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PREFACE

This bulletin is produced by the Statistics Department on monthly migration statistics of the Kingdom for the month of May 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.

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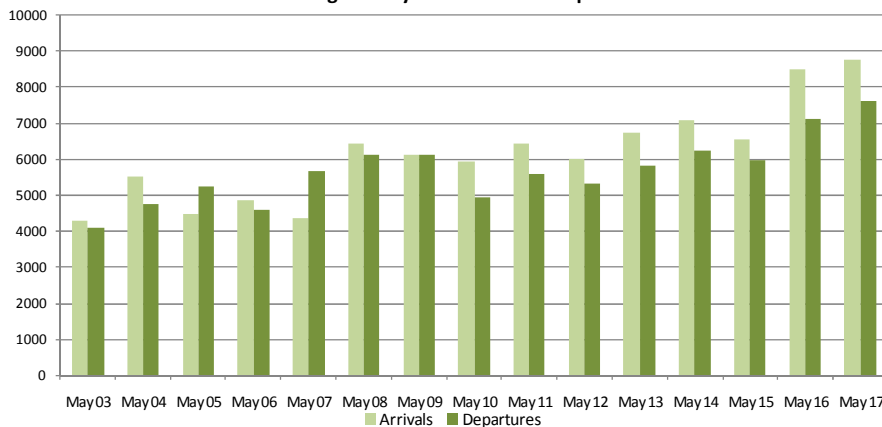
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Table 1: Total Arrivals and Departures by annual percentage change and previous month

Month	Number	Change from previous month (%)	Change from previous year (%)
May 2017			
All Arrivals	10,307	46.6	18.4
Air Visitors	5,256	36.9	0.7
Air Returning Residents	3,470	21.6	7.0
Cruise Ships	1,371	335.2	0.0
Yachts	210	813.0	-14.3
All Departures	9,096	36.2	25.3

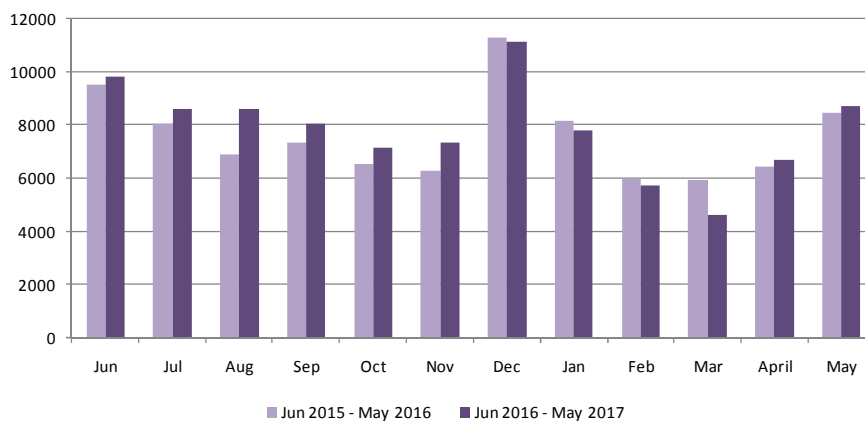
- An increase of 46.6% of all arrivals (10,307) compared to the previous month of April 2017 (7,031)
- An increase of 36.9% of all air visitors (5,256) compared to April 2017 (3,840)
- An increase of 21.6% (3,470) of returning residents compared to previous month (2,853)
- An increase of 335.2% of arrivals by cruise ships compared to April 2017 (315)
- An increase of 813.0% of arrivals by yachts compared to April 2017 (23).
- An increase of 36.2% of all departures from April 2017.

