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PREFACE

This bulletin is produced by the Statistics Department on monthly migration statistics of the Kingdom for the month of December 2012. It shows the international arrivals and departures by months back to January 2010, 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.

Special thank are extended to the Immigration Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Customs Department of the Ministry of Revenue Services, Airport Terminal Services, Tonga Airport Limited and Ports Authority for their assistance in providing their administrative information relating to these statistics. I am also grateful particularly to my staff members who contributed to the compilation of this report.

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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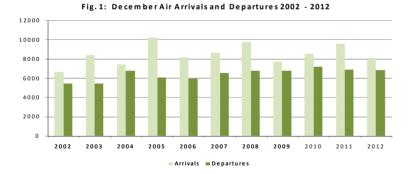
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December 2012	Nunter	peviousnorth	previousyeer
Al Arrivals	8,541	184	-292
Air Visitors	5,836	44.0	-195
Air Returning Residents	2,064	-161	-121
Unidentified Flights	239	-	_
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Al Departures	7,245	7.7	-351

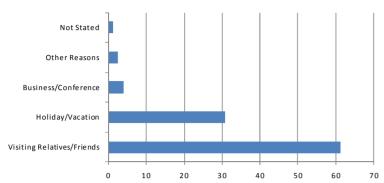
- An increase of 18.4% of all arrivals (8,541) compared to the previous month of November 2012 (7,215)
- An increase of 44.0% of all air visitors (5,836) compared to November 2012 (4,052)
- A decline of 16.1% (2,064) of returning residents compared to previous month (2,459)
- There were 374 passengers arrived by cruise ship, this equates a decline of 39.5% from November.
- A decline of 67.4% of yacht arrivals compared to the previous month
- An increase of 7.7% of all departures from November 2012
- Unidentified flights are estimated using the Arrival figures from ATS (Air Terminal Services) and TAL (Tonga Airport Limited)
- Total air arrivals in December 2012 were 8,139 a decline of 15.2% compared to December 2011(9,598).
- Total air departures of 6,845 in December 2012, a decline of 1.2% compared to December 2011 (6,930)





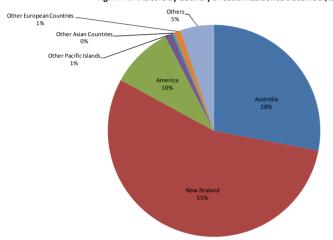
 Total air visitor arrivals in December 2012 were 5,836 a decline of 19.5% compared to December 2011 (7,249)

Fig. 3: Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit December, 2012



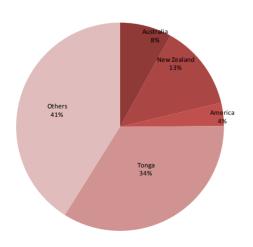
- Visiting Relatives/Friends made up 61.2% (3,572) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of December.
- 30.9% (1,803) of the total visitors were here on Holiday/Vacation.
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 4.1% (241) and those with other reasons were 2.5% (146)

Fig. 4: Air Visitors by Country of Usual Residence December, 2012



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 55% (3,209) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 28 % (1,633), and USA 9.1% (533)

Fig. 5: Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence December, 2012



 Most of the persons departing in the month of December were persons residing in the Kingdom of Tonga (2322) followed by New Zealand (902) and Australia (549)

Background Information

Data is extracted from the arrival and departure cards of the Immigration Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Customs vessel & yacht log book. The Statistics Department reconciles the figures from the Air Terminal Services Manifest, Tonga Airport Limited and Ports Authority Manifest to produce final published data.

Statistics on Overseas Arrivals and Departures related to the number of movements of travelers rather than the number of travelers (i.e. the multiple movements of individual persons during a given reference period are all counted).

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.

The Statistics Department wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the Immigration Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Custom Department of the Ministry of Revenue Services, Air Terminal Services, Ports Authority making it possible to publish these important statistics.

