

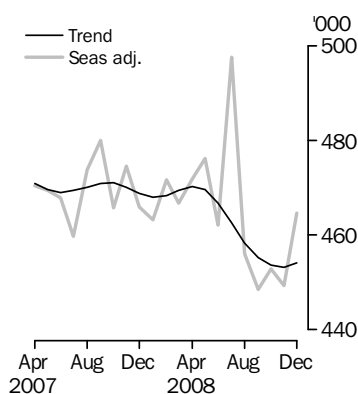
# OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

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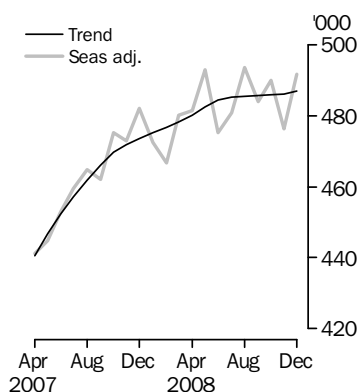
## Visitor arrivals

Short-term



## Resident departures

Short-term



## INQUIRIES

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## KEY FIGURES

|                                       | Dec '08 | Nov '08 to Dec '08<br>% change | Dec '07 to Dec '08<br>% change |
|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Short-term visitor arrivals</b>    |         |                                |                                |
| Trend                                 | 454.1   | 0.2                            | -3.1                           |
| Seasonally adjusted                   | 464.6   | 3.4                            | ..                             |
| Original                              | 611.4   | ..                             | ..                             |
| <b>Short-term resident departures</b> |         |                                |                                |
| Trend                                 | 487.0   | 0.2                            | 2.9                            |
| Seasonally adjusted                   | 491.5   | 3.2                            | ..                             |
| Original                              | 642.6   | ..                             | ..                             |

.. not applicable

## KEY POINTS

### SHORT-TERM VISITOR ARRIVALS

- *Trend estimates:* Short-term visitor arrivals to Australia during December 2008 (454,100 movements), recorded a small increase compared with November 2008 (453,200 movements). This followed a monthly decrease of 0.4% for October 2008 and a minimal monthly decrease for November 2008.
- Currently, trend estimates for arrivals are 3.1% lower than in December 2007.
- *Seasonally adjusted estimates:* During December 2008, arrivals (464,600 movements) increased by 3.4% compared with November 2008 (449,300 movements). This followed a monthly increase of 1.0% for October 2008 and a monthly decrease of 0.8% for November 2008.
- *Original estimates:* There were 611,400 arrivals to Australia in December 2008.

### SHORT-TERM RESIDENT DEPARTURES

- *Trend estimates:* Short-term resident departures from Australia during December 2008 (487,000 movements), recorded a small increase compared with November 2008 (486,100 movements). This followed minimal monthly increases in October 2008 and November 2008.
- Currently, trend estimates for departures are 2.9% higher than in December 2007.
- *Seasonally adjusted estimates:* During December 2008, departures (491,500 movements) increased by 3.2% compared with November 2008 (476,300 movements). This followed a monthly increase of 1.2% for October 2008 and a monthly decrease of 2.8% for November 2008.
- *Original estimates:* There were 642,600 departures from Australia during December 2008.

## NOTES

### FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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### DATA NOTES

This publication contains movement data which should not be interpreted as 'persons'. See paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail.

The statistics in this publication have been rounded to the nearest 100 for short-term movements and to the nearest 10 for permanent and long-term movements. As a result, sums of the components may not add exactly to totals. Analysis featured in this publication is based on unrounded data. Calculations made on rounded data may differ to those published.

### REVISIONS

November 2008 arrivals and departures data have been revised. For further information refer to the DATA QUALITY ISSUES APPENDIX, paragraph NOVEMBER 2008 PROCESSING in this issue.

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### ABBREVIATIONS

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| ARIMA         | autoregressive integrated moving average                        |
| DIAC          | Australian Government Department of Immigration and Citizenship |
| NZ            | New Zealand   |
| OAD           | overseas arrivals and departures                                |
| SAR           | Special Administrative Region                                   |
| SARS          | Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome                               |
| STRD          | short-term resident departure                                   |
| STVA          | short-term visitor arrival                                      |
| TRIPS         | Travel and Immigration Processing System                        |
| UK, CIs & IOM | United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man                 |
| USA           | United States of America  |

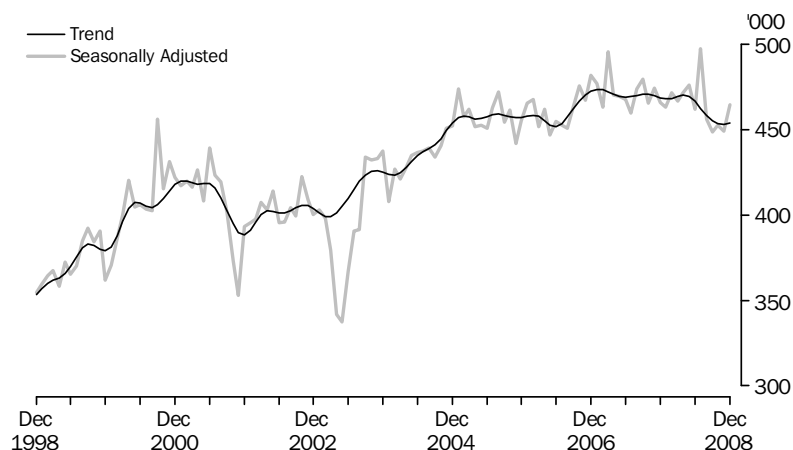
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## MAIN FEATURES

### SHORT-TERM VISITOR ARRIVALS

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### SHORT-TERM VISITOR ARRIVALS, Australia



The following table presents the top ten source countries (based on original estimates) for short-term visitor arrivals during December 2008. When trend estimates for short-term visitor arrivals for December 2008 and December 2007 were compared the highest percentage increase was recorded by Malaysia (7.1%) while the highest percentage decrease was recorded by Korea (26.0%) followed by Japan (22.0%).

### SHORT-TERM VISITOR ARRIVALS, Australia(a)—December 2008

|                          | Trend | Seasonally Adjusted | Original | Nov 08 to Dec 08 | Dec 07 to Dec 08 |
|--------------------------|-------|---------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|
|                          | '000  | '000                | '000     | Trend % change   | Trend % change   |
| New Zealand              | 93.9  | 93.8                | 101.0    | 1.2              | 0.3              |
| UK, Cls & IOM(b)         | 53.9  | 54.6                | 100.8    | -0.2             | -4.4             |
| United States of America | 38.0  | 38.7                | 44.3     | 0.5              | -3.0             |
| Japan                    | 34.1  | 34.5                | 37.2     | -2.0             | -22.0            |
| Singapore                | 22.2  | 23.0                | 35.5     | -0.5             | 0.1              |
| China                    | 27.4  | 29.7                | 31.7     | 1.7              | -12.8            |
| Malaysia                 | 15.0  | 15.2                | 21.4     | 3.0              | 7.1              |
| Germany                  | 13.2  | 14.0                | 18.9     | 1.3              | 4.1              |
| Hong Kong                | 12.2  | 12.7                | 16.5     | 2.0              | 2.6              |
| Korea                    | 14.4  | 15.0                | 16.0     | -6.0             | -26.0            |

(a) Top 10 source countries based on original estimates.

(b) United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

### 'What if....? Future scenarios

The most recent trend estimates for short-term visitor arrivals are likely to be revised when the next month's seasonally adjusted estimates become available. To assist in

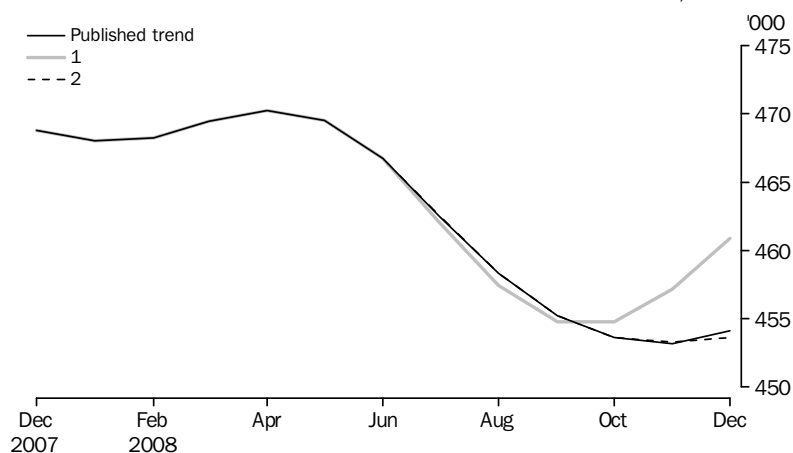
## MAIN FEATURES *continued*

### 'What if....? Future scenarios *continued*

analysing these movement trends, the approximate effects of two possible scenarios on the previous trend estimate of short-term visitor arrivals is presented:

- 1 The January seasonally adjusted estimate of visitor arrivals is 2.8% higher than December.
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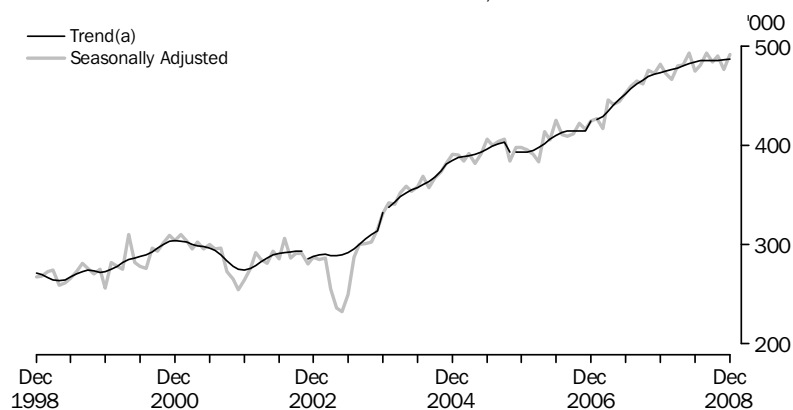


The figure of 2.8% for visitor arrivals represents the average absolute monthly percentage change for visitor arrivals over the last ten years. For further information on the effect of new seasonally adjusted estimates on short-term visitor arrival trend estimates see paragraph 27 of the Explanatory Notes.

### SHORT-TERM RESIDENT DEPARTURES

In trend terms in December 2008, short-term resident departures (487,000 movements) recorded a small decrease compared with November 2008 (486,100 movements). Short-term resident departures are currently 2.9% higher than in December 2007.

### SHORT-TERM RESIDENT DEPARTURES, Australia



(a) Breaks in trend series — see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 25.

## MAIN FEATURES *continued*

### SHORT-TERM RESIDENT DEPARTURES *continued*

The following table presents the top ten destinations (based on original estimates) for short-term resident departures during December 2008. When trend estimates for short-term resident departures for December 2008 and December 2007 were compared the highest percentage increase was recorded by Indonesia (19.7%) while the highest percentage decrease was recorded by UK,CIs & IOM (5.7%).

### SHORT-TERM RESIDENT DEPARTURES, Australia(a)—December 2008

|                          | Trend | Seasonally<br>Adjusted | Original | Nov 08 to<br>Dec 08 | Dec 07 to<br>Dec 08 |
|--------------------------|-------|------------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                          | '000  | '000                   | '000     | Trend %<br>change   | Trend %<br>change   |
| New Zealand              | 78.8  | 81.6                   | 125.8    | 1.2                 | 3.5                 |
| United States of America | 40.1  | 39.5                   | 49.6     | -1.4                | -4.1                |
| UK, CIs & IOM(b)         | 34.1  | 35.2                   | 41.3     | -0.2                | -5.7                |
| Indonesia                | 34.0  | 38.0                   | 40.2     | 1.9                 | 19.7                |
| Thailand                 | 31.7  | 31.6                   | 35.2     | -0.2                | -1.4                |
| China                    | 23.4  | 24.0                   | 26.8     | 1.6                 | -3.5                |
| Viet Nam                 | 14.3  | 13.9                   | 23.9     | -0.4                | 9.2                 |
| Fiji                     | 20.0  | 20.2                   | 23.8     | 0.4                 | 4.8                 |
| Singapore                | 18.3  | 19.0                   | 23.8     | 0.6                 | -2.5                |
| Malaysia                 | 16.4  | 16.6                   | 23.1     | 0.9                 | 3.8                 |

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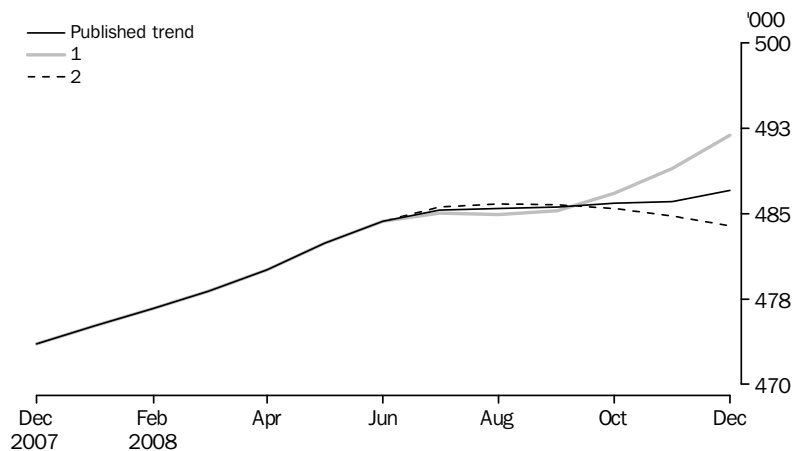
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### WHAT IF...? REVISIONS TO STRD TREND ESTIMATES, Australia



## MAIN FEATURES *continued*

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### PERMANENT AND LONG-TERM MOVEMENTS

Statistics on overseas arrivals and departures relate to the number of movements of travellers rather than the number of travellers. Care should be taken when using permanent and long-term movements data as it is known that some individuals who travel multiple times in a year are counted each time they cross Australia's borders (see paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes). Permanent and long-term movements in this publication are not an appropriate source of migration statistics. For further information refer to Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0) and Information Paper: Statistical Implications of Improved Methods for Estimating Net Overseas Migration, Australia, 2007 (cat. no. 3107.0.55.005).

There were 13,200 permanent (settler) arrivals to Australia during December 2008, an increase of 9.7% compared with December 2007 (12,040 movements). People born in New Zealand accounted for the largest proportion of settlers (18%), followed by people born in UK, CIs & IOM (13%), India (10%) and China (9%).

There were 7,460 Australian residents departing permanently from Australia during December 2008, an increase of 7.5% compared with December 2007 (6,940 movements).

### STATISTICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The above presentation of movements in estimates does not take into account whether the change in movement is statistically significant. Care should be taken when interpreting the impact of numeric and/or percentage change. Please see the Standard Errors section of this issue for more detail.

## INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENTS — 2008

### ALL MOVEMENTS

In the year ended December 2008 there were a record 23.8 million crossings of Australia's international borders by travellers (original series). This represents 1,112 crossings per 1,000 Australian population. The majority of movements were short-term (96%). Short-term movements have a duration of stay in Australia or absence from Australia of less than one year. Ten years ago (1998) there were 15.1 million crossings by travellers, representing 805 crossings per 1,000 Australian population.

Just over half of the total movements in 2008 were arrivals to Australia (12.0 million). They were comprised of 5.8 million Australian residents returning after a short-term absence from Australia, 5.6 million visitors arriving for a short-term stay and 634,100 permanent and long-term arrivals.

Just under half of the total movements in 2008 were departures from Australia (11.7 million). They were comprised of 5.8 million Australian residents departing short-term, 5.6 million visitors departing Australia after a short-term stay and 321,600 permanent and long-term departures.

A traveller may cross Australia's borders many times in a year and each movement is counted in these statistics. See the 1st paragraph of the PERMANENT AND LONG-TERM MOVEMENTS section in the MAIN FEATURES.

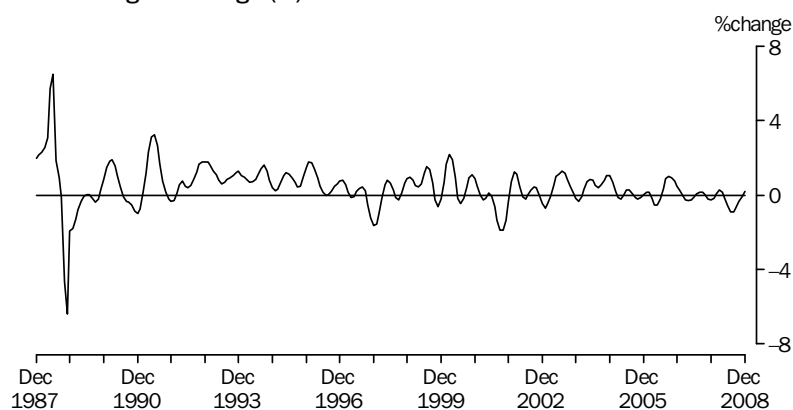
### Short-term visitor arrivals

### TREND ESTIMATES

Trend estimates provide the best method to analyse the underlying direction of the short-term visitor arrivals series. Since December 1987 the trend series has mainly recorded long-term growth. While the current Global Financial Crisis has seen the series decline from April 2008 the decline faltered in December 2008 (see the Short-term Visitor Arrivals, Australia graph on page 8).

In terms of monthly percentage change this recent fall in the series is not as great as previous declines experienced in the series (e.g. the Pilot's Strike in late 1988, the Asian Financial Crisis commencing in 1997 and the September 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States of America).

### SHORT-TERM VISITOR ARRIVALS, Australia—Trend Series: **Monthly Percentage Change(a)**



(a) Monthly percentage change on previous month.

Short-term visitor arrivals  
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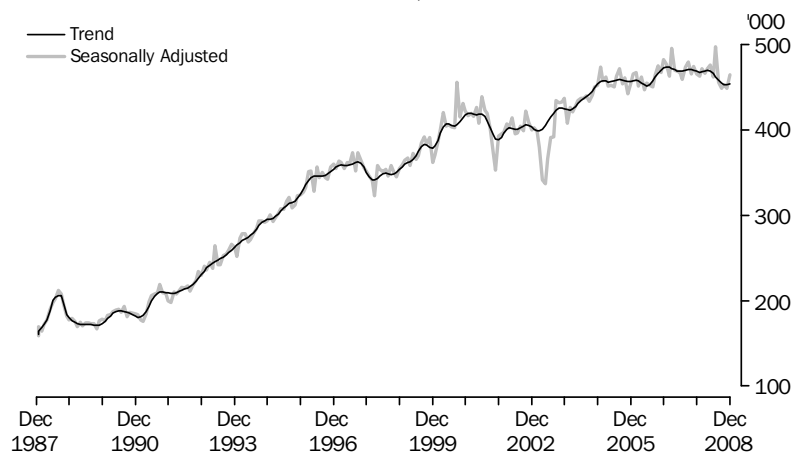
TREND ESTIMATES continued

Over the ten year period to December 2008 trend estimates, while showing monthly fluctuations, have mainly recorded strong long-term growth. From mid 2008 the trend series declined and is currently flat. The high point in the series was in January 2007 (473,600 movements) and the low point was in December 1998 (353,600 movements).

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

Irregular impacts on the short-term visitor arrivals series are demonstrated by the seasonally adjusted series. The graph below shows that over the ten year period ending December 2008 a number of large variations were evident for short-term visitor arrivals to Australia. The terrorist attacks in the United States of America on 11 September 2001 and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in mid-2003 both coincide with decreases in the numbers of visitors arriving in Australia. The increase in movements in September 2000 reflects the large number of arrivals at the time of the Sydney Olympic Games.

SHORT-TERM VISITOR ARRIVALS, Australia



ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

In original terms, 5.59 million short-term visitors arrived in Australia in the year ended December 2008. This was lower than the record 5.64 million in the year ended December 2007. Ten years ago (1998), 4.17 million short-term visitors arrived in Australia.

The following table shows, for selected years, the top ten source countries (based on 2008) for short-term visitor arrivals. For each of the selected periods New Zealand was the largest contributor to short-term visitor arrivals to Australia (19.9% in 2008). The UK, CIs & IOM was the second highest contributor in both 2003 and 2008 having replaced Japan from 1998. Japan's percentage contribution fell from 18.0% in 1998 to 8.2% in 2008. Of the top ten source countries, short-term visitor arrivals from China recorded the strongest growth over the period, increasing from 1.8% in 1998 to 6.4% in 2008.

