

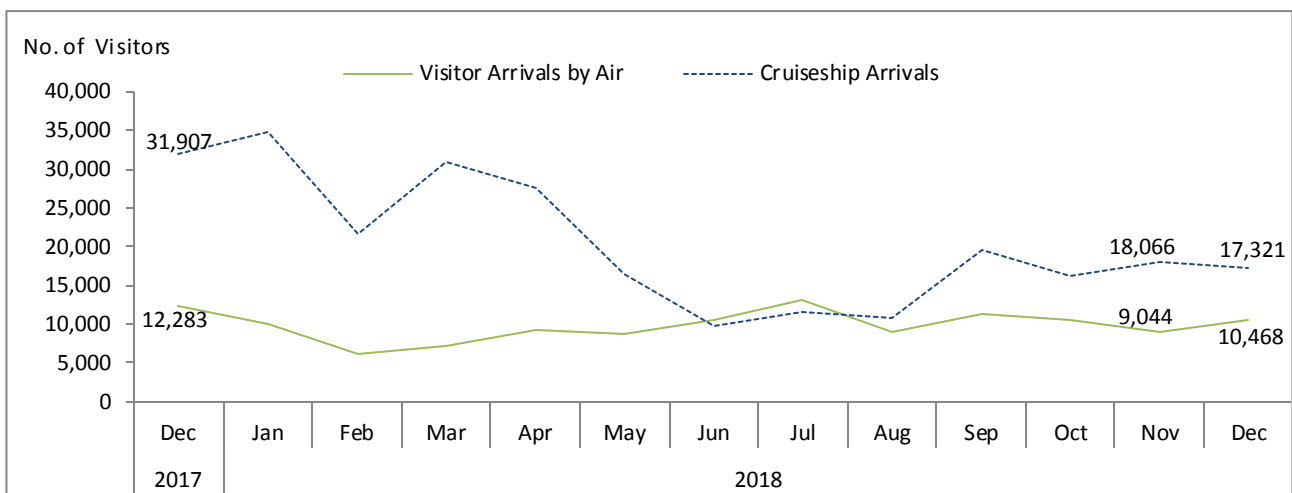
STATISTICS UPDATE: INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL STATISTICS

DECEMBER 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

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OVERVIEW

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



- The total international visitors¹ by air stood at 10,468 or 38% of all international visitors to Vanuatu. This is a decline of 15% over corresponding month in 2017 while it increased by 16% over November 2018. The decline was attributed by the decrease in holiday visitors to Vanuatu.
- Cruise ship or day visitors totalled 17,321 or 62% of all international visitors to Vanuatu. This is a decline of 46% compared to December 2017 and also 4% over November 2018. The total cruise ship visits to Vanuatu in December 2018 was 7 compared to 15 cruise ships in December 2017.

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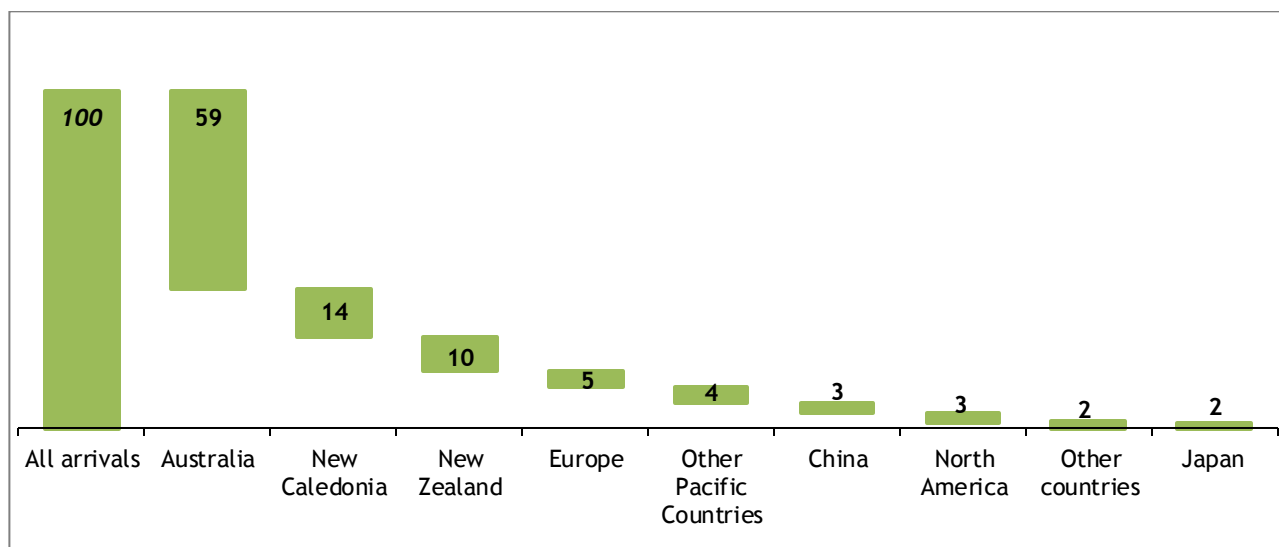
¹ Visitors by both air and cruise ship

