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PREFACE

This bulletin is the Third of its type to be produced by the Statistics Department on monthly migration statistics of the Kingdom for the month of August 2012. 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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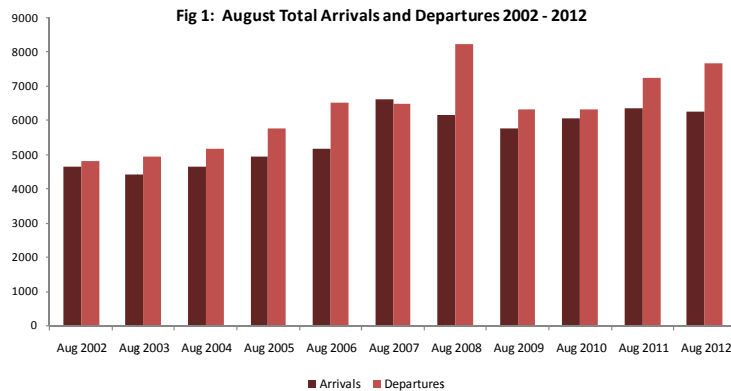
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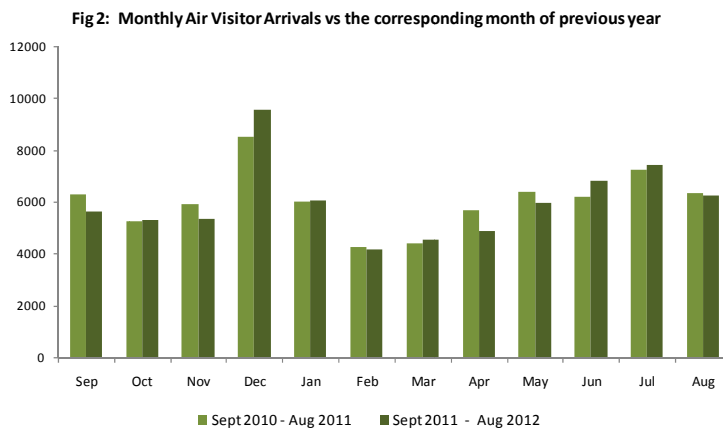
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August 2012	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	6,526	-17.4%	-3.9%
Air Visitors	4,286	-26.0%	-4.5%
Air Returning Residents	1,986	5.7%	5.1%
Cruise Ships	-	-	-
Yachts	254	8.1%	-39.4%
All Departures	7,235	-8.1%	-3.1%

- A decline of 17.4% of all arrivals (6,526) compared to the previous month of July 2012 (7,904)
- A decline of 26.0% of all air visitors (4,286) compared to July 2012 (5,789)
- An increase of 5.7% (1,986) of returning residents compared to previous month (1,880)
- No cruise ships in August 2012
- An increase of 8.1% of yacht arrivals compared to the previous month
- A decline of 8.1% of all departures from July 2012

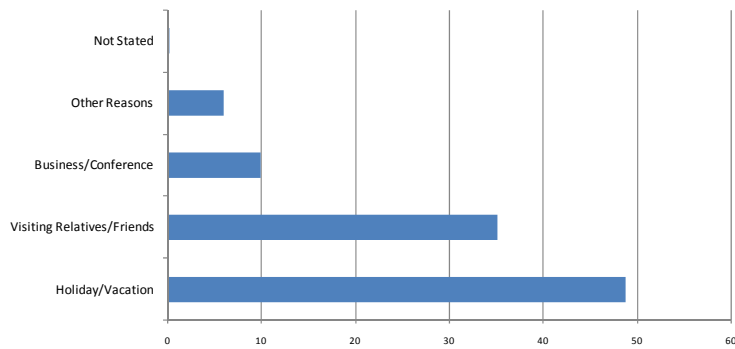


- Total arrivals in August 2012 were 6,526, a decline of 17.4% compared to August 2011(6,794).
- Total departures of 7,235 in August 2012, a decline of 3.1% compared to August 2011 (7,465)



