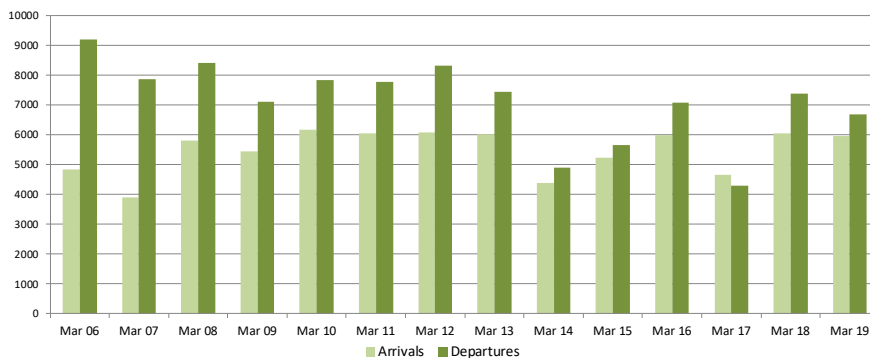


**Table 1:** Total Arrivals by annual and previous month percentage change.

March 2019	Number	Change from previous month (%)	Change from previous year (%)
All Arrivals	11,532	29.9	26.5
Air Visitors	3,109	14.8	9.7
Air Returning Residents	2,846	4.7	-11.2
Cruise Ships	5,570	61.5	81.9
Yachts	7	0.0	-50.0

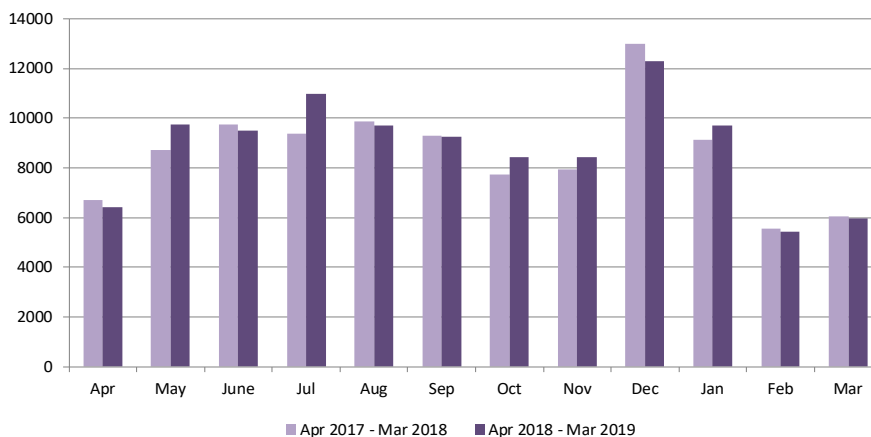
- An increase of 29.9% of all arrivals (11,532) compared to the previous month of February 2019 (8,876)
- An increase of 14.8% of all air visitors (3,109) compared to February 2019 (2,709)
- Again an increase of 4.7% (2,846) of returning residents compared to the previous month (2,719)
- An increase of 61.5% (5,570) of arrivals by Cruise ships compared to February 2019 (3,448)
- There were only 7 arrivals by yachts for the month of March 2018

**Fig. 1.** March Air Arrivals and Departures 2006 - 2018



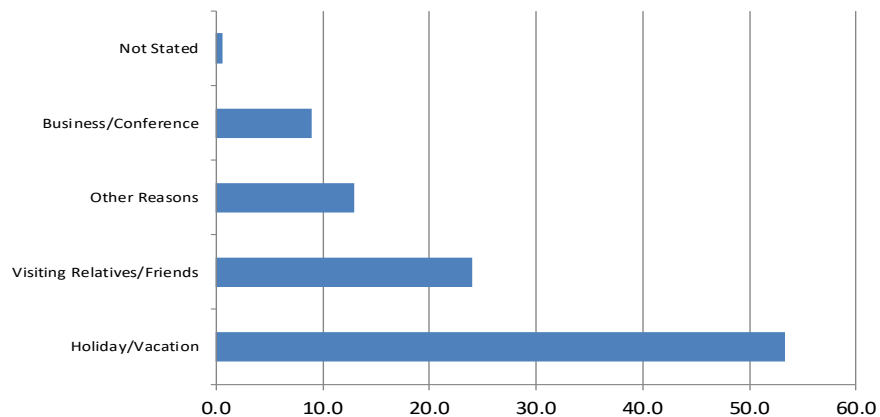
- Total air arrivals in March 2019 were 5,955 a decline of 1.0% compared to March 2018 (6,040).
- Total air departures of 6,686 in March 2019, again a decline of 9.0% compared to March 2018 (7,376)

