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## PREFACE

This bulletin is produced by the Statistics Department on monthly migration statistics of the Kingdom for the month of September 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 September 2016

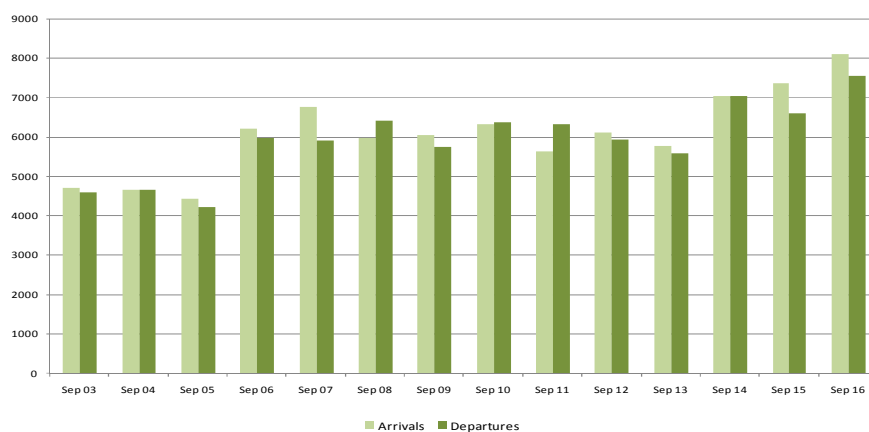
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Month of September 2016	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	8,451	-18.1	-12.0
Air Visitors	5,185	-11.8	5.5
Air Returning Residents	2,907	6.3	18.5
Cruise Ships	-	0.0	0.0
Yachts	359	14.3	27.3
All Departures	7,896	-8.7	-10.5

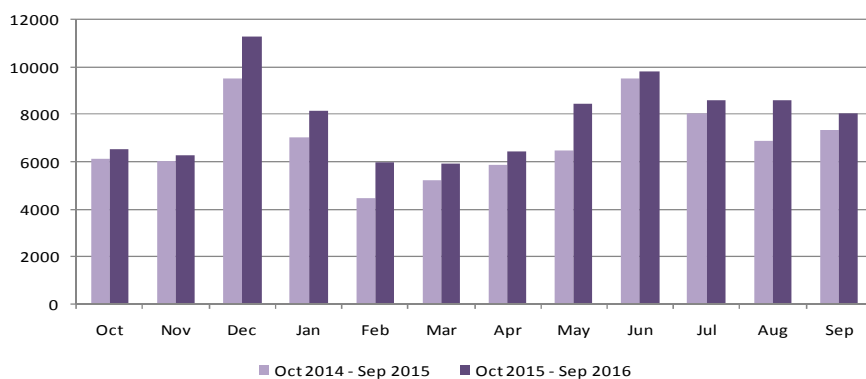
- A decline of 18.1% of all arrivals (8,451) compared to the previous month of August 2016 (10,324)
- A decline of 11.8% of all air visitors (5,185) compared to August 2016 (5,880)
- An increase of 6.3% (2,907) of returning residents compared to previous month (2,736)
- There were no Cruise Ship for the month of September, 2016
- Again an increase of 14.3% (359) of arrivals by yacht compared to previous month (314)
- A decline of 8.7% of all departures from August 2016.

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



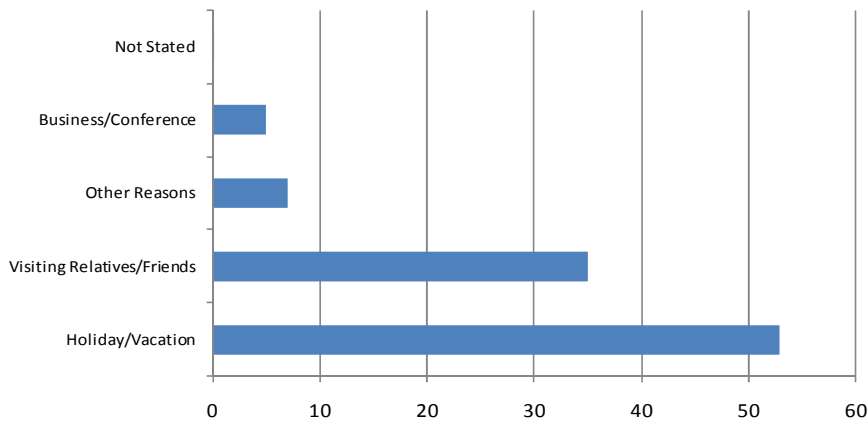
- Total air arrivals in September 2016 were 8,092 an increase of 9.8% compared to September 2015 (7,369).
- Total air departures of 7,555 in September 2016, an increase of 14.4% compared to September 2015 (6,604)

