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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 December 2018. 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.

The March, June, September and December releases include summaries of the number of tourists for the current quarter and comparisons with previous periods.

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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 South Africa shows that a total of 4 735 894 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) passed through South African ports of entry in December 2018. As presented in Table 1 on page 12, these travellers were made up of 1 475 699 South African residents and 3 260 195 foreign travellers. A further breakdown of the figures for South African residents indicates that there were 630 785 arrivals, 843 975 departures and 939 travellers in transit. The corresponding volume for foreign arrivals, departures and transit travellers was 1 594 112, 1 605 326 and 60 757, respectively.

A comparison between the movements in December 2017 and December 2018 indicates that the volume of arrivals increased for both South African residents and foreign travellers whereas the volume of departures increased for South African residents but decreased for foreign travellers. Travellers in transit increased for both groups. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals increased by 6,7% (from 590 949 in December 2017 to 630 785 in December 2018), departures increased by 4,7% (from 805 778 in December 2017 to 843 975 in December 2018), and transits increased by 3,9% (from 904 in December 2017 to 939 in December 2018). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 2,1% (from 1 561 724 in December 2017 to 1 594 112 in December 2018), departures decreased by 1,0% (from 1 621 875 in December 2017 to 1 605 326 in December 2018), and transits increased by 3,6% (from 58 618 in December 2017 to 60 757 in December 2018).

A comparison between the movements in November 2018 and December 2018 indicates that the volume of arrivals and departures increased for both South African residents and foreign travellers. Travellers in transit increased for South African residents but decreased for foreign travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals increased by 44,4% (from 436 946 in November 2018 to 630 785 in December 2018), departures increased by 85,5% (from 455 068 in November 2018 to 843 975 in December 2018), and transits increased by 19,6% (from 785 in November 2018 to 939 in December 2018). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 18,8% (from 1 341 316 in November 2018 to 1 594 112 in December 2018), departures increased by 33,7% (from 1 200 690 in November 2018 to 1 605 326 in December 2018), and transits decreased by 12,4% (from 69 342 in November 2018 to 60 757 in December 2018).

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 12, in December 2018, 78 764 (4,9%) of foreign arrivals were classified as non-visitors while 1 515 348 (95,1%) were classified as visitors. The visitors were categorised into three groups:

- i. Arrivals only – comprising visitors who entered the country in December 2018 but did not depart in December 2018 [368 845 (24,3%)];
- ii. Single trips – visitors who came to South Africa once in December 2018 and left in December 2018 [569 018 (37,6%)]; and
- iii. Multiple trips – visitors who came to and left South Africa more than once in December 2018 [577 485 (38,1%)].

Visitors were further grouped as same-day visitors and overnight visitors (tourists). In December 2018, there were 508 193 (33,5%) same-day visitors and 1 007 155 (66,5%) tourists. Between December 2017 and December 2018, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 4,3% (from 487 251 in December 2017 to 508 193 in December 2018) and that of tourists increased by 1,6% (from 991 579 in December 2017 to 1 007 155 in December 2018). Between November 2018 and December 2018, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 31,2% (from 387 374 in November 2018 to 508 193 in December 2018), and tourists increased by 15,1% (from 875 172 in November 2018 to 1 007 155 in December 2018).

1.1.2 Mode of travel

Information presented in Table 2 on page 13 shows that in December 2018, road transport was the most common mode of travel used by 3 449 756 (72,8%) of the 4 735 894 travellers. The total number of travellers who used air transport was 1 235 803 (26,1%). Compared to the use of air and land transport, a small number of travellers, 50 335 (1,1%) used sea transport. Information on arrivals of South African residents shows that 227 644 (36,1%) came by air, 386 548 (61,3%) came by road and 16 593 (2,6%) arrived by sea transport. For departures, 292 037 (34,6%) used air, 533 723 (63,2%) used road and 18 215 (2,2%) left by sea transport. All travellers in transit, 939 (100,0%) used air transport.

In the case of foreign travellers, 345 929 (21,7%) arrived by air, 1 240 024 (77,8%) came by road and 8 159 (0,5%) arrived by sea transport. When departing South Africa, 308 497 (19,2%) foreign travellers left by air, 1 289 461 (80,3%) left by road and 7 368 (0,5%) left by sea transport. All travellers in transit 60 757 (100,0%) used air transport. Table 2 on page 13 further shows that of the 508 193 same-day visitors, an overwhelming majority, 488 474 (96,1%) arrived in the country by road, 19 512 (3,8%) flew into the country; and 207 (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea transport. Information on tourists shows that 691 170 (68,6%) used road transport, 313 470 (31,1%) came by air transport and 2 515 (0,2%) 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 14 to 17. In December 2018, 238 839 (92,1%) of the 259 403 overseas tourists arrived in the country by air transport, whilst 18 436 (7,1%) came in by road transport and 2 128 (0,8%) arrived by sea transport. Tourists from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries, on the other hand, came predominantly by road, 670 824 (91,8%), followed by air travel, 59 193 (8,1%) and sea transport, 384 (0,1%). The number of tourists who came into South Africa by air from 'other' African countries was 14 487 (90,0%), with 1 612 (10,0%) using road transport and 3 (less than 0,1%) using sea transport.

1.2.2 Regional and national distribution

In December 2018, the distribution of overseas tourists was as follows: Europe, 167 239 (64,5%); North America, 41 623 (16,0%); Asia, 22 865 (8,8%); Australasia, 13 882 (5,4%); Central and South America, 10 282 (4,0%) and the Middle East, 3 512 (1,4%).

Figure 1 on page 9 and Table 3 on pages 14 to 15 indicate that the ten leading overseas countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in December 2018 were United Kingdom (UK), 50 016 (19,3%); United States of America (USA), 34 561 (13,3%); Germany, 33 328 (12,8%); The Netherlands, 14 554 (5,6%); France, 13 690 (5,3%); Australia, 11 819 (4,6%); Sweden, 8 967 (3,5%); Canada, 7 062 (2,7%); India, 7 023 (2,7%) and Brazil, 6 723 (2,6%). Tourists from these ten countries constituted 72,4% of all tourists from overseas countries. A comparison of movements in the ten leading countries between December 2017 and December 2018 shows that the number of tourists increased for three of the ten leading countries (Sweden, Germany and USA), but decreased for Brazil, India, Australia, France, The Netherlands, UK and Canada. Sweden had the largest increase of 5,2% (from 8 527 tourists in December 2017 to 8 967 in December 2018), while Brazil had the largest decrease of 17,0% (from 8 096 tourists in December 2017 to 6 723 in December 2018).

Virtually all tourists from Africa, 730 401 (97,8%), came from the SADC countries. The distribution of the remaining tourists from Africa is as follows: West Africa, 7 597 (1,0%); East and Central Africa, 7 146 (1,0%); and North Africa 1 359 (0,2%). The ten leading SADC countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in December 2018 were: Zimbabwe, 227 162 (31,1%); Lesotho, 132 525 (18,1%); Mozambique, 116 668 (16,0%); Botswana, 90 167 (12,3%); Swaziland, 88 699 (12,1%); Namibia, 25 163 (3,4%); Zambia, 16 087 (2,2%); Malawi 15 514 (2,1%); Angola, 6 791 (0,9%) and the Democratic Republic of Congo, 4 815 (0,7%). (See Figure 2 on page 9 and Table 3 on pages 15 to 16). Tourists from these ten countries constituted 99,1% of all tourists from the SADC countries. A comparison between movements in December 2017 and December 2018 for the ten leading SADC countries shows that the number of tourists increased for five of the ten leading countries (DRC, Zimbabwe,

Swaziland, Mozambique and Malawi) and decreased for the other five (Angola, Namibia, Zambia, Botswana and Lesotho). DRC showed the largest increase of 17,0% (from 4 117 tourists in December 2017 to 4 815 in December 2018), while Angola showed the largest decrease of 6,9% (from 7 293 tourists in December 2017 to 6 791 in December 2018).

The ten leading countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in December 2018 from 'other' African countries, as shown in Figure 3 on page 10 and Table 3 on pages 16 to 17, were: Nigeria, 4 730 (29,4%); Kenya, 3 449 (21,4%); Ghana, 1 950 (12,1%); Uganda, 1 299 (8,1%); Egypt, 723 (4,5%); Gabon, 598 (3,7%); Ethiopia, 570 (3,5%); Cameroon, 451 (2,8%); Congo, 243 (1,5%) and Somalia, 201 (1,2%). Tourists from these ten countries constituted 88,3% of all tourists from 'other' African countries. A comparison between movements in December 2017 and December 2018 shows that the number of tourists increased for six of the ten leading countries (Somalia, Kenya, Ghana, Cameroon, Nigeria and Egypt) and decreased for the other four leading countries (Gabon, Uganda, Congo and Ethiopia). Somalia showed the largest increase of 327,7% (from 47 tourists in December 2017 to 201 in December 2018), while Gabon showed the largest decrease of 32,0% (from 879 tourists in December 2017 to 598 in December 2018).

1.2.3 Purpose of visit

As observed in Table 4 on pages 18 to 21, in December 2018, the majority of tourists, 990 438 (98,3%), were in South Africa for holiday¹ compared to 13 447 (1,3%); 2 873 (0,3%) and 397 (less than 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, 164 585 (64,6%) who came for holiday, 2 145 (56,1%) who came for business, 457 (54,8%) who came for study and 52 (65,8%) who came for medical treatment.

