



Samoa Bureau of Statistics

International Arrival Statistics

February 2020

Overview

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

In February 2020 compared with February 2019:

- Total arrivals (11,349) decreased by 15.2%
- Total visitors (7,053) decreased by 22.0%
- Visitors:

AM. SAM: -57.2% (down by 554)

NZ: -19.9% (down by 726)

USA: -19.4% (down by 115)

AUST: -3.5% (down by 63)

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February 2020	All Arrivals	All Visitors
Number	11,349	7,053
% change from previous month	-35.4	-32.5
% change from previous year	-15.2	-22.0

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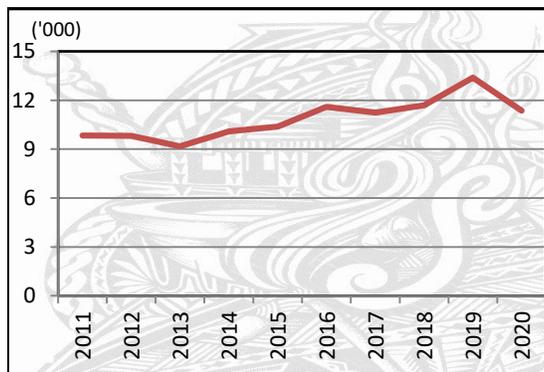
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1. TOTAL ARRIVALS

The total International Arrival Statistics recorded for the month of **February 2020** (Table 1), revealed a decrease of 35.4 percent over the previous month and a decrease of 15.2 percent over the corresponding month of February 2019. (Refer Fig. 1)

As usual, air was the preferred mode of travel to Samoa, representing 96.3 percent (10,931) of total arrivals, while the remaining 3.7 percent (418) arrived by sea in February 2020.

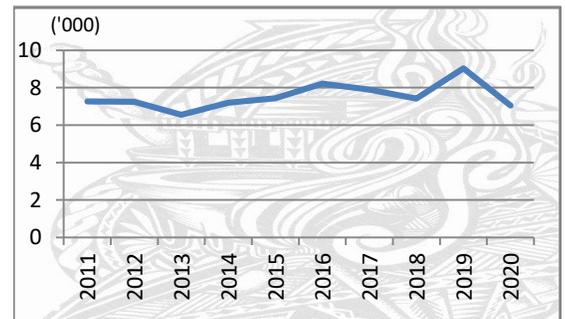
Fig. 1: February Total Arrivals, 2011 – 2020



2. TOTAL VISITORS

Overall Visitors numbered 7,053 for the month under review revealed a decrease of 32.5 over the previous month and a decrease of 22.0 percent when compared to the corresponding month of February 2019. (Refer Fig. 2).

Fig. 2: February Total Visitors, 2011 – 2020



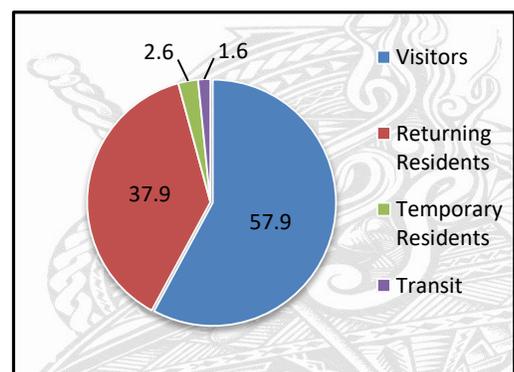
Visitor arrivals have a strong seasonal pattern with a regular peak of numbers during holiday seasons normally December and July. The smoothed short-term trend for visitor arrivals adjusting for seasonal pattern is shown in Appendix Graph 2.

3. TOTAL ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF ENTRY

Visitors, (table 2), made up the largest component of all arrivals with 31.2 percent (3,537) represented by males and 26.7 percent (3,033) by females.

