

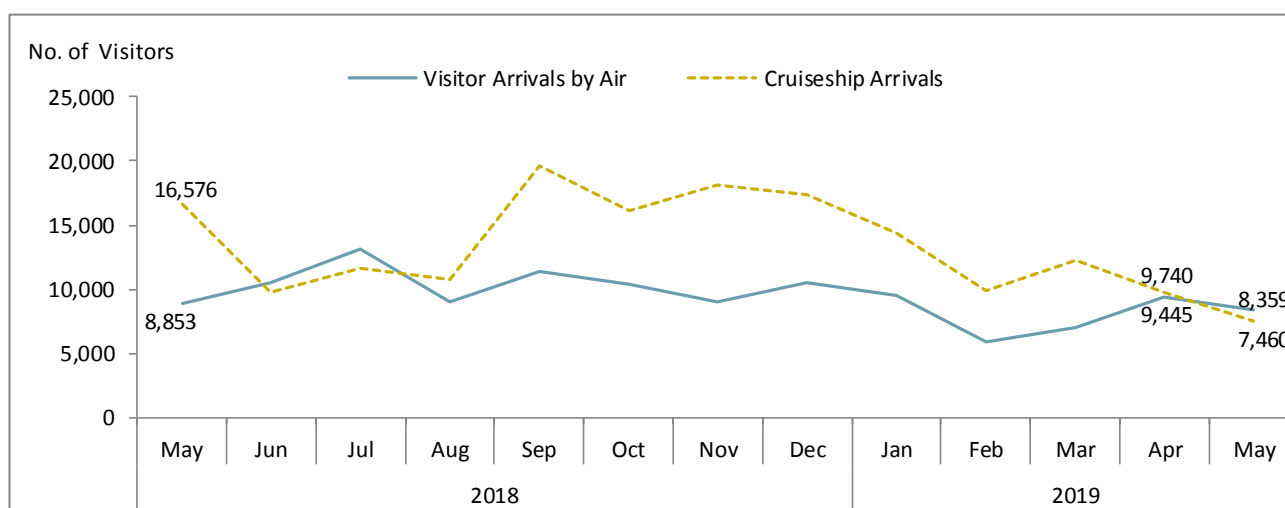
STATISTICS UPDATE: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS

MAY 2019 PROVISIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

RELEASE DATE: 1st August 2019

OVERVIEW

Fig 1: Provisional International Visitor Arrivals: May 2018 to May 2019



- The total international visitor¹ by air accounted for 53% of all international visitor arrivals to Vanuatu. Visitors by air fell by 6% over corresponding month in 2018 and also by 11% over the previous month. This decrease was attributed by the fall in visitor arrivals to Vanuatu for holiday purposes.
- Cruise ship or day visitors decreased by 55% compared to May 2018 and also fell by 23% over the previous month. This was attributed by the fall in number of cruise ship visit which went down by more than half from 10 ships in May 2018 to 4 cruise ships in May 2019.

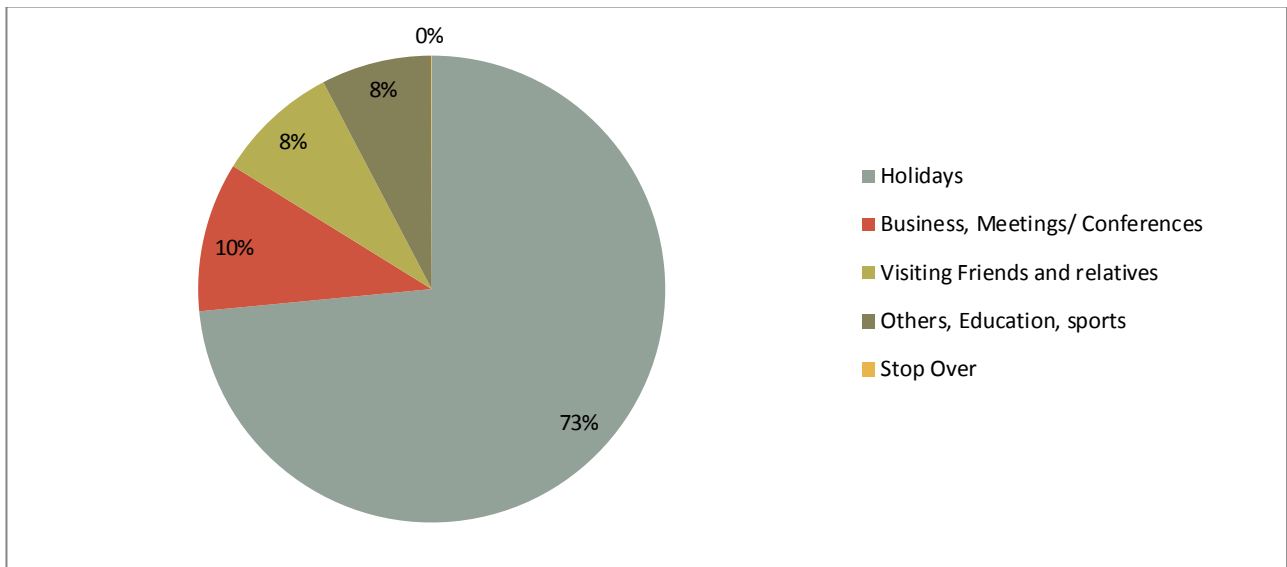
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¹ Visitors by air and cruise ship