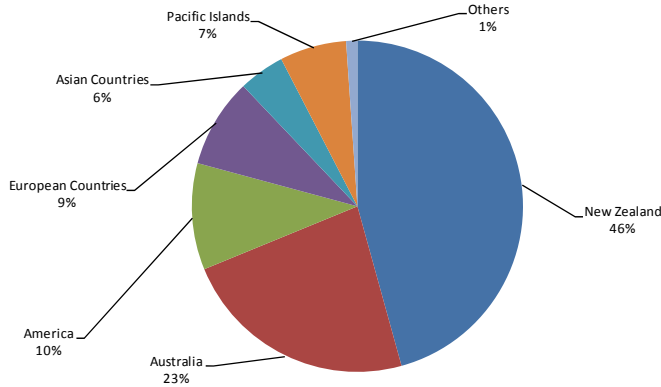
- Total air visitor arrivals in August 2012 were 4,286 a decline of 4.5% compared to August 2011 (4,486)

Fig 3: Air Visitors by Purpose of visit, August 2012



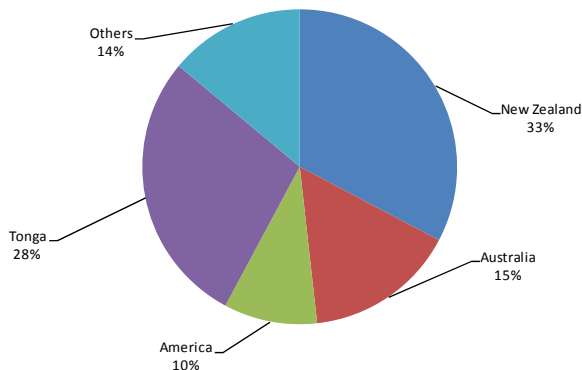
- Holiday/Vacation made up 48.7% (2,089) of all visitors to the Kingdom in the month of August.
- Similarly 35.1% (1,505) of the total visitors were here to Visit Relative/Friends.
- Visitors who were here on business or conference made up 9.9% (423) followed by other reasons with 6% (257)

Fig 4: Air Visitors by Country of Usual Residence, August 2012



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 45.7% (1,957) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 23.1% (990), and America 10.4% (447)

Fig 5: Total Departures by Country of Usual Residence, August 2012



- Most of the persons departing in the month of August were persons residing in New Zealand (2,279) followed by Tonga (1,966) and Australia (1,083)

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 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 - 2012

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)
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	-	246	4,058	2,588	-	-	2,588	6,400	-	246	6,646	5,565	-	89	5,654	992
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	243	7,899	1,998	-	-	1,998	7,278	2,376	243	9,897	7,415	2,378	232	10,025	(128)
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	-	281	6,596	(730)
October	3,155	4,387	257	7,799	2,164	-	-	2,164	5,319	4,387	257	9,963	5,927	4,391	280	10,598	(635)
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	4,973	-	182	5,155	1,861	-	-	1,861	6,834	-	182	7,016	4,960	-	249	5,209	1,807
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)

Table 2. Air Arrivals by Age, Type of Passenger and Gender, August 2012

Age	Type of Passenger								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	263	135	128	176	88	88	87	47	40
5-9	170	89	81	116	63	53	54	26	28
10-14	138	60	78	109	48	61	29	12	17
15-19	135	76	59	88	49	39	47	27	20
20-24	432	218	214	260	111	149	172	107	65
25-29	640	330	310	392	174	218	248	156	92
30-34	643	345	298	439	208	231	204	137	67
35-39	612	351	261	407	218	189	205	133	72
40-44	701	403	298	447	243	204	254	160	94
45-49	640	353	287	460	235	225	180	118	62
50-54	578	294	284	443	230	213	135	64	71
55-59	503	286	217	372	223	149	131	63	68
60-64	327	185	142	246	143	103	81	42	39
65-69	275	146	129	194	111	83	81	35	46
70-74	150	85	65	103	58	45	47	27	20
75+	65	32	33	34	19	15	31	13	18
Total	6,272	3,388	2,884	4,286	2,221	2,065	1,986	1,167	819
Percentage Distribution	100.0	54.0	46.0	68.3	35.4	32.9	31.7	18.6	13.1

