

STATISTICS UPDATE: INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

MARCH 2012 HIGHLIGHTS

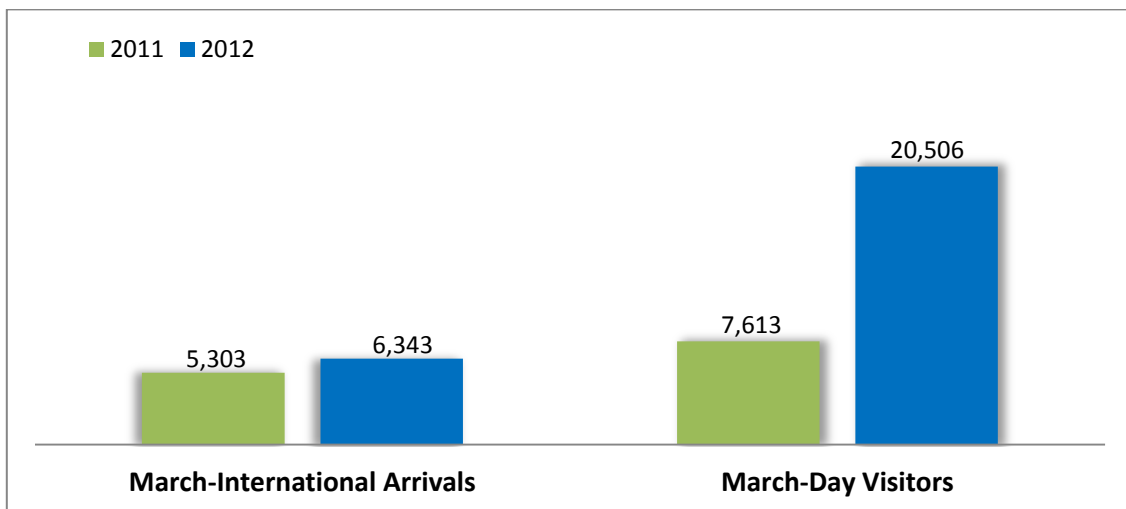


Figure 1: Visitors by Air and Day visitors in March 2012

In March 2012, tourism arrival statistics registered 24% of international visitors by air and 76% were day visitors by cruise ship. According to the records, the month of March indicated a rise in the number of visitor arrivals by 35% over February 2012. In comparison to the same period of previous year, visitors also show an increase of 20%. This is due to a rise in the number of holiday visitor arrivals to Vanuatu in March 2012.

There was a very large increase in cruise ship visitors (day visitors) for the month of March 2012 compared to March 2011 due to a higher number of cruise ship visits in March 2012, increasing from 5 to 12. Out of the total number of visiting cruise ships in March 2012, ten carried more than 2,300 passengers each as compared to only four in March 2011. However, when compared to the previous months, statistics were still lower than February with a decrease of 21% due to lower number of cruise ship visits.

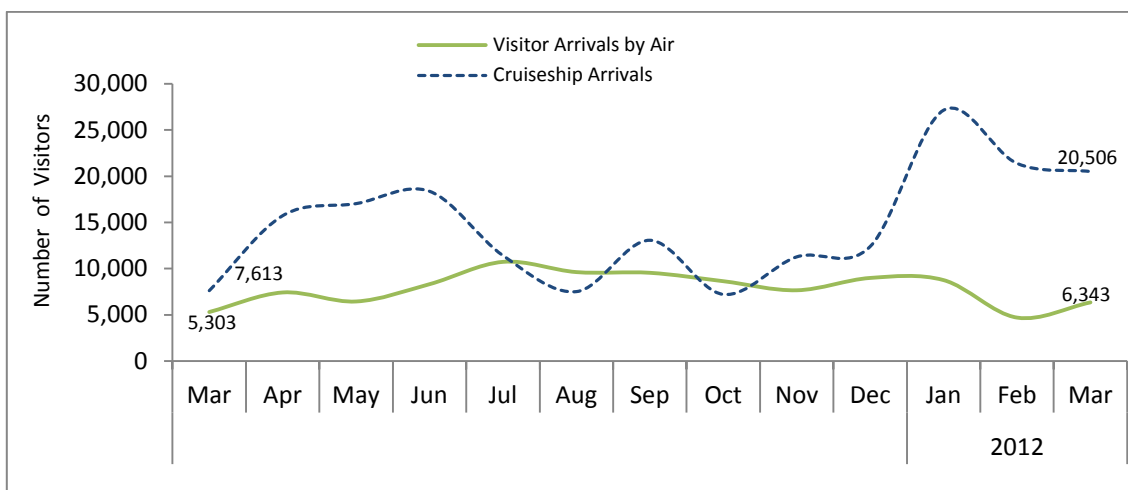


Figure 2: Number of monthly Visitors by air and Cruise ship

PURPOSE OF VISIT

Out of the total international visitor arrivals in March 2012, 79% came to Vanuatu for holiday and 13% arrived in the country for conferences, meetings and other business. Another 7% came to visit friends and relatives while 1% arrived in Vanuatu to transit. The share for visitors coming for holidays increased by 3 percentage points compared to the same period of 2011, whereas the share for visitors coming for business and meeting, and visitors visiting friends and relatives decreased respectively by 2 and 1 percentage points in detriment to holiday visitors.

