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PROVISIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS - 2020

2020 Highlights:

- Fiji's annual Visitor Arrivals were 146,905 in 2020. This was a substantial decrease of 83.6% compared to the record number of arrivals in the year 2019, which stood at 894,389. This decrease in numbers is attributed to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions on international travel and closure of most international borders.
- ➤ Of the total number of arrivals for the year 2020, 95.1% [139,701] were recorded for the first 3 months of the year.
- Visitor numbers from Fiji's top two source markets, Australia (57,836) and New Zealand (25,078) equate to an average daily arrival of 636 and 276 respectively for the first 3 months.
- For the year 2020, visitors arriving for holiday purposes totaled 99,199 (67.5%), 15,126 (10.3%) came to visit friends or relatives, 4,282 (2.9%) came for business purposes while 28,298 (19.3%) visited Fiji for other reasons.

Table 1

		% ТО		% TO		% ТО	2020/2019	2019/2018
ARRIVALS	2020	TOTAL	2019	TO TAL	2018	TO TAL	% CHANGE	% CHANGE
Australia	58,062	39.5	367,020	41.0	365,660	42.0	-84.2	0.4
New Zealand	25,316	17.2	205,998	23.0	198,718	22.8	-87.7	3.7
USA	17,198	11.7	96,968	10.8	86,075	9.9	-82.3	12.7
Canada	2,896	2.0	13,269	1.5	13,220	1.5	-78.2	0.4
United Kingdom	3,487	2.4	16,856	1.9	16,297	1.9	-79.3	3.4
Cont. Europe	6,847	4.7	36,058	4.0	37,433	4.3	-81.0	-3.7
Japan	2,252	1.5	14,868	1.7	11,903	1.4	-84.9	24.9
China	9,319	6.3	47,027	5.3	49,271	5.7	-80.2	-4.6
South Korea	548	0.4	6,806	0.8	8,176	0.9	-91.9	-16.8
Rest of Asia	7,794	5.3	29,905	3.3	26,928	3.1	-73.9	11.1
Pacific Islands	12,097	8.2	54,369	6.1	51,654	5.9	-77.8	5.3
Others	1,089	0.7	5,245	0.6	4,974	0.6	-79.2	5.4
TOTAL VISITORS	146,905	100.0	894,389	100.0	870,309	100.0	-83.6	2.8

Resident Departures for December 2020

A total of 956 Fiji Residents departed our shores during the month of December of which 149 or 15.6% were for a short-term absence of under three months and 237 or 24.8% were for over three months and within 12 months period. A total of 570 or 59.6% 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;

- Visiting Friends or Relatives 43.0%
- Business 31.5%
- Employment 21.5%
- Others -3.4%
- Holiday 0.7%

Table 2 below shows Resident Departure for November 2020 by Purpose of Visit and Length of Absence.

Table 2

			Length of	Absence		
Purpose of Visit	Under 3 months	3 months - 12 months	1 year - 5 years	Over 5 years or Permanently	Grand Total	% To Total
Holiday	1 (0.7%)	6	0	0	7	0.7%
Visiting Friends or Relatives	64 (43.0%)	7	0	0	71	7.4%
Business	47 (31.5%)	0	0	0	47	4.9%
Employment	32 (21.5%)	91	16	0	139	14.5%
Education/Training	0	0	6	0	6	0.6%
Emigration	0	0	6	45	51	5.3%
Others	5 (3.4%)	133	105	392	635	66.4%
Grand Total	149 (100%)	237	133	437	956	
% To Total	15.6%	24.8%	13.9%	45.7%		100.0%

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

More detailed information is provided in the accompanying Tables.

