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INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES November 2014

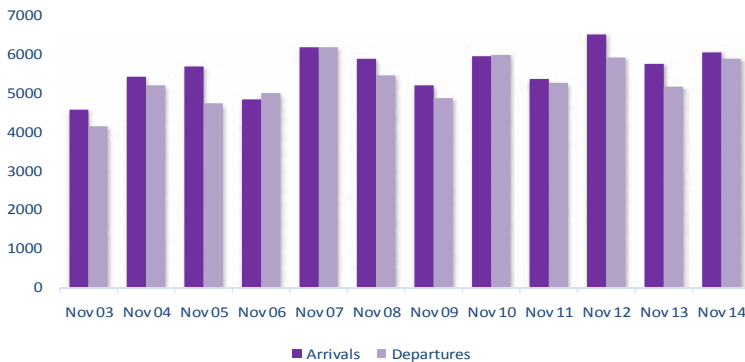
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Statistical Bulletin

Month of November 2014	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	6,327	-23.2	-4.0
Air Visitors	3,488	-15.0	2.7
Air Returning Residents	2,559	24.0	8.3
Cruise Ships	199	-88.7	-72.2
Yachts	81	-73.6	-33.1
All Departures	6,246	-28.4	2.2

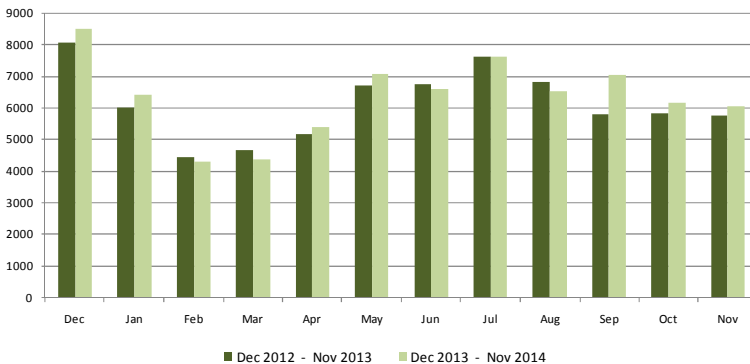
- A decline of 23.2% of all arrivals (6,327) compared to the previous month of October 2014 (8,233)
- A decline of 15.0% of all air visitors (3,488) compared to October 2014 (4,102)
- An increase of 24.0% (2,559) of returning residents compared to previous month (2,064)
- A decline of 88.7% (199) of arrivals by cruise ship, for the month of November compared to October 2014 (1760).
- A decline of 73.6% of yacht arrivals compared to the previous month
- A decline of 28.4% of all departures from October 2014

Fig. 1: November Air Arrivals and Departures 2003 - 2014



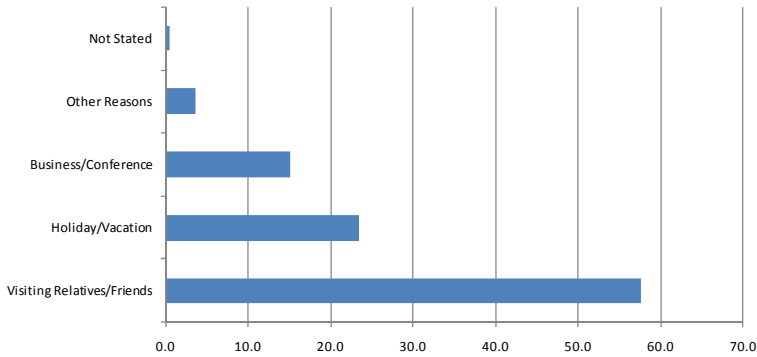
- Total air arrivals in November 2014 were 6,047 an increase of 5.0% compared to November 2013 (5,758).
- Total air departures of 5,892 in November 2014, an increase of 14.1% compared to November 2013 (5,165)

