

## 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.

### MAY 2021, PROVISIONAL KEY FINDINGS

#### International Visitor arrivals

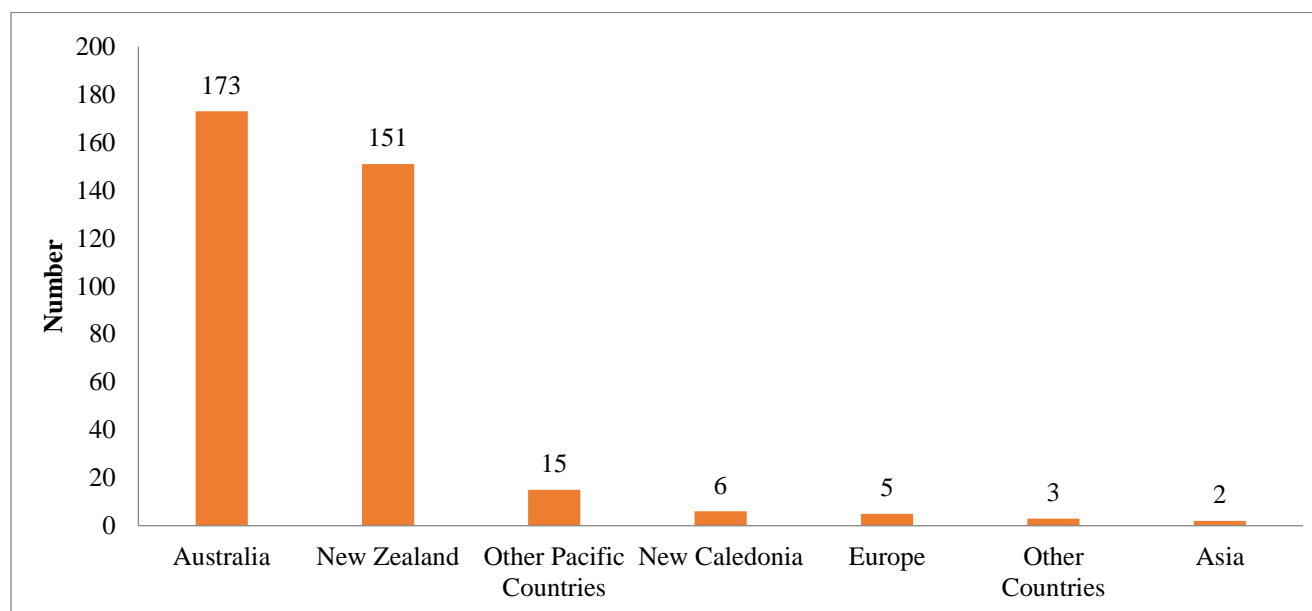
- The International visitor arrival by air and cruise ship in May of 2021 has recorded no visitor arrivals.
- There were only repatriation flights recorded for disembarking and embarking residents travelling by air for that month (see table 1 and table 4)

#### Residents returning

- The total number of Vanuatu residents returning from overseas trip in May 2021 went up by 355 compared to May of 2020 when it recorded no arrivals.
- Over the previous month it increased by 45 percent from 245 to 355.
- Out of the 355 residents, 305 are males and 50 are females.

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**FIG 1: RESIDENT ARRIVALS BY MAIN COUNTRY VISITED, MAY 2021**

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

- Australia (49%)
- New Zealand (43%)
- Other Pacific Countries (4%)
- New Caledonia (2)
- Europe (1%)
- Other Countries (1 %)
- Asia (1%)

**Resident arrivals by purpose of absence;**

- Others (333), including those who stated their occupation type as seasonal employment and Others
- Business/conference/convention (13)
- Education(9)

## 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.

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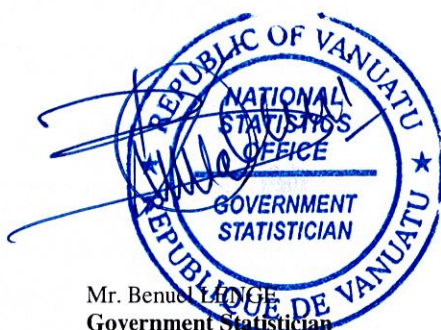
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**Table 1 : Summary of Overseas Migration**  
**Tableau 1 : Résumé des échanges migratoires avec l'extérieur**

