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## PROVISIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS – OCTOBER 2021

Provisional numbers show that visitor arrivals for October 2021 totaled 578, while in 2020, visitor arrival numbers for October stood at 1,125. As expected and similar to last year, the low visitor arrival numbers is attributed to the international travel restrictions which is still in place due to the COVID 19 pandemic. In comparison, in October 2019, visitor arrivals stood at 77,467 which means a 99.3% decrease to the current numbers.

Of the 578 visitors, 161 came by air while 417 came by sea. The sea arrivals were mostly seamen on fishing vessels (375) and 42 arrivals by yachts.

### Resident Departures for October 2021

A total of 1,086 Fiji Residents departed our shores during the month of October of which 289 or 26.6% were for a short-term absence of under three months and 366 or 33.7% were for over three months and within 12 months period. A total of 431 or 39.7% 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;

- Others – 35.3%
- Employment – 28.4%
- Business – 18.3%
- Education/Training – 12.8%
- Visiting Friends or Relatives – 4.2%
- Holiday – 1.0%.

Table 1 below shows Resident Departure for October 2021 by Purpose of Visit and Length of Absence.

**Table1**

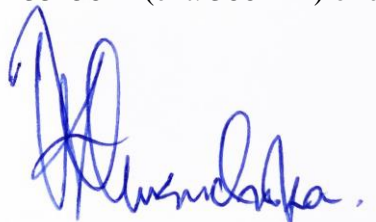
Purpose of Visit	Length of Absence					% To Total
	Under 3 months	3 months - 12 months	1 year - 5 years	Over 5 years or Permanently	Grand Total	
Holiday	3 (1.0%)	0	0	0	3	0.3%
Visiting Friends or Relatives	12 (4.2%)	0	0	0	12	1.1%
Business	53 (18.3%)	48	0	0	101	9.3%
Employment	82 (28.4%)	160	23	0	265	24.4%
Education/Training	37 (12.8%)	102	16	0	155	14.3%
Emigration	0		1	121	122	11.2%
Others	102 (35.3%)	56	117	153	428	39.4%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>289 (100%)</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>1,086</b>	
<b>% To Total</b>	26.6%	33.7%	14.5%	25.2%		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; and  
**Table 5:** 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		
	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	146,552	894,389	1,040,941	173,955	863,518	1,037,473	106,390	2,184,804 [p]
	2020	42,532	146,905	189,437	40,326	163,151	203,477	26,484	419,398 [r]
2019	January	20,219	63,807	84,026	15,361	74,533	89,894	13,811	187,731 [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	14,185	69,909	84,094	7,464	180,604 [p]
	May	10,766	73,169	83,935	12,545	71,587	84,132	7,847	175,914 [p]
	June	10,944	85,652	96,596	13,493	77,378	90,871	7,605	195,072 [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	12,607	80,129	92,736	9,594	190,193 [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	1,486	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 [r]
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	1,086	578	1,664	1,086	381	1,467	49	3,180 [p]

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

Source: Fiji Immigration Department

TABLE 2

## VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

		NEW			UNITED	CONTINENTAL		SOUTH			HONG	REST OF	PACIFIC			
YEAR/MONTH		AUSTRALIA	ZEALAND	USA	CANADA	KINGDOM	EUROPE	JAPAN	KOREA	CHINA	INDIA	KONG	ASIA	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
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
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
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
	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
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
	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
	March	11,260	5,520	3,835	623	723	1,361	460	28	835	276	55	896	1,923	177	27,972
	April	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	6	277	2	0	386	0	0	678
	May	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	6	276	0	0	412	9	0	709
	June	22	4	9	2	8	4	0	1	140	0	0	217	6	0	413
	July	16	11	21	3	7	20	0	4	261	0	0	333	31	4	711
	August	39	32	15	4	14	48	7	4	270	4	1	464	17	57	976
	September	39	55	22	0	17	39	2	6	336	21	0	396	70	2	1,005
	October	33	33	28	12	4	16	2	12	335	2	0	580	59	9	1,125
	November	36	55	18	7	5	24	12	0	239	43	0	296	122	18	875
	December	39	41	19	3	0	7	1	4	220	1	0	221	153	3	712
2021	January	69	46	13	3	4	16	5	11	286	3	0	254	299	2	1,011
	February	58	22	123	6	13	23	4	10	236	16	0	450	280	10	1,251
	March	70	32	185	23	10	53	8	1	377	19	0	379	792	12	1,961
	April	106	31	50	12	2	12	113	2	81	23	0	95	285	1	813
	May	5	18	32	0	9	3	0	0	166	5	0	158	3	1	400
	June	11	28	23	1	7	17	0	0	111	7	0	123	1	1	330
	July	37	39	8	2	0	14	10	1	136	4	2	195	3	1	452
	August	83	20	51	1	4	18	0	2	102	3	0	118	2	15	419
	September	25	5	28	3	2	22	8	3	160	36	0	161	3	4	460
	October	39	15	62	4	4	17	14	4	181	5	0	203	18	12	578

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
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]
2020		4,282	1,788	99,199	15,126	4,132	22,378	146,905 [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 [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	24	4	3	2	395	460 [p]
	October	68	63	7	16	72	352	578 [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]
2020		160	907	273	536	362	2,041	197	297	151	146	277	367	1,133	6,847 [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]
	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]

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****RESIDENT DEPARTURE BY FINAL DESTINATION AND BY PURPOSE OF ABSENCE - OCTOBER 2021**

<b>COUNTRY/PURPOSE</b>	<b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>EDUCATION/ TRAINING</b>	<b>VISITING FRIENDS/ RELATIVES</b>	<b>EMIGRATION</b>	<b>OTHERS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Australia	0	26	13	83	0	25	194
% to total	0.0	13.4	6.7	42.8	0.0	12.9	100.0
New Zealand	1	23	23	19	4	21	222
% to total	0.5	10.4	10.4	8.6	1.8	9.5	100.0
United States of America	2	31	16	18	3	70	220
% to total	0.9	14.1	7.3	8.2	1.4	31.8	100.0
Canada	0	1	1	0	0	3	5
% to total	0.0	20.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	60.0	100.0
United Kingdom	0	2	1	22	1	1	27
% to total	0.0	7.4	3.7	81.5	3.7	3.7	100.0
Continental Europe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% to total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Japan	0	0	2	0	0	15	17
% to total	0.0	0.0	11.8	0.0	0.0	88.2	100.0
South Korea	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
% to total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
China	0	6	21	2	0	2	31
% to total	0.0	19.4	67.7	6.5	0.0	6.5	100.0
Rest of Asia	0	4	5	3	1	10	26
% to total	0.0	15.4	19.2	11.5	3.8	38.5	100.0
Pacific Islands	0	8	12	8	3	3	172
% to total	0.0	4.7	7.0	4.7	1.7	80.2	100.0
Others	0	0	171	0	0	0	171
% to total	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>1,086</b>
<b>PERCENTAGE TO TOTAL</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Source: Fiji Immigration Department