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PROVISIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS – MAY 2024

Provisional numbers show that visitor arrivals for May 2024 totaled 82,901. The number was a record for the month of May and represents a significant increase of 10.3% compared to a year earlier. There is an increase of 7.3% compared to April 2024, which recorded a total of 77,292. In 2023 and 2022, visitor arrivals for May stood at 75,147 and 47,813 respectively.

Figure 1: Visitor Arrivals from May 2019 to May 2024

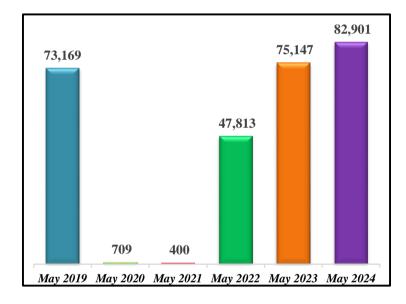
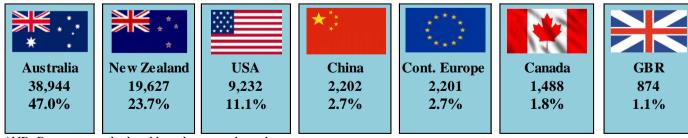


Figure 1 shows visitor arrivals for the month of May 2019 to 2024, as seen the visitor arrival numbers have recovered and surpassed the 2019 numbers by 13.3%.

Of the 82,901 visitors, 82,027 came by air while 874 came by sea. The sea arrivals were mostly seamen on fishing vessels (692) and 182 arrivals by yacht.

For May 2024 visitors arriving for holiday purposes accounted for 78.9% of total arrivals, 7.8% came to visit their friends or relatives, 2.5% came for business purposes, while 10.8% visited Fiji for other reasons.

Figure 2: Visitor Arrivals by Major Source Markets – May 2024



*NB: Percentage calculated based on actual numbers.

These Countries accounted for 89.9% of the total Visitor Arrivals for May 2024 and remain the major source markets for Fiji.

Visitors by Gender and Age

The majority of visitors were in the age range of 25-64 years (66.4%), which accounts for the vast majority of the working age population. Children aged 14 and below accounted for 13.5% of the May visitor arrivals; 12.8% comprising those in the predominantly retirement age group of 65 and over with the remaining 7.3% were youths aged 15-24.

Figure 3 below shows a significant gender differential in the age groups 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 60-64 and 65 & over.

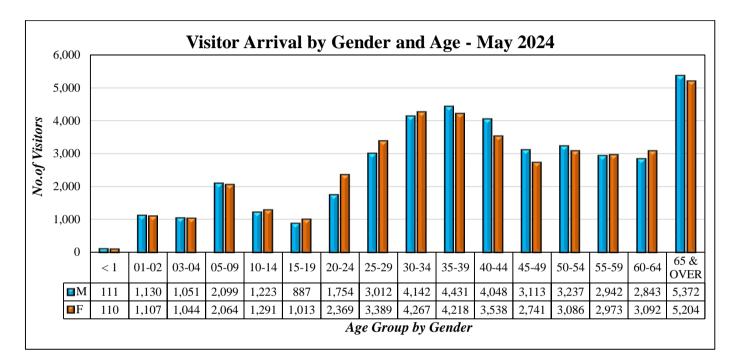


Figure 3: Visitor Arrivals by Gender and Age - May 2024

Resident Departures for May 2024

A total of 16,182 Fiji Residents departed our shores during the month of May of which 14,771 or 91.3% were for a short-term absence of under three months and 523 or 3.2% were for over three months and within 12 months period. A total of 888 or 5.5% of resident departures were for a longer-term absence of 1 year or more.

The reasons for departure as reported by residents leaving for a short-term absence were as follows;

- Holiday 57.7%
- Visiting Friends or Relatives 31.0%
- Business 6.3%
- Employment 1.7%
- Education/Training 1.6%
- Others 1.6%.

Table 1: Resident Departures for May 2024 by Purpose of Visit and Length of Absence.

