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**Preface**

This monthly statistical release provides information on South African residents and foreign travellers who entered or left South Africa in August 2019. Specific focus is on foreign tourists who entered the country during this month. The tourists are classified by region and country of residence. Details of their mode of travel; the purpose of visit; age and sex distribution are also provided.

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## 1. Key findings

### 1.1 Travellers

#### 1.1.1 Number of travellers

The routine data collected by the Department of Home Affairs' (DHA) immigration officers at the ports of entry into and out of South Africa shows that a total of 3 698 819 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) passed through South African ports of entry/exit in August 2019. As presented in Table 1 on page 9, these travellers were made up of 1 006 615 South African residents and 2 692 204 foreign travellers. A further breakdown of the figures for South African residents indicates that there were 482 712 arrivals, 522 927 departures and 976 travellers in transit. The corresponding volume for foreign arrivals, departures and travellers in transit was 1 377 914, 1 215 970 and 98 320, respectively.

A comparison between the movements in August 2018 and August 2019 indicates that the volume of arrivals, departures and transits increased for both South African residents and foreign travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals increased by 4,4% (from 462 206 in August 2018 to 482 712 in August 2019). Departures increased by 5,8% (from 494 032 in August 2018 to 522 927 in August 2019), and transits increased by 9,4% (from 892 in August 2018 to 976 in August 2019). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 3,5% (from 1 331 118 in August 2018 to 1 377 914 in August 2019), departures increased by 2,8% (from 1 183 057 in August 2018 to 1 215 970 in August 2019), and transits increased by 18,0% (from 83 351 in August 2018 to 98 320 in August 2019).

A comparison between the movements in July 2019 and August 2019 indicates that the volume of arrivals decreased for South African residents but increased for foreign travellers. The volume of departures and transits increased for both groups of travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals decreased by 7,5% (from 522 117 in July 2019 to 482 712 in August 2019), departures increased by 20,2% (from 435 202 in July 2019 to 522 927 in August 2019), and transits increased by 23,7% (from 789 in July 2019 to 976 in August 2019). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 11,3% (from 1 238 165 in July 2019 to 1 377 914 in August 2019), departures increased by 15,9% (from 1 048 816 in July 2019 to 1 215 970 in August 2019), and transits increased by 25,0% (from 78 625 in July 2019 to 98 320 in August 2019).

Detailed information on the departure of travellers is not available in the movement control system. Data on the purpose of travel and the number of days South African residents intend to spend or spent abroad are not collected by the DHA. Hence, it is therefore not possible to categorise South African residents as tourists or non-tourists. However, some data are available on foreign arrivals for this categorisation.

As presented in Table 1 on page 9, in August 2019, 88 009 (6,4%) of foreign arrivals were classified as non-visitors while 1 289 905 (93,6%) were classified as visitors. The visitors were categorised into three groups:

- i. Arrivals only – comprising visitors who entered the country in August 2019 but did not depart in August 2019 [334 102 (25,9%)];
- ii. Single trips – visitors who came to South Africa once in August 2019 and left in August 2019 [475 249 (36,8%)]; and
- iii. Multiple trips – visitors who came to and left South Africa more than once in August 2019 [480 554 (37,3%)].

Visitors were further grouped as same-day visitors and overnight visitors (tourists). In August 2019, there were 392 927 (30,5%) same-day visitors and 896 978 (69,5%) tourists. Between August 2018 and August 2019, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 4,8% (from 375 086 in August 2018 to 392 927 in August 2019) and that of tourists increased by 2,3% (from 876 926 in August 2018 to 896 978 in August 2019). Between July 2019 and August 2019, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 9,9% (from 357 643 in July 2019 to 392 927 in August 2019), and tourists increased by 13,5% (from 790 187 in July 2019 to 896 978 in August 2019).

### 1.1.2 Mode of travel

Information presented in Table 2 on page 10 shows that in August 2019, road transport was the most common mode of travel used by 2 611 731 (70,6%) of the 3 698 819 travellers. The total number of travellers who used air transport was 1 080 319 (29,2%). Compared to the use of air and land transport, a smaller number of travellers, 6 769 (0,2%) used sea transport. Information on arrivals of South African residents shows that 183 318 (38,0%) came by air, 299 163 (62,0%) came by road and 231 (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea transport. For departures, 202 037 (38,6%) used air, 320 708 (61,3%) used road and 182 (less than 0,1%) left by sea transport. All travellers in transit, 976 (100,0%) used air transport.

In the case of foreign travellers, 288 407 (20,9%) arrived by air, 1 086 074 (78,8%) came by road and 3 433 (0,2%) arrived by sea transport. When departing South Africa, 307 261 (25,3%) foreign travellers left by air, 905 786 (74,5%) left by road and 2 923 (0,2%) left by sea transport. All travellers in transit, 98 320 (100,0%) used air transport. Table 2 further shows that of the 392 927 same-day visitors, an overwhelming majority, 363 721 (92,6%) arrived in the country by road, 29 199 (7,4%) flew into the country; and 7 (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea transport. Information on tourists shows that 653 323 (72,8%) used road transport, 243 641 (27,2%) came by air transport and 14 (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea transport.

## 1.2 Tourists

### 1.2.1 Mode of travel

The country of residence of tourists is used to categorise them according to their respective countries and regions. Information on the specific region and country of residence of tourists and the mode of travel used to enter South Africa is provided in Table 3 on pages 11 to 14. In August 2019, 184 821 (86,7%) of the 213 074 overseas tourists arrived in the country by air transport, whilst 28 250 (13,3%) came in by road transport and 3 (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea transport. Tourists from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries, on the other hand, came predominantly by road, 623 287 (93,2%), followed by air travel, 45 443 (6,8%) and sea transport, 11 (less than 0,1%). The number of tourists who came into South Africa by air from 'other' African countries was 12 409 (89,6%) and 1 436 (10,4%) tourists used road transport.

### 1.2.2 Regional and national distribution

In August 2019, the distribution of overseas tourists was as follows: Europe, 118 657 (55,7%); North America, 39 448 (18,5%); Asia, 26 265 (12,3%); Australasia, 11 368 (5,3%); Central and South America, 9 806 (4,6%); and the Middle East, 7 530 (3,5%).

Figure 1 on page 7 and Table 3 on pages 11 to 12 indicate that the ten leading overseas countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in August 2019 were United States of America (USA), 34 967 (16,4%), United Kingdom (UK), 30 189 (14,2%); Germany, 18 787 (8,8%); France, 14 095 (6,6%); Italy, 13 517 (6,3%); The Netherlands, 13 076 (6,1%); Australia, 9 995 (4,7%); India, 7 555 (3,5%); China, 7 460 (3,5%); and Spain, 6 990 (3,3%). Tourists from these ten countries constituted 73,5% of all tourists from overseas countries. A comparison of movements in the ten leading countries between August 2018 and August 2019 shows that the number of tourists increased for three of the ten leading countries, Italy, India and USA. Australia had the largest decrease of 11,0% (from 11 226 tourists in August 2018 to 9 995 tourists in August 2019). Italy, on the other hand, had an increase of 12,1% (from 12 060 tourists in August 2018 to 13 517 tourists in August 2019).

Virtually all tourists from Africa, 668 741 (98,0%), came from the SADC countries. The distribution of the remaining tourists from Africa is as follows: East and Central Africa, 6 777 (1,0%); West Africa, 5 862 (0,9%); and North Africa 1 206 (0,2%). The ten leading SADC countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in August 2019 were: Zimbabwe, 214 388 (32,1%); Lesotho, 120 510 (18,0%); Mozambique, 115 855 (17,3%); Swaziland, 89 605 (13,4%); Botswana, 62 365 (9,3%); Malawi, 20 338 (3,0%); Namibia, 15 949 (2,4%); Zambia, 13 905 (2,1%); Angola, 5 775 (0,9%) and DRC, 4 294 (0,6%). (See Figure 2 on page 7 and Table 3 on pages 12 to 13). Tourists from these ten countries constituted 99,1% of all tourists from the SADC countries.

A comparison between movements in August 2018 and August 2019 for the ten leading SADC countries shows that the number of tourists increased for four of the ten leading countries (Swaziland, Malawi, Zimbabwe and Botswana), and decreased for six of the ten leading countries (Lesotho, DRC, Zambia, Namibia, Mozambique and Angola). Swaziland showed the largest increase of 16,5% (from 76 911 tourists in August 2018 to 89 605 in August 2019), while Lesotho showed the largest decrease of 5,4% (from 127 398 tourists in August 2018 to 120 510 in August 2019).

The ten leading countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in August 2019 from 'other' African countries, as shown in Figure 3 on page 8 and Table 3 on pages 13 to 14, were: Nigeria, 3 097 (22,4%); Kenya, 2 688 (19,4%); Ghana, 1 628 (11,8%); Uganda, 1 158 (8,4%); Gabon, 1 047 (7,6%); Egypt, 615 (4,4%); Ethiopia, 570 (4,1%); Cameroon, 404 (2,9%); Congo, 291 (2,1%) and Somalia, 236 (1,7%). Tourists from these ten countries constituted 84,8% of all tourists from 'other' African countries. A comparison between movements in August 2018 and August 2019 shows that the number of tourists increased for three of the ten leading countries (Congo, Somalia, Kenya and Uganda) and decreased for six of the ten leading countries (Nigeria, Ethiopia, Ghana, Cameroon, Egypt and Gabon). Congo showed the largest increase of 28,8% (from 226 tourists in August 2018 to 291 in August 2019), while Nigeria showed the largest decrease of 41,5% (from 5 295 tourists in August 2018 to 3 097 in August 2019).

