



SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL STATISTICS AUGUST 2024

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

In August 2024 compared with August 2023:

- ❖ Total arrivals of 22,861 increased by 5.1% (1,109)
- ❖ Total visitors of 17,248 increased by 4.7% (777)
- * Total Visitors:
 - ✓ USA: 54.1% (up by 665 visitors)
 - ✓ AUST: -7.3% (down by 328 visitors)
 - ✓ NZ: 1.4% (up by 95 visitors)
 - ✓ AM. SAM: 33.3% (up by 411 visitors)

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August 2024	All Arrivals	All Visitors
Number	22,861	17,248
% change from previous month	-7.1	-9.4
% change with same month in 2023	5.1	4.7

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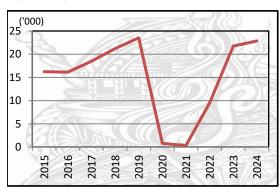
1. TOTAL ARRIVALS

The total International Arrival Statistics recorded for the month of <u>August 2024</u> totaling 22,861 arrivals, revealed a decrease of 7.1 percent over the previous month of July 2024 and an increase of 5.1 percent over the corresponding month of August 2023.

Those who travelled to Samoa by Air represented 93.2% while 6.8% was represented by those who travelled by Sea.

Fig. 1 below graphically depicts the arrival numbers from August 2015 to August 2024, clearly showing the impact of Covid 19 on arrival numbers for August in 2020 and 2021.

Fig. 1: August Total Arrivals, 2015 - 2024

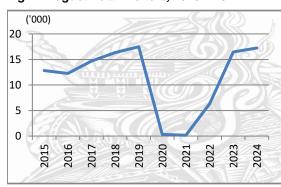


2. TOTAL VISITORS

Overall visitor numbers for the month under review stood at 17,248 revealing a decrease of 9.4 percent over the previous month of July 2024 and an increase of 4.7 percent over the corresponding month of August 2023.

Fig. 2 illustrates the total number of visitors for August between 2015 and 2024, also indicating the impact of Covid 19 on visitor's numbers for August in 2020 and 2021.

Fig. 2: August Total Visitors, 2015 - 2024



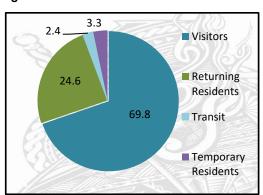
3. TOTAL ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF ENTRY

Visitors (Table 2), made up the largest component of all arrivals with 69.8 percent (15,946), represented by 34.9 percent for both females (7,974) and males (7,972).

Male returning residents made up 13.4 percent (3,064) of total arrivals while their female counterpart made up 11.1 percent (2,549). (Refer Fig. 3)

The Appendix provide readers with a more detailed trend presentation of total arrivals and visitors over the years.

Fig. 3: Total Arrivals, by Purpose of Entry, August 2024

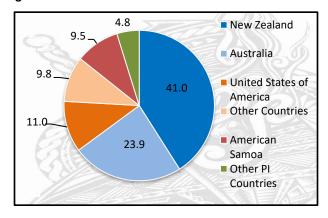


4. TOTAL VISITORS BY COUNTRY OF USUAL RESIDENCE

New Zealand remains as the leading country in visitors' arrival by country of usual residence (Table 3) accounting for 41.0 percent of total visitors or 7,068 visitors. Australia followed next with a distant 23.9 percent share (4,127).

United States of America reported 11.0 percent (1,895 visitors) while American Samoa reported 9.5 percent (1,644) of total visitors. (Refer Fig. 4)

Fig. 4: Total Visitors, by Country of Usual Residence, August 2024

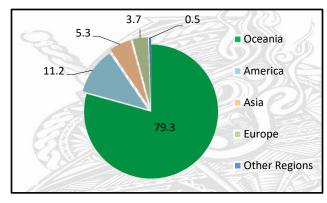


5. TOTAL VISITORS BY REGION

As usual, the Oceanic Region had the highest share of total visitors with 79.3 percent, followed by America with 11.2 percent.

Asia reported a share of 5.3 percent while Europe reported the least share of 3.7 percent. (Refer Fig. 5).

Fig. 5: Total Visitors by Region, August 2024



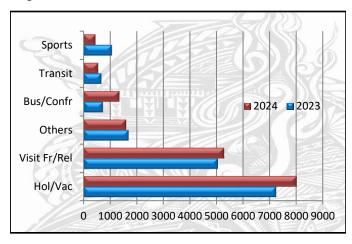
6. TOTAL VISITORS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT

The principal source markets (Table 4) namely New Zealand, Australia, American Samoa and the United States of America constitute 85.4 percent of all visitors visiting Samoa in August 2024.

