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INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES August 2015

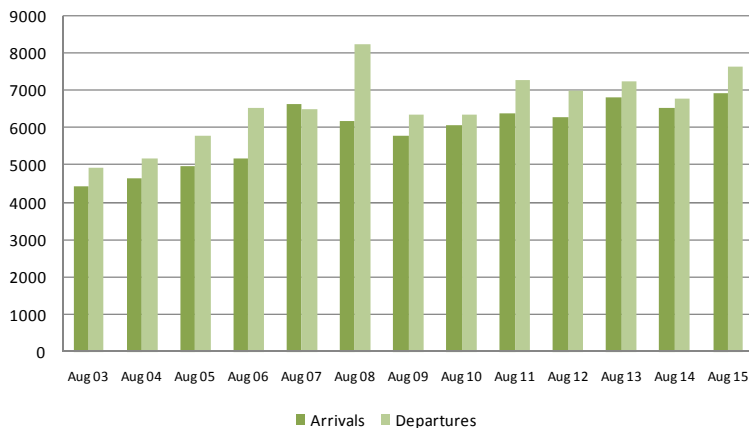
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Statistical Bulletin

Month of August 2015	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	7,125	-13.7	6.0
Air Visitors	4,809	-19.3	-5.5
Air Returning Residents	2,085	-1.4	45.6
Cruise Ships	-	0.0	0.0
Yachts	231	31.3	14.9
All Departures	7,812	-26.5	12.5

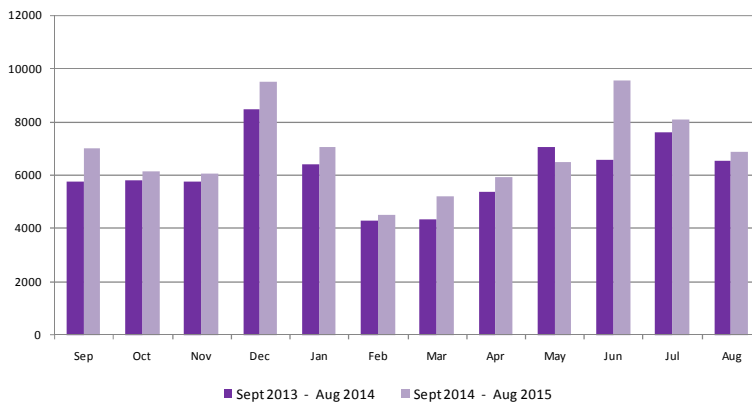
- A decline of 13.7% of all arrivals (7,125) compared to the previous month of July 2015 (8,252)
- A decline of 19.3% of all air visitors (4,809) compared to July 2015 (5,961)
- A decline of 1.4% of Returning Residents (2,085) compared to July 2015 (2,115).
- There was no cruise ship for the month of August, 2015
- An increase of 31.3% of yacht arrivals compared to the previous month
- A decline of 26.5% of all departures from July 2015

Fig. 1: August Air Arrivals and Departures 2003 - 2015



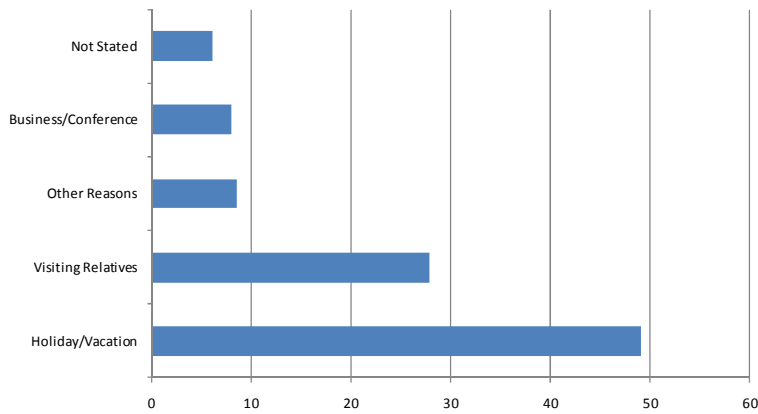
- Total air arrivals in August 2015 were 6,894 an increase of 5.7% compared to August 2014 (6,522).
- Total air departures of 7,606 in August 2015, again an increase of 12.6% compared to August 2014 (6,753)

