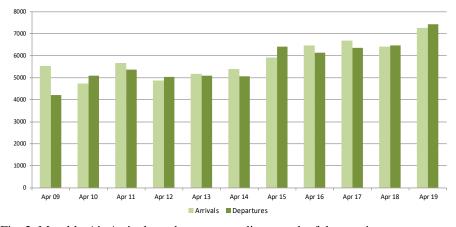
Table 1.: Total Arrivals by annual percentage change and previous month

		Change from	Change from
April 2019	Number	previous month (%)	previous year (%)
All Arrivals	10,772	-6.6	22.6
Air Visitors	3,574	15.0	15.3
Air Returning Residents	3,677	29.2	11.1
Cruise Ships	3,508	-37.0	49.7
Yachts	13	85.7	-61.8

- A decline of 6.6% of all arrivals (10,772) compared to the previous month of March 2019 (11,532)
- An increase of 15.0% of all air visitors (3,574) compared to March 2019 (3,109)
- An increase of 29.2% (3,677) of returning residents compared to the previous month (2,846)
- A decline of 37.0% (3,508) of arrivals by cruise ships compared to the previous month (5,570)
- An increase of—of—85.7 % (13) of arrivals by yachts compared to March 2019 (7).

Fig. 1. January Air Arrivals and Departures 2009 - 2019



- Total- air arrivals in April 2019 were 7,251 - an- an increase of 13.0% compared to April 2018 (6,408).
- Total air departures of 7,427 in April 2019, again an increase of 15.0% compared to April 2018 (6,454)

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



 Total air visitor arrivals in April 2019 were 3,574 an increase of 15.0% compared to April 2018 (3,099)

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

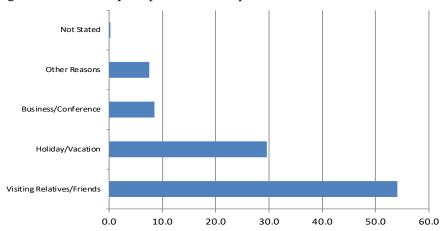


Fig. 4. Air Visitors by Country of Usual Residence April, 2019

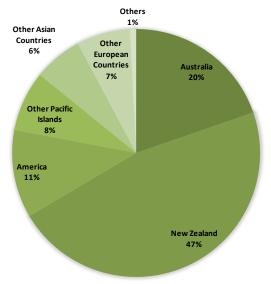
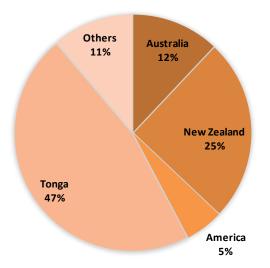


Fig. 5. Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence April, 2019



- 54.0% (1,930) of the total air visitors were here to Visit Relatives/Friends
- Holiday/Vacation made up 29.6% (1,057) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of April
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 8.5% (303) and those with other reasons were 7.6% (273)
- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 46.8% (1,672) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 19.7 % (703), and America 11.5% (412)

• Most of the persons departing in the month of April were residents of Tonga (3,457) followed by New Zealand (1,860) and Australia (892)

## **Definitions**

- ▶ A Visitor is a person other than a Tongan citizen, the 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 on the same vessel which is on a cruise trip, and uses 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 travellers 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, 2014 - 2019

	Visitors A	Arrivals			Returnin	g Residents	Total Arriv	als			Total Dep	artures			Net
Period	Air	Ship	Yacht	Total	Air	Ship Yacht Total	Air	Ship	Yacht	Total	Air	Ship	Yacht	Total	Migration
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)
					ı	2015					1				
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
	2.254	0.407	-	F F 40	4.460	2017	7.040	0.407	0	40.000	0.000	0.405	7	11,812	(4.004)
January February	3,351 2,936	2,187 3,642	- 8	5,546 6,578	4,462 2,832	4,462 2,832	7,813 5,768	2,187 3,642	8	10,008 9,410	9,620 6,960	2,185 3,632	2	10,594	(1,804) (1,184)
March	2,560	3,839	10	6,409	2,032	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	6,693	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
August	6,810	1,354	288	8,452	3,071	3,071	9,881	1,354	288	11,523	10,047	1,354	276	11,677	154
September	6,390	3,719	625	10,734	2,900	2,900	9,290	3,719	615	13,624	9,188	3,719	370	13,277	(347)
October	4,639	2,425	383	7,447	3,109	3,109	7,748	2,425	383	10,556	8,255	2,417	302	10,974	418
November	4,278	1,177	83	5,538	3,672	3,672	7,950	1,177	83	9,210	8,305	1,178	120	9,603	393
December	9,625	-	26	9,651	3,385	3,385	13,010	-	26	13,036	10,164	-	37	10,201	(2,835)
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Jan Feb	4,294 2,336	3,346 1,520	7	7,640 3,856	4,828 3,217	4,828 3,217	9,122 5,553	3,346 1,520	7	12,475 7,073	12,147 6,686	3,349 1,526	6	15,502 8,212	(3,034) (1,139)
Feb Mar	2,336	3,062	14	5,911	3,217	3,217	6,040	3,062	14	9,116	7,376	3,062	- 1	10,439	(1,139)
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)
Арі Мау	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 Mar	2,709	3,448 5,570	- 7	6,157 8,686	2,719	2,719	5,428 5,955	3,448 5,570	- 7	8,876	6,889	3,497 5,569	- 3	10,386	(1,510)
Mar Apr	3,109 3,574	5,570 3,508	7 13	8,686 7,095	2,846 3,677	2,846 3,677	5,955 7,251	5,570 3,508	7 13	11,532 10,772	6,686 7,427	5,569 3,509	3 9	12,258 10,945	(726) (173)
, (p)	5,514	3,308	13	1,050	3,011	3,011	1,∠∪1	3,506	13	10,112	1,421	5,509	9	10,545	(113)

