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PREFACE

This bulletin is produced by the Statistics Department on monthly migration statistics of the Kingdom for the month of April 2017. It shows the international arrivals and departures by months back to January 2012, 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.

Special thanks are extended to the Immigration Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Customs Department of the Ministry of Revenue Services, Airport Terminal Services, Tonga Airport Limited and Ports Authority for their assistance in providing their administrative information relating to these statistics. I am also grateful particularly to my staff members who contributed to the compilation of this report.

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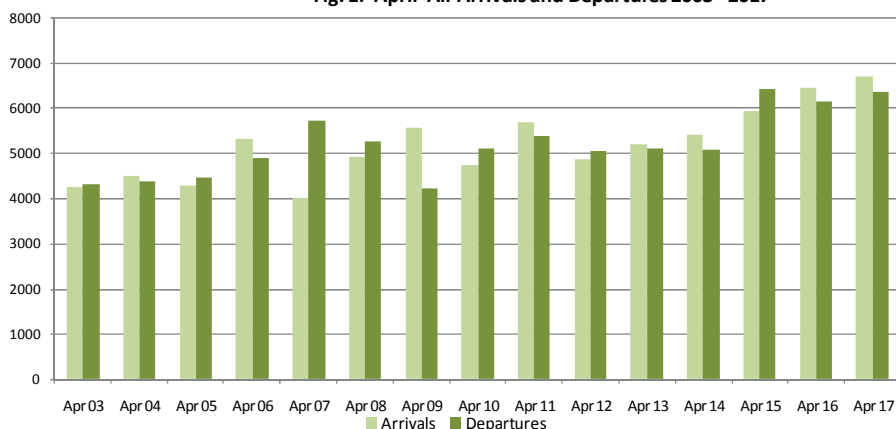
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Table 1: Total Arrivals and Departures by annual percentage change and previous month

Month of April 2017	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	7,031	-17.2	-30.7
Air Visitors	3,840	50.0	8.6
Air Returning Residents	2,853	37.1	-2.2
Cruise Ships	315	-91.8	-91.5
Yachts	23	130.0	187.5
All Departures	6,679	-17.9	-32.1

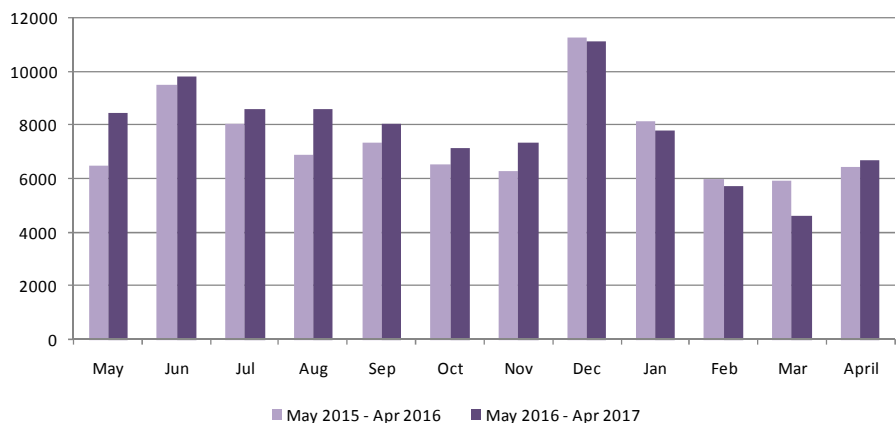
- A decline of 17.2% of all arrivals (7,031) compared to the previous month of March 2017 (8,490)
- An increase of 50.0% of all air visitors (3,840) compared to March 2017 (2,560)
- An increase of 37.1% (2,853) of returning residents compared to previous month (2,081)
- A decline of 91.8% of arrivals by cruise ships compared to March 2017 (3,839)
- An increase of 130 % of arrivals by yachts compared to March 2017 (10).
- A decline of 17.9% of all departures from March 2017.

