

# INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES September 2014

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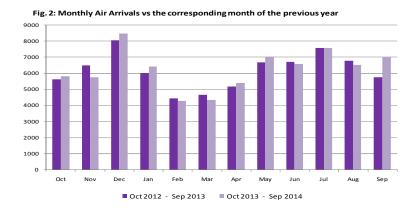
## Statistical Bulletin

Month of			Change from	Change from
September 2014	Number		previous month	previous year
All Arrivals	7,5	44	12.2	-6.5
Air Visitors	4,7	79	-6.1	17.5
Air Returning Residents	2,2	48	57.0	31.4
Cruise Ships	3	80	0.0	-84.2
Yachts	2	09	4.0	-38.3
All Departures	7,6	14	9.6	-2.6

- An increase of 12.2% of all arrivals (7,544) compared to the previous month of August 2014 (6,723)
- A decline of 6.1% of all air visitors (4,779) compared to August 2014 (5,090)
- An increase of 57.0% (2,248) of returning residents compared to previous month (1,432)
- There were 308 arrivals by Cruise ship for the month of September.
- An increase of 4.0% of yacht arrivals compared to the previous month
- An increase of 9.6% of all departures from August 2014



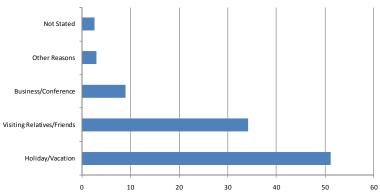
- Total air arrivals in September 2014 were 7,027 an increase of 21.6% compared to September 2013 (5,779).
- Total air departures of 7,035 in September 2014, an increase of 26.1% compared to September 2013 (5,579)



• Total air visitor arrivals in September 2014 were 4,779 an increase of 17.5% compared to September 2013 (4,068)

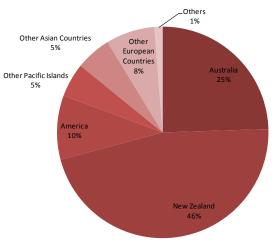
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Fig. 3: Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit September, 2014



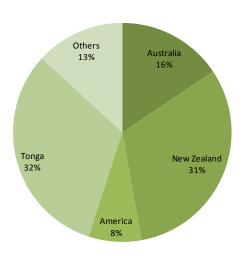
- Holiday/Vacation made up 51.2% (2,442) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of September.
- 34.2% (1,633) of the total visitors were here to visit Relatives/friends
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 9.0% (432) and those with other reasons were 3.1% (146)

Fig. 4: Air Visitors by country of Usual Residence September, 2014



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 46.3% (2,213) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 24.5 % (1,172), and USA 9.8% (469)

Fig. 5: Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence September, 2014



 Most of the persons departing in the month of September were persons residing in Tonga (2,244) followed by New Zealand (2,226) and Australia (1,094)

