

For the month of April 2020, Tonga's borders have been completely shut down with no more inbound flights allowed to enter the country and this was to prevent the introduction of Covid – 19.

However some citizens and permanent residents from Australia, New Zealand, United States, Japan etc who wishes to leave Tonga were being advised by their High Commissioners to register with their office and were allowed to leave. This was why we had only departures from Tonga and no arrivals.

Table 1. Monthly Arrival and Departure by Mode of Travel and Net Migration, 2010 - 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	#####	21,714	1,602	132,086	(3,352)
2019	67,284	24,667	2,021	93,972	42,087			42,087	109,371	24,667	2,021	136,059	#####	24,749	2,064	139,527	(3,468)
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)
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	4,183	3,508	13	7,704	3,091			3,091	7,274	3,508	13	10,795	7,195	3,509	9	10,713	82
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	1,564
Jun	6,647	1,798	489	8,934	3,505			3,505	10,152	1,798	489	12,439	7,722	1,798	602	10,122	2,317
Jul	8,121	-	194	8,315	3,092			3,092	11,213	-	194	11,407	11,754	-	346	12,100	(693)
Aug	7,890	-	288	8,178	3,302			3,302	11,192	-	288	11,480	11,517	-	218	11,735	(255)
Sep	6,811	636	382	7,829	3,418			3,418	10,229	636	382	11,247	9,987	636	209	10,832	415
Oct	5,649	2,178	428	8,255	3,782			3,782	9,431	2,178	428	12,037	10,611	2,181	394	13,186	(1,149)
Nov	4,938	2,712	72	7,722	3,595			3,595	8,533	2,712	72	11,317	8,786	2,743	171	11,700	(383)
Dec	7,689	2,998	17	10,704	3,253			3,253	10,942	2,998	17	13,957	11,453	2,991	26	14,470	(513)
2020																	
Jan	4,665	852	-	5,517	7,087			7,087	11,752	852	-	12,604	14,576	851	-	15,427	(2,823)
Feb	3,008	1,678	6	4,692	3,328			3,328	6,336	1,678	6	8,020	6,680	1,678	8	8,366	(346)
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	-	-	-	-	-			-	-	-	-	-	579	-	-	579	(579)

Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passenger's Type for March, 2020

<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	48	2.3	54	3.1	102	2.7
5 - 9	46	2.2	57	3.3	102	2.7
10 - 14	41	2.0	46	2.7	87	2.3
15 - 19	79	3.9	72	4.2	152	4.0
20 - 24	303	14.8	128	7.4	431	11.4
25 - 29	301	14.7	138	8.0	439	11.6
30 - 34	200	9.7	142	8.2	342	9.1
35 - 39	202	9.8	136	7.9	338	8.9
40 - 44	161	7.9	150	8.7	311	8.2
45 - 49	168	8.2	128	7.4	296	7.8
50 - 54	176	8.6	163	9.5	339	9.0
55 - 59	96	4.7	155	9.0	252	6.7
60 - 64	72	3.5	107	6.2	179	4.7
65 - 69	65	3.2	115	6.6	180	4.8
70 - 74	63	3.0	84	4.9	147	3.9
75+	31	1.5	50	2.9	81	2.2
All Ages	2,053	100.0	1,725	100.0	3,778	100.0
YACHT	-	-	-	-	0	-
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2,053	100.0	1,725	100.0	3,778	100.0

Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender April, 2020						
Country of Usual Residence	Male No.	Percent Distribution	Female No.	Percent Distribution	Total No.	Percent Distribution
Australia	18	5.5	18	7.2	36	6.2
New Zealand	123	37.3	128	51.4	251	43.4
Fiji	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Samoa	-	-	-	-	-	-
Western Samoa	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tonga	23	7.0	29	11.6	52	9.0
Other Pacific Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-
Japan	4	1.2	8	3.2	12	2.1
China	-	-	-	-	-	-
India	-	-	-	-	-	-
Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Asian Countries	2	0.6	1	0.4	3	0.5
UK	4	1.2	-	-	4	0.7
Germany	3	0.9	4	1.6	7	1.2
France	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italy	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other European Countries	4	1.2	2	0.8	6	1.0
All African Countries	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States of America	149	45.2	59	23.7	208	35.9
Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other American Countries	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	330	100.0	249	100.0	579	100