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## PROVISIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS – SEPTEMBER 2020

Provisional numbers show that visitor arrivals for September 2020 totaled 1,005. In comparison, in 2019, visitor arrival numbers for September stood at 81,354. Similar to the August 2020 numbers, this decrease is attributed to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions on international travel.

Of the 1,005 visitors, 183 came by air while 822 came by sea. The sea arrivals were mostly seamen on fishing vessels (760) and 62 arrivals by yachts.

### Resident Departures for September 2020

A total of 526 Fiji Residents departed our shores during the month of September of which 143 or 27.2% were for a short-term absence of under three months and 186 or 35.4% were for over three months and within 12 months period. A total of 197 or 37.4% 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;

- Employment – 79.7%
- Others – 17.5%
- Education/Training – 2.8%

Table 1 below shows Resident Departure for September 2020 by Purpose of Visit and Length of Absence.

**Table1**

Purpose of Visit	Length of Absence				Grand Total	% To Total
	Under 3 months	3 months - 12 months	1 year - 5 years	Over 5 years or Permanently		
Holiday	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Visiting Friends or Relatives	0	2	0	0	2	0.4%
Business	0	0	1	0	1	0.2%
Employment	114 (79.7%)	105	44	0	263	50.0%
Education/Training	4 (2.8%)	8	10	0	22	4.2%
Emigration	0	0	0	31	31	5.9%
Others	25 (17.5%)	71	52	59	207	39.4%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>143 (100%)</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>526</b>	
<b>% To Total</b>	27.2%	35.4%	20.3%	17.1%		100.0%

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

For more information on Visitor Arrivals Statistics refer to the following attached tables:

- Table 1:** Arrivals and Departures: Number of Residents, Visitors and Persons in Transit;  
**Table 2:** Visitor Arrivals by Country of Residence;  
**Table 3:** Visitor Arrivals by Purpose of Visit;  
**Table 4:** Visitor Arrivals from Continental Europe;  
**Table 5:** Resident Departure by Final Destination and by Purpose of Absence – September, 2020.