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



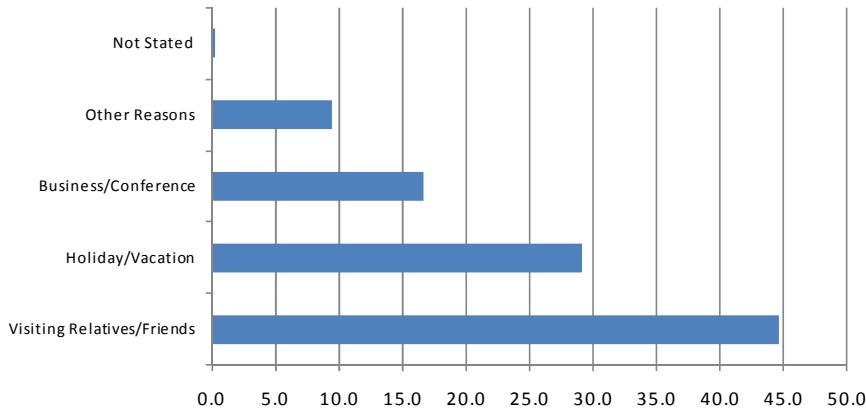
- Total air arrivals in May 2017 were 8,726 an increase of 3.1% compared to May 2016 (8,462).
- Total air departures of 7,599 in May 2017, again an increase of 7.0% compared to May 2016 (7,104)

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



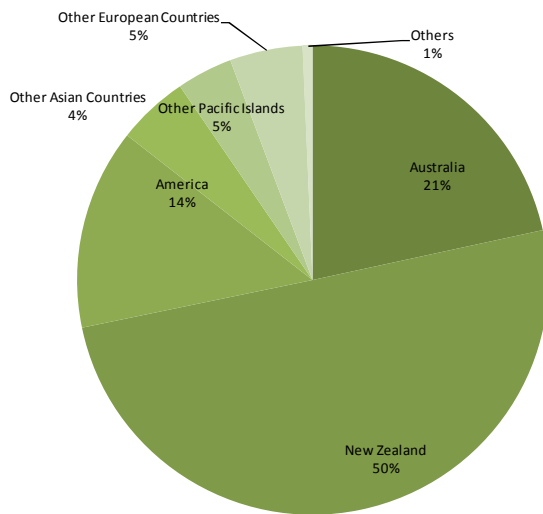
- Total air visitor arrivals in May 2017 were 5,256 an increase of 0.7% compared to May 2016 (5,220)

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



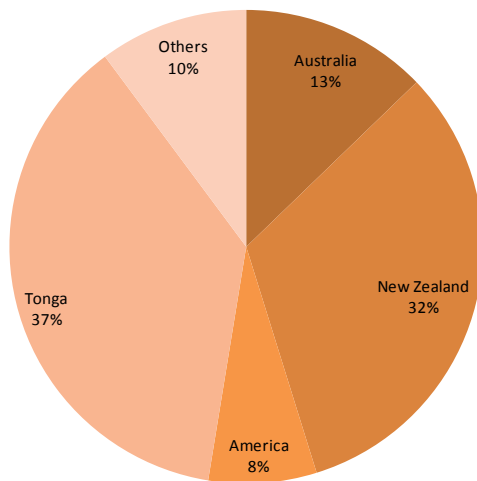
- 44.6% (2,343) of the total air visitors were here to visit relatives/friends
- Holiday/Vacations made up 29.1% (1,529) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of May
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 16.7% (876) and those with other reasons were 9.4% (494)

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



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 50.2% (2,637) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 21.6% (1,134), and USA 13.8% (725)

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



- Most of the persons departing in the month of May were residents of Tonga (2,835) followed by New Zealand (2,460) and Australia (972)

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, 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	1,816	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	(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	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

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

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	311	150	161	234	110	124	77	40	37
5-9	276	133	143	219	103	116	57	30	27
10-14	201	97	104	163	77	86	38	20	18
15-19	254	111	143	178	69	109	76	42	34
20-24	757	441	316	317	124	193	440	317	123
25-29	895	521	374	406	172	234	489	349	140
30-34	803	474	329	415	214	201	388	260	128
35-39	721	441	280	389	201	188	332	240	92
40-44	739	444	295	415	243	172	324	201	123
45-49	805	460	345	481	274	207	324	186	138
50-54	888	478	410	638	325	313	250	153	97
55-59	671	368	303	444	236	208	227	132	95
60-64	537	327	210	374	235	139	163	92	71
65-69	429	216	213	298	150	148	131	66	65
70-74	252	155	97	164	103	61	88	52	36
75+	187	93	94	121	65	56	66	28	38
Total	8,726	4,909	3,817	5,256	2,701	2,555	3,470	2,208	1,262
% Distribution	100.0	56.3	43.7	60.2	31.0	29.3	39.8	25.3	14.5

