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# INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES April 2015

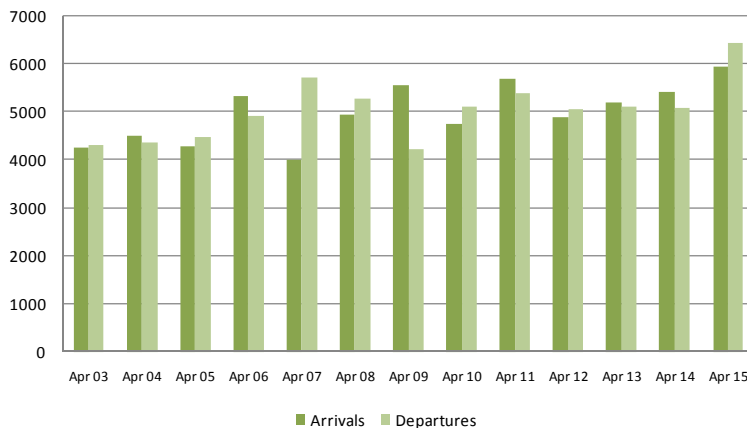
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## Statistical Bulletin

Month of April 2015	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	7,890	9.0	2.8
Air Visitors	3,642	23.7	8.3
Air Returning Residents	2,277	0.0	11.9
Cruise Ships	1,940	-3.5	-12.8
Yachts	31	416.7	-45.6
All Departures	8,378	9.4	14.3

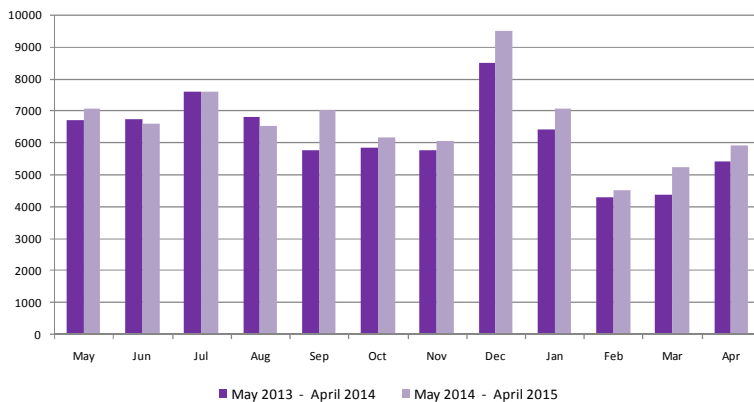
- An increase of 9.0% of all arrivals (7,890) compared to the previous month of March 2015 (7,238)
- An increase of 23.7% of all air visitors (3,642) compared to March 2015 (2,944)
- Air Returning Residents was the same in the month of April and March 2015 with 2,277.
- A decline of 3.5% (1,940) of arrivals by cruise ships compared to previous month (2,011).
- An increase of 416.7% of yacht arrivals compared to the previous month
- Again an increase of 9.4% of all departures from March 2015

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



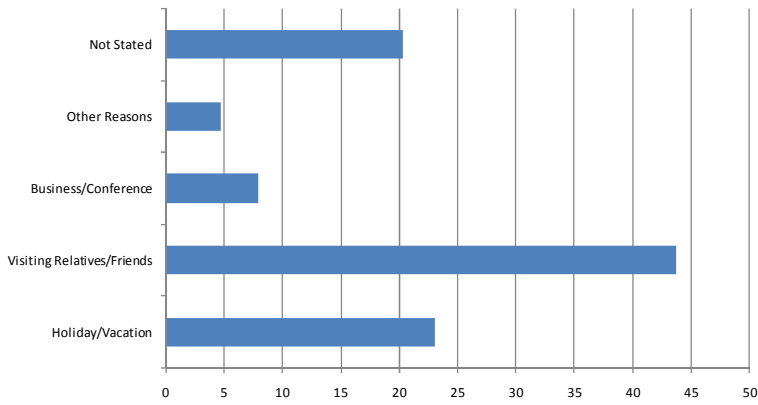
- Total air arrivals in April 2015 were 5,919 an increase of 9.7% compared to April 2014 (5,397).
- Total air departures of 6,408 in April 2015, again an increase of 26.6% compared to April 2014 (5,063)

