

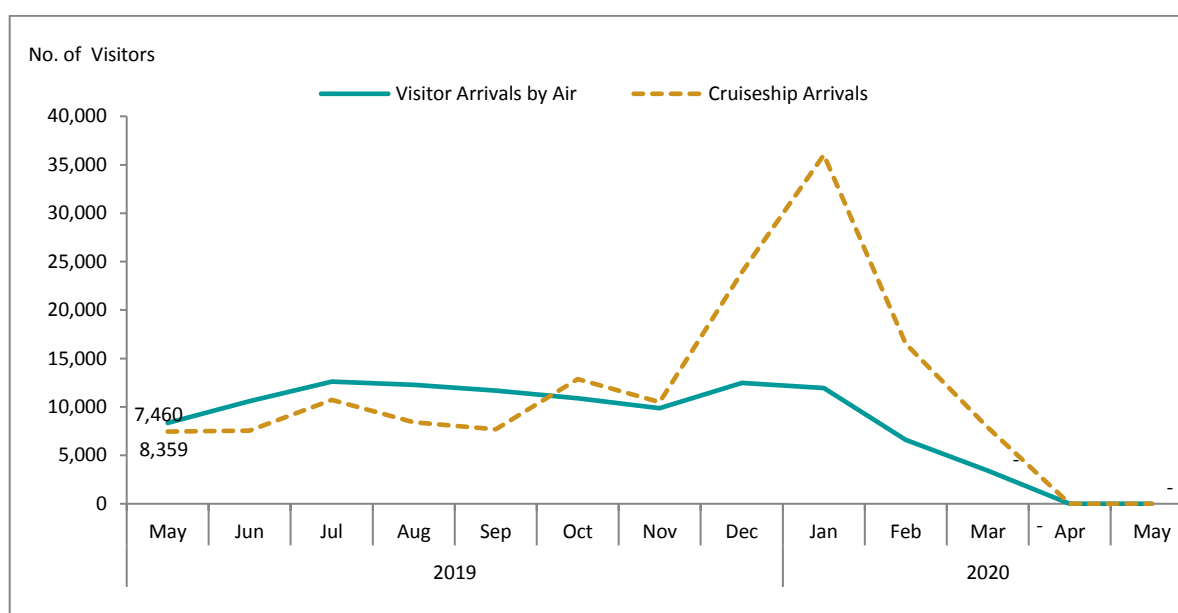
## STATISTICS UPDATE: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS

### MAY 2020 PROVISIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

RELEASE DATE: 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020

#### OVERVIEW

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



- There were no visitor arrivals recorded for international visitors by air and cruise ship in May 2020 due to Covid-19 global pandemic which lead to border lockdown in Vanuatu since mid-March 2020.

#### CONTENTS

<b>HIGHLIGHTS</b>	1-3
<b>ANNEX 1-3</b>	4-5
<b>TABLES:</b>	
<b>1:</b> Summary of Overseas migration	6
<b>2:</b> Visitors by Purpose of Visit	7
<b>3:</b> Visitors by Country of Usual Residence	8
<b>4:</b> Resident arrivals by Nationality	9
<b>5:</b> Visitors by air, Intended length of stay	10
<b>6:</b> Visitors by air, Average age	11
<b>7:</b> Visitors to outer islands	12

**SHARE OF VISITORS TO OUTER ISLANDS**

- Santo received the highest number of visitors at 50%; followed by visitors to Other Island at 15%. (see table 7)

**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)**

**RELEASE DATE**

June 2020


28<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**PROVINCIAL STATISTICS OFFICES**

