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PROVISIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS – APRIL 2020

Provisional numbers show that visitor arrivals for April 2020 totaled 678. In comparison, in 2019, visitor arrival numbers for April stood at 76,813. This decrease in numbers can be attributed to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions on international travel due to closure of most international airports.

From the 678 visitors, 6 came by air while 672 came by sea. The sea visitor arrivals were mostly seamen on fishing vessels, who were already in Fiji waters when international travel was restricted.

Resident Departures for March 2020

A total of 7,608 Fiji Residents departed our shores during the month of March of which 5,855 or 77.0% were for a short-term absence of under three months and 1,122 or 14.7% were for over three months and within 12 months period. A total of 631 or 8.3% 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 – 42.9%
- Holiday – 32.3%
- Business – 12.6%
- Employment – 6.1%
- Education/Training – 2.4%.
- Others – 3.8%

Table 1 below shows Resident Departure for March 2020 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	1,891 (32.3%)	141			2,032	26.7%
Visiting Friends or Relatives	2,513 (42.9%)	311			2,824	37.1%
Business	735 (12.6%)	38			773	10.2%
Employment	355 (6.1%)	560	219		1,134	14.9%
Education/Training	140 (2.4%)	31	47		218	2.9%
Emigration			20	135	155	2.0%
Others	221 (3.8%)	41	55	155	472	6.2%
Grand Total	5,855 (100%)	1,122	341	290	7,608	
% To Total	77.0%	14.7%	4.5%	3.8%		100.0%

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

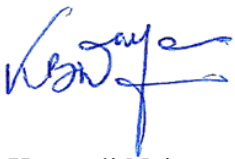
For more information on Visitor Arrivals Statistics refer to the following attached tables:

Table 1: Arrivals and Departures: Number of Residents, Visitors and Persons in Transit;

Table 2: Visitor Arrivals by Country of Residence;

Table 3: Resident Departure by Final Destination and by Purpose of Absence – March, 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 [r]
	April	510	678	1,188	532	1,488	2,020	28	3,236 [p]

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	[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]

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

TABLE 3**RESIDENT DEPARTURE BY FINAL DESTINATION AND BY PURPOSE OF ABSENCE - MARCH 2020**

COUNTRY/PURPOSE	HOLIDAY	BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT	EDUCATION/ TRAINING	VISITING FRIENDS/ RELATIVES	EMIGRATION	OTHERS	TOTAL
Australia	676	237	135	96	1,140	48	2,495
% to total	27.1	9.5	5.4	3.8	45.7	1.9	100
New Zealand	798	140	366	58	1,164	62	2,674
% to total	29.8	5.2	13.7	2.2	43.5	2.3	100
United States of America	183	73	32	10	212	39	663
% to total	27.6	11.0	4.8	1.5	32.0	5.9	100
Canada	19	1	1	0	15	2	40
% to total	47.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	37.5	5.0	100
United Kingdom	12	4	6	1	18	2	47
% to total	25.5	8.5	12.8	2.1	38.3	4.3	100
Continental Europe	8	5	3	2	4	5	28
% to total	28.6	17.9	10.7	7.1	14.3	17.9	100
Japan	25	25	6	4	8	0	72
% to total	34.7	34.7	8.3	5.6	11.1	0.0	100
South Korea	9	2	1	0	0	0	12
% to total	75.0	16.7	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	100
China	6	4	1	0	1	0	13
% to total	46.2	30.8	7.7	0.0	7.7	0.0	100
Rest of Asia	114	22	123	5	58	0	357
% to total	31.9	6.2	34.5	1.4	16.2	0.0	100
Pacific Islands	175	254	135	41	195	1	856
% to total	20.4	29.7	15.8	4.8	22.8	0.1	100
Others	7	6	325	1	9	0	351
% to total	2.0	1.7	92.6	0.3	2.6	0.0	100
TOTAL	2,032	773	1,134	218	2,824	155	7,608
PERCENTAGE TO TOTAL	26.7	10.2	14.9	2.9	37.1	2.0	100.0

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