

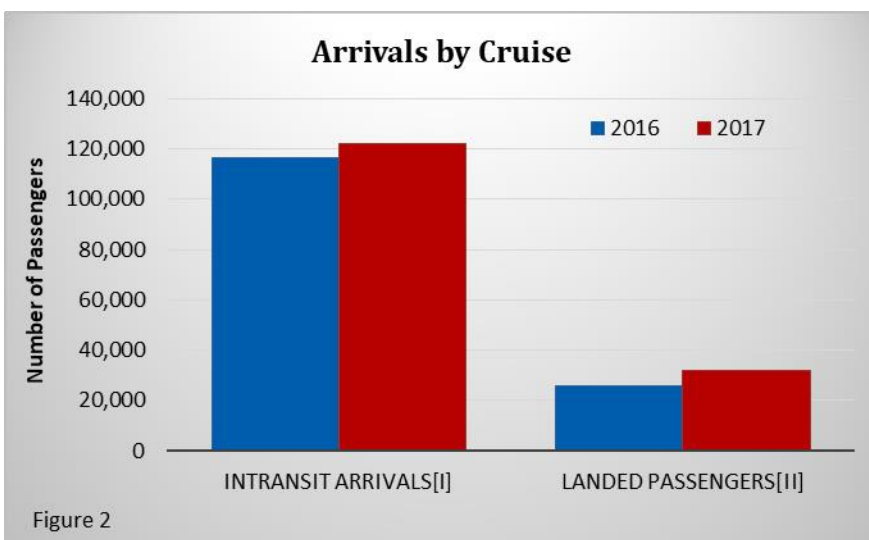
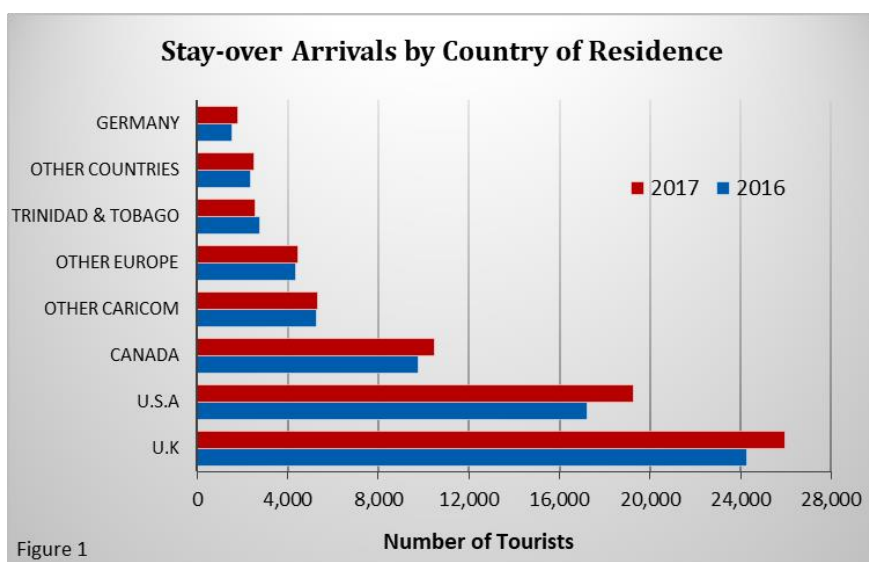
Tourist Arrivals

Monthly Statistical Bulletin

December 2017

Stay-Over Visitors and Cruise Ship Passenger Arrivals

December 2017 saw positive growth in visitor arrivals. Among stay-over visitors, arrivals increased by **3,185** tourists (or **4.9%**) to **72,339** compared to **67,643** in the year 2016 (**Figure 1**). Total cruise arrivals increased by **32.3%** over the review period to **153,889** passengers.



