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## 1. ARRIVALS

### 1.1 TOTAL ARRIVALS

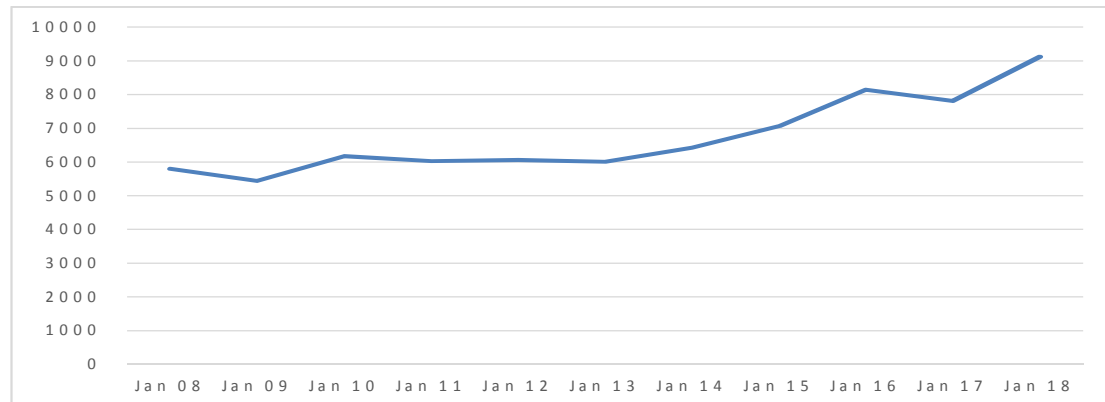
Table 1.:Total Arrivals by annual and previous month percentage change

January 2018	Number	Change from previous month (%)	Change from previous year (%)
All Arrivals	12,475	-4.3	24.7
Air Visitors	4,294	-55.4	28.1
Air Returning Residents	4,828	42.6	8.2
Cruise Ships	3,346	0.0	53.0
Yachts	7	-73.1	-12.5

The total International Arrival Statistics recorded for the reference period (table 1) revealed a decrease of 4.3 percent when compared to previous month but increase by 24.7 percent over the corresponding month of last year - January 2017.

Air is the most widely used mode of travel to Tonga, accounting for 73.1 percent (9,122) total arrivals while those that arrived by Sea accounted for the remaining 26.9 percent (3,353).

Fig 1.1 January Air Arrivals, 2006 - 2018

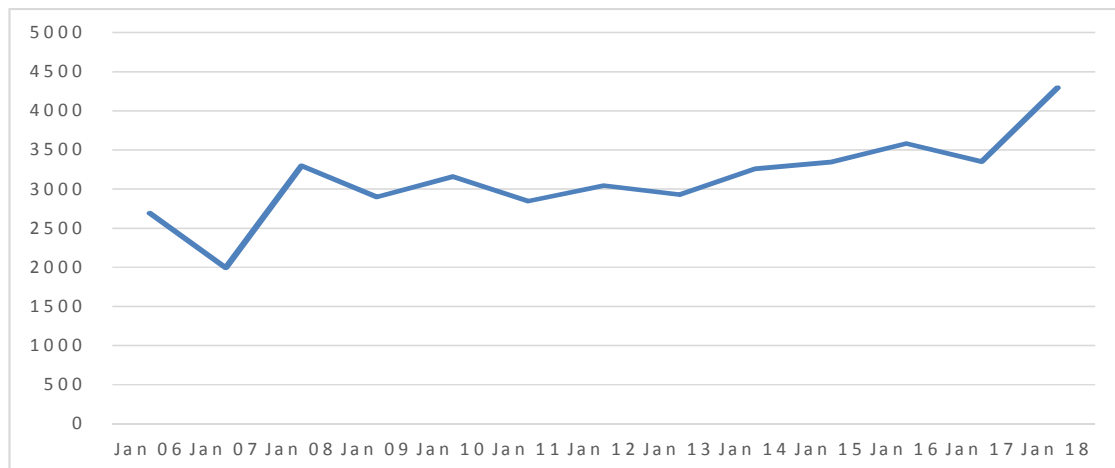


Total Air arrivals in January 2018 were 9,122, an increase of 16.7 from January 2017 (7,813). Fig 1.1 clearly showed the trend of air arrivals from January 2008 to January 2018 is increasing.

