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PROVISIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS – MARCH 2023

Provisional numbers show that visitor arrivals for March 2023 totaled 60,548. This is an increase of 28.2% compared to February 2023, which recorded a total 47,234. In 2022 and 2021, visitor arrivals for March stood at 21,390 and 1,961 respectively.

Figure 1: Visitor Arrivals from March 2019 to March 2023

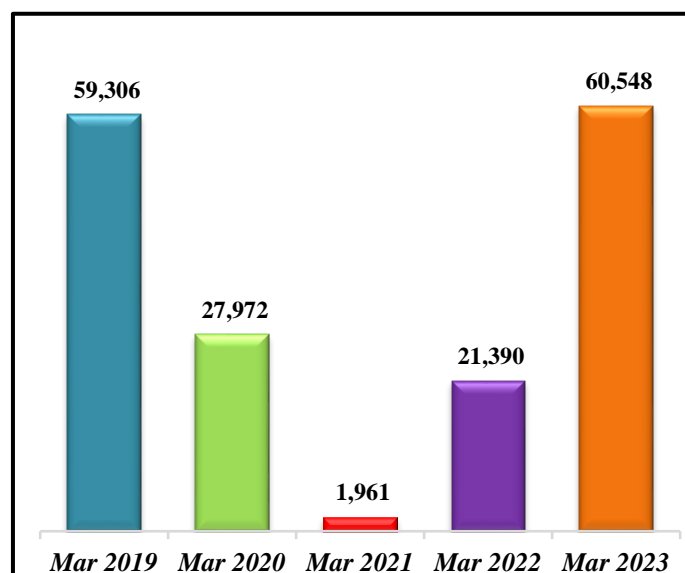
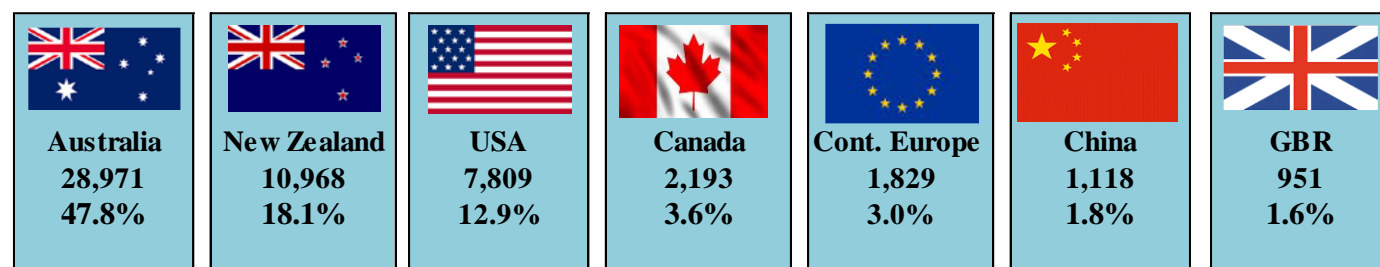


Figure 1 shows visitor arrivals for the month of March 2019 to 2023. Visitor arrivals levels in March 2023 is 2.1% higher than the pre-COVID era in March 2019.

Of the 60,548 visitors, 59,366 came by air while 1,182 came by sea. The sea arrivals were mostly seamen on fishing vessels (1,173) and 9 arrivals by yacht.

For March 2023 visitors arriving for holiday purposes accounted for 76.7% of total arrivals, 6.1% came to visit their friends or relatives, 4.0% came for business purposes, while 13.2% visited Fiji for other reasons.

