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PROVISIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS – JUNE 2019

Provisional numbers show that 85,652 visitors arrived into the country in June 2019. The number was a record for the month of June and represents an increase of 4.9% compared to a year earlier.

Increases were recorded in the number of visitors from Australia [1,835 or 5.6% to 34,620]; New Zealand [672 or 3.0% to 23,076]; the United States of America [542 or 5.4% to 10,504]; Japan [467 or 139.0% to 803]; the United Kingdom [366 or 29.5% to 1,605]; Continental Europe [277 or 11.4% to 2,708]; Rest of Asia [242 or 10.4% to 2,561] and Pacific Islands [21 or 0.5% to 4,471].

There was decreases in the number of visitors only from China [down 220 or 6.1% to 3,384]; Canada [down 150 or 13.6% to 949] and South Korea [down 136 or 19.9% to 547].

Visitors arriving for holiday purposes accounted for 74.8% of total arrivals, 10.1% came to visit their friends or relatives 3.3% came for business purposes, while 11.8% visited Fiji for other reasons.

Table 1 below presents actual numbers and the 2019 and 2018 comparisons of visitor arrivals for the month of June, January to June and twelve months to June 2019.

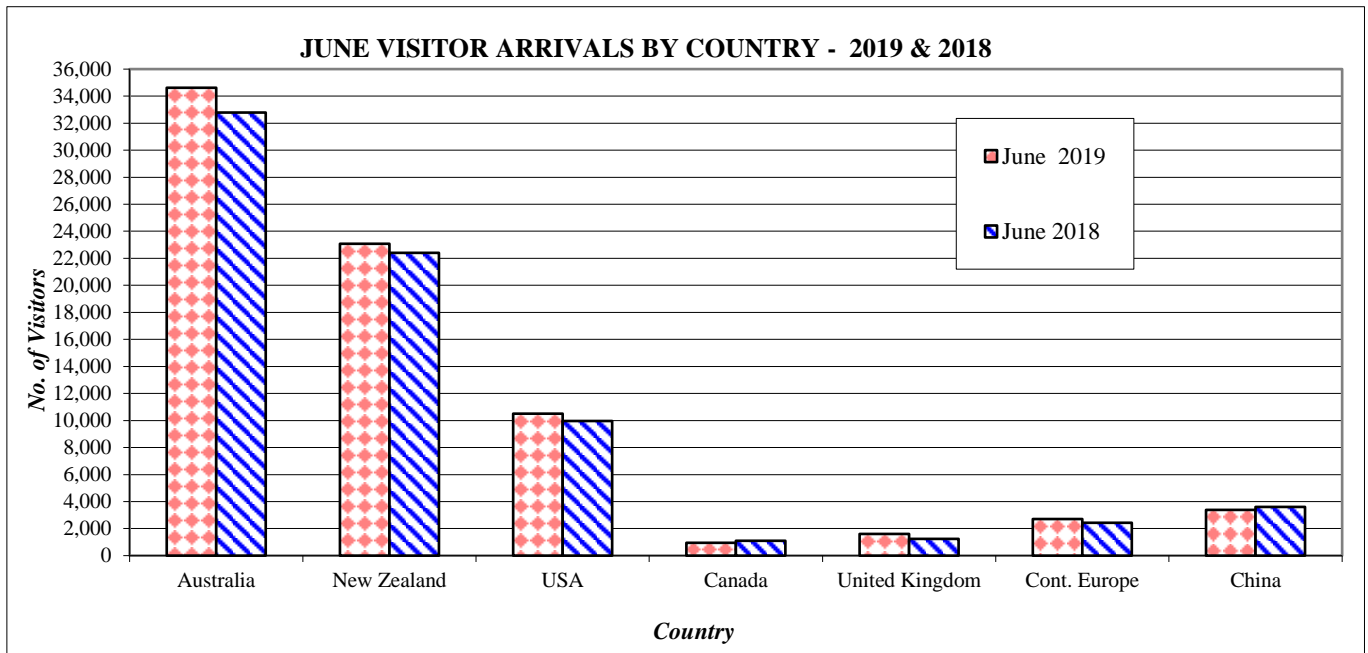
Table 1

	JUNE			JANUARY TO JUNE					12 MONTHS TO JUNE		
	2019	2018	% CHANGE	% TO		% TO			2019	2018	% CHANGE
				2019	TOTAL	2018	TOTAL	CHANGE			
ARRIVALS											
Australia	34,620	32,785	5.6	163,826	40.2	159,847	41.6	2.5	369,639	364,493	1.4
New Zealand	23,076	22,404	3.0	83,749	20.6	77,639	20.2	7.9	204,828	191,643	6.9
USA	10,504	9,962	5.4	46,914	11.5	42,023	10.9	11.6	90,966	84,991	7.0
