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International Arrival Statistics
June 2006.

Summary:

This is the **Thirty-eth** Statistical release of a series of monthly International Arrival Statistics for the year 2006.

The source documents used for the compilation of statistics on international migration are the Arrival and Departure forms completed by all incoming and outgoing travelers at ports of arrival and departure. The two ports of entry for international travel to Samoa are: (i) Apia Wharf, and (ii) Faleolo International Airport.

The total International Arrival Statistics recorded for the month of June 2006 (Table 1) shows a **13.9 percent rise** over the previous month (May 2006) and a massive **22.8 percent growth** over the corresponding month of June 2005. Air being the most preferred mode of travel to Samoa accounted to **94.9 percent** of the total arrivals while **5.1 percent** travel by sea. Additionally, arrivals for the period January – June 2006 of **70,699** shows a **14 percent rise** when compared to the same period of 2005, which registered **62,036 travelers**.

Of the total arrivals, **Overall Visitor's** totaling **10,713** for the month under review, shows a **23.9 percent rise** over the previous month (May 2006) and an enormous **34.7 percent rise** over the corresponding month of June 2005. About **97.1 percent** arrived by air carrier while **2.9 percent** travelled by sea carrier. Additionally, visitors for the period January – June 2006 of **49,562** shows an **18.3 percent rise** when compared to the same period of 2005, which recorded **41,874 travelers**. **Visitors share** of **78.8 percent** or **10,713** travelers' portrays a promising growth for the Visitors Industry when compared to the same period of 2005, which revealed a **71.9 percent share** of all arrivals.

Arrivals by age and gender (Table 2) shows that males recorded over half of the travelers' at **52.1%** (7,081) while their female counterpart registered **47.9%** (6,507). Of all arrival travelers, **overall visitors** registered a **40.4 percent** for males while female had **38.4 percent**. **Returning residency** accounted to **11.7percent** (1,588) for males while female had **9.5 percent** (1,287). The majority age for inbound travelers to Samoa in June 2006 is from 15 years, up to 59 years. The distribution between genders tends to be **even** in the age category 5 – 19 and ages 70 years and over.

As usual, New Zealand's dominance in visitors' arrival (Table3) by country of usual residence continues with a **34.4 percent share** (3,683), followed by American Samoa at **27.5 percent** (2,945). Australia followed in, at third place with a **19.6 percent** (2,103) and United States of America coming fourth at **9.2 percent** (983). The European region raked in a **3percent share** (324) while the Asian region had **2.5 percent share** (267) of which the Republic of China managed **1.2 percent**.

The majority of visitors (table 4) from New Zealand, American Samoa, Australia and United States of America constitute **90.7 percent** or **9,717** of all visitors visiting Samoa. Nearly **thirty-five percent** of these visitors were here on **holiday/vacationing** followed by those **visiting friends/relatives** at **33.4 %** (3,580). Those coming for **business/conferences** recorded a high of **12.6%** (1,349) due to the Methodist Church and the Seventh Day Adventist annual Fono, Regional workshop for lawyers, hosted by the Attorney Generals' office and the Oceania Development Team meeting for soccer. Those who were here on **other** matters had **12.4%** (1,327) with **transients** bound for other destination registered **6.1%** (651) and visitors here on **sporting activities** with just **less than a percent**.

Of all arrivals, Samoa's nationals (table 5) recorded almost **39 percent** of the arrivals by nationality, of which **53.6 percent** were visitors and **46.7 percent** returning residency. Other Pacific Islands' national had **23.6 percent** (3,213) of which **92.8 percent** are visitors. New Zealand's nationals followed with just **11.8 percent** (1,605) of which **97.4 percent** were visitors. American Samoa, United States of America, British nationals, Fiji, China and Australian nationals comprises nearly **22 percent** of the arrivals at **8.2%, 8.1%, 1.9%, 1.4%, 1.2%** and **1.51** respectively.

