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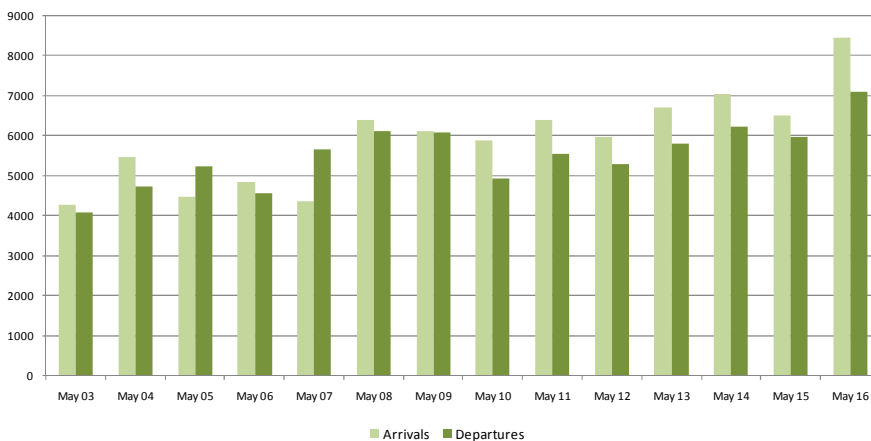
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Month of	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
May 2016			
All Arrivals	8,707	-14.2	19.8
Air Visitors	5,220	47.6	36.6
Air Returning Residents	3,242	11.1	20.5
Cruise Ships	-	0.0	0.0
Yachts	245	2962.5	20.7
All Departures	7,258	-26.2	9.8

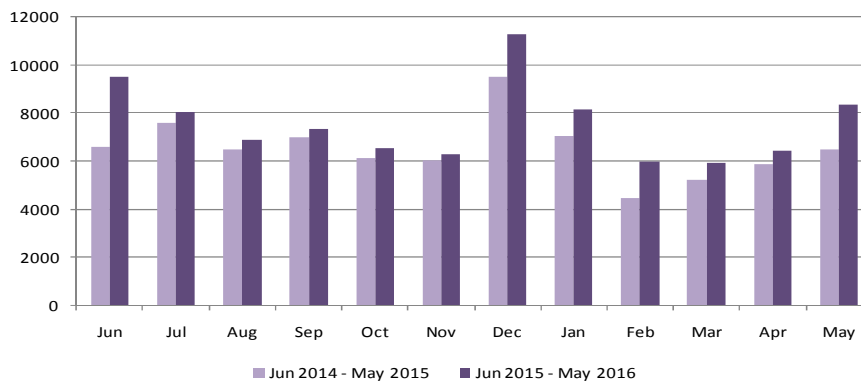
- A decline of 14.2% of all arrivals (8,707) compared to the previous month of April 2016 (10,153)
- An increase of 47.6% of all air visitors (5,220) compared to April 2016 (3,537)
- An increase of 11.1% (3,242) of returning residents compared to previous month (2,918)
- There was no cruise ship for the month of May
- Again an increase of 2962.5% (245) of arrivals by yacht compared to previous month (8)
- A decline of 26.2% of all departures from April 2016.

Fig. 1: May Air Arrivals and Departures 2003 - 2016



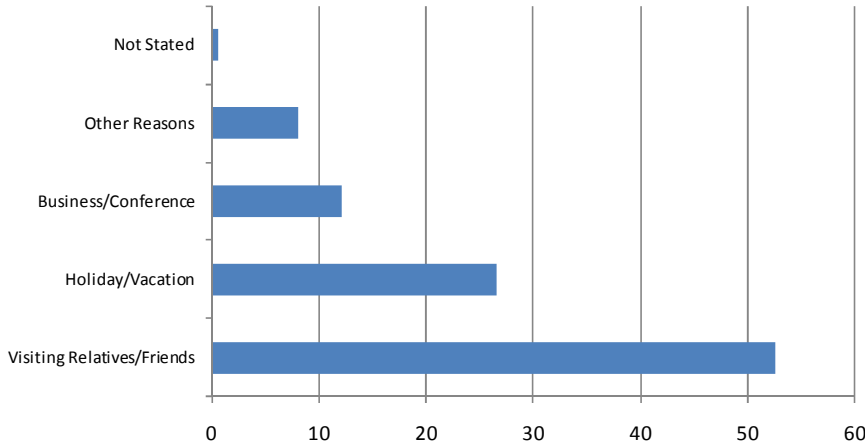
- Total air arrivals in May 2016 were 8,462 an increase of 30.0% compared to May 2015 (6,510).
- Total air departures of 7,104 in May 2016, an increase of 19.0% compared to May 2015 (5,968)