Canada	949	1,099	-13.6	6,414	1.6	6,030	1.6	6.4	13,604	12,465	9.1
United Kingdom	1,605	1,239	29.5	8,534	2.1	7,786	2.0	9.6	17,045	16,381	4.1
Cont. Europe	2,708	2,431	11.4	16,486	4.0	16,547	4.3	-0.4	37,372	34,901	7.1
Japan	803	336	139.0	6,670	1.6	2,607	0.7	155.8	15,966	5,875	171.8
China	3,384	3,604	-6.1	24,368	6.0	25,055	6.5	-2.7	48,584	49,305	-1.5
South Korea	547	683	-19.9	4,037	1.0	4,106	1.1	-1.7	8,107	8,856	-8.5
Rest of Asia	2,561	2,319	10.4	16,057	3.9	13,602	3.5	18.0	29,383	26,349	11.5
Pacific Islands	4,471	4,450	0.5	27,750	6.8	26,158	6.8	6.1	53,246	53,791	-1.0
Others	424	341	24.3	2,690	0.7	2,582	0.7	4.2	5,082	5,130	-0.9
TOTAL VISITORS	85,652	81,653	4.9	407,495	100.0	383,982	100.0	6.1	893,822	854,180	4.6

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

Figure 1 below is a graphical comparison of Visitor Arrivals by Country for June 2019 and 2018.

Figure 1



In the moving twelve-monthly numbers ending June 2019, the total number of visitors to Fiji increased by 4.6% compared with the same period in 2018. Visitors from Japan increased by [171.8%]; Rest of Asia [11.5%]; Canada [9.1%]; Continental Europe [7.1%]; the United States of America [7.0%]; New Zealand [6.9%]; the United Kingdom [4.1%] and Australia [1.4%].

Decreases were recorded for visitors from South Korea [8.5%]; China [1.5%]; Pacific Islands [1.0%] and Other Countries [0.9%].

January to June 2019, showed that visitor arrivals increased by 6.1% over the corresponding period in 2018, up from 383,982 to 407,495.

Figure 2 below shows a graphical comparison of visitor arrivals by country during the period January to June 2019.

