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INTRODUCTION

This is the international arrivals statistics bulletin for the December Quarter of 2006 produced by the National Statistics Office (NSO), Ministry of Finance and Treasury. The report highlights range of information on three categories of travelers which include the **returning resident**, **intending resident** and the **visitor**.

The information was captured via a compulsory form filled by all disembarking passengers to facilitate Immigration check-in formalities. Completed forms are collected by the Immigration personnel at the check-in counter.

Information contained in the bulletin reflects what is consistently stated by travelers in all categories depending on the information and characteristics as required by the Immigration Department. The nature of the data is secondary; though this office was assured of a complete coverage the reliability depends on what is available and or was captured from the Immigration Department – as the data source.

The National Statistics Office (hereafter referred to as Statistics Office) continues to acknowledge the work of the Immigration Department and their enduring task of collection and handling of the packs of immigration form that enables the Statistics Office produce this publication. This has in fact, supported the seriousness of the Statistics Office to aggressively produce timely information that is useful for effective planning and development.

Data limitations highlighted in the previous bulletin still remain, though some have substantially improved but noted again for ease of reference as follows:-

- Data entry duplication (by Immigration Department and Statistics Office) has been a long standing issue. Considerable discussions of the issue had been made by the two offices and a resolution has been reached – though still not in place, the Statistics Office has no option but to re-enter the Immigration Forms for the purpose of this report.
- Timeliness of visitor data has considerably improved. It is estimated that visitors data reporting backlog will be on track for the first time by August 2007.
- The information contained in the bulletin is based on the data captured from the data source and this holds to explain any discrepancy of information that may arise.

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SUMMARY RESULTS

Fourth Quarter (December 2006)

International arrivals to Solomon Islands during the fourth quarter of 2006 recorded a total of 7,923. This record an increase of 66.8 per cent compared to the previous quarter arrivals of 4,750 persons. This change has resulted from a rise in all categories of travelers such as returning resident, intending resident and visitor during the period. Significant change is revealed on the returning resident category by 130.5 per cent as most if not all local students studying overseas returned to spend their holidays during the period. This is followed by intending resident category by 38.5 per cent and visitor category by 28.8 per cent. In contrast a significant decline of 93.9 per cent was recorded for Non-Solomon Island resident, though this may indicate the magnitude of travel or otherwise it confirm the importance of personal choice to enjoy the end year festive seasons oversea during the period.

The quarter total arrivals of 7,923 also records a rise compared to the corresponding period a year ago by 11.4 per cent from 7,114. Total arrivals of 7,923 persons composed a sex ratio¹ of 240. This indicates male outnumbered the female by more than a double during the period.

Arrivals classified as visitor during the quarter totaled 3,141 persons marked an increase of 28.8 per cent compared to the previous quarter but a drop of 14 per cent when compared to the corresponding quarter a year ago. Visitor arrivals composed a sex ratio of 246. Australia dominated visitor by market by 43.4 per cent followed by Other Asia (9.6%) and Papua New Guinea (8.8%). Visitor arrivals classified as tourists spent on average 18 days in the country.

Visitor arrivals confirmed business and conference (43.2%) the most common purpose of visiting the country, this is followed by holiday and vocation (27.1%). Professional and technical [43.4%] occupation dominates the occupational category during the period. This is followed by clerical and related work (15.2%), and other [12.5%]; while the rest spread among all other possible activities (refer to Table 6). By age, the mainstream of visitor arrivals during the quarter is between the age group 25 and 64 years by 81.5%. The earlier and the later age bracket travelers are most likely to travel on an accompanying nature only.

The popular Carriers during the quarter are Solomon Airlines transported 68.3 per cent of visitors during the quarter, followed by Air Niugini [13.8%], Air Pacific [10.2%] and Our Airline (Air Nauru) [5.9%]. Air Niugini transport 78.2 per cent of Papua New Guinea residence to the country during the quarter.

¹ Sex ratio is the number of males for every 100 females (refer to the Appendix).

Table 1: Total arrivals classified by year and quarter by purpose of travel and by sex: 1998 to fourth quarter 2006