### 1.2.3 Purpose of visit

As observed in Table 4 on pages 15 to 18, in August 2019, the majority of tourists, 876 743 (97,7%), were in South Africa for holiday<sup>1</sup> compared to 14 821 (1,7%); 4 914 (0,5%) and 500 (0,1%) who were in South Africa for business, study and for medical treatment respectively.

Compared to other overseas regions, Europe had the highest numbers of tourists, 115 756 (55,9%) who came for holiday, 2 218 (48,7%) who came for business, 621 (52,2%) who came for study and 62 (72,1%) who came for medical treatment.

Within the overseas regions, Australasia had the highest proportion of its tourists who came for holiday, 98,7% (11 225), followed by Central and South America, 98,6% (9 668), North America, 98,0% (38 659), Europe, 97,6% (115 756), the Middle East, 97,0% (7 303), and Asia, 93,8% (24 633).

Asia, 5,2% (1 368) had the highest proportion of its tourists who came to South Africa for business, followed by Europe, 1,9% (2 218), the Middle East, 1,8% (132), North America, 1,6% (612), Australasia, 1,1% (128), and Central and South America, 1,0% (97).

The Middle East had the highest proportion of its tourists who came to study, 1,3% (95), followed by Asia, 1,0% (250), Europe, 0,5% (621), North America, 0,4% (170), Central and South America, 0,4% (41), and Australasia, 0,1% (12).

Asia and Europe had 0,1% of their tourists who came for medical treatment. For the other two overseas regions, less than 0,1% of tourists from Australasia and North America came for medical treatment, whilst Central and South America and the Middle East had no tourists who came for medical treatment.

The majority of African tourists, 668 261 (97,9%) came to South Africa for holiday. However, the following differences in terms of reasons for travel were observed between tourists from the SADC countries and 'other' African countries, namely:

- A higher proportion of tourists from SADC countries, 98,1% (656 105) were on holiday, compared to 87,8% (12 156) from 'other' African countries who came for the same purpose. Information on the regions of 'other' African countries shows that 89,8% (5 266) of tourists from West Africa were on holiday, followed by tourists from East and Central Africa, 87,0% (5 896); and North Africa 82,4% (994) respectively.
- Business persons constituted 6,8% (941) of tourists from 'other' African countries and 1,4% (9 248) from SADC countries. North Africa had the highest proportion, 9,6% (116) of its tourists who came to South Africa for business purposes, followed by East and Central Africa, 7,9% (533) and West Africa, 5,0% (292).

<sup>1</sup> The holiday category includes tourists who came for vacation, visiting friends and relatives, shopping and other personal reasons. See section 5.5.2 on page 26 for a more detailed discussion.

- Students constituted 5,0% (692) of tourists from 'other' African countries compared with 0,5% (3 033) from SADC countries. North Africa, 8,0% (96) had the highest proportion of its tourists who came to South Africa for study purposes, followed by West Africa, 4,8% (283) and East and Central Africa, 4,6% (313).
- Medical treatment tourists constituted 0,4% (56) of tourists from 'other' African countries, while those from SADC constituted 0,1% (355) of its tourists. East and Central Africa, 0,5% (35) had the highest proportion of its tourists who came for medical treatment, followed by West Africa, 0,4% (21) and North Africa had no tourists who came for medical treatment.

#### 1.2.4 Sex and age distribution

Table 5 on page 19 shows that in August 2019, there were 485 375 (54,1%) male and 411 603 (45,9%) female tourists. Overseas tourists were made up of 110 863 (52,0%) male tourists and 102 211 (48,0%) female tourists. There were 365 056 (54,6%) male and 303 685 (45,4%) female tourists from SADC countries. Tourists from 'other' African countries were made up of 8 640 (62,4%) male and 5 205 (37,6%) female tourists.

The ages of the tourists were categorised into seven broad groups (see Table 5 for detailed classification). The results presented in Table 5 further show that the majority of tourists were aged between 35 and 44 years [243 366 (27,1%)], followed closely by the age group 25 to 34 years [234 432 (26,1%)]. Taking the regions of residence into consideration, the results show that the highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [205 840 (30,8%)] and those from 'other' African countries [4 187 (30,2%)] were aged between 35 and 44 years, whereas those from overseas countries [40 045 (18,8%)] were aged between 45 and 54 years. The second highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [192 960 (28,9%)], 'other' African countries [3 720 (26,9%)] and those from overseas countries [37 575 (17,6%)] were aged between 25 and 34 years. The median ages of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries were 41, 36 and 36 years respectively. The proportion of tourists aged less than 15 years was higher among tourists from overseas countries, 9,5% (20 236) compared to those from 'other' African countries, 8,6% (1 186) and to those from SADC countries, 6,3% (42 174).

A comparison of the three regions shows higher proportions of the elderly among both male and female tourists from overseas. Tourists aged 65 years and older comprised 10,5% (11 599) of male and 10,7% (10 959) of female tourists from overseas. This is in contrast to the pattern observed among tourists from the other two regions where tourists aged 65 years and older comprised less than 4,0% of both male and female tourists. From SADC countries, elderly tourists made up 2,2% (8 125) and 3,5% (10 621) of male and female tourists respectively; while in 'other' African countries elderly tourists made up 2,1% (183) and 1,9% (97) of male and female tourists respectively.



2. Figures

Figure 1 – Number of tourists from the ten leading overseas countries in August 2018 and August 2019

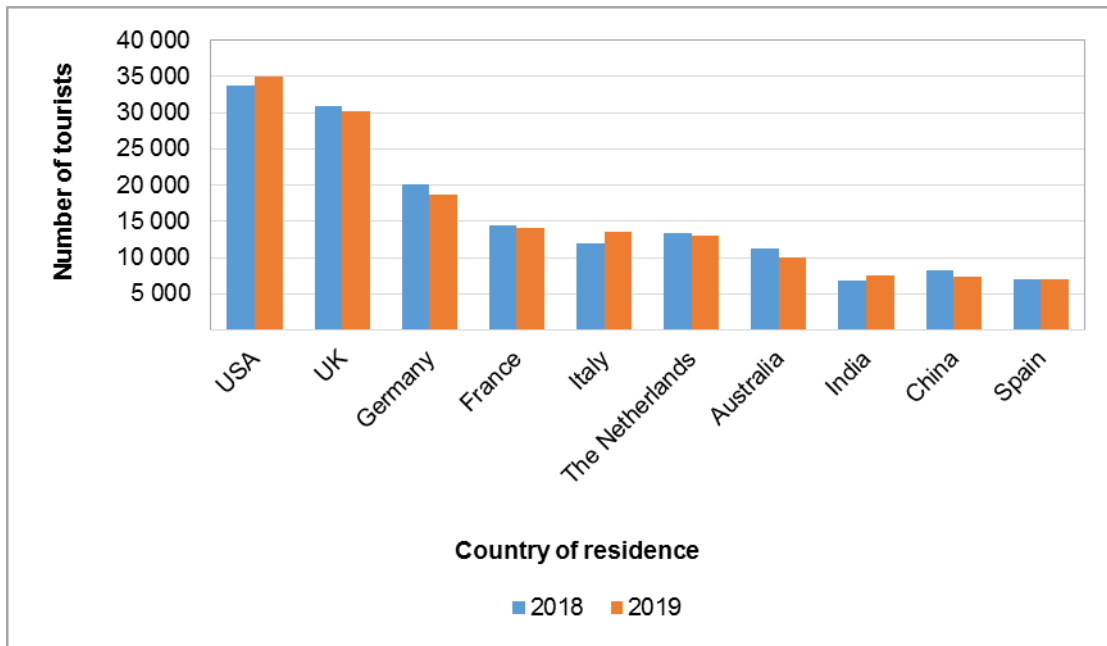
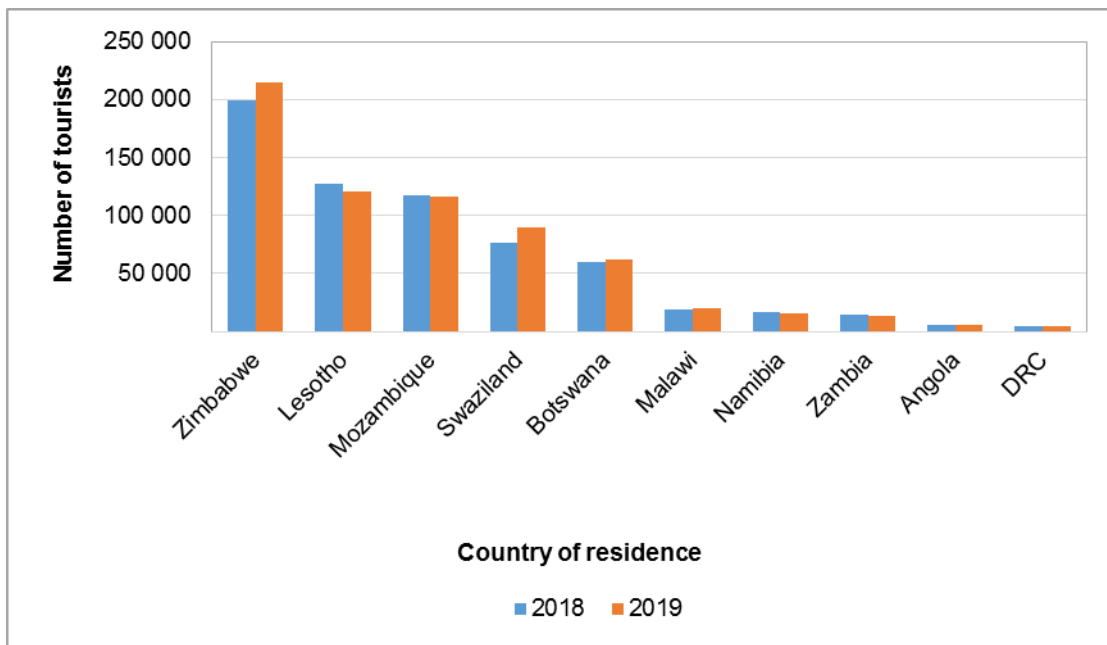
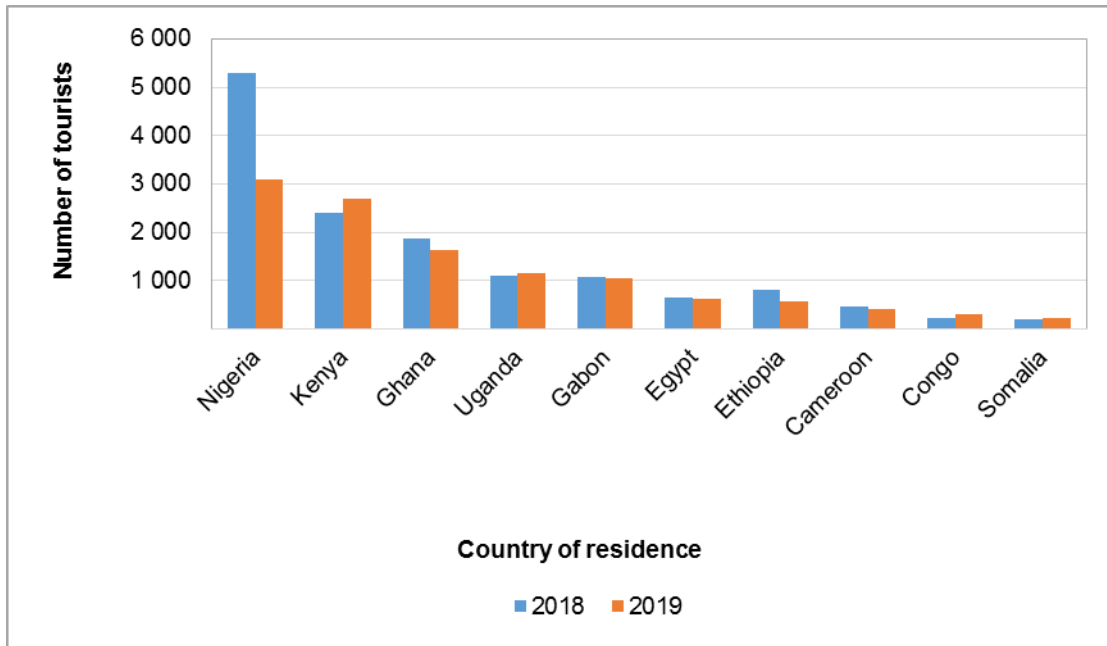