PURPOSE OF VISIT FOR VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR

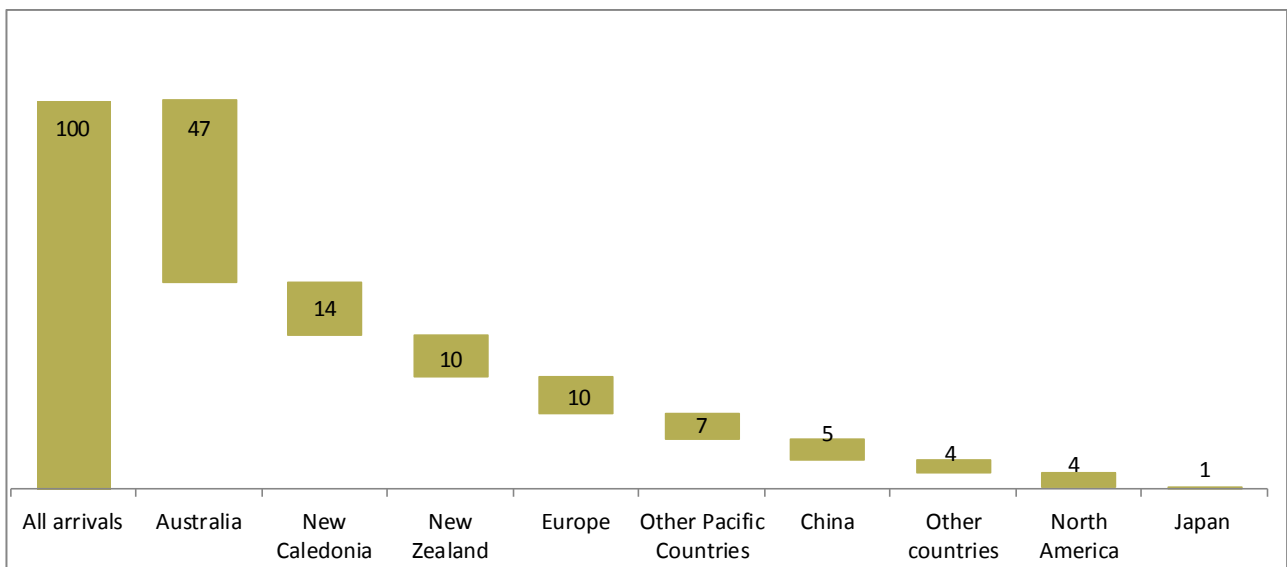
Fig 2: Percentage share of visitors by purpose of visit



- Holiday visitors made up 73% of all international visitor arrivals to Vanuatu; followed by business, meetings or conferences at 10%, visiting friends and relatives and others, education or sports at 8% each while visitors on stop over at less than 1%.

COUNTRY OF USUAL RESIDENCE FOR VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR

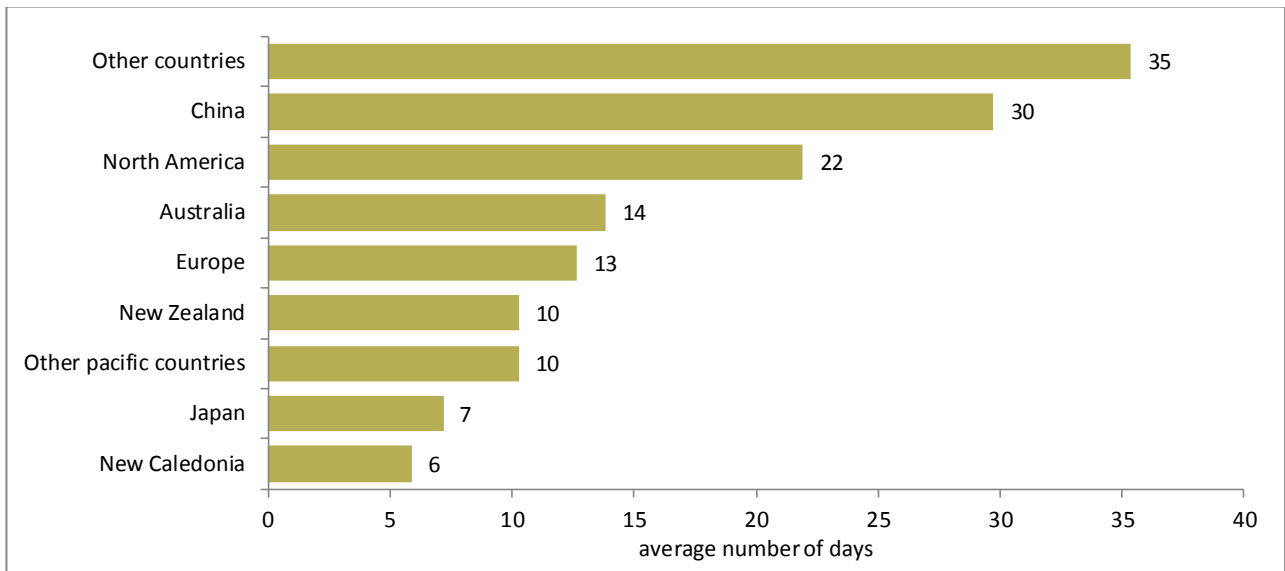
Fig 3: Percentage share of visitors by Country of Usual Residence