Within overseas regions, Australasia had the highest proportion of its tourists who came for holiday, 99,3% (13 781), followed by Central and South America, 99,1% (10 190), North America, 98,5% (40 987), Europe, 98,4% (164 585), the Middle East, 95,3% (3 348), and Asia, 95,2% (21 775).

Asia, 3,9% (889) had the highest proportion of its tourists who came to South Africa for business, followed closely by the Middle East, 3,2% (114), Europe, 1,3% (2 145), North America, 1,3% (521), Australasia, 0,7% (92), and Central and South America, 0,6% (63).

The Middle East, 1,4% (49) had the highest proportion of its tourists who came to study, followed by Asia, 0,9% (195), Central and South America, 0,3% (29), Europe, 0,3% (457), North America, 0,2% (100), and Australasia 0,03% (4).

All overseas regions had less than 0,1% of their tourists who came to South Africa for medical treatment.

The majority of African tourists, 734 593 (98,4%) 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, 98,5% (719 541) were on holiday, compared to 93,5% (15 052) from 'other' African countries who came for the same purpose. Information on the regions of 'other' African countries shows that tourists on holiday constituted 95,3% (7 242); 92,2% (6 589); and 89,8% (1 221) for West Africa, East and Central Africa and North Africa respectively.
- Business persons constituted 3,9% (624) of tourists from 'other' African countries and 1,2% (8 933) from SADC countries. North Africa had the highest proportion, 6,4% (87) of its tourists who came to South Africa for business purposes, followed closely by East and Central Africa, 5,0% (355).
- Students constituted 2,3% (369) of tourists from 'other' African countries compared with 0,2% (1 670) from SADC countries. North Africa, 3,8% (51) had the highest proportion of its tourists who came to South Africa for study purposes.

¹ 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 36 for a more detailed discussion.

- Medical treatment tourists constituted 0,4% (57) of tourists from 'other' African countries, while those from SADC constituted 0,04% (257) of its tourists. East and Central Africa, 0,5% (38) had the highest proportion of its tourists who came for medical treatment.

1.2.4 Sex and age distribution

Table 5 on page 22 shows that in December 2018, there were 531 967 (52,8%) male and 475 188 (47,2%) female tourists. Overseas tourists were made up of 134 333 (51,8%) male tourists and 125 070 (48,2%) female tourists. There were 387 512 (53,1%) male and 342 889 (46,9%) female tourists from SADC countries. Tourists from 'other' African countries were made up of 9 385 (58,3%) male and 6 717 (41,7%) female tourists.

The ages of the tourists were categorised into seven broad groups. The results presented in Table 5 on page 22 show that the majority of tourists were aged between 25 and 34 years [268 970 (26,7%)], followed closely by the age group 35 to 44 years [253 086 (25,1%)]. Taking the regions of residence into consideration, the results show that the highest proportions of tourists from all three regions were between ages 25 and 34, SADC countries [212 240 (29,1%)], 'other' African countries [4 613 (28,6%)] and overseas countries [51 917 (20,0%)]. The second highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [206 128 (28,2%)] and those from 'other' African countries [4 331 (26,9%)] were aged between 35 and 44 years whereas overseas countries [46 267 (17,8%)] were aged between 45 and 54. The median ages of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries were 39, 34 and 34 years respectively. The proportion of tourists aged less than 15 years was higher among tourists from 'other' African countries, 12,1% (1 956) and those from overseas countries, 11,5% (29 905) compared to those from SADC countries, 9,0% (65 536).

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 9,5% (12 769) of male and 9,6% (12 034) 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 3,5% of both male and female tourists. From SADC countries, elderly tourists made up 2,0% (7 934) and 3,1% (10 517) of male and female tourists respectively; while in 'other' African countries elderly tourists made up 2,3% (219) and 1,2% (198) of male and female tourists respectively.

1.2.5 Quarterly and annual trends

Figures 4, 5, and 6 on pages 10 and 11 show monthly and yearly changes in number of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries, respectively. For overseas countries (Figure 4 on page 10), the number of tourists to South Africa is generally highest in quarter one (January – March) and quarter four (October – December). Quarter two (April – June) is characterised by a large decrease in number of tourists, reaching its lowest in June, followed by a gradual increase into quarter three. According to the World Tourism Organisation (2017), the May – August period includes the peak tourism season in most of the world's major tourism destinations and source markets, which explains the significant reduction in number of tourists to South Africa during this period, as Figure 4 shows. Between quarter three and quarter four of 2018 (Annexure A, page 23) the number of tourists from overseas increased by 22,4% (from 629 022 in quarter three to 769 885 in quarter four). A year-on-year comparison between 2017 and 2018 for quarter four (Annexure B, page 27) shows that the number of overseas tourists decreased by 2,4% (from 788 558 in quarter four, 2017 to 769 885 in quarter four, 2018).

For the SADC countries (Figure 5 on page 11), the months of January and December have the highest numbers of tourists, with a distinct peak in January and two smaller peaks in March/April, coinciding with the Christmas and Easter holiday breaks in the region, periods characterised by high volumes of travellers between South Africa and neighbouring SADC countries. The months of February, June and November have the lowest numbers of tourists compared to other months. Between quarter three and four in 2018 the number of tourists increased by 1,5% (from 1 895 854 in quarter three to 1 923 960 in quarter four) (Annexure A, page 24). Comparisons between 2017 and 2018 show that the number of SADC tourists increased by 2,1% (from 1 884 709 in quarter four, 2017 to 1 923 960 in quarter four, 2018) (Annexure B, page 28).

In the case of the 'other' African countries (Figure 6 on page 11), the months of February, August, and November seem to attract higher numbers of tourists compared to other months, except for year 2013 and 2014, whereby January attracted more tourists compared to February. June attracts the lowest number of tourists compared to other months. Between quarter three and quarter four in 2018 (Annexure A, page 25), the number of tourists from 'other' African countries decreased by 1,0% (from 47 000 in quarter three to 46 541 in quarter four). North Africa had the

largest increase of 9,5% (from 3 826 in quarter three to 4 190 in quarter four of 2018), while East and Central Africa decreased by 3,1% (from 19 423 in quarter three to 18 825 in quarter four), followed by West Africa which decreased by 0,9% (from 23 751 in quarter three to 23 526 in quarter four). A year-on-year comparison for quarter four (Annexure B, page 29) shows that the number of tourists from 'other' African countries increased by 6,0% (from 43 907 in quarter four of 2017 to 46 541 in quarter four of 2018). West Africa increased by 10,1% (from 21 362 in quarter four of 2017 to 23 526 in quarter four of 2018) and East and Central Africa increased by 2,7% (from 18 322 in quarter four of 2017 to 18 825 in quarter four of 2018). North Africa decreased by 0,8% from 4 223 in quarter four of 2017 to 4 190 in quarter four of 2018.

1.2.6 Summary of 2018

The 2018 annual tourism report, which provides detailed information on the performance of international tourist arrivals in South Africa is scheduled for release in April 2019. A brief synopsis of tourism performance for 2018 is provided in Annexure C on pages 31 to 34, which shows that the number of tourists in 2018 increased by 1,8%, from 10 285 197 in 2017 to 10 472 105 in 2018. This growth came largely from SADC countries, where the number of tourists increased by 3,0%, from 7 386 959 in 2017 to 7 610 245 in 2018 and from 'other' African countries, where the number of tourists increased by 2,2%, from 172 383 in 2017 to 176 112 in 2018.

From SADC, led by Zimbabwe, Lesotho and Mozambique, the number of tourists increased by 3,0%, from 7 386 959 in 2017 to 7 610 245 in 2018. From West Africa, tourists increased by 6,3%, from 83 373 in 2017 to 88 662 in 2018.

Overseas countries experienced a negative growth of 1,5%, from 2 713 133 in 2017 to 2 672 146 in 2018. From Europe, led by the UK, Germany, France and The Netherlands, the number of tourists decreased by 2,5%, from 1 660 848 in 2017 to 1 618 762 in 2018. While tourists from Europe dropped, growth in tourists from Central and South America was high at 8,3% from 107 582 in 2017 to 116 516 in 2018, and those from North America increased by 1,5% from 437 903 in 2017 to 444 671 in 2018.