Figure 2

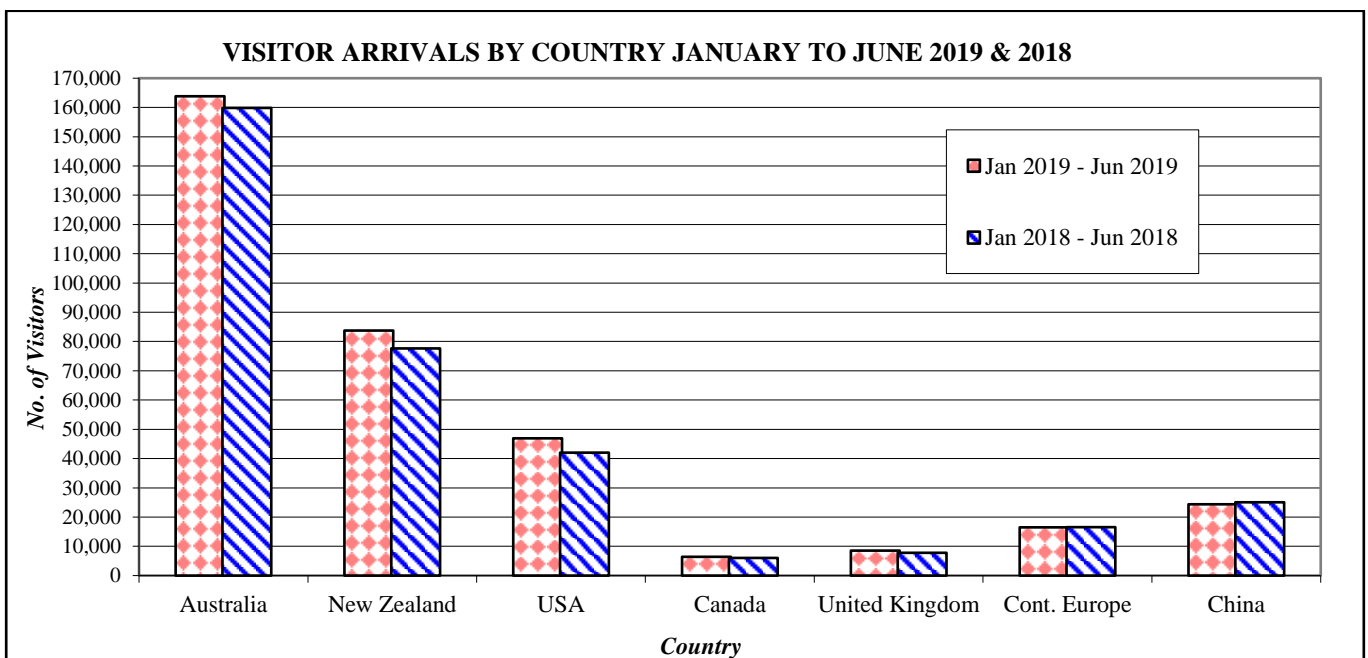
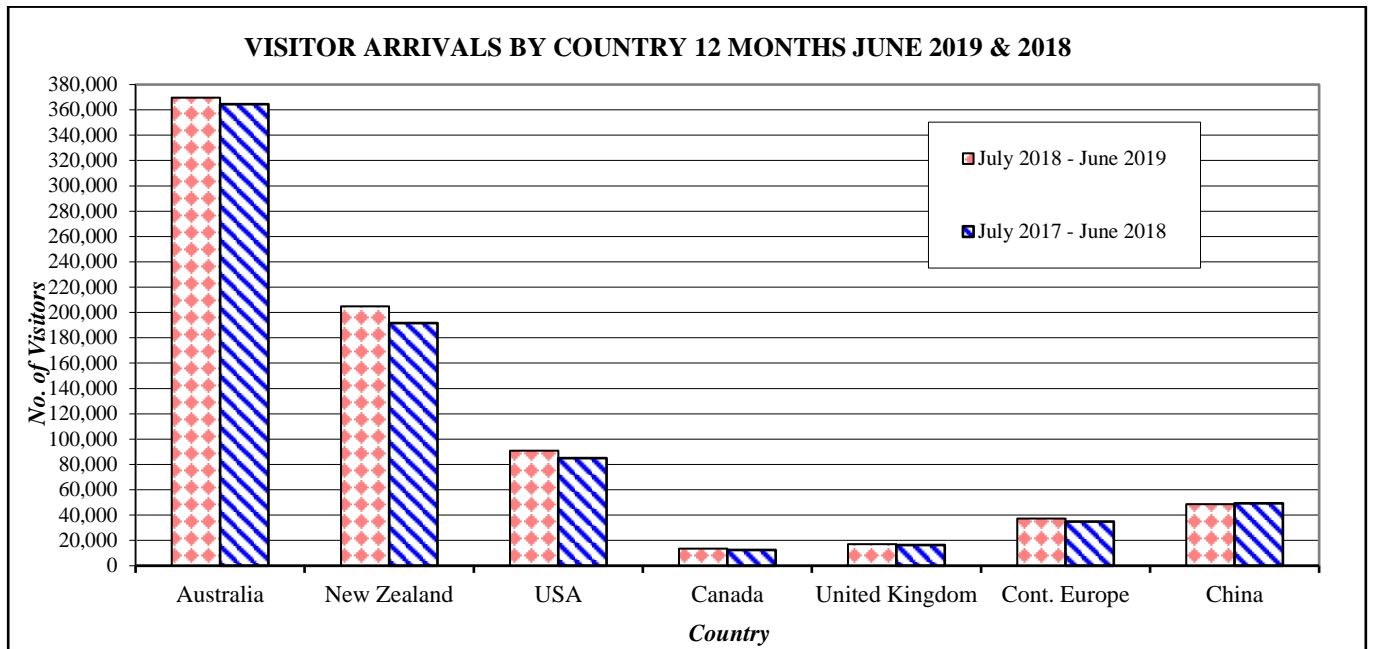


Figure 3 below shows the twelve-monthly comparisons.

