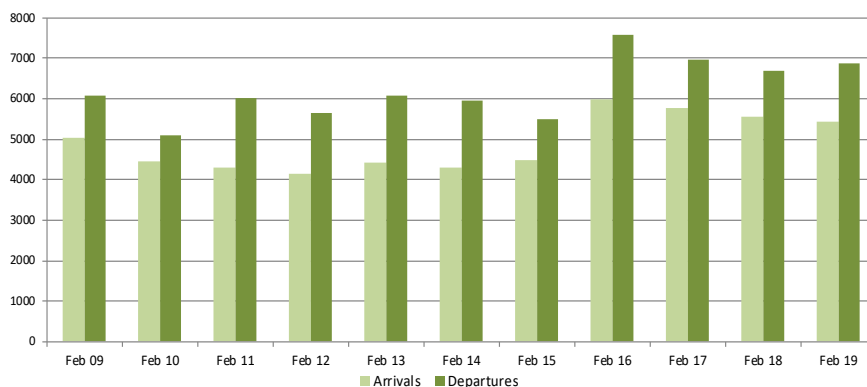


Table 1: Total Arrivals and Departures by annual percentage change and previous month

February 2019	Number	Change from previous month (%)	Change from previous year (%)
All Arrivals	8,876	-11.6	25.5
Air Visitors	2,709	-38.0	16.0
Air Returning Residents	2,719	-49.2	-15.5
Cruise Ships	3,448	1001.6	126.8
Yachts	-	-100.0	0.0

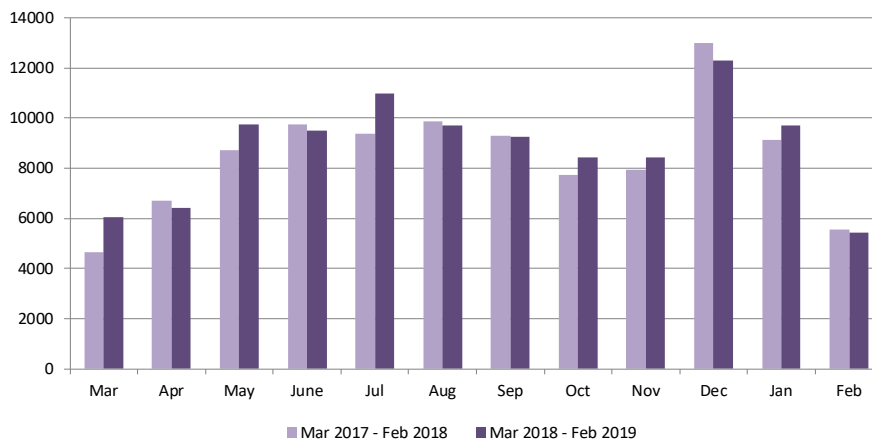
- A decline of 11.6% of all arrivals (8,876) compared to the previous month of January 2019 (10,040)
- A decline of 38.0% of all air visitors (2,709) compared to January 2019 (4,372)
- A decline of 49.2% (2,719) of returning residents compared to the previous month (5,352)
- There were 3448 arrivals by cruise ships for the month of February 2019, an increase of 1001.6 % from the previous month of January (313)
- There were no yachts arrivals for the month of February 2019

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



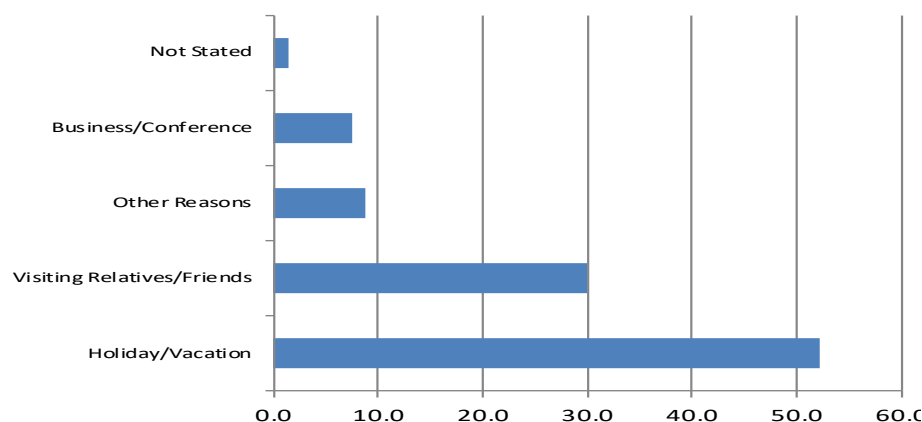
- Total air arrivals in February 2019 were 5,428 a decline of 2.3% compared to February 2018 (5,553).
- Total air departures of 6,889 in February 2019, an increase of 3.0% compared to February 2018 (6,686)