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



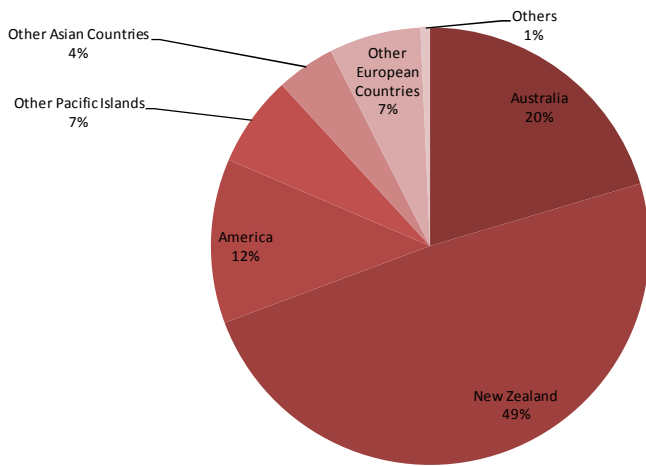
- Total air visitor arrivals in April 2015 were 3,642 an increase of 8.3% compared to April 2014 (3,363)

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



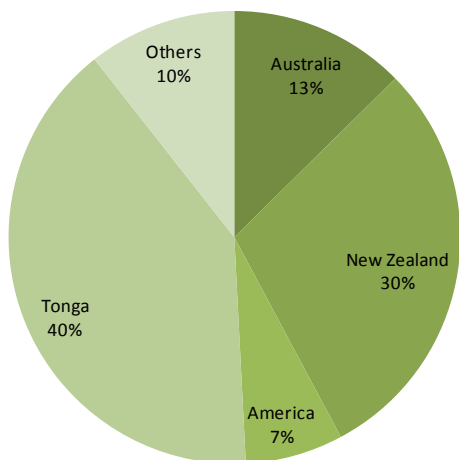
- Holiday/Vacation made up 23.1% (843) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of April.
- 43.7% (1,592) of the total visitors were here to visit Relatives/friends
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 8.0% (293) and those with other reasons were 4.8% (173)

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



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 48.9% (1,780) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 20.4 % (744), and USA 12.1% (442)

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



- Most of the persons departing in the month of April were persons residing in Tonga (2,576) followed by New Zealand (1,898) and Australia (808)

## 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)
<b>2010</b>																	
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
<b>2011</b>																	
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
<b>2012</b>																	
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	(1,113)
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
<b>2013</b>																	
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
<b>2014</b>																	
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	307	8,233	6,588	1,759	381	8,728	(495)
November	3,488	199	81	3,768	2,559			2,559	6,047	199	81	6,327	5,892	199	155	6,246	81
December	7,301	303	8	7,612	2,206			2,206	9,507	303	8	9,818	8,356	303	13	8,672	1,146
<b>2015</b>																	
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)
February	2,381	2,373	23	4,777	2,119			2,119	4,500	2,373	23	6,896	5,498	2,373	7	7,878	(982)
March	2,944	2,011	6	4,961	2,277			2,277	5,221	2,011	6	7,238	5,635	2,011	9	7,655	(417)
April	3,642	1,940	31	5,613	2,277			2,277	5,919	1,940	31	7,890	6,408	1,940	30	8,378	(488)

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

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	237	117	120	161	81	80	76	36	40
5-9	199	109	90	132	74	58	67	35	32
10-14	190	104	86	111	64	47	79	40	39
15-19	248	127	121	154	77	77	94	50	44
20-24	431	214	217	212	92	120	219	122	97
25-29	525	276	249	309	138	171	216	138	78
30-34	520	291	229	309	169	140	211	122	89
35-39	499	274	225	296	166	130	203	108	95
40-44	508	291	217	296	177	119	212	114	98
45-49	606	327	279	378	208	170	228	119	109
50-54	572	309	263	381	211	170	191	98	93
55-59	456	227	229	294	157	137	162	70	92
60-64	357	193	164	245	140	105	112	53	59
65-69	244	132	112	173	92	81	71	40	31
70-74	155	79	76	101	57	44	54	22	32
75+	172	86	86	90	49	41	82	37	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,919</b>	<b>3,156</b>	<b>2,763</b>	<b>3,642</b>	<b>1,952</b>	<b>1,690</b>	<b>2,277</b>	<b>1,204</b>	<b>1,073</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>18.1</b>