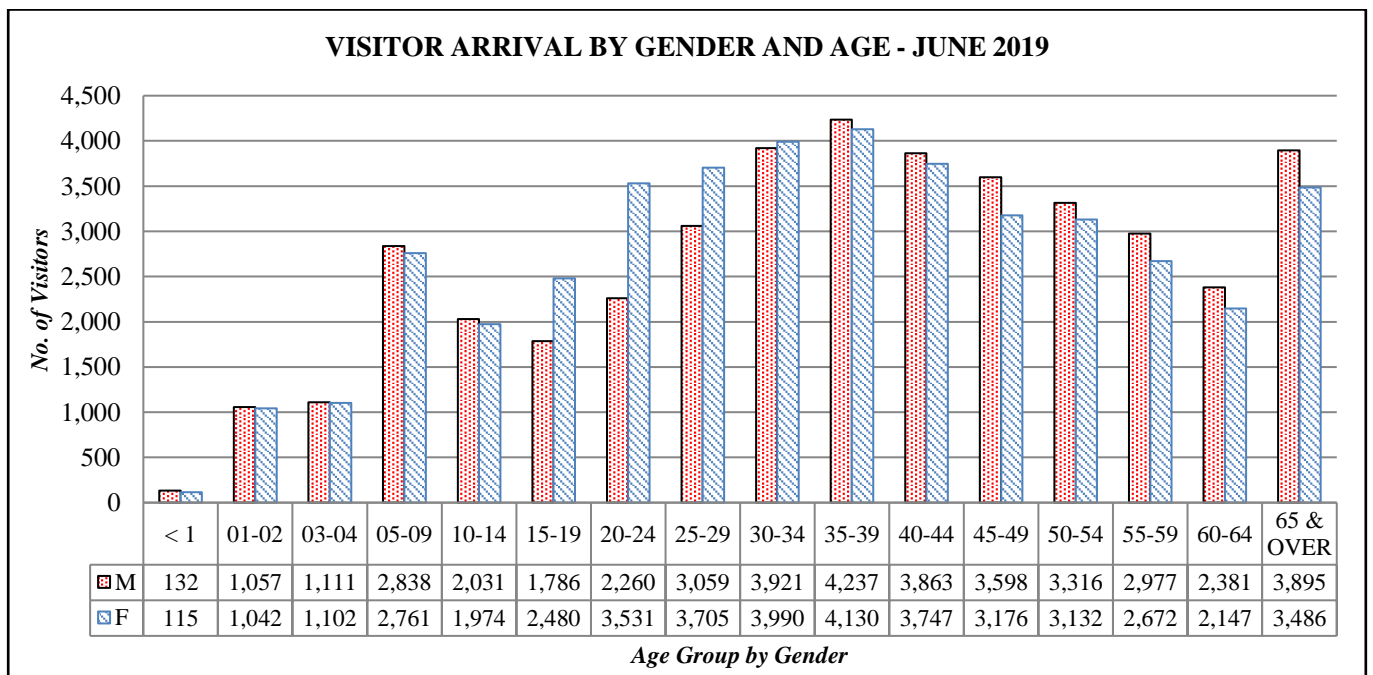
Figure 3



The majority of visitors to Fiji in June 2019 were in the age range 25-64 (63.1%), which accounts for the vast majority of the working age population. Children aged 14 and below accounted for 16.5% of the June visitor arrivals; 11.8% were youths aged 15-24 with the remaining 8.6% comprising those in the predominantly retirement age group of 65 and over.

Figure 4 below shows a significant gender differential in the age groups 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59 and 65+;

Figure 4



Visitors by Occupation

For the month of June 2019, the top 5 Occupational Groups for visitors engaged in gainful employment in their home countries are as follows;

- 1) Legislators – increased by [997 or 9.1% to 11,973].
- 2) Professional Workers – increased by [511 or 3.2% to 16,661].
- 3) Technician and Related Workers – increased by [415 or 4.8% to 9,012].
- 4) Service Workers – increased by [318 or 7.2% to 4,764].
- 5) Craft Workers – decreased by [160 or 4.2% to 3,681].

June 2019 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 – increased by [1,507 or 10.0% to 16,526].
- 2) Students – increased by [368 or 2.2% to 17,088].

