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Tourist Arrivals

Monthly Statistical Bulletin

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Stay-Over Visitors and Cruise Ship Passenger Arrivals

September 2016 saw a positive growth in visitor arrivals. Among stay-over visitors, arrivals decreased by **3,384** tourists (or **10.5%**) to **35,537** compared to **32,153** in the year 2015 (**Figure 1**). Total cruise arrivals decreased by **28.3%** over the review period to **16,828** passengers.

Stay-over Arrivals by Country of Residence

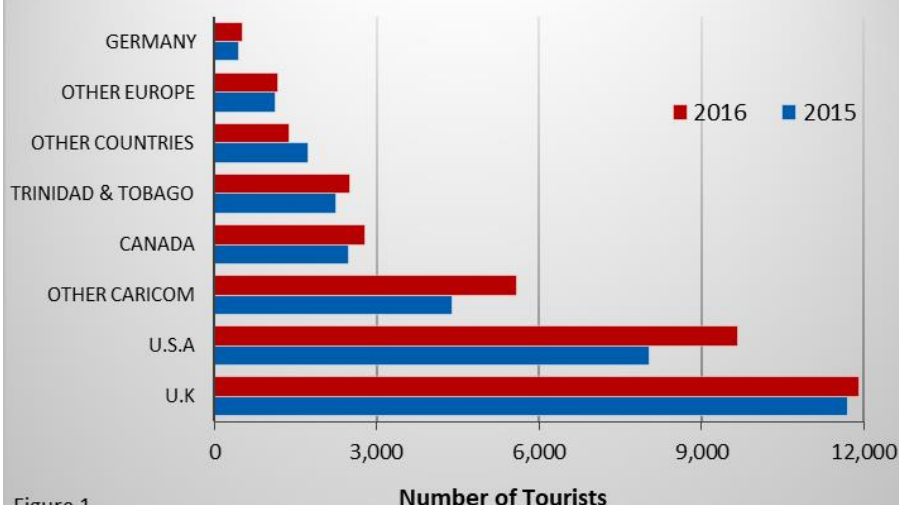


Figure 1

Tourist arrivals from Other CARICOM increased to 5,585 (**↑27.4%**)

Other Countries stay-over visitors declined to 1,376 (**↓21.0%**)

An increase was observed among stay-over arrivals from U.S.A (**↑20.6%**)

Tourists arriving from Germany increased to 515 (**↑16.0%**)

Cruise

Landed passengers increased to 694 (**↑34.0%**)

Intransit cruise passengers numbered 16,134 (**↓29.7%**)

The number of cruise calls decreased to 6 (**↓25.0%**)

