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#### **PREFACE**

This bulletin is produced by the Statistics Department on monthly migration statistics of the Kingdom for the month of March 2016. It shows the international arrivals and departures by months back to January 2010, mode of transportation, type of passengers, purpose of visit, age group of passengers and some charts for analysis purposes.

The data is extracted from the arrival and departure cards of the Immigration Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Customs Department's vessel & yacht log book.

This bulletin also presents information relating to gender of passengers and country of usual residence, and country visited.

Special thanks are extended to the Immigration Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Customs Department of the Ministry of Revenue Services, Airport Terminal Services, Tonga Airport Limited and Ports Authority for their assistance in providing their administrative information relating to these statistics. I am also grateful particularly to my staff members who contributed to the compilation of this report.

Any suggestions that recipients of this bulletin wish to make for its future improvement will be welcome by the Statistics Department.

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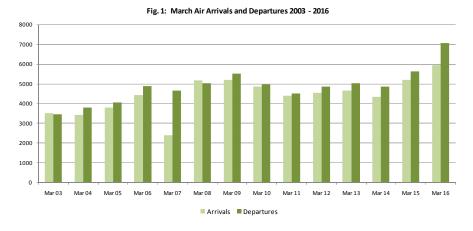
### INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES March 2016

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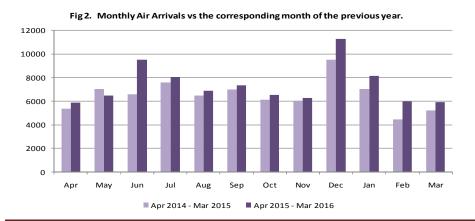
#### Statistical Bulletin

Month of		Change from	Change from
March 2016	Number	previous month	previous year
All Arrivals	7,383	-35.5	2.0
Air Visitors	3,315	1.7	12.6
Air Returning Residents	2,653	-2.5	16.5
Cruise Ships	1,411	-74.2	-29.8
Yachts	4	0.0	-33.3
All Departures	8,488	-35.0	10.9

- A decline of 35.5% of all arrivals (7,383) compared to the previous month of February 2016 (11,453)
- An increase of 1.7% of all air visitors (3,315) compared to February 2016 (3,259)
- A decline of 2.5% (2,653) of returning residents compared to previous month (2,720)
- A decline of 74.2% (1,411) of Cruise Ship passengers compared to the previous month (5,474)
- There were only 4 arrivals by yacht for March 2016
- A decline of 35.0% of all departures from February 2016.



- Total air arrivals in March 2016 were 5,968 an increase of 14.3% compared to March 2015 (5,221).
- Total air departures of 7,073 in March 2016, an increase of 25.5% compared to March 2015 (5,635)



• Total air visitor arrivals in March 2016 were 3,315 an increase of 12.6% compared to March 2015 (2,944)

Fig. 3: Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit March, 2016

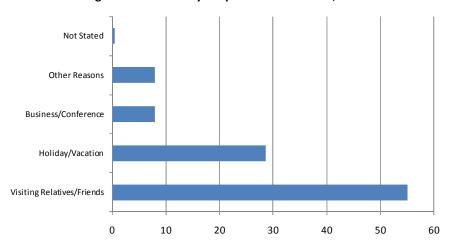


Fig. 4: Air visitors by Country of Usual Residence March, 2016

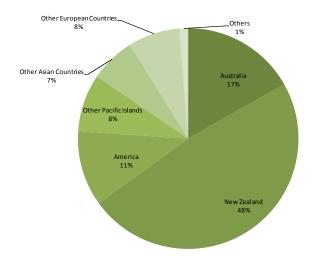
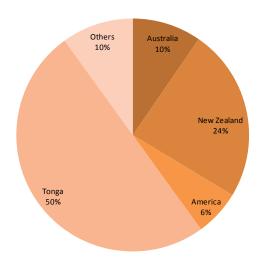


Fig. 5: Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence March, 2016



- Visiting Relatives/Friends made up 55.1% (1,827) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of March.
- 28.6% (947) of the total visitors were here on Holiday/Vacation
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 7.9% (263) and those with other reasons were 8.4% (278)
- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 48.2% (1,565) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 16.8 % (664), and USA 11.0% (394)

 Most of the persons departing in the month of March were residents of Tonga (3,539) followed by New Zealand (1,698) and Australia (676)

#### **Background Information**

Data is extracted from the arrival and departure cards of the Immigration Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Customs vessel & yacht log book. The Statistics Department reconciles the figures from the Air Terminal Services Manifest, Tonga Airport Limited and Ports Authority Manifest to produce final published data.