**Sanma Office**  
 PO Box 273  
 Luganville, SANTO  
 Tel/Fax: (678) 33755  
 Voip: 6330

**Tafea Office**  
 MFEM Building, Isangel  
 Ph (678) 88014,  
 Ext/voip 8361

**Malampa Office**  
 MFEM Building  
 Lakatoro, Malekula  
 Ph (678) 48400



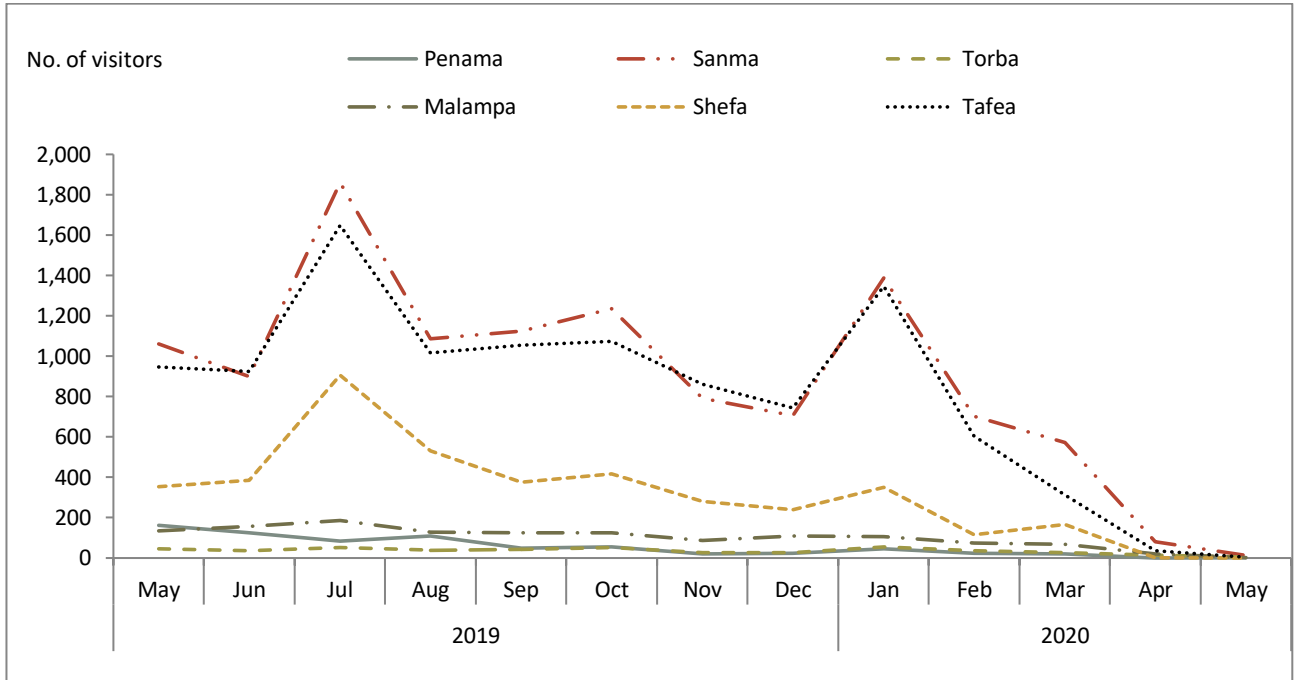
Mr. KAP Calo Andy  
**Government Statistician**



