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# STATISTICS UPDATE: INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

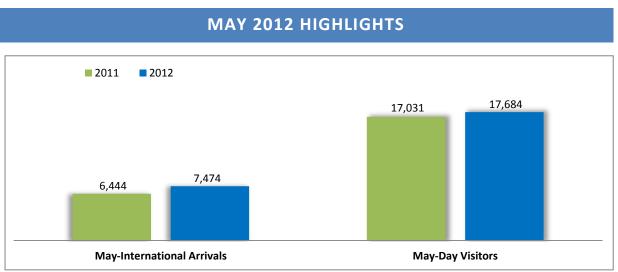


Figure 1: Visitors by Air and Day visitors: May 2011 and May 2012.

The statistics for international visitors or tourists arrivals by air in May 2012 showed an increase of 16% over the corresponding month of 2011 rising from 6,444 to 7,474. However, when compared to the previous month, arrival figures declined by 5%, due to temporary closure of Luganville international airport for works undertaken to meet international civil aviation safety requirements.

Cruise ship visitors (day visitors) for the month of May 2012 increased by 4% when compared with the same period of 2011 and 17% over the previous month. Statistics on cruise ship visitor arrivals continue to register the high proportion of visitor arrivals into the country in May 2012, accounting for 71% of total visitors, two percentage points higher than the corresponding month of 2011.



Figure 2: Visitors by Air and Day visitors: May 2011 to May 2012.

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#### **PURPOSE OF VISIT**

Out of the total international visitor arrivals, 79% came to Vanuatu for holiday; 13% for business, meetings or conferences; and 7% to visit friends and families.

In May 2012, there was an increase of 46% in the number of visitors' arrivals for business, meetings and conferences compared to the previous month. This was due to a number of regional meetings including the Forum Education Ministers' meeting in the country.

#### COUNTRY OF USUAL RESIDENCE

Australia continues to be the main source for international visitor arrivals to Vanuatu, accounting for 55% of all international arrivals in May 2012; followed by New Caledonia (16%); New Zealand (11%); Other Pacific Countries (6%); Europe (5%); Other Countries and North America at 3% each; and Japan (1%).

When compared to the previous month, the number of Australian visitors declined by 19% but increased by 11% over the corresponding month of 2011. Moreover, international arrivals from New Zealand also declined by 2% over the previous month, while records registered increases for: other Pacific countries (68%); North America (65%); Europe (22%); New Caledonia (21%); other countries (4%) and Japan (2%). There were also increases in visitor arrivals when compared to the same month of last year for Japan (44%); other Pacific countries (35%); other countries (34%); New Zealand (25%); New Caledonia (23%); North America (14%); and Europe (1%).

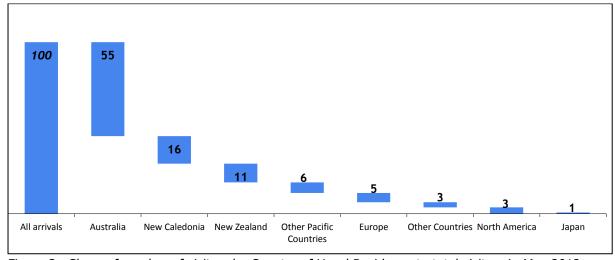


Figure 3: Share of number of visitors by Country of Usual Residence to total visitors in May 2012

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### AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY

The records showed the same average length of stay (intended) for visitors at 9.8 days in May 2012 when compared to the corresponding month of 2011, and a slight increase from an average 9.7 days over the previous month.

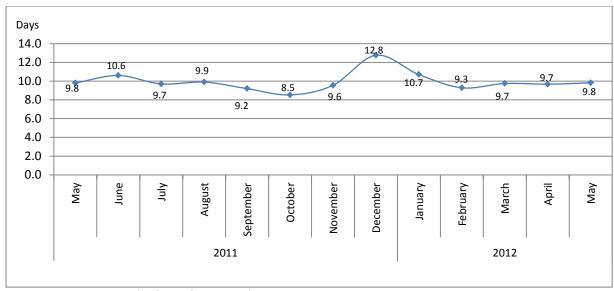


Figure 4: Average Length of Stay for visitors by Air: May 2011 to May 2012

### AVERAGE AGE OF VISITOR

In May 2012, the average age for visitors was 39.7 years, a decrease of 1.2 years compared to the same period of 2011; and 1.7 years over the previous month.

### **CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS**

Visitors are non-resident persons spending at least one night in Vanuatu.

Residents are persons who declare themselves to be residents or an intending resident on immigration arrival cards.

