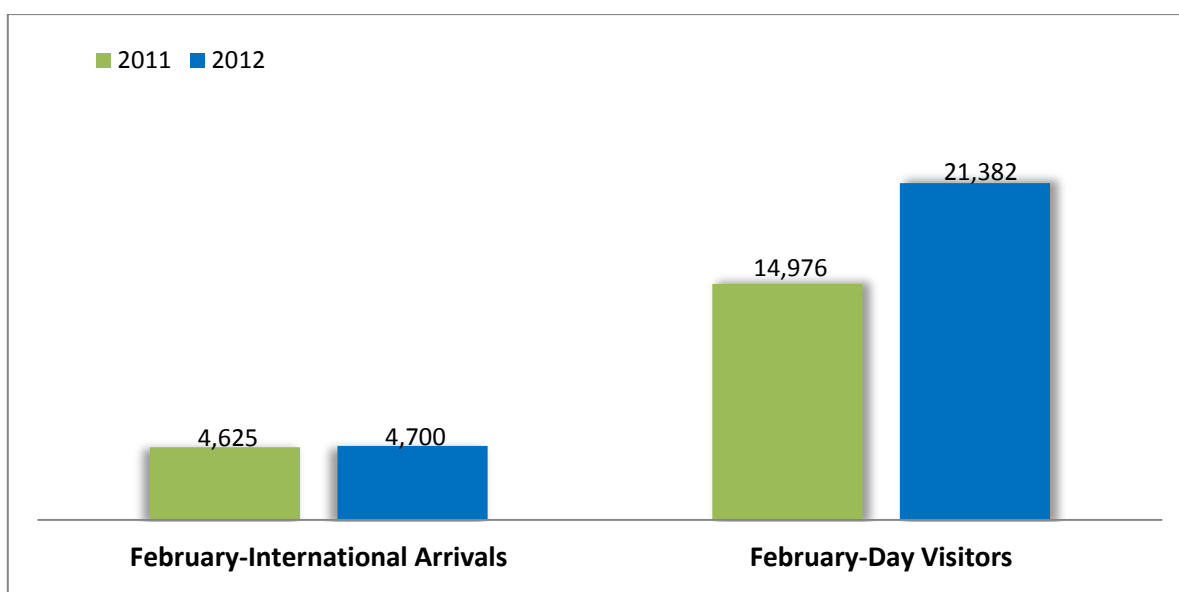


## STATISTICS UPDATE: INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

### FEBRUARY 2012 HIGHLIGHTS

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



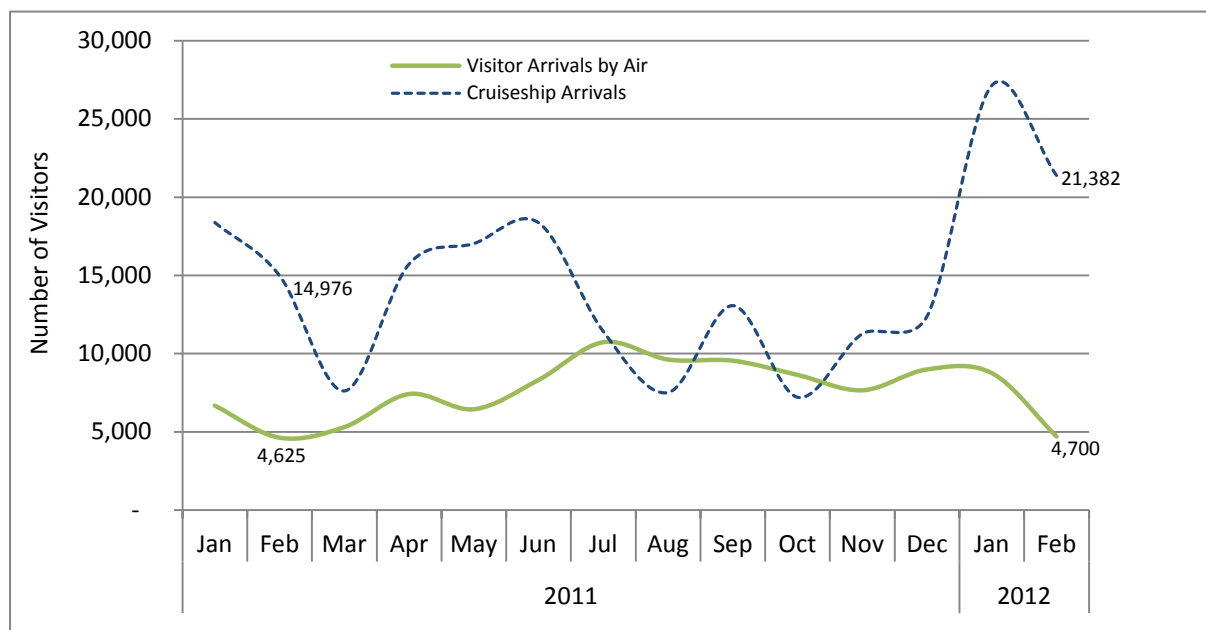
February 2012 is typically the 'low' season for visitor arrivals in Vanuatu by air. According to the records, the month of February is usually featured as low season for visitor arrivals by air compared to other months during the year.

