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INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES March 2015

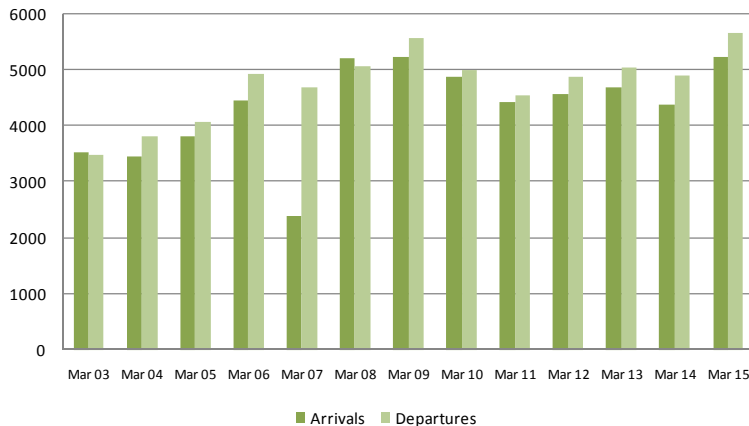
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Statistical Bulletin

Month of March 2015	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	7,238	5.0	16.9
Air Visitors	2,944	23.6	18.5
Air Returning Residents	2,277	7.5	21.1
Cruise Ships	2,011	-15.3	10.7
Yachts	6	-73.9	-40.0
All Departures	7,655	-2.8	13.9

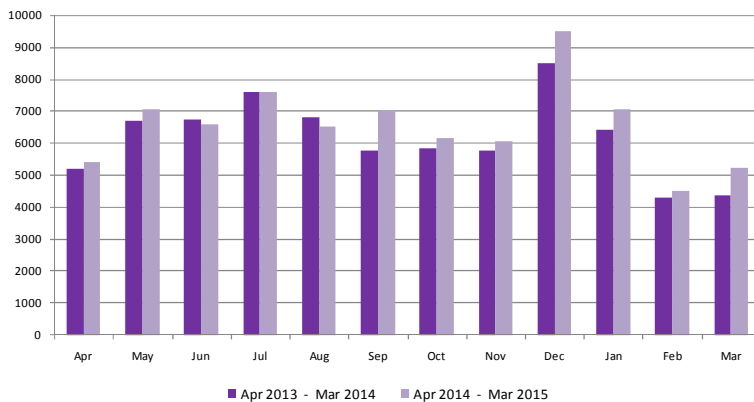
- An increase of 5.0% of all arrivals (7,238) compared to the previous month of February 2015 (6,896)
- An increase of 23.6% of all air visitors (2,944) compared to February 2015 (2,381)
- An increase of 7.5% (2,277) of returning residents compared to previous month (2,119)
- A decline of 15.3% (2,011) of arrivals by cruise ships compared to previous month (2,373).
- A decline of 73.9% of yacht arrivals compared to the previous month
- Again a decline of 2.8% of all departures from February 2015

Fig. 1: March Air Arrivals and Departures 2003 - 2015



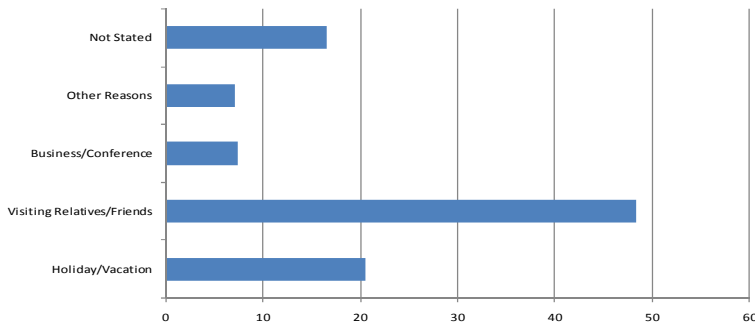
- Total air arrivals in March 2015 were 5,221 an increase of 19.6% compared to March 2014 (4,364).
- Total air departures of 5,635 in March 2015, again an increase of 15.4% compared to March 2014 (4,885)

