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## PREFACE

This bulletin is produced by the Statistics Department on monthly migration statistics of the Kingdom for the month of August 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.

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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 August 2016

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## Statistical Bulletin

Month of	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
August 2016			
All Arrivals	10,324	17.0	44.9
Air Visitors	5,880	-3.7	22.3
Air Returning Residents	2,736	8.0	31.2
Cruise Ships	1,394	0.0	0.0
Yachts	314	67.9	35.9
All Departures	8,649	-12.3	10.7

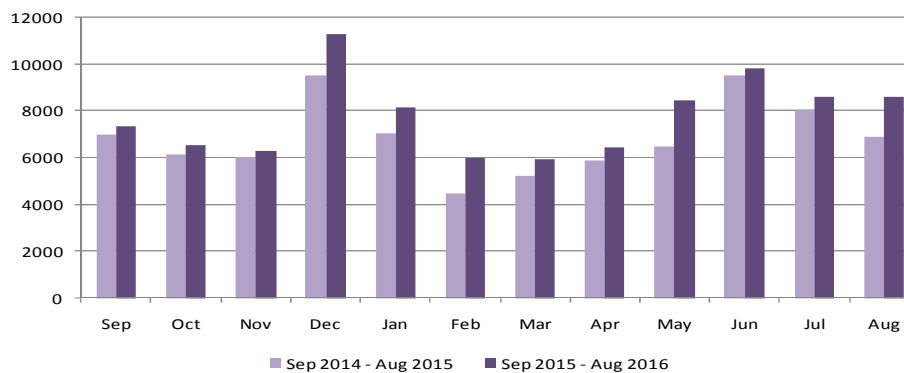
- An increase of 17.0% of all arrivals (10,324) compared to the previous month of July 2016 (8,823)
- A decline of 3.7% of all air visitors (5,880) compared to July 2016 (6,103)
- An increase of 8.0% (2,736) of returning residents compared to previous month (2,533)
- There were 1,394 arrivals by cruise ship for the month of August 2016
- Again an increase of 67.9% (314) of arrivals by yacht compared to previous month (187)
- A decline of 12.3% of all departures from July 2016.

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



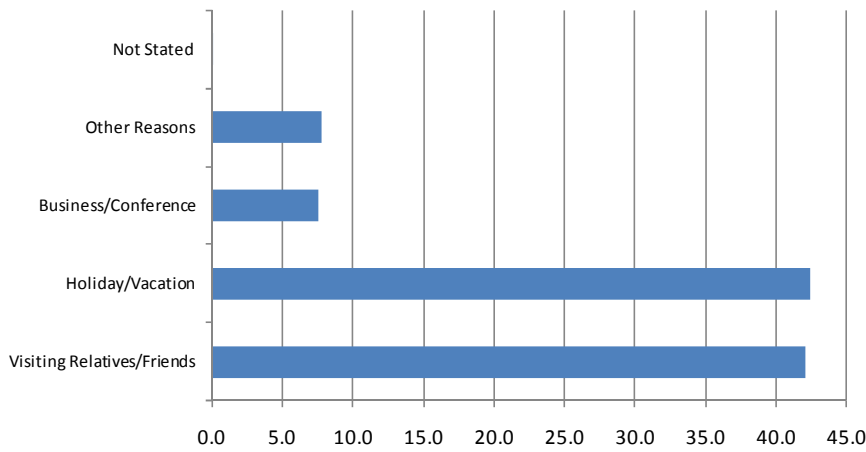
- Total air arrivals in August 2016 were 8,616 an increase of 25.0% compared to August 2015 (6,894).
- Total air departures of 7,033 in August 2016, a decline of 7.5% compared to August 2015 (7,606)