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



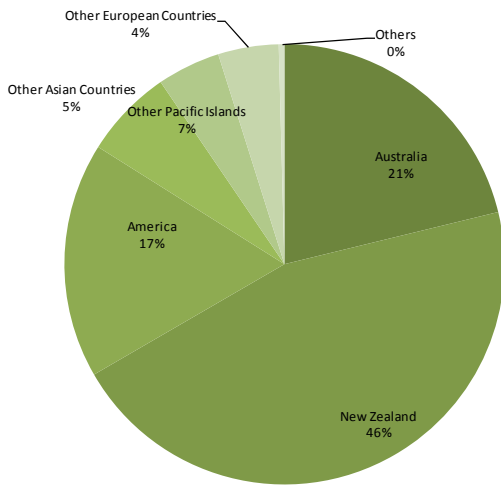
- Total air visitor arrivals in May 2016 were 5,220 an increase of 36.6% compared to May 2015 (3,820)

Fig. 3: Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit May, 2016



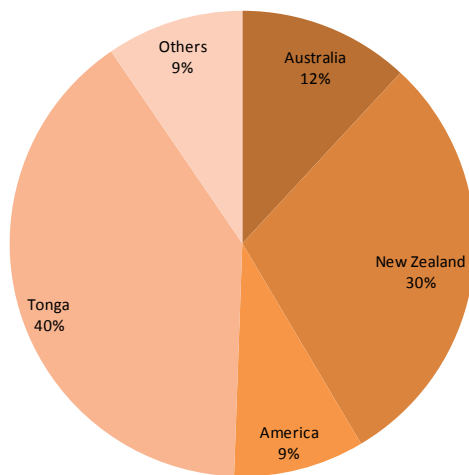
- Visiting Relatives/Friends made up 52.6% (2,744) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of May.
- 26.6% (1,386) of the total visitors were here on Holiday/Vacation
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 12.2% (636) and those with other reasons were 8.1% (421)

Fig. 4: Air visitors by Country of Usual Residence May, 2016



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 45.5% (2,374) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 21.2% (1,106), and USA 17.3% (901)

Fig. 5: Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence May, 2016



- Most of the persons departing in the month of May were residents of Tonga (2,837) followed by New Zealand (2,102) and Australia (842)

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.

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Table 1. Monthly Arrival and Departure by Mode of Travel and Net Migration, 2011 - 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)
2015	53,752	17,375	1,426	72,553	31,517			31,517	85,269	17,375	1,426	104,070	86,574	17,383	1,422	105,379	(1,309)
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)
April	3,642	1,940	31	5,613	2,277			2,277	5,919	1,940	31	7,890	6,408	1,940	30	8,378	(488)
May	3,820	555	203	4,578	2,690			2,690	6,510	555	203	7,268	5,968	555	89	6,612	656
June	5,898	1,757	155	7,810	3,652			3,652	9,550	1,757	155	11,462	5,600	1,757	251	7,608	3,854
July	5,961		176	6,137	2,115			2,115	8,076		176	8,252	10,489		143	10,632	(2,380)
August	4,809		231	5,040	2,085			2,085	6,894		231	7,125	7,606		206	7,812	(687)
September	4,915	1,953	282	7,150	2,454			2,454	7,369	1,953	282	9,604	6,604	1,958	260	8,822	782
October	4,045	3,460	203	7,708	2,529			2,529	6,574	3,460	203	10,237	7,326	3,463	251	11,040	(803)
November	3,550	291	96	3,937	2,769			2,769	6,319	291	96	6,706	6,817	291	142	7,250	(544)
December	8,444	100		8,544	2,830			2,830	11,274	100		11,374	9,844	100	5	9,949	1,425
2016																	
January	3,581			3,581	4,569			4,569	8,150			8,150	9,441		1	9,442	(1,292)
February	3,259	5,474		8,733	2,720			2,720	5,979	5,474		11,453	7,592	5,467		13,059	(1,606)
March	3,315	1,411	4	4,730	2,653			2,653	5,968	1,411	4	7,383	7,073	1,411	4	8,488	(1,105)
April	3,537	3,690	8	7,235	2,918			2,918	6,455	3,690	8	10,153	6,135	3,698	6	9,839	314
May	5,220		245	5,465	3,242			3,242	8,462		245	8,707	7,104		154	7,258	1,449