Table 1. Monthly Arrival and Departure by Mode of Travel and Net Migration, 2010 - 2012

	Visitors Arrivals		Returning	Residents	Utknown	Total Arriv	als			Total Depo	artures			Net		
Period	Air S	3hip	Yacht	Total	Air	Ship Yacht Total	Air Rights	Air	S rip	Yacht	Total	Air	Ship	Yacht	Total	Megration
2005	42,437	11,840	943	55,220	21,066	21,066		63,503	11,840	943	76,286	60,276	11,871	1,393	73,540	2,746
2006	46,268	10,809	888	57,945	20,707	20,707		66,975	10,809	888	78,652	68,637	13,049	582	82,268	(3616)
2007	43,344	8,790	1,140	53,274	22,313	22,313		65,657	8,790	1,140	75,587	71,325	10,461	1,630	83,416	(7,829)
2008	50,462	14,599	1,828	66,889	24,239	24,239		74,701	14,599	1,828	91,128	76,704	14,602	1,584	92,890	(1,762)
2009	45,711	27,641	1,317	74,669	25,134	25,134		70,845	27,641	1,317	99,803	70,949	27,150	1,261	99,360	443
2010	47,081	16,265	1,659	65,005	24,501	24,501		71,582	16,265	1,659	89,506	72,533	16,244	1,830	90,607	(1,101)
2011	46,005	20,519	989	67,513	26,587	26,587		72,592	20,519	989	94,100	67,976	22,939	1,259	92,174	1,926
2012	47,352	7,957	1,816	57,125	25,107	25,107	239	72,698	7,957	1,816	82,471	73,824	7,987	1,720	83,531	(1,080)
-						2010										
January	3,158	646	4	3,808	3019	3019		6,177	646	4	6827	7,822	642	-	8,464	(1,637)
February	2,379	-	5	2,384	2,083	2,083		4,462	-	5	4,467	5,096	-	1	5,097	(630)
March	3,134	853	5	3,992	1,730	1,730		4,864	853	5	5,722	4,993	850	7	5,850	(128)
April .	2,818	2,802	30	5,650	1,906	1,906		4,724	2,802	30	7,556	5,101	2,806	34	7,941	(385)
May	3670	5,303	177	9,150	2,230	2,230		5,900	5,303	177	11,380	4,929	5,302	107	10,338	1,042
June	4,701	_	275	4,976	1,888	1,888		6589	_	275	6864	5,173	-	344	5,517	1,347
July	4,900	-	238	5,138	1,814	1,814		6,714	-	238	6952	7,428	_	386	7,814	(862)
August	4,216	-	246	4,462	1,848	1,848		6,064	-	246	6310	6342	_	231	6573	(263)
September	4,576	5,275	188	10,039	1,756	1,756		6332	5,275	188	11,795	6379	5,253	165	11,797	(2)
October	3,467	-	352	3819	1,809	1,809		5,276	-	352	5628	6107	-	403	6510	(882)
November	3569	1,386	126	5,081	2,378	2,378		5,947	1,386	126	7,459	5,990	1,391	130	7,511	(52)
December	6493	-	13	6506	2040	2040		8533	-	13	8546	7,173	-	22	7,195	1,351
l	-			·		2011		·			·					
January	2844		2	2,846	3,185	3,185		6029	-	2	6031	7,755	-	-	7,755	(1,724)
February	2302	6847	5	9,154	1,985	1,985		4,287	6847	5	11,139	6031	7,489	4	13,524	(2,385)
March	2,477	1,407	18	3902	1,947	1,947		4,424	1,407	18	5,849	4,526	1,411	16	5,953	(104)
April	3,520	3038	20	6578	2,152	2,152		5,672	3,038	20	8730	5,367	3,045	11	8,423	307
May.	3812	_	140	3952	2588	2588		6400	_	140	6540	5,565	_	45	5,610	930
June	4,323	-	143	4,466	1,913	1,913		6236	-	143	6379	2684	_	176	2800	3,519
July	5280	2376	162	7,818	1,998	1,998		7,278	2376	162	9816	7,415	2,378	213	10,006	(190)
Agust	4,486	-	244	4730	1,889	1,889		6375	_	244	6619	7,266	-	182	7,448	(829)
September	3561	_	223	3784	2063	2,063		5,624	_	223	5847	3258	4,391	268	7,917	(2,070)
October	3155	4,387	155	7,697	2164	2164		5319	4,387	155	9861	5,927	, -	236	6163	3,698
November	2996	· -	77	3073	2,354	2,354		5,350	, -	77	5,427	5,252	_	94	5,346	81
December	7,249	2,464	8	9,721	2349	2,349		9,598	2,464	8	12,070	6930	4,225	14	11,169	901
	•				,	2012		·	•		•	-				
January	3,043	-	-	3043	3018	3,018		6,061	_	-	6061	8296	-	-	8,296	(2,235)
February	2241	1,220	4	3,465	1,913	1,913		4,154	1,220	4	5,378	5637	1,365	3	7,005	
March	2,629	865	15	3,509	1,927	1,927		4,556	865	15	5,436	4,866	816	10	5,692	(256)
April	3,022	3063	44	6129	1,847	1,847		4,889	3063	44	7,976	5,044	2,999	46	8089	(113)
Λ b y	3,497	-	302	3,799	2,486	2,486		5,983	-	302	6285	5,310	-	83	5,393	892
June	4,892	_	182	5,074	1,836	1,836		6,728	_	182	6910	4,764	_	249	5013	1,897
July	5,789	_	235	6024	1,880	1,880		7,669	_	235	7,904	7,677	_	194	7,871	33
August	4,286	_	254	4540	1,986	1,986		6272	_	254	6526	6966	_	269	7,235	(709)
September	4,156	_	351	4,507	1,966	1,986		6122	_	351	6473	5,939	_	313	6,252	(703)
October	3,909	- 1,817	315	6041	1,725	1,725		5,634	- 1,817	315	7,766	6566	1,815	334	8,715	(949)
November	4,052	618	3E)	4,756	2,459	2,459		6511	4017	3E)	7,765 7,215	5914	618	193	6,725	490
December	5,836	3/4		6238	2,054	2064	239	8139	3/4	28	8541	684b	3/4	26	1,24b	1,246
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Table 2. Total Arrivals by Age, Type of Passangers and Gender December, 2012