Statistics on Overseas Arrivals and Departures related to the number of movements of travelers rather than the number of travelers (i.e. the multiple movements of individual persons during a given reference period are all counted).

#### **Definitions**

- ▶ A Visitor is a person other than a Tongan citizen, permit holder and exempted person, who usually stay at least 24 hours in the Kingdom, or who stays 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 in the same vessel which is on a cruise trip, and use 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.

The Statistics Department wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the Immigration Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Custom Department of the Ministry of Revenue Services, Air Terminal Services, Ports Authority making it possible to publish these important statistics.

Table 1. Monthly Arrival and Departure by Mode of Travel and Net Migration, 2011 - 2015

	Visitors An	rivals			Returning	Residents	Total Arrivals	s			Total Depa	rtures			Net
H-	Air	Ship	Yacht	Total	Air	Ship Yacht Total	Air		Yacht	Total	Air	Ship	Yacht	Total	Migration
2005	42,437	11,840	943	55,220	21,066	21,066	63,503	11,840	943	76,286	60,276	11,871	1,393	73,540	2,746
2006	46,268	10,809	868	57,945	20,707	20,707	66,975	10,809	868	78,652	68,637	13,049	582	82,268	(3,616
2007	43,344	8,790	1,140	53,274	22,313	22,313	65,657	8,790	1,140	75,587	71,325	10,461	1,630	83,416	(7,829
2008	50,462	14,599	1,828	66,889	24,239	24,239	74,701	14,599	1,828	91,128	76,704	14,602	1,584	92,890	(1,762
2009 2010	45,711 47,081	27,641 16,265	1,317 1,659	74,669 65,005	25,134 24,501	25,134 24,501	70,845 71,582	27,641 16,265	1,317	99,803 89.506	70,949 72,533	27,150 16,244	1,261 1,830	99,360 90,607	443 (1,101
2010	46,005	20,519	1,849	68,373	26,587	26,587	72,592	20,519	1,659 1,849	94,960	73,589	20,550	1,468	95,607	(647)
2011	47,457	7,957	1,816	57,230	25,170	25,107	72,627	7,957	1,849	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
		,	, -	,	,	2011				- ,	/ -	,			,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
January	2,844		2	2,846	3,185	3,185	6,029	-	2	6,031	7,755	-	-	7,755	(1,724
February	2,302	6,847	14	9,163	1,985	1,985	4,287	6,847	14	11,148	6,031	6,859	5	12,895	(1,747
March	2,477	1,407	16	3,900	1,947	1,947	4,424	1,407	16	5,847	4,526	1,411	18	5,955	(108
April	3,520	3,038	37	6,595	2,152	2,152	5,672	3,038	37	8,747	5,367	3,045	15	8,427	320
May	3,812	-	250	4,062	2,588	2,588	6,400	-	250	6,650	5,565	-	89	5,654	996
June	4,323	-	242	4,565	1,913	1,913	6,236	-	242	6,478	5,240	-	194	5,434	1,044
July	5,280	2,376	239	7,895	1,998	1,998	7,278	2,376	239	9,893	7,415	2,378	232	10,025	(132
August	4,486	-	419	4,905	1,889	1,889	6,375	-	419	6,794	7,266	-	199	7,465	(671
September	3,561	- 4 207	242	3,803	2,063	2,063	5,624	4 207	242	5,866	6,315	4,391	281	10,987	(5,121)
October November	3,155 2,996	4,387	257 112	7,799 3,108	2,164 2,354	2,164 2,354	5,319 5,350	4,387	257 112	9,963 5,462	5,927 5,252	-	280 135	6,207 5,387	3,756 75
November December	7,249	2,464	112	3,108 9,732	2,354	2,354	9,598	2,464	112	12,081	6,930	2,466	135	5,387 9,416	2,665
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January	3,043	-	-	3,043	3,018	3,018	6,061	-	-	6,061	8,296	-	-	8,296	(2,235)
February	2,241	1,220	4	3,465	1,913	1,913	4,154	1,220	4	5,378	5,637	1,365	3	7,005	(1,627)
March	2,629	865	15	3,509	1,927	1,927	4,556	865	15	5,436	4,866	816	10	5,692	(256)
April	3,022	3,063	44	6,129	1,847	1,847	4,869	3,063	44	7,976	5,044	2,999	46	8,089	(113)
May	3,497	-	302	3,799	2,486	2,486	5,983	-	302	6,285	5,310	-	83	5,393	892
June	4,892 5,789	-	182 235	5,074 6,024	1,836 1,880	1,836 1,880	6,728 7,669	-	182 235	6,910 7,904	4,764 7,677	-	249 194	5,013 7,871	1,897 33
July August	4,286	-	254	4,540	1,986	1,986	6,272	-	254	6,526	6,966	-	269	7,235	(709)
September	4,156	_	351	4,507	1,966	1,966	6,122	_	351	6,473	5,939	_	313	6,252	221
October	3,909	1,817	315	6,041	1,725	1,725	5,634	1,817	315	7,766	6,566	1,815	334	8,715	(949)
November	4,052	618	86	4,756	2,459	2,459	6,511	618	86	7,215	5,914	618	193	6,725	490
December	5,941	374	28	6,343	2,127	2,127	8,068	374	28	8,470	7,119	374	26	7,519	951
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January	2,927	922	9	3,858	3,085	3,085	6,012	922	9	6,943	7,440	922	8	8,370	(1,427)
February	2,621	1,310	2	3,933	1,816	1,816	4,437	1,310	2	5,749	6,077	1,310	-	7,387	(1,638)
March April	2,797 3,088	626 3,205	11 50	3,434 6,343	1,880 2,096	1,880 2,096	4,677 5,184	626 3,205	11 50	5,314 8,439	5,035 5,100	626 3,204	10 14	5,671 8,318	(357) 121
Мау	3,965	-	328	4,293	2,740	2,740	6,705	-	328	7,033	5,815	-	132	5,947	1,086
June	4,693	700	182	5,575	2,046	2,046	6,739	700	182	7,621	5,411	700	193	6,304	1,317
July	5,415	-	282	5,697	2,183	2,183	7,598	-	282	7,880	7,747	-	220	7,967	(87)
August	4,753	-	305	5,058	2,051	2,051	6,804	-	305	7,109	7,227	-	267	7,494	(385)
September	4,068	1,954	339	6,361	1,711	1,711	5,779	1,954	339	8,072	5,579	1,950	291	7,820	252
October	4,037	-	403	4,440	1,789	1,789	5,826		403	6,229	6,111	-	384	6,495	(266)
November December	3,395 6,429	715	121 13	4,231 6,442	2,363 2,048	2,363 2,048	5,758 8,477	715	121 13	6,594 8,490	5,165 7,231	715	232 18	6,112 7,249	482 1,241
December	0,429	-	13	0,442	2,046	2,048	0,411		13	6,490	1,231		10	1,249	1,241
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 Aug	5,477 5,090	-	233 201	5,710 5,291	2,128	2,128 1,432	7,605	-	233 201	7,838 6,723	8,213 6,753	-	286 192	8,499 6,945	(661)
Aug September	4,779	308	201	5,291	1,432 2,248	1,432 2,248	6,522 7,027	308	201	6,723 7,544	7,035	308	192 271	6,945 7,614	(222)
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 April	2,944 3,642	2,011 1,940	6 31	4,961 5,613	2,277	2,277	5,221 5,919	2,011	6 31	7,238 7,890	5,635 6,408	2,011	9 30	7,655 8,378	(417)
April May	3,642	1,940 555	203	5,613 4,578	2,277 2,690	2,277 2,690	6,510	1,940 555	203	7,890	5,968	1,940 555	30 89	6,612	(488) 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
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January	3,581	-	-	3,581	4,569	4,569	8,150	-	-	8,150	9,441	-	1	9,442	(1,292)
-															
February March	3,259 3,315	5,474 1,411	- 4	8,733 4,730	2,720 2,653	2,720 2,653	5,979 5,968	5,474 1,411	- 4	11,453 7,383	7,592 7,073	5,467 1,411	- 4	13,059 8,488	(1,606) (1,105)

