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PROVISIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS – MAY 2017

Provisional numbers show that 64,367 visitors arrived into the country in May 2017. The number was a record for the month of May and represents an increase of 6.6% compared to a year earlier.

There were increases in the number of visitors from the following countries; New Zealand [2,879 or 24.8% to 14,465]; Rest of Asia [592 or 38.6% to 2,127]; the United States of America [302 or 5.3% to 6,002]; Canada [244 or 30.1% to 1,054]; Continental Europe [188 or 7.7% to 2,622]; China [121 or 3.6% to 3,499] and Australia [48 or 0.2% to 28,039].

However, decreases were recorded in the number of visitors from Pacific Islands [down 129 or 3.1% to 3,979]; the United Kingdom [down 102 or 7.9% to 1,189]; South Korea [down 80 or 11.1% to 640]; Other Countries [down 38 or 10.9% to 310] and Japan [down 27 or 5.8 to 441].

Visitors arriving for holiday purposes accounted for 74.7% of total arrivals, 8.2% came to visit their friends or relatives, 5.0% came for business purposes, while 12.1% visited Fiji for other reasons.

Table 1 below presents actual numbers and the 2017 and 2016 comparisons of visitor arrivals for the month of May, January to May and 12 months to May 2017.

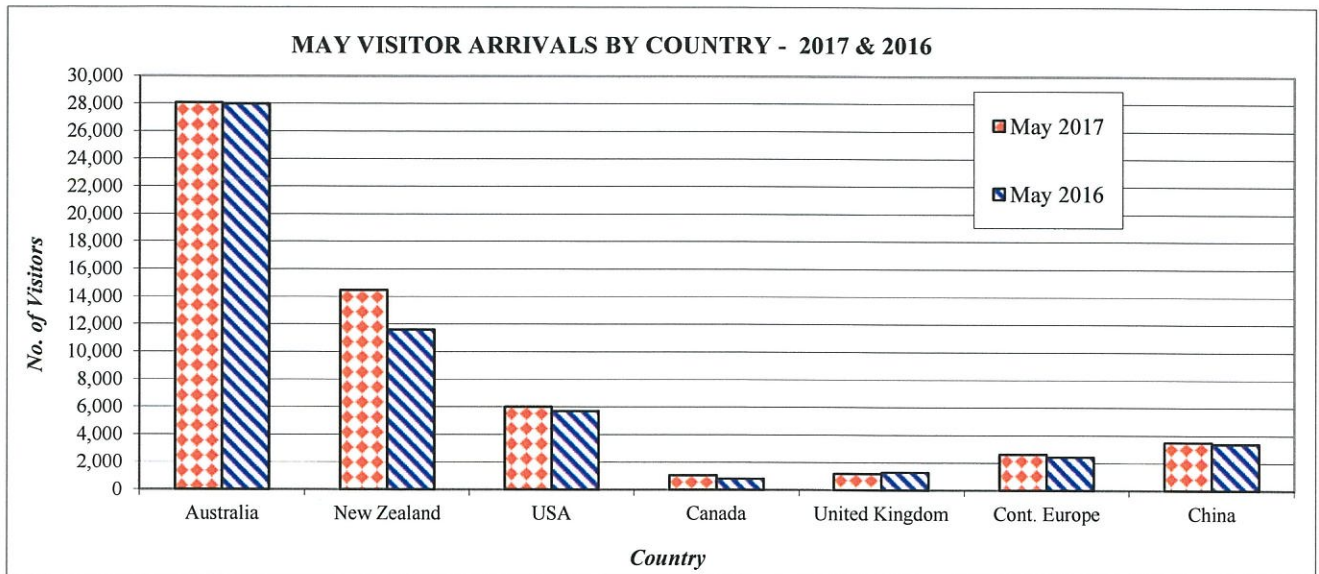
Table 1

	MAY			JANUARY TO MAY						12 MONTHS TO MAY		
	2017	2016	% CHANGE	% TO		% TO		%	2017	2016	% CHANGE	
				2017	TOTAL	2016	TOTAL	CHANGE				
ARRIVALS												
Australia	28,039	27,991	0.2	128,210	43.3	126,817	45.8	1.1	361,763	366,158	-1.2	
New Zealand	14,465	11,586	24.8	52,001	17.6	44,742	16.2	16.2	171,095	146,233	17.0	
USA	6,002	5,700	5.3	29,063	9.8	24,269	8.8	19.8	74,422	67,457	10.3	
Canada	1,054	810	30.1	5,121	1.7	4,495	1.6	13.9	12,406	11,328	9.5	
United Kingdom	1,189	1,291	-7.9	6,865	2.3	7,029	2.5	-2.3	16,548	16,482	0.4	
Cont. Europe	2,622	2,434	7.7	13,970	4.7	12,739	4.6	9.7	33,147	30,990	7.0	
Japan	441	468	-5.8	2,675	0.9	2,477	0.9	8.0	6,472	6,216	4.1	
China	3,499	3,378	3.6	20,834	7.0	20,203	7.3	3.1	49,714	44,882	10.8	
South Korea	640	720	-11.1	3,388	1.1	3,149	1.1	7.6	8,310	7,091	17.2	
Rest of Asia	2,127	1,535	38.6	10,106	3.4	8,173	3.0	23.7	22,491	16,553	35.9	
Pacific Islands	3,979	4,108	-3.1	21,935	7.4	20,600	7.4	6.5	51,076	49,980	2.2	
Others	310	348	-10.9	1,920	0.6	1,904	0.7	0.8	4,367	5,070	-13.9	
TOTAL VISITORS	64,367	60,369	6.6	296,088	100.0	276,597	100.0	7.0	811,811	768,440	5.6	

