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PREFACE

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

November 2016

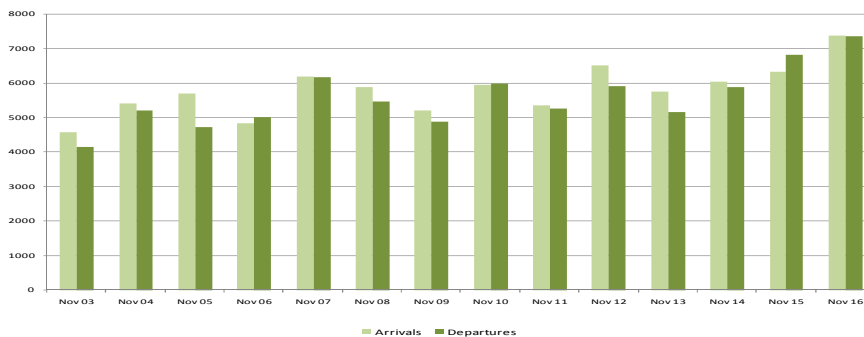
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Month of November 2016	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	7,642	-45.4	14.0
Air Visitors	3,881	-9.7	9.3
Air Returning Residents	3,497	21.2	26.3
Cruise Ships	176	-97.3	-39.5
Yachts	88	-74.3	-8.3
All Departures	7,657	-47.5	5.6

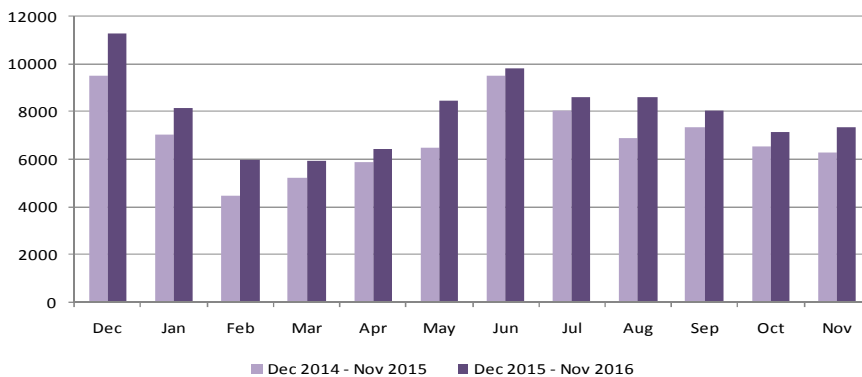
- A decline of 45.4% of all arrivals (7,642) compared to the previous month of October 2016 (13,997)
- A decline of 9.7% of all air visitors (3,881) compared to October 2016 (4,298)
- An increase of 21.2% (3,497) of returning residents compared to previous month (2,886)
- A decline of 97.3% (176) of arrivals by Cruise ships compared to previous month (6,630)
- Again a decline of 74.3% (88) of arrivals by yacht compared to previous month (342)
- A decline of 47.5% of all departures from October 2016.

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



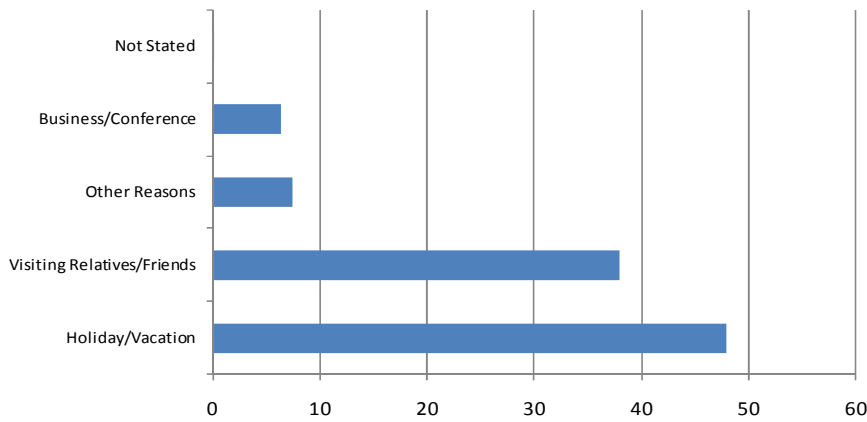
- Total air arrivals in November 2016 were 7,378 an increase of 16.8% compared to November 2015 (6,319).
- Total air departures of 7,349 in November 2016, an increase of 7.8% compared to November 2015 (6,817)

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



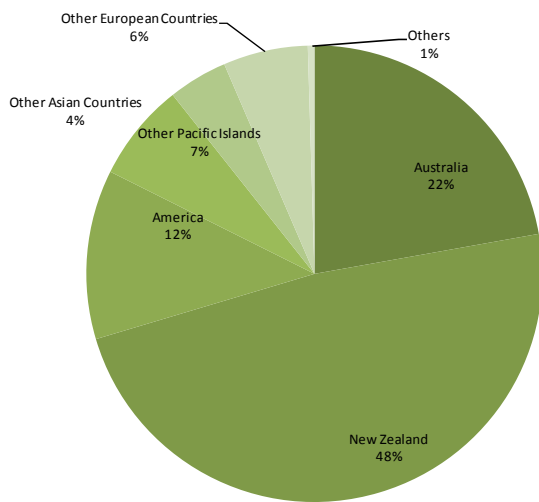
- Total air visitor arrivals in November 2016 were 3,881 an increase of 9.3% compared to November 2015 (3,550)