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



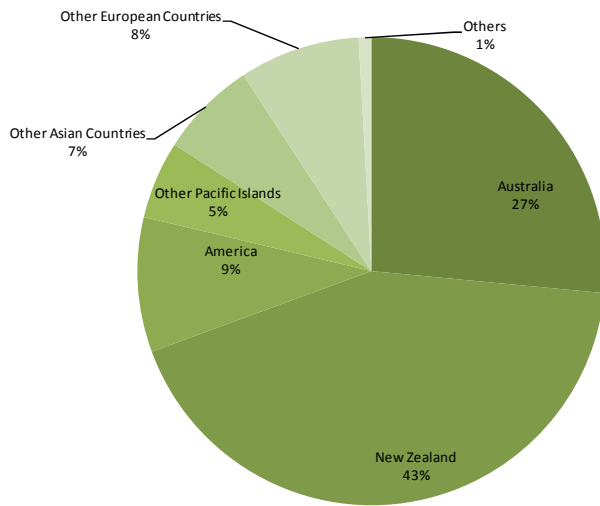
- Total air visitor arrivals in September 2016 were 5,185 an increase of 5.5% compared to September 2015 (4,915)

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



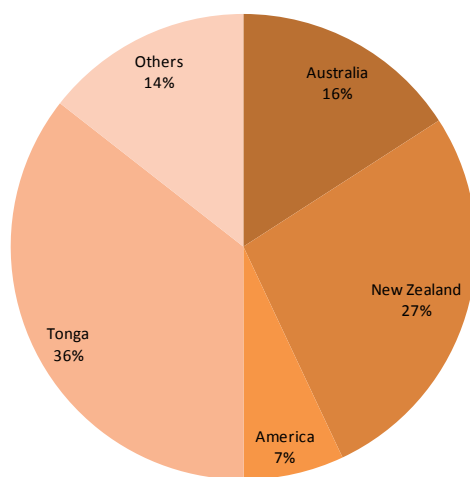
- 52.9% (2,741) of the total visitors were here on Holiday/Vacation
- Visiting Relatives/Friends made up 35.0% (1,816) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of September
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 5.0% (259) and those with other reasons were 7.0% (362)

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



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 42.9% (2,223) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 26.5% (1,375), and USA 9.3% (483)

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



- Most of the persons departing in the month of September were residents of Tonga (2,690) followed by New Zealand (2,044) and Australia (1,199)

## 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.

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**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	(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	282	7,150	2,454			2,454	7,369	1,953	282	9,604	6,604	1,958	260	8,822	782
October	4,045	3,460	203	7,708	2,529			2,529	6,574	3,460	203	10,237	7,326	3,463	251	11,040	(803)
November	3,550	291	96	3,937	2,769			2,769	6,319	291	96	6,706	6,817	291	142	7,250	(544)
December	8,444	100		8,544	2,830			2,830	11,274	100		11,374	9,844	100	5	9,949	1,425
<b>2016</b>																	
January	3,581			3,581	4,569			4,569	8,150			8,150	9,441		1	9,442	(1,292)
February	3,259	5,474		8,733	2,720			2,720	5,979	5,474		11,453	7,592	5,467		13,059	(1,606)
March	3,315	1,411	4	4,730	2,653			2,653	5,968	1,411	4	7,383	7,073	1,411	4	8,488	(1,105)
April	3,537	3,690	8	7,235	2,918			2,918	6,455	3,690	8	10,153	6,135	3,698	6	9,839	314
May	5,220		245	5,465	3,242			3,242	8,462		245	8,707	7,104		154	7,258	1,449
June	6,763	1,784	259	8,806	3,090												

