



Government of Tonga

INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES January 2013

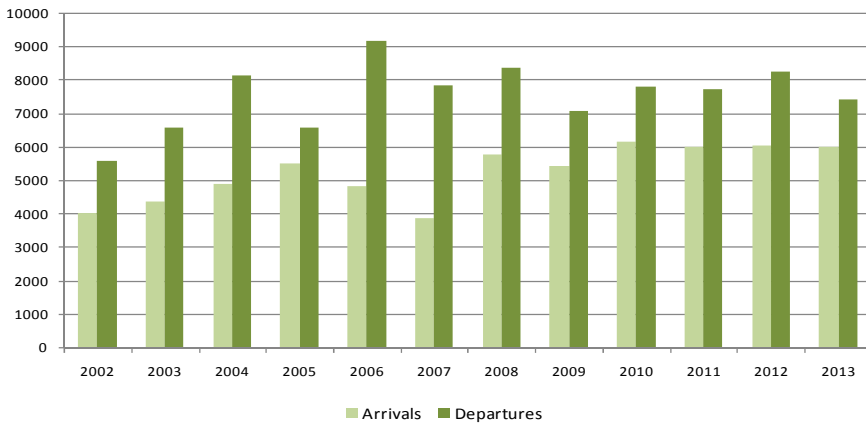
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Statistical Bulletin

Month of January 2013	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	6,943	-18.0	14.6
Air Visitors	2,927	-50.7	-3.8
Air Returning Residents	3,085	45.0	2.2
Cruise Ships	922	146.5	0.0
Yachts	9	-67.9	0.0
All Departures	8,370	11.3	0.9

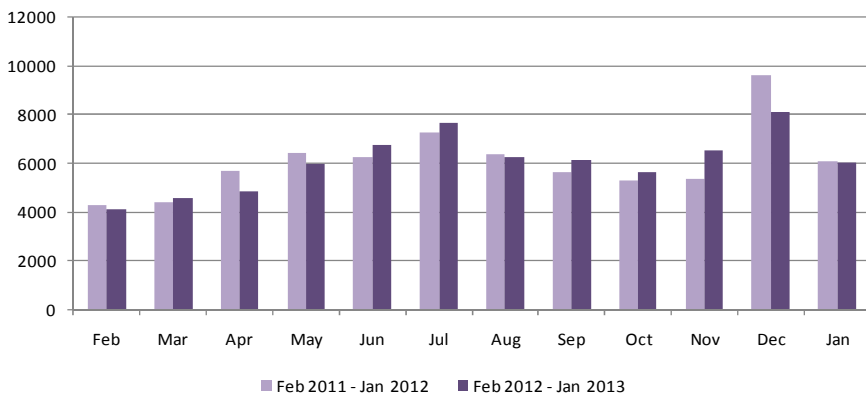
- A decline of 18.0% of all arrivals (6,943) compared to the previous month of December 2012 (8,470)
- A decline of 50.7% of all air visitors (2,927) compared to December 2012 (5,941)
- An increase of 45.0% (3,085) of returning residents compared to previous month (2,127)
- There were 922 passengers arrived by cruise ship, this shows an increase of 146.5% from December 2012.
- A decline of 67.9% of yacht arrivals compared to the previous month
- An increase of 11.3% of all departures from December 2012

Fig. 1: January Air Arrivals and Departures 2002 - 2013



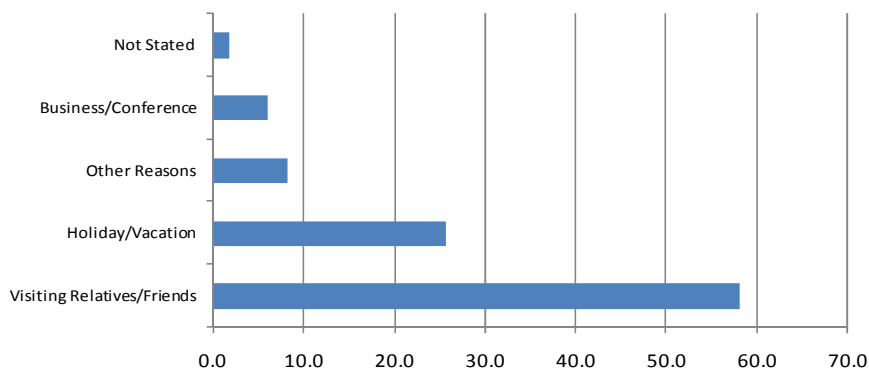
- Total air arrivals in January 2013 were 6,012 a decline of 0.8% compared to January 2012 (6,061).
- Total air departures of 7,440 in January 2013, a decline of 10.3% compared to January 2012 (8,296)

Fig2. Monthly Air Arrivals vs the corresponding month of the previous year.



