



INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES March 2014

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Month of March 2014	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	6,191	-22.6	16.5
Air Visitors	2,484	1.8	-11.2
Air Returning Residents	1,880	1.0	0.0
Cruise Ships	1,817	-50.6	190.3
Yachts	10	-58.3	-9.1
All Departures	6,718	-30.4	18.5

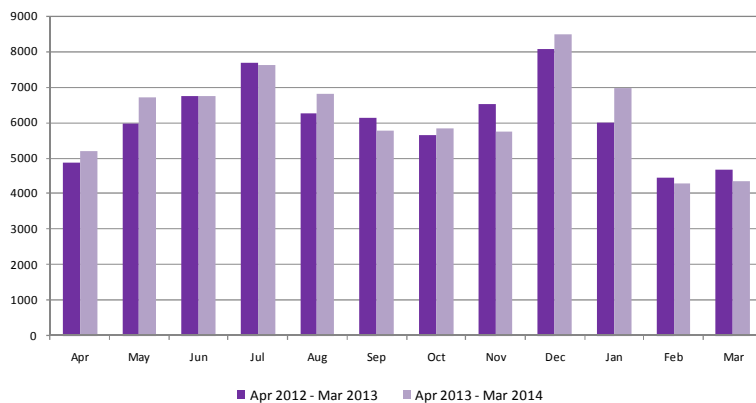
- A decline of 22.6% of all arrivals (6,191) compared to the previous month of February 2014 (8,003)
- An increase of 1.8% of all air visitors (2,484) compared to February 2014 (2,441)
- An increase of 1.0% (1,880) of returning residents compared to previous month (1,861)
- A decline of 50.6% of arrivals by cruise ships compared to previous month (3677).
- A decline of 58.3% of yacht arrivals compared to the previous month
- Again a decline of 30.4% of all departures from February 2014

Fig. 1: March Air Arrivals and Departures 2003 - 2014



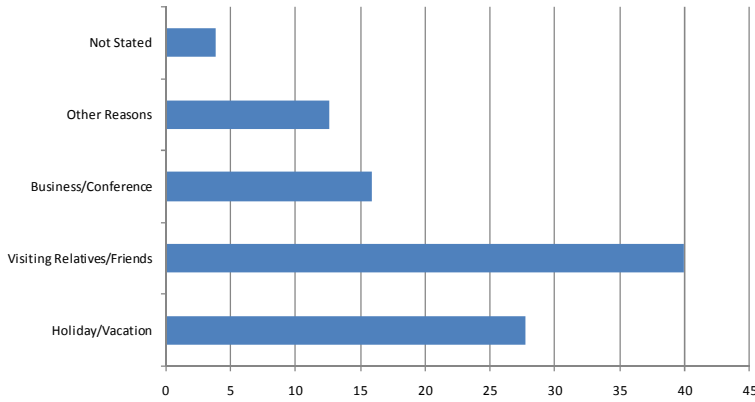
- Total air arrivals in March 2014 were 4,364 a decline of 6.7% compared to March 2013 (4,677).
- Total air departures of 4,885 in March 2014, a decline of 3.0% compared to March 2013 (5,035)

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



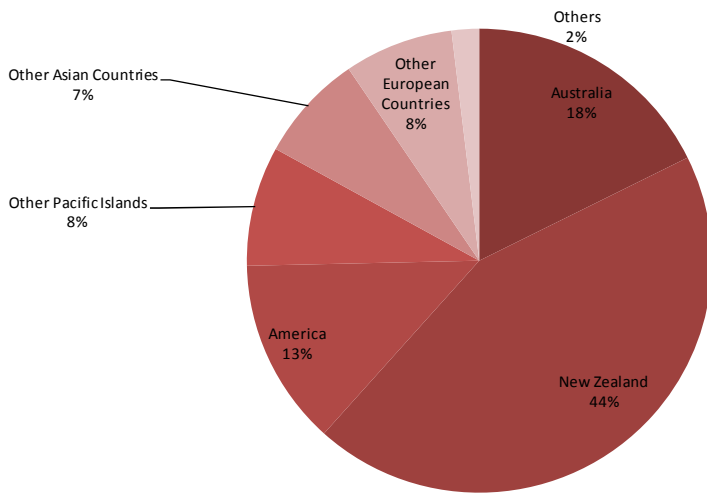
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Fig. 3: Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit March, 2014