2. Figures

Figure 1 – Number of tourists from the ten leading overseas countries in December 2017 and December 2018

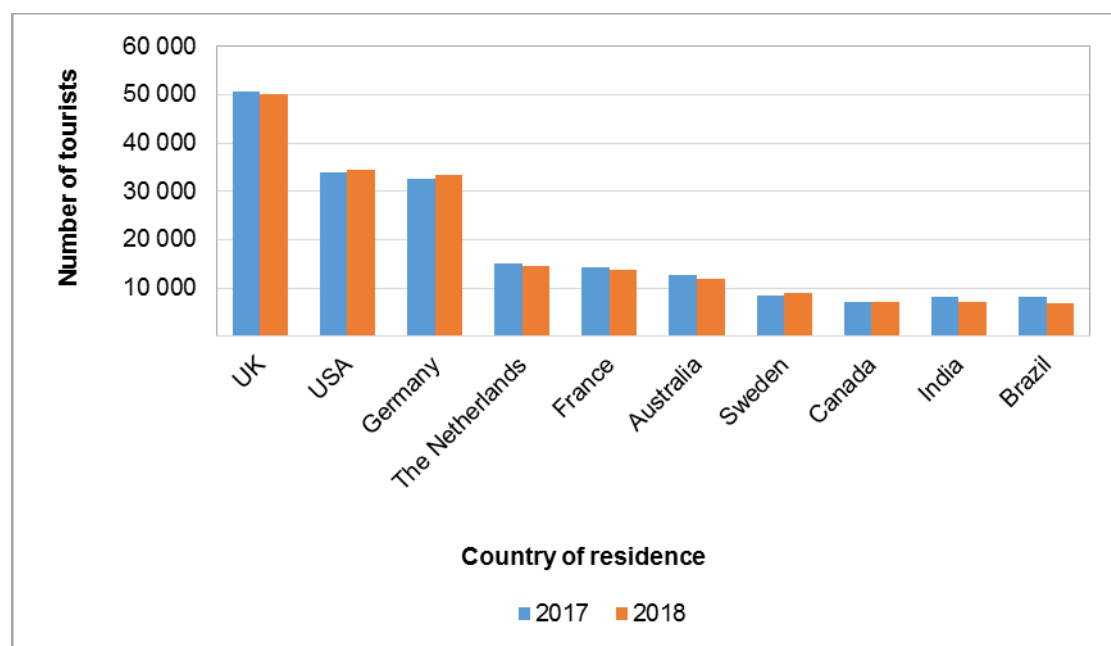


Figure 2 – Number of tourists from the ten leading Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries in December 2017 and December 2018

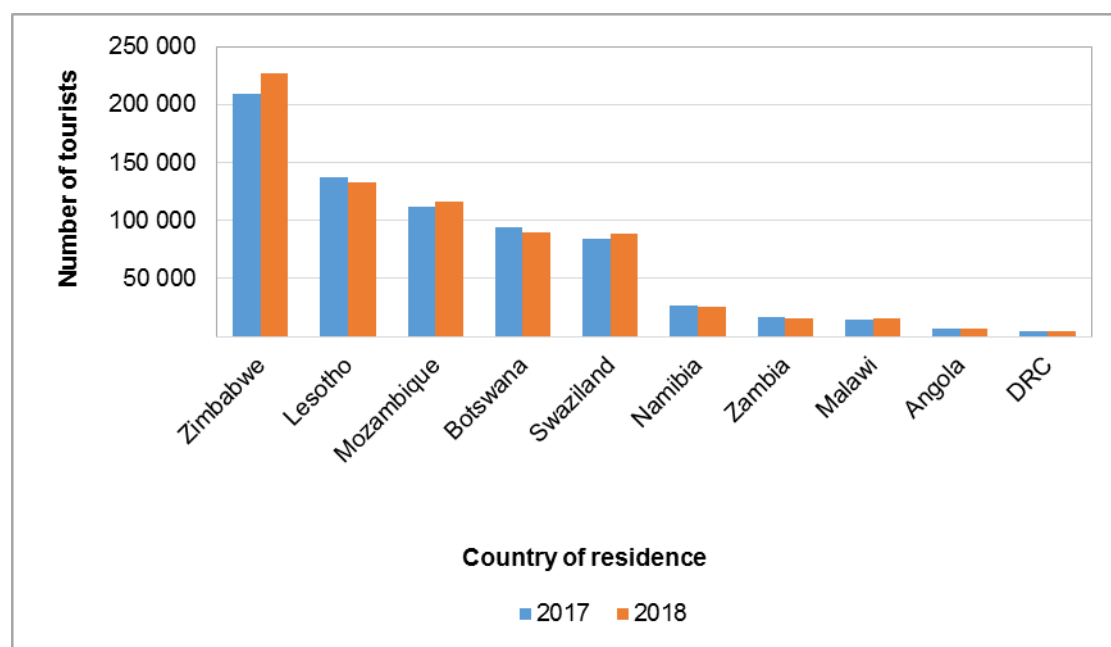


Figure 3 – Number of tourists from the ten leading 'other' African countries in December 2017 and December 2018