Note: Visitor statistics are released monthly using data sourced from the Immigration System. The number of tables released is currently due to limitations in the new system which came on line in May 2013.

Figure 1 below is a graphical comparison of Visitor Arrivals by Country for May 2017 and 2016.

Figure 1



In the moving twelve monthly numbers ending May 2017, the total number of visitors to Fiji increased by 5.6% compared with the same period in 2016. Visitors from Rest of Asia increased by [35.9%]; South Korea [17.2%]; New Zealand [17.0%]; China [10.8%]; the United States of America [10.3%]; Canada [9.5%]; Continental Europe [7.0%]; Japan [4.1%]; Pacific Islands [2.2%] and the United Kingdom [0.4%].

Decreases were recorded for visitors from Other Countries [13.9%] and Australia [1.2%].

January to May visitor arrivals 2017, showed a 7.0% increase over the corresponding period in 2016, up from 276,597 to 296,088.

A graphical comparison of visitor arrivals by country during the period January to May 2017 and 2016 is provided in Figure 2 below. The twelve monthly comparisons are provided in Figure 3.

Figure 2

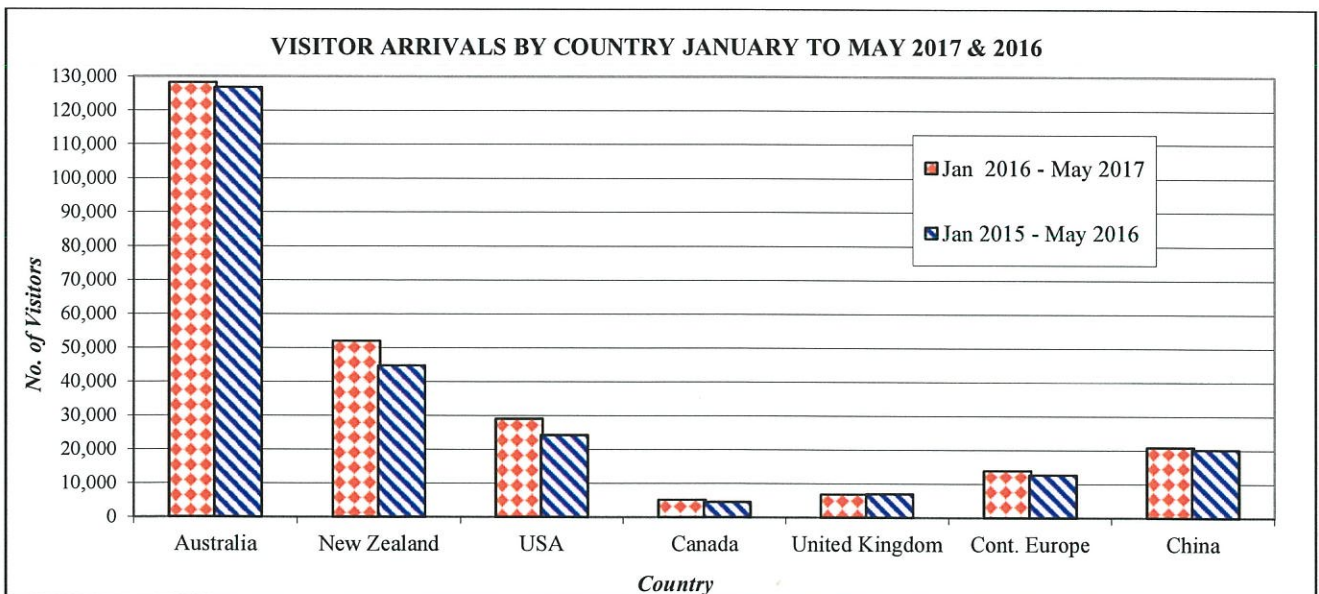
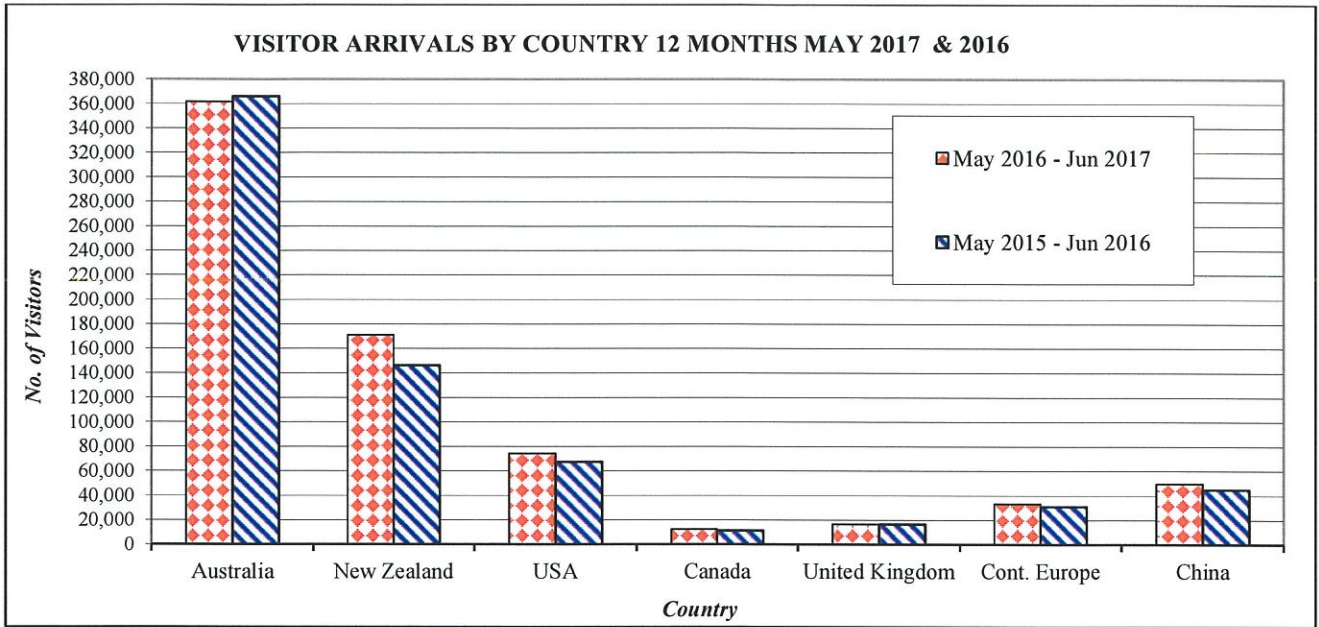