Figure 2: Visitor Arrivals by Major Source Markets – March 2023



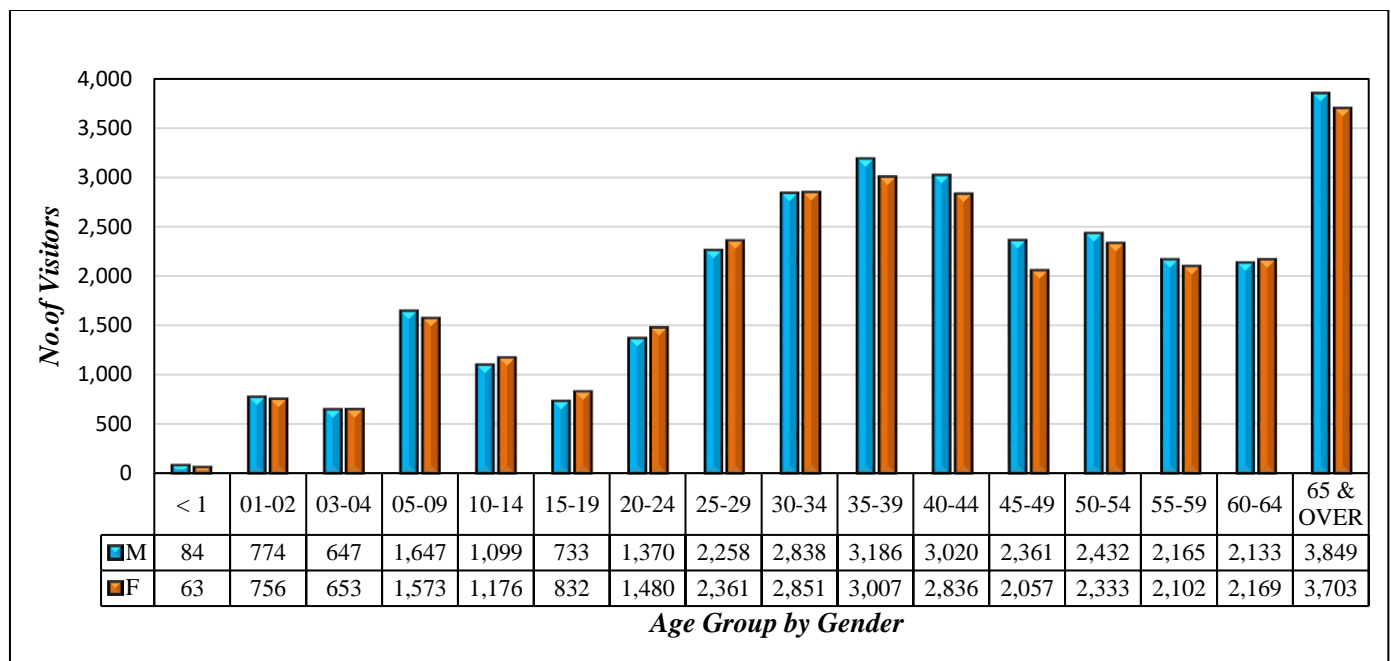
These Countries accounted for 88.8% of the total Visitor Arrivals for March 2023 and remain the major source markets for Fiji.

Visitors by Gender and Age

The majority of visitors were in the age range of 25-64 years (66.2%), which accounts for the vast majority of the working age population. Children aged 14 and below accounted for 14.0% of the March visitor arrivals; 12.5% comprising those in the predominantly retirement age group of 65 and over with the remaining; 7.3% were youths aged 15-24.

Figure 3 below shows a significant gender differential in the age groups 20-24, 25-29, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, and 65 & over.

Figure 3: Visitor Arrivals by Gender and Age – March 2023



Resident Departures for March 2023

A total of 13,046 Fiji Residents departed our shores during the month of March of which 9,750 or 74.7% were for a short-term absence of under three months and 1,565 or 12.0% were for over three months and within 12 months period. A total of 1,731 or 13.3% 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;

- Holiday – 43.3%
- Visiting Friends or Relatives – 36.7%
- Business – 11.1%
- Employment – 3.2%
- Others – 2.9%
- Education/Training – 2.8%.

