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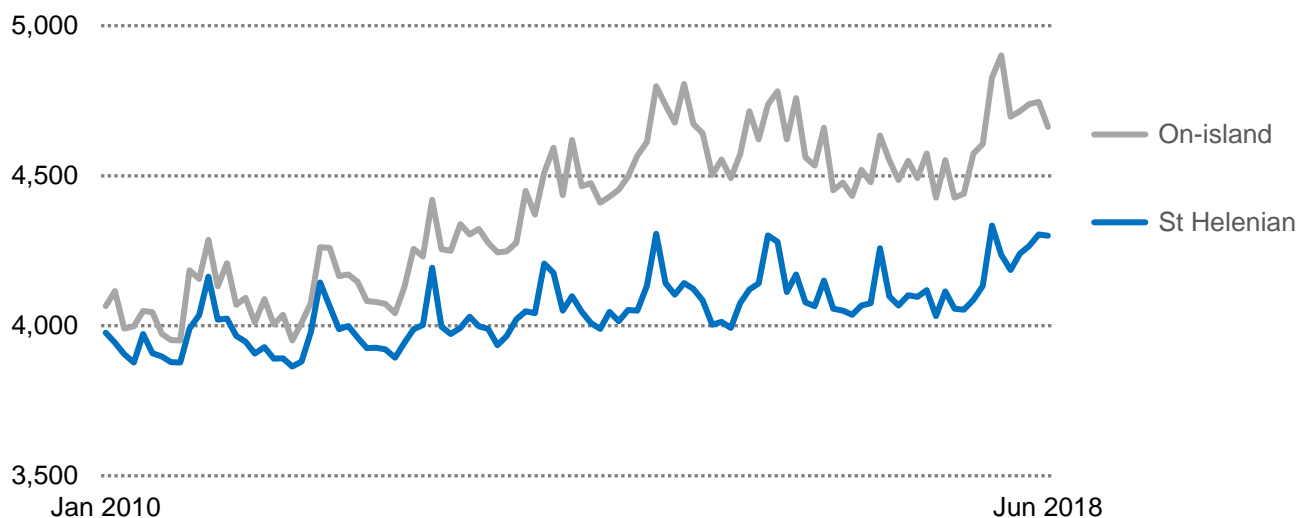
This Bulletin presents the latest estimates of the size of the population of St Helena, the number of arrivals and departures (including detailed statistics on arrivals by air), and the number of births and deaths.

The data released in this Bulletin can be downloaded in Excel format from the 'Population' file on the St Helena Statistics website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/statistics-data.

Population estimates

At the end of June 2018 the number of St Helenians on St Helena was estimated to be 4,300, almost 7% higher than at the end of June 2017, and very close to the peak number of 4,334 recorded at the end of December 2017. The estimated number of persons on St Helena, residents plus visitors, was 4,663, is a slight decrease compared to the end of March 2018, but a 5.3% annual increase compared to the end of June 2017.

