# April '23 Destination Insights Report

**Prepared for Destination Great Lake Taupo** 

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### AIC

Insights for the visitor economy

### **AIC Monthly RTO Insight Report**

### **About this report:**

This report is prepared on a monthly basis, using industry standard data sets to provide key stakeholders in the tourism ecosystem with an overview of the major trends and dynamics in the region.

### About the data sets:

- DataVentures: Daily visitation data based on the number of cellular mobile devices turned on and transmitting at midday.
- Tourism Electronic Card Transactions (TECT): A data set provided by MBIE which tracks visitor spend made with credit/debit cards. Note that the data only captures spend made in region and does not include either cash or online spend. Hence the dataset should be considered indicative of trends rather than representative of the whole picture. More information can be found at the MBIE website here.
- Accommodation Data Programme (ADP): Also provided by MBIE, this provides monthly commercial accommodation performance data based on survey data submitted by participating accommodation operators. Due to this limitation the coverage can be different for each area / accommodation type and some numbers may not be published to protect confidentiality of submitters. More information can be found at the MBIE website here.
- Business Events Data (BED): Published quarterly this data is based upon a survey of participating business events venues. More information can be found at the BED Programme website here.
- Border Crossing Data: Collected by Immigration New Zealand and Published by StatsNZ, this data tracks daily border crossings by port of arrival, visa type and travel intent. More information can be found here.

### **Definitions:**

- Month on Month (MoM): Change in a data point from the equivalent figure last month. E.g. if the visitor spend in January was \$100 and in February is \$125, the MoM change is 25%.
- Year on Year (YoY): Similar to MoM but compared to the previous year. Note: That this is not necessarily comparing a year of data rather change over a 12 months period. E.g. YoY change in the April guest nights figure would be comparing April this year to April last year.
- **Visitor Day:** 1 day spent by 1 visitor in a destination. So 1 visitor, present in the destination at 12 noon for 4 days would equate to 1 x 4 = 4 visitor days. So 3 visitors, present in the destination at 12 noon for 2 days would equate to 3 x 2 = 6 visitor days.
- Year Ending (YE): The sum of the 12 months ending in the date specified. So the event count for the year ending June 2023 would be the sum of all events held between July 2022 June 2023.
- Market share: All market shares are presented as the market share for the associated RTO. This is the figure for the RTO / the total national figure. E.g. and RTO with 10k visitors, if the national visitor count
- was 100k would have a market share of 10%.
- Visitor Spend: Defined in this case as the total amount spent by visitors using credit / debit cards in the region.
- ANZIC Product Category: Product types based on the Australia and New Zealand Industrial Classification. For the sake of the spend statistics all businesses are assigned to the ANZIC category that best describes their primary business activity.
- Commercial Accommodation Guest Arrivals (GA): The number of guests that stayed in the surveyed accommodation units e.g. two guests staying 3 nights would generate 2 guest arrivals.
- Commercial Accommodation Guest Night (GN): The number of guest nights stayed in the surveyed accommodation units e.g. two guests staying 3 nights would generate 6 guest nights.
- Commercial Accommodation Occupancy / Occupancy Rate (OR): Stay unit nights occupied divided by available monthly stay unit capacity.
- Stay Units: Daily capacity in terms of short-term accommodation units including those temporarily closed e.g. hotel rooms, motel units, dorm beds, camping sites, etc.
- Available monthly stay unit capacity: Number of stay unit nights available to be occupied by short-term guests. This excludes stay units temporarily removed from the inventory due to closures, maintenance, emergency housing etc.

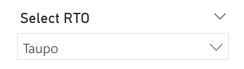
# AIC Insights for the visitor economy

DomesticInternational

# Visitation Data (Data Ventures) - Taupo - Month Ending 30 Apr'23



- 314K (89%)



353.1K
Total Visitor Days (Month)

2.1%Market Share – Visitor Days14RTO Rank - Visitor Days

▲12.9%
Visitor Days - MoM Change
▼ -11.3%
Visitor Days - YoY Change

▼ -5.5%

Visitor Days - National MoM

▲15.5%

Visitor Days - National YoY

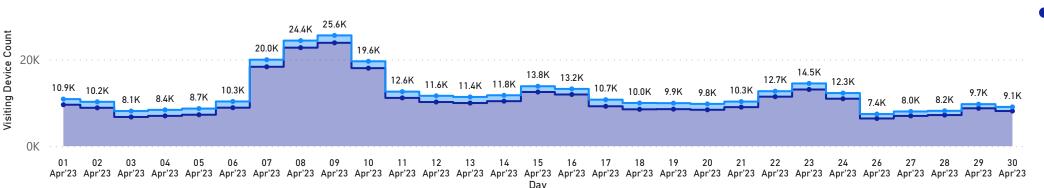
12.2K
Daily Average (Latest Month)

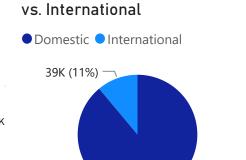
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Max Daily Visitor # 11.1%
7416

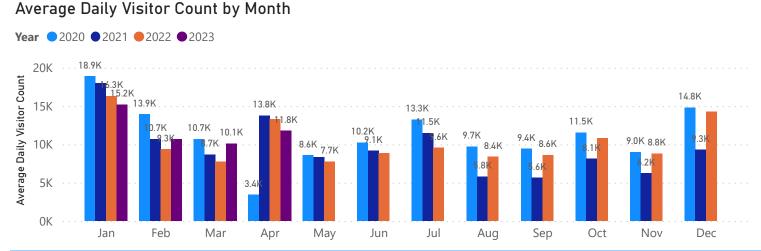
Total Visitor Days - Domestic

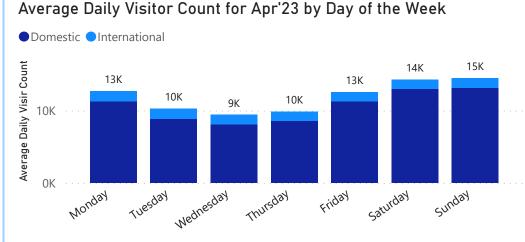
7416 % International Min Daily Visitor #

### Daily Visitor Count (12 midday snapshot) - Apr'23









<sup>\*\*</sup> **MoM** (Month on Month Change) - Compares reported month to previous month | \*\***YoY** (Year on Year Change) - Compares reported month to same month last year | \*\***YE** (Year Ending) - Sum of the 12 months ending **Visitor Day:** 1 day spent by 1 visitor in the destination. So 1 person staying 4 days = 4 visitor days | **Daily Average Visitor Count:** Average number of individual visitors in a destination at 12 midday on any date

