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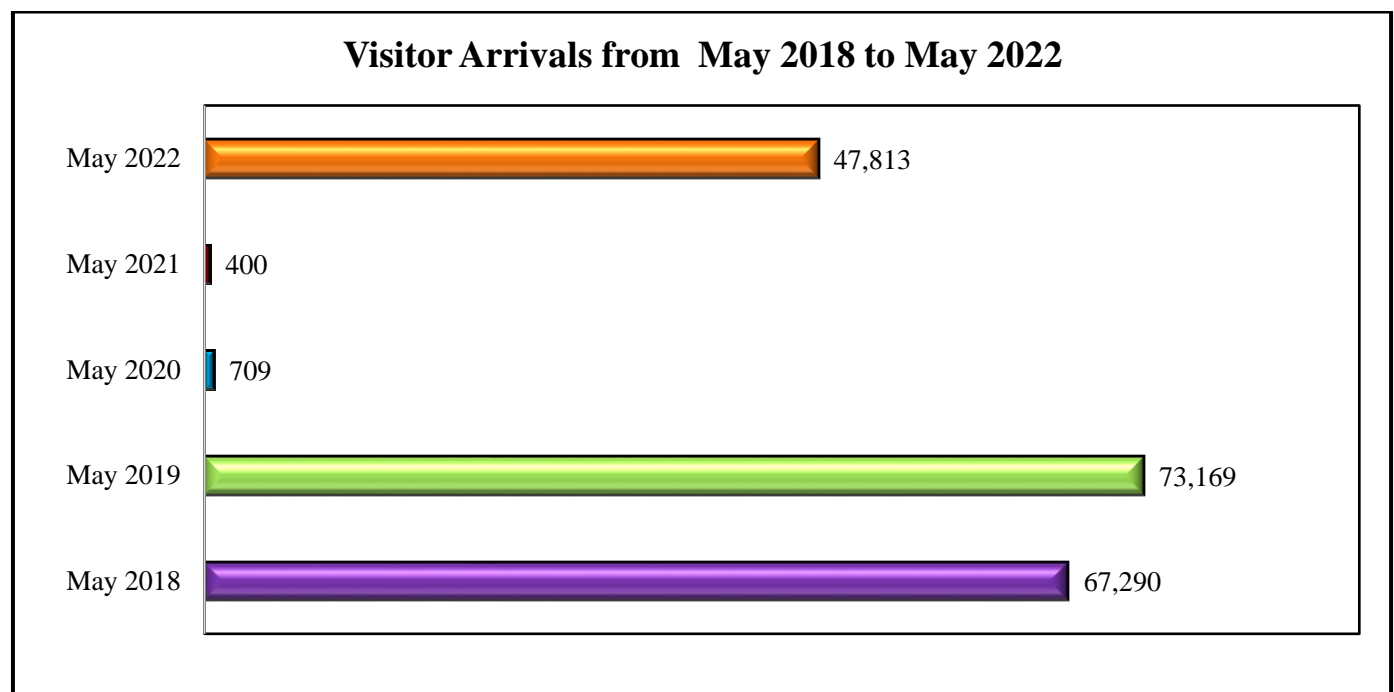
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PROVISIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS – MAY 2022

Provisional numbers show that visitor arrivals for May 2022 totaled 47,813. In 2021 and 2020, visitor arrival numbers for the month of May stood at 400 and 709 respectively. These low visitor arrivals were a result of the worldwide COVID 19 pandemic. The pandemic continues to affect restrictions on international travel.

Figure 1 below shows visitor arrivals for the month of May 2018 to 2022. While visitor arrival numbers for May 2022 has greatly improved, the number is lower compared to the visitor arrival numbers for May from the pre-COVID era in 2019 and 2018.