Arrivals by Cruise

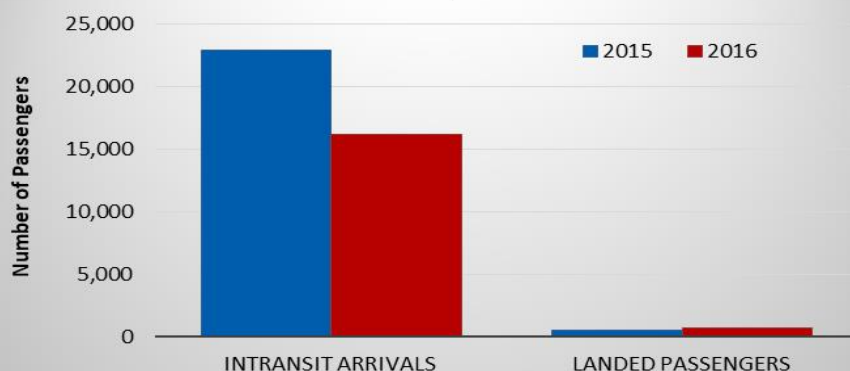
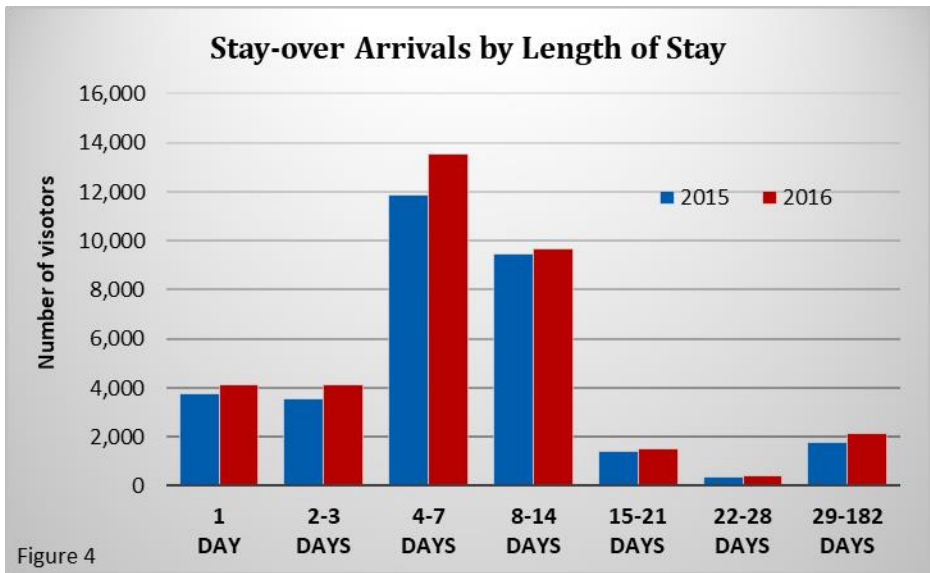
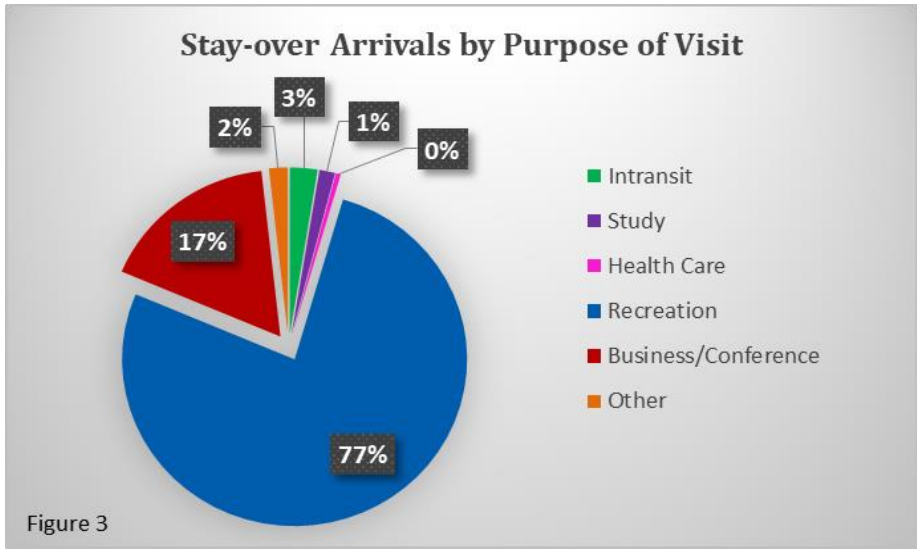


Figure 2

Other Highlights:

Among the **35,537** stay-over arrivals recorded for this period, **27,311** (or 77%) visited for recreational purposes, predominantly for holiday (**23,693** tourists). This represents a decrease of **12%** among all recreational visitors. The average number of days spent in Barbados among stay-over visitor arrivals was approximately **10.94** days over the review period.