Table 1: Resident Departures for March 2023 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	4,223 (43.3%)	0	0	0	4,223	32.4%
Visiting Friends or Relatives	3,580 (36.7%)	268	0	0	3,848	29.5%
Business	1,086 (11.1%)	29	0	0	1,115	8.5%
Employment	314 (3.2%)	540	900	0	1,754	13.4%
Education/Training	269 (2.8%)	691	366	0	1,326	10.2%
Emigration	0	0	56	230	286	2.2%
Others	278 (2.9%)	37	95	84	494	3.8%
Grand Total	9,750 (100%)	1,565	1,417	314	13,046	
% To Grand Total	74.7%	12.0%	10.9%	2.4%		100.0%

Note: Percentage March 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 - March 2023; and

Table 6: Resident Departure by Final Destination and by Purpose of Absence – March 2023.

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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		
	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]
	2022	67,353	636,312	703,665	109,368	571,874	681,242	114,062	1,498,969 [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]
	October	7,865	70,152	78,017	11,387	63,859	75,246	12,814	166,077 [p]
	November	9,560	63,646	73,206	11,568	60,924	72,492	11,649	157,347 [p]
	December	8,622	75,580	84,202	17,851	58,370	76,221	23,553	183,976 [p]
2023	January	14,291	67,502	81,793	15,302	73,592	88,894	24,021	194,708 [p]
	February	9,263	47,234	56,497	12,092	44,936	57,028	21,279	134,804 [p]
	March	11,160	60,548	71,708	13,046	53,593	66,639	21,124	159,471 [p]

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

Source: Fiji Immigration Department

TABLE 2

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

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
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]
2022	345,149	152,863	69,897	9,879	5,888	10,817	854	709	5,756	2,109	148	8,660	21,564	2,019	636,312 [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]
October	34,351	19,610	7,692	916	737	1,526	85	52	588	286	15	907	3,194	193	70,152 [p]
November	33,795	13,485	7,293	1,194	543	1,292	111	95	552	292	19	908	3,822	245	63,646 [p]
December	42,304	15,935	6,795	1,602	899	1,507	85	66	1,068	171	12	1,096	3,749	291	75,580 [p]
2023 January	37,269	12,934	5,359	1,735	914	2,358	114	84	833	267	11	878	4,417	329	67,502 [p]
February	20,665	8,072	6,075	1,701	788	1,713	137	107	889	895	6	909	4,945	332	47,234 [p]
March	28,971	10,968	7,809	2,193	951	1,829	76	80	1,118	433	17	1,259	4,502	342	60,548 [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
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]
2022		13,143	4,164	519,797	60,837	2,615	35,756	636,312 [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]
	October	933	304	58,835	4,543	117	5,420	70,152 [p]
	November	1,783	1,129	52,284	3,970	23	4,457	63,646 [p]
	December	701	335	62,558	6,150	13	5,823	75,580 [p]
2023	January	961	452	52,845	4,335	581	8,328	67,502 [p]
	February	1,779	983	33,371	3,876	1,359	5,866	47,234 [p]
	March	2,403	1,087	46,468	3,718	121	6,751	60,548 [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
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]
2022		757	1,840	1,289	632	520	2,118	243	665	128	323	121	312	1,869	10,817 [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]
	October	119	241	229	101	75	307	45	75	26	39	25	49	195	1,526 [p]
	November	71	117	63	87	72	354	18	58	16	40	16	48	332	1,292 [p]
	December	85	233	82	96	80	382	47	80	29	55	21	52	265	1,507 [p]
2023	January	76	244	69	161	109	974	86	87	42	60	39	63	348	2,358 [p]
	February	57	217	70	113	106	545	42	44	19	45	52	60	343	1,713 [p]
	March	72	179	56	156	117	547	58	97	56	16	24	65	386	1,829 [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 - MARCH 2023