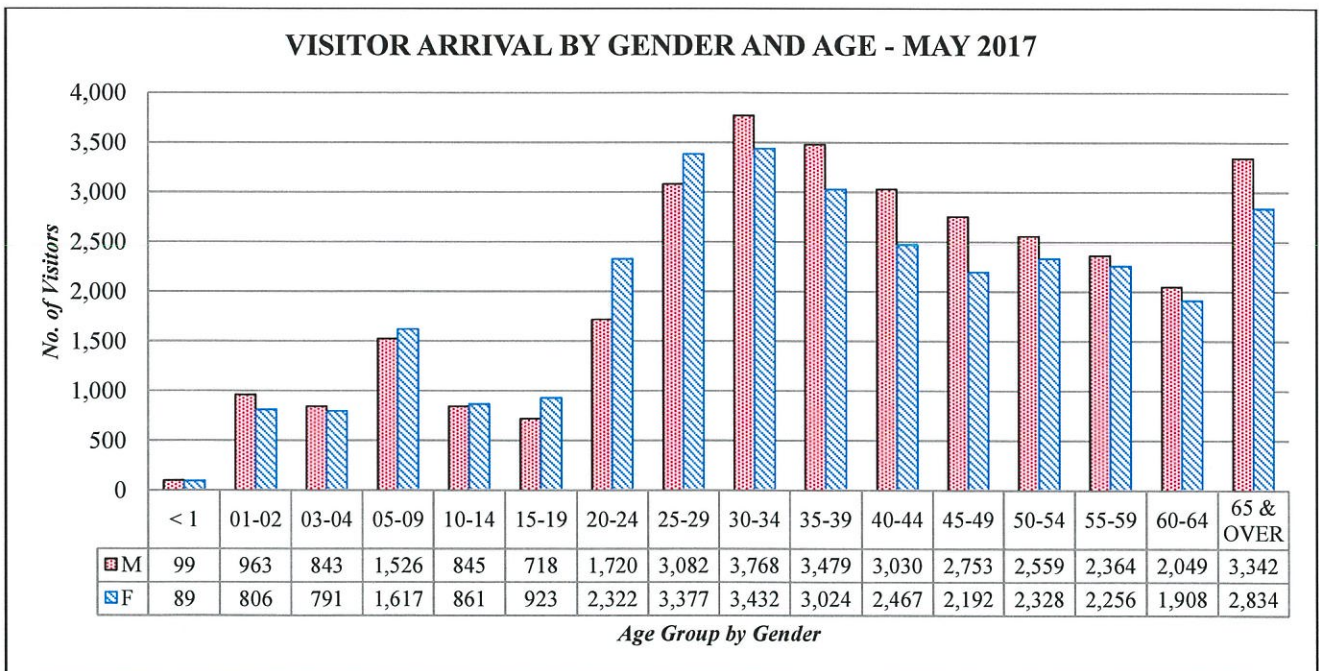
Figure 3



The majority of visitors to Fiji in May 2017 were in the age range 25-64 (68.5%), which accounts for the vast majority of the working age population. Children aged 14 and below accounted for 13.1% of the May visitor arrivals; 9.6% were those in the predominantly retirement age group of 65 and over with the remaining 8.8% comprising youths aged 15-24.

Figure 4 below shows a significant gender differential in the age groups 20-24, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49 and 65+;

Figure 4



Visitors by Occupation

