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INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES May 2013

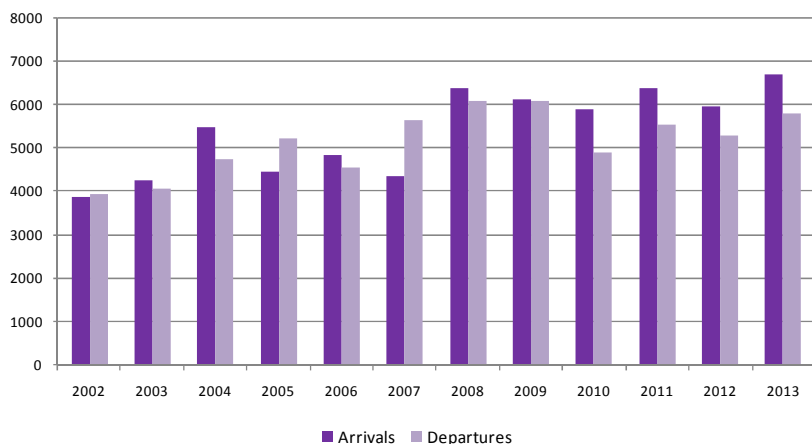
Statistical Bulletin

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Month of	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
May 2013			
All Arrivals	7,033	-16.7	11.9
Air Visitors	3,965	28.4	13.4
Air Returning Residents	2,740	30.7	10.2
Cruise Ships	-	-100.0	0.0
Yachts	328	556.0	8.6
All Departures	5,947	-28.5	10.3

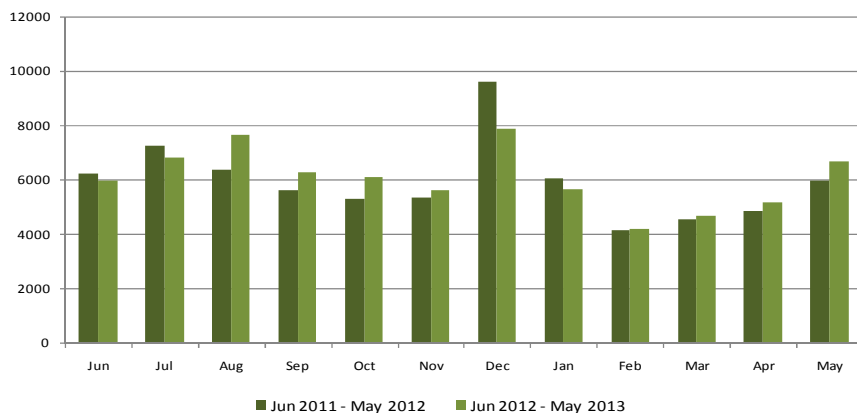
- A decline of 16.7% of all arrivals (7,033) compared to the previous month of April 2013 (8,439)
- An increase of 28.4% of all air visitors (3,965) compared to April 2013 (3,088)
- An increase of 30.7% (2,740) of returning residents compared to previous month (2,096)
- There were no cruise ship for the month of May
- An increase of 556.0% of yacht arrivals compared to the previous month
- A decline of 28.5% of all departures from April 2013

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



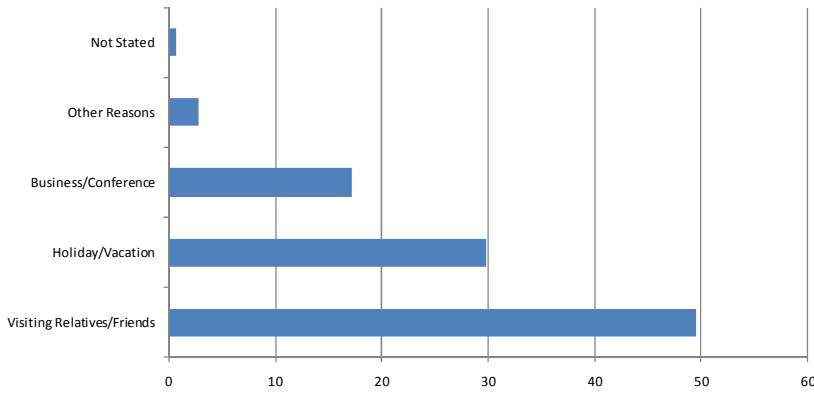
- Total air arrivals in May 2013 were 6,705 an increase of 12.1% compared to May 2012 (5,983).
- Total air departures of 5,815 in May 2013, an increase of 9.5% compared to May 2012 (5,310)