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



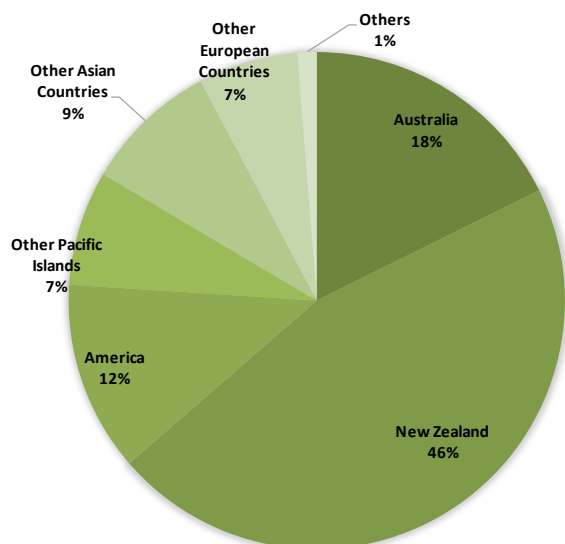
- Total air visitors arrivals in February 2019 were 2,709 an increase of 16.0% compared to February 2019 (2,709)

Fig. 3. Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit February 2019



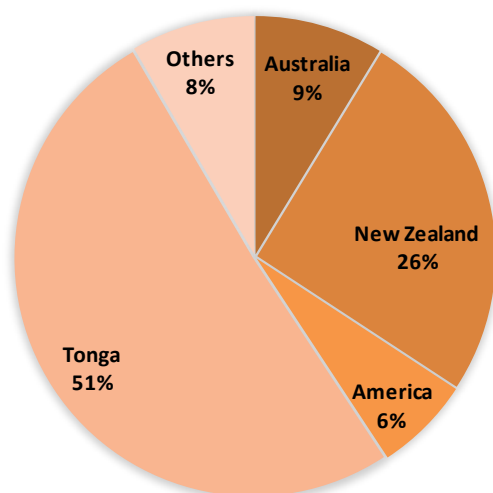
- 52.2% (1,414) of the total air visitors were here to Visit Relatives/Friends
- Holiday/Vacation made up 30.0% (812) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of February
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 7.5% (203) and those with other reasons were 8.8% (239)

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



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 46.0% (1,245) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 17.7 % (479), and America 12.4% (335)

Fig. 5. Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence February 2019



- Most of the persons departing in the month of February were residents of Tonga (3,502) followed by New Zealand (1,759) and Australia (600)

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, 2015 - 2019

Period	Visitors Arrivals				Returning Residents				Total Arrivals				Total Departures				Net Migration
	Air	Ship	Yacht	Total	Air	Ship	Yacht	Total	Air	Ship	Yacht	Total	Air	Ship	Yacht	Total	
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	47,177	12,287	1,629	61,093	23,406			25,421	70,583	12,287	1,629	84,499	70,576	12,280	1,762	84,618	(119)
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	57,548	26,932	2,044	86,524	31,470			33,487	89,018	26,932	2,044	117,994	85,286	26,914	1,616	113,816	4,178
2018	59,155	19,532	2,346	81,033	33,662			35,680	92,817	19,532	2,336	114,685	89,660	19,513	1,985	111,158	(2,053)
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	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)

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

Age Group				Type of Passangers					
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	180	85	95	108	55	53	72	30	42
5-9	185	97	88	76	42	34	109	55	54
10-14	193	89	104	63	31	32	130	58	72
15-19	330	140	190	81	36	45	249	104	145
20-24	468	214	254	175	73	102	293	141	152
25-29	454	212	242	225	98	127	229	114	115
30-34	425	223	202	231	123	108	194	100	94
35-39	413	217	196	232	128	104	181	89	92
40-44	474	256	218	256	150	106	218	106	112
45-49	492	275	217	262	150	112	230	125	105
50-54	529	301	228	286	165	121	243	136	107
55-59	432	225	207	265	141	124	167	84	83
60-64	327	172	155	186	109	77	141	63	78
65-69	243	131	112	125	73	52	118	58	60
70-74	168	92	76	84	48	36	84	44	40
75+	115	52	63	54	23	31	61	29	32
Total	5,428	2,781	2,647	2,709	1,445	1,264	2,719	1,336	1,383
% Distribution	100.0	51.2	48.8	49.9	26.6	23.3	50.1	24.6	25.5

