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Month of February 2015	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	6,896	-31.2	-13.8
Air Visitors	2,381	-28.8	-2.5
Air Returning Residents	2,119	-43.0	13.9
Cruise Ships	2,373	-19.1	-35.5
Yachts	23	15.0	-4.2
All Departures	7,878	-32.9	-18.3

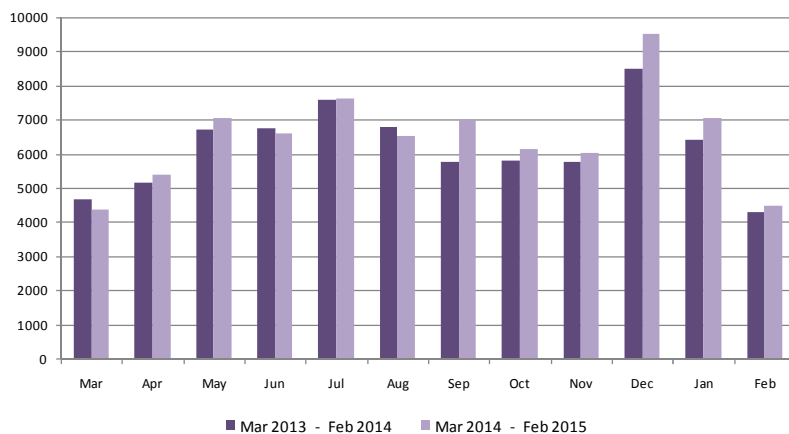
- A decline of 31.2% of all arrivals (6,896) compared to the previous month of January 2015 (10,018)
- A decline of 28.8% of all air visitors (2,381) compared to January 2015 (3,343)
- A decline of 43.0% (2,119) of returning residents compared to previous month (3,720)
- A decline of 19.1% (2,373) of arrivals by cruise ships compared to previous month (2,935)
- An increase of 15.0% of yacht arrivals compared to the previous month
- A decline of 32.9% of all departures from January 2015

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



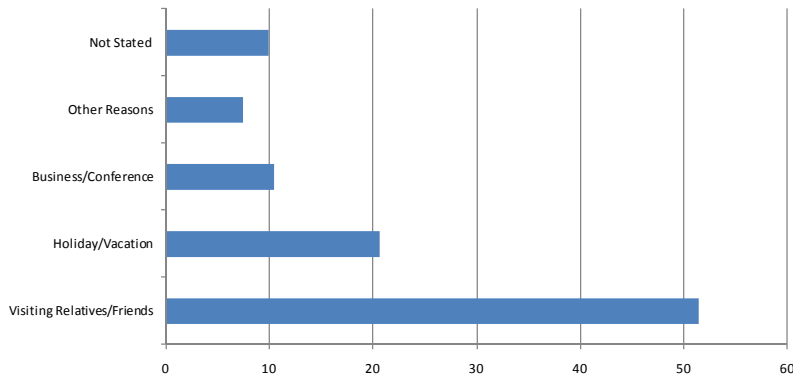
- Total air arrivals in February 2015 were 4,500 an increase of 4.6% compared to February 2014 (4,302).
- Total air departures of 5,498 in February 2015, a decline of 7.7% compared to February 2014 (5,958)

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



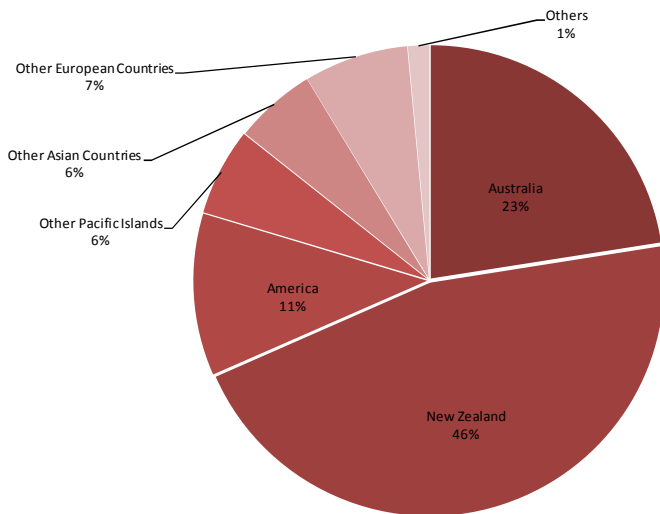
- Total air visitor arrivals in February 2015 were 2,381 a decline of 2.5% compared to February 2014 (2,441)

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



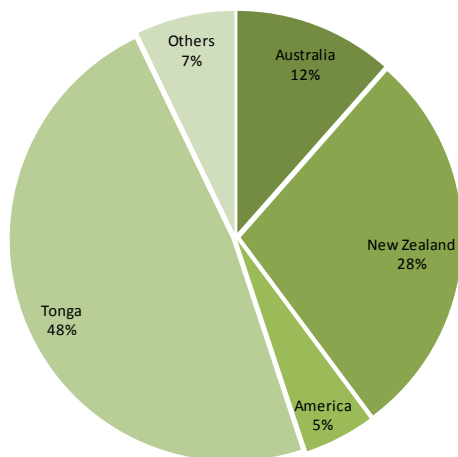
- Visiting Relatives/Friends made up 51.4% (1,225) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of February.
- 20.7% (493) of the total visitors were here on Holiday/Vacation.
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 10.5% (250) and those with other reasons were 7.5% (178)