Figure 1



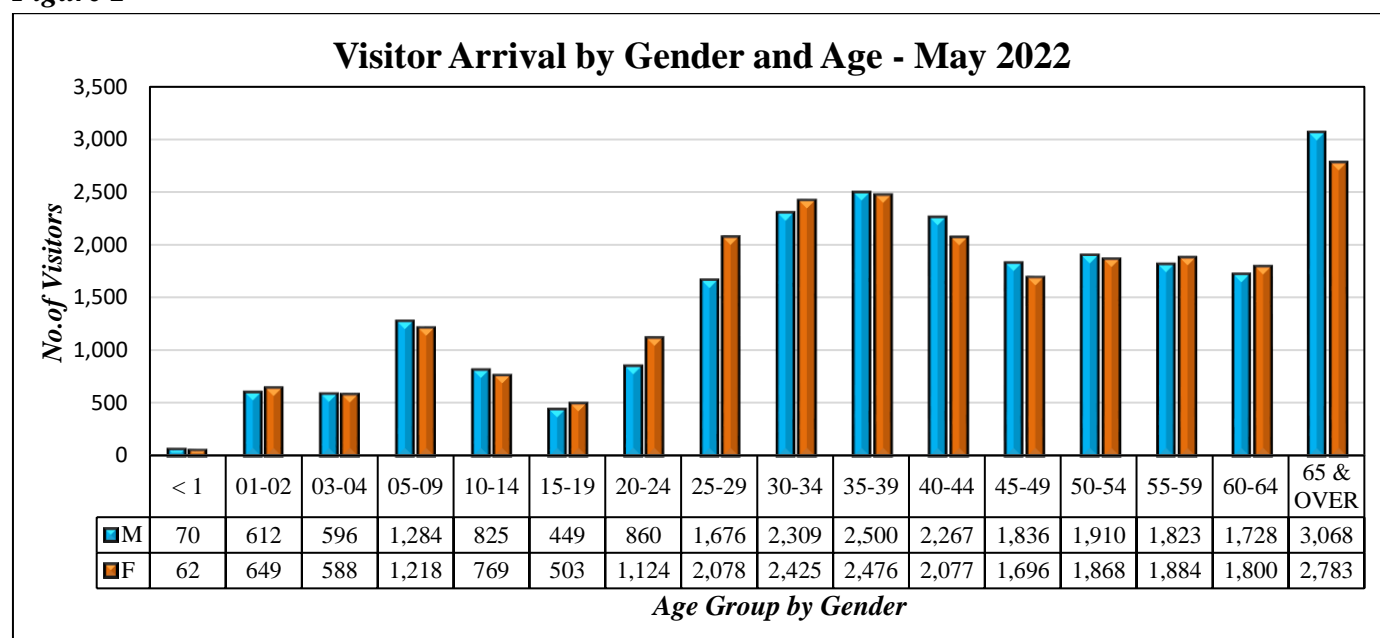
Of the 47,813 visitors, 46,900 came by air while 913 came by sea. The sea arrivals were mostly seamen on fishing vessels (737) and 176 arrivals by yachts.

Visitors by Gender and Age

The majority of visitors to were in the age range of 25-64 years (67.7%), which accounts for the vast majority of the working age population. Children aged 14 and below accounted for 14.0% while; 12.2% comprising those in the predominantly retirement age group of 65 and over with the remaining 6.1% were youths aged 15-24.

Figure 2 below shows a significant gender differential in the age groups 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 40-44, 45-49, and 65 and over.

Figure 2



Resident Departures for May 2022

A total of 8,086 Fiji Residents departed our shores during the month of May of which 5,285 or 65.4% were for a short-term absence of under three months and 242 or 3.0% were for over three months and within 12 months period. A total of 2,559 or 31.6% 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;

- Holiday – 37.6%
- Visiting Friends or Relatives – 31.8%
- Business – 17.4%
- Employment – 10.1%
- Others – 2.1%
- Education/Training – 1.0%.

Table 1 below shows Resident Departure for May 2022 by Purpose of Visit and Length of Absence.

Table1

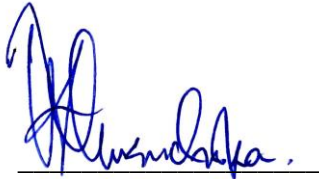
Purpose of Visit	Length of Absence					% To Total
	Under 3 months	3 months - 12 months	1 year - 5 years	Over 5 years or Permanently	Grand Total	
Holiday	1,988 (37.6%)	96	0	0	2,084	25.8%
Visiting Friends or Relatives	1,678 (31.8%)	4	0	0	1,682	20.8%
Business	919 (17.4%)	5	0	0	924	11.4%
Employment	536 (10.1%)	24	863	0	1,423	17.6%
Education/Training	52 (1.0%)	89	521	0	662	8.2%
Emigration	0	0	0	873	873	10.8%
Others	112 (2.1%)	24	147	155	438	5.4%
Grand Total	5,285 (100%)	242	1,531	1,028	8,086	
% To Grand Total	65.4%	3.0%	18.9%	12.7%		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: Visitor Arrivals by Country of Residence, Sex and Age - May 2022; and
Table 6: Resident Departure by Final Destination and by Purpose of Absence.

