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## PROVISIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS – JULY 2019

Provisional numbers show that 96,376 visitors arrived into the country in July 2019. The number was a record for the month of July and represents an increase of 1.4% compared to a year earlier.

Increases were recorded in the number of visitors from Australia [1,191 or 3.3% to 36,799]; the United States of America [822 or 9.0% to 9,926]; Pacific Islands [446 or 10.1% to 4,849]; the United Kingdom [149 or 8.0% to 2,020] and Continental Europe [149 or 4.4% to 3,541].

There were decreases in the number of visitors only from New Zealand [down 609 or 2.1% to 27,963]; China [down 448 or 9.2% to 4,439]; Japan [down 165 or 9.5% to 1,571]; South Korea [down 110 or 15.4% to 602]; Canada [down 74 or 4.4% to 1,601] and Rest of Asia [down 70 or 2.7% to 2,556].

Visitors arriving for holiday purposes accounted for 74.1% of total arrivals, 11.4% came to visit their friends or relatives 2.5% came for business purposes, while 12.0% visited Fiji for other reasons.

Table 1 below presents actual numbers and the 2019 and 2018 comparisons of visitor arrivals for the month of July, January to July and twelve months to July 2019.

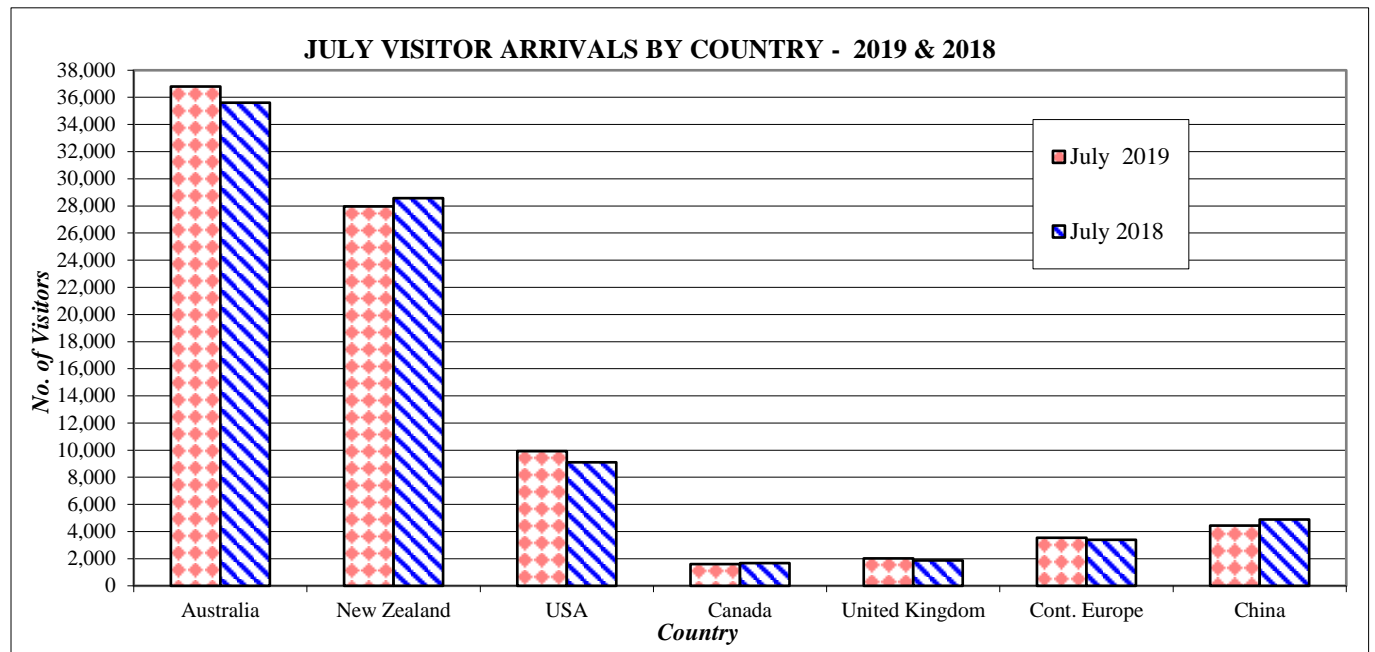
**Table 1**

	JULY			JANUARY TO JULY						12 MONTHS TO JULY		
	2019	2018	% CHANGE	2019	% TO TOTAL	2018	% TO TOTAL	% CHANGE		2019	2018	% CHANGE
<b>ARRIVALS</b>												
Australia	36,799	35,608	3.3	200,625	39.8	195,455	40.8	2.6		370,830	365,517	1.5
New Zealand	27,963	28,572	-2.1	111,712	22.2	106,211	22.2	5.2		204,219	193,767	5.4
USA	9,926	9,104	9.0	56,840	11.3	51,127	10.7	11.2		91,788	84,570	8.5
Canada	1,601	1,675	-4.4	8,015	1.6	7,705	1.6	4.0		13,530	12,821	5.5
United Kingdom	2,020	1,871	8.0	10,554	2.1	9,657	2.0	9.3		17,194	16,291	5.5