The top 5 Occupational Groups for visitors engaged in gainful employment in their home countries are as follows;

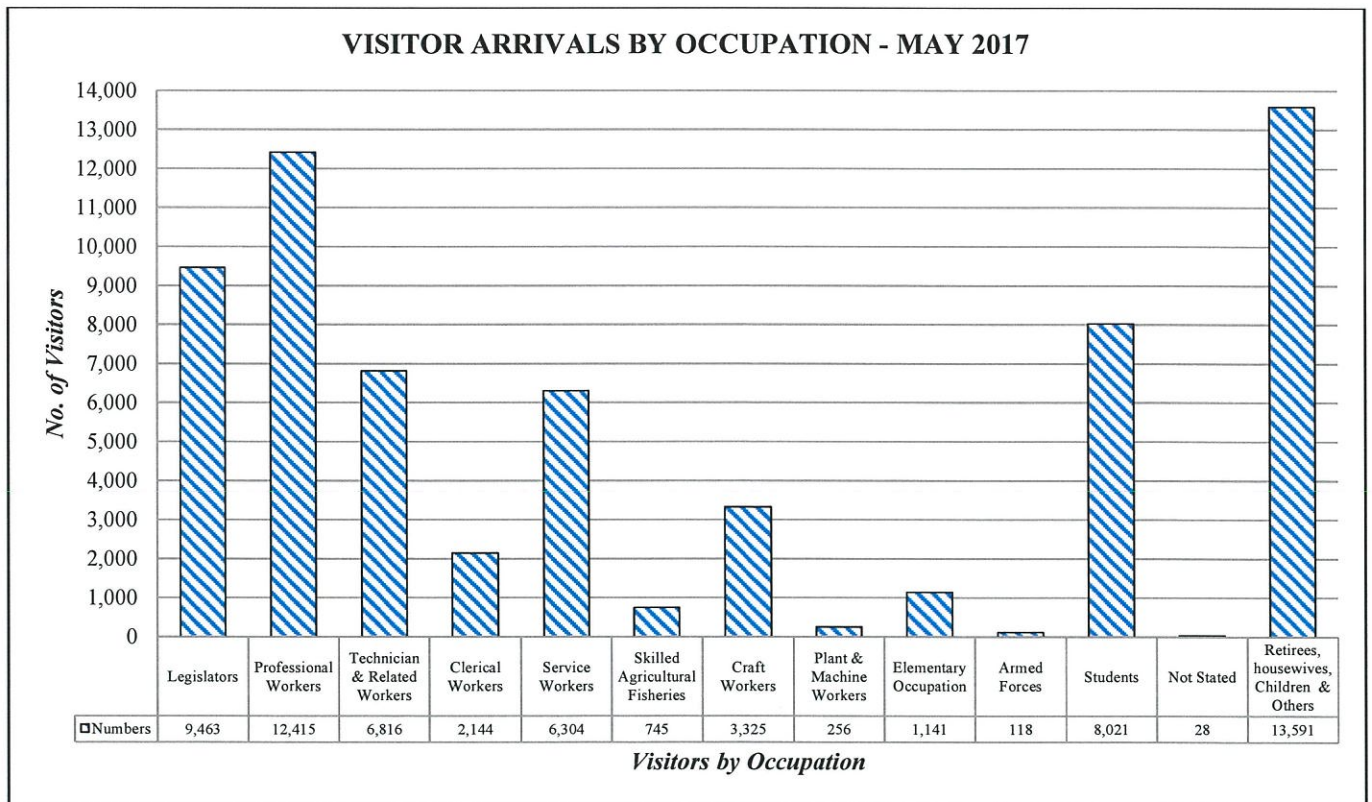
- 1) Professional Workers – 12,415
- 2) Legislators – 9,463
- 3) Technician and Related Workers – 6,816
- 4) Service Workers – 6,304
- 5) Craft Workers – 3,325

Visitors who are not in the labour force were categorised into two major groups. The categories and numbers are as follows;

- 1) Retirees, Housewives, Children & Others – 13,591
- 2) Students – 8,021

Additional details are provided in Figure 5 below;

Figure 5



More detailed information is provided in the accompanying tables.