		Length of Absence										
Purpose of Visit	Under 3	3 months -	1 year - 5	Over 5 years or	Grand	% To Total						
	months	12 months	years	Permanently	Total							
Holiday	8,524 (57.7%)	0	0	0	8,524	52.7%						
Visiting Friends or Relatives	4,579 (31.0%)	0	0	0	4,579	28.3%						
Business	933 (6.3%)	6	0	0	939	5.8%						
Employment	257 (1.7%)	395	424	0	1,076	6.6%						
Education/Training	235 (1.6%)	89	174	0	498	3.1%						
Emigration	0	0	63	133	196	1.2%						
Others	243 (1.6%)	33	50	44	370	2.3%						
Grand Total	14,771(100%)	523	711	177	16,182							
% To Grand Total	91.3%	3.2%	4.4%	1.1%		100.0%						

Note: Percentage may not sum to 100% due to rounding of figures.

For more information on Visitor Arrivals Statistics refer to the following attached tables:

Table 1: Arrivals and Departures: Number of Residents, Visitors and Persons in Transit;

Table 2: Visitor Arrivals by Country of Residence;

Table 3: Visitor Arrivals by Purpose of Visit;

Table 4: Visitor Arrivals from Continental Europe;

Table 5: Visitor Arrivals by Country of Residence, Sex and Age - May 2024; and

Table 6: Resident Departure by Final Destination and by Purpose of Absence – May 2024.

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TABLE 1

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES: NUMBER OF RESIDENTS, VISITORS AND PERSONS IN TRANSIT

								TOTAL	
			ARRIVALS			DEPARTURES		IN	PASSENGER
YEAR/I	MONTH	RESIDENT	VISITORS	TOTAL	RESIDENT	VISITORS	TOTAL	TRANSIT	MOVEMENTS
20	19	146,552	894,389	1,040,941	173,955	863,518	1,037,473	106,390	2,184,804
20		42,532	146,905	189,437	40,326	163,151	203,477	26,484	419,398
20		10,255	31,618	41,873	13,641	18,314	31,955	12,364	86,192
20		67,353	636,312	703,665	109,368	571,874	681,242	114,062	1,498,969
20		139,148	929,740	1,068,888	186,017	862,116	1,048,133	260,962	2,377,983
2022	T	1.002	16.502	10 405	2.717	24.060	26.705	0.106	52.276
2022	January	1,903	16,502	18,405	2,716	24,069	26,785	8,186	53,376
	February	1,724	11,014	12,738	3,071	10,033	13,104	3,803	29,645
	March	2,433	21,390 46,680	23,823	4,955 6,754	16,899	21,854 44,688	4,436 6,058	50,113
	April May	6,675 4,370	46,680 47,813	53,355 52,183	6,754 8,086	37,934 44,021	52,107	7,389	104,101
	June	4,688	62,130	66,818	8,419	51,304	59,723	7,389 7,728	111,679 134,269
	July	6,218	78,638	84,856	8,419 11,296	75,350	39,723 86,646	8,652	180,154
	August	6,384	70,110	76,494	11,603	69,274	80,877	8,823	166,194
	September	6,384 6,911	70,110 72,657	79,568	11,662	59,837	71,499	8,823 10,971	162,038
	October	7,865	70,152	79,308 78,017	11,387	63,859	75,246	12,814	166,077
	November	9,560	63,646	73,206	11,568	60,924	72,492	11,649	157,347
	December	8,622	75,580	84,202	17,851	58,370	76,221	23,553	183,976
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023	January	14,291	67,502	81,793	15,302	73,592	88,894	24,021	194,708
	February	9,263	47,234	56,497	12,092	44,936	57,028	21,279	134,804
	March	11,160	60,548	71,708	13,046	53,593	66,639	21,124	159,471
	April	10,500	76,961	87,461	14,169	68,462	82,631	19,041	189,133
	May	11,922	75,147	87,069	15,323	70,280	85,603	17,587	190,259
	June	10,154	90,460	100,614	14,666	76,047	90,713	17,769	209,096
	July	10,943	93,483	104,426	15,069	91,059	106,128	19,177	229,731
	August	9,938	87,368	97,306	14,668	81,772	96,440	19,654	213,400
	September	11,618	90,439	102,057	15,657	81,976	97,633	20,672	220,362
	October	14,377	83,030	97,407	15,274	85,031	100,305	24,070	221,782
	November	11,152	74,748	85,900	17,049	72,237	89,286	23,121	198,307
	December	13,830	82,820	96,650	23,702	63,131	86,833	33,447	216,930
024	January	20,040	70,324	90,364	19,224	75,164	94,388	34,943	219,695
	February	12,039	54,732	66,771	14,518	49,975	64,493	24,629	155,893
	March	12,485	69,335	81,820	15,391	57,921	73,312	22,394	177,526
	April	11,979	77,292	89,271	16,020	71,001	87,021	23,124	199,416
	May	12,371	82,901	95,272	16,182	69,557	85,739	22,715	203,726