Figure 2 – Number of tourists from the ten leading Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries in August 2018 and August 2019





**Figure 3 – Number of tourists from the ten leading 'other' African countries in August 2018 and August 2019**



### 3. Tables

**Table 1 – Number of South African residents and foreign travellers by travel direction**

| Travel Direction               | August<br>2018   | July<br>2019     | August<br>2019   | % Change<br>Jul 2019 – Aug 2019 | % Change<br>Aug 2018 – Aug 2019 |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>3 554 656</b> | <b>3 323 714</b> | <b>3 698 819</b> | <b>11,3%</b>                    | <b>4,1%</b>                     |
| <b>South African residents</b> | <b>957 130</b>   | <b>958 108</b>   | <b>1 006 615</b> | <b>5,1%</b>                     | <b>5,2%</b>                     |
| Arrivals                       | 462 206          | 522 117          | 482 712          | -7,5%                           | 4,4%                            |
| Departures                     | 494 032          | 435 202          | 522 927          | 20,2%                           | 5,8%                            |
| Transits                       | 892              | 789              | 976              | 23,7%                           | 9,4%                            |
| <b>Foreign travellers</b>      | <b>2 597 526</b> | <b>2 365 606</b> | <b>2 692 204</b> | <b>13,8%</b>                    | <b>3,6%</b>                     |
| Arrivals                       | 1 331 118        | 1 238 165        | 1 377 914        | 11,3%                           | 3,5%                            |
| Departures                     | 1 183 057        | 1 048 816        | 1 215 970        | 15,9%                           | 2,8%                            |
| Transits                       | 83 351           | 78 625           | 98 320           | 25,0%                           | 18,0%                           |
| <b>Foreign arrivals</b>        | <b>1 331 118</b> | <b>1 238 165</b> | <b>1 377 914</b> | <b>11,3%</b>                    | <b>3,5%</b>                     |
| Non-visitors                   | 79 106           | 90 335           | 88 009           | -2,6%                           | 11,3%                           |
| Visitors                       | 1 252 012        | 1 147 830        | 1 289 905        | 12,4%                           | 3,0%                            |
| <b>Visitors</b>                | <b>1 252 012</b> | <b>1 147 830</b> | <b>1 289 905</b> | <b>12,4%</b>                    | <b>3,0%</b>                     |
| Arrivals only                  | 328 082          | 327 470          | 334 102          | 2,0%                            | 1,8%                            |
| Single trips                   | 453 832          | 398 887          | 475 249          | 19,1%                           | 4,7%                            |
| Multiple trips                 | 470 098          | 421 473          | 480 554          | 14,0%                           | 2,2%                            |
| <b>Visitors</b>                | <b>1 252 012</b> | <b>1 147 830</b> | <b>1 289 905</b> | <b>12,4%</b>                    | <b>3,0%</b>                     |
| Same-Day                       | 375 086          | 357 643          | 392 927          | 9,9%                            | 4,8%                            |
| Overnight (Tourists)           | 876 926          | 790 187          | 896 978          | 13,5%                           | 2,3%                            |

**Table 2 – Number of South African residents and foreign travellers by travel direction and mode of travel**

| Travel direction               | Total            | Air            |               |                |              |                  | Road             | Sea          |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
|                                |                  | Cape Town      | King Shaka    | O. R. Tambo    | Other        | Total            |                  |              |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>3 698 819</b> | <b>180 139</b> | <b>34 707</b> | <b>856 436</b> | <b>9 037</b> | <b>1 080 319</b> | <b>2 611 731</b> | <b>6 769</b> |
| <b>South African residents</b> | <b>1 006 615</b> | <b>62 399</b>  | <b>21 613</b> | <b>298 466</b> | <b>3 853</b> | <b>386 331</b>   | <b>619 871</b>   | <b>413</b>   |
| Arrivals                       | <b>482 712</b>   | 30 358         | 10 023        | 141 122        | 1 815        | <b>183 318</b>   | 299 163          | 231          |
| Departures                     | <b>522 927</b>   | 32 032         | 11 590        | 156 377        | 2 038        | <b>202 037</b>   | 320 708          | 182          |
| Transit                        | <b>976</b>       | 9              | -             | 967            | -            | <b>976</b>       | -                | -            |
| <b>Foreign travellers</b>      | <b>2 692 204</b> | <b>117 740</b> | <b>13 094</b> | <b>557 970</b> | <b>5 184</b> | <b>693 988</b>   | <b>1 991 860</b> | <b>6 356</b> |
| Arrivals                       | <b>1 377 914</b> | 56 519         | 5 991         | 223 941        | 1 956        | <b>288 407</b>   | 1 086 074        | 3 433        |
| Departures                     | <b>1 215 970</b> | 61 009         | 7 103         | 235 921        | 3 228        | <b>307 261</b>   | 905 786          | 2 923        |
| Transit                        | <b>98 320</b>    | 212            | -             | 98 108         | -            | <b>98 320</b>    | -                | -            |
| <b>Visitors</b>                | <b>1 289 905</b> | <b>54 045</b>  | <b>5 112</b>  | <b>211 981</b> | <b>1 702</b> | <b>272 840</b>   | <b>1 017 044</b> | <b>21</b>    |
| Same day                       | <b>392 927</b>   | 980            | 45            | 28 032         | 142          | <b>29 199</b>    | 363 721          | 7            |
| Tourist                        | <b>896 978</b>   | 53 065         | 5 067         | 183 949        | 1 560        | <b>243 641</b>   | 653 323          | 14           |