Year / Quarter	Returning Resident							all	Intending Resident			Visitor			Total				
	Solomon Islander			Non-Solomon Islander			m		f	t	m	f	t	m	f	t	m	f	all
	m	f	t	m	f	t													
1998	3 rd	984	508	1,492	236	216	452	1,944	396	301	697	2,914	1,368	4,282	4,530	2,393	6,923		
	4 th	1,674	1,067	2,741	339	220	559	3,300	296	185	481	2,540	1,562	4,102	4,849	3,034	7,883		
1999 ^u	1 st	569	335	904	378	216	594	1,498	303	157	460	1,809	665	2,474	3,059	1,373	4,432		
2000	1 st	1,049	530	1,579	7	2	9	1,588	243	98	341	1,757	560	2,317	3,056	1,190	4,246		
	2 nd	399	232	631	-	-	-	631	72	22	94	1,004	336	1,340	1,475	590	2,065		
	3 rd	379	188	567	-	-	-	567	1	-	1	362	97	459	742	285	1,027		
	4 th	778	484	1,262	-	-	-	1,262	81	42	123	814	267	1,081	1,673	793	2,466		
2001 ^z	1 st	673	413	1,086	2	-	2	1,088	92	38	130	1,058	304	1,362	1,825	755	2,580		
	2 nd	683	438	1,121	-	-	-	1,121	97	48	145	1,128	416	1,544	1,908	902	2,810		
	3 rd	577	320	897	-	2	2	899	102	25	127	1,403	497	1,900	2,082	844	2,926		
2003	1 st	781	448	1,229	58	16	74	1,303	66	21	87	1,027	312	1,339	1,932	797	2,729		
	2 nd	771	1,008	1,779	285	200	485	2,264	106	88	194	1,324	511	1,835	2,486	1,807	4,293		
	3 rd	612	313	925	225	106	331	1,256	118	30	148	1,195	372	1,567	2,150	821	2,971		
	4 th	1,119	821	1,940	250	126	376	2,316	59	26	85	1,343	511	1,854	2,771	1,484	4,255		
2004*	3 rd	862	443	1,305	291	136	427	1,732	115	33	148	2,045	754	2,799	3,313	1,366	4,679		
	4 th	1,455	866	2,321	226	136	362	2,683	107	38	145	1,999	760	2,759	3,787	1,800	5,587		
2005**	2 nd	1,321	601	1,922	161	71	232	2,154	231	68	299	2,119	787	2,906	3,832	1,527	5,359		
	3 rd	1,210	496	1,706	63	27	90	1,796	198	85	283	2,013	828	2,841	3,484	1,436	4,920		
	4 th	1,943	895	2,838	261	119	380	3,218	185	58	243	2,570	1,083	3,653	4,959	2,155	7,114		
2006	1 st	1,317	704	2,021	503	148	651	2,672	395	94	489	2,065	697	2,762	4,280	1,643	5,923		
	2 nd	1,312	665	1,977	103	43	146	2,123	602	188	790	2,285	856	3,141	4,302	1,752	6,054		
	3 rd	1,094	557	1,651	58	8	66	1,717	481	114	595	1,705	733	2,438	3,338	1,412	4,750		
	4 th	2,699	1,255	3,954	2	2	4	3,958	659	165	824	2,234	907	3,141	5,594	2,329	7,923		
Percentage change																			
2 nd 2001	- 2 nd 200.5	12.9	130.1	58.7	-	-	-	102.0	9.3	83.3	33.8	17.4	22.8	18.8	30.3	100.3	52.8		
3 rd 2001	- 3 rd 200.5	6.1	-2.2	3.1	-	5200.0	16450.0	39.7	15.7	20.0	16.5	-14.8	-25.2	-17.5	3.3	-2.7	1.5		
2 nd 200.5	- 3 rd 200.5	-20.6	-68.9	-48.0	-21.1	-47.0	-31.8	-44.5	11.3	-65.9	-23.7	-9.7	-27.2	-14.6	-13.5	-54.6	-30.8		
3 rd 200.5	- 4 th 200.5	82.8	162.3	109.7	11.1	18.9	13.6	84.4	-50.0	-13.3	-42.6	12.4	37.4	18.3	28.9	80.8	43.2		
3 rd 2003	- 3 rd 2004	40.8	41.5	41.1	29.3	28.3	29.0	37.9	-2.5	10.0	-	71.1	102.7	78.6	54.1	66.4	57.5		
4 th 2003	- 4 th 2004	30.0	5.5	19.6	-9.6	7.9	-3.7	15.8	81.4	46.2	70.6	48.8	48.7	48.8	36.7	21.3	31.3		
3 rd 2004	- 4 th 2004	68.8	95.5	77.9	-22.3	-	-15.2	54.9	-7.0	15.2	-2.0	-2.2	0.8	-1.4	14.3	31.8	19.4		
4 th 2004	- 2 nd 2005	-9.2	-30.6	-17.2	-28.8	-47.8	-35.9	-19.7	115.9	78.9	106.2	6.0	3.6	5.3	1.2	-15.2	-4.1		
2 nd 2005	- 3 rd 2005	-8.4	-17.5	-11.2	-60.9	-62.0	-61.2	-16.6	-14.3	25.0	-5.4	-5.0	5.2	-2.2	-9.1	-6.0	-8.2		
3 rd 2005	- 4 th 2005	60.6	80.4	66.4	314.3	340.7	322.2	79.2	-6.6	-31.8	-14.1	27.7	30.8	28.6	42.3	50.1	44.6		
4 th 2005	- 1 st 2006	-32.2	-21.3	-28.8	92.7	24.4	71.3	-17.0	113.5	62.1	101.2	-19.6	-35.6	-24.4	-13.7	-23.8	-16.7		
1 st 2006	- 2 nd 2006	-0.4	-5.5	-2.2	-79.5	-70.9	-77.6	-20.5	52.4	100.0	61.6	10.7	22.8	13.7	0.5	6.6	2.2		
2 nd 2006	- 3 rd 2006	-16.6	-16.2	-16.5	-43.7	-81.4	-54.8	-19.1	-20.1	-39.4	-24.7	-25.4	-14.4	-22.4	-22.4	-19.4	-21.5		
3 rd 2006	- 4 th 2006	146.7	125.3	139.5	-96.6	-75.0	-93.9	130.5	37.0	44.7	38.5	31.0	23.7	28.8	67.6	64.9	66.8		

Note: "u" - Q2, Q3, Q4; "z" 2001 Q4 and 2002; "*" Q1&Q2 2004; "**" Q1 2005 no data from data source

Table 2: Visitor arrivals by country of residence by year by quarter: 2000 to fourth quarter 2006