Chart 1. Total on-Island and St Helenian population



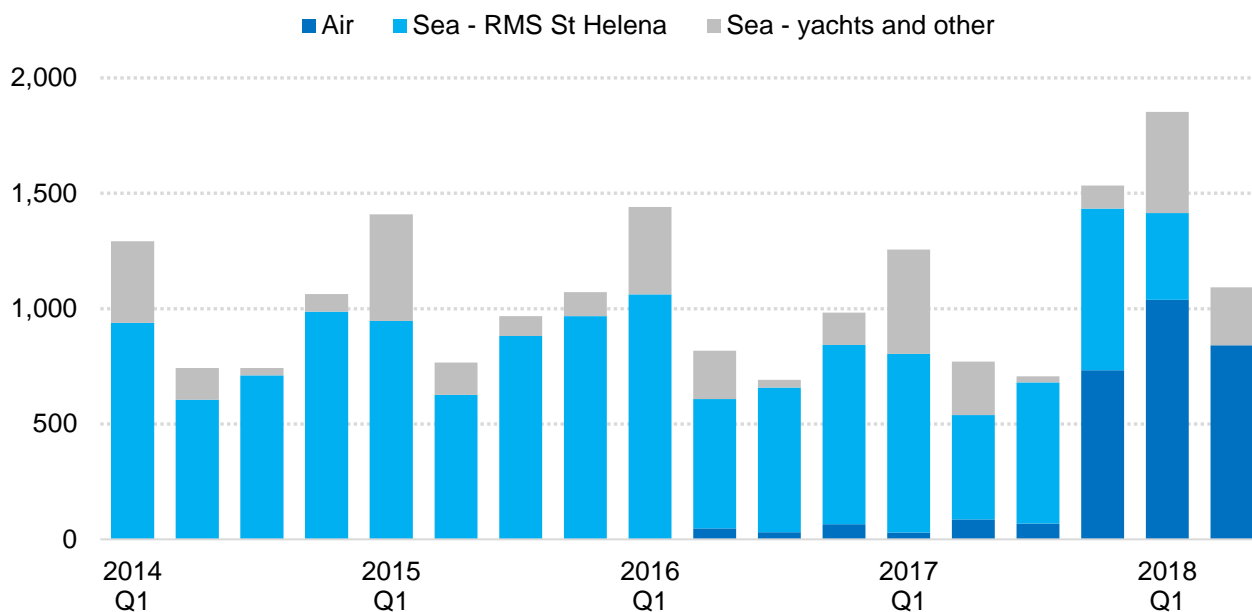
Arrivals and departures

The total number of arrivals for the second quarter of 2018 was estimated to be 1,093 (see Table 1). This is much lower than the 1,852 arrivals in the first quarter, when both the new scheduled air service and the RMS St Helena were operating. However compared to a year ago, when there were 770 arrivals in the second quarter, it is a significant increase of 323 people or more than 40%.

Of the 1,093 arrivals in the second quarter, 77% (841) arrived by air, with the remainder arriving by yachts or ships, usually in transit to other destinations. As expected, as a result of moving into the off-peak season, the number of air arrivals in the second quarter was around 200 less than the first quarter, when 1,038 people arrived by air. The last and first quarters of each year usually see a larger number of visits, since these are the warmer months on St Helena, and St Helenians living overseas

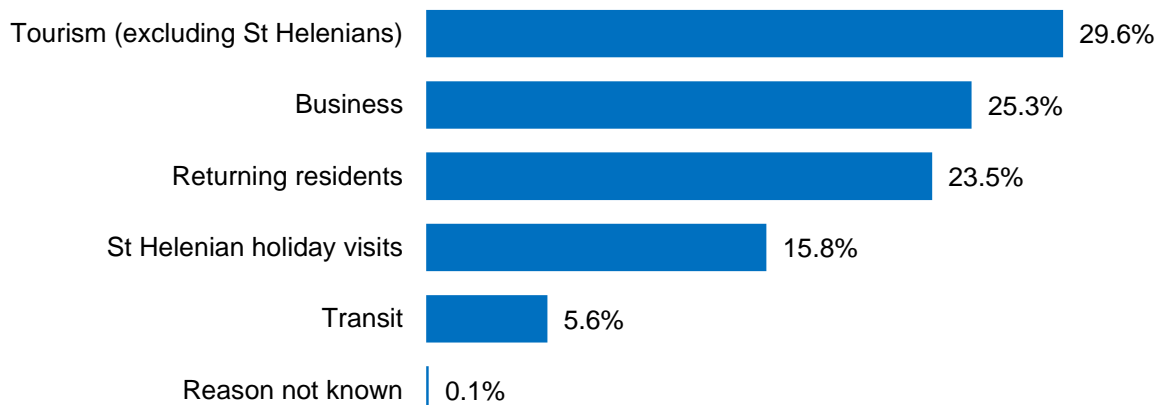
tend to visit during this period (see Chart 2).

