

Innovations in Meeting the Demand for Development Data

Action Area A. Engaging Users and Investing in Statistics (Fiji)

Tourism Statistics: Opportunities for and Barriers to Growth

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2019 Highlights

- Annual Visitor Arrivals -894,398
- Japan recorded highest % increase 3
 direct flights to Narita weekly
- July arrivals topped the 96,000 mark
- New Zealand arrivals 205, 99
- USA arrivals 96, 968







DATA USERS

Information by Region

Data on arrivals by State or Province is critical in formulating successful tourism strategies. Knowing who is coming to your area, why they are coming and what they are doing upon arrival

A snapshot of visitors from a region

Example, Fiji has recorded the highest number of visitors for the month of July for years 2018 & 2019

Planners using arrival by State data will have detailed information to suit the need of a visitor in terms of:

Tourism related expenditure
Accommodation
Market share
Transport
Other related activities – Eco Tourism etc....





International Markets

Visitors from different regions/states travel in different ways.

A region may experience high levels of visitation from a particular state, or you may be looking to attract visitors from a particular international source market.

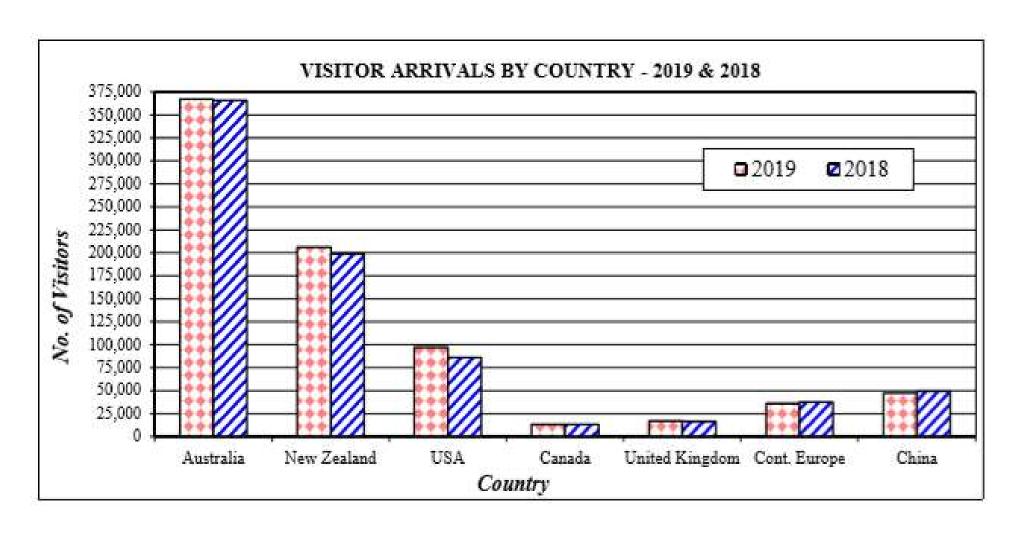
In either case, understanding how these visitors travel and what they like to do is crucial.

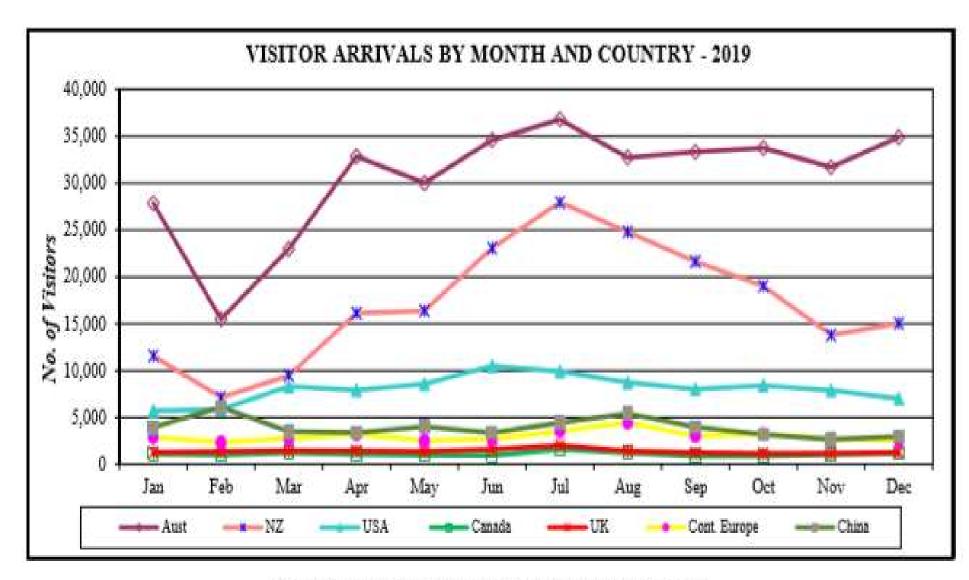
Continuous data compilation on arrivals by state or province provides a benchmark going back several years to help identify visitor trends over time – USERS OF VA'S DATA DEPEND ON FBOS TO PROVIDE THIS.



