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PREFACE

This bulletin is produced by the Statistics Department on monthly migration statistics of the Kingdom for the month of October 2017. It shows the international arrivals and departures by months back to January 2013, mode of transportation, type of passengers, purpose of visit, age group of passengers and some charts for analysis purposes.

The data is extracted from the arrival and departure cards of the Immigration Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Customs Department's vessel & yacht log book.

This bulletin also presents information relating to gender of passengers and country of usual residence, and country visited.

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Any suggestions that recipients of this bulletin wish to make for its future improvement will be welcome by the Statistics Department.

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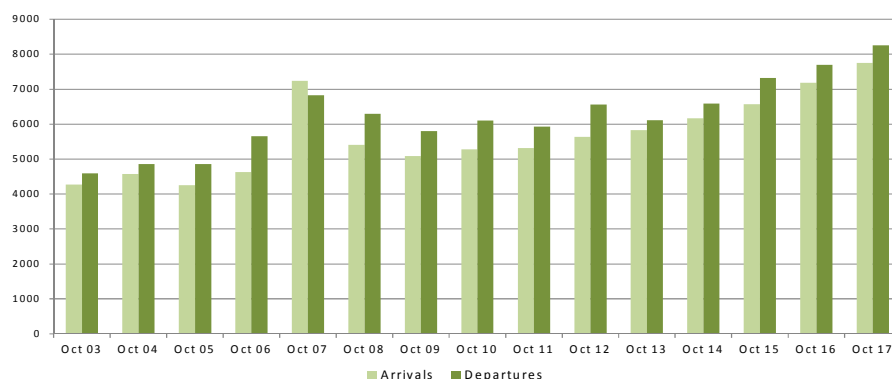
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Table 1: Total Arrivals and Departures by annual percentage change and previous month

Month of October 2017	Number	Change from previous month (%)	Change from previous year (%)
All Arrivals	10,556	-22.5	-25.4
Air Visitors	4,639	-27.4	7.9
Air Returning Residents	3,109	7.2	7.7
Cruise Ships	2,425	-34.8	-63.4
Yachts	383	-37.7	120
All Departures	10,974	-17.3	68.1

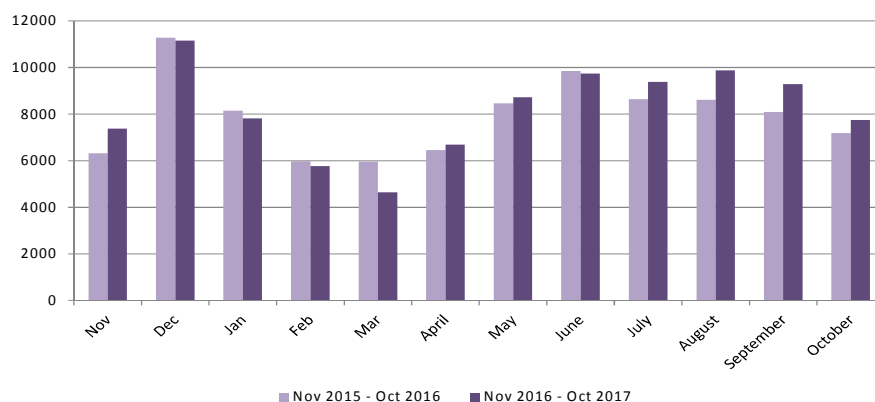
- A decline of 22.5% of all arrivals (10,556) compared to the previous month of September 2017 (13,624)
- A decline of 27.4% of all air visitors (4,639) compared to September 2017 (6,390)
- An increase of 7.2% (3,109) of returning residents compared to previous month (2,900)
- A decline of 34.8% (2,425) of arrivals by Cruise ships compared to September 2017 (3,719)
- A decline of 37.7 % of arrivals by yachts compared to September 2017 (615).
- A decline of 17.3% of all departures from September 2017.

