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PREFACE

This bulletin is produced by the Statistics Department on monthly migration statistics of the Kingdom for the month of March 2017. It shows the international arrivals and departures by months back to January 2011, 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

March 2017

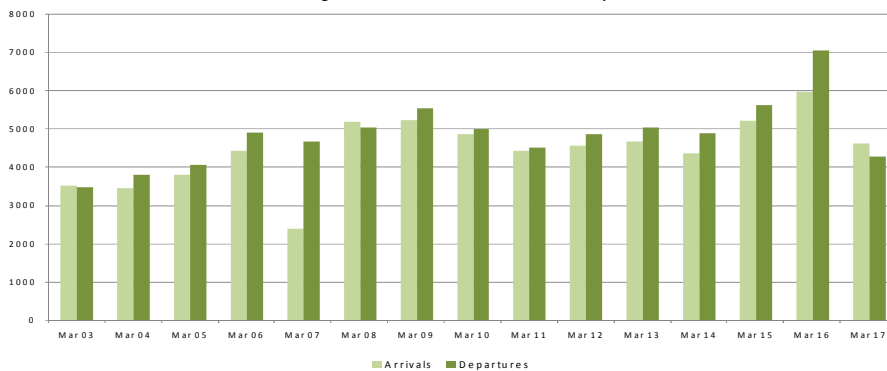
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Table 1: Total International Arrivals and Departures by annual percentage change and previous month

Month	Total Number	Change from previous month (%)	Change from previous year (%)
March 2017			
All Arrivals	8,490	-9.8	15.0
Air Visitors	2,560	-12.8	-22.8
Air Returning Residents	2,081	-26.5	-21.6
Cruise Ships	3,839	5.4	172.1
Yachts	10	0.0	150.0
All Departures	8,132	-23.2	-4.2

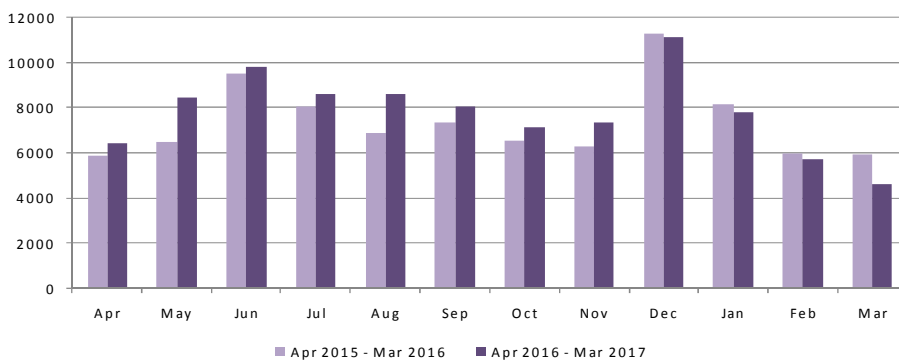
- A decline of 9.8% of all arrivals (8,490) compared to the previous month of February 2017 (9,410)
- A decline of 12.8% of all air visitors (2,560) compared to February 2017 (2,936)
- A decline of 26.5% (2,081) of returning residents compared to previous month (2,832)
- An increase of 5.4% of arrivals by cruise ships compared to February 2017 (3,642)
- There were only 10 arrivals by yachts for the month of March.
- A decline of 23.2% of all departures from February 2017.