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### Visitation Data (Domestic) - Taupo - Month Ending 30 Apr'23





314.0K
Total Visitor Days (Month)

1.9% Market Share – Visitor Days

▲20.8%

Visitor Days - MoM Change

▼ -19.6%

Visitor Days - YoY Change



10.8K

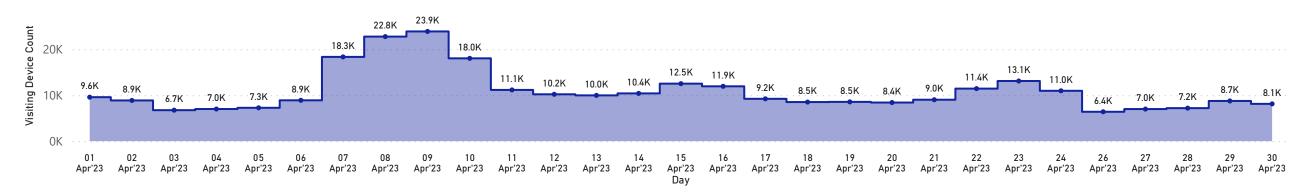
Daily Average (Latest Month)

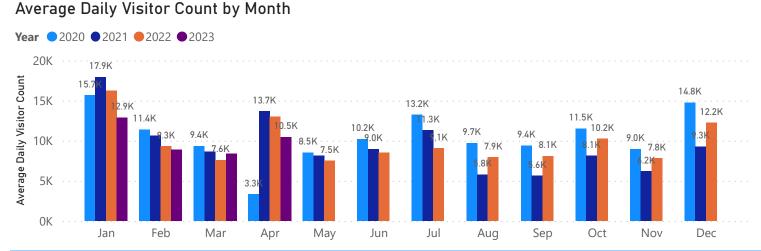
23877 Max Daily Visitor # 6393

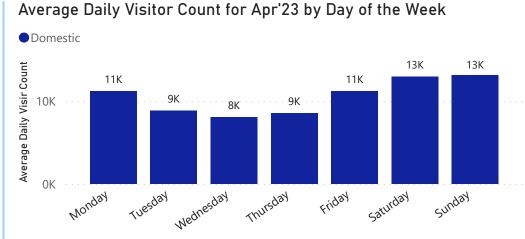
Min Daily Visitor #

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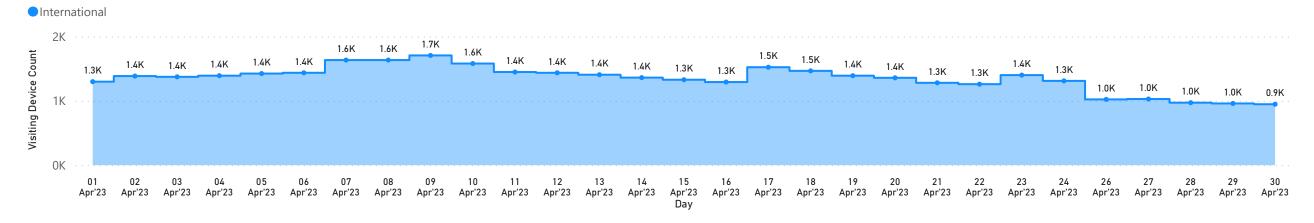


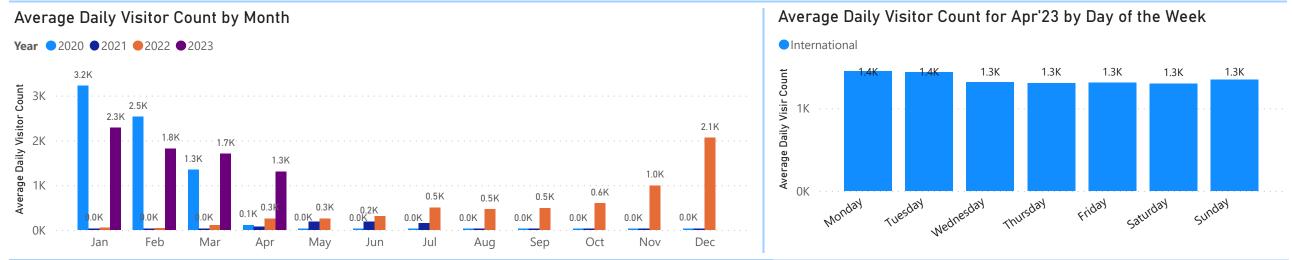
# Visitation Data (International) - Taupo - Month Ending 30 Apr'23