Air New Zealand, (table 6) leads the way for arrival by carriers' for the month of June with a **28.6 percent share** (3,886). Polynesian Blue followed closely at **27.8 percent** (3,779) with Polynesian Airline having **19 percent share** (2,588) and South Pacific Express at **11.8 percent** (1,607) as being the major carriers' inbound traffic flow. Air Pacific brought in **5.6 percent shares** (757) with Inter Island Airways at **2 percent share** (277). **Sea carrier** Lady Naomi had **4.1 percent** (558) while Other Sea Carriers' and Yacht having nearly **1 percent share**. Overall visitors" contributed to **78.8 percent** of all carriers by purpose of entry than those arriving as "Returning Residency" at **21.2 percent**.

The usual trend of visitor's duration of stay in Samoa (Table 7) is a week up to a month, which shows **37.1%** stays in Hotels/Motels while the majority of **62.9%** or **6,334** visitors stays with private accommodations or families/relatives.

Detailed information are attach in Tables 1 - 7.



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Table 1: Monthly Arrival and Departure by mode of Tavel and Net Migration.

Period	Visitors Arrivals			Total Arrivals			Total Departures			Net
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Migration
2000	84,543	3,145	87,688	123,295	12,652	135,947	130,160	13,950	144,110	-8,163
2001	85,073	3,190	88,263	125,669	10,513	136,182	126,136	10,687	136,823	-641
2002	85,698	3,273	88,971	121,265	9,946	131,211	123,000	10,628	133,628	-2,417
2003	89,211	3,275	92,486	123,522	9,376	132,898	126,503	8,830	135,333	-2,435
2004	93,946	4,209	98,155	129,517	11,864	141,381	131,277	12,303	143,580	-2,199
2005	98,544	3,263	101,807	132,200	10,557	142,757	134,801	10,808	145,609	-2,852
2006	48,009	1,553	49,562	66,234	4,465	70,699	...	...	...	...
2,005										
January	7,638	47	7,685	11,500	172	11,672	16,544	1,089	17,633	-5,961
February	5,613	215	5,828	8,073	571	8,644	9,609	525	10,134	-1,490
March	6,224	273	6,497	8,641	855	9,496	9,094	693	9,787	-291
April	6,639	138	6,777	9,446	1,490	10,936	10,101	1,645	11,746	-810
May	6,838	296	7,134	9,404	826	10,230	8,816	706	9,522	708
June	7,653	300	7,953	10,354	704	11,058	10,227	853	11,080	-22
July	10,572	307	10,879	13,521	900	14,421	12,811	1,562	14,373	48
August	8,931	400	9,331	11,475	1,741	13,216	11,976	1,068	13,044	172
September	9,577	348	9,925	11,947	814	12,761	12,264	700	12,964	-203
October	7,208	254	7,462	10,043	815	10,858	11,130	686	11,816	-958
November	7,112	210	7,322	10,004	557	10,561	10,066	583	10,649	-88
December	14,539	475	15,014	17,792	1,112	18,904	12,163	698	12,861	6,043
2006										
January	7,652	373	8,025	11,760	697	12,457	...	...	...	...
February	5,699	217	5,916	8,559	524	9,083	...	...	...	...
March	7,996	208	8,204	11,140	637	11,777	...	...	...	...
April	7,887	170	8,057	10,628	1,244	11,872	...	...	...	...
May	8,375	272	8,647	11,247	675	11,922	...	...	...	...
June 1/	10,400	313	10,713	12,900	688	13,588	...	...	...	...

Source: Ministry of the Prime Minister, Immigration Division and Ministry of Finance, Statistical Department.

Note: Departure figures for Oct - Dec 2005 are subject to change.

