



# INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES February 2014

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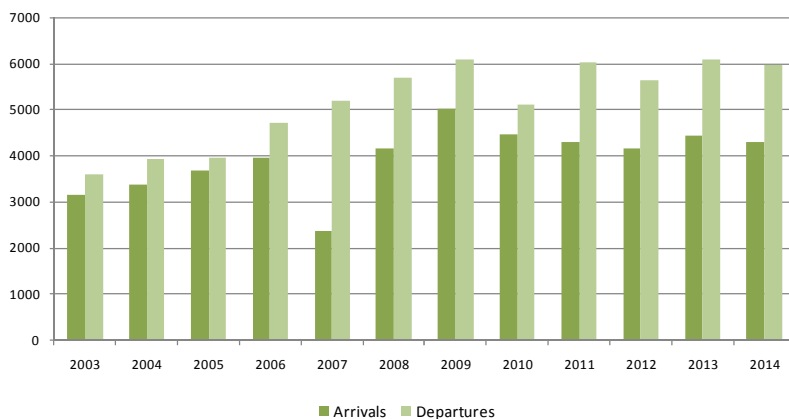
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## Statistical Bulletin

Month of February 2014	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	8,003	1.6	39.2
Air Visitors	2,441	-25.1	-6.9
Air Returning Residents	1,861	-41.2	2.5
Cruise Ships	3,677	154.3	180.7
Yachts	24	700.0	1100.0
All Departures	9,648	1.9	30.6

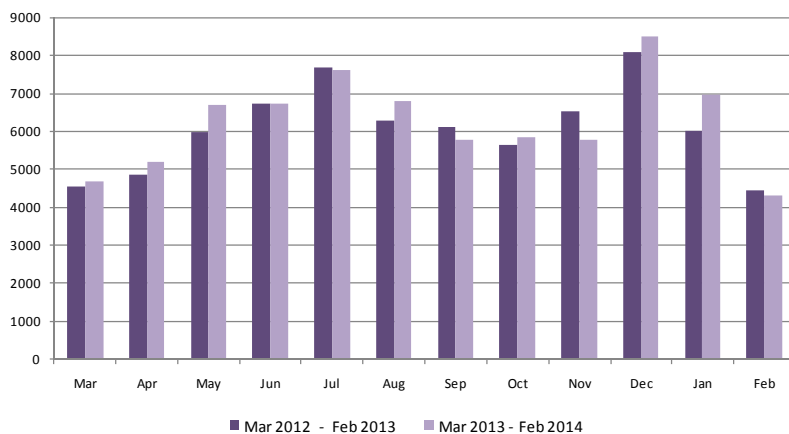
- An increase of 1.6% of all arrivals (8,003) compared to the previous month of January 2014 (7,875)
- A decline of 25.1% of all air visitors (2,441) compared to January 2014 (3,259)
- A decline of 41.2% (1,861) of returning residents compared to previous month (3,167)
- An increase of 154.3% (3,677) of arrivals by cruise ships compared to previous month (1446)
- An increase of 700% of yacht arrivals compared to the previous month
- Again an increase of 1.9% of all departures from January 2014

Fig. 1: February Air Arrivals and Departures 2003 - 2014



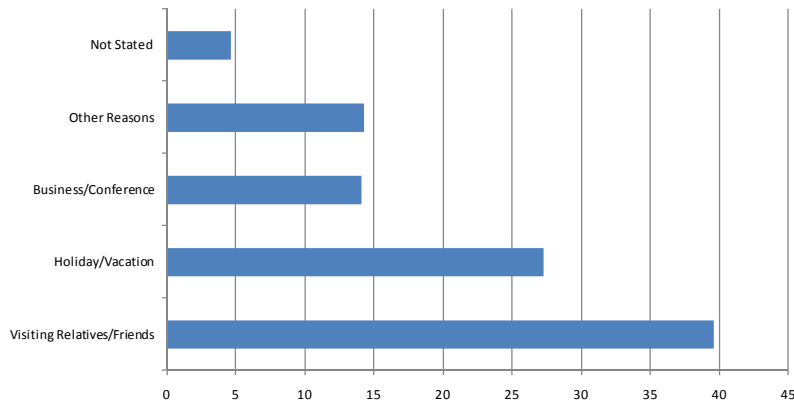
- Total air arrivals in February 2014 were 4,302 a decline of 3.0% compared to February 2013 (4,437).
- Total air departures of 5,958 in February 2014, a decline of 2.0% compared to February 2013 (6,077)

