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## PREFACE

This bulletin is produced by the Statistics Department on monthly migration statistics of the Kingdom for the month of July 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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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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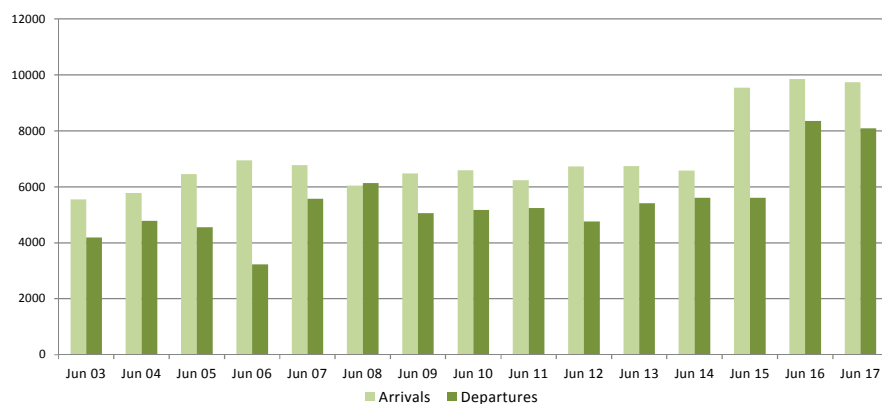
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**Table 1:** Total Arrivals and Departures by annual percentage change and previous month

Month of		Change from	Change from
July 2017	Number	previous month (%)	previous year (%)
All Arrivals	9,711	-17.6	10.1
Air Visitors	6,276	-4.1	2.8
Air Returning Residents	3,100	-2.8	22.4
Cruise Ships	-	0.0	0.0
Yachts	335	-7.7	79.1
All Departures	10,692	4.5	8.4

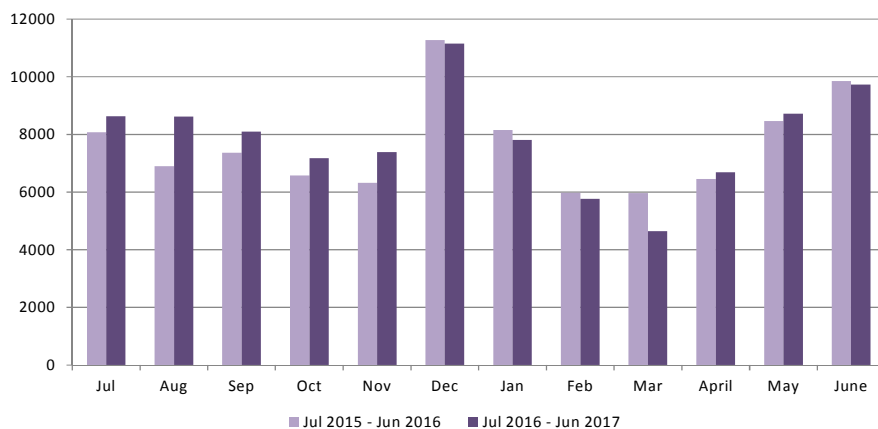
- A decline of 17.6% of all arrivals (9,711) compared to the previous month of June 2017 (11,787)
- A decline of 4.1% of all air visitors (6,276) compared to June 2017 (6,545)
- A decline of 2.8% (3,100) of returning residents compared to previous month (3,189)
- There was no cruise ship for the month of July 2017
- A decline of 7.7 % of arrivals by yachts compared to June 2017 (363).
- An increase of 4.5% of all departures from June 2017.

