

STATISTICS UPDATE: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR AND RESIDENT ARRIVALS

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The Impact of COVID-19 on international travels

- Since January of 2020, governments have imposed international travel restrictions in most countries due to the spread of Covid 19 Pandemic. In Mid-March of 2020, the Vanuatu government has locked down its international borders as a measure to protect the people and stop the spread of the Novel Corona Virus.

DECEMBER 2021, PROVISIONAL KEY FINDINGS

International Visitor arrivals

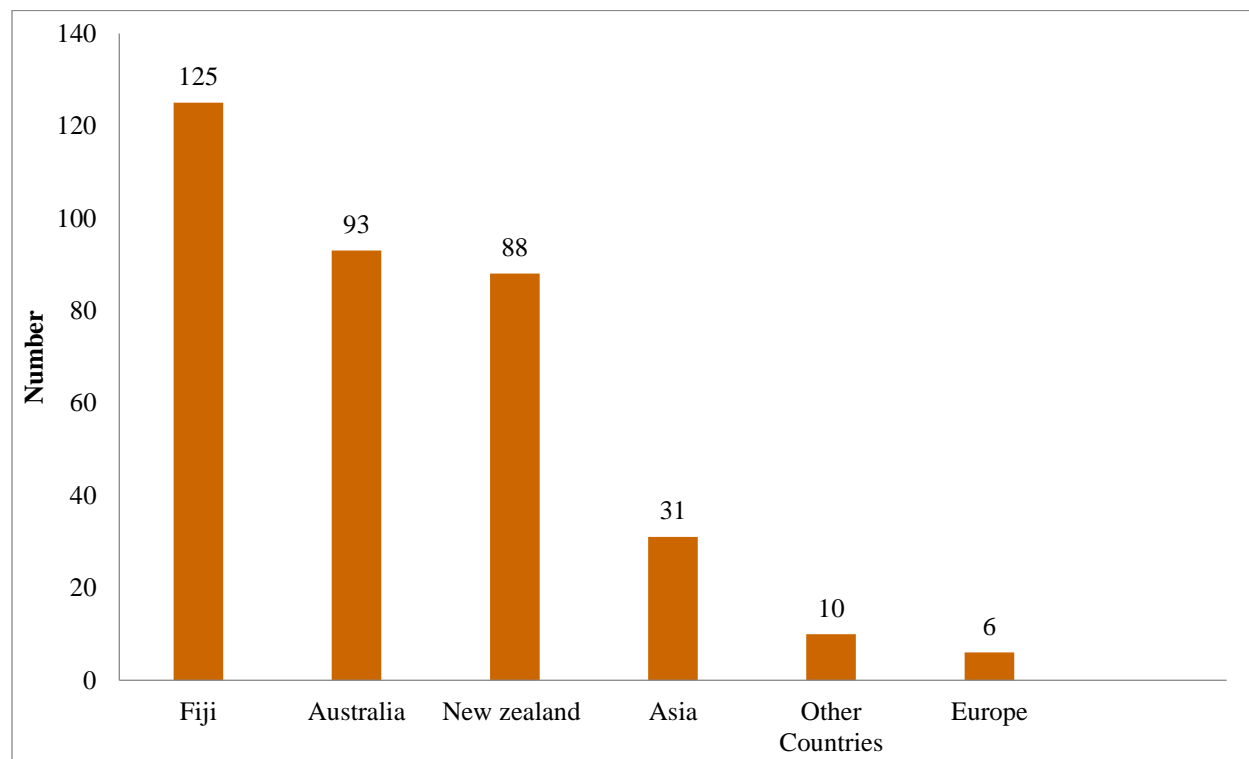
- The International visitor arrival by air and cruise ship in December of 2021 has recorded no visitor arrivals.
- There were only repatriation flights recorded for disembarking and embarking residents travelling by air for that month (see table 1 and table 4)

Residents returning

- The total number of Vanuatu residents returning from overseas trip in December 2021 was down by 30 percent compared to December of 2020 when it stood at 506.
- It also decreased by 46 percent over the previous month, from 648 to 353.
- Out of the 353 residents, 235 are males and 118 are females.

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Fig 1: RESIDENT ARRIVALS BY MAIN COUNTRY VISITED, DECEMBER 2021

The share of residents returning to Vanuatu by main country visited shows that;

- Fiji (35%)
- Australia (26%)
- New Zealand (25%)
- Asia (9%)
- Other Countries (3%)
- Europe (2%)

Resident arrivals by purpose of absence;

- Others (217), including those who stated their occupation type as seasonal employment and other types of jobs
- Education (132)
- Business/conference/convention (4)

DATA SOURCE AND REVISIONS

All International arrival and departure statistics by air provided in this report is sourced from the Passenger processing module within ASYCUDA World system and also completed Arrival and Departure cards from the Department of Customs. Cruise ship figures are also supplied by the Department of Customs through the Passenger processing module.

The Vanuatu National Statistics Office will be temporarily excluding Table 5 to Table 8 and the Annexes until such time as the borders re-open and travel restrictions are lifted.