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TABLE 1

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES: NUMBER OF RESIDENTS, VISITORS AND PERSONS IN TRANSIT

YEAR/MONTH			ARRIVALS			DEPARTURES	TOTAL IN	PASSENGER	
		RESIDENT	VISITORS	TOTAL	RESIDENT	VISITORS	TOTAL	TRANSIT	MOVEMENTS
20	16	148,258	792,320	940,578	156,038	756,378	912,416	85,953	1,938,947
20	17	158,300	842,884	1,001,184	168,662	800,441	969,103	93,857	2,064,144
20	18	147,994	870,309	1,018,303	173,612	831,639	1,005,251	111,990	2,135,544
20		146,552	894,389	1,040,941	173,955	863,518	1,037,473	106,390	2,184,804
20	20	42,532	146,905	189,437	40,226	163,151	203,377	26,484	419,298
018	January	19,324	62,648	81,972	15,040	72,627	87,667	14,484	184,123
	February	9,650	48,798	58,448	12,016	45,491	57,507	9,385	125,340
	March	9,676	60,058	69,734	12,445	50,698	63,143	8,304	141,181
	April	13,739	63,535	77,274	13,666	62,345	76,011	7,699	160,984
	May	12,975	67,290	80,265	12,155	63,679	75,834	8,210	164,309
	June	12,681	81,653	94,334	13,107	70,851	83,958	7,813	186,105
	July	11,502	95,061	106,563	14,026	92,072	106,098	9,648	222,309
	August	10,418	88,693	99,111	14,133	88,552	102,685	8,007	209,803
	September	10,198	81,437	91,635	13,729	76,513	90,242	9,700	191,577
	October	12,667	79,077	91,744	12,341	81,194	93,535	9,200	194,479
	November	9,206	64,989	74,195	18,104	65,247	83,351	6,281	163,827
	December	15,958	77,070	93,028	22,850	62,370	85,220	13,259	191,507
019	January	20,219	63,807	84,026	15,361	74,533	89,894	13,811	187,731
	February	10,604	48,748	59,352	12,213	46,031	58,244	8,868	126,464
	March	10,844	59,306	70,150	12,606	53,616	66,222	8,079	144,451
	April	12,233	76,813	89,046	14,185	69,909	84,094	7,464	180,604
	May	10,766	73,169	83,935	12,545	71,587	84,132	7,847	175,914
	June	10,944	85,652	96,596	13,493	77,378	90,871	7,605	195,072
	July	11,686	96,376	108,062	13,329	93,805	107,134	7,458	222,654
	August	10,211	88,834	99,045	14,256	90,463	104,719	6,781	210,545
	September	10,496	81,354	91,850	13,512	75,622	89,134	8,499	189,483
	October	10,396	77,467	87,863	12,607	80,129	92,736	9,594	190,193
	November	9,688	69,123	78,811	17,822	68,917	86,739	7,350	172,900
	December	18,465	73,740	92,205	22,026	61,528	83,554	13,034	188,793
020	January	18,238	65,386	83,624	15,434	76,195	91,629	12,571	187,824
	February	10,448	46,343	56,791	11,748	43,748	55,496	8,366	120,653
	March	8,166	27,972	36,138	7,608	34,782	42,390	4,064	82,592
	April	510	678	1,188	532	1,488	2,020	28	3,236
	May	410	709	1,119	259	940	1,199	0	2,318
	June	628	413	1,041	650	645	1,295	0	2,336
	July	775	711	1,486	473	888	1,361	0	2,847
	August	465	976	1,441	460	687	1,147	428	3,016
	September	683	1,005	1,688	526	1,081	1,607	199	3,494
	October	974	1,125	2,099	731	1,250	1,981	253	4,333
	November	626	875	1,501	949	926	1,875	228	3,604
	December	609	712	1,321	856	521	1,377	347	3,045

Note: 1. [p] provisional, [r] revised Source: Fiji Immigration Department

			NEW			UNITED C	CONTINENTAL		SOUTH			HONG		PACIFIC		
YEAI	R/MONTH	AUSTRALIA	ZEALAND	USA	CANADA	KINGDOM	EUROPE	JAPAN	KOREA	CHINA	INDIA	KONG	ASIA	ISLANDS	OTHERS	TOTAL
2016	5	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	7	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	8	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	9	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	0	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 [
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 [
	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 [
	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 [
	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 [
	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 [
	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 [
	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 [
	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 [
	September	r 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 [
	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 [
	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 [
	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 [
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		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 December		13,788 15,052	7,922 7,030	1,043 1,184	1,171 1,275	2,749 2,569	870 1,093	269 275	2,651 2,972	419 587	54 441	1,306 1,659	4,882 4,243	298 459	69,123 [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	r 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 [

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

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VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT

ERIOD)	BUSINESS	OFFICIAL CONFERENCE	HOLIDAY	VISITING FRIENDS/ RELATIVES	EDUCATION/ TRAINING	OTHERS	TOTAL
2	016	32,922	13,993	600,887	68,262	7,559	68,697	792,320
	017	33,222	14,708	630,700	74,492	8,541	81,221	842,884
	018	29,755	14,629	658,585	80,441	7,921	78,978	870,309
	019	29,882	18,443	656,249	92,026	8,608	89,181	894,389
	020	4,282	1,788	99,199	15,126	4,132	22,378	146,905
018	January	2,154	343	45,560	5,306	1,506	7,779	62,648
	February	2,173	1,095	35,319	3,631	1,327	5,253	48,798
	March	2,744	1,030	44,963	4,560	432	6,329	60,058
	April	2,278	1,144	47,748	5,335	363	6,667	63,535
	May	2,390	998	51,311	5,643	461	6,487	67,290
	June	2,537	1,489	62,899	7,442	729	6,557	81,653
	July	2,898	1,389	72,979	9,527	904	7,364	95,061
	August	2,929	1,495	67,357	9,763	489	6,660	88,693
	September	2,680	1,821	62,845	7,007	697	6,387	81,437
	October	2,925	1,726	61,979	5,681	388	6,378	79,077
	November	2,312	1,484	49,083	6,533	379	5,198	64,989
	December	1,735	615	56,542	10,013	246	7,919	77,070
19	January	1,883	406	47,088	5,581	956	7,893	63,807
.,	February	2,358	830	33,920	4,655	1,385	5,600	48,748
	March	2,822	1,266	42,253	5,788	599	6,578	59,306
	April	2,239	2,278	56,338	8,034	433	7,491	76,813
	May	2,914	2,043	53,610	6,771	516	7,315	73,169
	June	2,787	1,944	64,083	8,640	966	7,232	85,652
	July	2,446	1,702	71,430	11,034	886	8,878	96,376
	August	3,016	2,690	64,514	9,498	718	8,398	88,834
	September	2,850	1,608	61,483	6,520	670	8,223	81,354
	October	2,603	1,445	59,652	5,961	508	6,223 7,298	,
	November	2,521	1,853	49,700	7,824	728	6,497	77,467 69,123
	December	1,443	378	52,178	11,720	243	7,778	73,740
20	January	1,171	381	48,023	6,278	2,189	7,344	65,386
	February	1,857	892	30,801	5,636	1,635	5,522	46,343
	March	971	510	20,133	3,043	273	3,042	27,972
	April	3	0	0	0	0	675	678
	May	0	0	0	0	0	709	709
	June	28	0	4	0	0	381	413
	July	5	0	28	6	1	671	711
	August	35	0	78	12	6	845	976
	September	55	0	67	23	0	860	1,005
	October	55	0	29	28	3	1,010	1,125
	November	74	1	23	31	13	733	875
	December	28	4	13	69	12	586	712