Health care visits increased to 163 (↑41.7%)

Intransit visits totalled 922 (↑36.8)

Study visits increased to 526 (↑36.6%)

Visits for sports decreased to 213 (↓36.2%)

Visits for the purpose of visiting friends totalled 2,147 (↑20.3%)

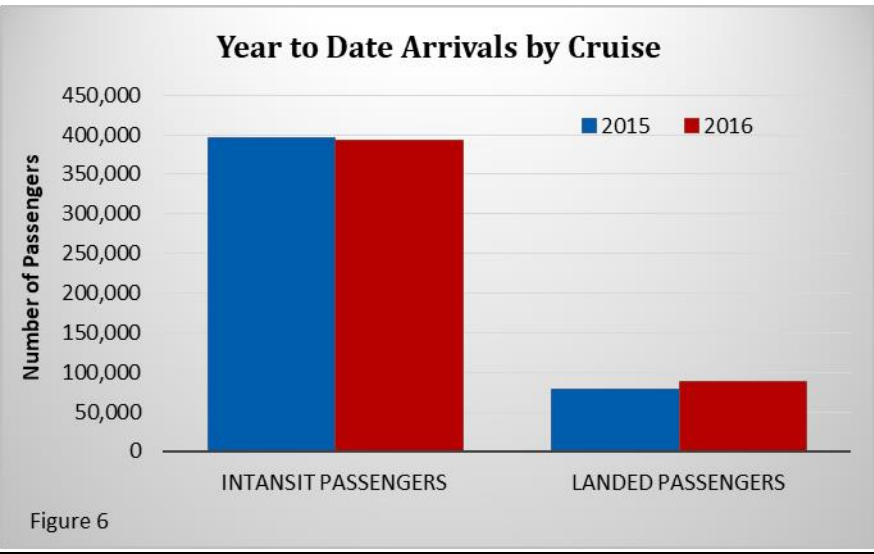
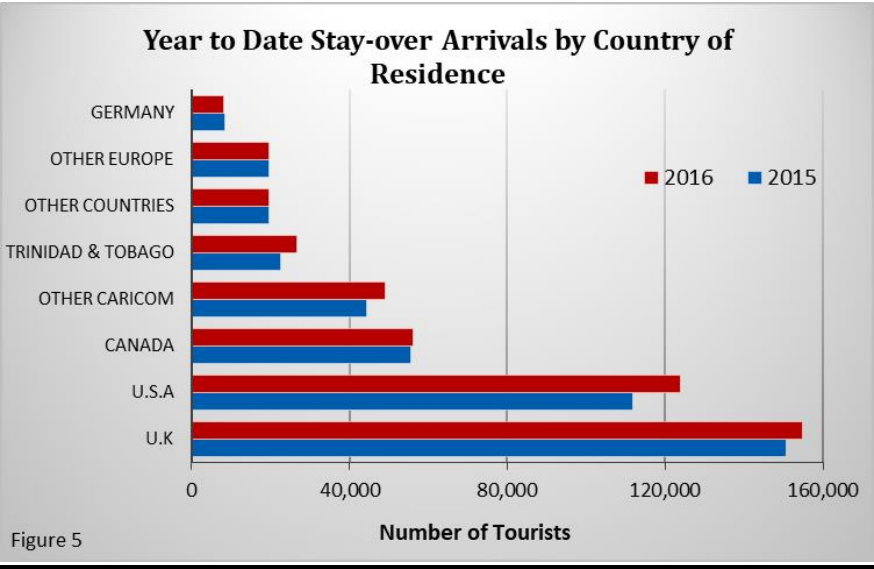
Length of stay

Visits of 29-182 day totalled 2,154 (↑22.9%)

Average length of stay was 10.94 days (↑0.8%)

YEAR TO DATE

January – September 2016 saw positive growth in visitor arrivals. Among stay-over visitors, arrivals increased by **24,931** tourists (or **5.8%**) to **457,670** compared to **432,739** in the year 2015 (**Figure 5**). Total cruise arrivals increased by **1.5%** over the review period to **481,448** passengers.