Country of Usual Residence	2000	2001 [£]			2003					2004*			2005**				2006					
	total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	total	Q3	Q4	total	Q2	Q3	Q4	total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	total	
Australia	1,949	465	666	771	423	766	733	818	2,740	1,532	1,341	2,873	1,525	1,323	1,526	4,374	1,168	1,642	1,107	1,362	5,279	
Papua New Guinea	542	132	116	128	137	118	144	212	611	158	284	442	258	258	282	798	246	180	157	275	858	
United States	433	100	179	131	95	189	128	119	531	173	117	290	143	199	241	583	174	230	199	190	793	
New Zealand	414	86	123	251	107	120	104	133	464	264	189	453	193	214	203	610	189	243	180	171	783	
United Kingdom	166	54	35	85	31	84	49	54	218	87	69	156	60	92	100	252	102	71	69	85	327	
Japan	182	51	36	107	66	61	67	57	251	60	122	182	67	101	227	395	76	76	105	115	372	
Germany	49	19	8	20	3	8	4	11	26	11	12	23	7	13	20	40	17	15	14	20	66	
Canada	42	14	12	8	15	26	10	18	69	17	15	32	15	18	26	59	31	17	18	20	86	
Other Pacific	95	36	23	35	22	20	23	47	112	64	91	155	66	80	104	250	91	66	87	122	366	
Vanuatu	280	44	27	55	23	37	9	54	123	41	90	131	94	89	226	409	111	90	64	143	408	
Hong Kong	65	22	38	50	25	16	23	31	95	48	42	90	4	2	3	9	10	4	0	4	18	
Fiji	231	103	64	90	78	108	83	96	365	118	117	235	128	119	204	451	158	142	135	167	602	
Other Asia	448	149	130	106	223	172	118	132	645	129	174	303	257	213	362	832	311	272	184	302	1,069	
Netherlands	15	5	6	11	6	7	3	8	24	8	7	15	8	1	13	22	7	12	4	9	32	
Other Europe	181	57	47	30	38	48	18	20	124	41	48	89	41	39	50	130	28	31	65	93	217	
France	34	5	6	2	3	-	9	7	19	9	23	32	8	11	17	36	7	4	16	6	33	
Italy	7	8	17	10	14	6	13	20	53	13	3	16	18	22	25	65	6	13	0	14	33	
Other Country	64	12	11	10	30	49	29	17	125	26	15	41	14	47	24	85	30	33	34	43	140	
Total	5,197	1,362	1,544	1,900	1,339	1,835	1,537	1,854	6,565	2,799	2,759	5,558	2,906	2,841	3,653	9,400	2,762	3,141	2,438	3,141	11,482	
	Percentage Change																					
Australia	37.5	34.1	43.1	40.6	31.6	41.7	47.7	44.1	41.7	54.7	48.6	51.7	52.5	46.6	41.8	46.5	42.3	52.3	45.4	43.4	46.0	
Papua New Guinea	10.4	9.7	7.5	6.7	10.2	6.4	9.4	11.4	9.3	5.6	10.3	8.0	8.9	9.1	7.7	8.5	8.9	5.7	6.4	8.8	7.5	
United States	8.3	7.3	11.6	6.9	7.1	10.3	8.3	6.4	8.1	6.2	4.2	5.2	4.9	7.0	6.6	6.2	6.3	7.3	8.2	6.0	6.9	
New Zealand	8.0	6.3	8.0	13.2	8.0	6.5	6.8	7.2	7.1	9.4	6.9	8.2	6.6	7.5	5.6	6.5	6.8	7.7	7.4	5.4	6.8	
United Kingdom	3.2	4.0	2.3	4.5	2.3	4.6	3.2	2.9	3.3	3.1	2.5	2.8	2.1	3.2	2.7	2.7	3.7	2.3	2.8	2.7	2.8	
Japan	3.5	3.7	2.3	5.6	4.9	3.3	4.4	3.1	3.8	2.1	4.4	3.3	2.3	3.6	6.2	4.2	2.8	2.4	4.3	3.7	3.2	
Germany	0.9	1.4	0.5	1.1	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	
Canada	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.4	1.1	1.4	0.7	1.0	1.1	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6	1.1	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.7	
Other Pacific	1.8	2.6	1.5	1.8	1.6	1.1	1.5	2.5	1.7	2.3	3.3	2.8	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.7	3.3	2.1	3.6	3.9	3.2	
Vanuatu	5.4	3.2	1.7	2.9	1.7	2.0	0.6	2.9	1.9	1.5	3.3	2.4	3.2	3.1	6.2	4.4	4.0	2.9	2.6	4.6	3.6	
Hong Kong	1.3	1.6	2.5	2.6	1.9	0.9	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.7	1.5	1.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	
Fiji	4.4	7.6	4.1	4.7	5.8	5.9	5.4	5.2	5.6	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.2	5.6	4.8	5.7	4.5	5.5	5.3	5.2	
Other Asia	8.6	10.9	8.4	5.6	16.7	9.4	7.7	7.1	9.8	4.6	6.3	5.5	8.8	7.5	9.9	8.9	11.3	8.7	7.5	9.6	9.3	
Netherlands	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	
Other Europe	3.5	4.2	3.0	1.6	2.8	2.6	1.2	1.1	1.9	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.0	1.0	2.7	3.0	1.9	
France	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.2	-	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.2	0.3	
Italy	0.1	0.6	1.1	0.5	1.0	0.3	0.8	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.3	
Other Country	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.5	2.2	2.7	1.9	0.9	1.9	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.5	1.7	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.2	
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	

Note: "@" -Q2, Q3, Q4; "£" 2001 Q4 and 2002; "*" Q1/2 2004; "**" Q1 2005 - No data from data source

Table 3: Visitor arrivals by month by year: 1992 to fourth quarter 2006

Month	Year													
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999@	2000	2001£	2003	2004*	2005**	2006
January	807	912	374	776	857	605	1,081	834	758	422	364			952
February	536	827	660	736	635	859	899	716	715	440	521			838
March	811	825	819	728	719	1,103	1,478	924	844	500	454			972
April	723	952	1,108	929	923	1,124	1,238		655	499	609		989	994
May	1,277	958	989	1,028	477	1,153	1,212		545	537	483		935	858
June	921	725	1,134	917	435	1,281	1,510		140	508	743		982	1289
July	1,427	865	1,454	1,401	1,016	1,437	1,429		152	619	460	1,284	804	865
August	1,496	1,415	884	775	1,410	1,118	1,510		157	639	570	800	882	892
September	1,283	1,316	1,305	628	967	1,319	1,343		150	642	537	715	1,155	681
October	966	1,325	1,072	1,112	1,106	1,075	1,316		317		704	821	1,213	942
November	1,272	836	879	986	646	1,476	1,417		392		541	712	1,251	1118
December	927	614	1,241	1,192	1,125	1,257	1,369		495		609	1,226	1,189	1081
Total	12,446	11,570	11,919	11,208	10,316	13,807	15,802	2,474	5,320	4,806	6,595	5,558	9,400	11,482