COUNTRY OF USUAL RESIDENCE

Australia continues to be the principal source for international visitor arrivals to Vanuatu, accounting for 63% of all international arrivals in March 2012, followed by New Caledonia (11%); New Zealand (10%); Europe (5%); Other Pacific Countries and Other countries (4% each); North America (2%); and Japan (1%).

When compared to March 2011, visitors from New Caledonia increased by 44%; followed by New Zealand (35%); other countries (30%); Australia (21%); Europe (5%). However, Other Pacific Countries dropped by (-24%); Japan (-4%) and North America (-1%). Moreover, over the previous month, records showed decreases in the number of visitor arrivals from Other Pacific Countries (-31%); New Caledonia (-13%); Japan (-12%); and Europe (-10%) while increases were registered for: New Zealand (81%); Australia (66%); other countries (25%); and North America (1%).

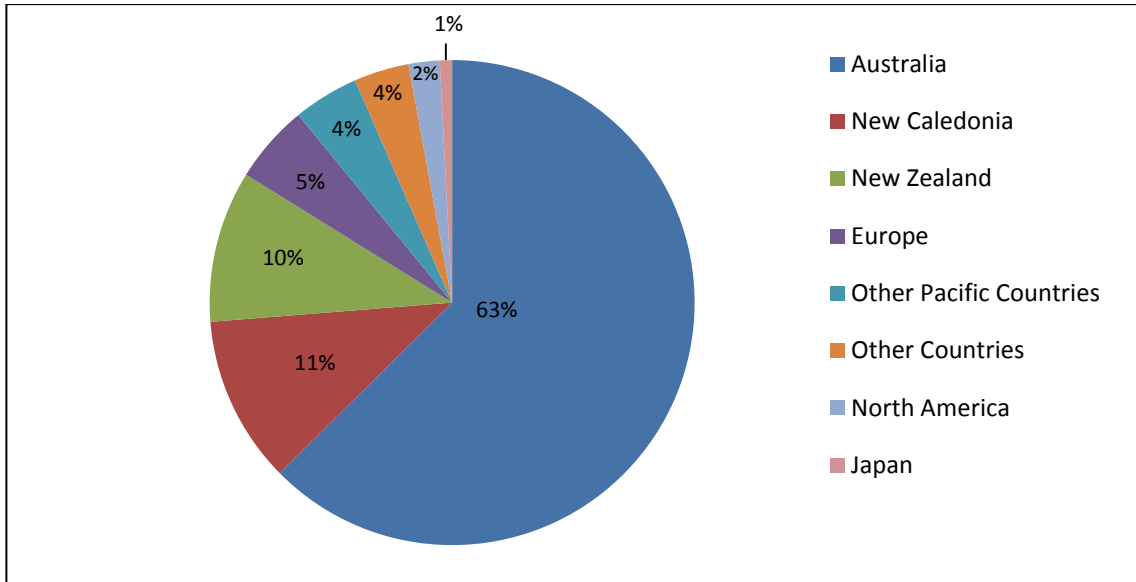


Figure 3: Share of number of visitors by Country of Usual Residence to total visitors in March 2012

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY

The average length of stay (intended) for visitors by air increased from 8.8 days to 9.7 days in March 2012 over March 2011; and also increased from 9.3 days in February 2012 to 9.7 days in March 2012.

