



# NATIONAL RESERVE BANK OF TONGA

Private Bag No. 25  
Post Office, Nuku'alofa, Tonga

NRBT Building  
Salote Road  
Nuku'alofa,

## OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE

28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### OFFICIAL FOREIGN RESERVES February 2024

Tonga's official foreign reserves decreased over the month by \$3.2 million to \$891.4 million, equivalent to 11.4 months of imports, and remains above the IMF's recommended threshold of 7.5 months. The decline in foreign reserves was attributed mainly to higher import payments. This also marks a \$19.7 million decline in foreign reserves compared to a year ago.

#### OFFICIAL FOREIGN RESERVES (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>2022</u></b>				
Jun	871.2	-9.2	155.9	14.4
Jul	884.8	13.6	180.1	14.2
Aug	871.0	-13.8	19.3	13.8
Sep	895.3	24.2	138.2	13.7
Oct	877.0	-18.3	120.0	13.0
Nov	866.2	-10.8	82.3	12.6
Dec	868.9	2.7	51.4	12.3
<b><u>2023</u></b>				
Jan	911.1	42.2	55.0	12.8
Feb	911.2	0.1	43.9	12.6
Mar	883.7	-27.4	22.3	12.0
Apr	860.5	-23.2	-23.5	11.4
May	864.8	4.3	-15.6	11.5
June	921.4	56.6	50.2	12.0
July	945.2	23.7	60.3	12.3
Aug	920.0	-25.2	48.9	11.9
Sep	886.1	-33.8	-9.1	11.4
Oct	891.2	5.1	14.2	11.4
Nov	892.0	0.8	25.8	11.4
Dec	901.7	9.7	32.8	11.6
<b><u>2024</u></b>				
Jan	894.7	-7.1	-16.5	11.5
Feb	891.4	-3.2	-19.7	11.4

\*Due to rounding errors some data may not aggregate precisely.

Source: National Reserve Bank of Tonga