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PROVISIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS – JULY 2018

Monthly visitor arrivals exceeded the 95,000 mark for the first time in July 2018. The 95,061 visitor arrival number was 5.5% higher than the previous record of 90,108 set a year ago.

Increases were recorded in the number of visitors from New Zealand [2,124 or 8.0% to 28,572]; Japan [1,172 or 207.8% to 1,736]; Australia [1,024 or 3.0% to 35,608]; Continental Europe [386 or 12.8% to 3,392]; Rest of Asia [358 or 15.8% to 2,626]; Canada [356 or 27.0% to 1,675]; China [53 or 1.1% to 4,887] and South Korea [9 or 1.3% to 712]. Japan recorded the highest percentage increase due to the resumption of direct flights between Nadi and Narita three times a week.

There were decreases in the number of visitors from the following countries; the United States of America [down 421 or 4.4% to 9,104]; Pacific Islands [down 144 or 3.2% to 4,403] and the United Kingdom [down 90 or 4.6% to 1,871].

Visitors arriving for holiday purposes accounted for 76.8% of total arrivals, 10.0% came to visit their friends or relatives, 3.0% came for business purposes, while 10.2% visited Fiji for other reasons.

Table 1 below presents actual numbers and the 2018 and 2017 comparisons of visitor arrivals for the month of July, January to July and twelve months to July 2018.