Male returning residents made up 19.2 percent (2,178) of total arrivals while their female counterpart made up 18.7 percent (2,118). (Refer Fig. 3)

Fig. 3: Total Arrivals, by Purpose of Visit, February 2020



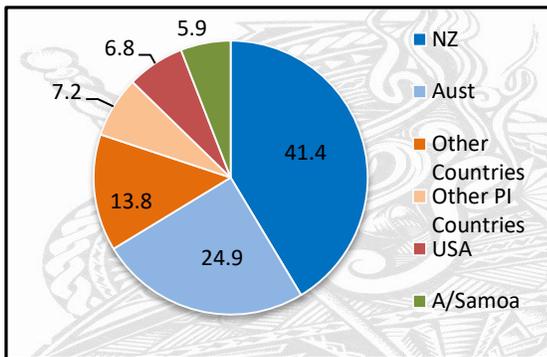
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4. TOTAL VISITORS BY COUNTRY OF USUAL RESIDENCE

New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors' arrival by country of usual residence (Table 3) accounting for 41.4 percent or 2,919 of total visitors. Australia followed next with a distant 24.9 percent share (1,757).

The United States of America represented 6.8 percent (479) while American Samoa represented 5.9 percent (414) of total visitors. (Refer Fig. 4)

Fig. 4: Total Visitors, by Country of Usual Residence, February 2020

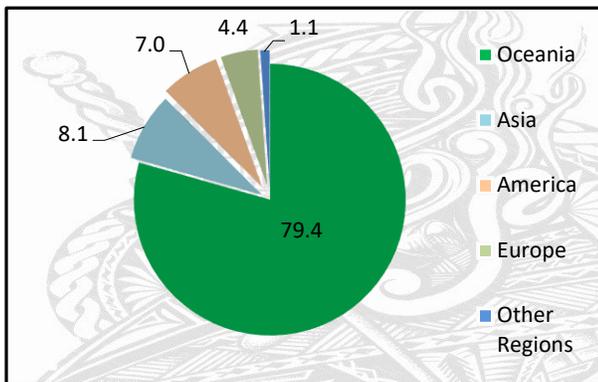


5. TOTAL VISITORS BY REGION

As usual, the Oceanic Region had the highest share of total visitors with 79.4 percent, followed by Asia with 8.1 percent.

America reported a share of 7.0 percent while Europe reported the least share with 4.4 percent. (Refer Fig. 5).

Fig. 5: Total Visitors by Region, February 2020



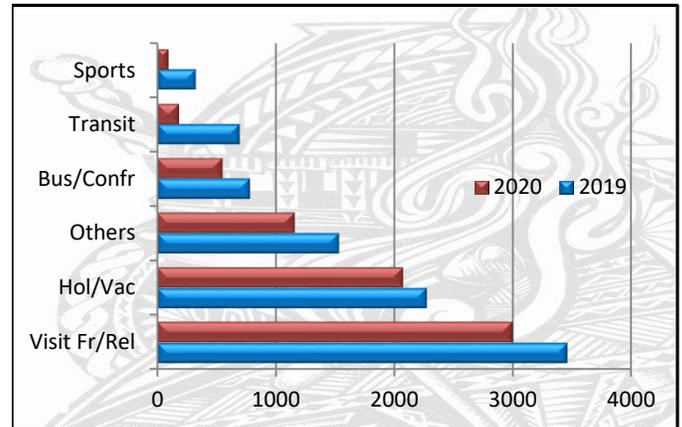
6. TOTAL VISITORS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT

The principal source markets (Table 4) namely New Zealand, Australia, American Samoa and the United States of America constituted 79.0 percent of all visitors visiting Samoa in February 2020.

The majority of visitors (42.4 percent) entered our shores to visit friends and relatives while 29.4 percent entered our shores for holiday and vacation.

Those who were here for Business/ Conference recorded a share of 7.8 percent while transit made up 2.6 percent. Fig.6 depicts total visitors by purpose of visit for February 2019 and February 2020.

Fig. 6: Total Visitors, by Purpose of Visit, February 2019 & February 2020

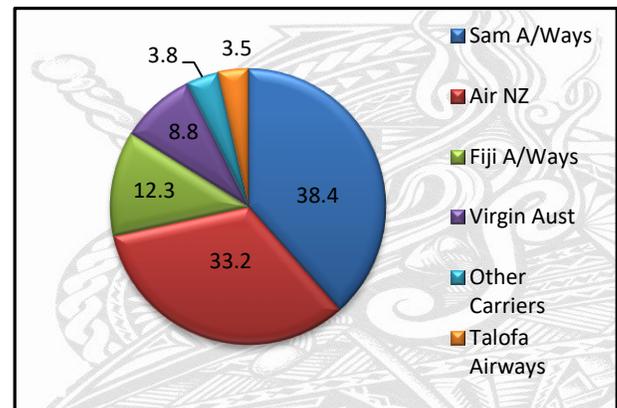


7. TOTAL ARRIVALS BY CARRIER

As depicted in table 5, Samoa Airways leads the way of arrival by carriers during the reference period with a 38.4 percent share (4,362 passengers) then followed by Air New Zealand with a 33.2 percent share (3,765 passengers).