Short-term visitor arrivals  
continued

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES continued

### SHORT-TERM VISITOR ARRIVALS, Australia(a)—Calendar Years

|                          | 1998    |            | 2003    |            | 2008    |            |
|--------------------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|
|                          | Number  | Proportion | Number  | Proportion | Number  | Proportion |
| Country of residence     | '000    | %          | '000    | %          | '000    | %          |
| New Zealand              | 709.4   | 17.0       | 839.1   | 17.7       | 1 113.3 | 19.9       |
| UK, CIs & IOM(b)         | 467.5   | 11.2       | 672.8   | 14.2       | 672.1   | 12.0       |
| Japan                    | 751.1   | 18.0       | 627.7   | 13.2       | 457.3   | 8.2        |
| United States of America | 373.9   | 9.0        | 422.1   | 8.9        | 454.4   | 8.1        |
| China                    | 76.5    | 1.8        | 176.1   | 3.7        | 356.4   | 6.4        |
| Singapore                | 247.1   | 5.9        | 253.4   | 5.3        | 270.9   | 4.8        |
| Korea                    | 66.6    | 1.6        | 207.3   | 4.4        | 218.3   | 3.9        |
| Malaysia                 | 112.1   | 2.7        | 155.6   | 3.3        | 171.0   | 3.1        |
| Germany                  | 127.4   | 3.1        | 137.9   | 2.9        | 160.7   | 2.9        |
| Hong Kong                | 143.4   | 3.4        | 129.3   | 2.7        | 144.0   | 2.6        |
| All other countries      | 1 092.1 | 26.2       | 1 124.5 | 23.7       | 1 567.4 | 28.1       |
| Total                    | 4 167.2 | 100.0      | 4 745.9 | 100.0      | 5 585.8 | 100.0      |

(a) Top 10 source countries based on original estimates for 2008.

(b) United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

When 1998 and 2008 were compared the peak age group for all short-term visitor arrivals remained the 25–29 years age group (12.7% and 10.9% respectively). People are travelling at an older age with the proportion travelling in the 50–69 years age group increasing from 24.0% in 1998 to 26.9% in 2008. Conversely, the proportion travelling in the 25–49 years age group decreased from 50.4% in 1998 to 45.6% in 2008. The median age of all short-term visitor arrivals was 37.5 years in 1998 compared with 38.7 years in 2008.

### SHORT-TERM VISITOR ARRIVALS, Australia—Calendar Years

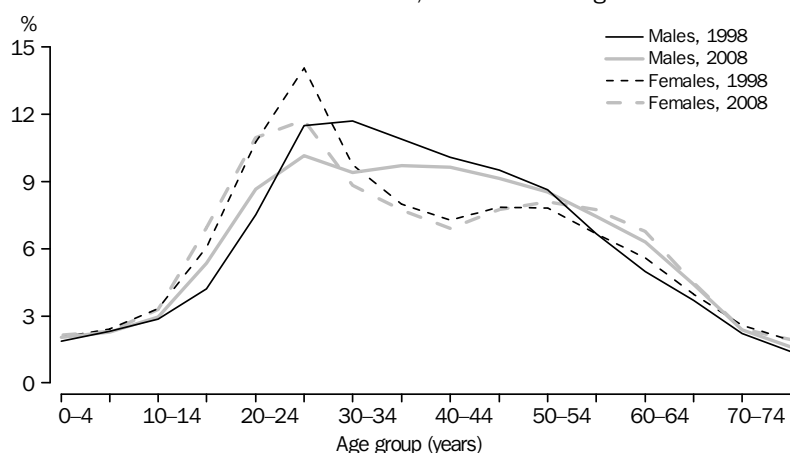
|                   | 1998    |            | 2003    |            | 2008    |            |
|-------------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|
|                   | Number  | Proportion | Number  | Proportion | Number  | Proportion |
| Age group (years) | '000    | %          | '000    | %          | '000    | %          |
| 0–4               | 81.4    | 2.0        | 93.0    | 2.0        | 116.6   | 2.1        |
| 5–9               | 98.0    | 2.4        | 115.0   | 2.4        | 128.2   | 2.3        |
| 10–14             | 128.0   | 3.1        | 152.3   | 3.2        | 174.2   | 3.1        |
| 15–19             | 211.9   | 5.1        | 253.7   | 5.3        | 342.1   | 6.1        |
| 20–24             | 378.6   | 9.1        | 455.5   | 9.6        | 546.7   | 9.8        |
| 25–29             | 530.4   | 12.7       | 550.0   | 11.6       | 610.4   | 10.9       |
| 30–34             | 448.4   | 10.8       | 506.2   | 10.7       | 510.4   | 9.1        |
| 35–39             | 395.7   | 9.5        | 439.7   | 9.3        | 487.8   | 8.7        |
| 40–44             | 364.1   | 8.7        | 426.2   | 9.0        | 464.2   | 8.3        |
| 45–49             | 362.8   | 8.7        | 400.7   | 8.4        | 472.3   | 8.5        |
| 50–54             | 343.4   | 8.2        | 402.1   | 8.5        | 464.2   | 8.3        |
| 55–59             | 277.9   | 6.7        | 341.7   | 7.2        | 424.3   | 7.6        |
| 60–64             | 219.7   | 5.3        | 259.4   | 5.5        | 364.6   | 6.5        |
| 65–69             | 159.2   | 3.8        | 177.3   | 3.7        | 247.3   | 4.4        |
| 70–74             | 99.7    | 2.4        | 97.5    | 2.1        | 134.3   | 2.4        |
| 75 and over       | 68.2    | 1.6        | 75.7    | 1.6        | 98.2    | 1.8        |
| Total             | 4 167.2 | 100.0      | 4 745.9 | 100.0      | 5 585.8 | 100.0      |

Short-term visitor arrivals  
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## ORIGINAL ESTIMATES continued

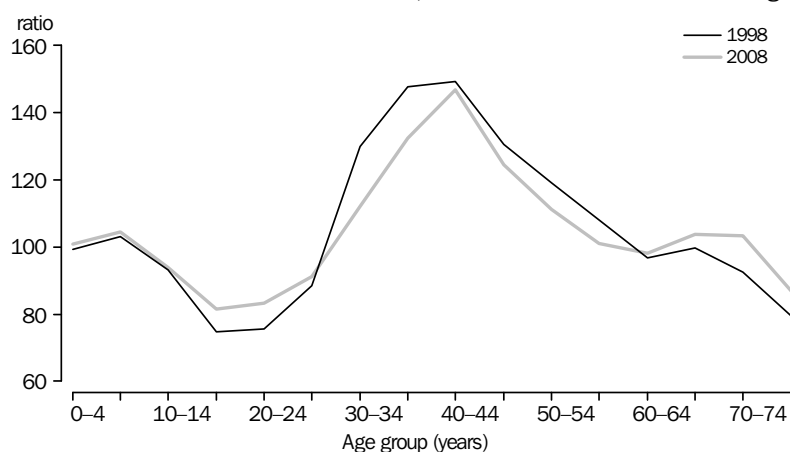
For male visitors arriving for a short-term stay the peak age group moved from the 30–34 years age group in 1998 (11.7%) to the younger 25–29 years age group in 2008 (10.2%). For females the peak age group remained the same, the 25–29 years age group (14.1% in 1998 decreasing to 11.7% in 2008). The median ages of males and females increased in 2008 to 39.7 years and 37.4 years respectively. In 1998 the comparative medians were 38.6 years and 35.9 years respectively.

## SHORT-TERM VISITOR ARRIVALS, Australia—Age and Sex



More males than females arrive for short-term stays in Australia. The short-term visitor arrival sex ratio (the number of male arrivals per 100 female arrivals) was 108 males in 1998 compared with 105 males in 2008. The highest sex ratio was recorded in the 40–44 years age group for both years (149 males in 1998 and 147 males in 2008). The lowest sex ratios were in the 15–19 years age group (75 males in 1998 and 81 males in 2008). The following graph illustrates, for short-term visitor arrivals, the sex ratios at each age group.

## SHORT-TERM VISITOR ARRIVALS, Australia—Sex ratios at age



In the year ended December 2008, short-term visitor arrivals to Australia stated the main reason for journey as holiday (48%), followed by visiting friends and relatives (22%) and business (12%). In comparison the main reasons for journey in the year ended December 1998 were holiday (53%), visiting friends and relatives (20%) and business

*Short-term visitor arrivals*  
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ORIGINAL ESTIMATES *continued*

(10%). During the 2008 period the median duration of stay for all short-term visitor arrivals was 11 days compared with 10 days in 1998.

New South Wales was the intended state of stay for 39% of all short-term visitors to Australia in the year ended December 2008. The other destinations were Queensland (27%), Victoria (19%), Western Australia (10%), South Australia (3%) and Tasmania, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory (1% each). In 1998, the intended state of stay proportions for all short-term visitor arrivals were mainly similar. Differences were recorded for New South Wales 41%, Queensland 30%, Victoria 15% and South Australia 2%.

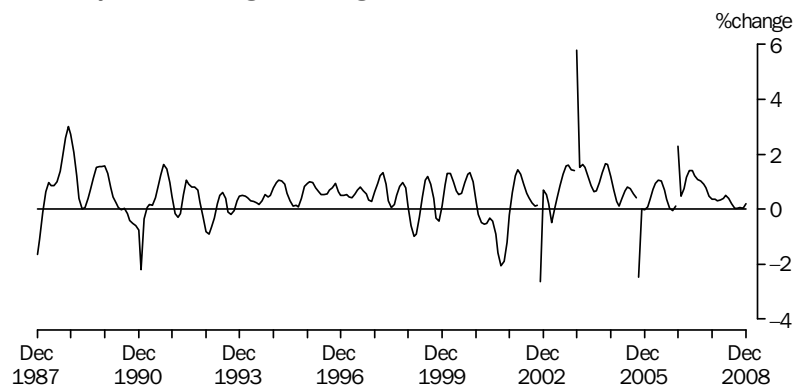
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TREND ESTIMATES

Trend estimates provide the best method to analyse the underlying direction of the short-term resident departures series. Since December 1987 the trend series mainly recorded strong long-term growth. Currently the Global Financial Crisis appears to have had only a small impact on the short-term resident departures trend series. Since July 2008 monthly growth, while remaining positive has slowed (see the Short-term Resident Departures, Australia graph on page 12).

In terms of monthly percentage change the series is currently stable but it has previously shown strong declines (e.g. the Iraq War in 1991 and the Bali bombings in October 2002).

**SHORT-TERM RESIDENT DEPARTURES, Australia—Trend Series(a):  
Monthly Percentage Change(b)**



(a) Breaks in trend series — see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 25.  
(b) Monthly percentage change on previous month.

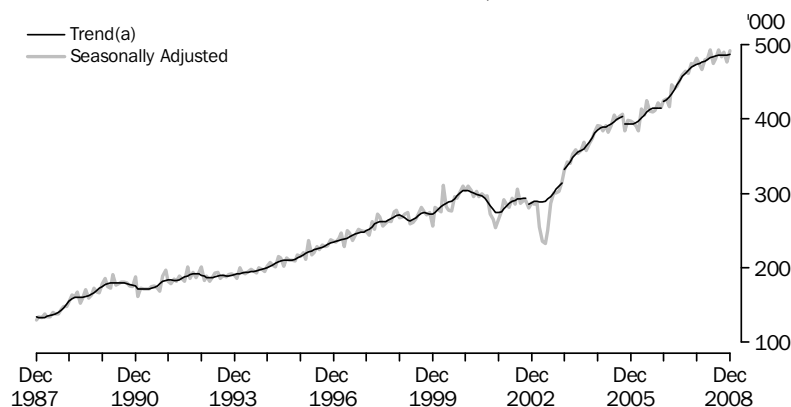
In the main, trend estimates have recorded strong long-term growth over the ten years ending December 2008. Over the past 12 months growth, while remaining positive, has slowed. The high point during the ten year period was December 2008 (487,000 movements) and the low point was in April 1999 (263,500 movements).

Short-term resident  
departures continued

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

The seasonally adjusted series allows for the analysis of irregular impacts on the series. During the ten years ending December 2008 the seasonally adjusted estimate has mainly recorded strong growth. During the period commencing late 2000 and ending late 2003 movements remained relatively stable, with two exceptions coinciding with September 11 in 2001 and the emergence of SARS in mid 2003. Additional factors that may have contributed to short-term resident departures remaining stable during this period include the low Australian dollar in 2000, the bombing in Bali in October 2002 and the anticipation and commencement of military action in Iraq in early 2003.

## SHORT-TERM RESIDENT DEPARTURES, Australia



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## ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

In original terms, a record 5.8 million residents travelled overseas for short-term visits in the year ended December 2008. This compared with 5.5 million in the year ended December 2007. Ten years ago (1998), there were 3.2 million residents departing Australia short-term.

The following table shows, for selected years, the top ten destination countries (based on 2008) for short-term resident departures. While the proportion decreased for New Zealand when 2003 (19.6%) and 2008 (15.9%) were compared, it remained the largest contributor to short-term resident departures from Australia for each of the selected periods. Indonesia's contribution fell between 1998 (11.1%) and 2003 (5.5%) reflecting the Bali bombing in 2002 but increased again by 2008 (6.6%) notwithstanding the second Bali bombing in 2005. Australian resident departures increased to Thailand (up from 4.3% in 1998 to 7.0% in 2008) and China (up from 2.6% in 1998 to 4.8% in 2008).

Short-term resident  
departures continued

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES continued

### SHORT-TERM RESIDENT DEPARTURES, Australia(a)—Calendar Years

| Country of destination   | 1998    |            | 2003    |            | 2008    |            |
|--------------------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|
|                          | Number  | Proportion | Number  | Proportion | Number  | Proportion |
|                          | '000    | %          | '000    | %          | '000    | %          |
| New Zealand              | 470.1   | 14.9       | 662.8   | 19.6       | 921.1   | 15.9       |
| United States of America | 322.7   | 10.2       | 296.3   | 8.7        | 492.3   | 8.5        |
| UK, CIs & IOM(b)         | 322.4   | 10.2       | 312.9   | 9.2        | 420.5   | 7.2        |
| Thailand                 | 135.8   | 4.3        | 128.2   | 3.8        | 404.1   | 7.0        |
| Indonesia                | 349.6   | 11.1       | 186.4   | 5.5        | 380.6   | 6.6        |
| China                    | 82.0    | 2.6        | 114.2   | 3.4        | 277.2   | 4.8        |
| Fiji                     | 99.2    | 3.1        | 145.2   | 4.3        | 236.3   | 4.1        |
| Singapore                | 122.6   | 3.9        | 124.3   | 3.7        | 217.7   | 3.7        |
| Hong Kong                | 147.4   | 4.7        | 115.0   | 3.4        | 212.9   | 3.7        |
| Malaysia                 | 111.9   | 3.5        | 100.9   | 3.0        | 191.0   | 3.3        |
| All other countries      | 997.5   | 31.6       | 1 201.8 | 35.5       | 2 054.4 | 35.4       |
| Total                    | 3 161.1 | 100.0      | 3 388.0 | 100.0      | 5 808.1 | 100.0      |

(a) Top 10 destination countries based on original estimates for 2008.

(b) United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

When 1998 and 2008 were compared the peak age group for all short-term resident departures remained the 45–49 years age group (10.7% and 10.2% respectively). Australian residents are travelling overseas at an older age with the proportion travelling in the 50–69 years age group increasing from 24.5% in 1998 to 29.4% in 2008. Conversely, the proportion travelling in the 25–49 years age group decreased from 51.0% in 1998 to 45.9% in 2008. The median age of all short-term resident departures was 39.6 years in 1998 compared with 41.4 years in 2008.

### SHORT-TERM RESIDENT DEPARTURES, Australia—Calendar Years

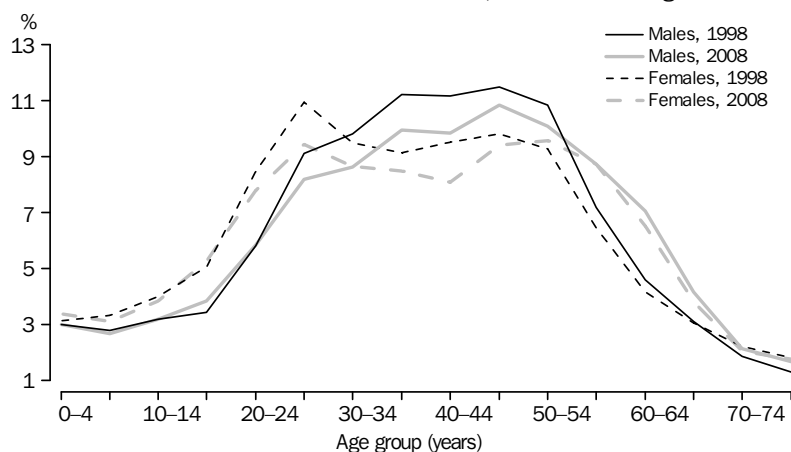
| Age groups<br>(years) | 1998    |            | 2003    |            | 2008    |            |
|-----------------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|
|                       | Number  | Proportion | Number  | Proportion | Number  | Proportion |
|                       | '000    | %          | '000    | %          | '000    | %          |
| 0–4                   | 96.9    | 3.1        | 102.6   | 3.0        | 185.2   | 3.2        |
| 5–9                   | 95.8    | 3.0        | 104.2   | 3.1        | 168.2   | 2.9        |
| 10–14                 | 112.9   | 3.6        | 123.2   | 3.6        | 203.5   | 3.5        |
| 15–19                 | 132.6   | 4.2        | 143.5   | 4.2        | 262.3   | 4.5        |
| 20–24                 | 222.2   | 7.0        | 219.6   | 6.5        | 392.1   | 6.8        |
| 25–29                 | 315.0   | 10.0       | 303.0   | 8.9        | 509.7   | 8.8        |
| 30–34                 | 306.0   | 9.7        | 358.8   | 10.6       | 502.2   | 8.6        |
| 35–39                 | 324.3   | 10.3       | 329.2   | 9.7        | 538.6   | 9.3        |
| 40–44                 | 329.2   | 10.4       | 360.4   | 10.6       | 523.8   | 9.0        |
| 45–49                 | 338.8   | 10.7       | 351.7   | 10.4       | 591.3   | 10.2       |
| 50–54                 | 320.2   | 10.1       | 336.5   | 9.9        | 571.9   | 9.8        |
| 55–59                 | 216.9   | 6.9        | 280.4   | 8.3        | 508.3   | 8.8        |
| 60–64                 | 139.2   | 4.4        | 165.4   | 4.9        | 395.8   | 6.8        |
| 65–69                 | 97.9    | 3.1        | 99.8    | 2.9        | 232.3   | 4.0        |
| 70–74                 | 64.7    | 2.0        | 57.9    | 1.7        | 122.9   | 2.1        |
| 75 and over           | 48.6    | 1.5        | 51.8    | 1.5        | 100.0   | 1.7        |
| Total                 | 3 161.1 | 100.0      | 3 388.0 | 100.0      | 5 808.1 | 100.0      |

Short-term resident  
departures continued

## ORIGINAL ESTIMATES continued

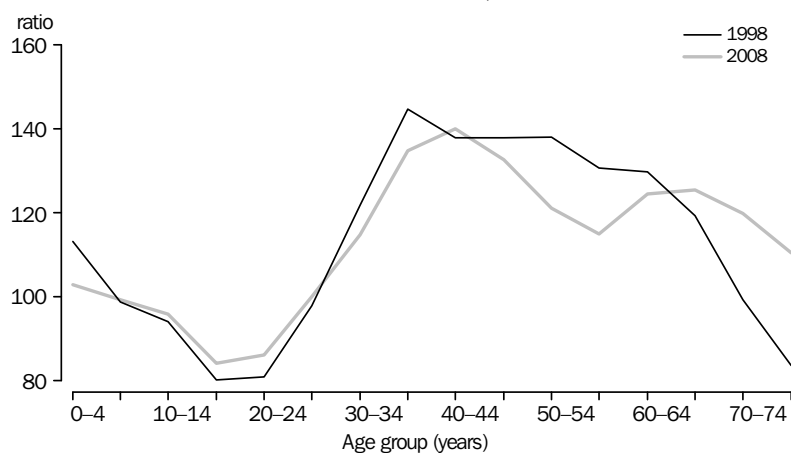
For male Australian residents departing overseas for a short-term stay abroad the peak age group remained the 45–49 years age group (11.5% in 1998 decreasing to 10.8% in 2008). For females the peak age group changed considerably, moving from the 25–29 years age group in 1998 (11.0%) to the 50–54 years age group in 2008 (9.6%). The median age of males and females increased in 2008 to 42.5 years and 40.0 years respectively. In 1998 the comparative medians were 40.7 years and 38.0 years respectively.

