



Government of Tonga

INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES October 2014

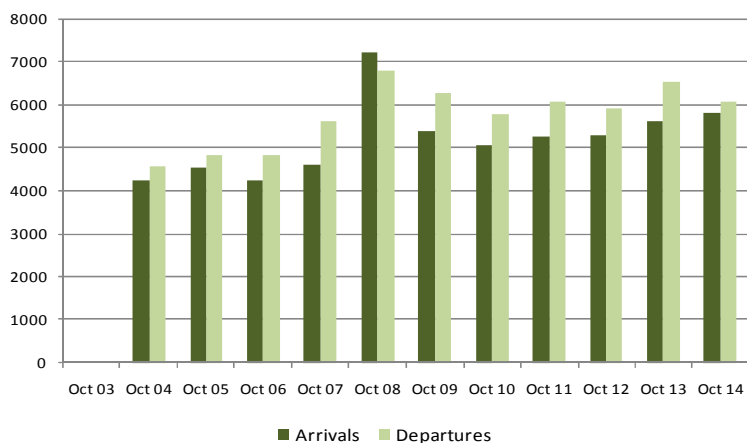
Statistical Bulletin

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Month of October 2014	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	8,233	9.1	32.2
Air Visitors	4,102	-14.2	1.6
Air Returning Residents	2,064	-8.2	15.4
Cruise Ships	1,760	471.4	0.0
Yachts	307	46.9	-23.8
All Departures	8,728	14.6	34.4

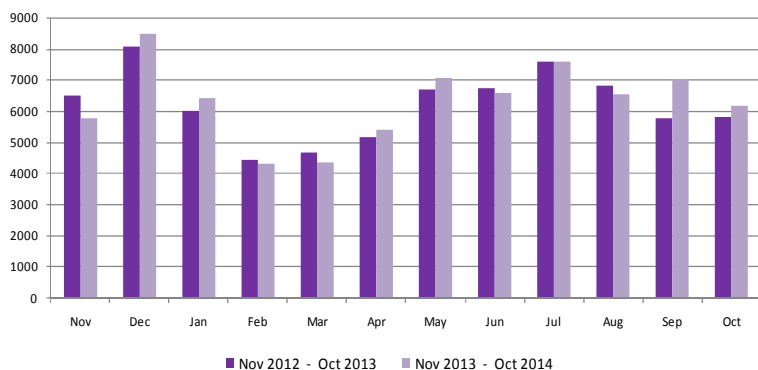
- An increase of 9.1% of all arrivals (8,233) compared to the previous month of September 2014 (7,544)
- A decline of 14.2% of all air visitors (4,102) compared to September 2014 (4,779)
- A decline of 8.2% (2,064) of returning residents compared to previous month (2,248)
- There were 1,760 arrivals by cruise ship for the month of October.
- An increase of 46.9% of yacht arrivals compared to the previous month
- An increase of 14.6% of all departures from September 2014

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



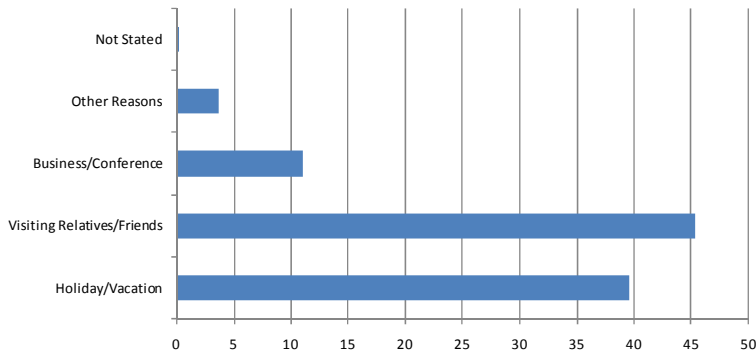
- Total air arrivals in October 2014 were 6,166 an increase of 5.8% compared to October 2013 (5,826).
- Total air departures of 6,588 in October 2014, an increase of 7.8% compared to October 2013 (6,111)

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



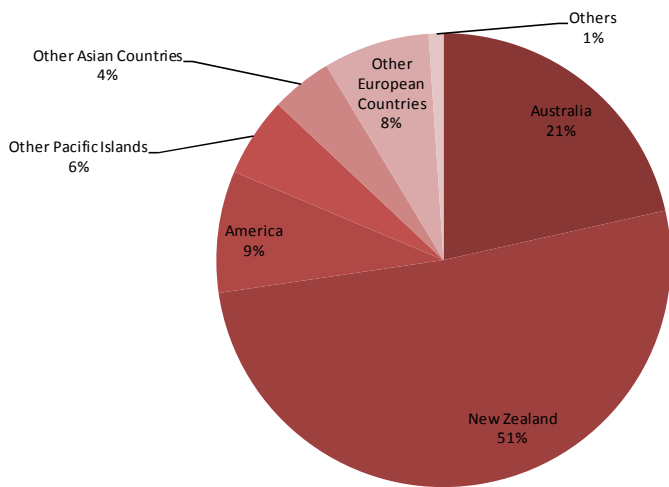
- Total air visitor arrivals in October 2014 were 4,102 an increase of 1.6% compared to October 2013 (4,037)

