



Government of Tonga

# INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES April 2013

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## Statistical Bulletin

Month of April 2013	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	8,439	58.8	5.8
Air Visitors	3,088	10.4	2.2
Air Returning Residents	2,096	11.5	13.5
Cruise Ships	3,205	412.0	4.6
Yachts	50	354.5	13.6
All Departures	8,318	46.7	2.8

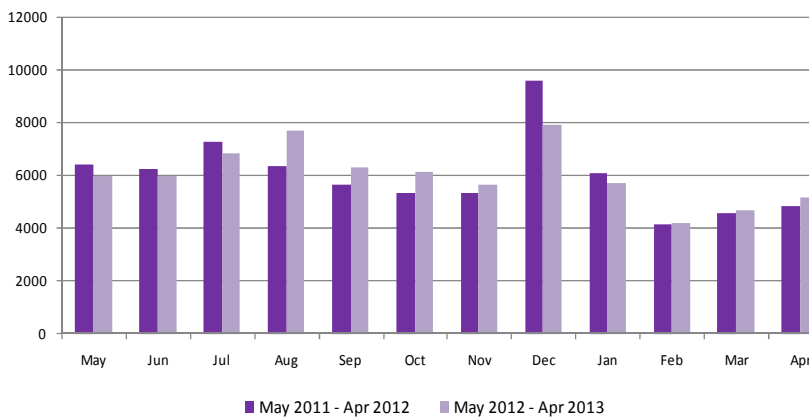
- An increase of 58.8% of all arrivals (8,439) compared to the previous month of March 2013 (5,314)
- An increase of 10.4% of all air visitors (3,088) compared to March 2013 (2,797)
- An increase of 11.5% (2,096) of returning residents compared to previous month (1,880)
- There were 3205 passengers arrived by cruise ship, this shows an increase of 412.0% from March.
- An increase of 354.5% of yacht arrivals compared to the previous month
- An increase of 46.7% of all departures from March 2013

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



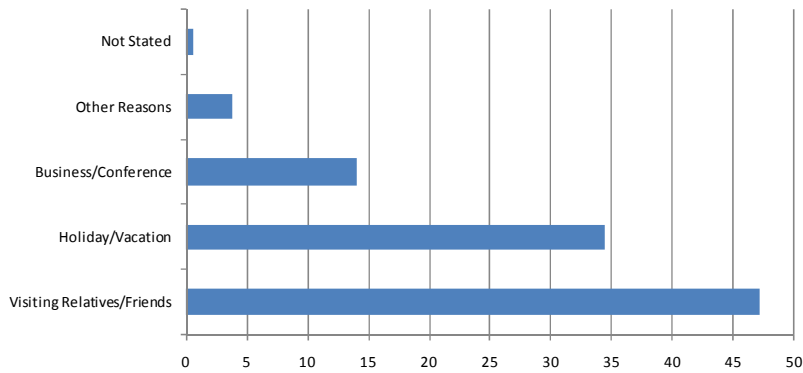
- Total air arrivals in April 2013 were 5,184 an increase of 6.5% compared to April 2012 (4,869).
- Total air departures of 5,100 in April 2013, an increase of 1.1% compared to April 2012 (5,044)

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



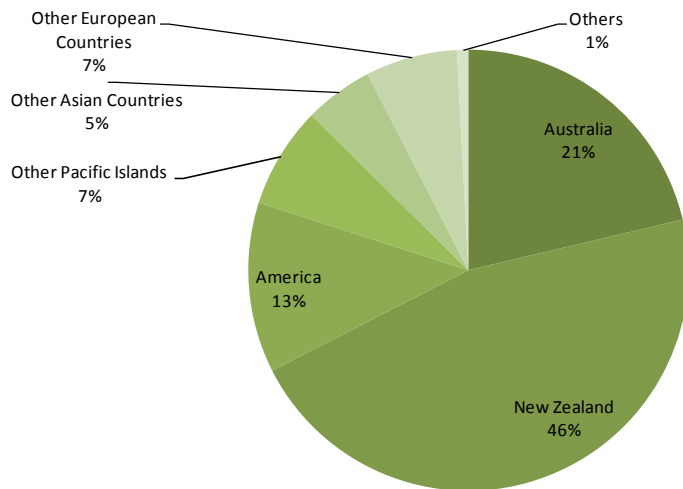
- Total air visitor arrivals in April 2013 were 3,088 an increase of 2.2% compared to April 2012 (3,022)

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



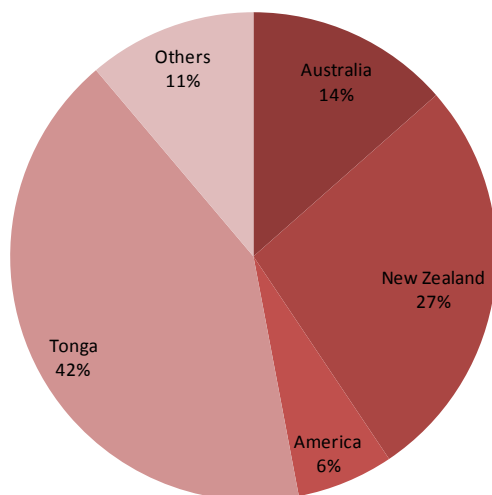
- Visiting Relatives/Friends made up 47.2% (1,457) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of April.
- 34.4% (1,063) of the total visitors were here on Holiday/Vacation.
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 14.0% (432) and those with other reasons were 3.8% (117)

