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## PREFACE

This bulletin is produced by the Statistics Department on monthly migration statistics of the Kingdom for the month of August 2017. It shows the international arrivals and departures by months back to January 2013, 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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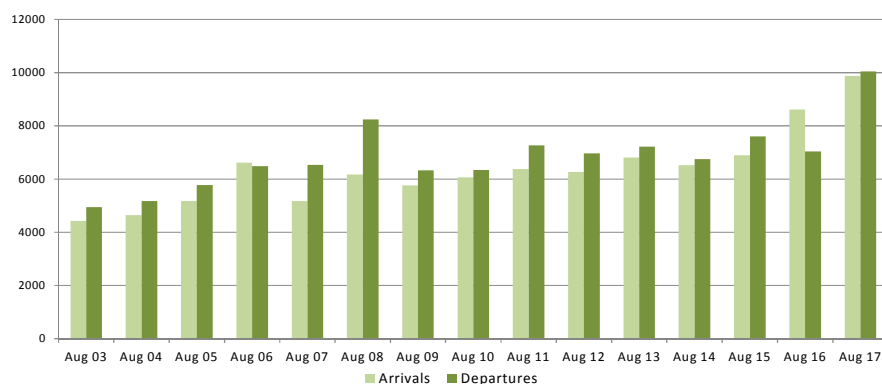
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**Table 1.:** Total Arrivals and Departures by annual percentage change and previous month

Month of		Change from	Change from
August 2017	Number	previous month (%)	previous year (%)
All Arrivals	11,523	18.7	11.6
Air Visitors	6,810	8.5	15.8
Air Returning Residents	3,071	-0.9	12.2
Cruise Ships	1,354	0.0	-2.9
Yachts	288	-14.0	-8.3
All Departures	11,677	9.2	35.0

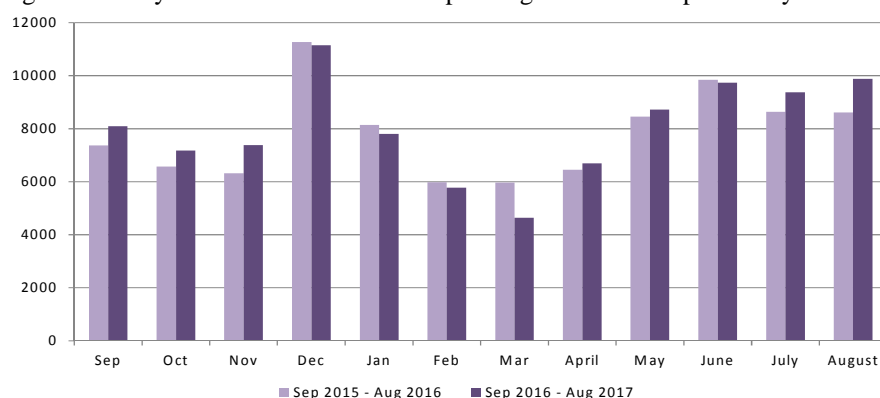
- An increase of 18.7% of all arrivals (11,523) compared to the previous month of July 2017 (9,711)
- An increase of 8.5% of all air visitors (6,810) compared to July 2017 (6,276)
- A decline of 0.9% (3,071) of returning residents compared to previous month (3,100)
- No cruise ship came on the previous month – July 2017
- A decline of 14.0 % of arrivals by yachts compared to July 2017 (335).
- An increase of 9.2% of all departures from July 2017.

**Fig. 1.** August Air Arrivals and Departures 2003 - 2017



- Total air arrivals in August 2017 were 9,881 an increase of 14.7% compared to August 2016 (8,616).
- Total air departures of 10,047 in August 2017, again an increase of 42.9% compared to August 2016 (7,033)

