

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 November 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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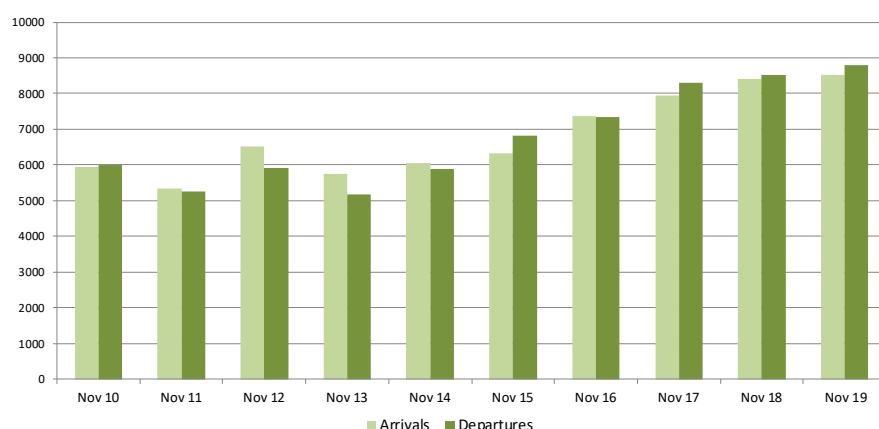
Summary of Arrivals

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

Type and mode of Arrivals	Number			Percent	
	October 2019	November 2019	November 2018	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	12,037	11,317	9,346	-6.0	21.1
Air Visitors	5,649	4,938	3,636	-12.6	35.8
Air Returning Residents	3,782	3,595	4,776	-4.9	-24.7
Cruise Ships	2,178	2,712	884	24.5	206.8
Yachts	428	72	50	-83.2	44.0

- The total of all arrivals in November 2019 was 11,317 peoples, this is a decline of 6.0 percent compared to the total arrivals in October, 12,037.
- A decline of 12.6% of all air visitors (4,938) compared to October 2019 (5,649).
- A decline of 4.9% (3,595) of returning residents compared to the previous month (3,782)
- An increase of 24.5% (2,712) of arrivals by cruise ships compared to October 2019 (2,178)
- There were only 72 yacht arrivals in November 2019 compared to the month of October 2019 with 428 arrivals..

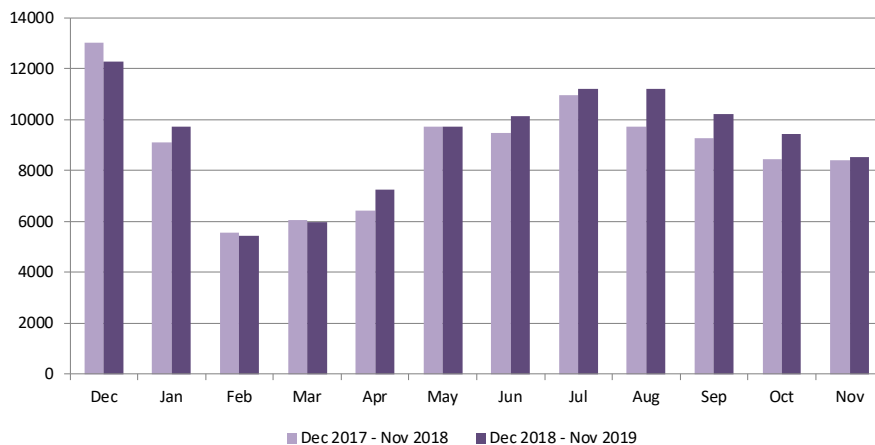
Fig. 1. November Air Arrivals and Departures 2010 - 2019



- Total air arrivals in November 2019 were 8,533 an increase of 1.0% compared to November 2018 (8,412).

