



INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES February 2013

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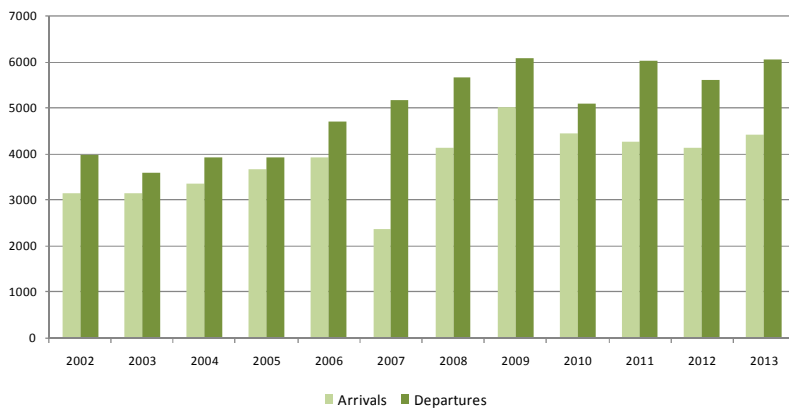
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Statistical Bulletin

Month of February 2013	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	5,749	-17.2	6.9
Air Visitors	2,621	-10.5	17.0
Air Returning Residents	1,816	-41.1	-5.1
Cruise Ships	1,310	42.1	7.4
Yachts	2	-77.8	-50.0
All Departures	7,387	-11.7	5.5

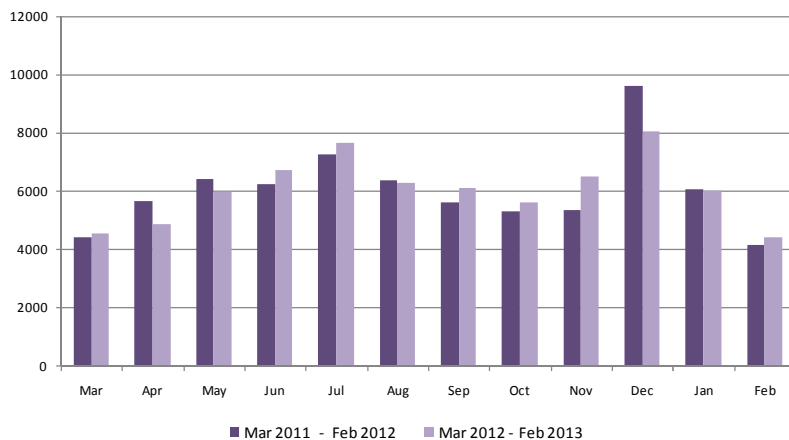
- A decline of 17.2% of all arrivals (5,749) compared to the previous month of January 2013 (6,943)
- A decline of 10.5% of all air visitors (2,621) compared to January 2013 (2,927)
- A decline of 41.1% (1,816) of returning residents compared to previous month (3,085)
- There were 1,310 passengers arrived by cruise ship, this equates an increase of 42.1% from January.
- A decline of 77.8% of yacht arrivals compared to the previous month
- Also a decline of 11.7% of all departures from January 2013

Fig. 1: February Air Arrivals and Departures 2002 - 2013



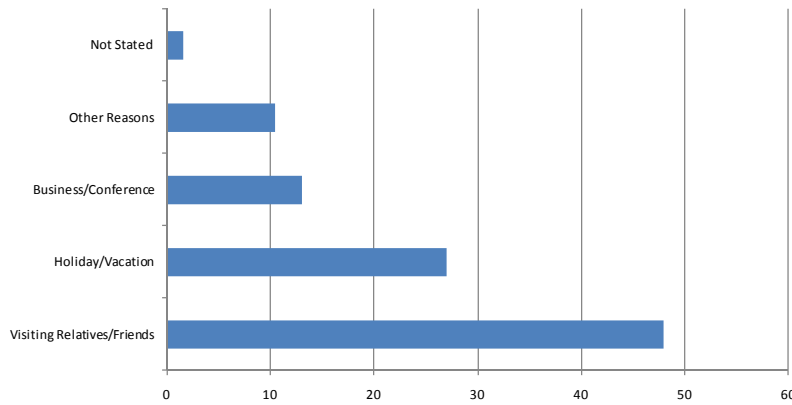
- Total air arrivals in February 2013 were 4,437 an increase of 6.8% compared to February 2012(4,154).
- Total air departures of 6,077 in February 2013, an increase of 7.8% compared to February 2012 (5,637)

