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PREFACE

This bulletin is produced by the Statistics Department on monthly migration statistics of the Kingdom for the month of March 2016. It shows the international arrivals and departures by months back to January 2010, mode of transportation, type of passengers, purpose of visit, age group of passengers and some charts for analysis purposes.

The data is extracted from the arrival and departure cards of the Immigration Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Customs Department's vessel & yacht log book.

This bulletin also presents information relating to gender of passengers and country of usual residence, and country visited.

Special thanks are extended to the Immigration Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Customs Department of the Ministry of Revenue Services, Airport Terminal Services, Tonga Airport Limited and Ports Authority for their assistance in providing their administrative information relating to these statistics. I am also grateful particularly to my staff members who contributed to the compilation of this report.

Any suggestions that recipients of this bulletin wish to make for its future improvement will be welcome by the Statistics Department.

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INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES March 2016

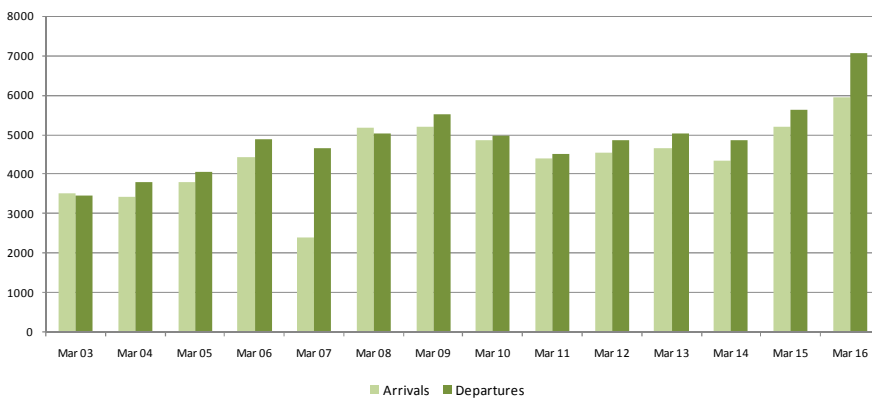
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Month of March 2016	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	7,383	-35.5	2.0
Air Visitors	3,315	1.7	12.6
Air Returning Residents	2,653	-2.5	16.5
Cruise Ships	1,411	-74.2	-29.8
Yachts	4	0.0	-33.3
All Departures	8,488	-35.0	10.9

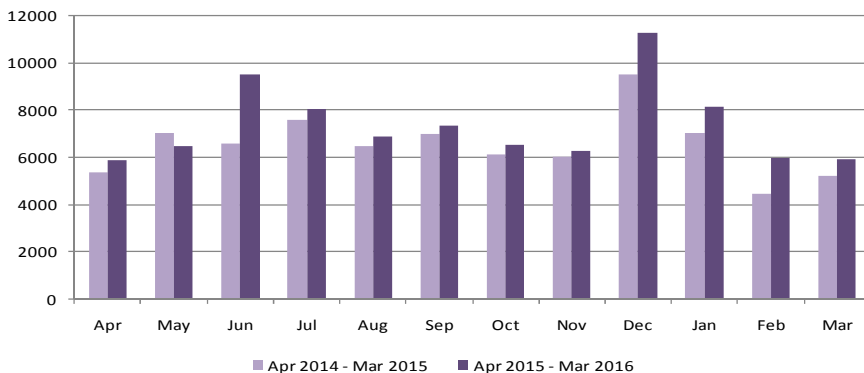
- A decline of 35.5% of all arrivals (7,383) compared to the previous month of February 2016 (11,453)
- An increase of 1.7% of all air visitors (3,315) compared to February 2016 (3,259)
- A decline of 2.5% (2,653) of returning residents compared to previous month (2,720)
- A decline of 74.2% (1,411) of Cruise Ship passengers compared to the previous month (5,474)
- There were only 4 arrivals by yacht for March 2016
- A decline of 35.0% of all departures from February 2016.