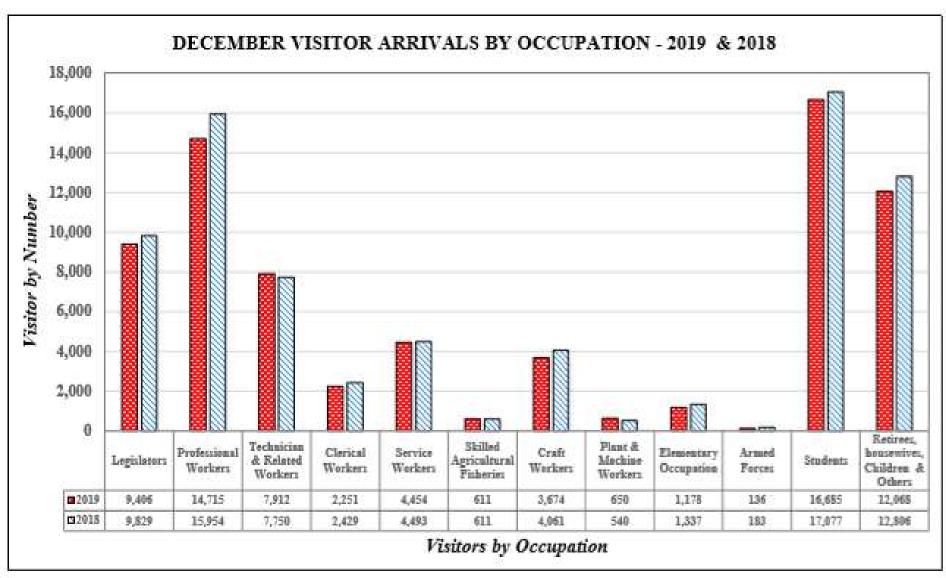


Figure 1 below is a graphical representation of Visitor Arrivals by Country for the year **2019** and **2018** – FBOS Website





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Source: Fiji Bureau of Statistics

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Content	Statistical need - FBOS
1. Card number	The only other unique field apart from passport number – greatly assists to identify duplicates
2. Flight Date	Identification purposes - assists in analysis
3. Code [reason for visit]	Complement each other- used for coding reason for visit
4. Reason for visit	
5. Status	Identifies category of visitors - VP EP FC PH EV
6. Flight number	Identification purposes - assists in analysis
7. Arrival country code	Identifies residency information - linked to permanent address of visitor [15]
8. Arrival by state	Arrival by State or Province - data users Tourism Fiji & Min. of Tourism
9. Passport number	Embedded in system
10. Surname	Embedded in system
11. Other name	Embedded in system
12. Occupation	Arrivals by occupation sector
13. Date of birth	Arrivals by age group
14. Gender	Arrivals by gender
15. Address [overseas]	Confirms address of visitor - thus confirming the Arrival Country Code
16. Arrival nationality	Embedded in system
17. Expected date of departure	Used to calculate the average length of stay for visitors
18. Address in Fiji	Preffered destination for visitors
19.*Country of usual residence – added from March 2018	Used as a counter check to confirm visitor addresses







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- Problems
- Recording of Data at the Border
- I. Partial understanding



II. Inconsistent data