Percentage														
January	6.5	7.9	3.1	6.9	8.3	4.4	6.8	33.7	14.2	8.8	5.5			8.3
February	4.3	7.1	5.5	6.6	6.2	6.2	5.7	28.9	13.4	9.2	7.9			7.3
March	6.5	7.1	6.9	6.5	7.0	8.0	9.4	37.3	15.9	10.4	6.9			8.5
April	5.8	8.2	9.3	8.3	8.9	8.1	7.8		12.3	10.4	9.2		10.5	8.7
May	10.3	8.3	8.3	9.2	4.6	8.4	7.7		10.2	11.2	7.3		9.9	7.5
June	7.4	6.3	9.5	8.2	4.2	9.3	9.6		2.6	10.6	11.3		10.4	11.2
July	11.5	7.5	12.2	12.5	9.8	10.4	9.0		2.9	12.9	7.0	23.1	8.6	7.5
August	12.0	12.2	7.4	6.9	13.7	8.1	9.6		3.0	13.3	8.6	14.4	9.4	7.8
September	10.3	11.4	10.9	5.6	9.4	9.6	8.5		2.8	13.4	8.1	12.9	12.3	5.9
October	7.8	11.5	9.0	9.9	10.7	7.8	8.3		6.0		10.7	14.8	12.9	8.2
November	10.2	7.2	7.4	8.8	6.3	10.7	9.0		7.4		8.2	12.8	13.3	9.7
December	7.4	5.3	10.4	10.6	10.9	9.1	8.7		9.3		9.2	22.1	12.6	9.4
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100.0	100.0	100.0

Note: "@"(Qs 2, 3, 4) "£"(Q4) and "2002"; * Q1/2 2004; ** Q1 2005 - No data from data source

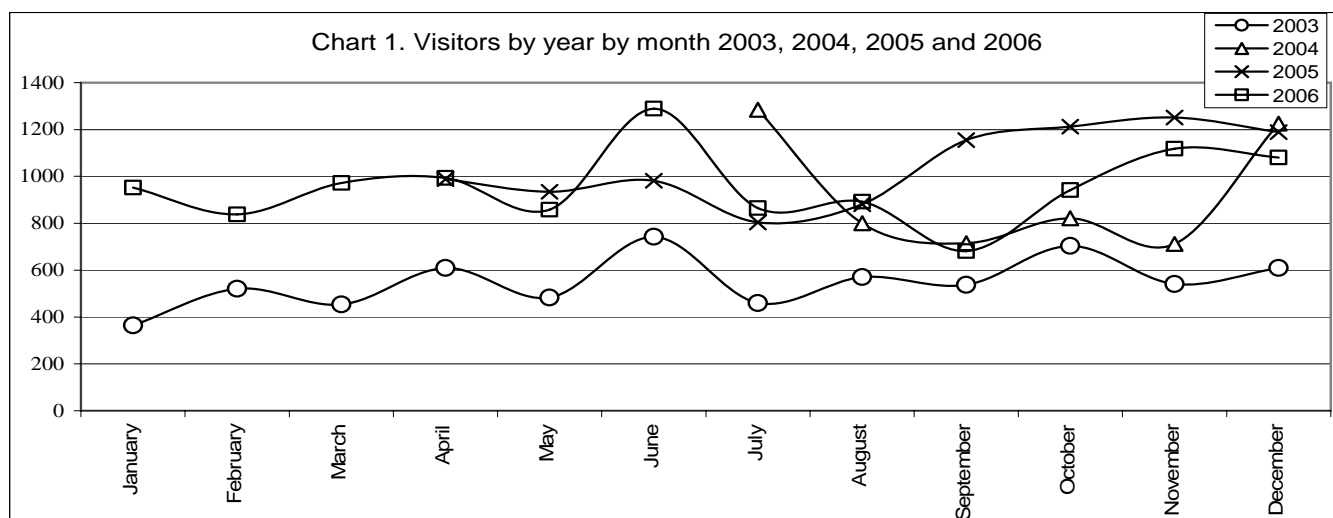


Table 4: Visitor classified as tourists by country of residence by year, quarter, average length of stay: 2003 to 2006