**Table 3 – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, August 2019**

| Country of residence             | August         |                | August 2019   |              |                |              |                |                |           |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|
|                                  | 2018           | 2019           | Air           |              |                |              |                | Road           | Sea       |
|                                  |                |                | Cape town     | King Shaka   | O.R. Tambo     | Other        | Total          |                |           |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>876 926</b> | <b>896 978</b> | <b>53 065</b> | <b>5 067</b> | <b>183 949</b> | <b>1 560</b> | <b>243 641</b> | <b>653 323</b> | <b>14</b> |
| <b>Overseas</b>                  | <b>213 761</b> | <b>213 074</b> | <b>45 219</b> | <b>4 301</b> | <b>134 129</b> | <b>1 172</b> | <b>184 821</b> | <b>28 250</b>  | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>Europe</b>                    | <b>121 751</b> | <b>118 657</b> | <b>26 931</b> | <b>2 877</b> | <b>67 521</b>  | <b>312</b>   | <b>97 641</b>  | <b>21 013</b>  | <b>3</b>  |
| Austria                          | 1 810          | 1 934          | 564           | 27           | 1 052          | 1            | 1 644          | 290            | -         |
| Belgium                          | 5 058          | 4 244          | 743           | 39           | 2 345          | 5            | 3 132          | 1 112          | -         |
| Denmark                          | 1 122          | 1 117          | 207           | 14           | 785            | 3            | 1 009          | 108            | -         |
| France                           | 14 528         | 14 095         | 3 187         | 108          | 7 462          | 27           | 10 784         | 3 311          | -         |
| Germany                          | 20 130         | 18 787         | 4 463         | 327          | 11 089         | 25           | 15 904         | 2 883          | -         |
| Ireland                          | 1 987          | 1 946          | 586           | 86           | 1 063          | 1            | 1 736          | 210            | -         |
| Italy                            | 12 060         | 13 517         | 4 216         | 93           | 7 199          | 47           | 11 555         | 1 962          | -         |
| Portugal                         | 2 461          | 2 413          | 377           | 78           | 919            | 5            | 1 379          | 1 034          | -         |
| Spain                            | 7 000          | 6 990          | 1 541         | 30           | 4 262          | 54           | 5 887          | 1 103          | -         |
| Sweden                           | 1 190          | 1 032          | 276           | 34           | 627            | -            | 937            | 95             | -         |
| Switzerland                      | 2 512          | 2 312          | 529           | 25           | 1 381          | 12           | 1 947          | 365            | -         |
| The Netherlands                  | 13 315         | 13 076         | 2 166         | 105          | 5 802          | 11           | 8 084          | 4 992          | -         |
| Turkey                           | 1 376          | 1 035          | 282           | 50           | 591            | -            | 923            | 112            | -         |
| UK                               | 30 967         | 30 189         | 6 423         | 1 617        | 19 323         | 93           | 27 456         | 2 733          | -         |
| Other                            | 6 235          | 5 970          | 1 371         | 244          | 3 621          | 28           | 5 264          | 703            | 3         |
| <b>North America</b>             | <b>38 467</b>  | <b>39 448</b>  | <b>9 295</b>  | <b>480</b>   | <b>26 397</b>  | <b>623</b>   | <b>36 795</b>  | <b>2 653</b>   | <b>-</b>  |
| Canada                           | 4 694          | 4 481          | 1 186         | 57           | 2 797          | 62           | 4 102          | 379            | -         |
| USA                              | 33 773         | 34 967         | 8 109         | 423          | 23 600         | 561          | 32 693         | 2 274          | -         |
| <b>Central and South America</b> | <b>9 034</b>   | <b>9 806</b>   | <b>592</b>    | <b>20</b>    | <b>8 531</b>   | <b>15</b>    | <b>9 158</b>   | <b>648</b>     | <b>-</b>  |
| Argentina                        | 1 200          | 953            | 22            | 6            | 863            | -            | 891            | 62             | -         |
| Brazil                           | 5 232          | 6 114          | 268           | 4            | 5 454          | 1            | 5 727          | 387            | -         |
| Peru                             | 275            | 621            | 16            | -            | 578            | 5            | 599            | 22             | -         |
| Other                            | 2 327          | 2 118          | 286           | 10           | 1 636          | 9            | 1 941          | 177            | -         |

**Table 3 – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, August 2019 (continued)**

| Country of residence | August         |                | August 2019  |            |               |            |               |                |           |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
|                      | 2018           | 2019           | Air          |            |               |            |               | Road           | Sea       |
|                      |                |                | Cape town    | King Shaka | O.R. Tambo    | Other      | Total         |                |           |
| <b>Australasia</b>   | <b>12 557</b>  | <b>11 368</b>  | <b>995</b>   | <b>77</b>  | <b>9 319</b>  | <b>137</b> | <b>10 528</b> | <b>840</b>     | <b>-</b>  |
| Australia            | 11 226         | 9 995          | 849          | 60         | 8 225         | 127        | 9 261         | 734            | -         |
| New Zealand          | 1 300          | 1 356          | 143          | 17         | 1 081         | 10         | 1 251         | 105            | -         |
| Other                | 31             | 17             | 3            | -          | 13            | -          | 16            | 1              | -         |
| <b>Middle East</b>   | <b>5 404</b>   | <b>7 530</b>   | <b>1 975</b> | <b>77</b>  | <b>5 269</b>  | <b>12</b>  | <b>7 333</b>  | <b>197</b>     | <b>-</b>  |
| Israel               | 2 441          | 2 924          | 425          | 5          | 2 317         | 12         | 2 759         | 165            | -         |
| Saudi Arabia         | 1 396          | 2 260          | 485          | 5          | 1 766         | -          | 2 256         | 4              | -         |
| United Arab Emirates | 424            | 887            | 617          | 4          | 265           | -          | 886           | 1              | -         |
| Other                | 1 143          | 1 459          | 448          | 63         | 921           | -          | 1 432         | 27             | -         |
| <b>Asia</b>          | <b>26 548</b>  | <b>26 265</b>  | <b>5 431</b> | <b>770</b> | <b>17 092</b> | <b>73</b>  | <b>23 366</b> | <b>2 899</b>   | <b>-</b>  |
| China                | 8 347          | 7 460          | 1 401        | 98         | 5 487         | 7          | 6 993         | 467            | -         |
| India                | 6 896          | 7 555          | 1 502        | 255        | 4 873         | 4          | 6 634         | 921            | -         |
| Japan                | 3 005          | 2 810          | 463          | 35         | 2 145         | 23         | 2 666         | 144            | -         |
| Malaysia             | 726            | 865            | 301          | 67         | 454           | 4          | 826           | 39             | -         |
| Pakistan             | 1 153          | 1 042          | 63           | 26         | 526           | -          | 615           | 427            | -         |
| Philippines          | 628            | 767            | 222          | 64         | 404           | 2          | 692           | 75             | -         |
| Singapore            | 979            | 1 062          | 378          | 3          | 622           | 31         | 1 034         | 28             | -         |
| South Korea          | 2 022          | 1 910          | 583          | 44         | 1 057         | 2          | 1 686         | 224            | -         |
| Taiwan               | 504            | 697            | 151          | -          | 375           | -          | 526           | 171            | -         |
| Thailand             | 1 075          | 838            | 136          | 86         | 548           | -          | 770           | 68             | -         |
| Other                | 1 213          | 1 259          | 231          | 92         | 601           | -          | 924           | 335            | -         |
| <b>Africa</b>        | <b>662 058</b> | <b>682 586</b> | <b>7 767</b> | <b>765</b> | <b>48 933</b> | <b>387</b> | <b>57 852</b> | <b>624 723</b> | <b>11</b> |
| <b>SADC</b>          | <b>645 837</b> | <b>668 741</b> | <b>6 052</b> | <b>684</b> | <b>38 334</b> | <b>373</b> | <b>45 443</b> | <b>623 287</b> | <b>11</b> |
| Angola               | 5 827          | 5 775          | 2 128        | -          | 3 154         | 6          | 5 288         | 487            | -         |
| Botswana             | 60 097         | 62 365         | 217          | 146        | 2 653         | 58         | 3 074         | 59 291         | -         |
| DRC                  | 4 488          | 4 294          | 273          | 3          | 3 361         | 6          | 3 643         | 651            | -         |
| Lesotho              | 127 398        | 120 510        | 6            | 3          | 543           | 3          | 555           | 119 955        | -         |

