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PROVISIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS - 2021

2021 Highlights:

- Fiji's annual Visitor Arrivals were 31,618 in 2021. This was a substantial decrease of 78.5% compared to the number of arrivals in the year 2020, which stood at 146,905. This decrease in numbers is attributed to the continuing worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions on international travel and closure of most international borders.
- Of the total number of arrivals for this year, 73.5% [23,226] were recorded for the month of December when the borders were open to visitors.
- The highest number of visitors were from Australia [18,569 or 58.7%] and USA [4,233 or 13.4%].
- When borders opened in December, visitor numbers from Fiji's top two source markets, Australia (17,896) and USA (3,502) equate to an average daily arrival of 577 and 113 respectively.
- For year 2021, visitors arriving for holiday purposes totaled 19,846 (62.8%), 2,625 (8.3%) came to visit friends or relatives, 1,420 (4.5%) came for business purposes while 7,727 (24.4%) visited Fiji for other reasons.

Table 1 below presents arrival numbers by country for the years 2019 - 2021.

Table 1

ARRIVALS	% TO		% TO		% TO		2021/2020	2020/2019
	2021	TO TAL	2020	TO TAL	2019	TOTAL	% CHANGE	% CHANGE
Australia	18,569	58.7	58,062	39.5	367,020	41.0	-68.0	-84.2
New Zealand	532	1.7	25,316	17.2	205,998	23.0	-97.9	-87.7
USA	4,233	13.4	17,198	11.7	96,968	10.8	-75.4	-82.3
Canada	358	1.1	2,896	2.0	13,269	1.5	-87.6	-78.2
United Kingdom	188	0.6	3,487	2.4	16,856	1.9	-94.6	-79.3
Cont. Europe	401	1.3	6,847	4.7	36,058	4.0	-94.1	-81.0
Japan	233	0.7	2,252	1.5	14,868	1.7	-89.7	-84.9
China	2,178	6.9	9,319	6.3	47,027	5.3	-76.6	-80.2
South Korea	51	0.2	548	0.4	6,806	0.8	-90.7	-91.9
Rest of Asia	2,709	8.6	7,794	5.3	29,905	3.3	-65.2	-73.9
Pacific Islands	2,075	6.6	12,097	8.2	54,369	6.1	-82.8	-77.8
Others	91	0.3	1,089	0.7	5,245	0.6	-91.6	-79.2
TOTAL VISITORS	31,618	100.0	146,905	100.0	894,389	100.0	-78.5	-83.6

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

Resident Departures for December 2021

A total of 3,435 Fiji Residents departed our shores during the month of December of which 1,700 or 49.5% were for a short-term absence of under three months and 463 or 13.5% were for over three months and within 12 months period. A total of 1,272 or 37.0% 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 – 52.7%
- Visiting Friends or Relatives – 25.8%
- Business – 15.2%
- Employment – 5.2%
- Education / Training – 0.5%
- Others – 0.5%.

Table 2 below shows Resident Departure for December 2021 by Purpose of Visit and Length of Absence.

Table 2

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	896 (52.7%)	16		0	912	26.6%
Visiting Friends or Relatives	439 (25.8%)	241		0	680	19.8%
Business	258 (15.2%)	46	14	0	318	9.3%
Employment	89 (5.2%)	140	158	0	387	11.3%
Education/Training	9 (0.5%)	4	87	0	100	2.9%
Emigration	0		0	316	316	9.2%
Others	9 (0.5%)	16	298	399	722	21.0%
Grand Total	1,700 (100%)	463	557	715	3,435	
% To Total	49.5%	13.5%	16.2%	20.8%		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;

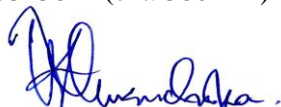
Table 2: Visitor Arrivals by Country of Residence;

Table 3: 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	10,743	31,618	42,361	13,641	18,314	31,955	12,364	86,680 [p]
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]
	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]

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

Source: Fiji Immigration Department

TABLE 2

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

		NEW ZEALAND														
YEAR/MONTH	AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	USA	CANADA	UNITED KINGDOM	CONTINENTAL EUROPE	JAPAN	SOUTH KOREA	CHINA	INDIA	HONG KONG	REST OF ASIA	PACIFIC 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]
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]
	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]

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	111	19,846	2,625	773	6,843	31,618 [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]
	November	195	3	113	52	1	353	717 [p]
	December	221	4	19,294	2,418	52	1,237	23,226 [p]

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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]
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]
	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]

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 - DECEMBER 2021**

COUNTRY/PURPOSE	HOLIDAY	BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT	EDUCATION/ TRAINING	VISITING FRIENDS/ RELATIVES	EMIGRATION	OTHERS	TOTAL
Australia	373	130	75	37	242	98	1,040
% to total	35.9	12.5	7.2	3.6	23.3	9.4	100.0
New Zealand	47	29	40	7	33	32	233
% to total	20.2	12.4	17.2	3.0	14.2	13.7	100.0
United States of America	410	102	41	27	191	163	988
% to total	41.5	10.3	4.1	2.7	19.3	16.5	100.0
Canada	1	0	0	0	0	4	5
% to total	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	80.0	100.0
United Kingdom	4	5	6	0	8	3	29
% to total	13.8	17.2	20.7	0.0	27.6	10.3	100.0
Continental Europe	7	3	0	1	8	4	23
% to total	30.4	13.0	0.0	4.3	34.8	17.4	100.0
Japan	12	6	12	0	9	36	77
% to total	15.6	7.8	15.6	0.0	11.7	46.8	100.0
South Korea	4	3	3	3	8	10	31
% to total	12.9	9.7	9.7	9.7	25.8	32.3	100.0
China	2	3	1	0	11	2	20
% to total	10.0	15.0	5.0	0.0	55.0	10.0	100.0
Rest of Asia	42	27	92	2	56	81	309
% to total	13.6	8.7	29.8	0.6	18.1	26.2	100.0
Pacific Islands	10	9	69	22	110	396	624
% to total	1.6	1.4	11.1	3.5	17.6	63.5	100.0
Others	0	1	48	1	4	2	56
% to total	0.0	1.8	85.7	1.8	7.1	3.6	100.0
TOTAL	912	318	387	100	680	722	3,435
PERCENTAGE TO TOTAL	26.6	9.3	11.3	2.9	19.8	9.2	100.0

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

Source: Fiji Immigration Department