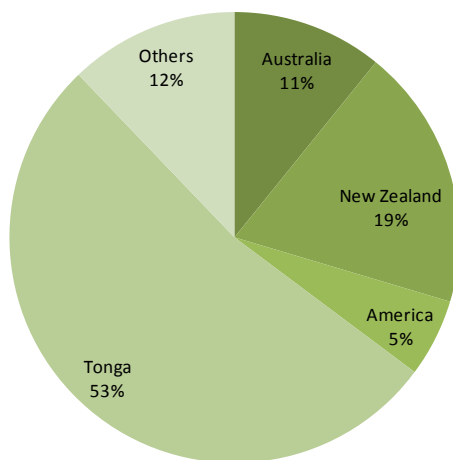
- Holiday/Vacation made up 27.7% (689) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of March.
- 39.9% (990) of the total visitors were here to visit Relatives/friends
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 15.9% (395) and those with other reasons were 12.6% (312)

Fig. 4: Air Visitors by Country of Usual Residence March, 2014



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 44.0% (1,093) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 17.7 % (439), and USA 13.0% (322)

Fig. 5: Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence March, 2014



- Most of the persons departing in the month of March were persons residing in Tonga (2,571) followed by New Zealand (918) and Australia (528)

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 - 2014

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	1,849	68,373	26,587			26,587	72,592	20,519	1,849	94,960	73,589	20,550	1,468	95,607	(647)
2012	47,457	7,957	1,816	57,230	25,170			25,170	72,627	7,957	1,816	82,400	74,098	7,987	1,720	83,805	(1,405)
2013	48,188	9,432	2,045	59,665	25,808			25,808	73,996	9,432	2,045	85,473	73,938	9,427	1,769	85,134	339
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
June	4,693	700	182	5,575	2,046			2,046	6,739	700	182	7,621	5,411	700	193	6,304	1,317
July	5,415	-	282	5,697	2,183			2,183	7,598	-	282	7,880	7,747	-	220	7,967	(87)
August	4,753	-	305	5,058	2,051			2,051	6,804	-	305	7,109	7,227	-	267	7,494	(385)
September	4,068	1,954	339	6,361	1,711			1,711	5,779	1,954	339	8,072	5,579	1,950	291	7,820	252
October	4,037	-	403	4,440	1,789			1,789	5,826	-	403	6,229	6,111	-	384	6,495	(266)
November	3,395	715	121	4,231	2,363			2,363	5,758	715	121	6,594	5,165	715	232	6,112	482
December	6,429	-	13	6,442	2,048			2,048	8,477	-	13	8,490	7,231	-	18	7,249	1,241
2014																	
January	3,259	1,446	3	4,708	3,167			3,167	6,426	1,446	3	7,875	8,028	1,444	-	9,472	(1,597)
February	2,441	3,677	24	6,142	1,861			1,861	4,302	3,677	24	8,003	5,958	3,676	14	9,648	(1,645)
March	2,484	1,817	10	4,311	1,880			1,880	4,364	1,817	10	6,191	4,885	1,811	22	6,718	(527)

Table 2. Total Arrivals by Age, Type of Passangers and Gender March, 2014

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	172	91	81	111	56	55	61	35	26
5-9	115	58	57	80	40	40	35	18	17
10-14	137	72	65	75	34	41	62	38	24
15-19	166	84	82	83	39	44	83	45	38
20-24	296	143	153	139	58	81	157	85	72
25-29	405	223	182	218	109	109	187	114	73
30-34	403	210	193	247	134	113	156	76	80
35-39	355	201	154	200	114	86	155	87	68
40-44	432	263	169	229	145	84	203	118	85
45-49	432	244	188	229	127	102	203	117	86
50-54	406	218	188	258	146	112	148	72	76
55-59	334	193	141	203	124	79	131	69	62
60-64	279	148	131	177	91	86	102	57	45
65-69	212	119	93	121	76	45	91	43	48
70-74	102	58	44	56	31	25	46	27	19
75+	118	69	49	58	39	19	60	30	30
Total	4,364	2,394	1,970	2,484	1,363	1,121	1,880	1,031	849
% Distribution	100.0	54.9	45.1	56.9	31.2	25.7	43.1	23.6	19.5

