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## PREFACE

This bulletin is produced by the Statistics Department on monthly migration statistics of the Kingdom for the month of September 2016. It shows the international arrivals and departures by months back to January 2010, 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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# INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES December 2016

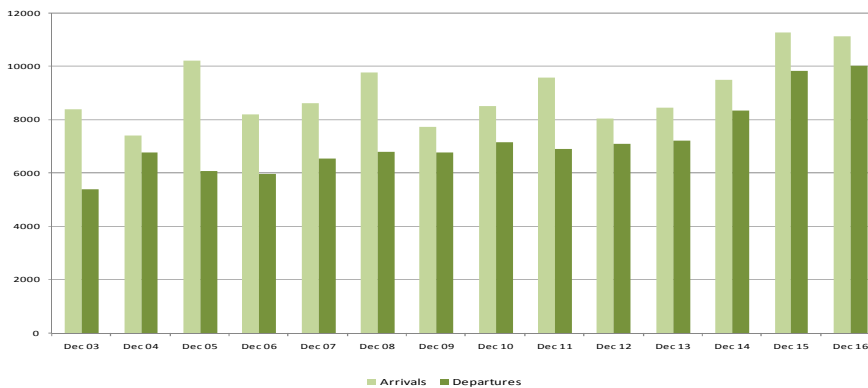
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Month of December 2016	Number	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	16,324	113.6	43.5
Air Visitors	8,108	108.9	-4.0
Air Returning Residents	3,049	-12.8	7.7
Cruise Ships	5,155	2829.0	5055.0
Yachts	12	-86.4	0.0
All Departures	15,208	98.6	52.9

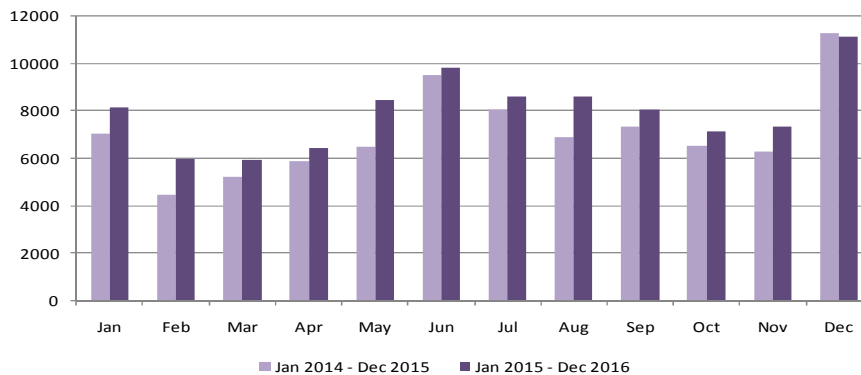
- An increase of 113.6% of all arrivals (16,324) compared to the previous month of November 2016 (7,642)
- An increase of 108.9% of all air visitors (8,108) compared to November 2016 (3,881)
- A decline of 12.8% (3,049) of returning residents compared to previous month (3,497)
- An increase of 2829.0% of arrivals by cruise ships compared to November 2016 (176)
- A decline of 86.4% (12) of arrivals by yacht compared to previous month (88)
- An increase of 98.6% of all departures from November 2016.