Cont. Europe	3,541	3,392	4.4	20,027	4.0	19,939	4.2	0.4		37,521	35,287	6.3
Japan	1,571	1,736	-9.5	8,241	1.6	4,343	0.9	89.8		15,801	7,047	124.2
China	4,439	4,887	-9.2	28,807	5.7	29,942	6.3	-3.8		48,136	49,358	-2.5
South Korea	602	712	-15.4	4,639	0.9	4,818	1.0	-3.7		7,997	8,865	-9.8
Rest of Asia	2,556	2,626	-2.7	18,613	3.7	16,228	3.4	14.7		29,313	26,707	9.8
Pacific Islands	4,849	4,403	10.1	32,599	6.5	30,561	6.4	6.7		53,692	53,647	0.1
Others	509	475	7.2	3,199	0.6	3,057	0.6	4.6		5,116	5,256	-2.7
<b>TOTAL VISITORS</b>	<b>96,376</b>	<b>95,061</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>503,871</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>479,043</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5.2</b>		<b>895,137</b>	<b>859,133</b>	<b>4.2</b>

*Note: Visitor statistics are released monthly using data sourced from the Immigration System. The limited number of tables released is due to the new system which came on line in April 2013.*

Figure 1 below is a graphical comparison of Visitor Arrivals by Country for July 2019 and 2018.

**Figure 1**



In the moving twelve-monthly numbers ending July 2019, the total number of visitors to Fiji increased by 4.2% compared with the same period in 2018. Visitors from Japan increased by [124.2%]; Rest of Asia [9.8%]; the United States of America [8.5%]; Continental Europe [6.3%]; both Canada and the United Kingdom [5.5%]; New Zealand [5.4%]; Australia [1.5%] and Pacific Islands [0.1%].

Decreases were recorded for visitors from South Korea [9.8%]; Other Countries [2.7%] and China [2.5%].

January to July 2019, showed that visitor arrivals increased by 5.2% over the corresponding period in 2018, up from 479,043 to 503,871.

Figure 2 below shows a graphical comparison of visitor arrivals by country during the period January to July 2019.