An increase was observed among stay-over arrivals from Other CARICOM (**↑16.5%**)

Tourist arrivals from Canada totalled 10,501 (**↑15.7%**)

U.S.A stay-over visitors totalled 19,251 (**↑13.1%**)

Stay-over arrivals from Trinidad & Tobago rose to 2,567 (**↑12.3%**)

Cruise

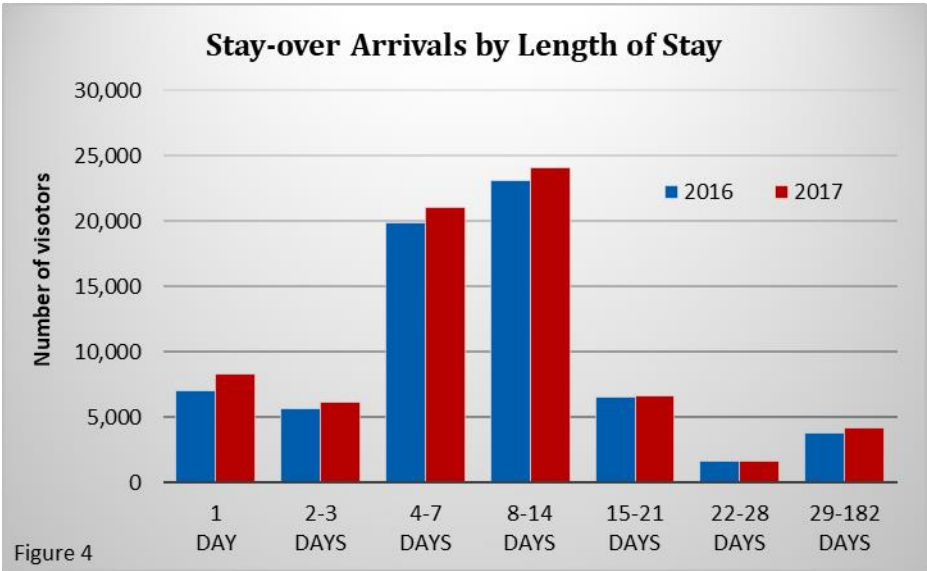
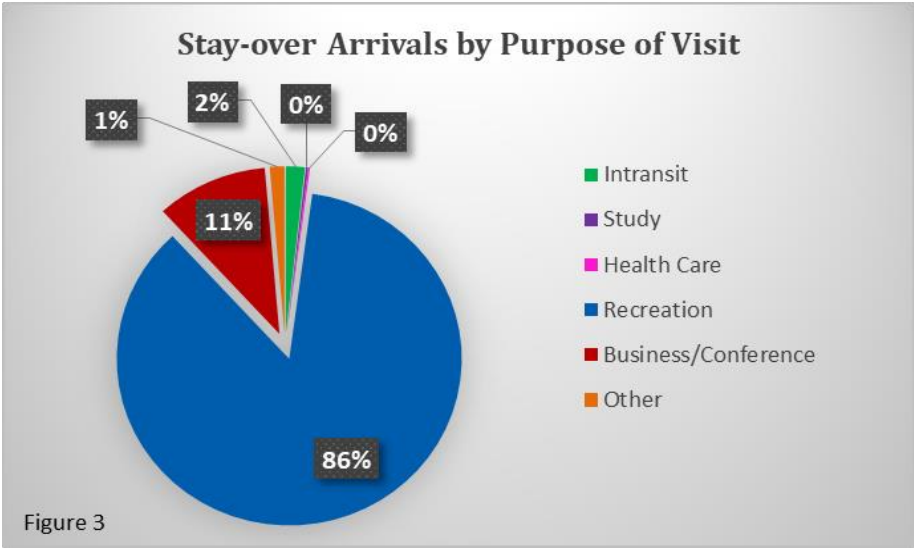
Intransit cruise passengers numbered 121,898 (**↑41.5%**)

Landed passengers increased to 31,991 (**↑2.3%**)

The number of cruise calls rose to 104 (**↑16.4%**)

Other Highlights:

Among the **72,339** stay-over arrivals recorded for this period, **62,237** (or 86%) visited for recreational purposes, predominantly for holiday (**56,710** tourists). This represents an increase of **4.8%** among all recreational visitors. The average number of days spent in Barbados among stay-over visitor arrivals was approximately **11.73** days over the review period.