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TABLE 1

## ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES : NUMBER OF RESIDENTS, VISITORS AND PERSONS IN TRANSIT

YEAR/MONTH		ARRIVALS			DEPARTURES			TOTAL IN TRANSIT	PASSENGER MOVEMENTS
		RESIDENT	VISITORS	TOTAL	RESIDENT	VISITORS	TOTAL		
2016		148,258	792,320	940,578	156,038	756,378	912,416	85,953	1,938,947 [p]
2017		158,300	842,884	1,001,184	168,662	800,441	969,103	93,857	2,064,144 [p]
2018		147,994	870,309	1,018,303	173,612	831,639	1,005,251	111,990	2,135,544 [p]
2019		146,764	894,389	1,041,153	174,590	863,518	1,038,108	106,390	2,185,651 [r]
2018	January	19,324	62,648	81,972	15,040	72,627	87,667	14,484	184,123 [p]
	February	9,650	48,798	58,448	12,016	45,491	57,507	9,385	125,340 [p]
	March	9,676	60,058	69,734	12,445	50,698	63,143	8,304	141,181 [p]
	April	13,739	63,535	77,274	13,666	62,345	76,011	7,699	160,984 [p]
	May	12,975	67,290	80,265	12,155	63,679	75,834	8,210	164,309 [p]
	June	12,681	81,653	94,334	13,107	70,851	83,958	7,813	186,105 [p]
	July	11,502	95,061	106,563	14,026	92,072	106,098	9,648	222,309 [p]
	August	10,418	88,693	99,111	14,133	88,552	102,685	8,007	209,803 [p]
	September	10,198	81,437	91,635	13,729	76,513	90,242	9,700	191,577 [p]
	October	12,667	79,077	91,744	12,341	81,194	93,535	9,200	194,479 [p]
	November	9,206	64,989	74,195	18,104	65,247	83,351	6,281	163,827 [p]
	December	15,958	77,070	93,028	22,850	62,370	85,220	13,259	191,507 [p]
2019	January	19,956	63,807	83,763	15,361	74,533	89,894	13,811	187,468 [p]
	February	10,604	48,748	59,352	12,213	46,031	58,244	8,868	126,464 [p]
	March	10,844	59,306	70,150	12,606	53,616	66,222	8,079	144,451 [p]
	April	12,233	76,813	89,046	14,815	69,909	84,724	7,464	181,234 [p]
	May	11,253	73,169	84,422	12,545	71,587	84,132	7,847	176,401 [p]
	June	10,932	85,652	96,584	13,493	77,378	90,871	7,605	195,060 [p]
	July	11,686	96,376	108,062	13,329	93,805	107,134	7,458	222,654 [p]
	August	10,211	88,834	99,045	14,256	90,463	104,719	6,781	210,545 [p]
	September	10,496	81,354	91,850	13,512	75,622	89,134	8,499	189,483 [p]
	October	10,396	77,467	87,863	12,610	80,129	92,739	9,594	190,196 [p]
	November	9,688	69,123	78,811	17,822	68,917	86,739	7,350	172,900 [p]
	December	18,465	73,740	92,205	22,026	61,528	83,554	13,034	188,793 [p]
2020	January	18,238	65,386	83,624	15,434	76,195	91,629	12,571	187,824 [p]
	February	10,448	46,343	56,791	11,748	43,748	55,496	8,366	120,653 [p]
	March	8,166	27,972	36,138	7,608	34,782	42,390	4,064	82,592 [p]
	April	510	678	1,188	532	1,488	2,020	28	3,236 [p]
	May	410	709	1,119	259	940	1,199	0	2,318 [p]
	June	628	413	1,041	650	645	1,295	0	2,336 [p]
	July	775	711	1,492	473	888	1,361	0	2,853 [p]
	August	465	976	1,441	460	724	1,184	428	3,053 [p]
	September	683	1,005	1,688	526	1,081	1,607	199	3,494 [p]