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



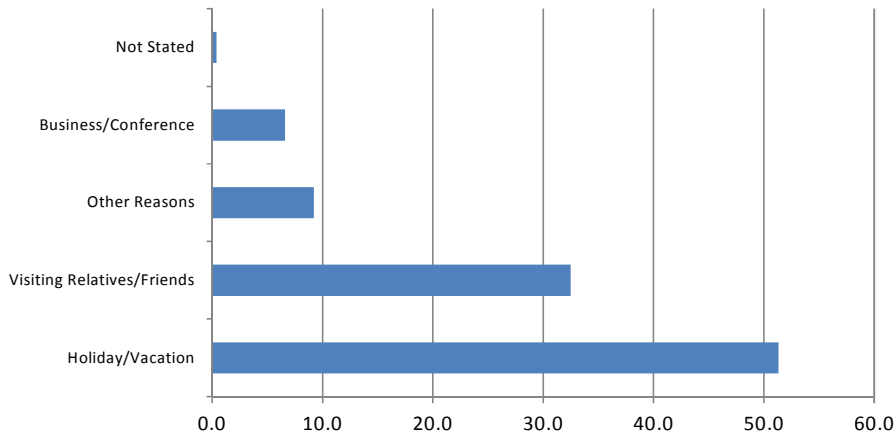
- Total air arrivals in July 2017 were 9,376 an increase of 9.0% compared to July 2016 (8,636).
- Total air departures of 10,410 in July 2017, again an increase of 8.0% compared to July 2016 (9,665)

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



- Total air visitor arrivals in July 2017 were 6,276 an increase of 2.8% compared to July 2016 (6,103)

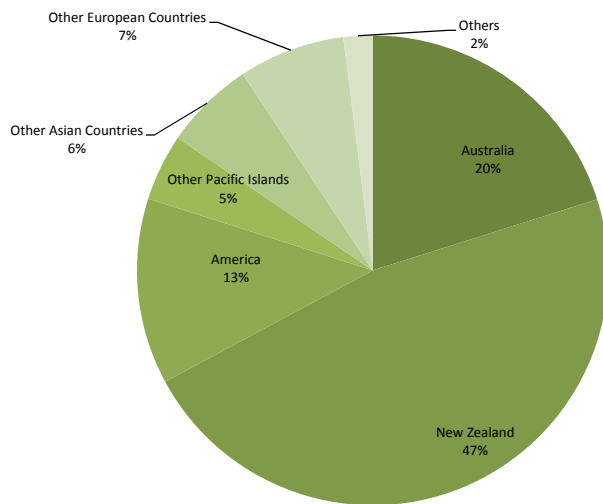
**Fig. 3: Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit July, 2017**



- 51.3% (3,028) of the total air visitors were here on Holiday/Vacations
- Visiting Friends and Relatives made up 32.5% (1,919) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of July
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 6.6% (392) and those with other reasons were 9.2% (543)

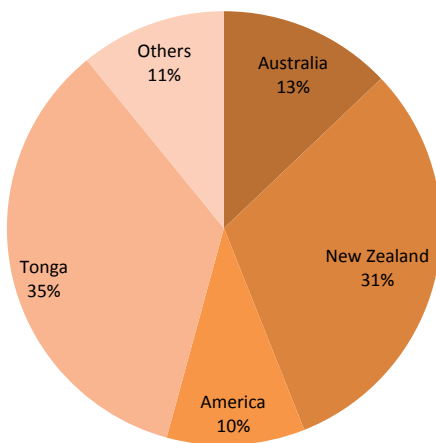
**Fig. 4. Air visitors by Country of Usual Residence July, 2017**

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



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 47.0% (2,778) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 20.1% (1,186), and USA 12.8% (757)

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



- Most of the persons departing in the month of July were residents of New Zealand (3,305) followed by Tonga (3,078) and Australia (1,493)

## 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.

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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	(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	6,893	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

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

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	324	145	179	215	96	119	109	49	60
5-9	301	158	143	240	127	113	61	31	30
10-14	310	152	158	227	112	115	83	40	43
15-19	420	187	233	299	130	169	121	57	64
20-24	654	319	335	330	121	209	324	198	126
25-29	859	432	427	510	209	301	349	223	126
30-34	890	473	417	531	261	270	359	212	147
35-39	841	450	391	539	266	273	302	184	118
40-44	781	417	364	525	279	246	256	138	118
45-49	905	466	439	601	308	293	304	158	146
50-54	889	468	421	640	328	312	249	140	109
55-59	719	364	355	565	281	284	154	83	71
60-64	581	293	288	423	215	208	158	78	80
65-69	402	224	178	301	168	133	101	56	45
70-74	265	131	134	181	86	95	84	45	39
75+	235	101	134	149	66	83	86	35	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,376</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>4,596</b>	<b>6,276</b>	<b>3,053</b>	<b>3,223</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>1,727</b>	<b>1,373</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>14.6</b>