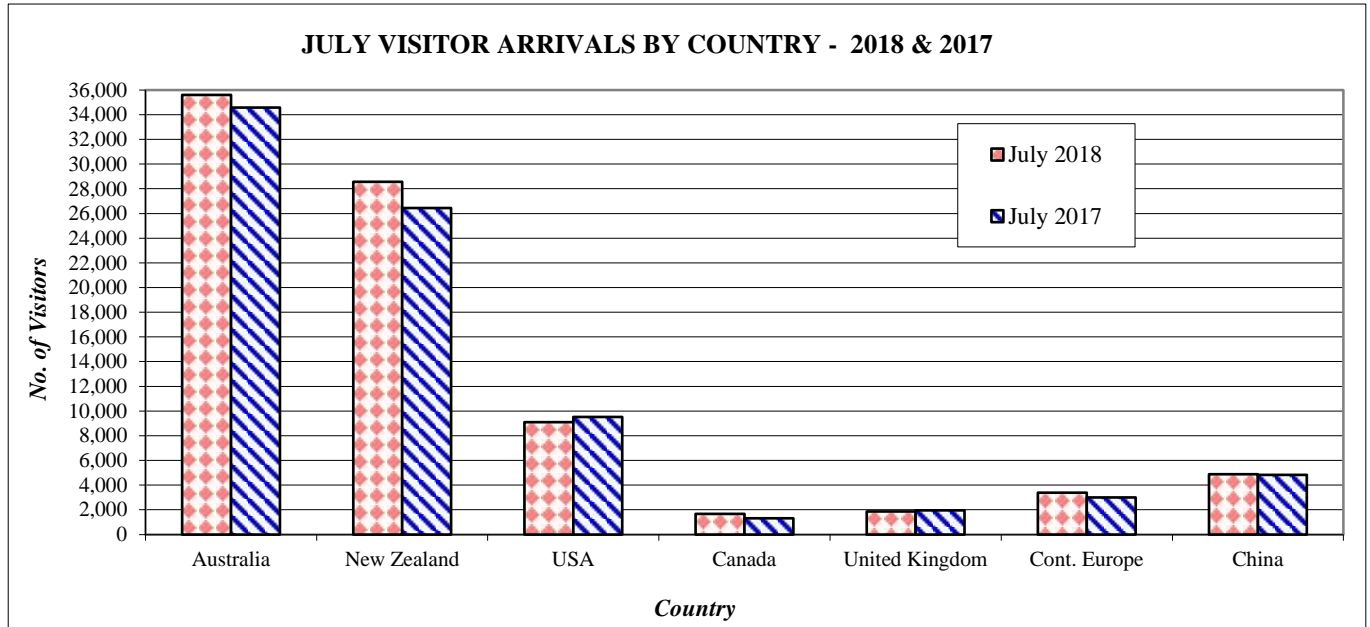
Table 1

	JULY			JANUARY TO JULY					12 MONTHS TO JULY		
	2018	2017	% CHANGE	% TO		% TO		%	2018	2017	% CHANGE
				2018	TOTAL	2017	TOTAL	CHANGE			
ARRIVALS											
Australia	35,608	34,584	3.0	195,455	40.8	195,627	42.3	-0.1	365,517	362,222	0.9
New Zealand	28,572	26,448	8.0	106,211	22.2	97,039	21.0	9.5	193,767	174,924	10.8
USA	9,104	9,525	-4.4	51,127	10.7	47,755	10.3	7.1	84,570	76,602	10.4
Canada	1,675	1,319	27.0	7,705	1.6	7,305	1.6	5.5	12,821	12,435	3.1
United Kingdom	1,871	1,961	-4.6	9,657	2.0	10,291	2.2	-6.2	16,291	16,936	-3.8
Cont. Europe	3,392	3,006	12.8	19,939	4.2	19,290	4.2	3.4	35,287	33,412	5.6
Japan	1,736	564	207.8	4,343	0.9	3,646	0.8	19.1	7,047	6,392	10.2
China	4,887	4,834	1.1	29,942	6.3	29,380	6.3	1.9	49,358	49,649	-0.6
South Korea	712	703	1.3	4,818	1.0	4,824	1.0	-0.1	8,865	8,420	5.3
Rest of Asia	2,626	2,268	15.8	16,228	3.4	14,472	3.1	12.1	26,707	23,254	14.8
Pacific Islands	4,403	4,547	-3.2	30,561	6.4	30,634	6.6	-0.2	53,647	51,208	4.8
Others	475	349	36.1	3,057	0.6	2,531	0.5	20.8	5,256	4,247	23.8
TOTAL VISITORS	95,061	90,108	5.5	479,043	100.0	462,794	100.0	3.5	859,133	819,701	4.8

Note: Visitor statistics are released monthly using data sourced from the Immigration System. The limited number of tables released is due to the new system which came on line in July 2013.

Figure 1 below is a graphical comparison of Visitor Arrivals by Country for July 2018 and 2017.

Figure 1



In the moving twelve monthly numbers ending July 2018, the total number of visitors to Fiji increased by 4.8% compared with the same period in 2017. Visitors from Other Countries [23.8%]; Rest of Asia [14.8%]; New Zealand [10.8%]; the United States of America [10.4%]; Japan [10.2%]; Continental Europe [5.6%]; South Korea [5.3%]; Pacific Islands [4.8%]; Canada [3.1%] and Australia [0.9%].

Decreases was recorded for visitors from the United Kingdom [3.8%] and China [0.6%].

January to July 2018, showed that visitor arrivals increased by 3.5% over the corresponding period in 2017, up from 462,794 to 479,043.

Figure 2 below shows a graphical comparison of visitor arrivals by country during the period January to July 2018.