**SUMMARY OF VISITORS TO OUTER ISLANDS<sup>1</sup>, BY PROVINCE**

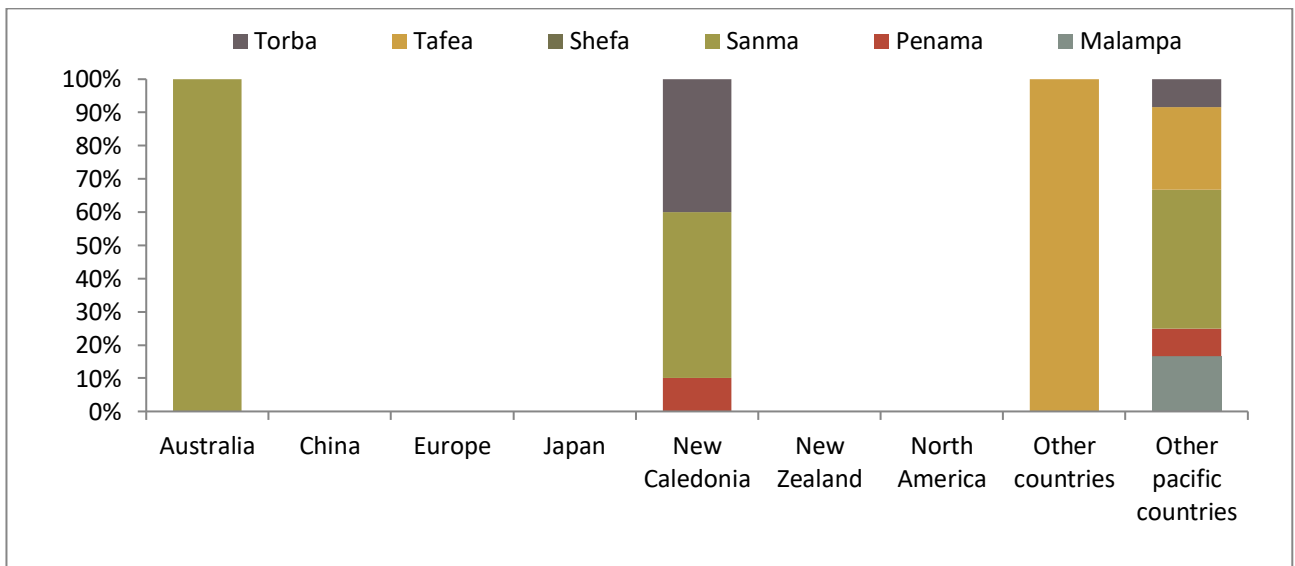
**Summary of Indicators**

- Sanma received the highest number of visitors at 50%, followed by Torba province at 15%.
- Visitors who travelled to outer islands spent an average of 15 days.



**Figure 1: Summary of visitors to other provinces, May 2019 to May 2020**

\*Excludes Efate Island



**Figure 2: Proportion of visitors to other provinces by Country of usual residence**

\*Excludes Efate Island

<sup>1</sup> Data on visitors travelling to outer islands is only available from July 2014

**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	
2019	May	47	1,061	162	134	352	946	2,702
	Jun	35	898	124	158	385	926	2,526
	Jul	53	1,860	83	186	906	1,648	4,736
	Aug	38	1,085	109	127	531	1,018	2,908
	Sep	43	1,123	48	124	376	1,053	2,767
	Oct	52	1,234	54	126	418	1,073	2,957
	Nov	26	790	20	86	282	861	2,065
	Dec	27	706	23	108	238	745	1,847
2020	Jan	55	1,387	47	106	350	1,346	3,291
	Feb	35	703	23	73	115	605	1,554
	Mar	28	572	20	67	167	313	1,167
	Apr	14	82	-	19	1	35	151
	May	5	13	2	2	-	4	26

Source: Department of Customs

\*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	
2019	May	5.1	6.8	3.5	8.1	2.5	3.1	4.8
	Jun	4.0	7.2	9.5	13.3	2.0	6.3	6.5
	Jul	5.4	8.7	2.1	5.8	2.7	3.8	5.6
	Aug	4.7	6.8	3.9	7.1	2.1	2.9	4.5
	Sep	7.5	6.4	13.6	7.4	5.6	4.7	5.8
	Oct	7.7	6.4	12.7	7.4	5.4	4.7	5.8
	Nov	4.4	9.0	5.7	4.2	2.7	2.9	4.8
	Dec	3.1	6.4	7.7	13.5	1.8	7.5	6.6
2020	Jan	10.4	7.5	13.9	5.9	2.8	3.4	7.3
	Feb	5.1	9.2	4.8	8.0	4.6	3.4	5.8
	Mar	10.8	7.2	17.7	23.1	3.9	7.2	11.6
	Apr	11.8	10.2	-	27.2	2.0	14.0	13.0
	May	13.2	23.1	9.0	12.0	-	18.8	15.2

Source: Department of Customs

\*Excludes Efate Island

**ANNEX 3 – VISITORS TO OTHER PROVINCES BY COUNTRY OF USUAL RESIDENCE**

**Table 3: The proportion of visitors to other provinces by Country of usual residence**

Country of Usual Residence	Province						Total
	Malampa	Penama	Sanma	Shefa*	Tafea	Torba	
Australia	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	100%
China	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Europe	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Japan	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
New Caledonia	0%	10%	50%	0%	0%	40%	100%
New Zealand	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
North America	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other countries	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	100%
Other pacific countries	17%	8%	42%	0%	25%	8%	100%