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

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	744	20.4	119	63	413	38	111
New Zealand	1,780	48.9	385	79	874	48	394
Fiji	170	4.7	7	41	40	40	42
American Samoa	10	0.3	1	3	6	-	-
Western Samoa	6	0.2	-	1	3	-	2
Other Pacific Islands	59	1.6	2	20	15	3	19
Japan	30	0.8	16	1	3	6	4
China	56	1.5	8	16	8	8	16
India	4	0.1	1	3	-	-	-
Korea	13	0.4	2	2	3	-	6
Other Asian Countries	55	1.5	11	20	6	1	17
UK	76	2.1	46	4	11	3	12
Germany	52	1.4	30	3	4	1	14
France	29	0.8	11	3	4	-	11
Italy	3	0.1	-	1	1	-	1
Other European Countries	87	2.4	58	9	6	1	13
All African Countries	11	0.3	1	1	-	1	8
United States of America	442	12.1	141	20	190	23	68
Canada	8	0.2	1	-	5	-	2
Other American Countries	7	0.2	3	3	-	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,642</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>1,592</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>741</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>23.1</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>43.7</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>20.3</b>

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

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	82	3.2	143	3.7	225	3.5
5 - 9	82	3.2	156	4.1	238	3.7
10 - 14	95	3.7	142	3.7	237	3.7
15 - 19	105	4.1	191	5.0	296	4.6
20 - 24	221	8.6	227	5.9	448	7.0
25 - 29	281	10.9	318	8.3	599	9.3
30 - 34	260	10.1	329	8.6	589	9.2
35 - 39	228	8.9	333	8.7	561	8.8
40 - 44	259	10.1	341	8.9	600	9.4
45 - 49	269	10.4	387	10.1	656	10.2
50 - 54	224	8.7	357	9.3	581	9.1
55 - 59	158	6.1	295	7.7	453	7.1
60 - 64	113	4.4	239	6.2	352	5.5
65 - 69	79	3.1	170	4.4	249	3.9
70 - 74	54	2.1	112	2.9	166	2.6
75+	66	2.6	92	2.4	158	2.5
<b>All Ages</b>	<b>2,576</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,832</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,408</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>YACHT</b>	-	-	30	0	30	0
<b>CRUISE SHIP</b>	-	-	1,940	0	1940	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,576</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,802</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,378</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution		No.
Australia	433	12.4	375	12.9	808	12.6
New Zealand	986	28.1	912	31.4	1,898	29.6
Fiji	90	2.6	56	1.9	146	2.3
American Samoa	6	0.2	1	0.0	7	0.1
Western Samoa	7	0.2	3	0.1	10	0.2
Tonga	1,442	41.1	1,134	39.1	2,576	40.2
Other Pacific Islands	39	1.1	15	0.5	54	0.8
Japan	24	0.7	13	0.4	37	0.6
China	41	1.2	13	0.4	54	0.8
India	5	0.1	1	0.0	6	0.1
Korea	7	0.2	5	0.2	12	0.2
Other Asian Countries	41	1.2	15	0.5	56	0.9
UK	41	1.2	44	1.5	85	1.3
Germany	25	0.7	37	1.3	62	1.0
France	17	0.5	16	0.6	33	0.5
Italy	3	0.1	3	0.1	6	0.1
Other European Countries	51	1.5	38	1.3	89	1.4
All African Countries	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.0
United States of America	240	6.8	207	7.1	447	7.0
Canada	2	0.1	9	0.3	11	0.2
Other American Countries	4	0.1	5	0.2	9	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,506</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,902</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,408</b>	<b>100.0</b>