- Australian visitors accounted for 47% of all international visitors by air followed by; New Caledonia at 14%; New Zealand and Europe at 10% each, other pacific countries at 7%, China at 5%, other countries and North America at 4% each and Japan at 1%.

AVERAGE INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY FOR VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR

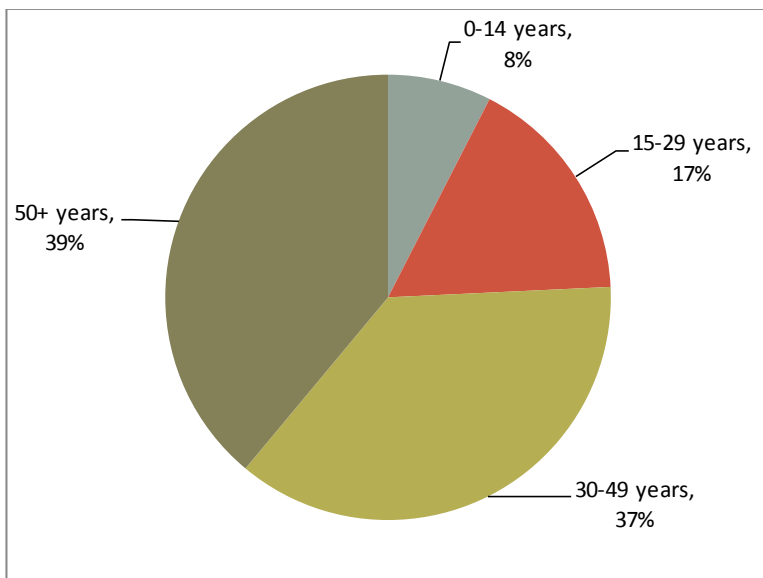
Fig 4: Average length of stay by country of usual residence



- International visitors by air spent an average of 16 days in Vanuatu. This is an increase of 6 days compared to May 2018 and also by 6 days over the previous month. Visitors from other countries spent an average of 35 days in Vanuatu while visitors from Japan and New Caledonia spent an average of less than 10 days.

AVERAGE AGE FOR VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR

Fig 5: Proportion of visitors by age group



- The average age for visitors by air stood at 43 years.
- Visitor of age 50 years and over accounted for 39% of all visitors by air. (see table 6)

SUMMARY OF VISITORS TO OUTER ISLANDS

- Santo Island received the highest number of visitors at 35%; followed by visitors to Tanna Island at 34%. (see table 7)

DATA SOURCE AND REVISIONS

All International arrival and departure statistics by air provided in this report is sourced from the Passenger processing module within ASYCUDA World system and also completed Arrival and Departure cards from the Department of Customs. Cruise ship figures are supplied by the Department of Customs through the Passenger processing module.

The Vanuatu National Statistics Office will be releasing Provisional International Visitor Arrivals highlighted in the tables from January 2019 onwards. This will allow for anomalies and consistency checks with the Department of Customs and Inland Revenue before release of actual figures in Quarterly or Annual Statistical Indicator report.

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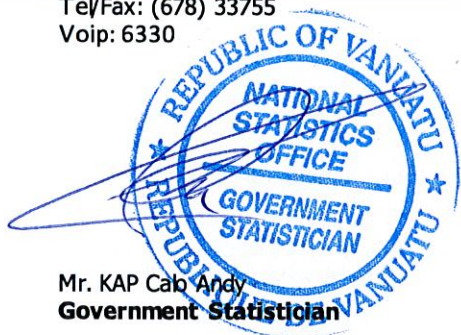
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SUMMARY OF VISITORS TO OUTER ISLANDS² (PAGE 5)

Summary of Indicators

- Sanma received the highest number of visitors at 39%, followed by Tafea province at 35%.
- Visitors who travelled to outer islands spent an average of 5 days.