Fig. 1: March Air Arrivals and Departures 2003 - 2017



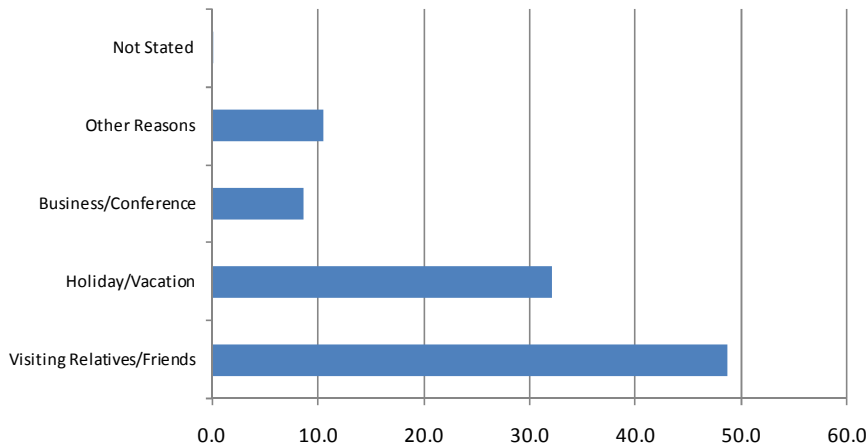
- Total air arrivals in March 2017 were 4,641 a decline of 5.5% compared to March 2016 (5,968).
- Total air departures of 4,286 in March 2017, a decline of 39.4% compared to March 2016 (7,073)

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



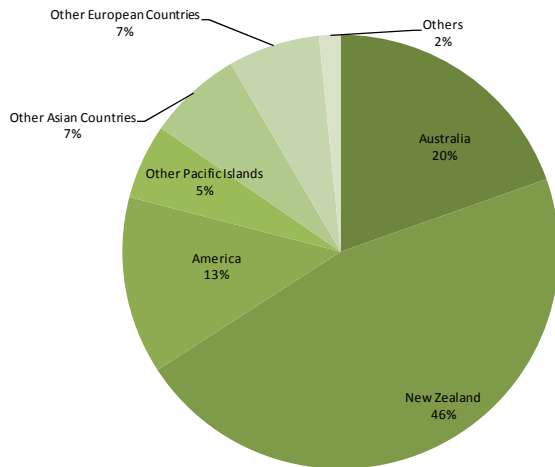
- Total air visitor arrivals in March 2017 were 2,560 a decline of 22.8% compared to March 2016 (3,315)

Fig. 3: Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit March, 2017



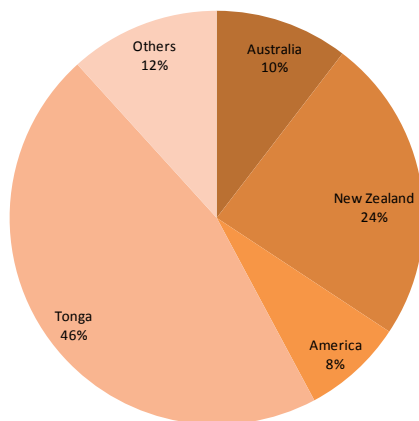
- 48.6% (1,244) of the total air visitors were here to visit relatives/friends
- Holiday/Vacations made up 32.2% (825) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of March
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 8.6% (219) and those with other reasons were 10.5% (268)

Fig. 4: Air visitors by Country of Usual Residence March, 2017



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 46.3% (1,184) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 19.6% (502), and USA 13.2% (337)

Fig. 5: Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence March, 2017



- Most of the persons departing in the month of March were residents of Tonga (1,976) followed by New Zealand (1,024) and Australia (445)

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	92,890	(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	72,827	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	45,308	17,275	1,426	64,009	28,687			28,687	73,995	17,275	1,426	92,696	76,730	17,283	1,417	95,430	(2,734)
2016	59,130	25,714	1,816	86,662	36,800			36,800	95,930	25,714	1,816	123,462	95,043	25,703	1,520	122,266	1,196
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	(2,255)
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	4,969	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	5,834	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	(367)
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	282
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	5,997	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	7,336	944
July	5,477		233	5,710	2,128			2,128	7,605		233	7,838	6,213		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	4,600	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,								

Table 2. Total Arrivals by Age, Type of Passangers and Gender March, 2017

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	168	92	76	100	55	45	68	37	31
5-9	130	56	74	75	30	45	55	26	29
10-14	108	49	59	63	28	35	45	21	24
15-19	133	62	71	63	27	36	70	35	35
20-24	354	151	203	159	55	104	195	96	99
25-29	436	205	231	233	97	136	203	108	95
30-34	413	216	197	250	129	121	163	87	76
35-39	351	190	161	183	94	89	168	96	72
40-44	427	238	189	224	130	94	203	108	95
45-49	466	246	220	243	123	120	223	123	100
50-54	480	256	224	288	148	140	192	108	84
55-59	355	178	177	203	100	103	152	78	74
60-64	295	164	131	184	100	84	111	64	47
65-69	247	128	119	159	78	81	88	50	38
70-74	166	92	74	88	47	41	78	45	33
75+	112	56	56	45	24	21	67	32	35
Total	4,641	2,379	2,262	2,560	1,265	1,295	2,081	1,114	967
% Distribution	100.0	51.3	48.7	55.2	27.3	27.9	44.8	24.0	20.8

