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#### **PREFACE**

This bulletin is produced by the Statistics Department on monthly migration statistics of the Kingdom for the month of October 2017. It shows the international arrivals and departures by months back to January 2013, 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.

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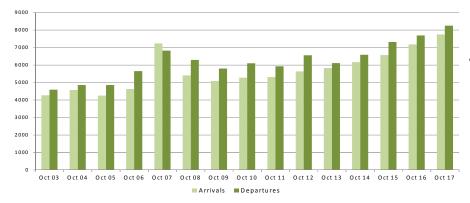
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Table 1.: Total Arrivals and Departures by annual percentage change and previous month

Monthof		Changefrom	Changefrom
October 2017	Number	previousmenth(%)	previous year (%)
All Atrivals	10,556	-22.5	-25.4
Air Visitors	4,639	-27.4	7.9
Air Returning Residents	3,109	7.2	7.7
Ouiæ9rips	2,425	-34.8	-63.4
Yachts	383	-37.7	120
All Departures	10,974	-17.3	68.1

- A decline of 22.5% of all arrivals (10,556) compared to the previous month of September 2017 (13,624)
- A decline of 27.4% of all air visitors (4,639) compared to September 2017 (6,390)
- An increase of 7.2% (3,109) of returning residents compared to previous month (2,900)
- A decline of 34.8% (2,425) of arrivals by Cruise ships compared to September 2017 (3,719)
- A decline of 37.7 % of arrivals by yachts compared to September 2017 (615).
- A decline of 17.3% of all departures from September 2017.

Fig. 1. October Air Arrivals and Departures 2003 - 2017



• Total air arrivals in October 2017 were 7,748 an increase of 7.9% compared to October 2016 (7,184).

Total air departures of 8,255 in October 2017, again an increase of 7.2% compared to October 2016 (7,699)

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



• Total air visitor arrivals in October 2017 were 4,639 an increase of 8.0% compared to October 2016 (4,298)

Fig. 3. Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit October, 2017

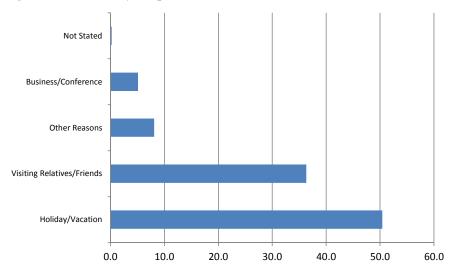


Fig. 4. Air Visitors by Country of Usual Residence October, 2017

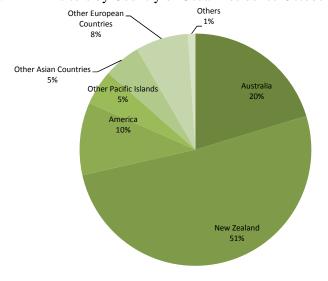
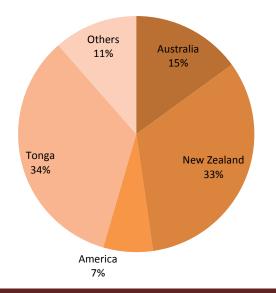


Fig. 5. Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence October, 2017



- 50.4% (2,336) of the total air visitors were here on holiday/vacations
- Visiting Relatives/Friends made up 36.3% (1,685) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of October
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 5.1% (235) and those with other reasons were 8.1% (375)

- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 51.2% (2,375) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 20.3 % (940), and America 10.1% (469)

• Most of the persons departing in the month of October were residents of Tonga (2,806) followed by New Zealand (2,700) and Australia (1,241)

