

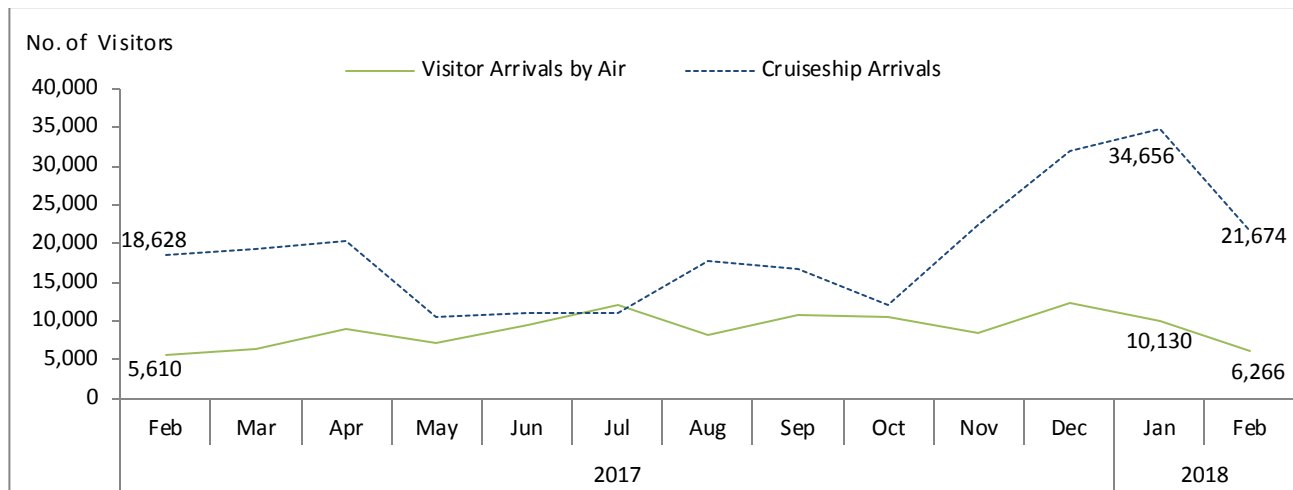
STATISTICS UPDATE: INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL STATISTICS

FEBRUARY 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

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OVERVIEW

Fig 1: International Visitor Arrivals: February 2017 to February 2018



- International visitor arrivals by air totalled 6,266 or 22% of all international arrivals to Vanuatu. This is an increase of 12% over the corresponding period in 2017 but it declined by 38% over the previous month. The increase in air visitors was attributed by the number of visitor arrivals for holiday.
- Cruise ship or day visitors stood at 21,674 or 78% of all international arrivals to Vanuatu. This is an increase of 16% over the corresponding month in 2017 with 11 cruise ships although carrying fewer passengers on board compared to 7 cruise ships in February 2018 carrying more passengers. Day visitors declined by 37% over the previous month.

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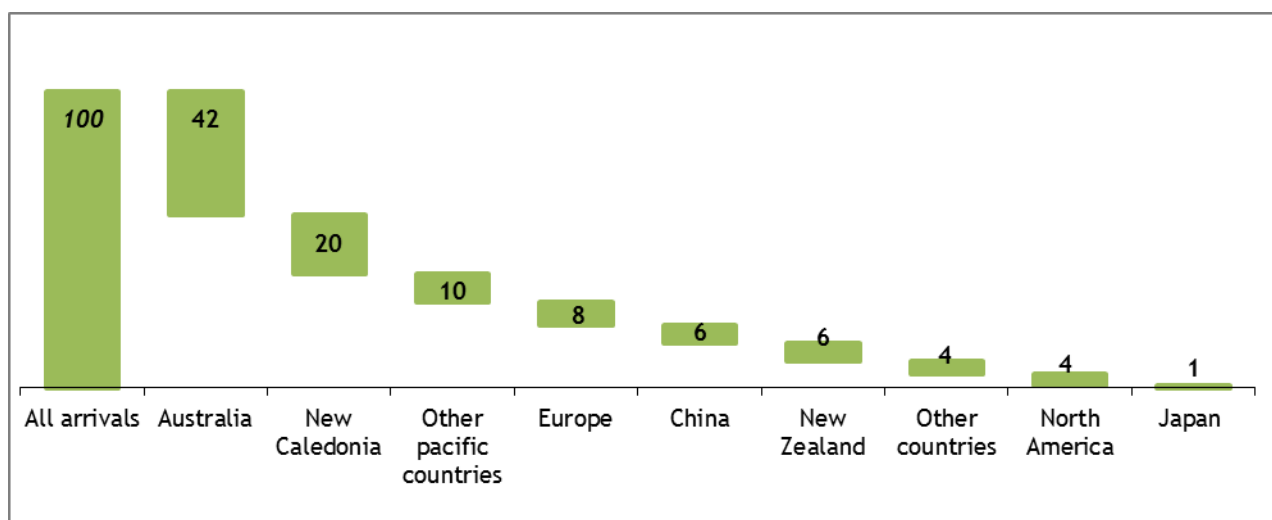
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PURPOSE OF VISIT FOR VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR