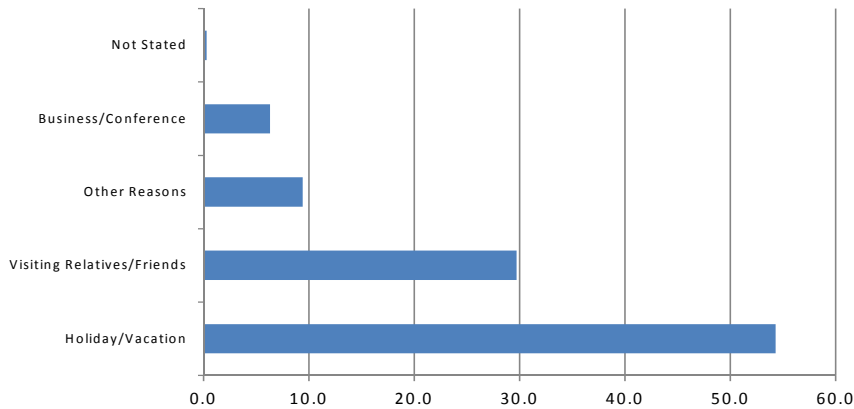
**Fig. 2.** Monthly Air Arrivals vs the corresponding month of the previous year



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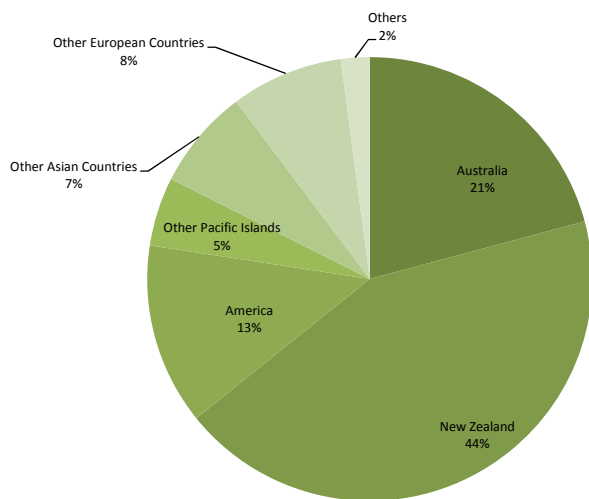
- Total air visitor arrivals in August 2017 were 6,810 an increase of 15.8% compared to August 2016 (5,880)

Fig. 3. Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit August, 2017



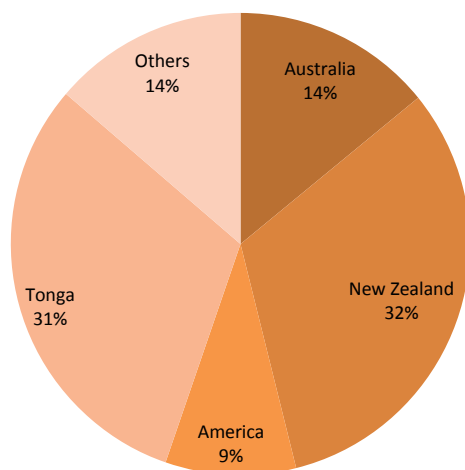
- 54.3% (3,701) of the total air visitors were here on holiday/vacations
- Visiting Relatives/Friends made up 29.7% (2,020) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of August
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 6.3% (427) and those with other reasons were 9.4% (642)

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



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 43.4% (2,954) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 20.8% (1,418), and USA 13.2% (901)

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



- Most of the persons departing in the month of August were residents of New Zealand (3,212) followed by Tonga (3,114) and Australia (1,417)

## 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.

Table 1. Monthly Arrival and Departure by Mode of Travel and Net Migration, 2013 - 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
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	(667)
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	6,693	315	23	7,031	6,359	315	5	6,679	352
May	5,256	1,371	210	6,837	3,470			3,470	8,726	1,371	210	10,307	7,599	1,366	131	9,096	1,211
June	6,545	1,690	363	8,598	3,189			3,189	9,734	1,690	363	11,787	8,087	1,690	456	10,233	(1,554)
July	6,276	-	335	6,611	3,100			3,100	9,376	-	335	9,711	10,410	-	282	10,692	981
August	6,810	1,354	288	8,452	3,071			3,071	9,881	1,354	288	11,523	10,047	1,354	276	11,677	154

