



INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES March 2013

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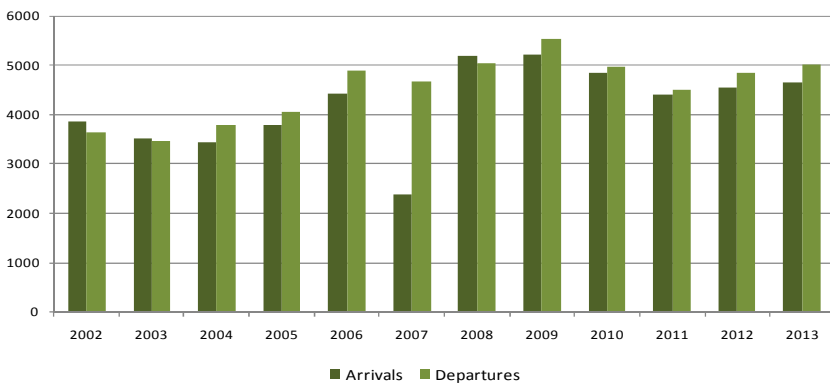
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Statistical Bulletin

Month of		Change from	Change from
March 2013	Number	previous month	previous year
All Arrivals	5,314	-4.0	-2.2
Air Visitors	2,797	11.2	6.4
Air Returning Residents	1,880	10.1	-2.4
Cruise Ships	626	-52.2	-27.6
Yachts	11	450.0	-26.7
All Departures	5,671	-23.2	-0.4

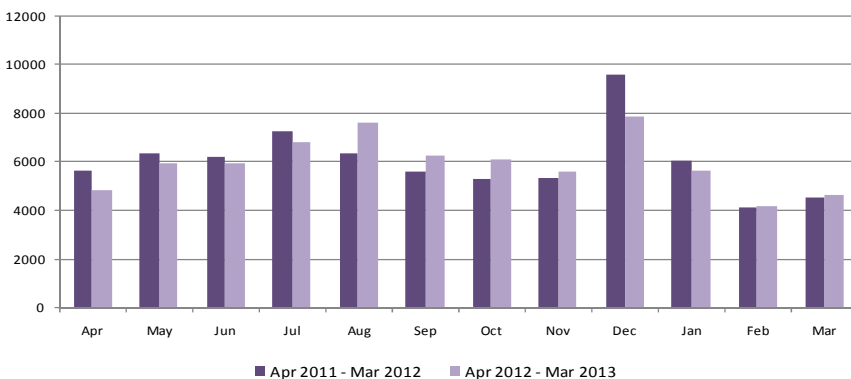
- A decline of 4.0% of all arrivals (5,314) compared to the previous month of February 2013 (5,535)
- An increase of 11.2% of all air visitors (2,797) compared to February 2013 (2,515)
- An increase of 10.1% (1,880) of returning residents compared to previous month (1,708)
- There were 626 passengers arrived by cruise ship, this equates a decline of 52.2% from February.
- An increase of 450.0% of yacht arrivals compared to the previous month
- A decline of 23.2% of all departures from February 2013

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



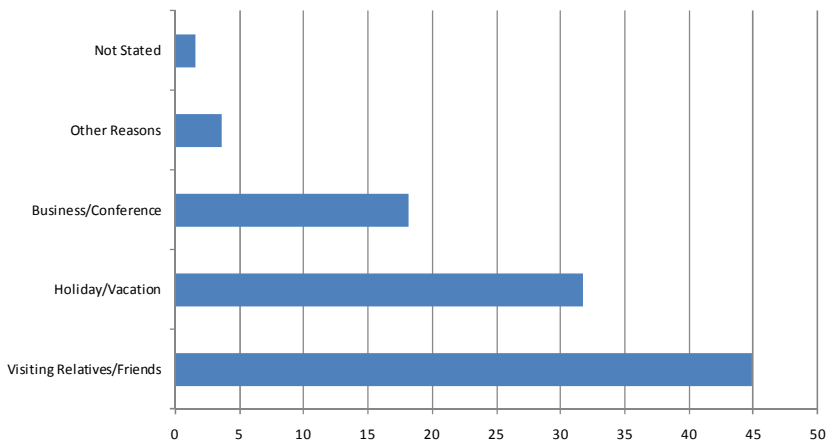
- Total air arrivals in March 2013 were 4,677 an increase of 2.7% compared to March 2012(4,556).
- Total air departures of 5,035 in March 2013, an increase of 3.5% compared to March 2012 (4,866)