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

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	294	144	150	206	100	106	88	44	44
5-9	209	99	110	160	69	91	49	30	19
10-14	216	117	99	173	90	83	43	27	16
15-19	367	217	150	254	130	124	113	87	26
20-24	524	273	251	255	106	149	269	167	102
25-29	792	447	345	424	202	222	368	245	123
30-34	840	465	375	500	246	254	340	219	121
35-39	768	446	322	451	249	202	317	197	120
40-44	737	404	333	456	234	222	281	170	111
45-49	827	444	383	535	269	266	292	175	117
50-54	778	408	370	565	280	285	213	128	85
55-59	616	328	288	429	225	204	187	103	84
60-64	446	259	187	317	189	128	129	70	59
65-69	334	181	153	233	131	102	101	50	51
70-74	191	108	83	136	80	56	55	28	27
75+	153	87	66	91	59	32	62	28	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,092</b>	<b>4,427</b>	<b>3,665</b>	<b>5,185</b>	<b>2,659</b>	<b>2,526</b>	<b>2,907</b>	<b>1,768</b>	<b>1,139</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>54.7</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>64.1</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>14.1</b>

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

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	1,375	26.5	798	46	445	84	2
New Zealand	2,223	42.9	1039	87	979	117	1
Fiji	217	4.2	58	46	64	49	0
American Samoa	10	0.2	4	0	5	0	1
Western Samoa	16	0.3	6	6	3	1	0
Other Pacific Islands	36	0.7	11	7	9	9	-
Japan	92	1.8	49	18	23	2	0
China	143	2.8	65	17	23	38	0
India	8	0.2	7	1	0	0	0
Korea	10	0.2	6	2	2	0	0
Other Asian Countries	94	1.8	58	6	14	16	-
UK	80	1.5	60	3	10	7	0
Germany	103	2.0	87	1	13	2	0
France	30	0.6	27	0	2	1	0
Italy	17	0.3	13	0	4	0	0
Other European Countries	203	3.9	189	3	11	-	-
All African Countries	6	0.1	4	1	-	1	-
United States of America	483	9.3	228	14	204	34	3
Canada	32	0.6	27	1	3	1	0
Other American Countries	7	0.1	5	-	2	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,185</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,741</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>1,816</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>52.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>

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

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	101	3.8	199	4.1	300	4.0
5 - 9	64	2.4	133	2.7	197	2.6
10 - 14	54	2.0	120	2.5	174	2.3
15 - 19	149	5.5	110	2.3	259	3.4
20 - 24	212	7.9	278	5.7	490	6.5
25 - 29	257	9.6	426	8.8	683	9.0
30 - 34	265	9.9	498	10.2	763	10.1
35 - 39	222	8.3	419	8.6	641	8.5
40 - 44	274	10.2	405	8.3	679	9.0
45 - 49	291	10.8	477	9.8	768	10.2
50 - 54	254	9.4	539	11.1	793	10.5
55 - 59	195	7.2	427	8.8	622	8.2
60 - 64	142	5.3	339	7.0	481	6.4
65 - 69	86	3.2	252	5.2	338	4.5
70 - 74	54	2.0	142	2.9	196	2.6
75+	70	2.6	101	2.1	171	2.3
<b>All Ages</b>	<b>2,690</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,865</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,555</b>	<b>100.0</b>
YACHT	-	-	341	0	341	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	-	0	-	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,690</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,206</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,896</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution
Australia	548	13.9	651	18.0	1,199	15.9
New Zealand	998	25.4	1,046	28.9	2,044	27.1
Fiji	132	3.4	54	1.5	186	2.5
American Samoa	5	0.1	8	0.2	13	0.2
Western Samoa	8	0.2	9	0.2	17	0.2
Tonga	1,470	37.4	1,220	33.7	2,690	35.6
Other Pacific Islands	20	0.5	14	0.4	34	0.5
Japan	82	2.1	58	1.6	140	1.9
China	68	1.7	34	0.9	102	1.4
India	9	0.2	-	-	9	0.1
Korea	13	0.3	9	0.2	22	0.3
Other Asian Countries	41	1.0	26	0.7	67	0.9
UK	53	1.3	34	0.9	87	1.2
Germany	60	1.5	63	1.7	123	1.6
France	25	0.6	16	0.4	41	0.5
Italy	8	0.2	3	0.1	11	0.1
Other European Countries	96	2.4	95	2.6	191	2.5
All African Countries	2	0.1	4	0.1	6	0.1
United States of America	269	6.8	262	7.2	531	7.0
Canada	18	0.5	13	0.4	31	0.4
Other American Countries	6	0.2	5	0.1	11	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,931</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,624</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,555</b>	<b>100.0</b>





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