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



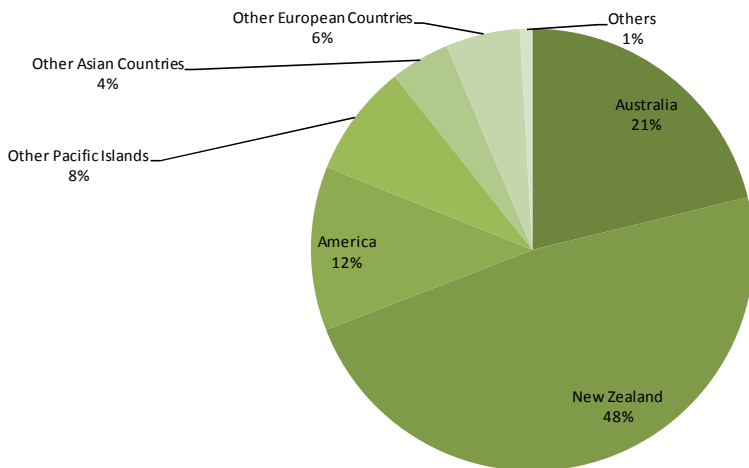
- Total air visitor arrivals in November 2014 were 3,488 an increase of 2.7% compared to November 2013 (3,395)

Fig. 3: Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit November, 2014



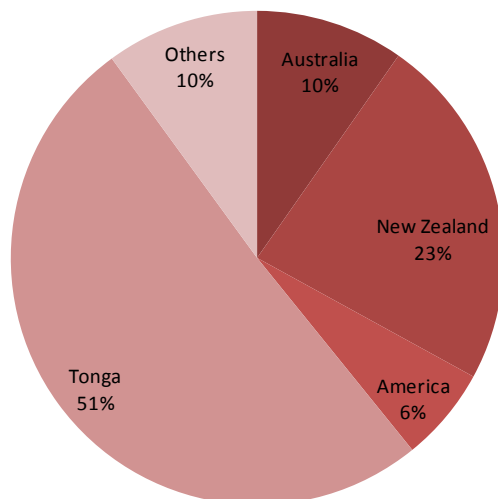
- Visiting Relatives/Friends made up 57.5% (2,004) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of November.
- 23.5% (818) of the total visitors were here on Holiday/Vacation.
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 15.1% (526) and those with other reasons were 3.6% (127)

Fig. 4: Air Visitors by Country of Usual Residence November, 2014



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 47.9% (1,670) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 21.2 % (739), and USA 12.0% (420)

Fig. 5: Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence November, 2014



- Most of the persons departing in the month of November were persons residing in the Kingdom of Tonga (2,993) followed by New Zealand (1,373) and Australia (573)

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 - 2014

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
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)
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
2014																	
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)
Sep	4,779	308	209	5,296	2,248			2,248	7,027	308	209	7,544	7,035	308	271	7,614	(70)
Oct	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)
Nov	3,488	199	81	3,768	2,559			2,559	6,047	199	81	6,327	5,892	199	155	6,246	81

Table 2. Total Arrivals by Age, Type of Passangers and Gender November, 2014

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	272	139	133	190	96	94	82	43	39
5-9	183	84	99	144	67	77	39	17	22
10-14	153	81	72	100	51	49	53	30	23
15-19	261	103	158	175	68	107	86	35	51
20-24	576	271	305	240	87	153	336	184	152
25-29	550	304	246	262	128	134	288	176	112
30-34	552	286	266	262	130	132	290	156	134
35-39	522	281	241	269	139	130	253	142	111
40-44	527	287	240	293	158	135	234	129	105
45-49	573	304	269	344	165	179	229	139	90
50-54	530	276	254	342	172	170	188	104	84
55-59	453	249	204	293	161	132	160	88	72
60-64	362	196	166	232	133	99	130	63	67
65-69	264	137	127	168	93	75	96	44	52
70-74	125	70	55	84	52	32	41	18	23
75+	144	71	73	90	47	43	54	24	30
Total	6,047	3,139	2,908	3,488	1,747	1,741	2,559	1,392	1,167
% Distribution	100.0	51.9	48.1	57.7	28.9	28.8	42.3	23.0	19.3