### Daily Visitor Count (12 midday snapshot) - Apr'23



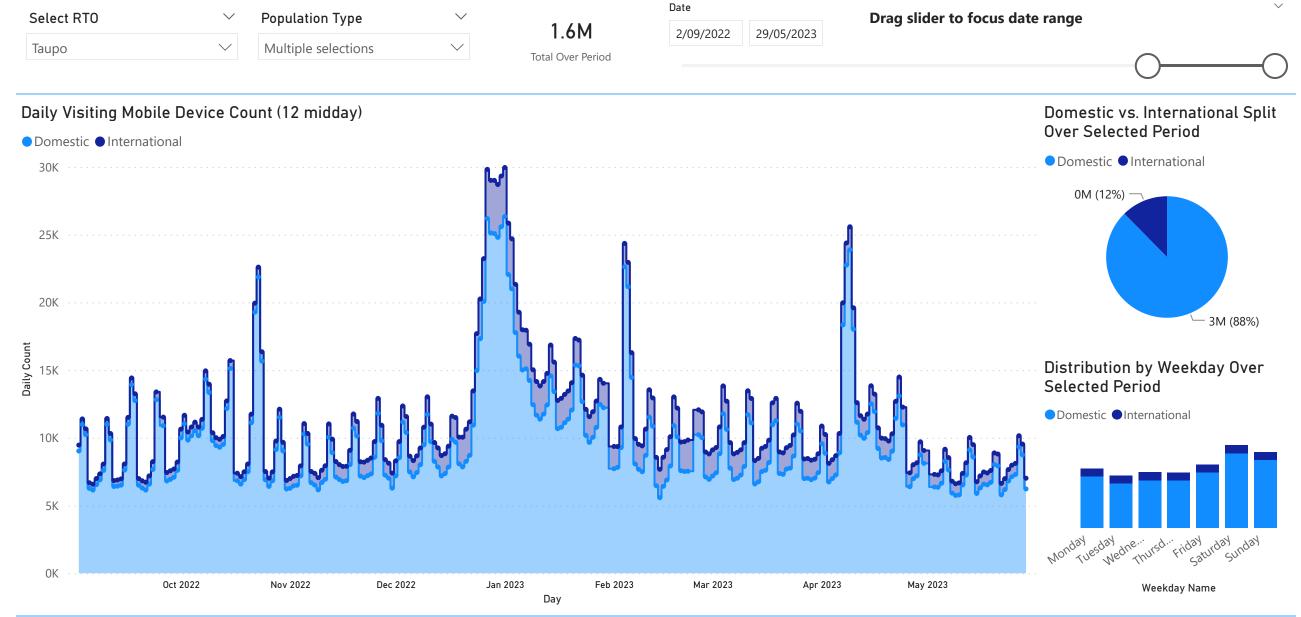


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# Visitation Data (Data Ventures) - Taupo - Long Term View



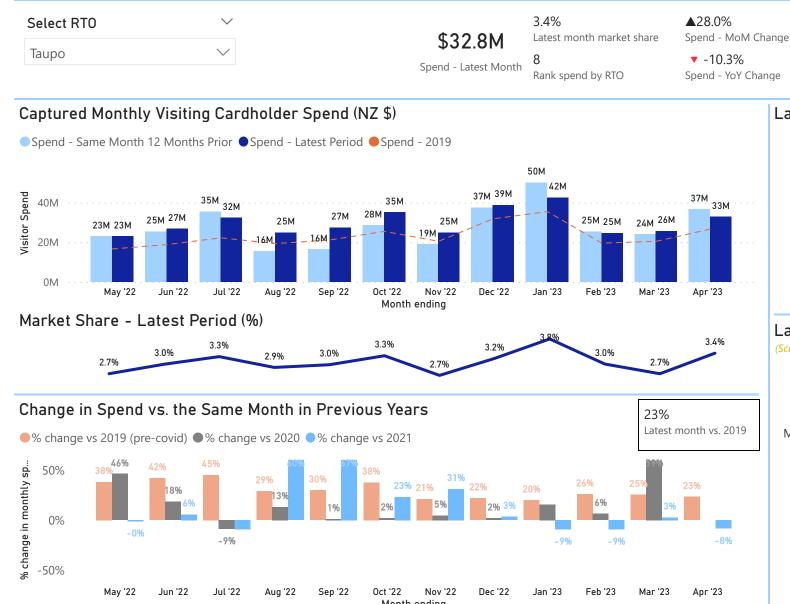


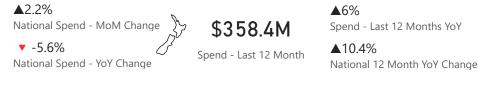
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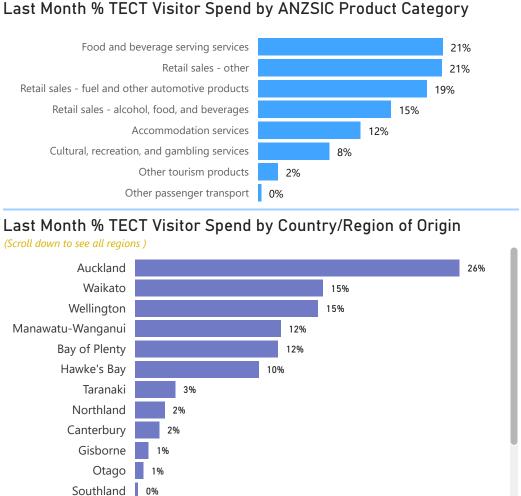


# TECT Domestic Visitor Spend - Taupo - Month Ending 30 Apr'23







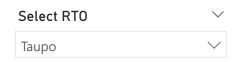


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# TECT International Visitor Spend - Taupo - Month Ending 30 Apr'23





