

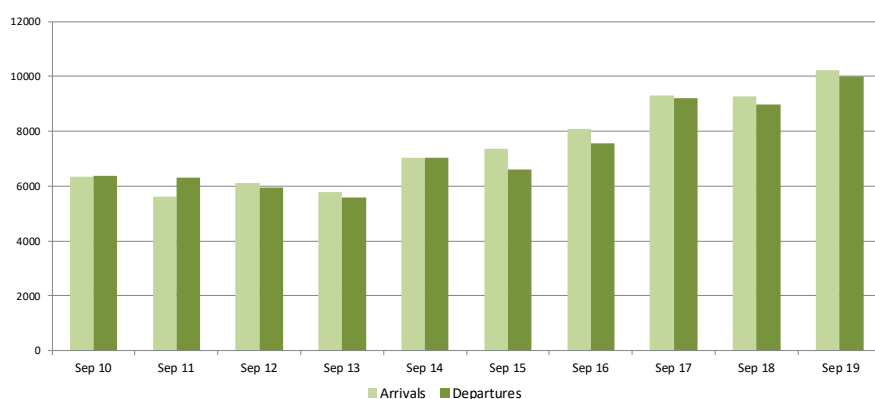
## Summary of Arrivals

**Table 1.:** Total Arrivals by month and annual percentage change

Type and mode of Arrivals	Number			Percent	
	September 2018	August 2019	September 2019	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	9,517	11,480	11,247	-2.0	18.2
Air Visitors	5,061	7,890	6,811	-13.7	34.6
Air Returning Residents	4,200	3,302	3,418	3.5	-18.6
Cruise Ships	0	0	636	0.0	0.0
Yachts	256	288	382	32.6	49.2

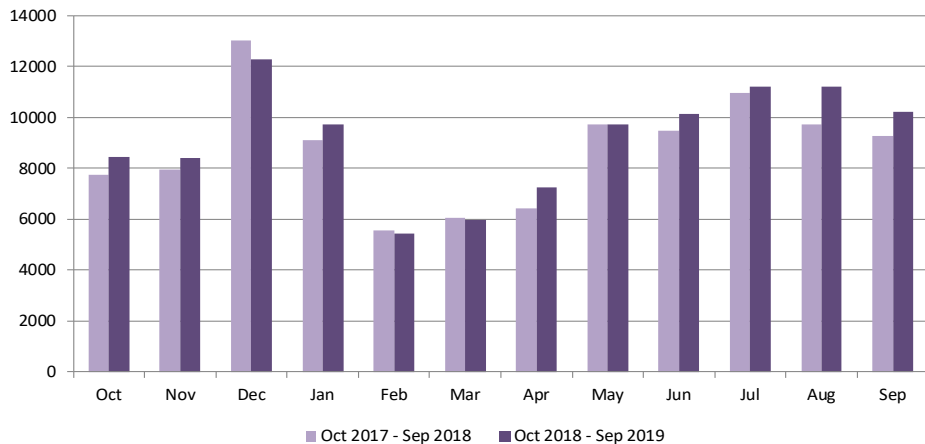
- The total of all arrivals in September 2019 was 11,247 peoples, this is a decline of 2.0 percent compared to the total arrivals in August, 11,480.
- A decline of 13.7% of all air visitors (6,811) compared to August 2019 (7,890).
- An increase of 3.5% (3,418) of returning residents compared to the previous month (3,302)
- There were only 636 passengers who arrived by Cruise ship in the month of September 2019
- There were 382 yachts arrivals in September 2019, an increase of 32.6 percent compared to the month of August 2019.

**Fig. 1. September Air Arrivals and Departures 2010 - 2019**



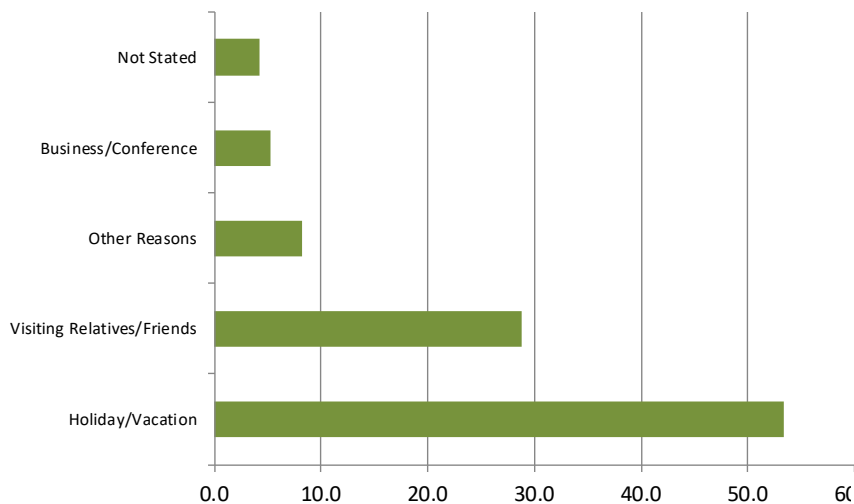
- Total air arrivals in September 2019 were 10,229 an increase of 10.5% compared to September 2018 (9,261).
- Total air departures of 9,987 in September 2019, again an increase of 11.3% compared to September 2018 (8,976)