## **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, 2010 - 2014

	Visitors Arr	ivals			Returning	Residents	Total Arriv	als			Total Dep	artures			Net
Period	Air		Yacht	Total		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	
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	
2008 2009	50,462 45,711	14,599	1,828 1,317	66,889	24,239 25,134	24,239	74,701 70,845	14,599	1,828 1,317	91,128 99,803	76,704 70,949	14,602	1,584	92,890	(1,762)
2009	45,711	27,641 16,265	1,659	74,669 65,005	25,134	25,134 24,501	70,845	27,641 16,265	1,659	89,506	70,949	27,150 16,244	1,261 1,830	99,360 90,607	(1,101
2010	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
						2010									
January	3,158	646	4	3,808	3,019	3,019	6,177	646	4	6,827	7,822	642	-	8,464	(1,637
February	2,379	-	5	2,384	2,083	2,083	4,462	-	5	4,467	5,096	-	1	5,097	(630)
March	3,134	853	5	3,992	1,730	1,730	4,864	853	5	5,722	4,993	850	7	5,850	(128
April	2,818	2,802	30	5,650	1,906	1,906	4,724	2,802	30	7,556	5,101	2,806	34	7,941	(385)
May	3,670	5,303	177	9,150	2,230	2,230	5,900	5,303	177	11,380	4,929	5,302	107	10,338	1,042
June	4,701	-	275	4,976	1,888	1,888	6,589	-	275	6,864	5,173	-	344	5,517	1,347
July	4,900	-	238	5,138	1,814	1,814	6,714	-	238	6,952	7,428	-	386	7,814	(862)
August	4,216	-	246	4,462	1,848	1,848	6,064	-	246	6,310	6,342	-	231	6,573	(263
September	4,576	5,275	188	10,039	1,756	1,756	6,332	5,275	188	11,795	6,379	5,253	165	11,797	(2)
October	3,467	-	352	3,819	1,809	1,809	5,276	-	352	5,628	6,107	-	403	6,510	(882)
November December	3,569	1,386	126	5,081	2,378	2,378	5,947	1,386	126	7,459	5,990	1,391	130	7,511	(52)
December	6,493	-	13	6,506	2,040	2,040 <b>2011</b>	8,533	-	13	8,546	7,173	-	22	7,195	1,351
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 September	4,486 3,561	-	419 242	4,905 3,803	1,889 2,063	1,889 2,063	6,375 5,624	-	419 242	6,794 5,866	7,266 6,315	- 4,391	199 281	7,465 10,987	(671) (5,121)
October	3,155	4,387	257	7,799	2,164	2,164	5,319	4,387	257	9,963	5,927	-,551	280	6,207	3,756
November	2,996	-	112	3,108	2,354	2,354	5,350	-	112	5,462	5,252	-	135	5,387	75
December	7,249	2,464	19	9,732	2,349	2,349	9,598	2,464	19	12,081	6,930	2,466	20	9,416	2,665
						2012									
January	3,043	-	-	3,043	3,018	3,018	6,061	-	-	6,061	8,296	-	-	8,296	
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 May	3,022 3,497	3,063	44 302	6,129 3,799	1,847 2,486	1,847 2,486	4,869 5,983	3,063	44 302	7,976 6,285	5,044 5,310	2,999	46 83	8,089 5,393	(113) 892
June	4,892	-	182	5,074	1,836	1,836	6,728		182	6,910	4,764	-	249	5,013	1,897
July	5,789	-	235	6,024	1,880	1,880	7,669	-	235	7,904	7,677	-	194	7,871	33
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		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
January	2,927	922	9	3,858	3,085	<b>2013</b> 3,085	6,012	922	9	6,943	7,440	922	8	8,370	(1,427
February	2,927	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	1 .
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	5,415	-	282	5,697	2,183	2,183	7,598	-	282	7,880	7,747	-	220	7,967	(87
August September	4,753 4,068	- 1,954	305 339	5,058 6,361	2,051 1,711	2,051 1,711	6,804 5,779	- 1,954	305 339	7,109 8,072	7,227 5,579	1,950	267 291	7,494 7,820	
October	4,068	1,954	403	4,440	1,711	1,711	5,779	1,954	403	6,229	6,111	1,950	384	6,495	(266
November	3,395	- 715	121	4,440	2,363	2,363	5,758	- 715	121	6,594	5,165	715		6,495	1
December	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	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 5,477	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	5,477	-	233	5,710	2,128	2,128	7,605	-	233	7,838	8,213	-	286	8,499	(661
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Aug Sep	5,090 4,779	308	201 209	5,291 5,296	1,432 2,248	1,432 2,248	6,522 7,027	308	201 209	6,723 7,544	6,753 7,035	308	192 271	6,945 7,614	(222)

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Table 2. Total Arrivals by Age, Type of Passangers and Gender September, 2014

				Type of Passangers							
Age Group		Total			Visitors			Returning Residents			
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female		
0-4	270	121	149	202	92	110	68	29	39		
5-9	196	106	90	165	91	74	31	15	16		
10-14	263	164	99	185	97	88	78	67	11		
15-19	371	232	139	224	118	106	147	114	33		
20-24	514	263	251	291	125	166	223	138	85		
25-29	667	335	332	409	181	228	258	154	104		
30-34	677	361	316	449	223	226	228	138	90		
35-39	618	319	299	387	191	196	231	128	103		
40-44	665	360	305	457	235	222	208	125	83		
45-49	660	381	279	453	252	201	207	129	78		
50-54	641	330	311	482	240	242	159	90	69		
55-59	527	321	206	408	248	160	119	73	46		
60-64	402	205	197	298	161	137	104	44	60		
65-69	287	161	126	204	115	89	83	46	37		
70-74	146	72	74	95	48	47	51	24	27		
75+	123	65	58	70	39	31	53	26	27		
Total	7,027	3,796	3,231	4,779	2,456	2,323	2,248	1,340	908		
% Distribution	100.0	54.0	46.0	68.0	35.0	33.1	32.0	19.1	12.9		