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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		
	2017	158,300	842,884	1,001,184	168,662	800,441	969,103	93,857	2,064,144
	2018	147,994	870,309	1,018,303	173,612	831,639	1,005,251	111,990	2,135,544
	2019	146,552	894,389	1,040,941	173,955	863,518	1,037,473	106,390	2,184,804
	2020	42,532	146,905	189,437	40,326	163,151	203,477	26,484	419,398 [p]
	2021	10,255	31,618	41,873	13,641	18,314	31,955	12,364	86,192 [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	1,486	473	888	1,361	0	2,847 [p]
	August	465	976	1,441	460	687	1,147	428	3,016 [p]
	September	683	1,005	1,688	526	1,081	1,607	199	3,494 [p]
	October	974	1,125	2,099	731	1,250	1,981	253	4,333 [p]
	November	626	875	1,501	949	926	1,875	228	3,604 [p]
	December	609	712	1,321	956	521	1,477	347	3,145 [p]
2021	January	905	1,011	1,916	1,024	880	1,904	9	3,829 [p]
	February	1,854	1,251	3,105	907	848	1,755	255	5,115 [p]
	March	895	1,961	2,856	1,190	1,049	2,239	203	5,298 [p]
	April	613	813	1,426	844	724	1,568	52	3,046 [p]
	May	108	400	508	319	477	796	213	1,517 [p]
	June	136	330	466	1,017	891	1,908	0	2,374 [p]
	July	221	452	673	686	207	893	117	1,683 [p]
	August	441	419	860	777	341	1,118	0	1,978 [p]
	September	331	460	791	812	225	1,037	0	1,828 [p]
	October	598	578	1,176	1,086	381	1,467	49	2,692 [p]
	November	819	717	1,536	1,544	843	2,387	869	4,792 [p]
	December	3,334	23,226	26,560	3,435	11,448	14,883	10,597	52,040 [p]
2022	January	1,903	16,502	18,405	2,716	24,069	26,785	8,186	53,376 [p]
	February	1,724	11,014	12,738	3,071	10,033	13,104	3,803	29,645 [p]
	March	2,433	21,390	23,823	4,955	16,899	21,854	4,436	50,113 [p]
	April	6,675	46,680	53,355	6,754	37,934	44,688	6,058	104,101 [p]
	May	4,370	47,813	52,183	8,086	44,021	52,107	7,389	111,679 [p]

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

Source: Fiji Immigration Department

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
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
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
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
2020		58,062	25,316	17,198	2,896	3,487	6,847	2,252	548	9,319	1,185	156	6,453	12,097	1,089	146,905 [p]
2021		18,569	532	4,233	358	188	401	233	51	2,178	150	2	2,557	2,075	91	31,618 [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]
	October	33	33	28	12	4	16	2	12	335	2	0	580	59	9	1,125 [p]
	November	36	55	18	7	5	24	12	0	239	43	0	296	122	18	875 [p]
	December	39	41	19	3	0	7	1	4	220	1	0	221	153	3	712 [p]
2021	January	69	46	13	3	4	16	5	11	286	3	0	254	299	2	1,011 [p]
	February	58	22	123	6	13	23	4	10	236	16	0	450	280	10	1,251 [p]
	March	70	32	185	23	10	53	8	1	377	19	0	379	792	12	1,961 [p]
	April	106	31	50	12	2	12	113	2	81	23	0	95	285	1	813 [p]
	May	5	18	32	0	9	3	0	0	166	5	0	158	3	1	400 [p]
	June	11	28	23	1	7	17	0	0	111	7	0	123	1	1	330 [p]
	July	37	39	8	2	0	14	10	1	136	4	2	195	3	1	452 [p]
	August	83	20	51	1	4	18	0	2	102	3	0	118	2	15	419 [p]
	September	25	5	28	3	2	22	8	3	160	36	0	161	3	4	460 [p]
	October	39	15	62	4	4	17	14	4	181	5	0	203	18	12	578 [p]
	November	170	25	156	15	9	24	16	2	118	9	0	85	80	8	717 [p]
	December	17,896	251	3,502	288	124	182	55	15	224	20	0	336	309	24	23,226 [p]
2022	January	14,075	179	1,310	109	72	135	79	12	150	7	3	217	130	24	16,502 [p]
	February	7,911	273	1,859	177	80	165	29	21	128	1	2	202	130	36	11,014 [p]
	March	13,220	1,889	3,446	318	201	243	21	15	253	55	6	347	1,285	91	21,390 [p]
	April	30,462	8,298	4,733	565	278	433	61	70	436	127	9	595	481	132	46,680 [p]
	May	27,298	10,871	5,698	741	370	713	66	79	459	155	17	578	607	161	47,813 [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