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



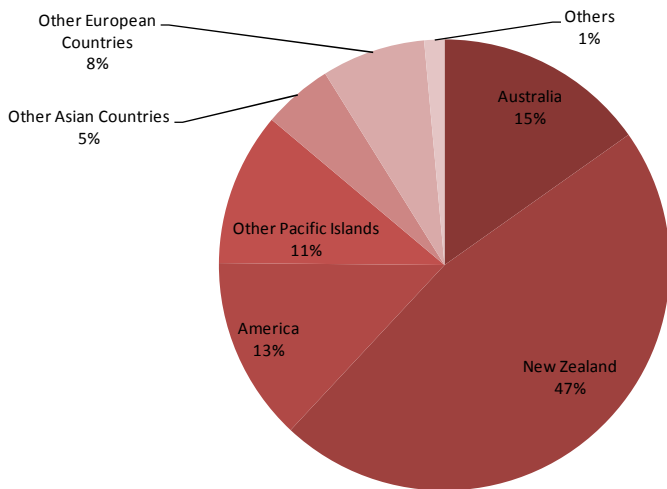
- Total air visitor arrivals in March 2013 were 2,797 an increase of 6.4% compared to March 2012 (2,629)

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



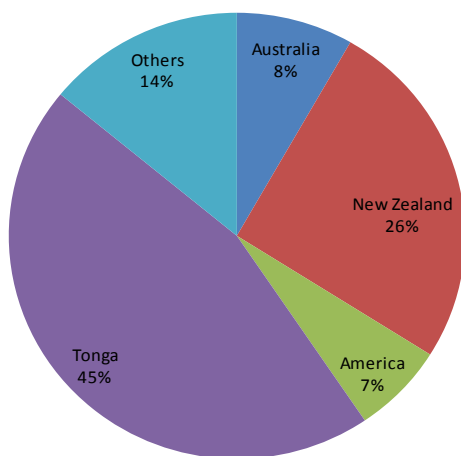
- Visiting Relatives/Friends made up 44.9% (1,255) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of March.
- 31.7% (887) of the total visitors were here on Holiday/Vacation.
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 18.2% (508) and those with other reasons were 3.6% (101)

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



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 47% (1,306) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 15 % (426), and USA 13.2% (370)

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



- Most of the persons departing in the month of March were persons residing in the Kingdom of Tonga (2,287) followed by New Zealand (1,288) and Australia (419)

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)
March	2,797	626	11	3,434	1,880			1,880	4,677	626	11	5,314	5,035	626	10	5,671	(357)

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

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	201	102	99	144	71	73	57	31	26
5-9	145	76	69	90	54	36	55	22	33
10-14	117	51	66	69	32	37	48	19	29
15-19	140	84	56	83	49	34	57	35	22
20-24	362	183	179	196	85	111	166	98	68
25-29	452	246	206	264	134	130	188	112	76
30-34	469	248	221	316	157	159	153	91	62
35-39	419	211	208	230	126	104	189	85	104
40-44	494	287	207	291	167	124	203	120	83
45-49	480	298	182	294	181	113	186	117	69
50-54	405	214	191	247	137	110	158	77	81
55-59	353	198	155	219	128	91	134	70	64
60-64	234	132	102	137	83	54	97	49	48
65-69	172	97	75	101	56	45	71	41	30
70-74	132	67	65	67	36	31	65	31	34
75+	102	51	51	49	26	23	53	25	28
Total	4,677	2,545	2,132	2,797	1,522	1,275	1,880	1,023	857
% Distribution	100.0	54.4	45.6	59.8	32.5	27.3	40.2	21.9	18.3