## SHORT-TERM RESIDENT DEPARTURES, Australia—Age and Sex



More male than female residents depart Australia for short-term stays abroad. The short-term resident departures sex ratio (the number of male arrivals per 100 female arrivals) was 118 males in 1998 compared with 115 males in 2008. The highest sex ratios were recorded in the 35–39 years age group in 1998 (145 males) and the 40–44 years age group in 2008 (140 males). The lowest sex ratios were in the 15–19 years age group (80 males per 100 females in 1998 and 84 males per 100 females in 2008). The age group 75 years and over has seen considerable change with the sex ratio increasing from 84 males in 1998 to 111 males in 2008. The following graph illustrates, for short-term resident departures, the sex ratios at each age group.

## SHORT-TERM RESIDENT DEPARTURES, Australia—Sex ratios at age



*Short-term resident  
departures continued*ORIGINAL ESTIMATES *continued*

In the year ended December 2008, short-term resident departures from Australia stated holiday (52%) as the main reason for journey, followed by visiting friends and relatives (24%) and business (13%). In comparison the main reasons for journey in the year ended December 1998 were holiday (47%), visiting friends and relatives (24%) and business (16%). During the 2008 period the median duration of stay was 15 days compared with 16 days in 1998.

The largest contributors to short-term travel overseas in the year ended December 2008 were the most populous states. Residents of New South Wales contributed the highest proportion of travellers (36%), followed by Victoria (24%), Queensland (18%), Western Australia (13%), South Australia (4%), the Australian Capital Territory (2%), Tasmania and the Northern Territory (1% each). In 1998, the state/territory of stay proportions for all short-term resident departures were mainly similar. Differences were recorded for New South Wales 40%, Queensland 15% and South Australia 5%.

In terms of the rate of movement for short-term resident departures (the number of movements per 1,000 state or territory population) there was considerable variation across the states and territories. Western Australia had the highest movement rate (359 movements per 1,000 population) followed by the Australian Capital Territory (326), New South Wales (302), Victoria (265), Queensland (243), the Northern Territory (214), South Australia (163) and Tasmania (132). Overall, the Australian movement rate was 272 movements per 1,000 population.

## STATISTICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The above presentation of movements in estimates does not take into account whether the change in movement is statistically significant. Care should be taken when interpreting the impact of numeric and/or percentage change. Please see the Standard Errors section of this issue for more detail.

## TOTAL MOVEMENT, ARRIVALS—Category of Movement

|                 | PERMANENT<br>..... | LONG-TERM<br>.....      |                      | Total<br>permanent<br>and<br>long-term<br>arrivals | SHORT-TERM(a)<br>.....  |                                    |   |                                    |                      |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|----------------------|
|                 | Settlers           | Australian<br>residents | Overseas<br>visitors |  | Australian<br>residents | Overseas<br>visitors<br>(Original) | Overseas<br>visitors<br>(Seasonally<br>Adjusted)(b) | Overseas<br>visitors<br>(Trend)(c) | Total<br>arrivals(a) |
|                 | no.                | no.                     | no.                  |  | no.                     | '000                               | '000  | '000                               | '000                 |
|                 |                    |                         |                      |  |                         |                                    |   |                                    |                      |
| .....           |                    |                         |                      |  |                         |                                    |   |                                    |                      |
| Calendar years  |                    |                         |                      |  |                         |                                    |   |                                    |                      |
| 2006            | 133 880            | 107 040                 | 238 570              | 479 480  | 4 898.6                 | 5 532.4                            | . .   | . .                                | 10 910.5             |
| 2007            | 141 650            | 108 510                 | 285 570              | 535 730  | 5 403.8                 | 5 644.1                            | . .   | . .                                | 11 583.6             |
| 2008            | 161 520            | 113 750                 | 358 800              | 634 070  | 5 811.3                 | 5 585.8                            | . .   | . .                                | 12 031.2             |
| Financial years |                    |                         |                      |  |                         |                                    |   |                                    |                      |
| 2005–06         | 131 590            | 103 900                 | 221 920              | 457 410  | 4 790.1                 | 5 484.1                            | . .   | . .                                | 10 731.6             |
| 2006–07         | 140 150            | 110 040                 | 263 300              | 513 490  | 5 114.6                 | 5 641.2                            | . .   | . .                                | 11 269.3             |
| 2007–08         | 149 370            | 110 830                 | 321 850              | 582 040  | 5 692.5                 | 5 629.4                            | . .   | . .                                | 11 903.9             |
| 2007            |                    |                         |                      |  |                         |                                    |   |                                    |                      |
| October         | 10 840             | 8 130                   | 20 380               | 39 350   | 590.5                   | 465.7                              | 465.7   | 471.0                              | 1 095.5              |
| November        | 12 510             | 9 630                   | 17 900               | 40 040   | 420.2                   | 498.8                              | 474.5   | 470.1                              | 959.0                |
| December        | 12 040             | 17 030                  | 16 060               | 45 130   | 367.2                   | 615.0                              | 465.9   | 468.8                              | 1 027.3              |
| 2008            |                    |                         |                      |  |                         |                                    |   |                                    |                      |
| January         | 12 960             | 8 980                   | 41 690               | 63 640   | 693.8                   | 446.1                              | 463.2   | 468.0                              | 1 203.5              |
| February        | 13 420             | 8 980                   | 51 190               | 73 590   | 411.1                   | 543.5                              | 471.7   | 468.3                              | 1 028.2              |
| March           | 14 660             | 9 870                   | 27 670               | 52 200   | 425.8                   | 513.7                              | 466.7   | 469.5                              | 991.8                |
| April           | 12 500             | 7 640                   | 22 960               | 43 100   | 456.1                   | 424.1                              | 471.9   | 470.3                              | 923.4                |
| May             | 13 180             | 7 170                   | 19 670               | 40 010   | 420.3                   | 380.9                              | 476.1   | 469.5                              | 841.2                |
| June            | 13 050             | 8 640                   | 24 500               | 46 190   | 445.2                   | 382.7                              | 462.1   | 466.8                              | 874.0                |
| July            | 11 460             | 8 160                   | 44 860               | 64 480   | 554.4                   | 531.6                              | 497.5   | 462.5                              | 1 150.5              |
| August          | 15 460             | 8 780                   | 26 560               | 50 800   | 486.3                   | 420.2                              | 456.1   | 458.3                              | 957.2                |
| September       | 13 920             | 9 100                   | 24 990               | 48 000   | 504.1                   | 402.2                              | 448.6   | 455.2                              | 954.4                |
| October         | 13 700             | 8 950                   | 29 140               | 51 790   | 614.2                   | 456.0                              | 452.9   | 453.6                              | 1 122.0              |
| November        | r14 010            | r10 000                 | r25 070              | r49 070  | r437.3                  | r473.3                             | 449.3   | 453.2                              | r959.7               |
| December        | 13 200             | 17 480                  | 20 520               | 51 200   | 362.8                   | 611.4                              | 464.6   | 454.1                              | 1 025.4              |

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## TOTAL MOVEMENT, DEPARTURES—Category of Movement

|                        | PERMANENT<br>.....      | LONG-TERM<br>.....      |                      |  | SHORT-TERM (a)<br>.....               |   |  |                      |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|----------------------|-------------------------|
|                        | Australian<br>residents | Australian<br>residents | Overseas<br>visitors | Total<br>permanent<br>and<br>long-term<br>departures | Australian<br>residents<br>(Original) | Australian<br>residents<br>(Seasonally<br>Adjusted) (b) | Australian<br>residents<br>(Trend) (c) | Overseas<br>visitors | Total<br>departures (a) |
|                        | no.                     | no.                     | no.                  | no.  | '000                                  | '000  | '000                                   | '000                 | '000                    |
| <b>Calendar years</b>  |                         |                         |                      |  |                                       |   |  |                      |                         |
| 2006                   | 69 400                  | 101 210                 | 94 930               | 265 540  | 4 940.6                               | ..  | ..                                     | 5 538.1              | 10 744.2                |
| 2007                   | 74 960                  | 102 250                 | 113 700              | 290 910  | 5 462.3                               | ..  | ..                                     | 5 702.9              | 11 456.1                |
| 2008                   | 79 420                  | 100 130                 | 142 060              | 321 620  | 5 808.1                               | ..  | ..                                     | 5 610.4              | 11 740.1                |
| <b>Financial years</b> |                         |                         |                      |  |                                       |   |  |                      |                         |
| 2005–06                | 67 850                  | 98 110                  | 92 180               | 258 140  | 4 834.9                               | ..  | ..                                     | 5 516.2              | 10 609.3                |
| 2006–07                | 72 100                  | 101 610                 | 101 490              | 275 200  | 5 127.1                               | ..  | ..                                     | 5 654.0              | 11 056.4                |
| 2007–08                | 76 920                  | 102 070                 | 124 010              | 303 000  | 5 699.5                               | ..  | ..                                     | 5 670.0              | 11 672.5                |
| <b>2007</b>            |                         |                         |                      |  |                                       |   |  |                      |                         |
| October                | 5 360                   | 6 740                   | 7 000                | 19 100   | 435.0                                 | 475.3   | 469.7                                  | 451.6                | 905.7                   |
| November               | 5 460                   | 6 430                   | 12 140               | 24 030   | 429.9                                 | 472.9   | 471.9                                  | 520.9                | 974.8                   |
| December               | 6 940                   | 8 320                   | 20 510               | 35 770   | 633.4                                 | 482.0   | 473.5                                  | 500.3                | 1 169.5                 |
| <b>2008</b>            |                         |                         |                      |  |                                       |   |  |                      |                         |
| January                | 10 500                  | 15 010                  | 12 060               | 37 560   | 417.9                                 | 472.5   | 475.2                                  | 584.7                | 1 040.2                 |
| February               | 5 730                   | 7 930                   | 9 070                | 22 730   | 365.7                                 | 466.7   | 476.7                                  | 492.6                | 881.1                   |
| March                  | 6 850                   | 9 160                   | 9 700                | 25 710   | 459.2                                 | 480.1   | 478.2                                  | 517.7                | 1 002.5                 |
| April                  | 6 590                   | 8 750                   | 8 290                | 23 630   | 466.5                                 | 481.4   | 480.0                                  | 463.0                | 953.1                   |
| May                    | 5 730                   | 7 740                   | 7 880                | 21 360   | 488.5                                 | 493.0   | 482.4                                  | 408.0                | 917.9                   |
| June                   | 5 200                   | 6 730                   | 12 570               | 24 500   | 531.5                                 | 475.3   | 484.3                                  | 400.0                | 956.0                   |
| July                   | 6 430                   | 8 000                   | 11 260               | 25 700   | 483.5                                 | 480.8   | 485.3                                  | 471.9                | 981.1                   |
| August                 | 7 410                   | 9 770                   | 9 660                | 26 850   | 485.4                                 | 493.5   | 485.4                                  | 480.0                | 992.3                   |
| September              | 5 750                   | 6 590                   | 10 440               | 22 790   | 575.7                                 | 484.0   | 485.6                                  | 357.6                | 956.1                   |
| October                | 6 000                   | 7 090                   | 9 710                | 22 800   | 458.0                                 | 490.0   | 485.9                                  | 434.6                | 915.4                   |
| November               | r5 760                  | r6 660                  | r15 820              | r28 240  | r433.5                                | 476.3   | 486.1                                  | r499.7               | r961.4                  |
| December               | 7 460                   | 6 690                   | 25 610               | 39 750   | 642.6                                 | 491.5   | 487.0                                  | 500.7                | 1 183.0                 |

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SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT(a), VISITOR ARRIVALS—Country of Residence(b): **Trend(c)**

|   | 2008         |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | Mar          | Apr          | May          | Jun          | Jul          | Aug          | Sep          | Oct          | Nov          | Dec          |
| Country of residence                      | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         |
| <b>OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA—</b>            |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Fiji                                      | 2.4          | 2.5          | 2.5          | 2.5          | 2.5          | 2.5          | 2.5          | 2.5          | 2.6          | 2.6          |
| New Caledonia                             | 3.8          | 3.8          | 3.8          | 3.8          | 3.8          | 3.8          | 3.9          | 3.9          | 4.0          | 4.0          |
| New Zealand                               | 93.6         | 93.4         | 92.8         | 92.1         | 91.5         | 91.3         | 91.5         | 92.1         | 92.8         | 93.9         |
| Papua New Guinea                          | 2.8          | 3.0          | 3.1          | 3.2          | 3.3          | 3.4          | 3.5          | 3.5          | 3.5          | 3.5          |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 105.8        | 106.0        | 105.7        | 105.3        | 104.8        | 104.6        | 104.9        | 105.6        | 106.5        | 107.7        |
| <b>NORTH-WEST EUROPE—</b>                 |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Austria                                   | 1.4          | 1.5          | 1.6          | 1.6          | 1.5          | 1.5          | 1.4          | 1.4          | 1.4          | 1.4          |
| Denmark                                   | 2.0          | 1.9          | 1.9          | 1.9          | 1.9          | 1.9          | 2.0          | 2.0          | 2.0          | 2.0          |
| France                                    | 6.8          | 6.9          | 7.0          | 7.1          | 7.2          | 7.2          | 7.3          | 7.3          | 7.3          | 7.3          |
| Germany                                   | 12.9         | 12.9         | 12.8         | 12.8         | 12.7         | 12.7         | 12.8         | 12.9         | 13.1         | 13.2         |
| Ireland                                   | 5.8          | 5.8          | 5.7          | 5.7          | 5.7          | 5.7          | 5.7          | 5.6          | 5.5          | 5.5          |
| Netherlands                               | 4.5          | 4.6          | 4.7          | 4.7          | 4.6          | 4.5          | 4.5          | 4.5          | 4.6          | 4.6          |
| Norway                                    | 1.4          | 1.4          | 1.4          | 1.4          | 1.4          | 1.4          | 1.4          | 1.4          | 1.4          | 1.4          |
| Sweden                                    | 3.0          | 2.9          | 2.9          | 2.9          | 2.9          | 2.8          | 2.8          | 2.7          | 2.7          | 2.7          |
| Switzerland                               | 3.5          | 3.5          | 3.5          | 3.5          | 3.4          | 3.3          | 3.3          | 3.2          | 3.1          | 3.1          |
| UK, CIs & IOM                             | 57.6         | 57.6         | 57.2         | 56.5         | 55.7         | 55.1         | 54.6         | 54.3         | 54.0         | 53.9         |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 101.3        | 101.4        | 101.2        | 100.5        | 99.5         | 98.6         | 97.9         | 97.6         | 97.4         | 97.4         |
| <b>SOUTHERN AND EASTERN EUROPE—</b>       |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Italy                                     | 4.3          | 4.4          | 4.4          | 4.4          | 4.4          | 4.3          | 4.2          | 4.2          | 4.1          | 4.1          |
| Spain                                     | 1.9          | 1.8          | 1.8          | 1.8          | 1.8          | 1.8          | 1.8          | 1.7          | 1.7          | 1.7          |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 11.8         | 11.8         | 11.8         | 11.8         | 11.8         | 11.7         | 11.7         | 11.7         | 11.7         | 11.6         |
| <b>NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST—</b>  |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Israel                                    | 1.2          | 1.2          | 1.2          | 1.3          | 1.3          | 1.3          | 1.4          | 1.4          | 1.4          | 1.4          |
| United Arab Emirates                      | 3.5          | 3.5          | 3.4          | 3.3          | 3.3          | 3.3          | 3.4          | 3.5          | 3.6          | 3.7          |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 8.5          | 8.5          | 8.4          | 8.3          | 8.3          | 8.4          | 8.5          | 8.6          | 8.7          | 8.9          |
| <b>SOUTH-EAST ASIA—</b>                   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indonesia                                 | 7.7          | 7.7          | 7.8          | 7.9          | 8.0          | 8.1          | 8.0          | 8.0          | 7.9          | 7.7          |
| Malaysia                                  | 14.5         | 14.4         | 14.3         | 14.0         | 13.8         | 13.8         | 13.9         | 14.2         | 14.5         | 15.0         |
| Philippines                               | 3.6          | 3.6          | 3.6          | 3.6          | 3.6          | 3.7          | 3.7          | 3.8          | 3.8          | 3.9          |
| Singapore                                 | 22.7         | 22.7         | 22.8         | 22.9         | 22.9         | 22.8         | 22.7         | 22.5         | 22.3         | 22.2         |
| Thailand                                  | 6.7          | 6.9          | 6.9          | 6.9          | 6.8          | 6.7          | 6.5          | 6.4          | 6.3          | 6.2          |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 59.5         | 59.7         | 59.9         | 59.9         | 59.8         | 59.6         | 59.4         | 59.2         | 59.1         | 59.1         |
| <b>NORTH-EAST ASIA—</b>                   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| China (excludes SARs and Taiwan Province) | 32.6         | 32.3         | 31.3         | 29.8         | 28.2         | 27.0         | 26.5         | 26.6         | 26.9         | 27.4         |
| Hong Kong (SAR of China)                  | 12.2         | 12.3         | 12.3         | 12.1         | 11.9         | 11.8         | 11.8         | 11.9         | 12.0         | 12.2         |
| Japan                                     | 40.1         | 39.5         | 39.1         | 38.8         | 38.3         | 37.5         | 36.7         | 35.7         | 34.8         | 34.1         |
| Korea                                     | 19.1         | 19.4         | 19.7         | 19.8         | 19.5         | 18.7         | 17.6         | 16.4         | 15.3         | 14.4         |
| Taiwan                                    | 6.1          | 6.3          | 6.4          | 6.3          | 6.2          | 6.2          | 6.4          | 6.8          | 7.2          | 7.7          |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 110.4        | 110.1        | 109.1        | 107.1        | 104.4        | 101.6        | 99.3         | 97.7         | 96.7         | 96.2         |
| <b>SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL ASIA—</b>         |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| India                                     | 9.5          | 9.6          | 9.7          | 9.8          | 9.8          | 9.8          | 9.8          | 9.8          | 9.8          | 9.9          |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 11.8         | 11.9         | 12.0         | 12.2         | 12.3         | 12.3         | 12.3         | 12.4         | 12.4         | 12.5         |
| <b>AMERICAS—</b>                          |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Canada                                    | 10.3         | 10.5         | 10.7         | 10.8         | 10.8         | 10.7         | 10.6         | 10.4         | 10.3         | 10.2         |
| United States of America                  | 37.9         | 37.8         | 37.9         | 37.8         | 37.7         | 37.7         | 37.6         | 37.7         | 37.8         | 38.0         |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 52.9         | 53.2         | 53.5         | 53.6         | 53.6         | 53.5         | 53.3         | 53.1         | 53.1         | 53.3         |
| <b>SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA—</b>                |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| South Africa                              | 5.6          | 5.7          | 5.8          | 5.9          | 5.9          | 5.9          | 5.8          | 5.7          | 5.6          | 5.5          |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 7.5          | 7.7          | 7.9          | 8.0          | 8.1          | 8.0          | 7.9          | 7.7          | 7.6          | 7.5          |
| <b>Total(d)(e)</b>                        | <b>469.5</b> | <b>470.3</b> | <b>469.5</b> | <b>466.8</b> | <b>462.5</b> | <b>458.3</b> | <b>455.2</b> | <b>453.6</b> | <b>453.2</b> | <b>454.1</b> |

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(b) For information on country classification see paragraphs 7 and 8 of Explanatory Notes.

(c) For information on trend estimates see paragraphs 23 to 25 of Explanatory Notes.

(d) Includes other countries in the region.

(e) Includes not stated/inadequately described.

# SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT(a), VISITOR ARRIVALS—Country of Residence(b): **Seasonally Adjusted(c)**

2008

|   | Mar          | Apr          | May          | Jun          | Jul          | Aug          | Sep          | Oct          | Nov          | Dec          |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>Country of residence</i>               | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         |
| <b>OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA—</b>            |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Fiji                                      | 2.4          | 2.6          | 2.5          | 2.3          | 2.9          | 2.5          | 2.1          | 2.6          | 2.8          | 2.6          |
| New Caledonia                             | 3.8          | 4.0          | 3.8          | 3.3          | 4.4          | 3.7          | 3.9          | 3.7          | 4.0          | 4.2          |
| New Zealand                               | 90.8         | 91.2         | 99.4         | 90.5         | 91.8         | 88.0         | 88.9         | 96.9         | 92.6         | 93.8         |
| Papua New Guinea                          | 2.6          | 3.0          | 3.1          | 3.3          | 3.5          | 3.2          | 3.4          | 3.8          | 3.7          | 3.3          |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 102.5        | 103.9        | 112.9        | 104.2        | 108.5        | 100.9        | 101.5        | 110.3        | 106.9        | 107.7        |
| <b>NORTH-WEST EUROPE—</b>                 |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Austria                                   | 1.4          | 1.6          | 1.6          | 1.6          | 1.6          | 1.5          | 1.3          | 1.4          | 1.3          | 1.6          |
| Denmark                                   | 2.1          | 1.9          | 1.8          | 1.8          | 1.9          | 2.1          | 1.8          | 2.1          | 1.8          | 2.1          |
| France                                    | 6.9          | 7.1          | 6.7          | 7.2          | 7.6          | 6.9          | 7.4          | 7.4          | 7.0          | 7.4          |
| Germany                                   | 12.9         | 13.1         | 12.7         | 15.6         | 16.0         | 12.8         | 12.8         | 12.7         | 12.7         | 14.0         |
| Ireland                                   | 6.3          | 5.5          | 5.6          | 5.8          | 5.7          | 5.8          | 5.6          | 5.8          | 5.3          | 5.5          |
| Netherlands                               | 4.3          | 4.6          | 4.7          | 5.2          | 4.5          | 4.3          | 4.2          | 4.7          | 4.7          | 4.7          |
| Norway                                    | 1.4          | 1.4          | 1.4          | 1.4          | 1.4          | 1.3          | 1.4          | 1.5          | 1.4          | 1.5          |
| Sweden                                    | 3.0          | 2.8          | 3.1          | 2.9          | 2.8          | 3.0          | 2.7          | 2.8          | 2.6          | 2.8          |
| Switzerland                               | 3.4          | 3.5          | 3.4          | 3.5          | 3.5          | 3.4          | 3.1          | 3.1          | 3.1          | 3.2          |
| UK, CIs & IOM                             | 57.2         | 58.8         | 58.2         | 56.6         | 53.5         | 54.5         | 56.2         | 54.8         | 52.2         | 54.6         |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 101.2        | 102.6        | 101.4        | 104.7        | 100.7        | 97.9         | 98.8         | 98.4         | 94.6         | 99.7         |
| <b>SOUTHERN AND EASTERN EUROPE—</b>       |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Italy                                     | 4.0          | 4.7          | 4.3          | 4.5          | 9.9          | 4.1          | 4.3          | 4.1          | 4.2          | 4.1          |
| Spain                                     | 1.7          | 4.0          | 1.6          | 2.2          | 4.1          | 1.6          | 2.0          | 1.7          | 1.5          | 1.8          |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 11.6         | 14.7         | 11.0         | 12.1         | 23.8         | 11.7         | 11.8         | 11.7         | 11.4         | 11.8         |
| <b>NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST—</b>  |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Israel                                    | 1.1          | 1.3          | 1.3          | 1.4          | 1.1          | 1.3          | 1.5          | 1.4          | 1.3          | 1.3          |
| United Arab Emirates                      | 3.1          | 3.5          | 3.4          | 3.5          | 3.2          | 2.9          | 3.4          | 3.7          | 3.6          | 3.8          |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 7.8          | 8.1          | 9.1          | 8.6          | 8.1          | 7.2          | 9.0          | 9.1          | 8.5          | 8.9          |
| <b>SOUTH-EAST ASIA—</b>                   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indonesia                                 | 8.1          | 8.1          | 6.8          | 8.2          | 7.7          | 8.3          | 9.5          | 6.7          | 7.6          | 8.0          |
| Malaysia                                  | 14.4         | 13.9         | 15.1         | 13.7         | 14.4         | 14.2         | 11.5         | 14.5         | 15.9         | 15.2         |
| Philippines                               | 3.3          | 3.5          | 3.4          | 3.7          | 6.7          | 4.0          | 3.5          | 3.7          | 3.8          | 4.0          |
| Singapore                                 | 24.5         | 21.6         | 22.7         | 22.1         | 23.7         | 23.3         | 22.6         | 22.5         | 21.2         | 23.0         |
| Thailand                                  | 6.6          | 6.4          | 6.7          | 8.3          | 6.3          | 6.7          | 6.6          | 5.7          | 6.6          | 6.6          |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 61.6         | 58.0         | 58.8         | 60.3         | 63.9         | 61.0         | 58.2         | 57.5         | 59.1         | 60.7         |
| <b>NORTH-EAST ASIA—</b>                   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| China (excludes SARs and Taiwan Province) | 32.8         | 36.1         | 30.6         | 28.9         | 28.7         | 25.5         | 26.2         | 26.1         | 26.5         | 29.7         |
| Hong Kong (SAR of China)                  | 11.8         | 12.1         | 13.4         | 12.6         | 11.3         | 11.2         | 11.8         | 12.0         | 12.0         | 12.7         |
| Japan                                     | 41.8         | 38.7         | 39.0         | 37.1         | 39.7         | 39.6         | 36.0         | 34.5         | 34.3         | 34.5         |
| Korea                                     | 18.5         | 19.4         | 19.6         | 19.2         | 21.1         | 19.2         | 17.3         | 16.5         | 13.4         | 15.0         |
| Taiwan                                    | 6.3          | 6.1          | 6.7          | 7.0          | 6.0          | 5.8          | 6.2          | 6.2          | 7.6          | 8.7          |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 111.5        | 112.8        | 109.5        | 105.1        | 107.1        | 101.6        | 97.8         | 95.7         | 94.5         | 100.8        |
| <b>SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL ASIA—</b>         |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| India                                     | 9.4          | 9.7          | 9.1          | 10.1         | 9.9          | 10.3         | 10.0         | 8.5          | 10.3         | 10.3         |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 11.7         | 12.0         | 11.5         | 12.4         | 12.3         | 13.0         | 12.5         | 11.0         | 12.8         | 13.0         |
| <b>AMERICAS</b>                           |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Canada                                    | 9.6          | 10.4         | 10.8         | 10.3         | 12.0         | 10.6         | 10.1         | 10.1         | 10.6         | 10.3         |
| United States of America                  | 36.9         | 37.0         | 38.1         | 31.6         | 42.3         | 38.6         | 36.3         | 36.8         | 38.6         | 38.7         |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 51.1         | 52.2         | 53.8         | 47.2         | 64.5         | 54.4         | 51.3         | 51.7         | 54.2         | 54.3         |
| <b>SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA—</b>                |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| South Africa                              | 5.8          | 5.8          | 5.9          | 5.6          | 6.1          | 6.3          | 5.7          | 5.6          | 5.4          | 5.6          |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 7.7          | 7.6          | 8.0          | 7.6          | 8.7          | 8.3          | 7.6          | 7.6          | 7.3          | 7.6          |
| <b>Total(d)(e)</b>                        | <b>466.7</b> | <b>471.9</b> | <b>476.1</b> | <b>462.1</b> | <b>497.5</b> | <b>456.1</b> | <b>448.6</b> | <b>452.9</b> | <b>449.3</b> | <b>464.6</b> |

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- (b) For information on country classification see paragraphs 7 and 8 of Explanatory Notes.

- (c) For information on seasonally adjusted estimates see paragraphs 18 to 22 of Explanatory Notes.
- (d) Includes other countries in the region.
- (e) Includes not stated/inadequately described.

SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT(a), VISITOR ARRIVALS—Country of Residence(b): **Original**

|   | CALENDAR YEAR  |                | FINANCIAL YEAR |                | 2008         |              |              |              |               |              |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|   | 2007           | 2008           | 2006-07        | 2007-08        | Jul          | Aug          | Sep          | Oct          | Nov           | Dec          |
| <i>Country of residence</i>               | '000           | '000           | '000           | '000           | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000          | '000         |
| OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA—                   |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |               |              |
| Fiji                                      | 26.3           | 29.7           | 29.0           | 26.9           | 2.3          | 2.1          | 1.9          | 2.7          | r3.0          | 4.7          |
| New Caledonia                             | 41.4           | 45.8           | 40.7           | 43.5           | 3.3          | 2.5          | 3.6          | 3.0          | r4.0          | 4.7          |
| New Zealand                               | 1 138.0        | 1 113.3        | 1 115.1        | 1 121.3        | 106.7        | 93.6         | 104.7        | 112.3        | r90.2         | 101.0        |
| Papua New Guinea                          | 33.2           | 38.8           | 32.1           | 33.9           | 4.3          | 2.9          | 3.2          | 3.9          | r3.9          | 4.3          |
| <i>Total(c)</i>                           | 1 277.5        | 1 272.1        | 1 254.8        | 1 265.1        | 122.6        | 104.5        | 116.4        | 125.2        | r105.1        | 120.0        |
| NORTH-WEST EUROPE—                        |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |               |              |
| Austria                                   | 17.8           | 17.1           | 19.1           | 16.7           | 1.9          | 1.3          | 1.1          | 1.7          | r1.6          | 2.3          |
| Denmark                                   | 22.7           | 24.0           | 22.7           | 23.8           | 2.0          | 1.0          | 1.5          | 2.4          | r2.0          | 3.5          |
| France                                    | 73.7           | 85.7           | 69.9           | 78.0           | 12.9         | 7.0          | 6.2          | 7.2          | r7.4          | 9.6          |
| Germany                                   | 151.6          | 160.7          | 148.7          | 155.2          | 16.6         | 11.6         | 12.6         | 15.0         | r14.0         | 18.9         |
| Ireland                                   | 67.3           | 68.2           | 63.3           | 69.2           | 5.6          | 4.2          | 4.7          | 6.4          | r5.5          | 9.8          |
| Netherlands                               | 51.2           | 54.6           | 51.1           | 53.1           | 5.6          | 2.7          | 4.0          | 5.9          | r5.4          | 7.6          |
| Norway                                    | 16.2           | 17.4           | 16.2           | 17.0           | 1.5          | 0.7          | 1.0          | 1.3          | r1.4          | 2.7          |
| Sweden                                    | 35.1           | 34.4           | 35.1           | 35.4           | 1.6          | 1.3          | 1.8          | 3.0          | r3.2          | 6.4          |
| Switzerland                               | 41.9           | 40.0           | 42.8           | 41.9           | 3.2          | 2.1          | 3.1          | 3.3          | r4.0          | 5.5          |
| UK, CIs & IOM                             | 688.9          | 672.1          | 733.3          | 686.3          | 40.3         | 35.9         | 39.5         | 56.8         | r61.2         | 100.8        |
| <i>Total(c)</i>                           | 1 194.8        | 1 201.9        | 1 229.4        | 1 204.6        | 93.8         | 69.5         | 77.5         | 105.5        | r108.7        | 170.7        |
| SOUTHERN AND EASTERN EUROPE—              |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |               |              |
| Italy                                     | 53.6           | 58.7           | 53.3           | 52.8           | 13.3         | 5.7          | 4.2          | 3.9          | r4.2          | 7.4          |
| Spain                                     | 20.7           | 26.2           | 19.5           | 22.9           | 5.5          | 2.1          | 2.2          | 2.0          | r1.8          | 2.1          |
| <i>Total(c)</i>                           | 139.4          | 157.2          | 134.0          | 141.7          | 26.6         | 12.8         | 10.8         | 11.5         | r13.5         | 20.8         |
| NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST—         |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |               |              |
| Israel                                    | 15.2           | 15.5           | 15.7           | 14.6           | 1.0          | 1.1          | 1.5          | 1.5          | r1.4          | 1.5          |
| United Arab Emirates                      | 33.8           | 41.1           | 29.3           | 36.9           | 8.9          | 4.6          | 2.5          | 2.6          | r2.7          | 4.1          |
| <i>Total(c)</i>                           | 87.5           | 100.2          | 82.7           | 92.6           | 17.7         | 10.5         | 6.6          | 7.1          | r7.0          | 9.9          |
| SOUTH-EAST ASIA—                          |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |               |              |
| Indonesia                                 | 89.1           | 94.3           | 85.2           | 93.1           | 8.8          | 6.6          | 10.5         | 8.2          | r5.6          | 12.1         |
| Malaysia                                  | 159.4          | 171.0          | 157.1          | 166.0          | 12.8         | 13.9         | 11.0         | 11.2         | r18.6         | 21.4         |
| Philippines                               | 42.4           | 46.9           | 41.3           | 42.7           | 5.6          | 3.5          | 3.2          | 3.9          | r3.6          | 4.3          |
| Singapore                                 | 263.8          | 270.9          | 263.5          | 266.5          | 20.5         | 18.8         | 18.2         | 21.1         | r27.5         | 35.5         |
| Thailand                                  | 83.0           | 79.5           | 77.1           | 84.2           | 6.7          | 6.1          | 5.5          | 6.7          | r4.8          | 6.5          |
| <i>Total(c)</i>                           | 682.5          | 714.6          | 664.0          | 701.1          | 60.4         | 53.3         | 52.2         | 55.2         | r63.9         | 84.7         |
| NORTH-EAST ASIA—                          |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |               |              |
| China (excludes SARs and Taiwan Province) | 357.6          | 356.4          | 338.4          | 375.2          | 34.8         | 22.0         | 19.3         | 21.7         | r29.1         | 31.7         |
| Hong Kong (SAR of China)                  | 147.0          | 144.0          | 153.1          | 146.7          | 13.0         | 10.4         | 9.2          | 11.0         | r9.8          | 16.5         |
| Japan                                     | 573.0          | 457.3          | 610.2          | 521.2          | 38.7         | 48.0         | 35.3         | 33.9         | r38.7         | 37.2         |
| Korea                                     | 253.3          | 218.3          | 270.8          | 236.2          | 23.3         | 18.7         | 13.4         | 16.8         | r14.6         | 16.0         |
| Taiwan                                    | 92.7           | 77.6           | 92.3           | 85.0           | 7.4          | 6.2          | 5.6          | 6.0          | r6.0          | 7.5          |
| <i>Total(c)</i>                           | 1 426.8        | 1 257.7        | 1 467.7        | 1 368.0        | 117.9        | 105.6        | 83.0         | 89.6         | r98.8         | 109.2        |
| SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL ASIA—                |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |               |              |
| India                                     | 95.2           | 116.0          | 88.0           | 107.7          | 9.0          | 9.2          | 7.9          | 8.1          | r9.9          | 11.0         |
| <i>Total(c)</i>                           | 121.5          | 144.8          | 112.1          | 135.0          | 11.9         | 11.8         | 10.0         | 10.5         | r12.1         | 14.5         |
| AMERICAS—                                 |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |               |              |
| Canada                                    | 114.6          | 124.6          | 110.5          | 120.9          | 10.7         | 7.0          | 7.6          | 9.2          | r11.9         | 14.7         |
| United States of America                  | 459.7          | 454.4          | 455.4          | 454.5          | 50.4         | 34.2         | 26.7         | 31.5         | r39.8         | 44.3         |
| <i>Total(c)</i>                           | 628.8          | 644.2          | 615.7          | 632.9          | 72.3         | 45.8         | 38.7         | 45.1         | r56.5         | 66.7         |
| SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA—                       |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |               |              |
| South Africa                              | 63.4           | 68.5           | 60.3           | 65.8           | 5.0          | 4.9          | 5.5          | 4.8          | r5.7          | 11.4         |
| <i>Total(c)</i>                           | 84.9           | 92.7           | 80.6           | 88.1           | 8.4          | 6.5          | 7.1          | 6.4          | r7.6          | 15.0         |
| <b>Total(c)(d)</b>                        | <b>5 644.1</b> | <b>5 585.8</b> | <b>5 641.2</b> | <b>5 629.4</b> | <b>531.6</b> | <b>420.2</b> | <b>402.2</b> | <b>456.0</b> | <b>r473.3</b> | <b>611.4</b> |

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(c) Includes other countries in the region.

(d) Includes not stated/inadequately described.

# SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT(a), VISITOR ARRIVALS—Intended Length of Stay and Main Reason for Journey: **Original**

|                                | CALENDAR YEAR  |                | FINANCIAL YEAR |                | 2008         |              |              |              |               |              |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|                                | 2007           | 2008           | 2006-07        | 2007-08        | Jul          | Aug          | Sep          | Oct          | Nov           | Dec          |
|                                | '000           | '000           | '000           | '000           | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000          | '000         |
| <b>Intended length of stay</b> |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |               |              |
| Under 1 week                   | 1 720.9        | 1 599.0        | 1 725.4        | 1 685.5        | 119.9        | 129.7        | 114.6        | 138.4        | r149.4        | 123.1        |
| 1 and under 2 weeks            | 1 642.8        | 1 632.4        | 1 630.1        | 1 651.6        | 160.5        | 128.1        | 124.0        | 135.1        | r134.6        | 159.6        |
| 2 weeks and under 1 month      | 1 119.4        | 1 125.1        | 1 145.7        | 1 098.6        | 127.5        | 85.1         | 76.0         | 84.2         | r85.4         | 182.6        |
| 1 and under 2 months           | 457.2          | 463.5          | 454.3          | 461.1          | 47.3         | 25.1         | 30.2         | 34.4         | r36.0         | 81.0         |
| 2 and under 3 months           | 163.9          | 167.6          | 161.7          | 166.2          | 13.0         | 8.9          | 11.1         | 14.8         | r17.7         | 21.3         |
| 3 and under 6 months           | 234.8          | 255.1          | 229.4          | 244.1          | 26.9         | 19.3         | 19.3         | 21.0         | r25.4         | 23.5         |
| 6 and under 12 months          | 305.1          | 343.0          | 294.8          | 322.2          | 36.5         | 24.0         | 27.1         | 28.1         | r24.7         | 20.3         |
| <b>Total(b)</b>                | <b>5 644.1</b> | <b>5 585.8</b> | <b>5 641.2</b> | <b>5 629.4</b> | <b>531.6</b> | <b>420.2</b> | <b>402.2</b> | <b>456.0</b> | <b>r473.3</b> | <b>611.4</b> |
| <b>Main reason for journey</b> |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |               |              |
| Convention/conference          | 188.0          | 188.0          | 183.3          | 184.2          | 35.6         | 16.5         | 16.0         | 16.5         | r13.8         | 8.2          |
| Business                       | 650.5          | 654.2          | 640.7          | 664.6          | 56.6         | 54.1         | 51.7         | 58.2         | r58.0         | 34.8         |
| Visiting friends/relatives     | 1 179.6        | 1 222.8        | 1 153.4        | 1 201.3        | 83.1         | 85.1         | 94.2         | 97.7         | r108.8        | 193.6        |
| Holiday                        | 2 826.8        | 2 654.7        | 2 896.1        | 2 754.1        | 220.7        | 200.0        | 184.5        | 220.7        | r235.7        | 318.6        |
| Employment                     | 169.3          | 180.9          | 163.8          | 180.1          | 14.7         | 14.1         | 15.2         | 14.6         | r15.0         | 16.2         |
| Education                      | 300.7          | 315.5          | 289.4          | 310.8          | 57.7         | 21.5         | 14.3         | 19.4         | r13.9         | 13.1         |
| Other & not stated(c)          | 329.2          | 369.6          | 314.5          | 334.3          | 63.3         | 28.9         | 26.4         | 28.9         | r28.0         | 27.0         |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>5 644.1</b> | <b>5 585.8</b> | <b>5 641.2</b> | <b>5 629.4</b> | <b>531.6</b> | <b>420.2</b> | <b>402.2</b> | <b>456.0</b> | <b>r473.3</b> | <b>611.4</b> |

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(b) Includes not stated.

(a) Figures for short-term movement are based on a sample and are subject to sampling error. See paragraphs 10 and 11 of Explanatory Notes for more detail.

(c) Includes 'Exhibition' from July 1998.

## SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT(a), RESIDENT DEPARTURES—Main Destinations(b): Trend(c)

|   | 2008         |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | Mar          | Apr          | May          | Jun          | Jul          | Aug          | Sep          | Oct          | Nov          | Dec          |
| Main destination                          | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         |
| OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA—                   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Fiji                                      | 19.5         | 19.5         | 19.5         | 19.6         | 19.6         | 19.7         | 19.8         | 19.8         | 19.9         | 20.0         |
| New Caledonia                             | 1.8          | 1.8          | 1.8          | 1.7          | 1.6          | 1.5          | 1.5          | 1.5          | 1.5          | 1.6          |
| New Zealand                               | 75.4         | 75.4         | 75.6         | 75.6         | 75.7         | 76.0         | 76.5         | 77.1         | 77.9         | 78.8         |
| Norfolk Island                            | 2.4          | 2.4          | 2.3          | 2.2          | 2.1          | 2.0          | 1.9          | 1.9          | 1.9          | 1.8          |
| Papua New Guinea                          | 4.6          | 4.7          | 4.9          | 5.1          | 5.2          | 5.2          | 5.2          | 5.1          | 5.0          | 4.9          |
| Vanuatu                                   | 3.8          | 4.0          | 4.2          | 4.5          | 4.7          | 4.8          | 4.7          | 4.7          | 4.7          | 4.6          |
| Total(d)                                  | 112.6        | 113.0        | 113.6        | 113.9        | 114.2        | 114.5        | 115.0        | 115.5        | 116.2        | 117.0        |
| NORTH-WEST EUROPE—                        |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| France                                    | 7.6          | 7.7          | 7.8          | 7.9          | 8.0          | 8.1          | 8.1          | 8.0          | 7.8          | 7.6          |
| Germany                                   | 5.2          | 5.3          | 5.5          | 5.7          | 5.8          | 5.9          | 5.8          | 5.8          | 5.6          | 5.5          |
| Ireland                                   | 3.3          | 3.3          | 3.3          | 3.1          | 2.9          | 2.8          | 2.8          | 2.8          | 2.8          | 2.8          |
| Netherlands                               | 1.8          | 1.8          | 1.8          | 1.8          | 1.9          | 1.8          | 1.8          | 1.8          | 1.8          | 1.8          |
| UK, CIs & IOM                             | 35.2         | 35.2         | 35.2         | 35.1         | 34.9         | 34.7         | 34.5         | 34.3         | 34.2         | 34.1         |
| Total(d)                                  | 58.9         | 59.2         | 59.4         | 59.5         | 59.3         | 58.9         | 58.6         | 58.3         | 58.0         | 57.6         |
| SOUTHERN AND EASTERN EUROPE—              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Greece                                    | 3.6          | 3.8          | 3.9          | 3.9          | 3.9          | 3.9          | 3.9          | 3.9          | 3.9          | 3.8          |
| Italy                                     | 10.1         | 10.1         | 10.2         | 10.3         | 10.4         | 10.5         | 10.5         | 10.5         | 10.5         | 10.5         |
| Spain                                     | 2.4          | 2.4          | 2.4          | 2.4          | 2.3          | 2.2          | 2.1          | 2.1          | 2.0          | 2.0          |
| Total(d)                                  | 24.6         | 25.0         | 25.4         | 25.6         | 25.6         | 25.5         | 25.4         | 25.4         | 25.4         | 25.4         |
| NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST—         |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Lebanon                                   | 1.6          | 1.7          | 1.8          | 2.0          | 2.1          | 2.1          | 2.1          | 2.1          | 2.1          | 2.1          |
| Turkey                                    | 1.7          | 1.7          | 1.8          | 1.9          | 2.1          | 2.2          | 2.4          | 2.4          | 2.4          | 2.4          |
| Total(d)                                  | 13.4         | 13.6         | 14.1         | 14.6         | 15.2         | 15.5         | 15.7         | 15.7         | 15.6         | 15.3         |
| SOUTH-EAST ASIA—                          |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indonesia                                 | 30.7         | 30.5         | 30.6         | 30.8         | 31.2         | 31.7         | 32.3         | 32.8         | 33.4         | 34.0         |
| Malaysia                                  | 15.4         | 15.6         | 15.8         | 16.0         | 16.1         | 16.1         | 16.1         | 16.1         | 16.3         | 16.4         |
| Philippines                               | 8.1          | 8.1          | 8.1          | 8.2          | 8.3          | 8.5          | 8.5          | 8.6          | 8.6          | 8.6          |
| Singapore                                 | 18.2         | 18.1         | 18.1         | 18.0         | 18.0         | 18.0         | 18.0         | 18.1         | 18.1         | 18.3         |
| Thailand                                  | 35.4         | 36.0         | 36.1         | 35.6         | 34.6         | 33.5         | 32.7         | 32.2         | 31.8         | 31.7         |
| Viet Nam                                  | 13.3         | 13.6         | 14.0         | 14.3         | 14.4         | 14.5         | 14.4         | 14.4         | 14.3         | 14.3         |
| Total(d)                                  | 125.3        | 126.3        | 127.2        | 127.6        | 127.4        | 127.0        | 126.8        | 126.9        | 127.1        | 127.8        |
| NORTH-EAST ASIA—                          |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| China (excludes SARs and Taiwan Province) | 23.7         | 23.2         | 22.7         | 22.4         | 22.2         | 22.2         | 22.5         | 22.8         | 23.1         | 23.4         |
| Hong Kong (SAR of China)                  | 17.9         | 18.2         | 18.3         | 18.3         | 18.1         | 17.9         | 17.8         | 17.7         | 17.7         | 17.7         |
| Japan                                     | 12.3         | 11.7         | 11.2         | 10.9         | 10.9         | 11.1         | 11.4         | 11.8         | 12.2         | 12.6         |
| Korea                                     | 3.0          | 3.1          | 3.1          | 3.2          | 3.2          | 3.2          | 3.2          | 3.2          | 3.2          | 3.2          |
| Taiwan                                    | 3.2          | 3.2          | 3.2          | 3.2          | 3.1          | 3.1          | 3.1          | 3.1          | 3.1          | 3.1          |
| Total(d)                                  | 60.8         | 60.1         | 59.3         | 58.6         | 58.2         | 58.3         | 58.7         | 59.3         | 59.9         | 60.7         |
| SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL ASIA—                |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| India                                     | 11.2         | 11.1         | 11.1         | 11.2         | 11.3         | 11.5         | 11.6         | 11.6         | 11.5         | 11.4         |
| Sri Lanka                                 | 1.8          | 1.8          | 1.8          | 1.8          | 1.9          | 1.9          | 2.0          | 2.1          | 2.2          | 2.2          |
| Total(d)                                  | 16.3         | 16.4         | 16.6         | 16.9         | 17.2         | 17.3         | 17.4         | 17.5         | 17.4         | 17.4         |
| AMERICAS—                                 |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Canada                                    | 8.4          | 8.5          | 8.5          | 8.5          | 8.4          | 8.3          | 8.2          | 8.1          | 8.1          | 8.2          |
| United States of America                  | 40.7         | 40.5         | 40.8         | 41.3         | 41.8         | 42.0         | 41.8         | 41.3         | 40.7         | 40.1         |
| Total(d)                                  | 54.8         | 54.8         | 55.3         | 56.0         | 56.4         | 56.5         | 56.0         | 55.3         | 54.6         | 53.9         |
| SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA—                       |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| South Africa                              | 5.4          | 5.3          | 5.1          | 5.0          | 5.0          | 5.0          | 5.0          | 5.0          | 5.0          | 4.9          |
| Total(d)                                  | 9.0          | 8.9          | 8.8          | 8.8          | 8.8          | 8.9          | 9.0          | 9.0          | 9.1          | 9.1          |
| <b>Total(d)(e)</b>                        | <b>478.2</b> | <b>480.0</b> | <b>482.4</b> | <b>484.3</b> | <b>485.3</b> | <b>485.4</b> | <b>485.6</b> | <b>485.9</b> | <b>486.1</b> | <b>487.0</b> |

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(b) For information on country classification see paragraphs 7 to 9 of Explanatory Notes.

(c) For information on trend estimates see paragraphs 23 to 25 of Explanatory Notes.

(d) Includes other countries in the region.

(e) Includes not stated/inadequately described.

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|   | Mar          | Apr          | May          | Jun          | Jul          | Aug          | Sep          | Oct          | Nov          | Dec          |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>Main destination</i>                   | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         |
| <b>OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA—</b>            |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Fiji                                      | 20.0         | 18.9         | 19.7         | 19.4         | 19.0         | 21.0         | 19.1         | 19.6         | 19.9         | 20.2         |
| New Caledonia                             | 2.0          | 1.6          | 2.3          | 1.2          | 1.5          | 1.6          | 1.3          | 1.7          | 1.5          | 1.7          |
| New Zealand                               | 76.7         | 72.2         | 75.6         | 75.8         | 77.4         | 77.4         | 74.1         | 74.4         | 79.2         | 81.6         |
| Norfolk Island                            | 2.4          | 2.8          | 2.4          | 2.4          | 1.4          | 2.1          | 2.1          | 2.1          | 1.9          | 1.6          |
| Papua New Guinea                          | 5.0          | 4.9          | 4.4          | 5.3          | 5.6          | 5.2          | 5.0          | 5.1          | 4.9          | 5.0          |
| Vanuatu                                   | 3.7          | 3.9          | 4.2          | 4.4          | 5.1          | 4.8          | 4.7          | 4.9          | 4.1          | 4.9          |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 115.2        | 109.9        | 113.5        | 113.6        | 115.8        | 117.4        | 111.8        | 113.1        | 116.8        | 120.1        |
| <b>NORTH-WEST EUROPE—</b>                 |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| France                                    | 8.0          | 8.2          | 7.4          | 8.0          | 7.6          | 8.3          | 8.3          | 8.6          | 7.6          | 6.9          |
| Germany                                   | 5.4          | 5.3          | 5.7          | 5.6          | 6.1          | 5.2          | 6.2          | 6.3          | 5.4          | 5.0          |
| Ireland                                   | 4.3          | 3.3          | 3.2          | 3.0          | 2.7          | 2.7          | 2.6          | 2.9          | 2.9          | 2.7          |
| Netherlands                               | 1.8          | 1.9          | 1.8          | 2.0          | 1.8          | 1.7          | 1.9          | 2.0          | 1.9          | 1.7          |
| Switzerland                               | 1.5          | 2.1          | 1.7          | 1.5          | 1.8          | 1.7          | 1.6          | 1.6          | 1.9          | 1.9          |
| UK, CIs & IOM                             | 36.9         | 36.4         | 34.7         | 34.5         | 34.5         | 35.9         | 34.8         | 33.5         | 33.1         | 35.2         |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 61.9         | 62.0         | 58.3         | 58.7         | 58.8         | 59.2         | 59.3         | 58.7         | 56.9         | 57.3         |
| <b>SOUTHERN AND EASTERN EUROPE—</b>       |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Greece                                    | 4.4          | 3.6          | 3.8          | 3.9          | 3.9          | 3.9          | 3.9          | 3.9          | 4.0          | 3.6          |
| Italy                                     | 9.8          | 10.0         | 10.4         | 10.1         | 10.7         | 10.0         | 10.7         | 10.8         | 10.6         | 10.1         |
| Spain                                     | 2.2          | 2.5          | 2.5          | 2.4          | 2.1          | 2.3          | 2.2          | 2.1          | 1.9          | 2.0          |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 24.1         | 25.9         | 26.2         | 25.1         | 25.6         | 25.3         | 25.6         | 25.8         | 24.9         | 25.6         |
| <b>NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST—</b>  |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Lebanon                                   | 1.7          | 1.9          | 1.6          | 2.2          | 2.2          | 2.2          | 2.0          | 2.1          | 2.1          | 2.1          |
| Turkey                                    | 1.8          | 2.1          | 1.9          | 1.9          | 1.7          | 1.9          | 2.7          | 3.4          | 2.1          | 1.8          |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 13.9         | 14.0         | 14.0         | 15.0         | 14.9         | 15.0         | 15.4         | 17.5         | 16.3         | 13.0         |
| <b>SOUTH-EAST ASIA—</b>                   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Indonesia                                 | 30.3         | 29.8         | 31.5         | 30.0         | 30.3         | 32.7         | 32.1         | 36.0         | 27.0         | 38.0         |
| Malaysia                                  | 14.8         | 15.4         | 16.2         | 16.4         | 16.3         | 16.2         | 15.2         | 15.8         | 17.0         | 16.6         |
| Philippines                               | 7.8          | 8.0          | 8.1          | 7.7          | 8.1          | 9.6          | 8.5          | 8.0          | 8.5          | 8.8          |
| Singapore                                 | 18.2         | 17.9         | 18.5         | 17.7         | 17.4         | 18.2         | 19.1         | 17.3         | 17.5         | 19.0         |
| Thailand                                  | 34.0         | 37.8         | 39.8         | 34.7         | 32.2         | 33.4         | 33.1         | 32.5         | 31.5         | 31.6         |
| Viet Nam                                  | 13.5         | 13.8         | 14.6         | 13.3         | 14.9         | 14.5         | 14.3         | 14.8         | 14.1         | 13.9         |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 123.8        | 126.8        | 133.4        | 124.3        | 123.9        | 129.1        | 128.1        | 128.9        | 120.1        | 132.3        |
| <b>NORTH-EAST ASIA—</b>                   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| China (excludes SARs and Taiwan Province) | 24.1         | 23.8         | 23.4         | 20.4         | 21.7         | 23.9         | 22.0         | 22.6         | 22.7         | 24.0         |
| Hong Kong (SAR of China)                  | 17.5         | 17.9         | 20.7         | 18.5         | 17.0         | 16.7         | 16.6         | 21.3         | 16.9         | 16.8         |
| Japan                                     | 12.1         | 10.4         | 11.8         | 11.0         | 10.9         | 10.9         | 11.4         | 11.1         | 13.0         | 12.9         |
| Korea                                     | 2.8          | 3.1          | 3.1          | 3.2          | 3.5          | 3.3          | 3.1          | 3.0          | 3.3          | 3.3          |
| Taiwan                                    | 3.3          | 3.3          | 3.1          | 3.2          | 3.2          | 2.9          | 3.3          | 3.1          | 3.1          | 3.1          |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 60.2         | 59.4         | 62.5         | 57.0         | 57.1         | 58.2         | 56.9         | 62.0         | 59.5         | 60.9         |
| <b>SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL ASIA—</b>         |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| India                                     | 11.7         | 11.6         | 10.1         | 10.6         | 11.4         | 12.7         | 11.2         | 11.7         | 11.1         | 11.4         |
| Sri Lanka                                 | 1.6          | 1.8          | 2.1          | 1.6          | 1.9          | 2.0          | 1.8          | 2.3          | 2.1          | 2.2          |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 16.2         | 16.7         | 17.1         | 16.1         | 16.9         | 18.4         | 17.3         | 17.6         | 17.3         | 17.0         |
| <b>AMERICAS—</b>                          |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Canada                                    | 7.7          | 9.0          | 8.9          | 8.5          | 8.1          | 8.8          | 7.7          | 8.1          | 8.0          | 8.6          |
| United States of America                  | 39.5         | 40.0         | 41.5         | 39.9         | 42.0         | 43.3         | 43.4         | 40.9         | 39.4         | 39.5         |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 53.0         | 54.9         | 56.3         | 54.7         | 55.6         | 59.0         | 57.1         | 54.8         | 53.0         | 53.4         |
| <b>SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA—</b>                |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| South Africa                              | 5.5          | 5.3          | 5.2          | 4.4          | 5.2          | 5.4          | 5.1          | 5.1          | 4.8          | 4.8          |
| <i>Total(d)</i>                           | 9.0          | 9.0          | 8.8          | 7.8          | 9.3          | 9.1          | 9.3          | 8.8          | 8.5          | 9.5          |
| <b>Total(d)(e)</b>                        | <b>480.1</b> | <b>481.4</b> | <b>493.0</b> | <b>475.3</b> | <b>480.8</b> | <b>493.5</b> | <b>484.0</b> | <b>490.0</b> | <b>476.3</b> | <b>491.5</b> |

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- (b) For information on country classification see paragraphs 7 to 9 of Explanatory Notes.

- (c) For information on seasonally adjusted estimates see paragraphs 18 to 22 of Explanatory Notes.
- (d) Includes other countries in the region.
- (e) Includes not stated/inadequately described.

SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT(a), RESIDENT DEPARTURES—Main Destinations(b): **Original**

|   | CALENDAR YEAR  |                | FINANCIAL YEAR |                | 2008         |              |              |              |               |              |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|   | 2007           | 2008           | 2006-07        | 2007-08        | Jul          | Aug          | Sep          | Oct          | Nov           | Dec          |
| <i>Main destination</i>                   | '000           | '000           | '000           | '000           | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000          | '000         |
| <b>OCEANIA AND ANTARCTICA—</b>            |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |               |              |
| Fiji                                      | 200.4          | 236.3          | 193.6          | 223.9          | 20.5         | 22.2         | 23.4         | 22.2         | r18.3         | 23.8         |
| New Caledonia                             | 15.3           | 19.2           | 14.9           | 17.1           | 1.7          | 1.6          | 1.9          | 1.7          | r1.3          | 1.9          |
| New Zealand                               | 902.0          | 921.1          | 883.3          | 913.4          | 71.4         | 73.8         | 77.9         | 67.9         | r73.0         | 125.8        |
| Norfolk Island                            | 25.1           | 25.9           | 24.5           | 27.6           | 1.1          | 2.1          | 2.2          | 2.6          | r2.0          | 1.7          |
| Papua New Guinea                          | 53.1           | 59.6           | 47.3           | 57.4           | 6.3          | 5.3          | 5.8          | 5.5          | r5.0          | 4.9          |
| Vanuatu                                   | 46.8           | 52.8           | 44.4           | 46.9           | 5.3          | 4.9          | 5.7          | 5.6          | r4.3          | 5.8          |
| <i>Total(c)</i>                           | 1 303.1        | 1 377.4        | 1 267.4        | 1 347.2        | 112.5        | 114.8        | 122.6        | 110.4        | r108.6        | 173.1        |
| <b>NORTH-WEST EUROPE—</b>                 |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |               |              |
| France                                    | 94.1           | 94.4           | 76.4           | 99.8           | 7.3          | 8.9          | 14.5         | 6.2          | r3.9          | 7.4          |
| Germany                                   | 60.9           | 67.2           | 58.9           | 64.7           | 6.1          | 6.2          | 8.8          | 4.7          | r4.2          | 5.8          |
| Ireland                                   | 34.1           | 35.5           | 32.1           | 37.8           | 3.7          | 3.8          | 3.5          | 2.2          | r1.3          | 3.4          |
| Netherlands                               | 21.6           | 21.9           | 20.6           | 22.4           | 2.2          | 2.0          | 2.5          | 1.7          | r1.3          | 1.5          |
| UK, CIs & IOM                             | 428.4          | 420.5          | 415.2          | 429.5          | 41.9         | 46.9         | 46.5         | 24.0         | r19.7         | 41.3         |
| <i>Total(c)</i>                           | 708.3          | 707.7          | 669.7          | 723.6          | 69.6         | 74.3         | 81.6         | 41.9         | r34.1         | 67.4         |
| <b>SOUTHERN AND EASTERN EUROPE—</b>       |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |               |              |
| Greece                                    | 49.4           | 47.0           | 45.3           | 48.7           | 7.8          | 6.2          | 5.1          | 1.5          | r0.9          | 1.3          |
| Italy                                     | 114.5          | 124.2          | 107.6          | 120.3          | 11.9         | 12.2         | 23.1         | 7.2          | r4.5          | 7.4          |
| Spain                                     | 27.6           | 27.1           | 26.5           | 28.5           | 2.3          | 2.3          | 3.9          | 1.9          | r1.0          | 1.4          |
| <i>Total(c)</i>                           | 303.6          | 306.7          | 285.9          | 307.9          | 38.2         | 32.6         | 42.4         | 15.0         | r10.2         | 17.7         |
| <b>NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST—</b>  |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |               |              |
| Lebanon                                   | 18.8           | 24.3           | 15.5           | 21.3           | 4.1          | 2.3          | 2.4          | 1.2          | r1.8          | 2.5          |
| Turkey                                    | 23.0           | 24.6           | 22.9           | 23.4           | 1.9          | 2.1          | 3.2          | 2.3          | r1.0          | 0.9          |
| <i>Total(c)</i>                           | 150.2          | 176.5          | 135.4          | 164.2          | 14.9         | 12.6         | 16.9         | 15.6         | r17.9         | 17.5         |
| <b>SOUTH-EAST ASIA—</b>                   |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |               |              |
| Indonesia                                 | 282.5          | 380.6          | 231.4          | 328.1          | 35.4         | 36.5         | 39.2         | 37.9         | r24.0         | 40.2         |
| Malaysia                                  | 181.2          | 191.0          | 172.5          | 185.6          | 17.6         | 14.1         | 16.7         | 15.1         | r15.6         | 23.1         |
| Philippines                               | 89.6           | 100.4          | 87.0           | 95.3           | 6.1          | 6.7          | 7.4          | 6.7          | r8.2          | 17.6         |
| Singapore                                 | 221.5          | 217.7          | 208.3          | 224.4          | 18.9         | 16.7         | 19.2         | 17.3         | r16.7         | 23.8         |
| Thailand                                  | 374.5          | 404.1          | 331.7          | 403.0          | 34.3         | 32.1         | 38.0         | 39.0         | r30.2         | 35.2         |
| Viet Nam                                  | 155.9          | 166.3          | 143.3          | 159.2          | 12.2         | 10.5         | 14.7         | 13.5         | r13.9         | 23.9         |
| <i>Total(c)</i>                           | 1 351.8        | 1 514.4        | 1 217.7        | 1 446.0        | 128.5        | 119.7        | 139.9        | 133.7        | r113.7        | 171.1        |
| <b>NORTH-EAST ASIA—</b>                   |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |               |              |
| China (excludes SARs and Taiwan Province) | 284.5          | 277.2          | 268.5          | 286.7          | 17.0         | 21.6         | 30.1         | 25.9         | r21.4         | 26.8         |
| Hong Kong (SAR of China)                  | 206.5          | 212.9          | 200.0          | 215.1          | 13.8         | 13.1         | 16.4         | 21.3         | r19.9         | 22.6         |
| Japan                                     | 130.4          | 144.7          | 114.8          | 142.3          | 8.7          | 6.6          | 15.3         | 10.1         | r10.9         | 17.5         |
| Korea                                     | 33.1           | 37.7           | 30.8           | 35.9           | 3.1          | 2.5          | 3.9          | 3.1          | r3.5          | 4.4          |
| Taiwan                                    | 38.1           | 38.1           | 38.5           | 38.6           | 2.3          | 2.0          | 3.8          | 2.9          | r3.8          | 5.0          |
| <i>Total(c)</i>                           | 698.7          | 718.6          | 656.6          | 726.2          | 45.6         | 46.4         | 70.0         | 64.2         | r60.0         | 77.2         |
| <b>SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL ASIA—</b>         |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |               |              |
| India                                     | 121.8          | 136.0          | 113.6          | 128.9          | 6.7          | 8.3          | 9.6          | 13.8         | r20.3         | 21.2         |
| Sri Lanka                                 | 22.3           | 23.3           | 21.0           | 21.6           | 1.8          | 1.6          | 1.8          | 1.3          | r2.9          | 5.5          |
| <i>Total(c)</i>                           | 182.0          | 202.0          | 168.6          | 191.0          | 10.8         | 11.9         | 16.4         | 19.2         | r30.2         | 31.7         |
| <b>AMERICAS—</b>                          |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |               |              |
| Canada                                    | 93.7           | 101.3          | 91.9           | 99.8           | 9.3          | 11.4         | 7.8          | 3.9          | r4.0          | 12.5         |
| United States of America                  | 479.0          | 492.3          | 450.7          | 491.9          | 37.0         | 43.1         | 55.8         | 38.1         | r35.9         | 49.6         |
| <i>Total(c)</i>                           | 636.6          | 662.4          | 603.3          | 658.3          | 50.2         | 59.7         | 70.0         | 48.1         | r48.5         | 70.3         |
| <b>SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA—</b>                |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |               |              |
| South Africa                              | 58.9           | 61.6           | 58.7           | 61.3           | 4.5          | 4.7          | 5.7          | 4.6          | r5.1          | 8.0          |
| <i>Total(c)</i>                           | 103.4          | 108.2          | 97.8           | 106.5          | 9.1          | 8.5          | 10.4         | 8.3          | r8.8          | 15.1         |
| <b>Total(c)(d)</b>                        | <b>5 462.3</b> | <b>5 808.1</b> | <b>5 127.1</b> | <b>5 699.5</b> | <b>483.5</b> | <b>485.4</b> | <b>575.7</b> | <b>458.0</b> | <b>r433.5</b> | <b>642.6</b> |

