

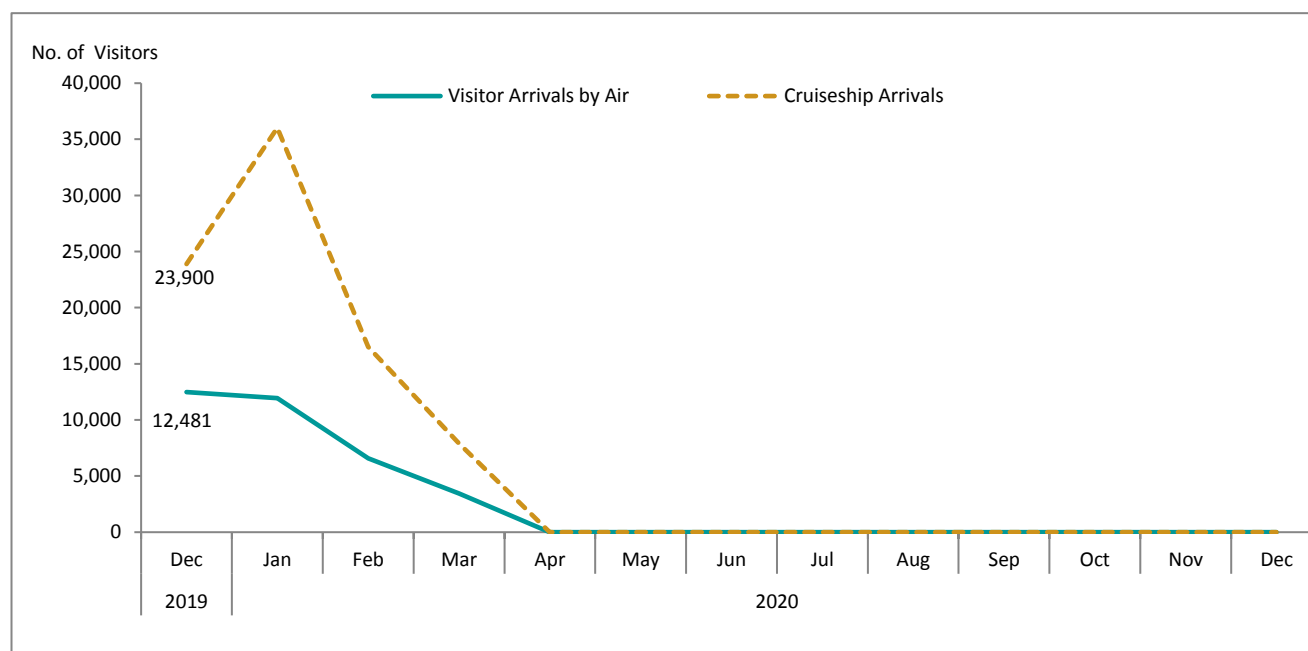
## STATISTICS UPDATE: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS

### DECEMBER 2020 PROVISIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

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#### OVERVIEW

**Fig 1: Provisional International Visitor Arrivals: December 2019 to December 2020**



- There were no visitor arrivals recorded for international visitors by air and cruise ship in December 2020 due to Covid-19 global pandemic which led to border lockdown in Vanuatu since mid-March 2020.
- There were only repatriation flights recorded for disembarking returning residents for that month (see table 1 and table 4)

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### SHARE OF VISITORS TO OUTER ISLANDS

- There were no visitors to Outer Islands for Month of December 2020. This was attributed to the world wide COVID-19 Pandemic and restrictions on international travels.

### DATA SOURCE AND REVISIONS

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 from the Department of Customs. Cruise ship figures are also supplied by the Department of Customs through the Passenger processing module.

The Vanuatu National Statistics Office will be releasing Provisional International Visitor Arrivals highlighted in the tables from January 2019 onwards. This will allow for anomalies and consistency checks with the Department of Customs and Inland Revenue before release of actual figures in Quarterly Statistical Indicator report.

