

## Preface

This is a monthly bulletin of migration reports produced by the Statistics Department as the main reference on a volume of overseas visitors, cruise ship passengers, yacht passengers and resident's movement to and from the Kingdom of Tonga. This bulletin covers the period of January 2020, includes tables providing a monthly breakdown of the data. Comparative data for previous years are also included in this bulletin. Most of the information contained in this bulletin was obtained from the Immigration Department database on international arrivals and departures.

The main purpose of collecting and compiling statistics on International Arrivals and Departures, or Migration Statistics, is to make migration data available for planners and decision-makers. Tonga has a high rate of Net Migration, with more people moving out of Tonga than arriving. Production of Migration Statistics and their components enables the Statistics Department to estimate the resident population and to produce Population Projections for the whole Kingdom.

This bulletin presents information relating to the number of arrivals and departures by sex, purpose of travel, reasons for absence, country of usual residence and country visited.

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Any suggestions that recipients of this bulletin wish to make for its future improvement will be welcomed by the Statistics Department.

  
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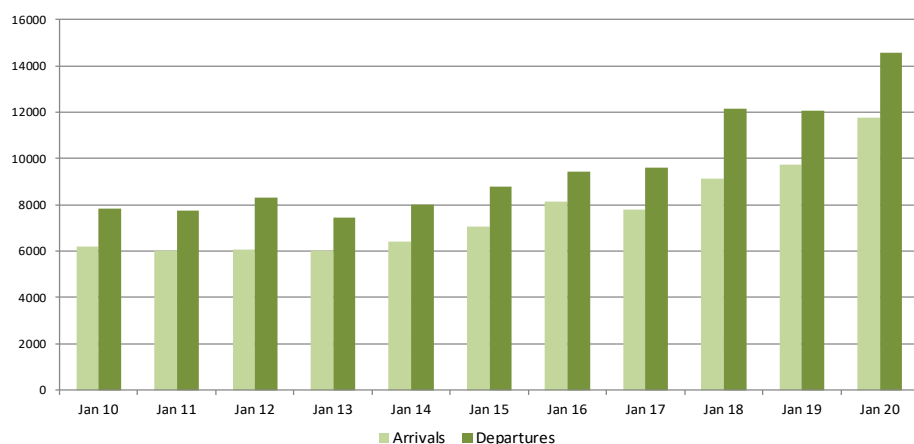
## Summary of Arrivals

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

Type and Mode of Arrivals	Number			Percent	
	January 2020	December 2019	January 2019	Change from previous month	Change from previous year
All Arrivals	12,604	13,957	10,040	-9.7	25.5
Air Visitors	4,665	7,689	4,372	-39.3	6.7
Air Returning Residents	7,087	3,253	5,352	117.9	32.4
Cruise Ships	852	2998	313	-71.6	172.2
Yachts	0	17	3	0.0	0.0

- The total of all arrivals in January 2020 was 12,604 peoples, this is a decline of 9.7 percent compared to the total arrivals in December, 13,957.
- A decline of 39.3% of all air visitors (4,665) compared to December 2019 (7,689).
- An increase of 117.9% (7,087) of returning residents compared to the previous month (3,253)
- A decline of 71.6% (852) of those who arrived by Cruise ship in the month of January 2020 compared to previous month (2,998)
- There were no yachts arrivals in January 2020 compared to the previous month with 17 arrivals..

**Fig. 1. January Air Arrivals and Departures 2010 – 2020**



- Total air arrivals in January 2020 were 11,752 an increase of 20.9% compared to January 2019 (9,724).

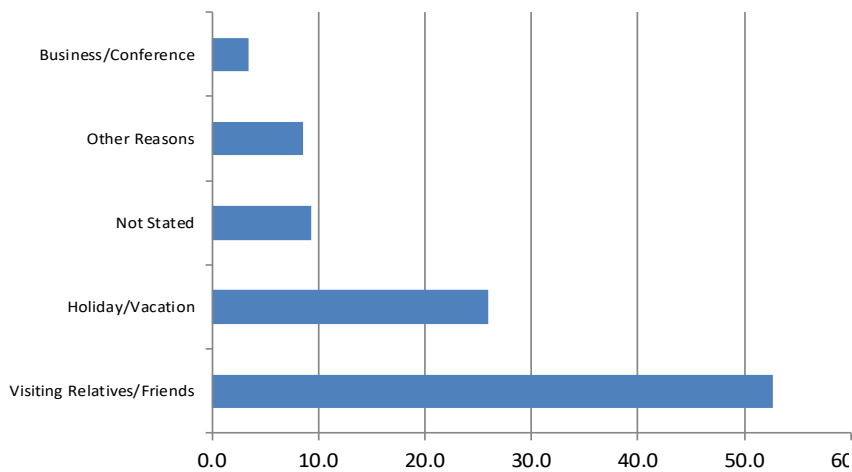
- Total air departures of 14,576 in January 2020, an increase of 20.7% compared to January 2019 (12,073)

