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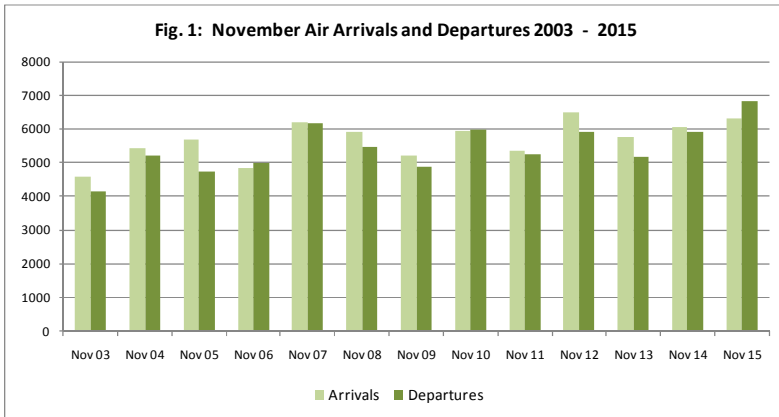
INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES November 2015

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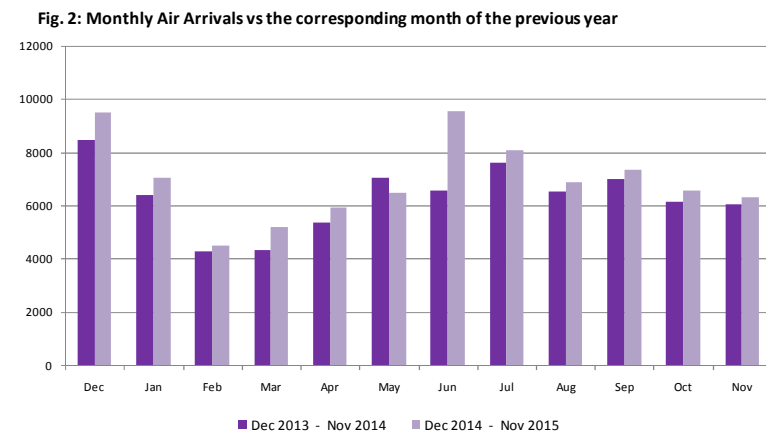
Statistical Bulletin

| Month of | Number | Change from previous month | Change from previous year |
|-------------------------|--------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| November 2015 | | | |
| All Arrivals | 6,706 | -34.5 | 6.0 |
| Air Visitors | 3,550 | -12.2 | 1.8 |
| Air Returning Residents | 2,769 | 9.5 | 8.2 |
| Cruise Ships | 291 | -91.6 | 46.2 |
| Yachts | 96 | -52.7 | 18.5 |
| All Departures | 7,250 | -34.3 | 16.1 |

- A decline of 34.5% of all arrivals (6,706) compared to the previous month of October 2015 (10,237)
- A decline of 12.2% of all air visitors (3,550) compared to October 2015 (4,045)
- An increase of 9.5% of Returning Residents (2,769) compared to October 2015 (2,529).
- A decline of 91.6% of arrivals by cruise ship in the month of November, 2015 compared to October 2015
- A decline of 52.7% of yacht arrivals compared to the previous month
- Again a decline of 34.3% of all departures from October 2015

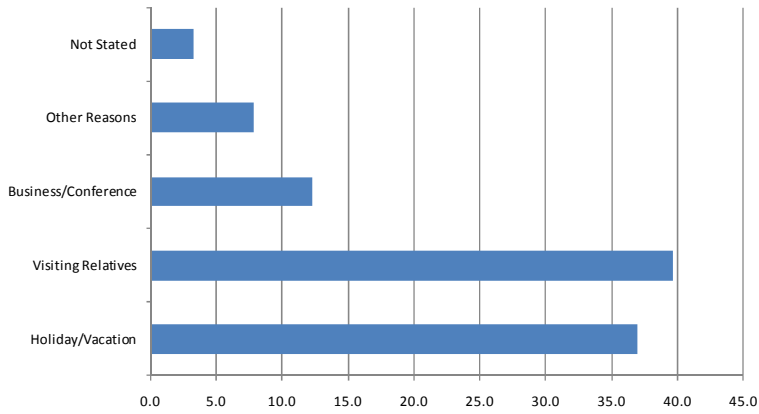


- Total air arrivals in November 2015 were 6,319 an increase of 4.5% compared to November 2014 (6,047).
- Total air departures of 6,817 in November 2015, an increase of 15.7% compared to November 2014 (5,892)