Table 3. Air Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit, August 2012

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	Percentage Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	990	23.1	545	52	344	47	2
New Zealand	1,957	45.7	889	161	810	89	8
Fiji	149	3.5	25	68	29	27	
American Samoa	3	0.1	1	1	1	0	
Western Samoa	32	0.7	3	14	9	6	
Other Pacific Islands	96	2.2	3	57	3	33	0
Japan	99	2.3	72	11	9	7	
China	40	0.9	7	11	20	2	
India	3	0.1		1	2	0	
Korea	4	0.1	2	2		0	
Other Asian Countries	45	1.0	32	6	4	3	0
UK	85	2.0	63	5	12	5	
Germany	98	2.3	85	1	11	1	
France	28	0.7	15	0	3	10	
Italy	29	0.7	28	0	1	0	
Other European Countries	135	3.1	125	2	3	5	0
All African Countries	7	0.2	4	0	2	1	
United States of America	447	10.4	159	29	237	20	2
Canada	29	0.7	24	1	4	0	
Other American Countries	10	0.2	7	1	1	1	0
Total	4,286	100.0	2,089	423	1,505	257	12
Percentage Distribution	100.0		48.7	9.9	35.1	6.0	0.3

Table 4: Air Departures by Age Groups and Passengers Type, August 2012

Age Group	Returning Residents	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	85	4.3	216	4.3	301	4.3
5 - 9	69	3.5	164	3.3	233	3.3
10 - 14	45	2.3	175	3.5	220	3.2
15 - 19	66	3.4	203	4.1	269	3.9
20 - 24	154	7.8	287	5.7	441	6.3
25 - 29	185	9.4	433	8.7	618	8.9
30 - 34	192	9.8	465	9.3	657	9.4
35 - 39	168	8.5	452	9.0	620	8.9
40 - 44	238	12.1	479	9.6	717	10.3
45 - 49	212	10.8	504	10.1	716	10.3
50 - 54	155	7.9	476	9.5	631	9.1
55 - 59	149	7.6	414	8.3	563	8.1
60 - 64	96	4.9	309	6.2	405	5.8
65 - 69	71	3.6	212	4.2	283	4.1
70 - 74	45	2.3	120	2.4	165	2.4
75+	36	1.8	91	1.8	127	1.8
All Ages	1,966	100.0	5,000	100.0	6,966	100.0

Table 5. Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence and Gender, August 2012

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percentage Distribution	Female	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
Australia	512	14.2	571	17.0	1,083	15.5
New Zealand	1,183	32.8	1,096	32.6	2,279	32.7
Fiji	97	2.7	63	1.9	160	2.3
American Samoa	1	0.0	2	0.1	3	0.0
Western Samoa	23	0.6	13	0.4	36	0.5
Tonga	1,047	29.0	919	27.4	1,966	28.2
Other Pacific Islands	75	2.1	14	0.4	89	1.3
Japan	52	1.4	45	1.3	97	1.4
China	36	1.0	15	0.4	51	0.7
India	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.0
Korea	3	0.1	1	0.0	4	0.1
Other Asian Countries	30	0.8	20	0.6	50	0.7
UK	48	1.3	49	1.5	97	1.4
Germany	44	1.2	47	1.4	91	1.3
France	32	0.9	17	0.5	49	0.7
Italy	16	0.4	18	0.5	34	0.5
Other European Countries	77	2.1	74	2.2	151	2.2
All African Countries	3	0.1	1	0.0	4	0.1
United States of America	306	8.5	361	10.8	667	9.6
Canada	17	0.5	20	0.6	37	0.5
Other American Countries	4	0.1	12	0.4	16	0.2
Total	3,608	100.0	3,358	100.0	6,966	100.0



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