- Holiday visitors accounted for 73% of all visitor arrivals by air; followed by visitors who arrived for other purposes, education and sport at 11%, visitors who arrived for business, meetings or conferences at 8%, visitors who arrived to visit friends and relatives at 7% and visitors who arrived for transit stood at 1%.

COUNTRY OF USUAL RESIDENCE FOR VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR

Fig 2: Percentage share of visitors in February 2018 by Country of Usual Residence



- Australian visitors accounted for the highest number of visitors by air at 42%; followed by New Caledonia at 20%; visitors from other pacific countries at 10%; visitors from Europe at 8%; visitors from China and New Zealand at 6% each; visitors from other countries and North America at 4% each and Japanese visitors at 1%.

AVERAGE INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY FOR VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR

- International visitors by air spent an average of 15 days. This increased by 1 day over the corresponding month in 2017 and by 3 days over the previous month.

AVERAGE AGE FOR VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR

- The average age of visitors arriving by air stood at 43 years. This remained unchanged over the corresponding month in 2017 while it increased by 5 years over the previous month.

SUMMARY OF VISITORS TO OUTER ISLANDS

- Tanna Island received the highest number of visitors at 43%; followed by visitors to Santo Island at 35%. (see table 7)

DATA SOURCE

All International arrival statistics by air provided in the report is sourced from completed Arrival and Departure cards at the Department of Immigration. Cruise ship figures are also sourced from the Department of Immigration.

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SUMMARY OF VISITORS TO OUTER ISLANDS¹ (SEE TABLE 7)

Summary of Indicators

- Tafea province received the highest number of visitors at 44% each; followed by Sanma province at 37%.
- Visitors who travelled to outer islands spent an average of 8 days.