Country of Usual Residence	2003				2004				2005				2006									
	Quarter 3		Quarter 4		Quarter 3		Quarter 4		Quarter 2		Quarter3		Quarter 4		Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter3		Quarter 4	
	tourist	day	tourist	day	tourist	day	tourist	day	tourist	day	tourist	day	tourist	day	tourist	day	tourist	day	tourist	day	tourist	day
Australia	151	15	233	18	465	25	392	22	434	22	424	26	462	18	222	18	490	17	327	13	325	15
Papua New Guinea	17	8	44	24	37	8	66	24	17	11	24	10	43	12	27	10	18	10	24	17	49	24
United States	71	13	80	16	106	15	69	19	98	16	135	13	184	15	99	11	171	14	127	13	136	15
New Zealand	24	22	38	16	62	12	52	25	18	26	59	20	52	19	14	19	28	18	55	12	31	17
United Kingdom	15	24	24	29	49	24	41	21	24	30	33	26	37	22	39	27	28	27	28	29	24	28
Japan	36	15	23	10	22	17	77	10	17	17	53	15	149	9	18	10	32	12	44	7	47	8
Germany	1	24	8	13	7	21	9	30	5	20	5	17	15	14	12	26	10	12	7	18	8	19
Canada	6	38	8	23	4	34	9	24	3	36	3	22	18	23	12	15	3	21	12	29	8	14
Other Pacific	4	17	9	12	7	33	13	30	6	10	8	24	14	18	16	12	10	15	1	14	20	7
Vanuatu	-	-	2	16	3	22	16	15	5	13	10	18	38	15	8	10	7	12	2	19	21	11
Hong Kong	7	28	8	21	10	43	12	32	3	21	2	-	1	14	3	14	2	5	-	-	1	21
Fiji	9	13	6	12	10	18	19	29	8	17	7	10	26	12	8	11	7	12	5	10	10	35
Other Asia	31	16	31	25	60	25	52	27	87	21	59	19	103	20	72	21	70	20	47	19	92	20
Netherlands	-	-	1	5	8	9	4	22	6	17	-	4	8	31	3	38	6	23	2	21	5	24
Other Europe	9	35	12	21	31	23	27	29	28	15	26	26	31	13	14	21	15	29	47	17	37	16
France	6	10	-	-	8	43	13	16	5	15	6	23	6	14	2	12	4	11	7	12	4	11
Italy	8	15	5	49	11	11	-	-	11	15	20	21	14	31	4	44	6	19	-	-	11	36
Other Country	11	15	9	18	11	22	4	12	2	27	23	14	10	15	4	18	7	20	10	22	21	11
Total	406	17	541	18	911	23	875	22	511	20	897	21	1211	17	577	17	914	17	745	15	850	18

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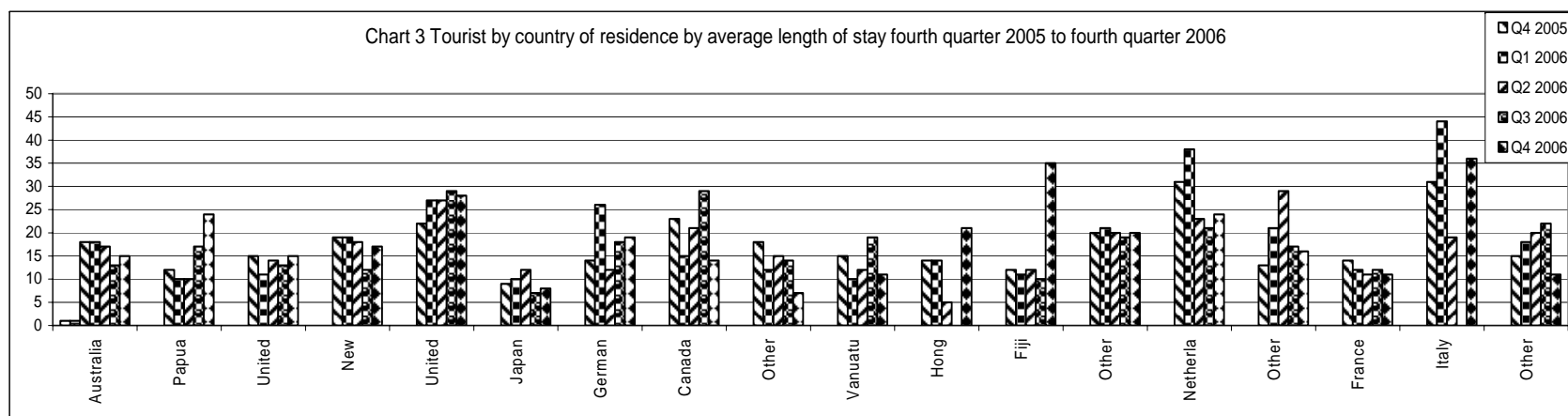


Table 5: Visitor arrivals by country of residence by purpose of visit and by sex: fourth quarter 2006

Country of Usual Residence	Business & Conference		Holiday & Vocation		Transit & Stopover		Visit friends & Relatives		Other		Total		
	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	All
Australia	512	100	196	129	18	5	143	128	86	45	955	407	1,362
Papua New Guinea	107	21	28	21	45	10	16	15	10	2	206	69	275
United States	24	7	71	65	1	-	5	4	10	3	111	79	190
New Zealand	81	23	21	10	2	1	20	7	4	2	128	43	171
United Kingdom	17	8	13	11	-	-	13	10	6	7	49	36	85
Japan	47	2	26	21	-	-	7	4	8	-	88	27	115
Germany	7	1	6	2	-	-	1	-	1	2	15	5	20
Canada	5	4	4	4	-	1	-	2	-	-	9	11	20
Other Pacific	38	14	13	7	6	4	8	21	9	2	74	48	122
Vanuatu	24	9	9	12	27	23	17	8	13	1	90	53	143
Hong Kong	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	1	4
Fiji	79	23	6	4	15	7	11	6	12	4	123	44	167
Other Asia	142	6	66	26	3	-	27	6	24	2	262	40	302
Netherlands	3	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	8	1	9
Other Europe	25	7	24	13	5	-	1	-	14	4	69	24	93
France	1	-	2	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	3	6
Italy	1	-	5	6	-	-	-	-	2	-	8	6	14
Other Country	15	3	15	6	-	-	2	1	1	-	33	10	43
Total	1,130	228	509	341	122	51	272	213	201	74	2,234	907	3,141

