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# STATISTICS UPDATE: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR AND RESIDENT ARRIVALS

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### The Impact of COVID-19 on international travels

Since January of 2020, governments have imposed international travel restrictions in most countries due to the spread of Covid-19 Pandemic. In Mid-March of 2020, the Vanuatu government has locked down its international borders as a measure to protect the people and stop the spread of the Novel Corona Virus.

### FEBRUARY 2022, PROVISONAL KEY FINDINGS

### **International Visitor arrivals**

- The International visitor arrival by air and cruise ship in February of 2022 has recorded no visitor arrivals.
- There were only departure flights recorded traveling by air for that month (see table 1 and table 4), government have decided to reopen the repatriation flights again beginning from the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2022.

### **Resident returning**

- The total number of Vanuatu resident returning from overseas trip in February 2022 stood at 374, an increase of 79 percent compared to February of 2021 when it was 209.
- Over the previous, there was no flights in January.
- Out of the 374 residents, 72 are Females and 302 are males.

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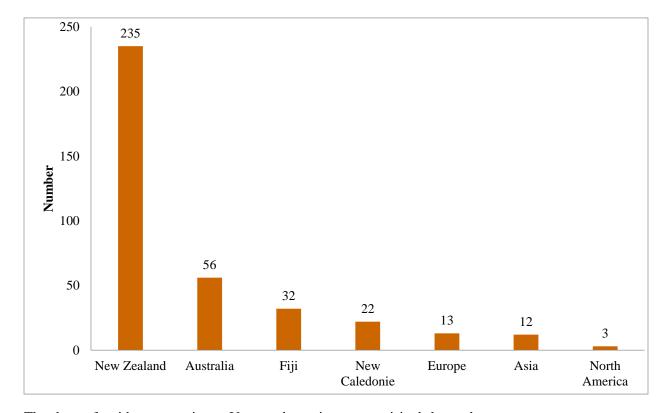


Fig 1: RESIDENT ARRIVALS BY MAIN COUNTRY VISITED, FEBRUARY 2022

The share of residents returning to Vanuatu by main country visited shows that;

- New Zealand (63%)
- Australia (15%)
- Fiji (9%)
- New Caledonia (6%)
- Europe (2%)
- Asia and Europe (3% each)
- North America (1%)

### Resident arrivals by purpose of absence;

- Others (323), including those who stated their occupation type as seasonal employment and other types of jobs
- Education (29)
- Business/conference/convention (22)

## **Resident Departure**

- There is a total number of 1179 resident departing out of the country this month.
- Out of the 1179 residents, 943 are males and 236 are females

### DATA SOURCE AND REVISIONS

All International arrival and departure statistics by air provided in this report is sourced from the Passenger processing module within ASYCUDA World system and also completed Arrival and Departure cards from the Department of Customs. Cruise ship figures are also supplied by the Department of Customs through the Passenger processing module.

The Vanuatu National Statistics Office will be temporarily excluding Table 5 to Table 8 and the Annexes until such time as the borders re-open and travel restrictions are lifted.

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Table 1 : Summary of Overseas Migration Tableau 1 : Résumé des échanges migratoires avec l'extérieur

		ARRIVALS / ARRIVEES							DEPARTURES / DEPARTURES							
		PORT VILA		LUGANVILLE		TO	TOTAL		PORT VILA		LUGANVILLE		TOTAL			
Year	Month	Residents Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Residents Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Residents Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Resident Résidents	Visitor Visiteurs	Resident Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Resident Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Croisièristes	Année	Mois
2016		24,801	89,358	359	5,759	25,160	95,117	20,118	91,064	165	4,406	20,283	95,470	256,482	2016	
2017		27,418	103,463	830	5,707	28,248	109,170	25,845	108,427	441	3,831	26,286	112,258	223,551	2017	
2018		28,426	111,296	510	4,338	28,936	115,634	28,160	120,736	231	3,840	28,391	124,576	234,567	2018	
2019		34,575	117,154	326	3,474	34,901	120,628	35,876	142,012	529	3,303	36,405	145,315	135,357	2019	
2020		10,392	21,764	17	201	10,409	21,965	9,122	28,095	253	39	9,375	28,134	60,401	2020	
2016	Feb	1,180	4,018	38	256	1,218	4,274	1,760	4,491	13	298	1,773	4,789	32,021	2016	Fév
2017	Feb	1,405	5,307	33	303	1,438	5,610	1,997	5,081	8	184	2,005	5,265	18,628	2017	Fév
2018	Feb	1,355	6,089	65	177	1,420	6,266	2,234	6,443	35	125	2,269	6,568	21,674	2018	Fév
2019	Feb	1,401	5,727	8	108	1,409	5,835	2,535	6,792	9	84	2,544	6,876	9,849	2019	Fév
2020	Feb	2,070	6,594	-	-	2,070	6,594	3,429	6,890	-	-	3,429	6,890	16,493	2020	Fév
2021	Feb	209	-	-	-	209	-	936	15	-	-	936	15	-		Fév
	Mar	279	-	-	-	279	-	882	-	-	-	882	-	-		Mar
	Apr [p]	245	-	-	-	245	-	575	-	-	-	575	-	-		Avr [p]
	May[p]	355	-	-	-	355	-	688	-	-	-	688	-	-		Mai [p]
	Jun[p]	376	-	-	-	376	-	1,041	-	-	-	1,041	-	-		Juin [p]
	Jul[p]	98	-	-	-	98	-	822	-	-	-	822	-	-		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]	244	-	-	-	244	-	1,007	-	-	-	1,007	-	-		Aoû [p]
	Sep [p]	44	-	-	-	44	-	502	-	-	-	502	-	-		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	319	-	-	-	319	-	747	-	-	-	747	-	-		Oct [p]
	Nov [p]	648	-	-	-	648	-	751	-	-	-	751	-	-		Nov [p]
	Dec [p]	353	-	-	-	353	-	353	-	-	-	353	-	-		Déc [p]
2022	Jan [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	955	-	-	-	955	-	-	2022	Jan [p]
	Feb [p]	374	-	-	-	374	-	1,179	-	-	-	1,179	-	-		Feb [p]