Fig. 1: March Air Arrivals and Departures 2003 - 2016



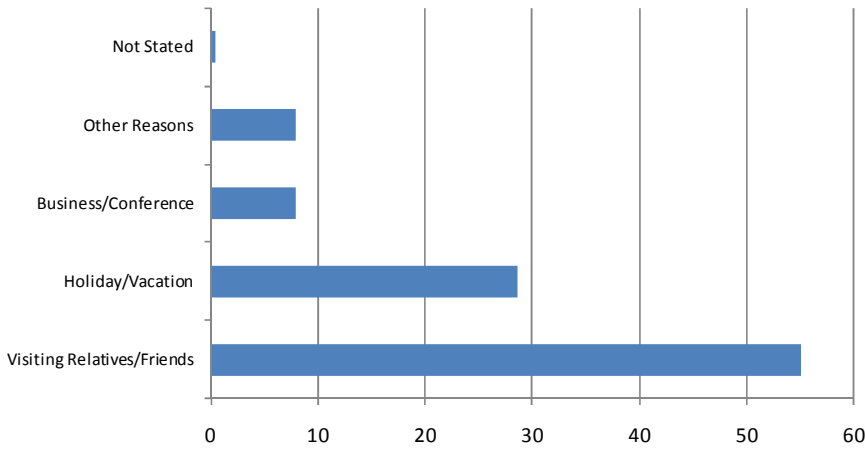
- Total air arrivals in March 2016 were 5,968 an increase of 14.3% compared to March 2015 (5,221).
- Total air departures of 7,073 in March 2016, an increase of 25.5% compared to March 2015 (5,635)

Fig2. Monthly Air Arrivals vs the corresponding month of the previous year.



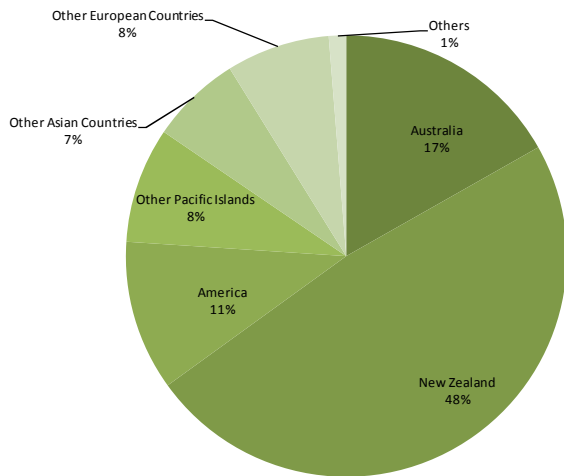
- Total air visitor arrivals in March 2016 were 3,315 an increase of 12.6% compared to March 2015 (2,944)

Fig. 3: Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit March, 2016



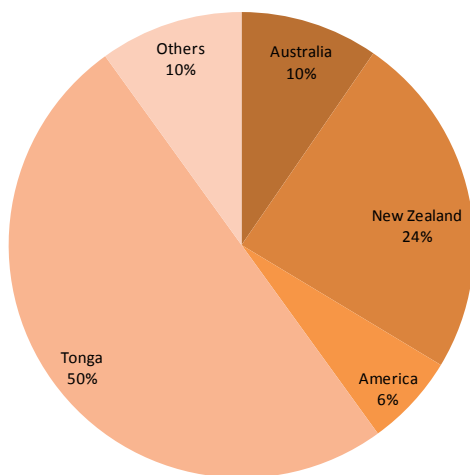
- Visiting Relatives/Friends made up 55.1% (1,827) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of March.
- 28.6% (947) of the total visitors were here on Holiday/Vacation
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 7.9% (263) and those with other reasons were 8.4% (278)

Fig. 4: Air visitors by Country of Usual Residence March, 2016



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 48.2% (1,565) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 16.8 % (664), and USA 11.0% (394)

Fig. 5: Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence March, 2016



- Most of the persons departing in the month of March were residents of Tonga (3,539) followed by New Zealand (1,698) and Australia (676)