Chart 2. Arrivals to St Helena by mode of transport, by quarter



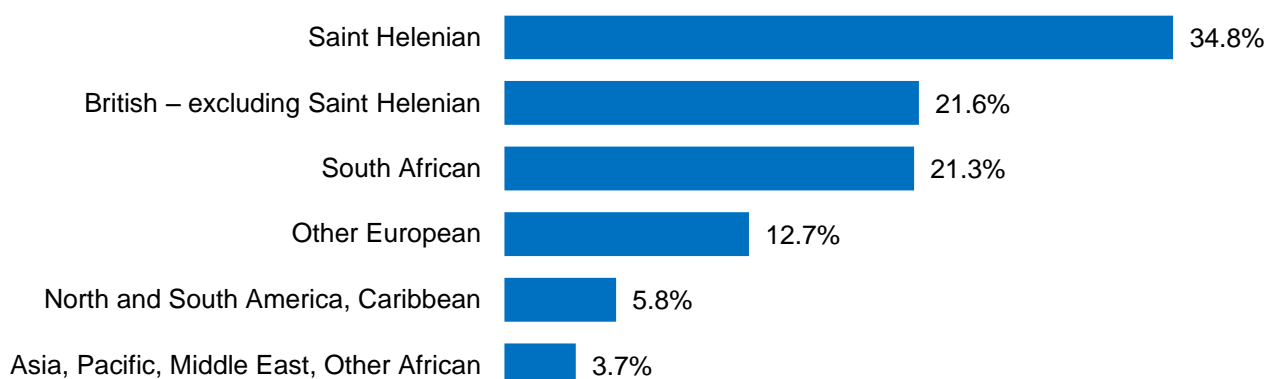
Since the scheduled air service began, 30% of all persons arriving by air have been tourists – excluding those St Helenians who live abroad returning for a short-term holiday, who were around 16% of all persons. People returning to their home on St Helena were a further 24%, and those arriving on St Helena for business, including persons and their families recruited overseas to work on St Helena, were 25% (Chart 3).

Chart 3. Arrivals by air, October 2017 to June 2018



Within the group of passengers who came to St Helena for a short-term holiday visit, 35% were St Helenian, 22% were British, and 21% were South African – comprising together just under 80% of all arrivals. Of the remainder, most were from countries in Europe (Chart 4).

Chart 4. Short-term arrivals by air, for tourism or holiday, October 2017 to June 2018



Further details of air arrivals are given in Table 1, and in the 'Population' data file at www.sainthelena.gov.sh/statistics-data.

Table 1. Arrivals to St Helena by quarter, October 2017 to June 2018

	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Total	%
Total arrivals, excluding cruise ships	1,533	1,852	1,093	4,478	100%
Air	733	1,038	841	2,612	58%
Sea – RMS St Helena	700	376	..	1,076	24%
Sea – yachts	63	395	181	639	14%
Sea – other ships	37	43	71	151	3%
Day visitors from cruise ships	681	778	662	2,058	
Arrivals by air	733	1,038	841	2,612	100%
Tourism (excluding St Helenians)	235	334	204	773	30%
St Helenian holiday visits	54	155	204	413	16%
Business	167	267	228	662	25%
Returning residents	225	219	170	614	24%
Transit	49	63	35	147	6%
Reason not known	3	-	-	3	0%
Arrivals by air for tourism or holiday	289	489	408	1,186	100%
British – excluding Saint Helenian	68	126	62	256	22%
Saint Helenian	54	155	204	413	35%
South African	93	73	87	253	21%
European	45	76	30	151	13%
North and South America, Caribbean	14	38	17	69	6%
Asia, Pacific, Middle East, Other African	15	21	8	44	4%

Even though the number of tourists arriving on St Helena was greater than the number of St Helenians arriving for a holiday to visit family and friends, the total number of nights they stayed on the island was less. This is because, on average, visiting St Helenians tend to stay longer than those visiting for tourism purposes (Chart 5).

Chart 5. Short-term tourists and holiday makers, by length of stay on St Helena, October 2017 to June 2018