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

Country of Usual Residence	Country of						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/ Vacation	Business/ Conference	Visiting Relative/ Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	479	17.7	244	35	160	36	4
New Zealand	1,245	46.0	581	59	466	109	30
Fiji	151	5.6	50	32	40	27	2
American Samoa	3	0.1	3	0	0	0	0
Western Samoa	26	0.9	18	4	3	1	0
Other Pacific Islands	23	0.8	12	4	3	4	0
Japan	84	3.1	46	6	16	16	0
China	121	4.5	96	9	7	9	0
India	2	0.1	1	1	0	0	0
Korea	6	0.2	4	1	1	0	0
Other Asian Countries	24	0.9	8	7	2	7	0
UK	36	1.3	26	6	2	0	2
Germany	51	1.9	44	1	3	3	0
France	20	0.7	17	1	0	2	0
Italy	4	0.2	3	0	0	1	0
Other European Countries	65	2.4	57	7	0	1	0
All African Countries	2	0.1	0	1	0	1	0
United States of America	335	12.4	188	16	107	21	3
Canada	18	0.7	14	2	2	0	0
Other American Countries	14	0.5	2	11	0	1	0
Total	2,709	100.0	1,414	203	812	239	41
% Distribution	100.0		52.2	7.5	30.0	8.8	1.5

Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for February, 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	108	3.1	132	3.9	240	3.5
5 - 9	64	1.8	139	4.1	203	2.9
10 - 14	67	1.9	134	4.0	202	2.9
15 - 19	142	4.1	176	5.2	318	4.6
20 - 24	537	15.3	258	7.6	795	11.5
25 - 29	500	14.3	235	6.9	735	10.7
30 - 34	356	10.2	270	8.0	626	9.1
35 - 39	331	9.4	247	7.3	578	8.4
40 - 44	281	8.0	252	7.4	533	7.7
45 - 49	289	8.2	310	9.2	599	8.7
50 - 54	265	7.6	318	9.4	582	8.5
55 - 59	201	5.7	288	8.5	489	7.1
60 - 64	148	4.2	234	6.9	382	5.5
65 - 69	98	2.8	163	4.8	260	3.8
70 - 74	64	1.8	141	4.2	205	3.0
75+	53	1.5	91	2.7	144	2.1
All Ages	3,502	100.0	3,387	100.0	6,889	100.0
YACHT	-	-	-	-	0	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	3,497	-	3,497	0
Total	3,502	100.0	6,884	100.0	10,386	100.0

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

<i>Country of Usual Residence</i>	<i>Male No.</i>	<i>Percent Distributio</i>	<i>Female No.</i>	<i>Percent Distributio</i>	<i>Total No.</i>	<i>Percent Distribution</i>
Australia	294	7.7	307	9.9	600	8.7
New Zealand	832	21.9	927	30.1	1,759	25.5
Fiji	101	2.6	40	1.3	141	2.0
American Samoa	5	0.1	3	0.1	9	0.1
Western Samoa	14	0.4	14	0.5	28	0.4
Tonga	2,096	55.1	1,406	45.6	3,502	50.8
Other Pacific Islands	10	0.3	11	0.4	21	0.3
Japan	47	1.2	13	0.4	60	0.9
China	38	1.0	35	1.1	73	1.1
India	2	0.1	1	0.0	3	0.0
Korea	3	0.1	1	0.0	4	0.1
Other Asian Countries	13	0.3	4	0.1	17	0.3
UK	28	0.7	17	0.6	46	0.7
Germany	34	0.9	30	1.0	64	0.9
France	11	0.3	8	0.2	18	0.3
Italy	3	0.1	1	0.0	4	0.1
Other European Countries	30	0.8	29	0.9	59	0.9
All African Countries	1	0.0	2	0.1	3	0.0
United States of America	229	6.0	220	7.1	449	6.5
Canada	9	0.2	9	0.3	17	0.3
Other American Countries	8	0.2	4	0.1	12	0.2
Total	3,806	100.0	3,083	100.0	6,889	100.0