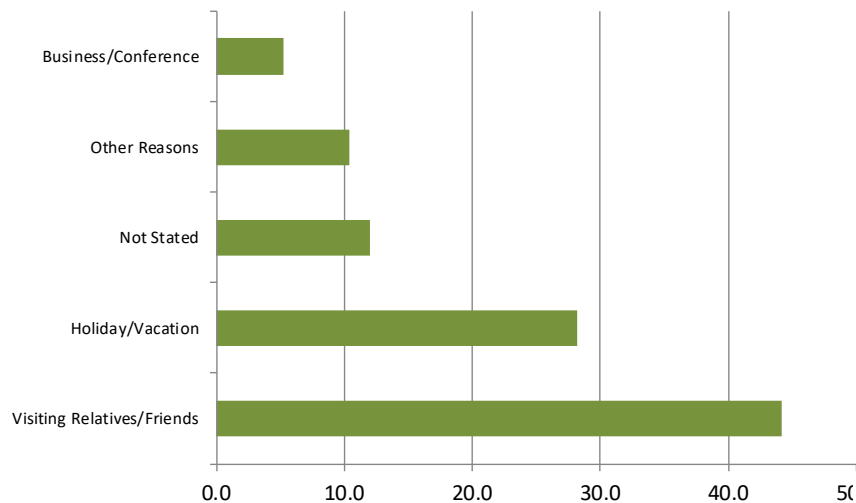
- Total air departures of 8,786 in November 2019, again an increase of 3.0% compared to November 2018 (8,520)

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



- Total air visitor arrivals in November 2019 were 4,938 an increase of 35.8% compared to November 2018 (3,636)

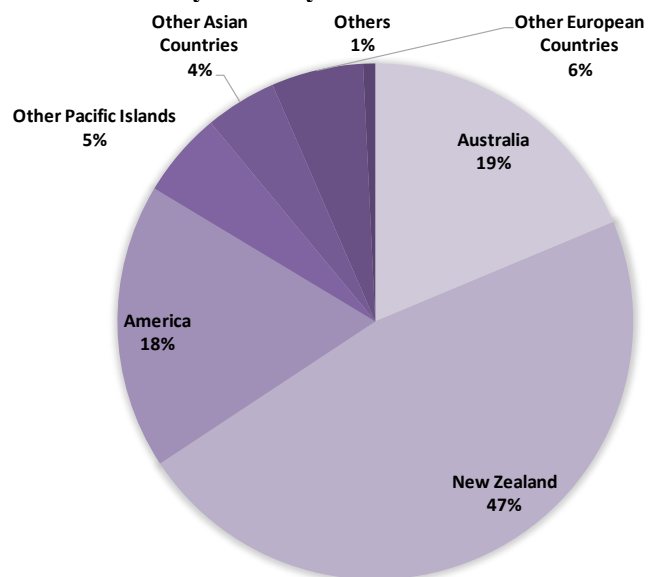
Fig. 3. Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit November, 2019



- 44.1% (2,179) of the total air visitors were here to Visit friends and relatives.
- Holiday/Vacation made up 28.2% (1,391) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of November

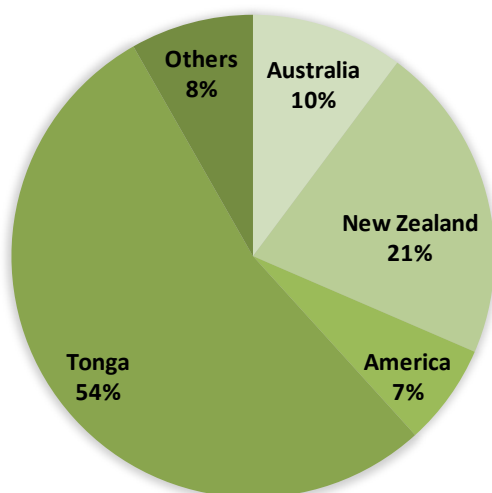
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 5.2% (259) and those with other reasons were 10.4% (515)

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



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 47.0% (2,322) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 18.7 % (921), and America 17.9% (886)

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



- Most of the persons departing in the month of November were Tongan residents (4,700) followed by New Zealand (1,873) and Australia (893)

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
	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)
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	-	62	6,873	3,418			3,418	10,229	-	62	10,291	9,987	-	84	10,071	220
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)
Nov	4,938	2,712	72	7,722	3,595			3,595	8,533	2,712	72	11,317	8,786	2,743	171	11,700	(383)