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TABLE 1

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES : NUMBER OF RESIDENTS, VISITORS AND PERSONS IN TRANSIT

YEAR/MONTH	ARRIVALS		TOTAL	DEPARTURES		TOTAL	TOTAL		PASSENGER MOVEMENTS
	RESIDENT	VISITORS		RESIDENT	VISITORS		IN TRANSIT		
2010	120,701	631,868	752,569	128,127	625,779	753,906	106,985	1,613,460	
2011	123,318	675,050	798,368	131,733	667,729	799,462	118,451	1,716,281	
2012	121,823	660,590	782,413	131,833	652,502	784,335	141,194	1,707,942	
2016	152,186	792,320	944,506	156,038	757,018	913,056	85,953	1,943,515	
2012	14,128	50,107	64,235	12,413	61,197	73,610	16,808	154,653	
January	10,181	37,399	47,580	9,381	36,567	45,948	19,373	112,901	
February	8,891	48,915	57,806	8,883	46,131	55,014	11,398	124,218	
March	9,626	41,704	51,330	9,795	40,137	49,932	8,633	109,895	
April	8,986	51,735	60,721	9,174	48,950	58,124	5,089	123,934	
May	9,082	60,920	70,002	9,310	51,771	61,081	10,186	141,269	
June	9,829	69,108	78,937	10,531	73,341	83,872	5,820	168,629	
July	9,179	64,827	74,006	10,782	64,327	75,109	5,421	154,536	
August	9,501	66,379	75,880	10,545	63,412	73,957	12,318	162,155	
September	9,365	62,686	72,051	9,634	66,668	76,302	21,752	170,105	
October	9,905	52,501	62,406	13,674	53,325	66,999	9,789	139,194	
November	13,150	54,309	67,459	17,711	46,676	64,387	14,607	146,453	
December	17,745	57,747	75,492	11,430	65,482	76,912	10,096	162,500 [p]	
2016	10,842	44,345	55,187	9,148	41,469	50,617	7,607	113,411 [p]	
January	10,864	55,977	66,841	11,646	48,655	60,301	5,983	133,125 [p]	
February	11,598	58,159	69,757	12,438	55,235	67,673	5,925	143,355 [p]	
March	12,812	60,369	73,181	12,179	58,816	70,995	6,733	150,909 [p]	
April	11,419	73,112	84,531	11,618	61,908	73,526	7,140	165,197 [r]	
May	13,242	85,704	98,946	11,873	84,109	95,982	7,496	202,424 [r]	
June	12,313	76,347	88,660	13,039	76,854	89,893	5,569	184,122 [p]	
July	11,109	71,758	82,867	12,484	68,832	81,316	6,441	170,624 [p]	
August	12,226	73,595	85,821	11,797	76,295	88,092	6,412	180,325 [p]	
September	10,907	62,488	73,395	16,341	60,805	77,146	5,353	155,894 [r]	
October	17,109	72,719	89,828	22,045	58,558	80,603	11,198	181,629 [p]	
November	20,275	64,943	85,218	15,010	73,152	88,162	12,429	185,809 [p]	
December	11,596	43,876	55,472	11,632	41,832	53,464	7,405	116,341 [p]	
2017	12,128	54,407	66,535	11,371	47,652	59,023	6,391	131,949 [p]	
January	13,260	68,495	81,755	13,508	62,670	76,178	5,456	163,389 [p]	
February	12,226	64,367	76,593	11,374	51,264	62,638	1,544	140,775 [p]	

