



Government of Tonga

INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES May 2015

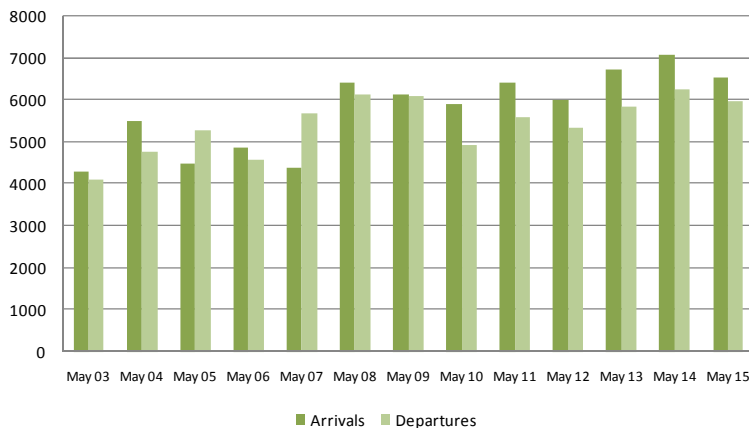
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Statistical Bulletin

Month of May 2015	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	7,268	-7.9	-3.9
Air Visitors	3,820	4.9	-8.8
Air Returning Residents	2,690	18.1	-6.3
Cruise Ships	555	-71.4	113.5
Yachts	203	554.8	-16.5
All Departures	6,612	-21.1	0.5

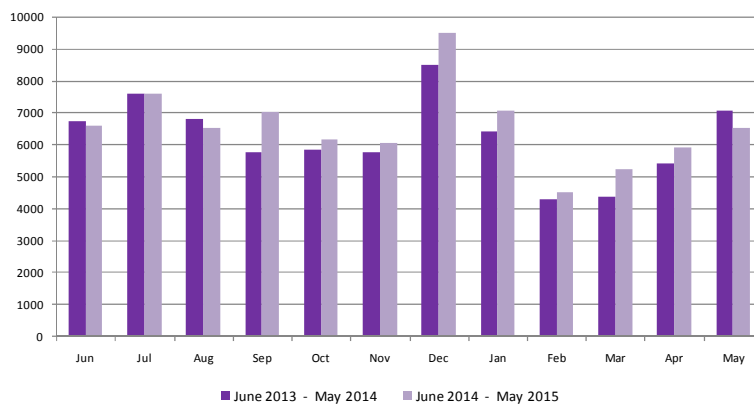
- A decline of 7.9% of all arrivals (7,268) compared to the previous month of April 2015 (7,890)
- An increase of 4.9% of all air visitors (3,820) compared to April 2015 (3,642)
- An increase of 18.1% of Returning Residents (2,690) compared to April 2015 (2,277).
- A decline of 71.4% (555) of arrivals by cruise ships compared to previous month (1,940).
- An increase of 554.8% of yacht arrivals compared to the previous month
- A decline of 21.1% of all departures from April 2015

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



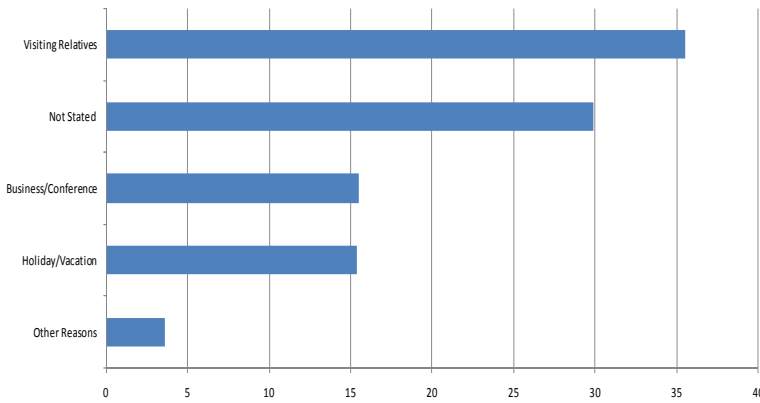
- Total air arrivals in May 2015 were 6,510 a decline of 7.8% compared to May 2014 (7,061).
- Total air departures of 5,968 in May 2015, again a decline of 4.2% compared to May 2014 (6,228)

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



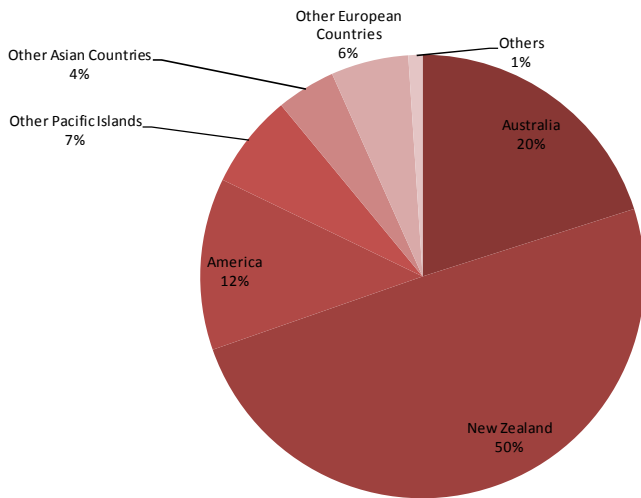
- Total air visitor arrivals in May 2015 were 3,820 a decline of 8.8% compared to May 2014 (4,189)