Source: Department of Customs/Département des douanes

- No visitors/residents were recorded for the reference month

Table 2 : Visitor Arrivals by Purpose of Visit
Tableau 2 : Arrivées de visiteurs selon le motif du voyage

		<u>VISITORS/VISITEURS</u>											
Year M	Month	Holidays	Visiting Friends and relatives	Business, Meetings/ Conferences	Stop Over	Others, Education, sports	Total Visitors	Année Mois					
		Vacances	Visite à des amis et à	Affaires, réunions ou	Escale	Autres, education,							
			la famille	conférence		sport	Visiteurs global						
2016		71,088	8,300	8,521	551	6,657	95,117	2016					
2017		83,465	8,940	8,338	897	7,530	109,170	2017					
2018		91,726	8,616	7,552	645	7,095	115,634	2018					
2019		95,849	8,764	8,059	524	7,432	120,628	2019					
2020		17,166	1,445	1,085	448	1,821	21,965	2020					
2016 Fe		3,249	323	373	30	299	4,274	2016 Fév					
2017 Fe	eb	3,712	528	591	88	691	5,610	2017 Fév					
2018 Fe	eb	4,571	446	494	47	708	6,266	2018 Fév					
2019 Fe		4,368	425	539	8	495	5,835	2019 Fév					
2020 Fe	eb	4,691	470	545	134	754	6,594	2020 Fév					
2021 Fe	eb	-	-	-	-	-	-	2021 Feb					
M	1ar	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mar					
Aj	pr [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	Avr [p]					
	lay [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mai [p]					
	ın [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	Juin [p]					
Ju	ıl[p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	Juil [p]					
Au	ug[p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	Aug [p]					
Se	ep [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sep [p]					
O	ct [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oct [p]					
No	lov [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nov [p]					
De	ec [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	Déc [p]					
2022 Ja	an [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	2022 Jan [p]					
Fe	ev [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	Fev [p]					

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Table 3 : Visitor Arrivals by Usual Country of Residence Tableau 3 : Arrivées des visiteurs par pays de résidence habituelle

		Australia	New Zealand	New Caledonia	Other Pacific Countries	Europe	North America	Japan	China	Other Countries	TOTAL		
Year	Month	Australie	Nouvelle- Zélande	Nouvelle- Calédonie	Autres Pays du Pacifique		Amérique du Nord	Japon	Chine	Autres pays		Année	Mois
2016		49,752	10,931	9,681	5,705	10,067	2,893	903	2,736	2,449	95,117	2016	
2017		57,387	11,554	15,880	7,147	6,806	3,016	1,076	3,612	2,692	109,170	2017	
2018		60,616	13,432	15,105	6,545	8,023	3,347	963	4,007	3,596	115,634	2018	
2019		63,122	15,085	14,738	6,560	8,992	3,120	1,107	4,671	3,233	120,628	2019	
2020		11,248	1,819	3,778	1,241	1,728	692	171	680	608	21,965	2020	
2016	Feb	1,714	310	200	396	1,027	180	67	226	154	4,274	2016	Fév
2017	Feb	2,328	343	1,062	612	520	197	59	302	187	5,610	2017	Fév
2018	Feb	2,606	381	1,238	606	490	229	63	385	268	6,266	2018	Fév
2019	Feb	2,740	503	923	526	456	152	57	326	152	5,835	2019	Fév
2020	Feb	3,015	525	1,253	579	591	223	74	107	227	6,594	2020	Fév
2021	Feb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2021	Fév
	Mar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Mar
	Apr [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Avr [p]
	May [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Mai [p]
	Jun [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Aoû [p]
	Sep [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Oct [p]
	Nov [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Nov [p]
	Dec [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Déc [p]
2022	Jan [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2022	Jan [p]
	Feb [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Fév [p]