NEXT UPDATE (MONTHLY)

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Table 1 : Summary of Overseas Migration
Tableau 1 : Résumé des échanges migratoires avec l'extérieur

Year	Month	ARRIVALS / ARRIVEES						DEPARTURES / DEPARTURES						Cruiseship Arrivals/ Croisiéristes	Année	Mois
		PORT VILA		LUGANVILLE		TOTAL		PORT VILA		LUGANVILLE		TOTAL				
		Residents Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Residents Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Residents Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Resident Résidents	Visitor Visiteurs	Resident Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Resident Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs			
2016		24,801	89,358	359	5,759	25,160	95,117	20,118	91,064	165	4,406	20,283	95,470	256,482	2016	
2017		27,418	103,463	830	5,707	28,248	109,170	25,845	108,427	441	3,831	26,286	112,258	223,551	2017	
2018		28,426	111,296	510	4,338	28,936	115,634	28,160	120,736	231	3,840	28,391	124,576	234,567	2018	
2019		34,575	117,154	326	3,474	34,901	120,628	35,876	142,012	529	3,303	36,405	145,315	135,357	2019	
2020		10,392	21,764	17	201	10,409	21,965	9,122	28,095	253	39	9,375	28,134	60,401	2020	
2016	Dec	2,928	9,184	40	565	2,968	9,749	2,091	7,700	4	422	2,095	8,122	38,944	2016	Déc
2017	Dec	2,765	11,567	138	716	2,903	12,283	2,134	11,650	49	196	2,183	11,846	31,907	2017	Déc
2018	Dec	3,710	10,221	7	247	3,717	10,468	2,006	10,034	18	148	2,024	10,182	17,321	2018	Déc
2019	Dec	4,602	12,084	70	397	4,672	12,481	3,082	9,854	258	212	3,340	10,066	23,900	2019	Déc
2020	Dec	506	-	-	-	506	-	337	53	-	-	337	53	-	2020	Déc
2021	Jan	325	-	-	-	325	-	660	15	-	-	660	15	-	2021	Jan
	Feb	209	-	-	-	209	-	936	15	-	-	936	15	-		Fév
	Mar	279	-	-	-	279	-	882	-	-	-	882	-	-		Mar
	Apr [p]	245	-	-	-	245	-	575	-	-	-	575	-	-		Avr [p]
	May[p]	355	-	-	-	355	-	688	-	-	-	688	-	-		Mai [p]
	Jun[p]	376	-	-	-	376	-	1,041	-	-	-	1,041	-	-		Juin [p]
	Jul[p]	98	-	-	-	98	-	822	-	-	-	822	-	-		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]	244	-	-	-	244	-	1,007	-	-	-	1,007	-	-		Aoû [p]
	Sep [p]	44	-	-	-	44	-	502	-	-	-	502	-	-		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	319	-	-	-	319	-	747	-	-	-	747	-	-		Oct [p]
	Nov [p]	648	-	-	-	648	-	751	-	-	-	751	-	-		Nov [p]
	Dec [p]	353	-	-	-	353	-	747	-	-	-	747	-	-		Déc [p]

Source: Department of Customs/Département des douanes

p: provisional figures

- No visitors/residents were recorded for the reference month

Table 2 : Visitor Arrivals by Purpose of Visit
Tableau 2 : Arrivées de visiteurs selon le motif du voyage

Year	Month	VISITORS/VISITEURS						Année	Mois
		Holidays Vacances	Visiting Friends and relatives Visite à des amis et à la famille	Business, Meetings/ Conferences Affaires, réunions ou conférence	Stop Over Escale	Others, Education, sports Autres, education, sport	Total Visitors Visiteurs global		
2016		71,088	8,300	8,521	551	6,657	95,117	2016	
2017		83,465	8,940	8,338	897	7,530	109,170	2017	
2018		91,726	8,616	7,552	645	7,095	115,634	2018	
2019		95,849	8,764	8,059	524	7,432	120,628	2019	
2020		17,166	1,445	1,085	448	1,821	21,965	2020	
2016	Dec	7,666	984	629	57	413	9,749	2016	Déc
2017	Dec	9,702	1,116	374	37	1,054	12,283	2017	Déc
2018	Dec	8,808	957	417	55	231	10,468	2018	Déc
2019	Dec	10,411	1,032	467	151	420	12,481	2019	Déc
2020	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	2020	Déc
2021	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	2021	Jan
	Feb	-	-	-	-	-	-		Feb
	Mar	-	-	-	-	-	-		Mar
	Apr [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Avr [p]
	May [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Mai [p]
	Jun [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Juil [p]
	Aug[p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Aug [p]
	Sep [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Oct [p]
	Nov [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Nov [p]
	Dec [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Déc [p]

Source: Department of Customs/Département des douanes

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Table 3 : Visitor Arrivals by Usual Country of Residence
Tableau 3 : Arrivées des visiteurs par pays de résidence habituelle