Trinidad & Tobago stay-over visitors totalled 26,618 (**↑18.3%**)

An increase was observed among stay-over arrivals from U.S.A (**↑10.7%**)

Tourist arrivals from Other CARICOM totalled 48,977 (**↑10.5%**)

Tourist arrivals from Germany fell to 8,013 (**↓4.8%**)

Cruise

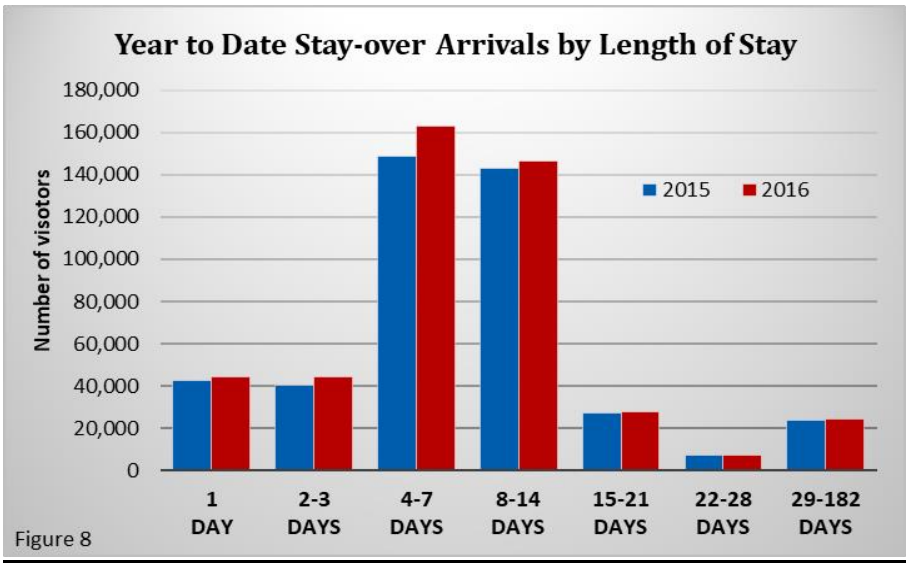
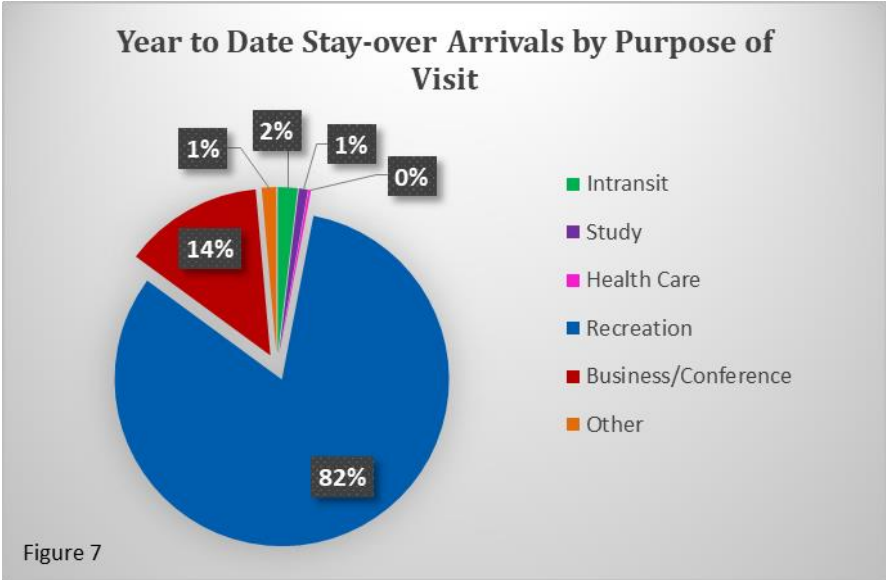
Landed passengers numbered 87,927 (**↑12.4%**)

Intransit cruise passengers declined to 393,521 (**↓0.7%**)

The number of cruise calls totalled 227 (**↑8.2%**)

Other Highlights:

Among the **457,670** stay-over arrivals recorded for this period, **375,593** (or 82%) visited for recreational purposes, predominantly for holiday (**338,234** tourists). This represents an increase of **5.9%** among all recreational visitors. The average number of days spent in Barbados among stay-over visitor arrivals was approximately **10.83** days over the review period.