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



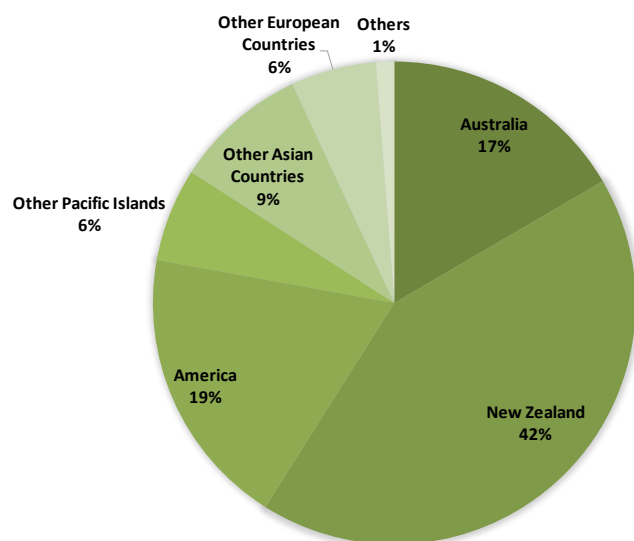
- Total air visitor arrivals in March 2019 were 3,109 an increase of 10.0% compared to March 2018 (2,835)

Fig. 3. Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit March, 2019



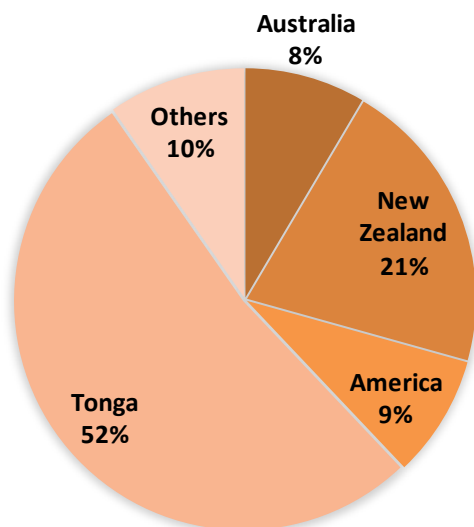
- 53.3% (1,656) of the total air visitors were here on Holiday/Vacation
- Visiting relatives/friends made up 24.0% (747) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of March
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 9.0% (281) and those with other reasons were 13.0% (405)

Fig. 4. Air Visitors by Country of Usual Residence March, 2019



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 42.4% (1,317) of total air visitors
- This was followed by America with 18.9 % (588), and Australia 16.6% (515)

Fig. 5. Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence March 2019



- Most of the persons departing in the month of March were residents of Tonga (3,495) followed by New Zealand (1,393) and America (578)

## Definitions

- ▶ **A Visitor** is a person other than a Tongan citizen, the permit holder and exempted person, who usually stay at least 24 hours in the Kingdom, or who stay 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 on the same vessel which is on a cruise trip and uses 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, 2014 - 2019**

	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
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
2017	62,506	21,719	2,354	86,579	38,124			38,124	100,630	21,719	2,344	124,693	99,280	21,698	1,992	122,970	(3,857)
2018	54,046	21,708	1,559	77,306	51,428			51,428	105,474	21,708	1,559	128,741	108,770	21,714	1,602	132,086	(3,352)
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	6,545	1,690	363	8,598	3,189			3,189	9,734	1,690	363	11,787	8,087	1,690	456	10,233	(1,554)
July	6,276	-	335	6,611	3,100			3,100	9,376	-	335	9,711	10,410	-	282	10,692	981
August	6,810	1,354	288	8,452	3,071			3,071	9,881	1,354	288	11,523	10,047	1,354	276	11,677	154
September	6,390	3,719	625	10,734	2,900			2,900	9,290	3,719	615	13,624	9,188	3,719	370	13,277	(347)
October	4,639	2,425	383	7,447	3,109			3,109	7,748	2,425	383	10,556	8,255	2,417	302	10,974	418
November	4,278	1,177	83	5,538	3,672			3,672	7,950	1,177	83	9,210	8,305	1,178	120	9,603	393
December	9,625	-	26	9,651	3,385			3,385	13,010	-	26	13,036	10,164	-	37	10,201	(2,835)
2018																	
Jan	4,294	3,346	7	7,640	4,828			4,828	9,122	3,346	7	12,475	12,147	3,349	6	15,502	(3,034)
Feb	2,336	1,520	-	3,856	3,217			3,217	5,553	1,520	-	7,073	6,686	1,526	-	8,212	(1,139)
Mar	2,835	3,062	14	5,911	3,205			3,205	6,040	3,062	14	9,116	7,376	3,062	1	10,439	(1,323)
Apr	3,099	2,344	34	5,477	3,309			3,309	6,408	2,344	34	8,786	6,454	2,343	39	8,836	(50)
May	4,348	627	166	5,141	5,385			5,385	9,733	627	166	10,526	8,275	631	56	8,962	1,564
Jun	4,785	3,318	305	8,408	4,711			4,711	9,496	3,318	305	13,119	7,962	3,316	275	11,553	1,566
Jul	7,011	1,861	174	9,046	3,960			3,960	10,971	1,861	174	13,006	11,444	1,863	272	13,579	(573)
Aug	5,855	-	252	6,107	3,868			3,868	9,723	-	252						