**Fig. 2. Monthly Air Arrivals vs the corresponding month of the previous year**



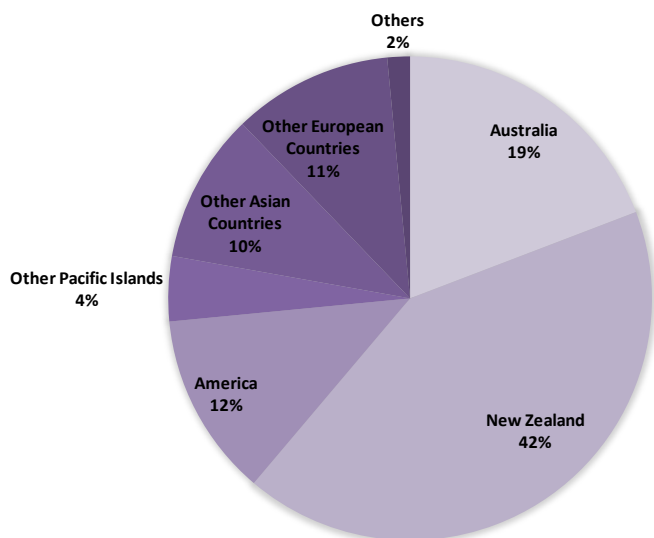
- Total air visitor arrivals in September 2019 were 6,811 an increase of 34.6% compared to September 2018 (5,061)

**Fig. 3. Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit September, 2019**



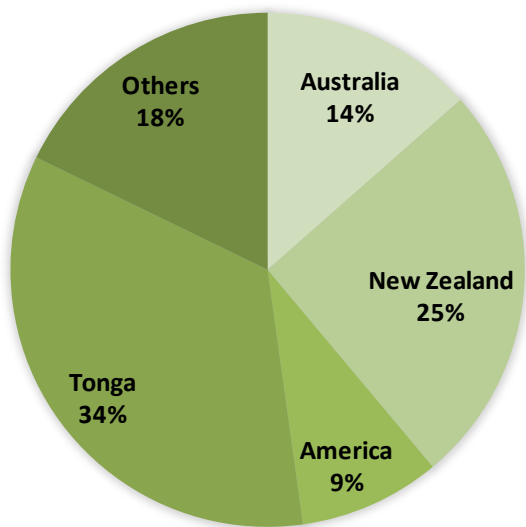
- 53.4% (3,638) of the total air visitors were here on Holiday/Vacation
- Visiting friends and relatives made up 28.8% (1,961) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of September
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 5.3% (364) and those with other reasons were 8.2% (559)

**Fig. 4. Air Visitors by Country of Usual Residence September 2019**



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 42.0% (2,858) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 19.2 % (1,309), and America 12.3% (836)

**Fig. 5. Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence September, 2019**



- Most of the persons departing in the month of September were Togan residents (3,431) followed by New Zealand (2,540) and Australia (1,347)

## Definitions

- ▶ **A Visitor** is a person other than a Tongan citizen, permit holder and exempted person, who usually stay at least 24 hours in the Kingdom, or who stays overnight in accommodation within Tonga. This refers to passengers arriving by air and yacht only.
- ▶ **Cruise Ship Passengers** are defined as those who arrive and depart in the same vessel which is on a cruise trip, and use that vessel's accommodation during their stay in Tonga. They are also known as "Excursionist"
- ▶ **A Returning resident** is a person who has the Kingdom of Tonga as their permanent address for more than six months of the year and returns to Tonga after a trip overseas. Tongan residence is self-defined as reported by travelers when completing the Passenger Arrival Card.
- ▶ **Mode of Transport** Only air, yacht and cruise ships passengers are included. Passenger/crew on cargo, navy or special vessels are excluded.