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



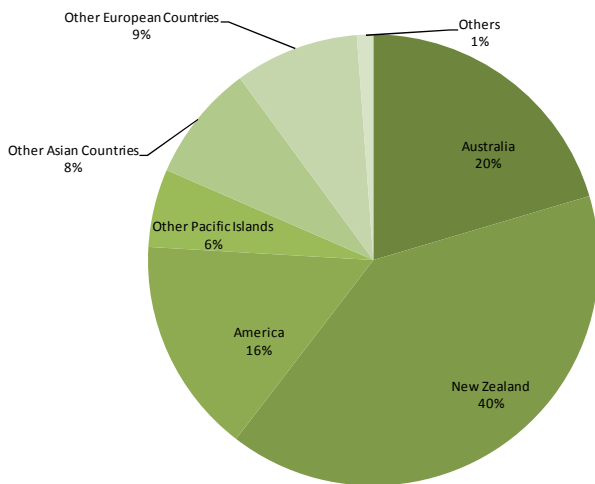
- Total air visitor arrivals in August 2016 were 5,880 an increase of 22.3% compared to August 2015 (4,809)

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



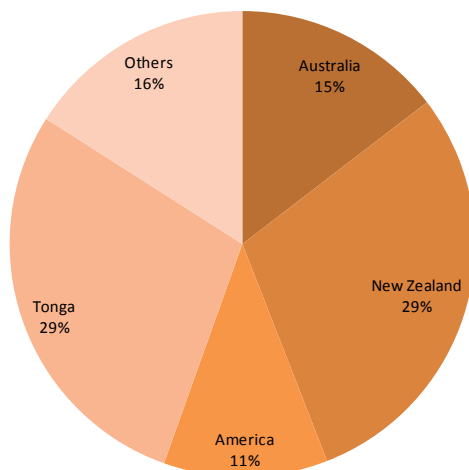
- 42.4% (2,495) of the total visitors were here on Holiday/Vacation
- Visiting Relatives/Friends made up 42.0% (2,470) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of August
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 7.6% (446) and those with other reasons were 7.8% (461)

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



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 40.0% (2,352) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 20.4 % (1,200), and USA 15.5% (914)

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



- Most of the persons departing in the month of August were residents of New Zealand (2,073) followed by Tongans (2,009) and Australia (1,026)

## 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, 2011 - 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)
<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)
May	3,820	555	203	4,578	2,690			2,690	6,510	555	203	7,268	5,968	555	89	6,612	656
June	5,898	1,757	155	7,810	3,652			3,652	9,550	1,757	155	11,462	5,600	1,757	251	7,608	3,854
July	5,961	-	176	6,137	2,115			2,115	8,076	-	176	8,252	10,489	-	143	10,632	(2,380)
August	4,809	-	231	5,040	2,085			2,085	6,894	-	231	7,125	7,606	-	206	7,812	(687)
September	4,915	1,953															

Table 2. Total Arrivals by Age, Type of Passangers and Gender August, 2016

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	297	147	150	201	96	105	96	51	45
5-9	200	98	102	145	69	76	55	29	26
10-14	192	90	102	153	68	85	39	22	17
15-19	244	115	129	164	75	89	80	40	40
20-24	672	341	331	361	145	216	311	196	115
25-29	801	397	404	487	205	282	314	192	122
30-34	858	473	385	539	257	282	319	216	103
35-39	786	439	347	506	257	249	280	182	98
40-44	764	432	332	509	276	233	255	156	99
45-49	907	511	396	611	326	285	296	185	111
50-54	873	473	400	655	357	298	218	116	102
55-59	725	388	337	570	298	272	155	90	65
60-64	558	299	259	433	231	202	125	68	57
65-69	372	231	141	301	193	108	71	38	33
70-74	204	110	94	146	83	63	58	27	31
75+	163	87	76	99	51	48	64	36	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,616</b>	<b>4,631</b>	<b>3,985</b>	<b>5,880</b>	<b>2,987</b>	<b>2,893</b>	<b>2,736</b>	<b>1,644</b>	<b>1,092</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>53.7</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>68.2</b>	<b>34.7</b>	<b>33.6</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>12.7</b>