TABLE 2

## VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

YEAR/MONTH		NEW AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	USA	CANADA	UNITED KINGDOM	CONTINENTAL EUROPE	JAPAN	SOUTH KOREA	CHINA	INDIA	HONG KONG	REST OF ASIA	PACIFIC ISLANDS	OTHERS	TOTAL
2016		360,370	163,836	69,628	11,780	16,712	31,916	6,274	8,071	49,083	3,987	458	16,113	49,741	4,351	792,320 [p]
2017		365,689	184,595	81,198	12,421	16,925	34,638	6,350	8,871	48,796	5,183	939	18,829	53,720	4,730	842,884 [p]
2018		365,660	198,718	86,075	13,220	16,297	37,433	11,903	8,176	49,271	5,901	1,061	19,966	51,654	4,974	870,309 [p]
2019		367,020	205,998	96,968	13,269	16,856	36,058	14,868	6,806	47,027	6,231	2,142	21,532	54,369	5,245	894,389 [p]
2018	January	28,313	10,612	5,617	1,000	1,321	2,952	505	792	3,757	480	53	1,279	5,529	438	62,648 [p]
	February	17,014	6,641	5,951	993	1,252	2,682	510	553	6,567	523	67	1,088	4,416	541	48,798 [p]
	March	25,196	9,868	7,264	1,196	1,474	2,706	427	720	3,897	515	192	2,063	4,112	428	60,058 [p]
	April	26,809	13,731	6,170	908	1,261	2,763	438	760	3,783	469	61	2,033	3,926	423	63,535 [p]
	May	29,730	14,383	7,059	834	1,239	3,013	391	598	3,447	574	97	1,789	3,725	411	67,290 [p]
	June	32,785	22,404	9,962	1,099	1,239	2,431	336	683	3,604	543	53	1,723	4,450	341	81,653 [p]
	July	35,608	28,572	9,104	1,675	1,871	3,392	1,736	712	4,887	476	129	2,021	4,403	475	95,061 [p]
	August	34,641	24,065	7,727	1,437	1,486	4,301	2,454	685	4,970	419	73	1,835	4,219	381	88,693 [p]
	September	35,585	21,675	6,060	883	1,000	3,176	1,723	585	4,070	436	66	1,768	4,014	396	81,437 [p]
	October	34,899	18,562	7,004	957	1,379	3,621	1,335	772	4,013	423	100	1,705	3,923	384	79,077 [p]
	November	29,828	12,631	6,913	1,063	1,145	3,092	693	699	2,794	381	42	1,097	4,290	321	64,989 [p]
	December	35,252	15,574	7,244	1,175	1,630	3,304	1,355	617	3,482	662	128	1,565	4,647	435	77,070 [p]
2019	January	27,860	11,573	5,709	1,121	1,265	2,906	1,127	766	3,964	524	129	1,189	5,203	471	63,807 [p]
	February	15,489	7,145	5,855	1,023	1,375	2,355	1,203	677	6,113	541	191	1,360	5,011	410	48,748 [p]
	March	22,972	9,457	8,323	1,247	1,471	2,758	1,468	586	3,494	526	106	2,176	4,240	482	59,306 [p]
	April	32,850	16,126	7,938	1,090	1,444	3,223	1,125	648	3,385	575	304	3,027	4,646	432	76,813 [p]
	May	30,035	16,372	8,585	984	1,374	2,536	944	813	4,028	567	132	2,149	4,179	471	73,169 [p]
	June	34,620	23,076	10,504	949	1,605	2,708	803	547	3,384	502	289	1,770	4,471	424	85,652 [p]
	July	36,799	27,963	9,926	1,601	2,020	3,541	1,571	602	4,439	537	161	1,858	4,849	509	96,376 [p]
	August	32,725	24,790	8,721	1,244	1,446	4,468	2,363	627	5,411	622	184	1,753	4,091	389	88,834 [p]
	September	33,329	21,632	8,027	897	1,246	3,031	1,491	741	3,997	416	59	1,697	4,298	493	81,354 [p]
	October	33,739	19,024	8,428	886	1,164	3,214	810	255	3,189	415	92	1,588	4,256	407	77,467 [p]
	November	31,701	13,788	7,922	1,043	1,171	2,749	870	269	2,651	419	54	1,306	4,882	298	69,123 [p]
	December	34,901	15,052	7,030	1,184	1,275	2,569	1,093	275	2,972	587	441	1,659	4,243	459	73,740 [p]
2020	January	29,886	11,316	6,209	1,075	1,423	2,802	726	316	4,469	367	65	1,238	5,022	472	65,386 [p]
	February	16,690	8,242	7,020	1,167	1,286	2,524	1,042	161	1,661	469	35	1,014	4,685	347	46,343 [p]
	March	11,260	5,520	3,835	623	723	1,361	460	28	835	276	55	896	1,923	177	27,972 [p]
	April	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	6	277	2	0	386	0	0	678 [p]
	May	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	6	276	0	0	412	9	0	709 [p]
	June	22	4	9	2	8	4	0	1	140	0	0	217	6	0	413 [p]
	July	16	11	21	3	7	20	0	4	261	0	0	333	31	4	711 [p]
	August	39	32	15	4	14	48	7	4	270	4	1	464	17	57	976 [p]
	September	39	55	22	0	17	39	2	6	336	21	0	396	70	2	1,005 [p]

Note :1. As from January 2011, Hong Kong and India were separated from Rest of Asia, while Taiwan was included; 2. [p] provisional, [r] revised