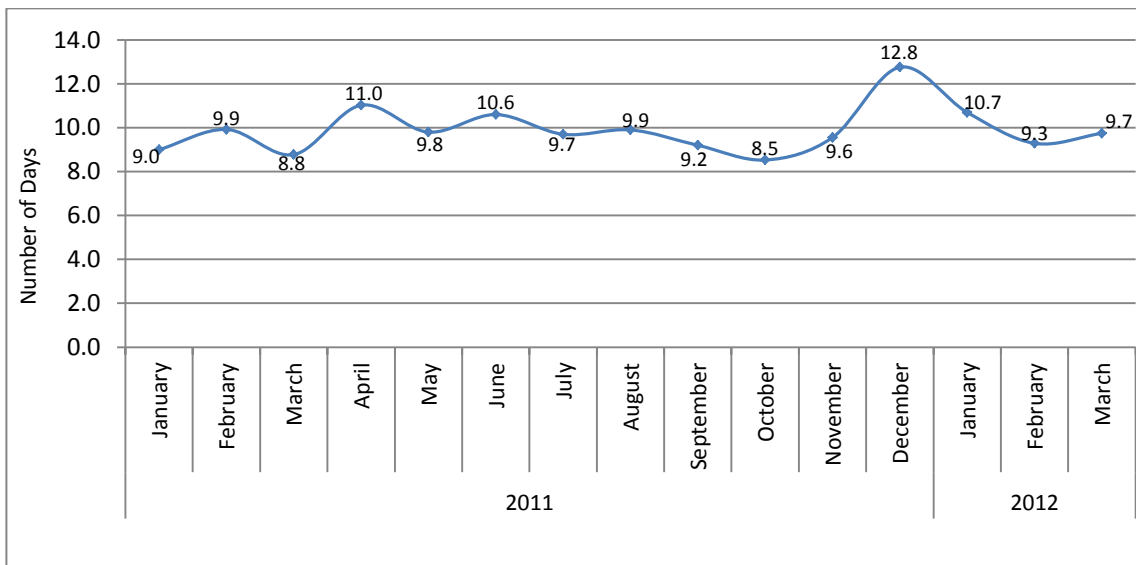


Figure 4: Average Length of Stay by Month

AVERAGE AGE OF VISITOR

The average age for visitors was 38.0 years, a decrease of 4 years compared to the same period of the previous year. On the other hand, the records registered the same average age of visitors arriving in Vanuatu when compared to February 2012.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Visitors are non-resident persons spending at least one night in Vanuatu.

Residents are persons who declare themselves to be residents or an intending resident on immigration arrival cards.

ATTACHED:

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NEXT UPDATE (MONTHLY)

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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 | Visitors | Residents | Visitors | Residents | Visitors | Resident | Visitor | Resident | Visitors | Resident | Visitors | | | |
| | | Résidents | Visiteurs | Résidents | Visiteurs | Résidents | Visiteurs | Résidents | Visiteurs | Résidents | Visiteurs | Résidents | Visiteurs | | | |
| 2008 | Mar | 1,393 | 4,648 | 39 | 156 | 1,432 | 4,804 | 1,393 | 5,246 | 37 | 123 | 1,430 | 5,369 | 10,615 | 2008 | Mar |
| 2009 | Mar | 1,372 | 5,804 | 49 | 98 | 1,421 | 5,902 | 1,595 | 6,430 | 38 | 129 | 1,633 | 6,559 | 13,533 | 2009 | Mar |
| 2010 | Mar | 1,197 | 6,454 | 28 | 16 | 1,225 | 6,470 | 1,167 | 6,824 | 5 | 6 | 1,172 | 6,830 | 12,784 | 2010 | Mar |
| 2011 | Jan | 1,780 | 6,536 | 51 | 136 | 1,831 | 6,672 | 728 | 7,673 | 25 | 271 | 753 | 7,944 | 18,376 | 2011 | Jan |
| | Feb | 1,307 | 4,567 | 39 | 58 | 1,346 | 4,625 | 936 | 2,922 | 5 | 66 | 941 | 2,988 | 14,976 | | Fév |
| | Mar | 1,384 | 5,210 | 22 | 93 | 1,406 | 5,303 | 1,203 | 5,211 | - | - | 1,203 | 5,211 | 7,613 | | Mar |
| | Apr | 1,635 | 7,183 | 44 | 236 | 1,679 | 7,419 | 899 | 7,722 | 12 | 141 | 911 | 7,863 | 15,725 | | Apr |
| | May | 1,781 | 6,247 | 43 | 197 | 1,824 | 6,444 | 1,097 | 7,364 | 12 | 210 | 1,109 | 7,574 | 17,031 | | Mai |
| | Jun | 1,818 | 8,053 | 38 | 265 | 1,856 | 8,318 | 778 | 7,903 | 3 | 54 | 781 | 7,957 | 18,363 | | Juin |
| | Jul | 1,828 | 10,419 | 38 | 310 | 1,866 | 10,729 | 994 | 11,297 | 30 | 277 | 1,024 | 11,574 | 11,411 | | Juil |
| | Aug | 1,797 | 9,255 | 42 | 367 | 1,839 | 9,622 | 1,201 | 9,700 | 16 | 203 | 1,217 | 9,903 | 7,511 | | Aoû |
| | Sep | 2,341 | 9,203 | 52 | 343 | 2,393 | 9,546 | 914 | 9,894 | 19 | 205 | 933 | 10,099 | 13,066 | | Sep |
| | Oct | 1,760 | 8,354 | 55 | 283 | 1,815 | 8,637 | 1,377 | 10,398 | 13 | 237 | 1,390 | 10,635 | 7,210 | | Oct |
| | Nov | 1,885 | 7,353 | 51 | 302 | 1,936 | 7,655 | 1,412 | 8,617 | 7 | 186 | 1,419 | 8,803 | 11,268 | | Nov |
| | Dec | 2,436 | 8,727 | 46 | 263 | 2,482 | 8,990 | 1,419 | 8,135 | 14 | 104 | 1,433 | 8,239 | 12,388 | | Déc |
| 2012 | Jan | 2,380 | 8,591 | 42 | 164 | 2,422 | 8,755 | 1,297 | 10,852 | 27 | 310 | 1,324 | 11,162 | 27,137 | 2012 | Jan |
| | Feb | 1,202 | 4,642 | 22 | 58 | 1,224 | 4,700 | 1,771 | 5,178 | 7 | 55 | 1,778 | 5,233 | 21,382 | | Fév |
| | Mar | 1,515 | 6,152 | 32 | 191 | 1,547 | 6,343 | 1,143 | 6,449 | 3 | 111 | 1,146 | 6,560 | 20,506 | | Mar |

