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PREFACE

This bulletin is produced by the Statistics Department on monthly migration statistics of the Kingdom for the month of July 2016. It shows the international arrivals and departures by months back to January 2010, mode of transportation, type of passengers, purpose of visit, age group of passengers and some charts for analysis purposes.

The data is extracted from the arrival and departure cards of the Immigration Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Customs Department's vessel & yacht log book.

This bulletin also presents information relating to gender of passengers and country of usual residence, and country visited.

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Any suggestions that recipients of this bulletin wish to make for its future improvement will be welcome by the Statistics Department.

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INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES July 2016

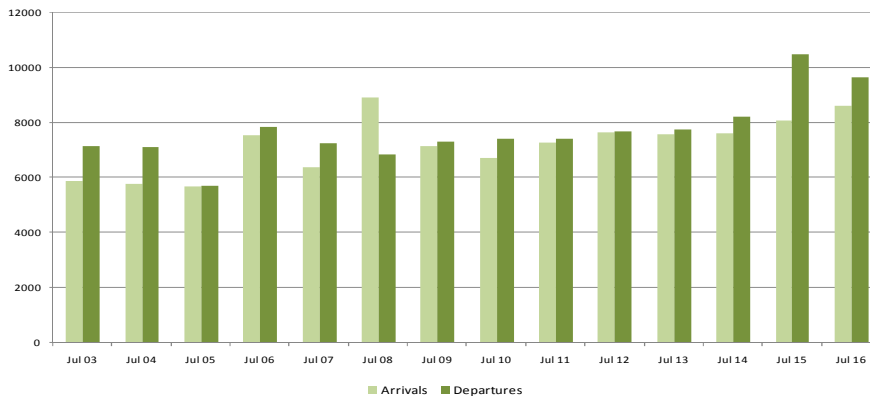
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Month of	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
July 2016			
All Arrivals	8,823	-25.8	6.9
Air Visitors	6,103	-9.8	2.4
Air Returning Residents	2,533	-18.0	19.8
Cruise Ships	-	0.0	0.0
Yachts	187	-27.8	6.3
All Departures	9,859	-4.5	-7.3

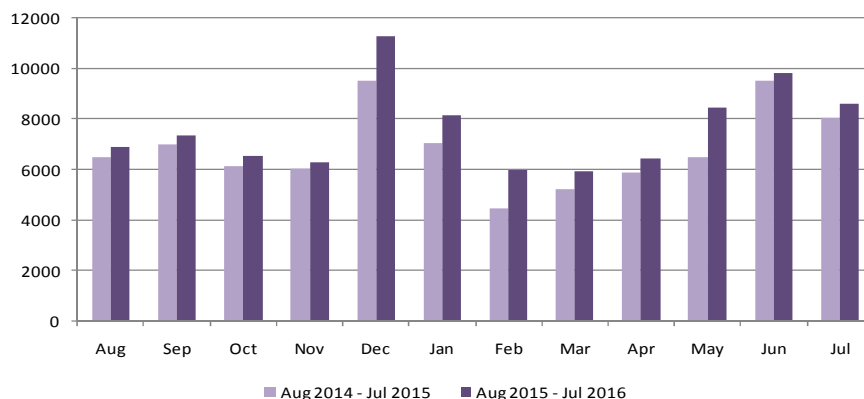
- A decline of 25.8% of all arrivals (8,823) compared to the previous month of June 2016 (11,896)
- A decline of 9.8% of all air visitors (6,103) compared to June 2016 (6,763)
- A decline of 18.0% (2,533) of returning residents compared to previous month (3,090)
- There were no cruise ship for the month of July
- Again a decline of 27.8% (187) of arrivals by yacht compared to previous month (259)
- A decline of 4.5% of all departures from June 2016.