The majority of visitors (8,026) entered our shores for holiday and vacation while 5,274 entered our shores to visit friends and relatives.

Those who were here on Business/Conference recorded 1,348 visitors while those for Sports purposes reported only 450 visitors. Fig.6 depicts total visitors by purpose of visit for August 2023 and August 2024.

Fig. 6: Total Visitors, by Purpose of Visit, August 2023 & August 2024

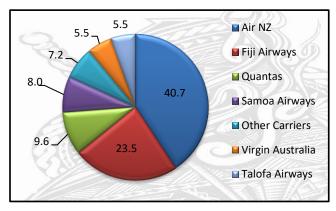


7. TOTAL ARRIVALS BY CARRIER

As depicted in table 5, Air New Zealand carried the highest share of passengers to Samoa with a 40.7 percent share, (9,305 passengers) followed by Fiji Airways with a 23.5 percent share (5,361 passengers).

Quantas brought in 9.6 percent (2,205 passengers) of total arrivals while Samoa Airways and Virgin Australia recorded shares of 8.0 percent (1,833) and 5.5 percent (1,267) respectively. Fig. 7 illustrates total arrivals by carrier during the reference period.

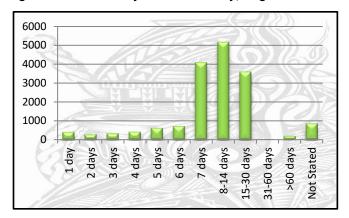
Fig. 7: Total Arrivals by Carrier, August 2024



8. TOTAL VISITORS BY DURATION OF STAY AND PLACE OF STAY

As shown in Fig. 8 below, visitor's duration of stay in Samoa (Table 6) is between seven and thirty days.

Fig. 8: Total Visitors by Duration of Stay, August 2024



On the other hand, the majority of visitors (50.8 percent or 8,488 visitors) reported staying in private accommodations or with families/ relatives while 43.0 percent (7,171) stayed in hotel/ motel. (Refer Fig. 9).

Fig. 9: Total Visitors by Place of Stay, August 2024

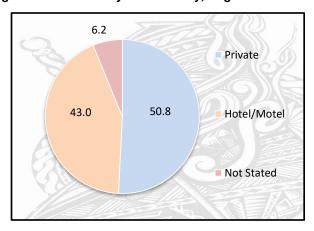
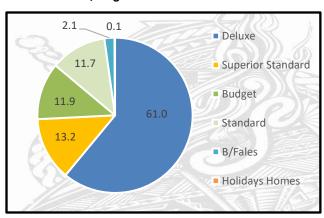


Fig. 10 portrays the number of visitors who stayed in hotels/motels (7,171) by type of accommodation (hotel/ motel), within the reference month.

Fig. 10: Visitors Staying in Hotels/ Motels by Type of Accommodation, August 2024



BACKGROUND

The sourced documents for the compilation of International Arrival Statistics are the immigration arrival and departure card forms.

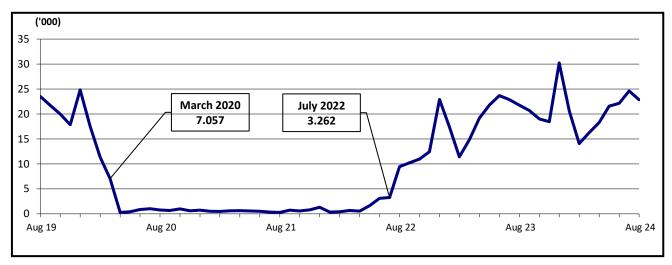
These forms are completed by all incoming and outgoing travelers at the three local points of entry namely:

- (1) Faleolo International Airport
- (2) Apia Wharf (Matautu Port)
- (3) Fagalii International Airport

Futhermore, the BMS (Border Management Sytem) was also used for the compilation of such statistics.

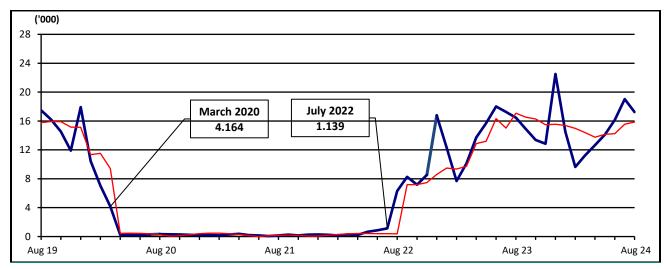
International Arrival Statistics are compiled on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis. These reports can also be downloaded from our website: www.sbs.gov.ws