Sports visits increased to 481 (↑58%)

Visits for health care rose to 104 (↑52%)

Intransit visits increased to 1,286 (↑38.4%)

Other recreation visits increased to 504(↑21.4%)

Other purposes of visit totalled 996 (↑17.2%)

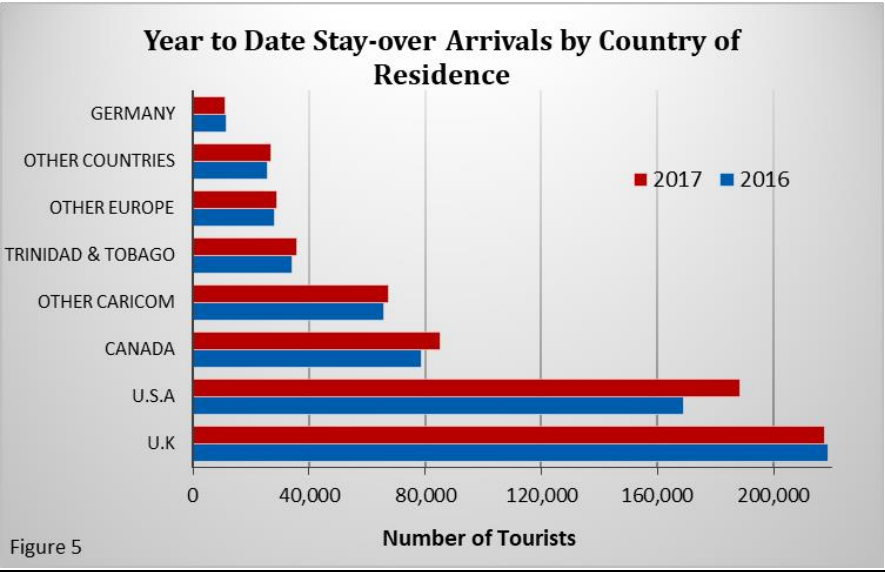
Length of stay

Visits of 4-7 days totalled 21,083 (↑11.9%)

Average length of stay was 11.73 days (↓5.2%)

YEAR TO DATE

January – December 2017 saw positive growth in visitor arrivals. Among stay-over visitors, arrivals increased by **29,647** tourists (or **4.7%**) to **661,160** compared to **631,513** in the year 2016 (**Figure 5**). Total cruise arrivals increased by **12.7%** over the review period to **822,275** passengers.



U.S.A stay-over visitors totalled 188,460 (↑11.6%)

An increase was observed among stay-over arrivals from Canada (↑7.8%)

Tourist arrivals from other countries totalled 26,980 (↑5.5%)

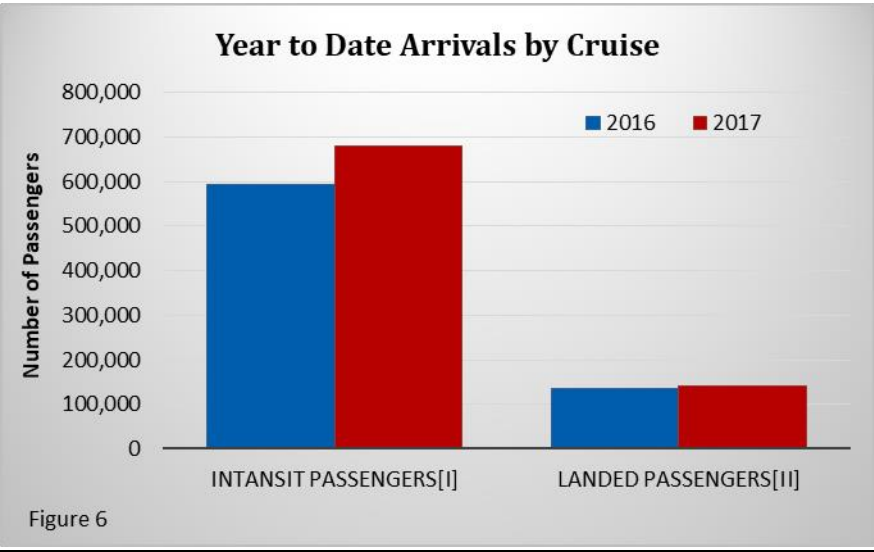
Visitor arrivals from Trinidad & Tobago rose to 35,822 (↑5.4%)