Source: Department of Customs/Département des douanes

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Table 4 : Overseas Arrivals of Residents by Nationality Tableau 4 : Arrivées des résidents par nationalité

		Ni-Vanuatu	Australian	French	British	New Zealander	Asian	Pacific Islanders	North Americans	Other countries	TOTAL		
Year	Month		Australien	Français	Anglais	Néo-	Asiatiques	Autres pays	Américain	Autres		Année	Mois
						Zélandais		du Pacifique	du Nord	pays			
2016		18,511	2,516	1,120	164	855	741	645	343	264	25,160	2016	
2017		21,967	2,463	1,036	118	797	712	564	358	233	28,248	2017	
2018		23,610	1,919	750	97	591	875	593	273	228	28,936	2018	
2019		26,317	2,344	884	329	780	2,809	665	409	364	34,901	2019	
2020		8,374	719	285	42	243	283	273	87	103	10,409	2019	
2016	Feb	859	147	51	5	56	41	30	15	14	1,218	2016	Fév
2017	Feb	1,128	110	54	3	36	42	33	18	14	1,438	2017	Fév
2018	Feb	1,085	137	38	6	33	56	26	25	14	1,420	2018	Fév
2019	Feb	816	191	105	14	47	105	60	36	35	1,409	2019	Fév
2020	Feb	1,491	202	90	16	56	71	92	22	30	2,070	2020	Fév
2021	Feb	122	35	11	0	9	9	15	4	4	209	2021	Fév
	Mar	184	34	2	0	10	17	25	4	3	279		Mar
	Apr [p]	193	27	8	0	9	5	2	0	1	245		Avr [p]
	May[p]	323	12	6	0	8	3	1	0	2	355		Mai [p]
	Jun [p]	223	22	3	2	4	106	9	2	5	376		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	63	21	3	0	4	1	1	2	3	98		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]	152	46	12	2	10	12	1	1	8	244		Aoû [p]
	Sep [p]	6	1	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	44		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	206	88	4	2	10	6	0	0	3	319		Oct [p]
	Nov [p]	597	19	8	2	1	4	3	4	10	648		Nov [p]
	Dec [p]	314	4	5	2	14	1	5	0	8	353		Dec [p]
2022	Jan [p]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2022	Jan [p]
	Feb [p]	321	12	7	3	8	10	4	4	5	374		Fév[p]

Source: Department of Customs/Département des

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<sup>-</sup> No visitors/residents were recorded for the reference month

Table 4.1 : Resident Arrivals by main country visited
Tableau 4.1:Arrivées de résidents par principal pays visité

			New	New Caledonia	Fiji	Solomon Islands	Asia	Other Pacific Countries	Europe	North America	Other Countries	Total		
		Australia	Zealand	Nouvelle Caledonia	Fidji	iles salomon	Asie	Autres pays du pacifique		Amérique du nord	Autres pays			
Year	Month	Australie	Nouvelle Zélande										Année	Mois
2020	Nov	49	288	6	101	-	68	1	-	2	-	515	2020	Nov
2020	Dec	159	128	40	141	-	4	26	5	-	3	506	2020	Dec
2021	Jan	198	56	19	4	1	26	15	-	6	-	325	2021	Jan
	Feb	113	20	19	4	-	11	32	8	2	-	209		Feb
	Mar	110	50	-	47	1	20	40	7	4	-	279		Mar
	Apr [p]	150	47	11	-	2	20	2	9	2	2	245		Avr [p]
	May[p]	173	151	6	-	-	2	15	5	-	3	355		Mar [p]
	Jun [p]	170	80	4	5	-	109	3	3	-	2	376		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	21	61	4	-	-	7	-	3	2	-	98		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]	94	89	7	-	-	21	3	23	2	5	244		Aoû [p]
	Sep [p]	6	-	-	-	-	38	-	-	-	-	44		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	148	142	18	-	-	4	1	5	-	1	319		Oct [p]
	Nov [p]	183	363	-	64	-	12	-	14	6	6	648		Nov [p]
	Dec [p]	93	88	-	125	-	31	-	6	-	10	353		Déc [p]
2022	Jan [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2022	2 Jan [p]
	Feb [p]	56	235	22	32		12		13	3	1	374		Fé[p]

Source: Department of Customs/Département des douanes

p: provisional figures

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