Table 2. Total Arrivals by Age, Type of Passangers and Gender May, 2016

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	329	162	167	243	117	126	86	45	41
5-9	241	134	107	183	105	78	58	29	29
10-14	170	77	93	137	64	73	33	13	20
15-19	229	91	138	165	59	106	64	32	32
20-24	625	358	267	275	116	159	350	242	108
25-29	885	503	382	417	176	241	468	327	141
30-34	772	449	323	418	212	206	354	237	117
35-39	699	405	294	383	199	184	316	206	110
40-44	718	426	292	430	261	169	288	165	123
45-49	897	497	400	565	294	271	332	203	129
50-54	844	453	391	596	324	272	248	129	119
55-59	637	318	319	446	228	218	191	90	101
60-64	558	312	246	382	213	169	176	99	77
65-69	386	197	189	270	142	128	116	55	61
70-74	247	135	112	167	87	80	80	48	32
75+	225	102	123	143	68	75	82	34	48
Total	8,462	4,619	3,843	5,220	2,665	2,555	3,242	1,954	1,288
% Distribution	100.0	54.6	45.4	61.7	31.5	30.2	38.3	23.1	15.2

Table 3. Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit May, 2016

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/ Vacation	Business/ Conference	Visiting Relative/ Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	1,106	21.2	324	137	562	64	19
New Zealand	2,374	45.5	596	240	1,375	153	10
Fiji	246	4.7	50	60	104	32	-
American Samoa	37	0.7	8	8	20	-	1
Western Samoa	19	0.4	2	5	11	1	-
Other Pacific Islands	41	0.8	5	20	11	5	-
Japan	31	0.6	17	4	7	3	-
China	157	3.0	52	49	30	25	1
India	4	0.1		1	3	-	-
Korea	5	0.1		4	1	-	-
Other Asian Countries	45	0.9	15	9	6	15	-
UK	63	1.2	31	3	21	8	-
Germany	52	1.0	43	1	8	-	-
France	23	0.4	14	1	8	-	-
Italy	13	0.2	10	1		2	-
Other European Countries	82	1.6	48	3	17	14	-
All African Countries	6	0.1	-	1	3	2	-
United States of America	901	17.3	165	88	553	93	2
Canada	10	0.2	5	-	2	3	-
Other American Countries	5	0.1	1	1	2	1	-
Total	5,220	100.0	1,386	636	2,744	421	33
% Distribution	100.0		26.6	12.2	52.6	8.1	0.6

Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for May, 2016

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	83	2.9	195	4.6	278	3.9
5 - 9	48	1.7	150	3.5	198	2.8
10 - 14	24	0.8	121	2.8	145	2.0
15 - 19	69	2.4	150	3.5	219	3.1
20 - 24	278	9.8	241	5.6	519	7.3
25 - 29	369	13.0	352	8.2	721	10.1
30 - 34	320	11.3	345	8.1	665	9.4
35 - 39	300	10.6	358	8.4	658	9.3
40 - 44	290	10.2	370	8.7	660	9.3
45 - 49	288	10.2	460	10.8	748	10.5
50 - 54	241	8.5	476	11.2	717	10.1
55 - 59	190	6.7	347	8.1	537	7.6
60 - 64	122	4.3	283	6.6	405	5.7
65 - 69	88	3.1	215	5.0	303	4.3
70 - 74	67	2.4	117	2.7	184	2.6
75+	60	2.1	87	2.0	147	2.1
All Ages	2,837	100.0	4,267	100.0	7,104	100.0
YACHT	-	-	154	0	154	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	-	0	0	0
Total	2,837	100.0	4,421	100.0	7,258	100.0

Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender May, 2016

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution
Australia	432	11.2	410	12.6	842	11.9
New Zealand	1,032	26.8	1,070	33.0	2,102	29.6
Fiji	89	2.3	66	2.0	155	2.2
American Samoa	3	0.1	7	0.2	10	0.1
Western Samoa	5	0.1	2	0.1	7	0.1
Tonga	1,653	42.9	1,184	36.5	2,837	39.9
Other Pacific Islands	15	0.4	12	0.4	27	0.4
Japan	28	0.7	17	0.5	45	0.6
China	81	2.1	37	1.1	118	1.7
India	8	0.2	-	-	8	0.1
Korea	1	0.0	2	0.1	3	0.0
Other Asian Countries	30	0.8	11	0.3	41	0.6
UK	36	0.9	29	0.9	65	0.9
Germany	49	1.3	35	1.1	84	1.2
France	14	0.4	2	0.1	16	0.2
Italy	5	0.1	8	0.2	13	0.2
Other European Countries	43	1.1	28	0.9	71	1.0
All African Countries	1	0.0	2	0.1	3	0.0
United States of America	326	8.5	319	9.8	645	9.1
Canada	5	0.1	6	0.2	11	0.2
Other American Countries	1	0.0	-	-	1	0.0
Total	3,857	100.0	3,247	100.0	7,104	100.0



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