\$6.0M Spend - Latest Month 1.8%Latest month market share13Rank spend by RTO

▼ -30.9%

Spend - MoM Change

▲243.0%

Spend - YoY Change

▼ -20.8%

National Spend - MoM Change

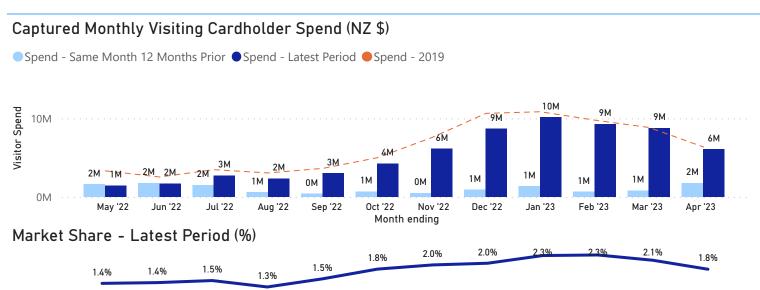
▲277.5%

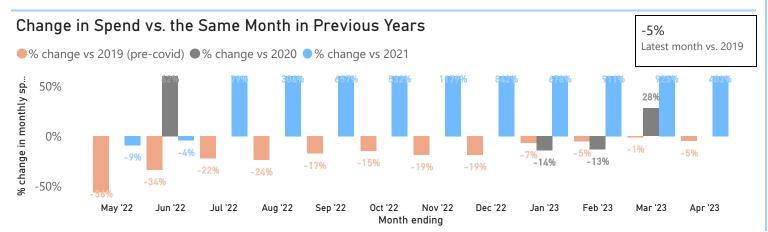
National Spend - YoY Change

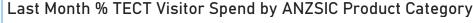
\$64.4M Spend - Last 12 Months YoY

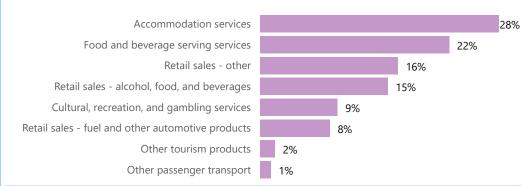
Spend - Last 12 Month A341.3%

National 12 Month YoY Change

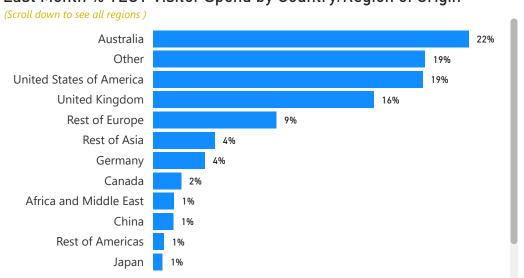








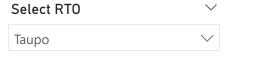




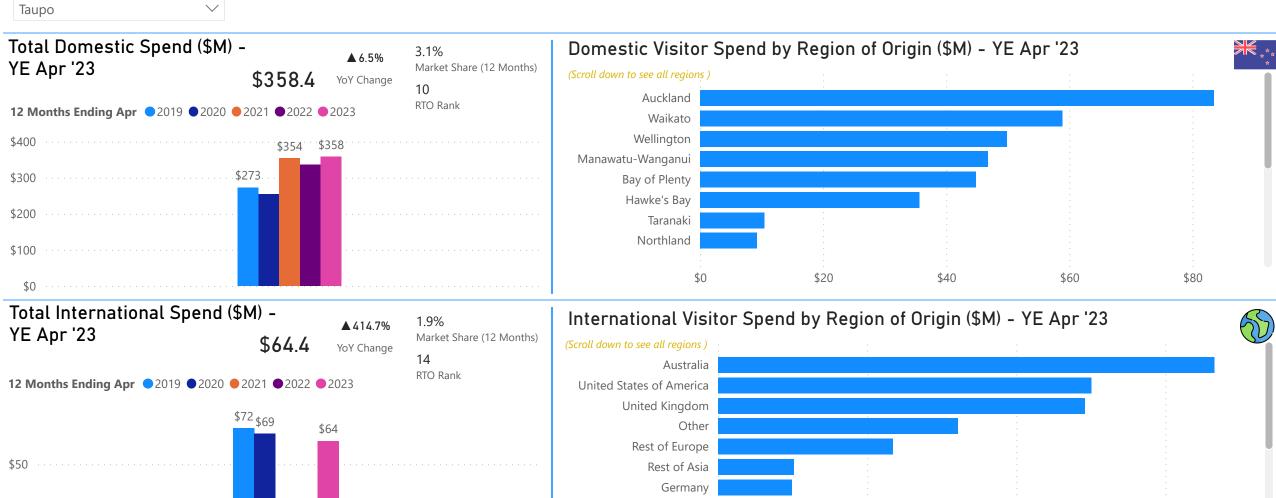
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# TECT Visitor Spend - Taupo RTO - 12 Months Ending 30 Apr'23





\$12 \$13



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Canada

\$0

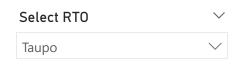
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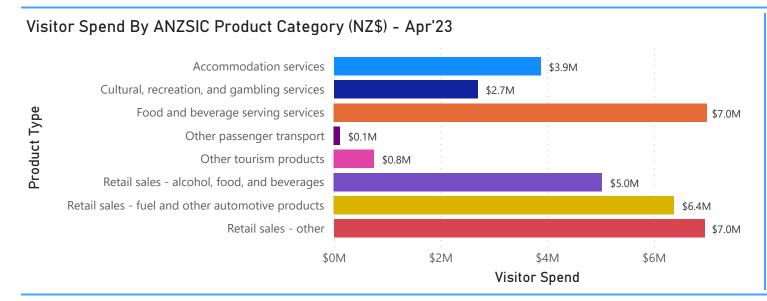
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# TECT Domestic Visitor Spend By Product - Taupo - Month Ending 30 Apr'23

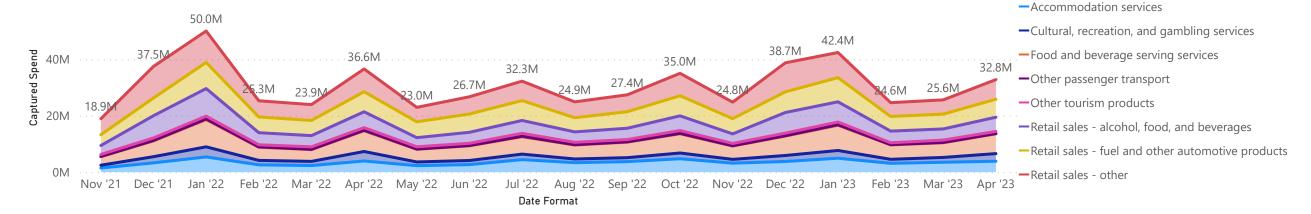






### Change in Spend vs. Previous Periods Product MoM YoY YoY 2019 Accommodation services **▲**10.5% **▼** -2.2% **▼** -2.2% Cultural, recreation, and gambling services ▲57.8% **▼** -19.7% **▲**39.1% Food and beverage serving services **▲**34.7% **▼** -4.9% ▲37.9% Other passenger transport ▲2.4% **▼** -38.2% **▼** -43.8% Other tourism products **▼** -9.6% **▼** -16.2% **▼** -2.7% Retail sales - alcohol, food, and beverages **▲**27.0% **▼** -10.6% **▲**22.0% **▼** -10.2% Retail sales - fuel and other automotive products **▲**21.4% **▲**45.0% Retail sales - other **▲**37.8% **▼** -13.9% **▲**13.1% **Total ▼** -10.3% **▲**23.2% ▲28.0%

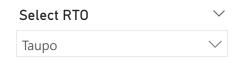
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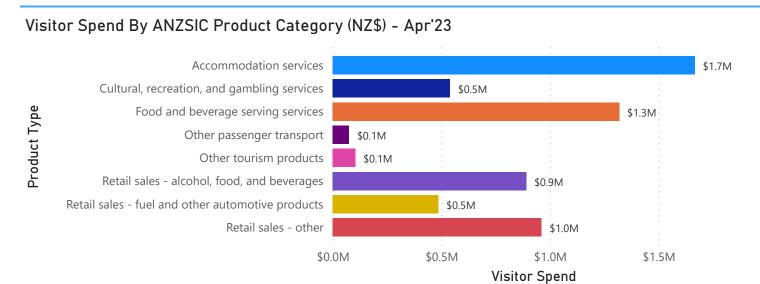