### 1.2 TOTAL AIR VISITORS

Total Visitors of 4,294 for the month of January revealed a decrease of 55.4 percent over the previous month and an increase of 28.1 percent compared to the previous year.

Fig 1.2 Total Air Visitors for January, 2006 - 2018



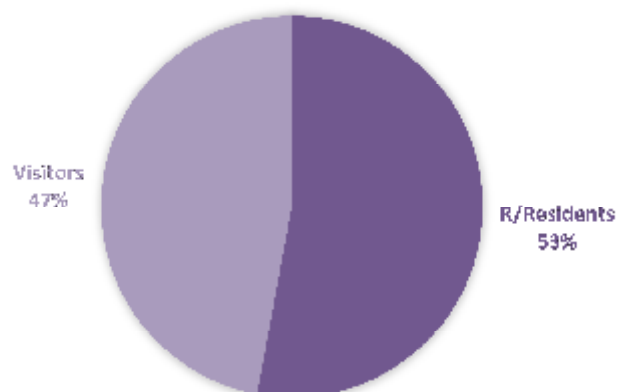
### 1.3 TOTAL ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF ENTRY

Returning Residents made up the largest component of all arrivals with 25.6 percent recorded for males (2,333) and 27.4 percent for females (2,495).

Male and female Visitors made up 23.2 percent (2,119) and 23.8 percent (2,175) respectively of total arrivals

The majority of inbound travelers to Tonga during the reference period were aged between 30 and 34 years.

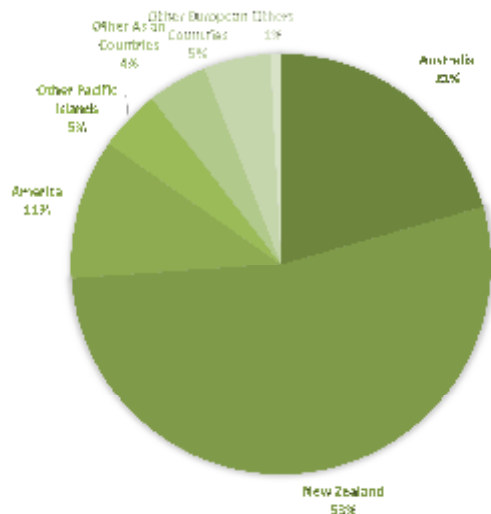
Fig 1.3. Total Arrivals by Purpose of Visit



#### 1.4 VISITORS BY COUNTRY OF USUAL RESIDENCE

New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrival by country of usual residence (Table 3 Appendix) accounting for 53.3 percent or 2,287 of total visitors. This was followed by Australia with 20.6 percent (884) and America 10.8 percent (464).

