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PREFACE

This bulletin is produced by the Statistics Department on monthly migration statistics of the Kingdom for the month of November 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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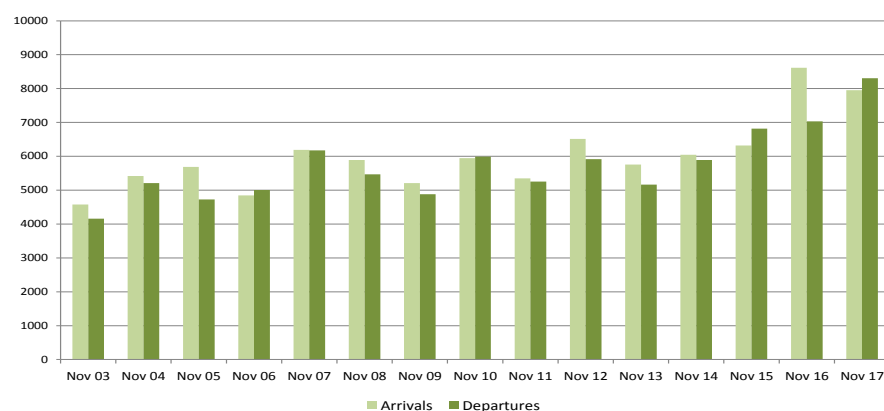
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Table 1.: Total Arrivals and Departures by annual percentage change and previous month

Month of November 2017	Number	Change from previous month (%)	Change from previous year (%)
All Arrivals	9,210	-12.8	-10.8
Air Visitors	4,278	-7.8	-27.2
Air Returning Residents	3,672	18.1	34.2
Cruise Ships	1,177	-51.5	-15.6
Yachts	83	-78.3	-73.6
All Departures	9,603	-12.5	11.0

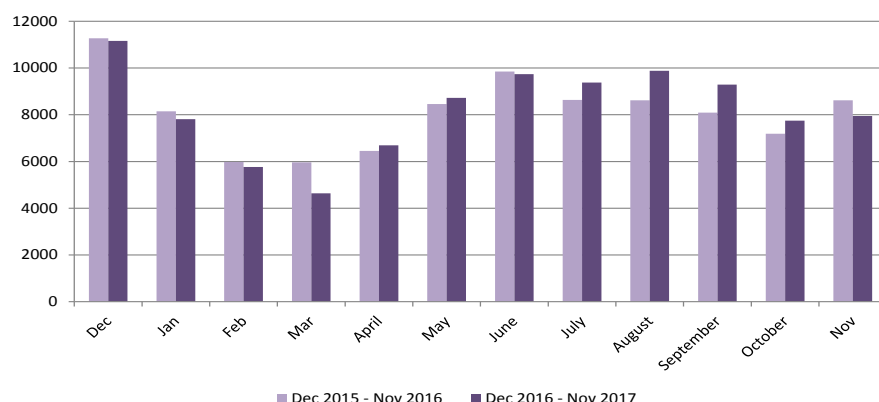
- A decline of 12.8% of all arrivals (9,210) compared to the previous month of October 2017 (10,556)
- A decline of 7.8% of all air visitors (4,278) compared to October 2017 (4,639)
- An increase of 18.1% (3,672) of returning residents compared to previous month (3,109)
- A decline of 51.5% (1,177) of arrivals by Cruise ships compared to October 2017 (2,425)
- A decline of 78.3 % of arrivals by yachts compared to October 2017 (383).
- A decline of 12.5% of all departures from October 2017.

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



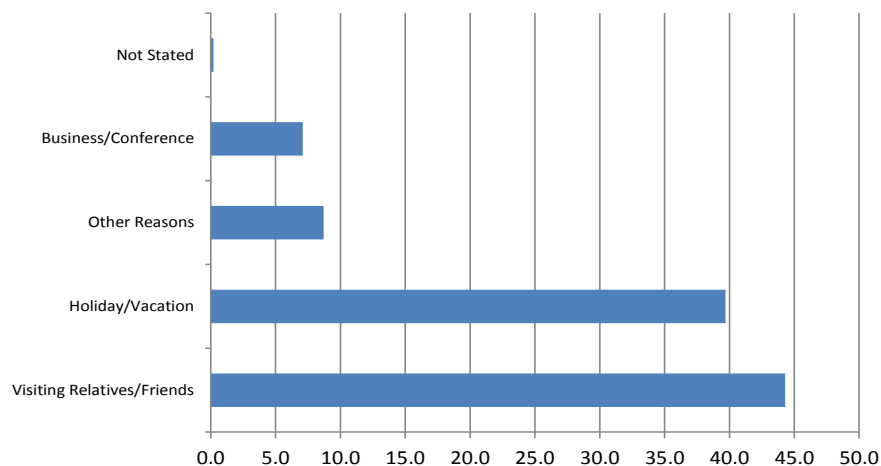
- Total air arrivals in November 2017 were 7,950 a decline of 7.7% compared to November 2016 (8,616).
- Total air departures of 8,305 in November 2017, an increase of 18.1% compared to November 2016 (7,033)