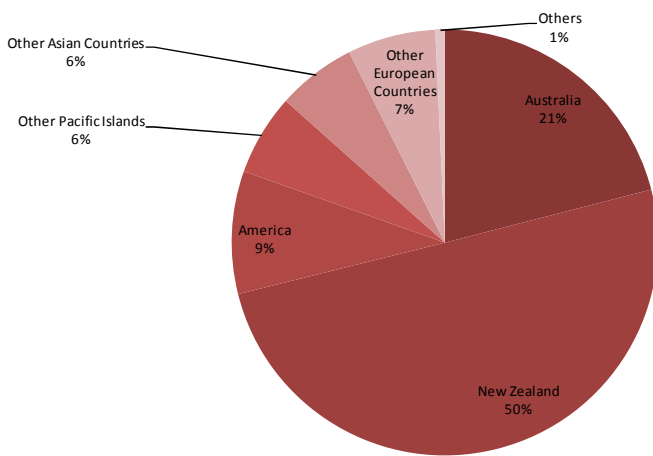
- Total air visitor arrivals in November 2015 were 3,550 an increase of 1.8% compared to November 2014 (3,488)

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



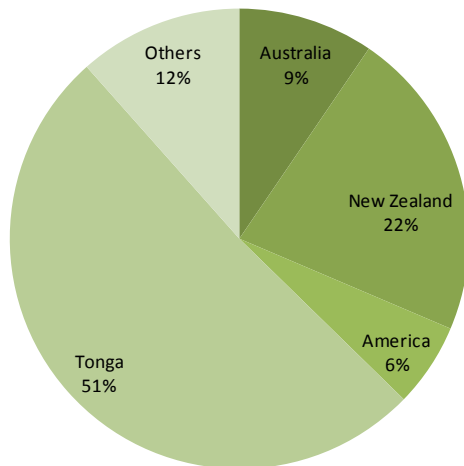
- Holiday/Vacation made up 36.9% (1,307) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of November.
- 39.6% (1,404) of the total visitors were here to visit Relatives/friends
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 12.3% (437) and those with other reasons were 7.9% (280)

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



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 50.1% (1,679) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 21.0% (759), and USA 9.3% (392)

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



- Most of the persons departing in the month of November were persons residing in Tonga (3,485) followed by New Zealand (1,494) and Australia (651)

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

| Age Group | Type of Passangers | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Total | | | Visitors | | | Returning Residents | | |
| | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female |
| 0-4 | 268 | 146 | 122 | 187 | 99 | 88 | 81 | 47 | 34 |
| 5-9 | 199 | 99 | 100 | 150 | 71 | 79 | 49 | 28 | 21 |
| 10-14 | 164 | 95 | 69 | 121 | 72 | 49 | 43 | 23 | 20 |
| 15-19 | 273 | 130 | 143 | 178 | 76 | 102 | 95 | 54 | 41 |
| 20-24 | 629 | 308 | 321 | 255 | 97 | 158 | 374 | 211 | 163 |
| 25-29 | 635 | 320 | 315 | 312 | 131 | 181 | 323 | 189 | 134 |
| 30-34 | 607 | 354 | 253 | 312 | 174 | 138 | 295 | 180 | 115 |
| 35-39 | 492 | 274 | 218 | 237 | 128 | 109 | 255 | 146 | 109 |
| 40-44 | 561 | 326 | 235 | 299 | 175 | 124 | 262 | 151 | 111 |
| 45-49 | 601 | 338 | 263 | 320 | 161 | 159 | 281 | 177 | 104 |
| 50-54 | 544 | 288 | 256 | 349 | 188 | 161 | 195 | 100 | 95 |
| 55-59 | 419 | 217 | 202 | 250 | 136 | 114 | 169 | 81 | 88 |
| 60-64 | 357 | 190 | 167 | 226 | 117 | 109 | 131 | 73 | 58 |
| 65-69 | 281 | 156 | 125 | 182 | 104 | 78 | 99 | 52 | 47 |
| 70-74 | 146 | 73 | 73 | 83 | 45 | 38 | 63 | 28 | 35 |
| 75+ | 143 | 82 | 61 | 89 | 55 | 34 | 54 | 27 | 27 |
| Total | 6,319 | 3,396 | 2,923 | 3,550 | 1,829 | 1,721 | 2,769 | 1,567 | 1,202 |
| % Distribution | 100.0 | 53.7 | 46.3 | 56.2 | 28.9 | 27.2 | 43.8 | 24.8 | 19.0 |

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

| Country of Usual Residence | Purpose of Visit | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------|
| | Total | % Distribution | Holiday/Vacation | Business/Conference | Visiting Relative/Friends | Other Reasons | Not Stated |
| Australia | 759 | 21.0 | 283 | 72 | 330 | 64 | 10 |
| New Zealand | 1,683 | 50.1 | 600 | 156 | 809 | 84 | 34 |
| Fiji | 167 | 3.4 | 21 | 78 | 26 | 27 | 15 |
| American Samoa | - | 0.1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Western Samoa | 25 | 0.8 | 2 | 14 | 8 | 1 | - |
| Other Pacific Islands | 49 | 1.8 | 9 | 20 | 15 | 4 | 1 |
| Japan | 39 | 0.9 | 21 | 13 | 4 | - | 1 |
| China | 118 | 3.7 | 29 | 17 | 20 | 20 | 32 |
| India | 5 | 0.2 | 2 | 3 | - | - | - |
| Korea | 7 | 0.1 | - | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Other Asian Countries | 57 | 1.1 | - | 11 | 4 | 39 | 3 |
| UK | 49 | 1.2 | 38 | 7 | - | 3 | 1 |
| Germany | 46 | 2.3 | 42 | - | 2 | - | 2 |
| France | 28 | 0.6 | 21 | 3 | 4 | - | - |
| Italy | 22 | 0.1 | 21 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Other European Countries | 80 | 2.5 | 65 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| All African Countries | 6 | 0.0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | - |
| United States of America | 392 | 9.3 | 136 | 28 | 174 | 34 | 20 |
| Canada | 11 | 0.5 | 11 | - | - | - | - |
| Other American Countries | 7 | 0.2 | 5 | 2 | - | - | - |
| Total | 3,550 | 100.0 | 1,307 | 437 | 1,404 | 280 | 122 |
| % Distribution | 100.1 | | 36.9 | 12.3 | 39.6 | 7.9 | 3.4 |