**Table 3 – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, August 2019 (continued)**

| Country of residence           | August        |               | August 2019  |            |               |           |               |              |          |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|----------|
|                                | 2018          | 2019          | Air          |            |               |           |               | Road         | Sea      |
|                                |               |               | Cape town    | King Shaka | O.R. Tambo    | Other     | Total         |              |          |
| Madagascar                     | 214           | 257           | 12           | -          | 227           | 1         | 240           | 17           | -        |
| Malawi                         | 18 645        | 20 338        | 35           | 2          | 2 111         | 6         | 2 154         | 18 184       | -        |
| Mauritius                      | 1 477         | 1 807         | 410          | 134        | 1 176         | -         | 1 720         | 87           | -        |
| Mozambique                     | 117 966       | 115 855       | 6            | 58         | 2 952         | 16        | 3 032         | 112 823      | -        |
| Namibia                        | 16 265        | 15 949        | 1 833        | 147        | 2 586         | 12        | 4 578         | 11 360       | 11       |
| Seychelles                     | 368           | 419           | 1            | -          | 401           | -         | 402           | 17           | -        |
| Swaziland                      | 76 911        | 89 605        | 1            | 1          | 602           | -         | 604           | 89 001       | -        |
| Tanzania                       | 2 791         | 3 274         | 115          | 1          | 1 723         | -         | 1 839         | 1 435        | -        |
| Zambia                         | 14 495        | 13 905        | 42           | 147        | 3 344         | 47        | 3 580         | 10 325       | -        |
| Zimbabwe                       | 198 895       | 214 388       | 973          | 42         | 13 501        | 218       | 14 734        | 199 654      | -        |
| <b>'Other' African</b>         | <b>16 221</b> | <b>13 845</b> | <b>1 715</b> | <b>81</b>  | <b>10 599</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>12 409</b> | <b>1 436</b> | <b>-</b> |
| <b>East and Central Africa</b> | <b>6 605</b>  | <b>6 777</b>  | <b>1 010</b> | <b>13</b>  | <b>4 992</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>6 023</b>  | <b>754</b>   | <b>-</b> |
| Burundi                        | 92            | 118           | 18           | -          | 91            | -         | 109           | 9            | -        |
| Cameroon                       | 459           | 404           | 44           | 2          | 310           | 4         | 360           | 44           | -        |
| Central African Republic       | 8             | 16            | -            | -          | 16            | -         | 16            | -            | -        |
| Chad                           | 21            | 26            | 1            | -          | 25            | -         | 26            | -            | -        |
| Comoros                        | 27            | 27            | 3            | -          | 23            | -         | 26            | 1            | -        |
| Congo                          | 226           | 291           | 78           | -          | 208           | -         | 286           | 5            | -        |
| Djibouti                       | 7             | 8             | 2            | -          | 6             | -         | 8             | -            | -        |
| Equatorial Guinea              | 16            | 36            | 9            | -          | 26            | -         | 35            | 1            | -        |
| Eritrea                        | 64            | 46            | 2            | -          | 41            | -         | 43            | 3            | -        |
| Ethiopia                       | 818           | 570           | 90           | 7          | 389           | 2         | 488           | 82           | -        |
| Gabon                          | 1 070         | 1 047         | 193          | -          | 852           | -         | 1 045         | 2            | -        |
| Kenya                          | 2 403         | 2 688         | 384          | 2          | 2 017         | -         | 2 403         | 285          | -        |
| Rwanda                         | 98            | 106           | 27           | -          | 59            | -         | 86            | 20           | -        |
| São Tomé and Príncipe          | 6             | -             | -            | -          | -             | -         | -             | -            | -        |
| Somalia                        | 185           | 236           | 38           | 1          | 41            | 1         | 81            | 155          | -        |
| Uganda                         | 1 105         | 1 158         | 121          | 1          | 888           | 1         | 1 011         | 147          | -        |

**Table 3 – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, August 2019 (concluded)**

| Country of residence | August       |              | August 2019 |            |              |          |              |            |          |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|--------------|----------|--------------|------------|----------|
|                      | 2018         | 2019         | Air         |            |              |          |              | Road       | Sea      |
|                      |              |              | Cape town   | King Shaka | O.R. Tambo   | Other    | Total        |            |          |
| <b>West Africa</b>   | <b>8 408</b> | <b>5 862</b> | <b>509</b>  | <b>28</b>  | <b>4 691</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>5 233</b> | <b>629</b> | <b>-</b> |
| Benin                | 160          | 184          | 34          | -          | 139          | 2        | 175          | 9          | -        |
| Burkina Faso         | 60           | 60           | 1           | -          | 59           | -        | 60           | -          | -        |
| Cape Verde Island    | 33           | 28           | 6           | -          | 15           | -        | 21           | 7          | -        |
| Côte d'Ivoire        | 248          | 229          | 29          | 2          | 195          | -        | 226          | 3          | -        |
| Gambia               | 54           | 40           | 7           | 4          | 19           | -        | 30           | 10         | -        |
| Ghana                | 1 874        | 1 628        | 184         | 2          | 1 363        | 2        | 1 551        | 77         | -        |
| Guinea               | 177          | 107          | 3           | -          | 61           | -        | 64           | 43         | -        |
| Guinea-Bissau        | 11           | 10           | -           | -          | 6            | -        | 6            | 4          | -        |
| Liberia              | 51           | 66           | 9           | -          | 53           | -        | 62           | 4          | -        |
| Mali                 | 97           | 86           | 12          | -          | 40           | -        | 52           | 34         | -        |
| Mauritania           | 23           | 18           | -           | -          | 17           | -        | 17           | 1          | -        |
| Niger                | 27           | 31           | 3           | -          | 28           | -        | 31           | -          | -        |
| Nigeria              | 5 295        | 3 097        | 181         | 16         | 2 480        | 1        | 2 678        | 419        | -        |
| Saint Helena         | 10           | 16           | 2           | -          | 14           | -        | 16           | -          | -        |
| Senegal              | 177          | 158          | 27          | 4          | 120          | -        | 151          | 7          | -        |
| Sierra Leone         | 74           | 68           | 9           | -          | 50           | -        | 59           | 9          | -        |
| Togo                 | 37           | 36           | 2           | -          | 32           | -        | 34           | 2          | -        |
| <b>North Africa</b>  | <b>1 208</b> | <b>1 206</b> | <b>196</b>  | <b>40</b>  | <b>916</b>   | <b>1</b> | <b>1 153</b> | <b>53</b>  | <b>-</b> |
| Algeria              | 76           | 119          | 8           | 6          | 104          | -        | 118          | 1          | -        |
| Egypt                | 651          | 615          | 82          | 11         | 493          | 1        | 587          | 28         | -        |
| Libya                | 62           | 52           | 22          | -          | 19           | -        | 41           | 11         | -        |
| Morocco              | 115          | 119          | 22          | 3          | 86           | -        | 111          | 8          | -        |
| South Sudan          | 83           | 57           | 12          | -          | 43           | -        | 55           | 2          | -        |
| The Sudan            | 167          | 150          | 41          | 1          | 105          | -        | 147          | 3          | -        |
| Tunisia              | 54           | 92           | 9           | 19         | 64           | -        | 92           | -          | -        |
| Western Sahara       | -            | 2            | -           | -          | 2            | -        | 2            | -          | -        |
| <b>Unspecified</b>   | <b>1 107</b> | <b>1 318</b> | <b>79</b>   | <b>1</b>   | <b>887</b>   | <b>1</b> | <b>968</b>   | <b>350</b> | <b>-</b> |



**Table 4 – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit**

| Country of residence             | August         |                | Purpose of visit (August 2019) |                |              |                   |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
|                                  | 2018           | 2019           | Business                       | Holiday        | Study        | Medical treatment |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>876 926</b> | <b>896 978</b> | <b>14 821</b>                  | <b>876 743</b> | <b>4 914</b> | <b>500</b>        |
| <b>Overseas</b>                  | <b>213 761</b> | <b>213 074</b> | <b>4 555</b>                   | <b>207 244</b> | <b>1 189</b> | <b>86</b>         |
| <b>Europe</b>                    | <b>121 751</b> | <b>118 657</b> | <b>2 218</b>                   | <b>115 756</b> | <b>621</b>   | <b>62</b>         |
| Austria                          | 1 810          | 1 934          | 39                             | 1 890          | 5            | -                 |
| Belgium                          | 5 058          | 4 244          | 77                             | 4 150          | 16           | 1                 |
| Denmark                          | 1 122          | 1 117          | 32                             | 1 079          | 5            | 1                 |
| France                           | 14 528         | 14 095         | 178                            | 13 710         | 205          | 2                 |
| Germany                          | 20 130         | 18 787         | 376                            | 18 336         | 75           | -                 |
| Ireland                          | 1 987          | 1 946          | 65                             | 1 878          | 1            | 2                 |
| Italy                            | 12 060         | 13 517         | 97                             | 13 393         | 25           | 2                 |
| Portugal                         | 2 461          | 2 413          | 33                             | 2 362          | 14           | 4                 |
| Spain                            | 7 000          | 6 990          | 58                             | 6 911          | 21           | -                 |
| Sweden                           | 1 190          | 1 032          | 29                             | 987            | 16           | -                 |
| Switzerland                      | 2 512          | 2 312          | 49                             | 2 251          | 10           | 2                 |
| The Netherlands                  | 13 315         | 13 076         | 173                            | 12 830         | 62           | 11                |
| Turkey                           | 1 376          | 1 035          | 81                             | 937            | 17           | -                 |
| UK                               | 30 967         | 30 189         | 655                            | 29 393         | 109          | 32                |
| Other                            | 6 235          | 5 970          | 276                            | 5 649          | 40           | 5                 |
| <b>North America</b>             | <b>38 467</b>  | <b>39 448</b>  | <b>612</b>                     | <b>38 659</b>  | <b>170</b>   | <b>7</b>          |
| Canada                           | 4 694          | 4 481          | 99                             | 4 354          | 26           | 2                 |
| USA                              | 33 773         | 34 967         | 513                            | 34 305         | 144          | 5                 |
| <b>Central and South America</b> | <b>9 034</b>   | <b>9 806</b>   | <b>97</b>                      | <b>9 668</b>   | <b>41</b>    | <b>-</b>          |
| Argentina                        | 1 200          | 953            | 15                             | 936            | 2            | -                 |
| Brazil                           | 5 232          | 6 114          | 36                             | 6 057          | 21           | -                 |
| Peru                             | 275            | 621            | 6                              | 614            | 1            | -                 |
| Other                            | 2 327          | 2 118          | 40                             | 2 061          | 17           | -                 |