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



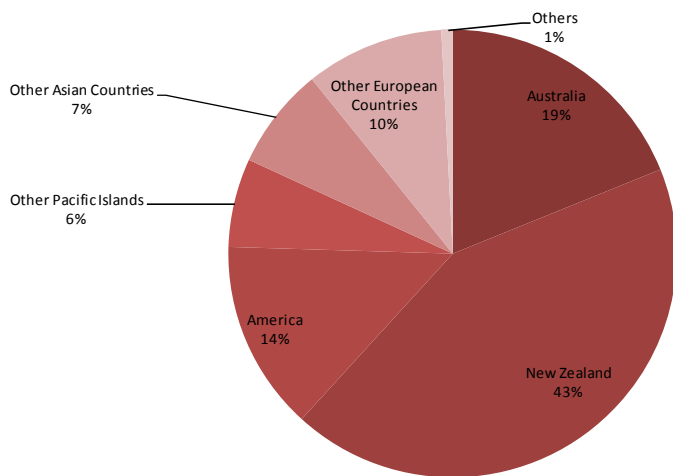
- Total air visitor arrivals in August 2015 were 4,809 a decline of 5.5% compared to August 2014 (5,090)

Fig. 3: Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit August, 2015



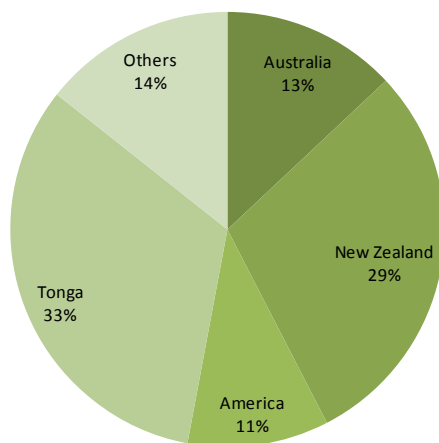
- Holiday/Vacation made up 49.1% (2,362) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of August.
- 27.9% (1,342) of the total visitors were here to visit Relatives/friends
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 8.1% (389) and those with other reasons were 8.6% (415)

Fig. 4: Air Visitors by Country of Usual Residence August, 2015



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 42.9% (2,062) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 18.9 % (909), and USA 13.7% (658)

Fig. 5: Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence August, 2015



- Most of the persons departing in the month of August were persons residing in Tonga (2,490) followed by New Zealand (2,237) and Australia (992)

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 - 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	72,627	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)
2010																	
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
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	(2,235)
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
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	

Table 2. Total Arrivals by Age, Type of Passangers and Gender August, 2015

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	249	119	130	196	95	101	53	24	29
5-9	174	87	87	134	68	66	40	19	21
10-14	140	57	83	111	43	68	29	14	15
15-19	209	109	100	153	73	80	56	36	20
20-24	567	315	252	352	202	150	215	113	102
25-29	655	366	289	433	220	213	222	146	76
30-34	787	440	347	512	254	258	275	186	89
35-39	661	365	296	433	227	206	228	138	90
40-44	663	385	278	428	244	184	235	141	94
45-49	716	395	321	468	235	233	248	160	88
50-54	610	318	292	464	237	227	146	81	65
55-59	522	280	242	403	215	188	119	65	54
60-64	382	198	184	307	158	149	75	40	35
65-69	293	168	125	226	129	97	67	39	28
70-74	145	79	66	101	58	43	44	21	23
75+	121	61	60	88	44	44	33	17	16
Total	6,894	3,742	3,152	4,809	2,502	2,307	2,085	1,240	845
% Distribution	100.0	54.3	45.7	69.8	36.3	33.5	30.2	18.0	12.3

