

Preface

This is a monthly bulletin of migration reports produced by the Statistics Department as the main reference on a volume of overseas visitors, cruise ship passengers, yacht passengers and resident's movement to and from the Kingdom of Tonga. This bulletin covers the period of October 2019, includes tables providing a monthly breakdown of the data. Comparative data for previous years are also included in this bulletin. Most of the information contained in this bulletin was obtained from the Immigration Department database on international arrivals and departures.

The main purpose of collecting and compiling statistics on International Arrivals and Departures, or Migration Statistics, is to make migration data available for planners and decision-makers. Tonga has a high rate of Net Migration, with more people moving out of Tonga than arriving. Production of Migration Statistics and their components enables the Statistics Department to estimate the resident population and to produce Population Projections for the whole Kingdom.

This bulletin presents information relating to the number of arrivals and departures by sex, purpose of travel, reasons for absence, 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 welcomed by the Statistics Department.


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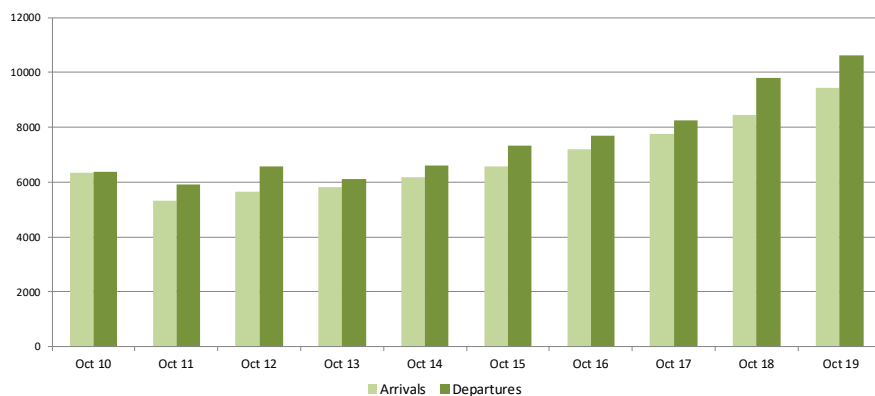
Summary of Arrivals

Table 1.: Total Arrivals by month and annual percentage change

Type and mode of Arrivals	Number			Percent	
	September 2019	October 2019	October 2018	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	11,247	12,037	13,493	7.0	-10.8
Air Visitors	6,811	5,649	4,504	-17.1	25.4
Air Returning Residents	3,418	3,782	3,948	10.6	-4.2
Cruise Ships	636	2,178	4,746	242.5	-54.1
Yachts	382	428	295	12.0	45.1

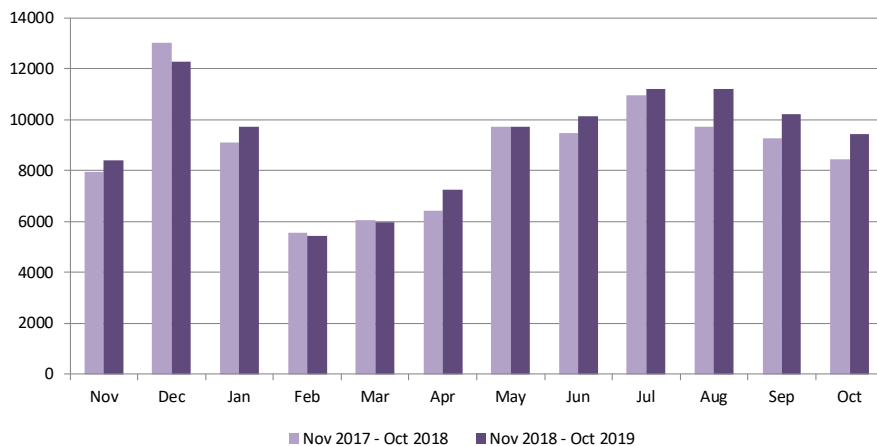
- The total of all arrivals in October 2019 was 12,037 peoples, this is an increase of 17.0 percent compared to the total arrivals in September, 10,291.
- A decline of 17.1% of all air visitors (5,649) compared to September 2019 (6,811).
- An increase of 10.6% (3,782) of returning residents compared to the previous month (3,418)
- There were only 2,178 passengers who arrived by Cruise ship in the month of October 2019
- There were 428 yachts arrivals in October 2019 compared to the month of September 2019 with only 62 arrivals..