**Table 4 – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit (continued)**

| Country of residence | August         |                | Purpose of visit (August 2019) |                |              |                   |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
|                      | 2018           | 2019           | Business                       | Holiday        | Study        | Medical treatment |
| <b>Australasia</b>   | <b>12 557</b>  | <b>11 368</b>  | <b>128</b>                     | <b>11 225</b>  | <b>12</b>    | <b>3</b>          |
| Australia            | 11 226         | 9 995          | 103                            | 9 878          | 11           | 3                 |
| New Zealand          | 1 300          | 1 356          | 23                             | 1 332          | 1            | -                 |
| Other                | 31             | 17             | 2                              | 15             | -            | -                 |
| <b>Middle East</b>   | <b>5 404</b>   | <b>7 530</b>   | <b>132</b>                     | <b>7 303</b>   | <b>95</b>    | <b>-</b>          |
| Israel               | 2 441          | 2 924          | 30                             | 2 882          | 12           | -                 |
| Saudi Arabia         | 1 396          | 2 260          | 6                              | 2 230          | 24           | -                 |
| United Arab Emirates | 424            | 887            | 3                              | 879            | 5            | -                 |
| Other                | 1 143          | 1 459          | 93                             | 1 312          | 54           | -                 |
| <b>Asia</b>          | <b>26 548</b>  | <b>26 265</b>  | <b>1 368</b>                   | <b>24 633</b>  | <b>250</b>   | <b>14</b>         |
| China                | 8 347          | 7 460          | 454                            | 6 974          | 32           | -                 |
| India                | 6 896          | 7 555          | 571                            | 6 879          | 96           | 9                 |
| Japan                | 3 005          | 2 810          | 89                             | 2 700          | 20           | 1                 |
| Malaysia             | 726            | 865            | 17                             | 843            | 5            | -                 |
| Pakistan             | 1 153          | 1 042          | 27                             | 995            | 19           | 1                 |
| Philippines          | 628            | 767            | 27                             | 732            | 8            | -                 |
| Singapore            | 979            | 1 062          | 31                             | 1 030          | 1            | -                 |
| South Korea          | 2 022          | 1 910          | 60                             | 1 826          | 21           | 3                 |
| Taiwan               | 504            | 697            | 14                             | 682            | 1            | -                 |
| Thailand             | 1 075          | 838            | 13                             | 812            | 13           | -                 |
| Other                | 1 213          | 1 259          | 65                             | 1 160          | 34           | -                 |
| <b>Africa</b>        | <b>662 058</b> | <b>682 586</b> | <b>10 189</b>                  | <b>668 261</b> | <b>3 725</b> | <b>411</b>        |
| <b>SADC</b>          | <b>645 837</b> | <b>668 741</b> | <b>9 248</b>                   | <b>656 105</b> | <b>3 033</b> | <b>355</b>        |
| Angola               | 5 827          | 5 775          | 60                             | 5 541          | 139          | 35                |
| Botswana             | 60 097         | 62 365         | 382                            | 61 524         | 342          | 117               |
| DRC                  | 4 488          | 4 294          | 93                             | 3 950          | 192          | 59                |
| Lesotho              | 127 398        | 120 510        | 1 002                          | 118 615        | 893          | -                 |

**Table 4 – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit (continued)**

| Country of residence           | August        |               | Purpose of visit (August 2019) |               |            |                   |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------|------------|-------------------|
|                                | 2018          | 2019          | Business                       | Holiday       | Study      | Medical treatment |
| Madagascar                     | 214           | 257           | 11                             | 236           | 10         | -                 |
| Malawi                         | 18 645        | 20 338        | 163                            | 20 104        | 63         | 8                 |
| Mauritius                      | 1 477         | 1 807         | 83                             | 1 693         | 30         | 1                 |
| Mozambique                     | 117 966       | 115 855       | 2 212                          | 113 454       | 152        | 37                |
| Namibia                        | 16 265        | 15 949        | 1 992                          | 13 697        | 226        | 34                |
| Seychelles                     | 368           | 419           | 7                              | 406           | 3          | 3                 |
| Swaziland                      | 76 911        | 89 605        | 204                            | 89 111        | 282        | 8                 |
| Tanzania                       | 2 791         | 3 274         | 109                            | 3 088         | 71         | 6                 |
| Zambia                         | 14 495        | 13 905        | 1 379                          | 12 407        | 103        | 16                |
| Zimbabwe                       | 198 895       | 214 388       | 1 551                          | 212 279       | 527        | 31                |
| <b>'Other' African</b>         | <b>16 221</b> | <b>13 845</b> | <b>941</b>                     | <b>12 156</b> | <b>692</b> | <b>56</b>         |
| <b>East and Central Africa</b> | <b>6 605</b>  | <b>6 777</b>  | <b>533</b>                     | <b>5 896</b>  | <b>313</b> | <b>35</b>         |
| Burundi                        | 92            | 118           | 7                              | 101           | 6          | 4                 |
| Cameroon                       | 459           | 404           | 29                             | 331           | 37         | 7                 |
| Central African Republic       | 8             | 16            | 2                              | 12            | 2          | -                 |
| Chad                           | 21            | 26            | -                              | 23            | 3          | -                 |
| Comoros                        | 27            | 27            | 2                              | 25            | -          | -                 |
| Congo                          | 226           | 291           | 8                              | 260           | 16         | 7                 |
| Djibouti                       | 7             | 8             | 1                              | 7             | -          | -                 |
| Equatorial Guinea              | 16            | 36            | 6                              | 24            | 6          | -                 |
| Eritrea                        | 64            | 46            | 2                              | 44            | -          | -                 |
| Ethiopia                       | 818           | 570           | 58                             | 480           | 25         | 7                 |
| Gabon                          | 1 070         | 1 047         | 6                              | 989           | 52         | -                 |
| Kenya                          | 2 403         | 2 688         | 280                            | 2 292         | 112        | 4                 |
| Rwanda                         | 98            | 106           | 12                             | 91            | 3          | -                 |
| São Tomé and Príncipe          | 6             | -             | -                              | -             | -          | -                 |
| Somalia                        | 185           | 236           | 23                             | 211           | 1          | 1                 |
| Uganda                         | 1 105         | 1 158         | 97                             | 1 006         | 50         | 5                 |

**Table 4 – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit (concluded)**

| Country of residence | August       |              | Purpose of visit (August 2019) |              |            |                   |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|
|                      | 2018         | 2019         | Business                       | Holiday      | Study      | Medical treatment |
| <b>West Africa</b>   | <b>8 408</b> | <b>5 862</b> | <b>292</b>                     | <b>5 266</b> | <b>283</b> | <b>21</b>         |
| Benin                | 160          | 184          | 5                              | 173          | 6          | -                 |
| Burkina Faso         | 60           | 60           | 6                              | 53           | 1          | -                 |
| Cape Verde Island    | 33           | 28           | 2                              | 26           | -          | -                 |
| Côte d'Ivoire        | 248          | 229          | 25                             | 190          | 13         | 1                 |
| Gambia               | 54           | 40           | 1                              | 32           | 7          | -                 |
| Ghana                | 1 874        | 1 628        | 123                            | 1 456        | 41         | 8                 |
| Guinea               | 177          | 107          | 1                              | 101          | 3          | 2                 |
| Guinea-Bissau        | 11           | 10           | -                              | 10           | -          | -                 |
| Liberia              | 51           | 66           | 4                              | 59           | 1          | 2                 |
| Mali                 | 97           | 86           | 6                              | 76           | 4          | -                 |
| Mauritania           | 23           | 18           | -                              | 18           | -          | -                 |
| Niger                | 27           | 31           | -                              | 31           | -          | -                 |
| Nigeria              | 5 295        | 3 097        | 90                             | 2 815        | 186        | 6                 |
| Saint Helena         | 10           | 16           | -                              | 15           | -          | 1                 |
| Senegal              | 177          | 158          | 20                             | 123          | 15         | -                 |
| Sierra Leone         | 74           | 68           | 6                              | 58           | 4          | -                 |
| Togo                 | 37           | 36           | 3                              | 30           | 2          | 1                 |
| <b>North Africa</b>  | <b>1 208</b> | <b>1 206</b> | <b>116</b>                     | <b>994</b>   | <b>96</b>  | <b>-</b>          |
| Algeria              | 76           | 119          | 6                              | 97           | 16         | -                 |
| Egypt                | 651          | 615          | 59                             | 515          | 41         | -                 |
| Libya                | 62           | 52           | 2                              | 39           | 11         | -                 |
| Morocco              | 115          | 119          | 17                             | 97           | 5          | -                 |
| South Sudan          | 83           | 57           | 10                             | 44           | 3          | -                 |
| The Sudan            | 167          | 150          | 13                             | 123          | 14         | -                 |
| Tunisia              | 54           | 92           | 9                              | 77           | 6          | -                 |
| Western Sahara       | -            | 2            | -                              | 2            | -          | -                 |
| <b>Unspecified</b>   | <b>1 107</b> | <b>1 318</b> | <b>77</b>                      | <b>1 238</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>3</b>          |