TABLE 2

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

YEAR/MONTH	NEW ZEALAND		USA	CANADA	UNITED KINGDOM		CONTINENTAL EUROPE		JAPAN	SOUTH KOREA		INDIA	HONG KONG	REST OF ASIA	PACIFIC ISLANDS	OTHERS	TOTAL
	AUSTRALIA	ZEALAND			EUROPE	EUROPE	KOREA	CHINA									
2012	337,291	106,122	56,478	13,426	17,076	29,327	7,069	4,404	26,395	2,507	1,509	13,576	38,886	6,524	660,590		
2013	339,563	108,378	54,698	12,870	16,187	30,173	7,330	4,319	23,775	2,882	978	9,849	39,625	8,239	658,866 [F]		
2014	349,217	123,968	61,924	12,457	16,782	30,585	5,888	5,676	28,333	3,057	309	9,050	39,298	6,086	692,630 [P]		
2015	367,273	138,537	67,831	11,709	16,716	31,195	6,092	6,700	40,174	3,352	658	10,371	48,570	5,657	754,835 [P]		
2016	360,370	163,836	69,628	11,780	16,712	31,916	6,274	8,071	49,083	3,987	458	16,113	49,741	4,351	792,320 [P]		
2015	25,645	6,695	3,847	847	1,340	2,787	402	561	2,383	318	46	852	3,865	637	50,225 [P]		
January	16,838	4,257	4,583	930	1,425	2,343	474	371	4,460	357	44	1,028	4,607	458	42,175 [P]		
February	25,069	5,906	5,511	1,131	1,771	2,671	586	850	2,553	316	30	703	3,435	515	51,047 [P]		
March	30,077	9,721	5,092	939	1,394	2,761	492	474	2,773	226	44	910	3,691	455	59,049 [P]		
April	30,303	10,467	5,610	1,029	1,333	2,382	399	502	3,326	336	66	725	3,592	426	60,496 [P]		
May	35,695	14,719	8,063	712	1,273	2,389	501	496	3,094	259	51	614	4,255	404	72,525 [P]		
June	34,424	21,105	7,552	1,381	1,532	2,408	555	520	3,511	190	77	878	4,849	512	79,494 [P]		
July	33,154	17,952	5,508	1,069	1,389	3,062	754	327	4,167	277	31	969	4,093	580	73,332 [P]		
August	36,913	15,559	4,739	668	1,030	2,096	665	538	4,063	180	35	1,083	3,823	444	71,836 [P]		
September	35,186	12,953	6,071	782	1,246	2,917	474	637	3,458	240	86	891	3,783	402	69,126 [P]		
October	29,109	9,354	5,619	1,084	1,298	2,734	411	781	3,136	243	58	916	4,421	415	59,579 [P]		
November	34,860	9,849	5,636	1,137	1,685	2,645	379	643	3,250	410	90	802	4,156	409	65,951 [P]		
December	29,137	7,997	4,520	874	1,284	2,733	667	650	3,680	341	38	856	4,561	409	57,747 [P]		
2016	15,705	5,559	4,237	894	1,334	2,447	473	503	6,123	373	41	1,273	5,002	381	44,345 [P]		
January	26,794	8,258	5,274	1,099	1,649	2,609	496	680	3,479	318	33	1,453	3,404	431	55,977 [P]		
February	27,190	11,342	4,538	818	1,471	2,516	373	596	3,543	229	34	1,649	3,525	335	58,159 [P]		
March	27,991	11,586	5,700	810	1,291	2,434	468	720	3,378	341	32	1,162	4,108	348	60,369 [P]		
April	32,796	16,833	8,201	762	1,355	2,355	441	646	3,573	338	7	1,462	4,026	317	73,112 [P]		
May	34,162	24,376	8,311	1,393	1,683	2,700	610	680	5,038	297	36	1,463	4,541	414	85,704 [P]		
June	30,949	20,647	6,297	1,128	1,475	3,426	788	632	4,986	317	28	1,417	3,964	293	76,347 [P]		
July	35,478	17,701	4,193	655	985	2,271	573	609	3,828	306	27	1,432	3,315	385	71,758 [P]		
August	35,804	14,732	5,952	1,138	1,284	2,896	386	761	4,377	342	46	1,395	4,194	288	73,595 [P]		
September	28,234	11,633	5,847	1,154	1,379	2,776	471	794	3,860	341	43	1,224	4,366	366	62,488 [P]		
October	36,130	13,172	6,558	1,055	1,522	2,753	528	800	3,218	444	93	1,327	4,735	384	72,719 [P]		
November	30,128	9,251	5,533	918	1,349	2,849	587	749	5,908	353	30	1,385	5,435	468	64,943 [P]		
December	15,603	6,228	5,538	896	1,325	2,295	720	633	4,071	426	53	1,026	4,712	350	43,876 [P]		
2017	23,489	8,253	6,068	1,154	1,553	2,754	460	732	3,481	409	35	1,755	3,881	383	54,407 [P]		
January	30,951	13,804	5,922	1,099	1,449	3,450	467	634	3,875	396	76	2,035	3,928	409	68,495 [P]		
February	28,039	14,465	6,002	1,054	1,189	2,622	441	640	3,499	474	73	1,580	3,979	310	64,367 [P]		
March																	
April																	
May																	

Note :1. As from January 2011, Hong Kong and India have been excluded from, while Taiwan is included to Rest of Asia; 2. [P] provisional, [F] revised