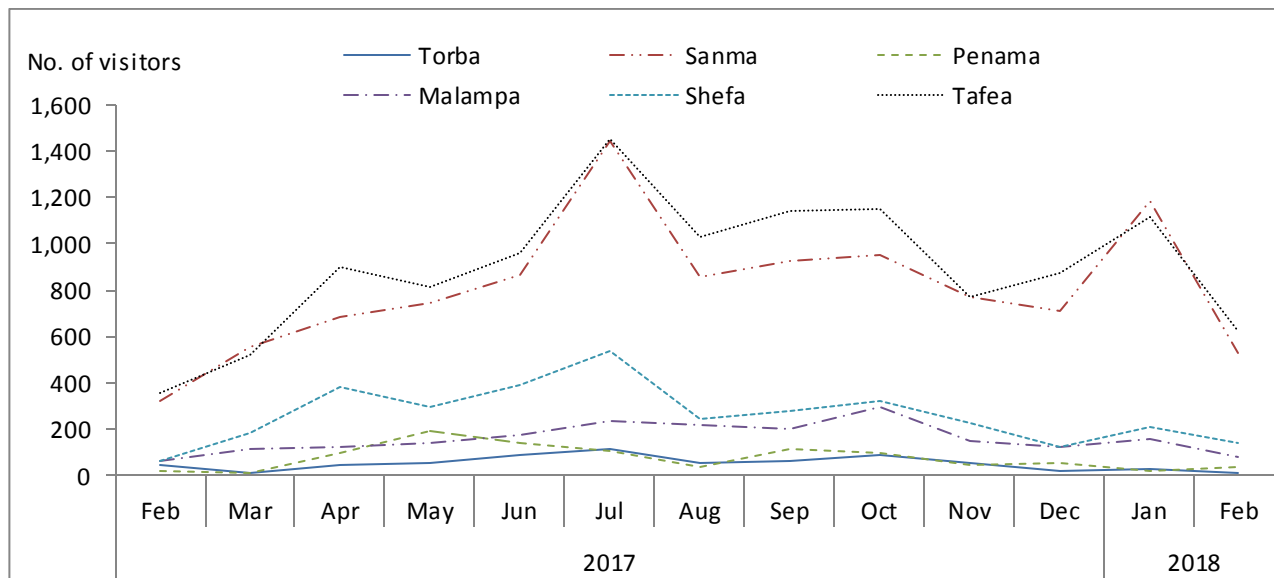


Figure 1: Summary of visitors to other province, February 2017 to February 2018

*Excludes Efate Island

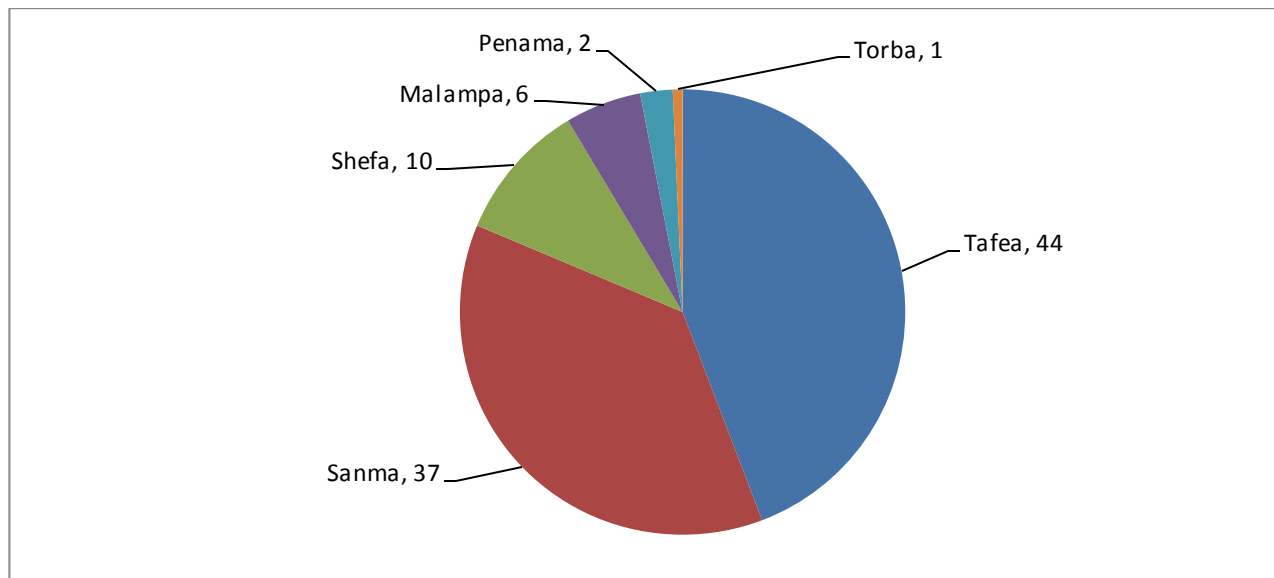


Figure 2: Proportion of visitors to other provinces, February 2018

*Excludes Efate Island

¹ Data on visitors travelling to outer islands is only available from May 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	
2017	Feb	41	323	18	62	65	356	865
	Mar	14	552	15	112	185	516	1,394
	Apr	49	686	99	127	379	895	2,235
	May	52	740	188	144	299	811	2,234
	Jun	88	865	137	172	392	960	2,614
	Jul	112	1,446	102	239	535	1,450	3,884
	Aug	52	860	39	220	245	1,029	2,445
	Sep	65	923	114	202	274	1,144	2,722
	Oct	87	947	99	297	317	1,150	2,897
	Nov	52	770	47	145	226	769	2,009
	Dec	16	711	56	127	119	874	1,903
	2018	Jan	31	1,186	22	154	209	1,114
Feb		10	524	33	78	142	623	1,410