**Figure 2**

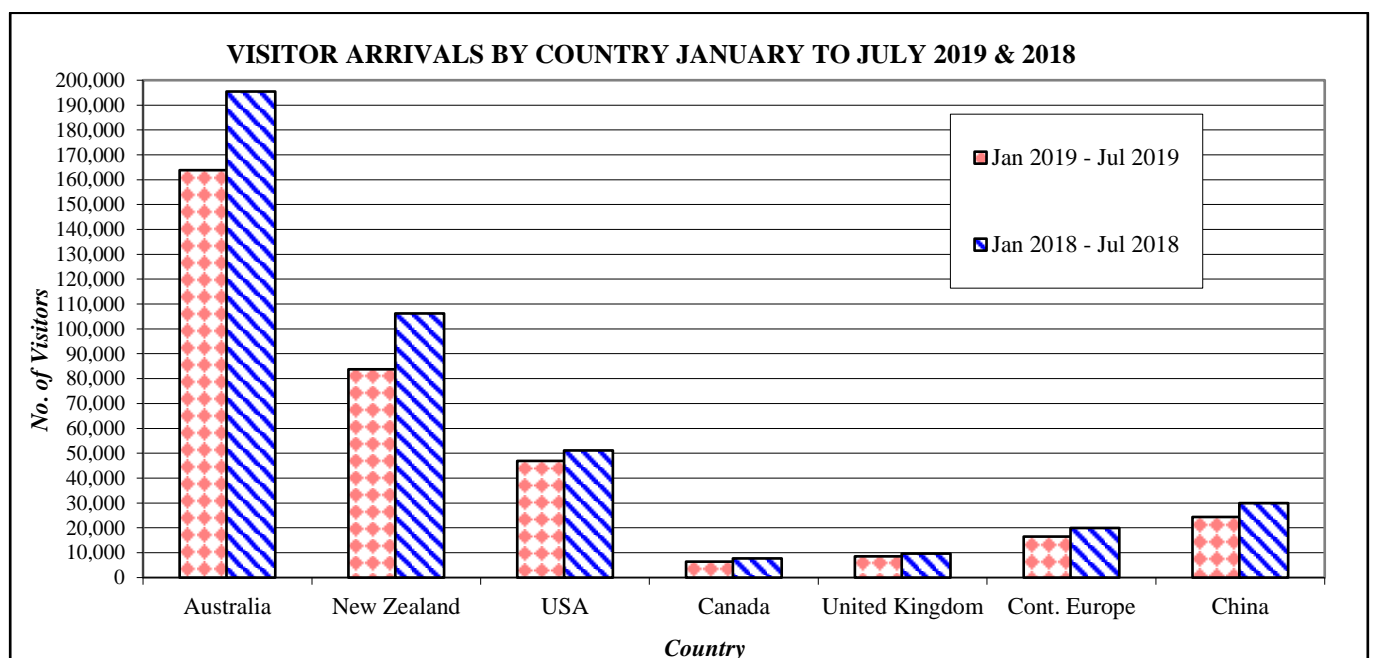
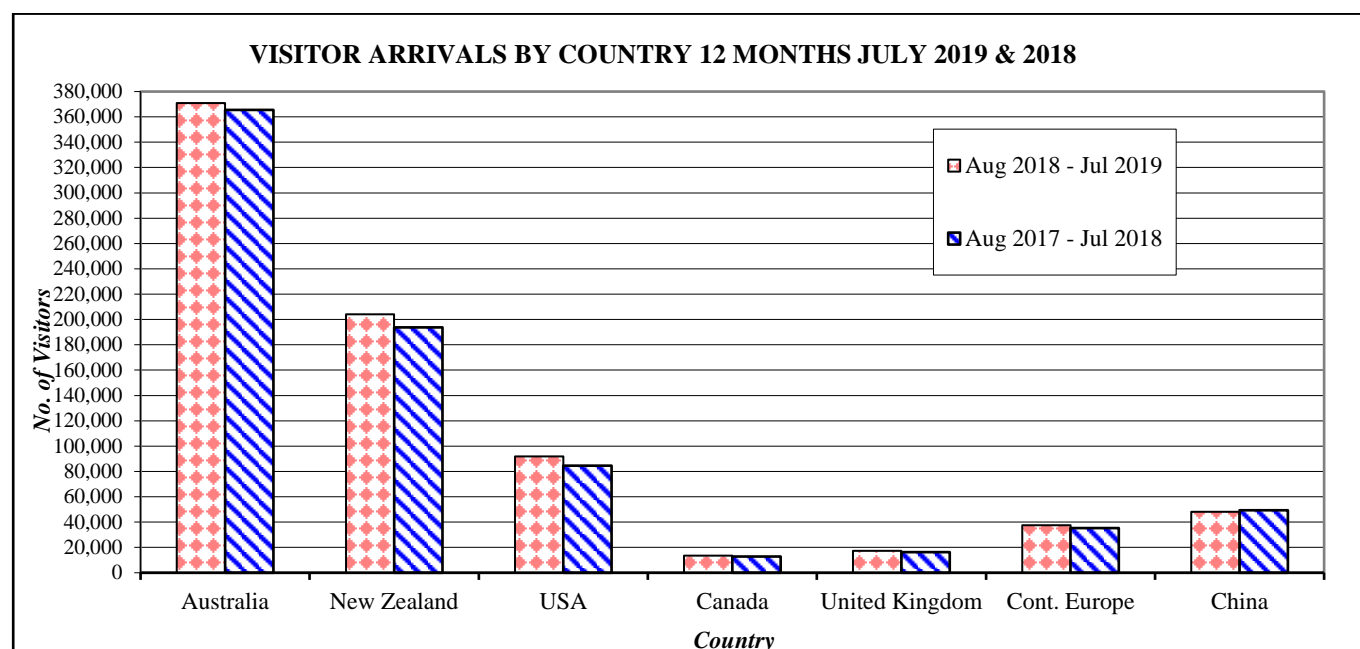


Figure 3 below shows the twelve-monthly comparisons.