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



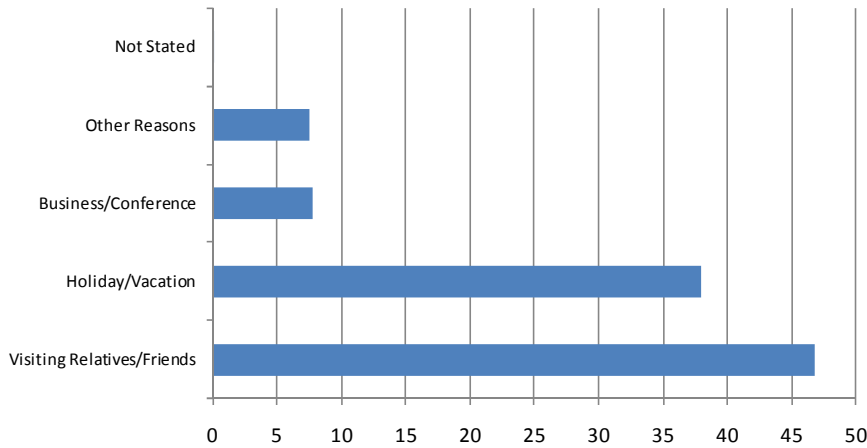
- Total air arrivals in July 2016 were 8,636 an increase of 6.9% compared to July 2015 (8,076).
- Total air departures of 9,665 in July 2016, a decline of 7.9% compared to July 2015 (10,489)

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



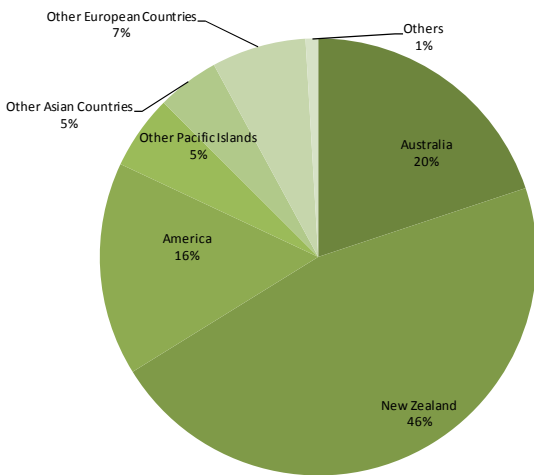
- Total air visitor arrivals in July 2016 were 6,103 an increase of 2.4% compared to July 2015 (5,961)

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



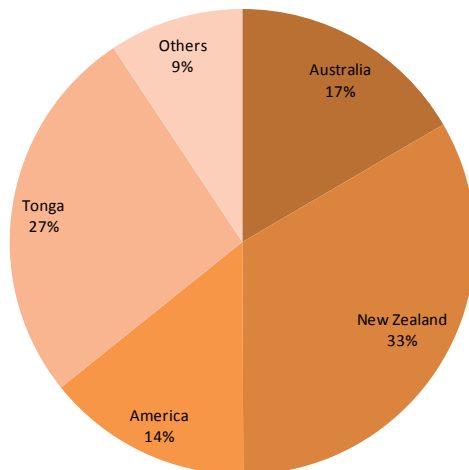
- Visiting Relatives/Friends made up 46.7% (2,852) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of July.
- 37.9% (2,310) of the total visitors were here on Holiday/Vacation
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 7.8% (474) and those with other reasons were 7.5% (459)

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



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 46.3% (2,823) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 19.9 % (1,217), and USA 15.8% (963)

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



- Most of the persons departing in the month of July were residents of New Zealand (3,221) followed by Tongans (2,549) and Australia (1,606)

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, 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	92,989	(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	4,566	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	-	1		

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

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	321	159	162	246	126	120	75	33	42
5-9	355	175	180	288	136	152	67	39	28
10-14	390	193	197	315	158	157	75	35	40
15-19	499	226	273	377	163	214	122	63	59
20-24	632	297	335	386	167	219	246	130	116
25-29	773	386	387	480	224	256	293	162	131
30-34	733	373	360	478	231	247	255	142	113
35-39	710	375	335	482	256	226	228	119	109
40-44	760	437	323	524	303	221	236	134	102
45-49	858	442	416	617	307	310	241	135	106
50-54	762	400	362	569	294	275	193	106	87
55-59	641	337	304	484	251	233	157	86	71
60-64	501	265	236	376	201	175	125	64	61
65-69	374	204	170	274	153	121	100	51	49
70-74	171	95	76	111	62	49	60	33	27
75+	156	71	85	96	51	45	60	20	40
Total	8,636	4,435	4,201	6,103	3,083	3,020	2,533	1,352	1,181
% Distribution	100.0	51.4	48.6	70.7	35.7	35.0	29.3	15.7	13.7

