



INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES January 2015

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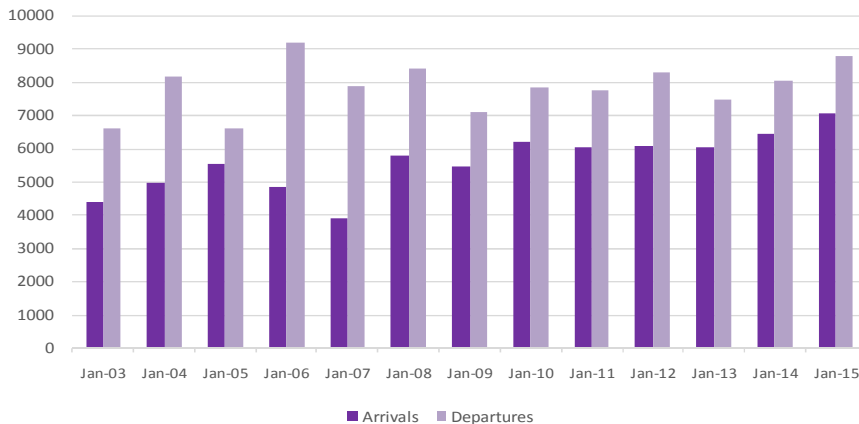
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Statistical Bulletin

Month of January 2015	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	10,018	2.0	27.2
Air Visitors	3,343	-54.2	2.6
Air Returning Residents	3,720	68.6	17.5
Cruise Ships	2,935	868.6	103.0
Yachts	20	150.0	566.7
All Departures	11,743	35.4	24.0

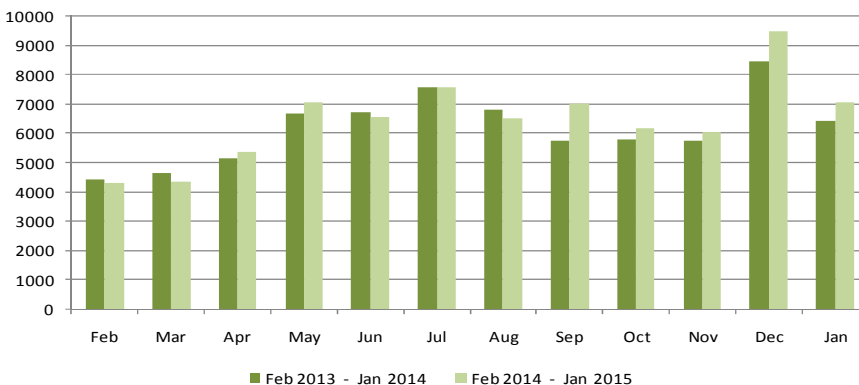
- An increase of 2.0% of all arrivals (10,018) compared to the previous month of December 2014 (9,818)
- A decline of 54.2% of all air visitors (3,343) compared to December 2014 (7,301)
- An increase of 68.6% (3,720) of returning residents compared to previous month (2,206)
- There were 2,935 passengers arrived by cruise ship, for January 2015.
- An increase of 150.0% of yacht arrivals compared to the previous month
- An increase of 35.4% of all departures from December 2014.

Fig. 1: January Air Arrivals and Departures 2003 - 2015



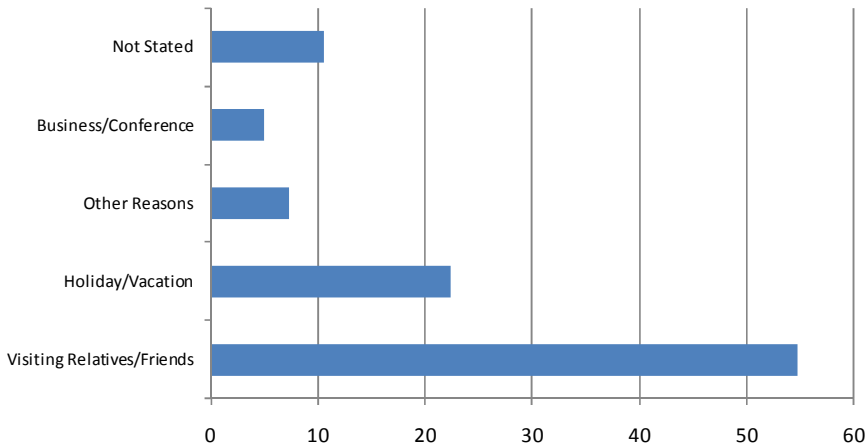
- Total air arrivals in January 2015 were 7,063 an increase of 9.9% compared to January 2014 (6,426).
- Total air departures of 8,779 in January 2015, an increase of 9.4% compared to January 2014 (8,028)

