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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

## Introduction

This publication contains results, for Australia and each State and Territory, of the quarterly surveys of tourist accommodation establishments. The period covered by the latest survey is the 3 months ended 30 June 1980.

## Tourist accommodation establishment

2. There is no generally accepted definition of a tourist accommodation establishment, but for the purpose of the surveys, a tourist accommodation establishment has been defined as an establishment which provides accommodation of a predominantly short term nature (i.e. for periods of less than 2 months) available to the general public.

## Scope of the survey

3. The scope of the survey may vary from time to time depending upon the needs of users of the statistics and on the ABS resources available to undertake the surveys. The types of establishments currently included in the survey are:
(a) Licensed hotel with facilities. A tourist accommodation establishment which is licensed to operate a public bar, provides bath or shower and toilet in most guest rooms, and has breakfast available for guests.
(b) Licensed or unlicensed motel, private hotel or guest house with facilities. A tourist accommodation establishment which provides bath or shower and toilet in most guest rooms and has breakfast available for guests but is not licensed to operate a public bar. This category also includes motels that are licensed to serve liquor with meals.
(c) Caravan park. A tourist accommodation establishment which provides powered sites for caravans and toilet, shower and laundry facilities for guests.

## Definitions

4. Number of establishments refers to the number of tourist accommodation establishments within the scope of the survey which operated during the survey period. Establishments comprising more than one type of accommodation activity referred to in paragraph 3 above (e.g. a motel with attached caravan park) are treated as two separate establishments. Included are those establishments which operated for any part of the quarter or which closed temporarily for the quarter because of seasonal reasons.
5. Guest rooms refers to the maximum number of rooms, units, suites, etc. available for accommodating paying guests at hotels and motels with facilities during the survey period.
6. Bed spaces refers to the maximum number of guests that could be accommodated in beds normally in place (excluding cots) at hotels and motels with facilities during the survey period. Three-quarter beds are classified as single beds; double beds are counted as 2 bed spaces.
7. Powered sites refers to the maximum number of sites with provision for connection to electric power supply which are available at caravan parks for accommodating paying guests during the survey period. Included are powered sites occupied by on-site vans.
8. Unpowered sites refers to the maximum number of sites with no provision for connection to electric power supply, which are available at caravan parks for accommodating paying guests during the survey period.
9. Cabins, flats, etc. refers to the maximum number of cabins, flats, units and villas available at caravan parks for accommodating paying guests during the survey period.
10. Total caravan park capacity refers to the maximum number of on-site vans, other powered sites, unpowered sites and cabins, flats, etc. available at caravan parks for accommodating paying guests during the survey period.
11. Room occupancy rate refers to the proportion of guest rooms occupied in hotels and motels with facilities to the number of guest rooms available during the survey period expressed as a percentage.
12. Bed occupancy rate refers to the proportion of bed spaces occupied in hotels and motels with facilities to the number of bed spaces available during the survey period expressed as a percentage.
13. Site occupancy rate refers to the proportion of sites occupied in caravan parks to the total caravan park capacity available during the survey period expressed as a percentage.
14. Takings from accommodation refers to revenue received from the provision of short term and long term accommodation at the tourist accommodation establishment. Where meals and accommodation is a combined charge an estimate of takings from meals was excluded. Takings from accommodation for each month represent the takings received during that month. In the case of some establishments payments may be made in advance of, or may be received after the provision of accommodation to guests and therefore the monthly figure for takings from accommodation may not necessarily bear a direct relationship to the number of guests accommodated during the month. Rental and storage fees paid to caravan parks for the keeping of private vans in parks are included in the takings of the month they are received.
15. Employment. Details of the numbers of persons working at tourist accommodation establishments (including those working on other than accommodation activities) have not been included in this publication. However, data are available upon request from the ABS.