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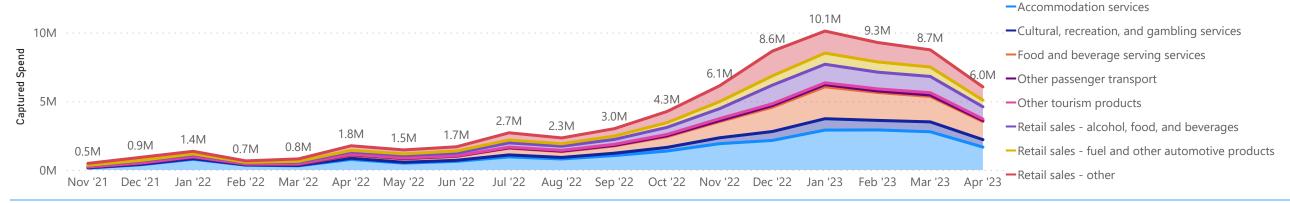






### Change in Spend vs. Previous Periods Product MoM YoY YoY 2019 Accommodation services **▼** -40.0% **▲**118.2% **▼** -28.0% Cultural, recreation, and gambling services **▼** -24.9% **▲**493.1% **▼** -27.8% Food and beverage serving services **▼** -28.7% ▲505.0% ▲39.0% Other passenger transport **▼** -27.4% ▲96.1% **▼** -69.2% Other tourism products **▼** -38.2% ▲287.0% ▲9.0% Retail sales - alcohol, food, and beverages **▼** -24.6% ▲376.0% **▲**46.7% Retail sales - fuel and other automotive products **▼** -28.8% ▲386.9% **▼** -0.7% Retail sales - other **▼** -23.2% ▲185.4% ▲5.8% **Total ▼** -30.9% **▲243.0% ▼** -4.9%

### Visitor Spend by ANZSIC Product Categoy (NZ\$)



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### TECT Historic Visitor Spend in Taupo RTO Area

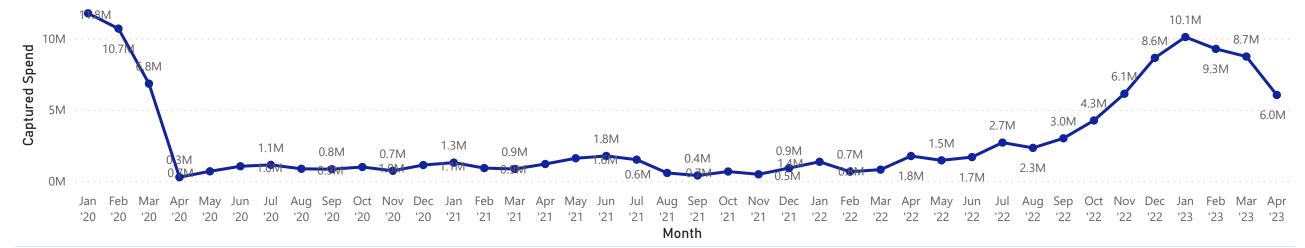




### Domestic Visiting Cardholder Spend (NZ\$)



### International Visiting Cardholder Spend (NZ\$)

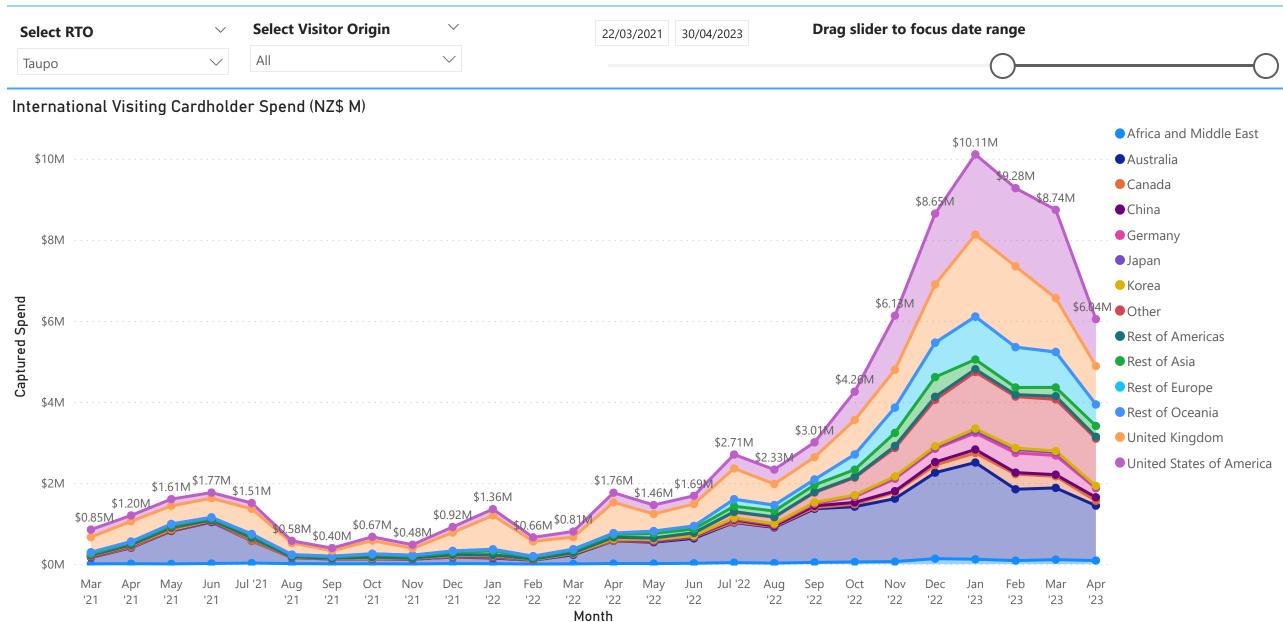


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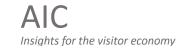


# TECT International Visitor Spend by Country/Region of Origin





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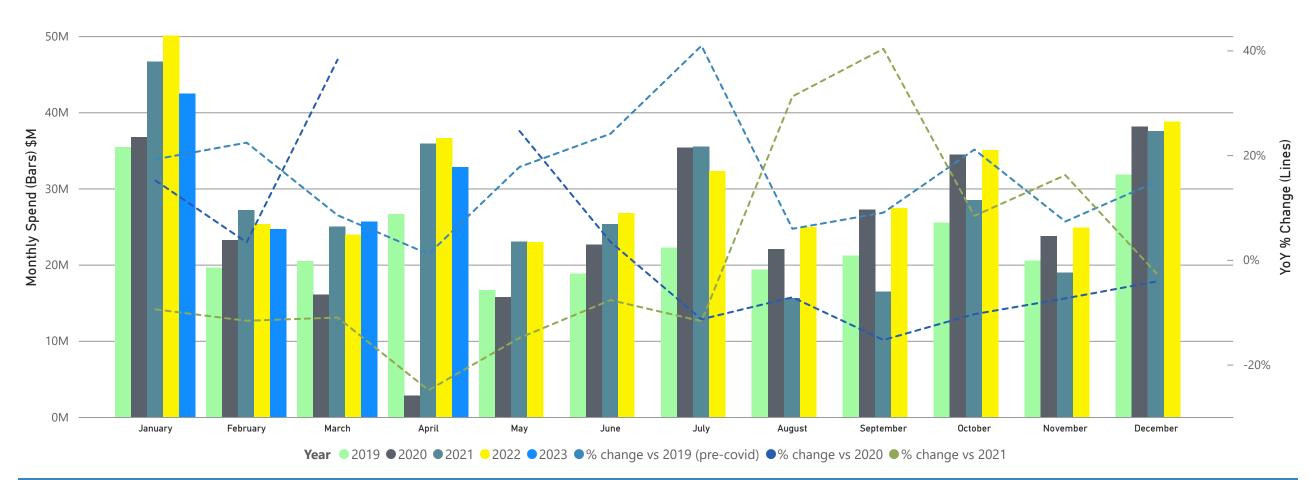