Graph 1: Monthly Total Arrivals, August 2019 - August 2024



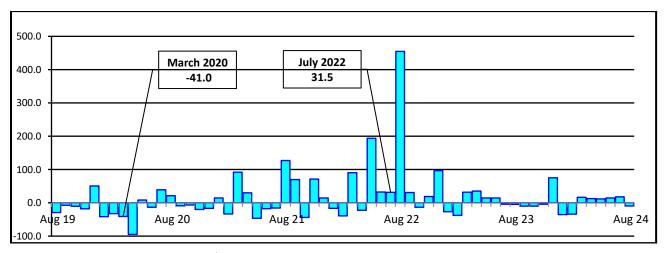
Note: Covid-19 travel restriction period from 20th March 2020 to 31st July 2022

Graph 2: Monthly Total Visitors, August 2019 - August 2024



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Graph 3: Visitors Percentage Change Over Previous month, August 2019 - August 2024



Note: Covid-19 travel restriction period from 20th March 2020 to 31st July 2022

Table 1: Monthly Arrival and Departure by Mode of Travel and Net Migration, 2012 - 2024¹

	Visite	ors Arrival	s	То	tal Arrivals		Total Departures			Net
Period	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Migration
2012	131,945	2,749	134,694	167,211	5,509	172,720	167,842	6,297	174,139	-1,419
2013	122,171	2,502	124,673	157,542	5,335	162,877	162,333	5,885	168,218	-5,341
2014	128,623	3,172	131,795	166,075	7,638	173,713	170,742	8,275	179,017	-5,304
2015	135,012	4,031	139,043	176,782	8,248	185,030	181,343	8,867	190,210	-5,180
2016	140,288	5,801	146,089	186,810	10,586	197,396	193,759	9,955	203,714	-6,318
2017	153,468	4,047	157,515	204,105	8,135	212,240	210,827	9,228	220,055	-7,815
2017	167,651	4,845	172,496	204,103	9,019	236,506	210,827	•	240,549	-4,043
2018	,	•	•	•	·	249,971	,	8,361	,	•
	173,920	6,938	180,858	239,437	10,534		248,499	9,835	258,334	-8,363
2020	20,520	3,463	23,983	38,086	4,287	42,373	36,471	3,937	50,582	-8,209
2021	1,096	1,495	2,591	5,011	2,452	7,463	8,614	1,462	12,994	-5,531
2022	47,204	3,425	50,629	69,766	6,287	76,053	65,066	5,419	70,485	5,568
2023	167,661	6,892	174,967	223,547	17,729	241,276	224,712	17,586	242,298	-1,022
	T				2021					
August	74	85	159	179	121	300	715	13	728	-428
September	45	225	270	377	369	746	798	300	1098	-352
October	49	102	151	382	183	565	1037	247	1284	-719
November	98	161	259	567	244	811	1999	172	2171	-1360
December	194	103	297	1,078	239 2022	1,317	2038	212	2250	-933
January	107	141	248	191	180	371	1,015	198	1,213	-842
February	47	104	151	295	141	436	1,105	153	1,213	-822
March	142	146	288	459	211	670	2,218	162	2,380	-1710
April	81	142	223	374	175	549	945	164	1,109	-560
May	530	125	655	1,466	178	1,644	1,446	126	1,572	72
June	715	151	866	2,893	228	3,121	2,226	150	2,376	745
July	975	164	1,139	2,948	314	3,262	2,700	242	2,942	320
August	5,967	351	6,318	8,910	546	9,456	6,688	373	7,061	2395
September	7,629	632	8,261	9,514	707	10,221	8,679	928	9,607	614
October	6,917	254	7,171	10,303	673	10,976	10,790	693	11,483	-507
November	8,085	445	8,530	11,493	949	12,442	13,020	984	14,004	-1562
December	16,009	770	16,779	20,920	1,985	22,905	14,234	1,246	15,480	7,425
	_				2023					
January	11,868	453	12,321	16,376	1,023	17,399	21,704	1,490	23,194	-5,795
February	7,273	414	7,687	10,418	993	11,411	14,083	1,314	15,397	-3,986
March	9,643	485	10,128	13,673	1,188	14,861	14,470	1,456	15,926	-1,065
April	13,271	449	13,720	17,698	1,466	19,164	17,614	1,455	19,069	95
May	15,321	398	15,719	20,666	1,130	21,796	17,909	1,285	19,194	2,602
June	17,122	899	18,021	21,979	1,691	23,670	20,849	1,681	22,530	1,140
July August	16,145 15,829	1,125 642	17,270 16,471	20,528 20,176	2,347 1,576	22,875 21,752	22,836 20,691	1,861 1,930	24,697 22,621	-1,822 -869
September	14,351	528	14,879	19,185	1,576	20,692	18,846	1,331	20,177	515
October	12,729	654	13,383	17,626	1,363	18,989	19,205	1,198	20,177	-1,414
November	12,723	504	12,856	17,020	1,181	18,443	17,738	1,486	19,224	-781
December	21,757	755	22,512	27,960	2,264	30,224	18,767	1,099	19,866	10,358
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January	13988	532	14,520	19,550	1,069	20,619	28,431	1,387	29,818	-9,199
February	9,251	379	9,630	12,948	1,133	14,081	16,674	1,292	17,966	-3,885
March	10,704	538	11,242	15,213	1,044	16,257	15,320	1,197	16,517	-260
April	12,134	510	12,644	16,883	1,412	18,295	17,650	1,522	19,172	-877
May	13,634	472	14,106	20,060	1,505	21,565	17,673	1,441	19,114	2,451
June	15,596	547	16,143	20,755	1,391	22,146	19,047	1,108	20,155	1,991
July	18,276	763	19,039	22,955	1,641	24,596	22,823	1,501	24,324	272
August	16,441	807	17,248	21,314	1,547	22,861	22,295	1,949	24,244	-1,383