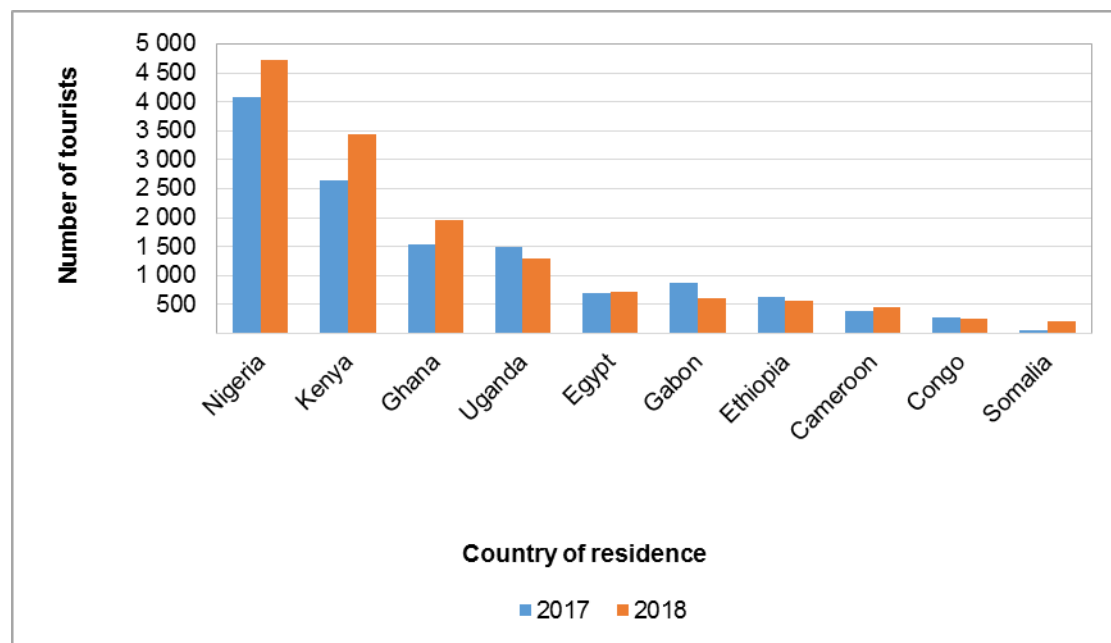


Figure 4 – Number of tourists from overseas countries by month: 2013 – 2018

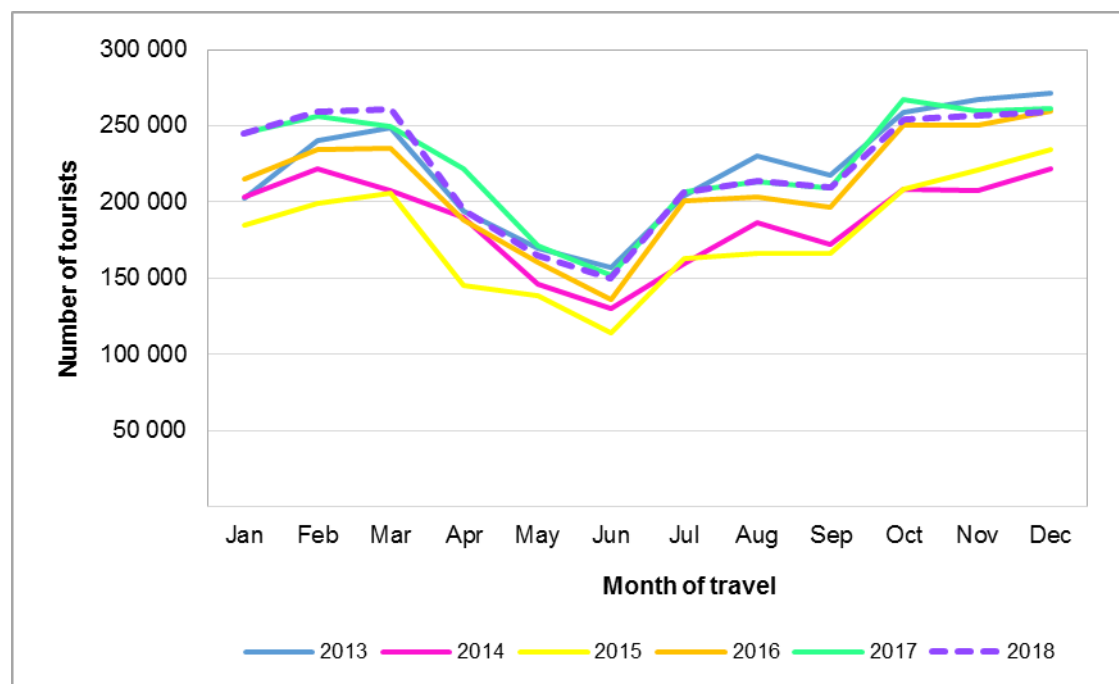
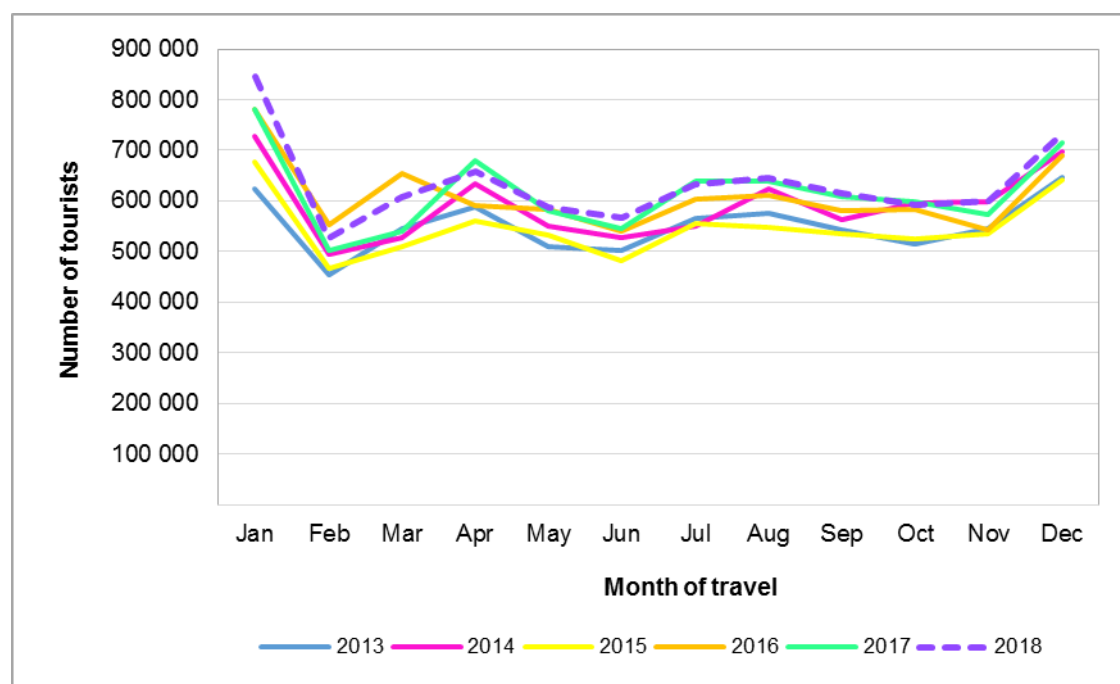
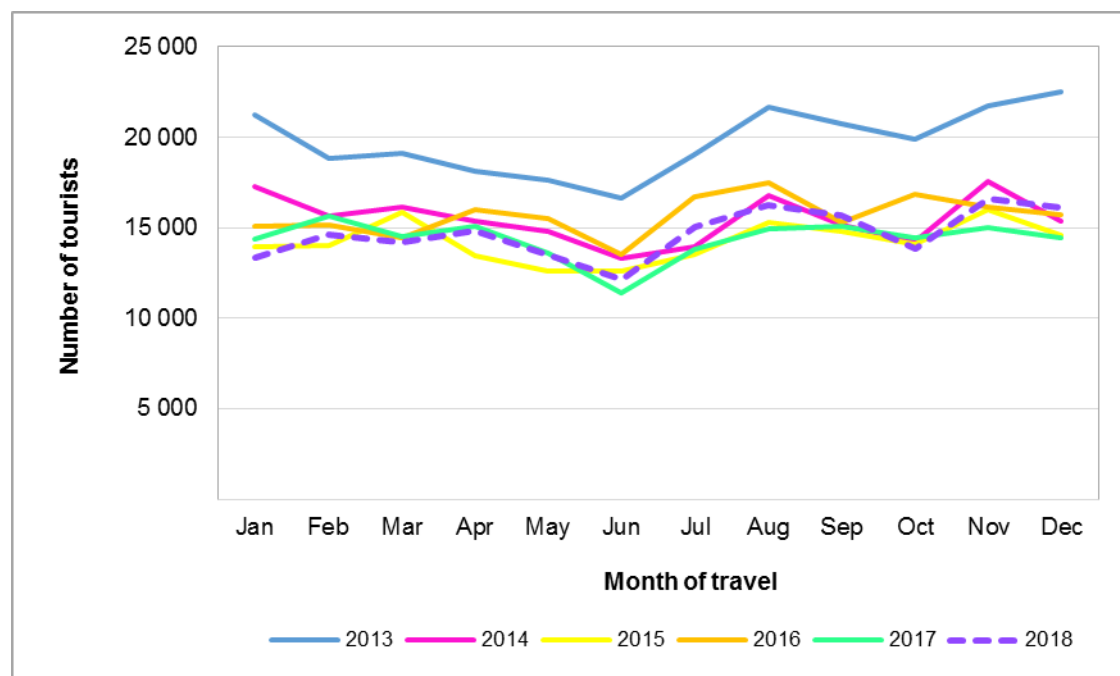


Figure 5 – Number of tourists from SADC countries by month: 2013 – 2018**Figure 6 – Number of tourists from 'other' African countries by month: 2013 – 2018**

3. Tables

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

Travel direction	December 2017	November 2018	December 2018	% change	% change
				Nov – Dec 2018	Dec 2017 – Dec 2018
Total	4 639 848	3 504 147	4 735 894	35,2%	2,1%
South African residents	1 397 631	892 799	1 475 699	65,3%	5,6%
Arrivals	590 949	436 946	630 785	44,4%	6,7%
Departures	805 778	455 068	843 975	85,5%	4,7%
Transits	904	785	939	19,6%	3,9%
Foreign travellers	3 242 217	2 611 348	3 260 195	24,8%	0,6%
Arrivals	1 561 724	1 341 316	1 594 112	18,8%	2,1%
Departures	1 621 875	1 200 690	1 605 326	33,7%	-1,0%
Transits	58 618	69 342	60 757	-12,4%	3,6%
Foreign arrivals	1 561 724	1 341 316	1 594 112	18,8%	2,1%
Non-visitors	82 894	78 770	78 764	-0,01%	-5,0%
Visitors	1 478 830	1 262 546	1 515 348	20,0%	2,5%
Visitors	1 478 830	1 262 546	1 515 348	20,0%	2,5%
Arrivals only	368 060	307 132	368 845	20,1%	0,2%
Single trips	543 146	481 538	569 018	18,2%	4,8%
Multiple trips	567 624	473 876	577 485	21,9%	1,7%
Visitors	1 478 830	1 262 546	1 515 348	20,0%	2,5%
Same-Day	487 251	387 374	508 193	31,2%	4,3%
Overnight (Tourists)	991 579	875 172	1 007 155	15,1%	1,6%

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		
Total	4 735 894	290 109	41 672	897 304	6 718	1 235 803	3 449 756	50 335
South African residents	1 475 699	90 051	29 817	396 864	3 888	520 620	920 271	34 808
Arrivals	630 785	39 432	12 651	173 773	1 788	227 644	386 548	16 593
Departures	843 975	50 616	17 166	222 155	2 100	292 037	533 723	18 215
Transit	939	3	-	936	-	939	-	-
Foreign travellers	3 260 195	200 058	11 855	500 440	2 830	715 183	2 529 485	15 527
Arrivals	1 594 112	108 309	6 658	229 982	980	345 929	1 240 024	8 159
Departures	1 605 326	91 616	5 197	209 834	1 850	308 497	1 289 461	7 368
Transit	60 757	133	-	60 624	-	60 757	-	-
Visitors	1 515 348	105 329	5 860	221 012	781	332 982	1 179 644	2 722
Same day	508 193	689	17	18 721	85	19 512	488 474	207
Tourist	1 007 155	104 640	5 843	202 291	696	313 470	691 170	2 515

Table 3 – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel (December 2018)

Country of residence	December		Air					Road	Sea
	2017	2018	Cape Town	King Shaka	O.R. Tambo	Other	Total		
Total	991 579	1 007 155	104 640	5 843	202 291	696	313 470	691 170	2 515
Overseas	261 728	259 403	93 572	4 893	139 803	571	238 839	18 436	2 128
Europe	167 732	167 239	71 292	3 549	79 569	215	154 625	11 670	944
Austria	3 160	3 534	2 158	48	1 111	1	3 318	187	29
Belgium	5 116	5 259	2 123	61	2 554	18	4 756	485	18
Denmark	2 420	2 370	732	52	1 488	-	2 272	98	-
France	14 364	13 690	4 101	121	7 415	12	11 649	2 017	24
Germany	32 560	33 328	17 367	283	13 047	36	30 733	2 253	342
Ireland	3 929	4 137	1 907	163	1 889	1	3 960	145	32
Italy	5 762	6 402	2 590	106	3 383	7	6 086	300	16
Norway	2 327	2 265	996	25	1 106	-	2 127	80	58
Portugal	3 444	3 230	736	30	1 565	1	2 332	887	11
Spain	2 854	3 016	887	59	1 777	34	2 757	256	3
Sweden	8 527	8 967	3 920	162	4 492	5	8 579	378	10
Switzerland	6 410	5 965	2 949	78	2 454	3	5 484	398	83
The Netherlands	15 063	14 554	6 649	118	6 207	4	12 978	1 552	24
UK	50 636	50 016	19 846	1 987	26 094	44	47 971	1 825	220
Other	11 160	10 506	4 331	256	4 987	49	9 623	809	74
North America	41 116	41 623	11 881	410	25 619	272	38 182	2 513	928
Canada	7 132	7 062	2 323	78	4 052	19	6 472	508	82
USA	33 984	34 561	9 558	332	21 567	253	31 710	2 005	846
Central and South America	11 132	10 282	1 371	14	8 227	12	9 624	627	31
Argentina	920	1 360	61	1	1 224	-	1 286	74	-
Brazil	8 096	6 723	923	4	5 409	2	6 338	377	8
Mexico	429	483	137	2	299	10	448	25	10
Other	1 687	1 716	250	7	1 295	-	1 552	151	13

