

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, Vanuatu government has locked down its international borders as a measure to protect the people and stop the spread of the Novel Corona Virus.

SEPTEMBER 2021, PROVISIONAL KEY FINDINGS

International Visitor arrivals

- The International visitor arrival by air and cruise ship in September 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

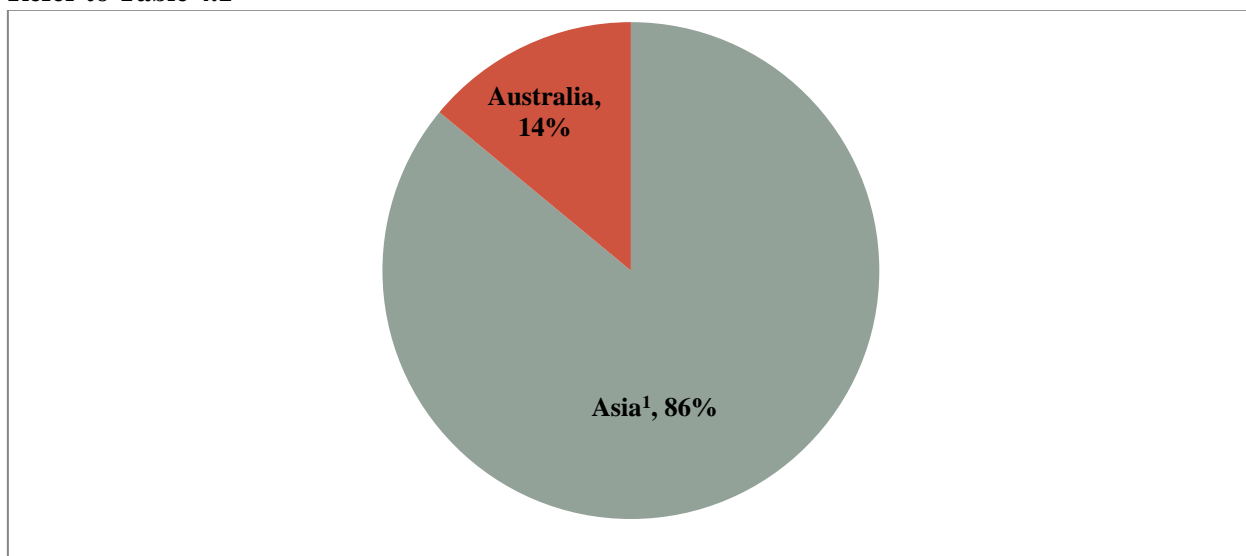
- The total number of Vanuatu residents returning from overseas trip in September 2021 was down by 96 percent compared to September of 2020 when it stood at 1156.
- It also decreased by 82 percent over the previous month, from 244 to 44. This recorded the lowest compared to all months due to the temporary suspension of inbound flights into the country in late August to mid-September of 2021.
- Out of the 44 residents, 39 are males and 5 are females.

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Fig 1: The share of residents returning to Vanuatu by main country visited

Refer to Table 4.1



¹ Accounted for most Chinese nationals that intend to stay longer in Vanuatu

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 including the Annexes until such time as the borders re-open and travel restrictions are lifted.

NEXT UPDATE (MONTHLY)

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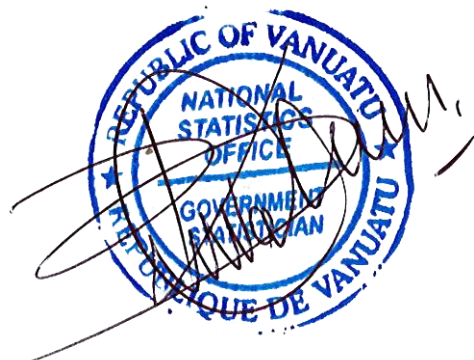
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Table 1 : Summary of Overseas Migration**Tableau 1 : Résumé des échanges migratoires avec l'extérieur**