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



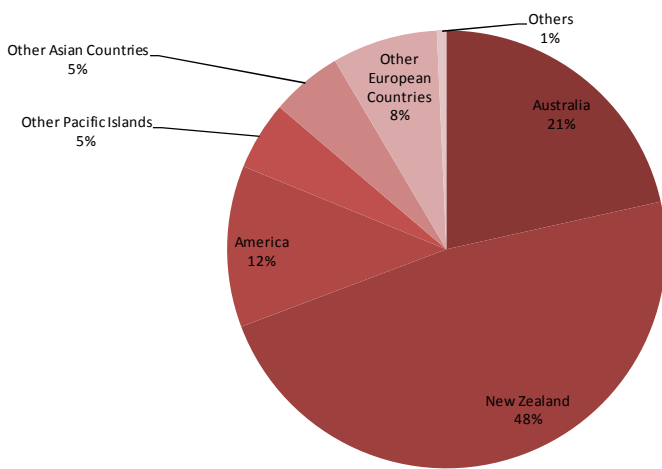
- Total air visitor arrivals in March 2015 were 2,944 an increase of 18.5% compared to March 2014 (2,484)

Fig. 3: Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit March, 2015



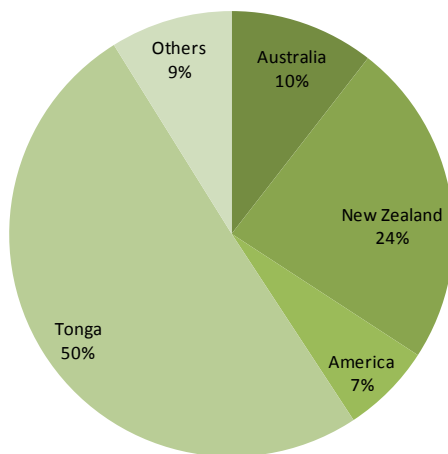
- Holiday/Vacation made up 20.5% (604) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of March.
- 48.3% (1,423) of the total visitors were here to visit Relatives/friends
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 7.4% (217) and those with other reasons were 7.2% (211)

Fig. 4: Air Visitors by Country of Usual Residence March, 2015



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 47.7% (1,405) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 21.5 % (634), and USA 11.9% (351)

Fig. 5: Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence March, 2015



- Most of the persons departing in the month of March were persons residing in Tonga (2,840) followed by New Zealand (1,333) and Australia (590)

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 - 2015

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
2014	48,854	13,733	1,632	64,219	26,128			26,128	74,982	13,733	1,632	90,347	78,604	13,724	1,762	94,090	(3,743)
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)
September	4,779	308	209	5,296	2,248			2,248	7,027	308	209	7,544	7,035	308	271	7,614	(70)
October	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)
November	3,488	199	81	3,768	2,559			2,559	6,047	199	81	6,327	5,892	199	155	6,246	81
December	7,301	303	8	7,612	2,206			2,206	9,507	303	8	9,818	8,356	303	13	8,672	1,146
2015																	
January	3,343	2,935	20	6,298	3,720			3,720	7,063	2,935	20	10,018	8,779	2,935	29	11,743	(1,725)
February	2,381	2,373	23	4,777	2,119			2,119	4,500	2,373	23	6,896	5,498	2,373	7	7,878	(982)
March	2,944	2,011	6	4,961	2,277			2,277	5,221	2,011	6	7,238	5,635	2,011	9	7,655	(417)

Table 2. Total Arrivals by Age, Type of Passangers and Gender March, 2015

Age Group				Type of Passangers					
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	245	123	122	157	79	78	88	44	44
5-9	171	96	75	109	59	50	62	37	25
10-14	138	72	66	78	40	38	60	32	28
15-19	197	95	102	113	50	63	84	45	39
20-24	382	180	202	163	61	102	219	119	100
25-29	480	267	213	244	112	132	236	155	81
30-34	466	263	203	257	141	116	209	122	87
35-39	452	240	212	247	124	123	205	116	89
40-44	504	270	234	278	147	131	226	123	103
45-49	530	316	214	300	183	117	230	133	97
50-54	434	253	181	279	165	114	155	88	67
55-59	369	183	186	222	115	107	147	68	79
60-64	336	195	141	201	125	76	135	70	65
65-69	262	147	115	162	88	74	100	59	41
70-74	122	60	62	69	34	35	53	26	27
75+	133	67	66	65	34	31	68	33	35
Total	5,221	2,827	2,394	2,944	1,557	1,387	2,277	1,270	1,007
% Distribution	100.0	54.1	45.9	56.4	29.8	26.6	43.6	24.3	19.3