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



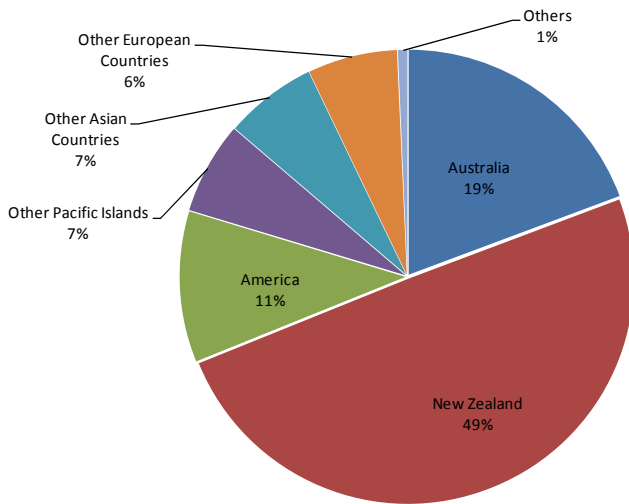
- Total air visitor arrivals in February 2013 were 2,621 an increase of 16.9% compared to February 2012 (2,241)

Fig. 3: Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit February, 2013



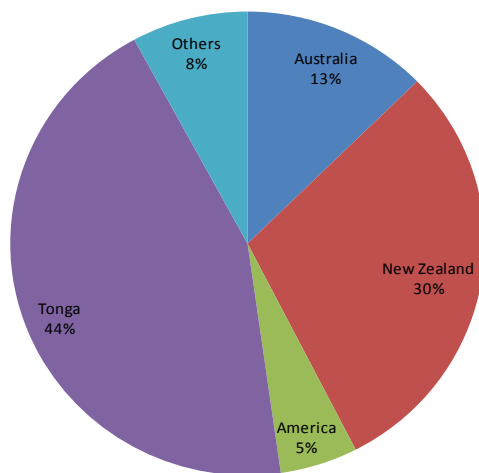
- Visiting Relatives/Friends made up 47.9% (1,255) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of February.
- 27.0% (708) of the total visitors were here on Holiday/Vacation.
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 13.1% (343) and those with other reasons were 10.4% (272)

Fig. 4: Air Visitors by Country of Usual Residence February, 2013



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 49.6% (1,299) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 19.3 % (505), and USA 10.8% (284)

Fig. 5: Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence February, 2013



- Most of the persons departing in the month of February were persons residing in the Kingdom of Tonga (2,696) followed by New Zealand (1,809) and Australia (770)

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, 2010 - 2013

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	989	67,513	26,587			26,587	72,592	20,519	989	94,100	67,976	22,939	1,259	92,174	1,926
2012	47,352	7,957	1,816	57,125	25,107			25,107	72,459	7,957	1,816	82,232	73,824	7,987	1,720	83,531	(1,299)
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	-	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
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	4,892	-	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
2013																	
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)

Table 2. Total Arrivals by Age, Type of Passangers and Gender Feburary , 2013

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	216	105	111	156	71	85	60	34	26
5-9	173	79	94	80	37	43	93	42	51
10-14	160	81	79	58	28	30	102	53	49
15-19	284	129	155	91	49	42	193	80	113
20-24	336	175	161	177	90	87	159	85	74
25-29	373	181	192	231	94	137	142	87	55
30-34	364	186	178	234	125	109	130	61	69
35-39	354	193	161	225	124	101	129	69	60
40-44	395	217	178	245	145	100	150	72	78
45-49	431	241	190	264	156	108	167	85	82
50-54	363	214	149	242	146	96	121	68	53
55-59	340	188	152	233	132	101	107	56	51
60-64	255	140	115	150	91	59	105	49	56
65-69	187	114	73	120	83	37	67	31	36
70-74	108	61	47	68	36	32	40	25	15
75+	98	44	54	47	26	21	51	18	33
Total	4,437	2,348	2,089	2,621	1,433	1,188	1,816	915	901
% Distribution	100.0	52.9	47.1	59.1	32.3	26.8	40.9	20.6	20.3