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

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	312	165	147	214	106	108	98	59	40
5-9	263	144	119	199	110	89	64	34	30
10-14	242	128	115	170	87	83	73	41	32
15-19	341	144	198	219	88	131	123	56	67
20-24	770	374	396	380	163	218	389	211	178
25-29	809	444	365	388	184	204	420	259	161
30-34	741	402	340	371	171	199	371	230	140
35-39	752	412	340	384	198	186	368	214	154
40-44	698	384	314	386	200	186	312	184	129
45-49	724	400	324	413	219	194	311	181	130
50-54	835	399	437	489	222	267	346	177	169
55-59	681	355	326	437	218	220	243	137	106
60-64	491	253	238	317	159	157	174	94	80
65-69	428	210	218	286	142	145	142	68	74
70-74	252	117	135	155	79	75	97	37	60
75+	193	101	92	130	70	61	63	32	32
Total	8,533	4,429	4,104	4,938	2,416	2,522	3,595	2,013	1,582
% Distribut	100.0	51.9	48.1	57.9	28.3	29.6	42.1	23.6	18.5

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

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/ Vacation	Business/ Conference	Visiting Relative/ Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	921	18.7	185	74	444	140	78
New Zealand	2,322	47.0	662	63	1,111	197	289
Fiji	197	4.0	27	43	63	52	12
American Samoa	11	0.2	1	0	7	2	0
Western Samoa	24	0.5	5	5	8	6	0
Other Pacific Islands	34	0.7	9	4	7	9	5
Japan	41	0.8	16	11	1	12	1
China	70	1.4	38	13	14	1	4
India	4	0.1	0	2	1	0	0
Korea	32	0.6	8	0	16	0	7
Other Asian Countries	76	1.5	22	12	8	16	18
UK	43	0.9	23	5	6	6	4
Germany	44	0.9	37	0	1	2	4
France	62	1.3	27	2	5	22	6
Italy	12	0.2	9	0	0	0	2
Other European Countries	123	2.5	85	8	5	6	19
All African Countries	5	0.1	5	0	0	0	0
United States of America	886	17.9	218	15	479	40	134
Canada	25	0.5	9	1	2	0	12
Other American Countries	8	0.2	4	1	0	2	1
Total	4,938	100.0	1,391	259	2,179	515	595
% Distribution	100.0		28.2	5.2	44.1	10.4	12.0

Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for November, 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	129	2.7	156	3.8	285	3.2
5 - 9	115	2.4	110	2.7	225	2.6
10 - 14	209	4.5	118	2.9	327	3.7
15 - 19	387	8.2	146	3.6	533	6.1
20 - 24	720	15.3	281	6.9	1001	11.4
25 - 29	622	13.2	344	8.4	966	11.0
30 - 34	499	10.6	323	7.9	822	9.4
35 - 39	430	9.1	337	8.2	767	8.7
40 - 44	327	7.0	344	8.4	671	7.6
45 - 49	333	7.1	376	9.2	709	8.1
50 - 54	322	6.9	407	10.0	729	8.3
55 - 59	200	4.3	378	9.2	578	6.6
60 - 64	150	3.2	290	7.1	440	5.0
65 - 69	109	2.3	247	6.1	356	4.1
70 - 74	88	1.9	119	2.9	207	2.4
75+	60	1.3	111	2.7	171	1.9
All Ages	4,700	100.0	4,086	100.0	8,786	100.0
YACHT	-	-	171	-	171	-
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	2,743	0	2,743	0
Total	4,700	100.0	7,000	100.0	11,700	100.0

Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender November, 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>No.</i>	<i>Distribution</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Distribution</i>
Australia	478	10.1	415	10.3	893	10.2
New Zealand	885	18.6	988	24.5	1,873	21.3
Fiji	104	2.2	66	1.6	170	1.9
American Samoa	0	-	6	0.1	6	0.1
Western Samoa	12	0.3	10	0.2	22	0.3
Tonga	2672	56.2	2028	50.3	4,700	53.5
Other Pacific Islands	37	0.8	30	0.7	67	0.8
Japan	17	0.4	5	0.1	22	0.2
China	43	0.9	34	0.8	77	0.9
India	7	0.1	0	-	7	0.1
Korea	13	0.3	14	0.3	27	0.3
Other Asian Countries	36	0.8	21	0.5	57	0.6
UK	17	0.4	15	0.4	32	0.4
Germany	30	0.6	35	0.9	65	0.7
France	14	0.3	9	0.2	23	0.3
Italy	6	0.1	5	0.1	10	0.1
Other European Countries	68	1.4	43	1.1	111	1.3
All African Countries	3	0.1	1	0.0	5	0.1
United States of America	302	6.3	293	7.3	595	6.8
Canada	5	0.1	12	0.3	16	0.2
Other American Countries	6	0.1	3	0.1	9	0.1
Total	4,755	100.0	4,031	100.0	8,786	100.0