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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.

## **OCTOBER 2021, PROVISONAL KEY FINDINGS**

## **International Visitor arrivals**

- The International visitor arrival by air and cruise ship in October 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 October 2021 went down to 319 a decreased of 55 percent compared to October of 2020 when it stood at 705.
- Over the Previous month it increased from 44 to 319
- Out of the 319 residents, 258 are males and 61 are females.

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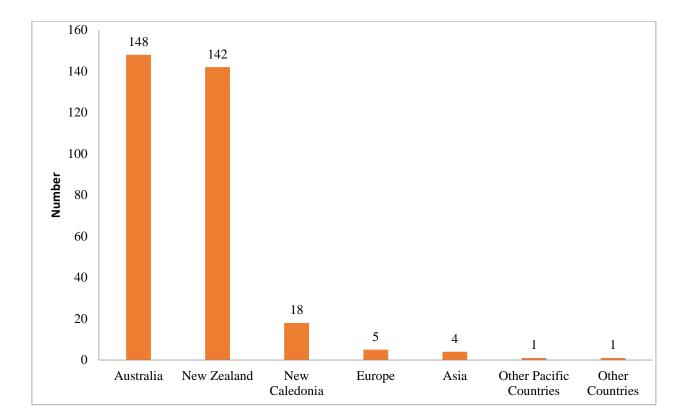


Fig 1: RESIDENT ARRIVALS BY MAIN COUNTRY VISITED, OCTOBER 2021

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

- Australia (46%)
- New Zealand (45%)
- New Caledonia (6%)
- Europe (2%)
- Asia (1%)
- Other Pacific Countries & Other Countries (< 1%)

## Resident arrivals by purpose of absence;

- Others (295), including those who stated their occupation type as seasonal employment and other types of jobs
- Business/conference/convention (17)
- Education (7)

## 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							DEPA		Cruiseship					
		PORT VILA LUGANVILLE		TOTAL		PORT	PORT VILA		LUGANVILLE		TOTAL					
Year	Month	Residents	Visitors	Residents	Visitors	Residents	Visitors	Resident	Visitor	Resident	Visitors	Resident	Visitors	Arrivals/ Croisièristes	Année	Mois
		Résidents	Visiteurs	Résidents	Visiteurs	Résidents	Visiteurs	Résidents	Visiteurs	Résidents	Visiteurs	Résidents				
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	Oct	1,791	9,127	22	484	1,813	9,611	1,540	4,808	14	402	1,554	5,210	17,340	2016	Oct
2017	Oct	2,133	10,131	88	480	2,221	10,611	2,157	11,545	71	583	2,228	12,128	12,024	2017	Oct
2018	Oct	2,116	9,865	50	544	2,166	10,409	2,947	12,945	15	706	2,962	13,651	16,114	2018	Oct
2019	Oct	3,090	10,516	16	364	3,106	10,880	3,818	13,287	46	260	3,864	13,547	12,863	2019	Oct
2020	Oct	705	-	-	-	705 51.5	-	228	22			228	22	-	2020	Oct
	Nov	515	-	-	-	515	-	94	28			94	28	-		Nov
2021	Dec	506	-	-	-	506	-	337	53			337	53	-	2021	Dec
2021	Jan	325	-	-	-	325 209	-	660	15		-	660	15	-	2021	Jan
	Feb	209 279	-	-	-	209 279	-	936 882	15		-	936 882	15	-		Fév Mar
	Mar	245	-	-	-	245	-	575	-		-	575	-	-		
	Apr [p]	355	-	-	-	355	-	688	-		· -	688	-	-		Avr [p] Mai [p]
	May[p]	376	-	-	-	376	-	1,041	-		· -	1,041	-	-		_
	Jun[p] Jul[p]	98	_	_	_	98	-	822	-		· -	822	-	-		Juin [p] 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]

<sup>-</sup> 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 Month	Holidays	Visiting Friends and relatives	Business, Meetings/ Conferences	Stop Over	Others, Education, sports	Total Visitors	Année Moi					
	Vacances			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 Oct	6,956	817	951	59	828	9,611	2016 Oct					
2017 Oct	8,125	769	975	60	682	10,611	2017 Oct					
2018 Oct	8,147	691	740	65	766	10,409	2018 Oct					
2019 Oct	8,761	667	677	82	693	10,880	2019 Oct					
2020 Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	2020 Oct					
Nov	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nov					
Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dec					
2021 Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	2021 Jan					
Feb	-	-	-	-	-	-	Feb					
Mar	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mar					
Apr [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	Avr					
May [p]	_	-	_	_	_	_	Mai [					
Jun [p]	_	-	_	_	_	_	Juin					
Jul[p]	_	-	_	_	_	_	Juil [					
Aug[p]	_	-	_	_	-	_	Aug					
Sep [p]	_	_	_	_	_	_	Sep [					
Oct [p]				_			Oct [					

- No visitors/residents were recorded for the reference month

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	Oct	5,193	1,047	820	565	1,079	359	53	240	255	9,611	2016	Oct
2017	Oct	5,456	1,208	1,728	646	611	281	112	318	251	10,611	2017	Oct
2018	Oct	5,731	1,302	1,246	551	679	273	65	292	270	10,409	2018	Oct
2019	Oct	5,679	1,487	1,307	567	795	305	69	414	257	10,880	2019	Oct
2020	Oct	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	2020	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]
	Sep [p]	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-		Oct [p]

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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- Zélandais	Asiatiques	Autres pays du Pacifique	Américain du Nord	Autres pays		Année	Mois
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	Oct	1,275	213	104	12	58	51	46	30	24	1,813	2016	Oct
2017	Oct	1,652	247	71	20	74	66	50	20	21	2,221	2017	Oct
2018	Oct	1,531	246	106	11	77	87	50	30	28	2,166	2018	Oct
2019	Oct	2,385	244	100	17	94	132	48	42	44	3,106	2019	Oct
2020	Oct	646	43	3	-	5	6	-	-	2	705	2020	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]
	Sep [p]	6	1	-	-	-	37	-	-	-	44		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	206	88	4	2	10	6	-	-	3	319		Oct [p]

p: provisitiona figures

- No visitors/residents were recorded for the reference month

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

		Australia	New Zealand	New Caledonia	Fiji Fidji	Solomon Islands	Asia Asie	Other Pacific Countries	Europe	North America	Other Countries	Total		
Year	Month	Australie	Nouvelle Zélande	Nouvelle Caledonia		iles salomon		Autres pays du pacifique		Amérique du nord	Autres pays		Année	Mois
2020	Oct	211	456	7	-	-	22	2	6	=	1	705	2020	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]
	Sep [p]	6	-	-	-	-	38	-	-	-	-	44		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	148	142	18	-	-	4	1	5	-	1	319		Oct [p]

Source: Department of Customs/Département des douanes

p: provisional figures

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