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

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	1,186	20.1	580	76	402	126	2
New Zealand	2,778	47.0	1368	127	1054	211	18
Fiji	177	3.0	30	47	46	53	1
American Samoa	7	0.1	2	0	5	0	0
Western Samoa	27	0.5	6	6	12	3	0
Other Pacific Islands	60	1.0	12	35	4	9	0
Japan	111	1.9	75	13	14	9	0
China	139	2.4	89	26	16	8	0
India	4	0.1	2	1	1	0	0
Korea	20	0.3	6	4	8	2	0
Other Asian Countries	91	1.5	66	13	8	4	0
UK	118	2.0	98	4	7	9	0
Germany	102	1.7	96	0	3	3	0
France	30	0.5	19	5	4	2	0
Italy	25	0.4	23	1	1	0	0
Other European Countries	157	2.7	143	3	6	5	0
All African Countries	17	0.3	11	5	1	0	0
United States of America	757	12.8	325	18	316	95	3
Canada	41	0.7	29	1	8	3	0
Other American Countries	59	1.0	48	7	3	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,906</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,028</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>51.3</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>

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

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	119	3.9	261	3.6	380	3.7
5 - 9	150	4.9	316	4.3	466	4.5
10 - 14	154	5.0	337	4.6	491	4.7
15 - 19	242	7.9	475	6.5	717	6.9
20 - 24	224	7.3	583	8.0	807	7.8
25 - 29	268	8.7	584	8.0	852	8.2
30 - 34	238	7.7	595	8.1	833	8.0
35 - 39	236	7.7	587	8.0	823	7.9
40 - 44	207	6.7	619	8.4	826	7.9
45 - 49	249	8.1	718	9.8	967	9.3
50 - 54	325	10.6	652	8.9	977	9.4
55 - 59	270	8.8	572	7.8	842	8.1
60 - 64	156	5.1	441	6.0	597	5.7
65 - 69	145	4.7	260	3.5	405	3.9
70 - 74	61	2.0	192	2.6	253	2.4
75+	34	1.1	140	1.9	174	1.7
All Ages	3,078	100.0	7,332	100.0	10,410	100.0
YACHT	-	-	282	0	282	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	-	0	-	0
Total	3,078	100.0	7,614	100.0	10,692	100.0

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

Country of Usual Residence	Male No.	Percent Distribution	Female No.	Percent Distribution	Total No.	Percent Distribution
Australia	716	13.4	777	15.3	1,493	14.3
New Zealand	1,621	30.4	1,684	33.1	3,305	31.7
Fiji	148	2.8	88	1.7	236	2.3
American Samoa	8	0.2	6	0.1	14	0.1
Western Samoa	17	0.3	9	0.2	26	0.2
Tonga	1,689	31.7	1,389	27.3	3,078	29.6
Other Pacific Islands	48	0.9	29	0.6	77	0.7
Japan	70	1.3	46	0.9	116	1.1
China	114	2.1	63	1.2	177	1.7
India	3	0.1	2	0.0	5	0.0
Korea	13	0.2	15	0.3	28	0.3
Other Asian Countries	53	1.0	49	1.0	102	1.0
UK	73	1.4	74	1.5	147	1.4
Germany	52	1.0	64	1.3	116	1.1
France	30	0.6	19	0.4	49	0.5
Italy	20	0.4	14	0.3	34	0.3
Other European Countries	90	1.7	96	1.9	186	1.8
All African Countries	7	0.1	7	0.1	14	0.1
United States of America	504	9.5	598	11.8	1,102	10.6
Canada	16	0.3	16	0.3	32	0.3
Other American Countries	38	0.7	35	0.7	73	0.7
Total	5,330	100.0	5,080	100.0	10,410	100.0





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