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TABLE 4

VISITOR ARRIVALS FROM CONTINENTAL EUROPE

YEAR	R/MONTH	SPAIN	FRANCE	ITALV C	WITZERLAND NETH	EDI ANDO	CEDMANN	ATICTOTA	DENMARK	EINI AND	NODWAY	RUSSIA	SWEDEN	REST OF EUROPE	TOTAL
		SPAIN	FRANCE	IIALI S	WIIZEKLAND NEIN	EKLANDS	GERMANI	AUSTRIA	DENMAKK	FINLAND	NORWAI	KUSSIA	SWEDEN	EUROPE	IUIAL
201	6	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
201		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
201	8	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
201	9	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
202	0.0	160	907	273	536	362	2,041	197	297	151	146	277	367	1,133	6,847 [p
2018	January	62	411	169	198	149	775	112	122	85	60	119	162	528	2,952 [p
	February	74	357	102	208	131	788	117	135	55	78	33	131	473	2,682 [p
	March	65	330	88	197	137	934	81	105	41	72	35	178	443	2,706 [p
	April	68	394	127	194	121	871	69	243	22	129	53	91	381	2,763 [p
	May	153	523	151	211	149	967	68	126	23	48	40	80	474	3,013 [p
	June	111	447	236	193	104	703	46	65	30	67	35	63	331	2,431 [p
	July	161	576	408	278	158	748	82	115	66	142	62	97	499	3,392 [p
	August	299	905	994	150	202	758	65	98	40	37	111	174	468	4,301 [p
	September	156	597	384	310	120	674	52	108	52	71	100	105	447	3,176 [p
	October	195	669	376	216	166	795	96	131	51	168	122	112	524	3,621 [p
	November	136	402	165	236	149	867	85	168	78	60	65	139	542	3,092 [p
	December	81	832	159	192	184	778	86	84	88	64	88	181	487	3,304 [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				123	151	489	2,802 [p
	February	44	394	90	191	134	756				42	75	135	404	2,524 [p
	March	24	142	50	98	70	483	31			21	53	73	213	1,361 [p
	April	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	0	0	0 [p
	May	0	1	0	0	0	0	-			0	1	0	0	2 [p
	June	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	4	0	0	4 [p
	July	2	3	5	1	0	5				0	1	0	3	20 [p
	August	3	15	0	0	1	2			0	2	8	8	8	48 [p
	September	1	6	3	5	1	2				0	5	0	8	39 [p
	October	4	3	1	0	3	1	0			0	0	0	3	16 [p
	November	1	7	0	0	1	4				0	7	0	4	24 [p
	December	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7 [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

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COUNTRY/PURPOSE	HOLIDAY	BUSINESS EMP	I OVMENT	EDUCATION/ TRAINING	VISITING FRIENDS/ RELATIVES	EMIGRATION	OTHERS	TOTAL
Australia	1	24	20	2	6	8	42	103
% to total	1.0	23.3	19.4	1.9	5.8	7.8	40.8	100.0
New Zealand	6	20	33	4	9	20	92	184
% to total	3.3	10.9	17.9	2.2	4.9	10.9	50.0	100
United States of America	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	6
% to total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Canada	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	3
% to total	0.0	0.0	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	100.0
United Kingdom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% to total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Continental Europe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% to total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Japan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% to total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
South Korea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% to total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% to total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rest of Asia	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
% to total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100
Pacific Islands	0	3	28	0	50	23	496	600
% to total	0.0	0.5	4.7	0.0	8.3	3.8	82.7	100
Others	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	56
% to total	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100
TOTAL	7	47	139	6	71	51	635	956
PERCENTAGE TO TOTAL	0.7	4.9	14.5	0.6	7.4	5.3	66.4	100.0

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

Source: Fiji Immigration Department