



INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES December 2014

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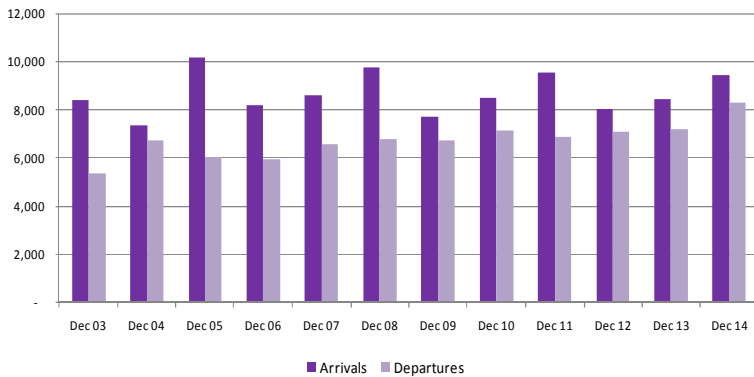
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Statistical Bulletin

Month of December 2014	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	9,818	55.2	15.6
Air Visitors	7,301	109.3	13.6
Air Returning Residents	2,206	-13.8	7.7
Cruise Ships	303	52.3	0.0
Yachts	8	-90.1	-38.5
All Departures	8,672	38.8	19.6

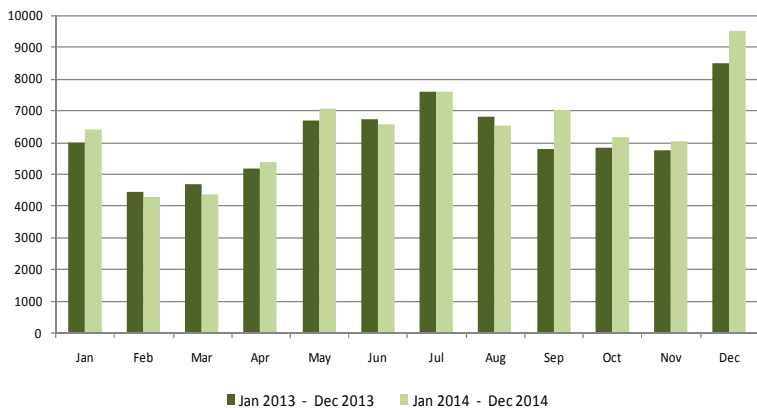
- An increase of 55.2% of all arrivals (9,818) compared to the previous month of November 2014 (6,327)
- An increase of 109.3% of all air visitors (7,301) compared to November 2014 (3,488)
- A decline of 13.8% (2,206) of returning residents compared to previous month (2,559)
- There were 303 arrivals by cruise ship for the month of December.
- A decline of 90.1% of yacht arrivals compared to the previous month
- An increase of 38.8% of all departures from November 2014

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



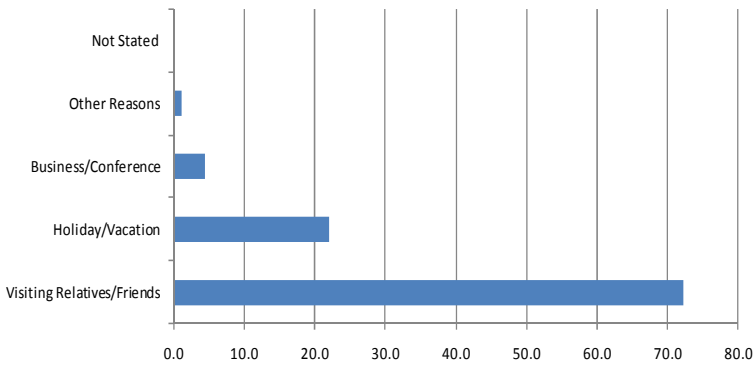
- Total air arrivals in December 2014 were 9,507 an increase of 12.2% compared to December 2013 (8,477).
- Total air departures of 8,356 in December 2014, an increase of 15.6% compared to December 2013 (7,231)