Fig. 4: Air Visitors by Country of Usual Residence February, 2015



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 45.9% (1,094) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 22.5 % (535), and USA 11.2% (267)

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



- Most of the persons departing in the month of February were persons residing in the Kingdom of Tonga (2,631) followed by New Zealand (1,558) and Australia (635)

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 - 2015

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)
September	4,779	308	209	5,296	2,248			2,248	7,027	308	209	7,544	7,035	308	271	7,614	(70)
October	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 February, 2015

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	190	80	110	114	52	62	76	28	48
5-9	157	89	68	58	34	24	99	55	44
10-14	201	98	103	57	30	27	144	68	76
15-19	307	133	174	81	34	47	226	99	127
20-24	366	161	205	156	66	90	210	95	115
25-29	355	156	199	207	91	116	148	65	83
30-34	378	188	190	212	112	100	166	76	90
35-39	322	177	145	184	108	76	138	69	69
40-44	371	203	168	199	111	88	172	92	80
45-49	421	243	178	245	150	95	176	93	83
50-54	377	207	170	234	133	101	143	74	69
55-59	336	182	154	199	116	83	137	66	71
60-64	259	151	108	167	105	62	92	46	46
65-69	235	128	107	146	76	70	89	52	37
70-74	111	59	52	61	34	27	50	25	25
75+	114	62	52	61	38	23	53	24	29
Total	4,500	2,317	2,183	2,381	1,290	1,091	2,119	1,027	1,092
% Distribution	100.0	51.5	48.5	52.9	28.7	24.2	47.1	22.8	24.3

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

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relatives/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	535	22.5	96	43	312	40	44
New Zealand	1,094	45.9	171	95	629	67	132
Fiji	86	3.6	3	33	16	29	5
American Samoa	7	0.3	-	-	7	-	-
Western Samoa	12	0.5	2	2	6	2	-
Other Pacific Islands	39	1.6	-	11	17	9	2
Japan	52	2.2	12	14	19	4	3
China	41	1.7	11	12	16	1	1
India	5	0.2	-	4	1	-	-
Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Asian Countries	36	1.5	17	10	8	1	-
UK	53	2.2	24	7	12	8	2
Germany	44	1.8	40	1	3	-	-
France	6	0.3	3	1	1	1	-
Italy	9	0.4	5	-	2	-	2
Other European Countries	60	2.5	45	1	6	4	4
All African Countries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States of America	267	11.2	37	14	166	12	38
Canada	17	0.7	11	1	4	-	1
Other American Countries	18	0.8	16	1	-	-	1
Total	2,381	100.0	493	250	1,225	178	235
% Distribution	100.0		20.7	10.5	51.4	7.5	9.9

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

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	77	2.9	150	5.2	227	4.1
5 - 9	60	2.3	126	4.4	186	3.4
10 - 14	60	2.3	122	4.3	182	3.3
15 - 19	126	4.8	171	6.0	297	5.4
20 - 24	412	15.7	230	8.0	642	11.7
25 - 29	353	13.4	225	7.8	578	10.5
30 - 34	281	10.7	255	8.9	536	9.7
35 - 39	216	8.2	198	6.9	414	7.5
40 - 44	234	8.9	237	8.3	471	8.6
45 - 49	207	7.9	236	8.2	443	8.1
50 - 54	148	5.6	230	8.0	378	6.9
55 - 59	141	5.4	203	7.1	344	6.3
60 - 64	117	4.4	185	6.5	302	5.5
65 - 69	97	3.7	152	5.3	249	4.5
70 - 74	46	1.7	78	2.7	124	2.3
75+	56	2.1	69	2.4	125	2.3
All Ages	2,631	100.0	2,867	100.0	5,498	100.0
YACHT	-	-	7	0	7	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	2,373	0	2,373	0
Total	2,631	100.0	5,247	100.0	7,878	100.0

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

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution		
Australia	302	10.2	333	13.2	635	11.5
New Zealand	760	25.6	798	31.6	1,558	28.3
Fiji	55	1.9	38	1.5	93	1.7
American Samoa	2	0.1	4	0.2	6	0.1
Western Samoa	3	0.1	7	0.3	10	0.2
Tonga	1,545	52.0	1,086	43.0	2,631	47.9
Other Pacific Islands	13	0.4	8	0.3	21	0.4
Japan	24	0.8	8	0.3	32	0.6
China	15	0.5	5	0.2	20	0.4
India	2	0.1	1	0.0	3	0.1
Korea	1	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.0
Other Asian Countries	11	0.4	8	0.3	19	0.3
UK	20	0.7	11	0.4	31	0.6
Germany	20	0.7	24	0.9	44	0.8
France	2	0.1	3	0.1	5	0.1
Italy	6	0.2	4	0.2	10	0.2
Other European Countries	39	1.3	24	0.9	63	1.1
All African Countries	1	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.0
United States of America	131	4.4	149	5.9	280	5.1
Canada	8	0.3	5	0.2	13	0.2
Other American Countries	10	0.3	10	0.4	20	0.4
Total	2,970	100.0	2,528	100.0	5,498	100.0