PURPOSE OF VISIT FOR VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR

- The number of holiday visitors who arrived by air made up 84%, visitors who arrived to visit friends and relatives at 9%, visitors who arrived for business, meetings or conferences at 4%, visitors who arrived for others, education, sports at 2% while visitor arrivals for transit at 1%.

COUNTRY OF USUAL RESIDENCE FOR VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR

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



- Australian visitors made up 59% of all international visitors by air; followed by New Caledonia at 14%; New Zealand at 10%; Europe at 5%; other pacific countries at 4%; China and North America at 3% each; other countries and Japan at 2% each.

AVERAGE INTENDED LENGTH OF STAY FOR VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR

- International visitors by air spent an average of 10 days in Vanuatu. This declined by 2 days over the corresponding month in 2017 while it remained unchanged over the previous month. (see table 5)

AVERAGE AGE FOR VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR

- The average age for visitors by air stood at 37 years. This remained unchanged over the corresponding month in 2017 while it increased by 5 years over the previous month. (see table 6)

SUMMARY OF VISITORS TO OUTER ISLANDS

- Tanna Island received the highest number of visitors at 41%; followed by visitors to Santo Island at 38%. (see table 7)

DATA SOURCE

All International arrival and departure statistics by air provided in this report is sourced from the Passenger processing module within ASYCUDA World system and also completed Arrival and Departure cards at the Department of Immigration. Cruise ship figures were supplied by the Department of Immigration.

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SUMMARY OF VISITORS TO OUTER ISLANDS² (PAGE 5)

Summary of Indicators³

- Tafea received the highest number of visitors at 43%, followed by Sanma province at 41%.
- Visitors who travelled to outer islands spent an average of 15 days.