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

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	426	15.2	130	73	195	23	5
New Zealand	1,306	46.7	418	132	695	33	28
Fiji	143	5.1	8	74	52	9	
American Samoa	2	0.1	-	-	2	-	-
Western Samoa	31	1.1	3	22	5	1	-
Other Pacific Islands	131	4.7	3	110	10	7	1
Japan	73	2.6	37	12	18	5	1
China	33	1.2	15	11	4	1	2
India	4	0.1		1	1	1	1
Korea	7	0.3	-	-	7	-	-
Other Asian Countries	23	0.8	8	10	5	-	-
UK	45	1.6	32	6	4	2	1
Germany	53	1.9	44	5	3	-	1
France	22	0.8	9	12	1	-	-
Italy	4	0.1	1	3	-	-	-
Other European Countries	84	3.0	76	3	4	1	-
All African Countries	2	0.1	1	1	-	-	-
United States of America	370	13.2	83	24	241	16	6
Canada	21	0.8	14	4	2	1	-
Other American Countries	17	0.6	5	5	6	1	-
Total	2,797	100.0	887	508	1,255	101	46
% Distribution	100.0		31.7	18.2	44.9	3.6	1.6

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

Age Group	Departing Residents	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	70	3.1	177	6.4	247	4.9
5 - 9	80	3.5	97	3.5	177	3.5
10 - 14	48	2.1	44	1.6	92	1.8
15 - 19	68	3.0	68	2.5	136	2.7
20 - 24	220	9.6	172	6.3	392	7.8
25 - 29	262	11.5	238	8.7	500	9.9
30 - 34	237	10.4	275	10.0	512	10.2
35 - 39	231	10.1	239	8.7	470	9.3
40 - 44	244	10.7	262	9.5	506	10.0
45 - 49	202	8.8	283	10.3	485	9.6
50 - 54	190	8.3	252	9.2	442	8.8
55 - 59	142	6.2	227	8.3	369	7.3
60 - 64	105	4.6	166	6.0	271	5.4
65 - 69	83	3.6	112	4.1	195	3.9
70 - 74	46	2.0	76	2.8	122	2.4
75+	59	2.6	60	2.2	119	2.4
All Ages	2,287	100.0	2,748	100.0	5,035	100.0
YACHT	-	-	10	0	10	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	626	0	626	0
Total	2,287	100.0	3,384	100.0	5,671	100.0

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

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution		No.
Australia	230	8.1	189	8.6	419	8.3
New Zealand	648	22.9	640	29.0	1,288	25.6
Fiji	89	3.1	49	2.2	138	2.7
American Samoa	4	0.1	3	0.1	7	0.1
Western Samoa	26	0.9	19	0.9	45	0.9
Tonga	1,301	46.0	986	44.7	2,287	45.4
Other Pacific Islands	97	3.4	39	1.8	136	2.7
Japan	58	2.1	25	1.1	83	1.6
China	28	1.0	7	0.3	35	0.7
India	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.0
Korea	1	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.0
Other Asian Countries	22	0.8	7	0.3	29	0.6
UK	20	0.7	7	0.3	27	0.5
Germany	41	1.4	29	1.3	70	1.4
France	16	0.6	8	0.4	24	0.5
Italy	4	0.1	5	0.2	9	0.2
Other European Countries	43	1.5	30	1.4	73	1.4
All African Countries	4	0.1	-	-	4	0.1
United States of America	177	6.3	154	7.0	331	6.6
Canada	11	0.4	7	0.3	18	0.4
Other American Countries	6	0.2	2	0.1	8	0.2
Total	2,828	100.0	2,207	100.0	5,035	100.0