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## **ATTACHED:**

Table 1 Summary of Overseas Migration

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Table 3 Visitor Arrivals by Country of Usual Residence

Table 4 Overseas Arrivals of Residents by Nationality

NEXT UPDATE (MONTHLY)	RELEASE DATE
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June 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2012

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

		ARRIVALS / ARRIVEES						DEPARTURES / DEPARTURES						Cruiseship		
		PORT	VILA	LUGA	LUGANVILLE TOTAL			PORT VILA LUGANVILLE				TOT	TAL .	Arrivals/		
Year	Month	Residents	Visitors	Residents	Visitors	Residents	Visitors	Resident	Visitor	Resident	Visitors	Resident	Visitors	Croisièristes	Année	Mois
		Résidents	Visiteurs	Résidents	Visiteurs	Résidents	Visiteurs	Résidents	Visiteurs	Résidents	Visiteurs	Résidents	Visiteurs			
2008	May	1,175	5,958	43	214	1,218	6,172	1,409	5,658	80	102	1,511	5,760	5,763	2008	Mai
2009	May	1,627	7,303	34	185	1,661	7,488	861	7,591	47	133	908	7,724	17,271	2009	Mai
2010	May	2,041	6,745	33	122	2,074	6,867	990	7,294	2	100	992	7,394	7,557	2010	Mai
2011	Jan	1,780	6,536	51	136	1,831	6,672	728	7,673	25	271	753	7,944	18,376	2011	Jan
	Feb	1,307	4,567	39	58	1,346	4,625	936	2,922	5	66	941	2,988	14,976		Fév
	Mar	1,384	5,210	22	93	1,406	5,303	1,203	5,211	-	-	1,203	5,211	7,613		Mar
	Apr	1,635	7,183	44	236	1,679	7,419	899	7,722	12	141	911	7,863	15,725		Apr
	May	1,781	6,247	43	197	1,824	6,444	1,097	7,364	12	210	1,109	7,574	17,031		Mai
	Jun	1,818	8,053	38	265	1,856	8,318	778	7,903	3	54	781	7,957	18,363		Juin
	Jul	1,828	10,419	38	310	1,866	10,729	994	11,297	30	277	1,024	11,574	11,411		Juil
	Aug	1,797	9,255	42	367	1,839	9,622	1,201	9,700	16	203	1,217	9,903	7,511		Aoû
	Sep	2,341	9,203	52	343	2,393	9,546	914	9,894	19	205	933	10,099	13,066		Sep
	Oct	1,760	8,354	55	283	1,815	8,637	1,377	10,398	13	237	1,390	10,635	7,210		Oct
	Nov	1,885	7,353	51	302	1,936	7,655	1,412	8,617	7	186	1,419	8,803	11,268		Nov
	Dec	2,436	8,727	46	263	2,482	8,990	1,419	8,135	14	104	1,433	8,239	12,388		Déc
2012	Jan	2,380	8,591	42	164	2,422	8,755	1,297	10,852	27	310	1,324	11,162	27,137	2012	Jan
	Feb	1,202	4,642	22	58	1,224	4,700	1,771	5,178	7	55	1,778	5,233	21,382		Fév
	Mar	1,515	6,152	32	191	1,547	6,343	1,143	6,449	3	111	1,146	6,560	20,506		Mar
	Apr	1,793	7,637	49	223	1,842	7,860	998	8,888	4	204	1,002	9,092	15,177		Avr
	May	2,098	7,401	8	73	2,106	7,474	1,135	7,156	-	-	1,135	7,156	17,684		Mai

Source: Immigration Department/Service de I'Immigration

<sup>-</sup> Nil or less than half final unit shown / Résultat nul ou inférieur au demi de l'unité indiquée

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Table 2 : Visitor Arrivals by Purpose of Visit Tableau 2 : Arrivées de visiteurs selon le motif du voyage

		VISITORS/VISITEURS										
Year	Month	Holidays	Visiting Friends and Relatives	Business, Meeting/Conf.	Stop Over	Others Purposes	Total Visitors	Année	Mois			
		Vacances	Visite à des amis et à la famille	Affaires, réunions ou conférence	Escale	Autres motifs	Visiteurs global					
2008	May	5,281	428	443	20	-	6,172	2008	Mai			
2009	May	5,987	624	780	56	40	7,488	2009	Mai			
2010	May	5,495	415	908	42	7	6,867	2010	Mai			
2011	Jan	5,670	529	389	78	6	6,672	2011	Jan			
	Feb	3,390	400	751	84	-	4,625		Fév			
	Mar	4,006	432	829	36	-	5,303		Mar			
	Apr	6,082	527	742	68	-	7,419		Avr			
	May	4,786	553	1,002	100	3	6,444		Mai			
	Jun	6,627	643	942	85	21	8,318		Juin			
	Jul	8,799	914	912	87	17	10,729		Juil			
	Aug	7,749	628	1,153	66	26	9,622		Aoû			
	Sep	8,076	578	820	60	12	9,546		Sep			
	Oct	6,991	642	953	51	-	8,637		Oct			
	Nov	6,228	468	907	52	-	7,655		Nov			
	Dec	7,417	1,006	533	23	11	8,990		Déc			
2012	Jan	7,280	986	457	23	9	8,755	2012	Jan			
	Feb	3,390	387	833	30	60	4,700		Fév			
	Mar	4,991	455	846	42	9	6,343		Mar			
	Apr	6,596	546	674	29	15	7,860		Avr			
	May	5,928	513	984	34	15	7,474		Mai			