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



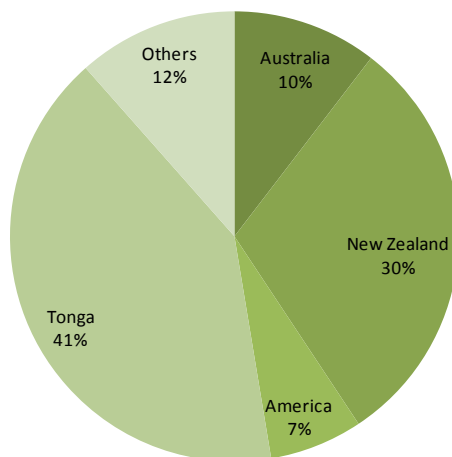
- Holiday/Vacation made up 15.4% (556) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of May.
- 35.5% (1,278) of the total visitors were here to visit Relatives/friends
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 15.5% (560) and those with other reasons were 3.6% (131)

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



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 49.6% (1,785) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 20.0 % (722), and USA 12.5% (451)

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



- Most of the persons departing in the month of May were persons residing in Tonga (2,452) followed by New Zealand (1,809) and Australia (620)

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 May, 2015

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	255	141	114	179	104	75	75	37	38
5-9	186	90	95	135	63	72	51	28	23
10-14	119	55	64	72	29	43	47	27	20
15-19	182	94	88	110	43	67	72	51	21
20-24	544	320	224	216	91	125	328	229	99
25-29	640	415	225	286	162	124	353	253	101
30-34	633	359	275	328	160	168	306	198	107
35-39	556	360	196	306	189	117	250	171	80
40-44	582	351	231	319	189	130	263	162	101
45-49	680	390	290	418	228	190	262	162	100
50-54	610	359	251	408	245	163	202	114	88
55-59	546	291	256	374	203	172	172	88	84
60-64	384	224	160	259	163	95	125	60	65
65-69	278	164	114	203	117	86	75	48	28
70-74	153	85	68	104	65	39	49	20	29
75+	161	77	84	102	58	43	59	19	40
Total	6,510	3,776	2,734	3,820	2,109	1,711	2,690	1,667	1,023
% Distribution	100.0	58.0	42.0	58.7	32.4	26.3	41.3	25.6	15.7

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

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	766	20.1	122	142	308	22	172
New Zealand	1,894	49.6	257	233	743	55	605
Fiji	153	4.0	7	50	22	19	54
American Samoa	17	0.4	1	7	6	1	1
Western Samoa	29	0.7	1	14	8	1	4
Other Pacific Islands	64	1.7	3	33	12	1	15
Japan	27	0.7	2	2	4	4	14
China	55	1.4	4	1	1	10	39
India	8	0.2	-	-	-	2	6
Korea	16	0.4	6	1	1	2	5
Other Asian Countries	58	1.5	6	10	3	4	35
UK	48	1.2	18	1	4	4	20
Germany	59	1.6	38	-	2	-	19
France	31	0.8	15	1	1	-	14
Italy	11	0.3	8	1	-	-	1
Other European Countries	68	1.8	41	1	3	1	21
All African Countries	3	0.1	-	-	1	-	2
United States of America	478	12.5	50	91	234	10	93
Canada	28	0.7	1	4	1	2	19
Other American Countries	8	0.2	7	1	-	-	-
Total	3,820	100.0	590	594	1,356	139	1,141
% Distribution	100.0		15.4	15.5	35.5	3.6	29.9

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

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	73	3.0	184	5.2	257	4.3
5 - 9	60	2.4	104	3.0	164	2.7
10 - 14	33	1.3	59	1.7	92	1.5
15 - 19	70	2.9	98	2.8	168	2.8
20 - 24	215	8.8	205	5.8	420	7.0
25 - 29	256	10.4	285	8.1	541	9.1
30 - 34	275	11.2	316	9.0	591	9.9
35 - 39	279	11.4	293	8.3	572	9.6
40 - 44	271	11.1	284	8.1	555	9.3
45 - 49	264	10.8	368	10.5	632	10.6
50 - 54	182	7.4	392	11.1	574	9.6
55 - 59	166	6.8	349	9.9	515	8.6
60 - 64	112	4.6	246	7.0	358	6.0
65 - 69	87	3.5	179	5.1	266	4.5
70 - 74	53	2.2	76	2.2	129	2.2
75+	56	2.3	78	2.2	134	2.2
All Ages	2,452	100.0	3,516	100.0	5,968	100.0
YACHT	-	-	89	0	89	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	555	0	555	0
Total	2,576	100.0	4,160	100.0	6,612	100.0

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

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution		
Australia	342	10.1	278	10.8	620	10.4
New Zealand	968	28.5	841	32.7	1,809	30.3
Fiji	104	3.1	56	2.2	160	2.7
American Samoa	11	0.3	4	0.2	15	0.3
Western Samoa	19	0.6	7	0.3	26	0.4
Tonga	1,434	42.2	1,018	39.6	2,452	41.1
Other Pacific Islands	38	1.1	19	0.7	57	1.0
Japan	22	0.6	11	0.4	33	0.6
China	20	0.6	5	0.2	25	0.4
India	6	0.2	1	0.0	7	0.1
Korea	8	0.2	7	0.3	15	0.3
Other Asian Countries	40	1.2	16	0.6	56	0.9
UK	27	0.8	22	0.9	49	0.8
Germany	40	1.2	25	1.0	65	1.1
France	18	0.5	13	0.5	31	0.5
Italy	5	0.1	5	0.2	10	0.2
Other European Countries	53	1.6	34	1.3	87	1.5
All African Countries	6	0.2	4	0.2	10	0.2
United States of America	213	6.3	187	7.3	400	6.7
Canada	18	0.5	9	0.4	27	0.5
Other American Countries	7	0.2	7	0.3	14	0.2
Total	3,399	100.0	2,569	100.0	5,968	100.0