Fig. 1. October Air Arrivals and Departures 2010 - 2019



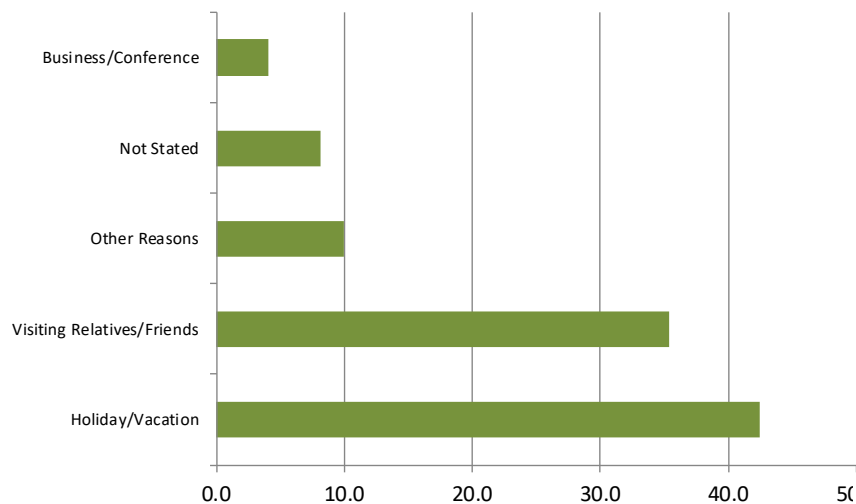
- Total air arrivals in October 2019 were 9,431 an increase of 12.0% compared to October 2018 (8,452).
- Total air departures of 10,611 in October 2019, again an increase of 8.0% compared to October 2018 (9,781)

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



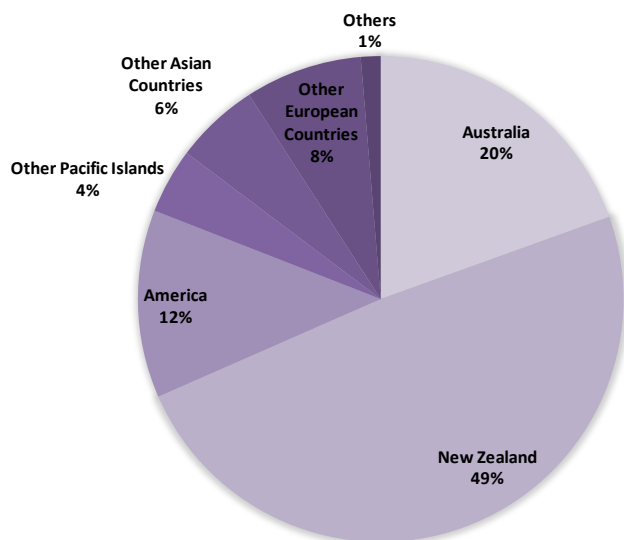
- Total air visitor arrivals in October 2019 were 5,649 an increase of 25.0% compared to October 2018 (4,504)

Fig. 3. Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit October, 2019



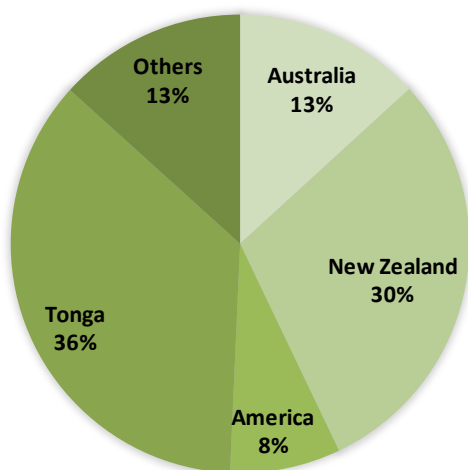
- 42.4% (2,396) of the total air visitors were here on Holiday/Vacation
- Visiting friends and relatives made up 35.4% (1,997) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of October
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 4.1% (231) and those with other reasons were 10.10% (568)

Fig. 4. Air Visitors by Country of Usual Residence October 2019



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 48.9% (2,764) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 19.5 % (1,101), and America 12.5% (708)

Fig. 5. Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence October, 2019



- Most of the persons departing in the month of October were Togan residents (3,824) followed by New Zealand (3,151) and Australia (1,396)

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.