### 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 Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Residents Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Residents Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Resident Résidents	Visitor Visiteurs	Resident Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs	Resident Résidents	Visitors Visiteurs			
2015		26,655	85,527	307	4,425	26,962	89,952	19,116	95,301	161	3,030	19,277	98,331	201,873	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	26,322	124,576	234,567	2018	
2019	[p]	34,575	117,154	326	3,474	34,901	120,628	35,876	142,012	529	3,303	36,405	145,315	135,357	2019	[p]
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	Dec	3,710	10,221	7	247	3,717	10,468	2,006	10,034	18	148	2,024	10,182	17,321	2018	Dec
2019	Dec [p]	4,602	12,084	70	397	4,672	12,481	3,082	9,854	258	212	3,340	10,066	23,900	2019	Dec [p]
2020	Jan [p]	2,610	11,732	17	201	2,627	11,933	2,754	15,805	253	37	3,007	15,842	36,023	2020	Jan [p]
	Feb[p]	2,070	6,594	-	-	2,070	6,594	3,429	6,890	-	-	3,429	6,890	16,493		Fév [p]
	Mar [p]	1,229	3,438	-	-	1,229	3,438	1,904	4,793	-	2	1,904	4,795	7,885		Mar [p]
	Apr [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	228	-	-	39	228	-		Avr [p]
	May [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	54	-	-	19	54	-		Mai[p]
	Jun [p]	1,460	-	-	-	1,460	-	11	121	-	-	11	121	-		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	37	-	-	41	37	-		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]	141	-	-	-	141	-	29	15	-	-	29	15	-		Aoû [p]
	Sep [p]	1,156	-	-	-	1,156	-	237	49	-	-	237	49	-		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	705	-	-	-	705	-	228	22	-	-	228	22	-		Oct [p]
	Nov [p]	515	-	-	-	515	-	94	28	-	-	94	28	-		Nov [p]
	Dec [p]	506	-	-	-	506	-	337	53	-	-	337	53	-		Dec [p]

Source: Department of Customs/Département des douanes

p: provisional figures

- No visitors/residents were recorded for the reference month

**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 Vacances	Visiting Friends and relatives Visite à des amis et à la famille	Business, Meetings/ Conferences Affaires, réunions ou conférence	Stop Over Escale	Others, Education, sports Autres, education, sport	Visiteurs global			
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		
2019	[p]	95,849	8,764	8,059	524	7,432	120,628	2019	[p]	
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	Dec	8,808	957	417	55	231	10,468	2018	Dec	
2019	Dec [p]	10,411	1,032	467	151	420	12,481	2019	Dec [p]	
2020	Jan [p]	9,837	676	316	270	834	11,933	2020	Jan [p]	
	Feb [p]	4,691	470	545	134	754	6,594		Fév[p]	
	Mar[p]	2,638	299	224	44	233	3,438		Mar [p]	
	Apr [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Avr [p]	
	May [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Mai [p]	
	Jun [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Juin [p]	
	Jul [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Juil [p]	
	Aug [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Aoû [p]	
	Sep [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Sep [p]	
	Oct [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Oct [p]	
	Nov [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Nov [p]	
	Dec [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Dec [p]	

Source: Department of Customs/Département des douanes

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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	China	Other Countries	TOTAL	Année	Mois
		Australie	Nouvelle-Zélande	Nouvelle-Calédonie	Autres Pays du Pacifique		Amérique du Nord	Japon	Chine	Autres pays			
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	
2019	[p]	63,122	15,085	14,738	6,560	8,992	3,120	1,107	4,671	3,233	120,628	2019	[p]
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	Dec	6,146	1,067	1,485	451	504	209	84	318	204	10,468	2018	Dec
2019	Dec [p]	6,921	1,330	1,673	514	995	263	150	368	267	12,481	2019	Dec [p]
2020	Jan [p]	6,425	943	2,087	402	837	335	89	522	293	11,933	2020	Jan [p]
	Feb [p]	3,015	525	1,253	579	591	223	74	107	227	6,594		Fév [p]
	Mar[p]	1,808	351	438	260	300	134	8	51	88	3,438		Mar [p]
	Apr [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Avr [p]
	May[p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Mai [p]
	Jun [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Aoû [p]
	Sep [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Oct [p]
	Nov [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Nov [p]
	Dec [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Dec [p]

Source: Department of Customs/Département des douanes

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- No visitors/residents were recorded for the reference month