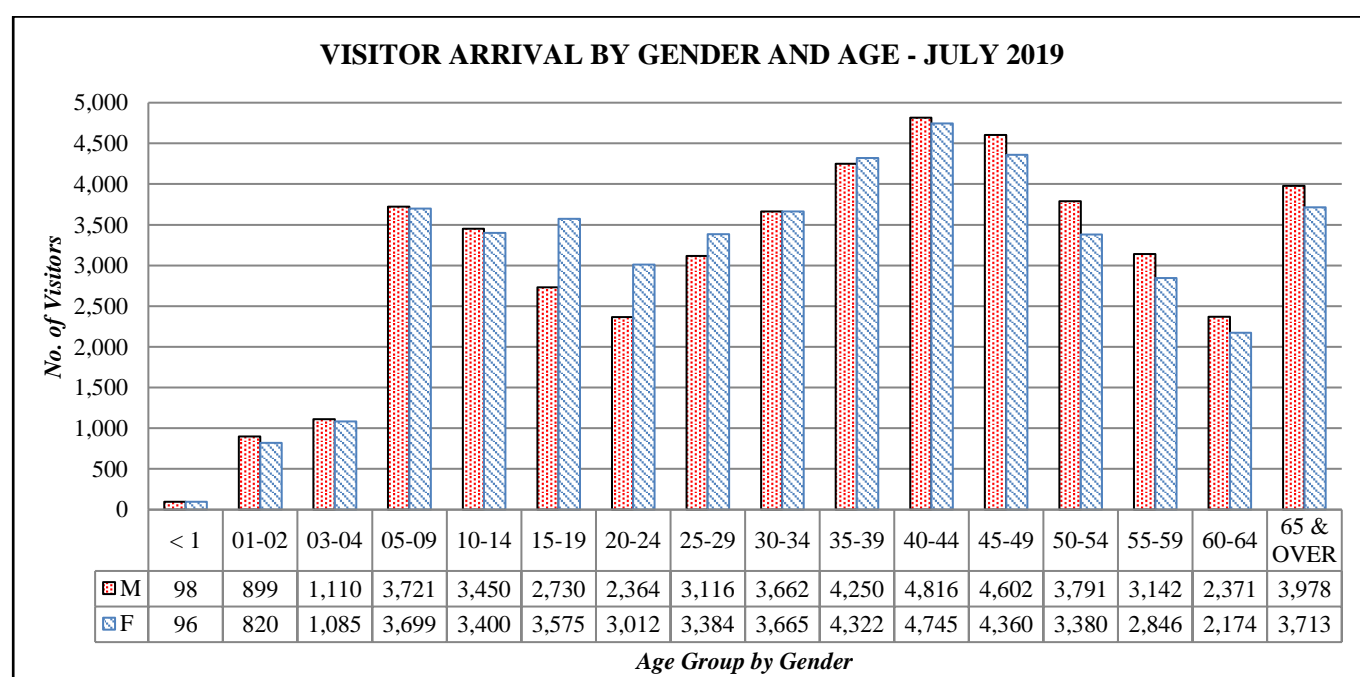
**Figure 3**



The majority of visitors to Fiji in July 2019 were in the age range 25-64 (60.8%), which accounts for the vast majority of the working age population. Children aged 14 and below accounted for 19.1% of the July visitor arrivals; 12.1% were youths aged 15-24 with the remaining 8.0% comprising those in the predominantly retirement age group of 65 and over.

Figure 4 below shows a significant gender differential in the age groups 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59 and 65+;

**Figure 4**



## Visitors by Occupation

For the month of July 2019, the top 5 Occupational Groups for visitors engaged in gainful employment in their home countries are as follows;

- 1) Technician and Related Workers – increased by [812 or 9.5% to 9,369].
- 2) Professional Workers – increased by [573 or 3.1% to 18,903].
- 3) Service Workers – decreased by [980 or 16.4% to 5,008].
- 4) Legislators – decreased by [373 or 2.9% to 12,701].
- 5) Craft Workers – decreased by [215 or 5.8% to 3,494].

July 2019 visitors who are not in the labour force were categorised into two major groups. The categories and numbers are as follows;

- 1) Retirees, Housewives, Children & Others – increased by [2,203 or 14.4% to 17,529].
- 2) Students – decreased by [606 or 2.5% to 23,390].

Additional details are provided in Figure 5 below;