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Table 3 : Visitor Arrivals by Usual Country of Residence Tableau 3 : Arrivées des visiteurs par pays de résidence habituelle

		Australia	New Zealand	New Caledonia	Other Pacific Countries	Europe	North America	Japan	Other Countries	TOTAL		
Year	Month	Australie	Nouvelle- Zélande	Nouvelle- Calédonie	Autres Pays du Pacifique		Amérique du Nord	Japon	Autres pays		Année	Mois
2008	May	3,502	1,049	580	295	297	206	76	166	6,172	2008	Mai
2009	May	5,063	829	643	246	403	128	48	127	7,488	2009	Mai
2010	May	3,622	952	1,078	323	410	201	24	257	6,867	2010	Mai
2011	Jan	4,425	621	836	179	329	116	35	131	6,672	2011	Jan
	Feb	2,593	306	697	345	361	102	50	171	4,625		Fév
	Mar	3,293	475	491	363	316	132	54	179	5,303		Mar
	Apr	4,939	657	811	278	390	170	39	135	7,419		Avr
	May	3,676	655	973	336	405	192	41	166	6,444		Mai
	Jun	4,977	1,162	1,045	223	467	248	43	153	8,318		Juin
	Jul	6,222	2,000	1,151	320	540	214	75	207	10,729		Juil
	Aug	5,090	1,835	1,088	313	760	198	91	247	9,622		Aoû
	Sep	6,549	1,022	824	206	501	206	49	189	9,546		Sep
	Oct	5,558	994	1,078	219	432	116	46	194	8,637		Oct
	Nov	4,736	913	922	282	424	119	55	204	7,655		Nov
	Dec	5,785	759	1,460	333	340	109	52	152	8,990		Déc
2012	2 Jan	5,653	757	1,458	247	341	105	49	145	8,755	2012	Jan
	Feb	2,387	354	814	403	367	130	59	186	4,700		Fév
	Mar	3,970	641	707	277	332	131	52	233	6,343		Mar
	Apr	5,021	838	991	270	335	133	58	214	7,860		Avr
	May	4,091	821	1,198	454	410	219	59	222	7,474		Mai

Source: Immigration Department / Service de l'Immigration

Table 4 : Overseas Arrivals of Residents by Nationality Tableau 4 : Arrivées des résidents par nationalité

		Ni-Vanuatu	Australian	French	British	New Zealander	Asian	Pacific Islanders	North Americans	Other countries	TOTAL		
Year	Month		Australien	Français	Anglais	Néo-	Asiatiques	Autres pays	Américain	Autres		Année	Mois
						Zélandais		du Pacifique	du Nord	pays			
2008	May	623	301	97	5	96	28	18	30	20	1,218	2008	Mai
2009	May	979	288	128	25	119	34	43	25	21	1,661	2009	Mai
2010	May	1,382	297	179	6	110	45	19	16	20	2,074	2010	Mai
2011	Jan	772	406	250	27	143	54	113	27	39	1,831	2011	Jan
	Feb	538	271	104	20	102	60	203	26	22	1,346		Fév
	Mar	681	299	152	15	108	57	55	20	19	1,406		Mar
	Apr	942	304	140	21	123	51	45	27	26	1,679		Avr
	May	1,097	302	124	16	109	48	73	26	29	1,824		Mai
	Jun	1,188	279	133	19	102	58	30	30	17	1,856		Juin
	Jul	894	340	168	22	113	81	182	28	38	1,866		Juil
	Aug	1,030	327	144	12	130	58	87	28	23	1,839		Aoû
	Sep	1,662	300	119	17	94	51	78	30	42	2,393		Sep
	Oct	846	402	179	29	159	65	56	58	21	1,815		Oct
	Nov	1,199	322	126	29	87	67	52	26	28	1,936		Nov
	Dec	1,659	315	163	17	100	69	116	26	17	2,482		Déc
2012	Jan	1,617	306	159	17	107	59	115	26	16	2,422	2012	Jan
	Feb	619	232	76	15	119	46	67	29	21	1,224		Fév
	Mar	783	307	147	24	109	70	52	23	32	1,547		Mar
	Apr	1,112	327	102	15	110	76	41	37	22	1,842		Avr
	May	1,348	330	164	10	107	60	43	27	17	2,106		Mai

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