

## STATISTICS UPDATE: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR AND RESIDENT ARRIVALS

DATE: 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### The Impact of COVID-19 on international travels

- Since January of 2020, governments have imposed international travel restrictions in most countries due to the spread of Covid-19 Pandemic. In Mid-March of 2020, the Vanuatu government has locked down its international borders as a measure to protect the people and stop the spread of the Corona Virus.

### MARCH 2022, PROVISIONAL KEY FINDINGS

#### International Visitor arrivals

- The International visitor arrival by air and cruise ship in March of 2022 has recorded no visitor arrivals.
- There were only departure flights recorded traveling by air for that month (see table 1 and table 4). Due to the community transmission of covid-19 in the country which led to the high alert level 3, the government has put on hold all repatriation flights at the beginning of March 2022.

#### Resident returning

- The total number of Vanuatu residents returning from overseas trip in March 2022 records the lowest with only 16 people, it declined by 94 percent compared to March of 2021.
- Over the previous month, it also decreased by 96 percent.
- Out of the 16 residents, 5 are females and 11 are males.

#### Resident arrivals by main country visited;

- All resident arrivals for this month are all returning from Australia.

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**Resident arrivals by purpose of absence;**

- Others (10), including those who stated their occupation type as seasonal employment and other types of jobs
- Business/conference/convention (4) and
- Education (2)

**Resident Departure**

- There is a total number of 865 resident departing out of the country this month. It declined by percent compared to March 2021 and it also went down by 27 percent over the previous month.
- Out of the 865 residents departing, 723 are males and 142 are females.

**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 temporarily excluding Table 5 to Table 8 and the Annexes until such time as the borders re-open and travel restrictions are lifted.

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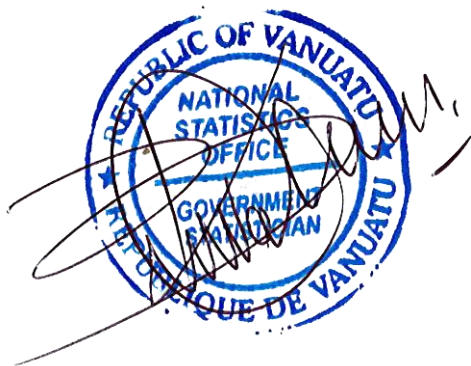
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**Table 1 : Summary of Overseas Migration**  
**Tableau 1 : Résumé des échanges migratoires avec l'extérieur**

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			
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	
2019		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	
2020		10,392	21,764	17	201	10,409	21,965	9,122	28,095	253	39	9,375	28,134	60,401	2020	
2016	Nov	2,363	7,040	23	471	2,386	7,511	2,465	7,917	14	352	2,479	8,269	20,205	2016	Nov
2017	Nov	2,652	8,185	76	321	2,728	8,506	3,143	8,909	47	247	3,190	9,156	22,401	2017	Nov
2018	Nov	2,593	8,760	29	284	2,622	9,044	2,847	9,292	7	162	2,854	9,454	18,066	2018	Nov
2019	Nov	3,160	9,611	31	249	3,191	9,860	3,852	10,660	34	148	3,886	10,808	10,493	2019	Nov
2020	Nov	515	-	-	-	515	-	94	28	-	-	94	28	-	2020	Nov
2020	Dec	506	-	-	-	506	-	337	53	-	-	337	53	-		Déc
2021	Jan	325	-	-	-	325	-	660	15	-	-	660	15	-	2021	Jan
	Feb	209	-	-	-	209	-	936	15	-	-	936	15	-		Fév
	Mar	279	-	-	-	279	-	882	-	-	-	882	-	-		Mar
	Apr [p]	245	-	-	-	245	-	575	-	-	-	575	-	-		Avr[p]
	May[p]	355	-	-	-	355	-	688	-	-	-	688	-	-		Mai[p]
	Jun[p]	376	-	-	-	376	-	1,041	-	-	-	1,041	-	-		Juin[p]
	Jul[p]	98	-	-	-	98	-	822	-	-	-	822	-	-		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]	244	-	-	-	244	-	1,007	-	-	-	1,007	-	-		Aoû[p]
	Sep [p]	44	-	-	-	44	-	502	-	-	-	502	-	-		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	319	-	-	-	319	-	747	-	-	-	747	-	-		Oct [p]
	Nov [p]	648	-	-	-	648	-	751	-	-	-	751	-	-		Nov[p]
	Dec [p]	353	-	-	-	353	-	353	-	-	-	353	-	-		Déc[p]
2022	Jan [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	955	-	-	-	955	-	-	2022	Jan[p]
	Feb [p]	374	-	-	-	374	-	1,179	-	-	-	1,179	-	-		Feb[p]
	Mar[p]	16	-	-	-	16	-	865	-	-	-	865	-	-		Mar[p]

Source: Department of Customs/Département des douanes

- No visitors/residents were recorded for the reference month

<b>Table 2 : Visitor Arrivals by Purpose of Visit</b>										
<b>Tableau 2 : Arrivées de visiteurs selon le motif du voyage</b>										
Year	Month	<u>VISITORS/VISITEURS</u>						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			
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		95,849	8,764	8,059	524	7,432	120,628	2019		
2020		17,166	1,445	1,085	448	1,821	21,965	2020		
2016	Nov	5,416	648	807	39	601	7,511	2016	Nov	
2017	Nov	5,794	795	909	55	953	8,506	2017	Nov	
2018	Nov	6,862	694	675	42	771	9,044	2018	Nov	
2019	Nov	7,588	467	832	210	763	9,860	2019	Nov	
2020	Nov	-	-	-	-	-	-	2020	Nov	
2020	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	2020	Dec	
2021	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	2021	Jan	
	Feb	-	-	-	-	-	-		Feb	
	Mar	-	-	-	-	-	-		Mar	
	Apr [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Avr [p]	
	May [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Mai [p]	
	Jun [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Juin [p]	
	Jul[p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Juil [p]	
	Aug[p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Aug [p]	
	Sep [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Sep [p]	
	Oct [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Oct [p]	
	Nov [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Nov [p]	
	Dec [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Déc [p]	
2022	Jan [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	2022	Jan [p]	
	Fev [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Fev [p]	
	Mar[p]	-	-	-	-	-	-		Mar[p]	