# TECT Domestic Visitor Spend - Taupo - Month Ending 30 Apr'23





### Monthly Visitor Spend (Bars) and YoY Change (Lines)

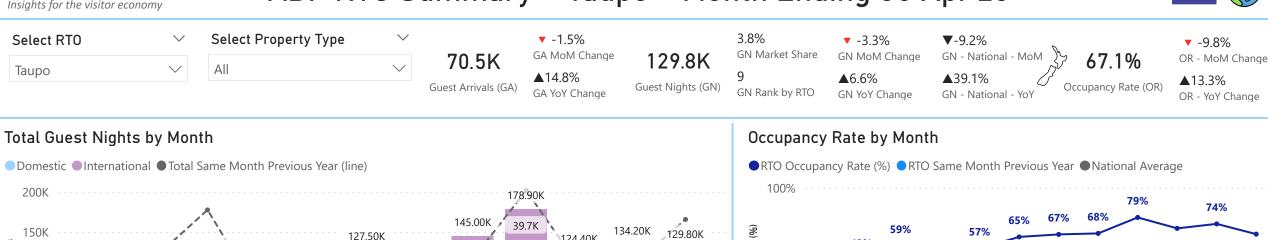


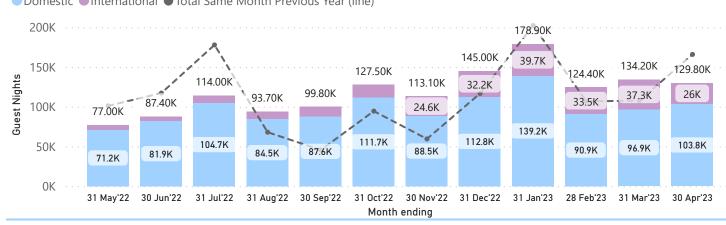
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**Proportion Guest Nights International** 

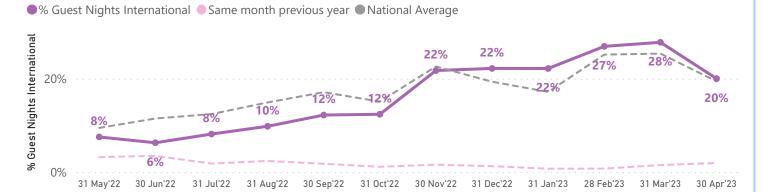
# ADP RTO Summary - Taupo - Month Ending 30 Apr'23





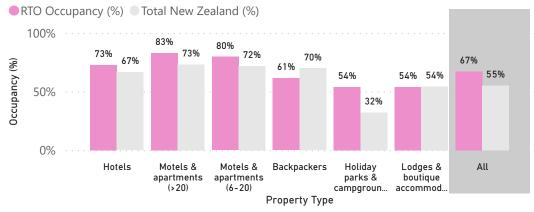


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Month ending

### Monthly Average Occupancy by Property Type vs. National Average



<sup>\*\*</sup> **MoM** (Month on Month Change) - Compares reported month to previous month | \*\***YoY** (Year on Year Change) - Compares reported month to same month last year **Guest Arrival:** Unique number guests arriving | **Guest Night:** 1 Night stayed by 1 guest, so 2 guests staying 3 nights = 6 guest nights | All data points represent the sum total or average for the month period ending in the stated date

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Jul'20

Jul'22

Aug'22

Oct'20

# ADP TA Level Summary - Taupo - Month Ending 30 Apr'23







Oct'22

Month Ending

Dec'20

Jan'21

Jan'23

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Apr'23

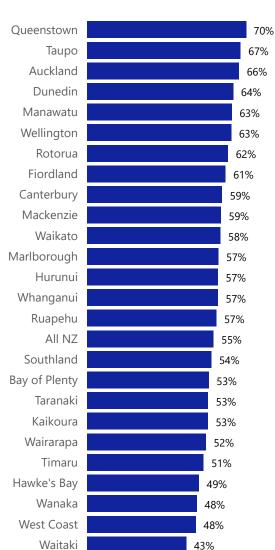
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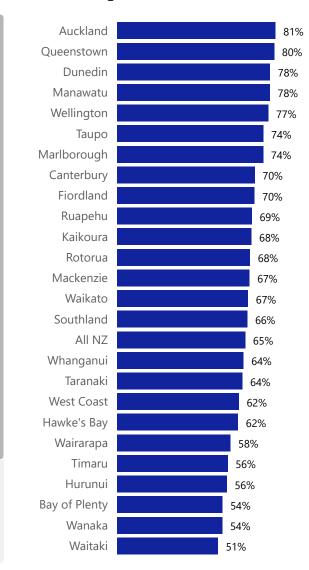
# ADP Results - RTO Comparison - Month Ending 30 Apr'23



# ADP Total Occupancy by RTO for the Month Ending 30 Apr' 23



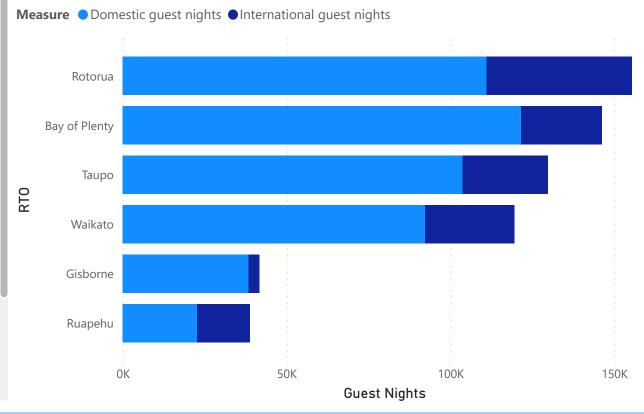
# ADP Total Occupancy by RTO for the Month Ending 31 Mar '23