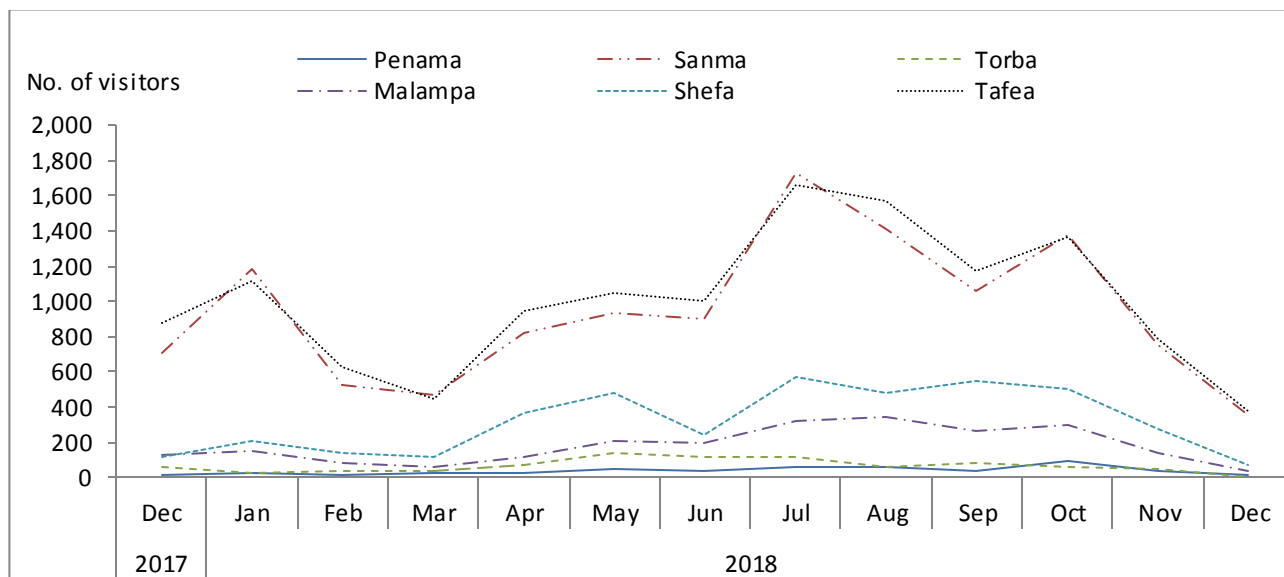


Figure 1: Summary of visitors to other province, December 2017 to December 2018

*Excludes Efate Island

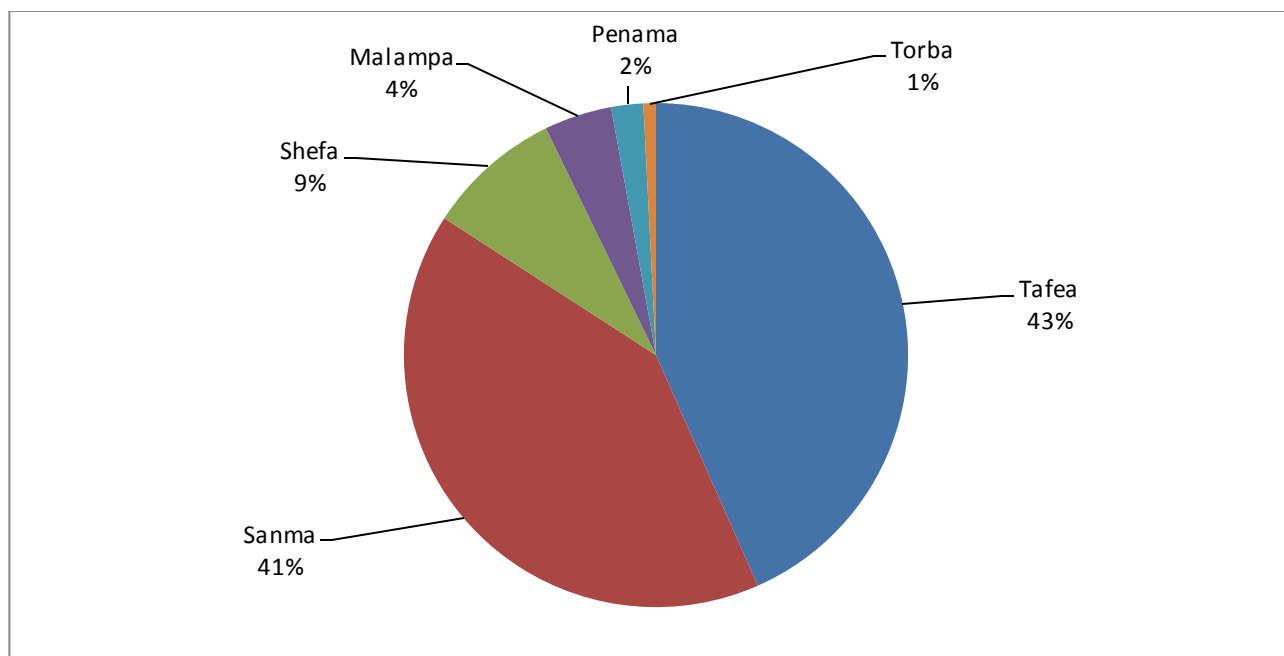


Figure 2: Proportion of visitors to other provinces, December 2018

*Excludes Efate Island

² Data on visitors travelling to outer islands is only available from June 2014

³ Discrepancies with December 2018 figures are due to the transition of manual entry to the Asycuda World passenger processing module

