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## PROVISIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS – FEBRUARY 2022

Provisional numbers show that visitor arrivals for February 2022 totaled 11,014, while in 2021, visitor arrival numbers for February stood at 1,251. As expected and similar to last year, the low visitor arrival numbers is attributed to the continuing worldwide COVID 19 pandemic and the restrictions on international travel and the closure of most international borders. In comparison, in February 2020, visitor arrivals stood at 46,343 which means a 76.2% decrease to the current numbers.

Of the 11,014 visitors, 10,799 came by air while 215 came by sea. The sea arrivals were mostly seamen on fishing vessels (203) and 12 arrivals by yachts.

### Resident Departures for February 2022

A total of 3,071 Fiji Residents departed our shores during the month of February of which 1,701 or 55.4% were for a short-term absence of under three months and 393 or 12.8% were for over three months and within 12 months period. A total of 977 or 31.8% 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 – 70.8%
- Visiting Friends or Relatives – 14.5%
- Employment – 8.9%
- Business – 2.9%
- Others – 2.7%
- Education/Training – 0.2%

Table 1 below shows Resident Departure for February 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	
<b>Holiday</b>	1,205 (70.8%)	24	0	0	<b>1229</b>	40.0%
<b>Visiting Friends or Relatives</b>	246 (14.5%)	4	0	0	<b>250</b>	8.1%
<b>Business</b>	49 (2.9%)	24	0	0	<b>73</b>	2.4%
<b>Employment</b>	152 (8.9%)	289	347	0	<b>788</b>	25.7%
<b>Education/Training</b>	3 (0.2%)	47	94	3	<b>147</b>	4.8%
<b>Emigration</b>	0	0	0	240	<b>240</b>	7.8%
<b>Others</b>	46 (2.7%)	5	131	162	<b>344</b>	11.2%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,701 (100%)</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>3,071</b>	
<b>% To Total</b>	55.4%	12.8%	18.6%	13.2%		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		
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 [p]
2021		10,255	31,618	41,873	13,641	18,314	31,955	12,364	86,192 [r]
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	598	578	1,176	1,086	381	1,467	49	2,692 [r]
	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	3,071	11,014	14,085	1,724	10,033	11,757	3,803	29,645 [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	
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]
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]

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 [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]
2021		1,420	48	19,902	2,616	717	6,915	31,618 [r]
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	0	63	7	16	424	578 [r]
	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]

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 [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]
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]

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 - FEBRUARY 2022**

<b>COUNTRY/PURPOSE</b>	<b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>BUSINESS</b>	<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>EDUCATION/ TRAINING</b>	<b>VISITING FRIENDS/ RELATIVES</b>	<b>EMIGRATION</b>	<b>OTHERS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Australia	813	22	517	110	179	144	115	1,900
% to total	42.8	1.2	27.2	5.8	9.4	7.6	6.1	100.0
New Zealand	42	4	13	5	5	11	16	96
% to total	43.8	4.2	13.5	5.2	5.2	11.5	16.7	100.0
United States of America	235	8	57	20	34	50	20	424
% to total	55.4	1.9	13.4	4.7	8.0	11.8	4.7	100.0
Canada	29	1	9	0	11	9	3	62
% to total	46.8	1.6	14.5	0.0	17.7	14.5	4.8	100.0
United Kingdom	38	5	39	7	9	24	12	134
% to total	28.4	3.7	29.1	5.2	6.7	17.9	9.0	100.0
Continental Europe	4	3	9	0	1	0	2	19
% to total	21.1	15.8	47.4	0.0	5.3	0.0	10.5	100.0
Japan	6	3	6	1	2	0	23	41
% to total	14.6	7.3	14.6	2.4	4.9	0.0	56.1	100.0
South Korea	9	4	1	1	2	0	4	21
% to total	42.9	19.0	4.8	4.8	9.5	0.0	19.0	100.0
China	3	7	12	0	0	0	24	46
% to total	6.5	15.2	26.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	52.2	100.0
Rest of Asia	26	11	6	3	0	1	69	116
% to total	22.4	9.5	5.2	2.6	0.0	0.9	59.5	100.0
Pacific Islands	22	0	10	0	6	1	53	92
% to total	23.9	0.0	10.9	0.0	6.5	1.1	57.6	100.0
Others	2	5	109	0	1	0	3	120
% to total	1.7	4.2	90.8	0.0	0.8	0.0	2.5	100.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>3,071</b>
<b>PERCENTAGE TO TOTAL</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>7.8</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