Table 3 – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel (December 2018) (continued)

Country of residence	December		Air					Road	Sea
	2017	2018	Cape Town	King Shaka	O.R. Tambo	Other	Total		
Australasia	15 005	13 882	2 504	412	10 192	30	13 138	586	158
Australia	12 758	11 819	1 982	352	8 777	27	11 138	534	147
New Zealand	2 202	2 013	491	60	1 399	3	1 953	49	11
Other	45	50	31	-	16	-	47	3	-
Middle East	3 609	3 512	925	23	2 412	5	3 365	144	3
Israel	1 972	1 883	429	4	1 361	5	1 799	82	2
Lebanon	331	315	88	6	196	-	290	25	-
Saudi Arabia	408	570	161	-	408	-	569	-	1
Other	898	744	247	13	447	-	707	37	-
Asia	23 134	22 865	5 599	485	13 784	37	19 905	2 896	64
Bangladesh	395	417	46	38	148	-	232	184	1
China	5 276	5 685	1 239	55	3 997	1	5 292	380	13
India	8 039	7 023	1 400	149	4 482	4	6 035	973	15
Japan	1 765	1 997	503	47	1 252	12	1 814	172	11
Malaysia	938	677	310	11	326	-	647	27	3
Pakistan	1 298	1 217	168	100	481	-	749	467	1
Philippines	579	937	286	25	492	1	804	127	6
Singapore	1 402	1 141	535	7	548	9	1 099	42	-
South Korea	1 834	1 714	473	11	963	10	1 457	257	-
Thailand	537	653	212	5	420	-	637	15	1
Other	1 071	1 404	427	37	675	-	1 139	252	13
Africa	728 850	746 503	11 008	947	61 602	123	73 680	672 436	387
SADC	714 389	730 401	8 863	915	49 322	93	59 193	670 824	384
Angola	7 293	6 791	2 848	3	3 300	5	6 156	635	-
Botswana	94 194	90 167	106	172	2 472	19	2 769	87 341	57
DRC	4 117	4 815	233	4	3 704	4	3 945	870	-
Lesotho	137 754	132 525	5	4	533	3	545	131 968	12

Table 3 – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel (December 2018) (continued)

Country of residence	December		Air					Road	Sea
	2017	2018	Cape Town	King Shaka	O.R. Tambo	Other	Total		
Madagascar	141	191	10	-	175	-	185	6	-
Malawi	15 032	15 514	25	2	2 310	3	2 340	13 172	2
Mauritius	2 053	2 162	544	107	1 363	-	2 014	148	-
Mozambique	112 326	116 668	20	20	2 809	11	2 860	113 798	10
Namibia	26 551	25 163	3 011	306	3 028	9	6 354	18 683	126
Seychelles	739	748	10	3	726	-	739	8	1
Swaziland	84 289	88 699	4	3	496	-	503	88 172	24
Tanzania	3 564	3 709	145	5	2 304	9	2 463	1 245	1
Zambia	16 857	16 087	69	228	4 326	5	4 628	11 453	6
Zimbabwe	209 479	227 162	1 833	58	21 776	25	23 692	203 325	145
'Other' African	14 461	16 102	2 145	32	12 280	30	14 487	1 612	3
East and Central Africa	6 632	7 146	1 361	8	4 986	22	6 377	768	1
Burundi	72	78	14	-	59	-	73	5	-
Cameroon	387	451	54	-	349	1	404	47	-
Central African Republic	16	6	-	-	6	-	6	-	-
Chad	25	16	-	-	15	-	15	1	-
Comoros	9	15	-	-	13	-	13	2	-
Congo	274	243	64	-	162	3	229	14	-
Djibouti	8	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	34	69	20	-	49	-	69	-	-
Eritrea	61	72	7	-	61	-	68	4	-
Ethiopia	620	570	62	3	430	-	495	75	-
Gabon	879	598	91	-	500	-	591	7	-
Kenya	2 642	3 449	908	4	2 212	3	3 127	321	1
Réunion	-	6	6	-	-	-	6	-	-
Rwanda	59	69	5	-	42	14	61	8	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	3	3	2	-	1	-	3	-	-
Somalia	47	201	11	1	18	1	31	170	-
Uganda	1 496	1 299	117	-	1 068	-	1 185	114	-

Table 3 – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel (December 2018) (concluded)

Country of residence	December		Air					Road	Sea
	2017	2018	Cape Town	King Shaka	O.R. Tambo	Other	Total		
West Africa	6 612	7 597	520	16	6 307	7	6 850	745	2
Benin	96	131	10	-	114	-	124	7	-
Burkina Faso	35	35	1	-	33	-	34	1	-
Cape Verde Island	35	21	2	-	16	-	18	3	-
Côte d'Ivoire	163	163	23	-	129	-	152	11	-
Gambia	45	25	-	1	19	-	20	5	-
Ghana	1 535	1 950	100	1	1 723	1	1 825	125	-
Guinea	148	107	1	1	45	-	47	60	-
Guinea-Bissau	9	9	-	-	6	-	6	3	-
Liberia	68	57	1	-	50	5	56	1	-
Mali	106	105	5	1	35	-	41	64	-
Mauritania	15	11	1	-	10	-	11	-	-
Niger	17	19	3	-	15	-	18	1	-
Nigeria	4 079	4 730	359	3	3 924	1	4 287	441	2
Saint Helena	12	7	-	-	7	-	7	-	-
Senegal	162	137	6	8	114	-	128	9	-
Sierra Leone	53	50	1	-	37	-	38	12	-
Togo	34	40	7	1	30	-	38	2	-
North Africa	1 217	1 359	264	8	987	1	1 260	99	-
Algeria	62	107	24	-	78	1	103	4	-
Egypt	703	723	108	3	580	-	691	32	-
Libya	57	104	25	2	36	-	63	41	-
Morocco	130	107	26	1	74	-	101	6	-
South Sudan	81	117	9	-	105	-	114	3	-
The Sudan	120	144	55	1	75	-	131	13	-
Tunisia	63	56	17	1	38	-	56	-	-
Western Sahara	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Unspecified	1 001	1 249	60	3	886	2	951	298	-

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

Country of residence	December		Purpose of visit (December 2018)			
	2017	2018	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Total	991 579	1 007 155	13 447	990 438	2 873	397
Overseas	261 728	259 403	3 824	254 666	834	79
Europe	167 732	167 239	2 145	164 585	457	52
Austria	3 160	3 534	29	3 494	10	1
Belgium	5 116	5 259	63	5 163	29	4
Denmark	2 420	2 370	28	2 335	7	-
France	14 364	13 690	222	13 394	68	6
Germany	32 560	33 328	398	32 846	82	2
Ireland	3 929	4 137	39	4 089	4	5
Italy	5 762	6 402	125	6 261	16	-
Norway	2 327	2 265	30	2 221	14	-
Portugal	3 444	3 230	32	3 187	9	2
Spain	2 854	3 016	41	2 957	17	1
Sweden	8 527	8 967	64	8 897	6	-
Switzerland	6 410	5 965	41	5 903	21	-
The Netherlands	15 063	14 554	169	14 326	48	11
UK	50 636	50 016	623	49 294	79	20
Other	11 160	10 506	241	10 218	47	-
North America	41 116	41 623	521	40 987	100	15
Canada	7 132	7 062	60	6 982	18	2
USA	33 984	34 561	461	34 005	82	13
Central and South America	11 132	10 282	63	10 190	29	-
Argentina	920	1 360	8	1 351	1	-
Brazil	8 096	6 723	27	6 679	17	-
Mexico	429	483	3	475	5	-
Other	1 687	1 716	25	1 685	6	-

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

Country of residence	December		Purpose of visit (December 2018)			
	2017	2018	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Australasia	15 005	13 882	92	13 781	4	5
Australia	12 758	11 819	71	11 741	3	4
New Zealand	2 202	2 013	16	1 995	1	1
Other	45	50	5	45	-	-
Middle East	3 609	3 512	114	3 348	49	1
Israel	1 972	1 883	41	1 834	8	-
Lebanon	331	315	12	299	3	1
Saudi Arabia	408	570	8	547	15	-
Other	898	744	53	668	23	-
Asia	23 134	22 865	889	21 775	195	6
Bangladesh	395	417	5	409	3	-
China	5 276	5 685	279	5 382	24	-
India	8 039	7 023	306	6 641	74	2
Japan	1 765	1 997	77	1 909	11	-
Malaysia	938	677	12	648	17	-
Pakistan	1 298	1 217	35	1 166	16	-
Philippines	579	937	21	912	2	2
Singapore	1 402	1 141	12	1 124	5	-
South Korea	1 834	1 714	31	1 651	30	2
Thailand	537	653	5	642	6	-
Other	1 071	1 404	106	1 291	7	-
Africa	728 850	746 503	9 557	734 593	2 039	314
SADC	714 389	730 401	8 933	719 541	1 670	257
Angola	7 293	6 791	40	6 670	57	24
Botswana	94 194	90 167	466	89 444	177	80
DRC	4 117	4 815	94	4 531	143	47
Lesotho	137 754	132 525	1 103	131 167	255	-