Fig. 1. October Air Arrivals and Departures 2003 - 2017



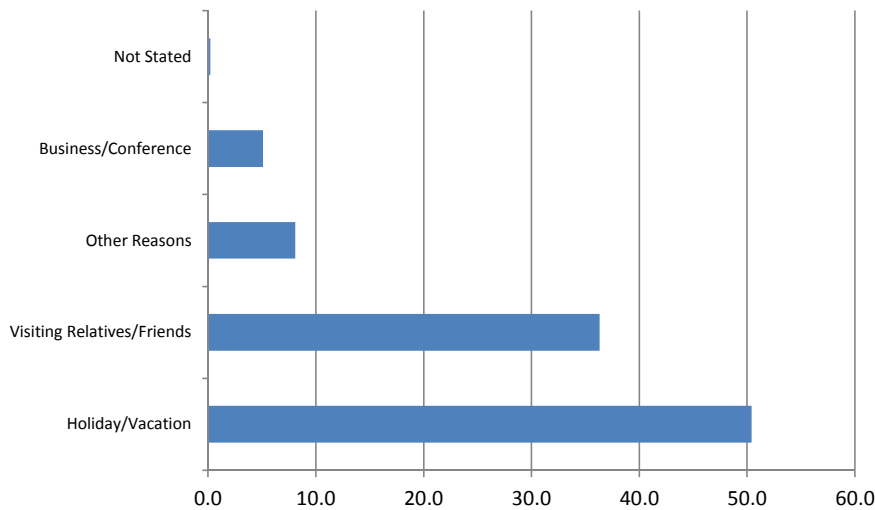
- Total air arrivals in October 2017 were 7,748 an increase of 7.9% compared to October 2016 (7,184).
- Total air departures of 8,255 in October 2017, again an increase of 7.2% compared to October 2016 (7,699)

Fig. 2. Monthly Air Arrivals vs the corresponding month of the previous year



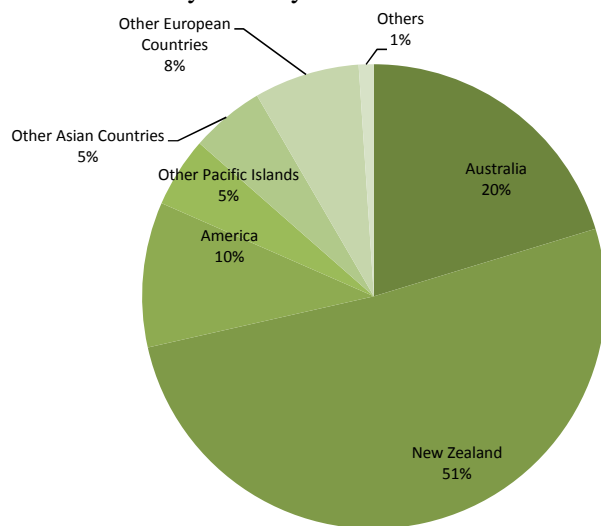
- Total air visitor arrivals in October 2017 were 4,639 an increase of 8.0% compared to October 2016 (4,298)

Fig. 3. Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit October, 2017



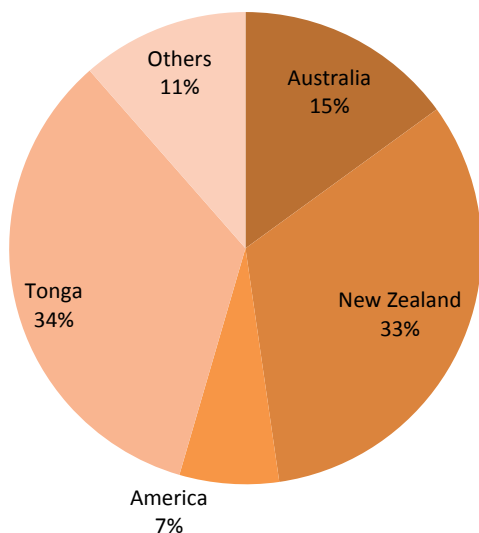
- 50.4% (2,336) of the total air visitors were here on holiday/vacations
- Visiting Relatives/Friends made up 36.3% (1,685) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of October
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 5.1% (235) and those with other reasons were 8.1% (375)

Fig. 4. Air Visitors by Country of Usual Residence October, 2017



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 51.2% (2,375) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 20.3% (940), and America 10.1% (469)

Fig. 5. Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence October, 2017



- Most of the persons departing in the month of October were residents of Tonga (2,806) followed by New Zealand (2,700) and Australia (1,241)

Definitions

- ▶ **A Visitor** is a person other than a Tongan citizen, permit holder and exempted person, who usually stay at least 24 hours in the Kingdom, or who stays overnight in accommodation within Tonga. This refers to passengers arriving by air and yacht only.
- ▶ **Cruise Ship Passengers** are defined as those who arrive and depart in the same vessel which is on a cruise trip, and use that vessel's accommodation during their stay in Tonga. They are also known as "Excursionist"
- ▶ **A Returning resident** is a person who has the Kingdom of Tonga as their permanent address for more than six months of the year and returns to Tonga after a trip overseas. Tongan residence is self-defined as reported by travelers when completing the Passenger Arrival Card.
- ▶ **Mode of Transport** Only air, yacht and cruise ships passengers are included. Passenger/crew on cargo, navy or special vessels are excluded.

