

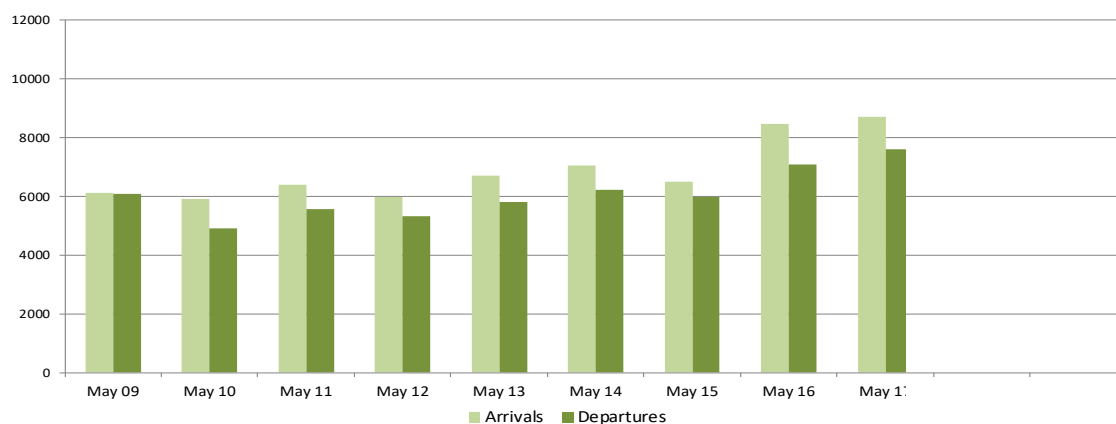
## Summary of Arrivals

**Table 1.:** Total Arrivals by month and annual percentage change

Type and Mode of Arrivals	Number			Percent	
	Apr-19	May-19	May-18	Change previous month %	Change previous year %
All Arrivals	10,795	10,932	10,526	1	4
Air Visitors	4,183	5,166	4,348	23	19
Air Returning Residents	3,091	4,132	5,385	34	-23
Cruise Ships	3,508	1,506	627	-57	140
Yachts	13	128	166	885	-23

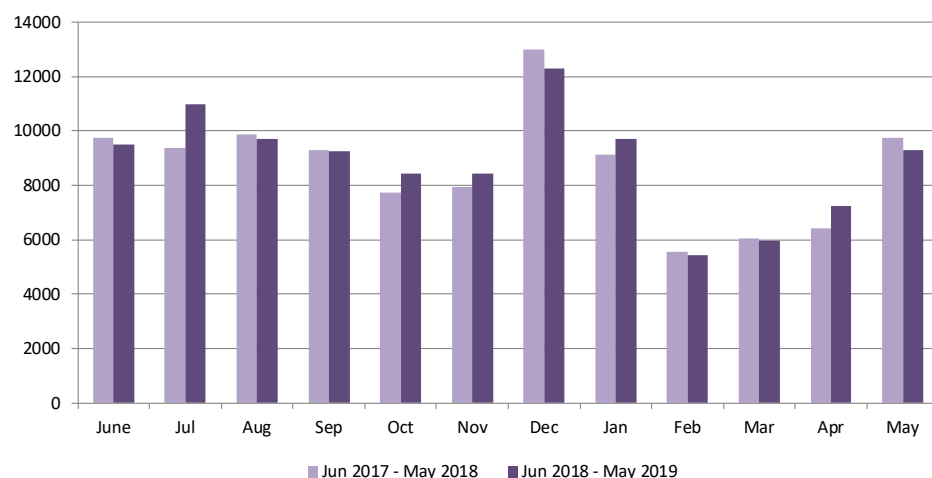
- The total of all arrivals in May 2019 was 10,932 peoples, this is an increase of 1.3 percent compared to the total arrivals in April, 10,795.
- Again an increase of 23.5% of all air visitors (5,166) compared to April 2019 (4,183).
- An increase of 33.7% (4,132) of returning residents compared to the previous month (3,091)
- A decline of 57.1% (1,506) of arrivals by cruise ships compared to the previous month (3,508)
- There were 128 yachts arrived in May 2019, an increase of 125 yachts compared to only 13 yachts in April.