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

Country of residence	December		Purpose of visit (December 2018)			
	2017	2018	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Madagascar	141	191	8	176	7	-
Malawi	15 032	15 514	235	15 239	30	10
Mauritius	2 053	2 162	33	2 112	15	2
Mozambique	112 326	116 668	1 225	115 380	54	9
Namibia	26 551	25 163	1 671	23 269	208	15
Seychelles	739	748	3	745	-	-
Swaziland	84 289	88 699	200	88 333	165	1
Tanzania	3 564	3 709	58	3 614	27	10
Zambia	16 857	16 087	1 583	14 400	82	22
Zimbabwe	209 479	227 162	2 214	224 461	450	37
'Other' African	14 461	16 102	624	15 052	369	57
East and Central Africa	6 632	7 146	355	6 589	164	38
Burundi	72	78	5	73	-	-
Cameroon	387	451	21	405	21	4
Central African Republic	16	6	1	5	-	-
Chad	25	16	1	12	2	1
Comoros	9	15	3	10	2	-
Congo	274	243	1	207	32	3
Djibouti	8	1	-	1	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	34	69	14	52	3	-
Eritrea	61	72	1	71	-	-
Ethiopia	620	570	26	522	11	11
Gabon	879	598	1	564	29	4
Kenya	2 642	3 449	201	3 204	38	6
Réunion	-	6	-	6	-	-
Rwanda	59	69	3	61	1	4
São Tomé and Príncipe	3	3	-	3	-	-
Somalia	47	201	17	178	5	1
Uganda	1 496	1 299	60	1 215	20	4

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

Country of residence	December		Purpose of visit (December 2018)			
	2017	2018	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
West Africa	6 612	7 597	182	7 242	154	19
Benin	96	131	2	126	3	-
Burkina Faso	35	35	1	33	-	1
Cape Verde Island	35	21	1	20	-	-
Côte d'Ivoire	163	163	14	146	3	-
Gambia	45	25	1	22	1	1
Ghana	1 535	1 950	47	1 882	18	3
Guinea	148	107	2	98	6	1
Guinea-Bissau	9	9	-	8	-	1
Liberia	68	57	3	53	1	-
Mali	106	105	2	100	1	2
Mauritania	15	11	1	10	-	-
Niger	17	19	-	19	-	-
Nigeria	4 079	4 730	97	4 507	116	10
Saint Helena	12	7	-	7	-	-
Senegal	162	137	8	128	1	-
Sierra Leone	53	50	1	47	2	-
Togo	34	40	2	36	2	-
North Africa	1 217	1 359	87	1 221	51	-
Algeria	62	107	12	92	3	-
Egypt	703	723	33	673	17	-
Libya	57	104	5	83	16	-
Morocco	130	107	11	95	1	-
South Sudan	81	117	7	107	3	-
The Sudan	120	144	10	125	9	-
Tunisia	63	56	8	46	2	-
Western Sahara	1	1	1	-	-	-
Unspecified	1 001	1 249	66	1 179	-	4

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

Sex	Age group	December		Region (December 2018)			
		2017	2018	Overseas	SADC	'Other' African	Unspecified
All	Total	991 579	1 007 155	259 403	730 401	16 102	1 249
	0-14	96 484	97 422	29 905	65 536	1 956	25
	15-24	120 163	121 507	29 231	90 727	1 528	21
	25-34	271 651	268 970	51 917	212 240	4 613	200
	35-44	243 244	253 086	42 195	206 128	4 331	432
	45-54	140 475	144 126	46 267	95 239	2 247	373
	55-64	76 672	78 353	35 085	42 080	1 010	178
	65+	42 890	43 691	24 803	18 451	417	20
Male	Total	521 933	531 967	134 333	387 512	9 385	737
	0-14	47 660	48 518	15 341	32 192	971	14
	15-24	58 224	59 896	13 810	45 246	827	13
	25-34	141 861	140 733	25 506	112 520	2 602	105
	35-44	139 026	144 267	23 132	118 153	2 738	244
	45-54	75 903	78 170	25 014	51 486	1 442	228
	55-64	38 706	39 447	18 761	19 981	586	119
	65+	20 553	20 936	12 769	7 934	219	14
Female	Total	469 646	475 188	125 070	342 889	6 717	512
	0-14	48 824	48 904	14 564	33 344	985	11
	15-24	61 939	61 611	15 421	45 481	701	8
	25-34	129 790	128 237	26 411	99 720	2 011	95
	35-44	104 218	108 819	19 063	87 975	1 593	188
	45-54	64 572	65 956	21 253	43 753	805	145
	55-64	37 966	38 906	16 324	22 099	424	59
	65+	22 337	22 755	12 034	10 517	198	6

4. Annexures

4.1 Annexure A – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2018 – Quarter 4, 2018 changes by country of residence and month of travel

Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2018 – Quarter 4, 2018								% change Qtr 3 – Qtr 4
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2018	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2018	
Total	855 906	876 926	842 361	2 575 193	862 046	875 172	1 007 155	2 744 373	6,6%
Overseas	206 076	213 761	209 185	629 022	253 945	256 537	259 403	769 885	22,4%
Europe	109 834	121 751	114 738	346 323	166 610	171 540	167 239	505 389	45,9%
Austria	1 863	1 810	1 526	5 199	3 419	3 859	3 534	10 812	108,0%
Belgium	6 744	5 058	4 461	16 263	5 847	5 963	5 259	17 069	5,0%
Denmark	1 942	1 122	1 748	4 812	3 032	2 473	2 370	7 875	63,7%
France	12 970	14 528	12 682	40 180	23 352	20 063	13 690	57 105	42,1%
Germany	15 069	20 130	27 536	62 735	42 644	42 851	33 328	118 823	89,4%
Ireland	1 994	1 987	2 018	5 999	2 841	3 196	4 137	10 174	69,6%
Italy	5 250	12 060	5 014	22 324	5 688	5 033	6 402	17 123	-23,3%
Norway	1 108	597	919	2 624	1 554	2 138	2 265	5 957	127,0%
Portugal	2 125	2 461	2 337	6 923	2 912	2 968	3 230	9 110	31,6%
Spain	4 214	7 000	3 987	15 201	3 971	3 578	3 016	10 565	-30,5%
Sweden	1 185	1 190	1 787	4 162	4 233	5 829	8 967	19 029	357,2%
Switzerland	3 345	2 512	4 633	10 490	7 326	7 698	5 965	20 989	100,1%
The Netherlands	17 624	13 315	11 086	42 025	15 525	15 247	14 554	45 326	7,9%
UK	27 553	30 967	28 126	86 646	35 864	39 672	50 016	125 552	44,9%
Other	6 848	7 014	6 878	20 740	8 402	10 972	10 506	29 880	44,1%
North America	41 816	38 467	38 990	119 273	36 500	34 244	41 623	112 367	-5,8%
Canada	4 256	4 694	5 733	14 683	6 850	6 870	7 062	20 782	41,5%
USA	37 560	33 773	33 257	104 590	29 650	27 374	34 561	91 585	-12,4%
Central and South America	10 765	9 034	10 174	29 973	9 655	9 555	10 282	29 492	-1,6%
Argentina	1 284	1 200	1 198	3 682	1 248	1 437	1 360	4 045	9,9%
Brazil	6 880	5 232	6 377	18 489	6 108	5 979	6 723	18 810	1,7%
Mexico	708	445	415	1 568	370	462	483	1 315	-16,1%
Other	1 893	2 157	2 184	6 234	1 929	1 677	1 716	5 322	-14,6%

Annexure A – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2018 – Quarter 4, 2018 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2018 – Quarter 4, 2018								% change Qtr 3 – Qtr 4
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2018	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2018	
Australasia	11 226	12 557	14 348	38 131	10 094	9 137	13 882	33 113	-13,2%
Australia	9 921	11 226	12 770	33 917	8 758	8 143	11 819	28 720	-15,3%
New Zealand	1 286	1 300	1 550	4 136	1 319	966	2 013	4 298	3,9%
Other	19	31	28	78	17	28	50	95	21,8%
Middle East	5 060	5 404	4 967	15 431	3 142	4 096	3 512	10 750	-30,3%
Israel	1 892	2 441	3 382	7 715	1 750	2 566	1 883	6 199	-19,7%
Lebanon	235	164	304	703	238	336	315	889	26,5%
Saudi Arabia	1 308	1 396	486	3 190	373	412	570	1 355	-57,5%
Other	1 625	1 403	795	3 823	781	782	744	2 307	-39,7%
Asia	27 375	26 548	25 968	79 891	27 944	27 965	22 865	78 774	-1,4%
Bangladesh	498	444	525	1 467	657	572	417	1 646	12,2%
China	9 697	8 347	9 347	27 391	9 204	9 274	5 685	24 163	-11,8%
India	7 204	6 896	6 443	20 543	6 532	9 315	7 023	22 870	11,3%
Japan	2 136	3 005	2 408	7 549	3 591	1 882	1 997	7 470	-1,0%
Malaysia	506	726	816	2 048	558	585	677	1 820	-11,1%
Pakistan	1 438	1 153	1 248	3 839	1 166	1 361	1 217	3 744	-2,5%
Philippines	752	628	464	1 844	779	562	937	2 278	23,5%
Singapore	783	979	879	2 641	561	876	1 141	2 578	-2,4%
South Korea	2 197	2 022	1 755	5 974	1 517	1 359	1 714	4 590	-23,2%
Thailand	543	1 075	623	2 241	971	486	653	2 110	-5,8%
Other	1 621	1 273	1 460	4 354	2 408	1 693	1 404	5 505	26,4%
Africa	648 805	662 058	631 991	1 942 854	606 922	617 076	746 503	1 970 501	1,4%
SADC	633 740	645 837	616 277	1 895 854	593 052	600 507	730 401	1 923 960	1,5%
Angola	4 266	5 827	4 802	14 895	4 654	5 151	6 791	16 596	11,4%
Botswana	51 743	60 097	65 031	176 871	53 027	57 004	90 167	200 198	13,2%
DRC	3 751	4 488	2 772	11 011	2 352	2 458	4 815	9 625	-12,6%
Lesotho	165 478	127 398	134 028	426 904	130 174	121 722	132 525	384 421	-10,0%