Table 3. Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit August, 2015

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	909	18.9	501	52	280	43	33
New Zealand	2,062	42.9	915	109	753	142	143
Fiji	169	3.5	38	78	26	20	7
American Samoa	24	0.5	-	1	9	14	-
Western Samoa	32	0.7	2	6	-	24	-
Other Pacific Islands	83	1.7	19	14	23	24	3
Japan	132	2.7	95	8	18	8	3
China	109	2.3	26	46	8	22	7
India	6	0.1	2	2	-	2	-
Korea	22	0.5	14	-	5	3	-
Other Asian Countries	83	1.7	58	8	7	2	8
UK	93	1.9	68	7	7	4	7
Germany	122	2.5	103	1	9	2	7
France	69	1.4	33	2	3	19	12
Italy	31	0.6	30	-	-	1	-
Other European Countries	166	3.5	135	1	12	-	18
All African Countries	4	0.1	2	-	1	1	-
United States of America	658	13.7	296	52	179	81	50
Canada	24	0.5	18	1	1	2	2
Other American Countries	11	0.2	7	1	1	1	1
Total	4,809	100.0	2,362	389	1,342	415	301
% Distribution	100.0		49.1	8.1	27.9	8.6	6.3

Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for August, 2015

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	93	3.7	244	4.8	337	4.4
5 - 9	84	3.4	183	3.6	267	3.5
10 - 14	48	1.9	165	3.2	213	2.8
15 - 19	122	4.9	214	4.2	336	4.4
20 - 24	236	9.5	314	6.1	550	7.2
25 - 29	215	8.6	445	8.7	660	8.7
30 - 34	251	10.1	466	9.1	717	9.4
35 - 39	231	9.3	435	8.5	666	8.8
40 - 44	243	9.8	436	8.5	679	8.9
45 - 49	266	10.7	485	9.5	751	9.9
50 - 54	218	8.8	462	9.0	680	8.9
55 - 59	166	6.7	391	7.6	557	7.3
60 - 64	111	4.5	351	6.9	462	6.1
65 - 69	82	3.3	266	5.2	348	4.6
70 - 74	68	2.7	124	2.4	192	2.5
75+	56	2.2	135	2.6	191	2.5
All Ages	2,490	100.0	5,116	100.0	7,606	100.0
YACHT	-	-	206	0	206	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	-	0	0	0
Total	2,576	100.0	5,322	100.0	7,812	100.0

Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender August, 2015

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution		No.
Australia	470	12.4	522	13.7	992	13.0
New Zealand	1,098	28.9	1,139	29.9	2,237	29.4
Fiji	97	2.6	69	1.8	166	2.2
American Samoa	7	0.2	9	0.2	16	0.2
Western Samoa	9	0.2	11	0.3	20	0.3
Tonga	1,303	34.3	1,187	31.2	2,490	32.7
Other Pacific Islands	39	1.0	31	0.8	70	0.9
Japan	51	1.3	73	1.9	124	1.6
China	54	1.4	34	0.9	88	1.2
India	1	0.0	-	-	1	0.0
Korea	12	0.3	8	0.2	20	0.3
Other Asian Countries	44	1.2	35	0.9	79	1.0
UK	44	1.2	56	1.5	100	1.3
Germany	63	1.7	58	1.5	121	1.6
France	26	0.7	20	0.5	46	0.6
Italy	16	0.4	12	0.3	28	0.4
Other European Countries	81	2.1	88	2.3	169	2.2
All African Countries	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.0
United States of America	363	9.6	434	11.4	797	10.5
Canada	15	0.4	12	0.3	27	0.4
Other American Countries	5	0.1	8	0.2	13	0.2
Total	3,800	100.0	3,806	100.0	7,606	100.0