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	Dec	16	711	56	127	119	874	1,903
2018	Jan	31	1,186	22	154	209	1,114	2,716
	Feb	10	524	33	78	142	623	1,410
	Mar	30	473	33	61	112	441	1,150
	Apr	22	821	74	119	365	943	2,344
	May	46	935	143	204	485	1,050	2,863
	Jun	36	900	112	200	244	998	2,490
	Jul	57	1,732	112	317	576	1,659	4,453
	Aug	62	1,405	62	349	478	1,566	3,922
	Sep	82	1,058	32	260	548	1,172	3,152
	Oct	64	1,377	88	298	501	1,361	3,689
	Nov	51	755	39	141	273	783	2,042
	Dec	7	357	18	38	76	380	876

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	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	10.6
	Feb	5.7	9.5	12.4	13.8	3.3	3.4	8.0
	Mar	1.9	7.6	5.7	5.3	13.3	4.4	6.4
	Apr	13.2	6.3	3.0	9.4	3.8	3.7	6.4
	May	4.3	6.8	5.4	5.2	3.8	3.8	4.9
	Jun	4.2	7.1	4.7	7.1	4.2	3.7	5.2
	Jul	21.4	6.8	4.6	6.8	4.6	3.7	8.0
	Aug	6.6	6.2	5.5	7.0	4.8	3.7	5.6
	Sep	3.9	6.6	6.9	5.7	3.6	3.7	5.1
	Oct	3.6	7.0	9.9	7.0	5.2	3.6	6.1
	Nov	6.2	6.4	14.2	6.4	7.1	3.4	7.3
	Dec	30.0	5.8	40.9	22.1	7.4	6.0	14.8

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		27,418	103,463	830	5,707	28,248	109,170	25,845	108,427	441	3,831	26,286	112,258	223,551	2017	
2018		28,426	111,296	510	4,338	28,936	115,634	28,160	120,736	231	3,840	28,391	124,576	234,567	2018	
2013	Dec	2,682	9,473	68	380	2,750	9,853	1,656	8,720	17	229	1,673	8,949	22,553	2013	Dec
2014	Dec	2,550	9,948	58	367	2,608	10,315	1,392	8,961	4	219	1,396	9,180	30,267	2014	Dec
2015	Dec	2,514	8,616	55	532	2,569	9,148	1,471	8,124	1	275	1,472	8,399	31,624	2015	Dec
2016	Dec	2,928	9,184	40	565	2,968	9,749	2,091	7,700	4	422	2,095	8,122	38,944	2016	Dec
2017	Dec	2,765	11,567	138	716	2,903	12,283	2,134	11,650	49	196	2,183	11,846	31,907	2017	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
	Mar	1,594	6,864	58	252	1,652	7,116	2,647	6,073	60	189	2,707	6,262	30,844		Mar
	Apr	2,618	8,773	54	420	2,672	9,193	1,875	9,327	14	432	1,889	9,759	27,537		Avr
	May	2,682	8,389	32	464	2,714	8,853	2,364	8,884	12	307	2,376	9,191	16,576		Mai
	Jun	2,586	10,181	33	392	2,619	10,573	1,841	8,444	13	272	1,854	8,716	9,734		Juin
	Jul	2,133	12,793	6	391	2,139	13,184	2,196	13,448	3	377	2,199	13,825	11,662		Juil
	Aug	1,425	8,575	39	397	1,464	8,972	2,441	11,810	15	453	2,456	12,263	10,751		Aoû
	Sep	3,314	11,070	35	356	3,349	11,426	2,436	10,745	16	452	2,452	11,197	19,632		Sep
	Oct	2,116	9,865	50	544	2,166	10,409	2,947	12,945	15	706	2,962	13,651	16,114		Oct
	Nov	2,593	8,760	29	284	2,622	9,044	2,847	9,292	7	162	2,854	9,454	18,066		Nov
	Dec	3,710	10,221	7	247	3,717	10,468	2,006	10,034	18	148	2,024	10,182	17,321		Dec

