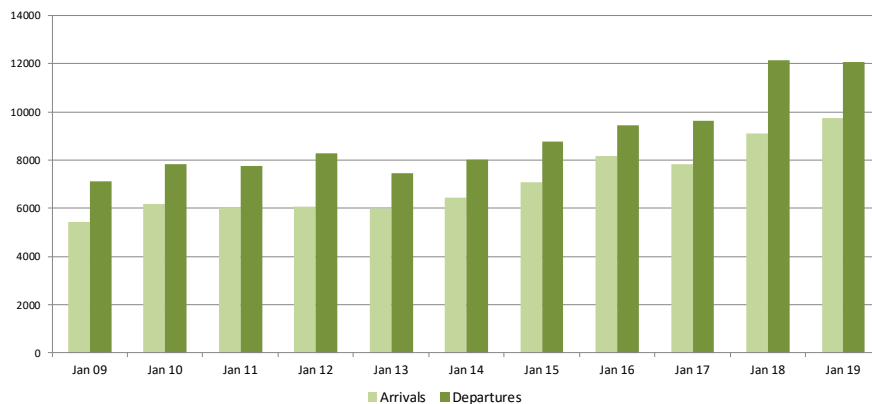


Table 1: Total Arrivals and Departures by annual percentage change and previous month

January 2019	Number	Change from previous month (%)	Change from previous year (%)
All Arrivals	10,040	-23.0	-19.5
Air Visitors	4,372	-54.6	1.8
Air Returning Residence	5,352	58.1	10.9
Cruise Ships	313	0.0	-90.6
Yachts	3	-88.5	-57.1

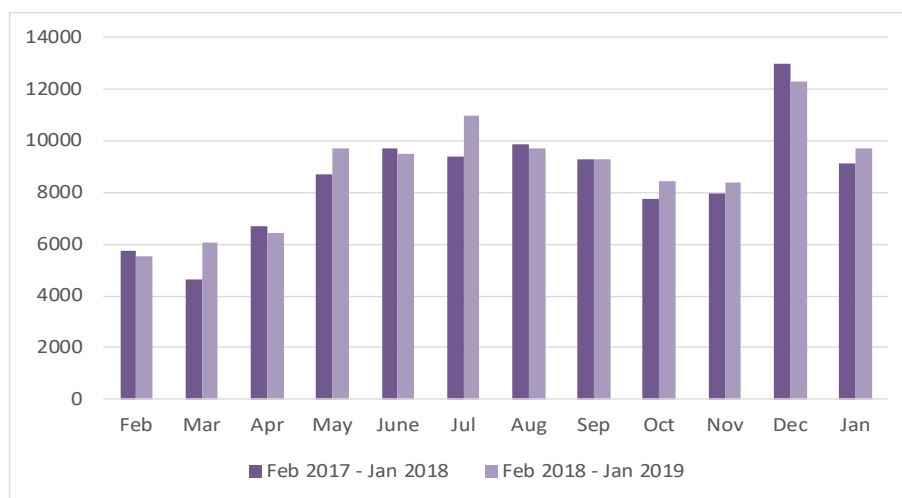
- A decline of 23.0% of all arrivals (10,040) compared to the previous month of December 2018 (13,036)
- A decline of 54.6% of all air visitors (4,372) compared to December 2018 (9,625)
- An increase of 58.1% (5,352) of returning residents compared to the previous month (3,385)
- There were 313 arrivals by cruise ships for the month of January 2019
- A decline of 88.5 % (3) of arrivals by yachts compared to December 2018 (26).

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



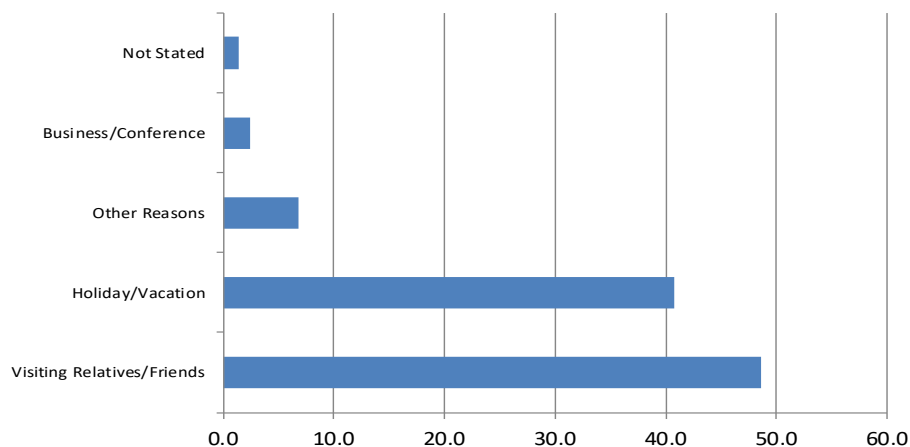
- Total air arrivals in January 2019 were 9,724 an increase of 6.2% compared to January 2018 (9,122).
- Total air departures of 12,073 on January 2019, a decline of 0.6% compared to January 2018 (12,147)

