 | 12.8 | 14.8 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 40.6 |
| Indonesia | 1.2 | 8.5 | 4.6 | 64.1 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 81.2 |
| Italy | 0.3 | 1.3 | 3.0 | 4.4 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 9.8 |
| Japan | 0.8 | 5.5 | 2.7 | 5.7 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 16.0 |
| Malaysia | 0.7 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 8.8 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 24.3 |
| New Zealand | 3.7 | 22.7 | 46.1 | 38.1 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 4.0 | 116.2 |
| Philippines | 0.6 | 2.6 | 8.2 | 6.5 | 0.2 | - | 0.7 | 18.8 |
| Singapore | 1.7 | 7.9 | 4.3 | 9.9 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 26.3 |
| Thailand | 1.1 | 3.3 | 2.2 | 18.4 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 26.2 |
| United Kingdom | 1.0 | 6.9 | 24.1 | 31.6 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 2.0 | 67.2 |
| United States of America | 7.5 | 15.2 | 15.2 | 48.1 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 2.4 | 91.2 |
| Viet Nam | 0.1 | 0.8 | 8.8 | 4.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 14.6 |
| Other | 4.1 | 24.2 | 60.3 | 76.2 | 6.8 | 3.5 | 7.6 | 182.6 |
| Total | 26.0 | 121.2 | 212.0 | 358.7 | 17.9 | 9.1 | 25.2 | 770.1 |
| NUMBER OF PERSON DAYS (b) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 8.5 | 28.1 | 182.9 | 258.0 | 56.4 | 37.6 | 14.0 | 585.4 |
| China | 10.6 | 131.3 | 321.8 | 203.4 | 36.2 | 12.8 | 38.0 | 754.0 |
| Fiji | 2.4 | 27.5 | 121.5 | 181.8 | 18.8 | 2.2 | 16.2 | 370.4 |
| Hong Kong | 14.3 | 305.8 | 616.1 | 549.6 | 286.9 | 28.2 | 86.7 | 1,887.6 |
| Indonesia | 9.3 | 251.8 | 155.9 | 867.5 | 97.2 | 19.3 | 77.2 | 1,478.2 |
| Italy | 8.8 | 31.6 | 131.1 | 186.3 | 16.0 | 12.3 | 20.8 | 406.9 |
| Japan | 5.2 | 83.3 | 113.2 | 154.7 | 83.3 | 24.1 | 19.8 | 483.6 |
| Malaysia | 10.2 | 160.9 | 262.3 | 248.8 | 159.5 | 15.3 | 71.2 | 928.3 |
| New Zealand | 25.9 | 174.0 | 952.5 | 688.1 | 89.9 | 36.4 | 78.2 | 2,045.0 |
| Philippines | 7.6 | 41.2 | 330.9 | 185.3 | 32.2 | 1.2 | 25.0 | 623.3 |
| Singapore | 10.4 | 118.1 | 141.4 | 141.3 | 156.5 | 39.6 | 40.6 | 647.8 |
| Thailand | 10.3 | 62.5 | 75.0 | 351.2 | 41.8 | 0.9 | 30.8 | 572.4 |
| United Kingdom | 18.7 | 211.2 | 1,123.5 | 1,829.1 | 284.2 | 35.3 | 174.5 | 3,676.5 |
| United States of America | 102.5 | 393.2 | 615.2 | 1,355.9 | 233.8 | 96.2 | 112.7 | 2,909.5 |
| Viet Nam | 1.6 | 31.4 | 449.3 | 112.0 | 38.8 | 5.0 | 20.6 | 658.8 |
| Other | 58.2 | 621.6 | 3,414.5 | 2,803.3 | 557.7 | 237.3 | 466.8 | 8,159.5 |
| Total | 304.5 | 2,673.3 | 9,007.1 | 10,116.4 | 2,189.2 | 603.6 | 1,293.2 | 26,187.3 |

(a) See paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Explanatory Notes and Glossary for further explanation. (b) For further explanation, see Glossary.

Australian residents departing for short-term trips overseas during the December quarter 1997 intended to spend a total of 26.2 million person days overseas. Their average intended length of stay overseas was 34 days. This is significantly longer than the average length of stay for visitors arriving in Australia during the corresponding period in 1996 (26 days).

The main purpose for resident overseas departures was 'Holiday', with $39 \%$ of person days being intended for this reason. Departures for 'Visiting friends/relatives' accounted for $34 \%$ of days overseas and 'Business' for $10 \%$. Australians 'Visiting friends/relatives' spent an average of 42 days overseas, while those on business spent, on average, 22 days. 'Holiday' short-term resident travellers spent 28 days overseas. The longest intended length of overseas stay was for those travelling for 'Employment' ( 122 days) or 'Education' (66 days) purposes.