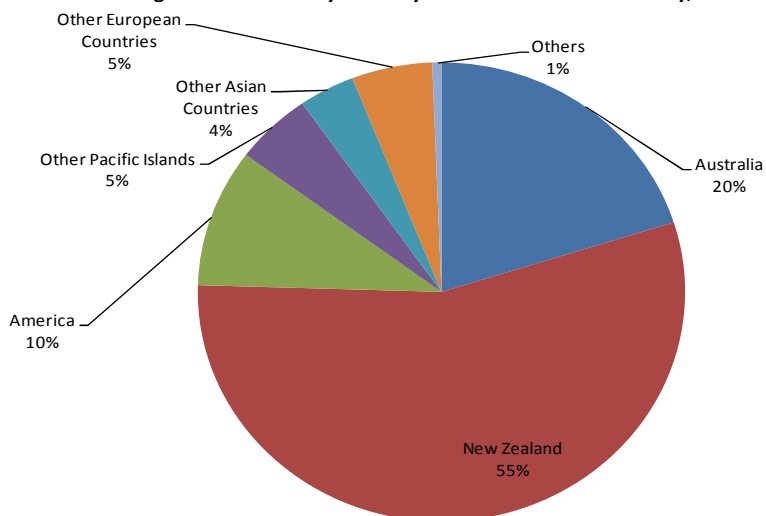
- Total air visitor arrivals in January 2013 were 2,927 a decline of 3.8% compared to January 2012 (3,043)

Fig. 3: Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit January, 2013



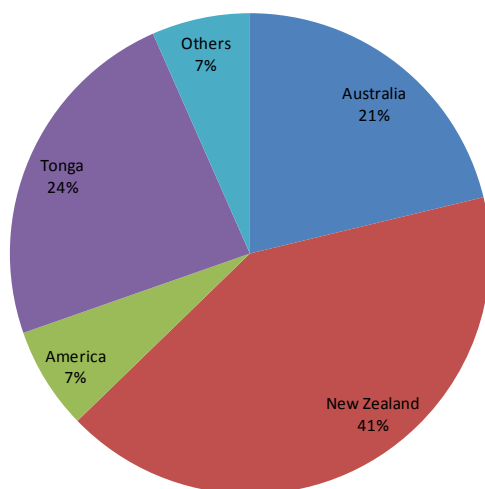
- Visiting Relatives/Friends made up 58.0% (1,698) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of January.
- 25.8% (756) of the total visitors were here on Holiday/Vacation.
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 6.1% (178) and those with other reasons were 8.2% (240)

Fig. 4: Air visitors by Country of Usual Residence January, 2013



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 55.3% (1,619) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 20.1 % (587), and USA 9.7% (284)

Fig. 5: Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence January, 2013



- Most of the persons departing in the month of January were persons residing in New Zealand (3,091) followed by Tonga (1,765) and Australia (1,580)

