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PROVISIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS – SEPTEMBER 2022

Provisional numbers show that visitor arrivals for September 2022 totaled 72,657. This is a decrease of 3.6% compared to August 2022.

Figure 1: Visitor Arrivals from September 2018 to September 2022

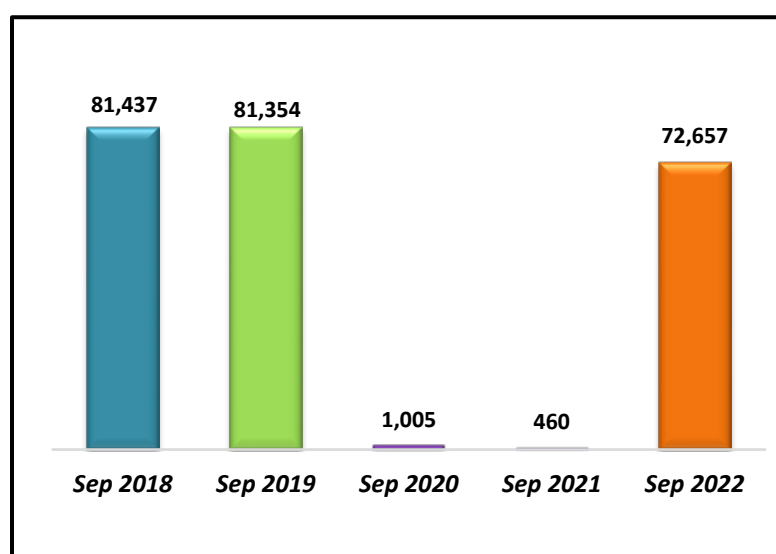
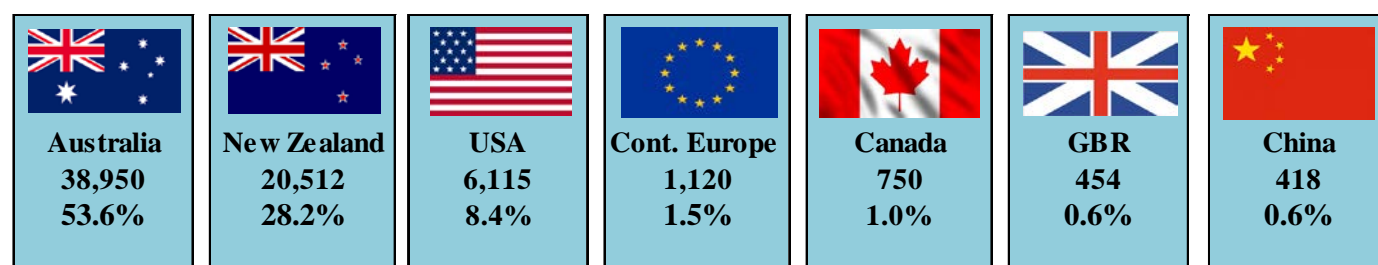


Figure 1 shows visitor arrivals for the month of September 2018 to 2022. While visitor arrival numbers for September 2022 has greatly improved, the number is lower [10.7%] compared to the visitor arrival numbers for September from the pre-COVID era in 2019.

Of the 72,657 visitors, 71,739 came by air while 918 came by sea. The sea arrivals were mostly seamen on fishing vessels (743) and 175 arrivals by yachts.

