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**OFFICIAL FOREIGN RESERVES  
August 2015**

Official foreign reserves held by the National Reserve Bank of Tonga (NRBT) rose by \$8.3 million over August 2015 to \$310.9 million, equivalent to 8.6 months of imports. Official foreign reserves rose by \$27.0 million over the past year.

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(millions of pa'anga)**

	<u>Level</u>	<u>Changes</u>		<u>Ratio of official foreign reserves to imports (months)</u>
		<u>Month</u>	<u>12 Months</u>	
<b><u>2014</u></b>				
Mar	274.8	-6.3	30.0	9.1
Apr	267.9	-6.9	9.5	8.9
May	266.8	-1.1	7.6	8.9
Jun	274.4	7.6	11.1	9.1
Jul	280.4	6.0	27.7	9.1
Aug	283.9	3.5	27.7	9.1
Sep	270.9	-13.0	16.7	8.4
Oct	271.5	0.6	10.9	8.2
Nov	267.9	-3.6	2.5	8.0
Dec	293.6	25.7	21.8	8.7
<b><u>2015</u></b>				
Jan	287.2	-6.4	10.5	8.5
Feb	281.3	-5.9	0.2	8.3
Mar	270.2	-11.1	-4.6	7.9
Apr	272.1	1.9	4.2	7.9
May	281.8	9.7	15.0	8.0
June	289.7	7.9	15.3	8.1 <sup>r</sup>
July	302.6	12.9	22.2	8.5 <sup>r</sup>
Aug	310.9	8.3	27.0	8.6

Source: National Reserve Bank of Tonga

r- Revisions based on latest trade data issued by Tonga Department of Statistics for June 2015.