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International Arrival Statistics
May 2006.

Summary:

This is the **Twenty-ninth** 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 May 2006 (Table 1), shows a mere **0.4 percent increase** over the previous month (April 2006) and a **16.5 percent growth** over the corresponding month of May 2005. Air being the most preferred mode of travel to Samoa accounted to **94.3 percent** of the total arrivals while **5.7 percent** travel by sea. Additionally, arrivals for the period January – May 2006 of **57,111** shows a **12 percent rise** when compared to the same period of 2005, which registered **50,978 travelers**.

Of the total arrivals, **Overall Visitor's** totaling **8,647** for the month under review, shows a **7.3 percent rise** over the previous month (April 2006) and an enormous **21.2 percent rise** over the corresponding month of May 2005. About **96.9 percent** arrived by air carrier while **3.1 percent** travelled by sea carrier. Additionally, visitors for the period January – May 2006 of **38,849** shows a **14.5 percent rise** when compared to the same period of 2005, which recorded **33,921 travelers**. **Visitors share** of **72.5 percent** or **8,647** travelers' portrays a promising growth for the Visitors Industry when compared to the same period of 2005, which revealed a **69.7 percent share** of all arrivals.

Arrivals by age and gender (Table 2) shows that males recorded over half of the travelers' at **55.6%** (6,630) while their female counterpart registered **44.4%** (5,292). Of all arrival travelers, overall visitors registered a **39.9 percent** for males while female had **32.6 percent**. Returning residency accounted to **15.7 percent** (1,873) for males while female had **11.8 percent** (1,402). The majority age for inbound travelers to Samoa in May 2006 is from 20 years, up to 59 years. The distribution between genders tends to be **even** in the age category 0 – 24 and ages 70 years and over.

As usual, New Zealand's dominance in visitors' arrival (Table3) by country of usual residence continues with a **34.5 percent share** (2,983), followed by American Samoa at **23.2 percent** (2,008). Australia followed in, at third place with a **19.9 percent** (1,720) and United States of America coming fourth at **8.5%** (738). The European region raked in a **4.1 percent share** (351) while the Asian region had **3.2 percent share** (275).

The majority of visitors (table 4) from New Zealand, American Samoa, Australia and United States of America constitute **86.1 percent** or **7,449** of all visitors visiting Samoa. **Thirty-four percent** of these visitors were here **visiting friends/relatives** followed by those **vacationing/holiday** at **32.1 %** (2,772). Those coming for **business/conferences** recorded a high of **14%** (1,208) due to the Assembly of God and the Congregational Christian Church of Samoa annual Fono while those who were here on **other** matters had **10.1%** (871). **Transients** bound for other destination registered **7.2%** (625) and visitors here on **sporting activities** showed **2.6%** or 224 sportsperson mainly here for the Samoa Game Fishing Tournament.

Of all arrivals, Samoa's nationals (table 5) recorded almost **42 percent** of the arrivals by nationality, of which **44.3 percent** were visitors and **55.7 percent** returning residency. Other Pacific Islands' national had **22 percent** (2,622) of which **88.6 percent** are visitors. New Zealand's nationals followed with just **11.7 percent** (1,399) of which **96.7 percent** were visitors. American Samoa, United States of America, Fiji, Australia, Other Asia, and British nationals comprises just over **20 percent** of the arrivals at **6.9%**, **6.3%**, **1.9%**, **1.7%**, **1.7%** and **1.5%** respectively.

Air New Zealand, (table 6) leads the way for arrival by carriers' for the month of May with a **33.2 percent share** (3,962). Polynesian Blue followed closely at **26.1 percent** (3,113) with Polynesian Airline having **16.1 percent share** (1,917), as being the major carriers' inbound traffic flow. Air Pacific brought in **5.5 percent shares** (650) with American Samoa two airlines, Inter Island Airways and South Pacific Express at **6.9 percent** (819) and **6.4 percent share** (768) respectively. **Sea carrier** Lady Naomi had **4.5 percent** (535) while other sea carrier having nearly **1 percent share**. Overall visitors" contributed to **72.5 percent** of all carriers by purpose of entry than those arriving as "Returning Residency" at **27.5 percent**.

The usual trend of visitor's duration of stay in Samoa (Table 7) is a week up to a month, which shows **39.2%** stays in Hotels/Motels while the majority of **60.8%** or **4,880** 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	37,609	1,240	38,849	53,334	3,777	57,111	...	...	...	...
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 1/	8,375	272	8,647	11,247	675	11,922	...	...	...	...

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, May 2006.1/

Age	Purpose of Visit											
	Total			Returning Residence			Visitors			Transit		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total	11,922	6,630	5,292	3,275	1,873	1,402	8,022	4,358	3,664	625	399	226
0 - 4	521	272	249	140	70	70	358	195	163	23	7	16
5 - 9	361	162	199	74	33	41	263	123	140	24	6	18
10 - 14	382	183	199	63	37	26	307	138	169	12	8	4
15 - 19	459	222	237	106	63	43	321	139	182	32	20	12
20 - 24	847	426	421	299	176	123	496	215	281	52	35	17
25 - 29	981	530	451	336	205	131	603	300	303	42	25	17
30 - 34	1,017	556	461	297	153	144	666	363	303	54	40	14
35 - 39	1,063	629	434	303	189	114	684	392	292	76	48	28
40 - 44	1,142	661	481	302	168	134	775	454	321	65	39	26
45 - 49	1,166	670	496	319	195	124	784	437	347	63	38	25
50 - 54	1,166	718	448	254	157	97	843	506	337	69	55	14
55 - 59	926	532	394	224	124	100	659	379	280	43	29	14
60 - 64	686	397	289	166	94	72	497	286	211	23	17	6
65 - 69	450	270	180	121	68	53	311	191	120	18	11	7
70 - 74	248	127	121	79	40	39	159	80	79	10	7	3
75 +	228	118	110	74	39	35	151	76	75	3	3	0
Not Stated	279	157	122	118	62	56	156	84	61	16	11	5
% Distribution	100	55.6	44.4	27.5	15.7	11.8	67.3	36.6	30.7	5.2	3.3	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, May 2006 1/.