Fig. 1: December Air Arrivals and Departures 2003 - 2016



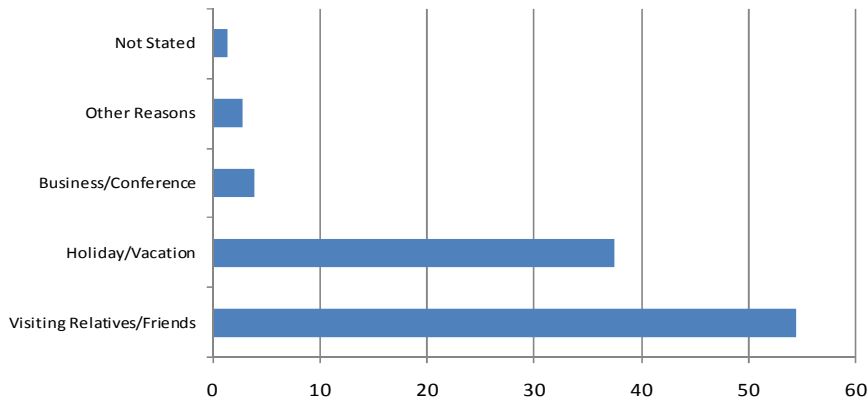
- Total air arrivals in December 2016 were 11,157 a decline of 1.0% compared to December 2015 (11,274).
- Total air departures of 10,041 in December 2016, an increase of 2.0% compared to December 2015 (9,844)

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



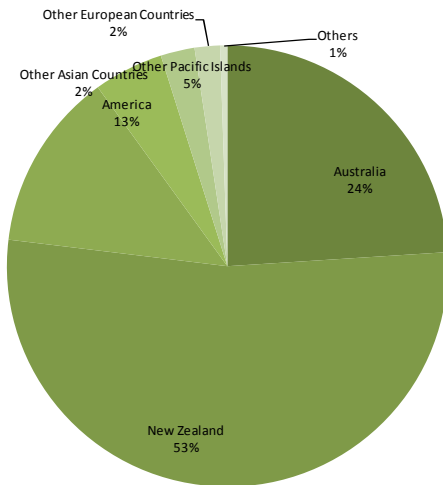
- Total air visitor arrivals in December 2016 were 8,108 a decline of 4.0% compared to December 2015 (8,444)

**Fig. 3: Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit December, 2016**



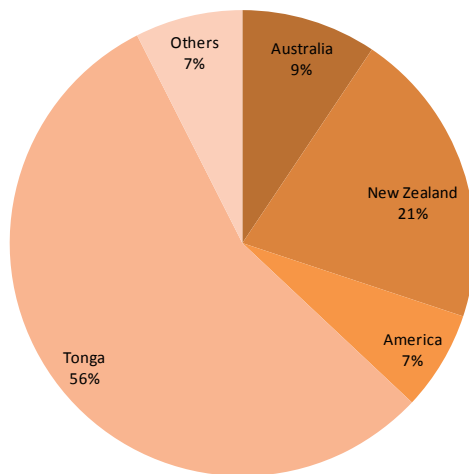
- 54.4% (4,411) of the total air visitors were here to visit relatives/friends
- Holiday/Vacations made up 37.4% (3,036) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of December
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 3.9% (317) and those with other reasons were 2.8% (230)

**Fig. 4: Air visitors by Country of Usual Residence December, 2016**



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 52.9% (4,292) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 24.0 % (1,947), and USA 13.1% (1,059)

**Fig. 5: Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence December, 2016**



- Most of the persons departing in the month of December were residents of Tonga (5,574) followed by New Zealand (2,079) and Australia (945)

## 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, 2011 - 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)
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)
<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)
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
<b>2015</b>																	
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	7,1													

Table 2. Total Arrivals by Age, Type of Passangers and Gender December, 2016

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	692	338	354	595	293	302	97	45	52
5-9	747	371	376	665	332	333	82	39	43
10-14	741	394	347	634	330	304	107	64	43
15-19	894	422	472	738	321	417	156	101	55
20-24	925	431	494	572	236	336	353	195	158
25-29	938	464	474	610	260	350	328	204	124
30-34	882	467	415	562	270	292	320	197	123
35-39	768	409	359	500	252	248	268	157	111
40-44	818	447	371	547	284	263	271	163	108
45-49	947	470	477	677	315	362	270	155	115
50-54	902	465	437	664	320	344	238	145	93
55-59	718	344	374	533	252	281	185	92	93
60-64	472	230	242	315	152	163	157	78	79
65-69	318	170	148	236	123	113	82	47	35
70-74	214	91	123	128	54	74	86	37	49
75+	181	75	106	132	56	76	49	19	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,157</b>	<b>5,588</b>	<b>5,569</b>	<b>8,108</b>	<b>3,850</b>	<b>4,258</b>	<b>3,049</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>1,311</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>11.8</b>