					Type of Passangers							
Age Group		Total				Visitors			Returning Residents			
	Total	Male	Female	Unknown	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Flights	
0-4	498	232	266	-	429	206	223	69	26	43	-	
5-9	434	233	201	-	397	210	187	37	23	14	-	
10-14	496	246	250	-	433	208	225	63	38	25	-	
15-19	640	288	352	-	472	182	290	168	106	62	-	
20-24	642	275	367	-	432	155	277	210	120	90	-	
25-29	733	367	366	-	449	195	254	284	172	112	-	
30-34	582	312	270	-	373	178	195	209	134	75	-	
35-39	588	340	248	-	398	211	187	190	129	61	-	
40-44	675	352	323	-	490	248	242	185	104	81	-	
45-49	735	369	366	-	573	277	296	162	92	70	-	
50-54	549	282	267	-	413	210	203	136	72	64	-	
55-59	451	229	222	-	347	173	174	104	56	48	-	
60-64	342	173	169	-	250	119	131	92	54	38	-	
65-69	244	110	134	-	175	72	103	69	38	31	-	
70-74	152	69	83	-	95	45	50	57	24	33	-	
75+	139	64	75	-	110	52	58	29	12	17	-	
Unknown	239	-	-	239	-	-	-	-	-	-	239	
Total	8,139	3,941	3,959	239	5,836	2,741	3,095	2,064	1,200	864	239	
% Distribution	100.0	48.4	48.6	2.9	71.7	33.7	38.0	25.4	14.7	10.6	2.9	