TABLE 3

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT

PERIOD		BUSINESS	OFFICIAL CONFERENCE	HOLIDAY	VISITING FRIENDS/ RELATIVES	EDUCATION/ TRAINING	OTHERS	TOTAL
2017		33,222	14,708	630,700	74,492	8,541	81,221	842,884
2018		29,755	14,629	658,585	80,441	7,921	78,978	870,309
2019		29,882	18,443	656,249	92,026	8,608	89,181	894,389
2020		4,282	1,788	99,199	15,126	4,132	22,378	146,905 [p]
2021		1,420	24	19,922	2,617	718	6,917	31,618 [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 [p]
	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	0	860	1,005 [p]
	October	55	0	29	28	3	1,010	1,125 [p]
	November	74	1	23	31	13	733	875 [p]
	December	28	4	13	69	12	586	712 [p]
2021	January	133	4	47	41	99	687	1,011 [p]
	February	217	10	54	20	89	861	1,251 [p]
	March	295	2	83	46	309	1,226	1,961 [p]
	April	123	1	25	28	119	517	813 [p]
	May	6	0	56	0	0	338	400 [p]
	June	22	0	40	0	18	250	330 [p]
	July	30	0	53	1	2	366	452 [p]
	August	78	0	70	0	10	261	419 [p]
	September	32	0	24	4	3	397	460 [p]
	October	68	0	63	7	16	424	578 [p]
	November	195	3	113	52	1	353	717 [p]
	December	221	4	19,294	2,418	52	1,237	23,226 [p]
2022	January	287	13	14,410	932	69	791	16,502 [p]
	February	499	20	8,694	1,223	50	528	11,014 [p]
	March	670	65	16,505	2,236	887	1,027	21,390 [p]
	April	870	144	38,839	5,128	150	1,549	46,680 [p]
	May	1,646	414	37,319	6,467	171	1,796	47,813 [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
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
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
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
2020		160	907	273	536	362	2,041	197	297	151	146	277	367	1,133	6,847 [p]
2021		13	115	36	23	8	43	13	5	6	7	22	13	97	401 [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]
	October	4	3	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	16 [p]
	November	1	7	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	7	0	4	24 [p]
	December	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7 [p]
2021	January	0	3	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	16 [p]
	February	0	9	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	23 [p]
	March	1	11	2	0	1	5	5	0	0	0	9	1	18	53 [p]
	April	0	2	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	12 [p]
	May	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3 [p]
	June	0	3	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	7	17 [p]
	July	0	2	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	14 [p]
	August	0	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	4	18 [p]
	September	1	5	7	0	1	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	3	22 [p]
	October	0	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	8	17 [p]
	November	1	6	1	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	10	24 [p]
	December	10	59	15	20	6	19	0	5	2	4	3	7	32	182 [p]
2022	January	32	37	5	9	3	6	3	10	2	1	1	4	22	135 [p]
	February	3	49	9	6	4	29	6	3	6	10	3	7	30	165 [p]
	March	15	72	12	17	6	44	6	0	4	0	7	6	54	243 [p]
	April	38	61	19	21	24	62	6	58	8	7	4	8	117	433 [p]
	May	35	189	50	41	30	112	18	62	6	21	4	27	118	713 [p]