Cruise

Intransit cruise passengers numbered 681,211(↑14.7%)

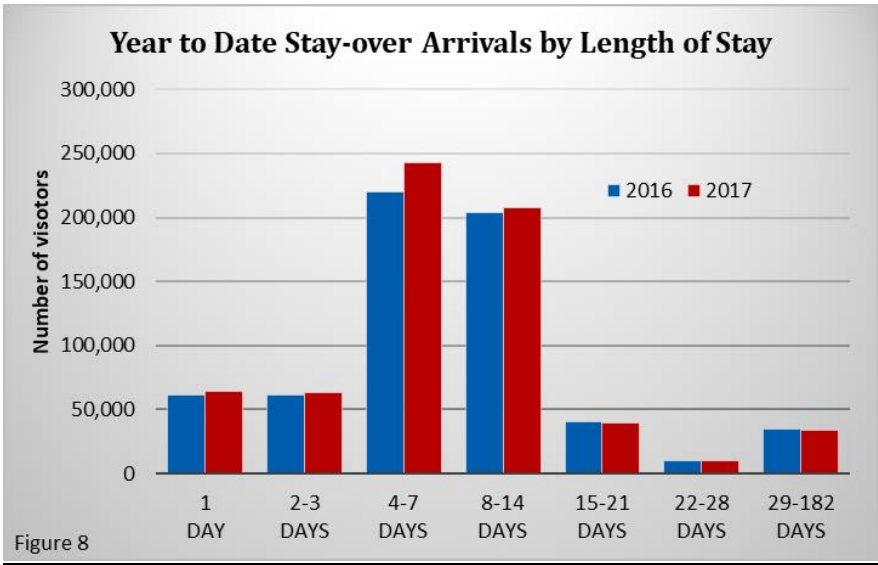
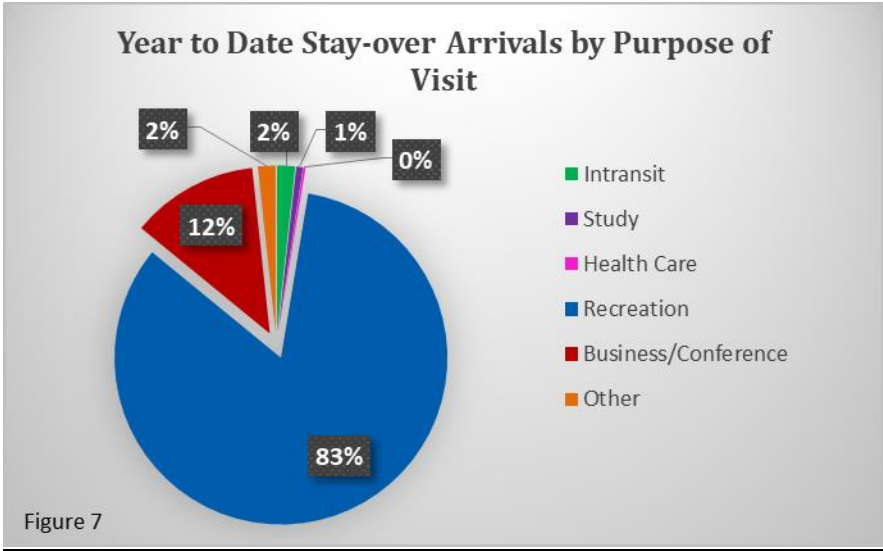
Landed passengers grew to 141,064 (↑4.1%)

The number of cruise calls totalled 506 (↑19.3%)



Other Highlights:

Among the **661,160** stay-over arrivals recorded for this period, **550,779**(or 83.3%) visited for recreational purposes, predominantly for holiday (**499,447** tourists). This represents an increase of **5.7%** among all recreational visitors. The average number of days spent in Barbados among stay-over visitor arrivals was approximately **10.63** days over the review period.