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



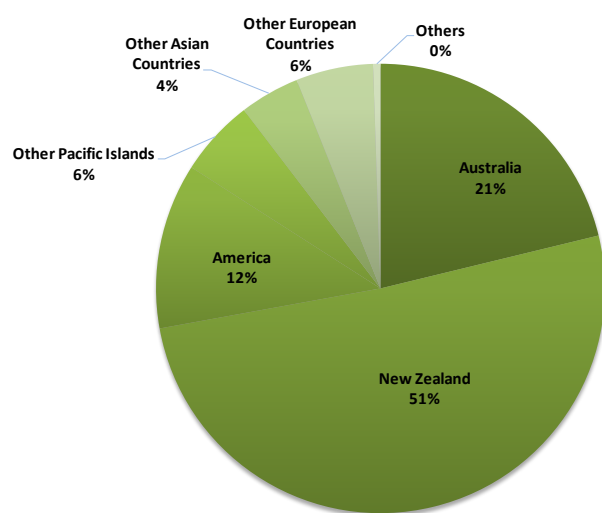
- Total air visitor arrivals in January 2018 were 4,294 an increase of 1.8% compared to January 2019 (4,372)

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



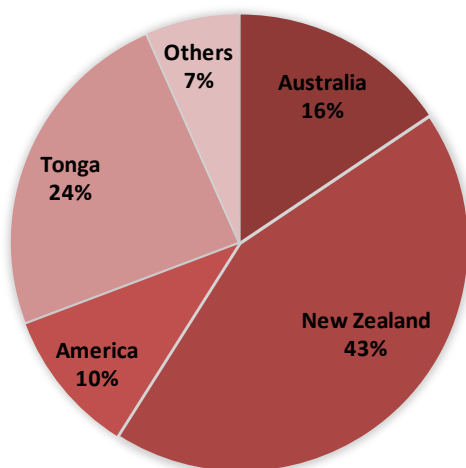
- 48.6% (2,126) of the total air visitors were here to Visit Relatives/Friends
- Holiday/Vacation made up 40.8% (1,783) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of January
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 2.4% (106) and those with other reasons were 6.8% (296)

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



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors' arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 50.9% (2,225) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 21.2 % (928), and America 11.9% (522)

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



- Most of the persons departing in the month of January were residents of New Zealand (5,240) followed by Tonga (2,905) and Australia (1,885)

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 stay 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 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 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, 2014 - 2019

	Visitors Arrivals				Returning Residents				Total Arrivals				Total Departures				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	1,552	77,306	51,428			51,428	105,474	21,708	1,552	128,734	108,770	21,714	1,602	132,086	(3,352)
2014																	
January	3,259	1,446	3	4,708	3,167			3,167	6,426	1,446	3	7,875	8,028	1,444	-	9,472	(1,597)
February	2,441	3,677	24	6,142	1,861			1,861	4,302	3,677	24	8,003	5,958	3,676	14	9,648	(1,645)
March	2,484	1,817	10	4,311	1,880			1,880	4,364	1,817	10	6,191	4,885	1,811	22	6,718	(527)
April	3,363	2,224	57	5,644	2,034			2,034	5,397	2,224	57	7,678	5,063	2,227	40	7,330	348
May	4,189	260	243	4,692	2,872			2,872	7,061	260	243	7,564	6,228	260	94	6,582	982
June	4,463	1,739	256	6,458	2,122			2,122	6,585	1,739	256	8,580	5,605	1,737	294	7,636	944
July	5,477	-	233	5,710	2,128			2,128	7,605	-	233	7,838	8,213	-	286	8,499	(661)
Aug	5,090	-	201	5,291	1,432			1,432	6,522	-	201	6,723	6,753	-	192	6,945	(222)
September	4,779	308	209	5,296	2,248			2,248	7,027	308	209	7,544	7,035	308	271	7,614	(70)
October	4,102	1,760	307	6,169	2,064			2,064	6,166	1,760	307	8,233	6,588	1,759	381	8,728	(495)
November	3,488	199	81	3,768	2,559			2,559	6,047	199	81	6,327	5,892	199	155	6,246	81
December	7,301	303	8	7,612	2,206			2,206	9,507	303	8	9,818	8,356	303	13	8,672	1,146
2015																	
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
2017																	
January	3,351	2,187	8	5,546	4,462			4,462	7,813	2,187	8	10,008	9,620	2,185	7	11,812	(1,804)
February	2,936	3,642	-	6,578	2,832			2,832	5,768	3,642	-	9,410	6,960	3,632	2	10,594	(1,184)
March	2,560	3,839	10	6,409	2,081			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)
2018																	
Jan	4,294	3,346	-	7,640	4,828			4,828	9,122	3,346	-	12,468	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	-	2						