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

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/ Vacation	Business/ Conference	Visiting Relative/ Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	1,217	19.9	556	91	494	71	5
New Zealand	2,823	46.3	1,077	121	1,420	203	2
Fiji	206	3.4	21	66	70	49	-
American Samoa	10	0.2	-	-	10	-	-
Western Samoa	25	0.4	-	11	9	5	-
Other Pacific Islands	94	1.5	5	41	37	11	-
Japan	74	1.2	24	10	35	5	-
China	98	1.6	15	30	28	25	-
India	15	0.2	13	-	2	-	-
Korea	20	0.3	10	3	7	-	-
Other Asian Countries	74	1.2	40	14	15	5	-
UK	137	2.2	67	25	34	11	-
Germany	68	1.1	53	4	10	-	1
France	50	0.8	27	6	14	3	-
Italy	17	0.3	15	-	2	-	-
Other European Countries	155	2.5	114	8	31	2	-
All African Countries	9	0.1	5	2	1	1	-
United States of America	963	15.8	246	37	616	64	-
Canada	28	0.5	14	3	9	2	-
Other American Countries	20	0.3	8	2	8	2	-
Total	6,103	100.0	2,310	474	2,852	459	8
% Distribution	100.0		37.9	7.8	46.7	7.5	0.1

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

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	93	3.6	303	4.3	396	4.1
5 - 9	78	3.1	394	5.5	472	4.9
10 - 14	58	2.3	391	5.5	449	4.6
15 - 19	101	4.0	510	7.2	611	6.3
20 - 24	292	11.5	477	6.7	769	8.0
25 - 29	269	10.6	515	7.2	784	8.1
30 - 34	251	9.8	519	7.3	770	8.0
35 - 39	256	10.0	477	6.7	733	7.6
40 - 44	229	9.0	543	7.6	772	8.0
45 - 49	239	9.4	702	9.9	941	9.7
50 - 54	185	7.3	651	9.1	836	8.6
55 - 59	162	6.4	560	7.9	722	7.5
60 - 64	135	5.3	406	5.7	541	5.6
65 - 69	86	3.4	344	4.8	430	4.4
70 - 74	53	2.1	175	2.5	228	2.4
75+	62	2.4	149	2.1	211	2.2
All Ages	2,549	100.0	7,116	100.0	9,665	100.0
YACHT	-	-	194	0	194	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	-	0	0	0
Total	2,549	100.0	7,310	100.0	9,859	100.0

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

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution		
Australia	792	16.2	814	17.1	1,606	16.6
New Zealand	1,561	31.9	1,660	34.8	3,221	33.3
Fiji	139	2.8	83	1.7	222	2.3
American Samoa	9	0.2	15	0.3	24	0.2
Western Samoa	12	0.2	7	0.1	19	0.2
Tonga	1,328	27.1	1,221	25.6	2,549	26.4
Other Pacific Islands	40	0.8	25	0.5	65	0.7
Japan	34	0.7	18	0.4	52	0.5
China	75	1.5	29	0.6	104	1.1
India	-	-	-	-	-	-
Korea	12	0.2	8	0.2	20	0.2
Other Asian Countries	26	0.5	12	0.3	38	0.4
UK	46	0.9	27	0.6	73	0.8
Germany	34	0.7	28	0.6	62	0.6
France	28	0.6	17	0.4	45	0.5
Italy	4	0.1	9	0.2	13	0.1
Other European Countries	82	1.7	53	1.1	135	1.4
All African Countries	3	0.1	2	0.0	5	0.1
United States of America	660	13.5	726	15.2	1,386	14.3
Canada	10	0.2	4	0.1	14	0.1
Other American Countries	6	0.1	6	0.1	12	0.1
Total	4,901	100.0	4,764	100.0	9,665	100.0



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