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Month of December 2015	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	11,374	69.6	15.8
Air Visitors	8,444	137.9	15.7
Air Returning Residents	2,830	2.2	28.3
Cruise Ships	100	-65.6	-67.0
Yachts	-	0.0	0.0
All Departures	9,949	37.2	14.7

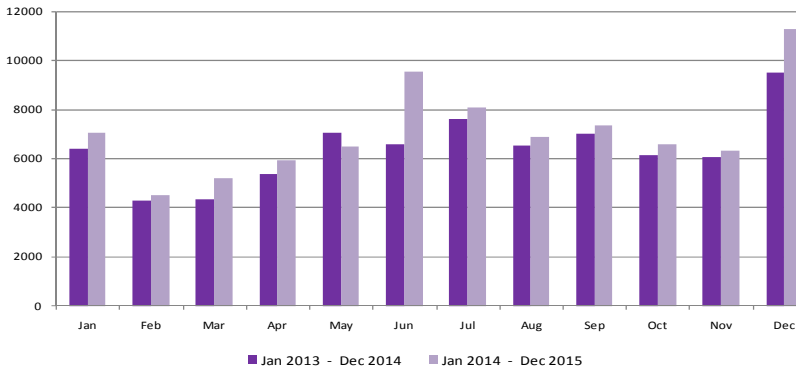
- An increase of 69.6% of all arrivals (11,374) compared to the previous month of November 2015 (6,706)
- An increase of 137.9% of all air visitors (8,444) compared to November 2015 (3,550)
- An increase of 2.2% of Returning Residents (2,830) compared to November 2015 (2,769).
- A decline of 65.6% of arrivals by cruise ship in the month of December, 2015 compared to November 2015
- There were no arrival by yachts for the month of December 2015
- An increase of 37.2% of all departures from November 2015

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



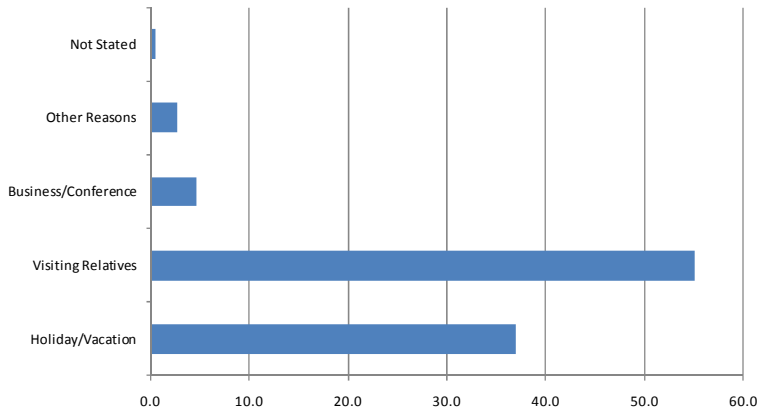
- Total air arrivals in December 2015 were 11,274 an increase of 18.6% compared to December 2014 (9,507).
- Total air departures of 9,844 in December 2015, an increase of 17.8% compared to December 2014 (8,356)

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



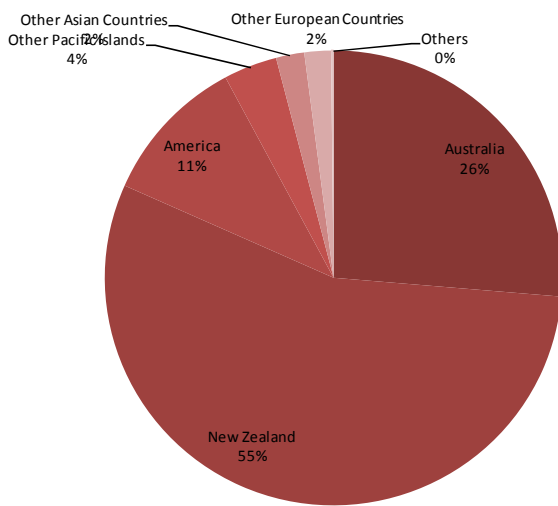
- Total air visitor arrivals in December 2015 were 8,444 an increase of 15.7% compared to December 2014 (7,301)

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



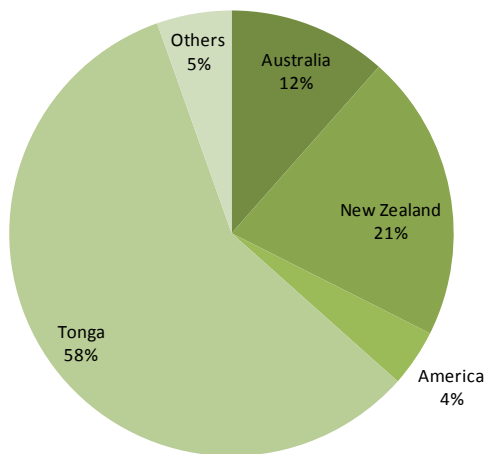
- Holiday/Vacation made up 37.0% (3,122) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of December.
- 55.1% (4,652) of the total visitors were here to visit Relatives/friends
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 4.7% (396) and those with other reasons were 2.7% (228)