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 - 2013

Period	Visitors Arrivals				Returning Residents				Total Arrivals				Total Departures				Net Migration
	Air	Ship	Yacht	Total	Air	Ship	Yacht	Total	Air	Ship	Yacht	Total	Air	Ship	Yacht	Total	
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	868	57,945	20,707			20,707	66,975	10,809	868	78,652	68,637	13,049	582	82,268	(3,616)
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	72,459	7,957	1,816	82,232	73,824	7,987	1,720	83,531	(1,299)
2010																	
January	3,158	646	4	3,808	3,019			3,019	6,177	646	4	6,827	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	3,670	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	6,589	-	275	6,864	5,173	-	344	5,517	1,347
July	4,900	-	238	5,138	1,814			1,814	6,714	-	238	6,952	7,428	-	386	7,814	(862)
August	4,216	-	246	4,462	1,848			1,848	6,064	-	246	6,310	6,342	-	231	6,573	(263)
September	4,576	5,275	188	10,039	1,756			1,756	6,332	5,275	188	11,795	6,379	5,253	165	11,797	(2)
October	3,467	-	352	3,819	1,809			1,809	5,276	-	352	5,628	6,107	-	403	6,510	(882)
November	3,569	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	6,493	-	13	6,506	2,040			2,040	8,533	-	13	8,546	7,173	-	22	7,195	1,351
2011																	
January	2,844		2	2,846	3,185			3,185	6,029	-	2	6,031	7,755	-	-	7,755	(1,724)
February	2,302	6,847	14	9,163	1,985			1,985	4,287	6,847	14	11,148	6,031	6,859	5	12,895	(1,747)
March	2,477	1,407	16	3,900	1,947			1,947	4,424	1,407	16	5,847	4,526	1,411	18	5,955	(108)
April	3,520	3,038	37	6,595	2,152			2,152	5,672	3,038	37	8,747	5,367	3,045	15	8,427	320
May	3,812	-	250	4,062	2,588			2,588	6,400	-	250	6,650	5,565	-	89	5,654	996
June	4,323	-	242	4,565	1,913			1,913	6,236	-	242	6,478	5,240	-	194	5,434	1,044
July	5,280	2,376	239	7,895	1,998			1,998	7,278	2,376	239	9,893	7,415	2,378	232	10,025	(132)
August	4,486	-	419	4,905	1,889			1,889	6,375	-	419	6,794	7,266	-	199	7,465	(671)
September	3,561	-	242	3,803	2,063			2,063	5,624	-	242	5,866	6,315	4,391	281	10,987	(5,121)
October	3,155	4,387	257	7,799	2,164			2,164	5,319	4,387	257	9,963	5,927	-	280	6,207	3,756
November	2,996	-	112	3,108	2,354			2,354	5,350	-	112	5,462	5,252	-	135	5,387	75
December	7,249	2,464	19	9,732	2,349			2,349	9,598	2,464	19	12,081	6,930	2,466	20	9,416	2,665
2012																	
January	3,043	-	-	3,043	3,018			3,018	6,061	-	-	6,061	8,296	-	-	8,296	(2,235)
February	2,241	1,220	4	3,465	1,913			1,913	4,154	1,220	4	5,378	5,637	1,365	3	7,005	(1,627)
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	3,063	44	6,129	1,847			1,847	4,869	3,063	44	7,976	5,044	2,999	46	8,089	(113)
May	3,497	-	302	3,799	2,486			2,486	5,983	-	302	6,285	5,310	-	83	5,393	892
June	4,892	-	182	5,074	1,836			1,836	6,728	-	182	6,910	4,764	-	249	5,013	1,897
July	5,789	-	235	6,024	1,880			1,880	7,669	-	235	7,904	7,677	-	194	7,871	33
August	4,286	-	254	4,540	1,986			1,986	6,272	-	254	6,526	6,966	-	269	7,235	(709)
September	4,156	-	351	4,507	1,966			1,966	6,122	-	351	6,473	5,939	-	313	6,252	221
October	3,909	1,817	315	6,041	1,725			1,725	5,634	1,817	315	7,766	6,566	1,815	334	8,715	(949)
November	4,052	618	86	4,756	2,459			2,459	6,511	618	86	7,215	5,914	618	193	6,725	490
December	5,941	374	28	6,343	2,127			2,127	8,068	374	28	8,470	7,119	374	26	7,519	951
2013																	
January	2,927	922	9	3,858	3,085			3,085	6,012	922	9	6,943	7,440	922	8	8,370	(1,427)

Table 2. Total Arrivals by Age, Type of Passangers and Gender January, 2013

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	294	154	140	145	81	64	149	73	76
5-9	391	212	179	157	94	63	234	118	116
10-14	427	234	193	161	91	70	266	143	123
15-19	521	252	269	174	95	79	347	157	190
20-24	436	201	235	209	95	114	227	106	121
25-29	510	225	285	235	109	126	275	116	159
30-34	535	232	303	270	121	149	265	111	154
35-39	457	223	234	223	118	105	234	105	129
40-44	504	277	227	264	140	124	240	137	103
45-49	468	260	208	282	154	128	186	106	80
50-54	407	206	201	225	115	110	182	91	91
55-59	347	182	165	195	105	90	152	77	75
60-64	268	143	125	156	87	69	112	56	56
65-69	211	123	88	115	76	39	96	47	49
70-74	132	72	60	66	39	27	66	33	33
75+	104	46	58	50	23	27	54	23	31
Total	6,012	3,042	2,970	2,927	1,543	1,384	3,085	1,499	1,586
% Distribution	100.0	50.6	49.4	48.7	25.7	23.0	51.3	24.9	26.4

