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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, Vanuatu government has locked down its international boarders as a measure to protect the people and stop the spread of the Novel Corona Virus.

## **AUGUST 2021, PROVISONAL KEY FINDINGS**

## **International Visitor arrivals**

- The International visitor arrival by air and cruise ship in August of 2021 has recorded no visitor arrivals.
- There were only repatriation flights recorded for disembarking and embarking residents travelling by air for that month (see table 1 and table 4)

# **Residents returning**

- The total number of Vanuatu residents returning from overseas trip in August 2021 went up by 244, an increase of 73 percent compared to August of 2020 when it stood at 141.
- Over the previous month it increased from 98 to 244.
- Out of the 244 residents, 185 are males and 59 are females.

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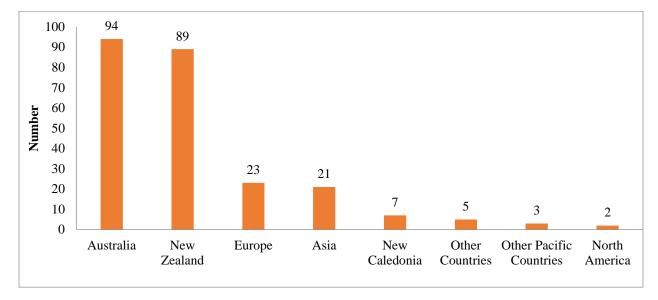


FIG 1: RESIDENT ARRIVALS BY MAIN COUNTRY VISITED, AUGUST 2021

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

- Australia (39%)
- New Zealand (36%)
- Europe (9%)
- Asia (9%)
- New Caledonia (3%)
- Other Countries (2%)
- Other Pacific Countries (1%)
- North America (1%)

## Resident arrivals by purpose of absence;

- Others (219), including those who stated their occupation type as seasonal employment and other types of jobs
- Business/conference/convention (15)
- Education(10)

## 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 including the Annexes until such time as the borders re-open and travel restrictions are lifted.

## NEXT UPDATE (MONTHLY)

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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	LUGAN	VILLE	TOT	ΓAL	PORT	VILA	LUGAN	VILLE	TO	TAL	Cruiseship Arrivals/		
Year	Month	Residents	Visitors	Residents	Visitors	Residents	Visitors	Resident	Visitor	Resident	Visitors	Resident	Visitors	Croisièrist	Année	Mois
		Résidents	Visiteurs	Résidents	Visiteurs	Résidents	Visiteurs	Résidents	Visiteurs	Résidents	Visiteurs	Résidents	Visiteurs	es		
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	Aug	1,836	8,960	37	859	1,873	9,819	1,774	9,339	17	548	1,791	9,887	9,403	2016	Aoû
2017	Aug	1,468	7,840	83	461	1,551	8,301	1,733	8,446	57	357	1,790	8,803	17,791	2017	Aoû
2018	Aug	1,425	8,575	39	397	1,464	8,972	2,441	11,810	15	453	2,456	12,263	10,751	2018	Aoû
2019	Aug	2,687	12,032	19	243	2,706	12,275	2,676	13,317	46	187	2,722	13,504	8,402	2019	Aoû
2020	Aug	141	-	-	-	141	-	29 237	15 49	-	-	29 237	15 49	-	2020	Aoû
	Sep Oct	1,156 705	-	-	-	1,156 705	-	228	22	-	-	228	22	-		Sep Oct
	Nov	515	_	_	_	515	_	94	28	_	_	94	28	_		Nov
	Dec	506	_	_	_	506	_	337	53	_	_	337	53	_		Dec
2021	Jan	325	_	-	_	325	_	660	15	_	_	660	15	_	2021	Jan
	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]