Table 2. Total Arrivals by Age, Type of Passangers and Gender March, 2019

Age Group				Type of Passangers					
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	233	126	107	141	78	63	92	48	44
5-9	149	71	78	73	29	44	76	42	34
10-14	136	72	64	92	47	45	44	25	19
15-19	236	123	113	134	65	69	102	58	44
20-24	479	269	210	188	90	98	291	179	112
25-29	504	245	259	199	89	110	305	156	149
30-34	505	274	231	254	136	118	251	138	113
35-39	550	314	236	273	156	117	277	158	119
40-44	506	283	223	278	168	110	228	115	113
45-49	553	309	244	303	180	123	250	129	121
50-54	643	358	285	370	213	157	273	145	128
55-59	499	283	216	286	168	118	213	115	98
60-64	343	183	160	205	125	80	138	58	80
65-69	285	154	131	154	90	64	131	64	67
70-74	175	102	73	99	59	40	76	43	33
75+	159	71	88	60	27	33	99	44	55
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,955</b>	<b>3,237</b>	<b>2,718</b>	<b>3,109</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>1,389</b>	<b>2,846</b>	<b>1,517</b>	<b>1,329</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>54.4</b>	<b>45.6</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>47.8</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>22.3</b>

Table 3. Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit March, 2019

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	515	16.6	256	48	140	70	1
New Zealand	1,317	42.4	697	71	406	134	9
Fiji	139	4.5	31	46	22	37	3
American Samoa	3	0.1	2	0	0	1	0
Western Samoa	14	0.5	4	6	3	1	0
Other Pacific Islands	39	1.3	11	10	11	7	0
Japan	94	3.0	59	11	5	19	0
China	106	3.4	76	18	7	5	0
India	11	0.4	0	6	0	5	0
Korea	12	0.4	7	5	0	0	0
Other Asian Countries	55	1.8	23	13	3	15	1
UK	56	1.8	39	2	4	11	0
Germany	37	1.2	34	2	1	0	0
France	16	0.5	7	9	0	0	0
Italy	2	0.1	1	0	0	1	0
Other European Countries	67	2.2	50	5	3	8	1
All African Countries	10	0.3	9	0	1	0	0
United States of America	588	18.9	337	22	138	86	5
Canada	20	0.6	9	3	3	5	0
Other American Countries	8	0.3	4	4	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,109</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,656</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>53.3</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>

**Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for March, 2019**

<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Returning Residence</i>	<i>Percentage Distribution</i>	<i>Visitors</i>	<i>Percentage Distribution</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percentage Distribution</i>
0 - 4	98	2.8	127	4.0	225	3.4
5 - 9	72	2.0	91	2.9	163	2.4
10 - 14	46	1.3	90	2.8	136	2.0
15 - 19	118	3.4	134	4.2	252	3.8
20 - 24	496	14.2	181	5.7	677	10.1
25 - 29	456	13.0	230	7.2	686	10.3
30 - 34	359	10.3	252	7.9	611	9.1
35 - 39	341	9.8	295	9.2	636	9.5
40 - 44	305	8.7	284	8.9	589	8.8
45 - 49	292	8.4	286	9.0	578	8.6
50 - 54	291	8.3	345	10.8	636	9.5
55 - 59	226	6.5	297	9.3	523	7.8
60 - 64	149	4.3	217	6.8	366	5.5
65 - 69	114	3.3	174	5.5	288	4.3
70 - 74	78	2.2	104	3.3	182	2.7
75+	55	1.6	84	2.6	139	2.1
<b>All Ages</b>	<b>3,495</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,686</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>YACHT</b>	-	-	3		3	0
<b>CRUISE SHIP</b>	-	-	5,569		5,569	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,495</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,762</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12,258</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender March, 2019**

<i>Country of Usual Residence</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percent</i>
	<i>No.</i>	<i>Distribution</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Distribution</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Distribution</i>
Australia	318	8.4	253	8.7	571	8.5
New Zealand	714	18.8	679	23.5	1,393	20.8
Fiji	81	2.1	45	1.6	126	1.9
American Samoa	1	0.0	3	0.1	4	0.1
Western Samoa	7	0.2	10	0.4	17	0.3
Tonga	2,047	54.0	1,448	50.0	3,495	52.3
Other Pacific Islands	10	0.3	12	0.4	22	0.3
Japan	78	2.1	37	1.3	115	1.7
China	57	1.5	29	1.0	86	1.3
India	6	0.2	-	-	6	0.1
Korea	10	0.3	3	0.1	13	0.2
Other Asian Countries	24	0.6	12	0.4	36	0.5
UK	35	0.9	15	0.5	50	0.7
Germany	33	0.9	11	0.4	44	0.7
France	9	0.2	8	0.3	17	0.3
Italy	2	0.1	-	-	2	0.0
Other European Countries	44	1.2	29	1.0	73	1.1
All African Countries	2	0.1	2	0.1	4	0.1
United States of America	293	7.7	285	9.8	578	8.6
Canada	13	0.4	8	0.3	21	0.3
Other American Countries	5	0.1	5	0.2	10	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,790</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,895</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,685</b>	<b>100.0</b>