Source: Department of Immigration

*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	
2017	Feb	7.0	7.5	9.8	8.0	7.5	3.7	5.7
	Mar	4.6	7.2	5.4	6.9	3.8	3.7	5.3
	Apr	5.3	7.1	5.9	14.2	6.3	3.6	7.1
	May	4.9	6.1	3.1	8.0	4.0	3.6	5.0
	Jun	7.4	6.8	3.9	10.0	5.8	2.8	6.1
	Jul	5.4	6.3	6.1	6.1	4.9	3.2	5.4
	Aug	8.0	6.4	5.1	6.7	5.8	3.3	5.9
	Sep	4.4	7.2	4.9	4.0	4.1	3.0	4.6
	Oct	7.5	5.1	4.3	4.2	5.2	3.6	5.0
	Nov	3.7	6.1	4.8	6.2	3.7	3.3	4.6
	Dec	12.1	6.7	9.6	9.3	6.1	3.8	7.9
	2018	Jan	25.1	6.6	17.1	7.4	3.6	3.8
Feb		5.7	9.5	12.4	13.8	3.3	3.4	8.0

Source: Department of Immigration

*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			
2013		25,116	106,466	495	3,643	25,611	110,109	16,380	118,753	164	3,496	16,544	122,249	247,296	2013	
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		27,414	103,401	830	5,707	28,244	109,108	25,717	107,575	441	3,831	26,158	111,406	223,551	2017	
2013	Feb	1,333	4,809	21	122	1,354	4,931	1,919	5,497	14	137	1,933	5,634	16,127	2013	Fév
2014	Feb	1,491	4,878	49	131	1,540	5,009	2,051	5,763	7	85	2,058	5,848	25,728	2014	Fév
2015	Feb	1,575	5,176	9	213	1,584	5,389	2,019	5,978	12	118	2,031	6,096	18,803	2015	Fév
2016	Feb	1,180	4,018	38	256	1,218	4,274	1,760	4,491	13	298	1,773	4,789	32,021	2016	Fév
2017	Feb	1,405	5,307	33	303	1,438	5,610	1,997	5,081	8	184	2,005	5,265	18,628	2017	Fév
	Mar	1,633	6,113	60	243	1,693	6,356	2,629	5,672	10	213	2,639	5,885	19,242		Mar
	Apr	2,571	8,520	65	415	2,636	8,935	2,201	8,694	27	348	2,228	9,042	20,407		Avr
	May	2,932	6,776	70	403	3,002	7,179	2,138	7,182	39	304	2,177	7,486	10,642		Mai
	Jun	2,420	9,008	50	492	2,470	9,500	1,638	7,484	23	270	1,661	7,754	11,149		Juin
	Jul	1,865	11,134	95	921	1,960	12,055	1,858	12,188	34	322	1,892	12,510	10,983		Juil
	Aug	1,468	7,840	83	461	1,551	8,301	1,733	8,446	57	357	1,790	8,803	17,791		Aoû
	Sep	3,156	10,379	53	498	3,209	10,877	1,860	10,079	54	374	1,914	10,453	16,829		Sep
	Oct	2,133	10,131	88	480	2,221	10,611	2,157	11,545	71	583	2,228	12,128	12,024		Oct
	Nov	2,648	8,123	76	321	2,724	8,444	3,143	8,909	47	247	3,190	9,156	22,401		Nov
	Dec	2,765	11,567	138	716	2,903	12,283	2,134	11,650	49	196	2,183	11,846	31,907		Dec
2018	Jan	2,300	9,716	102	414	2,402	10,130	2,326	13,291	23	217	2,349	13,508	34,656	2018	Jan
	Feb	1,355	6,089	65	177	1,420	6,266	2,234	6,443	35	125	2,269	6,568	21,674		Fév