Percentage

Australia	37.6	7.3	14.4	9.5	1.3	0.4	10.5	9.4	6.3	3.3	70.1	29.9	100
Papua New Guinea	38.9	7.6	10.2	7.6	16.4	3.6	5.8	5.5	3.6	0.7	74.9	25.1	100
United States	12.6	3.7	37.4	34.2	0.5	-	2.6	2.1	5.3	1.6	58.4	41.6	100
New Zealand	47.4	13.5	12.3	5.8	1.2	0.6	11.7	4.1	2.3	1.2	74.9	25.1	100
United Kingdom	20.0	9.4	15.3	12.9	-	-	15.3	11.8	7.1	8.2	57.6	42.4	100
Japan	40.9	1.7	22.6	18.3	-	-	6.1	3.5	7.0	-	76.5	23.5	100
Germany	35.0	5.0	30.0	10.0	-	-	5.0	-	5.0	10.0	75.0	25.0	100
Canada	25.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	-	5.0	-	10.0	-	-	45.0	55.0	100
Other Pacific	31.1	11.5	10.7	5.7	4.9	3.3	6.6	17.2	7.4	1.6	60.7	39.3	100
Vanuatu	16.8	6.3	6.3	8.4	18.9	16.1	11.9	5.6	9.1	0.7	62.9	37.1	100
Hong Kong	50.0	-	-	25.0	-	-	25.0	-	-	-	75.0	25.0	100
Fiji	47.3	13.8	3.6	2.4	9.0	4.2	6.6	3.6	7.2	2.4	73.7	26.3	100
Other Asia	47.0	2.0	21.9	8.6	1.0	-	8.9	2.0	7.9	0.7	86.8	13.2	100
Netherlands	33.3	-	44.4	11.1	-	-	-	-	11.1	-	88.9	11.1	100
Other Europe	26.9	7.5	25.8	14.0	5.4	-	1.1	-	15.1	4.3	74.2	25.8	100
France	16.7	-	33.3	33.3	-	-	-	16.7	-	-	50.0	50.0	100
Italy	7.1	-	35.7	42.9	-	-	-	-	14.3	-	57.1	42.9	100
Other Country	34.9	7.0	34.9	14.0	-	-	4.7	2.3	2.3	-	76.7	23.3	100
Total	36.0	7.3	16.2	10.9	3.9	1.6	8.7	6.8	6.4	2.4	71.1	28.9	100

Table 6: Visitor arrivals by country of residence by age group by sex: fourth quarter 2006

Country of Usual Residence	Age-Group																Total		
	0-14		15-24		25-34		35-44		45-54		55-64		65+		Not Stated		m	f	all
	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f					
Australia	36	32	49	46	146	93	224	75	238	87	204	57	40	13	18	4	955	407	1,362
Papua New Guinea	17	17	13	11	33	18	50	14	71	5	15	2	2	-	5	2	206	69	275
United States	2	1	2	0	3	7	14	9	33	21	42	31	13	9	2	1	111	79	190
New Zealand	4	2	7	5	15	6	35	8	30	15	31	7	5	-	1	-	128	43	171
United Kingdom	2	4	10	5	12	6	6	4	5	2	8	7	6	5	-	3	49	36	85
Japan	-	-	2	2	14	7	26	1	16	3	15	-	13	14	2	-	88	27	115
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	5	3	4	-	3	-	-	-	15	5	20
Canada	-	-	-	1	-	5	1	-	5	2	3	3	-	-	-	-	9	11	20
Other Pacific	6	4	7	3	19	19	16	13	15	5	7	2	1	1	3	1	74	48	122
Vanuatu	4	1	14	7	25	17	26	13	13	4	3	1	-	1	5	9	90	53	143
Hong Kong	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	3	1	4
Fiji	6	4	4	4	29	13	27	10	32	9	23	3	1	1	1	-	123	44	167
Other Asia	2	2	9	5	54	15	74	6	75	7	29	2	12	2	7	1	262	40	302
Netherlands	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	8	1	9
Other Europe	2	-	1	2	9	4	14	6	19	6	18	6	5	-	1	-	69	24	93
France	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	3	3	6
Italy	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	3	2	1	1	4	-	-	-	8	6	14
Other Country	-	-	1	-	8	6	12	-	8	3	2	1	1	-	1	-	33	10	43
Total	82	67	119	91	367	218	532	164	573	174	408	124	107	48	46	21	2,234	907	3,141
	Percentage																		
Australia	2.6	2.3	3.6	3.4	10.7	6.8	16.4	5.5	17.5	6.4	15.0	4.2	2.9	1.0	1.3	0.3	70.1	29.9	100
Papua New Guinea	6.2	6.2	4.7	4.0	12.0	6.5	18.2	5.1	25.8	1.8	5.5	0.7	0.7	-	1.8	0.7	74.9	25.1	100
United States	1.1	0.5	1.1	-	1.6	3.7	7.4	4.7	17.4	11.1	22.1	16.3	6.8	4.7	1.1	0.5	58.4	41.6	100
New Zealand	2.3	1.2	4.1	2.9	8.8	3.5	20.5	4.7	17.5	8.8	18.1	4.1	2.9	-	0.6	-	74.9	25.1	100
United Kingdom	2.4	4.7	11.8	5.9	14.1	7.1	7.1	4.7	5.9	2.4	9.4	8.2	7.1	5.9	0.0	3.5	57.6	42.4	100
Japan	-	-	1.7	1.7	12.2	6.1	22.6	0.9	13.9	2.6	13.0	-	11.3	12.2	1.7	-	76.5	23.5	100
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.0	10.0	25.0	15.0	20.0	-	15.0	-	-	-	75.0	25.0	100
Canada	-	-	-	5.0	-	25.0	5.0	-	25.0	10.0	15.0	15.0	-	-	-	-	45.0	55.0	100
Other Pacific	4.9	3.3	5.7	2.5	15.6	15.6	13.1	10.7	12.3	4.1	5.7	1.6	0.8	0.8	2.5	0.8	60.7	39.3	100
Vanuatu	2.8	0.7	9.8	4.9	17.5	11.9	18.2	9.1	9.1	2.8	2.1	0.7	-	0.7	3.5	6.3	62.9	37.1	100
Hong Kong	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.0	-	25.0	-	25.0	-	-	25.0	-	-	75.0	25.0	100
Fiji	3.6	2.4	2.4	2.4	17.4	7.8	16.2	6.0	19.2	5.4	13.8	1.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	-	73.7	26.3	100
Other Asia	0.7	0.7	3.0	1.7	17.9	5.0	24.5	2.0	24.8	2.3	9.6	0.7	4.0	0.7	2.3	0.3	86.8	13.2	100
Netherlands	11.1	-	-	-	-	-	22.2	11.1	44.4	-	11.1	-	-	-	-	-	88.9	11.1	100
Other Europe	2.2	-	1.1	2.2	9.7	4.3	15.1	6.5	20.4	6.5	19.4	6.5	5.4	-	1.1	-	74.2	25.8	100
France	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.7	16.7	-	-	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	-	-	50.0	50.0	100
Italy	-	-	-	-	-	14.3	-	7.1	21.4	14.3	7.1	7.1	28.6	-	-	-	57.1	42.9	100
Other Country	-	-	2.3	-	18.6	14.0	27.9	-	18.6	7.0	4.7	2.3	2.3	-	2.3	-	76.7	23.3	100
Total	2.6	2.1	3.8	2.9	11.7	6.9	16.9	5.2	18.2	5.5	13.0	3.9	3.4	1.5	1.5	0.7	71.1	28.9	100