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(b) For information on country classification see paragraphs 7 to 9 of Explanatory Notes.

(c) Includes other countries in the region.

(d) Includes not stated/inadequately described.

|                                | CALENDAR YEAR  |                | FINANCIAL YEAR |                | 2008         |              |              |              |               |              |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|                                | 2007           | 2008           | 2006-07        | 2007-08        | Jul          | Aug          | Sep          | Oct          | Nov           | Dec          |
|                                | '000           | '000           | '000           | '000           | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000          | '000         |
| <b>Intended length of stay</b> |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |               |              |
| Under 1 week                   | 708.3          | 740.4          | 668.4          | 743.5          | 58.6         | 64.7         | 61.3         | 70.7         | r66.2         | 46.1         |
| 1 and under 2 weeks            | 1 603.9        | 1 721.5        | 1 481.6        | 1 690.7        | 148.0        | 145.6        | 176.5        | 157.3        | r130.9        | 144.1        |
| 2 weeks and under 1 month      | 1 577.6        | 1 713.9        | 1 482.5        | 1 652.9        | 135.5        | 128.0        | 193.2        | 132.5        | r106.3        | 222.8        |
| 1 and under 2 months           | 896.1          | 935.1          | 837.4          | 920.4          | 76.9         | 87.6         | 96.7         | 51.7         | r57.9         | 166.3        |
| 2 and under 3 months           | 260.1          | 278.5          | 248.4          | 273.2          | 27.6         | 24.8         | 19.5         | 16.1         | r35.7         | 34.5         |
| 3 and under 6 months           | 233.1          | 239.0          | 228.8          | 235.7          | 21.7         | 20.2         | 17.8         | 17.8         | r24.6         | 17.1         |
| 6 and under 12 months          | 183.2          | 179.6          | 180.0          | 183.1          | 15.1         | 14.5         | 10.7         | 11.9         | r12.0         | 11.8         |
| <b>Total(b)</b>                | <b>5 462.3</b> | <b>5 808.1</b> | <b>5 127.1</b> | <b>5 699.5</b> | <b>483.5</b> | <b>485.4</b> | <b>575.7</b> | <b>458.0</b> | <b>r433.5</b> | <b>642.6</b> |
| <b>Main reason for journey</b> |                |                |                |                |              |              |              |              |               |              |
| Convention/conference          | 200.6          | 209.4          | 194.9          | 209.3          | 16.9         | 16.8         | 21.1         | 21.9         | r19.3         | 5.8          |
| Business                       | 772.2          | 745.0          | 752.9          | 773.5          | 58.9         | 63.3         | 65.1         | 66.2         | r66.1         | 34.8         |
| Visiting friends/relatives     | 1 301.4        | 1 366.1        | 1 261.2        | 1 343.7        | 109.4        | 99.0         | 113.6        | 95.5         | r106.4        | 212.1        |
| Holiday                        | 2 716.1        | 2 995.1        | 2 469.5        | 2 891.2        | 256.3        | 264.3        | 328.3        | 235.4        | r201.8        | 345.7        |
| Employment                     | 120.2          | 124.7          | 120.4          | 122.1          | 9.9          | 10.1         | 8.4          | 10.6         | r9.7          | 8.3          |
| Education                      | 57.9           | 63.9           | 56.5           | 60.2           | 6.2          | 6.2          | 10.7         | 2.6          | r5.7          | 5.3          |
| Other & not stated(c)          | 294.1          | 303.9          | 271.7          | 299.5          | 25.9         | 25.8         | 28.6         | 25.9         | r24.6         | 30.7         |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>5 462.3</b> | <b>5 808.1</b> | <b>5 127.1</b> | <b>5 699.5</b> | <b>483.5</b> | <b>485.4</b> | <b>575.7</b> | <b>458.0</b> | <b>r433.5</b> | <b>642.6</b> |

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(b) Includes not stated.

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(c) Includes 'Exhibition' from July 1998.

# SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT(a), VISITOR DEPARTURES—State Where Spent Most Time: Original

|                                    | CALENDAR YEAR  |                | FINANCIAL YEAR |                | 2008         |              |              |              |               |              |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|                                    | 2007           | 2008           | 2006-07        | 2007-08        | Jul          | Aug          | Sep          | Oct          | Nov           | Dec          |
| <i>State where spent most time</i> | '000           | '000           | '000           | '000           | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000         | '000          | '000         |
| New South Wales                    | 2 201.4        | 2 195.0        | 2 183.4        | 2 194.1        | 208.6        | 174.0        | 125.5        | 159.6        | r186.6        | 188.1        |
| Victoria                           | 977.5          | 990.0          | 962.8          | 986.7          | 67.6         | 73.0         | 60.7         | 75.6         | r96.1         | 99.0         |
| Queensland                         | 1 614.5        | 1 538.7        | 1 624.6        | 1 587.7        | 136.7        | 163.1        | 117.0        | 132.1        | r136.3        | 122.3        |
| South Australia                    | 171.1          | 175.2          | 170.5          | 170.0          | 11.5         | 15.0         | 10.6         | 12.8         | r16.3         | 18.5         |
| Western Australia                  | 541.7          | 550.2          | 523.8          | 551.3          | 33.1         | 39.8         | 33.0         | 41.9         | r49.8         | 57.7         |
| Tasmania                           | 46.3           | 45.2           | 47.5           | 45.7           | 2.1          | 2.5          | 2.0          | 2.5          | r4.2          | 4.7          |
| Northern Territory                 | 104.6          | 64.8           | 95.4           | 88.0           | 8.0          | 8.3          | 5.2          | 5.6          | r4.7          | 4.1          |
| Australian Capital Territory       | 44.8           | 50.6           | 45.0           | 45.5           | 4.4          | 4.2          | 3.5          | 4.2          | r5.7          | 6.3          |
| Other Territories                  | 1.1            | 0.7            | 1.0            | 1.1            | —            | —            | 0.2          | 0.2          | r—            | —            |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>5 702.9</b> | <b>5 610.4</b> | <b>5 654.0</b> | <b>5 670.0</b> | <b>471.9</b> | <b>480.0</b> | <b>357.6</b> | <b>434.6</b> | <b>r499.7</b> | <b>500.7</b> |

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)  
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|   | CALENDAR YEAR  |                | FINANCIAL YEAR |                | 2008          |               |               |               |                |               |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
|   | 2007           | 2008           | 2006-07        | 2007-08        | Jul           | Aug           | Sep           | Oct           | Nov            | Dec           |
| <i>Country of birth</i>                   | no.            | no.            | no.            | no.            | no.           | no.           | no.           | no.           | no.            | no.           |
| <b>Major group—</b>                       |                |                |                |                |               |               |               |               |                |               |
| Oceania and Antarctica                    | 29 210         | 33 700         | 27 060         | 31 700         | 2 380         | 2 670         | 2 570         | 2 650         | r2 490         | 2 880         |
| North-West Europe                         | 27 450         | 26 820         | 26 900         | 27 170         | 1 580         | 2 450         | 2 660         | 2 920         | r2 620         | 2 030         |
| Southern and Eastern Europe               | 3 490          | 3 920          | 3 480          | 3 570          | 210           | 410           | 400           | 370           | r410           | 330           |
| North Africa and the Middle East          | 8 190          | 10 040         | 9 690          | 8 280          | 880           | 1 200         | 1 070         | 860           | r940           | 640           |
| South-East Asia                           | 19 630         | 22 030         | 19 470         | 21 160         | 1 670         | 2 050         | 1 610         | 1 660         | r1 860         | 1 770         |
| North-East Asia                           | 17 080         | 20 260         | 16 620         | 17 980         | 1 640         | 2 220         | 1 850         | 1 600         | r1 650         | 1 610         |
| Southern and Central Asia                 | 21 450         | 27 620         | 21 370         | 23 970         | 1 890         | 2 850         | 2 360         | 2 180         | r2 430         | 2 230         |
| Americas                                  | 3 990          | 4 400          | 4 090          | 4 240          | 340           | 410           | 380           | 350           | r380           | 330           |
| Sub-Saharan Africa                        | 10 530         | 11 990         | 10 920         | 10 600         | 820           | 1 130         | 950           | 1 040         | r1 160         | 1 300         |
| <b>Total(b)</b>                           | <b>141 650</b> | <b>161 520</b> | <b>140 150</b> | <b>149 370</b> | <b>11 460</b> | <b>15 460</b> | <b>13 920</b> | <b>13 700</b> | <b>r14 010</b> | <b>13 200</b> |
| <b>Selected source countries—</b>         |                |                |                |                |               |               |               |               |                |               |
| China (excludes SARs and Taiwan Province) | 12 620         | 14 820         | 12 010         | 12 960         | 1 200         | 1 730         | 1 450         | 1 160         | r1 250         | 1 180         |
| Fiji                                      | 1 560          | 1 870          | 1 490          | 1 790          | 150           | 180           | 140           | 130           | r130           | 200           |
| Hong Kong (SAR of China)                  | 860            | 950            | 1 000          | 870            | 60            | 90            | 70            | 70            | r70            | 70            |
| India                                     | 13 710         | 17 630         | 13 500         | 15 340         | 1 230         | 1 820         | 1 470         | 1 310         | r1 540         | 1 310         |
| Indonesia                                 | 1 630          | 1 870          | 1 700          | 1 790          | 140           | 170           | 190           | 140           | r140           | 150           |
| Iraq                                      | 1 940          | 3 410          | 2 210          | 2 320          | 440           | 380           | 430           | 310           | r260           | 190           |
| Lebanon                                   | 1 250          | 1 460          | 1 390          | 1 430          | 60            | 140           | 110           | 110           | r120           | 80            |
| Malaysia                                  | 3 030          | 3 840          | 2 900          | 3 520          | 190           | 350           | 290           | 240           | r500           | 360           |
| New Zealand                               | 25 740         | 29 320         | 23 910         | 27 600         | 2 070         | 2 300         | 2 240         | 2 280         | r2 170         | 2 430         |
| Philippines                               | 5 630          | 6 320          | 5 560          | 6 110          | 450           | 520           | 460           | 550           | r450           | 500           |
| Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo             | 510            | 530            | 570            | 520            | 20            | 90            | 30            | 30            | r40            | 50            |
| Singapore                                 | 1 640          | 1 820          | 1 660          | 1 820          | 100           | 130           | 100           | 120           | r170           | 150           |
| South Africa                              | 4 190          | 6 550          | 4 000          | 5 170          | 430           | 550           | 500           | 560           | r670           | 800           |
| Sri Lanka                                 | 2 870          | 4 290          | 2 720          | 3 620          | 290           | 440           | 390           | 290           | r330           | 390           |
| Sudan                                     | 1 560          | 910            | 2 510          | 1 020          | 70            | 150           | 130           | 80            | r70            | 40            |
| Taiwan                                    | 670            | 700            | 670            | 750            | 60            | 60            | 40            | 50            | r50            | 50            |
| UK, CIs & IOM                             | 23 650         | 22 670         | 23 220         | 23 240         | 1 350         | 2 040         | 2 240         | 2 480         | r2 260         | 1 690         |
| United States of America                  | 1 430          | 1 450          | 1 460          | 1 470          | 120           | 150           | 110           | 120           | r120           | 110           |
| Viet Nam                                  | 2 930          | 2 780          | 3 140          | 2 690          | 250           | 330           | 250           | 250           | r250           | 240           |
| Zimbabwe                                  | 970            | 1 040          | 940            | 1 020          | 70            | 80            | 60            | 110           | r100           | 140           |

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(b) Includes not stated/inadequately described.

(a) For information on country classification see paragraphs 7 and 8 of Explanatory Notes.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication contains statistics of persons arriving in, and departing from, Australia, together with the major characteristics of travellers. More detailed statistics can be made available on request (see paragraph 36).

### SOURCE OF THE STATISTICS

**2** Persons arriving in, or departing from, Australia provide information in the form of incoming and outgoing passenger cards. Incoming persons also provide information in visa applications (apart from people travelling as Australian or New Zealand (NZ) citizens). These and other information available to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) serve as a source for statistics of overseas arrivals and departures (OAD).

**3** In July 1998, DIAC revised the incoming and outgoing passenger cards and associated procedures as well as computer systems. Following these changes, some questions on the passenger cards were not compulsory and answers to these questions were not checked by Customs officers. The question on marital status was deleted. Data on marital status is now derived from visa applications (only for certain visa classes) and is therefore not available for Australian or NZ citizens. The changes also affect the data for 'previous country of residence' which is imputed for Australian and NZ citizens. For more information see the May 1998 issue of this publication. Since July 1998, there have been additional minor changes to both incoming and outgoing passenger cards.

**4** From July 2001, DIAC adopted a new passenger card processing system which involved electronic imaging of passenger cards and intelligent character recognition of the data stored in the images. This process has yielded several improvements to the processing of passenger card data, most notably the detailed information about missing values. There have also been several changes to data quality. Information on these changes appears in the *Data Quality Issues* section of this publication.

### SCOPE

**5** Overseas arrivals and departures statistics relate to the number of movements of travellers rather than the number of travellers (i.e. 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, transit passengers who pass through Australia but are not cleared for entry, passengers on pleasure cruises commencing and finishing in Australia, and unauthorised arrivals.

### STATE AND TERRITORY CLASSIFICATION

**6** Following the 1992 amendment to the *Acts Interpretation Act* to include the Indian Ocean Territories of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands as part of geographic Australia, population estimates commencing with September quarter 1993 include estimates for these two territories. To reflect this change, another category of the state and territory classification has been created, known as Other Territories. Other Territories includes Jervis Bay Territory, Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands. OAD data for Other Territories are not available prior to February 1995.

### COUNTRY CLASSIFICATION

**7** The classification of countries in this publication is the Standard Australian Classification of Countries. For more detailed information refer to the ABS publication *Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC), Second Edition* (cat. no. 1269.0).

**8** The statistics on country of birth, citizenship, residence or main destination have certain limitations because of reporting on passenger cards. For dissemination purposes the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland), Channel Islands and Isle of Man are combined; Korea includes both the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; and Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo are combined.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### COUNTRY CLASSIFICATION

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**9** A large number of short-term residents departing, state Europe as their main destination on the passenger card. These responses are grouped into inadequately described, unless otherwise indicated.

### ESTIMATION METHOD

**10** OAD statistics are derived from a combination of full enumeration and sampling. All permanent movements and all movements with a duration of stay of one year or more are fully enumerated. 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. Sample standard errors can be found in the *Standard Errors* section of this publication.

**11** Since January 1997 variable sample skips were used in the selection of records to be sampled. Separate skips were applied for each country of citizenship. Over a year about 3.5% of all short-term movements were selected for sampling. However, for operational reasons variable skips across months were ceased from August 2000. From January 2005, 4.9% of all short-term movements have been selected for sample. The skip values correspond to the lowest skip value (i.e. the highest sample selected) for each country from a sample design including individual month and direction of travel as sub-categories.

### CONFIDENTIALITY

**12** The *Census and Statistics Act, 1905* provides the authority for the ABS to collect statistical information, and requires that statistical output shall not be published or disseminated in a manner that is likely to enable the identification of a particular person or organisation. This requirement means that the ABS must take care and make assurances that any statistical information about individual respondents cannot be derived from published data.

**13** Some techniques used to guard against identification or disclosure of confidential information in statistical tables are suppression of sensitive cells, random adjustments to cells with very small values and rounding. In these cases data may not sum to totals due to the confidentialisation of individual cells.

**14** The statistics in this publication have been rounded to the nearest 100 for short-term movements and to the nearest 10 for permanent and long-term movements. As a result, sums of the components may not add exactly to totals. Analysis featured in the Key Points and Main Features of this publication is based on unrounded data. Calculations made on rounded data may differ to those published.

### CORRECTIONS AND IMPUTATIONS

**15** 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, state and country of stay/residence are also imputed by reference to other related items. Information on non-response rates and data imputation appears in the *Data Quality Issues* section of this publication.

**16** 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 main reason for journey.

### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATES

**17** Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates of short-term overseas movements are shown in tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATES *continued*

**18** Seasonally adjusted estimates are derived by estimating and removing systematic calendar related effects from the original series. In the short-term visitor arrival and short-term resident departure series, these calendar related effects are known as seasonal (e.g. increased travel in December due to the Christmas holiday period) and trading day influences (arising from the varying length of each month and the varying number of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in each month). Each influence is estimated by separate seasonal and trading day factors which, when combined, are referred to as the combined adjustment factors.

**19** From November 2004 ABS has introduced an improved method for removing trading day effects from seasonally adjusted estimates. Corrections for trading day effects are now applied as prior corrections to the original estimates, rather than being applied within the seasonal adjustment process. This is now consistent with the treatment of any corrections for large extremes, changes in level, changes in seasonal pattern, Easter, and other effects. This change in methodology will result in revisions to seasonally adjusted and trend estimates. From July 2003 concurrent seasonal adjustment methodology has been used to derive the combined adjustment factors. This means that data from the current month are used in estimating seasonal and trading day factors for the current and previous months. Concurrent seasonal adjustment replaces the forward factor methodology used since seasonal adjustment of short-term visitor arrivals began in 1969 and short-term resident departures in 1976.