Source: Department of Customs

\*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			
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	May	2,605	5,470	10	317	2,615	5,787	1,557	5,831	9	122	1,566	5,953	13,430	2015	Mai
2016	May	2,669	5,377	74	365	2,743	5,742	1,530	6,506	39	281	1,569	6,787	18,186	2016	Mai
2017	May	2,932	6,776	70	403	3,002	7,179	2,138	7,182	39	304	2,177	7,486	10,642	2017	Mai
2018	May	2,682	8,389	32	464	2,714	8,853	2,364	8,884	12	307	307	9,191	16,576	2018	Mai
2019	May [p]	3,061	8,071	35	288	3,096	8,359	2,879	8,844	10	309	2,889	9,153	7,460	2019	Mai [p]
	Jun [p]	3,035	10,321	5	286	3,040	10,607	1,334	10,670	23	320	1,357	10,990	7,555		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	2,258	12,196	6	416	2,264	12,612	2,267	14,677	22	387	2,289	15,064	10,728		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]	2,687	12,032	19	243	2,706	12,275	2,676	13,317	46	187	2,722	13,504	8,402		Aoû [p]
	Sep [p]	3,689	11,442	39	258	3,728	11,700	6,094	22,738	36	420	6,130	23,158	7,690		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	3,090	10,516	16	364	3,106	10,880	3,818	13,287	46	260	3,864	13,547	12,863		Oct [p]
	Nov [p]	3,160	9,611	31	249	3,191	9,860	3,852	10,660	34	148	3,886	10,808	10,493		Nov [p]
	Dec [p]	4,602	12,084	70	397	4,672	12,481	3,082	9,854	258	212	3,340	10,066	23,900		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]

Source: Department of Customs/Département des douanes

p: provisional figures

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

Year	Month	<u>VISITORS/VISITEURS</u>					Total Visitors  Visiteurs global	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			
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	May	3,618	607	936	19	607	5,787	2015	Mai
2016	May	3,820	605	908	47	362	5,742	2016	Mai
2017	May	5,154	739	787	78	421	7,179	2017	Mai
2018	May	6,642	680	739	58	734	8,853	2018	Mai
2019	May [p]	6,142	710	865	4	638	8,359	2019	Mai [p]
	Jun [p]	8,388	828	680	4	707	10,607		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	10,192	846	852	20	702	12,612		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]	9,477	979	1,004	16	799	12,275		Août [p]
	Sep [p]	9,756	744	536	5	659	11,700		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	8,761	667	677	82	693	10,880		Oct [p]
	Nov [p]	7,588	467	832	210	763	9,860		Nov [p]
	Dec [p]	10,411	1,032	467	151	420	12,481		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]

Source: Department of Customs/Département des douanes

p: provisional figures

**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	May	2,655	870	639	435	589	213	26	158	202	5,787	2015	Mai
2016	May	2,644	552	632	508	823	190	51	181	161	5,742	2016	Mai
2017	May	3,647	737	1,017	486	491	257	55	320	169	7,179	2017	Mai
2018	May	4,456	996	1,173	667	554	271	93	320	323	8,853	2018	Mai
2019	May [p]	3,919	868	1,139	552	806	294	60	425	296	8,359	2019	Mai [p]
	Jun [p]	5,525	1,581	1,101	607	808	256	52	390	287	10,607		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	6,533	2,344	1,019	578	939	295	97	477	330	12,612		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]	5,700	2,048	1,354	753	931	322	157	531	479	12,275		Aoû [p]
	Sep [p]	6,936	1,526	1,042	397	692	251	158	428	270	11,700		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	5,679	1,487	1,307	567	795	305	69	414	257	10,880		Oct [p]
	Nov [p]	4,859	1,010	1,281	667	903	364	73	403	300	9,860		Nov [p]
	Dec [p]	6,921	1,330	1,673	514	995	263	150	368	267	12,481		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]