**Table 5 – Number of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African regions by sex and age group**

| Sex           | Age group    | August         |                | Region (August 2019) |                |                 |              |
|---------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
|               |              | 2018           | 2019           | Overseas             | SADC           | 'Other' African | Unspecified  |
| <b>All</b>    | <b>Total</b> | <b>876 926</b> | <b>896 978</b> | <b>213 074</b>       | <b>668 741</b> | <b>13 845</b>   | <b>1 318</b> |
|               | 0-14         | 59 857         | 63 609         | 20 236               | 42 174         | 1 186           | 13           |
|               | 15-24        | 92 513         | 91 074         | 26 458               | 63 316         | 1 271           | 29           |
|               | 25-34        | 231 968        | 234 432        | 37 575               | 192 960        | 3 720           | 177          |
|               | 35-44        | 234 547        | 243 366        | 32 964               | 205 840        | 4 187           | 375          |
|               | 45-54        | 138 943        | 143 615        | 40 045               | 100 862        | 2 278           | 430          |
|               | 55-64        | 76 562         | 79 272         | 33 238               | 44 843         | 923             | 268          |
|               | 65+          | 42 536         | 41 610         | 22 558               | 18 746         | 280             | 26           |
| <b>Male</b>   | <b>Total</b> | <b>475 239</b> | <b>485 375</b> | <b>110 863</b>       | <b>365 056</b> | <b>8 640</b>    | <b>816</b>   |
|               | 0-14         | 30 080         | 31 711         | 10 509               | 20 590         | 606             | 6            |
|               | 15-24        | 47 324         | 46 326         | 12 279               | 33 372         | 656             | 19           |
|               | 25-34        | 125 280        | 126 362        | 18 752               | 105 269        | 2 235           | 106          |
|               | 35-44        | 136 535        | 141 307        | 18 518               | 119 790        | 2 773           | 226          |
|               | 45-54        | 76 608         | 79 364         | 21 458               | 56 078         | 1 559           | 269          |
|               | 55-64        | 38 847         | 40 378         | 17 748               | 21 832         | 628             | 170          |
|               | 65+          | 20 565         | 19 927         | 11 599               | 8 125          | 183             | 20           |
| <b>Female</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>401 687</b> | <b>411 603</b> | <b>102 211</b>       | <b>303 685</b> | <b>5 205</b>    | <b>502</b>   |
|               | 0-14         | 29 777         | 31 898         | 9 727                | 21 584         | 580             | 7            |
|               | 15-24        | 45 189         | 44 748         | 14 179               | 29 944         | 615             | 10           |
|               | 25-34        | 106 688        | 108 070        | 18 823               | 87 691         | 1 485           | 71           |
|               | 35-44        | 98 012         | 102 059        | 14 446               | 86 050         | 1 414           | 149          |
|               | 45-54        | 62 335         | 64 251         | 18 587               | 44 784         | 719             | 161          |
|               | 55-64        | 37 715         | 38 894         | 15 490               | 23 011         | 295             | 98           |
|               | 65+          | 21 971         | 21 683         | 10 959               | 10 621         | 97              | 6            |

## 4. Annexures

### 4.1 Annexure A – Cumulative number of tourists' difference between Jan – Aug 2018 and Jan – Aug 2019 by country of residence

| Country of residence             | Jan – Aug 2018   | Jan – Aug 2019   | Difference between Jan – Aug 2018 and Jan – Aug 2019 | % change between Jan – Aug 2018 and Jan – Aug 2019 |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|--|
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>6 885 371</b> | <b>6 782 362</b> | <b>-103 009</b>                                      | <b>-1,5%</b>                                       |
| <b>Overseas</b>                  | <b>1 693 076</b> | <b>1 658 983</b> | <b>-34 093</b>                                       | <b>-2,0%</b>                                       |
| <b>Europe</b>                    | <b>998 635</b>   | <b>964 208</b>   | <b>-34 427</b>                                       | <b>-3,4%</b>                                       |
| Austria                          | 17 781           | 18 398           | 617  | 3,5%   |
| Belgium                          | 35 702           | 33 985           | -1 717   | -4,8%  |
| Denmark                          | 18 026           | 15 812           | -2 214   | -12,3%   |
| France                           | 116 464          | 106 325          | -10 139  | -8,7%  |
| Germany                          | 196 870          | 182 378          | -14 492  | -7,4%  |
| Ireland                          | 19 405           | 18 870           | -535   | -2,8%  |
| Italy                            | 41 733           | 44 281           | 2 548  | 6,1%   |
| Norway                           | 12 406           | 11 116           | -1 290   | -10,4%   |
| Portugal                         | 20 307           | 19 878           | -429   | -2,1%  |
| Spain                            | 27 214           | 28 037           | 823  | 3,0%   |
| Sweden                           | 27 924           | 24 558           | -3 366   | -12,1%   |
| Switzerland                      | 32 698           | 31 305           | -1 393   | -4,3%  |
| The Netherlands                  | 90 513           | 90 280           | -233   | -0,3%  |
| UK                               | 277 030          | 277 869          | 839  | 0,3%   |
| Other                            | 64 562           | 61 116           | -3 446   | -5,3%  |
| <b>North America</b>             | <b>293 314</b>   | <b>293 449</b>   | <b>135</b>   | <b>0,0%</b>  |
| Canada                           | 41 264           | 41 250           | -14  | 0,0%   |
| USA                              | 252 050          | 252 199          | 149  | 0,1%   |
| <b>Central and South America</b> | <b>76 850</b>    | <b>76 310</b>    | <b>-540</b>  | <b>-0,7%</b>                                       |
| Argentina                        | 14 196           | 11 914           | -2 282   | -16,1%   |
| Brazil                           | 45 352           | 46 819           | 1 467  | 3,2%   |
| Chile                            | 4 689            | 4 111            | -578   | -12,3%   |
| Other                            | 12 613           | 13 466           | 853  | 6,8%   |

**Annexure A – Cumulative number of tourists' difference between Jan – Aug 2018 and Jan – Aug 2019 by country of residence (continued)**

| Country of residence | Jan – Aug 2018   | Jan – Aug 2019   | Difference between Jan – Aug 2018 and Jan – Aug 2019 | % change between Jan – Aug 2018 and Jan – Aug 2019 |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|--|--|
| <b>Australasia</b>   | <b>83 887</b>    | <b>80 670</b>    | <b>-3 217</b>  | <b>-3,8%</b>                                       |
| Australia            | 74 356           | 71 396           | -2 960   | -4,0%  |
| New Zealand          | 9 365            | 9 080            | -285   | -3,0%  |
| Other                | 166              | 194              | 28   | 16,9%  |
| <b>Middle East</b>   | <b>34 150</b>    | <b>36 006</b>    | <b>1 856</b>   | <b>5,4%</b>  |
| Israel               | 16 426           | 16 550           | 124  | 0,8%   |
| Saudi Arabia         | 6 308            | 8 000            | 1 692  | 26,8%  |
| United Arab Emirates | 1 963            | 2 418            | 455  | 23,2%  |
| Other                | 9 453            | 9 038            | -415   | -4,4%  |
| <b>Asia</b>          | <b>206 240</b>   | <b>208 340</b>   | <b>2 100</b>   | <b>1,0%</b>  |
| China                | 63 405           | 61 376           | -2 029   | -3,2%  |
| India                | 64 115           | 65 793           | 1 678  | 2,6%   |
| Japan                | 17 663           | 18 187           | 524  | 3,0%   |
| Malaysia             | 4 824            | 6 577            | 1 753  | 36,3%  |
| Pakistan             | 10 011           | 9 437            | -574   | -5,7%  |
| Philippines          | 4 868            | 5 111            | 243  | 5,0%   |
| Singapore            | 5 636            | 6 310            | 674  | 12,0%  |
| South Korea          | 15 523           | 14 296           | -1 227   | -7,9%  |
| Taiwan               | 3 524            | 4 405            | 881  | 25,0%  |
| Thailand             | 5 078            | 5 335            | 257  | 5,1%   |
| Other                | 11 593           | 11 513           | -80  | -0,7%  |
| <b>Africa</b>        | <b>5 183 865</b> | <b>5 113 652</b> | <b>-70 213</b>                                       | <b>-1,4%</b>                                       |
| <b>SADC</b>          | <b>5 070 008</b> | <b>5 004 777</b> | <b>-65 231</b>                                       | <b>-1,3%</b>                                       |
| Angola               | 43 461           | 43 874           | 413  | 1,0%   |
| Botswana             | 423 337          | 423 158          | -179   | 0,0%   |
| DRC                  | 22 959           | 22 711           | -248   | -1,1%  |
| Lesotho              | 1 220 739        | 1 079 534        | -141 205   | -11,6%   |