**Fig. 1. May Air Arrivals and Departures 2009 - 2019**



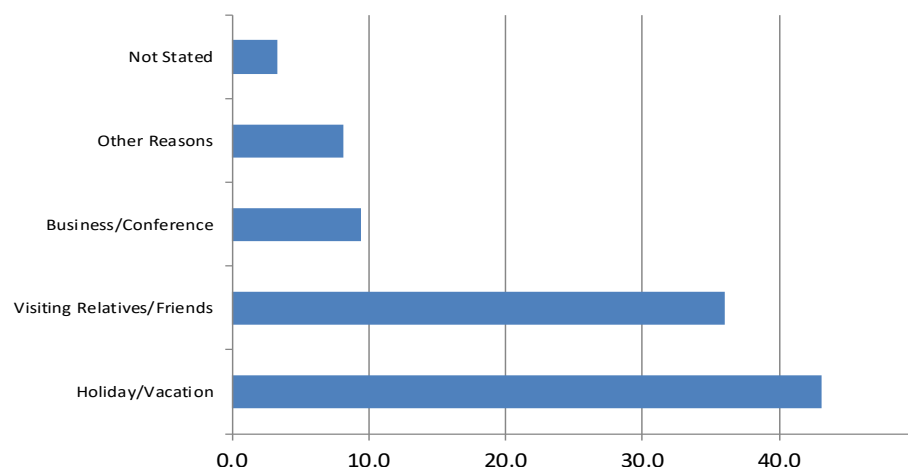
- Total air arrivals in May 2019 were 9,298 a decline of 4.0% compared to May 2018 (9,733).
- Total air departures of 8,041 in May 2019, again a decline of 3.0% compared to May 2018 (8,275)

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



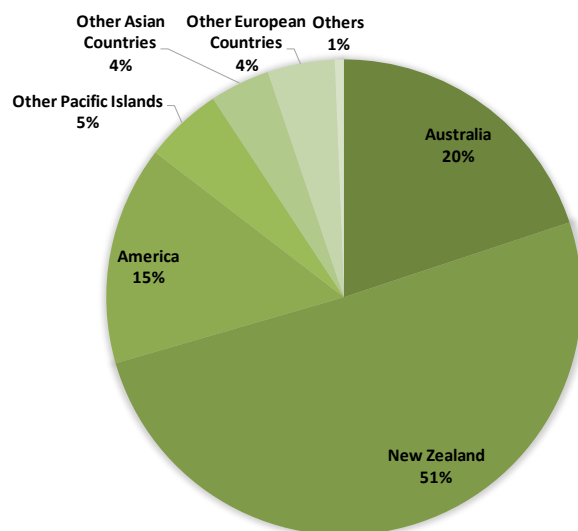
- Total air visitor arrivals in May 2019 were 5,166 an increase of 19.0% compared to May 2018 (4,348)

**Fig. 3. Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit May, 2019**



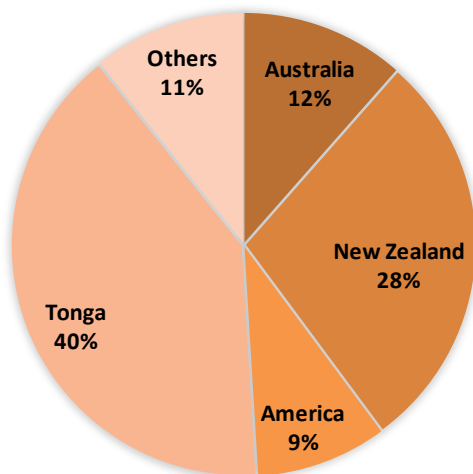
- 43.1% (2,226) of the total air visitors were here on Holiday/Vacation
- Visiting friends and relatives made up 36.0% (1,862) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of May
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 9.4% (487) and those with other reasons were 8.1% (419)

**Fig. 4. Air Visitors by Country of Usual Residence May 2019**



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 50.6% (2,616) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 19.9 % (1,029), and America 14.9% (768)

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



- Most of the persons departing in the month of May were residents of Tonga (3,239) followed by New Zealand (2,283) and Australia (921)

## 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.

**Table 1. Monthly Arrival and Departure by Mode of Travel and Net Migration, 2018 - 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	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	1,559	77,306	51,428			51,428	105,474	21,708	1,559	128,741	108,770	21,714	1,602	132,086	(3,352)
<b>2018</b>																	
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
<b>2019</b>																	
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)
Mar	3,109	5,570	7	8,686	2,846			2,846	5,955	5,570	7	11,532	6,686	5,569	3	12,258	(726)
Apr	3,574	3,508	13	7,095	3,677			3,677	7,251	3,508	13	10,772	7,427	3,509	9	10,945	(173)
May	5,166	1,506	128	6,800	4,132			4,132	9,298	1,506	128	10,932	8,041	1,512	83	9,636	1,296