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



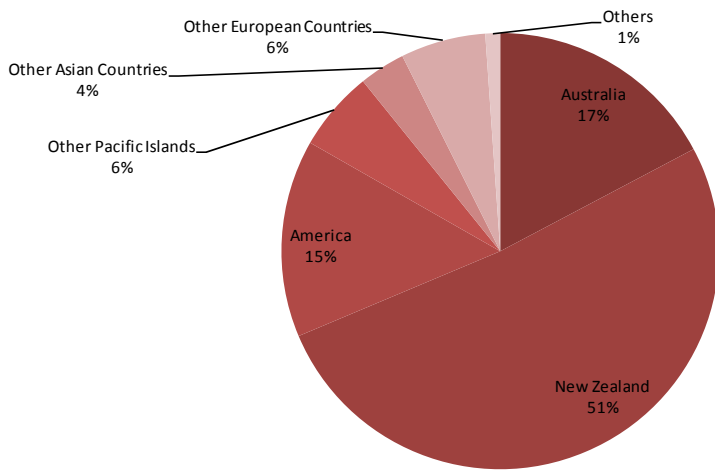
- Total air visitor arrivals in May 2013 were 3,965 an increase of 13.4% compared to May 2012 (3,497)

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



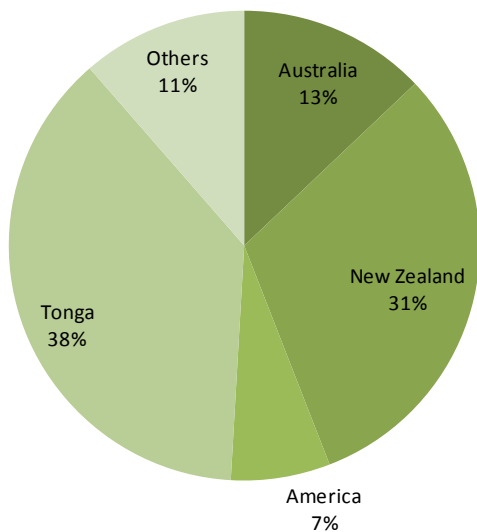
- Visiting Relatives/Friends made up 49.5% (1,963) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of December.
- 29.8% (1,182) of the total visitors were here on Holiday/Vacation.
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 17.2% (683) and those with other reasons were 2.8% (110)

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



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 51.4% (2,038) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 17.3 % (684), and USA 14.6% (578)

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



- Most of the persons departing in the month of May were persons residing in the Kingdom of Tonga (2,190) followed by New Zealand (1,816) and Australia (752)

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)
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
May	3,965	-	328	4,293	2,740			2,740	6,705	-	328	7,033	5,815	-	132	5,947	1,086

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

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	293	169	124	209	119	90	84	50	34
5-9	200	105	95	125	71	54	75	34	41
10-14	161	87	74	114	58	56	47	29	18
15-19	189	108	81	129	66	63	60	42	18
20-24	564	374	190	207	91	116	357	283	74
25-29	687	441	246	312	150	162	375	291	84
30-34	661	407	254	356	180	176	305	227	78
35-39	616	390	226	334	188	146	282	202	80
40-44	585	370	215	318	185	133	267	185	82
45-49	635	362	273	414	226	188	221	136	85
50-54	588	317	271	406	219	187	182	98	84
55-59	542	317	225	365	220	145	177	97	80
60-64	382	205	177	263	150	113	119	55	64
65-69	288	164	124	195	108	87	93	56	37
70-74	172	96	76	122	70	52	50	26	24
75+	142	69	73	96	49	47	46	20	26
Total	6,705	3,981	2,724	3,965	2,150	1,815	2,740	1,831	909
% Distribution	100.0	59.4	40.6	59.1	32.1	27.1	40.9	27.3	13.6