Source: Immigration Department/Service de l'Immigration

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

Year	Month	VISITORS/VISITEURS					Total Visitors Visiteurs global	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		83,465	8,940	8,338	897	7,530	109,170	2017	
2018		91,726	8,616	7,552	645	7,095	115,634	2018	
2013	Dec	8,389	824	392	18	230	9,853	2013	Dec
2014	Dec	8,066	1,110	388	3	748	10,315	2014	Dec
2015	Dec	7,140	981	551	17	459	9,148	2015	Dec
2016	Dec	7,666	984	629	57	413	9,749	2016	Dec
2017	Dec	9,702	1,116	374	37	1,054	12,283	2017	Dec
2018	Jan	8,106	873	465	81	605	10,130	2018	Jan
	Feb	4,571	446	494	47	708	6,266		Fév
	Mar	5,630	600	561	18	307	7,116		Mar
	Apr	7,182	741	726	27	517	9,193		Avr
	May	6,642	680	739	58	734	8,853		Mai
	Jun	8,621	688	558	61	645	10,573		Juin
	Jul	10,736	820	714	117	797	13,184		Juil
	Aug	7,212	687	711	20	342	8,972		Aoû
	Sep	9,209	739	752	54	672	11,426		Sep
	Oct	8,147	691	740	65	766	10,409		Oct
	Nov	6,862	694	675	42	771	9,044		Nov
	Dec	8,808	957	417	55	231	10,468		Dec

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		57,387	11,554	15,880	7,147	6,806	3,016	1,076	3,612	2,692	109,170	2017	
2018		60,616	13,432	15,105	6,545	8,023	3,347	963	4,007	3,596	115,634	2018	
2013	Dec	6,123	898	1,358	466	430	243	53	97	185	9,853	2013	Dec
2014	Dec	6,092	921	1,380	870	454	185	102	144	167	10,315	2014	Dec
2015	Dec	5,219	887	1,122	598	597	277	49	234	165	9,148	2015	Dec
2016	Dec	5,237	965	1,514	645	618	209	78	229	254	9,749	2016	Dec
2017	Dec	6,598	1,098	1,952	993	673	312	82	327	248	12,283	2017	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
	Mar	3,819	523	1,000	424	465	219	60	321	285	7,116		Mar
	Apr	4,878	820	1,308	491	589	319	105	392	291	9,193		Avr
	May	4,456	996	1,173	667	554	271	93	320	323	8,853		Mai
	Jun	5,563	1,409	1,398	524	631	372	56	299	321	10,573		Juin
	Jul	7,056	2,135	1,129	728	835	436	93	366	406	13,184		Juil
	Aug	4,071	1,483	1,195	424	737	278	102	385	297	8,972		Aoû
	Sep	6,330	1,658	888	491	1,023	221	122	328	365	11,426		Sep
	Oct	5,731	1,302	1,246	551	679	273	65	292	270	10,409		Oct
	Nov	4,754	854	916	660	946	269	57	284	304	9,044		Nov
	Dec	6,146	1,067	1,485	451	504	209	84	318	204	10,468		Dec

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		21,967	2,463	1,036	118	797	712	564	358	233	28,248	2017	
2018		23,610	1,919	750	97	591	875	593	273	228	28,936	2018	
2013	Dec	1,951	310	139	11	117	60	78	55	29	2,750	2013	Dec
2014	Dec	1,814	320	128	0	104	56	80	57	49	2,608	2014	Dec
2015	Dec	1,881	253	137	9	80	94	55	42	18	2,569	2015	Dec
2016	Dec	2,469	178	83	22	64	55	44	36	17	2,968	2016	Dec
	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
	Mar	1,329	140	38	4	24	59	23	18	17	1,652		Mar
	Apr	2,246	149	86	6	53	53	48	14	17	2,672		Avr
	May	2,322	143	47	13	33	81	47	13	15	2,714		Mai
	Jun	2,211	128	65	6	45	78	39	23	24	2,619		Juin
	Jul	1,642	154	46	7	41	92	106	31	20	2,139		Juil
	Aug	1,186	95	54	7	39	34	32	11	6	1,464		Aoû
	Sep	2,913	175	58	10	46	57	43	26	21	3,349		Sep
	Oct	1,531	246	106	11	77	87	50	30	28	2,166		Oct
	Nov	2,216	146	58	7	50	79	37	13	16	2,622		Nov
	Dec	3,391	102	47	5	32	61	34	27	18	3,717		Dec