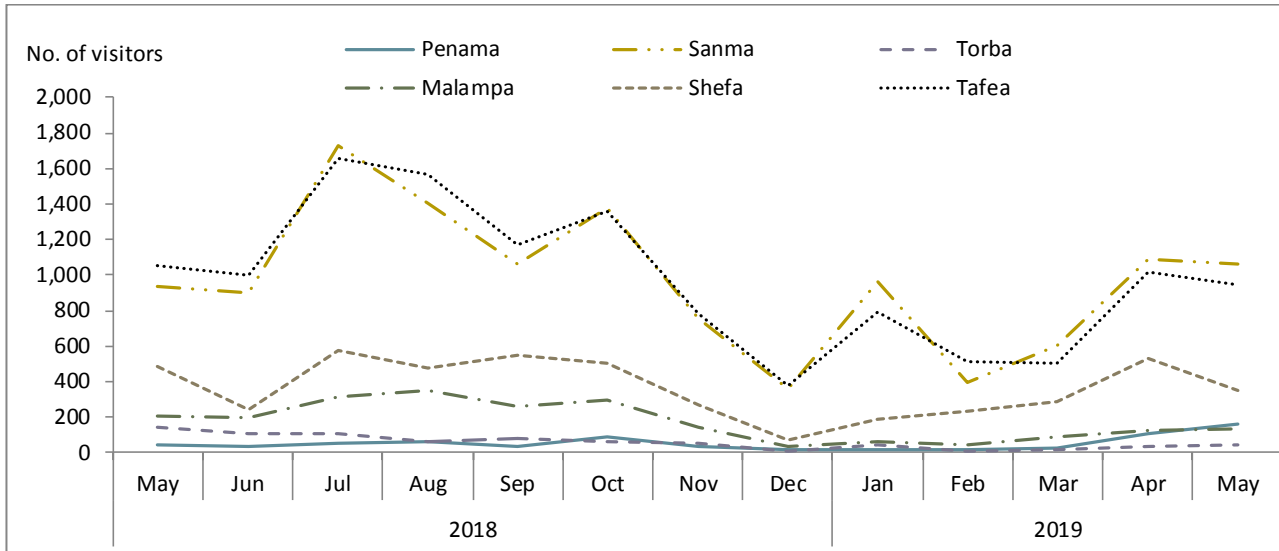


Figure 1: Summary of visitors to other province, May 2018 to May 2019

*Excludes Efate Island

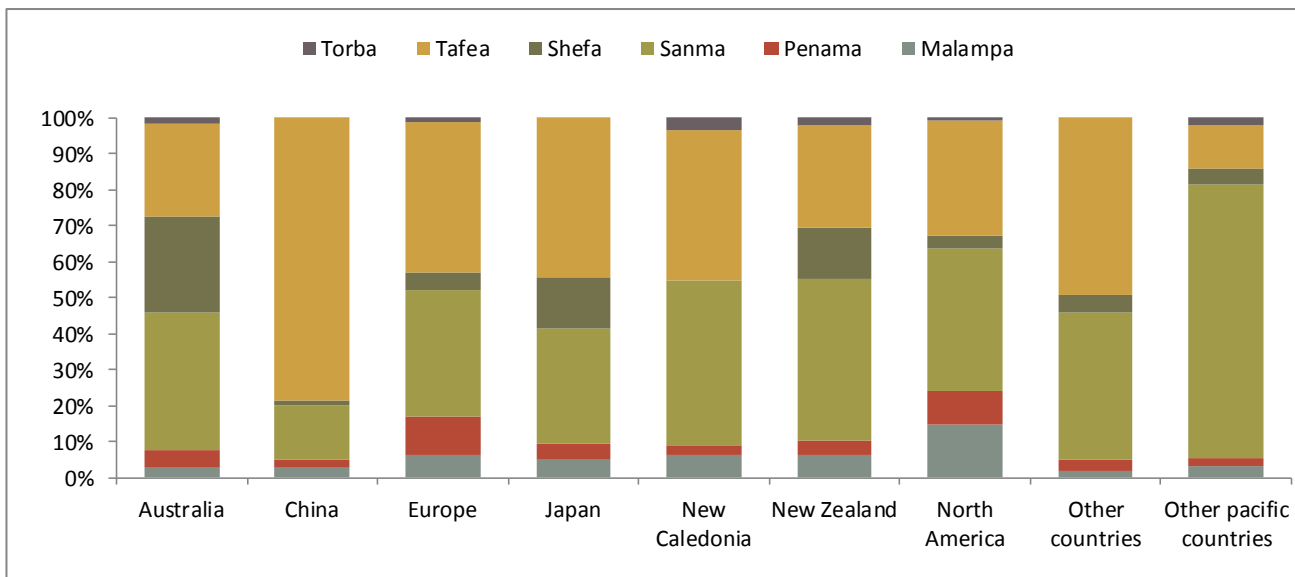


Figure 2: Proportion of visitors to other provinces

*Excludes Efate Island

² Data on visitors travelling to outer islands is only available from June 2014

ANNEX 1 –VISITORS TO OUTER ISLANDS, BY PROVINCE**Table 1: Visitors to outer islands, by province**