### ADP Key Stats by CNI RTO for the Month Ending 30 Apr '23

	Measure	Bay of Plenty	Gisborne	Rotorua	Ruapehu	Taupo	Waikato
	Average nights stayed per guest	2.70	2.90	2.10	1.80	1.80	2.10
	Guest arrivals	53,800.00	14,300.00	73,500.00	21,700.00	70,500.00	56,300.00
	Occupancy rate	0.53	0.32	0.62	0.57	0.67	0.58
	Proportion of international guests	0.17	0.08	0.29	0.41	0.20	0.23
	Total guest nights	146,200.00	41,800.00	155,400.00	38,800.00	129,800.00	119,400.00

### ADP Guest Nights by CNI RTO for the Month Ending 30 Apr '23



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# Short Term Rental Stats for Taupo District - Month Ending 30 Apr'23





24.1K **Booked Nights** 

**▼** -6.4% **Booked Nights MoM** ▲30.2% **Booked Nights YoY** 

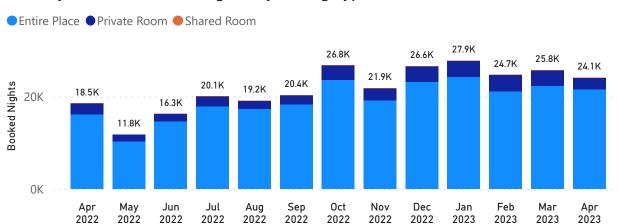
**▼** -0.1% Active Listings MoM 1.5K ▲0.5% Active Listings YoY

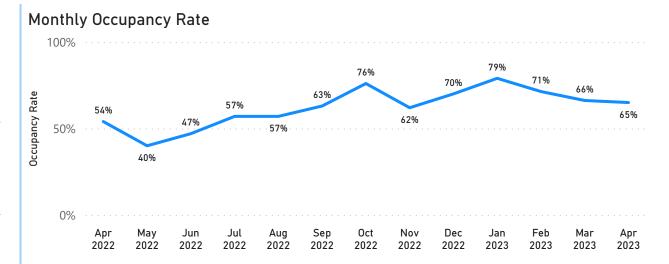
**▼** -2.8% Revenue MoM \$4.7M ▲29.7% Monthly Revenue Revenue YoY

65% Monthly Occupancy

**▼** -1.8% Occupancy MoM ▲20.4% Occupancy YoY

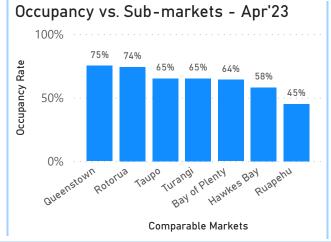
### Monthly Demand (Booked Nights) by Listing Type

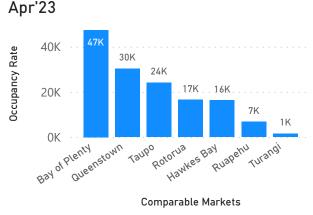




# Monthly Active Listing Count by Type







Booked Nights vs. Sub-markets -

<sup>\*\*</sup> **MoM** (Month on Month Change) - Compares reported month to previous month Source: AirDNA Monthly Trend Reporting

<sup>\*\*</sup>YoY (Year on Year Change) - Compares reported month to same month last year



# New Zealand Inbound Border Crossing Data up to 30 Apr '23



442K

**▲**1.5% Total MoM

242K

**▼** -13.6% Intl. MoM

200K

▲28.6% Dom. MoM

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Total - Latest Month

▲253% Total YoY

International - Latest Month

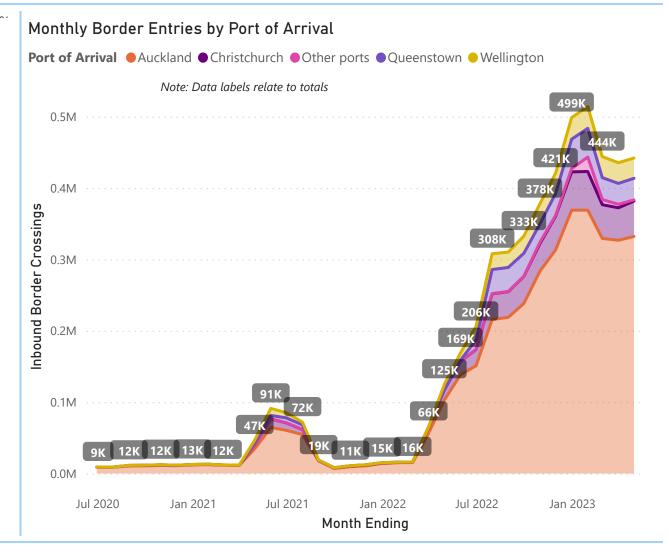
**▲**493% Int. YoY

Domestic - Latest Month

**▲**137%

Dom. YoY

Monthly Border Entries by Passport Type **Traveller Type** ● New Zealand passport ● Other passports ● Total Note: Data labels relate to "Other passports" - hover over or see right hand graph for totals 0.5M 0.4M Inbound Border Crossings 311K 242K 0.1M 0.0M Jan 2021 Jul 2021 Jan 2022 Jul 2022 Jan 2023 Jul 2020 Month Ending