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Table 2: Arrivals by Age, Purpose of Entry and Gender, June 2006.1/

Age	Purpose of Visit											
	Total			Returning Residence			Visitors			Transit		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total	13,588	7,081	6,507	2,875	1,588	1,287	10,062	5,100	4,962	651	393	258
0 - 4	618	345	273	108	66	42	474	257	217	36	22	14
5 - 9	587	285	302	87	41	46	468	226	242	32	18	14
10 - 14	675	324	351	81	45	36	575	269	306	19	10	9
15 - 19	916	445	471	154	70	84	695	338	357	67	37	30
20 - 24	924	420	504	255	127	128	617	255	362	52	38	14
25 - 29	1,062	559	503	249	136	113	759	384	375	54	39	15
30 - 34	991	551	440	237	139	98	698	382	316	56	30	26
35 - 39	1,064	566	498	244	137	107	755	385	370	65	44	21
40 - 44	1,257	668	589	248	140	108	935	490	445	74	38	36
45 - 49	1,298	693	605	265	160	105	976	501	475	57	32	25
50 - 54	1,243	677	566	247	149	98	961	505	456	35	23	12
55 - 59	1,064	565	499	234	130	104	791	410	381	39	25	14
60 - 64	684	373	311	121	66	55	533	285	248	30	22	8
65 - 69	424	229	195	105	54	51	309	170	139	10	5	5
70 - 74	249	125	124	70	34	36	170	86	84	9	5	4
75 +	204	91	113	58	28	30	144	62	82	2	1	1
Not Stated	328	165	163	112	66	46	156	95	107	14	4	10
% Distribution	100	52.1	47.9	21.2	11.7	9.5	74.1	37.5	36.5	4.8	2.9	1.9

Source: Ministry of the Prime Minister, Immigration Division and Ministry of Finance, Statistical Department.

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Table 3: Visitors Arrivals by Country of Usual Residence and Mode of Travel, June 2006 1/.

Country of Usual Residence	Mode of Travel			Percentage (%)
	Air	Sea	Total	
OCEANIA	8,816	271	9,087	84.8
American Samoa	2,764	181	2,945	27.5
Fiji	205	0	205	1.9
Cook Island	9	0	9	0.1
Other Pacific Is	107	35	142	1.3
New Zealand	3,639	44	3,683	34.4
Australia	2,092	11	2,103	19.6
EUROPE	302	22	324	3.0
United Kingdom	126	5	131	1.2
Scandinavia	54	3	57	0.5
Benelux	12	0	12	0.1
Germany	30	10	40	0.4
Other Europe	80	4	84	0.8
AMERICA	990	17	1,007	9.4
U.S.A	969	14	983	9.2
Canada	21	3	24	0.2
ASIA	266	1	267	2.5
Japan	42	1	43	0.4
China	125	0	125	1.2
Other Asia	99	0	99	0.9
OTHERS	25	2	27	0.3
NOT STATED	1	0	1	0.01
TOTAL	10,400	313	10,713	100%
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION	97.1	2.9	100%	

Source: Ministry of the Prime Minister, Immigration Division and Ministry of Finance, Statistical Department.

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: Visitors by Usual Residence and Purpose of Visit, June 2006 1/.

Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit								
	Total		Holiday/ Vacation	Visit Friends/ Relatives	Business/ Conference	Sporting Activities	Transit	Others	Not Stated
Total	10,713	%	3,742	3,580	1,349	56	651	1,327	8
American Samoa	2,945	27.5	551	1,302	282	3	338	465	4
Fiji	205	1.9	11	46	80	0	30	38	0
Cook Island	9	0.1	0	3	2	0	0	4	0
Other Pacific Is	142	1.3	18	37	53	2	9	23	0
New Zealand	3,683	34.4	1,482	1,297	509	10	67	317	1
Australia	2,103	19.6	1,072	526	253	33	42	177	0
United Kingdom	131	1.2	91	5	7	0	7	21	0
Scandinavia	57	0.5	52	4	0	1	0	0	0
Benelux	12	0.1	8	1	1	0	0	2	0
Germany	40	0.4	35	4	1	0	0	0	0
Other Europe	84	0.8	60	10	6	0	0	8	0
U.S.A.	983	9.2	313	320	113	5	41	190	1
Canada	24	0.2	12	2	3	0	2	5	0
Japan	43	0.4	12	6	13	2	2	7	1
China	125	1.2	11	5	5	0	75	28	1
Other Asia	99	0.9	6	10	14	0	37	32	0
Other Countries	27	0.3	8	2	6	0	1	10	0
Not Stated	1	0.01	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Percentage Distribution (%)	100		34.9	33.4	12.6	0.5	6.1	12.4	0.1