Source: Ministry of the Prime Minister and Cabinet-Immigration Division and Samoa Bureau of Statistics. and Samoa Bureau of Statistics.

1: Provisional figures

Table 2: Total Arrivals by Age, Purpose of Entry and Sex, August 2024 1

							Purp	ose of Er	itry						
Age	Age Total			Visitors Returning Residents					dents	Transit			Temporary Residents		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total	22,861	11,734	11,127	15,946	7,972	7,974	5,613	3,064	2,549	553	296	257	749	402	347
0 - 4	830	442	388	645	341	304	153	81	72	17	12	5	15	8	7
5 - 9	825	418	407	631	314	317	145	78	67	23	11	12	26	15	11
10 - 14	891	415	476	675	316	359	165	81	84	24	6	18	27	12	15
15 - 19	1,063	553	510	737	360	377	255	158	97	28	14	14	43	21	22
20 - 24	1,534	723	811	1047	467	580	420	229	191	31	12	19	36	15	21
25 - 29	2,031	1103	928	1296	648	648	597	375	222	57	29	28	81	51	30
30 - 34	2,060	1094	966	1436	737	699	509	293	216	46	27	19	69	37	32
35 - 39	1,849	985	864	1258	662	596	482	269	213	55	25	30	54	29	25
40 - 44	1,821	960	861	1184	608	576	519	290	229	41	27	14	77	35	42
45 - 49	1,856	956	900	1238	632	606	510	260	250	57	36	21	51	28	23
50 - 54	1,940	967	973	1345	653	692	492	260	232	42	22	20	61	32	29
55 - 59	1,970	985	985	1387	677	710	468	244	224	50	28	22	65	36	29
60 - 64	1,629	823	806	1212	604	608	334	166	168	33	20	13	50	33	17
65 - 69	1,254	653	601	883	463	420	287	146	141	29	16	13	55	28	27
70 - 74	714	361	353	523	263	260	162	82	80	13	7	6	16	9	7
75 +	594	296	298	449	227	222	115	52	63	7	4	3	23	13	10
% DISTRIBUTION 2	100	51.3	48.7	69.8	34.9	34.9	24.6	13.4	11.1	2.4	1.3	1.1	3.3	1.8	1.5

^{1:} Provisional figures

^{2:} Figures are subject to rounding errors

Table 3: Total Visitors Arrivals by Country of Usual Residence and Mode of Travel, August 2024 1

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Country of Usual Residence	Air	Sea	Total	Percentage %
OCEANIA	13,175	494	13,669	79.3
American Samoa	1,424	220	1,644	9.5
Fiji	325	34	359	2.1
Cook Island	1	0	1	0
Other Pacific Is	402	68	470	2.7
New Zealand	6,931	137	7,068	41.0
Australia	4,092	35	4,127	23.9
EUROPE	599	42	641	3.7
United Kingdom	210	9	219	1.3
Scandinavia	29	0	29	0.2
Benelux	34	5	39	0.2
Germany	75	2	77	0.4
Other Europe	251	26	277	1.6
AMERICA	1,799	127	1,926	11.2
U.S.A	1,768	127	1,895	11.0
Canada	31	0	31	0.2
ASIA	782	140	922	5.3
Japan	58	1	59	0.3
China	276	44	320	1.9
Korea	17	0	17	0.1
Other Asia	431	95	526	3.0
OTHERS	86	4	90	0.5
TOTAL	16,441	807	17,248	100%
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION	95.3	4.7	100%	100%

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Note: (i) Visitors refer to all person visiting Samoa other than returning residents and also expatriates who are employed and living in Samoa (include transit).