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



- Total air visitor arrivals in January 2020 were 4,665 an increase of 6.7% compared to January 2019 (4,372)

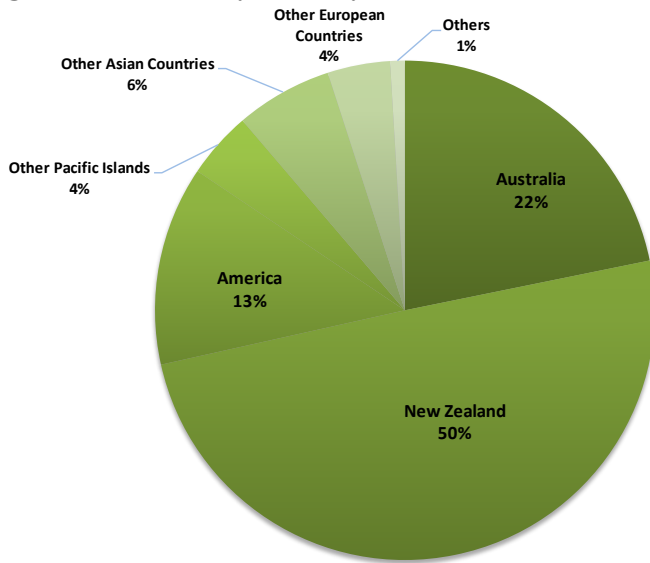
**Fig. 3. Air Visitors by Purpose of Visit January, 2020**



- 52.6% (2,455) of the total air visitors were here to Visit friends and relatives.
- Holiday/Vacation made up 26.0% (1,215) of all air visitors to the Kingdom in the month of January

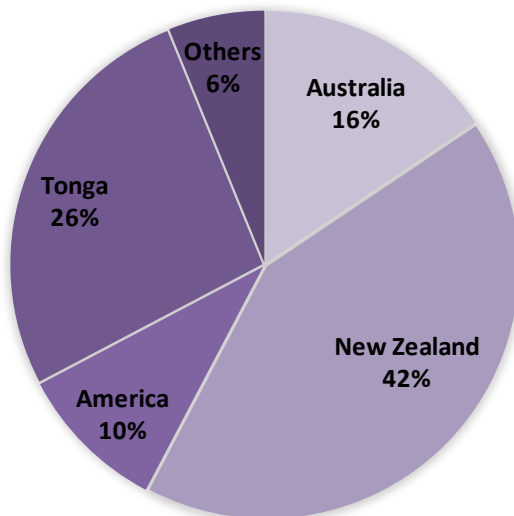
- Visitors who were here on Business or Conference made up 3.5% (165) and those with other reasons were 8.5% (397)

**Fig. 4. Air Visitors by Country of Usual Residence January 2020**



- New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors arrivals by country of usual residence, accounting for 49.7% (2,317) of total air visitors
- This was followed by Australia with 21.8 % (1,019), and America 12.9% (601)

**Fig. 5. Air Departures by Country of Usual Residence January, 2020**



- Most of the persons departing in the month of January were New Zealand residents (6,144) followed by Tonga (3,871) and Australia (2,267)

## 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, 2010 - 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)
2019	67,284	24,667	2,021	93,972	42,087			42,087	109,371	24,667	2,021	136,059	112,714	24,749	2,064	139,527	(3,468)
<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	4,183	3,508	13	7,704	3,091			3,091	7,274	3,508	13	10,795	7,195	3,509	9	10,713	82
May	5,166	1,506	128	6,800	4,132			4,132	9,298	1,506	128	10,932	8,041	1,512	83	9,636	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
Oct	5,649	2,178	428	8,255	3,782			3,782	9,431	2,178	428	12,037	10,611	2,181	394	13,186	(1,149)
Nov	4,938	2,712	72	7,722	3,595			3,595	8,533	2,712	72	11,317	8,786	2,743	171	11,700	(383)
Dec	7,689	2,998	17	10,704	3,253			3,253	10,942	2,998	17	13,957	11,453	2,991	26	14,470	(513)
<b>2020</b>																	
Jan	4,665	852	-	5,517	7,087			7,087	11,752	852	-	12,604	14,576	851	-	15,427	(2,823)

**Table 2. Total Arrivals by Age, Type of Passangers and Gender January, 2020**

Age Group	Type of Passangers								
	Total			Visitors			Returning Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	469	235	234	182	97	85	287	138	150
5-9	744	355	389	249	117	132	496	238	258
10-14	971	485	486	264	145	119	707	340	367
15-19	1,272	578	693	311	154	157	961	424	536
20-24	926	395	532	336	137	199	591	258	333
25-29	944	401	543	333	127	206	611	274	337
30-34	834	360	473	356	154	202	478	206	272
35-39	901	413	488	372	178	194	530	235	295
40-44	797	370	428	337	167	170	461	203	258
45-49	790	374	416	389	202	187	400	172	229
50-54	921	455	466	468	237	231	453	217	236
55-59	735	364	371	400	201	198	335	163	172
60-64	566	273	293	264	140	124	302	133	169
65-69	395	203	192	176	101	75	219	101	118
70-74	267	139	128	132	76	56	136	63	72
75+	219	93	126	97	45	52	122	48	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,752</b>	<b>5,493</b>	<b>6,259</b>	<b>4,665</b>	<b>2,280</b>	<b>2,385</b>	<b>7,087</b>	<b>3,213</b>	<b>3,874</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>60.3</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>33.0</b>