Note: 1. [p] provisional, [r] revised

YEAR/MONTH A	USTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	USA	CANADA	UNITED C KINGDOM	CONTINENTAL EUROPE	JAPAN	SOUTH KOREA	CHINA	INDIA	HONG KONG		PACIFIC ISLANDS	OTHERS	TOTAL
2019	367,020	205,998	96,968	13,269	16,856	36,058	14,868	6,806	47,027	6,231	2,142	21,532	54,369	5,245	894,389
2020	58,062	25,316	17,198	2,896	3,487	6,847	2,252	548	9,319	1,185	156	6,453	12,097	1,089	146,905 [p
2021	18,569	532	4,233	358	188	401	233	51	2,178	150	2	2,557	2,075	91	31,618 [p
2022	345,149	152,863	69,897	9,879	5,888	10,817	854	709	5,756	2,109	148	8,660	21,578	2,005	636,312 [p
2023	434,533	220,963	99,518	21,853	10,680	25,921	7,748	1,774	25,921	6,135	868	15,223	54,221	4,382	929,740 [p
2022 January	14,075	179	1,310	109	72	135	79	12	150	7	3	217	130	24	16,502 [g
February	7,911	273	1,859	177	80	165	29	21	128	1	2	202	130	36	11,014 [r
March	13,220	1,889	3,446	318	201	243	21	15	253	55	6	347	1,285	91	21,390 [r
April	30,462	8,298	4,733	565	278	433	61	70	436	127	9	595	481	132	46,680 [r
May	27,298	10,871	5,698	741	370	713	66	79	459	155	17	578	607	161	47,813 [r
June	33,495	15,117	8,190	758	753	946	84	47	462	238	28	869	971	172	62,130 [p
July	37,005	25,237	9,295	1,221	832	1,138	75	112	571	225	13	910	1,792	212	78,638 [r
August	32,283	21,457	7,471	1,528	669	1,599	97	91	671	301	23	1,046	2,639	235	70,110 [r
September	38,950	20,512	6,115	750	454	1,120	61	49	418	251	1	985	2,778	213	72,657 [r
October	34,351	19,610	7,692	916	737	1,526	85	52	588	286	15	907	3,194	193	70,152 [r
November	33,795	13,485	7,293	1,194	543	1,292	111	95	552	292	19	908	3,822	245	63,646 [r
December	42,304	15,935	6,795	1,602	899	1,507	85	66	1,068	171	12	1,096	3,749	291	75,580 [r
2023 January	37,269	12,934	5,359	1,735	914	2,358	114	84	833	267	11	878	4,417	329	67,502 [p
February	20,665	8,072	6,075	1,701	788	1,713	137	107	889	895	6	909	4,945	332	47,234 [r
March	28,971	10,968	7,809	2,193	951	1,829	76	80	1,118	433	17	1,259	4,502	342	60,548 [r
April	37,137	17,337	7,968	1,886	780	2,668	784	135	2,351	451	146	1,133	3,812	373	76,961 [r
May	34,713	18,026	8,336	1,946	801	2,088	742	141	2,019	553	43	1,293	4,109	337	75,147 [r
June	41,615	24,832	10,260	1,437	846	1,677	580	226	2,464	498	42	1,374	4,223	386	90,460 [r
July	40,523	25,980	10,575	1,933	1,078	2,238	987	209	3,062	436	34	1,370	4,733	325	93,483 [r
August	35,765	24,241	9,215	1,782	1,060	2,620	1,296	172	3,876	448	130	1,892	4,442	429	87,368 [r
September October	42,564 37,844	24,708	8,092 9,266	1,554 1,935	640 900	2,010 2,393	960 698	156 113	2,991 2,656	418 490	79 109	1,771 1,156	4,164	332 401	90,439 [p
November November	37,844	20,308 16,082	9,266 8,490	1,935	900 755	2,393 1,912	698 705	113	2,656 1,652	509	109	972	4,761 5,152	283	83,030 [g 74,748 [g
December	41,436	17,475	8,490	1,838	1,167	2,415	669	178	2,010	737	137	1,216	4,961	513	82,820 [r
2024 January	34,671	14,834	6,675	1,686	1,029	2,664	505	216	2,076	462	100	854	4,152	400	70,324 [r
February	20,405	9,253	7,684	1,930	943	2,101	885	149	3,692	439	45	1,024	5,824	358	54,732 [r
March	32,008	13,010	8,656	1,999	1,102	2,565	874	116	2,244	431	164	1,450	4,301	415	69,335 [r
April	36,407	18,234	8,018	1,389	820	2,392	624	129	2,747	499	43	1,271	4,422	297	77,292 [r
May	38,944	19,627	9,232	1,488	874	2,201	799	136	2,202	468	23	1,192	5,299	416	82,901 [p