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

| Year | Month | VISITEURS | | | | | | Total Visitors | Année | Mois |
|------|-------|----------------------|---|---|------------------------|--|---------------------|----------------|-------|------|
| | | Holidays Vacances | Visiting Friends and Relatives Visite à des amis et à la famille | Business, Meeting/Conf. Affaires, réunions ou conférence | Stop Over Escale | Others Purposes Autres motifs | Visiteurs global | | | |
| 2008 | Mar | 2,632 | 1,738 | 382 | 51 | - | 4,804 | 2008 | Mar | |
| 2009 | Mar | 4,476 | 536 | 713 | 55 | 122 | 5,902 | 2009 | Mar | |
| 2010 | Mar | 5,217 | 397 | 790 | 64 | 2 | 6,470 | 2010 | Mar | |
| 2011 | Jan | 5,670 | 529 | 389 | 78 | 6 | 6,672 | 2011 | Jan | |
| | Feb | 3,390 | 400 | 751 | 84 | - | 4,625 | | Fév | |
| | Mar | 4,006 | 432 | 829 | 36 | - | 5,303 | | Mar | |
| | Apr | 6,082 | 527 | 742 | 68 | - | 7,419 | | Avr | |
| | May | 4,786 | 553 | 1,002 | 100 | 3 | 6,444 | | Mai | |
| | Jun | 6,627 | 643 | 942 | 85 | 21 | 8,318 | | Juin | |
| | Jul | 8,799 | 914 | 912 | 87 | 17 | 10,729 | | Juil | |
| | Aug | 7,749 | 628 | 1,153 | 66 | 26 | 9,622 | | Aoû | |
| | Sep | 8,076 | 578 | 820 | 60 | 12 | 9,546 | | Sep | |
| | Oct | 6,991 | 642 | 953 | 51 | - | 8,637 | | Oct | |
| | Nov | 6,228 | 468 | 907 | 52 | - | 7,655 | | Nov | |
| | Dec | 7,417 | 1,006 | 533 | 23 | 11 | 8,990 | | Déc | |
| 2012 | Jan | 7,280 | 986 | 457 | 23 | 9 | 8,755 | 2012 | Jan | |
| | Feb | 3,390 | 387 | 833 | 30 | 60 | 4,700 | | Fév | |
| | Mar | 4,991 | 455 | 846 | 42 | 9 | 6,343 | | Mar | |