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

Age Group				Type of Passangers					
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	347	160	188	251	119	132	96	40	55
5-9	281	139	142	212	104	108	69	35	35
10-14	186	89	96	133	59	74	52	30	22
15-19	243	115	128	176	71	105	67	44	23
20-24	832	488	345	283	116	167	550	371	178
25-29	1,009	572	437	372	161	211	637	410	227
30-34	881	537	344	383	210	172	498	327	171
35-39	829	488	340	426	242	184	402	246	156
40-44	736	412	324	396	217	179	340	195	145
45-49	820	471	350	466	270	196	354	201	154
50-54	952	481	471	606	292	315	346	190	156
55-59	727	374	353	524	259	265	203	115	89
60-64	605	302	303	379	190	189	226	112	113
65-69	390	218	172	264	157	106	126	60	66
70-74	257	157	99	178	122	57	79	36	43
75+	203	103	100	116	64	53	86	39	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,298</b>	<b>5,105</b>	<b>4,193</b>	<b>5,166</b>	<b>2,653</b>	<b>2,513</b>	<b>4,132</b>	<b>2,452</b>	<b>1,680</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>18.1</b>

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

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	1,029	19.9	380	117	364	110	58
New Zealand	2,616	50.6	1141	155	1097	149	74
Fiji	145	2.8	57	43	22	21	2
American Samoa	21	0.4	10	6	3	1	0
Western Samoa	44	0.9	14	15	7	7	1
Other Pacific Islands	64	1.2	23	14	2	22	2
Japan	31	0.6	17	7	7	0	0
China	126	2.4	80	20	18	6	2
India	7	0.1	2	3	0	0	1
Korea	8	0.2	6	1	1	0	0
Other Asian Countries	39	0.8	15	8	5	10	1
UK	57	1.1	35	3	10	8	0
Germany	60	1.2	51	2	5	1	1
France	30	0.6	21	3	6	0	0
Italy	3	0.1	1	0	1	1	0
Other European Countries	86	1.7	74	6	1	2	2
All African Countries	5	0.1	2	0	1	1	0
United States of America	768	14.9	283	78	308	73	27
Canada	13	0.3	8	1	2	2	0
Other American Countries	14	0.3	5	5	1	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,166</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,226</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>1,862</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>172</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>43.1</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>3.3</b>

**Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passenger's Type for May, 2019**

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	85	2.6	196	4.1	281	3.5
5 - 9	60	1.8	162	3.4	222	2.8
10 - 14	61	1.9	116	2.4	177	2.2
15 - 19	92	2.9	138	2.9	230	2.9
20 - 24	359	11.1	295	6.1	654	8.1
25 - 29	426	13.2	354	7.4	780	9.7
30 - 34	344	10.6	377	7.9	721	9.0
35 - 39	302	9.3	411	8.6	713	8.9
40 - 44	299	9.2	372	7.7	671	8.3
45 - 49	297	9.2	464	9.7	761	9.5
50 - 54	295	9.1	543	11.3	838	10.4
55 - 59	214	6.6	475	9.9	689	8.6
60 - 64	158	4.9	361	7.5	519	6.5
65 - 69	106	3.3	254	5.3	360	4.5
70 - 74	58	1.8	158	3.3	216	2.7
75+	84	2.6	125	2.6	209	2.6
<b>All Ages</b>	<b>3,239</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,801</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,041</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>YACHT</b>	-	-	<b>83</b>	-	<b>83</b>	-
<b>CRUISE SHIP</b>	-	-	<b>1,512</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,512</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,239</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,396</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,636</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution
Australia	443	10.2	478	12.9	921	11.5
New Zealand	1,121	25.8	1,162	31.4	2,283	28.4
Fiji	119	2.7	98	2.6	217	2.7
American Samoa	7	0.2	3	0.1	10	0.1
Western Samoa	16	0.4	14	0.4	30	0.4
Tonga	1,945	44.8	1,294	35.0	3,239	40.3
Other Pacific Islands	59	1.3	62	1.7	120	1.5
Japan	25	0.6	15	0.4	39	0.5
China	67	1.5	42	1.1	109	1.4
India	10	0.2	1	0.0	11	0.1
Korea	5	0.1	-	-	5	0.1
Other Asian Countries	22	0.5	17	0.5	38	0.5
UK	33	0.8	34	0.9	67	0.8
Germany	38	0.9	26	0.7	64	0.8
France	14	0.3	8	0.2	22	0.3
Italy	3	0.1	1	0.0	4	0.1
Other European Countries	41	0.9	39	1.1	80	1.0
All African Countries	1	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.0
United States of America	352	8.1	384	10.4	736	9.2
Canada	14	0.3	12	0.3	26	0.3
Other American Countries	8	0.2	9	0.2	17	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,341</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,041</b>	<b>100.0</b>