Figure 2: Visitor Arrivals by Major Source Markets – September 2022



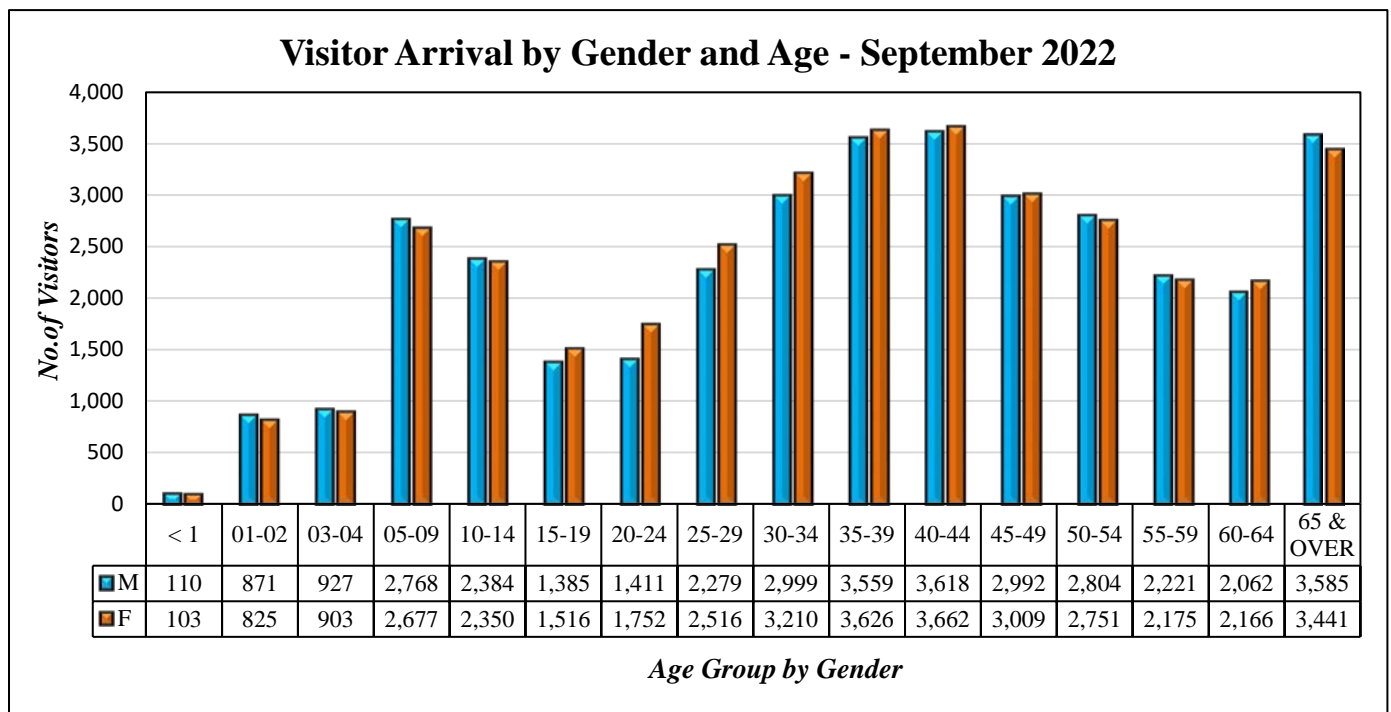
These Countries accounted for 94.0% of the total Visitor Arrivals for September 2022 and remain the major source markets for Fiji from the pre-COVID era in 2019.

Visitors by Gender and Age

The majority of visitors were in the age range of 25-64 years (62.8%), which accounts for the vast majority of the working age population. Children aged 14 and below accounted for 19.2% of the September visitor arrivals; 9.7% comprising those in the predominantly retirement age group of 65 and over, with the remaining 8.3% were youths aged 15-24.

Figure 3 below shows a significant gender differential in the age groups 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34 and 65 and over.

Figure 3: Visitor Arrivals by Gender and Age – September 2022



Resident Departures for September 2022

A total of 11,662 Fiji Residents departed our shores during the month of September of which 9,438 or 80.9% were for a short-term absence of under three months and 483 or 4.1% were for over three months and within 12 months period. A total of 1,741 or 14.9% 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 – 39.3%
- Holiday – 35.7%
- Business – 14.8%
- Others – 3.8%
- Education/Training – 3.6%
- Employment – 2.8%.
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Table 1: Resident Departures for September 2022 by Purpose of Visit and Length of Absence.