Annexure A – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2018 – Quarter 4, 2018 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2018 – Quarter 4, 2018								% change Qtr 3 – Qtr 4
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2018	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2018	
Madagascar	216	214	310	740	160	262	191	613	-17,2%
Malawi	18 142	18 645	18 650	55 437	17 654	17 911	15 514	51 079	-7,9%
Mauritius	1 878	1 477	1 456	4 811	1 627	2 277	2 162	6 066	26,1%
Mozambique	114 857	117 966	108 941	341 764	106 964	109 669	116 668	333 301	-2,5%
Namibia	15 469	16 265	15 797	47 531	16 533	15 726	25 163	57 422	20,8%
Seychelles	258	368	397	1 023	654	886	748	2 288	123,7%
Swaziland	72 133	76 911	75 608	224 652	73 659	74 540	88 699	236 898	5,5%
Tanzania	3 148	2 791	3 025	8 964	3 017	3 537	3 709	10 263	14,5%
Zambia	14 210	14 495	14 310	43 015	13 261	13 638	16 087	42 986	-0,1%
Zimbabwe	168 191	198 895	171 150	538 236	169 316	175 726	227 162	572 204	6,3%
'Other' African	15 065	16 221	15 714	47 000	13 870	16 569	16 102	46 541	-1,0%
East and Central Africa	6 351	6 605	6 467	19 423	5 470	6 209	7 146	18 825	-3,1%
Burundi	63	92	74	229	56	74	78	208	-9,2%
Cameroon	536	459	458	1 453	405	402	451	1 258	-13,4%
Central African Republic	11	8	21	40	5	26	6	37	-7,5%
Chad	26	21	23	70	23	32	16	71	1,4%
Comoros	30	27	27	84	21	25	15	61	-27,4%
Congo	329	226	183	738	174	239	243	656	-11,1%
Djibouti	8	7	8	23	8	15	1	24	4,3%
Equatorial Guinea	25	16	37	78	28	37	69	134	71,8%
Eritrea	69	64	61	194	35	49	72	156	-19,6%
Ethiopia	732	818	838	2 388	720	706	570	1 996	-16,4%
Gabon	709	1 070	537	2 316	345	417	598	1 360	-41,3%
Kenya	2 363	2 403	2 526	7 292	2 470	2 815	3 449	8 734	19,8%
Réunion	-	-	-	-	2	1	6	9	-
Rwanda	124	98	97	319	72	163	69	304	-4,7%
São Tomé and Príncipe	4	6	9	19	7	15	3	25	31,6%
Somalia	162	185	75	422	209	152	201	562	33,2%
Uganda	1 160	1 105	1 493	3 758	890	1 041	1 299	3 230	-14,1%

Annexure A – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2018 – Quarter 4, 2018 changes by country of residence and month of travel (concluded)

Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2018 – Quarter 4, 2018								% change Qtr 3 – Qtr 4
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2018	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2018	
West Africa	7 435	8 408	7 908	23 751	7 095	8 834	7 597	23 526	-0,9%
Benin	131	160	178	469	128	147	131	406	-13,4%
Burkina Faso	56	60	74	190	48	81	35	164	-13,7%
Cape Verde Island	27	33	32	92	43	43	21	107	16,3%
Côte d'Ivoire	286	248	201	735	229	287	163	679	-7,6%
Gambia	36	54	49	139	23	55	25	103	-25,9%
Ghana	1 700	1 874	1 959	5 533	1 756	2 035	1 950	5 741	3,8%
Guinea	146	177	118	441	100	169	107	376	-14,7%
Guinea-Bissau	11	11	11	33	5	12	9	26	-21,2%
Liberia	73	51	52	176	57	68	57	182	3,4%
Mali	105	97	142	344	102	117	105	324	-5,8%
Mauritania	7	23	16	46	11	29	11	51	10,9%
Niger	30	27	33	90	17	44	19	80	-11,1%
Nigeria	4 415	5 295	4 714	14 424	4 271	5 353	4 730	14 354	-0,5%
Saint Helena	11	10	9	30	13	12	7	32	6,7%
Senegal	233	177	202	612	197	240	137	574	-6,2%
Sierra Leone	53	74	72	199	53	87	50	190	-4,5%
Togo	115	37	46	198	42	55	40	137	-30,8%
North Africa	1 279	1 208	1 339	3 826	1 305	1 526	1 359	4 190	9,5%
Algeria	70	76	125	271	103	123	107	333	22,9%
Egypt	597	651	493	1 741	646	693	723	2 062	18,4%
Libya	98	62	80	240	69	86	104	259	7,9%
Morocco	129	115	196	440	172	218	107	497	13,0%
South Sudan	68	83	91	242	45	73	117	235	-2,9%
The Sudan	202	167	254	623	180	224	144	548	-12,0%
Tunisia	111	54	99	264	90	108	56	254	-3,8%
Western Sahara	4	-	1	5	-	1	1	2	-60,0%
Unspecified	1 025	1 107	1 185	3 317	1 179	1 559	1 249	3 987	20,2%

4.2 Annexure B – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2017 – Quarter 4, 2018 changes by country of residence and month of travel

Country of residence	Quarter 4: 2017 – 2018								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2017	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2018	% change 2017 – 2018
Total	880 168	848 966	991 579	2 720 713	862 046	875 172	1 007 155	2 744 373	0,9%
Overseas	267 025	259 805	261 728	788 558	253 945	256 537	259 403	769 885	-2,4%
Europe	176 969	180 402	167 732	525 103	166 610	171 540	167 239	505 389	-3,8%
Austria	3 085	3 860	3 160	10 105	3 419	3 859	3 534	10 812	7,0%
Belgium	5 755	5 665	5 116	16 536	5 847	5 963	5 259	17 069	3,2%
Denmark	3 232	2 762	2 420	8 414	3 032	2 473	2 370	7 875	-6,4%
France	25 221	22 354	14 364	61 939	23 352	20 063	13 690	57 105	-7,8%
Germany	46 290	45 558	32 560	124 408	42 644	42 851	33 328	118 823	-4,5%
Ireland	2 862	2 975	3 929	9 766	2 841	3 196	4 137	10 174	4,2%
Italy	5 659	4 835	5 762	16 256	5 688	5 033	6 402	17 123	5,3%
Norway	1 527	2 332	2 327	6 186	1 554	2 138	2 265	5 957	-3,7%
Portugal	2 895	3 611	3 444	9 950	2 912	2 968	3 230	9 110	-8,4%
Spain	4 144	3 312	2 854	10 310	3 971	3 578	3 016	10 565	2,5%
Sweden	4 773	6 401	8 527	19 701	4 233	5 829	8 967	19 029	-3,4%
Switzerland	7 651	7 536	6 410	21 597	7 326	7 698	5 965	20 989	-2,8%
The Netherlands	17 211	16 371	15 063	48 645	15 525	15 247	14 554	45 326	-6,8%
UK	38 350	40 489	50 636	129 475	35 864	39 672	50 016	125 552	-3,0%
Other	8 314	12 341	11 160	31 815	8 402	10 972	10 506	29 880	-6,1%
North America	36 277	32 520	41 116	109 913	36 500	34 244	41 623	112 367	2,2%
Canada	6 949	6 215	7 132	20 296	6 850	6 870	7 062	20 782	2,4%
USA	29 328	26 305	33 984	89 617	29 650	27 374	34 561	91 585	2,2%
Central and South America	9 341	8 281	11 132	28 754	9 655	9 555	10 282	29 492	2,6%
Argentina	1 214	881	920	3 015	1 248	1 437	1 360	4 045	34,2%
Brazil	5 976	5 482	8 096	19 554	6 108	5 979	6 723	18 810	-3,8%
Mexico	414	282	429	1 125	370	462	483	1 315	16,9%
Other	1 737	1 636	1 687	5 060	1 929	1 677	1 716	5 322	5,2%