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 March, 2016

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	235	131	104	138	79	59	97	52	45
5-9	176	91	85	101	53	48	75	38	37
10-14	135	73	62	76	42	34	59	31	28
15-19	178	88	90	94	40	54	84	48	36
20-24	438	197	241	189	67	122	249	130	119
25-29	540	272	268	288	122	166	252	150	102
30-34	622	340	282	332	181	151	290	159	131
35-39	513	280	233	280	150	130	233	130	103
40-44	534	271	263	301	156	145	233	115	118
45-49	606	340	266	347	179	168	259	161	98
50-54	547	303	244	327	178	149	220	125	95
55-59	471	240	231	289	150	139	182	90	92
60-64	357	198	159	213	122	91	144	76	68
65-69	300	161	139	169	99	70	131	62	69
70-74	151	73	78	94	52	42	57	21	36
75+	165	86	79	77	45	32	88	41	47
Total	5,968	3,144	2,824	3,315	1,715	1,600	2,653	1,429	1,224
% Distribution	100.0	52.7	47.3	55.5	28.7	26.8	44.5	23.9	20.5

Table 3. Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit March, 2016

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	664	16.8	165	31	416	52	-
New Zealand	1,565	48.2	388	104	977	89	7
Fiji	134	5.9	10	38	53	32	1
American Samoa	14	0.2	1	1	12	-	-
Western Samoa	16	0.7	1	2	12	1	-
Other Pacific Islands	29	1.7	4	6	11	7	1
Japan	90	2.1	38	17	23	12	-
China	89	1.7	24	32	12	20	1
India	4	0.3	2	2	-	-	-
Korea	2	1.2	-	-	2	-	-
Other Asian Countries	26	1.4	6	8	6	6	-
UK	61	1.8	47	3	8	3	-
Germany	74	2.4	54	3	16	1	-
France	16	0.3	9	-	6	1	-
Italy	12	0.1	8	-	4	-	-
Other European Countries	90	3.0	77	1	11	1	-
All African Countries	1	0.2	-	1	-	-	-
United States of America	394	11.0	90	11	250	41	2
Canada	22	0.7	16	1	5	-	-
Other American Countries	12	0.4	7	2	3	-	-
Total	3,315	100	947	263	1,827	266	12
% Distribution	100.0		28.6	7.9	55.1	8.0	0.4

Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for March, 2016

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	138	3.9	151	4.3	289	4.1
5 - 9	101	2.9	116	3.3	217	3.1
10 - 14	73	2.1	67	1.9	140	2.0
15 - 19	101	2.9	84	2.4	185	2.6
20 - 24	406	11.5	225	6.4	631	8.9
25 - 29	406	11.5	303	8.6	709	10.0
30 - 34	413	11.7	354	10.0	767	10.8
35 - 39	358	10.1	314	8.9	672	9.5
40 - 44	310	8.8	301	8.5	611	8.6
45 - 49	343	9.7	364	10.3	707	10.0
50 - 54	279	7.9	369	10.4	648	9.2
55 - 59	208	5.9	299	8.5	507	7.2
60 - 64	163	4.6	223	6.3	386	5.5
65 - 69	111	3.1	175	5.0	286	4.0
70 - 74	71	2.0	105	3.0	176	2.5
75+	58	1.6	84	2.4	142	2.0
All Ages	3,539	100.0	3,534	100.0	7,073	100.0
YACHT	-	-	4	0	4	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	1,411	0	1411	0
Total	3,539	100.0	4,949	100.0	8,488	100.0

Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender March, 2016

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution		
Australia	321	8.4	355	10.9	676	9.6
New Zealand	808	21.2	890	27.2	1,698	24.0
Fiji	93	2.4	70	2.1	163	2.3
American Samoa	4	0.1	10	0.3	14	0.2
Western Samoa	9	0.2	7	0.2	16	0.2
Tonga	2,010	52.9	1,529	46.8	3,539	50.0
Other Pacific Islands	28	0.7	14	0.4	42	0.6
Japan	59	1.6	30	0.9	89	1.3
China	50	1.3	17	0.5	67	0.9
India	3	0.1	1	0.0	4	0.1
Korea	1	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.0
Other Asian Countries	17	0.4	11	0.3	28	0.4
UK	29	0.8	32	1.0	61	0.9
Germany	34	0.9	31	0.9	65	0.9
France	6	0.2	11	0.3	17	0.2
Italy	9	0.2	2	0.1	11	0.2
Other European Countries	43	1.1	36	1.1	79	1.1
All African Countries	1	0.0	-	-	1	0.0
United States of America	254	6.7	202	6.2	456	6.4
Canada	17	0.4	12	0.4	29	0.4
Other American Countries	7	0.2	9	0.3	16	0.2
Total	3,803	100.0	3,270	100.0	7,073	100.0



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