**Table 1. Monthly Arrival and Departure by Mode of Travel and Net Migration, 2018 - 2019**

Period	Visitors Arrivals				Returning Residents				Total Arrivals				Total Departures				Net Migration
	Air	Ship	Yacht	Total	Air	Ship	Yacht	Total	Air	Ship	Yacht	Total	Air	Ship	Yacht	Total	
2010	47,081	16,265	1,659	65,005	24,501			24,501	71,582	16,265	1,659	89,506	72,533	16,244	1,830	90,607	(1,101)
2011	46,005	20,519	1,849	68,373	26,587			26,587	72,592	20,519	1,849	94,960	73,589	20,550	1,468	95,607	(647)
2012	47,457	7,957	1,816	57,230	25,170			25,107	72,627	7,957	1,816	82,400	74,098	7,987	1,720	83,805	(1,405)
2013	48,188	9,432	2,045	59,665	25,808			25,808	73,996	9,432	2,045	85,473	73,938	9,427	1,769	85,134	339
2014	48,854	13,733	1,632	64,219	26,128			26,128	74,982	13,733	1,632	90,347	78,604	13,724	1,762	94,090	(3,743)
2015	53,752	17,375	1,426	72,553	31,517			31,517	85,269	17,375	1,426	104,070	86,574	17,383	1,422	105,379	(1,309)
2016	59,130	25,714	1,816	86,662	36,800			36,800	95,930	25,714	1,818	123,462	95,043	25,703	1,520	122,266	1,196
2017	62,506	21,719	2,354	86,579	38,124			38,124	100,630	21,719	2,344	124,693	99,280	21,698	1,992	122,970	(3,857)
2018	54,046	21,708	1,559	77,306	51,428			51,428	105,474	21,708	1,559	128,741	108,770	21,714	1,602	132,086	(3,352)
<b>2018</b>																	
Jan	4,294	3,346	7	7,640	4,828			4,828	9,122	3,346	7	12,475	12,147	3,349	6	15,502	(3,034)
Feb	2,336	1,520	-	3,856	3,217			3,217	5,553	1,520	-	7,073	6,686	1,526	-	8,212	(1,139)
Mar	2,835	3,062	14	5,911	3,205			3,205	6,040	3,062	14	9,116	7,376	3,062	1	10,439	(1,323)
Apr	3,099	2,344	34	5,477	3,309			3,309	6,408	2,344	34	8,786	6,454	2,343	39	8,836	(50)
May	4,348	627	166	5,141	5,385			5,385	9,733	627	166	10,526	8,275	631	56	8,962	1,564
Jun	4,785	3,318	305	8,408	4,711			4,711	9,496	3,318	305	13,119	7,962	3,316	275	11,553	1,566
Jul	7,011	1,861	174	9,046	3,960			3,960	10,971	1,861	174	13,006	11,444	1,863	272	13,579	(573)
Aug	5,855	-	252	6,107	3,868			3,868	9,723	-	252	9,975	10,408	-	319	10,727	(752)
Sep	5,061	-	256	5,317	4,200			4,200	9,261	-	256	9,517	8,976	-	316	9,292	225
Oct	4,504	4,746	295	9,545	3,948			3,948	8,452	4,746	295	13,493	9,781	4,744	218	14,743	(1,250)
Nov	3,636	884	50	4,570	4,776			4,776	8,412	884	50	9,346	8,520	880	88	9,488	(142)
Dec	6,282	-	6	6,288	6,021			6,021	12,303	-	6	12,309	10,741	-	12	10,753	1,556
<b>2019</b>																	
Jan	4,372	313	3	4,688	5,352			5,352	9,724	313	3	10,040	12,073	313	3	12,389	(2,349)
Feb	2,709	3,448	-	6,157	2,719			2,719	5,428	3,448	-	8,876	6,889	3,497	-	10,386	(1,510)
Mar	3,109	5,570	7	8,686	2,846			2,846	5,955	5,570	7	11,532	6,686	5,569	3	12,258	(726)
Apr	3,574	3,508	13	7,095	3,677			3,677	7,251	3,508	13	10,772	7,427	3,509	9	10,945	(173)
May	4,348	627	166	5,141	5,385			5,385	9,733	627	166	10,526	8,275	631	56	8,962	1,564
Jun	6,647	1,798	489	8,934	3,505			3,505	10,152	1,798	489	12,439	7,722	1,798	602	10,122	2,317
Jul	8,121	-	194	8,315	3,092			3,092	11,213	-	194	11,407	11,754	-	346	12,100	(693)
Aug	7,890	-	288	8,178	3,302			3,302	11,192	-	288	11,480	11,517	-	218	11,735	(255)
Sep	6,811	636	382	7,829	3,418			3,418	10,229	636	382	11,247	9,987	636	209	10,832	415