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

	Month							
Year		Holidays	Visiting Friends and relatives	Business, Meetings/ Conferences	Stop Over	Others, Education, sports	Total Visitors	Année Mois
		Vacances	Visite à des amis et	Affaires, réunions	Escale	Autres,		
			à la famille	ou conférence		education, 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	3	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
	Aug	6,992	900	1,010	62	855	9,819	2016 Aoû
	Aug	6,828	561	529	41	342	8,301	2017 Aoû
	Aug	7,212	687	711	20	342	8,972	2018 Aoû
2019	Aug	9,477	979	1,004	16	799	12,275	2019 Aoû
2020	Aug	-	-	-	-	-	-	2020 Aoû
	Sep	-	-	=	-	-	-	Sep
	Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oct
	Nov	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nov
	Dec	-	_	-	-	-	-	Dec
2021	Jan	_	-	-	-	-	-	2021 Jan
	Feb	-	-	-	-	-	-	Feb
	Mar	_	-	-	-	-	-	Mar
	Apr [p]	_	-	-	-	-	-	Avr [p]
	May [p]	-	_	_	-	-	-	Mai [p]
	Jun [p]	-	_	-	-	-	-	Juin [p]
	Jul[p]	-	_	-	-	-	-	Juil [p]
	Aug[p]	-	-	<del>-</del>	-	-	-	Aug[p]

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

		Australia 1	New Zealand	New Caledonia	Other Pacific Countries	Europe N	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	Aug	4,842	1,592	814	467	1,136	317	126	259	266	9,819	2016	Aoû
2017	Aug	4,081	1,234	1,278	317	537	236	157	269	192	8,301	2017	Aoû
2018	Aug	4,071	1,483	1,195	424	737	278	102	385	297	8,972	2018	Aoû
2019	Aug	5,700	2,048	1,354	753	931	322	157	531	479	12,275	2019	Aoû
2020	Aug	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2020	Aoû
	Sep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Sep
	Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Oct
	Nov	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Nov
	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Dec
2021	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2021	Jan
	Feb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Fév
	Mar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Mar
	Apr [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Avr [p]
	May [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Mai [p]
	Jun [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]				-	-		-		-	-		Aoû [p]

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

 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	Aug	1,233	212	149	19	86	58	61	28	27	1,873	2016	Aoû
2017	Aug	1,081	183	88	9	63	48	33	30	16	1,551	2017	Aoû
2018	Aug	1,186	95	54	7	39	34	32	11	6	1,464	2018	Aoû
2019	Aug	2,024	225	112	8	78	105	85	44	25	2,706	2019	Aoû
2020	Aug	132	-	6	-	2	-	1	-	-	141	2020	Aoû
	Sep	1,107	20	4	-	9	3	7	2	4	1,156		Sep
	Oct	646	43	3	-	5	6	-	-	2	705		Oct
	Nov	437	17	1	-	1	49	7	2	1	515		Nov
	Dec	449	23	15	2	3	10	2	-	2	506		Dec
2021	Jan	276	34	1	-	-	9	5	-	-	325	2021	Jan
	Feb	122	35	11	-	9	9	15	4	4	209		Fév
	Mar	184	34	2	-	10	17	25	4	3	279		Mar
	Apr [p]	193	27	8	-	9	5	2	-	1	245		Avr [p]
	May[p]	323	12	6	-	8	3	1	-	2	355		Mai [p]
	Jun [p]	223	22	3	2	4	106	9	2	5	376		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	63	21	3	-	4	1	1	2	3	98		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]	152	46	12	2	10	12	1	1	8	244		Aoû [p]

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

			New	New	Fiji	Solomon	Asia	Other Pacific	Europe	North	Other	Total		
		Australia	Zealand	Caledonia	Fidji	Islands	Asie	Countries		America	Countries			
Year	Month	Australie	Nouvelle	Nouvelle		iles		Autres pays		Amérique	Autres		Année	Mois
			Zélande	Caledonia		salomon		du pacifique		du nord	pays			
2020	Aug	3	118	6	-	-	2	12	-	-	-	141	2020	Aoû
	Sep	314	732	22	65	-	9	3	4	6	1	1156		Sep
	Oct	211	456	7	-	-	22	2	6	-	1	705		Oct
	Nov	49	288	6	101	-	68	1	-	2	-	515		Nov
	Dec	159	128	40	141	-	4	26	5	-	3	506		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]

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