Year	Month	Province						TOTAL
		Torba	Sanma	Penama	Malampa	Shefa*	Tafea	
2018	May	46	935	143	204	485	1,050	2,863
	Jun	36	900	112	200	244	998	2,490
	Jul	57	1,732	112	317	576	1,659	4,453
	Aug	62	1,405	62	349	478	1,566	3,922
	Sep	82	1,058	32	260	548	1,172	3,152
	Oct	64	1,377	88	298	501	1,361	3,689
	Nov	51	755	39	141	273	783	2,042
	Dec	7	357	18	38	76	380	876
2019	Jan	47	965	20	66	192	789	2,079
	Feb	13	399	19	41	236	514	1,222
	Mar	21	599	28	94	292	508	1,542
	Apr	38	1,085	109	127	531	1,018	2,908
	May	47	1,061	162	134	352	946	2,702

Source: Department of Customs

*Excludes Efate Island

ANNEX 2 –AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (NIGHTS) FOR VISITORS TO OUTER ISLANDS, BY PROVINCE**Table 2: The average length of stay (nights) for visitors travelling to outer islands, by province**

Year	Month	Province						TOTAL
		Torba	Sanma	Penama	Malampa	Shefa*	Tafea	
2018	May	4.3	6.8	5.4	5.2	3.8	3.8	4.9
	Jun	4.2	7.1	4.7	7.1	4.2	3.7	5.2
	Jul	21.4	6.8	4.6	6.8	4.6	3.7	8.0
	Aug	6.6	6.2	5.5	7.0	4.8	3.7	5.6
	Sep	3.9	6.6	6.9	5.7	3.6	3.7	5.1
	Oct	3.6	7.0	9.9	7.0	5.2	3.6	6.1
	Nov	6.2	6.4	14.2	6.4	7.1	3.4	7.3
	Dec	30.0	5.8	40.9	22.1	7.4	6.0	14.8
2019	Jan	6.7	6.9	10.9	9.9	4.2	3.3	5.4
	Feb	7.3	10.5	6.0	8.5	10.1	6.4	8.8
	Mar	6.4	4.3	3.9	5.3	2.2	3.7	4.3
	Apr	4.7	6.8	3.9	7.1	2.1	2.9	4.5
	May	5.1	6.8	3.5	8.1	2.5	3.1	4.8

Source: Department of Customs

*Excludes Efate Island

ANNEX 3 – VISITORS TO OTHER PROVINCE BY COUNTRY OF USUAL RESIDENCE

Tab 3: The proportion of visitors to other provinces by Country of usual residence

Country of Usual Residence	Province						Total
	Malampa	Penama	Sanma	Shefa	Tafea	Torba	
Australia	3%	5%	38%	27%	26%	2%	100%
China	2%	2%	15%	2%	79%	0%	100%
Europe	6%	11%	35%	5%	42%	1%	100%
Japan	5%	5%	32%	14%	44%	0%	100%
New Caledonia	6%	3%	46%	0%	42%	3%	100%
New Zealand	6%	4%	45%	14%	28%	2%	100%
North America	15%	9%	40%	4%	32%	1%	100%
Other countries	2%	3%	41%	5%	49%	0%	100%
Other pacific countries	3%	2%	76%	4%	12%	2%	100%

Source: Department of Customs

*Excludes Efate Island

Table 1 : Summary of Overseas Migration
Tableau 1 : Résumé des échanges migratoires avec l'extérieur