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



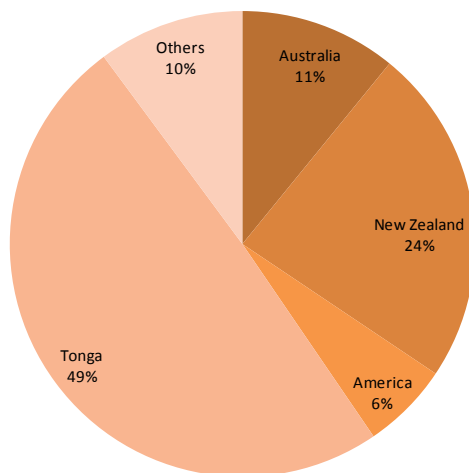
- 47.8% (1,855) of the total visitors were here on Holiday/Vacation
- Visiting Relatives/Friends made up 38.0% (1,475) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of November
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 6.4% (250) and those with other reasons were 7.5% (292)

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



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 48.2% (1,871) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 22.2 % (860), and USA 12.0% (466)

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



- Most of the persons departing in the month of November were residents of Tonga (3,631) followed by New Zealand (1,724) and Australia (799)

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 November, 2016

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	353	172	181	237	116	121	116	56	60
5-9	225	117	108	161	86	75	64	31	33
10-14	190	99	91	122	61	61	68	38	30
15-19	284	153	131	160	75	85	124	78	46
20-24	672	337	335	232	83	149	440	254	186
25-29	741	402	339	353	160	193	388	242	146
30-34	740	427	313	362	192	170	378	235	143
35-39	644	373	271	318	178	140	326	195	131
40-44	630	378	252	299	180	119	331	198	133
45-49	720	382	338	376	184	192	344	198	146
50-54	613	336	277	349	183	166	264	153	111
55-59	502	257	245	299	144	155	203	113	90
60-64	404	212	192	235	129	106	169	83	86
65-69	309	178	131	195	112	83	114	66	48
70-74	176	90	86	98	56	42	78	34	44
75+	175	106	69	85	55	30	90	51	39
Total	7,378	4,019	3,359	3,881	1,994	1,887	3,497	2,025	1,472
% Distribution	100.0	54.5	45.5	52.6	27.0	25.6	47.4	27.4	20.0

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

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	860	22.2	390	49	372	48	1
New Zealand	1,871	48.2	948	73	752	92	6
Fiji	190	4.9	39	38	46	67	0
American Samoa	8	0.2	1	2	5	0	0
Western Samoa	23	0.6	7	9	4	3	0
Other Pacific Islands	49	1.3	10	14	12	13	-
Japan	47	1.2	24	13	6	4	0
China	63	1.6	27	12	15	9	0
India	8	0.2	2	1	2	3	0
Korea	6	0.2	4	2	0	0	0
Other Asian Countries	39	1.0	24	5	3	7	-
UK	57	1.5	42	5	6	3	1
Germany	55	1.4	49	4	1	1	0
France	24	0.6	16	4	0	4	0
Italy	7	0.2	6	1	0	0	0
Other European Countries	90	2.3	70	7	5	8	-
All African Countries	3	0.1	2	-	-	1	-
United States of America	466	12.0	183	8	246	28	1
Canada	6	0.2	6	0	0	0	0
Other American Countries	9	0.2	5	3	-	1	-
Total	3,881	100.0	1,855	250	1,475	292	9
% Distribution	100.0		47.8	6.4	38.0	7.5	0.2

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

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	136	3.7	160	4.3	296	4.0
5 - 9	89	2.4	119	3.2	208	2.8
10 - 14	142	3.9	111	3.0	253	3.4
15 - 19	264	7.2	140	3.8	404	5.5
20 - 24	501	13.7	228	6.2	729	9.9
25 - 29	477	13.1	353	9.5	830	11.3
30 - 34	406	11.1	348	9.4	754	10.3
35 - 39	332	9.1	323	8.7	655	8.9
40 - 44	289	7.9	290	7.8	579	7.9
45 - 49	321	8.8	370	10.0	691	9.4
50 - 54	222	6.1	367	9.9	589	8.0
55 - 59	142	3.9	280	7.6	422	5.7
60 - 64	130	3.6	256	6.9	386	5.3
65 - 69	81	2.2	188	5.1	269	3.7
70 - 74	57	1.6	92	2.5	149	2.0
75+	62	1.7	73	2.0	135	1.8
All Ages	3,651	100.0	3,698	100.0	7,349	100.0
YACHT	-	-	132	0	132	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	176	0	176	0
Total	3,651	100.0	4,006	100.0	7,657	100.0

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

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution		
Australia	380	9.3	419	12.9	799	10.9
New Zealand	817	20.0	907	27.8	1,724	23.5
Fiji	103	2.5	54	1.7	157	2.1
American Samoa	4	0.1	2	0.1	6	0.1
Western Samoa	8	0.2	17	0.5	25	0.3
Tonga	2,214	54.1	1,417	43.5	3,631	49.4
Other Pacific Islands	35	0.9	44	1.4	79	1.1
Japan	28	0.7	14	0.4	42	0.6
China	40	1.0	22	0.7	62	0.8
India	7	0.2	3	0.1	10	0.1
Korea	5	0.1	7	0.2	12	0.2
Other Asian Countries	25	0.6	15	0.5	40	0.5
UK	35	0.9	32	1.0	67	0.9
Germany	43	1.1	21	0.6	64	0.9
France	12	0.3	7	0.2	19	0.3
Italy	7	0.2	6	0.2	13	0.2
Other European Countries	71	1.7	42	1.3	113	1.5
All African Countries	2	0.0	-	-	2	0.0
United States of America	238	5.8	211	6.5	449	6.1
Canada	5	0.1	7	0.2	12	0.2
Other American Countries	13	0.3	10	0.3	23	0.3
Total	4,092	100.0	3,257	100.0	7,349	100.0



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