Figure 2

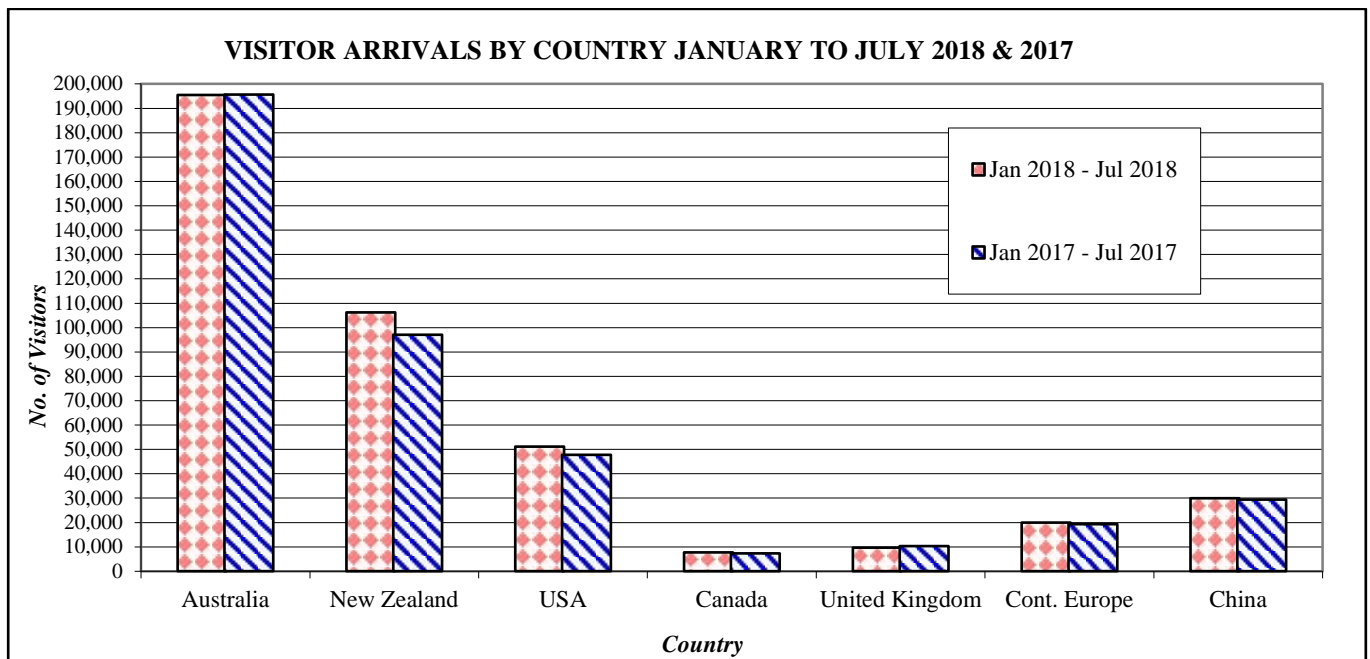
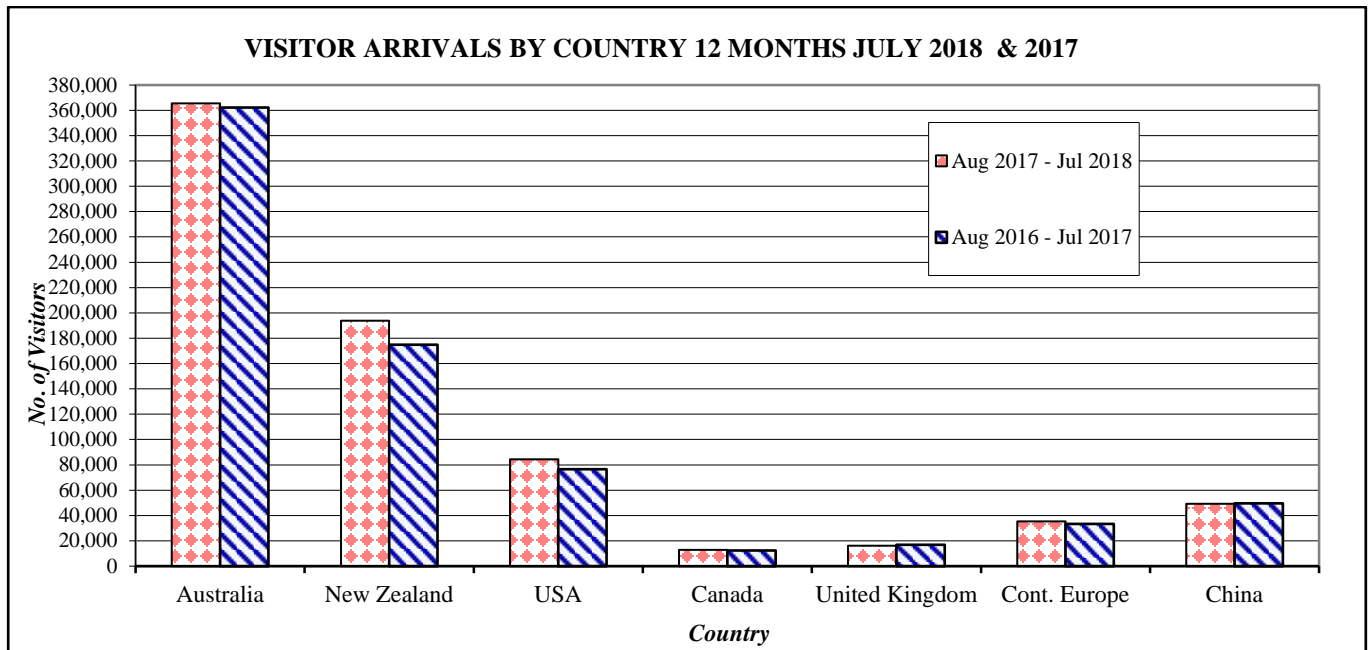


Figure 3 below shows the twelve monthly comparisons.