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

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	397	193	203	187	81	106	210	112	97
5-9	683	318	365	256	112	144	427	206	220
10-14	766	363	403	272	125	148	493	238	255
15-19	992	478	514	309	139	170	682	339	344
20-24	766	329	437	327	140	186	440	189	251
25-29	778	320	458	309	121	188	468	199	270
30-34	767	336	431	348	155	193	420	181	239
35-39	741	349	392	362	186	176	379	163	216
40-44	679	331	349	331	175	156	349	156	193
45-49	700	366	334	371	194	177	329	172	157
50-54	703	340	363	378	191	187	326	150	176
55-59	542	256	285	300	138	162	242	118	123
60-64	424	187	236	214	93	122	209	95	115
65-69	341	175	166	189	104	85	152	71	81
70-74	244	132	112	127	68	59	117	64	53
75+	202	86	116	92	42	50	110	44	65
Total	9,724	4,560	5,164	4,372	2,062	2,310	5,352	2,498	2,854
% Distribution	100.0	46.9	53.1	45.0	21.2	23.8	55.0	25.7	29.4

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

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/ Vacation	Business/ Conference	Visiting Relative/ Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	928	21.2	345	12	483	71	17
New Zealand	2,225	50.9	826	15	1275	82	27
Fiji	135	3.1	30	25	38	43	0
American Samoa	10	0.2	1	0	8	0	1
Western Samoa	17	0.4	4	4	6	4	0
Other Pacific Islands	79	1.8	19	12	11	37	0
Japan	43	1.0	28	4	7	4	0
China	97	2.2	65	11	19	2	0
India	14	0.3	5	1	0	7	0
Korea	9	0.2	6	0	1	1	0
Other Asian Countries	26	0.6	21	1	2	0	1
UK	59	1.4	46	5	5	2	1
Germany	63	1.4	58	0	4	1	0
France	6	0.1	4	0	1	0	1
Italy	9	0.2	6	1	0	1	0
Other European Countries	106	2.4	84	5	12	2	2
All African Countries	1	0.0	1	0	0	0	0
United States of America	522	11.9	221	8	251	32	10
Canada	18	0.4	12	0	2	4	0
Other American Countries	4	0.1	1	1	0	1	0
Total	4,372	100	1,783	106	2,126	296	61
% Distribution	100.0		40.8	2.4	48.6	6.8	1.4

Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for January, 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	62	2.1	492	5.4	554	4.6
5 - 9	121	4.2	756	8.2	877	7.3
10 - 14	99	3.4	696	7.6	795	6.6
15 - 19	219	7.5	796	8.7	1015	8.4
20 - 24	410	14.1	634	6.9	1044	8.6
25 - 29	351	12.1	617	6.7	968	8.0
30 - 34	286	9.8	697	7.6	983	8.1
35 - 39	245	8.4	659	7.2	904	7.5
40 - 44	259	8.9	640	7.0	898	7.4
45 - 49	213	7.3	675	7.4	888	7.4
50 - 54	197	6.8	770	8.4	967	8.0
55 - 59	151	5.2	583	6.4	734	6.1
60 - 64	106	3.6	420	4.6	526	4.4
65 - 69	74	2.6	355	3.9	429	3.6
70 - 74	57	2.0	204	2.2	261	2.2
75+	55	1.9	175	1.9	230	1.9
All Ages	2,905	100.0	9,169	100.0	12,073	100.0
YACHT	-	-	3		3	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	313		313	0
Total	2,905	100.0	9,485	100.0	12,389	100.0

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

<i>Country of Usual Residence</i>	<i>Male No.</i>	<i>Percent Distribution</i>	<i>Female No.</i>	<i>Percent Distribution</i>	<i>Total No.</i>	<i>Percent Distribution</i>
Australia	868	14.8	1,017	16.4	1,885	15.6
New Zealand	2,408	40.9	2,832	45.8	5,240	43.4
Fiji	103	1.7	74	1.2	177	1.5
American Samoa	7	0.1	11	0.2	18	0.1
Western Samoa	16	0.3	30	0.5	46	0.4
Tonga	1,604	27.3	1,301	21.0	2,905	24.1
Other Pacific Islands	30	0.5	35	0.6	65	0.5
Japan	27	0.5	11	0.2	38	0.3
China	81	1.4	66	1.1	147	1.2
India	2	0.0	2	0.0	5	0.0
Korea	3	0.1	6	0.1	9	0.1
Other Asian Countries	9	0.2	2	0.0	11	0.1
UK	29	0.5	29	0.5	57	0.5
Germany	26	0.4	21	0.3	47	0.4
France	8	0.1	6	0.1	14	0.1
Italy	2	0.0	3	0.1	6	0.0
Other European Countries	61	1.0	74	1.2	135	1.1
All African Countries	2	0.0	1	0.0	3	0.0
United States of America	583	9.9	656	10.6	1,239	10.3
Canada	10	0.2	8	0.1	18	0.1
Other American Countries	5	0.1	3	0.1	8	0.1
Total	5,884	100.0	6,189	100.0	12,073	100.0