Fiji Airways brought in 12.3 percent (1,391 passengers) of total arrivals while Virgin Australia and Talofa Airways recorded shares of 8.8 percent (1,004) and 3.5 percent (399) respectively. Fig. 7 illustrates total arrivals by carrier during the reference period.

Fig. 7: Total Arrivals by Carrier, February 2020

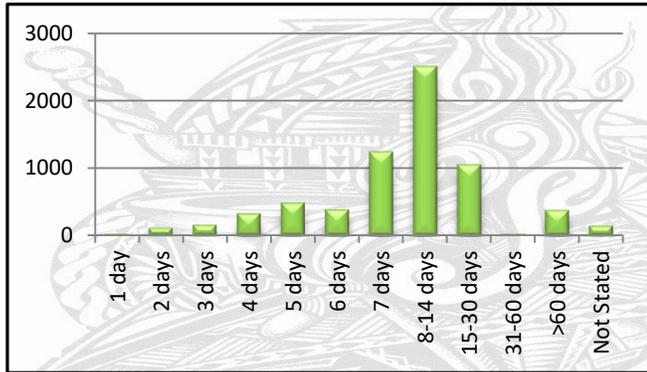


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8. TOTAL VISITORS BY DURATION OF STAY AND PLACE OF STAY

As shown in Fig. 8 below, visitor's duration of stay in Samoa (Table 6) is between seven and thirty days.

Fig. 8: Total Visitors by Duration of Stay, February 2020



On the other hand, the majority of visitors (58.3 percent or 4,004 visitors) reported staying in private accommodations or with families/ relatives while 31.9 percent (2,190) stayed in hotel/ motel. (Refer Fig. 9).

Fig. 9: Total Visitors by Place of Stay, February 2020

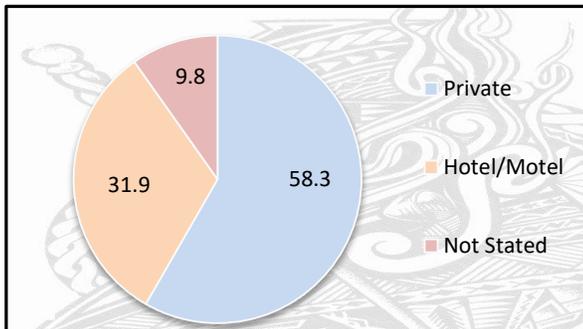
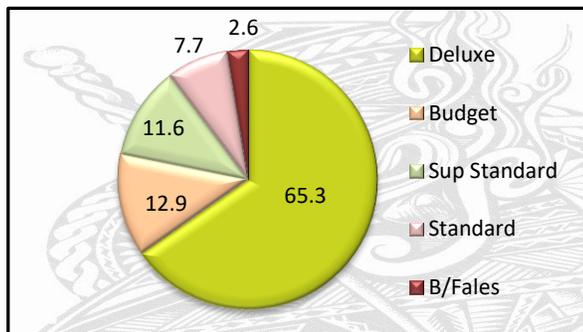


Fig. 10 portrays the number of visitors who stayed in hotels/ motels (2,190) by type of accommodation (hotel/ motel), within the reference month.

Fig. 10: Visitors Staying in Hotels/ Motels by Type of Accommodation, February 2020



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BACKGROUND

The sourced documents for the compilation of International Arrival Statistics are the immigration arrival and departure card forms.

These forms are completed by all incoming and outgoing travelers at the three local points of entry namely:

- (1) Faleolo International Airport
- (2) Fagalii International Airport
- (3) Apia Wharf (Matautu Port)

International arrival statistics are compiled on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis. These reports can also be extracted from our website:

www.sbs.gov.ws

The migration report for the month of March will be released indefinitely due to other official commitments.