Table 2. Total Arrivals by Age, Type of Passangers and Gender October, 2017

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	296	143	153	173	84	89	123	59	64
5-9	238	135	103	136	70	66	102	65	37
10-14	228	124	104	112	58	54	116	66	50
15-19	294	171	123	177	101	76	117	70	47
20-24	518	262	256	328	166	162	190	96	94
25-29	775	402	373	420	218	202	355	184	171
30-34	743	389	354	476	227	249	267	162	105
35-39	682	403	279	363	197	166	319	206	113
40-44	683	342	341	421	193	228	262	149	113
45-49	761	392	369	459	225	234	302	167	135
50-54	733	380	353	464	231	233	269	149	120
55-59	628	312	316	378	183	195	250	129	121
60-64	450	243	207	300	148	152	150	95	55
65-69	353	175	178	238	116	122	115	59	56
70-74	216	126	90	110	59	51	106	67	39
75+	150	91	59	84	51	33	66	40	26
Total	7,748	4,090	3,658	4,639	2,327	2,312	3,109	1,763	1,346
% Distribution	100.0	52.8	47.2	59.9	30.0	29.8	40.1	22.8	17.4

Table 3. Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit October, 2017

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	940	20.3	417	44	380	99	0
New Zealand	2,375	51.2	1157	92	998	121	7
Fiji	153	3.3	31	34	32	56	0
American Samoa	8	0.2	3	0	4	1	0
Western Samoa	25	0.5	4	7	10	3	1
Other Pacific Islands	40	0.9	11	13	4	12	0
Japan	39	0.8	22	6	4	7	0
China	144	3.1	100	7	19	18	0
India	11	0.2	4	4	1	2	0
Korea	6	0.1	4	1	1	0	0
Other Asian Countries	39	0.8	21	5	4	9	0
UK	75	1.6	64	2	2	7	0
Germany	63	1.4	58	0	1	4	0
France	23	0.5	22	1	0	0	0
Italy	19	0.4	19	0	0	0	0
Other European Countries	161	3.5	144	7	6	4	0
All African Countries	6	0.1	2	0	2	2	0
United States of America	469	10.1	213	11	216	29	0
Canada	34	0.7	32	1	0	1	0
Other American Countries	9	0.2	8	0	1	0	0
Total	4,639	100.0	2,336	235	1,685	375	8
% Distribution	100.0		50.4	5.1	36.3	8.1	0.2

Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for October, 2017

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	78	2.8	201	3.7	279	3.4
5 - 9	98	3.5	204	3.7	302	3.7
10 - 14	130	4.6	229	4.2	359	4.3
15 - 19	106	3.8	230	4.2	336	4.1
20 - 24	211	7.5	360	6.6	571	6.9
25 - 29	292	10.4	513	9.4	805	9.8
30 - 34	248	8.8	554	10.2	802	9.7
35 - 39	254	9.1	443	8.1	697	8.4
40 - 44	199	7.1	506	9.3	705	8.5
45 - 49	253	9.0	523	9.6	776	9.4
50 - 54	251	8.9	503	9.2	754	9.1
55 - 59	226	8.1	421	7.7	647	7.8
60 - 64	174	6.2	302	5.5	476	5.8
65 - 69	160	5.7	203	3.7	363	4.4
70 - 74	80	2.9	138	2.5	218	2.6
75+	46	1.6	119	2.2	165	2.0
All Ages	2,806	100.0	5,449	100.0	8,255	100.0
YACHT	-	-	302		302	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	2,417		2,417	0
Total	2,806	100.0	8,168	100.0	10,974	100.0

Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender October, 2017

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution
Australia	597	13.7	644	16.5	1,241	15.0
New Zealand	1,317	30.3	1,383	35.4	2,700	32.7
Fiji	105	2.4	56	1.4	161	2.0
American Samoa	1	0.0	4	0.1	5	0.1
Western Samoa	10	0.2	16	0.4	26	0.3
Tonga	1,660	38.2	1,146	29.3	2,806	34.0
Other Pacific Islands	31	0.7	14	0.4	45	0.5
Japan	23	0.5	11	0.3	34	0.4
China	60	1.4	82	2.1	142	1.7
India	6	0.1	3	0.1	9	0.1
Korea	12	0.3	9	0.2	21	0.3
Other Asian Countries	29	0.7	17	0.4	46	0.6
UK	39	0.9	54	1.4	93	1.1
Germany	35	0.8	44	1.1	79	1.0
France	13	0.3	12	0.3	25	0.3
Italy	9	0.2	7	0.2	16	0.2
Other European Countries	107	2.5	82	2.1	189	2.3
All African Countries	4	0.1	3	0.1	7	0.1
United States of America	267	6.1	294	7.5	561	6.8
Canada	7	0.2	19	0.5	26	0.3
Other American Countries	12	0.3	11	0.3	23	0.3
Total	4,344	100.0	3,911	100.0	8,255	100.0



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