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



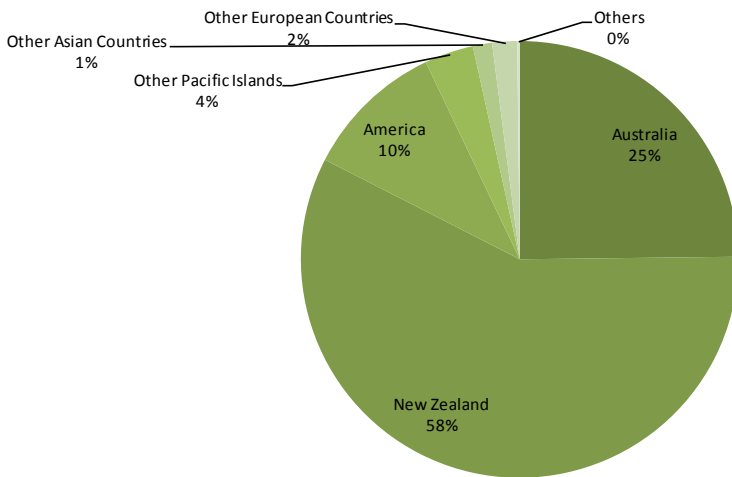
- Total air visitor arrivals in December 2014 were 7,301 an increase of 13.6% compared to December 2013 (6,429)

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



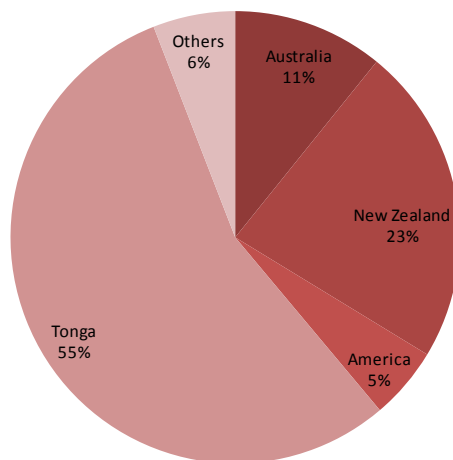
- Visiting Relatives/Friends made up 72.2% (5,270) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of December.
- 22.0% (1,604) of the total visitors were here on Holiday/Vacation.
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 4.5% (330) and those with other reasons were 1.2% (90).

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



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 57.7% (4,215) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 24.8 % (1,810), and USA 10.4% (761)

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



- Most of the persons departing in the month of December were persons residing in the Kingdom of Tonga (4,610) followed by New Zealand (1,912) and Australia (906)

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
2014	48,854	13,733	1,632	64,219	26,128			26,128	74,982	13,733	1,632	90,347	78,604	13,724	1,762	94,090	(3,743)
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)
April	3,363	2,224	57	5,644	2,034			2,034	5,397	2,224	57	7,678	5,063	2,227	40	7,330	348
May	4,189	260	243	4,692	2,872			2,872	7,061	260	243	7,564	6,228	260	94	6,582	982
June	4,463	1,739	256	6,458	2,122			2,122	6,585	1,739	256	8,580	5,605	1,737	294	7,636	944
July	5,477	-	233	5,710	2,128			2,128	7,605	-	233	7,838	8,213	-	286	8,499	(661)
Aug	5,090	-	201	5,291	1,432			1,432	6,522	-	201	6,723	6,753	-	192	6,945	(222)
Sep	4,779	308	209	5,296	2,248			2,248	7,027	308	209	7,544	7,035	308	271	7,614	(70)
Oct	4,102	1,760	307	6,169	2,064			2,064	6,166	1,760							

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

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	658	321	337	576	281	295	82	40	42
5-9	567	286	281	503	253	250	64	33	31
10-14	673	332	341	594	291	303	79	41	38
15-19	735	331	404	620	261	359	115	70	45
20-24	801	374	427	512	216	296	289	158	131
25-29	754	373	381	490	213	277	264	160	104
30-34	707	369	338	490	244	246	217	125	92
35-39	656	347	309	470	237	233	186	110	76
40-44	752	394	358	557	278	279	195	116	79
45-49	855	424	431	683	334	349	172	90	82
50-54	730	351	379	589	281	308	141	70	71
55-59	572	288	284	431	217	214	141	71	70
60-64	445	222	223	342	168	174	103	54	49
65-69	281	139	142	209	100	109	72	39	33
70-74	157	69	88	114	49	65	43	20	23
75+	164	71	93	121	50	71	43	21	22
Total	9,507	4,691	4,816	7,301	3,473	3,828	2,206	1,218	988
% Distribution	100.0	49.3	50.7	76.8	36.5	40.3	23.2	12.8	10.4