Intransit visit decreased to 8,756 (↓61.8%)

Business/Conference visits increase to 61,751 (↑43.7%)

Visits for the purpose of visiting friends totalled 21,538 (↑25.8%)

Sports visits declined 5,110 (↓23.1%)

Other purposes of visits decreased to 6,435 (↓10.8%)

Length of stay

Visits of 2-3 days totalled 44,593 (↑10.4%)

Average length of stay was 10.83 days (↓2.5%)

Table 1
Stay-Over Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence; 2015 and 2016

Country Of Residence	September		Actual Change	% Change
	2015	2016		
U.S.A	8,026	9,680	1,654	20.6
Canada	2,483	2,786	303	12.2
U.K	11,707	11,920	213	1.8
Germany	444	515	71	16.0
Other Europe	1,125	1,166	41	3.6
Trinidad & Tobago	2,243	2,509	266	11.9
Other CARICOM	4,384	5,585	1,201	27.4
Other Countries	1,741	1,376	-365	-21.0
TOTAL	32,153	35,537	3,384	10.5

Table 2
Cruise Ship Arrivals; 2015 and 2016

Details	September		Actual Change	% Change
	2015	2016		
Total Cruise Arrivals	23,455	16,828	-6,627	-28.3
Intransit Arrivals^[i]	22,937	16,134	-6,803	-29.7
Landed Passengers^[ii]	518	694	176	34.0
No. of Cruise Calls	8	6	-2	-25.0

Table 3
Stay-Over Tourist Arrivals by Purpose of Visit; 2015 and 2016

Purpose of Visit	September		Actual Change	% Change
	2015	2016		
Intransit	674	922	248	36.8
Study	385	526	141	36.6
Health Care	115	163	48	41.7
Recreation	24,375	27,311	2,936	12.0
<i>Holiday</i>	20,839	23,693	2,854	13.7
<i>Visiting Friends etc.</i>	1,784	2,147	363	20.3
<i>Honeymoon/Get Married</i>	716	585	-131	-18.3
<i>Sports</i>	334	213	-121	-36.2
<i>Other Recreation</i>	702	673	-29	-4.1
Business/Conference	5,883	5,989	106	1.8
Other	721	626	-95	-13.2
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Total	32,153	35,537	3,384	10.5

Table 4
Stay-Over Tourist Arrivals by Intended Length of Stay; 2015 and 2016

Length of Stay	September		Actual Change	% Change
	2015	2016		
1 Day	3,746	4,115	369	9.9
2-3 Days	3,562	4,135	573	16.1
4-7 Days	11,875	13,568	1,693	14.3
8-14 Days	9,441	9,649	208	2.2
15-21 Days	1,411	1,514	103	7.3
22-28 Days	366	402	36	9.8
29-182 Days	1,752	2,154	402	22.9
Total	32,153	35,537	3,384	10.5
Average	10.85	10.94	0	0.8

Table 5
Year to date Stay-Over Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence; 2015 and 2016

Country Of Residence	Year-To-Date		Actual Change	% Change
	2015	2016		
U.S.A	111,835	123,820	11,985	10.7
Canada	55,556	56,191	635	1.1
U.K	150,742	154,882	4,140	2.7
Germany	8,416	8,013	-403	-4.8
Other Europe	19,578	19,515	-63	-0.3
Trinidad & Tobago	22,515	26,618	4,103	18.2
Other CARICOM	44,315	48,977	4,662	10.5
Other Countries	19,782	19,654	-128	-0.6
TOTAL	432,739	457,670	24,931	5.8

Table 6
Year to date Cruise Ship Arrivals; 2015 and 2016

Details	Year-To-Date		Actual Change	% Change
	2015	2016		
Total Cruise Arrivals	474,405	481,448	7,043	1.5
Intansit Passengers ^[i]	396,148	393,521	-2,627	-0.7
Landed Passengers ^[ii]	78,257	87,927	9,670	12.4
No. of Cruise Calls	256	277	21	8.2