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



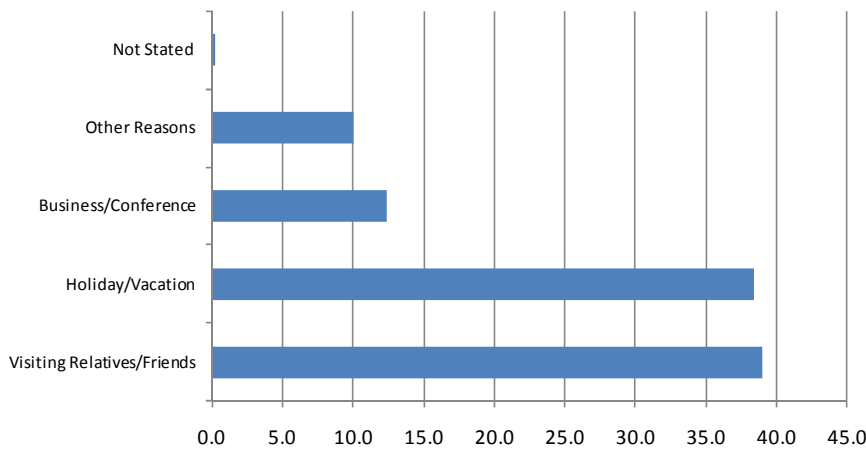
- Total air arrivals in April 2017 were 6,693 an increase of 3.7% compared to April 2016 (6,455).
- Total air departures of 6,359 in April 2017, again an increase of 3.7% compared to April 2016 (6,135)

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



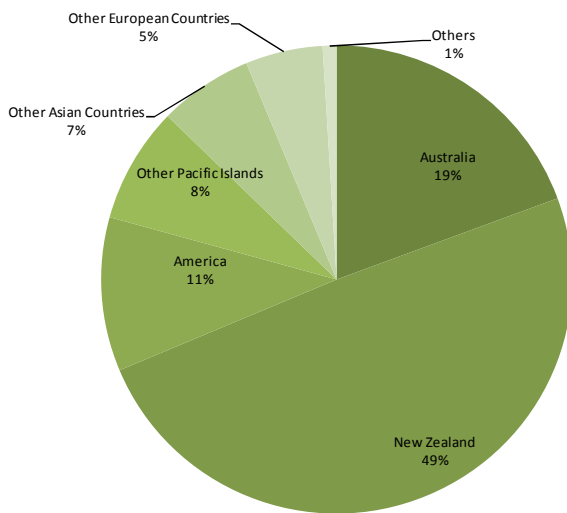
- Total air visitor arrivals in April 2017 were 3,840 an increase of 8.6% compared to April 2016 (3,537)

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



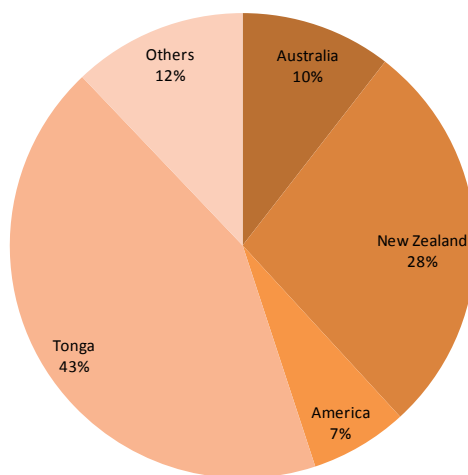
- 39.0% (1,498) of the total air visitors were here to visit relatives/friends
- Holiday/Vacations made up 38.4% (1,474) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of April
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 12.4% (478) and those with other reasons were 10.0% (383)

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



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 49.3% (1,893) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 19.4 % (745), and USA 10.6% (406)

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



- Most of the persons departing in the month of April were residents of Tonga (2,734) followed by New Zealand (1,760) and Australia (665)

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, 2012 - 2017

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)
2016	59,130	25,714	1,816	86,662	36,800			36,800	95,930	25,714	1,818	123,462	95,043	25,703	1,520	122,266	1,196
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	6,910	-	182	6,285	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	-	312	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
June	6,763	1,784	259	8,806	3,090			3,090	9,853	1,784	259	11,896	8,356	1,777	195	10,328	1,568
July	6,103	-	187	6,290	2,533			2,533	8,636	-	187	8,823	9,665	-	194	9,859	(1,036)
August	5,880	1,394	314	7,588	2,736			2,736	8,616	1,394	314	10,324	7,033	1,387	229	8,649	1,675
September	5,185	-	359	5,544	2,907			2,907	8,092	-	359	8,451	7,555	-	341	7,896	555
October	4,298	6,630	342	11,270	2,886			2,886	7,184	6,630	342	14,156	7,699	6,626	258	14,583	(427)
November	5,880	1,394	314	7,588	2,736			2,736	8,616	1,394	314	10,324	7,033	1,387	229	8,649	1,675
December	8,108	5,155	12	13,275	3,049			3,049	11,157	5,155	12	16,324	10,041	5,161	6	15,208	1,116
2017																	
January	3,351	2,187	8	5,546	4,462			4,462	7,813	2,187	8	10,008	9,620	2,185	7	11,812	(1,804)
February	2,936	3,642	-	6,578	2,832			2,832	5,768	3,642	-	9,410	6,960	3,632	2	10,594	(1,184)
March	2,560	3,839	10	6,409	2,081			2,081	4,641	3,839	10	8,490	4,286	3,842	4	8,132	358
April	3,840	315	23	4,178	2,853			2,853									