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		10.4	12.3	11.4	2017	
2018		9.9	11.9	10.9	2018	
2013	Dec	11.1	12.2	11.6	2013	Dec
2014	Dec	9.7	13.1	11.4	2014	Dec
2015	Dec	10.2	12.4	11.3	2015	Dec
2016	Dec	9.8	9.3	9.5	2016	Dec
2017	Dec	10.2	12.8	11.5	2017	Dec
2018	Jan	10.7	12.9	11.8	2018	Jan
	Feb	13.5	15.8	14.6		Fév
	Mar	9.2	11.2	10.2		Mar
	Apr	11.4	10.2	10.8		Avr
	May	9.1	10.8	9.9		Mai
	Jun	9.6	11.5	10.5		Juin
	Jul	10.6	13.3	11.9		Juil
	Aug	8.8	11.0	9.9		Aoû
	Sep	9.5	10.9	10.2		Sep
	Oct	10.0	12.2	11.1		Oct
	Nov	8.8	12.0	10.4		Nov
	Dec	7.6	11.8	9.7		Dec

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	Dec	29.8	33.6	31.7	2013	Dec
2014	Dec	34.3	35.2	34.7	2014	Dec
2015	Dec	39.9	36.2	38.0	2015	Dec
2016	Dec	36.3	44.3	40.3	2016	Dec
2017	Jan	34.2	40.3	37.2	2017	Jan
	Feb	39.1	46.2	42.6		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	41.6	43.4	40.7		Nov
	Dec	36.5	38.1	37.3		Dec
2018	Jan	36.4	39.4	37.9	2018	Jan
	Feb	40.1	46.1	43.1		Fév
	Mar	41.0	43.9	42.5		Mar
	Apr	36.9	40.5	38.7		Avr
	May	39.3	48.1	43.7		Mai
	Jun	39.8	43.1	41.5		Juin
	Jul	38.4	40.6	39.5		Juil
	Aug	39.5	46.1	42.8		Aoû
	Sep	39.2	42.7	40.9		Sep
	Oct	39.6	44.6	42.1		Oct
	Nov	40.5	44.7	42.6		Nov
	Dec	36.0	38.8	37.4		Dec

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		10,301	8,840	3,333	550	1,071	837	2,416	27,348	2017	
2018		11,258	10,349	4,419	527	1,220	874	2,460	31,107	2018	
2014	Dec	414	349	189	13	30	19	66	1,080	2014	Dec
2015	Dec	1,074	369	43	333	127	174	10	2,130	2015	Dec
2016	Dec	567	402	256	15	167	34	91	1,532	2016	Dec
2017	Dec	838	657	131	28	92	28	129	1,903	2017	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
	Mar	404	428	130	10	33	27	118	1,150		Mar
	Apr	872	660	417	63	59	56	217	2,344		Avr
	May	963	855	508	135	114	79	209	2,863		Mai
	Jun	932	836	263	102	117	71	169	2,490		Juin
	Jul	1,565	1,566	628	81	145	133	335	4,453		Juil
	Aug	1,465	1,303	544	31	206	126	247	3,922		Août
	Sep	1,031	910	611	13	144	98	345	3,152		Sep
	Oct	1,221	1,146	586	33	160	130	413	3,689		Oct
	Nov	755	707	289	27	75	54	135	2,042		Nov
	Dec	363	335	76	4	31	7	60	876		Dec

Source: Department of Immigration

Note: 1. Data on visitors travelling to outer islands is only available from May 2014

2. Discrepancies with December 2018 figures are due to the transition of manual entry to the Asycuda World passenger processing module