Note:1. As from January 2011, Hong Kong and India were separated from Rest of Asia, while Taiwan was included; 2. [p] provisional, [r] revised

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT

PERIOD	,	BUSINESS	OFFICIAL CONFERENCE	HOLIDAY	VISITING FRIENDS/ RELATIVES	EDUCATION/ TRAINING	OTHERS	TOTAL
2	019	29,882	18,443	656,249	92,026	8,608	89,181	894,389
	020	4,282	1,788	99,199	15,126	4,132	22,378	146,905
	020	1,420	24	19,922	2,617	718	6,917	31,618
	022	13,143	4,164	519,797	60,837	2,615	35,756	636,312
	023	21,998	10,418	734,153	70,269	2,786	90,116	929,740
2022	January	287	13	14,410	932	69	791	16,502
	February	499	20	8,694	1,223	50	528	11,014
	March	670	65	16,505	2,236	887	1,027	21,390
	April	870	144	38,839	5,128	150	1,549	46,680
	May	1,646	414	37,319	6,467	171	1,796	47,813
	June	1,241	187	50,023	8,054	172	2,453	62,130
	July	1,400	503	63,375	10,004	270	3,086	78,638
	August	1,569	669	56,037	7,257	327	4,251	70,110
	September	1,544	381	60,918	4,873	366	4,575	72,657
	October	933	304	58,835	4,543	117	5,420	70,152
	November	1,783	1,129	52,284	3,970	23	4,457	63,646
	December	701	335	62,558	6,150	13	5,823	75,580
2023	January	961	452	52,845	4,335	581	8,328	67,502
	February	1,779	983	33,371	3,876	1,359	5,866	47,234
	March	2,403	1,087	46,468	3,718	121	6,751	60,548
	April	1,783	824	61,605	6,088	154	6,507	76,961
	May	2,275	902	60,117	4,832	66	6,955	75,147
	June	1,837	989	71,434	8,750	63	7,387	90,460
	July	1,855	725	75,361	7,516	176	7,850	93,483
	August	1,678	821	69,592	7,004	109	8,164	87,368
	September	1,529	963	73,178	6,830	66	7,873	90,439
	October	2,740	1,266	65,607	5,877	36	7,504	83,030
	November	2,110	1,149	58,345	4,900	36	8,208	74,748
	December	1,048	257	66,230	6,543	19	8,723	82,820
2024	January	1,197	417	55,613	3,929	183	8,985	70,324
	February	1,949	994	39,788	4,399	1,263	6,339	54,732
	March	1,719	905	54,614	5,245	149	6,703	69,335
	April	1,982	1,047	59,736	7,721	66	6,740	77,292
	May	2,042	1,083	65,434	6,469	38	7,835	82,901