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



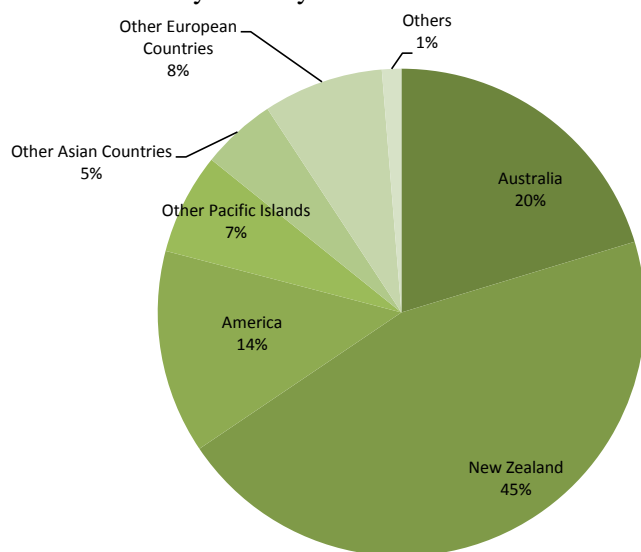
- Total air visitor arrivals in November 2017 were 4,278 a decline of 27.2% compared to November 2016 (5,880)

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



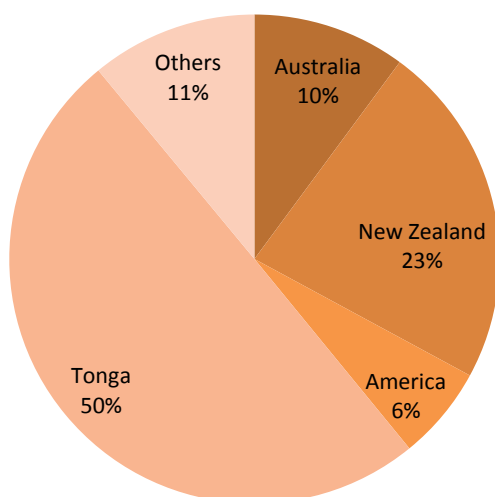
- 44.3% (1,894) of the total air visitors were here to Visit Relatives/Friends
- Holiday/Vacation made up 39.7% (1,698) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of November
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 7.1% (305) and those with other reasons were 8.7% (371)

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



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 45.2% (1,934) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 20.3 % (870), and America 13.5% (579)

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



- Most of the persons departing in the month of November were residents of Tonga (4,145) followed by New Zealand (1,897) and Australia (835)

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.

Table 1. Monthly Arrival and Departure by Mode of Travel and Net Migration, 2013 - 2017

	Visitors Arrivals				Returning Residents				Total Arrivals				Total Departures				Net
Period	Air	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	27,641	1,317	74,669	25,134			25,134	70,845	27,641	1,317	99,803	70,949	27,150	1,261	99,360	443
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
2013																	
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	5,415	-	282	5,697	2,183			2,183	7,598	-	282	7,880	7,747	-	220	7,967	(87)
August	4,753	-	305	5,058	2,051			2,051	6,804	-	305	7,109	7,227	-	267	7,494	(385)
September	4,068	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)
November	3,395	715	121	4,231	2,363			2,363	5,758	715	121	6,594	5,165	715	232	6,112	482
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	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)
Aug	5,090	-	201	5,291	1,432			1,432	6,522	-	201	6,723	6,753	-	192	6,945	(222)
September	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)
November	3,488	199	81	3,768	2,559			2,559	6,047	199	81	6,327	5,892	199	155	6,246	81
December	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	2,381	2,373	23	4,777	2,119			2,119	4,500	2,373	23	6,896	5,498	2,373	7	7,878	(982)
March	2,944	2,011	6	4,961	2,277			2,277	5,221	2,011	6	7,238	5,635	2,011	9	7,655	(417)
April	3,642	1,940	31	5,613	2,277			2,277	5,919	1,940	31	7,890	6,408	1,940	30	8,378	(488)
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)
September	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)
November	3,550	291	96	3,937	2,769			2,769	6,319	291	96	6,706	6,817	291	142	7,250	(544)
December	8,444	100	-	8,544	2,830			2,830	11,274	100	-	11,374	9,844	100	5	9,949	1,425
2016																	
January	3,581	-	-	3,581	4,569			4,569	8,150	-	-	8,150	9,441	-	1	9,442	(1,292)
February	3,259	5,474	-	8,733	2,720			2,720	5,979	5,474	-	11,453	7,592	5,467	-	13,059	(1,606)
March	3,315	1,411	4	4,730	2,653			2,653	5,968	1,411	4	7,383	7,073	1,411	4	8,488	(1,105)
April	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
September	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	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
December	8,108	5,155	12	13,275	3,049			3,049	11,157	5,155	12	16,324	10,041	5,161	6	15,208	1,116
2017																	
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
May	5,256	1,371	210	6,837	3,470			3,470	8,726	1,371	210	10,30,					