**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
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	
2019	[p]	26,317	2,344	884	329	780	2,809	665	409	364	34,901	2019	[p]
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
2017	Dec	2,652	116	28	4	29	19	28	14	13	2,903	2017	Dec
2018	Dec	3,391	102	47	5	32	61	34	27	18	3,717	2018	Dec
2019	Dec [p]	4,097	230	55	11	71	86	58	36	28	4,672	2019	Dec [p]
2020	Jan [p]	1,852	243	106	17	100	115	112	42	40	2,627	2020	Jan [p]
	Feb [p]	1,491	202	90	16	56	71	92	22	30	2,070		Fév [p]
	Mar [p]	857	156	53	7	45	27	41	19	24	1,229		Mar [p]
	Apr [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Avr [p]
	May [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Mai [p]
	Jun [p]	1,403	15	7	-	22	2	11	-	-	1,460		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]	132	-	6	-	2	-	1	-	-	141		Aoû [p]
	Sep [p]	1,107	20	4	-	9	3	7	2	4	1,156		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	646	43	3	-	5	6	-	-	2	705		Oct [p]
	Nov [p]	437	17	1	-	1	49	7	2	1	515		Nov [p]
	Dec [p]	449	23	15	2	3	10	2	-	2	506		Dec [p]

Source: Department of Customs/Département des douanes

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**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		
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	
2019	[p]	10.4	13.4	11.9	2019	[p]
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	Dec	7.6	11.8	9.7	2018	Dec
2019	Dec [p]	11.5	16.8	14.1	2019	Dec [p]
2020	Jan [p]	11.8	17.5	14.6	2020	Jan [p]
	Feb [p]	13.6	-	13.6		Fév [p]
	Mar [p]	8.7	-	8.7		Mar [p]
	Apr [p]	-	-	-		Avr [p]
	May [p]	-	-	-		Mai [p]
	Jun [p]	-	-	-		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	-	-	-		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]	-	-	-		Août [p]
	Sep [p]	-	-	-		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	-	-	-		Oct [p]
	Nov [p]	-	-	-		Nov [p]
	Dec [p]	-	-	-		Dec [p]

Source: Department of Customs/Département des douanes

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- No visitors/residents were recorded for the reference month

**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		
2015	Dec	39.9	36.2	38.0	2015	Dec
2016	Dec	36.3	44.3	40.3	2016	Dec
2017	Dec	36.5	38.1	37.3	2017	Dec
2018	Dec	36.0	38.8	37.4		Dec
2019	Dec [p]	36.2	39.4	37.8	2019	Dec [p]
2020	Jan [p]	35.4	37.1	36.3	2020	Jan [p]
	Feb [p]	41.4	-	41.4		Fév [p]
	Mar[p]	41.8	-	41.8		Mar [p]
	Apr [p]	-	-	-		Avr [p]
	May[p]	-	-	-		Mai [p]
	Jun [p]	-	-	-		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	-	-	-		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]	-	-	-		Aoû [p]
	Sep [p]	-	-	-		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	-	-	-		Oct [p]
	Nov [p]	-	-	-		Nov [p]
	Dec [p]	-	-	-		Dec [p]

Source: Department of Customs/Département des douanes

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**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 Efate et les îles côtières	Pentecost Island îles Pentecôte	Malekula Malicolo	Ambrym	Other Islands D'autres îles	TOTAL	Année	Mois
		2015		7,295	5,342	3,201	1,093	945	775		
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	
2019	[p]	10,848	10,255	4,751	660	899	404	2,442	30,259	2019 [p]	
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	Dec	363	335	76	4	31	7	60	876	2018 Dec	
2019	Dec [p]	717	640	250	18	63	26	133	1,847	2019 Dec [p]	
2020	Jan [p]	1,338	1,211	350	30	78	26	258	3,291	2020 Jan [p]	
	Feb [p]	592	666	115	16	54	15	96	1,554	Fév [p]	
	Mar [p]	304	496	167	14	52	5	129	1,167	Mar [p]	
	Apr [p]	35	79	1	-	17	1	18	151	Avr [p]	
	May [p]	4	13	-	-	2	-	7	26	Mai [p]	
	Jun [p]	10	19	1	4	1	-	4	39	Juin [p]	
	Jul [p]	-	5	-	-	1	-	-	6	Juil [p]	
	Aug [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Aoû [p]	
	Sep [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sep [p]	
	Oct [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oct [p]	
	Nov [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nov [p]	
	Dec [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dec [p]	

Source: Department of Customs/Département des douanes

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

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- No visitors/residents were recorded for the reference month