Note: 1. [p] provisional, [r] revised

TABLE 4

VISITOR ARRIVALS FROM CONTINENTAL EUROPE

YEA	R/MONTH													REST OF	
		SPAIN	FRANCE	ITALY	SWITZERLAND NET	HERLANDS (GERMANY A	AUSTRIA	DENMARK	FINLAND	NORWAY	RUSSIA	SWEDEN	EUROPE	TOTAL
20)19	1,549	5,644	3,259	2,253	1,835	8,871	791	1,677	620	905	1,116	1,470	6,068	36,058
20)20	160	907	273	536	362	2,041	197	297	151	146	277	367	1,133	6,847 [
20)21	13	115	36	23	8	43	13	5	6	7	22	13	97	401 [
)22	757	1,840	1,289	632	520	2,118	243	665	128	323	121	312	1,869	10,817 [
20)23	1,309	4,133	2,309	1,645	1,419	6,564	658	1,152	367	446	593	643	4,683	25,921 [
2022	January	32	37	5	9	3	6	3	10	2	1	1	4	22	135 [
	February	3	49	9	6	4	29	6	3	6	10	3	7	30	165 [
	March	15	72	12	17	6	44	6	0	4	0	7	6	54	243 [
	April	38	61	19	21	24	62	6	58	8	7	4	8	117	433 [
	May	35	189	50	41	30	112	18	62	6	21	4	27	118	713 [
	June	77	203	65		39	147	19	110	5	55	7	33	147	946 [
	July	74	231	127	87	59	176	14	52	9	54	10	31	214	1,138 [
	August	145	246	456		78	261	42		4	15	11	31	234	1,599 [
	September	63	161	172	70	50	238	19	139	13	26	12	16	141	1,120 [
	October	119		229	101	75	307	45		26	39	25	49	195	1,526 [
	November	71		63		72	354	18			40	16	48	332	1,292 [
	December	85	233	82	96	80	382	47	80	29	55	21	52	265	1,507 [
2023	January	76		69		109	974	86		42	60	39	63	348	2,358 [
	February	57	217	70		106	545	42		19	45	52	60	343	1,713 [
	March	72		56		117	547	58		56	16	24	65	386	1,829 [
	April	82	307	63		136	921	90		26	56	47	66	373	2,668 [
	May	90	497	127		138	511	36		16	18	52	34	365	2,088 [
	June	91	305	227	94	74	362	32		39	40	25	63	270	1,677 [
	July	136		279		156	423	50		7	39	38	53	414	2,238 [
	August	204		598		138	519	49			19	38	48	443	2,620 [
	September	105	238	265		91	366	54		12	22	108	31	474	2,010 [
	October	151	355	347		114	552	44		50	38	68	46	372	2,393 [
	November	121	277	106		101	433	56		39	53	43	45	480	1,912 [
	December	124	750	102	133	139	411	61	73	39	40	59	69	415	2,415 [
024	January	81	684	88		110	619	79		34	25	67	64	541	2,664 [
	February	60	338	92		84	649	72			27	50	49	441	2,101 [
	March	129	448	99		131	851	87		23	31	28	54	382	2,565 [
	April	144	549	100		105	570	54			63	48	38	348	2,392 [
	May	131	603	132	126	80	537	46	58	28	17	61	38	344	2,201 [

Note: 1. As from January 2011, Russia was excluded from Rest of Europe and Belgium included; 2. [p] provisional, [r] revised. Source: Fiji Immigration Department