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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			
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		63,122	15,085	14,738	6,560	8,992	3,120	1,107	4,671	3,233	120,628	2019	
2020		11,248	1,819	3,778	1,241	1,728	692	171	680	608	21,965	2020	
2016	Nov	3,936	782	804	473	750	192	92	323	159	7,511	2016	Nov
2017	Nov	4,152	809	1,076	1,031	604	219	71	213	331	8,506	2017	Nov
2018	Nov	4,754	854	916	660	946	269	57	284	304	9,044	2018	Nov
2019	Nov	4,859	1,010	1,281	667	903	364	73	403	300	9,860	2019	Nov
2020	Nov	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2020	Nov
2020	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2020	Dec
2021	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2021	Jan
	Feb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Fév
	Mar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Mar
	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]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Déc [p]
2022	Jan [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2022	Jan [p]
	Feb [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Fév [p]
	Mar [p]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Mar [p]

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**Table 4 : Overseas Arrivals of Residents by Nationality****Tableau 4 : Arrivées des résidents par nationalité**

Year	Month	Ni-Vanuatu	Australian	French	British	New Zealand	Asian	Pacific Islanders	North Americans	Other countries	TOTAL	Année	Mois
		Australien	Français	Anglais	Néo-Zélandais	Asiatiques	Autres pays du Pacifique	Américain du Nord	Autres pays				
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		26,317	2,344	884	329	780	2,809	665	409	364	34,901	2019	
2020		8,374	719	285	42	243	283	273	87	103	10,409	2019	
2016	Nov	1,924	175	87	10	82	39	42	10	17	2,386	2016	Nov
2017	Nov	2,164	223	79	11	72	71	44	25	39	2,728	2017	Nov
2018	Nov	2,216	146	58	7	50	79	37	13	16	2,622	2018	Nov
2019	Nov	2,863	124	66	12	29	52	15	16	14	3,191	2019	Nov
2020	Nov	437	17	1	0	1	49	7	2	1	515	2020	Nov
2020	Dec	449	23	15	2	3	10	2	0	2	506	2020	Dec
2021	Jan	276	34	1	0	0	9	5	0	0	325	2021	Jan
	Feb	122	35	11	0	9	9	15	4	4	209		Fév
	Mar	184	34	2	0	10	17	25	4	3	279		Mar
	Apr [p]	193	27	8	0	9	5	2	0	1	245		Avr [p]
	May[p]	323	12	6	0	8	3	1	0	2	355		Mai [p]
	Jun [p]	223	22	3	2	4	106	9	2	5	376		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	63	21	3	0	4	1	1	2	3	98		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]	152	46	12	2	10	12	1	1	8	244		Aoû [p]
	Sep [p]	6	1	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	44		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	206	88	4	2	10	6	0	0	3	319		Oct [p]
	Nov [p]	597	19	8	2	1	4	3	4	10	648		Nov [p]
	Dec [p]	314	4	5	2	14	1	5	0	8	353		Dec [p]
2022	Jan [p]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2022	Jan [p]
	Feb [p]	321	12	8	3	7	10	4	4	5	374		Fév[p]
	Mar[p]	9	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	16		Mar[p]

Source: Department of Customs/Département de

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**Table 4.1 : Resident Arrivals by main country visited**

**Tableau 4.1: Arrivées de résidents par principal pays visité**

Year	Month	New	New Caledonia	Fiji	Solomon Islands	Asia	Other Pacific Countries	Europe	North America	Other Countries	Total	Année	Mois	
		Australia Australie	Zealand Nouvelle Zélande	Nouvelle Caledonia	Fidji	iles salomon	Asie	Autres pays du pacifique		Amérique du nord				Autres pays
2020	Oct	211	456	7	0	0	22	2	6	0	1	705	2020	Oct
	Nov	49	288	6	101	0	68	1	0	2	0	515		Nov
	Dec	159	128	40	141	0	4	26	5	0	3	506		Dec
2021	Jan	198	56	19	4	1	26	15	0	6	0	325	2021	Jan
	Feb	113	20	19	4	0	11	32	8	2	0	209		Feb
	Mar	110	50	0	47	1	20	40	7	4	0	279		Mar
	Apr [p]	150	47	11	0	2	20	2	9	2	2	245		Avr [p]
	May[p]	173	151	6	0	0	2	15	5	0	3	355		Mar [p]
	Jun [p]	170	80	4	5	0	109	3	3	0	2	376		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	21	61	4	0	0	7	0	3	2	0	98		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]	94	89	7	0	0	21	3	23	2	5	244		Aoû [p]
	Sep [p]	6	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	44		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	148	142	18	0	0	4	1	5	0	1	319		Oct [p]
	Nov [p]	183	363	0	64	0	12	0	14	6	6	648		Nov [p]
	Dec [p]	93	88	0	125	0	31	0	6	0	10	353		Déc [p]
2022	Jan [p]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2022	Jan [p]
	Feb [p]	56	235	22	32	0	12	0	13	3	1	374		Fév [p]
	Mar [p]	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16		Mar[p]

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