Records indicated that the total international visitor arrivals by air show merely a slight increase of 2% over the same period of the previous year. However, there is a decline by 46% over the month of January 2012. This is due to a decrease in the number of international flight arrivals (8 in February compared to 36 in January) that carried more than 100 passengers. Besides, the tropical lows experienced in the country may have also contributed to the decrease in the number of visitor arrivals by air.

Cruise ship visitors (day visitors) for the month of February 2012 rose by 43% compared to the same period of 2011; but reduced by 21% over the previous month due to a decrease in the number of cruise ship visits from 16 in January 2012 to 13 in February 2012.

When comparing visitor arrivals by air and day visitors, 80% arrived by cruise ship while 20% arrived by air.

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



#### PURPOSE OF VISIT

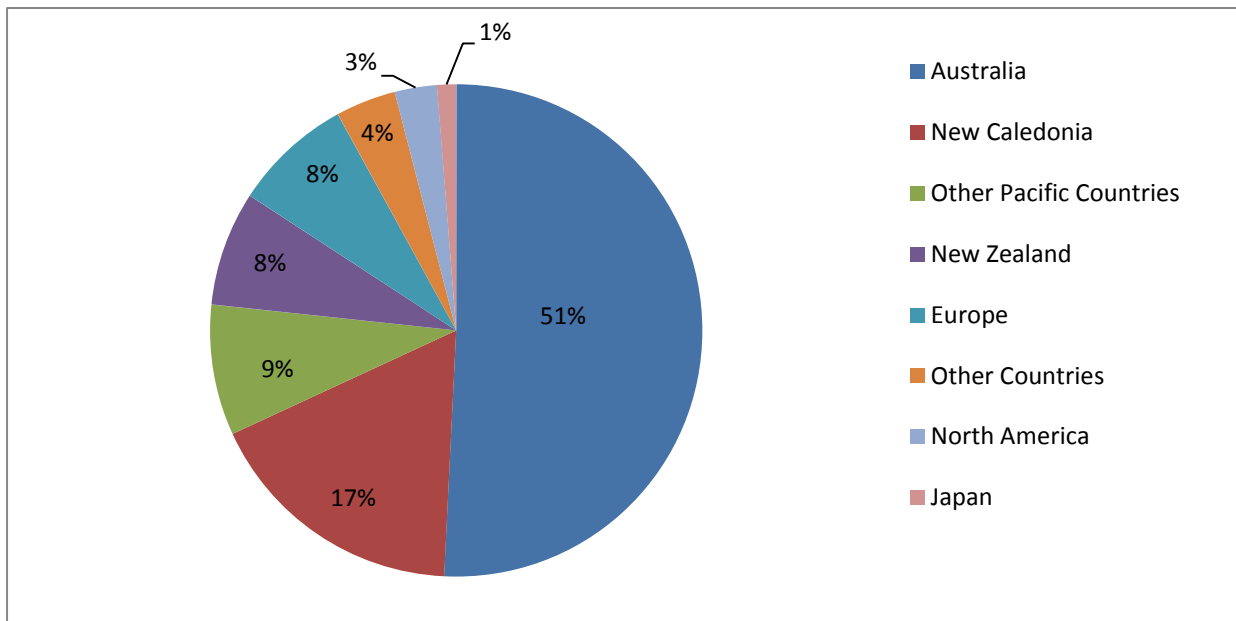
In February 2012, 72% of the total international visitors' arrival came to Vanuatu for holiday and 18% arrived in the country for conferences, meetings and other business'. Another 8% came to visit friends and relatives while 1% arrived in Vanuatu in transit and for other purposes. On the other hand, the records registered the same number of holiday visitors compared to the same period of 2011; but indicated an increase of visitors coming to Vanuatu for business purposes over the month of January 2012.

#### COUNTRY OF USUAL RESIDENCE

Australia continues to be the principal source for international visitor arrivals to Vanuatu, accounting for 51% of all international arrivals in February 2012, followed by New Caledonia (17%); Other Pacific countries (9%); New Zealand and Europe (8% each); Other countries (4%); North America (3%); and Japan (1%).