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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 | Other Countries | TOTAL | Année | Mois |
|------|-------|-----------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------|------------------|-------|-----------------|--------|-------|------|
| | | Australie | Nouvelle-Zélande | Nouvelle-Calédonie | Autres Pays du Pacifique | | Amérique du Nord | Japon | Autres pays | | | |
| 2008 | Mar | 2,542 | 552 | 825 | 251 | 283 | 153 | 44 | 154 | 4,804 | 2008 | Mar |
| 2009 | Mar | 3,966 | 369 | 558 | 265 | 344 | 154 | 41 | 205 | 5,902 | 2009 | Mar |
| 2010 | Mar | 4,155 | 694 | 527 | 340 | 317 | 195 | 43 | 198 | 6,470 | 2010 | Mar |
| 2011 | Jan | 4,425 | 621 | 836 | 179 | 329 | 116 | 35 | 131 | 6,672 | 2011 | Jan |
| | Feb | 2,593 | 306 | 697 | 345 | 361 | 102 | 50 | 171 | 4,625 | | Fév |
| | Mar | 3,293 | 475 | 491 | 363 | 316 | 132 | 54 | 179 | 5,303 | | Mar |
| | Apr | 4,939 | 657 | 811 | 278 | 390 | 170 | 39 | 135 | 7,419 | | Avr |
| | May | 3,676 | 655 | 973 | 336 | 405 | 192 | 41 | 166 | 6,444 | | Mai |
| | Jun | 4,977 | 1,162 | 1,045 | 223 | 467 | 248 | 43 | 153 | 8,318 | | Juin |
| | Jul | 6,222 | 2,000 | 1,151 | 320 | 540 | 214 | 75 | 207 | 10,729 | | Juil |
| | Aug | 5,090 | 1,835 | 1,088 | 313 | 760 | 198 | 91 | 247 | 9,622 | | Aoû |
| | Sep | 6,549 | 1,022 | 824 | 206 | 501 | 206 | 49 | 189 | 9,546 | | Sep |
| | Oct | 5,558 | 994 | 1,078 | 219 | 432 | 116 | 46 | 194 | 8,637 | | Oct |
| | Nov | 4,736 | 913 | 922 | 282 | 424 | 119 | 55 | 204 | 7,655 | | Nov |
| | Dec | 5,785 | 759 | 1,460 | 333 | 340 | 109 | 52 | 152 | 8,990 | | Déc |
| 2012 | Jan | 5,653 | 757 | 1,458 | 247 | 341 | 105 | 49 | 145 | 8,755 | 2012 | Jan |
| | Feb | 2,387 | 354 | 814 | 403 | 367 | 130 | 59 | 186 | 4,700 | | Fév |
| | Mar | 3,970 | 641 | 707 | 277 | 332 | 131 | 52 | 233 | 6,343 | | Mar |

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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 |
|------|-------|------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|
| 2008 | Mar | 678 | 280 | 151 | 5 | 110 | 32 | 115 | 35 | 26 | 1,432 | 2008 | Mar |
| 2009 | Mar | 576 | 281 | 175 | 19 | 132 | 38 | 141 | 46 | 15 | 1,421 | 2009 | Mar |
| 2010 | Mar | 623 | 225 | 136 | 6 | 113 | 37 | 34 | 35 | 16 | 1,225 | 2010 | Mar |
| 2011 | Jan | 772 | 406 | 250 | 27 | 143 | 54 | 113 | 27 | 39 | 1,831 | 2011 | Jan |
| | Feb | 538 | 271 | 104 | 20 | 102 | 60 | 203 | 26 | 22 | 1,346 | | Fév |
| | Mar | 681 | 299 | 152 | 15 | 108 | 57 | 55 | 20 | 19 | 1,406 | | Mar |
| | Apr | 942 | 304 | 140 | 21 | 123 | 51 | 45 | 27 | 26 | 1,679 | | Avr |
| | May | 1,097 | 302 | 124 | 16 | 109 | 48 | 73 | 26 | 29 | 1,824 | | Mai |
| | Jun | 1,188 | 279 | 133 | 19 | 102 | 58 | 30 | 30 | 17 | 1,856 | | Juin |
| | Jul | 894 | 340 | 168 | 22 | 113 | 81 | 182 | 28 | 38 | 1,866 | | Juil |
| | Aug | 1,030 | 327 | 144 | 12 | 130 | 58 | 87 | 28 | 23 | 1,839 | | Août |
| | Sep | 1,662 | 300 | 119 | 17 | 94 | 51 | 78 | 30 | 42 | 2,393 | | Sep |
| | Oct | 846 | 402 | 179 | 29 | 159 | 65 | 56 | 58 | 21 | 1,815 | | Oct |
| | Nov | 1,199 | 322 | 126 | 29 | 87 | 67 | 52 | 26 | 28 | 1,936 | | Nov |
| | Dec | 1,659 | 315 | 163 | 17 | 100 | 69 | 116 | 26 | 17 | 2,482 | | Déc |
| 2012 | Jan | 1,617 | 306 | 159 | 17 | 107 | 59 | 115 | 26 | 16 | 2,422 | 2012 | Jan |
| | Feb | 619 | 232 | 76 | 15 | 119 | 46 | 67 | 29 | 21 | 1,224 | | Fév |
| | Mar | 783 | 307 | 147 | 24 | 109 | 70 | 52 | 23 | 32 | 1,547 | | Mar |

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