Year	Month	ARRIVALS / ARRIVEES						DEPARTURES / DEPARTURES						Cruiseship Arrivals/ Croisiéristes	Année	Mois
		PORT VILA		LUGANVILLE		TOTAL		PORT VILA		LUGANVILLE		TOTAL				
		Residents Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Residents Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Residents Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Resident Résidents	Visitor Visiteurs	Resident Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Resident Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs			
2014		25,268	104,471	616	4,337	25,884	108,808	18,705	117,236	375	3,531	19,080	120,767	220,205	2014	
2015		26,655	85,527	307	4,425	26,962	89,952	19,116	95,301	161	3,030	19,277	98,331	197,471	2015	
2016		24,801	89,358	359	5,759	25,160	95,117	20,118	91,064	165	4,406	20,283	95,470	256,482	2016	
2017		27,418	103,463	830	5,707	28,248	109,170	25,845	108,427	441	3,831	26,286	112,258	223,551	2017	
2018		28,426	111,296	510	4,338	28,936	115,634	28,160	120,736	231	3,840	28,391	124,576	234,567	2018	
2014	May	2,293	7,483	30	329	2,323	7,812	1,360	8,231	59	218	1,419	8,449	17,869	2014	Mai
2015	May	2,605	5,470	10	317	2,615	5,787	1,557	5,831	9	122	1,566	5,953	13,430	2015	Mai
2016	May	2,669	5,377	74	365	2,743	5,742	1,530	6,506	39	281	1,569	6,787	18,186	2016	Mai
2017	May	2,932	6,776	70	403	3,002	7,179	2,138	7,182	39	304	2,177	7,486	10,642	2017	Mai
2018	May	2,682	8,389	32	464	2,714	8,853	2,364	8,884	12	307	2,376	9,191	16,576	2018	Mai
	Jun	2,586	10,181	33	392	2,619	10,573	1,841	8,444	13	272	1,854	8,716	9,734		Juin
	Jul	2,133	12,793	6	391	2,139	13,184	2,196	13,448	3	377	2,199	13,825	11,662		Juil
	Aug	1,425	8,575	39	397	1,464	8,972	2,441	11,810	15	453	2,456	12,263	10,751		Aoû
	Sep	3,314	11,070	35	356	3,349	11,426	2,436	10,745	16	452	2,452	11,197	19,632		Sep
	Oct	2,116	9,865	50	544	2,166	10,409	2,947	12,945	15	706	2,962	13,651	16,114		Oct
	Nov	2,593	8,760	29	284	2,622	9,044	2,847	9,292	7	162	2,854	9,454	18,066		Nov
	Dec	3,710	10,221	7	247	3,717	10,468	2,006	10,034	18	148	2,024	10,182	17,321		Dec
2019	Jan [p]	2,561	9,244	25	304	2,586	9,548	2,288	13,563	9	423	2,297	13,986	14,440	2019	Jan [p]
	Feb [p]	1,401	5,727	8	108	1,409	5,835	2,535	6,792	9	84	2,544	6,876	9,849		Fév [p]
	Mar [p]	2,151	6,807	37	219	2,188	7,026	2,717	7,940	13	233	2,730	8,173	12,237		Mar [p]
	Apr [p]	2,880	9,103	35	342	2,915	9,445	2,334	9,670	23	320	2,357	9,990	9,740		Avr [p]
	May [p]	3,061	8,071	35	288	3,096	8,359	2,879	8,844	10	309	2,889	9,153	7,460		Mai [p]

Source: Immigration Department/Service de l'Immigration

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Table 2 : Visitor Arrivals by Purpose of Visit
Tableau 2 : Arrivées de visiteurs selon le motif du voyage

Year	Month	VISITORS/VISITEURS					Total Visitors Visiteurs global	Année	Mois
		Holidays Vacances	Visiting Friends and relatives Visite à des amis et à la famille	Business, Meetings/ Conferences Affaires, réunions ou conférence	Stop Over Escale	Others, Education, sports Autres, education, sport			
2014		86,239	7,672	8,007	1,022	5,868	108,808	2014	
2015		63,625	8,495	8,687	336	8,809	89,952	2015	
2016		71,088	8,300	8,521	551	6,657	95,117	2016	
2017		83,465	8,940	8,338	897	7,530	109,170	2017	
2018		91,726	8,616	7,552	645	7,095	115,634	2018	
2014	May	6,213	534	776	22	267	7,812	2014	Mai
2015	May	3,618	607	936	19	607	5,787	2015	Mai
2016	May	3,820	605	908	47	362	5,742	2016	Mai
2017	May	5,154	739	787	78	421	7,179	2017	Mai
2018	May	6,642	680	739	58	734	8,853	2018	Mai
	Jun	8,621	688	558	61	645	10,573		Juin
	Jul	10,736	820	714	117	797	13,184		Juil
	Aug	7,212	687	711	20	342	8,972		Aoû
	Sep	9,209	739	752	54	672	11,426		Sep
	Oct	8,147	691	740	65	766	10,409		Oct
	Nov	6,862	694	675	42	771	9,044		Nov
	Dec	8,808	957	417	55	231	10,468		Dec
2019	Jan [p]	7,816	717	426	16	573	9,548	2019	Jan [p]
	Feb [p]	4,368	425	539	8	495	5,835		Fév [p]
	Mar [p]	5,299	610	726	4	387	7,026		Mar [p]
	Apr [p]	7,651	739	455	4	596	9,445		Avr [p]
	May [p]	6,142	710	865	4	638	8,359		Mai [p]

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Table 3 : Visitor Arrivals by Usual Country of Residence
Tableau 3 : Arrivées des visiteurs par pays de résidence habituelle