**Fig. 1.4 Air Visitors by Country of Usual Residence January 2018**

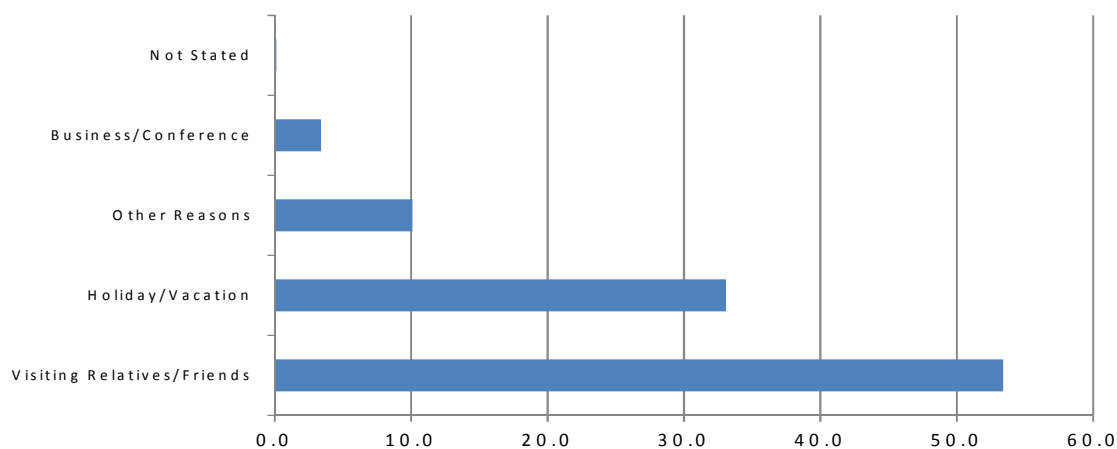


#### 1.5 VISITORS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT

As illustrated in Table 3 (Appendix) New Zealand, Australia and US constituted 84.7 percent of all visitors visiting Tonga while other countries round up the remaining 15.3 percent during the reference period.

Visitors that entered the kingdom to visit friends and relatives accounted for 53.4 percent. Those that were on holiday/vacation accounted for 33.1 percent of all visitors while Business and Conference visitors made up 3.4 percent. Those who were here for other purposes were 10.1 percent.

**Fig. 1.5 Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit January, 2018**



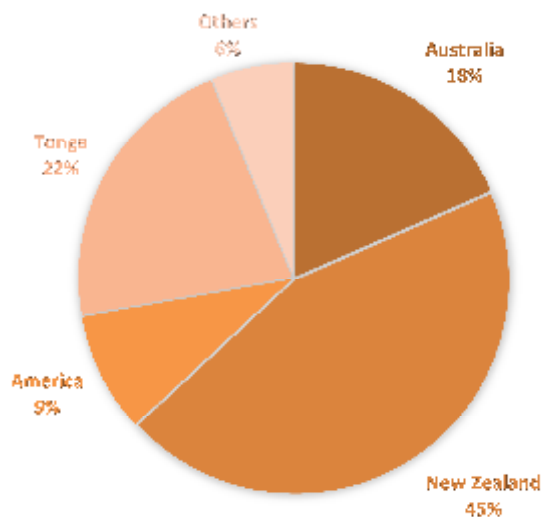
## DEPARTURES

Table 2.:Total Departures by annual and previous month percentage change

January 2018	Number	Change from previous month (%)	Change from previous year (%)
All Departures	12,147	19.5	26.3
Air Visitors	9,515	104.2	25.3
Air Returning Residents	2,632	-52.2	29.8
Cruise Ships	3,349	0.0	53.3
Yachts	6	-83.8	-14.3

Table 2 illustrate the total international departures for January 2018 with an increase of 19.5 percentage from previous month (December 2017) and again an increase of 26.3 percentage from previous year (January 2017)

**Fig. 1.6 Air Departures by country of usual residence January 2018**



Most of the persons departing in the month of January were residents of New Zealand (5, 430) followed by Tonga (2,629) and Australia (2,239)

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	10,307	7,599	1,366	131	9,096	1,211
June	6,54																

Table 2. Total Arrivals by Age, Type of Passangers and Gender January, 2018

Age Group				Type of Passangers					
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	502	264	238	238	128	110	264	136	128
5-9	596	302	294	255	139	116	341	163	178
10-14	720	369	351	273	155	118	447	214	233
15-19	808	396	412	299	137	162	509	259	250
20-24	756	327	429	324	124	200	432	203	229
25-29	715	324	391	283	123	160	432	201	231
30-34	738	342	396	348	165	183	390	177	213
35-39	688	349	339	319	155	164	369	194	175
40-44	669	338	331	336	177	159	333	161	172
45-49	696	353	343	364	183	181	332	170	162
50-54	653	340	313	359	193	166	294	147	147
55-59	544	249	295	316	146	170	228	103	125
60-64	411	207	204	230	119	111	181	88	93
65-69	300	154	146	185	101	84	115	53	62
70-74	162	74	88	103	49	54	59	25	34
75+	164	64	100	62	25	37	102	39	63
Total	9,122	4,452	4,670	4,294	2,119	2,175	4,828	2,333	2,495
% Distribution	100.0	48.8	51.2	47.1	23.2	23.8	52.9	25.6	27.4