Table 3. Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit December, 2016

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	1,947	24.0	766	40	1093	25	23
New Zealand	4,292	52.9	1528	74	2558	65	67
Fiji	286	3.5	75	101	44	65	1
American Samoa	23	0.3	3	2	17	1	0
Western Samoa	56	0.7	8	38	9	1	0
Other Pacific Islands	50	0.6	22	1	25	2	-
Japan	54	0.7	29	7	12	4	2
China	89	1.1	45	25	9	10	0
India	1	0.0	0	0	0	1	0
Korea	2	0.0	1	1	0	0	0
Other Asian Countries	56	0.7	35	3	9	7	2
UK	36	0.4	18	2	14	0	2
Germany	43	0.5	31	1	8	3	0
France	5	0.1	1	1	2	0	1
Italy	7	0.1	3	0	3	1	0
Other European Countries	59	0.7	43	2	12	2	-
All African Countries	5	0.1	1	-	3	1	-
United States of America	1,059	13.1	413	17	573	41	15
Canada	21	0.3	5	2	14	0	0
Other American Countries	17	0.2	9	-	6	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,108</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,036</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>4,411</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>37.4</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>54.4</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1.4</b>

**Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for December, 2016**

<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	329	5.9	258	5.8	587	5.8
5 - 9	402	7.2	248	5.6	650	6.5
10 - 14	550	9.9	233	5.2	783	7.8
15 - 19	648	11.6	316	7.1	964	9.6
20 - 24	566	10.2	381	8.5	947	9.4
25 - 29	463	8.3	398	8.9	861	8.6
30 - 34	442	7.9	357	8.0	799	8.0
35 - 39	383	6.9	297	6.6	680	6.8
40 - 44	357	6.4	353	7.9	710	7.1
45 - 49	380	6.8	387	8.7	767	7.6
50 - 54	326	5.8	362	8.1	688	6.9
55 - 59	229	4.1	342	7.7	571	5.7
60 - 64	183	3.3	201	4.5	384	3.8
65 - 69	122	2.2	167	3.7	289	2.9
70 - 74	105	1.9	95	2.1	200	2.0
75+	89	1.6	72	1.6	161	1.6
<b>All Ages</b>	<b>5,574</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,467</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,041</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>YACHT</b>	-	-	6	0	6	0
<b>CRUISE SHIP</b>	-	-	5,161	0	5,161	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,574</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,634</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15,208</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender December, 2016**

<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>		<b>No.</b>
Australia	463	9.5	482	9.3	945	9.4
New Zealand	950	19.5	1,129	21.8	2,079	20.7
Fiji	172	3.5	131	2.5	303	3.0
American Samoa	7	0.1	6	0.1	13	0.1
Western Samoa	32	0.7	15	0.3	47	0.5
Tonga	2,669	54.9	2,905	56.1	5,574	55.5
Other Pacific Islands	20	0.4	14	0.3	34	0.3
Japan	38	0.8	16	0.3	54	0.5
China	53	1.1	27	0.5	80	0.8
India	2	0.0	-	-	2	0.0
Korea	4	0.1	1	0.0	5	0.0
Other Asian Countries	24	0.5	15	0.3	39	0.4
UK	14	0.3	10	0.2	24	0.2
Germany	19	0.4	12	0.2	31	0.3
France	7	0.1	3	0.1	10	0.1
Italy	3	0.1	4	0.1	7	0.1
Other European Countries	41	0.8	23	0.4	64	0.6
All African Countries	3	0.1	1	0.0	4	0.0
United States of America	324	6.7	368	7.1	692	6.9
Canada	8	0.2	7	0.1	15	0.1
Other American Countries	9	0.2	10	0.2	19	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,862</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,179</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,041</b>	<b>100.0</b>





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