TABLE 3

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT

PERIOD	VISITING					TOTAL
	BUSINESS	OFFICIAL CONFERENCE	HOLIDAY	FRIENDS/ RELATIVES	EDUCATION/ TRAINING	
2012	17,843	15,379	492,556	54,850	8,051	660,590
2013	12,088	13,338	499,568	42,130	7,655	658,866 [r]
2014	21,011	10,215	536,636	43,235	5,862	692,630 [p]
2015	25,048	12,442	594,749	46,794	6,662	754,835 [p]
2016	32,922	13,993	600,887	68,262	7,559	792,320 [p]
2015	1,256	317	37,265	3,474	958	50,225 [p]
January	1,897	843	29,860	2,404	1,603	42,175 [p]
February	1,988	714	39,292	3,267	456	51,047 [p]
March	1,966	1,094	46,160	4,096	321	59,049 [p]
April	2,112	1,172	47,513	3,844	461	60,496 [p]
May	2,512	1,352	57,386	4,589	502	72,525 [p]
June	2,240	1,633	63,606	4,657	703	79,494 [p]
July	2,384	1,383	59,171	4,113	384	73,332 [p]
August	2,494	1,081	58,756	3,261	363	71,836 [p]
September	2,076	1,184	57,065	2,907	312	69,126 [p]
October	2,575	1,336	46,675	3,742	383	59,579 [p]
November	1,548	333	52,000	6,440	216	65,951 [p]
December	1,863	368	44,512	3,929	1,151	57,747 [p]
2016	2,616	537	31,232	3,327	1,688	44,345 [p]
January	2,765	633	41,538	5,170	399	55,977 [p]
February	3,622	1,014	42,620	5,713	371	58,159 [p]
March	2,906	1,410	44,839	5,207	489	60,369 [p]
April	2,769	1,472	57,300	5,148	583	73,112 [p]
May	2,198	1,098	66,052	8,147	805	85,704 [p]
June	3,532	2,023	57,612	7,079	562	76,347 [p]
July	2,855	1,647	56,926	4,755	517	71,758 [p]
August	3,059	1,399	57,318	5,323	344	73,595 [p]
September	2,837	1,629	46,320	6,002	470	62,488 [p]
October	1,900	763	54,618	8,462	180	72,719 [p]
November	2,183	430	47,144	5,923	1,522	64,943 [p]
December	2,899	738	29,224	4,301	1,623	43,876 [p]
2017	2,579	1,066	38,526	4,883	620	54,407 [p]
January	2,641	1,036	52,190	6,140	424	68,495 [p]
February	3,216	1,268	48,074	5,308	607	64,367 [p]
March						
April						
May						

Note: 1. 2013 Data on Visitor Arrivals by Purpose of Visit is not available ; 2. [p] provisional, [r] revised