Table 3. Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit March, 2014

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	439	17.7	107	62	202	42	26
New Zealand	1,093	44.0	272	122	534	139	26
Fiji	133	5.4	17	74	13	24	5
American Samoa	8	0.3	2	-	4	-	2
Western Samoa	26	1.0	-	14	6	6	-
Other Pacific Islands	40	1.6	-	23	4	11	2
Japan	65	2.6	31	12	14	3	5
China	90	3.6	7	38	11	19	15
India	3	0.1	1	-	-	2	-
Korea	4	0.2	-	3	-	1	-
Other Asian Countries	24	1.0	8	13	1	2	-
UK	33	1.3	23	1	3	6	-
Germany	79	3.2	68	2	7	2	-
France	7	0.3	4	3	-	-	-
Italy	7	0.3	5	-	2	-	-
Other European Countries	63	2.5	45	4	6	7	1
All African Countries	2	0.1	-	2	-	-	-
United States of America	322	13.0	73	22	171	41	15
Canada	22	0.9	13	-	5	4	-
Other American Countries	24	1.0	13	-	7	3	1
Total	2,484	100.0	689	395	990	312	98
% Distribution	100.0		27.7	15.9	39.9	12.6	3.9

Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for March, 2014

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	67	2.6	193	8.3	260	5.3
5 - 9	48	1.9	115	5.0	163	3.3
10 - 14	58	2.3	106	4.6	164	3.4
15 - 19	56	2.2	108	4.7	164	3.4
20 - 24	275	10.7	159	6.9	434	8.9
25 - 29	231	9.0	200	8.6	431	8.8
30 - 34	265	10.3	188	8.1	453	9.3
35 - 39	229	8.9	174	7.5	403	8.2
40 - 44	264	10.3	153	6.6	417	8.5
45 - 49	283	11.0	206	8.9	489	10.0
50 - 54	220	8.6	191	8.3	411	8.4
55 - 59	206	8.0	174	7.5	380	7.8
60 - 64	135	5.3	164	7.1	299	6.1
65 - 69	85	3.3	91	3.9	176	3.6
70 - 74	66	2.6	43	1.9	109	2.2
75+	83	3.2	49	2.1	132	2.7
All Ages	2,571	100.0	2,314	100.0	4,885	100.0
YACHT	-	-	22	0	22	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	1,811	0	1811	0
Total	2,571	100.0	4,147	100.0	6,718	100.0

Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender March, 2014

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution		No.
Australia	249	9.2	279	12.8	528	10.8
New Zealand	442	16.3	476	21.9	918	18.8
Fiji	57	2.1	41	1.9	98	2.0
American Samoa	-	-	-	-	-	-
Western Samoa	6	0.2	4	0.2	10	0.2
Tonga	1,524	56.3	1,047	48.1	2,571	52.6
Other Pacific Islands	24	0.9	12	0.6	36	0.7
Japan	38	1.4	23	1.1	61	1.2
China	50	1.8	22	1.0	72	1.5
India	5	0.2	-	-	5	0.1
Korea	4	0.1	2	0.1	6	0.1
Other Asian Countries	11	0.4	28	1.3	39	0.8
UK	38	1.4	23	1.1	61	1.2
Germany	33	1.2	26	1.2	59	1.2
France	27	1.0	13	0.6	40	0.8
Italy	1	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.0
Other European Countries	40	1.5	36	1.7	76	1.6
All African Countries	3	0.1	1	0.0	4	0.1
United States of America	140	5.2	135	6.2	275	5.6
Canada	7	0.3	5	0.2	12	0.2
Other American Countries	8	0.3	4	0.2	12	0.2
Total	2,707	100.0	2,178	100.0	4,885	100.0