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	Sep	2,556	9,099	17	573	2,573	9,672	1,485	8,760	13	423	1,498	9,183	15,825	2016	Sep
2017	Sep	3,156	10,379	53	498	3,209	10,877	1,860	10,079	54	374	1,914	10,453	16,829	2017	Sep
2018	Sep	3,314	11,070	35	356	3,349	11,426	2,436	10,745	16	452	2,452	11,197	19,632	2018	Sep
2019	Sep	3,689	11,442	39	258	3,728	11,700	6,094	22,738	36	420	6,130	23,158	7,690	2019	Sep
2020	Sep	1,156	-	-	-	1,156	-	237	49	-	-	237	49	-	2020	Sep
	Oct	705	-	-	-	705	-	228	22	-	-	228	22	-		Oct
	Nov	515	-	-	-	515	-	94	28	-	-	94	28	-		Nov
	Dec	506	-	-	-	506	-	337	53	-	-	337	53	-		Dec
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]

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	<u>VISITORS/VISITEURS</u>					Total Visitors	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			
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	Sep	7,360	787	797	40	688	9,672	2016	Sep
2017	Sep	8,640	727	657	134	719	10,877	2017	Sep
2018	Sep	9,209	739	752	54	672	11,426	2018	Sep
2019	Sep	9,756	744	536	5	659	11,700	2019	Sep
2020	Sep	-	-	-	-	-	-	2020	Sep
	Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-		Oct
	Nov	-	-	-	-	-	-		Nov
	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-		Dec
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]

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- No visitors/residents were recorded for the reference month

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	Sep	5,909	1,201	753	444	654	216	106	184	205	9,672	2016	Sep
2017	Sep	6,655	1,194	1,221	447	536	279	102	269	174	10,877	2017	Sep
2018	Sep	6,330	1,658	888	491	1,023	221	122	328	365	11,426	2018	Sep
2019	Sep	6,936	1,526	1,042	397	692	251	158	428	270	11,700	2019	Sep
2020	Sep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2020	Sep
	Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Oct
	Nov	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Nov
	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		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]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Aoû [p]
	Sep [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Sep [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	French	British	New Zealander	Asian	Pacific Islanders	North Americans	Other countries	TOTAL	Année	Mois
			Australien	Français	Anglais	Néo-Zélandais	Asiatiques	Autres pays du Pacifique	Américain du Nord	Autres pays			
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	Sep	2,090	191	76	8	57	63	43	27	18	2,573	2016	Sep
2017	Sep	2,764	190	70	4	57	38	39	34	13	3,209	2017	Sep
2018	Sep	2,913	175	58	10	46	57	43	26	21	3,349	2018	Sep
2019	Sep	3,066	244	78	16	61	109	78	34	42	3,728	2019	Sep
2020	Sep	1,107	20	4	-	9	3	7	2	4	1,156	2020	Sep
	Oct	646	43	3	-	5	6	-	-	2	705		Oct
	Nov	437	17	1	-	1	49	7	2	1	515		Nov
	Dec	449	23	15	2	3	10	2	-	2	506		Dec
2021	Jan	276	34	1	-	-	9	5	-	-	325	2021	Jan
	Feb	122	35	11	-	9	9	15	4	4	209		Fév
	Mar	184	34	2	-	10	17	25	4	3	279		Mar
	Apr [p]	193	27	8	-	9	5	2	-	1	245		Avr [p]
	May[p]	323	12	6	-	8	3	1	-	2	355		Mai [p]
	Jun [p]	223	22	3	2	4	106	9	2	5	376		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	63	21	3	-	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		-	-	37	-	-	-	44		Sep [p]

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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	New Zealand	New Caledonia	Fiji	Solomon Islands	Asia	Other Pacific Countries	Europe	North America	Other Countries	Total	Année	Mois
		Australie	Nouvelle Zélande	Nouvelle Caledonia	Fidji	iles salomon	Asie	Autres pays du pacifique		Amérique du nord	Autres pays			
2020	Sep	314	732	22	65	-	9	3	4	6	1	1156	2020	Sep
	Oct	211	456	7	-	-	22	2	6	-	1	705		Oct
	Nov	49	288	6	101	-	68	1	-	2	-	515		Nov
	Dec	159	128	40	141	-	4	26	5	-	3	506		Dec
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		Mar [p]
	Jun [p]	170	80	4	5	-	109	3	3	-	2	376		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	21	61	4	-	-	7	-	3	2	-	98		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]	94	89	7	-	-	21	3	23	2	5	244		Aoû [p]
	Sep [p]	6	-	-	-	-	38	-	-	-	-	44		Sep [p]

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