Table 1. Monthly Arrival and Departure by Mode of Travel and Net Migration, 2018 - 2019

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	
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			25,107	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
2017	62,506	21,719	2,354	86,579	38,124			38,124	100,630	21,719	2,344	124,693	99,280	21,698	1,992	122,970	(3,857)
2018	54,046	21,708	1,559	77,306	51,428			51,428	105,474	21,708	1,559	128,741	108,770	21,714	1,602	132,086	(3,352)
2018																	
Jan	4,294	3,346	7	7,640	4,828			4,828	9,122	3,346	7	12,475	12,147	3,349	6	15,502	(3,034)
Feb	2,336	1,520	-	3,856	3,217			3,217	5,553	1,520	-	7,073	6,686	1,526	-	8,212	(1,139)
Mar	2,835	3,062	14	5,911	3,205			3,205	6,040	3,062	14	9,116	7,376	3,062	1	10,439	(1,323)
Apr	3,099	2,344	34	5,477	3,309			3,309	6,408	2,344	34	8,786	6,454	2,343	39	8,836	(50)
May	4,348	627	166	5,141	5,385			5,385	9,733	627	166	10,526	8,275	631	56	8,962	1,564
Jun	4,785	3,318	305	8,408	4,711			4,711	9,496	3,318	305	13,119	7,962	3,316	275	11,553	1,566
Jul	7,011	1,861	174	9,046	3,960			3,960	10,971	1,861	174	13,006	11,444	1,863	272	13,579	(573)
Aug	5,855	-	252	6,107	3,868			3,868	9,723	-	252	9,975	10,408	-	319	10,727	(752)
Sep	5,061	-	256	5,317	4,200			4,200	9,261	-	256	9,517	8,976	-	316	9,292	225
Oct	4,504	4,746	295	9,545	3,948			3,948	8,452	4,746	295	13,493	9,781	4,744	218	14,743	(1,250)
Nov	3,636	884	50	4,570	4,776			4,776	8,412	884	50	9,346	8,520	880	88	9,488	(142)
Dec	6,282	-	6	6,288	6,021			6,021	12,303	-	6	12,309	10,741	-	12	10,753	1,556
2019																	
Jan	4,372	313	3	4,688	5,352			5,352	9,724	313	3	10,040	12,073	313	3	12,389	(2,349)
Feb	2,709	3,448	-	6,157	2,719			2,719	5,428	3,448	-	8,876	6,889	3,497	-	10,386	(1,510)
Mar	3,109	5,570	7	8,686	2,846			2,846	5,955	5,570	7	11,532	6,686	5,569	3	12,258	(726)
Apr	3,574	3,508	13	7,095	3,677			3,677	7,251	3,508	13	10,772	7,427	3,509	9	10,945	(173)
May	4,348	627	166	5,141	5,385			5,385	9,733	627	166	10,526	8,275	631	56	8,962	1,564
Jun	6,647	1,798	489	8,934	3,505			3,505	10,152	1,798	489	12,439	7,722	1,798	602	10,122	2,317
Jul	8,121	-	194	8,315	3,092			3,092	11,213	-	194	11,407	11,754	-	346	12,100	(693)
Aug	7,890	-	288	8,178	3,302			3,302	11,192	-	288	11,480	11,517	-	218	11,735	(255)
Sep	6,811	636	382	7,829	3,418			3,418	10,229	636	382	11,247	9,987	-	84	10,071	1,176
Oct	5,649	2,178	428	8,255	3,782			3,782	9,431	2,178	428	12,037	10,611	2,181	394	13,186	(1,149)

Table 2. Total Arrivals by Age, Type of Passangers and Gender October, 2019

Age Group				Type of Passangers					
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	387	199	188	266	143	123	121	56	65
5-9	242	113	128	169	83	85	73	30	43
10-14	257	124	133	176	83	93	80	40	40
15-19	395	230	165	229	113	116	166	117	49
20-24	638	374	264	255	113	142	384	261	123
25-29	946	496	450	501	215	286	445	281	164
30-34	988	583	405	567	316	252	421	267	153
35-39	834	491	344	479	258	221	355	232	123
40-44	806	450	356	477	263	214	330	187	143
45-49	859	483	376	520	277	243	339	206	133
50-54	886	431	455	566	253	314	320	179	141
55-59	763	370	393	508	236	273	254	134	120
60-64	583	293	290	385	203	182	198	90	108
65-69	393	189	204	267	131	136	126	58	68
70-74	245	128	117	153	80	73	92	48	44
75+	209	103	106	130	61	68	79	41	38
Total	9,431	5,056	4,375	5,649	2,829	2,820	3,782	2,227	1,555
% Distribution	100.0	53.6	46.4	59.9	30.0	29.9	40.1	23.6	16.5