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	Année	Mois
		Holidays	Visiting Friends and relatives	Business, Meetings/ Conferences	Stop Over	Others, Education, sports			
		Vacances	Visite à des amis et à la famille	Affaires, réunions ou conférence	Escale	Autres, education, sport			
2013		89,253	7,755	9,079	613	3,409	110,109	2013	
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		83,407	8,937	8,337	897	7,530	109,108	2017	
2013	Feb	3,431	437	856	16	191	4,931	2013	Fév
2014	Feb	3,773	407	462	47	320	5,009	2014	Fév
2015	Feb	3,702	461	556	21	649	5,389	2015	Fév
2016	Feb	3,249	323	373	30	299	4,274	2016	Fév
2017	Feb	3,712	528	591	88	691	5,610	2017	Fév
	Mar	4,489	585	822	59	401	6,356		Mar
	Apr	6,976	769	619	92	479	8,935		Avr
	May	5,154	739	787	78	421	7,179		Mai
	Jun	7,328	784	781	80	527	9,500		Juin
	Jul	9,514	821	832	102	786	12,055		Juil
	Aug	6,828	561	529	41	342	8,301		Aoû
	Sep	8,640	727	657	134	719	10,877		Sep
	Oct	8,125	769	975	60	682	10,611		Oct
	Nov	5,736	792	908	55	953	8,444		Nov
	Dec	9,702	1,116	374	37	1,054	12,283		Dec
2018	Jan	8,106	873	465	81	605	10,130	2018	Jan
	Feb	4,571	446	494	47	708	6,266		Fév

Source: Immigration Department/Service de l'Immigration

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			
2013		65,776	15,068	12,515	4,874	5,544	2,614	659	1,062	1,997	110,109	2013	
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		57,384	11,554	15,826	7,147	6,801	3,016	1,076	3,612	2,692	109,108	2017	
2013	Feb	2,448	429	876	440	340	154	26	67	151	4,931	2013	Fév
2014	Feb	2,608	310	968	357	304	207	33	101	121	5,009	2014	Fév
2015	Feb	2,479	386	991	504	389	164	53	258	165	5,389	2015	Fév
2016	Feb	1,714	310	200	396	1,027	180	67	226	154	4,274	2016	Fév
2017	Feb	2,328	343	1,062	612	520	197	59	302	187	5,610	2017	Fév
	Mar	3,304	454	939	405	445	224	72	315	198	6,356		Mar
	Apr	4,854	885	1,349	463	639	218	82	213	232	8,935		Avr
	May	3,647	737	1,017	486	491	257	55	320	169	7,179		Mai
	Jun	5,104	1,209	1,302	492	433	324	97	317	222	9,500		Juin
	Jul	6,470	1,834	1,214	816	715	289	112	410	195	12,055		Juil
	Aug	4,081	1,234	1,278	317	537	236	157	269	192	8,301		Aoû
	Sep	6,655	1,194	1,221	447	536	279	102	269	174	10,877		Sep
	Oct	5,456	1,208	1,728	646	611	281	112	318	251	10,611		Oct
	Nov	4,149	809	1,022	1,031	599	219	71	213	331	8,444		Nov
	Dec	6,598	1,098	1,952	993	673	312	82	327	248	12,283		Dec
2018	Jan	5,206	804	2,129	528	570	251	63	317	262	10,130	2018	Jan
	Feb	2,606	381	1,238	606	490	229	63	385	268	6,266		Fév

Source: Immigration Department/Service de l'Immigration

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
2013		15,410	4,096	1,782	167	1,293	915	1,007	566	375	25,611	2013	
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		21,963	2,463	1,036	118	797	712	564	358	233	28,244	2017	
2013	Feb	688	270	93	12	84	62	87	26	32	1,354	2013	Fév
2014	Feb	678	319	176	1	100	75	98	67	26	1,540	2014	Fév
2015	Feb	814	258	180	0	96	83	80	46	27	1,584	2015	Fév
2016	Feb	859	147	51	5	56	41	30	15	14	1,218	2016	Fév
2017	Feb	1,128	110	54	3	36	42	33	18	14	1,438	2017	Fév
	Mar	1,207	201	74	13	59	63	38	26	12	1,693		Mar
	Apr	1,891	284	126	12	91	68	75	63	26	2,636		Avr
	May	2,349	249	114	9	66	88	67	32	28	3,002		Mai
	Jun	1,912	207	118	8	64	77	40	29	15	2,470		Juin
	Jul	1,453	188	77	8	90	63	35	31	15	1,960		Juil
	Aug	1,081	183	88	9	63	48	33	30	16	1,551		Août
	Sep	2,764	190	70	4	57	38	39	34	13	3,209		Sep
	Oct	1,652	247	71	20	74	66	50	20	21	2,221		Oct
	Nov	2,160	223	79	11	72	71	44	25	39	2,724		Nov
	Dec	2,652	116	28	4	29	19	28	14	13	2,903		Dec
2018	Jan	1,538	304	107	15	118	138	108	42	32	2,402	2018	Jan
	Feb	1,085	137	38	6	33	56	26	25	14	1,420		Fév