Table 3. Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit January, 2013

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/ Vacation	Business/ Conference	Visiting Relat Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	587	20.1	131	39	363	38	16
New Zealand	1,619	55.3	386	62	1,030	117	24
Fiji	116	4.0	15	27	43	27	4
American Samoa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Western Samoa	11	0.4	2	3	2	3	1
Other Pacific Islands	24	0.8	2	9	9	2	2
Japan	49	1.7	25	5	10	8	1
China	27	0.9	4	3	17	1	2
India	4	0.1	-	3	-	1	-
Korea	6	0.2	2	1	-	3	-
Other Asian Countries	23	0.8	8	5	4	6	-
UK	26	0.9	15	3	4	3	1
Germany	53	1.8	43	1	7	2	-
France	12	0.4	2	2	3	5	-
Italy	4	0.1	1	1	2	-	-
Other European Countries	61	2.1	54	1	5	-	1
All African Countries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States of America	284	9.7	59	13	191	21	-
Canada	13	0.4	7	-	4	1	1
Other American Countries	8	0.3	-	-	4	2	2
Total	2,927	100	756	178	1,698	240	55
% Distribution	100.0		25.8	6.1	58.0	8.2	1.9

Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for January, 2013

Age Group	Departing Residents	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	44	2.5	394	6.9	438	5.9
5 - 9	55	3.1	415	7.3	470	6.3
10 - 14	60	3.4	450	7.9	510	6.9
15 - 19	183	10.4	472	8.3	655	8.8
20 - 24	224	12.8	448	7.9	672	9.0
25 - 29	220	12.6	392	6.9	612	8.2
30 - 34	169	9.6	418	7.3	587	7.9
35 - 39	144	8.2	386	6.8	530	7.1
40 - 44	138	7.9	455	8.0	593	8.0
45 - 49	132	7.5	511	9.0	643	8.6
50 - 54	116	6.6	375	6.6	491	6.6
55 - 59	81	4.6	329	5.8	410	5.5
60 - 64	71	4.1	246	4.3	317	4.3
65 - 69	53	3.0	192	3.4	245	3.3
70 - 74	33	1.9	99	1.7	132	1.8
75+	29	1.7	106	1.9	135	1.8
All Ages	1,752	100.0	5,688	100.0	7,440	100.0
YACHT	-	-	8	0	8	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	922	0	922	0
Total	1,752	100	6,618	100	8,370	100

Table 5. Total Air Departures by Country of Residence and Gender January, 2013

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution
Australia	746	19.9	834	22.6	1,580	21.2
New Zealand	1,494	39.8	1,597	43.3	3,091	41.5
Fiji	81	2.2	71	1.9	152	2.0
American Samoa	4	0.1	3	0.1	7	0.1
Western Samoa	9	0.2	3	0.1	12	0.2
Tonga	996	26.6	769	20.8	1,765	23.7
Other Pacific Islands	23	0.6	20	0.5	43	0.6
Japan	27	0.7	14	0.4	41	0.6
China	30	0.8	14	0.4	44	0.6
India	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.0
Korea	4	0.1	2	0.1	6	0.1
Other Asian Countries	8	0.2	5	0.1	13	0.2
UK	16	0.4	11	0.3	27	0.4
Germany	21	0.6	26	0.7	47	0.6
France	7	0.2	3	0.1	10	0.1
Italy	5	0.1	2	0.1	7	0.1
Other European Countries	37	1.0	29	0.8	66	0.9
All African Countries	1	0.0	2	0.1	3	0.0
United States of America	236	6.3	276	7.5	512	6.9
Canada	3	0.1	4	0.1	7	0.1
Other American Countries	1	0.0	4	0.1	5	0.1
Total	3,751	100.0	3,689	100.0	7,440	100.0