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	3,370 (35.7%)	0	0	0	3,370	28.9%
Visiting Friends or Relatives	3,711 (39.3%)	0	0	0	3,711	31.8%
Business	1,397 (14.8%)	32	0	0	1,429	12.3%
Employment	261 (2.8%)	329	926	0	1,516	13.0%
Education/Training	343 (3.6%)	83	292	0	718	6.2%
Emigration	0	0	61	211	272	2.3%
Others	356 (3.8%)	39	95	156	646	5.5%
Grand Total	9,438 (100%)	483	1,374	367	11,662	
% To Grand Total	80.9%	4.1%	11.8%	3.1%		100.0%

Note: Percentage September 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;

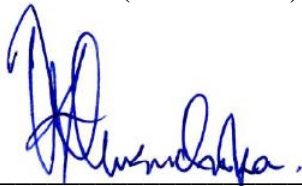
Table 3: Visitor Arrivals by Purpose of Visit;

Table 4: Visitor Arrivals from Continental Europe;

Table 5: Visitor Arrivals by Country of Residence, Sex and Age - September 2022; and

Table 6: Resident Departure by Final Destination and by Purpose of Absence – September 2022.

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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]
	June	4,688	62,130	66,818	8,419	51,304	59,723	7,728	134,269 [p]
	July	6,218	78,638	84,856	11,296	75,350	86,646	8,652	180,154 [p]
	August	6,384	70,110	76,494	11,603	69,274	80,877	8,823	166,194 [p]
	September	6,911	72,657	79,568	11,662	59,837	71,499	10,971	162,038 [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	
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]
	June	33,495	15,117	8,190	758	753	946	84	47	462	238	28	869	971	172	62,130	[p]
	July	37,005	25,237	9,295	1,221	832	1,138	75	112	571	225	13	910	1,792	212	78,638	[p]
	August	32,283	21,457	7,471	1,528	669	1,599	97	91	671	301	23	1,046	2,639	235	70,110	[p]
	September	38,950	20,512	6,115	750	454	1,120	61	49	418	251	1	985	2,764	227	72,657	[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]
	June	1,241	187	50,023	8,054	172	2,453	62,130 [p]
	July	1,400	503	63,375	10,004	270	3,086	78,638 [p]
	August	1,569	669	56,037	7,257	327	4,251	70,110 [p]
	September	1,544	381	60,918	4,873	366	4,575	72,657 [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]
	June	77	203	65	39	39	147	19	110	5	55	7	33	147	946 [p]
	July	74	231	127	87	59	176	14	52	9	54	10	31	214	1,138 [p]
	August	145	246	456	58	78	261	42	18	4	15	11	31	234	1,599 [p]
	September	63	161	172	70	50	238	19	139	13	26	12	16	141	1,120 [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 - SEPTEMBER 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	55	60	42	37	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	9	3	110	103	213	0.3
01-02	548	518	279	269	20	13	4	1	1	1	4	6	0	1.0	15	16	871	825	1,696	2.3
03-04	593	583	289	279	14	13	5	4	1	5	6	5	0	1.0	19	13	927	903	1,830	2.5
05-09	1,945	1,903	741	686	24	40	7	10	4	3	7	5	3.0	1.0	37	29	2,768	2,677	5,445	7.5
10-14	1,619	1,670	665	589	25	30	10	5	4	1	10	4	1.0	2.0	50	49	2,384	2,350	4,734	6.5
15-19	851	1,008	348	400	42	39	2	8	3	6	14	15	1.0	2.0	124	38	1,385	1,516	2,901	4.0
20-24	572	884	348	478	108	130	12	17	14	40	45	119	10.0	1.0	302	83	1,411	1,752	3,163	4.4
25-29	857	1,232	559	697	265	286	19	41	26	33	50	76	23.0	4.0	480	147	2,279	2,516	4,795	6.6
30-34	1,242	1,544	791	920	330	354	26	32	32	30	107	136	35.0	11.0	436	183	2,999	3,210	6,209	8.5
35-39	1,755	2,037	916	1,039	337	284	33	28	23	23	77	55	46.0	10.0	372	150	3,559	3,626	7,185	9.9
40-44	1,954	2,174	935	994	262	253	25	30	30	15	62	35	53.0	5.0	297	156	3,618	3,662	7,280	10.0
45-49	1,653	1,732	771	858	220	239	30	26	7	6	32	26	48.0	7.0	231	115	2,992	3,009	6,001	8.3
50-54	1,313	1,403	847	877	269	272	38	32	11	7	39	24	65.0	13.0	222	123	2,804	2,751	5,555	7.6
55-59	1,022	998	695	704	248	270	32	43	24	18	33	21	29.0	14.0	138	107	2,221	2,175	4,396	6.1
60-64	905	1,035	649	660	305	300	35	39	12	17	30	26	12.0	5.0	114	84	2,062	2,166	4,228	5.8
65 & OVER	1,677	1,608	1,110	1,040	536	583	82	74	31	25	28	21	8.0	7.0	113	83	3,585	3,441	7,026	9.7
TOTAL ALL AGES	18,561	20,389	9,985	10,527	3,007	3,108	360	390	224	230	545	575	334	84	2,959	1,379	35,975	36,682	72,657	100.0
TOTAL BOTH SEXES	38,950		20,512		6,115		750		454		1,120		418		4,338		72,657			
PERCENTAGE TO TOTAL	53.6		28.2		8.4		1.0		0.6		1.6		0.6		6.0		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 - SEPTEMBER 2022**