**20** Concurrent adjustment can result in revisions each month to the seasonally adjusted estimates for earlier periods. However, in most instances, the only noticeable revisions will be to the combined adjustment factors for the current month, the previous month and the same month a year ago. Although there is no specific information paper on concurrent adjustment to short-term visitor arrivals or resident departures, more detail on the method in general can be found in the *Information Paper: Introduction of Concurrent Seasonal Adjustment into the Retail Trade Series* (cat. no. 8514.0).

**21** More recently, the ABS implemented improved methods of producing seasonally adjusted estimates, focused on the application of Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) modelling techniques. The revision properties of the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates can be improved by the use of ARIMA modelling. ARIMA modelling relies on the characteristics of the series being analysed to project future period data. The projected values are temporary, intermediate values, that are only used internally to improve the estimation of the seasonal factors. The projected data do not affect the original estimates and are discarded at the end of the seasonal adjustment process. The OAD collection uses ARIMA modelling where appropriate for individual time series. The ARIMA model is assessed as part of the annual reanalysis and following the 2007–08 annual reanalysis 96% of time series use an ARIMA model. For more information on the details of ARIMA modelling see 'Feature article: Use of ARIMA modelling to reduce revisions' in the October 2004 issue of *Australian Economic Indicators* (cat. no. 1350.0).

**22** Seasonal adjustment procedures do not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month, such as the effect of major sporting and cultural events, changes in airfares and the fluctuation of the Australian dollar relative to other currencies. Irregular influences that are highly volatile can make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variation. Trend estimates take these irregular influences into account.

**23** The trend estimates of short-term overseas visitor arrivals and short-term Australian resident departures are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months of the respective seasonally adjusted series except the first and last six months. Trend series are created for the last six months by applying surrogates of the Henderson weighted moving average to the seasonally adjusted series.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATES *continued*

**24** While this technique enables smoothed data for the latest period to be produced, it does result in revisions to the smoothed series, principally of recent months, as additional observations become available. There may also be revisions as a result of the re-estimation of the seasonal factors. For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring Trends* (cat. no. 1349.0).

**25** Occasionally situations occur that necessitate breaks being applied to the trend series. These breaks are necessary because of a change in the underlying level of the original series. While the breaks apply to an individual country (e.g. Indonesia) a consequence is that breaks are also applied to the regional total series (e.g. Total South-East Asia) and the total series. Breaks currently included in the trend series are as follows:

- *October 2002: Short-term resident departures – Indonesia, Total South-East Asia and Total*—Trend series breaks due to the decrease in movements resulting from the Bali bombing of 12 October 2002.
- *December 2003: Short-term resident departures – Indonesia, Total South-East Asia and Total*—Trend series breaks due to a return to the trend levels experienced prior to the Bali bombing of 12 October 2002.
- *October 2005: Short-term resident departures – Indonesia, Total South-East Asia and Total*—Trend series breaks due to the decrease in movements resulting from the Bali bombing of 1 October 2005.
- *December 2006: Short-term resident departures – Indonesia, Total South-East Asia and Total*—Trend series breaks due to the increase in movements to Indonesia to levels closer to, but still lower than, the movements experienced prior to the Bali bombing of 1 October 2005.

**26** An improved correction method has been implemented in the seasonal adjustment process, to remove the effects of Chinese New Year and Ramadan from the seasonally adjusted estimates.

- *Chinese New Year* — Chinese New Year often falls in February but on some occasions falls in January. The movement of Chinese New Year between the boundary of January and February can cause biased seasonally adjusted and trend estimates. The Chinese New Year proximity adjustment method takes into account the graduated increase in activity in the days leading up to the holiday period followed by a graduated return to the normal activity levels in the days following. The proximity correction is only applied to the series from January 1998, as it was not significant before this date. Further details on this adjustment method can be found in 'Estimating and removing the effects of Chinese New Year and Ramadan to improve the seasonal adjustment process' (ABS, *Australian Economic Indicators*, cat. no. 1350.0, November 2005 issue).
- *Ramadan* — Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and starts eleven days earlier each year in the Western calendar, so adjustments for this effect apply to different months over the years. The adjustment was made after the detection of a significant influence on travel for Malaysia and Indonesia associated with the end of the Islamic month of Ramadan. The estimates for Total South-East Asia were also corrected as a consequence of the Malaysia and Indonesia series corrections. Other time series did not have a significant Ramadan effect and were not corrected.

### EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

**27** Under concurrent seasonal adjustment, the most recent seasonally adjusted and trend estimates are likely to be revised when original estimates for subsequent months become available. The trend revision is a combined result of the revision of the seasonally adjusted estimates and the revision derived from the use of asymmetric moving averages as future data become available. ABS research shows that about 75% of the total revision to the trend estimate at the current end of the time series is due to the use of different asymmetric moving averages when the original estimate for the next time

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES *continued*

period becomes available. To assess the reliability of the trend estimate at the current end, the 'what-if' charts present trend estimates under two different scenarios for the next time period. The charts show only the impact due to the changes of the asymmetric moving averages and do not include the unknown impact of revision to seasonal factor estimates that would arise when the original estimate for the next time period becomes available.

**28** For a detailed discussion and analysis of OAD time series estimates, see the ABS *Demography Working Paper 2004/2 – Interpretation and Use of Overseas Arrivals and Departures Estimates* (cat. no. 3106.0.55.002), available on the ABS website.

**29** For further information on the seasonal adjustment process contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on Canberra (02) 6252 6345 or by email at <time.series.analysis@abs.gov.au>.

### RELATED PRODUCTS

**30** Recent publications released by the National Migration Statistics Unit (ABS) include:

- *Guide to Migrant Statistical Sources* (cat. no. 3414.0)
- *Migrant Data Matrices* (cat. no. 3415.0)
- *Migrant Statistics News* (cat. no. 3413.0)

**31** Users of these statistics may also wish to refer to the following ABS products:

- *Australian Demographic Statistics* (cat. no. 3101.0) – issued quarterly
- *Australian Historical Population Statistics* (cat. no. 3105.0.65.001)
- Demography Working papers, ABS website, <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>
- *Information Paper: Demographic Estimates and Projections: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 3228.0)
- *Migration, Australia* (cat. no. 3412.0) – issued annually
- *Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia, Time Series Spreadsheets*. These spreadsheets can be accessed on the ABS website from the Downloads tab.
- *Short-term Visitor Arrival Estimates, Australia* (cat. no. 3401.0.55.001) – issued monthly – final issue, May 2008
- *Tourism Statistics News* (cat. no. 8602.0)

**32** Related statistics are also published by:

- DIAC, available on the department's website <<http://www.immi.gov.au>>:
  - *Immigration Update*
  - *Population Flows - Immigration Aspects*
  - *Settler Arrivals*
- Tourism Research Australia
- the Australian Government Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism

**33** As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, additional demographic information is available on the ABS website, <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>; click Themes, then under People click on Demography. Users can also access the full range of electronic ABS data free of charge on the ABS website.

**34** The ABS also issues a daily Release Advice on the website which details the products to be released in the week ahead.

### ADDITIONAL STATISTICS AVAILABLE

**35** The ABS may have other relevant data available on request. Generally, a charge is made for providing this information. Inquiries should be made to the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

**36** The following variables are available for overseas arrival and departure data:

- Age
- Airport/port of arrival/departure
- Arrival/departure date
- Australian residents:
  - Country spent/intend to spend most time abroad

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### ADDITIONAL STATISTICS

#### AVAILABLE *continued*

- Intended/actual time away from Australia
- Main reason for journey (only available for long-term and short-term residents departing)
- State or territory of intended address/state or territory of residence
- Category of travel
- Citizenship (nationality)
- Country of birth
- Country of embarkation/disembarkation
- Intention to live in Australia for next 12 months (not available for short-term movements)
- Marital status (not available for Australian and New Zealand citizens)
- Occupation (not available for short-term movements)
- Overseas visitors:
  - Country of residence
  - Intended/actual length of stay
  - Main reason for journey (only available for long-term and short-term visitors arriving)
  - State or territory of intended address/in which most time was spent
- Permanent migrants:
  - Previous/future country of residence
  - State or territory of intended address/lived
- Sex

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## APPENDIX 1 PASSENGER CARDS

### INCOMING CARD - FRONT

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Information sought on this form is required to administer immigration, customs, quarantine, statistical, health, wildlife and currency laws of Australia and its collection is authorised by legislation. It will be disclosed only to agencies administering these areas and those entitled to receive it under Australian law. The leaflet *Safeguarding your personal information* is available at Australian ports and airports.

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| Holiday <input type="checkbox"/>   | 4  | Other <input type="checkbox"/>      | 8                            |                              |                             |                             |                              |                             |                              |                                |  |                              |                              |                              |                             |                             |                              |                             |                              |                                |  |   |                                     |   |                                   |   |                                    |   |  |   |                                     |   |                                  |   |                                |   |                              |                              |                              |                             |                             |                              |                             |                              |                                |  |
| NSW <input type="checkbox"/>   | Vic <input type="checkbox"/>   |                                     |                              |                              |                             |                             |                              |                             |                              |                                |  |                              |                              |                              |                             |                             |                              |                             |                              |                                |  |   |                                     |   |                                   |   |                                    |   |  |   |                                     |   |                                  |   |                                |   |                              |                              |                              |                             |                             |                              |                             |                              |                                |  |
| Qld <input type="checkbox"/>   | SA <input type="checkbox"/>  |                                     |                              |                              |                             |                             |                              |                             |                              |                                |  |                              |                              |                              |                             |                             |                              |                             |                              |                                |  |   |                                     |   |                                   |   |                                    |   |  |   |                                     |   |                                  |   |                                |   |                              |                              |                              |                             |                             |                              |                             |                              |                                |  |
| WA <input type="checkbox"/>  | Tas <input type="checkbox"/>   |                                     |                              |                              |                             |                             |                              |                             |                              |                                |  |                              |                              |                              |                             |                             |                              |                             |                              |                                |  |   |                                     |   |                                   |   |                                    |   |  |   |                                     |   |                                  |   |                                |   |                              |                              |                              |                             |                             |                              |                             |                              |                                |  |
| NT <input type="checkbox"/>  | ACT <input type="checkbox"/>   |                                     |                              |                              |                             |                             |                              |                             |                              |                                |  |                              |                              |                              |                             |                             |                              |                             |                              |                                |  |   |                                     |   |                                   |   |                                    |   |  |   |                                     |   |                                  |   |                                |   |                              |                              |                              |                             |                             |                              |                             |                              |                                |  |
| Other <input type="checkbox"/>   |  |                                     |                              |                              |                             |                             |                              |                             |                              |                                |  |                              |                              |                              |                             |                             |                              |                             |                              |                                |  |   |                                     |   |                                   |   |                                    |   |  |   |                                     |   |                                  |   |                                |   |                              |                              |                              |                             |                             |                              |                             |                              |                                |  |

### OUTGOING CARD - BACK

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <p>► Are you taking out of Australia AUD\$10,000 or more in Australian or foreign currency equivalent? If answered 'Yes' you must complete an International Currency Transfer Report to present with this card.<br/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>► If you worked in Australia as a temporary resident you may be eligible for a Departing Australia Superannuation Payment (DASP).<br/> If you would like to receive further information please provide your e-mail address.</p> <p>For example<br/> WILLIAMS_JENNIFER<br/> @<br/> HOTMAIL.COM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Visit <a href="http://www.ato.gov.au/super">www.ato.gov.au/super</a> for more DASP information.</p> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>MAKE SURE YOU HAVE COMPLETED BOTH SIDES OF THIS CARD. PRESENT THIS CARD, ON DEPARTURE WITH YOUR BOARDING PASS AND PASSPORT.</b></p> </div> |
| <p>Information sought on this form is required to administer immigration, customs, quarantine, statistical, health, wildlife and currency laws of Australia and its collection is authorised by legislation. It will be disclosed only to agencies administering these areas and those entitled to receive it under Australian law. The leaflet <i>Safeguarding your personal information</i> is available at Australian ports and airports.</p>  | <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">07031607</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; text-align: right;">© Commonwealth of Australia 2003<br/>16 (Design date 07/03)<br/>MCMILLAN PRINT</p>       |

Outgoing passenger card used from July 2003.

## APPENDIX 2 DATA QUALITY ISSUES

### SCANNING AND IMAGING

The introduction of a new passenger card processing system from July 2001 has meant that information is now available on the frequency and impact of data item imputation. Much of this information has not been available previously. Additionally, the move to a new processing system has also given rise to new data quality issues directly associated with scanning and imaging.

### DEFECTIVE CARDS

There are a small number of unreadable or damaged passenger cards for each month. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) receives a count of these cards from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) by movement direction, box type (category of traveller) and port of clearance. The information on these cards is then physically processed by the ABS and included in the estimates presented here.

### DURATION OF STAY

From July 1998 DIAC has been able to determine the actual length of stay for departing overseas visitors and arriving Australian residents which was previously collected from information on intended length of stay supplied on the arrival and departure card by the passenger. This new method has resulted in a change in data distribution with the number of passengers staying for one year exactly declining significantly when compared with movements prior to July 1998.

The introduction of the new passenger card processing system from July 2001 has shown further evidence of rounding to exactly one year in intended duration of stay/travel as reported by visitors arriving in Australia and Australian residents departing the country. To reflect the historical movement patterns, the records with a reported duration of exactly one year are allocated to short-term and long-term. For visitors, 75% of such records are allocated to short-term and 25% to long-term. The ratio is 67:33 for residents departing Australia.

Each month there are records for some long-term residents returning to Australia and long-term visitors departing Australia which could not be matched with a previous arrival or departure, since 1 July 1998. For these cases the previous movement date is imputed to be 1 July 1998 and the imputed duration of stay/absence calculated.

### NEW ZEALAND CITIZENS

Under the Trans-Tasman Agreement, New Zealand (NZ) citizens are not required to have a visa to travel to Australia. As a result, on arrival in Australia their visa documentation cannot be used to determine whether they are either a permanent migrant or a temporary visitor, or an Australian resident returning from NZ. DIAC believes that a substantial proportion of holders of NZ passports tick Box A (migrating to Australia) each time they arrive in the country, causing an overcount of NZ migrants entering Australia.

The following edits were applied to correct the overcounting of NZ migrants:

#### *July 2001 to June 2002*

With the introduction of the new processing system from July 2001, DIAC coded all NZ citizen arrivals who had ticked Box A and had been to Australia previously (based on immigration records) to resident returning (Box C). If these people were visitors previously, this recoding had the effect of incorrectly reducing the number of NZ migrants whilst at the same time incorrectly increasing the number of NZ citizen returning residents. This problem was overcome by moving the NZ citizens that have been changed by DIAC from Box A to Box C back to Box A.

#### *July 2002 onwards*

From July 2002, DIAC has introduced a new edit system to ensure accurate Permanent Arrivals of NZ citizens statistics. Where the person ticks Box A on his/her passenger card (first arrival as a migrant) the record is verified by checking previous entries and related passenger card records and if the person is previously recorded as a migrant or resident then they will be counted as returning residents. This will result in more accurate recording of NZ citizens who are migrating to Australia as against those who are residents returning.

## APPENDIX 2 DATA QUALITY ISSUES *continued*

### NON-RESPONSE

### **A1** NON-RESPONSE RATES PRIOR TO IMPUTATION (a)—December 2008

|  | Incoming | Outgoing |
|--|----------|----------|
| <i>OAD Variables</i>                                   | %        | %        |
| Citizenship (nationality)                              | 0.1      | —        |
| Country of birth                                       | 4.7      | 3.4      |
| Age (date of birth)                                    | —        | —        |
| Sex  | —        | —        |
| Marital status(b)                                      | 39.0     | 32.8     |
| Category of travel                                     | 1.7      | 0.8      |
| Permanent migrant                                      |          |          |
| Previous/future country of residence                   | (c) 63.9 | 16.6     |
| Overseas visitor                                       |          |          |
| Intended/actual length of stay                         | 5.1      | 1.3      |
| Main reason for journey                                | 5.8      | . .      |
| Australian residents                                   |          |          |
| Actual/intended time away from Australia               | 1.1      | 4.3      |
| Main reason for journey                                | . .      | 3.7      |
| Occupation(d)  | 8.3      | 4.9      |
| Country of embarkment/disembarkment                    | 3.8      | 3.1      |
| Whether intend to live in Australia for next 12 months | 27.2     | . .      |

. . not applicable

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Non-response rates are unweighted.

(b) Not available for Australian or New Zealand citizens.

(c) See DATA IMPUTATIONS, Country of previous residence, in this Appendix.

(d) Not available for short-term movements.

### INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY/TIME AWAY FROM AUSTRALIA

Non-response rates are available for these data items from November 1998. For data prior to November 1998, imputation carried out as part of processing by DIAC has prevented reliable estimation of non-response rates for these two data items.

### MAIN REASON FOR JOURNEY

Before the introduction of the redesigned passenger card in July 1998, 5% of short-term visitor arrivals, on average, were recorded as having a reason for journey of 'Other' or 'Not Stated'. This percentage rose to 14% for July, 16% in August and 29% in September 1998 as a result of processing problems. These problems have now been addressed by DIAC, with the percentage of 'Other' and 'Not Stated' dropping in October 1998 to 8% and 7% in November 1998.

From the January 1999 issue of this publication, published figures (table 6 in this issue) referencing these three months were revised. The revised data were calculated by estimating the number of persons responding 'Other/Not Stated' using past trends for each country of citizenship and proportionally allocating any persons in excess of the estimated 'Other/Not Stated' total amongst the remaining categories. 'Not Stated' rates are now separately available from February 1999 onwards.

## APPENDIX 2 DATA QUALITY ISSUES *continued*

### STATE WHERE SPENT MOST TIME

For the months of August 1998, September 1998 and October 1998, data entry problems experienced by DIAC caused an overstatement of the Northern Territory as the main state of stay with a corresponding understatement for the remaining states and territories. In November 1998 these numbers returned to levels more comparable with previous years, with DIAC indicating that they had instigated data quality procedures to address this issue.

From the January 1999 issue of this publication, published figures (table 11 in this issue) referencing these months were revised. The revised data were calculated by estimating the number of persons indicating the Northern Territory as their main state of stay using past trends and proportionally allocating any persons in excess of these estimates amongst the remaining states and territories.

With the introduction of the new processing system from July 2001, DIAC has provided the ABS with data on all missing values of state of stay and state of usual residence. These missing values are now imputed.

### DATA IMPUTATIONS

Data was imputed for non-response for state of stay/residence. For state of stay, non-responses were imputed at the category of traveller and state of clearance level. Non-response rates for state of stay are presented in the table below:

**A2** NON-RESPONSE RATES FOR STATE OF STAY BY CATEGORY OF TRAVELLER (a)

|                                 | December<br>2008 |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| <i>Category of traveller</i>    | %                |
| Permanent arrivals – settlers   | 5.1              |
| Long-term residents returning   | 1.2              |
| Long-term visitors arriving     | 4.6              |
| Short-term residents returning  | 0.7              |
| Short-term visitors arriving    | 7.1              |
| Residents departing permanently | 3.1              |
| Long-term residents departing   | 2.9              |
| Long-term visitors departing    | 3.1              |
| Short-term residents departing  | 1.9              |
| Short-term visitors departing   | 7.1              |

(a) Non-response rates are weighted.

Non-responses for country of stay and country of usual residence were imputed in two stages. In the first stage, records with country of stay/residence missing were set to country of disembarkation/embarkation if a response was available. In the second stage, for remaining records where country of stay/residence was missing, values were imputed at the category of traveller, reason for journey and country of citizenship level based on responses to other cards within each subgroup. Accordingly, the level of records with data for country of stay/residence not stated has been minimised.

### *Change in approach to non-response state of stay for long-term visitor departures*

A procedure has been applied before prorating of a non-response to state of stay for long-term visitor departures. If a correction to the box marked by a passenger is made (e.g. a visitor marks a resident box), the state of stay recorded in the incorrect box is applied.

### *Country of stay*

Table A3 below presents the percentage of records with country of stay/residence missing as supplied by DIAC and prior to imputation.

## APPENDIX 2 DATA QUALITY ISSUES *continued*

Country of stay *continued*

### **A3** COUNTRY OF STAY/RESIDENCE NON-RESPONSE RATES BY PASSENGER CARD BOX TYPE(a)

|  | December<br>2008 |
|--|------------------|
| Box type                                     | %                |
| A: Migrating permanently to Australia(b)     | 63.9             |
| B: Visitor or temporary entrant              | 5.7              |
| C: Resident returning to Australia           | 6.7              |
| D: Visitor of temporary entrant departing    | 7.8              |
| E: Australian resident departing temporarily | 2.0              |
| F: Australian resident departing permanently | 16.6             |

(a) As on initial data supplied by DIAC.