Country of Usual Residence	Mode of Travel			Percentage (%)
	Air	Sea	Total	
OCEANIA	6,986	242	7,228	83.6
American Samoa	1,912	96	2,008	23.2
Fiji	233	0	233	2.7
Cook Island	12	3	15	0.2
Other Pacific Is	167	102	269	3.1
New Zealand	2,956	27	2,983	34.5
Australia	1,706	14	1,720	19.9
EUROPE	334	17	351	4.1
United Kingdom	103	2	105	1.2
Scandinavia	33	1	34	0.4
Benelux	9	2	11	0.1
Germany	95	4	99	1.1
Other Europe	94	8	102	1.2
AMERICA	755	12	767	8.9
U.S.A	731	7	738	8.5
Canada	24	5	29	0.3
ASIA	274	1	275	3.2
Japan	54	0	54	0.6
China	73	0	73	0.8
Other Asia	147	1	148	1.7
OTHERS	25	0	25	0.3
NOT STATED	1	0	1	0.01
TOTAL	8,375	272	8,647	100%
PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION	96.9	3.1	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, May 2006 1/.

Usual Residence	Purpose of Visit								
	Total		Holiday/ Vacation	Visit Friends/ Relatives	Business/ Conference	Sporting Activities	Transit	Others	Not Stated
Total	8,640	%	2,772	2,935	1,208	224	625	871	5
American Samoa	2,008	23.2	296	1,064	126	73	266	180	3
Fiji	233	2.7	18	36	69	58	29	22	1
Cook Island	15	0.2	1	0	6	0	2	6	0
Other Pacific Is	269	3.1	25	88	60	17	22	57	0
New Zealand	2,983	34.5	958	1,048	537	17	92	330	1
Australia	1,720	19.9	859	407	273	44	28	109	0
United Kingdom	105	1.2	82	2	12	0	6	3	0
Scandinavia	34	0.4	20	9	1	0	2	2	0
Benelux	11	0.1	9	0	1	0	0	1	0
Germany	99	1.1	85	5	3	0	3	3	0
Other Europe	102	1.2	77	5	12	0	2	6	0
U.S.A.	738	8.5	264	232	72	14	48	108	0
Canada	29	0.3	17	4	1	0	0	7	0
Japan	54	0.6	19	4	13	0	3	15	0
China	73	0.8	10	2	3	0	49	9	0
Other Asia	135	1.6	16	29	16	0	71	3	0
Other Countries	31	0.4	16	0	3	1	2	9	0
Not Stated	1	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Percentage Distribution (%)	100		32.1	34.0	14.0	2.6	7.2	10.1	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, May 2006 1/.

Nationality	Total		Purpose of Entry	
			Returning Residence	Visitors
Total	11,922	%	3,275	8,647
Samoa	4,957	41.6	2,759	2,198
American Samoa	818	6.9	55	763
Fiji	227	1.9	21	206
Cook Island	5	0.0	0	5
Other Pacific Is	2,622	22.0	299	2,323
New Zealand	1,399	11.7	46	1,353
Australia	207	1.7	20	187
United Kingdom	174	1.5	4	170
Scandinavia	34	0.3	0	34
Benelux	21	0.2	1	20
Germany	122	1.0	4	118
Other Europe	146	1.2	4	142
U.S.A.	750	6.3	50	700
Canada	33	0.3	0	33
Japan	73	0.6	8	65
China	85	0.7	1	84
Other Asia	203	1.7	2	201
Other Countries	44	0.4	1	43
Not Stated	2	0.0	0	2
Percent Distribution %	100		27.5	72.5

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, May 2006 1/.

Carrier	Total	%	Purpose of Entry			
			Returning Residence	%	Visitors	%
Total	11,922	100	3,275	27.5	8,647	72.5
Poly Blue	3,113	26.1	827	6.9	2,286	19.2
Polynesian	1,917	16.1	615	5.2	1,302	10.9
Inter Island	819	6.9	240	2.0	579	4.9
Air New Zealand	3,962	33.2	841	7.1	3,121	26.2
Air Pacific	650	5.5	158	1.3	492	4.1
South Pacific Express	768	6.44	190	1.59	578	4.85
Other Air Carrier	18	0.15	1	0.01	17	0.14
Lady Naomi	535	4.5	381	3.2	154	1.3
Yacht	31	0.26	3	0.03	28	0.23
Other Sea Carrier	109	0.91	19	0.16	90	0.75

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, May 2006 1/.

Duration of Stay	Place of Stay		
	Total	Private	Hotel/Motel
Total	8,022	4,880	3,142
Less Than 24Hrs	8	8	0
1day	169	86	83
2days	244	113	131
3days	412	165	247
4days	269	101	168
5days	343	156	187
6days	204	53	151
7days	848	275	573
8-14days	2,261	1,136	1,125
15-30days	2,071	1,760	311
31-60days	119	91	28
61-90days	52	50	2
91-180days	49	44	5
181-365days	11	10	1
>1year	0	0	0
Not Stated	962	832	130
Percentage Distribution %	100	60.8	39.2

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

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Note: Visitors here, exclude transit.