**Table 3. Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit January, 2020**

Country of Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit						
	Total	% Distribution	Holiday/Vacation	Business/Conference	Visiting Relative/Friends	Other Reasons	Not Stated
Australia	1,019	21.8	272	29	539	90	89
New Zealand	2,317	49.7	473	36	1445	125	238
Fiji	122	2.6	11	19	37	48	8
American Samoa	11	0.2	0	0	11	0	0
Western Samoa	18	0.4	2	1	12	1	1
Other Pacific Islands	52	1.1	7	4	15	21	5
Japan	84	1.8	30	20	9	22	2
China	119	2.5	67	7	12	28	5
India	6	0.1	1	0	2	2	0
Korea	20	0.4	15	0	2	2	0
Other Asian Countries	64	1.4	34	11	5	12	3
UK	58	1.3	36	4	14	5	0
Germany	32	0.7	28	0	1	1	1
France	23	0.5	18	1	4	0	1
Italy	5	0.1	5	0	0	0	0
Other European Countries	71	1.5	55	1	4	5	6
All African Countries	17	0.4	15	1	0	1	0
United States of America	601	12.9	136	28	338	27	72
Canada	18	0.4	11	1	4	2	0
Other American Countries	9	0.2	0	2	1	5	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,665</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1215</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>2455</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>433</b>
<b>% Distribution</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>26.0</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>52.6</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>9.3</b>

**Table 4: AIR DEPARTURES by Age Group, Passanger's Type for January, 2020**

<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Returning Residence</i>	<i>Percentage Distribution</i>	<i>Visitors</i>	<i>Percentage Distribution</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percentage Distribution</i>
0 - 4	114	2.9	532	5.0	646	4.4
5 - 9	141	3.6	819	7.7	960	6.6
10 - 14	140	3.6	894	8.3	1034	7.1
15 - 19	310	8.0	932	8.7	1242	8.5
20 - 24	481	12.4	770	7.2	1251	8.6
25 - 29	451	11.6	715	6.7	1,166	8.0
30 - 34	356	9.2	756	7.1	1113	7.6
35 - 39	331	8.6	798	7.5	1129	7.7
40 - 44	296	7.6	683	6.4	979	6.7
45 - 49	280	7.2	815	7.6	1095	7.5
50 - 54	307	7.9	914	8.5	1221	8.4
55 - 59	215	5.6	735	6.9	950	6.5
60 - 64	166	4.3	498	4.7	664	4.6
65 - 69	128	3.3	340	3.2	468	3.2
70 - 74	79	2.0	258	2.4	338	2.3
75+	76	2.0	244	2.3	321	2.2
<b>All Ages</b>	<b>3,872</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,704</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14,576</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>YACHT</b>	-	-	-	-	0	0
<b>CRUISE SHIP</b>	-	-	851	-	851	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,872</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,555</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15,427</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 5. Total Departures by Country of Residence and Gender January, 2020**

<i>Country of Usual Residence</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percent</i>
	<i>No.</i>	<i>Distribution</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Distribution</i>		
Australia	1,133	15.5	1,134	15.6	2,267	15.6
New Zealand	2,963	40.6	3,181	43.7	6,144	42.2
Fiji	95	1.3	80	1.1	175	1.2
American Samoa	8	0.1	8	0.1	16	0.1
Western Samoa	16	0.2	36	0.5	52	0.4
Tonga	2,036	27.9	1,835	25.2	3,871	26.6
Other Pacific Islands	34	0.5	35	0.5	69	0.5
Japan	46	0.6	27	0.4	72	0.5
China	112	1.5	68	0.9	180	1.2
India	1	0.0	1	0.0	3	0.0
Korea	7	0.1	5	0.1	12	0.1
Other Asian Countries	35	0.5	32	0.4	67	0.5
UK	36	0.5	24	0.3	60	0.4
Germany	12	0.2	17	0.2	30	0.2
France	11	0.1	8	0.1	18	0.1
Italy	1	0.0	1	0.0	3	0.0
Other European Countries	62	0.8	32	0.4	94	0.6
All African Countries	7	0.1	8	0.1	15	0.1
United States of America	665	9.1	729	10.0	1,394	9.6
Canada	16	0.2	9	0.1	25	0.2
Other American Countries	5	0.1	3	0.0	8	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,301</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,275</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14,576</b>	<b>100.0</b>