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



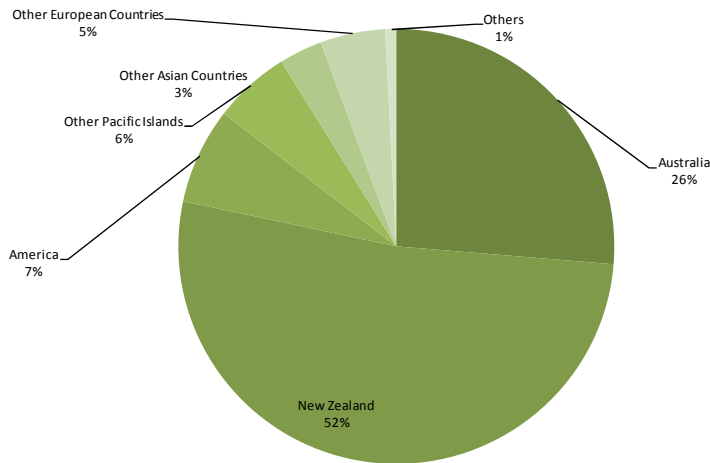
- Total air visitor arrivals in January 2015 were 3,343 an increase of 2.6% compared to January 2014 (3,259)

Fig. 3: Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit January, 2015



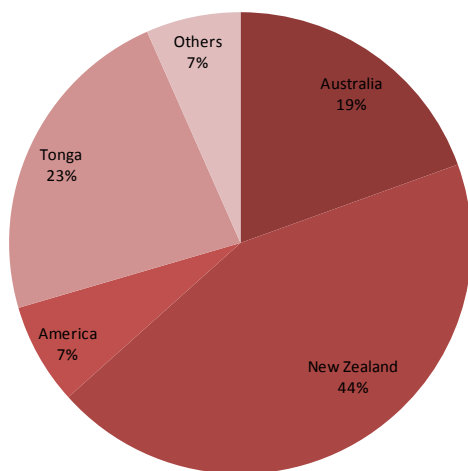
- Visiting Relatives/Friends made up 54.7% (1,830) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of January.
- 22.4% (748) of the total visitors were here on Holiday/Vacation.
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 4.9% (164) and those with other reasons were 7.3% (245)

Fig. 4: Air visitors by Country of Usual Residence January, 2015



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 52.0% (1,739) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 26.3 % (879), and USA 7.1% (238)

Fig. 5: Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence January, 2015



- Most of the persons departing in the month of January were residents of New Zealand (3,850) followed by Tongans (2,008) and Australia (1,715)

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)
Aug	5,090	-	201	5,291	1,432			1,432	6,522	-	201	6,723	6,753	-	192	6,945	(222)
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	307	8,233	6,588	1,759	381	8,728	(495)
Nov	3,488	199	81	3,768	2,559			2,559	6,047	199	81	6,327	5,892	199	155	6,246	81
Dec	7,301	303	8	7,612	2,206			2,206	9,507	303	8	9,818	8,356	303	13	8,672	1,146
2015																	
January	3,343	2,935	20	6,298	3,720			3,720	7,063	2,935	20	10,018	8,779	2,935	29	11,743	(1,725)

Table 2. Total Arrivals by Age, Type of Passangers and Gender January, 2015

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	343	151	192	181	82	99	162	69	93
5-9	474	235	239	205	101	104	269	134	135
10-14	568	287	281	214	96	118	354	191	163
15-19	703	361	342	254	111	143	449	250	199
20-24	600	268	332	224	79	145	376	189	187
25-29	584	251	333	269	113	156	315	138	177
30-34	587	271	316	285	132	153	302	139	163
35-39	533	276	257	267	143	124	266	133	133
40-44	555	279	276	276	148	128	279	131	148
45-49	583	289	294	301	147	154	282	142	140
50-54	425	211	214	251	126	125	174	85	89
55-59	354	195	159	204	114	90	150	81	69
60-64	282	152	130	157	92	65	125	60	65
65-69	220	121	99	120	59	61	100	62	38
70-74	142	61	81	80	38	42	62	23	39
75+	110	49	61	55	27	28	55	22	33
Total	7,063	3,457	3,606	3,343	1,608	1,735	3,720	1,849	1,871
% Distribution	100.0	48.9	51.1	47.3	22.8	24.6	52.7	26.2	26.5