## Related publications

16. Publications for Australia, and each State and Territory, are released by the respective offices of the ABS. Tourist accommodation statistics for past quarters are available in earlier publications commencing with the September quarter 1975. These and some unpublished statistics for certain small areas within States are available (e.g. local government areas or combinations of local government areas) upon request.
17. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in Catalogue of Publications (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

## Symbols and other usages

18. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.
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TABLE 1. HOTELS AND MOTELS, ETC. WITH FACILITIES : NUMBER, CAPACITY, OCCUPANCY RATES AND TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION

|  |  | New South Wales |  |  | Victoria |  |  | Queensland |  |  | South Australia |  |  | Western Australia |  |  |
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|  |  | Licensed hotels with facilities | Motels, etc. | Total | Licensed hotels with facilities | Motels, etc. | Total | Licensed hotels with facilities | Motels, etc. | Total | Licensed hotels with facilities | Motels, etc. | Total | Licensed hotels with facilities | Motels, etc. | Total |
| NUMBER AND CAPACITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| June quarter 1980- | No. | 240 | 882 | 1.122 | 153 | 445 | 598 | 189 | 522 | 711 | 110 | 146 | 256 | 122 | 113 | 235 |
| Guest rooms | No. | 7,010 | 21,463 | 28,473 | 3,796 | 11,626 | 15,422 | 4,701 | 10,715 | 15,416 | 2,633 | 3,904 | 6,537 | 3,080 | 4,804 | 7,884 |
| Bed spaces | No. | 16,127 | 63,144 | 79,271 | 8,669 | 32,742 | 41,411 | 11,832 | 31,397 | 43,229 | 6,187 | 11,773 | 17,960 | 6,172 | 12,096 | 18,268 |
| ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1979- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April |  | 58.6 | 63.1 | 61.9 | 52.7 | 60.5 | 58.4 | 52.8 | 53.4 | 53.2 | 48.5 | 62.0 | 56.4 | 52.9 | 52.4 | 52.6 |
| May |  | 58.2 | 66.5 | 64.3 | 55.2 | 62.1 | 60.2 | 61.2 | 64.4 | 63.4 | 51.0 | 62.8 | 58.0 | 54.1 | 50.2 | 51.7 |
| June |  | 48.9 | 52.9 | 51.9 | 49.9 | 52.5 | 51.8 | 58.1 | 61.2 | 60.2 | 40.3 | 48.3 | 45.1 | 48.7 | 41.6 | 44.4 |
| June quarter 1979 |  | 55.3 | 60.9 | 59.4 | 52.6 | 58.4 | 56.8 | 57.4 | 59.7 | 59.0 | 46.7 | 57.8 | 53.2 | 51.9 | 48.1 | 49.6 |
| 1980- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April |  | 61.3 | 64.1 | 63.4 | 55.3 | 60.9 | 59.5 | 54.0 | 57.7 | 56.6 | 49.6 | 64.7 | 58.6 | 50.0 | 48.4 | 49.0 |
| May |  | 58.6 | 63.1 | 62.0 | 55.7 | 58.2 | 57.6 | 59.5 | 64.3 | 62.8 | 48.9 | 62.2 | 56.8 | 51.7 | 49.1 | 50.1 |
| June |  | 52.9 | 56.1 | 55.3 | 49.4 | 50.3 | 50.1 | 62.5 | 65.9 | 64.8 | 40.8 | 48.4 | 45.3 | 49.6 | 40.5 | 44.1 |
| June quarter 1980 |  | 57.6 | 61.1 | 60.3 | 53.5 | 56.5 | 55.8 | 58.7 | 62.7 | 61.4 | 46.4 | 58.5 | 53.6 | 50.5 | 46.0 | 47.8 |
| BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1980- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April |  | 40.9 | 40.2 | 40.3 | 35.5 | 37.9 | 37.4 | 34.0 | 35.7 | 35.2 | 33.0 | 39.2 | 37.1 | 34.5 | 31.8 | 32.7 |
| May |  | 38.7 | 41.2 | 40.7 | 35.3 | 36.5 | 36.2 | 38.9 | 42.1 | 41.2 | 32.2 | 38.4 | 36.3 | 35.1 | 32.9 | 33.6 |
| June |  | 34.5 | 33.6 | 33.8 | 30.3 | 29.3 | 29.5 | 39.7 | 39.9 | 39.8 | 25.3 | 27.1 | 26.5 | 32.5 | 25.4 | 27.8 |
| June quarter 1980 |  | 38.1 | 38.4 | 38.3 | 33.7 | 34.6 | 34.4 | 37.5 | 39.2 | 38.8 | 30.2 | 35.0 | 33.3 | 34.0 | 30.1 | 31.4 |
| TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION ( $\mathbf{S}^{\prime}$ 000) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1980- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April |  | 4,904 | 11,809 | 16,713 | 2,048 | 5,758 | 7,805 | 2,232 | 4,855 | 7,087 | 1,041 | 2,075 | 3,116 | 1,312 | 1,819 | 3,131 |
| May |  | 4,858 | 12,048 | 16,906 | 2,133 | 5,755 | 7,889 | 2,731 | 5,815 | 8,546 | 1,093 | 2,110 | 3,203 | 1,384 | 1,942 | 3,326 |
| June |  | 4,124 | 10,193 | 14,317 | 1,824 | 4,795 | 6,619 | 2,633 | 5,592 | 8,225 | 826 | 1,554 | 2,380 | 1,284 | 1,560 | 2,844 |
| June quarter 1980 |  | 13,885 | 34,050 | 47,935 | 6,005 | 16,308 | 22,313 | 7,596 | 16,262 | 23,858 | 2,960 | 5,739 | 8,699 | 3,980 | 5,320 | 9,300 |