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

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	1,810	24.8	435	74	1,289	12	-
New Zealand	4,215	57.7	823	113	3,243	31	5
Fiji	171	2.3	28	59	64	20	-
American Samoa	17	0.2	3	-	14	-	-
Western Samoa	27	0.4	10	3	13	1	-
Other Pacific Islands	49	0.7	6	7	31	5	-
Japan	41	0.6	18	10	13	-	-
China	18	0.2	2	5	1	10	-
India	3	0.0	1	1	1	-	-
Korea	7	0.1	1	1	5	-	-
Other Asian Countries	35	0.5	16	12	7	-	-
UK	43	0.6	25	1	17	-	-
Germany	28	0.4	26	-	1	1	-
France	17	0.2	6	4	5	2	-
Italy	8	0.1	6	-	2	-	-
Other European Countries	38	0.5	28	1	8	1	-
All African Countries	2	0.0	-	-	2	-	-
United States of America	761	10.4	165	39	548	7	2
Canada	6	0.1	1	-	5	-	-
Other American Countries	5	0.1	4	-	1	-	-
Total	7,301	100.0	1,604	330	5,270	90	7
% Distribution	100.0		22.0	4.5	72.2	1.2	0.1

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

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	282	6.1	246	6.6	528	6.3
5 - 9	348	7.5	174	4.6	522	6.2
10 - 14	435	9.4	194	5.2	629	7.5
15 - 19	602	13.1	259	6.9	861	10.3
20 - 24	436	9.5	280	7.5	716	8.6
25 - 29	359	7.8	260	6.9	619	7.4
30 - 34	365	7.9	239	6.4	604	7.2
35 - 39	317	6.9	248	6.6	565	6.8
40 - 44	307	6.7	302	8.1	609	7.3
45 - 49	304	6.6	391	10.4	695	8.3
50 - 54	216	4.7	344	9.2	560	6.7
55 - 59	182	3.9	284	7.6	466	5.6
60 - 64	165	3.6	219	5.8	384	4.6
65 - 69	120	2.6	136	3.6	256	3.1
70 - 74	95	2.1	88	2.3	183	2.2
75+	77	1.7	82	2.2	159	1.9
All Ages	4,610	100.0	3,746	100.0	8,356	100.0
YACHT	-	-	13	0	13	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	303	0	303	0
Total	4,610	100.0	4,062	100.0	8,672	100.0

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

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution		
Australia	408	10.2	498	11.5	906	10.8
New Zealand	861	21.4	1,051	24.2	1,912	22.9
Fiji	110	2.7	76	1.8	186	2.2
American Samoa	-	-	1	0.0	1	0.0
Western Samoa	5	0.1	1	0.0	6	0.1
Tonga	2,219	55.3	2,391	55.1	4,610	55.2
Other Pacific Islands	23	0.6	6	0.1	29	0.3
Japan	44	1.1	9	0.2	53	0.6
China	17	0.4	6	0.1	23	0.3
India	2	0.0	-	-	2	0.0
Korea	4	0.1	3	0.1	7	0.1
Other Asian Countries	23	0.6	13	0.3	36	0.4
UK	15	0.4	19	0.4	34	0.4
Germany	16	0.4	11	0.3	27	0.3
France	12	0.3	7	0.2	19	0.2
Italy	1	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.0
Other European Countries	35	0.9	20	0.5	55	0.7
All African Countries	-	-	2	0.0	2	0.0
United States of America	214	5.3	221	5.1	435	5.2
Canada	6	0.1	4	0.1	10	0.1
Other American Countries	-	-	1	0.0	1	0.0
Total	4,015	100.0	4,341	100.0	8,356	100.0