COUNTRY/PURPOSE	HOLIDAY	BUSINESS	EMPLOYMENT	EDUCATION/ TRAINING	VISITING FRIENDS/ RELATIVES	EMIGRATION	OTHERS	TOTAL
Australia	1,021	544	701	320	1,370	43	94	4,093
% to total	24.9	13.3	17.1	7.8	33.5	1.1	2.3	100.0
New Zealand	1,145	260	487	188	1,657	128	82	3,947
% to total	29.0	6.6	12.3	4.8	42.0	3.2	2.1	100.0
United States of America	310	70	55	42	261	75	17	830
% to total	37.3	8.4	6.6	5.1	31.4	9.0	2.0	100.0
Canada	194	36	16	15	90	25	1	377
% to total	51.5	9.5	4.2	4.0	23.9	6.6	0.3	100.0
United Kingdom	22	3	1	2	7	0	10	45
% to total	48.9	6.7	2.2	4.4	15.6	0.0	22.2	100.0
Continental Europe	25	15	2	0	10	0	15	67
% to total	37.3	22.4	3.0	0.0	14.9	0.0	22.4	100.0
Japan	11	10	0	19	17	0	53	110
% to total	10.0	9.1	0.0	17.3	15.5	0.0	48.2	100.0
South Korea	28	4	0	0	9	0	10	51
% to total	54.9	7.8	0.0	0.0	17.6	0.0	19.6	100.0
China	34	10	12	6	7	0	55	124
% to total	27.4	8.1	9.7	4.8	5.6	0.0	44.4	100.0
Rest of Asia	387	112	23	47	97	1	157	824
% to total	47.0	13.6	2.8	5.7	11.8	0.1	19.1	100.0
Pacific Islands	172	345	141	79	182	0	145	1,064
% to total	16.2	32.4	13.3	7.4	17.1	0.0	13.6	100.0
Others	21	20	78	0	4	0	7	130
% to total	16.2	15.4	60.0	0.0	3.1	0.0	5.4	100.0
TOTAL	3,370	1,429	1,516	718	3,711	272	646	11,662
PERCENTAGE TO TOTAL	28.9	12.3	13.0	6.2	31.8	2.3	5.5	100.0

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

Source: Fiji Immigration Department