When compared to February 2011, visitors from North America increased by 27%; followed by Japan (18%); Other Pacific countries and New Caledonia (17% each); New Zealand (16%); Other countries (9%); and Europe (2%). Australia dropped by 8% and declined significantly by 58% over January 2012. Records over the previous month also showed decreases in the number of visitor arrivals from New Zealand (-53%) and New Caledonia (-44%) while increases were registered for: Other Pacific Countries (63%); Other Countries (28%), North America (24%); Japan (20%); and Europe (8%).

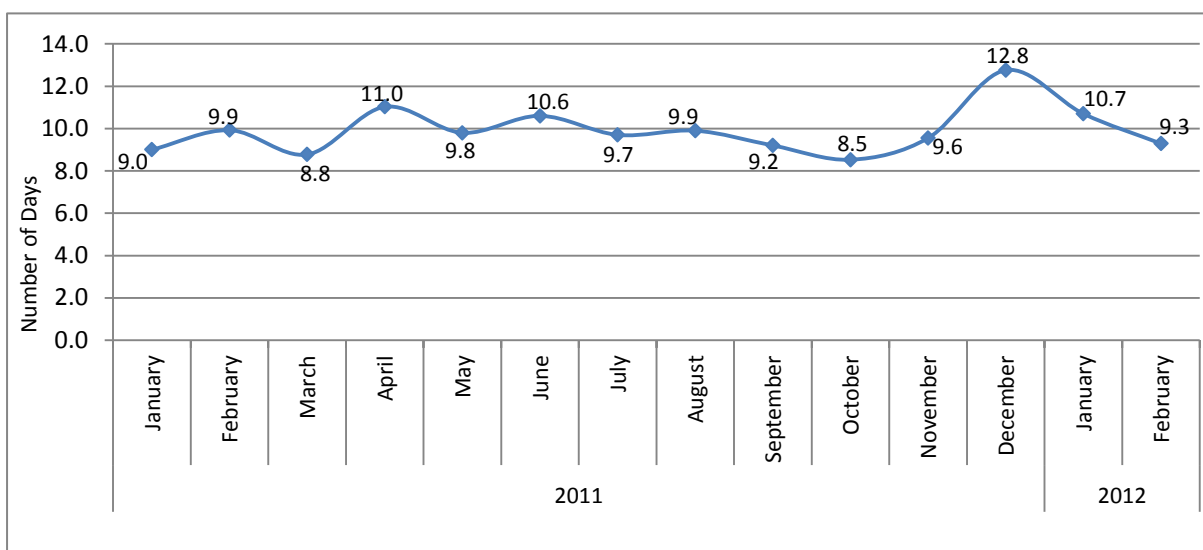
**Figure 3: Share of number of visitors by Country of Usual Residence to total visitors in February 2012**



#### AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY

The average length of stay (intended) for visitors by air declined from 9.9 days to 9.3 days in February 2012 over February 2011 and also decreased from 10.7 days in January 2012 to 9.3 days in February 2012.

**Figure 4: Average Length of Stay by Month**



## AVERAGE AGE OF VISITOR

The average age for visitors was 38.7 years, an increase of 3 years compared to the same period of the previous year.

## 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:

Table 1 Summary of Overseas Migration

Table 2 Visitor Arrivals by Purpose of Visit

Table 3 Visitor Arrivals by Country of Usual Residence

Table 4 Overseas Arrivals of Residents by Nationality

## 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			
2009	Feb	1,869	8,121	42	153	1,911	8,274	2,924	9,269	80	275	3,004	9,544	20,944	2009	Fév
2010	Feb	1,382	5,571	21	35	1,403	5,606	1,578	5,738	32	312	1,610	6,050	5,860	2010	Fév
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

Source: Immigration Department/Service de l'Immigration

- Nil or less than half final unit shown / Résultat nul ou inférieur au demi de l'unité indiquée

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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						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	Total Visitors Visiteurs global		
2009	Feb	6,870	762	578	64	-	8,274	2009	Fév
2010	Feb	4,161	323	1,060	62	-	5,606	2010	Fév
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		Août
	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

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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			
2009	Feb	5,843	640	922	149	391	124	62	143	8,274	2009	Fév
2010	Feb	2,778	435	942	640	369	192	50	199	5,606	2010	Fév
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		Août
	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

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
2009	Feb	923	393	206	16	144	44	94	65	26	1,911	2009	Fév
2010	Feb	656	313	198	3	87	16	57	53	20	1,403	2010	Fév
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		Aoû
	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

Source: Immigration Department / Service de l'Immigration