Table 3. Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit December, 2012

Country of	Purpose of Visit											
Usual Residence	Total	%	Holiday/	Business/	Visiting Relative/	Other	Not					
		Distribution	Vacation	Conference	Friends	Reasons	Stated					
Australia	1,633	28.0	489	76	1,010	29	29					
New Zealand	3,209	55.0	926	90	2,110	57	26					
Fiji	129	2.2	38	25	46	16	4					
American Samoa	21	0.4	5	-	14	-	2					
Western Samoa	13	0.2	5	3	5	-	-					
Other Pacific Islands	65	1.1	12	6	34	10	3					
Japan	40	0.7	30	4	5	1	-					
China	26	0.4	2	5	9	10	-					
India	2	0.0		1	-	1	-					
Korea	6	0.1	3	2	1	-	-					
Other Asian Countries	16	0.3	10	3	2	1	-					
υK	13	0.2	11	-	-	1	1					
Germany	24	0.4	19	-	4	1	-					
France	10	0.2	10	-	-	-	-					
Italy	4	0.1	2	-	2	-	-					
Other European Countries	62	1.1	51	4	4	1	2					
All African Countries	9	0.2	7	-	1	-	1					
United States of America	533	9.1	174	21	319	13	6					
Canada	10	0.2	5	-	4	1	-					
Other American Countries	11	0.2	4	1	2	4	-					
Total	5,836	100.0	1,803	241	3,572	146	74					
% Distribution	100.0		30.9	4.1	61.2	2.5	1.3					

Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for December, 2012

	Returning	Percentage		Percentage			Percentage
Age Group	Residence	Distribution	Visitors	Distribution	Unknown	Total	Distribution
0 - 4	132	5.7	97	4.9	0	229	3.3
5 - 9	180	7.8	69	3.5	0	249	3.6
10 - 14	231	9.9	73	3.7	0	304	4.4
15 - 19	309	13.3	114	5.7	0	423	6.2
20 - 24	152	6.5	161	8.1	0	313	4.6
25 - 29	183	7.9	155	7.8	0	338	4.9
30 - 34	142	6.1	147	7.4	0	289	4.2
35 - 39	155	6.7	159	8.0	0	314	4.6
40 - 44	180	7.8	191	9.6	О	371	5.4
45 - 49	143	6.2	225	11.3	О	368	5.4
50 - 54	129	5.6	173	8.7	О	302	4.4
55 - 59	124	5.3	156	7.8	О	280	4.1
60 - 64	93	4.0	97	4.9	o	190	2.8
65 - 69	81	3.5	83	4.2	О	164	2.4
70 - 74	53	2.3	48	2.4	О	101	1.5
75+	35	1.5	43	2.2	О	78	
Unknown	0	-	0	0.0	2,532	2,532	37.0
All Ages	2,322	100.0	1,991	100.0	2,532	6,845	100.0

Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender December, 2012

Country of Usual	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
Residence	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution
Australia	234	11.1	315	14.2	549	8.0
New Zealand	430	20.5	472	21.3	902	13.2
Fiji	47	2.2	29	1.3	76	1.1
American Samoa	2	0.1	2	0.1	4	0.1
Western Samoa	9	0.4	3	0.1	12	0.2
Tonga	1,118	53.2	1,204	54.5	2,322	33.9
Other Pacific Islands	24	1.1	10	0.5	34	0.5
Japan	12	0.6	12	0.5	24	0.4
China	19	0.9	7	0.3	26	0.4
India	-	-	-	-	-	-
Korea	1	0.0	6	0.3	7	0.1
Other Asian Countries	11	0.5	3	0.1	14	0.2
UK	8	0.4	8	0.4	16	0.2
Germany	10	0.5	7	0.3	17	0.2
France	2	0.1	2	0.1	4	0.1
Italy	1	0.0		-	1	0.0
Other European Countries	25	1.2	23	1.0	48	0.7
All African Countries	2	0.1	5	0.2	7	0.1
United States of America	135	6.4	97	4.4	232	3.4
Canada	5	0.2	4	0.2	9	0.1
Other American Countries	7	0.3	2	0.1	9	0.1
Unidentified Flights	-	-	-	-	2,532	37.0
Total	2,102	100.0	2,211	100.0	6,845	100.0



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