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

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	684	17.3	171	145	345	19	4
New Zealand	2,038	51.4	591	233	1,172	34	8
Fiji	156	3.9	15	79	40	12	10
American Samoa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Western Samoa	21	0.5	2	14	4	1	-
Other Pacific Islands	59	1.5	8	38	7	5	1
Japan	36	0.9	7	17	9	3	-
China	51	1.3	6	26	12	6	1
India	4	0.1	1	1	-	2	-
Korea	11	0.3	11	-	-	-	-
Other Asian Countries	33	0.8	19	8	6	-	-
UK	63	1.6	39	15	8	1	-
Germany	53	1.3	47	2	3	1	-
France	34	0.9	18	5	10	1	-
Italy	17	0.4	15	-	2	-	-
Other European Countries	83	2.1	65	6	10	1	1
All African Countries	6	0.2	5	-	1	-	-
United States of America	578	14.6	139	85	330	22	2
Canada	19	0.5	12	3	3	1	-
Other American Countries	19	0.5	11	6	1	1	-
Total	3,965	100.0	1,182	683	1,963	110	27
% Distribution	100.0		29.8	17.2	49.5	2.8	0.7

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

Age Group	Departing Residents	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	86	3.9	187	5.2	273	4.7
5 - 9	51	2.3	131	3.6	182	3.1
10 - 14	16	0.7	117	3.2	133	2.3
15 - 19	47	2.1	123	3.4	170	2.9
20 - 24	229	10.5	197	5.4	426	7.3
25 - 29	259	11.8	306	8.4	565	9.7
30 - 34	244	11.1	304	8.4	548	9.4
35 - 39	234	10.7	309	8.5	543	9.3
40 - 44	222	10.1	322	8.9	544	9.4
45 - 49	196	8.9	385	10.6	581	10.0
50 - 54	164	7.5	360	9.9	524	9.0
55 - 59	143	6.5	303	8.4	446	7.7
60 - 64	109	5.0	234	6.5	343	5.9
65 - 69	83	3.8	181	5.0	264	4.5
70 - 74	57	2.6	90	2.5	147	2.5
75+	50	2.3	76	2.1	126	2.2
All Ages	2,190	100.0	3,625	100.0	5,815	100.0
YACHT	-	-	132	0	132	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	-	0	0	0
Total	2,190	100.0	3,757	100.0	5,947	100.0

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

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution		No.
Australia	385	11.9	367	14.3	752	12.9
New Zealand	939	28.9	877	34.1	1,816	31.2
Fiji	108	3.3	59	2.3	167	2.9
American Samoa	9	0.3	3	0.1	12	0.2
Western Samoa	15	0.5	12	0.5	27	0.5
Tonga	1,281	39.5	909	35.4	2,190	37.7
Other Pacific Islands	62	1.9	15	0.6	77	1.3
Japan	22	0.7	11	0.4	33	0.6
China	27	0.8	6	0.2	33	0.6
India	5	0.2	-	-	5	0.1
Korea	2	0.1	1	0.0	3	0.1
Other Asian Countries	32	1.0	15	0.6	47	0.8
UK	28	0.9	22	0.9	50	0.9
Germany	31	1.0	19	0.7	50	0.9
France	14	0.4	6	0.2	20	0.3
Italy	5	0.2	6	0.2	11	0.2
Other European Countries	47	1.4	37	1.4	84	1.4
All African Countries	2	0.1	1	0.0	3	0.1
United States of America	208	6.4	187	7.3	395	6.8
Canada	10	0.3	8	0.3	18	0.3
Other American Countries	13	0.4	9	0.4	22	0.4
Total	3,245	100.0	2,570	100.0	5,815	100.0