#### **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.

	Visitors	Arrivals			Returnir	ng Residents	Total Arriv	als			Total De	partures			Net
Period		Ship	Yacht	Total	Air	Ship Yacht Total	Air	Ship	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	45,711 47,081	27,641 16,265	1,317 1,659	74,669 65,005	25,134	25,134	70,845	27,641 16,265	1,317	99,803	70,949	27,150	1,261	99,360 90,607	443 (1,101)
2010	46,005	20,519	1,849	68,373	24,501 26,587	24,501 26,587	71,582 72,592	20,519	1,659 1,849	89,506 94,960	72,533 73,589	16,244 20,550	1,830 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)
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2015	53,752	17,375	1,426 1,816	72,553 86.662	31,517 36,800	31,517	85,269	17,375	1,426	104,070	86,574	17,383 25,703	1,422	105,379	(1,309)
2016	59,130	25,714	1,616	80,002	30,800	36,800	95,930	25,714	1,818	123,462	95,043	25,703	1,520	122,266	1,196
						2013	0.040			2212					(4.407)
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	2,797	626	11	3,434	1,880	1,880	4,677	626	11	5,314	5,035	626	10	5,671	(357)
April	3,088	3,205	50	6,343	2,096	2,096	5,184	3,205	50	8,439	5,100	3,204	14	8,318	121
May	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 August	5,415 4,753		282 305	5,697 5,058	2,183 2,051	2,183 2,051	7,598 6,804	-	282 305	7,880 7,109	7,747 7,227	-	220 267	7,967 7,494	(87) (385)
Septem ber	4,753	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)
Novem ber	3,395	715	121	4,231	2,363	2,363	5,758	715	121	6,594	5,165	715	232	6,112	482
Decem ber	6,429	-	13	6,442	2,048	2,048	8,477	-	13	8,490	7,231	-	18	7,249	1,241
						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 June	4,189 4,463	260 1,739	243 256	4,692 6,458	2,872 2,122	2,872 2,122	7,061 6,585	260 1,739	243 256	7,564 8,580	6,228 5,605	260 1,737	94 294	6,582 7,636	982 944
July	5,477		233	5,710	2,122	2,128	7,605	1,739	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)
Septem ber	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)
Novem ber	3,488	199	81	3,768	2,559	2,559	6,047	199	81	6,327	5,892	199	155	6,246	81
Decem ber	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 March	2,381 2,944	2,373 2,011	23 6	4,777 4,961	2,119 2,277	2,119	4,500	2,373 2,011	23 6	6,896	5,498 5,635	2,373 2,011	7 9	7,878 7,655	(982) (417)
April	3,642	1,940	31	5,613	2,277	2,277 2,277	5,221 5,919	1,940	31	7,238 7,890	6,408	1,940	30	8,378	(417)
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)
Septem ber	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)
Novem ber	3,550	291	96	3,937	2,769	2,769	6,319	291	96	6,706	6,817	291		7,250	(544)
Decem ber	8,444	100	-	8,544	2,830	2,830	11,274	100	-	11,374	9,844	100	5	9,949	1,425
lanuary	3,581	-	-	3,581	4,569	2016 4,569	8,150		-	8,150	9,441	-	1	9,442	(1,292)
January February	3,581	- 5,474		3,581 8,733	2,720	2,720	5,979	- 5,474	-	8,150 11,453	7,592	- 5,467	-	13,059	(1,606)
March	3,259	1,411	- 4	4,730	2,720	2,720	5,979	1,411	4	7,383	7,073	1,411	- 4	8,488	(1,606)
A prii	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
Septem ber	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 December	5,880 8,108	1,394 5,155	314 12	7,588 13,275	2,736 3,049	2,736 3,049	8,616 11,157	1,394 5,155	314 12	10,324 16,324	7,033 10,041	1,387 5,161	229 6	8,649 15,208	1,675 1,116
2 coem bei	3,108	3,133	12	13,210	3,049	2017	11,107	0,100	12	10,324	1 10,041	3,101		10,208	1,110
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
M ay	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 Sentember	6,810 6,390	1,354 3,719	288 625	8,452 10,734	3,071 2,900	3,071	9,881	1,354 3,719	288 615	11,523 13,624	10,047	1,354	276 370	11,677 13 277	154 (347)
Septem ber October	4,639	3,719 2,425	383	7,447	3,109	2,900 3,109	9,290 7,748	3,719 2,425	383	10,556	9,188 8,255	3,719 2,417	370	13,277 10,974	(347) 418
30.0001	7,038	2,720	503	1,771	3,108	3,109	1,140	2,720	303	10,000	0,200	4,711	302	10,514	+10

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Table 2. Total Arrivals by Age, Type of Passangers and Gender October, 2017

				Type of Pa	ssangers				
Age Group		Total			Visitors		Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Fem ale
0-4	296	143	153	173	84	89	123	59	64
5-9	238	135	103	136	70	66	102	65	37
10-14	228	124	104	112	58	54	116	66	50
15-19	294	171	123	177	101	76	117	70	47
20-24	518	262	256	328	166	162	190	96	94
25-29	775	402	373	420	218	202	355	184	171
30-34	743	389	354	476	227	249	267	162	105
35-39	682	403	279	363	197	166	319	206	113
40-44	683	342	341	421	193	228	262	149	113
45-49	761	392	369	459	225	234	302	167	135
50-54	733	380	353	464	231	233	269	149	120
55-59	628	312	316	378	183	195	250	129	121
60-64	450	243	207	300	148	152	150	95	55
65-69	353	175	178	238	116	122	115	59	56
70-74	216	126	90	110	59	51	106	67	39
75+	150	91	59	84	51	33	66	40	26
Total	7,748	4,090	3,658	4,639	2,327	2,312	3,109	1,763	1,346
% Distribution	100.0	52.8	47.2	59.9	30.0	29.8	40.1	22.8	17.4