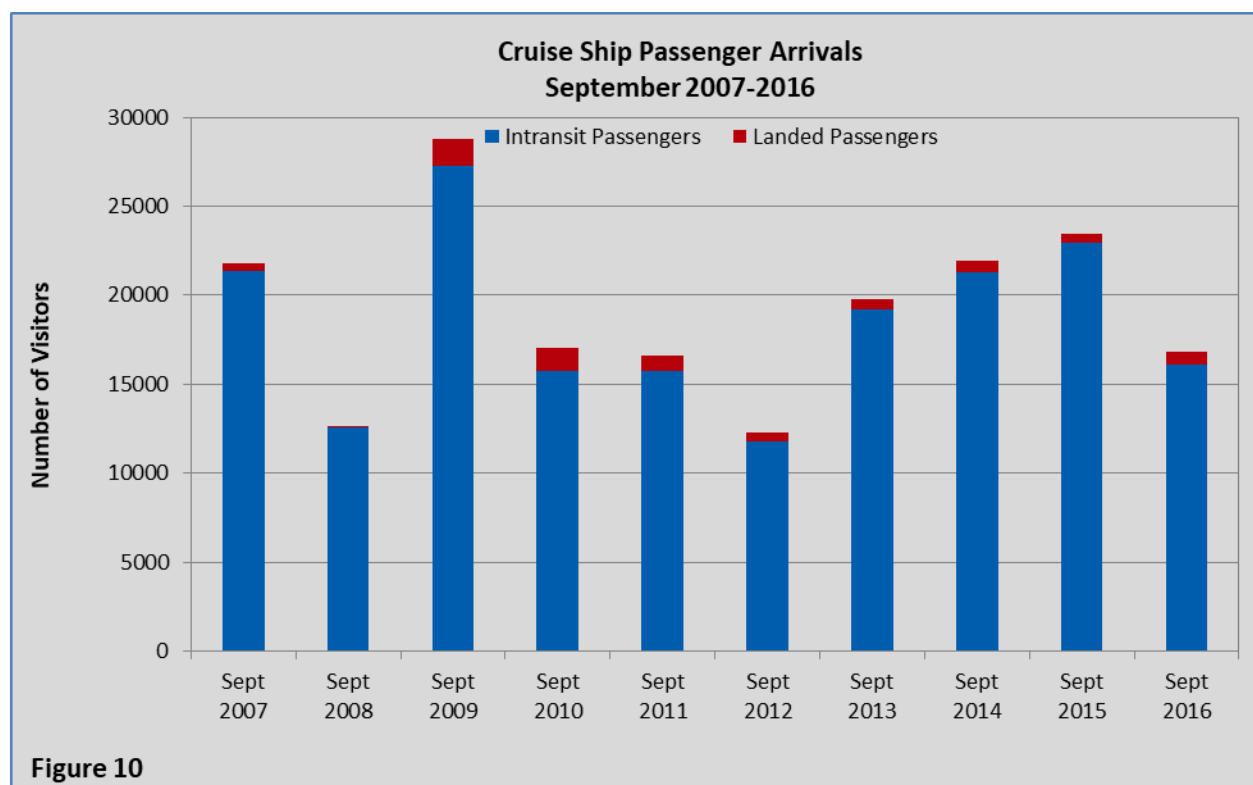
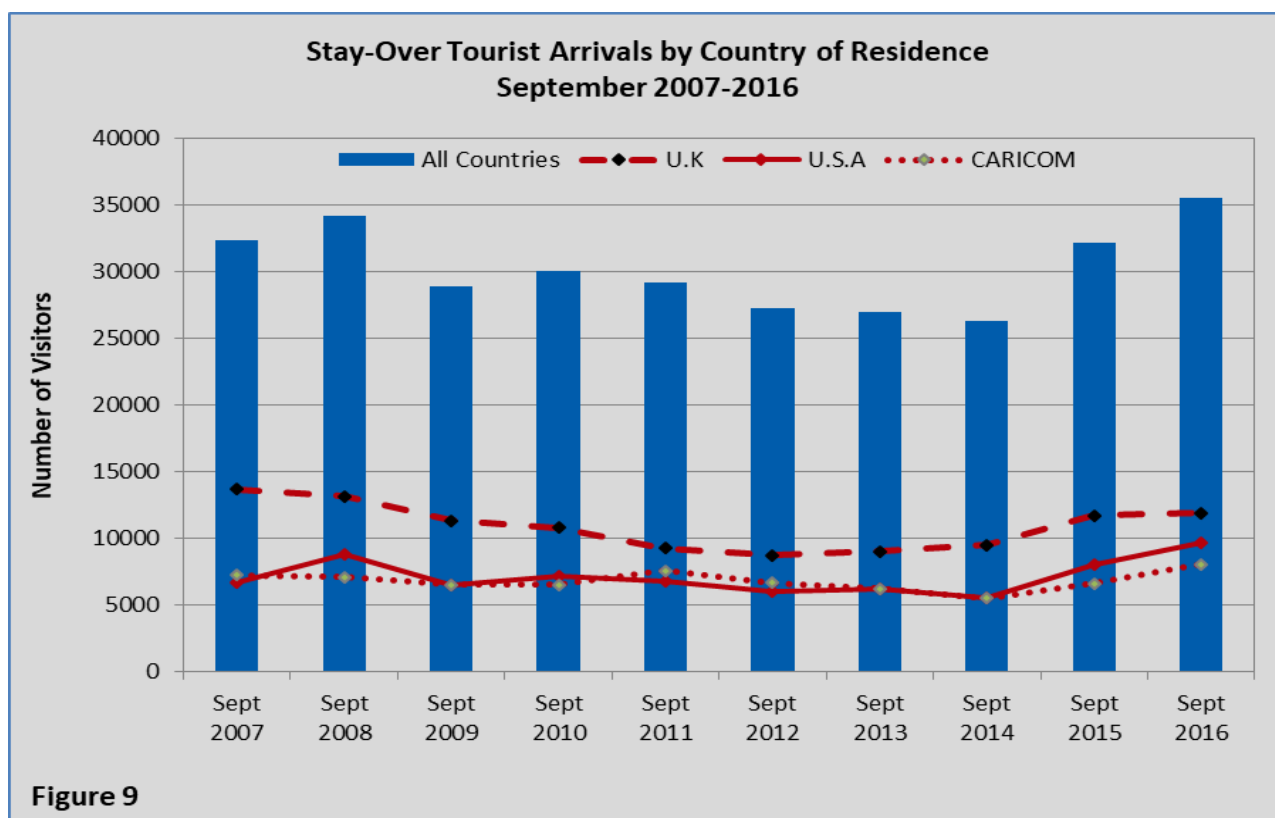
Table 7
Year to Date Stay-Over Tourist Arrivals by Purpose of Visit; 2015 and 2016