Year	Month	Australia	New Zealand	New Caledonia	Other Pacific Countries	Europe	North America	Japan	China	Other Countries	TOTAL	Année	Mois
		Australie	Nouvelle-Zélande	Nouvelle-Calédonie	Autres Pays du Pacifique		Amérique du Nord	Japon	Chine	Autres pays			
2016		49,752	10,931	9,681	5,705	10,067	2,893	903	2,736	2,449	95,117	2016	
2017		57,387	11,554	15,880	7,147	6,806	3,016	1,076	3,612	2,692	109,170	2017	
2018		60,616	13,432	15,105	6,545	8,023	3,347	963	4,007	3,596	115,634	2018	
2019		63,122	15,085	14,738	6,560	8,992	3,120	1,107	4,671	3,233	120,628	2019	
2020		11,248	1,819	3,778	1,241	1,728	692	171	680	608	21,965	2020	
2016	Dec	5,237	965	1,514	645	618	209	78	229	254	9,749	2016	Dec
2017	Dec	6,598	1,098	1,952	993	673	312	82	327	248	12,283	2017	Dec
2018	Dec	6,146	1,067	1,485	451	504	209	84	318	204	10,468	2018	Dec
2019	Dec	6,921	1,330	1,673	514	995	263	150	368	267	12,481	2019	Dec
2020	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2020	Dec
2021	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2021	Jan
	Feb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Fév
	Mar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Mar
	Apr [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Avr [p]
	May [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Mai [p]
	Jun [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Août [p]
	Sep [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Oct [p]
	Nov [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Nov [p]
	Dec [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Déc [p]

Source: Department of Customs/Département des douanes

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Table 4 : Overseas Arrivals of Residents by Nationality**Tableau 4 : Arrivées des résidents par nationalité**

Year	Month	Ni-Vanuatu	Australian Australien	French Français	British Anglais	New Zealander Néo- Zélandais	Asian Asiatiques	Pacific Islanders Autres pays du Pacifique	North Americans Américain du Nord	Other countries Autres pays	TOTAL	Année	Mois
2016		18,511	2,516	1,120	164	855	741	645	343	264	25,160	2016	
2017		21,967	2,463	1,036	118	797	712	564	358	233	28,248	2017	
2018		23,610	1,919	750	97	591	875	593	273	228	28,936	2018	
2019		26,317	2,344	884	329	780	2,809	665	409	364	34,901	2019	
2020		8,374	719	285	42	243	283	273	87	103	10,409	2019	
2016	Dec	2,469	178	83	22	64	55	44	36	17	2,968	2016	Déc
2017	Dec	2,652	116	28	4	29	19	28	14	13	2,903	2017	Déc
2018	Dec	3,391	102	47	5	32	61	34	27	18	3,717	2018	Déc
2019	Dec	4,097	230	55	11	71	86	58	36	28	4,672	2019	Déc
2021	Dec	449	23	15	2	3	10	2	0	2	506	2020	Déc
2021	Jan	276	34	1	0	0	9	5	0	0	325	2021	Jan
	Feb	122	35	11	0	9	9	15	4	4	209		Fév
	Mar	184	34	2	0	10	17	25	4	3	279		Mar
	Apr [p]	193	27	8	0	9	5	2	0	1	245		Avr [p]
	May[p]	323	12	6	0	8	3	1	0	2	355		Mai [p]
	Jun [p]	223	22	3	2	4	106	9	2	5	376		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	63	21	3	0	4	1	1	2	3	98		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]	152	46	12	2	10	12	1	1	8	244		Aoû [p]
	Sep [p]	6	1	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	44		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	206	88	4	2	10	6	0	0	3	319		Oct [p]
	Nov [p]	597	19	8	2	1	4	3	4	10	648		Nov [p]
	Dec [p]	314	4	5	2	14	1	5	0	8	353		Déc [p]

Source: Department of Customs/Département des

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Table 4.1 : Resident Arrivals by main country visited**Tableau 4.1: Arrivées de résidents par principal pays visité**

Year	Month	Australia Australie	New Zealand Nouvelle Zélande	New Caledonia Nouvelle Calédonie	Fiji Fidji	Solomon Islands îles salomon	Asia Asie	Other Pacific Countries Autres pays du pacifique	Europe	North America Amérique du nord	Other Countries Autres pays	Total	Année	Mois
2020	Dec	159	128	40	141	-	4	26	5	-	3	506	2020	Déc
2021	Jan	198	56	19	4	1	26	15	-	6	-	325	2021	Jan
	Feb	113	20	19	4	-	11	32	8	2	-	209		Feb
	Mar	110	50	-	47	1	20	40	7	4	-	279		Mar
	Apr [p]	150	47	11	-	2	20	2	9	2	2	245		Avr [p]
	May[p]	173	151	6	-	-	2	15	5	-	3	355		May [p]
	Jun [p]	170	80	4	5	-	109	3	3	-	2	376		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	21	61	4	-	-	7	-	3	2	-	98		Juillet [p]
	Aug [p]	94	89	7	-	-	21	3	23	2	5	244		Août [p]
	Sep [p]	6	-	-	-	-	38	-	-	-	-	44		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	148	142	18	-	-	4	1	5	-	1	319		Oct [p]
	Nov [p]	183	363	-	64	-	12	-	14	6	6	648		Nov [p]
	Dec [p]	93	88	-	125	-	31	-	6	-	10	353		Déc [p]

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