Table 3. Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit January, 2015

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	879	26.3	220	36	451	60	112
New Zealand	1,739	52.0	299	51	1,168	78	143
Fiji	126	3.8	23	35	26	25	17
American Samoa	7	0.2		0	5	0	2
Western Samoa	7	0.2	1	2	3	0	1
Other Pacific Islands	51	1.5	5	5	5	32	4
Japan	28	0.8	7	5	7	6	3
China	21	0.6	15	3	2	1	-
India	2	0.1		2		-	-
Korea	17	0.5	6	4	1	6	-
Other Asian Countries	39	1.2	9	6	7	12	5
UK	40	1.2	26	-	4	2	8
Germany	60	1.8	43	-	11	1	5
France	9	0.3	6	-	3	-	-
Italy	9	0.3	8	-	1	-	-
Other European Countries	43	1.3	32	-	5	-	6
All African Countries	1	0.0	-	-	-	-	1
United States of America	238	7.1	43	5	131	16	43
Canada	14	0.4	3	1		4	6
Other American Countries	13	0.4	2	9	-	2	-
Total	3,343.0	100.0	748.0	164.0	1,830.0	245.0	356.0
% Distribution	100.0		22.4	4.9	54.7	7.3	10.6

Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for January, 2015

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	67	3.3	426	6.3	493	5.6
5 - 9	73	3.6	533	7.9	606	6.9
10 - 14	75	3.7	532	7.9	607	6.9
15 - 19	185	9.2	621	9.2	806	9.2
20 - 24	259	12.9	445	6.6	704	8.0
25 - 29	204	10.2	467	6.9	671	7.6
30 - 34	172	8.6	507	7.5	679	7.7
35 - 39	167	8.3	457	6.7	624	7.1
40 - 44	161	8.0	512	7.6	673	7.7
45 - 49	200	10.0	585	8.6	785	8.9
50 - 54	120	6.0	532	7.9	652	7.4
55 - 59	103	5.1	407	6.0	510	5.8
60 - 64	82	4.1	287	4.2	369	4.2
65 - 69	54	2.7	229	3.4	283	3.2
70 - 74	35	1.7	123	1.8	158	1.8
75+	51	2.5	108	1.6	159	1.8
All Ages	2,008	100.0	6,771	100.0	8,779	100.0
YACHT	-	-	29	0	29	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	2,935	0	2935	0
Total	2,008	100	9,735	100	11,743	100

Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender January, 2015

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution
Australia	804	18.7	911	20.3	1,715	19.5
New Zealand	1,789	41.6	2,061	46.0	3,850	43.9
Fiji	71	1.7	63	1.4	134	1.5
American Samoa	6	0.1	7	0.2	13	0.1
Western Samoa	16	0.4	13	0.3	29	0.3
Tonga	1,080	25.1	928	20.7	2,008	22.9
Other Pacific Islands	38	0.9	31	0.7	69	0.8
Japan	26	0.6	8	0.2	34	0.4
China	28	0.7	17	0.4	45	0.5
India	1	0.0	-	-	1	0.0
Korea	6	0.1	6	0.1	12	0.1
Other Asian Countries	11	0.3	6	0.1	17	0.2
UK	39	0.9	21	0.5	60	0.7
Germany	31	0.7	24	0.5	55	0.6
France	10	0.2	3	0.1	13	0.1
Italy	10	0.2	8	0.2	18	0.2
Other European Countries	34	0.8	24	0.5	58	0.7
All African Countries	-	-	1	0.0	1	0.0
United States of America	287	6.7	337	7.5	624	7.1
Canada	7	0.2	3	0.1	10	0.1
Other American Countries	8	0.2	5	0.1	13	0.1
Total	4,302	100.0	4,477	100.0	8,779	100.0