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



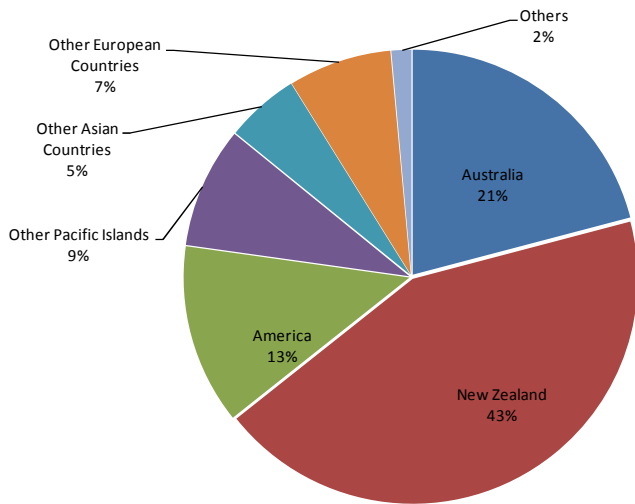
- Total air visitor arrivals in February 2014 were 2,441 a decline of 6.9% compared to February 2013 (2,621)

**Fig. 3: Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit February, 2014**



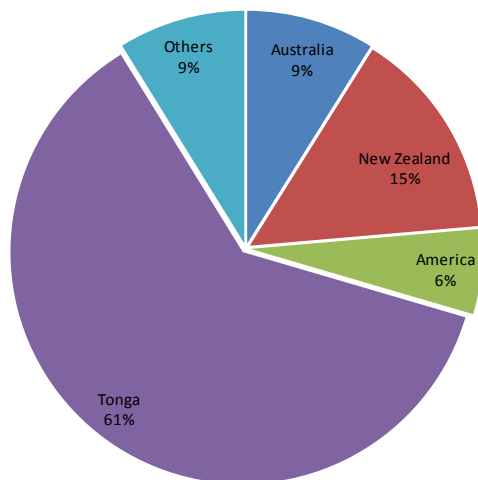
- Visiting Relatives/Friends made up 39.6% (966) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of February.
- 27.3% (666) of the total visitors were here on Holiday/Vacation.
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 14.1% (345) and those with other reasons were 14.3% (350)

**Fig. 4: Air Visitors by Country of Usual Residence February, 2014**



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 43.4% (1,059) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 20.9% (510), and USA 12.9% (316)

**Fig. 5: Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence February, 2013**



- Most of the persons departing in the month of February were persons residing in the Kingdom of Tonga (3,672) followed by New Zealand (878) and Australia (532)

## 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, 2010 - 2014

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
<b>2010</b>																	
January	3,158	646	4	3,808	3,019			3,019	6,177	646	4	6,827	7,822	642	-	8,464	(1,637)
February	2,379	-	5	2,384	2,083			2,083	4,462	-	5	4,467	5,096	-	1	5,097	(630)
March	3,134	853	5	3,992	1,730			1,730	4,864	853	5	5,722	4,993	850	7	5,850	(128)
April	2,818	2,802	30	5,650	1,906			1,906	4,724	2,802	30	7,556	5,101	2,806	34	7,941	(385)
May	3,670	5,303	177	9,150	2,230			2,230	5,900	5,303	177	11,380	4,929	5,302	107	10,338	1,042
June	4,701	-	275	4,976	1,888			1,888	6,589	-	275	6,864	5,173	-	344	5,517	1,347
July	4,900	-	238	5,138	1,814			1,814	6,714	-	238	6,952	7,428	-	386	7,814	(862)
August	4,216	-	246	4,462	1,848			1,848	6,064	-	246	6,310	6,342	-	231	6,573	(263)
September	4,576	5,275	188	10,039	1,756			1,756	6,332	5,275	188	11,795	6,379	5,253	165	11,797	(2)
October	3,467	-	352	3,819	1,809			1,809	5,276	-	352	5,628	6,107	-	403	6,510	(882)
November	3,569	1,386	126	5,081	2,378			2,378	5,947	1,386	126	7,459	5,990	1,391	130	7,511	(52)
December	6,493	-	13	6,506	2,040			2,040	8,533	-	13	8,546	7,173	-	22	7,195	1,351
<b>2011</b>																	
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
<b>2012</b>																	
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
<b>2013</b>																	
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
<b>2014</b>																	
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)