Table 3. Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit October, 2019

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/ Vacation	Business/ Conference	Visiting Relat Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	1,101	19.5	459	53	366	165	58
New Zealand	2,764	48.9	1,118	72	1,243	188	143
Fiji	174	3.1	23	40	27	58	26
American Samoa	9	0.2	1	-	4	1	3
Western Samoa	12	0.2	3	1	6	1	-
Other Pacific Islands	50	0.9	11	7	14	15	3
Japan	40	0.7	19	7	8	4	1
China	158	2.8	109	2	12	11	24
India	15	0.3	12	-	1	1	1
Korea	15	0.3	11	2	1	-	1
Other Asian Countries	90	1.6	41	12	7	29	2
UK	92	1.6	74	4	5	3	5
Germany	99	1.8	93	-	3	1	2
France	35	0.6	24	1	7	2	-
Italy	16	0.3	13	1	-	1	1
Other European Countries	199	3.5	145	4	8	5	37
All African Countries	16	0.3	11	2	2	1	-
United States of America	708	12.5	203	15	279	74	137
Canada	35	0.6	20	-	3	2	10
Other American Countries	23	0.4	7	7	-	6	3
Total	5,649	100	2,396	231	1,997	568	457
% Distribution	100.0		42.4	4.1	35.4	10.0	8.1

Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for October, 2019

<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Returning Residence</i>	<i>Percentage Distribution</i>	<i>Visitors</i>	<i>Percentage Distribution</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percentage Distribution</i>
0 - 4	109	2.9	286	4.2	395	3.7
5 - 9	76	2.0	245	3.6	321	3.0
10 - 14	92	2.4	298	4.4	390	3.7
15 - 19	124	3.2	304	4.5	428	4.0
20 - 24	469	12.3	288	4.2	757	7.1
25 - 29	463	12.1	606	8.9	1069	10.1
30 - 34	395	10.3	658	9.7	1053	9.9
35 - 39	368	9.6	552	8.1	920	8.7
40 - 44	345	9.0	535	7.9	880	8.3
45 - 49	329	8.6	620	9.1	949	8.9
50 - 54	324	8.5	674	9.9	999	9.4
55 - 59	247	6.5	606	8.9	853	8.0
60 - 64	181	4.7	435	6.4	616	5.8
65 - 69	129	3.4	331	4.9	459	4.3
70 - 74	99	2.6	202	3.0	300	2.8
75+	75	2.0	146	2.2	221	2.1
All Ages	3,824	100.0	6,787	100.0	10,611	100.0
YACHT	-	-	394	-	394	-
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	2,181	0	2,181	0
Total	3,824	100.0	9,362	100.0	13,186	100.0

Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender October, 2019

<i>Country of Usual Residence</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percent</i>
	<i>No.</i>	<i>Distribution</i>		<i>Distribution</i>		<i>Distribution</i>
Australia	662	11.9	734	14.5	1,396	13.2
New Zealand	1503	27.1	1648	32.6	3,151	29.7
Fiji	134	2.4	96	1.9	231	2.2
American Samoa	1	0.0	5	0.1	6	0.1
Western Samoa	14	0.2	13	0.3	27	0.3
Tonga	2235	40.2	1590	31.4	3,824	36.0
Other Pacific Islands	28	0.5	20	0.4	47	0.4
Japan	30	0.5	17	0.3	47	0.4
China	116	2.1	95	1.9	211	2.0
India	10	0.2	3	0.1	13	0.1
Korea	14	0.2	1	0.0	15	0.1
Other Asian Countries	70	1.3	48	0.9	118	1.1
UK	50	0.9	71	1.4	121	1.1
Germany	54	1.0	68	1.4	123	1.2
France	26	0.5	26	0.5	52	0.5
Italy	11	0.2	13	0.3	25	0.2
Other European Countries	154	2.8	136	2.7	290	2.7
All African Countries	2	0.0	4	0.1	6	0.1
United States of America	402	7.2	427	8.4	829	7.8
Canada	25	0.4	23	0.5	48	0.5
Other American Countries	14	0.3	17	0.3	31	0.3
Total	5,554	100.0	5,057	100.0	10,611	100.0