**Table 2. Total Arrivals by Age, Type of Passangers and Gender September, 2019**

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	298	157	140	224	125	99	74	32	41
5-9	277	154	123	217	123	95	59	31	28
10-14	322	154	169	263	121	142	59	32	27
15-19	380	184	196	250	104	147	130	81	49
20-24	722	439	282	304	123	181	418	317	102
25-29	1,016	544	472	564	235	329	452	309	143
30-34	1,039	598	441	700	351	349	339	247	92
35-39	894	501	393	575	302	273	319	199	120
40-44	878	480	398	568	282	286	310	198	112
45-49	972	552	420	657	354	302	316	198	117
50-54	1,021	518	503	696	342	354	325	176	149
55-59	834	438	396	609	311	298	225	128	97
60-64	663	352	310	496	270	227	166	83	84
65-69	447	220	227	340	173	167	107	47	60
70-74	287	152	135	229	124	105	58	28	30
75+	181	103	78	119	63	57	62	40	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,229</b>	<b>5,547</b>	<b>4,682</b>	<b>6,811</b>	<b>3,401</b>	<b>3,410</b>	<b>3,418</b>	<b>2,146</b>	<b>1,272</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>66.6</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>12.4</b>

**Table 3. Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit September, 2019**

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	1,309	19.2	743	57	336	104	69
New Zealand	2,858	42.0	1244	151	1243	208	12
Fiji	208	3.1	54	41	45	61	8
American Samoa	7	0.1	1	0	6	0	0
Western Samoa	28	0.4	1	12	9	6	0
Other Pacific Islands	52	0.8	17	17	12	7	0
Japan	158	2.3	114	9	18	15	3
China	295	4.3	184	26	6	37	43
India	19	0.3	0	1	0	18	0
Korea	13	0.2	10	2	0	1	0
Other Asian Countries	195	2.9	137	16	10	15	18
UK	133	2.0	115	4	4	7	2
Germany	146	2.2	138	0	0	2	6
France	53	0.8	46	1	6	0	1
Italy	31	0.5	25	1	1	3	0
Other European Countries	364	5.3	336	2	6	9	11
All African Countries	7	0.1	6	0	0	1	0
United States of America	836	12.3	393	20	256	60	107
Canada	42	0.6	35	1	0	6	0
Other American Countries	55	0.8	40	1	3	1	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,811</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,638</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>1,961</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>289</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>53.4</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>4.2</b>

**Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for September, 2019**

<i>Age Group</i>	<b>Returning Residence</b>	Percentage Distribution	<b>Visitors</b>	Percentage Distribution	<b>Total</b>	Percentage Distribution
0 - 4	108	3.2	185	2.8	293	2.9
5 - 9	72	2.1	158	2.4	230	2.3
10 - 14	65	1.9	151	2.3	216	2.2
15 - 19	214	6.2	169	2.6	383	3.8
20 - 24	361	10.5	340	5.2	700	7.0
25 - 29	385	11.2	600	9.2	985	9.9
30 - 34	313	9.1	744	11.4	1057	10.6
35 - 39	272	7.9	607	9.3	880	8.8
40 - 44	298	8.7	531	8.1	828	8.3
45 - 49	297	8.6	600	9.1	897	9.0
50 - 54	354	10.3	667	10.2	1021	10.2
55 - 59	258	7.5	611	9.3	869	8.7
60 - 64	186	5.4	509	7.8	695	7.0
65 - 69	115	3.3	340	5.2	455	4.6
70 - 74	75	2.2	216	3.3	291	2.9
75+	58	1.7	129	2.0	187	1.9
<b>All Ages</b>	<b>3,430</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,557</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,987</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>YACHT</b>	-	-	<b>209</b>	-	<b>209</b>	-
<b>CRUISE SHIP</b>	-	-	<b>636</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,430</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,402</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,832</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender September, 2019**

<b>Country of Usual Residence</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percent</b>
	<b>No.</b>	<b>Distribution</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Distribution</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
Australia	638	12.3	709	14.8	1,347	13.5
New Zealand	1253	24.2	1287	26.8	2,540	25.4
Fiji	113	2.2	109	2.3	221	2.2
American Samoa	2	0.0	3	0.1	6	0.1
Western Samoa	19	0.4	12	0.3	31	0.3
Tonga	1915	36.9	1516	31.6	3,431	34.4
Other Pacific Islands	32	0.6	30	0.6	61	0.6
Japan	100	1.9	70	1.5	171	1.7
China	183	3.5	145	3.0	328	3.3
India	10	0.2	0	-	10	0.1
Korea	10	0.2	6	0.1	16	0.2
Other Asian Countries	87	1.7	79	1.7	167	1.7
UK	62	1.2	62	1.3	124	1.2
Germany	74	1.4	68	1.4	142	1.4
France	23	0.4	22	0.5	45	0.4
Italy	15	0.3	8	0.2	23	0.2
Other European Countries	175	3.4	161	3.4	335	3.4
All African Countries	12	0.2	7	0.2	19	0.2
United States of America	424	8.2	467	9.7	891	8.9
Canada	22	0.4	23	0.5	45	0.4
Other American Countries	19	0.4	15	0.3	34	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,187</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,800</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,987</b>	<b>100.0</b>