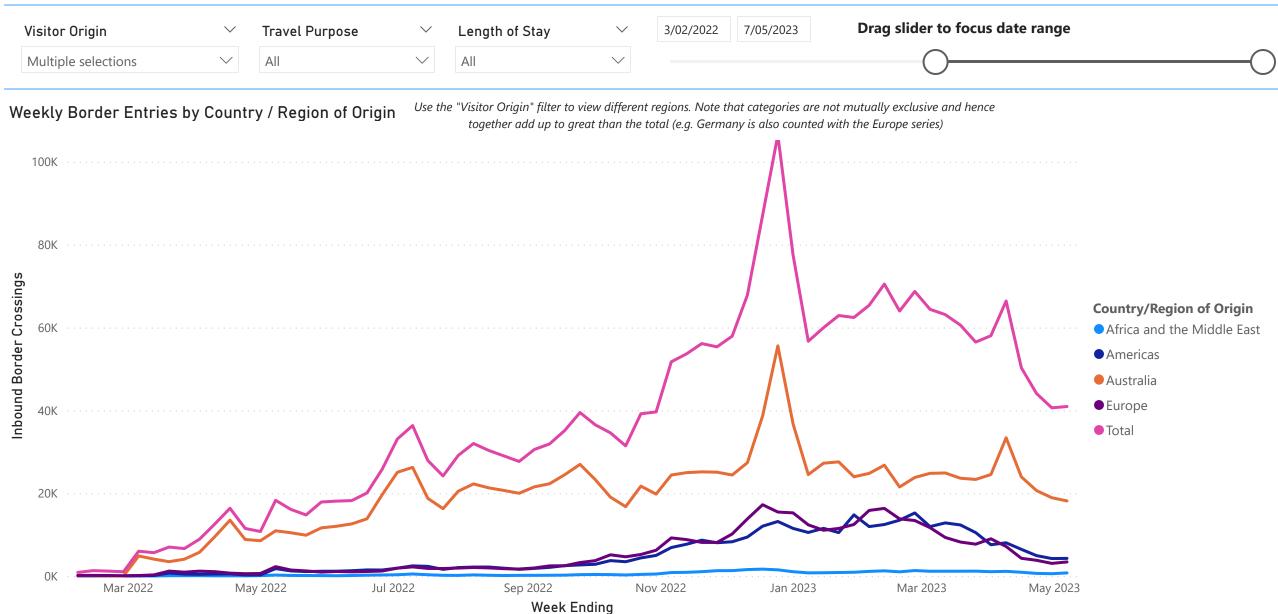


Source: StatsNZ COVID-19 data portal



# Border Entries by Visitor Origin - Provisional up to w/e 7/05/2023





**Source:** StatsNZ Infoshare

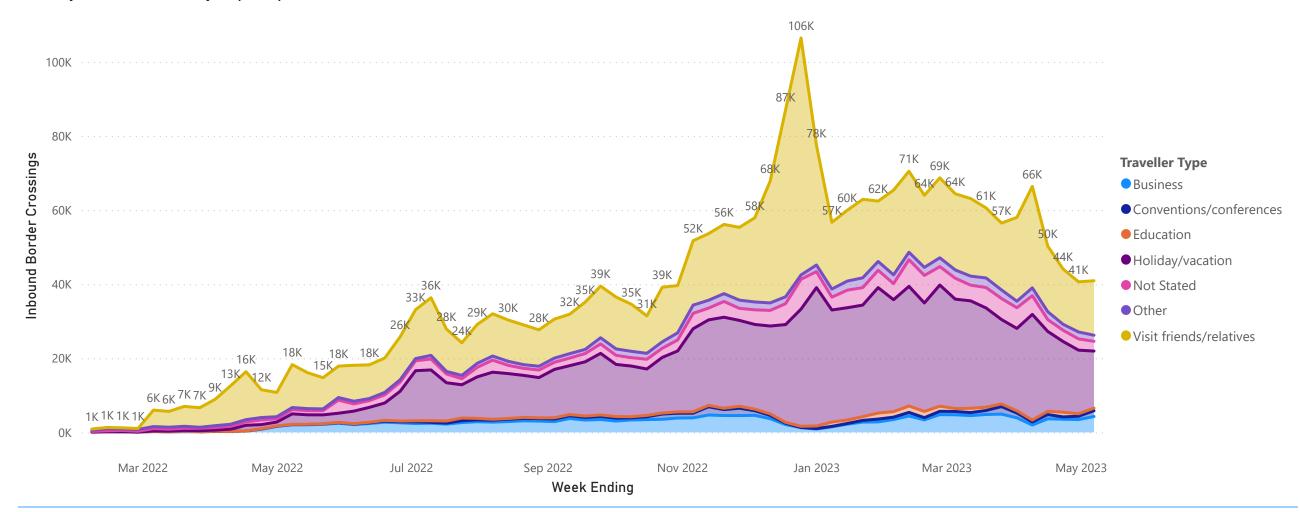


# Border Entries by Travel Purpose - Provisional up to w/e 7/05/2023





### Weekly Border Entries by Trip Purpose



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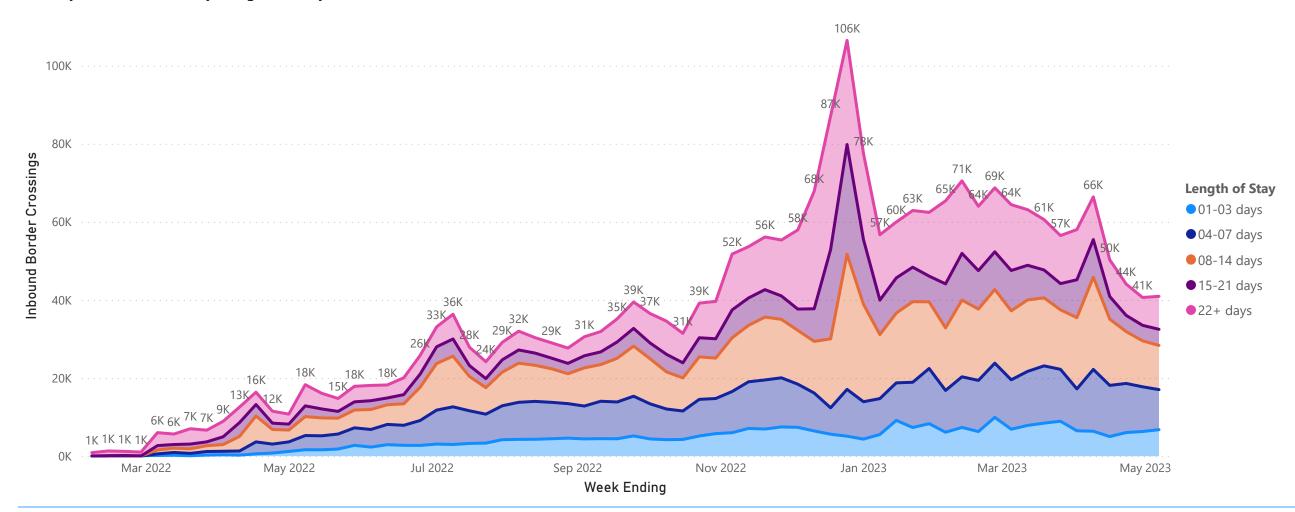


# Border Entries by Length of Stay - Provisional up to w/e 7/05/2023





### Weekly Border Entries by Length of Stay



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