Purpose of Visit	Year-To-Date		Actual Change	% Change
	2015	2015		
Intransit	22,933	8,756	-14,177	-61.8
Study	3,892	3,995	103	2.6
Health Care	1,134	1140	6	0.5
Recreation	354,603	375,593	20,990	5.9
<i>Holiday</i>	320,116	338,234	18,118	5.7
<i>Visiting Friends etc.</i>	17,119	21,538	4,419	25.8
<i>Honeymoon/Get Married</i>	5,189	4,773	-416	-8.0
<i>Sports</i>	6,645	5,110	-1535	-23.1
<i>Other Recreation</i>	5,534	5,938	404	7.3
Business/Conference	42,963	61,751	18,788	43.7
Other	7,214	6,435	-779	-10.8
Total	432,739	457,670	24,931	5.8

Table 8
Year to Date Stay-Over Tourist Arrivals by Intended Length of Stay; 2015 and 2016

Intended Length of Stay	Year-To-Date		Actual Change	% Change
	2015	2016		
1 Day	42,596	44,489	1,893	4.4
2-3 Days	40,394	44,593	4,199	10.4
4-7 Days	148,681	163,028	14,347	9.6
8-14 Days	142,797	146,198	3,401	2.4
15-21 Days	27,457	27,535	78	0.3
22-28 Days	7,285	7,216	-69	-0.9
29-182 Days	23,529	24,611	1,082	4.6
Total	432,739	457,670	24,931	5.8
Average	11.11	10.83	-0.28	-2.5

Annual Time Series



Year to Date Time Series