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

Age Group				Type of Passangers					
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	316	153	163	203	102	101	113	51	62
5-9	240	117	123	165	83	82	75	34	41
10-14	241	129	112	155	76	79	86	53	33
15-19	327	168	159	197	91	106	130	77	53
20-24	785	385	400	270	99	171	515	286	229
25-29	756	402	354	348	159	189	408	243	165
30-34	749	442	307	334	171	163	415	271	144
35-39	665	382	283	336	170	166	329	212	117
40-44	641	354	287	339	189	150	302	165	137
45-49	736	398	338	390	193	197	346	205	141
50-54	672	355	317	426	220	206	246	135	111
55-59	596	295	301	356	173	183	240	122	118
60-64	452	248	204	278	165	113	174	83	91
65-69	370	203	167	251	140	111	119	63	56
70-74	227	130	97	141	86	55	86	44	42
75+	177	86	91	89	44	45	88	42	46
Total	7,950	4,247	3,703	4,278	2,161	2,117	3,672	2,086	1,586
% Distribution	100.0	53.4	46.6	53.8	27.2	26.6	46.2	26.2	19.9

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

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	870	20.3	286	44	447	91	2
New Zealand	1,934	45.2	722	82	1032	92	6
Fiji	190	4.4	29	42	45	74	0
American Samoa	8	0.2	5	0	3	0	0
Western Samoa	27	0.6	8	12	6	1	0
Other Pacific Islands	62	1.4	10	23	23	6	0
Japan	32	0.7	17	4	6	5	0
China	104	2.4	63	18	7	16	0
India	13	0.3	3	8	0	2	0
Korea	9	0.2	6	0	0	3	0
Other Asian Countries	54	1.3	28	18	3	5	0
UK	72	1.7	53	8	6	5	0
Germany	82	1.9	73	2	5	2	0
France	28	0.7	18	3	6	1	0
Italy	9	0.2	5	1	2	1	0
Other European Countries	150	3.5	124	13	9	4	0
All African Countries	7	0.2	5	2	0	0	0
United States of America	579	13.5	208	19	290	60	2
Canada	27	0.6	22	1	4	0	0
Other American Countries	21	0.5	13	5	0	3	0
Total	4,278	100.0	1,698	305	1,894	371	10
% Distribution	100.0		39.7	7.1	44.3	8.7	0.2

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

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	121	2.9	168	4.0	289	3.5
5 - 9	115	2.8	127	3.1	242	2.9
10 - 14	156	3.8	112	2.7	268	3.2
15 - 19	279	6.7	133	3.2	412	5.0
20 - 24	595	14.4	241	5.8	836	10.1
25 - 29	535	12.9	344	8.3	879	10.6
30 - 34	481	11.6	352	8.5	833	10.0
35 - 39	374	9.0	347	8.3	721	8.7
40 - 44	328	7.9	371	8.9	699	8.4
45 - 49	347	8.4	419	10.1	766	9.2
50 - 54	259	6.2	419	10.1	678	8.2
55 - 59	177	4.3	364	8.8	541	6.5
60 - 64	157	3.8	269	6.5	426	5.1
65 - 69	94	2.3	264	6.3	358	4.3
70 - 74	65	1.6	147	3.5	212	2.6
75+	62	1.5	83	2.0	145	1.7
All Ages	4,145	100.0	4,160	100.0	8,305	100.0
YACHT	-	-	120		120	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	1,178		1,178	0
Total	4,145	100.0	5,458	100.0	9,603	100.0

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

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution
Australia	419	8.9	416	11.5	835	10.1
New Zealand	914	19.5	983	27.2	1,897	22.8
Fiji	104	2.2	65	1.8	169	2.0
American Samoa	5	0.1	7	0.2	12	0.1
Western Samoa	12	0.3	7	0.2	19	0.2
Tonga	2,557	54.6	1,588	43.9	4,145	49.9
Other Pacific Islands	32	0.7	23	0.6	55	0.7
Japan	25	0.5	11	0.3	36	0.4
China	90	1.9	29	0.8	119	1.4
India	6	0.1	9	0.2	15	0.2
Korea	2	0.0	1	0.0	3	0.0
Other Asian Countries	32	0.7	20	0.6	52	0.6
UK	39	0.8	37	1.0	76	0.9
Germany	45	1.0	33	0.9	78	0.9
France	10	0.2	15	0.4	25	0.3
Italy	11	0.2	4	0.1	15	0.2
Other European Countries	95	2.0	70	1.9	165	2.0
All African Countries	5	0.1	5	0.1	10	0.1
United States of America	252	5.4	264	7.3	516	6.2
Canada	17	0.4	25	0.7	42	0.5
Other American Countries	14	0.3	7	0.2	21	0.3
Total	4,686	100.0	3,619	100.0	8,305	100.0



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