Table 3. Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit Feburary, 2013

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/ Vacation	Business/ Conference	Visiting Relat Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	505	19.3	137	49	265	45	9
New Zealand	1,299	49.6	241	148	765	115	30
Fiji	126	4.8	11	49	39	26	1
American Samoa	1	0.0	-	-	-	-	1
Western Samoa	18	0.7	2	9	7	-	-
Other Pacific Islands	28	1.1	2	7	5	14	-
Japan	52	2.0	23	4	15	9	1
China	84	3.2	45	22	5	12	-
India	4	0.2	-	2	1	1	-
Korea	4	0.2	2	2	-	-	-
Other Asian Countries	29	1.1	9	13	2	5	-
UK	18	0.7	12	5	-	1	-
Germany	56	2.1	43	2	2	9	-
France	11	0.4	7	2	1	1	-
Italy	8	0.3	7	-	-	-	1
Other European Countries	76	2.9	69	2	5	-	-
All African Countries	3	0.1	3	-	-	-	-
United States of America	284	10.8	83	25	143	33	-
Canada	12	0.5	11	-	-	1	-
Other American Countries	3	0.1	1	2	-	-	-
Total	2,621	100.0	708	343	1,255	272	43
% Distribution	100.0		27.0	13.1	47.9	10.4	1.6

Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for February, 2013

Age Group	Departing Residents	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	86	3.2	198	5.9	284	4.7
5 - 9	71	2.6	142	4.2	213	3.5
10 - 14	57	2.1	137	4.1	194	3.2
15 - 19	95	3.5	190	5.6	285	4.7
20 - 24	401	14.9	277	8.2	678	11.2
25 - 29	393	14.6	274	8.1	667	11.0
30 - 34	292	10.8	272	8.0	564	9.3
35 - 39	255	9.5	257	7.6	512	8.4
40 - 44	251	9.3	275	8.1	526	8.7
45 - 49	203	7.5	327	9.7	530	8.7
50 - 54	145	5.4	278	8.2	423	7.0
55 - 59	147	5.5	258	7.6	405	6.7
60 - 64	108	4.0	184	5.4	292	4.8
65 - 69	83	3.1	158	4.7	241	4.0
70 - 74	62	2.3	79	2.3	141	2.3
75+	47	1.7	75	2.2	122	2.0
All Ages	2,696	100.0	3,381	100.0	6,077	100.0
YACHT	-	-	-	0	0	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	1,310	0	1310	0
Total	2,696	100.0	4,691	100.0	7,387	100.0

Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender February, 2013

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution		
Australia	398	11.5	372	14.2	770	12.7
New Zealand	848	24.5	961	36.7	1,809	29.8
Fiji	66	1.9	32	1.2	98	1.6
American Samoa	5	0.1	6	0.2	11	0.2
Western Samoa	11	0.3	2	0.1	13	0.2
Tonga	1,741	50.4	955	36.4	2,696	44.4
Other Pacific Islands	15	0.4	9	0.3	24	0.4
Japan	31	0.9	16	0.6	47	0.8
China	41	1.2	41	1.6	82	1.3
India	5	0.1	-	-	5	0.1
Korea	4	0.1	-	-	4	0.1
Other Asian Countries	17	0.5	8	0.3	25	0.4
UK	12	0.3	10	0.4	22	0.4
Germany	23	0.7	13	0.5	36	0.6
France	4	0.1	6	0.2	10	0.2
Italy	3	0.1	3	0.1	6	0.1
Other European Countries	48	1.4	30	1.1	78	1.3
All African Countries	2	0.1	1	0.0	3	0.0
United States of America	176	5.1	145	5.5	321	5.3
Canada	4	0.1	8	0.3	12	0.2
Other American Countries	2	0.1	3	0.1	5	0.1
Total	3,456	100.0	2,621	100.0	6,077	100.0