The greatest number of person days were intended to be spent in the United Kingdom ( 3.7 million days), followed by the United States of America ( 2.9 million days) and New Zealand ( 2 million days).

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Scope and coverage

Estimates at constant prices

INTERNATIONAL TOURISM

Source of the statistics

1 This series of tables and graphs contain statistics, for Australia and each State and Territory, from a quarterly survey of tourist accommodation establishments. Statistics in this publication are the latest available and so may differ from those previously published in Tourist Accommodation publications.

2 Tourist accommodation establishments included in the survey, and for which data appear in this publication, are hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities and which provide predominantly short-term accommodation (i.e. for periods of less than 2 months). This category comprises hotels licensed to operate a public bar and motels, private hotels and guest houses all of which provide a bath (or shower) and toilet in most guest rooms and have breakfast available for guests. From December quarter 1993, hotel, motel and guest house establishments with fewer than five rooms have been formally excluded from the scope of this statistical collection.

3 Data collected and published for each establishment include both long-term and short-term guests at these establishments.

4 Estimates of quarterly takings from accommodation contained in this publication are also expressed in terms of average 1989-90 prices. These estimates are presented in original, seasonally adjusted and trend terms, for Australia and each State and Territory, in Tables 1-10. (Note: monthly data at constant prices are not available.)

5 Takings from accommodation for each State and Territory have been deflated using the All Groups Consumer Price Index (CPI) for each capital city. The CPI has been used as it is a measure of the general extent of price change (inflation) in the economy. (Note: the CPI is only produced for capital cities.) As an example, an increase of $10 \%$ in the New South Wales takings from accommodation at 1989-90 prices over a period would mean that New South Wales takings from accommodation had increased $10 \%$ more than the Sydney CPI over that period, implying that takings from accommodation in New South Wales had increased $10 \%$ more than inflation.

6 General information on price deflators and constant price estimates is contained in Section 4 of Australian National Accounts: Concepts, Sources and Methods (5216.0).

7 This series of tables and graphs contains statistics on overseas visitor arrivals to and departures from Australia, and departures of Australian residents for short-term trips abroad, for the stated month or quarter during which the movement occurred.

8 Persons arriving in, or departing from, Australia are required to complete prescribed questionnaires in the form of Incoming and Outgoing Passenger cards. These cards provide information to the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs for administrative purposes and serve as the source of statistics of overseas arrivals and departures. In accordance with the Census and Statistics Act 1905, information relating to individuals, individual flights or ships and individual carriers, which is contained in these cards or other documents, is treated as confidential by the ABS.

9 Implementation of the Migration Reform Act, 1992 by the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs required that a health and character check be incorporated with the Incoming passenger card. The redesign of both passenger cards followed and new passenger cards were officially introduced on 1 September 1994. The main statistical change relating to data in this publication affects the Purpose of journey classification and constitutes a break in time series for this data item.

10 The following changes were made to the Purpose of journey question: on the Incoming passenger card, In transit was dropped; on the Outgoing passenger card, Student vacation was dropped; and on both cards, Visiting relatives was changed to Visiting friends/relatives, Convention was changed to Convention/conference and Accompanying business visitor was dropped.

Scope 11 The statistics in this publication relate to the number of movements of travellers 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.

Estimation method 12 Overseas arrival and departure statistics are derived from a combination of full enumeration and sampling. All movements with a duration of stay of less than one year are sampled. 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.

## Corrections and imputations

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

13 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 are also imputed by reference to other related items.

14 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 is 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.

15 Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates are shown in various graphs and tables in this publication. In these series, account has been taken of normal seasonal factors and 'trading day' effects (arising from the varying number 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. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting the series are available on request.

16 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effect 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. Irregular influences that are highly volatile can make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variation and cannot be assumed to indicate changes in the trend.

17 Smoothing seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular component of the seasonally adjusted series and creates the trend estimates. The trend estimates are derived by applying a 13 -term weighted moving average to the monthly and a 7 -term Henderson moving average to the quarterly seasonally adjusted series. The 7 - and 13 -term Henderson averages (like all Henderson averages) are symmetric but, as the end of a time series is approached, asymmetric forms of the average are applied.

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Unlike the weights of the standard 7-term Henderson moving average, the weights employed with the quarterly data have been tailored to suit the particular characteristics of individual series.