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Table 2. Total Arrivals by Age, Type of Passangers and Gender March, 2016

				Type of Passangers						
Age Group		Total			Visitors			esidents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	
0-4	235	131	104	138	79	59	97	52	45	
5-9	176	91	85	101	53	48	75	38	37	
10-14	135	73	62	76	42	34	59	31	28	
15-19	178	88	90	94	40	54	84	48	36	
20-24	438	197	241	189	67	122	249	130	119	
25-29	540	272	268	288	122	166	252	150	102	
30-34	622	340	282	332	181	151	290	159	131	
35-39	513	280	233	280	150	130	233	130	103	
40-44	534	271	263	301	156	145	233	115	118	
45-49	606	340	266	347	179	168	259	161	98	
50-54	547	303	244	327	178	149	220	125	95	
55-59	471	240	231	289	150	139	182	90	92	
60-64	357	198	159	213	122	91	144	76	68	
65-69	300	161	139	169	99	70	131	62	69	
70-74	151	73	78	94	52	42	57	21	36	
75+	165	86	79	77	45	32	88	41	47	
Total	5,968	3,144	2,824	3,315	1,715	1,600	2,653	1,429	1,224	
% Distribution	100.0	52.7	47.3	55.5	28.7	26.8	44.5	23.9	20.5	