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

Source: Fiji Immigration Department

TABLE 5

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE, SEX AND AGE - MAY 2022

AGE GROUP	AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		USA		CANADA		UNITED KINGDOM		CONTINENTAL EUROPE		CHINA		OTHERS		TOTAL		TOTAL	%
YEARS	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
< 1	48	35	14	23	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	70	62	132	0.3
01-02	441	485	131	118	16	30	2	1	3	0	4	3	0	0	15	12	612	649	1,261	2.6
03-04	420	422	132	142	23	17	5	1	2	0	3	0	1	0	10	6	596	588	1,184	2.5
05-09	883	859	319	266	43	54	5	8	4	4	8	8	0	0	22	19	1,284	1,218	2,502	5.2
10-14	505	498	236	207	53	36	4	5	1	0	10	5	0	2	16	16	825	769	1,594	3.3
15-19	208	248	116	137	82	77	8	5	4	9	4	5	3	4	24	18	449	503	952	2.0
20-24	391	600	179	234	113	125	14	21	23	45	27	42	21	7	92	50	860	1,124	1,984	4.1
25-29	839	1272	343	402	220	244	15	22	20	31	51	41	40	3	148	63	1,676	2,078	3,754	7.9
30-34	1222	1407	486	513	258	298	22	26	32	28	63	60	57	12	169	81	2,309	2,425	4,734	9.9
35-39	1394	1496	555	534	268	284	24	25	16	17	50	34	56	8	137	78	2,500	2,476	4,976	10.4
40-44	1219	1202	512	476	282	270	25	32	15	7	40	22	61	10	113	58	2,267	2,077	4,344	9.1
45-49	949	910	449	430	217	238	41	41	8	6	37	21	51	6	84	44	1,836	1,696	3,532	7.4
50-54	929	1054	491	461	270	253	35	38	9	5	28	16	65	2	83	39	1,910	1,868	3,778	7.9
55-59	933	1038	484	410	242	315	49	48	9	13	26	21	27	0	53	39	1,823	1,884	3,707	7.8
60-64	965	1070	385	384	265	252	30	33	8	9	23	11	9	5	43	36	1,728	1,800	3,528	7.4
65 & OVER	1735	1621	686	616	464	385	69	85	24	18	31	19	5	4	54	35	3,068	2,783	5,851	12.2
TOTAL ALL AGES	13,081	14,217	5,518	5,353	2,819	2,879	349	392	178	192	405	308	396	63	1,067	596	23,813	24,000	47,813	100.0
TOTAL BOTH SEXES	27,298		10,871		5,698		741		370		713		459		1,663		47,813			
PERCENTAGE TO TOTAL	57.1		22.7		11.9		1.5		0.8		1.5		1.0		3.5		100.0			

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

TABLE 6

RESIDENT DEPARTURE BY FINAL DESTINATION AND BY PURPOSE OF ABSENCE - MAY 2022

COUNTRY/PURPOSE	HOLIDAY	BUSINESS	EMPLOYMENT	EDUCATION/ TRAINING	VISITING FRIENDS/ RELATIVES	EMIGRATION	OTHERS	TOTAL
Australia	899	399	592	180	755	251	77	3,153
% to total	28.5	12.7	18.8	5.7	23.9	8.0	2.4	100.0
New Zealand	736	210	439	383	476	516	72	2832
% to total	26.0	7.4	15.5	13.5	16.8	18.2	2.5	100.0
United States of America	250	117	117	62	227	106	41	920
% to total	27.2	12.7	12.7	6.7	24.7	11.5	4.5	100.0
Canada	2	3	0	0	8	0	2	15
% to total	13.3	20.0	0.0	0.0	53.3	0.0	13.3	100.0
United Kingdom	8	4	0	0	9	0	4	25
% to total	32.0	16.0	0.0	0.0	36.0	0.0	16.0	100.0
Continental Europe	4	24	0	0	10	0	8	46
% to total	8.7	52.2	0.0	0.0	21.7	0.0	17.4	100.0
Japan	5	8	0	0	4	0	11	28
% to total	17.9	28.6	0.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	39.3	100.0
South Korea	3	10	0	0	11	0	5	29
% to total	10.3	34.5	0.0	0.0	37.9	0.0	17.2	100.0
China	11	15	3	1	13	0	28	71
% to total	15.5	21.1	4.2	1.4	18.3	0.0	39.4	100.0
Rest of Asia	163	118	57	32	155	0	80	605
% to total	26.9	19.5	9.4	5.3	25.6	0.0	13.2	100.0
Pacific Islands	1	9	59	4	7	0	107	187
% to total	0.5	4.8	31.6	2.1	3.7	0.0	57.2	100.0
Others	2	7	156	0	7	0	3	175
% to total	1.1	4.0	89.1	0.0	4.0	0.0	1.7	100.0
TOTAL	2,084	924	1,423	662	1,682	873	438	8,086
PERCENTAGE TO TOTAL	25.8	11.4	17.6	8.2	20.8	10.8	5.4	100.0

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

Source: Fiji Immigration Department