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

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	219	110	109	134	66	68	85	44	41
5-9	262	130	132	156	78	78	106	52	54
10-14	211	109	102	135	69	66	76	40	36
15-19	296	144	152	193	89	104	103	55	48
20-24	473	234	239	233	96	137	240	138	102
25-29	612	317	295	301	133	168	311	184	127
30-34	622	330	292	325	162	163	297	168	129
35-39	560	321	239	304	166	138	256	155	101
40-44	593	325	268	343	189	154	250	136	114
45-49	689	382	307	407	225	182	282	157	125
50-54	642	357	285	386	219	167	256	138	118
55-59	506	272	234	308	174	134	198	98	100
60-64	397	218	179	239	148	91	158	70	88
65-69	290	167	123	181	112	69	109	55	54
70-74	168	89	79	109	57	52	59	32	27
75+	153	65	88	86	40	46	67	25	42
Total	6,693	3,570	3,123	3,840	2,023	1,817	2,853	1,547	1,306
% Distribution	100.0	53.3	46.7	57.4	30.2	27.1	42.6	23.1	19.5

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

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	745	19.4	266	104	285	90	0
New Zealand	1,893	49.3	738	111	887	153	4
Fiji	161	4.2	16	70	40	35	0
American Samoa	7	0.2	0	2	3	2	0
Western Samoa	20	0.5	3	13	1	3	0
Other Pacific Islands	118	3.1	16	63	18	20	1
Japan	60	1.6	26	20	11	2	1
China	124	3.2	69	29	19	7	0
India	7	0.2	3	1	2	1	0
Korea	6	0.2	3	3	0	0	0
Other Asian Countries	52	1.4	26	7	5	14	0
UK	43	1.1	26	6	5	6	0
Germany	46	1.2	43	2	0	1	0
France	40	1.0	21	11	2	6	0
Italy	13	0.3	10	1	2	0	0
Other European Countries	62	1.6	52	7	0	3	0
All African Countries	1	0.0	1	0	0	0	0
United States of America	406	10.6	136	19	213	37	1
Canada	25	0.7	15	3	5	2	0
Other American Countries	11	0.3	4	6	0	1	0
Total	3,840	100.0	1,474	478	1,498	383	7
% Distribution	100.0		38.4	12.4	39.0	10.0	0.2

Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passenger's Type for April, 2017

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	117	4.3	116	3.2	233	3.7
5 - 9	79	2.9	129	3.6	208	3.3
10 - 14	68	2.5	122	3.4	190	3.0
15 - 19	93	3.4	145	4.0	238	3.7
20 - 24	277	10.1	212	5.8	489	7.7
25 - 29	311	11.4	354	9.8	665	10.5
30 - 34	300	11.0	338	9.3	638	10.0
35 - 39	241	8.8	304	8.4	545	8.6
40 - 44	269	9.8	304	8.4	573	9.0
45 - 49	258	9.4	374	10.3	632	9.9
50 - 54	209	7.6	373	10.3	582	9.2
55 - 59	169	6.2	298	8.2	467	7.3
60 - 64	127	4.6	214	5.9	341	5.4
65 - 69	98	3.6	155	4.3	253	4.0
70 - 74	65	2.4	109	3.0	174	2.7
75+	53	1.9	78	2.2	131	2.1
All Ages	2,734	100.0	3,625	100.0	6,359	100.0
YACHT	-	-	5	0	5	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	315	0	315	0
Total	2,734	100.0	3,945	100.0	6,679	100.0

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

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution		
Australia	354	10	311	11	665	10.5
New Zealand	835	24	925	31	1,760	27.7
Fiji	83	2	52	2	135	2.1
American Samoa	5	0	3	0	8	0.1
Western Samoa	9	0	8	0	17	0.3
Tonga	1,530	45	1,204	41	2,734	43.0
Other Pacific Islands	57	2	34	1	91	1.4
Japan	41	1	19	1	60	0.9
China	96	3	46	2	142	2.2
India	3	0	-	-	3	0.0
Korea	4	0	1	0	5	0.1
Other Asian Countries	39	1	18	1	57	0.9
UK	37	1	20	1	57	0.9
Germany	23	1	29	1	52	0.8
France	15	0	20	1	35	0.6
Italy	5	0	4	0	9	0.1
Other European Countries	41	1	27	1	68	1.1
All African Countries	-	-	1	0	1	0.0
United States of America	229	7	201	7	430	6.8
Canada	11	0	9	0	20	0.3
Other American Countries	4	0	6	0	10	0.2
Total	3,421	100.0	2,938	100.0	6,359	100.0



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