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	52	45	17	9	4	5	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	8	3	84	63	147	0.2
01-02	563	501	114	159	37	25	14	11	3	4	7	13	0	3	36	40	774	756	1,530	2.5
03-04	472	450	96	115	29	34	13	11	1	7	6	4	1	0	29	32	647	653	1,300	2.1
05-09	1,090	1,068	294	260	104	104	72	47	10	5	10	17	4	4	63	68	1,647	1,573	3,220	5.3
10-14	679	722	201	205	109	104	58	71	2	7	5	7	2	2	43	58	1,099	1,176	2,275	3.8
15-19	284	385	144	136	140	137	49	42	7	22	26	20	2	4	81	86	733	832	1,565	2.6
20-24	456	592	265	284	118	186	15	30	23	41	76	126	44	19	373	202	1,370	1,480	2,850	4.7
25-29	802	1,059	421	453	190	254	38	55	43	73	91	136	71	19	602	312	2,258	2,361	4,619	7.6
30-34	1,160	1,386	517	553	258	283	57	77	48	56	94	121	109	36	595	339	2,838	2,851	5,689	9.4
35-39	1,486	1,616	493	518	290	314	80	106	32	34	90	72	150	28	565	319	3,186	3,007	6,193	10.2
40-44	1,391	1,521	506	503	331	307	84	110	39	19	67	59	134	31	468	286	3,020	2,836	5,856	9.7
45-49	1,034	967	426	398	291	302	89	90	18	17	67	44	104	20	332	219	2,361	2,057	4,418	7.3
50-54	999	1,128	451	468	331	351	94	98	27	21	78	47	119	24	333	196	2,432	2,333	4,765	7.9
55-59	851	933	444	436	338	366	94	84	39	36	81	57	67	14	251	176	2,165	2,102	4,267	7.0
60-64	894	1,028	432	383	378	386	100	106	44	58	79	70	38	18	168	120	2,133	2,169	4,302	7.1
65 & OVER	1,670	1,687	655	612	872	831	188	208	116	98	149	109	23	28	176	130	3,849	3,703	7,552	12.5
TOTAL ALL AGES	13,883	15,088	5,476	5,492	3,820	3,989	1046	1147	453	498	927	902	868	250	4,123	2,586	30,596	29,952	60,548	100.0
TOTAL BOTH SEXES	28,971		10,968		7,809		2,193		951		1,829		1,118		6,709		60,548			
PERCENTAGE TO TOTAL	47.9		18.1		12.9		3.6		1.6		3.0		1.8		11.1		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 - MARCH 2023**

COUNTRY/PURPOSE	HOLIDAY	BUSINESS	EMPLOYMENT	EDUCATION/ TRAINING	VISITING FRIENDS/ RELATIVES	EMIGRATION	OTHERS	TOTAL
Australia	1,440	369	516	632	1,469	52	168	4,646
% to total	31.0	7.9	11.1	13.6	31.6	1.1	3.6	100.0
New Zealand	1,554	174	918	481	1,624	158	63	4,972
% to total	31.3	3.5	18.5	9.7	32.7	3.2	1.3	100.0
United States of America	338	64	26	62	360	71	23	944
% to total	35.8	6.8	2.8	6.6	38.1	7.5	2.4	100.0
Canada	76	1	3	9	93	5	5	192
% to total	39.6	0.5	1.6	4.7	48.4	2.6	2.6	100.0
United Kingdom	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
% to total	33.3	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	100.0
Continental Europe	1	2	1	0	1	0	3	8
% to total	12.5	25.0	12.5	0.0	12.5	0.0	37.5	100.0
Japan	6	1	0	5	0	0	20	32
% to total	18.8	3.1	0.0	15.6	0.0	0.0	62.5	100.0
South Korea	4	0	0	0	1	0	2	7
% to total	57.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	28.6	100.0
China	16	2	2	1	10	0	14	45
% to total	35.6	4.4	4.4	2.2	22.2	0.0	31.1	100.0
Rest of Asia	536	95	15	77	22	0	79	824
% to total	65.0	11.5	1.8	9.3	2.7	0.0	9.6	100.0
Pacific Islands	247	404	205	59	265	0	110	1,290
% to total	19.1	31.3	15.9	4.6	20.5	0.0	8.5	79.5
Others	4	2	68	0	3	0	6	83
% to total	4.8	2.4	81.9	0.0	3.6	0.0	7.2	100.0
TOTAL	4,223	1,115	1,754	1,326	3,848	286	494	13,046
PERCENTAGE TO TOTAL	32.4	8.5	13.4	10.2	29.5	2.2	3.8	100.0

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

Source: Fiji Immigration Department