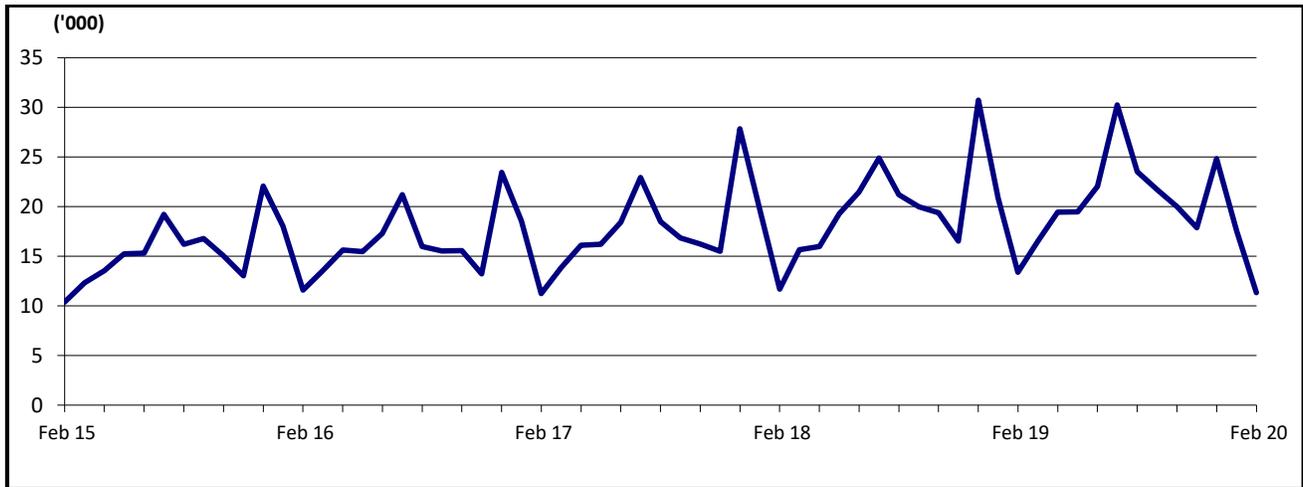
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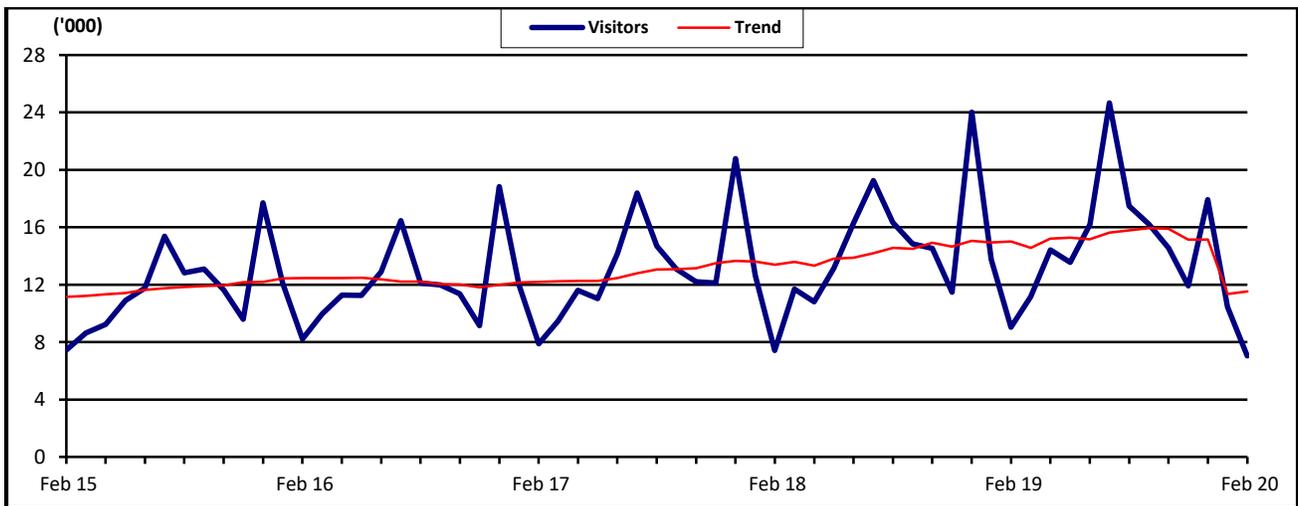
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APPENDIX

Graph 1: Monthly Total Arrivals, February 2015 – February 2020



Graph 2: Monthly Total Visitors, February 2015 – February 2020



Graph 3: Visitors Percentage Change over Previous month, February 2015 – February 2020