Table 3. Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit January, 2018

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	884	20.6	324	22	429	109	0
New Zealand	2,287	53.3	619	51	1451	163	3
Fiji	153	3.6	15	15	53	70	0
American Samoa	4	0.1	3	0	1	0	0
Western Samoa	10	0.2	2	2	6	0	0
Other Pacific Islands	39	0.9	4	3	18	14	0
Japan	45	1.0	16	15	10	4	0
China	104	2.4	75	5	10	14	0
India	2	0.0	0	0	2	0	0
Korea	7	0.2	6	1	0	0	0
Other Asian Countries	39	0.9	19	10	7	3	0
UK	64	1.5	41	3	13	7	0
Germany	37	0.9	32	1	4	0	0
France	23	0.5	16	4	0	2	1
Italy	7	0.2	6	1	0	0	0
Other European Countries	89	2.1	75	5	7	2	0
All African Countries	5	0.1	3	0	1	1	0
United States of America	464	10.8	139	7	278	40	0
Canada	23	0.5	18	0	3	2	0
Other American Countries	8	0.2	7	0	0	1	0
Total	4,294	100.0	1,420	145	2,293	432	4
% Distribution	100.0		33.1	3.4	53.4	10.1	0.1

Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for January, 2018

Age Group	Returning Residence	Percentage Distribution	Visitors	Percentage Distribution	Total	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	102	3.9	659	6.9	761	6.3
5 - 9	94	3.6	824	8.7	918	7.6
10 - 14	116	4.4	804	8.4	920	7.6
15 - 19	226	8.6	831	8.7	1057	8.7
20 - 24	354	13.4	706	7.4	1060	8.7
25 - 29	334	12.7	638	6.7	972	8.0
30 - 34	266	10.1	661	6.9	927	7.6
35 - 39	201	7.6	627	6.6	828	6.8
40 - 44	194	7.4	673	7.1	867	7.1
45 - 49	213	8.1	772	8.1	985	8.1
50 - 54	163	6.2	716	7.5	879	7.2
55 - 59	123	4.7	615	6.5	738	6.1
60 - 64	99	3.8	398	4.2	497	4.1
65 - 69	62	2.4	301	3.2	363	3.0
70 - 74	34	1.3	151	1.6	185	1.5
75+	51	1.9	139	1.5	190	1.6
All Ages	2,632	100.0	9,515	100.0	12,147	100.0
YACHT	-	-	6		6	0
CRUISE SHIP	-	-	3,349		3,349	0
Total	2,632	100.0	12,870	100.0	15,502	100.0

Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender January, 2018

Country of Usual Residence	Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution	No.	Distribution
Australia	1,083	17.7	1,156	19.2	2,239	18.4
New Zealand	2,611	42.6	2,819	46.8	5,430	44.7
Fiji	101	1.6	96	1.6	197	1.6
American Samoa	12	0.2	15	0.2	27	0.2
Western Samoa	18	0.3	19	0.3	37	0.3
Tonga	1,474	24.0	1,155	19.2	2,629	21.6
Other Pacific Islands	31	0.5	25	0.4	56	0.5
Japan	34	0.6	9	0.1	43	0.4
China	62	1.0	48	0.8	110	0.9
India	5	0.1	2	0.0	7	0.1
Korea	4	0.1	2	0.0	6	0.0
Other Asian Countries	27	0.4	9	0.1	36	0.3
UK	39	0.6	24	0.4	63	0.5
Germany	21	0.3	9	0.1	30	0.2
France	12	0.2	10	0.2	22	0.2
Italy	3	0.0	5	0.1	8	0.1
Other European Countries	45	0.7	26	0.4	71	0.6
All African Countries	13	0.2	10	0.2	23	0.2
United States of America	525	8.6	568	9.4	1,093	9.0
Canada	8	0.1	7	0.1	15	0.1
Other American Countries	1	0.0	4	0.1	5	0.0
Total	6,129	100.0	6,018	100.0	12,147	100.0





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