Source: Fiji Immigration Department

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TABLE 3

## VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT

PERIOD		BUSINESS	OFFICIAL CONFERENCE	HOLIDAY	VISITING FRIENDS/ RELATIVES	EDUCATION/ TRAINING	OTHERS	TOTAL
2016		32,922	13,993	600,887	68,262	7,559	68,697	792,320 [p]
2017		33,222	14,708	630,700	74,492	8,541	81,221	842,884 [p]
2018		29,755	14,629	658,585	80,441	7,921	78,978	870,309 [p]
2019		29,882	18,443	656,249	92,026	8,608	89,181	894,389 [p]
2018	January	2,154	343	45,560	5,306	1,506	7,779	62,648 [p]
	February	2,173	1,095	35,319	3,631	1,327	5,253	48,798 [p]
	March	2,744	1,030	44,963	4,560	432	6,329	60,058 [p]
	April	2,278	1,144	47,748	5,335	363	6,667	63,535 [p]
	May	2,390	998	51,311	5,643	461	6,487	67,290 [p]
	June	2,537	1,489	62,899	7,442	729	6,557	81,653 [p]
	July	2,898	1,389	72,979	9,527	904	7,364	95,061 [p]
	August	2,929	1,495	67,357	9,763	489	6,660	88,693 [p]
	September	2,680	1,821	62,845	7,007	697	6,387	81,437 [p]
	October	2,925	1,726	61,979	5,681	388	6,378	79,077 [p]
	November	2,312	1,484	49,083	6,533	379	5,198	64,989 [p]
	December	1,735	615	56,542	10,013	246	7,919	77,070 [p]
2019	January	1,883	406	47,088	5,581	956	7,893	63,807 [p]
	February	2,358	830	33,920	4,655	1,385	5,600	48,748 [p]
	March	2,822	1,266	42,253	5,788	599	6,578	59,306 [p]
	April	2,239	2,278	56,338	8,034	433	7,491	76,813 [p]
	May	2,914	2,043	53,610	6,771	516	7,315	73,169 [p]
	June	2,787	1,944	64,083	8,640	966	7,232	85,652 [p]
	July	2,446	1,702	71,430	11,034	886	8,878	96,376 [p]
	August	3,016	2,690	64,514	9,498	718	8,398	88,834 [p]
	September	2,850	1,608	61,483	6,520	670	8,223	81,354 [p]
	October	2,603	1,445	59,652	5,961	508	7,298	77,467 [p]
	November	2,521	1,853	49,700	7,824	728	6,497	69,123 [p]
	December	1,443	378	52,178	11,720	243	7,778	73,740 [p]
2020	January	1,171	381	48,023	6,278	2,189	7,344	65,386 [p]
	February	1,857	892	30,801	5,636	1,635	5,522	46,343 [r]
	March	971	510	20,133	3,043	273	3,042	27,972 [p]
	April	3	0	0	0	0	675	678 [p]
	May	0	0	0	0	0	709	709 [p]
	June	28	0	4	0	0	381	413 [p]
	July	5	0	28	6	1	671	711 [p]
	August	35	0	78	12	6	845	976 [p]
	September	55	0	67	23	43	817	1,005 [p]