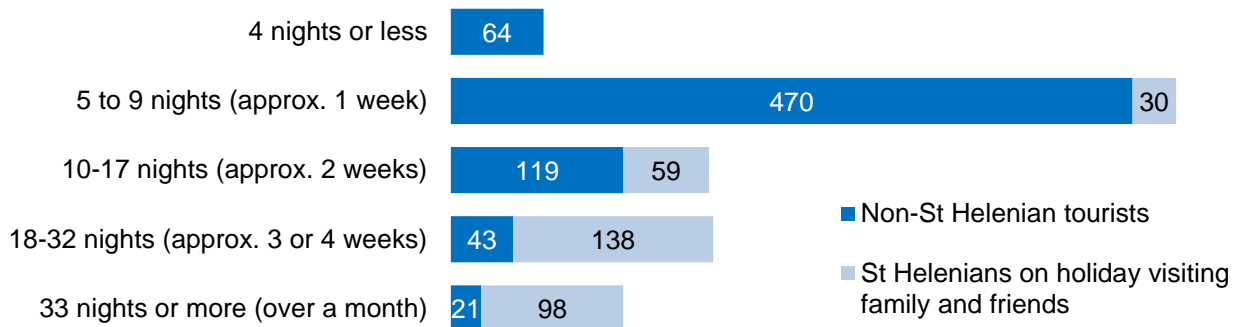


Table 2 has more details, including totals by quarter and the average length of stay for St Helenians on holiday visits (30 days per visitor) and for non-St Helenian tourists (10 days per tourist). More data, including figures by month from 2010 onwards, are given in the 'Population' data file at www.sainthelena.gov.sh/statistics-data.

Table 2. Length of stay of tourists and holiday makers, October 2017 to June 2018

	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Total	%
Number of nights spent, arrivals by air for tourism or holiday and departing in month					
Total	2,099	6,738	8,100	16,977	100%
St Helenian	454	3,209	5,969	9,632	57%
Non-Saint Helenian	1,645	3,529	2,131	7,305	43%
Number of arrivals by air for tourism or holiday and departing in month, staying for:					
St Helenian	17	114	194	325	100%
4 nights or less	-	-	-	-	-%
5 to 9 nights (approx. 1 week)	5	10	15	30	9%
10-17 nights (approx. 2 weeks)	3	24	32	59	18%
18-32 nights (approx. 3 or 4 weeks)	4	52	82	138	42%
33 nights or more (over a month)	5	28	65	98	30%
Non-St Helenian	180	341	196	717	100%
4 nights or less	32	26	6	64	9%
5 to 9 nights (approx. 1 week)	115	222	133	470	66%
10-17 nights (approx. 2 weeks)	19	59	41	119	17%
18-32 nights (approx. 3 or 4 weeks)	10	23	10	43	6%
33 nights or more (over a month)	4	11	6	21	3%
Average number of nights per person arriving by air for tourism or holiday, departing in month					
St Helenian	27	28	31	30	
Non-Saint Helenian	9	10	11	10	

The total number of departures for the second quarter of 2018 was 1,139, substantially less than the first quarter (1,957) but about the same as the fourth quarter of 2017. This reflects the typical observed seasonal pattern, when St Helenians visiting for the Christmas period return in the first quarter of the year. Just over two-thirds of all departures were people returning to their usual place of residence. Some 14% were people who left to take up an overseas employment opportunity or to emigrate, and a further 10% were residents of St Helena departing for a holiday (see Table 3).

Table 3. Persons departing from St Helena by air or sea, October 2017 to June 2018

	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Total	%
Total Departures	1,134	1,957	1,139	4,230	100%
For tourism or holiday	184	151	104	439	10%
Medical treatment, including carers	30	61	31	122	3%
Overseas employment or emigration	148	295	155	598	14%
Return to place of residence	742	1,413	831	2,986	71%
Business	29	37	18	84	2%

Births and deaths

In the second quarter of 2018, there were a total of seven births and 13 deaths registered on St Helena; this is almost the same as the previous quarter, when there were also 13 deaths, but six births.

However the number of births almost halved compared to the same period of 2017, where 13 births were reported. In recent years, the number of deaths has exceeded births - during the last twelve months, there have been 27 births and 57 deaths.

Table 4: Number of registered births and deaths on St Helena, 2013 to Quarter 2, 2018

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Q2 2018
Births	35	48	40	35	36	10	4	6	7
Male	13	25	24	16	18	5	3	3	3
Female	22	23	16	19	18	5	1	3	4
Deaths	55	61	55	45	58	13	18	13	13
Male	34	36	32	26	34	3	7	5	7
Female	21	25	23	19	24	10	11	8	6

Source: Customer Service Centre, St Helena Post Office

Have more questions or comments?

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