Table 3. Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit March, 2017

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	502	19.6	132	49	261	60	0
New Zealand	1,184	46.3	311	69	694	108	2
Fiji	101	3.9	14	23	31	33	0
American Samoa	9	0.4	3	0	6	0	0
Western Samoa	17	0.7	1	6	8	2	0
Other Pacific Islands	16	0.6	2	5	6	3	0
Japan	64	2.5	26	16	17	5	0
China	64	2.5	23	22	9	10	0
India	1	0.0	1	0	0	0	0
Korea	6	0.2	0	5	0	1	0
Other Asian Countries	44	1.7	30	4	3	7	0
UK	56	2.2	42	3	5	6	0
Germany	40	1.6	35	0	3	2	0
France	18	0.7	12	2	2	2	0
Italy	5	0.2	4	0	1	0	0
Other European Countries	55	2.1	45	3	6	1	0
All African Countries	10	0.4	6	1	2	1	0
United States of America	337	13.2	128	7	178	22	2
Canada	21	0.8	9	1	10	1	0
Other American Countries	10	0.4	1	3	2	4	0
Total	2,560	100.0	825	219	1,244	268	4
% Distribution	100.0		32.2	8.6	48.6	10.5	0.2

Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for March, 2017

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	48	2.4	89	3.9	137	3.2
5 - 9	39	2.0	69	3.0	108	2.5
10 - 14	25	1.3	44	1.9	69	1.6
15 - 19	48	2.4	44	1.9	92	2.1
20 - 24	211	10.7	139	6.0	350	8.2
25 - 29	240	12.1	181	7.8	421	9.8
30 - 34	215	10.9	211	9.1	426	9.9
35 - 39	185	9.4	161	7.0	346	8.1
40 - 44	203	10.3	188	8.1	391	9.1
45 - 49	208	10.5	223	9.7	431	10.1
50 - 54	163	8.2	240	10.4	403	9.4
55 - 59	123	6.2	202	8.7	325	7.6
60 - 64	101	5.1	182	7.9	283	6.6
65 - 69	73	3.7	167	7.2	240	5.6
70 - 74	52	2.6	94	4.1	146	3.4
75+	42	2.1	76	3.3	118	2.8
All Ages	1,976	100.0	2,310	100.0	4,286	100.0
YACHT	-	-	3	0	3	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	3,842	0	3,842	0
Total	1,976	100.0	6,155	100.0	8,131	100.0

Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender March, 2017

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution		
Australia	224	9	221	12	445	10.4
New Zealand	488	21	536	28	1,024	23.9
Fiji	70	3	53	3	123	2.9
American Samoa	2	0	-	-	2	0.0
Western Samoa	11	0	16	1	27	0.6
Tonga	1,174	49	802	42	1,976	46.1
Other Pacific Islands	5	0	5	0	10	0.2
Japan	41	2	6	0	47	1.1
China	58	2	19	1	77	1.8
India	1	0	1	0	2	0.0
Korea	5	0	2	0	7	0.2
Other Asian Countries	19	1	4	0	23	0.5
UK	26	1	23	1	49	1.1
Germany	17	1	13	1	30	0.7
France	5	0	4	0	9	0.2
Italy	7	0	3	0	10	0.2
Other European Countries	40	2	27	1	67	1.6
All African Countries	1	0	-	-	1	0.0
United States of America	165	7	173	9	338	7.9
Canada	7	0	4	0	11	0.3
Other American Countries	6	0	2	0	8	0.2
Total	2,372	100.0	1,914	100	4,286	100.0



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