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

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit							
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated	
Australia	1,134	21.6	298	179	568	86		3
New Zealand	2,637	50.2	740	410	1273	208		6
Fiji	143	2.7	14	46	46	37		0
American Samoa	21	0.4	4	10	6	1		0
Western Samoa	34	0.6	4	15	9	6		0
Other Pacific Islands	60	1.1	6	32	14	8		0
Japan	70	1.3	17	41	4	8		0
China	82	1.6	35	19	12	16		0
India	6	0.1	2	0	1	3		0
Korea	1	0.0	0	1	0	0		0
Other Asian Countries	44	0.8	21	10	6	7		0
UK	79	1.5	50	6	14	9		0
Germany	44	0.8	43	0	0	0		1
France	37	0.7	18	6	6	5		2
Italy	10	0.2	10	0	0	0		0
Other European Countries	93	1.8	79	8	2	3		1
All African Countries	1	0.0	1	0	0	0		0
United States of America	725	13.8	166	88	381	89		1
Canada	17	0.3	9	2	1	5		0
Other American Countries	18	0.3	12	3	0	3		0
Total	5,256	100.0	1,529	876	2,343	494		14
% Distribution	100.0		29.1	16.7	44.6	9.4		0.3

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

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	79	2.8	202	4.2	281	3.7
5 - 9	52	1.8	178	3.7	230	3.0
10 - 14	40	1.4	159	3.3	199	2.6
15 - 19	77	2.7	211	4.4	288	3.8
20 - 24	289	10.2	280	5.9	569	7.5
25 - 29	329	11.6	372	7.8	701	9.2
30 - 34	319	11.3	379	8.0	698	9.2
35 - 39	295	10.4	347	7.3	642	8.4
40 - 44	277	9.8	405	8.5	682	9.0
45 - 49	287	10.1	475	10.0	762	10.0
50 - 54	228	8.0	567	11.9	795	10.5
55 - 59	218	7.7	400	8.4	618	8.1
60 - 64	130	4.6	319	6.7	449	5.9
65 - 69	94	3.3	236	5.0	330	4.3
70 - 74	57	2.0	141	3.0	198	2.6
75+	64	2.3	93	2.0	157	2.1
All Ages	2,835	100.0	4,764	100.0	7,599	100.0
YACHT	-	-	131	0	131	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	1,366	0	1,366	0
Total	2,835	100.0	6,261	100.0	9,096	100.0

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

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution		Distribution
Australia	504	12	468	14	972	12.8
New Zealand	1,220	29	1,240	37	2,460	32.4
Fiji	90	2	66	2	156	2.1
American Samoa	6	0	2	0	8	0.1
Western Samoa	20	0	13	0	33	0.4
Tonga	1,712	41	1,123	33	2,835	37.3
Other Pacific Islands	57	1	21	1	78	1.0
Japan	66	2	11	0	77	1.0
China	81	2	25	1	106	1.4
India	3	0	4	0	7	0.1
Korea	2	0	1	0	3	0.0
Other Asian Countries	38	1	26	1	64	0.8
UK	31	1	35	1	66	0.9
Germany	22	1	27	1	49	0.6
France	16	0	10	0	26	0.3
Italy	3	0	8	0	11	0.1
Other European Countries	37	1	24	1	61	0.8
All African Countries	1	0	-	-	1	0.0
United States of America	300	7	260	8	560	7.4
Canada	7	0	10	0	17	0.2
Other American Countries	5	0	4	0	9	0.1
Total	4,221	100.0	3,378	100.0	7,599	100.0