Other purposes of visit increased to 11,263 (↑26.7%)

Health care visits declined to 1,384 (↓8.6%)

Sport visits increased to 6,763 (↑6.7%)

Visits for holiday totalled 499,447 (↑6.3%)

Intransit visits declined to 11,582 (↓6.2%)

Length of stay

Stays of 4-7 days totalled 242,704 (↑10.3%)

Average length of stay was 10.63 days (↓3.5%)

Table 1
Stay-Over Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence; 2017 and 2018

Country Of Residence	December		Actual Change	% Change
	2016	2017		
U.S.A	17,246	19,251	1,995	13.1
Canada	9,782	10,501	1,324	15.7
U.K	24,288	25,965	-586	-2.4
Germany	1,547	1,800	-209	-11.9
Other Europe	4,342	4,445	-93	-2.1
Trinidad & Tobago	2,787	2,567	306	12.3
Other CARICOM	5,294	5,307	748	16.5
Other Countries	2,357	2,503	-300	-11.3
TOTAL	67,643	72,339	3,185	4.9

Table 2
Cruise Ship Arrivals; 2017 and 2018

Details	December		Actual Change	% Change
	2016	2017		
Total Cruise Arrivals	142,423	153,889	34,807	32.3
Intransit Arrivals ^[i]	116,629	121,898	34,226	41.5
Landed Passengers ^[ii]	25,794	31,991	581	2.3
No. of Cruise Calls	85	104	12	16.4

Table 3
Stay-Over Tourist Arrivals by Purpose of Visit; 2017 and 2018

Purpose of Visit	December		Actual Change	% Change
	2016 ^(P)	2017 ^(P)		
Intransit	1,545	1,286	429	38.4
Study	109	160	-11	-9.2
Health Care	114	104	39	52.0
Recreation	58,001	62,237	2,667	4.8
<i>Holiday</i>	52,617	56,710	1,827	3.6
<i>Visiting Friends etc.</i>	3,945	4,185	564	16.7
<i>Honeymoon/Get Married</i>	333	357	-39	-10.5
<i>Sports</i>	629	481	231	58.0
<i>Other Recreation</i>	477	504	84	21.4
Business/Conference	6,952	7,556	-74	-1.1
Other	922	996	135	17.2
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Total	67,643	72,339	3,185	4.9

Table 4
Stay-Over Tourist Arrivals by Intended Length of Stay; 2017 and 2018

Length of Stay	December		Actual Change	% Change
	2016	2017		
1 Day	7,019	8,311	492	7.5
2-3 Days	5,630	6,199	292	5.5
4-7 Days	19,914	21,083	2,118	11.9
8-14 Days	23,114	24,153	380	1.7
15-21 Days	6,517	6,705	250	4.0
22-28 Days	1,638	1,680	-21	-1.3
29-182 Days	3,811	4,208	-326	-7.9
Total	67,643	72,339	3,185	4.9
Average	11.82	11.73	-1	-5.2

Table 5

Year to date Stay-Over Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence; 2017 and 2018

Country Of Residence	Year-To-Date		Actual Change	% Change
	2016	2017		
U.S.A	168,945	188,460	19,515	11.6
Canada	78,903	85,047	6,144	7.8
U.K	218,638	217,441	-1,197	-0.5
Germany	11,492	11,243	-249	-2.2
Other Europe	28,278	28,959	681	2.4
Trinidad & Tobago	34,000	35,822	1,822	5.4
Other CARICOM	65,679	67,208	1,529	2.3
Other Countries	25,578	26,980	1,402	5.5
TOTAL	631,513	661,160	29,647	4.7