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

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	329	165	164	240	120	120	89	45	44
5-9	300	129	171	242	107	135	58	22	36
10-14	332	161	171	268	127	141	64	34	30
15-19	417	203	214	271	129	142	146	74	72
20-24	724	361	363	387	152	235	337	209	128
25-29	934	490	444	581	262	319	353	228	125
30-34	949	513	436	641	316	325	308	197	111
35-39	938	506	432	623	308	315	315	198	117
40-44	872	478	394	590	306	284	282	172	110
45-49	902	490	412	595	318	277	307	172	135
50-54	942	501	441	684	355	329	258	146	112
55-59	814	407	407	632	306	326	182	101	81
60-64	609	329	280	462	245	217	147	84	63
65-69	401	207	194	295	150	145	106	57	49
70-74	262	136	126	199	107	92	63	29	34
75+	156	74	82	100	48	52	56	26	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,881</b>	<b>5,150</b>	<b>4,731</b>	<b>6,810</b>	<b>3,356</b>	<b>3,454</b>	<b>3,071</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>1,277</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>47.9</b>	<b>68.9</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>12.9</b>

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

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	1,418	20.8	802	81	391	141	3
New Zealand	2,954	43.4	1456	134	1101	253	10
Fiji	230	3.4	39	56	63	72	0
American Samoa	13	0.2	2	0	8	3	0
Western Samoa	28	0.4	6	8	11	2	1
Other Pacific Islands	71	1.0	10	40	7	14	0
Japan	116	1.7	67	14	18	17	0
China	211	3.1	156	25	21	8	1
India	6	0.1	3	1	1	1	0
Korea	31	0.5	13	5	10	3	0
Other Asian Countries	134	2.0	95	18	15	6	0
UK	155	2.3	136	4	7	8	0
Germany	109	1.6	100	2	6	1	0
France	47	0.7	37	3	5	1	1
Italy	32	0.5	30	0	0	2	0
Other European Countries	212	3.1	194	5	9	4	0
All African Countries	15	0.2	10	1	2	2	0
United States of America	901	13.2	439	23	336	99	4
Canada	48	0.7	38	3	5	2	0
Other American Countries	79	1.2	68	4	4	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,810</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,701</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>54.3</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>

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

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	100	3.2	222	3.2	322	3.2
5 - 9	110	3.5	195	2.8	305	3.0
10 - 14	89	2.9	197	2.8	286	2.8
15 - 19	115	3.7	227	3.3	342	3.4
20 - 24	219	7.0	498	7.2	717	7.1
25 - 29	330	10.6	678	9.8	1,008	10.0
30 - 34	290	9.3	682	9.8	972	9.7
35 - 39	263	8.4	623	9.0	886	8.8
40 - 44	231	7.4	602	8.7	833	8.3
45 - 49	268	8.6	683	9.9	951	9.5
50 - 54	322	10.3	668	9.6	990	9.9
55 - 59	309	9.9	525	7.6	834	8.3
60 - 64	172	5.5	493	7.1	665	6.6
65 - 69	169	5.4	269	3.9	438	4.4
70 - 74	84	2.7	209	3.0	293	2.9
75+	43	1.4	162	2.3	205	2.0
All Ages	3,114	100.0	6,933	100.0	10,047	100.0
YACHT	-	-	276	0	276	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	1,354	0	1,354	0
Total	3,114	100.0	8,563	100.0	11,677	100.0

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

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution
Australia	693	13.63	724	14.6	1,417	14.1
New Zealand	1,563	30.73	1,649	33.2	3,212	32.0
Fiji	127	2.50	75	1.5	202	2.0
American Samoa	2	0.04	5	0.1	7	0.1
Western Samoa	17	0.33	14	0.3	31	0.3
Tonga	1,674	32.91	1,440	29.0	3,114	31.0
Other Pacific Islands	34	0.67	33	0.7	67	0.7
Japan	56	1.10	43	0.9	99	1.0
China	105	2.06	103	2.1	208	2.1
India	3	0.06	-	-	3	0.0
Korea	11	0.22	10	0.2	21	0.2
Other Asian Countries	49	0.96	44	0.9	93	0.9
UK	67	1.32	64	1.3	131	1.3
Germany	54	1.06	55	1.1	109	1.1
France	31	0.61	24	0.5	55	0.5
Italy	19	0.37	9	0.2	28	0.3
Other European Countries	112	2.20	108	2.2	220	2.2
All African Countries	7	0.14	5	0.1	12	0.1
United States of America	409	8.04	514	10.4	923	9.2
Canada	15	0.29	16	0.3	31	0.3
Other American Countries	38	0.75	26	0.5	64	0.6
Total	5,086	100.0	4,961	100.0	10,047	100.0





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