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

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	1,200	20.4	610	70	467	53	
New Zealand	2,352	40.0	877	140	1140	194	1
Fiji	203	3.5	23	69	60	49	2
American Samoa	7	0.1			6	1	
Western Samoa	44	0.7	1	15	23	5	
Other Pacific Islands	74	1.3	9	34	28	3	-
Japan	164	2.8	114	13	29	7	1
China	188	3.2	60	42	61	25	
India	9	0.2	4	4		1	
Korea	45	0.8	9		21	15	
Other Asian Countries	88	1.5	59	10	11	8	-
UK	107	1.8	71	5	24	6	1
Germany	102	1.7	64	1	33	4	
France	48	0.8	33	6	9		
Italy	42	0.7	38		4		
Other European Countries	224	3.8	173	-	49	2	-
All African Countries	15	0.3	11	-	2	2	-
United States of America	914	15.5	305	31	491	84	3
Canada	37	0.6	24	5	7	1	
Other American Countries	17	0.3	10	1	5	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,880</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,495</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>2,470</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>42.4</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>

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

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Returning Residence</b>	<b>Percentage Distribution</b>	<b>Visitors</b>	<b>Percentage Distribution</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percentage Distribution</b>
0 - 4	87	4.3	193	3.8	280	4.0
5 - 9	42	2.1	168	3.3	210	3.0
10 - 14	30	1.5	152	3.0	182	2.6
15 - 19	62	3.1	163	3.2	225	3.2
20 - 24	240	11.9	303	6.0	543	7.7
25 - 29	199	9.9	409	8.1	608	8.6
30 - 34	188	9.4	427	8.5	615	8.7
35 - 39	185	9.2	444	8.8	629	8.9
40 - 44	196	9.8	423	8.4	619	8.8
45 - 49	209	10.4	472	9.4	681	9.7
50 - 54	140	7.0	521	10.4	661	9.4
55 - 59	150	7.5	467	9.3	617	8.8
60 - 64	116	5.8	389	7.7	505	7.2
65 - 69	64	3.2	276	5.5	340	4.8
70 - 74	49	2.4	122	2.4	171	2.4
75+	52	2.6	95	1.9	147	2.1
<b>All Ages</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,024</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,033</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>YACHT</b>	-	-	229	0	229	0
<b>CRUISE SHIP</b>	-	-	1,387	0	1,387	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,640</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,649</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

<b>Country of Usual Residence</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percent</b>
	<b>No.</b>	<b>Distribution</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Distribution</b>		<b>Distribution</b>
Australia	518	14.1	508	15.2	1,026	14.6
New Zealand	1,066	29.0	1,007	30.1	2,073	29.5
Fiji	120	3.3	60	1.8	180	2.6
American Samoa	5	0.1	4	0.1	9	0.1
Western Samoa	26	0.7	23	0.7	49	0.7
Tonga	1,081	29.4	928	27.7	2,009	28.6
Other Pacific Islands	65	1.8	35	1.0	100	1.4
Japan	50	1.4	53	1.6	103	1.5
China	50	1.4	35	1.0	85	1.2
India	1	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.0
Korea	15	0.4	17	0.5	32	0.5
Other Asian Countries	50	1.4	24	0.7	74	1.1
UK	66	1.8	58	1.7	124	1.8
Germany	30	0.8	33	1.0	63	0.9
France	25	0.7	20	0.6	45	0.6
Italy	14	0.4	15	0.4	29	0.4
Other European Countries	97	2.6	86	2.6	183	2.6
All African Countries	3	0.1	2	0.1	5	0.1
United States of America	377	10.2	425	12.7	802	11.4
Canada	13	0.4	13	0.4	26	0.4
Other American Countries	10	0.3	4	0.1	14	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,682</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,351</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,033</b>	<b>100.0</b>





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