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

				Type of Passangers							
Age Group	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents				
	Total Male		Female	Total	Male Female		Total	Male	Female		
0-4	300	139	160	155	68	87	145	71	74		
5-9	251	132	118	140	73	67	111	59	51		
10-14	223	114	109	135	66	69	88	48	40		
15-19	317	145	172	188	79	109	129	66	62		
20-24	562	286	276	220	84	136	342	202	140		
25-29	621	343	278	263	130	133	358	213	145		
30-34	733	389	344	330	157	173	403	232	171		
35-39	676	357	319	309	160	149	367	198	170		
40-44	669	362	307	316	159	158	353	204	150		
45-49	734	394	340	360	183	176	374	211	164		
50-54	651	350	301	354	197	157	297	153	145		
55-59	502	255	247	257	134	123	245	121	124		
60-64	376	204	172	197	111	86	179	93	86		
65-69	277	157	120	175	95	80	103	63	40		
70-74	202	113	89	97	60	37	106	53	53		
75+	158	77	81	78	35	42	80	41	39		
Total	7,251	3,817	3,434	3,574	1,792	1,782	3,677	2,025	1,652		
% Distribution	100.0	52.6	47.4	49.3	24.7	24.6	50.7	27.9	22.8		

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

Country of	Purpose of Visit							
Usual Residence	Total	%	Holiday/	Business/	Visiting Relative/	isiting Relative/ Other		
		Distribution	Vacation	Conference	Friends	Reasons	Stated	
Australia	703	19.7	176	45	416	65	1	
New Zealand	1,672	46.8	493	95	1022	60	2	
Fiji	178	5.0	36	38	69	35	0	
American Samoa	5	0.1	0	0	5	0	0	
Western Samoa	28	0.8	3	11	9	5	0	
Other Pacific Islands	70	2.0	4	20	39	6	1	
Japan	44	1.2	20	7	16	1	0	
China	99	2.8	24	28	15	28	4	
India	5	0.1	0	2	2	1	0	
Korea	2	0.1	2	0	0	0	0	
Other Asian Countries	77	2.2	28	13	29	7	0	
UK	53	1.5	24	8	16	5	0	
Germany	73	2.0	53	3	13	4	0	
France	26	0.7	14	1	4	7	0	
Italy	5	0.1	3	1	1	0	0	
Other European Countries	93	2.6	71	6	11	4	1	
All African Countries	9	0.3	4	1	3	1	0	
United States of America	412	11.5	94	19	254	43	2	
Canada	11	0.3	7	3	0	1	0	
Other American Countries	9	0.3	1	2	6	0	0	
Total	3,574	100.0	1,057	303	1,930	273	11	
% Distribution	100.0		29.6	8.5	54.0	7.6	0.3	

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

	Returning	Percentage		Percentage		Percentage
Age Group	Residence	Distribution	Visitors	Distribution	Total	Distribution
0 - 4	100	2.9	130	3.3	230	3.1
5 - 9	104	3.0	130	3.3	234	3.2
10 - 14	57	1.6	140	3.5	197	2.7
15 - 19	118	3.4	195	4.9	313	4.2
20 - 24	340	9.8	230	5.8	570	7.7
25 - 29	409	11.8	287	7.2	696	9.4
30 - 34	419	12.1	397	10.0	816	11.0
35 - 39	338	9.8	346	8.7	684	9.2
40 - 44	306	8.8	332	8.4	638	8.6
45 - 49	355	10.3	413	10.4	768	10.3
50 - 54	250	7.2	404	10.2	653	8.8
55 - 59	213	6.2	308	7.8	521	7.0
60 - 64	151	4.4	251	6.3	402	5.4
65 - 69	131	3.8	202	5.1	333	4.5
70 - 74	80	2.3	109	2.8	189	2.5
75+	88	2.5	95	2.4	183	2.5
All Ages	3,457	100.0	3,970	100.0	7,427	100.0
YACHT	-	-	9	-	9	-
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	3,509	0	3,509	0
Total	2,878	100.0	6,961	100.0	9,839	100.0

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

Country of Usual	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
Residence	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution
Australia	447	11.0	445	13.2	892	12.0
New Zealand	907	22.4	953	28.2	1,860	25.0
Fiji	87	2.1	83	2.5	170	2.3
American Samoa	6	0.1	6	0.2	12	0.2
Western Samoa	15	0.4	12	0.4	27	0.4
Tonga	2,032	50.2	1,425	42.2	3,457	46.5
Other Pacific Islands	30	0.7	37	1.1	67	0.9
Japan	33	0.8	29	0.8	62	0.8
China	75	1.9	23	0.7	98	1.3
India	4	0.1	-	-	4	0.0
Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Asian Countries	32	0.8	33	1.0	65	0.9
UK	30	0.7	30	0.9	60	0.8
Germany	44	1.1	33	1.0	77	1.0
France	21	0.5	8	0.2	30	0.4
Italy	6	0.1	2	0.1	8	0.1
Other European Countries	52	1.3	62	1.8	114	1.5
All African Countries	5	0.1	3	0.1	8	0.1
United States of America	207	5.1	182	5.4	389	5.2
Canada	8	0.2	8	0.2	16	0.2
Other American Countries	7	0.2	4	0.1	11	0.1
Total	4,049	100.0	3,378	100.0	7,427	100.0

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