18 While these techniques enable trend estimates for recent months or quarters to be produced, it does result in revisions to the estimates for the most recent months or quarters as additional observations become available. Generally, subsequent revisions become smaller and after 3 months/ 2 quarters have little impact on the series. There may also be revisions as a result of changes in the original data, and as a result of re-estimation of seasonal factors. The information paper, A Guide to Interpreting Time Series — Monitoring "Trends", an Overview (1348.0) provides an introduction to the smoothing of seasonally adjusted time series data. For more detailed information, see A Guide to Smoothing Time Series - Estimates of "Trend" (1316.0), or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (06) 252 6345.

19 Comprehensive definitions and explanations, and detailed data are contained in the publications below:

Directory of Tourism Statistics, 1997 (1130.0) - irregular
Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia (3401.0) - issued monthly Migration, Australia (3412.0) - issued annually
Consumer Price Index (6401.0) - issued quarterly
Tourist Accommodation, Australia (8635.0) - issued quarterly
20 Tourist accommodation publications for Australia, and each State and Territory, are released by the respective offices of the ABS. More detailed statistics may be available upon request.

21 These publications are available from ABS bookshops or by mail order.
22 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 Release Advice (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.

23 As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may make available, on request, other relevant unpublished data. A charge may be made for this information.

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

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## GLOSSARY

## Average nightly number of guests per occupied room <br> Average nightly number of rooms occupied per establishment

Average takings per guest night

Average takings per room night occupied

Average takings per establishment

Country of residence, intended stay, embarkation or disembarkation

Guest nights divided by room nights occupied.

The average number of rooms per establishment multiplied by the occupancy rate for the survey period.

The takings from accommodation divided by the total number of guest nights for the survey period.

The takings from accommodation divided by the total number of room nights occupied for the survey period.

The takings from accommodation for the survey period divided by the number of establishments at the end of the survey period

The classification of countries in this publication is based on the Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics (ASCCSS). For more detailed information refer to the ABS publication Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics (1269.0).

Since the publication of the ASCCSS, political developments in Europe and the former USSR have resulted in a number of changes to the country classification. These changes are detailed in Revisions 1.01 and 1.02 of the ASCCSS. Further developments in Europe and Africa have affected some of the categories in this publication and are detailed in Revision 1.03 of the ASCCSS.

Statistics on country of residence, intended stay, embarkation or disembarkation have certain limitations because of inadequate reporting on passenger cards. For instance, it is not possible to identify separately England, Scotland and Wales. Similarly 'Korea' includes both the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Guest nights The total number of nights each paying guest stayed during the survey period

Guest rooms The maximum number of rooms, units, suites, etc. available for accommodating paying guests at hotels and motels with facilities during the survey period.

Median length of stay Defined as the length of stay which divides the relevant population into two equal parts, one-half of the cases falling below the median and the other half exceeding it.

## Number of establishments For hotels, motels etc. the number of establishments within the scope of the

 survey which operated for any part of the survey period or which closed temporarily for the quarter for seasonal reasons.Number of person days Defined as the number of visitor arrivals or short-term resident departures intending to stay for a particular length of stay multiplied by that length of stay.

Purpose of journey From September quarter 1994, all statistics relating to Purpose of journey are published using the following categories: Convention/conference, Business, Visiting friends/relatives, Holiday, Employment, Education and Other. In tabulations of data collected before September 1994, the Other category will include In transit and the Holiday category will include Student vacation and Accompanying business visitor.

Room nights available The total number of guest rooms available multiplied by the number of days for which they were available during the survey period.

Room nights occupied The total number of nights each guest room was occupied by a paying guest during the survey period.

Rooms per establishment The average number of rooms per establishment.
Short-term movement Movements of travellers whose intended or actual length of stay is less than 12 months are classified as short-term. These tables relate to short-term movements only.

Star grading The grading of hotels and motels with facilities is based on the classification system used by members of the Australian Automobile Association (AAA). The gradings are allocated according to a points system based on the amenities and facilities available to guests. Details of the grading scheme are contained in the RACV-RAASA members' publication Accommodation Australia, or the individual tour guides produced by members of the AAA. For the purpose of classifying establishments to a star grading in this publication, 'half' star gradings are ignored (e.g. a two and a half star grading has been shown as a two star).

## Takings from accommodation

Revenue received from the provision of accommodation. Takings from meals are excluded. Takings from accommodation for each month generally represent the takings received during that month. Where payments are received in advance of, or after, the provision of accommodation to guests, the monthly figure for takings from accommodation may not necessarily bear a direct relationship to the number of guests accommodated during the month.

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[^2]:    (a) Includes all airports. (b) Includes not stated.