- (ii) Visitors also include Samoan citizens whose country of usual residence are country abroad.
- (iii) Scandinavia- refers to countries of Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark.
- (iv) Benelux: refers to countries of Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg.
- (v) Exclude Cruise Liner Passengers.

Table 4: Total Visitors by Usual Residence and Pupose of Visit, August 2024 ¹

	Purpose of Visit									
Country of Usual Residence	Total	Percentage ²	Holiday/ Vacation	Business/ Conference	Visit Friends/ Relatives	Sports	Transit	Others		
OCEANIA	13,669	79.2	6,658	762	5,082	360	292	515		
American Samoa	1,644	9.5	486	92	711	21	158	176		
Fiji	359	2.1	54	109	44	36	17	99		
Cook Island	1	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0		
Other Pacific Is	470	2.7	50	86	55	123	43	113		
New Zealand	7,068	41.0	3,658	280	2,885	149	51	45		
Australia	4,127	23.9	2,410	195	1,386	31	23	82		
EUROPE	641	3.7	286	101	16	65	10	163		
United Kingdom	219	1.3	60	63	6	6	1	83		
Scandinavia	29	0.2	18	3	0	0	0	8		
Benelux	39	0.2	23	4	3	0	0	9		
Germany	77	0.4	39	16	4	1	0	17		
Other Europe	277	1.6	146	15	3	58	9	46		
AMERICA	1,926	11.2	851	245	138	6	153	533		
U.S.A.	1,895	11.0	836	242	137	6	151	523		
Canada	31	0.2	15	3	1	0	2	10		
ASIA	922	5.3	213	210	37	19	95	348		
Japan	59	0.3	24	9	4	8	0	14		
China	320	1.9	66	75	22	3	24	130		
Korea	17	0.1	3	3	1	0	2	8		
Other Asia	526	3.0	120	123	10	8	69	196		
OTHER COUNTRIES	90	0.5	18	30	1	0	3	38		
TOTAL	17,248	100.0	8,026	1,348	5,274	450	553	1,597		
Percentage Distribution ²	100	.0	46.5	7.8	30.6	2.6	3.2	9.3		

Note: Overall visitors include transit.

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2: Figures are subject to rounding errors

Table 5: Total Arrivals by Carrier and Purpose of Entry, August 2024 ¹

				Purpose	of Entry		
Carrier	Total		Returning Residence	Percentage ²	Total Visitors	Percentage ²	
Total	22,861	100%	5,613	24.6	17,248	75.4	
AIR	21,314	93.2	4,873	21.3	16,441	71.9	
Quantas	2,205	9.6	648	2.8	1,557	6.8	
Virgin Australia	1,267	5.5	317	1.4	950	4.2	
Samoa Airways	1,833	8.0	345	1.5	1,488	6.5	
Talofa Airways	1,247	5.5	221	1.0	1,026	4.5	
Air New Zealand	9,305	40.7	1,988	8.7	7,317	32.0	
Fiji Airways	5,361	23.5	1,348	5.9	4,013	17.6	
Other Air Carrier	96	0.4	6	0.0	90	0.4	
SEA	1,547	6.8	740	3.2	807	3.5	
Lady Samoa IV ³	1,022	4.5	638	2.8	384	1.7	
Yacht	8	0.0	0	0	8	0.0	
Other Sea Carrier	517	2.3	102	0.4	415	1.8	

Note: Total visitors include transit.

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3: Lady Naomi is now replace by Lady Samoa IV

Table 6: Visitors by Duration of Stay and Place of Stay, August 2024 ¹

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Duration of Stay	Total	Hotel/Motel	Private	Not Stated
Total	16,695	7,171	8,488	1,036
1day	402	367	28	7
2days	279	115	89	75
3days	339	193	136	10
4days	417	236	171	10
5days	623	329	279	15
бdays	719	423	285	11
7days	4,087	2,130	1,625	332
8-14days	5,154	2,001	2,945	208
15-30days	3,595	1,162	2,161	272
31-60days	31	0	28	3
61-90days	65	0	43	22
91-180days	22	0	3	19
181-365days	42	0	18	24
> Year	61	0	57	4
Not Stated	859	215	620	24
Percentage Distribution ²	100	43.0	50.8	6.2

Note: Visitors here, exclude transit.

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