**Annexure A – Cumulative number of tourists' difference between Jan – Aug 2018 and Jan – Aug 2019 by country of residence (continued)**

| Country of residence           | Jan – Aug 2018 | Jan – Aug 2019 | Difference between Jan – Aug 2018 and Jan – Aug 2019 | % change between Jan – Aug 2018 and Jan – Aug 2019 |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--|--|
| Madagascar                     | 1 648          | 1 723          | 75   | 4,6%   |
| Malawi                         | 127 588        | 130 383        | 2 795  | 2,2%   |
| Mauritius                      | 12 406         | 14 046         | 1 640  | 13,2%  |
| Mozambique                     | 918 654        | 902 042        | -16 612  | -1,8%  |
| Namibia                        | 127 148        | 121 198        | -5 950   | -4,7%  |
| Seychelles                     | 3 406          | 3 526          | 120  | 3,5%   |
| Swaziland                      | 571 229        | 601 445        | 30 216   | 5,3%   |
| Tanzania                       | 23 185         | 24 664         | 1 479  | 6,4%   |
| Zambia                         | 108 672        | 102 010        | -6 662   | -6,1%  |
| Zimbabwe                       | 1 465 576      | 1 534 463      | 68 887   | 4,7%   |
| <b>'Other' African</b>         | <b>113 857</b> | <b>108 875</b> | <b>-4 982</b>  | <b>-4,4%</b>                                       |
| <b>East and Central Africa</b> | <b>46 354</b>  | <b>47 186</b>  | <b>832</b>   | <b>1,8%</b>  |
| Burundi                        | 534            | 657            | 123  | 23,0%  |
| Cameroon                       | 3 382          | 3 414          | 32   | 0,9%   |
| Central African Republic       | 109            | 103            | -6   | -5,5%  |
| Chad                           | 234            | 246            | 12   | 5,1%   |
| Comoros                        | 207            | 234            | 27   | 13,0%  |
| Congo                          | 1 877          | 1 690          | -187   | -10,0%   |
| Djibouti                       | 68             | 67             | -1   | -1,5%  |
| Equatorial Guinea              | 236            | 281            | 45   | 19,1%  |
| Eritrea                        | 463            | 463            | -  | 0,0%   |
| Ethiopia                       | 6 197          | 4 542          | -1 655   | -26,7%   |
| Gabon                          | 4 491          | 4 332          | -159   | -3,5%  |
| Kenya                          | 17 933         | 19 515         | 1 582  | 8,8%   |
| Réunion                        | 15             | 11             | -4   | -26,7%   |
| Rwanda                         | 667            | 742            | 75   | 11,2%  |
| São Tomé and Príncipe          | 79             | 49             | -30  | -38,0%   |
| Somalia                        | 899            | 1 390          | 491  | 54,6%  |
| Uganda                         | 8 963          | 9 450          | 487  | 5,4%   |

**Annexure A – Cumulative number of tourists' difference between Jan – Aug 2018 and Jan – Aug 2019 by country of residence (concluded)**

| Country of residence | Jan – Aug 2018 | Jan – Aug 2019 | Difference between Jan – Aug 2018 and Jan – Aug 2019 | % change between Jan – Aug 2018 and Jan – Aug 2019 |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|--|--|
| <b>West Africa</b>   | <b>57 228</b>  | <b>50 522</b>  | <b>-6 706</b>  | <b>-11,7%</b>                                      |
| Benin                | 936            | 1 200          | 264  | 28,2%  |
| Burkina Faso         | 469            | 527            | 58   | 12,4%  |
| Cape Verde Island    | 228            | 250            | 22   | 9,6%   |
| Côte d'Ivoire        | 1 816          | 1 941          | 125  | 6,9%   |
| Gambia               | 357            | 273            | -84  | -23,5%   |
| Ghana                | 13 299         | 12 219         | -1 080   | -8,1%  |
| Guinea               | 1 078          | 882            | -196   | -18,2%   |
| Guinea-Bissau        | 110            | 83             | -27  | -24,5%   |
| Liberia              | 437            | 486            | 49   | 11,2%  |
| Mali                 | 952            | 751            | -201   | -21,1%   |
| Mauritania           | 145            | 144            | -1   | -0,7%  |
| Niger                | 207            | 225            | 18   | 8,7%   |
| Nigeria              | 34 701         | 29 064         | -5 637   | -16,2%   |
| Saint Helena         | 95             | 65             | -30  | -31,6%   |
| Senegal              | 1 584          | 1 437          | -147   | -9,3%  |
| Sierra Leone         | 397            | 509            | 112  | 28,2%  |
| Togo                 | 417            | 466            | 49   | 11,8%  |
| <b>North Africa</b>  | <b>10 275</b>  | <b>11 167</b>  | <b>892</b>   | <b>8,7%</b>  |
| Algeria              | 625            | 1 036          | 411  | 65,8%  |
| Egypt                | 5 243          | 5 468          | 225  | 4,3%   |
| Libya                | 559            | 526            | -33  | -5,9%  |
| Morocco              | 1 209          | 1 426          | 217  | 17,9%  |
| South Sudan          | 542            | 629            | 87   | 16,1%  |
| The Sudan            | 1 404          | 1 178          | -226   | -16,1%   |
| Tunisia              | 673            | 894            | 221  | 32,8%  |
| Western Sahara       | 20             | 10             | -10  | -50,0%   |
| <b>Unspecified</b>   | <b>8 430</b>   | <b>9 727</b>   | <b>1 297</b>   | <b>15,4%</b>                                       |

## 5. Explanatory notes

### NOTE TO USERS

Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) has made changes in the *Tourism and Migration* statistical release starting from the January 2014 statistics. This change has become necessary as a result of the implementation of the enhanced Movement Control System (e-MCS) at the country's ports of entry. Currently, the new system (e-MCS) is operational at over 95% of the country's ports of entry. The change affects the identification of Transit Travellers that are currently categorised under Direction instead of Purpose of Movement. With this revision, Table 1 and Table 2 in the release now include a category for Transit while all tables reporting on tourists exclude transit travellers.

#### 5.1 Introduction

Legal movements across South African borders, as well as legal immigration into South Africa, fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Home Affairs (DHA). Stats SA then processes, analyses and publishes this information.

Administrative data sources from the DHA, that is, information from all the country's ports of entry and applications for permanent residence, constitute the only comprehensive source of information on foreign arrivals and departures, documented immigrants and emigrants. The information from this source of data provides the best national coverage (both in terms of space and time) of the population movements of South African residents and foreign travellers. The data can be used for the following:

- To estimate, monitor and understand salient characteristics of foreign travellers and volumes of South African residents travelling outside South Africa.
- To provide information that can be used to (a) assess the extent of government's progress in strengthening bilateral political and economic relations by assessing the number of international tourist arrivals, and (b) benchmark surveys focusing on the demand for local tourism services by foreign travellers.

#### 5.2 Purpose of the statistical release

This release reports on arrivals, departures and transit travellers of South African residents and foreign travellers. Detailed information on the age and sex distribution; mode of travel; national and regional distribution; and purpose of travel of overnight visitors or tourists are also provided.

#### 5.3 Scope and coverage

The release covers data collected by DHA officials on travellers who departed from or entered the Republic of South Africa (RSA).

#### 5.4 Data

Information published in this release is based on data obtained from the following data sources within the DHA:

- Data routinely collected by immigration officers at all road, air and sea entry ports on all travellers (South African residents and foreign travellers) arriving into or departing from South Africa are captured into the DHA's population Movement Control System (MCS). The counts/statistics relate to the number of individual movements, rather than to the number of people. Hence, the multiple movements of individual people during the calendar month are each counted separately. Generally, the data are collected directly from travel documents either by scanning or capturing onto the ports' electronic database. No forms or cards are used (except on rare occasions when the capturing system is down) to collect information from travellers. Individual ports regularly transmit data onto the national database at the head office of the DHA.
- Stats SA receives downloaded data covering a particular calendar month from the DHA.

- As part of data interrogation, data from O.R. Tambo International Airport, which has the highest volume of travellers, are compared with passenger statistics from the Airports Company of South Africa (ACSA). As expected, in any specific month, an increase in the volume of passengers reported by ACSA is also reflected in an increase in the volume of travellers recorded by DHA. A similar pattern has also been observed when the volume of travellers decreased. In August 2019, the DHA data was 3,5% higher than that of ACSA.

## 5.5 Limitations

### 5.5.1 Outbound tourists

The information on the total number of arrivals and departures of South African residents is collected from the scanning of passports. However, data on the country visited are not collected from passengers; country of final destination; intended duration of stay and purpose of visit. With this limitation, it is impossible to identify the number of tourists from the data on South African residents.

### 5.5.2 Purpose of visit

The holiday category includes tourists who came for vacation, visiting friends and relatives, shopping and other personal reasons such as attending weddings. While it's possible to separate 'visiting friends and relatives' from the broad category of Holiday, shopping and other reasons for visiting South Africa are all combined with vacation in the DHA movement control system. Discussions are in progress with the Department of Home Affairs to capture vacation and shopping as separate categories for a clearer breakdown of tourists by purpose of visit.

## 5.6 Definition of terms

### 5.6.1 Definitions used by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)

**Traveller** is someone who moves between different geographical locations for any purpose and any duration.

**Visitor** refers to any person travelling to a place other than that of his/her usual environment for less than 12 months and whose main purpose of the trip is other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited.

**Same-Day visitor** is a visitor who visits a place for less than one night.

**Tourist** (overnight visitor) is a visitor who stays at least one night in collective or private accommodation in the place visited.

**Tourism** comprises the activities of persons travelling to, and staying in places outside their usual environment, for not more than one consecutive year, for leisure, business and other purposes. The usual environment of a person consists of a certain area around his/her place of residence, plus all the other places he/she frequently visits.

### 5.6.2 Definitions used specifically in this release

**South African resident** refers to either a South African citizen or a non-South African citizen with a South African permanent residence permit.

**Foreign traveller** refers to a traveller who is not a South African citizen or permanent resident.

**Region** refers to the following country classification:

- Overseas: Europe, North America, Central and South America, Australasia, the Middle East and Asia.
- Africa: SADC and 'other' Africa (East and Central Africa, West Africa and North Africa).

**Country** refers to individual countries within a region. The country of residence is used. The country of residence should not be confused with the country from which the visitor travelled.

**Africa** refers to all the countries in Africa (both mainland and island countries).

**SADC** refers to the fourteen countries, excluding South Africa, which belong to the Southern African Development Community.

**'Other' African** refers to all non-SADC African countries.

**Overseas** refers to all countries outside Africa.

**Trip** refers to the arrival and departure of a visitor in a specified month.

### 5.7 Symbols used

- = nil

< = less than

### 5.8 Rounding off

Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

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