Table 2. Total Arrivals by Age, Type of Passangers and Gender Feburary , 2014

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	199	100	99	123	65	58	76	35	41
5-9	148	82	66	76	43	33	72	39	33
10-14	198	96	102	88	42	46	110	54	56
15-19	271	104	167	90	40	50	181	64	117
20-24	387	169	218	171	71	100	216	98	118
25-29	348	172	176	203	96	107	145	76	69
30-34	362	209	153	202	115	87	160	94	66
35-39	338	188	150	185	103	82	153	85	68
40-44	352	188	164	202	107	95	150	81	69
45-49	366	200	166	242	128	114	124	72	52
50-54	357	189	168	221	121	100	136	68	68
55-59	287	142	145	188	93	95	99	49	50
60-64	257	133	124	175	89	86	82	44	38
65-69	201	111	90	136	73	63	65	38	27
70-74	105	50	55	68	37	31	37	13	24
75+	126	70	56	71	41	30	55	29	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,302</b>	<b>2,203</b>	<b>2,099</b>	<b>2,441</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>1,861</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>922</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>51.2</b>	<b>48.8</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>21.4</b>

Table 3. Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit Feburary, 2014

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relatives/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	510	20.9	172	43	190	74	31
New Zealand	1,059	43.4	221	136	541	136	25
Fiji	124	5.1	10	55	26	22	11
American Samoa	18	0.7	-	-	13	2	3
Western Samoa	12	0.5	-	6	4	2	-
Other Pacific Islands	57	2.3	6	8	17	22	4
Japan	46	1.9	17	15	7	4	3
China	38	1.6	5	16	4	5	8
India	7	0.3	2	3	1	1	-
Korea	16	0.7	8	1	6	1	-
Other Asian Countries	22	0.9	5	6	3	6	2
UK	42	1.7	21	9	8	4	-
Germany	45	1.8	40	-	1	4	-
France	14	0.6	8	4	-	2	-
Italy	6	0.2	5	-	1	-	-
Other European Countries	74	3.0	62	4	1	5	2
All African Countries	5	0.2	2	-	2	1	-
United States of America	316	12.9	66	36	134	57	23
Canada	17	0.7	11	3	1	1	1
Other American Countries	13	0.5	5	-	6	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,441</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>27.3</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>4.7</b>

**Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passenger's Type for February, 2014**

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Returning Residence</b>	<b>Percentage Distribution</b>	<b>Visitors</b>	<b>Percentage Distribution</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percentage Distribution</b>
0 - 4	82	2.2	161	7.0	243	4.1
5 - 9	84	2.3	149	6.5	233	3.9
10 - 14	106	2.9	123	5.4	229	3.8
15 - 19	192	5.2	156	6.8	348	5.8
20 - 24	511	13.9	209	9.1	720	12.1
25 - 29	403	11.0	198	8.7	601	10.1
30 - 34	362	9.9	171	7.5	533	8.9
35 - 39	337	9.2	145	6.3	482	8.1
40 - 44	378	10.3	154	6.7	532	8.9
45 - 49	343	9.3	206	9.0	549	9.2
50 - 54	258	7.0	143	6.3	401	6.7
55 - 59	160	4.4	125	5.5	285	4.8
60 - 64	139	3.8	128	5.6	267	4.5
65 - 69	135	3.7	121	5.3	256	4.3
70 - 74	78	2.1	54	2.4	132	2.2
75+	104	2.8	43	1.9	147	2.5
<b>All Ages</b>	<b>3,672</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,958</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>YACHT</b>	-	-	14	0	14	0
<b>CRUISE SHIP</b>	-	-	3,676	0	3676	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,672</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,976</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,648</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender February, 2014**

<b>Country of Usual Residence</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percent</b>
	<b>No.</b>	<b>Distribution</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Distribution</b>		
Australia	248	7.4	284	10.8	532	8.9
New Zealand	416	12.5	462	17.6	878	14.7
Fiji	73	2.2	31	1.2	104	1.7
American Samoa	1	0.0	-	-	1	0.0
Western Samoa	8	0.2	6	0.2	14	0.2
Tonga	2,160	64.8	1,512	57.6	3,672	61.6
Other Pacific Islands	10	0.3	8	0.3	18	0.3
Japan	29	0.9	21	0.8	50	0.8
China	37	1.1	32	1.2	69	1.2
India	5	0.2	-	-	5	0.1
Korea	16	0.5	15	0.6	31	0.5
Other Asian Countries	22	0.7	6	0.2	28	0.5
UK	37	1.1	17	0.6	54	0.9
Germany	29	0.9	18	0.7	47	0.8
France	7	0.2	4	0.2	11	0.2
Italy	7	0.2	5	0.2	12	0.2
Other European Countries	28	0.8	26	1.0	54	0.9
All African Countries	3	0.1	1	0.0	4	0.1
United States of America	179	5.4	173	6.6	352	5.9
Canada	9	0.3	2	0.1	11	0.2
Other American Countries	7	0.2	4	0.2	11	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,331</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,627</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,958</b>	<b>100.0</b>