**Fig. 4: Air Visitors by Country of Usual Residence April, 2013**



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 46.2% (1,426) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 21.3 % (658), and USA 12.5% (385)

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



- Most of the persons departing in the month of April were persons residing in the Kingdom of Tonga (2,134) followed by New Zealand (1,380) and Australia (691)

## 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)
<b>2010</b>																	
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
<b>2011</b>																	
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
<b>2012</b>																	
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
<b>2013</b>																	
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)
February	2,621	1,310	2	3,933	1,816			1,816	4,437	1,310	2	5,749	6,077	1,310	-	7,387	(1,638)
March	2,797	626	11	3,434	1,880			1,880	4,677	626	11	5,314	5,035	626	10	5,671	(357)
April	3,088	3,205	50	6,343	2,096			2,096	5,184	3,205	50	8,439	5,100	3,204	14	8,318	121

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

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	244	144	100	162	104	58	82	40	42
5-9	186	99	87	99	56	43	87	43	44
10-14	180	105	75	124	72	52	56	33	23
15-19	162	91	71	97	57	40	65	34	31
20-24	325	159	166	163	67	96	162	92	70
25-29	477	225	252	262	97	165	215	128	87
30-34	437	232	205	254	122	132	183	110	73
35-39	464	252	212	263	144	119	201	108	93
40-44	498	282	216	298	168	130	200	114	86
45-49	519	301	218	321	181	140	198	120	78
50-54	468	252	216	279	149	130	189	103	86
55-59	400	227	173	254	142	112	146	85	61
60-64	302	156	146	192	103	89	110	53	57
65-69	242	132	110	149	86	63	93	46	47
70-74	141	77	64	90	48	42	51	29	22
75+	139	72	67	81	42	39	58	30	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,184</b>	<b>2,806</b>	<b>2,378</b>	<b>3,088</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>2,096</b>	<b>1,168</b>	<b>928</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>54.1</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>59.6</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>17.9</b>

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

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	658	21.3	297	78	250	29	4
New Zealand	1,426	46.2	387	133	856	40	10
Fiji	136	4.4	13	67	38	18	-
American Samoa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Western Samoa	24	0.8	5	12	5	2	-
Other Pacific Islands	70	2.3	8	54	5	3	-
Japan	50	1.6	31	5	9	4	1
China	50	1.6	17	24	6	3	-
India	1	0.0	-	1	-	-	-
Korea	14	0.5	3	1	10	-	-
Other Asian Countries	41	1.3	8	21	10	2	-
UK	41	1.3	31	4	5	1	-
Germany	60	1.9	52	-	8	-	-
France	25	0.8	11	4	3	7	-
Italy	7	0.2	7	-	-	-	-
Other European Countries	74	2.4	53	13	8	-	-
All African Countries	5	0.2	3	2	-	-	-
United States of America	385	12.5	120	12	241	8	4
Canada	15	0.5	14	-	1	-	-
Other American Countries	6	0.2	3	1	2	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,088</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>34.4</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>47.2</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>

**Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passenger's Type for April, 2013**

Age Group	Departing Residents	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	74	3.5	130	4.4	204	4.0
5 - 9	78	3.7	101	3.4	179	3.5
10 - 14	71	3.3	123	4.1	194	3.8
15 - 19	95	4.5	109	3.7	204	4.0
20 - 24	216	10.1	234	7.9	450	8.8
25 - 29	220	10.3	267	9.0	487	9.5
30 - 34	187	8.8	280	9.4	467	9.2
35 - 39	212	9.9	235	7.9	447	8.8
40 - 44	194	9.1	292	9.8	486	9.5
45 - 49	209	9.8	308	10.4	517	10.1
50 - 54	153	7.2	247	8.3	400	7.8
55 - 59	136	6.4	229	7.7	365	7.2
60 - 64	117	5.5	153	5.2	270	5.3
65 - 69	78	3.7	113	3.8	191	3.7
70 - 74	47	2.2	80	2.7	127	2.5
75+	47	2.2	65	2.2	112	2.2
<b>All Ages</b>	<b>2,134</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,966</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,100</b>	<b>100.0</b>
YACHT	-	-	14	0	14	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	3,204	0	3204	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,134</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,184</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,318</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender April, 2013**

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution		No.
Australia	349	13.0	342	14.2	691	13.5
New Zealand	661	24.6	719	29.8	1,380	27.1
Fiji	76	2.8	46	1.9	122	2.4
American Samoa	2	0.1	2	0.1	4	0.1
Western Samoa	8	0.3	6	0.2	14	0.3
Tonga	1,188	44.2	946	39.2	2,134	41.8
Other Pacific Islands	30	1.1	17	0.7	47	0.9
Japan	22	0.8	18	0.7	40	0.8
China	38	1.4	11	0.5	49	1.0
India	-	-	-	-	-	-
Korea	8	0.3	5	0.2	13	0.3
Other Asian Countries	30	1.1	12	0.5	42	0.8
UK	24	0.9	29	1.2	53	1.0
Germany	25	0.9	36	1.5	61	1.2
France	4	0.1	7	0.3	11	0.2
Italy	4	0.1	2	0.1	6	0.1
Other European Countries	43	1.6	40	1.7	83	1.6
All African Countries	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.0
United States of America	160	6.0	165	6.8	325	6.4
Canada	6	0.2	7	0.3	13	0.3
Other American Countries	7	0.3	3	0.1	10	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,687</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,100</b>	<b>100.0</b>