



Q4 Tourism Review


October - December
2020

Kiribati Domestic Market

Maritime (Tarawa & Kiritimati)

18,494
maritime pax

Abaiang
(2591 pax)
most visited island

105.7% 
compared to Q3

!! pax - passengers
Q3 - third quarter (July-Sept 2020)

The total number of passengers travelling domestically by boat was 18,494. This quarter we were able to separate the data by mode of transport, by ship (9639) and speed boat (8855).

Once again, **Abaiang** was the most visited island with 2591 passengers. This marked a slight increase of 29% compared to Q3.

Furthermore, a large increase of maritime travellers was recorded in this quarter compared to Q3. An additional 9502 passengers were recorded representing an increase of 106%

The table below shows the top 5 most visited islands by boat.

Kiribati Domestic Market

Maritime (Tarawa & Kiritimati)

Island	Pax
Abaiang	2591
Maiana	1298
North Tarawa	524
Butaritari	481
Nikunau	421



MICTTD - Ministry of Information, Communication, Transport & Tourism Development

TRW - Tarawa

CXI - Kiritimati

Note - maritime data is only based on vessels departing Betio and Bairiki ports only. Smaller vessels departing from other locations on South Tarawa are not included."

Table 1: Top 5 most visited outer islands in Kiribati (by ship & speed boat) - Oct-Dec 2020

Source: MICTTD

Air travel (Bonriki airport only)

The total number of passengers travelling domestically by air in Q4 was 3834. This represented a decrease of 57.6% compared to the previous quarter, mainly because domestic flights out of Cassidy airport in Kiritimati were cancelled due to aircraft maintenance and shortage of spare parts.

For a second consecutive quarter, the most visited island was **Tabiteuea Meang** (Tab North) with 1448. This is because it is the main transit hub (refuelling) for those travelling to the southern islands which include Beru, Nonouti, Tamana and Arorae.

In Q3, 1534 passengers were recorded for Tab North.

3834

air pax

57.6%

compared to Q3



Kiribati Domestic Market

Air travel (Tarawa & Kiritimati)

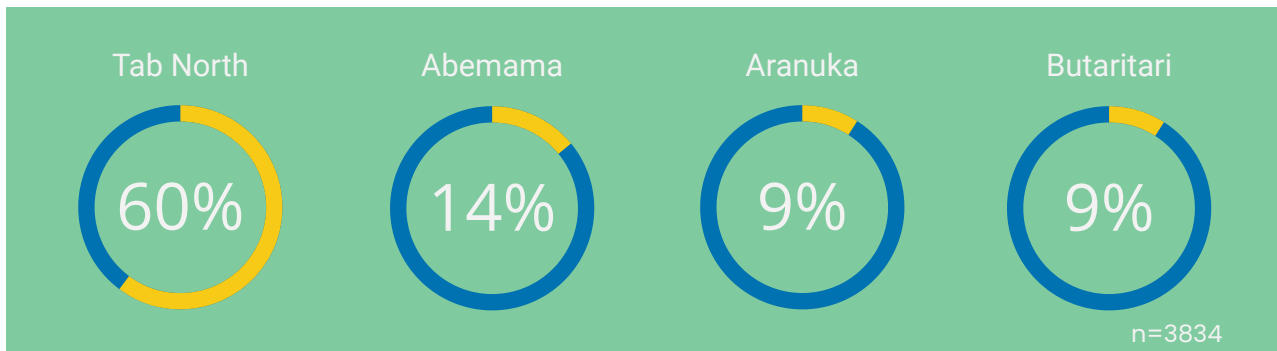


Table 2: Percentage of domestic air travellers by destination in Q4
Source: AKL



Employment - accommodations



Q4 employment rose by 0.3% compared to Q3 due to an increase of 1 employee on South Tarawa and a new property established on North Tarawa employing 8 staff.

Although there was a slight increase in employment, there was an overall drop of 0.3% compared to the same period in 2019. Employment in 2019 was at 449 employees.

Quarantine / Repatriations

268%



Increase in quarantined locals



MHMS - Ministry of
Health & Medical
Services

Month	Male	Female	Total
October	32	1	33
November	74	9	83
December	101	37	138
Total	207	47	254

Table 3: Number of quarantined nationals in Q4
Source: MHMS

Kiribati began repatriating her stranded citizens in Fiji with the first lot arriving on 19 November and the second arriving on 13 December. Returning local seafarers also continued arriving on board their fishing vessels into Tarawa.

An increase of almost three-fold in numbers of quarantined I-Kiribati was recorded in this quarter.

There were 254 quarantined locals in this quarter compared to only 69 in Q3.

Disclaimer

This report has been provided for general information only. The Tourism Authority of Kiribati makes no representation to any other person with regard to the completeness or accuracy of the data or information contained herein, and it accepts no responsibility and disclaims all liability (save for liability which cannot be lawfully disclaimed) for loss or damage whatsoever suffered or incurred by any other person resulting from the use of, or reliance upon, the data or information contained herein.

Tourism Authority of Kiribati PO Box 479, Takoronga, Betio. E: info@kiribatitourism.gov.ki P: +68675125998