Year	Month	Australia	New Zealand	New Caledonia	Other Pacific Countries	Europe	North America	Japan	China	Other Countries	TOTAL	Année	Mois
		Australie	Nouvelle-Zélande	Nouvelle-Calédonie	Autres Pays du Pacifique		Amérique du Nord	Japon	Chine	Autres pays			
2014		60,808	16,293	12,756	6,630	5,591	2,373	763	1,563	2,031	108,808	2014	
2015		46,098	13,422	10,567	5,953	5,839	2,962	633	2,186	2,292	89,952	2015	
2016		49,752	10,931	9,681	5,705	10,067	2,893	903	2,736	2,449	95,117	2016	
2017		57,387	11,554	15,880	7,147	6,806	3,016	1,076	3,612	2,692	109,170	2017	
2018		60,616	13,432	15,105	6,545	8,023	3,347	963	4,007	3,596	115,634	2018	
2014	May	4,162	1,350	911	369	404	215	72	110	219	7,812	2014	Mai
2015	May	2,655	870	639	435	589	213	26	158	202	5,787	2015	Mai
2016	May	2,644	552	632	508	823	190	51	181	161	5,742	2016	Mai
2017	May	3,647	737	1,017	486	491	257	55	320	169	7,179	2017	Mai
2018	May	4,456	996	1,173	667	554	271	93	320	323	8,853	2018	Mai
	Jun	5,563	1,409	1,398	524	631	372	56	299	321	10,573		Juin
	Jul	7,056	2,135	1,129	728	835	436	93	366	406	13,184		Juil
	Aug	4,071	1,483	1,195	424	737	278	102	385	297	8,972		Aoû
	Sep	6,330	1,658	888	491	1,023	221	122	328	365	11,426		Sep
	Oct	5,731	1,302	1,246	551	679	273	65	292	270	10,409		Oct
	Nov	4,754	854	916	660	946	269	57	284	304	9,044		Nov
	Dec	6,146	1,067	1,485	451	504	209	84	318	204	10,468		Dec
2019	Jan [p]	5,251	767	1,786	481	523	229	61	284	166	9,548	2019	Jan [p]
	Feb [p]	2,740	503	923	526	456	152	57	326	152	5,835		Fév [p]
	Mar [p]	3,864	611	949	411	413	209	71	331	167	7,026		Mar [p]
	Apr [p]	5,195	1,010	1,164	507	731	180	102	294	262	9,445		Avr [p]
	May [p]	3,919	868	1,139	552	806	294	60	425	296	8,359		Mai [p]

Source: Immigration Department/Service de l'Immigration
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Table 4 : Overseas Arrivals of Residents by Nationality**Tableau 4 : Arrivées des résidents par nationalité**

Year	Month	Ni-Vanuatu	Australian Australien	French Français	British Anglais	New Zealander Néo- Zélandais	Asian Asiatiques	Pacific Islanders Autres pays du Pacifique	North Americans Américain du Nord	Other countries Autres pays	TOTAL	Année	Mois
2014		15,044	4,297	1,934	104	1,274	966	1,161	690	414	25,884	2014	
2015		17,406	3,557	1,672	95	1,206	1,008	1,045	569	404	26,962	2015	
2016		18,511	2,516	1,120	164	855	741	645	343	264	25,160	2016	
2017		21,967	2,463	1,036	118	797	712	564	358	233	28,248	2017	
2018		23,610	1,919	750	97	591	875	593	273	228	28,936	2018	
2014	May	1,472	330	123	9	102	97	99	51	40	2,323	2014	Mai
2015	May	1,885	293	87	21	101	85	79	39	25	2,615	2015	Mai
2016	May	2,055	257	108	16	80	102	62	33	30	2,743	2016	Mai
2017	May	2,349	249	114	9	66	88	67	32	28	3,002	2017	Mai
2018	May	2,322	143	47	13	33	81	47	13	15	2,714	2018	Mai
	Jun	2,211	128	65	6	45	78	39	23	24	2,619		Juin
	Jul	1,642	154	46	7	41	92	106	31	20	2,139		Juil
	Aug	1,186	95	54	7	39	34	32	11	6	1,464		Aoû
	Sep	2,913	175	58	10	46	57	43	26	21	3,349		Sep
	Oct	1,531	246	106	11	77	87	50	30	28	2,166		Oct
	Nov	2,216	146	58	7	50	79	37	13	16	2,622		Nov
	Dec	3,391	102	47	5	32	61	34	27	18	3,717		Dec
2019	Jan [p]	120	125	14	204	130	1,828	33	89	43	2,586	2019	Jan [p]
	Feb [p]	816	191	105	14	47	105	60	36	35	1,409		Fév [p]
	Mar [p]	1,629	208	88	15	48	93	41	28	38	2,188		Mar [p]
	Apr [p]	2,270	247	101	12	69	104	59	27	26	2,915		Avr [p]
	May [p]	2,676	166	66	12	48	40	50	18	20	3,096		Mai [p]

Source: Immigration Department / Service de l'Immigration

p: provisional figures

Table 5 : Visitors Arriving by Air Intended Length of Stay*
Tableau 5 : Arrivée des Visiteurs à longue durée de Séjour