Note: 1. [p] provisional, [r] revised

Source: Fiji Immigration Department

TABLE 4

## VISITOR ARRIVALS FROM CONTINENTAL EUROPE

YEAR/MONTH		SPAIN	FRANCE	ITALY	SWITZERLAND	NETHERLANDS	GERMANY	AUSTRIA	DENMARK	FINLAND	NORWAY	RUSSIA	SWEDEN	REST OF EUROPE	TOTAL
2016		1,473	5,245	3,299	2,330	1,541	8,636	838	1,377	574	1,005	556	1,350	3,692	31,916 [p]
2017		1,412	5,798	3,039	2,552	1,700	9,071	994	1,442	573	1,016	782	1,497	4,762	34,638 [p]
2018		1,561	6,443	3,359	2,583	1,770	9,658	959	1,500	631	996	863	1,513	5,597	37,433 [p]
2019		1,549	5,644	3,259	2,253	1,835	8,871	791	1,677	620	905	1,116	1,470	6,068	36,058 [p]
2018	January	62	411	169	198	149	775	112	122	85	60	119	162	528	2,952 [p]
	February	74	357	102	208	131	788	117	135	55	78	33	131	473	2,682 [p]
	March	65	330	88	197	137	934	81	105	41	72	35	178	443	2,706 [p]
	April	68	394	127	194	121	871	69	243	22	129	53	91	381	2,763 [p]
	May	153	523	151	211	149	967	68	126	23	48	40	80	474	3,013 [p]
	June	111	447	236	193	104	703	46	65	30	67	35	63	331	2,431 [p]
	July	161	576	408	278	158	748	82	115	66	142	62	97	499	3,392 [p]
	August	299	905	994	150	202	758	65	98	40	37	111	174	468	4,301 [p]
	September	156	597	384	310	120	674	52	108	52	71	100	105	447	3,176 [p]
	October	195	669	376	216	166	795	96	131	51	168	122	112	524	3,621 [p]
	November	136	402	165	236	149	867	85	168	78	60	65	139	542	3,092 [p]
	December	81	832	159	192	184	778	86	84	88	64	88	181	487	3,304 [p]
2019	January	70	406	106	231	131	857	79	100	84	75	109	177	481	2,906 [p]
	February	53	270	76	137	139	757	86	78	71	63	55	139	431	2,355 [p]
	March	48	387	57	207	158	909	47	172	44	83	86	134	426	2,758 [p]
	April	103	451	86	262	180	920	48	278	34	104	95	113	549	3,223 [p]
	May	110	331	182	182	148	736	52	101	36	49	88	54	467	2,536 [p]
	June	113	425	273	148	132	739	24	104	47	72	92	96	443	2,708 [p]
	July	199	713	424	199	202	690	77	161	53	100	90	120	513	3,541 [p]
	August	281	910	1059	130	189	716	84	120	40	51	130	177	581	4,468 [p]
	September	172	469	385	205	121	633	76	159	29	58	145	86	493	3,031 [p]
	October	178	490	342	199	161	739	50	174	43	61	101	104	572	3,214 [p]
	November	122	399	145	160	151	628	81	139	60	86	49	130	599	2,749 [p]
	December	100	393	124	193	123	547	87	91	79	103	76	140	513	2,569 [p]
2020	January	80	331	124	241	152	788	70	100	72	81	123	151	489	2,802 [p]
	February	44	394	90	191	134	756	88	111	60	42	75	135	404	2,524 [p]
	March	24	142	50	98	70	483	31	85	18	21	53	73	213	1,361 [p]
	April	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 [p]
	May	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2 [p]
	June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4 [p]
	July	2	3	5	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	20 [p]
	August	3	15	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	2	8	8	8	48 [p]
	September	1	6	3	5	1	2	8	0	0	0	5	0	8	39 [p]

Note :1. As from January 2011, Russia was excluded from Rest of Europe and Belgium included ; 2. [p] provisional, [r] revised.

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TABLE 5

## RESIDENT DEPARTURE BY FINAL DESTINATION AND BY PURPOSE OF ABSENCE - SEPTEMBER 2020

COUNTRY/PURPOSE	HOLIDAY	BUSINESS	EMPLOYMENT	EDUCATION/ TRAINING	VISITING FRIENDS/ RELATIVES	EMIGRATION	OTHERS	TOTAL
Australia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% to total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
New Zealand	0	1	53	10	0	31	114	209
% to total	0.0	0.5	25.4	4.8	0.0	14.8	54.5	100
United States of America	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% to total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Canada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% to total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
United Kingdom	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
% to total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	100
Continental Europe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% to total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Japan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% to total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
South Korea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% to total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% to total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rest of Asia	0	0	0	9	0	0	3	12
% to total	0.0	0.0	0.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	100
Pacific Islands	0	0	38	3	0	0	90	131
% to total	0.0	0.0	29.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	68.7	100
Others	0	0	172	0	0	0	0	172
% to total	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>526</b>
<b>PERCENTAGE TO TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Note: Percentage may not sum to 100 due to rounding of figures

Source: Fiji Immigration Department