Table 7: Visitor arrivals by country of residence by occupation by sex: fourth quarter 2006

Country of Usual Residence	Professional and Technical		Administration and Managerial		Clerical & Related Work		Sales Worker		Service Worker		Agriculture Forestry Fishery		Production & Related Work		Other		No Work		Total		
	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	All
Australia	410	185	89	36	150	69	43	6	79	61	9	-	86	3	69	28	20	19	955	407	1,362
Papua New Guinea	109	37	25	4	34	10	8	-	7	7	-	-	5	-	8	-	10	11	206	69	275
United States	59	38	5	3	11	8	5	4	2	4	1	-	7	-	21	22	-	-	111	79	190
New Zealand	71	23	19	4	17	9	7	3	-	4	1	-	5	-	5	-	3	-	128	43	171
United Kingdom	28	19	4	3	7	4	1	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	7	4	1	3	49	36	85
Japan	36	9	10	-	15	1	-	-	1	6	1	-	-	-	25	11	-	-	88	27	115
Germany	10	2	3	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	15	5	20
Canada	2	4	3	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	-	-	9	11	20
Other Pacific	32	17	3	-	17	5	-	-	7	8	-	2	7	1	6	9	2	6	74	48	122
Vanuatu	43	19	3	-	20	20	-	1	4	7	3	-	6	1	8	3	3	2	90	53	143
Hong Kong	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	3	1	4
Fiji	45	23	10	4	32	9	2	1	13	4	-	-	12	-	4	2	5	1	123	44	167
Other Asia	40	10	24	2	11	5	15	7	2	4	10	-	44	1	116	11	-	-	262	40	302
Netherlands	4	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	8	1	9
Other Europe	48	17	2	1	9	2	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	6	2	-	-	69	24	93
France	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	3	3	6
Italy	3	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	8	6	14
Other Country	15	2	8	3	2	1	2	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	5	1	-	-	33	10	43
Total	956	409	209	62	330	148	87	25	115	108	25	2	178	8	289	103	45	42	2,234	907	3,141
											4										
Australia	30.1	13.6	6.5	2.6	11.0	5.1	3.2	0.4	5.8	4.5	0.7	-	6.3	0.2	5.1	2.1	1.5	1.4	70.1	29.9	100
Papua New Guinea	39.6	13.5	9.1	1.5	12.4	3.6	2.9	-	2.5	2.5	-	-	1.8	-	2.9	-	3.6	4.0	74.9	25.1	100
United States	31.1	20.0	2.6	1.6	5.8	4.2	2.6	2.1	1.1	2.1	0.5	-	3.7	-	11.1	11.6	-	-	58.4	41.6	100
New Zealand	41.5	13.5	11.1	2.3	9.9	5.3	4.1	1.8	-	2.3	0.6	-	2.9	-	2.9	-	1.8	-	74.9	25.1	100
United Kingdom	32.9	22.4	4.7	3.5	8.2	4.7	1.2	1.2	-	2.4	-	-	1.2	-	8.2	4.7	1.2	3.5	57.6	42.4	100
Japan	31.3	7.8	8.7	-	13.0	0.9	-	-	0.9	5.2	0.9	-	-	-	21.7	9.6	-	-	76.5	23.5	100
Germany	50.0	10.0	15.0	-	5.0	15.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	75.0	25.0	100
Canada	10.0	20.0	15.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	20.0	-	-	45.0	55.0	100
Other Pacific	26.2	13.9	2.5	-	13.9	4.1	-	-	5.7	6.6	-	1.6	5.7	0.8	4.9	7.4	1.6	4.9	60.7	39.3	100
Vanuatu	30.1	13.3	2.1	-	14.0	14.0	-	0.7	2.8	4.9	2.1	-	4.2	0.7	5.6	2.1	2.1	1.4	62.9	37.1	100
Hong Kong	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.0	25.0	-	-	75.0	25.0	100
Fiji	26.9	13.8	6.0	2.4	19.2	5.4	1.2	0.6	7.8	2.4	-	-	7.2	-	2.4	1.2	3.0	0.6	73.7	26.3	100
Other Asia	13.2	3.3	7.9	0.7	3.6	1.7	5.0	2.3	0.7	1.3	3.3	-	14.6	0.3	38.4	3.6	-	-	86.8	13.2	100
Netherlands	44.4	11.1	-	-	11.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22.2	-	-	-	11.1	-	88.9	11.1	100
Other Europe	51.6	18.3	2.2	1.1	9.7	2.2	3.2	1.1	-	-	-	-	1.1	1.1	6.5	2.2	-	-	74.2	25.8	100
France	16.7	-	-	-	-	16.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33.3	33.3	-	-	50.0	50.0	100
Italy	21.4	21.4	7.1	-	7.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21.4	21.4	-	-	57.1	42.9	100
Other Country	34.9	4.7	18.6	7.0	4.7	2.3	4.7	2.3	-	2.3	-	-	2.3	2.3	11.6	2.3	-	-	76.7	23.3	100
Total	30.4	13.0	6.7	2.0	10.5	4.7	2.8	0.8	3.7	3.4	0.8	0.1	5.7	0.3	9.2	3.3	1.4	1.3	71.1	28.9	100