Source: Immigration Department / Service de l'Immigration

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		
2013		10.8	11.6	11.2	2013	
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		10.6	12.3	11.4	2017	
2013	Feb	15.6	9.4	12.5	2013	Fév
2014	Feb	13.1	16.7	14.9	2014	Fév
2015	Feb	12.5	10.8	11.7	2015	Fév
2016	Feb	11.4	10.7	11.0	2016	Fév
2017	Feb	14.5	12.7	13.6	2017	Fév
	Mar	10.1	13.3	11.7		Mar
	Apr	10.1	11.3	10.7		Avr
	May	10.4	17.2	13.8		Mai
	Jun	11.2	12.2	11.7		Juin
	Jul	10.8	11.8	11.3		Juil
	Aug	9.6	11.8	10.7		Août
	Sep	9.5	10.9	10.2		Sep
	Oct	9.8	10.3	10.1		Oct
	Nov	9.8	11.0	10.4		Nov
	Dec	10.2	12.8	11.5		Dec
2018	Jan	10.7	12.9	11.8	2018	Jan
	Feb	13.5	15.8	14.6		Fév

Source: Immigration Department/Service de l'Immigration

Table 6 : Visitors Arriving by Air Average Age
Tableau 6 : Arrivée des Visiteurs par Age moyen

Year	Month	AVERAGE AGE OF VISITORS / L'AGE MOYEN DES VISITEURS			Année	Mois
		Port Vila	Luganville	Vanuatu		
2013	Feb	32.0	46.4	39.2	2013	Fév
2014	Feb	44.8	38.9	41.9	2014	Fév
2015	Feb	39.6	46.4	43.0	2015	Fév
2016	Feb	40.5	42.2	41.3	2016	Fév
2017	Feb	39.1	46.2	42.6	2017	Fév
	Mar	42.0	43.2	42.6		Mar
	Apr	38.2	43.5	40.8		Avr
	May	41.5	44.4	42.9		Mai
	Jun	39.2	38.2	38.7		Juin
	Jul	37.8	40.5	39.2		Juil
	Aug	41.6	44.1	42.8		Aoû
	Sep	35.7	43.0	39.4		Sep
	Oct	40.0	42.7	41.3		Oct
	Nov	38.0	43.4	40.7		Nov
	Dec	36.5	38.1	37.3		Dec
	2018	Jan	36.4	39.4		37.9
Feb		40.1	46.1	43.1	Fév	

Source: Immigration Department/Service de l'Immigration

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	Pentecost Island	Malekula	Ambrym	Other Islands	TOTAL	Année	Mois
				Efate et les îles côtières	îles Pentecôte	Malicolo		D'autres îles			
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		10,157	8,734	3,306	530	1,064	811	2,389	26,991	2017	
2015	Feb	264	208	46	11	27	25	65	646	2015	Fév
2016	Feb	359	342	200	13	44	29	69	1,056	2016	Fév
2017	Feb	349	311	65	11	36	21	72	865	2017	Fév
	Mar	479	513	212	4	59	51	76	1,394		Mar
	Apr	850	618	410	76	64	54	163	2,235		Avr
	May	758	688	334	147	65	73	169	2,234		Mai
	Jun	924	757	407	93	95	74	264	2,614		Juin
	Jul	1,368	1,325	536	42	117	113	383	3,884		Juil
	Aug	984	736	246	16	116	91	256	2,445		Aoû
	Sep	1,035	856	275	43	117	74	322	2,722		Sep
	Oct	1,085	878	318	41	157	120	298	2,897		Oct
	Nov	750	685	231	9	76	66	192	2,009		Nov
	Dec	838	657	131	28	92	28	129	1,903		Dec
2018	Jan	1,080	1,109	220	7	76	76	148	2,716	2018	Jan
	Feb	607	494	147	21	60	17	64	1,410		Fév

Source: Department of Immigration

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