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



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 55.3% (4,671) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 26.3 % (2,222), and USA 10.5% (888)

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



- Most of the persons departing in the month of December were persons residing in Tonga (5,652) followed by New Zealand (2,040) and Australia (1,125)

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)
2015	53,752	17,375	1,426	72,553	31,517			31,517	85,269	17,375	1,426	104,070	86,574	17,383	1,422	105,379	(1,309)
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</									

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

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	695	348	347	593	297	296	102	51	51
5-9	702	356	346	639	323	316	63	33	30
10-14	767	391	376	696	353	343	71	38	33
15-19	890	416	474	736	309	427	154	107	47
20-24	984	435	549	646	251	395	338	184	154
25-29	938	497	441	609	291	318	329	206	123
30-34	943	498	445	641	306	335	302	192	110
35-39	787	423	364	498	249	249	289	174	115
40-44	864	491	373	608	327	281	256	164	92
45-49	1,040	556	484	780	396	384	260	160	100
50-54	850	440	410	669	336	333	181	104	77
55-59	662	325	337	496	235	261	166	90	76
60-64	462	225	237	342	173	169	120	52	68
65-69	318	167	151	229	123	106	89	44	45
70-74	183	91	92	135	69	66	48	22	26
75+	189	82	107	127	53	74	62	29	33
Total	11,274	5,741	5,533	8,444	4,091	4,353	2,830	1,650	1,180
% Distribution	100.0	50.9	49.1	74.9	36.3	38.6	25.1	14.6	10.5

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

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	2,222	26.3	831	83	1,255	46	7
New Zealand	4,671	55.3	1,626	178	2,731	107	29
Fiji	215	2.5	50	61	84	19	1
American Samoa	15	0.2	4	1	10	-	-
Western Samoa	30	0.4	8	1	20	-	1
Other Pacific Islands	60	0.7	23	2	32	3	-
Japan	46	0.5	24	9	9	4	-
China	90	1.1	49	22	2	17	-
India	4	0.0	-	-	3	1	-
Korea	4	0.0	-	4	-	-	-
Other Asian Countries	25	0.3	9	7	6	3	-
UK	38	0.5	26	-	12	-	-
Germany	32	0.4	29	-	2	-	1
France	17	0.2	11	-	6	-	-
Italy	3	0.0	2	-	1	-	-
Other European Countries	69	0.8	62	-	7	-	-
All African Countries	1	0.0	-	-	-	1	-
United States of America	888	10.5	356	27	471	27	7
Canada	10	0.1	9	1	-	-	-
Other American Countries	4	0.0	3	-	1	-	-
Total	8,444	100.0	3,122	396	4,652	228	46
% Distribution	100.0		37.0	4.7	55.1	2.7	0.5

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

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	310	5.5	245	5.8	555	5.6
5 - 9	429	7.6	205	4.9	634	6.4
10 - 14	640	11.3	205	4.9	845	8.6
15 - 19	725	12.8	307	7.3	1032	10.5
20 - 24	482	8.5	342	8.2	824	8.4
25 - 29	427	7.6	352	8.4	779	7.9
30 - 34	413	7.3	356	8.5	769	7.8
35 - 39	417	7.4	267	6.4	684	6.9
40 - 44	376	6.7	307	7.3	683	6.9
45 - 49	371	6.6	403	9.6	774	7.9
50 - 54	282	5.0	376	9.0	658	6.7
55 - 59	240	4.2	293	7.0	533	5.4
60 - 64	197	3.5	217	5.2	414	4.2
65 - 69	137	2.4	149	3.6	286	2.9
70 - 74	104	1.8	95	2.3	199	2.0
75+	102	1.8	73	1.7	175	1.8
All Ages	5,652	100.0	4,192	100.0	9,844	100.0
YACHT	-	-	5	0	5	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	100	0	100	0
Total	5,652	100	4,297	100	9,949	100

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

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution		
Australia	536	11.1	589	11.7	1,125	11.4
New Zealand	936	19.5	1,104	21.9	2,040	20.7
Fiji	120	2.5	78	1.5	198	2.0
American Samoa	1	0.0	4	0.1	5	0.1
Western Samoa	8	0.2	2	0.0	10	0.1
Tonga	2,736	56.9	2,916	57.9	5,652	57.4
Other Pacific Islands	21	0.4	6	0.1	27	0.3
Japan	27	0.6	9	0.2	36	0.4
China	52	1.1	23	0.5	75	0.8
India	4	0.1	-	-	4	0.0
Korea	1	0.0	3	0.1	4	0.0
Other Asian Countries	19	0.4	3	0.1	22	0.2
UK	12	0.2	14	0.3	26	0.3
Germany	19	0.4	11	0.2	30	0.3
France	7	0.1	7	0.1	14	0.1
Italy	1	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.0
Other European Countries	31	0.6	24	0.5	55	0.6
All African Countries	2	0.0	-	-	2	0.0
United States of America	268	5.6	232	4.6	500	5.1
Canada	5	0.1	5	0.1	10	0.1
Other American Countries	5	0.1	2	0.0	7	0.1
Total	4,811	100.0	5,033	100.0	9,844	100.0