table 1. hotels and motels, etc. with facilities : number, capacity, occupancy rates and taking from accommodation-continued

TABLE 2. CARAVAN PARKS : NUMBER, CAPACITY, SITE OCCUPANCY RATES AND TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION

|  |  | New South Wales(a) | Victoria | Queensland | South Australia | Western Australia | Tasmania | Northern Territory | Australia |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NUMBER AND CAPACITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| June quarter 1980- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Establishments | No. | 521 | 402 | 405 | 153 | 221 | 53 | 8 | 1,763 |
| Powered sites | No. | 43,096 | 33,177 | 22,307 | 11,923 | 12,471 | 2,548 | 627 | 126,149 |
| Unpowered sites | No. | 23,044 | 13,639 | 9,691 | 5,422 | 3,822 | 2,005 | 472 | 58,095 |
| Cabins, flats, etc. | No. | 950 | 766 | 692 | 470 | 458 | 63 | 36 | 3,435 |
| Total capacity | No. | 67,090 | 47,582 | 32,690 | 17,815 | 16,751 | 4,616 | 1,135 | 187,679 |
| SITE OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1979- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April |  | 22.6 | 17.2 | 32.9 | 22.2 | 31.8 | 20.6 | 20.9 | 23.6 |
| May |  | 20.5 | 12.0 | 39.4 | 18.7 | 30.7 | 16.4 | 37.0 | 22.2 |
| June |  | 15.2 | 8.5 | 37.8 | 11.0 | 27.6 | 13.2 | 30.1 | 18.0 |
| June quarter 1979 |  | 19.4 | 12.6 | 36.7 | 17.3 | 30.1 | 16.7 | 29.4 | 21.3 |
| 1980- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April |  | 24.2 | 17.9 | 33.7 | 22.2 | 28.8 | 22.7 | 34.6 | 24.5 |
| May |  | 20.6 | 12.0 | 38.4 | 17.9 | 26.7 | 16.5 | 45.5 | 21.9 |
| June |  | 15.6 | 10.1 | 38.3 | 10.4 | 23.9 | 16.2 | 38.1 | 18.6 |
| June quarter 1980 |  | 20.2 | 13.3 | 36.8 | 16.9 | 26.5 | 18.5 | 39.5 | 21.6 |
| TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$' 000) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1980- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April |  | 2,516 | 1,346 | 1,547 | 544 | 683 | 139 | 48 | 6,823 |
| May |  | 2,193 | 912 | 1,866 | 494 | 648 | 105 | 67 | 6,285 |
| June |  | 1,637 | 655 | 1,712 | 273 | 537 | 99 | 62 | 4,975 |
| June quarter 1980 |  | 6,345 | 2,913 | 5,124 | 1,311 | 1,869 | 343 | 177 | 18,082 |