**Figure 5**

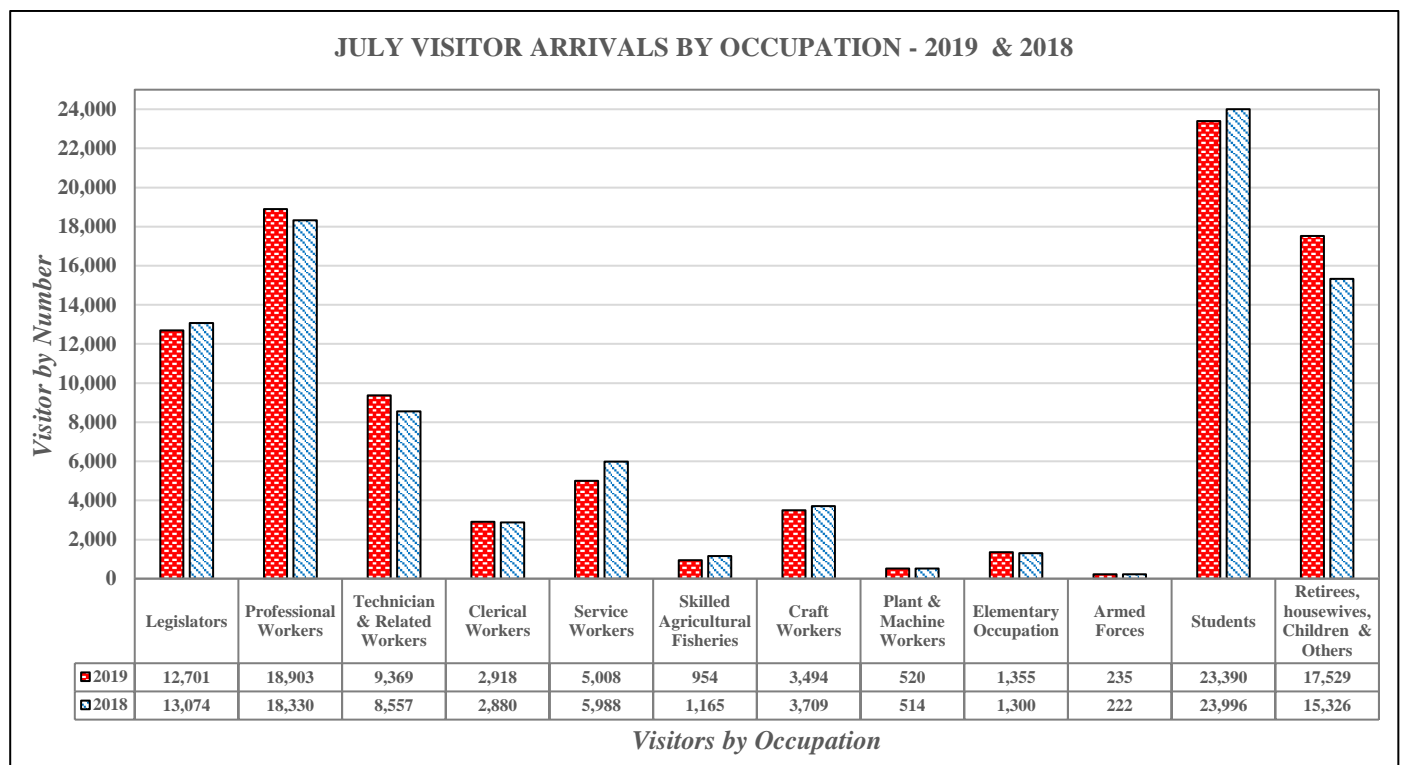


Table 2

**Resident Departures for June 2019**

Purpose of Visit	Length of Absence					% To Total
	Under 3 months	3 months - 12 months	1 year - 5 years	Over 5 years or Permanently	Grand Total	
Holiday	4,338 (39.0%)	260			<b>4,598</b>	34.1%
Visiting Friends or Relatives	4,540 (40.8%)	650			<b>5,190</b>	38.5%
Business	1,254 (11.3%)	40			<b>1,294</b>	9.6%
Employment	431 (3.9%)	235	141	35	<b>842</b>	6.2%
Education/Training	459 (4.1%)	72	221		<b>752</b>	5.6%
Emigration			167	342	<b>509</b>	3.8%
Others	107 (1.0%)	16	43	142	<b>308</b>	2.3%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>11,129(100%)</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>13,493</b>	
<b>% To Total</b>	82.5%	9.4%	4.2%	3.8%		100.0%

Note: Percentage July not sum to 100% due to rounding of figures

A total of 13,493 Fiji Residents departed our shores during the month of June of which 11,129 or 82.5% were for a short-term absence of under three months. A total of 1,091 or 8.1% of resident departures were for a longer-term absence of 1 year or more.

The reasons for departure as reported by residents leaving for a short-term absence were as follows;

- Visiting Friends or Relatives – 40.8%
- Holiday – 39.0%
- Business – 11.3%
- Education/Training – 4.1%
- Employment – 3.9%.

More detailed information is provided in the accompanying Tables.

TABLE 1:	ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES: NUMBER OF RESIDENTS, VISITORS AND PERSONS IN TRANSIT.
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TABLE 7:	RESIDENT DEPARTURE BY FINAL DESTINATION AND BY PURPOSE OF ABSENCE – JUNE 2019.

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