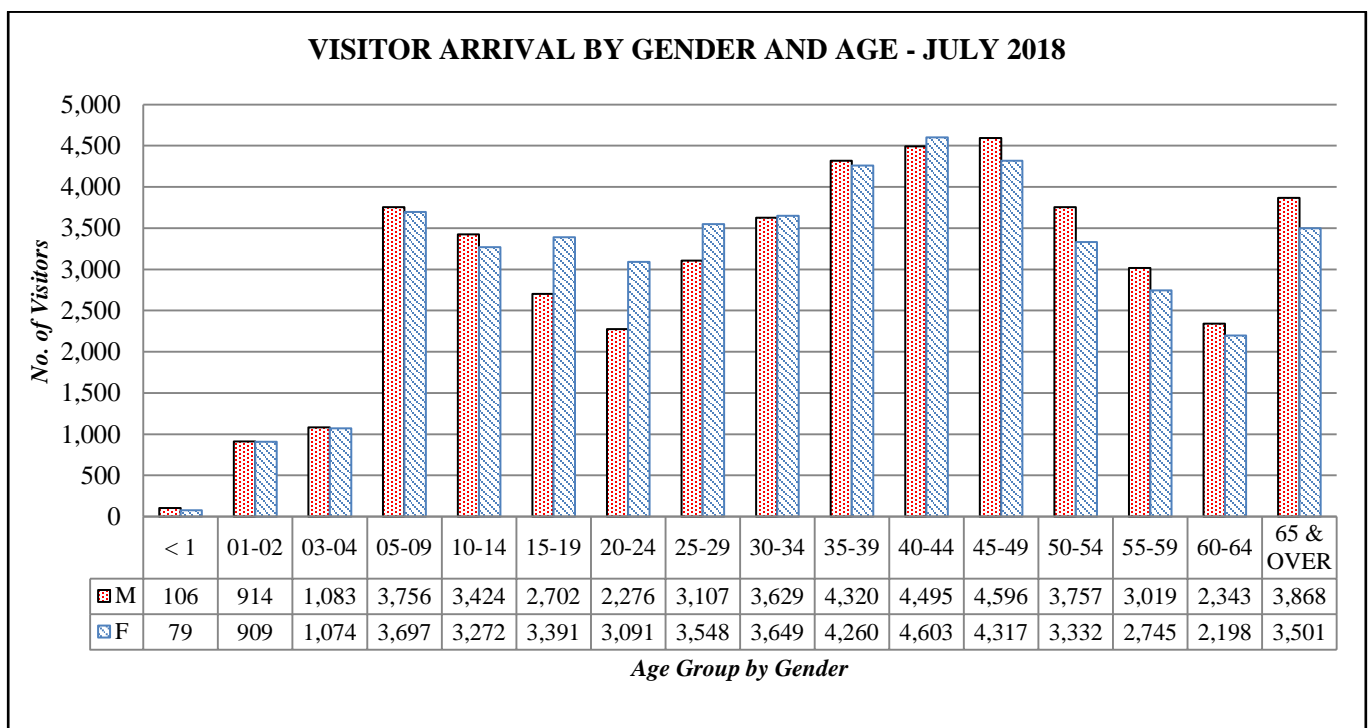
Figure 3



The majority of visitors to Fiji in July 2018 were in the age range 25-64 (61.0%), which accounts for the vast majority of the working age population. Children aged 14 and below accounted for 19.2% of the July visitor arrivals; 12.0% were youths aged 15-24 with the remaining 7.8% comprising those in the predominantly retirement age group of 65 and over.