Table 3. Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit September, 2014

Country of	Purpose of Visit							
Usual Residence	Total	%	Holiday/	Business/	Visiting Relative/	Other	Not	
		Distribution	Vacation	Conference	Friends	Reasons	Stated	
Australia	1,172	24.5	614	74	401	38	45	
New Zealand	2,213	46.3	1,012	146	960	39	56	
Fiji	171	3.6	23	82	34	23	9	
American Samoa	2	0.0		1	1	-		
Western Samoa	22	0.5	6	11	4	1		
Other Pacific Islands	54	1.1	10	30	10	4	-	
Japan	82	1.7	60	14	5	2	1	
China	54	1.1	34	5	5	10		
India	3	0.1	1	1		-	1	
Korea	27	0.6	16	4	7	-		
Other Asian Countries	92	1.9	76	7	6	2	1	
UK	84	1.8	72	5	6	-	1	
Germany	90	1.9	88	-	2	-		
France	32	0.7	27	2	1	1	1	
Italy	22	0.5	19	1	1	-	1	
Other European Countries	130	2.7	121	4	3	2	-	
All African Countries	7	0.1	7	-	-	-	-	
United States of America	469	9.8	217	38	182	23	9	
Canada	33	0.7	26	3	3	1		
Other American Countries	20	0.4	13	4	2	_	1	
Total	4,779	100.0	2,442	432	1,633	146	126	
% Distribution	100.0		51.1	9.0	34.2	3.1	2.6	

Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for September, 2014

	Returning	Percentage		Percentage		Percentage
Age Group	Residence	Distribution	Visitors	Distribution	Total	Distribution
0 - 4	93	4.1	213	4.4	306	4.3
5 - 9	52	2.3	126	2.6	178	2.5
10 - 14	122	5.4	110	2.3	232	3.3
15 - 19	159	7.1	167	3.5	326	4.6
20 - 24	189	8.4	328	6.8	517	7.3
25 - 29	216	9.6	444	9.3	660	9.4
30 - 34	200	8.9	467	9.7	667	9.5
35 - 39	178	7.9	434	9.1	612	8.7
40 - 44	217	9.7	451	9.4	668	9.5
45 - 49	208	9.3	469	9.8	677	9.6
50 - 54	176	7.8	466	9.7	642	9.1
55 - 59	142	6.3	406	8.5	548	7.8
60 - 64	111	4.9	302	6.3	413	5.9
65 - 69	81	3.6	217	4.5	298	4.2
70 - 74	56	2.5	103	2.1	159	2.3
75+	44	2.0	88	1.8	132	1.9
All Ages	2,244	100.0	4,791	100.0	7,035	100.0
YACHT	-	-	271	0	271	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	308	0	308	0
Total	2,244	100.0	5,370	100.0	7,614	100.0

Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender September, 2014

Country of Usual	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
Residence	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution
Australia	531	14.6	563	16.5	1,094	15.6
New Zealand	1,103	30.4	1,123	33.0	2,226	31.6
Fiji	114	3.1	64	1.9	178	2.5
American Samoa	3	0.1	3	0.1	6	0.1
Western Samoa	14	0.4	15	0.4	29	0.4
Tonga	1,227	33.8	1,017	29.9	2,244	31.9
Other Pacific Islands	28	0.8	14	0.4	42	0.6
Japan	52	1.4	38	1.1	90	1.3
China	22	0.6	16	0.5	38	0.5
India	2	0.1		-	2	0.0
Korea	8	0.2	6	0.2	14	0.2
Other Asian Countries	29	0.8	29	0.9	58	0.8
uĸ	38	1.0	36	1.1	74	1.1
Germany	55	1.5	60	1.8	115	1.6
France	26	0.7	15	0.4	41	0.6
Italy	13	0.4	4	0.1	17	0.2
Other European Countries	87	2.4	75	2.2	162	2.3
All African Countries	1	0.0	6	0.2	7	0.1
United States of America	252	6.9	295	8.7	547	7.8
Canada	20	0.6	14	0.4	34	0.5
Other American Countries	8	0.2	9	0.3	17	0.2
Total	3,633	100.0	3,402	100.0	7,035	100.0