TABLE 4

VISITOR ARRIVALS FROM CONTINENTAL EUROPE

YEAR/MONTH	REST OF EUROPE											TOTAL		
	SPAIN	FRANCE	ITALY	SWITZERLAND	NETHERLANDS	GERMANY	AUSTRIA	DENMARK	FINLAND	NORWAY	RUSSIA		SWEDEN	
2012	1,321	4,375	2,994	1,878	1,590	7,841	1,031	1,065	579	1,442	1,332	1,423	2,456	29,327
2013	1,219	4,838	2,701	1,706	1,517	8,106	878	1,175	571	1,350	1,256	1,406	3,450	30,173 [r]
2014	1,283	5,207	2,960	2,181	1,462	8,188	910	1,111	612	1,226	1,267	1,422	2,756	30,585 [p]
2015	1,176	5,122	2,991	2,355	1,487	8,627	924	1,395	528	1,168	728	1,490	3,204	31,195 [p]
2016	1,473	5,245	3,299	2,330	1,541	8,636	838	1,377	574	1,005	556	1,350	3,692	31,916 [p]
2015	113	520	151	178	105	794	91	140	61	80	107	175	272	2,787 [p]
January	62	336	110	209	154	682	77	107	60	93	60	142	251	2,343 [p]
February	96	352	101	233	140	838	72	170	50	205	74	145	195	2,671 [p]
March	89	410	107	216	111	762	59	277	41	225	67	207	190	2,761 [p]
April	76	390	143	210	116	863	54	112	36	75	51	66	190	2,382 [p]
May	90	558	249	126	88	579	47	85	26	89	51	77	324	2,389 [p]
June	91	384	294	214	176	544	76	82	29	75	42	88	313	2,408 [p]
July	166	565	767	103	148	701	91	44	23	30	49	49	326	3,062 [p]
August	102	315	341	138	91	506	70	72	26	91	63	57	224	2,096 [p]
September	118	421	413	229	115	846	120	68	52	69	54	141	271	2,917 [p]
October	101	340	162	229	132	780	96	163	57	74	61	187	352	2,734 [p]
November	72	531	153	270	111	732	71	75	67	62	49	156	296	2,645 [p]
December	2016	61	450	174	225	777	92	130	89	74	89	186	263	2,733 [p]
January	78	281	88	234	103	804	80	118	47	73	56	134	351	2,447 [p]
February	46	300	88	240	163	830	61	132	80	177	36	184	272	2,609 [p]
March	47	259	116	243	79	800	69	272	39	127	25	165	275	2,516 [p]
April	118	369	192	143	97	851	64	113	22	63	50	85	267	2,434 [p]
May	101	588	223	159	102	590	32	75	38	71	26	71	279	2,355 [p]
June	162	541	339	172	169	611	60	81	29	127	39	70	300	2,700 [p]
July	293	669	939	147	150	621	79	48	28	53	50	47	302	3,426 [p]
August	132	348	388	127	93	560	60	101	35	44	64	49	270	2,271 [p]
September	215	469	423	214	116	711	92	74	48	57	39	101	337	2,896 [p]
October	131	405	182	222	169	772	63	117	49	76	41	139	410	2,776 [p]
November	89	566	147	204	177	709	86	116	70	63	41	119	366	2,753 [p]
December	2017	86	490	151	234	763	97	147	67	55	111	148	358	2,849 [p]
January	60	279	94	186	104	803	54	83	44	65	28	118	377	2,295 [p]
February	55	383	119	237	162	948	72	104	38	96	59	146	335	2,754 [p]
March	69	531	158	283	135	1,007	90	281	75	242	52	160	367	3,450 [p]
April	109	402	146	197	148	822	66	122	39	68	51	107	345	2,622 [p]
May	Note : 1. As from January 2011, Russia have been excluded from Rest of Europe and Belgium included ; 2. [p] provisional, [r] revised.													

TABLE 5

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE, SEX AND AGE - MAY 2017

AGE GROUP YEARS	AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		USA		CANADA		UNITED KINGDOM		CONTINENTAL EUROPE		CHINA		OTHERS		TOTAL		TOTAL %		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
	<1	58	48	29	29	3	2	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	7	7		99	89
01-02	607	539	245	192	29	26	7	3	7	3	12	4	4	10	8	46	31	963	806	1,769	2.7
03-04	548	524	214	192	18	21	4	3	5	3	5	9	9	10	10	40	29	843	791	1,634	2.5
05-09	985	1030	413	415	32	50	7	5	3	7	14	12	11	20	61	78	1,526	1,617	3,143	4.9	
10-14	503	511	238	235	44	42	5	4	7	2	5	10	3	8	40	49	845	861	1,706	2.7	
15-19	226	284	131	205	50	76	23	38	42	57	69	102	42	28	135	133	718	923	1,641	2.5	
20-24	402	634	225	324	202	426	35	94	99	193	214	386	110	98	433	167	1,720	2,322	4,042	6.3	
25-29	986	1324	465	553	274	339	38	42	100	129	169	294	371	355	679	341	3,082	3,377	6,459	10.0	
30-34	1454	1534	643	644	326	373	48	48	68	60	188	175	343	203	698	395	3,768	3,432	7,200	11.2	
35-39	1462	1534	731	692	229	219	34	29	51	28	127	85	250	122	595	315	3,479	3,024	6,503	10.1	
40-44	1290	1159	636	603	205	218	23	38	27	18	87	67	264	78	498	286	3,030	2,467	5,497	8.6	
45-49	1008	946	675	589	216	199	33	36	22	14	67	60	276	94	456	254	2,753	2,192	4,945	7.7	
50-54	889	997	660	610	258	250	49	53	27	32	93	61	215	110	368	215	2,559	2,328	4,887	7.6	
55-59	922	997	640	581	261	277	53	57	26	26	58	51	120	93	284	174	2,364	2,256	4,620	7.2	
60-64	852	905	525	493	270	248	29	38	46	15	47	38	84	65	196	106	2,049	1,908	3,957	6.1	
65 & OVER	1532	1349	915	723	424	395	94	83	41	31	69	41	52	46	215	166	3,342	2,834	6,176	9.6	
TOTAL ALL AGES	13,724	14,315	7,385	7,080	2,841	3,161	482	572	571	618	1,226	1,396	2,160	1,339	4,751	2,746	33,140	31,227	64,367	100.0	
TOTAL BOTH SEXES	28,039	14,465	1,054	1,189	6,002	1,054	1,189	2,622	3,499	7,497	64,367										
PERCENTAGE TO TOTAL	43.6	22.5	1.6	1.8	9.3	1.6	1.8	4.1	5.4	11.7	100.0										

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