Figure 4 below shows a significant gender differential in the age groups 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 45-49, 50-54 and 65+;

Figure 4



Visitors by Occupation

For the month of July 2018 the top 5 Occupational Groups for visitors engaged in gainful employment in their home countries are as follows;

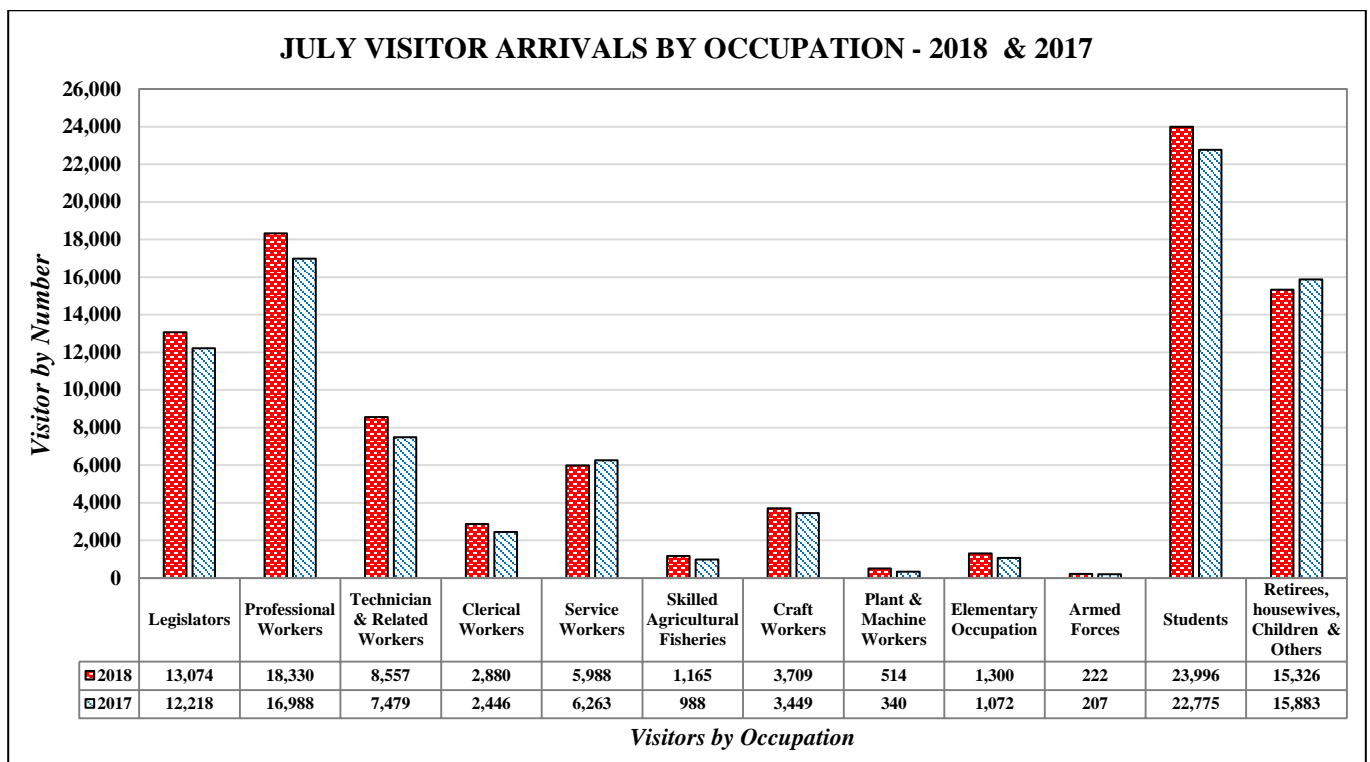
- 1) Professional Workers – increased by [1,342 or 7.9% to 18,330].
- 2) Technician and Related Workers – increased by [1,078 or 14.4% to 8,557].
- 3) Legislators – increased by [856 or 7.0% to 13,074].
- 4) Craft Workers – increased by [260 to 7.5% to 3,709].
- 5) Service Workers – decreased by [275 or 4.4% to 5,988].

July 2018 visitors who are not in the labour force were categorised into two major groups. The categories and numbers are as follows;

- 1) Students – increased by [1,221 or 5.4% to 23,996].
- 2) Retirees, Housewives, Children & Others – decreased by [557 or 3.5% to 15,326].

Additional details are provided in Figure 5 below;

Figure 5



More detailed information is provided in the accompanying Tables.

TABLE 1:	ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES: NUMBER OF RESIDENTS, VISITORS AND PERSONS IN TRANSIT.
TABLE 2:	VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE.
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