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



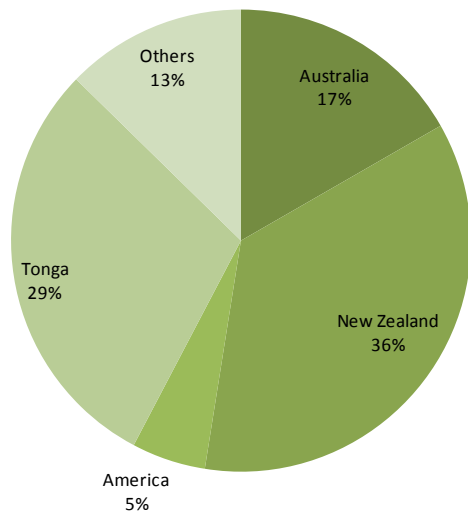
- Holiday/Vacation made up 39.6% (1,625) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of October.
- 45.3% (1,858) of the total visitors were here to visit Relatives/Friends.
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 11.1% (454) and those with other reasons were 3.7% (153)

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



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 51.2% (2,100) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 21.5 % (881), and USA 8.7% (357)

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



- Most of the persons departing in the month of October were persons residing in New Zealand (2,360) followed by Tonga (1,948) and Australia (1,103)

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

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	318	166	152	208	108	100	110	58	52
5-9	213	105	108	160	80	80	53	25	28
10-14	145	60	85	92	43	49	53	17	36
15-19	221	102	119	172	75	97	49	27	22
20-24	418	194	224	228	90	138	190	104	86
25-29	562	279	283	347	157	190	215	122	93
30-34	612	310	302	420	202	218	192	108	84
35-39	512	271	241	333	176	157	179	95	84
40-44	597	335	262	391	219	172	206	116	90
45-49	641	351	290	430	248	182	211	103	108
50-54	539	284	255	368	188	180	171	96	75
55-59	465	260	205	318	179	139	147	81	66
60-64	377	203	174	283	153	130	94	50	44
65-69	289	162	127	203	115	88	86	47	39
70-74	143	80	63	84	56	28	59	24	35
75+	114	51	63	65	37	28	49	14	35
Total	6,166	3,213	2,953	4,102	2,126	1,976	2,064	1,087	977
% Distribution	100.0	52.1	47.9	66.5	34.5	32.0	33.5	17.6	15.8

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

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	881	21.5	341	73	418	46	3
New Zealand	2,100	51.2	770	149	1,122	55	4
Fiji	146	3.6	12	86	37	9	2
American Samoa	4	0.1	1	-	2	-	1
Western Samoa	31	0.8	2	19	5	5	-
Other Pacific Islands	51	1.2	3	37	9	2	-
Japan	43	1.0	21	10	8	4	-
China	86	2.1	34	33	16	3	-
India	2	0.0	1	-	-	1	-
Korea	2	0.0	-	1	-	1	-
Other Asian Countries	45	1.1	19	9	11	6	-
UK	70	1.7	55	5	10	-	-
Germany	78	1.9	75	1	2	-	-
France	29	0.7	24	2	1	2	-
Italy	22	0.5	20	2	-	-	-
Other European Countries	112	2.7	104	7	-	1	-
All African Countries	7	0.2	2	3	2	-	-
United States of America	357	8.7	108	15	214	18	2
Canada	18	0.4	17	-	1	-	-
Other American Countries	18	0.4	16	2	-	-	-
Total	4,102	100.0	1,625	454	1,858	153	12
% Distribution	100.0		39.6	11.1	45.3	3.7	0.3

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

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	81	4.2	202	4.4	283	4.3
5 - 9	46	2.4	211	4.5	257	3.9
10 - 14	57	2.9	195	4.2	252	3.8
15 - 19	49	2.5	216	4.7	265	4.0
20 - 24	184	9.4	255	5.5	439	6.7
25 - 29	213	10.9	398	8.6	611	9.3
30 - 34	203	10.4	481	10.4	684	10.4
35 - 39	182	9.3	347	7.5	529	8.0
40 - 44	172	8.8	424	9.1	596	9.0
45 - 49	189	9.7	489	10.5	678	10.3
50 - 54	174	8.9	434	9.4	608	9.2
55 - 59	132	6.8	359	7.7	491	7.5
60 - 64	96	4.9	283	6.1	379	5.8
65 - 69	88	4.5	198	4.3	286	4.3
70 - 74	37	1.9	85	1.8	122	1.9
75+	45	2.3	63	1.4	108	1.6
All Ages	1,948	100.0	4,640	100.0	6,588	100.0
YACHT	-	-	381	0	381	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	1,759	0	1,759	0
Total	1,948	100.0	6,780	100.0	8,728	100.0

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

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution
Australia	579	16.5	524	17.0	1,103	16.7
New Zealand	1,172	33.5	1,188	38.5	2,360	35.8
Fiji	94	2.7	59	1.9	153	2.3
American Samoa	-	-	2	0.1	2	0.0
Western Samoa	20	0.6	10	0.3	30	0.5
Tonga	1,068	30.5	880	28.5	1,948	29.6
Other Pacific Islands	27	0.8	22	0.7	49	0.7
Japan	29	0.8	15	0.5	44	0.7
China	92	2.6	36	1.2	128	1.9
India	1	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.0
Korea	7	0.2	7	0.2	14	0.2
Other Asian Countries	24	0.7	10	0.3	34	0.5
UK	48	1.4	34	1.1	82	1.2
Germany	44	1.3	40	1.3	84	1.3
France	9	0.3	7	0.2	16	0.2
Italy	12	0.3	13	0.4	25	0.4
Other European Countries	72	2.1	54	1.7	126	1.9
All African Countries	3	0.1	3	0.1	6	0.1
United States of America	180	5.1	161	5.2	341	5.2
Canada	9	0.3	10	0.3	19	0.3
Other American Countries	9	0.3	13	0.4	22	0.3
Total	3,499	100.0	3,089	100.0	6,588	100.0