Additional details are provided in Figure 5 below;

Figure 5

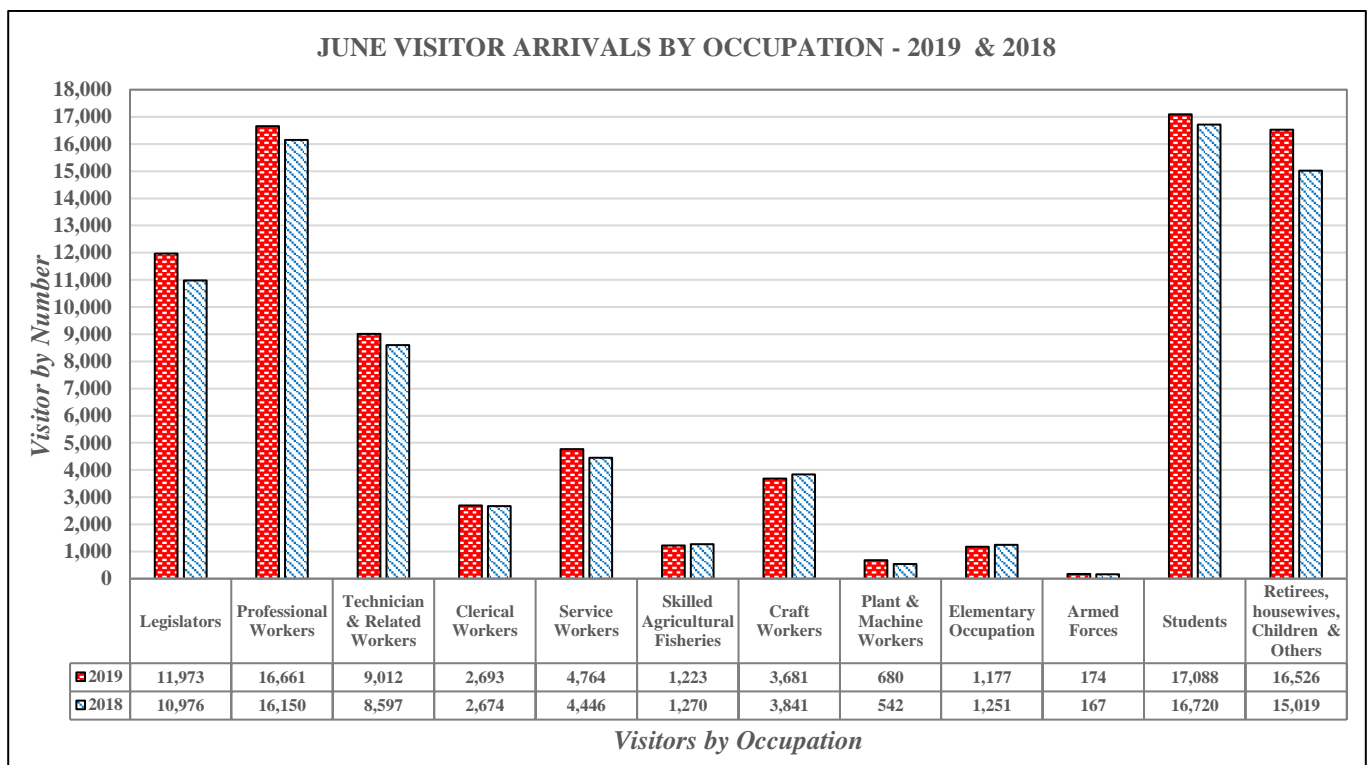


Table 2

Resident Departures for May 2019

Purpose of Visit	Length of Absence					Grand Total	% To Total
	Under 3 months	3 months - 12 months	1 year - 5 years	Over 5 years or Permanently			
Holiday	3,099 (31.5%)	266				3,365	26.8%
Visiting Friends or Relatives	4,461 (45.4%)	623				5,084	40.5%
Business	1,396 (14.2%)	60	4			1,460	11.6%
Employment	469 (4.8%)	390	409			1,268	10.1%
Education/Training	395 (4.0%)	72	284			751	6.0%
Emigration				478		478	3.8%
Others	12 (0.1%)	28	39	60		139	1.1%
Grand Total	9,832(100%)	1,439	736	538		12,545	
% To Total	78.4%	11.5%	5.9%	4.3%			100.0%

Note: Percentage June not sum to 100% due to rounding of figures

A total of 12,545 Fiji Residents departed our shores during the month of May of which 9,832 or 78.4% were for a short-term absence of under three months. A total of 1,274 or 10.2% of resident departures were for a longer-term absence of 1 year or more.


The reasons for departure as reported by residents leaving for a short-term absence were as follows;

- Visiting Friends or Relatives – 45.4%
- Holiday – 31.5%
- Business – 14.2%
- Employment – 4.8%
- Education/Training – 4.0%.

More detailed information is provided in the accompanying Tables.

TABLE 1:	ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES: NUMBER OF RESIDENTS, VISITORS AND PERSONS IN TRANSIT.
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