

Overseas Arrivals and Departures

May 2006



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The Australian Bureau of Statistics has released the May 2006 Overseas Arrivals and Departures data. For the full report please visit the [Australian Bureau of Statistics](#) online.

May 2006 Summary

- There were 2.2 million visitor arrivals to Australia during the five months to May 2006, a decrease of 1 per cent relative to the same period of the previous year.
- There were 5.5 million visitor arrivals during the year ended 31 May 2006, an increase of 2 per cent relative to the previous year.
- There were 345,500 visitor arrivals during May 2006, a decrease of 2 per cent relative to the same month of the previous year.

May 2006 Detailed Results

Visitor Arrivals

The following table presents the top ten source countries (based on original estimates) for short-term visitor arrivals into Australia during May 2006. Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates are also presented for these countries, along with the percentage change in trend compared with April 2006 and May 2005.

SHORT-TERM VISITOR ARRIVALS, Major Source Countries—May 2006

	Trend	Seasonally Adjusted	Original	Apr 06 to May 06	May 05 to May 06
	'000	'000	'000	Trend % change	Trend % change
New Zealand	90.4	91.0	81.8	—	-3.4
Japan	50.1	49.6	41.7	-4.3	-5.8
United States of America	40.0	37.6	29.9	0.9	5.6
United Kingdom	61.5	58.4	28.8	0.3	4.4
China	26.1	24.9	19.7	-0.5	23.8
Singapore	20.7	18.7	17.8	-0.7	-10.2
Korea	20.6	20.0	17.1	0.7	-5.6
Malaysia	11.6	10.7	12.7	-1.9	-18.6
India	7.0	6.6	10.5	0.9	30.3
Hong Kong	13.7	13.7	9.1	-0.3	1.1

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

Australian Departures

The following table presents the top ten destinations (based on original estimates) for short-term Australian departures during May 2006. Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates are also presented for these countries, along with the percentage change in trend compared with April 2006 and May 2005.

SHORT-TERM RESIDENT DEPARTURES, Major Destinations—May 2006

	Trend	Seasonally Adjusted	Original	Apr 06 to May 06	May 05 to May 06
	'000	'000	'000	Trend % change	Trend % change
New Zealand	69.5	69.9	51.4	-0.1	0.2
United Kingdom	31.4	32.8	49.2	—	-7.6
United States of America	37.1	35.1	36.7	—	7.2
China	20.8	23.4	20.3	3.4	5.0
Thailand	23.1	23.3	17.4	0.8	49.8
Italy	9.0	9.6	16.0	0.6	23.8
Singapore	18.9	17.0	15.5	1.4	26.4
Fiji	16.7	17.2	14.8	0.2	2.5
Indonesia(a)	15.5	15.1	13.1	-2.1	-48.5
Canada	8.1	8.8	13.1	7.4	9.4

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(a) Break in trend series from October 2005.