(b) See DATA IMPUTATIONS, Country of previous residence, in this Appendix.

Table A4 below shows the non-response rates for country of stay/residence following the application of the first stage of imputation.

### **A4** COUNTRY OF STAY/RESIDENCE NON-RESPONSE RATES BY CATEGORY OF TRAVELLER(a)(b)

|                                  | December<br>2008 |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Category of traveller            | %                |
| Permanent arrivals – settlers(c) | 63.9             |
| Long-term residents returning    | 0.7              |
| Long-term visitors arriving      | 0.8              |
| Short-term residents returning   | 0.5              |
| Short-term visitors arriving     | 0.4              |
| Residents departing permanently  | 0.7              |
| Long-term residents departing    | —                |
| Long-term visitors departing     | 0.4              |
| Short-term residents departing   | 0.1              |
| Short-term visitors departing    | 0.3              |

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Following imputation based on country of disembarkation/embarkation.

(b) Non-response rates are weighted.

(c) See DATA IMPUTATIONS, Country of previous residence, in this Appendix.

Country of previous residence

The proportion of permanent arrivals where country of previous residence was not stated increased markedly over the two years to August 2006. Prior to August 2006 ABS imputed this data item for these movements using country of embarkation information as well as stated responses of other permanent arrivals. As a result of this increase and the continuing high level of not stated responses (see table A4), records of permanent arrivals whose country of previous residence is not stated have not been imputed for August 2006 data onwards. For all other arrivals, imputation based on country of embarkation has continued.

Country of birth for New Zealand passport holders

With the introduction of biometric passports for NZ passports, from 21 April 2005, the country of birth of the holder no longer appears on the passport. This was the only source of information on the country of birth of NZ citizens travelling to or from Australia. Therefore, with the increased numbers of travellers holding NZ biometric passports the proportion of movement records with not stated country of birth increased substantially. For other travellers who are not NZ citizens, country of birth information can be obtained from their visa information. Visa information for most NZ

## APPENDIX 2 DATA QUALITY ISSUES *continued*

### *Country of birth for New Zealand passport holders* *continued*

citizens is not available as, under the trans-Tasman agreement, they do not need to hold a visa to travel to Australia. For August 2007 data, the total number of not stated responses for country of birth as supplied by DIAC was 76,763. NZ passport holders represented approximately 88% of these non-responses.

In order to alleviate this issue the records with not stated responses for country of birth have been imputed at the category of traveller and country of citizenship level from August 2007. As a result, the total number of not stated responses for country of birth has been reduced to 606 and the number of non-responses for NZ citizens to zero. This method of imputation will be in place until a more suitable means of obtaining or imputing country of birth data for NZ citizens can be implemented.

### JULY 1998 PROCESSING

Prior to July 1998 the number of overseas-born (excluding NZ) permanent departures of Australian residents was overstated.

In July 1998, DIAC introduced a Box type validation edit to the processing system. This edit checks and corrects the Box type according to the Visa Class/subclass. With the exception of Australian and NZ citizens, only Australian residents departing permanently (Box F) who hold permanent visas are retained in this Box type. For temporary visa holders who incorrectly ticked Box F, their Box type was changed to visitor or temporary entrant departing (Box D). This edit has been ongoing, with over 5,000 records being moved from Box F to Box D in the year 2005–06.

### SEPTEMBER 1998 PROCESSING

A problem was experienced in the processing of OAD data for movement dates between 6 September 1998 and 16 September 1998, following the introduction of changes to DIAC's input processing system. This problem may affect in the order of 10% of all September 1998 records used in estimation and result in incorrect details for citizenship, date of birth, sex and country of birth.

### PERMANENT ARRIVALS DURING 1999

The number of permanent arrivals during July to December 1999 was revised in October 2000, as advised by DIAC.

### SEPTEMBER 1999 PROCESSING

September 1999 overseas arrivals and departures data are revised for movements from, and to, China (excl. SARs and Taiwan) and Hong Kong (SAR of China) in respect of three variables: country of birth, country of citizenship and country of residence/stay. Changes to 'country of birth' and 'country of citizenship' have been made from data supplied by DIAC. Changes to 'country of residence/stay' have been made by assuming the average proportion of country of birth to country of residence/stay for migrants from China (excl. SARs and Taiwan) and Hong Kong (SAR of China) in September 1995 to September 1998.

### SEPTEMBER QUARTER 2000 PROCESSING

A processing error was identified which affected the distribution of short-term resident departures by reason for journey for the months of August and September 2000. Affected data was re-processed, and a revised copy of table 3 for the September quarter 2000 was reissued in the supplement October to December 2000 issue of this publication.

### OCTOBER 2005 PROCESSING

In June 2006 DIAC advised that some passenger cards predominantly from Adelaide airport were not processed in time for the October 2005 Overseas Arrivals and Departures data cut off date. The October 2005 data was reprocessed to include the missing records (approximately 7,800) and the revised data was published in the June 2006 issue of this publication. All associated time series spreadsheets and data files were revised.

Differences between the revised October 2005 data and the figures published in the October 2005 issue of this publication were spread across all categories of movement and all variables. A breakdown of the numeric differences by category of movement is provided in the June 2006 issue of this publication.

## APPENDIX 2 DATA QUALITY ISSUES *continued*

### NOVEMBER 2008 PROCESSING

DIAC advised that the previous supply of November 2008 data excluded 3,580 arrivals due to passenger cards being mislaid. This represented 0.4% of all arrivals in November 2008. For further details see the November 2008 issue of this publication.

The ABS and DIAC reprocessed November 2008 data and the revised data are released in this issue (December 2008). As well as the missing arrival passenger cards identified above, processing was completed on additional cards and these records were included in the November 2008 revision. The additional identification of records was mainly due to the movement of the monthly processing cut-off date and reprocessing November 2008 data. The total additional movements affect both arrivals (6,144 movements) and departures (4,078 movements).

### CHANGE TO PROCESSING OF INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY

There is evidence to suggest that when completing the intended length of stay question on the incoming passenger card (Box B), some passengers are entering their arrival/departure date or their birth date rather than their intended length of stay.

From September 2003 a rule has been implemented to the data processing system stating that if all three elements are complete (years, months and days), then the intended length of stay is to be coded to a non-response. The ABS currently assigns 'not stated' duration as a short-term movement, however a review of this procedure will be undertaken in the future.

This procedure changes the prior data processing system which read only the years from the field on the passenger cards. The previous data processing system could have added to overestimation of the number of long-term visitor arrivals.

## APPENDIX 3 SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES

### INTRODUCTION

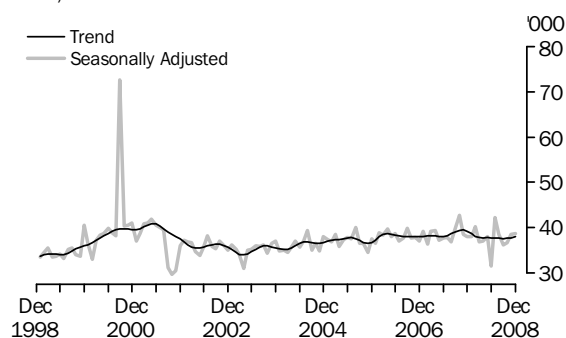
Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates add to the understanding of overseas arrivals and departures (OAD) statistics. Seasonally adjusted estimates allow users to analyse short-term movements including irregular impacts on the series, while trend estimates provide a better method to analyse and monitor the underlying direction of the short-term movement series. In most cases the trend series is the best source of information on the long-term direction of these statistics.

### SHORT-TERM VISITOR ARRIVALS

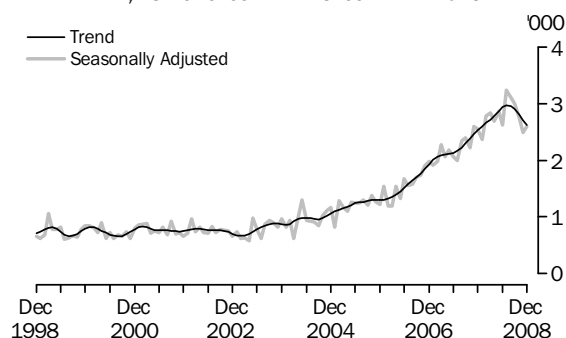
*Selected source countries*

The graph for the United States of America shows the large increase in the seasonally adjusted series for short-term visitor arrivals in September 2000, during the Olympic Games in Sydney. For Viet Nam the graph shows, for the trend series, strong growth from early 2003 to mid 2008, followed by a subsequent decline. The graph for Japan shows the significant impact of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) on the seasonally adjusted arrivals series in mid-2003.

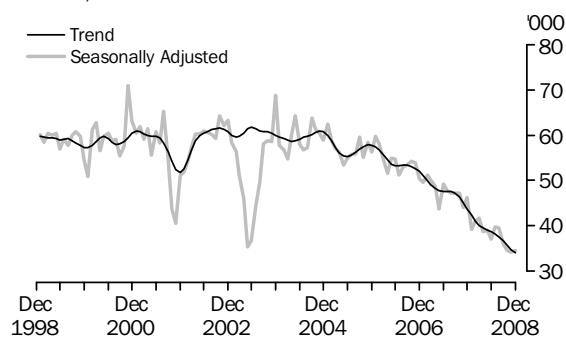
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#### VIET NAM, Short-term Visitor Arrivals



#### JAPAN, Short-term Visitor Arrivals



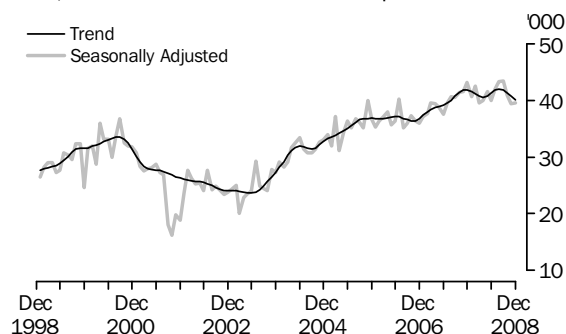
## APPENDIX 3 SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES *continued*

### SHORT-TERM RESIDENT DEPARTURES

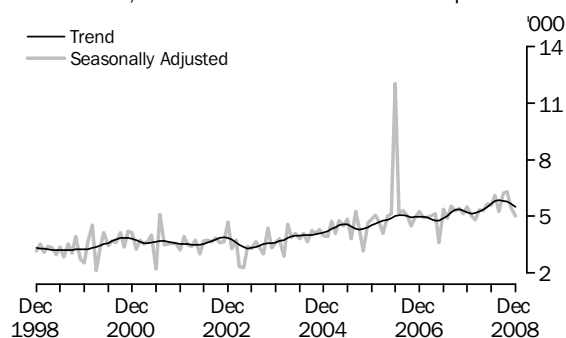
*Selected destinations*

For residents departing to the United States of America the graph illustrates the effect of the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks in that country on short-term departures of Australian residents to the United States of America. The graph for Germany shows, in the seasonally adjusted series, the effect of Germany hosting the 2006 FIFA World Cup (9 June to 9 July). For Indonesia the graph shows the impact of the 12 October 2002 Bali bombing and the reduced level of travel experienced in the next twelve months. The effect of the 1 October 2005 Bali bombing is also evident and another break in the trend series was introduced. Strong growth resulted in the insertion of a further break in the trend series from December 2006.

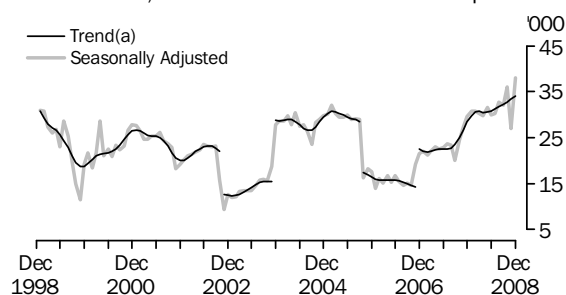
#### USA, Short-term Resident Departures



#### GERMANY, Short-term Resident Departures



#### INDONESIA, Short-term Resident Departures



(a) Breaks in trend series – see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 25.

## STANDARD ERRORS

### RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

Estimates based on a sample are subject to sampling variability, that is, they may differ from those that would be obtained from full enumeration.

The sampling error associated with any estimate can be estimated from the sample results and one measure so derived is the standard error. Given an estimate and the standard error on that estimate, there are about two chances in three that the sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained from full enumeration, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. The relative standard error is the standard error on the estimate expressed as a percentage of the estimate.

It would be impractical to publish estimates of standard errors for all figures in individual tables. However, the following table of standard errors and relative standard errors gives an indication of the magnitude of the sampling error associated with any estimate of a particular size for short-term and total movement.

### APPROXIMATE STANDARD ERROR ON ESTIMATES FOR STRATIFIED SAMPLE

| <i>Estimated<br/>number of<br/>movements</i> | SHORT-TERM ARRIVAL<br>OR DEPARTURE OF<br>AUSTRALIAN RESIDENT |  | SHORT-TERM<br>ARRIVAL OR<br>DEPARTURE OF<br>OVERSEAS VISITOR |  | TOTAL ARRIVAL<br>OR DEPARTURE |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|-------------------------------|--|
|  | <i>Standard<br/>error</i>                                    | <i>Relative<br/>standard<br/>error</i> | <i>Standard<br/>error</i>                                    | <i>Relative<br/>standard<br/>error</i> | <i>Standard<br/>error</i>     | <i>Relative<br/>standard<br/>error</i> |
|  | no.  | %                                      | no.  | %                                      | no.                           | %                                      |
| 5000000                                      | 11 302   | 0.2                                    | 7 934  | 0.2                                    | 9 705                         | 0.2                                    |
| 4000000                                      | 10 244   | 0.3                                    | 7 170  | 0.2                                    | 8 796                         | 0.2                                    |
| 3000000                                      | 9 021  | 0.3                                    | 6 292  | 0.2                                    | 7 746                         | 0.3                                    |
| 2000000                                      | 7 536  | 0.4                                    | 5 233  | 0.3                                    | 6 470                         | 0.3                                    |
| 1000000                                      | 5 530  | 0.6                                    | 3 815  | 0.4                                    | 4 745                         | 0.5                                    |
| 500000                                       | 4 047  | 0.8                                    | 2 778  | 0.6                                    | 3 469                         | 0.7                                    |
| 100000                                       | 1 941  | 1.9                                    | 1 325  | 1.3                                    | 1 658                         | 1.7                                    |
| 50000  | 1 408  | 2.8                                    | 962  | 1.9                                    | 1 201                         | 2.4                                    |
| 10000  | 662  | 6.6                                    | 455  | 4.6                                    | 561                           | 5.6                                    |
| 5000   | 476  | 9.5                                    | 329  | 6.6                                    | 402                           | 8.0                                    |
| 2000   | 307  | 15.3                                   | 214  | 10.7                                   | 258                           | 12.9                                   |
| 1000   | 219  | 21.9                                   | 154  | 15.4                                   | 184                           | 18.4                                   |
| 750  | 191  | 25.4                                   | 135  | 18.0                                   | 159                           | 21.3                                   |
| 500  | 156  | 31.3                                   | 111  | 22.3                                   | 130                           | 26.1                                   |
| 400  | 140  | 35.0                                   | 100  | 25.0                                   | 117                           | 29.2                                   |
| 300  | 122  | 40.5                                   | 87   | 29.1                                   | 101                           | 33.7                                   |
| 200  | 100  | 49.8                                   | 72   | 36.0                                   | 83                            | 41.3                                   |
| 100  | 71   | 70.6                                   | 52   | 51.8                                   | 58                            | 58.3                                   |

An example of the use of this table is as follows. If the estimate of the number of Australian resident departures for short-term visits abroad is 1,000, then the standard error on this estimate is 219; i.e. there are two chances in three that the actual number of Australian resident departures for short-term visits abroad will lie between 781 and 1,219 and nineteen chances in twenty that it will lie between 562 and 1,438.

The larger the size of an estimate the smaller the relative standard error. For any estimate of greater than 5,000,000 the relative standard error will be less than 0.2%.

The estimate of the difference between an estimate in two different periods, or between different estimates from the same period, is also subject to sampling error. The standard error on the difference between any two estimates which are subject to sampling error can be approximated by using the larger standard error of the estimates inflated by a factor of 1.4.

## STANDARD ERRORS *continued*

### RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

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An example of the use of this procedure is as follows. Assume the estimates of the number of arrivals to Australia from Germany during January 2004 and January 2005 are 7,500 and 10,000 respectively. The difference between the 2004 and 2005 figure is 2,500 and the standard errors on these estimates are approximately 392 and 455. The standard error on the difference is approximately 637 ( $1.4 \times 455$ ), and there are nineteen chances in twenty that the estimate of the difference between the two years will lie between 1,226 and 3,774.

## GLOSSARY

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| <b>Australian resident</b>              | An Australian resident is self-defined as reported by travellers when completing an incoming or outgoing passenger card.   |
| <b>Category of movement</b>             | <p>Overseas arrivals and departures are classified according to length of stay (in Australia or overseas), as recorded by travellers on passenger cards or derived with reference to previous border crossings. There are three main categories of movement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ permanent movements;</li> <li>■ long-term movements (one year or more); and</li> <li>■ short-term movements (less than one year).</li> </ul> <p>A significant number of travellers (i.e. overseas visitors to Australia on arrival and Australian residents going abroad) state exactly 12 months or one year as their intended period of stay. Many of them stay for less than that period and on their departure from, or return to, Australia are therefore classified as short-term. Accordingly, in an attempt to maintain consistency between arrivals and departures, movements of travellers who report their actual or intended period of stay as being one year exactly are randomly allocated to long-term or short-term in proportion to the number of movements of travellers who report their actual length of stay as up to one month more, or one month less, than one year.</p> |
| <b>Country of residence</b>             | Country of residence refers to the country in which travellers regard themselves as living or as last having lived.  |
| <b>Intended length of stay</b>          | On arrival in Australia, all overseas visitors are asked to state their 'intended length of stay in Australia'. On departure from Australia, all Australian residents are asked to state their 'intended length of stay abroad'.   |
| <b>Long-term arrivals</b>               | <p>Long-term arrivals comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ overseas migrants (comprising visitors and temporary entrants) who intend to stay in Australia for 12 months or more (but not permanently); and</li> <li>■ Australian residents returning from overseas after an absence of 12 months or more.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Long-term departures</b>             | <p>Long-term departures comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Australian residents who intend to stay abroad for 12 months or more (but not permanently); and</li> <li>■ overseas migrants departing who stayed 12 months or more in Australia.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Main destination</b>                 | Australian residents travelling overseas are asked on departure for the name of the country in which they intend to spend most time.   |
| <b>Main reason for journey</b>          | <p>Overseas visitors/temporary entrants arriving in Australia and Australian residents departing temporarily from Australia are asked to state their main reason for journey. From September 1994, all statistics relating to main reason for journey have been published using the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ convention/conference</li> <li>■ business</li> <li>■ visiting friends/relatives</li> <li>■ holiday</li> <li>■ employment</li> <li>■ education</li> <li>■ other.</li> </ul> <p>In tabulations of data collected before September 1994, the 'other' category included 'in transit' and the 'holiday' category included both 'student vacation' and 'accompanying business visitor'.</p>   |
| <b>Overseas arrivals and departures</b> | Overseas arrivals and departures (OAD) refer to the recorded arrival or departure of persons through Australian airports (or sea ports). Statistics on OAD 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 all counted).   |

## GLOSSARY *continued*

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| <b>Permanent arrivals</b>          | Permanent arrivals (settlers) comprise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ travellers who hold migrant visas (regardless of stated intended period of stay);</li><li>■ New Zealand citizens who indicate an intention to migrate permanently; and</li><li>■ those who are otherwise eligible to settle (e.g. overseas born children of Australian citizens).</li></ul> |
| <b>Permanent departures</b>        | Permanent departures are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Australian residents (including former settlers) who on departure state that they are departing permanently.</li></ul>  |
| <b>Short-term arrivals</b>         | Short-term arrivals comprise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ overseas visitors/migrants who intend to stay in Australia for less than 12 months; and</li><li>■ Australian residents returning from overseas after an absence of less than 12 months.</li></ul>   |
| <b>Short-term departures</b>       | Short-term departures comprise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Australian residents who intend to stay abroad for less than 12 months; and</li><li>■ overseas visitors/migrants departing after a stay of less than 12 months in Australia.</li></ul>  |
| <b>State where spent most time</b> | Overseas visitors are asked on departure for the name of the state or territory in which they spent the most time. This differs from 'state or territory of clearance' which is available on request.   |

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