Table 8: Visitor arrivals by country of residence by carrier by sex: fourth quarter 2006

Country of Usual Residence	Solomon Airlines		Air Pacific		Air Niugini		Air Nauru		Air Vanuatu		Unschedule		Qantas		RAAF		RNAF		Other		Total		
	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	all
Australia	811	370	15	12	16	4	76	17	-	-	18	4	-	7	-	12	-	-	-	-	936	426	1,362
Papua New Guinea	31	10	9	3	159	56	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	206	69	275
United States	48	31	54	46	4	1	2	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	110	80	190
New Zealand	104	36	17	4	4	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	128	43	171
United Kingdom	33	33	9	1	4	1	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49	36	85
Japan	78	24	1	-	7	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88	27	115
Germany	12	4	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	5	20
Canada	8	5	-	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	11	20
Other Pacific	41	16	13	3	2	1	15	28	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74	48	122
Vanuatu	59	41	10	8	18	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89	54	143
Hong Kong	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	4
Fiji	48	18	67	21	7	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	123	44	167
Other Asia	149	16	1	1	96	23	14	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	262	40	302
Netherlands	6	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	1	9
Other Europe	59	19	4	3	5	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69	24	93
France	2	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	6
Italy	7	6	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	6	14
Other Country	10	4	9	1	3	1	11	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	10	43
Total	1,507	637	212	108	331	101	130	55	-	-	31	4	-	8	-	13	2	2	-	-	2,213	928	3,141
Percentage																							
Australia	59.5	27.2	1.1	0.9	1.2	0.3	5.6	1.2	-	-	1.3	0.3	-	0.5	-	0.9	-	-	-	-	68.7	31.3	100
Papua New Guinea	11.3	3.6	3.3	1.1	57.8	20.4	1.1	-	-	-	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74.9	25.1	100
United States	25.3	16.3	28.4	24.2	2.1	0.5	1.1	0.5	-	-	1.1	-	-	-	-	0.5	-	-	-	-	57.9	42.1	100
New Zealand	60.8	21.1	9.9	2.3	2.3	-	0.6	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2	1.2	-	-	74.9	25.1	100
United Kingdom	38.8	38.8	10.6	1.2	4.7	1.2	1.2	1.2	-	-	2.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57.6	42.4	100
Japan	67.8	20.9	0.9	-	6.1	2.6	1.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76.5	23.5	100
Germany	60.0	20.0	-	-	10.0	5.0	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75.0	25.0	100
Canada	40.0	25.0	-	25.0	5.0	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45.0	55.0	100
Other Pacific	33.6	13.1	10.7	2.5	1.6	0.8	12.3	23.0	-	-	2.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60.7	39.3	100
Vanuatu	41.3	28.7	7.0	5.6	12.6	2.8	1.4	-	-	-	-	-	0.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62.2	37.8	100
Hong Kong	25.0	25.0	-	-	50.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75.0	25.0	100
Fiji	28.7	10.8	40.1	12.6	4.2	1.8	0.6	1.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73.7	26.3	100
Other Asia	49.3	5.3	0.3	0.3	31.8	7.6	4.6	-	-	-	0.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	86.8	13.2	100
Netherlands	66.7	11.1	22.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88.9	11.1	100
Other Europe	63.4	20.4	4.3	3.2	5.4	1.1	1.1	1.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74.2	25.8	100
France	33.3	33.3	16.7	-	-	16.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.0	50.0	100
Italy	50.0	42.9	-	-	7.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57.1	42.9	100
Other Country	23.3	9.3	20.9	2.3	7.0	2.3	25.6	9.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76.7	23.3	100
Total	48.0	20.3	6.7	3.4	10.5	3.2	4.1	1.8	-	-	1.0	0.1	-	0.3	-	0.4	0.1	0.1	-	-	70.5	29.5	100

Appendix

Persons entering Solomon Islands are classified into three (3) categories (by self-classification) which include *returning resident*, *intending resident*, and *visitor*. The concepts and definitions of the various categories are as follows:

(i) Returning resident

- Solomon Islanders and non-Solomon Islanders who have left the country and were returning to continue their residence.
- Non Solomon Islanders includes resident permit holders and Diplomatic officials, and their immediate family members. This may also includes legal or official arrangements that fall out side of the above.

(ii) Intending resident

- Non-Solomon Islander who wish to take up residence in Solomon Islands.

(iii) Visitor

- Any traveler who is not a Solomon Islander and who purposely spend less time – at most a period of 120 days², in the country and with the intention and purpose of visiting.
- Tourist
 - Visitors who further classify themselves stating their visit are purposely for *'holiday and vocation'*. This exclude, tourist arrivals by cruise ships.
 - Wife accompanying husband on business purpose is a private tourist unless also working.

(iv) Sex Ratio

- The sex ratio is the proportion of males to females, expressed as the number of males for every 100 females.

² Solomon Islands 1993 Statistical Yearbook.