TABLE 5

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE, SEX AND AGE - MAY 2024

AGE GROUP	AUSTI	RALIA	NEW ZE	ALAND	USA	A	CANAI	DA	UNITE KINGD(CONTINI EURO		CHIN	Ī A	ОТН	ERS	тот	AL	TOTAL	%
YEARS	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
< 1	67	66	33	28	4	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	9	111	110	221	0.3
01-02	749	739	278	247	53	50	6	13	2	3	4	4	3	4	35	47	1,130	1,107	2,237	2.7
03-04	741	701	237	240	33	55	3	8	2	0	5	3	3	5	27	32	1,051	1,044	2,095	2.5
05-09	1,276	1,300	594	552	86	86	14	23	5	3	21	12	14	8	89	80	2,099	2,064	4,163	5.0
10-14	648	617	378	420	92	85	15	11	3	5	11	28	10	5	66	120	1,223	1,291	2,514	3.0
15-19	355	401	217	227	122	152	26	19	8	14	36	49	13	10	110	141	887	1,013	1,900	2.3
20-24	633	1,024	317	432	217	347	36	55	41	74	111	178	47	55	352	204	1,754	2,369	4,123	5.0
25-29	1174	1,541	579	709	273	379	42	55	53	83	133	167	130	121	628	334	3,012	3,389	6,401	7.7
30-34	1,729	2,028	854	951	396	470	55	59	70	62	157	174	162	120	719	403	4,142	4,267	8,409	10.1
35-39	2,008	2,196	932	961	414	403	60	70	30	32	107	88	165	105	715	363	4,431	4,218	8,649	10.4
40-44	1,788	1,708	872	877	378	390	62	63	41	14	105	77	207	70	595	339	4,048	3,538	7,586	9.2
45-49	1,242	1,214	711	710	336	375	50	50	33	11	98	57	145	33	498	291	3,113	2,741	5,854	7.1
50-54	1,232	1,345	826	841	439	435	59	62	29	27	87	63	164	73	401	240	3,237	3,086	6,323	7.6
55-59	1,172	1,323	710	749	430	419	76	81	24	30	83	50	123	73	324	248	2,942	2,973	5,915	7.1
60-64	1,236	1,516	717	709	430	460	64	70	22	31	70	53	96	79	208	174	2,843	3,092	5,935	7.2
65 & OVER	2,598	2,577	1,384	1,335	720	697	121	159	68	54	107	63	70	89	304	230	5,372	5,204	10,576	12.8
TOTAL ALL																				
AGES TOTAL BOTH	18,648	20,296	9,639	9,988	4,423	4,809	689	799	431	443	1,135	1,066	1,352	850	5,078	3,255	41,395	41,506	82,901	100.0
SEXES	38,9	944	19,6	27	9,23	2	1,488	3	874		2,20)1	2,20	2	8,33	33	82,9	01		
PERCENTAGE TO TOTAL	47	.0	23.	7	11.1	1	1.8		1.1		2.7	1	2.7		10.	.1	100	.0		

Note: Percentage may not sum to 100 due to rounding of figures

TABLE 6

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-					VISITING				
				EDUCATION/	FRIENDS/				
COUNTRY/PURPOSE	HOLIDAY	BUSINESS EMP	LOYMENT	TRAINING	RELATIVES	EMIGRATION	OTHERS	TOTAL	
Australia	3,240	271	453	213	1,448	34	110	5,769	
% to total	56.2	4.7	7.9	3.7	25.1	0.6	1.9	100.0	
New Zealand	3,004	138	370	92	1,666	117	47	5,434	
% to total	55.3	2.5	6.8	1.7	30.7	2.2	0.9	100.0	
United States of America	572	81	18	31	489	43	59	1,293	
% to total	44.2	6.3	1.4	2.4	37.8	3.3	4.6	100.0	
Canada	137	8	1	0	116	2	3	267	
% to total	51.3	3.0	0.4	0.0	43.4	0.7	1.1	100.0	
United Kingdom	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	5	
% to total	20.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	20.0	100.0	
Continental Europe	10	1	0	0	6	0	1	18	
% to total	55.6	5.6	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	5.6	100.0	
Japan	122	11	3	8	22	0	18	184	
% to total	66.3	6.0	1.6	4.3	12.0	0.0	9.8	100.0	
South Korea	5	1	0	0	7	0	1	14	
% to total	35.7	7.1	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	7.1	100.0	
China	256	62	28	51	157	0	28	582	
% to total	44.0	10.7	4.8	8.8	27.0	0.0	4.8	100.0	
Rest of Asia	649	62	24	37	281	0	46	1,099	
% to total	59.1	5.6	2.2	3.4	25.6	0.0	4.2	100.0	
Pacific Islands	526	301	131	65	384	0	52	1,459	
% to total	36.1	20.6	9.0	4.5	26.3	0.0	3.6	100.0	
Others	2	1	48	1	2	0	4	58	
% to total	3.4	1.7	82.8	1.7	3.4	0.0	6.9	100.0	
TOTAL	8,524	939	1,076	498	4,579	196	370	16,182	
PERCENTAGE TO TOTAL	52.7	5.8	6.6	3.1	28.3	1.2	2.3	100.0	

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