Source: Department of Customs/Département des douanes

p: provisional figures



**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	May	1,885	293	87	21	101	85	79	39	25	2,615	2015	Mai
2016	May	2,055	257	108	16	80	102	62	33	30	2,743	2016	Mai
2017	May	2,349	249	114	9	66	88	67	32	28	3,002	2017	Mai
2018	May	2,322	143	47	13	33	81	47	13	15	2,714	2018	Mai
2019	May [p]	2,676	166	66	12	48	40	50	18	20	3,096	2019	Mai [p]
	Jun [p]	2,767	87	19	1	32	43	70	9	12	3,040		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	1,604	253	80	7	73	112	68	30	37	2,264		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]	2,024	225	112	8	78	105	85	44	25	2,706		Août [p]
	Sep [p]	3,066	244	78	16	61	109	78	34	42	3,728		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	2,385	244	100	17	94	132	48	42	44	3,106		Oct [p]
	Nov [p]	2,863	124	66	12	29	52	15	16	14	3,191		Nov [p]
	Dec [p]	4,097	230	55	11	71	86	58	36	28	4,672		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]

Source: Department of Customs/Département des douanes

p: provisional figures

**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	May	10.4	14.3	12.3	2015	Mai
2016	May	9.3	13.3	11.3	2016	Mai
2017	May	10.4	17.2	13.8	2017	Mai
2018	May	9.1	10.8	9.9	2018	Mai
2019	May [p]	11.7	19.2	15.5	2019	Mai [p]
	Jun [p]	10.4	12.8	11.6		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	9.2	11.9	10.5		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]	11.1	11.2	11.2		Août [p]
	Sep [p]	10.4	10.2	10.3		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	9.8	8.9	9.4		Oct [p]
	Nov [p]	11.0	13.7	12.3		Nov [p]
	Dec [p]	11.5	16.8	14.1		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]

Source: Department of Customs/Département des douanes

p: provisional figures

**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	May	38.8	48.5	43.7	2015	Mai		
2016	May	42.0	45.6	43.8	2016	Mai		
2017	May	41.5	44.4	42.9	2017	Mai		
2018	May	39.3	48.1	43.7	2018	Mai		
2019	May [p]	41.3	44.5	42.9	2019	Mai [p]		
	Jun [p]	38.6	41.7	40.1		Juin [p]		
	Jul [p]	38.8	42.6	40.7		Juil [p]		
	Aug [p]	41.3	44.5	42.9		Aoû [p]		
	Sep [p]	38.6	43.1	40.8		Sep [p]		
	Oct [p]	39.3	43.7	41.5		Oct [p]		
	Nov [p]	41.1	46.6	43.9		Nov [p]		
	Dec [p]	36.2	39.4	37.8		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]			

Source: Department of Customs/Département des douanes

p: provisional figures

**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	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	
2019	[p]	10,848	10,255	4,751	660	899	404	2,442	30,259	2019	[p]
2015	May	356	366	258	38	31	39	130	1,218	2015	Mai
2016	May	578	529	270	87	49	81	147	1,741	2016	Mai
2017	May	758	688	334	147	65	73	169	2,234	2017	Mai
2018	May	963	855	508	135	114	79	209	2,863	2018	Mai
2019	May [p]	922	950	352	153	74	50	201	2,702	2019	Mai [p]
	Jun [p]	910	796	385	109	82	70	174	2,526		Juin [p]
	Jul [p]	1,594	1,584	906	65	123	50	414	4,736		Juil [p]
	Aug [p]	1,012	906	531	102	86	37	234	2,908		Aoû [p]
	Sep [p]	1,020	993	376	25	80	35	238	2,767		Sep [p]
	Oct [p]	1,040	1,045	418	29	80	37	308	2,957		Oct [p]
	Nov [p]	852	705	282	17	64	21	124	2,065		Nov [p]
	Dec [p]	717	640	250	18	63	26	133	1,847		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]

Source: Department of Customs/Département des douanes

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

p: provisional figures