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

| Age Group | Returning Residence | Percentage Distribution | Visitors | Percentage Distribution | Total | Percentage Distribution |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| 0 - 4 | 128 | 3.7 | 143 | 4.3 | 271 | 4.0 |
| 5 - 9 | 119 | 3.4 | 96 | 2.9 | 215 | 3.2 |
| 10 - 14 | 150 | 4.3 | 73 | 2.2 | 223 | 3.3 |
| 15 - 19 | 249 | 7.1 | 113 | 3.4 | 362 | 5.3 |
| 20 - 24 | 463 | 13.3 | 214 | 6.4 | 677 | 9.9 |
| 25 - 29 | 481 | 13.8 | 315 | 9.5 | 796 | 11.7 |
| 30 - 34 | 393 | 11.3 | 330 | 9.9 | 723 | 10.6 |
| 35 - 39 | 298 | 8.6 | 224 | 6.7 | 522 | 7.7 |
| 40 - 44 | 322 | 9.2 | 309 | 9.3 | 631 | 9.3 |
| 45 - 49 | 242 | 6.9 | 327 | 9.8 | 569 | 8.4 |
| 50 - 54 | 163 | 4.7 | 338 | 10.2 | 501 | 7.4 |
| 55 - 59 | 156 | 4.5 | 283 | 8.5 | 439 | 6.4 |
| 60 - 64 | 122 | 3.5 | 216 | 6.5 | 338 | 5.0 |
| 65 - 69 | 88 | 2.5 | 174 | 5.2 | 262 | 3.8 |
| 70 - 74 | 54 | 1.5 | 97 | 2.9 | 151 | 2.2 |
| 75+ | 57 | 1.6 | 80 | 2.4 | 137 | 2.0 |
| All Ages | 3,485 | 100.0 | 3,332 | 100.1 | 6,817 | 100.1 |
| YACHT | - | - | 142 | 0 | 142 | 0 |
| CRUISE SHIP | - | - | 291 | 0 | 291 | 0 |
| Total | 3,485 | 100 | 3,765 | 100 | 7,250 | 100 |

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

| Country of Usual Residence | Male | Percent | Female | Percent | Total | Percent |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | No. | Distribution | No. | Distribution | No. | Distribution |
| Australia | 326 | 8.4 | 325 | 11.0 | 651 | 9.5 |
| New Zealand | 744 | 19.2 | 750 | 25.5 | 1,494 | 21.9 |
| Fiji | 105 | 2.7 | 55 | 1.9 | 160 | 2.3 |
| American Samoa | 1 | 0.0 | - | - | 1 | 0.0 |
| Western Samoa | 16 | 0.4 | 5 | 0.2 | 21 | 0.3 |
| Tonga | 2,142 | 55.3 | 1,343 | 45.6 | 3,485 | 51.1 |
| Other Pacific Islands | 28 | 0.7 | 28 | 1.0 | 56 | 0.8 |
| Japan | 29 | 0.7 | 13 | 0.4 | 42 | 0.6 |
| China | 97 | 2.5 | 62 | 2.1 | 159 | 2.3 |
| India | 8 | 0.2 | 1 | 0.0 | 9 | 0.1 |
| Korea | 3 | 0.1 | 1 | 0.0 | 4 | 0.1 |
| Other Asian Countries | 37 | 1.0 | 17 | 0.6 | 54 | 0.8 |
| UK | 29 | 0.7 | 27 | 0.9 | 56 | 0.8 |
| Germany | 33 | 0.9 | 30 | 1.0 | 63 | 0.9 |
| France | 10 | 0.3 | 6 | 0.2 | 16 | 0.2 |
| Italy | 12 | 0.3 | 9 | 0.3 | 21 | 0.3 |
| Other European Countries | 53 | 1.4 | 46 | 1.6 | 99 | 1.5 |
| All African Countries | 4 | 0.1 | 1 | 0.0 | 5 | 0.1 |
| United States of America | 186 | 4.8 | 214 | 7.3 | 400 | 5.9 |
| Canada | 4 | 0.1 | 12 | 0.4 | 16 | 0.2 |
| Other American Countries | 4 | 0.1 | 1 | 0.0 | 5 | 0.1 |
| Total | 3,871 | 100.0 | 2,946 | 100.0 | 6,817 | 100.0 |