Table 3. Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit October, 2017

Country of	Purpose of Visit								
Usual Residence	Total	%	Holiday/	Business/	Visiting Relative/	Other	Not		
		Distribution	Vacation	Conference	Friends	Reasons	Stated		
Australia	940	20.3	417	44	380	99	0		
New Zealand	2,375	51.2	1157	92	998	121	7		
Fiji	153	3.3	31	34	32	56	0		
American Samoa	8	0.2	3	0	4	1	0		
Western Samoa	25	0.5	4	7	10	3	1		
Other Pacific Islands	40	0.9	11	13	4	12	0		
Japan	39	0.8	22	6	4	7	0		
China	144	3.1	100	7	19	18	0		
In dia	11	0.2	4	4	1	2	0		
Korea	6	0.1	4	1	1	0	0		
Other Asian Countries	39	0.8	21	5	4	9	0		
υκ	75	1.6	64	2	2	7	0		
Germany	63	1.4	58	0	1	4	0		
France	23	0.5	22	1	0	0	0		
Italy	19	0.4	19	0	0	0	0		
Other European Countries	161	3.5	144	7	6	4	0		
All African Countries	6	0.1	2	0	2	2	0		
United States of America	469	10.1	213	11	216	29	0		
Canada	34	0.7	32	1	0	1	0		
Other American Countries	9	0.2	8	0	1	0	0		
Total	4,639	100.0	2,336	235	1,685	375	8		
% Distribution	100.0		50.4	5.1	36.3	8.1	0.2		

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Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for October, 2017

	Returning	Percentage		Percentage		Percentage
Age Group	Residence	Distribution	Visitors	Distribution	Total	Distribution
0 - 4	78	2.8	201	3.7	279	3.4
5 - 9	98	3.5	204	3.7	302	3.7
10 - 14	130	4.6	229	4.2	359	4.3
15 - 19	106	3.8	230	4.2	336	4.1
20 - 24	211	7.5	360	6.6	571	6.9
25 - 29	292	10.4	513	9.4	805	9.8
30 - 34	248	8.8	554	10.2	802	9.7
35 - 39	254	9.1	443	8.1	697	8.4
40 - 44	199	7.1	506	9.3	705	8.5
45 - 49	253	9.0	523	9.6	776	9.4
50 - 54	251	8.9	503	9.2	754	9.1
55 - 59	226	8.1	421	7.7	647	7.8
60 - 64	174	6.2	302	5.5	476	5.8
65 - 69	160	5.7	203	3.7	363	4.4
70 - 74	80	2.9	138	2.5	218	2.6
75+	46	1.6	119	2.2	165	2.0
All Ages	2,806	100.0	5,449	100.0	8,255	100.0
YACHT	-	-	302		302	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	_	2,417		2,417	0
Total	2,806	100.0	8,168	100.0	10,974	100.0

Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender October, 2017

Country of Usual	Male	Percent	Fem ale	Percent	Total	Percent
Residence	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution
Australia	597	13.7	644	16.5	1,241	15.0
New Zealand	1,317	30.3	1,383	35.4	2,700	32.7
Fiji	105	2.4	56	1.4	161	2.0
Am erican Sam oa	1	0.0	4	0.1	5	0.1
Western Samoa	10	0.2	16	0.4	2 6	0.3
Tonga	1,660	38.2	1,146	29.3	2,806	34.0
Other Pacific Islands	31	0.7	14	0.4	4 5	0.5
Japan	23	0.5	11	0.3	3 4	0.4
China	60	1.4	82	2.1	142	1.7
In dia	6	0.1	3	0.1	9	0.1
Korea	12	0.3	9	0.2	2 1	0.3
Other Asian Countries	29	0.7	17	0.4	4 6	0.6
υĸ	39	0.9	5 4	1.4	93	1.1
Germany	35	0.8	4 4	1.1	7 9	1.0
France	13	0.3	12	0.3	2 5	0.3
Italy	9	0.2	7	0.2	16	0.2
Other European Countries	107	2.5	8 2	2.1	189	2.3
All African Countries	4	0.1	3	0.1	7	0.1
United States of America	267	6.1	294	7.5	561	6.8
Canada	7	0.2	19	0.5	2 6	0.3
Other American Countries	12	0.3	11	0.3	2 3	0.3
Total	4,344	100.0	3,911	100.0	8,255	100.0

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