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	May	2,669	5,377	74	365	2,743	5,742	1,530	6,506	39	281	1,569	6,787	18,186	2016	Mai
2017	May	2,932	6,776	70	403	3,002	7,179	2,138	7,182	39	304	2,177	7,486	10,642	2017	Mai
2018	May	2,682	8,389	32	464	2,714	8,853	2,364	8,884	12	307	2,376	9,191	16,576	2018	Mai
2019	May	3,061	8,071	35	288	3,096	8,359	2,879	8,844	10	309	2,889	9,153	7,460	2019	Mai
2020	May	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	54	-	-	19	54	-	2020	Mai
	Jun	1,460	-	-	-	1,460	-	11	121	-	-	11	121	-		Juin
	Jul	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	37	-	-	41	37	-		Juil
	Aug	141	-	-	-	141	-	29	15	-	-	29	15	-		Aoû
	Sep	1,156	-	-	-	1,156	-	237	49	-	-	237	49	-		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]

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>						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	May	3,820	605	908	47	362	5,742	2016	Mai
2017	May	5,154	739	787	78	421	7,179	2017	Mai
2018	May	6,642	680	739	58	734	8,853	2018	Mai
2019	May	6,142	710	865	4	638	8,359	2019	Mai
2020	May	-	-	-	-	-	-	2020	Mai
	Jun	-	-	-	-	-	-		Juin
	Jul	-	-	-	-	-	-		Juil
	Aug	-	-	-	-	-	-		Août
	Sep	-	-	-	-	-	-		Sep
	Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-		Oct
	Nov	-	-	-	-	-	-		Nov
	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-		Dec
2021	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	2021	Jan
	Feb	-	-	-	-	-	-		Feb
	Mar	-	-	-	-	-	-		Mar
	Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-		Avr
	May	-	-	-	-	-	-		Mai

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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 Australie	New Zealand Nouvelle-Zélande	New Caledonia Nouvelle-Calédonie	Other Pacific Countries Autres Pays du Pacifique	Europe	North America Amérique du Nord	Japan Japon	China Chine	Other Countries Autres pays	TOTAL	Année	Mois
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	May	2,644	552	632	508	823	190	51	181	161	5,742	2016	Mai
2017	May	3,647	737	1,017	486	491	257	55	320	169	7,179	2017	Mai
2018	May	4,456	996	1,173	667	554	271	93	320	323	8,853	2018	Mai
2019	May	3,919	868	1,139	552	806	294	60	425	296	8,359	2019	Mai
2020	May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2020	Mai
	Jun	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Juin
	Jul	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Juil
	Aug	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Aoû
	Sep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Sep
	Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Oct
	Nov	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Nov
	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Dec
2021	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2021	Jan
	Feb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Fév
	Mar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Mar
	Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Avr
	May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Mai

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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	May	2,055	257	108	16	80	102	62	33	30	2,743	2016	Mai
2017	May	2,349	249	114	9	66	88	67	32	28	3,002	2017	Mai
2018	May	2,322	143	47	13	33	81	47	13	15	2,714	2018	Mai
2019	May	2,676	166	66	12	48	40	50	18	20	3,096	2019	Mai
2020	May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2020	Mai
	Jun	1,403	15	7	-	22	2	11	-	-	1460		Juin
	Jul	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Juil
	Aug	132	-	6	-	2	-	1	-	-	141		Aoû
	Sep	1,107	20	4	-	9	3	7	2	4	1,156		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]

Source: Department of Customs/Département des douanes

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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 Calédonie	Fidji	iles salomon	Asie	Autres pays du pacifique		Amérique du nord	Autres pays			
2020	Mar	623	146	190	160	27	22	24	18	13	6	1,229	2020	Mar
	Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Avr
	May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Mai
	Jun	196	1099	84	54	-	27	-	-	-	-	1460		Juin
	Jul	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Juil
	Aug	3	118	6	-	-	2	12	-	-	-	141		Aoû
	Sep	314	732	22	65	-	9	3	4	6	1	1156		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
	Jan	198	56	19	4	1	26	15	-	6	-	325	2021	Jan
	Feb	113	20	19	4	-	11	32	8	2	-	209		Feb
2021	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]

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