Table 6

Year to date Cruise Ship Arrivals; 2017 and 2018

Details	Year-To-Date		Actual Change	% Change
	2016	2017		
Total Cruise Arrivals	729,645	822,275	92,630	12.7
Intansit Passengers ^[i]	594,096	681,211	87,115	14.7
Landed Passengers ^[ii]	135,549	141,064	5,515	4.1
No. of Cruise Calls	424	506	82	19.3

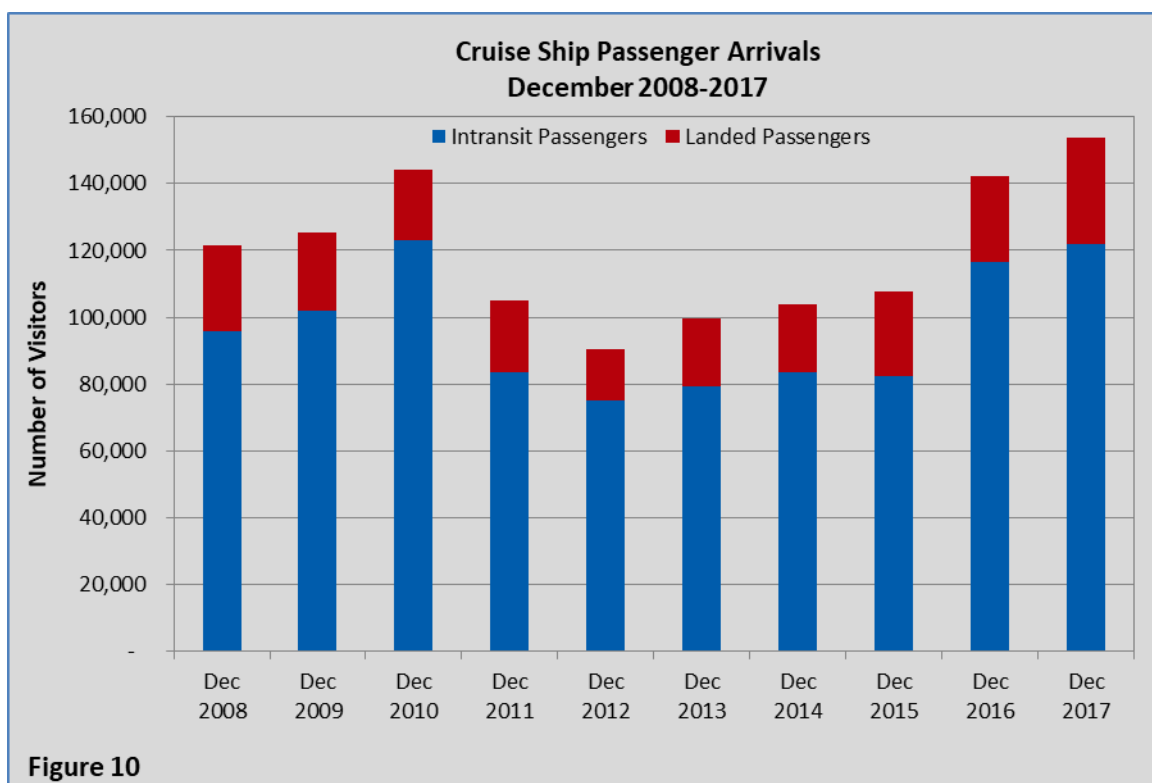
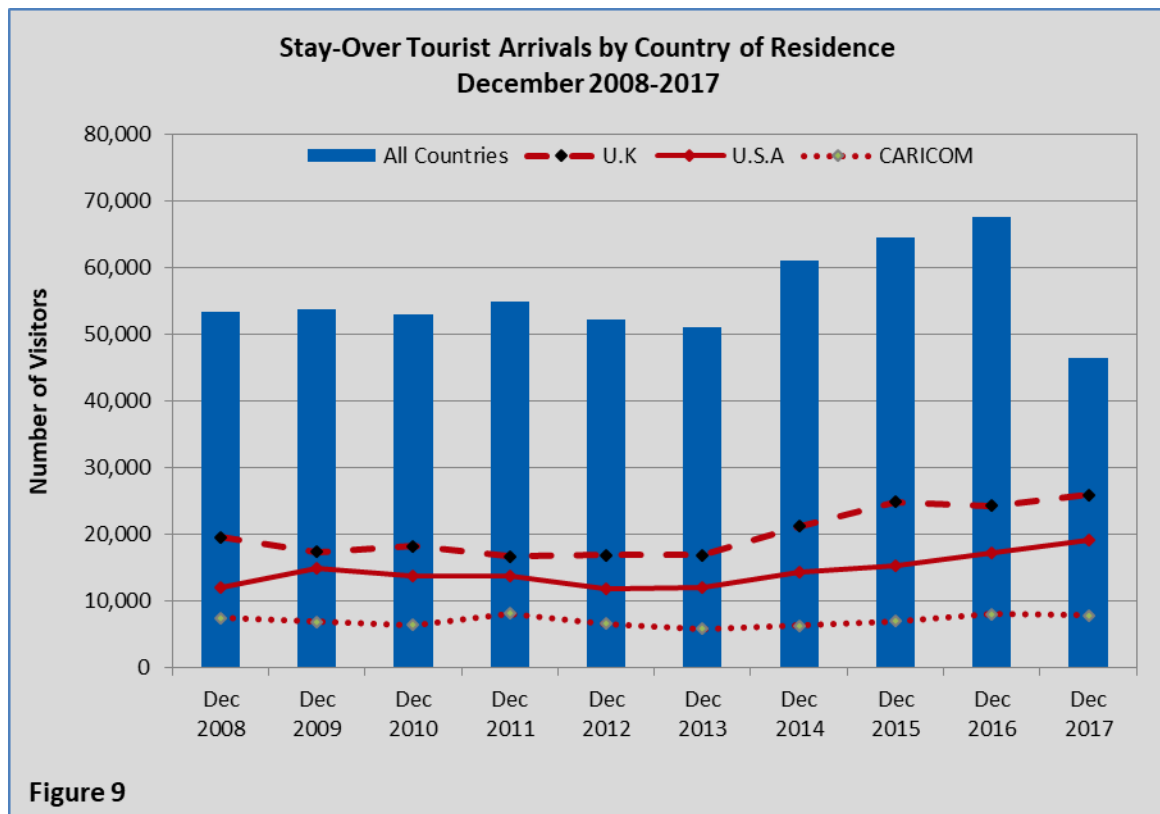
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Year to Date Stay-Over Tourist Arrivals by Purpose of Visit; 2017 and 2018