Table 3. Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit March, 2016

Country of	Purpose of Visit							
Usual Residence	Total	%	Holiday/	Business/	Visiting Relative/	Other	Not	
		Distribution	Vacation	Conference	Friends	Reasons	Stated	
Australia	664	16.8	165	31	416	52	-	
New Zealand	1,565	48.2	388	104	977	89	7	
Fiji	134	5.9	10	38	53	32	1	
American Samoa	14	0.2	1	1	12	-	-	
Western Samoa	16	0.7	1	2	12	1	-	
Other Pacific Islands	29	1.7	4	6	11	7	1	
Japan	90	2.1	38	17	23	12	-	
China	89	1.7	24	32	12	20	1	
India	4	0.3	2	2	-	-	-	
Korea	2	1.2	-	-	2	-	-	
Other Asian Countries	26	1.4	6	8	6	6	-	
UK	61	1.8	47	3	8	3	-	
Germany	74	2.4	54	3	16	1	-	
France	16	0.3	9	-	6	1	-	
Italy	12	0.1	8	-	4	-	-	
Other European Countries	90	3.0	77	1	11	1	-	
All African Countries	1	0.2	-	1	-	-	-	
United States of America	394	11.0	90	11	250	41	2	
Canada	22	0.7	16	1	5	-	-	
Other American Countries	12	0.4	7	2	3	-	-	
Total	3,315	100	947	263	1,827	266	12	
% Distribution	100.0		28.6	7.9	55.1	8.0	0.4	

Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for March, 2016

	Returning	Percentage		Percentage		Percentage
Age Group	Residence	Distribution	Visitors	Distribution	Total	Distribution
0 - 4	138	3.9	151	4.3	289	4.1
5 - 9	101	2.9	116	3.3	217	3.1
10 - 14	73	2.1	67	1.9	140	2.0
15 - 19	101	2.9	84	2.4	185	2.6
20 - 24	406	11.5	225	6.4	631	8.9
25 - 29	406	11.5	303	8.6	709	10.0
30 - 34	413	11.7	354	10.0	767	10.8
35 - 39	358	10.1	314	8.9	672	9.5
40 - 44	310	8.8	301	8.5	611	8.6
45 - 49	343	9.7	364	10.3	707	10.0
50 - 54	279	7.9	369	10.4	648	9.2
55 - 59	208	5.9	299	8.5	507	7.2
60 - 64	163	4.6	223	6.3	386	5.5
65 - 69	111	3.1	175	5.0	286	4.0
70 - 74	71	2.0	105	3.0	176	2.5
75+	58	1.6	84	2.4	142	2.0
All Ages	3,539	100.0	3,534	100.0	7,073	100.0
YACHT	-	-	4	0	4	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	1,411	0	1411	0
Total	3,539	100.0	4,949	100.0	8,488	100.0

Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender March, 2016

Country of Usual	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
Residence	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution
Australia	321	8.4	355	10.9	676	9.6
New Zealand	808	21.2	890	27.2	1,698	24.0
Fiji	93	2.4	70	2.1	163	2.3
American Samoa	4	0.1	10	0.3	14	0.2
Western Samoa	9	0.2	7	0.2	16	0.2
Tonga	2,010	52.9	1,529	46.8	3,539	50.0
Other Pacific Islands	28	0.7	14	0.4	42	0.6
Japan	59	1.6	30	0.9	89	1.3
China	50	1.3	17	0.5	67	0.9
India	3	0.1	1	0.0	4	0.1
Korea	1	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.0
Other Asian Countries	17	0.4	11	0.3	28	0.4
UK	29	0.8	32	1.0	61	0.9
Germany	34	0.9	31	0.9	65	0.9
France	6	0.2	11	0.3	17	0.2
Italy	9	0.2	2	0.1	11	0.2
Other European Countries	43	1.1	36	1.1	79	1.1
All African Countries	1	0.0	-	-	1	0.0
United States of America	254	6.7	202	6.2	456	6.4
Canada	17	0.4	12	0.4	29	0.4
Other American Countries	7	0.2	9	0.3	16	0.2
Total	3,803	100.0	3,270	100.0	7,073	100.0



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