Main Features

International visitors, year ending 31 December 2011

Number
Queensland 1,897,000
Australia 5,439,000

Annual change
Queensland ↓ 7.4%
Australia – 0.0%

Commentary

Note: Figures reported in this brief are rounded to the nearest 1,000. Calculations are based on pre-rounded figures.

• For the year ending 31 December 2011, there were 1,897,000 international visitors aged 15 years and over to Queensland, a decrease of 7.4% from the year ending 31 December 2010. For the same period, Australia had 5,439,000 visitors aged 15 years and over, no change from the previous period (Figure 1).

• Of all the international visitors to Australia during the year ending 31 December 2011, 34.9% visited Queensland, 50.7% visited New South Wales and 32.4% visited Victoria¹ (Figure 2).

• The main purposes of the journey for visitors to Queensland during the year ending 31 December 2011 were for holidays (57.6%) and visiting friends (20.2%). Other reasons included business, education and employment. The main reason for visitors coming to Australia during the same period was also for holidays (43.9%).

• For the year ending 31 December 2011, a total of 40,167,000 visitor nights were spent in Queensland by international visitors, an increase of 0.9% over the previous year. Over the same period, the number of visitor nights in Australia increased by 4.0%.

• The average length of stay for international visitors to Queensland during the year ending 31 December 2011 was 21.2 nights per visitor.

• New Zealand was the largest source of international visitors to Queensland in the year ending 31 December 2011 (402,000 visitors). This was followed China (203,000 visitors) and by the United Kingdom (197,000 visitors) (Figure 3). New Zealand was also the largest source of international visitors to Australia (1,066,000 visitors).

¹ Note: Percentages may not add to 100% as visitors may travel to more than one state or territory.