Year	Month	AVERAGE INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY / LA MOYENNE DE LONGUE DUREE DE SEJOUR			Année	Mois
		Port Vila	Luganville	Vanuatu		
2014		9.5	11.5	10.5	2014	
2015		10.5	11.7	11.1	2015	
2016		10.2	11.6	10.9	2016	
2017		10.4	12.3	11.4	2017	
2018		9.9	11.9	10.9	2018	
2014	May	8.8	13.1	11.0	2014	Mai
2015	May	10.4	14.3	12.3	2015	Mai
2016	May	9.3	13.3	11.3	2016	Mai
2017	May	10.4	17.2	13.8	2017	Mai
2018	May	9.1	10.8	9.9	2018	Mai
	Jun	9.6	11.5	10.5		Juin
	Jul	10.6	13.3	11.9		Juil
	Aug	8.8	11.0	9.9		Aoû
	Sep	9.5	10.9	10.2		Sep
	Oct	10.0	12.2	11.1		Oct
	Nov	8.8	12.0	10.4		Nov
	Dec	7.6	11.8	9.7		Dec
2019	Jan [p]	12.4	12.0	12.2	2019	Jan [p]
	Feb [p]	10.9	22.6	16.8		Fév [p]
	Mar [p]	8.8	9.4	9.1		Mar [p]
	Apr [p]	7.1	12.5	9.8		Avr [p]
	May [p]	11.7	19.2	15.5		Mai [p]

Source: Immigration Department/Service de l'Immigration
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Table 7: Visitors travelling to Outer Islands, Vanuatu**Tableau 7: Les visiteurs en voyage d'Îles Extérieures, Vanuatu**

Year	Month	Tanna	Santo	Efate offshore Islands Efate et les îles côtières	Pentecost Island îles Pentecôte	Malekula Malicolo	Ambrym	Other Islands D'autres îles	TOTAL	Année	Mois
2014		6,343	4,739	2,144	379	636	521	1,349	16,111	2014	
2015		7,295	5,342	3,201	1,093	945	775	1,572	20,223	2015	
2016		7,774	6,861	4,328	820	935	863	1,973	23,554	2016	
2017		10,301	8,840	3,333	550	1,071	837	2,416	27,348	2017	
2018		11,258	10,349	4,419	527	1,220	874	2,460	31,107	2018	
2015	May	356	366	258	38	31	39	130	1,218	2015	Mai
2016	May	578	529	270	87	49	81	147	1,741	2016	Mai
2017	May	758	688	334	147	65	73	169	2,234	2017	Mai
2018	May	963	855	508	135	114	79	209	2,863	2018	Mai
	Jun	932	836	263	102	117	71	169	2,490		Juin
	Jul	1,565	1,566	628	81	145	133	335	4,453		Juil
	Aug	1,465	1,303	544	31	206	126	247	3,922		Août
	Sep	1,031	910	611	13	144	98	345	3,152		Sep
	Oct	1,221	1,146	586	33	160	130	413	3,689		Oct
	Nov	755	707	289	27	75	54	135	2,042		Nov
	Dec	363	335	76	4	31	7	60	876		Dec
2019	Jan [p]	779	873	192	13	60	4	158	2,079	2019	Jan [p]
	Feb [p]	503	375	236	7	41	8	52	1,222		Fév [p]
	Mar [p]	487	482	292	20	60	29	172	1,542		Mar [p]
	Apr [p]	1,012	906	531	102	86	37	234	2,908		Avr [p]
	May [p]	922	950	352	153	74	50	201	2,702		Mai [p]

Source: Department of Immigration

Note: 1. Data on visitors travelling to outer islands is only available from May 2014

p: provisional figures

Table 8: Visitors usual residence arrivals by purpose of visit
Tableau 8: Visiteurs résidences habituelles arrivées par voie aérienne, par motif de visite

Country of Usual Residence Pays de résidence habituelle	Visiting Friends and relatives Visite d'amis et de parents		Holiday Vacances		Business Affaires		All Other Tous les autres		Total Visitors
		% share		% share		% share		% share	
Australia/Australie	275	7%	3,257	83%	259	7%	128	3%	3,919
China/Chine	24	6%	331	78%	24	6%	46	11%	425
Europe/L'europe	59	7%	636	79%	62	8%	49	6%	806
Japan/Japon	9	15%	40	67%	5	8%	6	10%	60
New Caledonia/Nouvelle Calédonie	116	10%	924	81%	65	6%	34	3%	1,139
New Zealand/Nouvelle Zélande	85	10%	633	73%	94	11%	56	6%	868
North America/ Amérique du Nord	29	10%	190	65%	35	12%	40	14%	294
Other countries/Autres pays	37	13%	157	53%	62	21%	40	14%	296
Other pacific countries/ Autres pays du pacifique	76	14%	98	18%	261	47%	243	44%	552
Total Visitors	710		6,266		867		642		8,359

Source: Immigration Department/Service de l'Immigration