Source: Ministry of the Prime Minister, Immigration Division and Ministry of Finance, Statistical Department.

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Note : Overall visitors include transit.

Table 5: Arrivals by Nationality and Purpose of Entry, June 2006 1/.

Nationality	Total		Purpose of Entry	
			Returning Residence	Visitors
Total	13,588	%	2,875	10,713
Samoa	5,252	38.7	2,439	2,813
American Samoa	1,109	8.2	46	1,063
Fiji	191	1.4	10	181
Cook Island	5	0.0	1	4
Other Pacific Is	3,213	23.6	232	2,981
New Zealand	1,605	11.8	42	1,563
Australia	156	1.1	13	143
United Kingdom	254	1.9	7	247
Scandinavia	64	0.5	4	60
Benelux	14	0.1	0	14
Germany	68	0.5	3	65
Other Europe	120	0.9	4	116
U.S.A.	1,107	8.1	59	1,048
Canada	32	0.2	1	31
Japan	53	0.4	4	49
China	162	1.2	7	155
Other Asia	42	0.3	0	42
Other Countries	140	1.0	3	137
Not Stated	1	0.0	0	1
Percent Distribution %	100			

Source: Ministry of the Prime Minister, Immigration Division and Ministry of Finance, Statistical Department.

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Note: Overall visitors include transit.

Table 6: Arrivals by Carrier and Purpose of Entry, June 2006 1/.

Carrier	Total	%	Purpose of Entry			
			Returning Residence	%	Visitors	%
Total	13,588	100	2,875	21.2	10,713	78.8
Poly Blue	3,779	27.8	667	4.9	3,112	22.9
Polynesian	2,588	19.0	590	4.3	1,998	14.7
Inter Island	277	2.0	77	0.6	200	1.5
Air New Zealand	3,886	28.6	619	4.6	3,267	24.0
Air Pacific	757	5.6	236	1.7	521	3.8
South Pacific Express	1,607	11.83	311	2.29	1,296	9.54
Other Air Carrier	6	0.04	0	0.00	6	0.04
Lady Naomi	558	4.1	361	2.7	197	1.4
Yacht	36	0.26	0	0.00	36	0.26
Other Sea Carrier	94	0.69	14	0.10	80	0.59

Source: Ministry of the Prime Minister, Immigration Division and Ministry of Finance, Statistical Department.

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Note: Overall visitors include transit.

Table 7: Visitors by Duration of Stay and Place of Stay, June 2006 1/.

Duration of Stay	Place of Stay		
	Total	Private	Hotel/Motel
Total	10,062	6,334	3,728
Less Than 24Hrs	5	5	0
1day	300	190	110
2days	214	115	99
3days	387	239	148
4days	342	157	185
5days	430	154	276
6days	301	98	203
7days	1,090	383	707
8-14days	2,912	1,417	1,495
15-30days	2,271	1,955	316
31-60days	182	151	31
61-90days	70	65	5
91-180days	18	18	0
181-365days	7	7	0
>1year	0	0	0
Not Stated	1,533	1,380	153
Percentage Distribution %	100	62.9	37.1

Source: Ministry of the Prime Minister, Immigration Division and Ministry of Finance, Statistical Department.

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Note: Visitors here, exclude transit.