Table 3. Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit March, 2015

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	634	21.5	123	28	304	55	124
New Zealand	1,405	47.7	234	95	814	68	194
Fiji	104	3.5	4	38	18	35	9
American Samoa	6	0.2	-	-	6	-	-
Western Samoa	14	0.5	1	6	5	-	2
Other Pacific Islands	25	0.8	-	5	11	6	3
Japan	67	2.3	19	4	25	12	7
China	65	2.2	5	13	13	8	26
India	5	0.2	-	1	1	3	-
Korea	1	0.0	-	-	1	-	-
Other Asian Countries	17	0.6	5	3	3	4	2
UK	38	1.3	16	4	5	3	10
Germany	65	2.2	49	-	5	-	11
France	17	0.6	12	-	1	-	4
Italy	13	0.4	8	3	-	-	2
Other European Countries	96	3.3	67	3	3	2	21
All African Countries	2	0.1	-	-	2	-	-
United States of America	351	11.9	49	14	203	15	70
Canada	14	0.5	9	-	3	-	2
Other American Countries	5	0.2	3	-	-	-	2
Total	2,944	100.0	604	217	1,423	211	489
% Distribution	100.0		20.5	7.4	48.3	7.2	16.6

Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for March, 2015

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	91	3.2	138	4.9	229	4.1
5 - 9	61	2.1	73	2.6	134	2.4
10 - 14	37	1.3	63	2.3	100	1.8
15 - 19	72	2.5	93	3.3	165	2.9
20 - 24	317	11.2	166	5.9	483	8.6
25 - 29	380	13.4	250	8.9	630	11.2
30 - 34	347	12.2	238	8.5	585	10.4
35 - 39	284	10.0	228	8.2	512	9.1
40 - 44	274	9.6	255	9.1	529	9.4
45 - 49	262	9.2	293	10.5	555	9.8
50 - 54	186	6.5	267	9.6	453	8.0
55 - 59	146	5.1	221	7.9	367	6.5
60 - 64	144	5.1	185	6.6	329	5.8
65 - 69	102	3.6	166	5.9	268	4.8
70 - 74	44	1.5	84	3.0	128	2.3
75+	93	3.3	75	2.7	168	3.0
All Ages	2,840	100.0	2,795	100.0	5,635	100.0
YACHT	-	-	9	0	9	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	2,011	0	2,011	0
Total	2,840	100.0	4,815	100.0	7,655	100.0

Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender March, 2015

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution
Australia	287	9.1	303	12.2	590	10.5
New Zealand	674	21.4	659	26.5	1,333	23.7
Fiji	76	2.4	32	1.3	108	1.9
American Samoa	-	-	4	0.2	4	0.1
Western Samoa	5	0.2	5	0.2	10	0.2
Tonga	1,678	53.3	1,162	46.8	2,840	50.4
Other Pacific Islands	16	0.5	12	0.5	28	0.5
Japan	57	1.8	19	0.8	76	1.3
China	44	1.4	14	0.6	58	1.0
India	4	0.1	-	-	4	0.1
Korea	1	0.0	-	-	1	0.0
Other Asian Countries	11	0.3	-	-	11	0.2
UK	19	0.6	19	0.8	38	0.7
Germany	25	0.8	27	1.1	52	0.9
France	4	0.1	3	0.1	7	0.1
Italy	6	0.2	4	0.2	10	0.2
Other European Countries	41	1.3	30	1.2	71	1.3
All African Countries	-	-	1	0.0	1	0.0
United States of America	195	6.2	178	7.2	373	6.6
Canada	6	0.2	10	0.4	16	0.3
Other American Countries	1	0.0	3	0.1	4	0.1
Total	3,150	100.0	2,485	100.0	5,635	100.0