	Year-To-Date		Actual Change	% Change
	2016 ^(R)	2017 ^(P)		
Intransit	12,349	11,582	-767	-6.2
Study	4,461	4,348	-113	-2.5
Health Care	1515	1384	-131	-8.6
Recreation	520,976	550,779	29,803	5.7
<i>Holiday</i>	469,746	499,447	29,701	6.3
<i>Visiting Friends etc.</i>	30,725	30,316	-409	-1.3
<i>Honeymoon/Get Married</i>	6,209	6,438	229	3.7
<i>Sports</i>	6,338	6,763	425	6.7
<i>Other Recreation</i>	7,958	7,815	-143	-1.8
Business/Conference	83,321	81,804	-1,517	-1.8
Other	8,891	11,263	2372	26.7
Total	631,513	661,160	29,647	4.7

Table 8
Year to Date Stay-Over Tourist Arrivals by Intended Length of Stay; 2017 and 2018

Intended Length of Stay	Year-To-Date		Actual Change	% Change
	2016	2017		
1 Day	61,720	64,509	2,789	4.5
2-3 Days	61,217	63,628	2,411	3.9
4-7 Days	219,988	242,704	22,716	10.3
8-14 Days	203,723	207,266	3,543	1.7
15-21 Days	40,268	39,090	-1,178	-2.9
22-28 Days	10,367	10,243	-124	-1.2
29-182 Days	34,230	33,720	-510	-1.5
Total	631,513	661,160	29,647	4.7
Average	11.01	10.63	-0.38	-3.5

Annual Time Series



Year to Date Time Series