Table 3. Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit November, 2014

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	739	21.2	145	87	466	40	1
New Zealand	1,670	47.9	320	197	1,109	35	9
Fiji	219	6.3	11	113	71	23	1
American Samoa	5	0.1		1	4	-	-
Western Samoa	19	0.5	1	7	9	2	-
Other Pacific Islands	44	1.3	2	28	14	-	-
Japan	49	1.4	28	19	1	1	-
China	32	0.9	9	8	10	5	-
India	12	0.3	2	6	4	-	-
Korea	14	0.4	3	5	6	-	-
Other Asian Countries	44	1.3	28	9	7	-	-
UK	56	1.6	40	8	7	1	-
Germany	41	1.2	39	1	1	-	-
France	13	0.4	9	3	1	-	-
Italy	3	0.1	1	2		-	-
Other European Countries	76	2.2	67	2	7	-	-
All African Countries	3	0.1	2	1	-	-	-
United States of America	420	12.0	88	26	284	20	2
Canada	21	0.6	15	3	3	-	-
Other American Countries	8	0.2	8	-	-	-	-
Total	3,488	100.0	818	526	2,004	127	13
% Distribution	100.0		23.5	15.1	57.5	3.6	0.4

Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for November, 2014

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	85	2.8	136	4.7	221	3.8
5 - 9	89	3.0	81	2.8	170	2.9
10 - 14	128	4.3	73	2.5	201	3.4
15 - 19	183	6.1	98	3.4	281	4.8
20 - 24	373	12.5	171	5.9	544	9.2
25 - 29	432	14.4	217	7.5	649	11.0
30 - 34	317	10.6	256	8.8	573	9.7
35 - 39	289	9.7	265	9.1	554	9.4
40 - 44	272	9.1	273	9.4	545	9.2
45 - 49	209	7.0	302	10.4	511	8.7
50 - 54	166	5.5	306	10.6	472	8.0
55 - 59	151	5.0	255	8.8	406	6.9
60 - 64	114	3.8	198	6.8	312	5.3
65 - 69	79	2.6	143	4.9	222	3.8
70 - 74	48	1.6	64	2.2	112	1.9
75+	58	1.9	61	2.1	119	2.0
All Ages	2,993	100.0	2,899	100.0	5,892	100.0
YACHT	-	-	155	0	155	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	199	0	199	0
Total	2,993	100.0	3,253	100.0	6,246	100.0

Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender November, 2014

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution
Australia	285	8.4	288	11.5	573	9.7
New Zealand	656	19.3	717	28.7	1,373	23.3
Fiji	88	2.6	59	2.4	147	2.5
American Samoa	2	0.1	2	0.1	4	0.1
Western Samoa	7	0.2	7	0.3	14	0.2
Tonga	1,893	55.7	1,100	44.1	2,993	50.8
Other Pacific Islands	29	0.9	33	1.3	62	1.1
Japan	21	0.6	13	0.5	34	0.6
China	30	0.9	8	0.3	38	0.6
India	8	0.2	-	-	8	0.1
Korea	9	0.3	2	0.1	11	0.2
Other Asian Countries	27	0.8	9	0.4	36	0.6
UK	29	0.9	25	1.0	54	0.9
Germany	23	0.7	15	0.6	38	0.6
France	19	0.6	10	0.4	29	0.5
Italy	4	0.1	3	0.1	7	0.1
Other European Countries	50	1.5	30	1.2	80	1.4
All African Countries	3	0.1	-	-	3	0.1
United States of America	200	5.9	163	6.5	363	6.2
Canada	10	0.3	4	0.2	14	0.2
Other American Countries	5	0.1	6	0.2	11	0.2
Total	3,398	100.0	2,494	100.0	5,892	100.0