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Country of residence	Quarter 4: 2017 – 2018								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2017	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2018	% change 2017 – 2018
Australasia	10 711	8 351	15 005	34 067	10 094	9 137	13 882	33 113	-2,8%
Australia	9 060	7 284	12 758	29 102	8 758	8 143	11 819	28 720	-1,3%
New Zealand	1 618	1 048	2 202	4 868	1 319	966	2 013	4 298	-11,7%
Other	33	19	45	97	17	28	50	95	-2,1%
Middle East	4 214	4 255	3 609	12 078	3 142	4 096	3 512	10 750	-11,0%
Israel	2 554	2 356	1 972	6 882	1 750	2 566	1 883	6 199	-9,9%
Lebanon	241	270	331	842	238	336	315	889	5,6%
Saudi Arabia	542	499	408	1 449	373	412	570	1 355	-6,5%
Other	877	1 130	898	2 905	781	782	744	2 307	-20,6%
Asia	29 513	25 996	23 134	78 643	27 944	27 965	22 865	78 774	0,2%
Bangladesh	489	573	395	1 457	657	572	417	1 646	13,0%
China	9 076	9 000	5 276	23 352	9 204	9 274	5 685	24 163	3,5%
India	8 306	7 418	8 039	23 763	6 532	9 315	7 023	22 870	-3,8%
Japan	3 891	2 048	1 765	7 704	3 591	1 882	1 997	7 470	-3,0%
Malaysia	622	761	938	2 321	558	585	677	1 820	-21,6%
Pakistan	1 092	1 259	1 298	3 649	1 166	1 361	1 217	3 744	2,6%
Philippines	616	581	579	1 776	779	562	937	2 278	28,3%
Singapore	682	806	1 402	2 890	561	876	1 141	2 578	-10,8%
South Korea	1 930	1 663	1 834	5 427	1 517	1 359	1 714	4 590	-15,4%
Thailand	829	384	537	1 750	971	486	653	2 110	20,6%
Other	1 980	1 503	1 071	4 554	2 408	1 693	1 404	5 505	20,9%
Africa	611 835	587 931	728 850	1 928 616	606 922	617 076	746 503	1 970 501	2,2%
SADC	597 424	572 896	714 389	1 884 709	593 052	600 507	730 401	1 923 960	2,1%
Angola	3 407	3 667	7 293	14 367	4 654	5 151	6 791	16 596	15,5%
Botswana	54 029	53 622	94 194	201 845	53 027	57 004	90 167	200 198	-0,8%
DRC	2 104	2 134	4 117	8 355	2 352	2 458	4 815	9 625	15,2%
Lesotho	144 151	125 427	137 754	407 332	130 174	121 722	132 525	384 421	-5,6%

Annexure B – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2017 – Quarter 4, 2018 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 4: 2017 – 2018								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2017	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2018	% change 2017 – 2018
Madagascar	189	214	141	544	160	262	191	613	12,7%
Malawi	16 415	15 381	15 032	46 828	17 654	17 911	15 514	51 079	9,1%
Mauritius	1 804	2 114	2 053	5 971	1 627	2 277	2 162	6 066	1,6%
Mozambique	109 904	112 832	112 326	335 062	106 964	109 669	116 668	333 301	-0,5%
Namibia	17 799	15 410	26 551	59 760	16 533	15 726	25 163	57 422	-3,9%
Seychelles	615	926	739	2 280	654	886	748	2 288	0,4%
Swaziland	73 529	70 167	84 289	227 985	73 659	74 540	88 699	236 898	3,9%
Tanzania	2 971	3 085	3 564	9 620	3 017	3 537	3 709	10 263	6,7%
Zambia	14 558	14 215	16 857	45 630	13 261	13 638	16 087	42 986	-5,8%
Zimbabwe	155 949	153 702	209 479	519 130	169 316	175 726	227 162	572 204	10,2%
'Other' African	14 411	15 035	14 461	43 907	13 870	16 569	16 102	46 541	6,0%
East and Central Africa	5 715	5 975	6 632	18 322	5 470	6 209	7 146	18 825	2,7%
Burundi	65	112	72	249	56	74	78	208	-16,5%
Cameroon	415	427	387	1 229	405	402	451	1 258	2,4%
Central African Republic	13	15	16	44	5	26	6	37	-15,9%
Chad	43	35	25	103	23	32	16	71	-31,1%
Comoros	17	24	9	50	21	25	15	61	22,0%
Congo	293	220	274	787	174	239	243	656	-16,6%
Djibouti	10	14	8	32	8	15	1	24	-25,0%
Equatorial Guinea	43	27	34	104	28	37	69	134	28,8%
Eritrea	54	50	61	165	35	49	72	156	-5,5%
Ethiopia	807	731	620	2 158	720	706	570	1 996	-7,5%
Gabon	437	344	879	1 660	345	417	598	1 360	-18,1%
Kenya	2 105	2 674	2 642	7 421	2 470	2 815	3 449	8 734	17,7%
Réunion	15	3	-	18	2	1	6	9	-50,0%
Rwanda	71	73	59	203	72	163	69	304	49,8%
São Tomé and Príncipe	8	10	3	21	7	15	3	25	19,0%
Somalia	79	54	47	180	209	152	201	562	212,2%
Uganda	1 240	1 162	1 496	3 898	890	1 041	1 299	3 230	-17,1%

Annexure B – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2017 – Quarter 4, 2018 changes by country of residence and month of travel (concluded)

Country of residence	Quarter 4: 2017 – 2018								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2017	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2018	% change 2017 – 2018
West Africa	7 282	7 468	6 612	21 362	7 095	8 834	7 597	23 526	10,1%
Benin	163	203	96	462	128	147	131	406	-12,1%
Burkina Faso	132	87	35	254	48	81	35	164	-35,4%
Cape Verde Island	37	48	35	120	43	43	21	107	-10,8%
Côte d'Ivoire	229	199	163	591	229	287	163	679	14,9%
Gambia	39	48	45	132	23	55	25	103	-22,0%
Ghana	1 576	1 733	1 535	4 844	1 756	2 035	1 950	5 741	18,5%
Guinea	139	153	148	440	100	169	107	376	-14,5%
Guinea-Bissau	4	13	9	26	5	12	9	26	0,0%
Liberia	59	48	68	175	57	68	57	182	4,0%
Mali	148	152	106	406	102	117	105	324	-20,2%
Mauritania	31	31	15	77	11	29	11	51	-33,8%
Niger	29	40	17	86	17	44	19	80	-7,0%
Nigeria	4 240	4 291	4 079	12 610	4 271	5 353	4 730	14 354	13,8%
Saint Helena	26	30	12	68	13	12	7	32	-52,9%
Senegal	300	290	162	752	197	240	137	574	-23,7%
Sierra Leone	86	61	53	200	53	87	50	190	-5,0%
Togo	44	41	34	119	42	55	40	137	15,1%
North Africa	1 414	1 592	1 217	4 223	1 305	1 526	1 359	4 190	-0,8%
Algeria	102	148	62	312	103	123	107	333	6,7%
Egypt	731	853	703	2 287	646	693	723	2 062	-9,8%
Libya	84	88	57	229	69	86	104	259	13,1%
Morocco	142	163	130	435	172	218	107	497	14,3%
South Sudan	95	55	81	231	45	73	117	235	1,7%
The Sudan	161	195	120	476	180	224	144	548	15,1%
Tunisia	95	89	63	247	90	108	56	254	2,8%
Western Sahara	4	1	1	6	-	1	1	2	-66,7%
Unspecified	1 308	1 230	1 001	3 539	1 179	1 559	1 249	3 987	12,7%

4.3 Annexure C – Number of tourists: Quarter 1 – 4, 2017, Quarter 1 – 4, 2018 and changes by country of residence

Country of residence	Quarter 1 – 4, 2017					Quarter 1 – 4, 2018					% change 2017 – 2018
	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Total 2017	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Total 2018	
Total	2 622 215	2 395 121	2 547 148	2 720 713	10 285 197	2 788 941	2 363 598	2 575 193	2 744 373	10 472 105	1,8%
Overseas	750 616	545 208	628 751	788 558	2 713 133	764 294	508 945	629 022	769 885	2 672 146	-1,5%
Europe	501 000	283 120	351 625	525 103	1 660 848	511 171	255 879	346 323	505 389	1 618 762	-2,5%
Austria	9 736	4 094	5 667	10 105	29 602	10 234	3 874	5 199	10 812	30 119	1,7%
Belgium	13 295	9 391	14 826	16 536	54 048	14 719	9 181	16 263	17 069	57 232	5,9%
Denmark	10 900	4 494	4 871	8 414	28 679	11 179	3 783	4 812	7 875	27 649	-3,6%
France	55 437	36 370	42 419	61 939	196 165	53 439	35 527	40 180	57 105	186 251	-5,1%
Germany	111 256	52 653	60 894	124 408	349 211	118 920	42 751	62 735	118 823	343 229	-1,7%
Ireland	9 401	5 924	6 419	9 766	31 510	9 861	5 563	5 999	10 174	31 597	0,3%
Italy	13 191	10 563	21 116	16 256	61 126	13 656	10 767	22 324	17 123	63 870	4,5%
Norway	6 952	3 386	2 724	6 186	19 248	8 109	2 592	2 624	5 957	19 282	0,2%
Portugal	10 226	9 836	8 397	9 950	38 409	8 812	6 909	6 923	9 110	31 754	-17,3%
Spain	7 374	8 110	14 172	10 310	39 966	7 871	8 129	15 201	10 565	41 766	4,5%
Sweden	18 879	5 790	4 182	19 701	48 552	20 056	5 493	4 162	19 029	48 740	0,4%
Switzerland	18 048	9 371	10 008	21 597	59 024	18 385	8 456	10 490	20 989	58 320	-1,2%
The Netherlands	39 183	23 974	47 819	48 645	159 621	37 228	22 346	42 025	45 326	146 925	-8,0%
UK	147 358	81 605	89 463	129 475	447 901	146 673	71 837	86 646	125 552	430 708	-3,8%
Other	29 764	17 559	18 648	31 815	97 786	32 029	18 671	20 740	29 880	101 320	3,6%
North America	98 387	113 110	116 493	109 913	437 903	101 042	111 989	119 273	112 367	444 671	1,5%
Canada	18 623	13 872	14 365	20 296	67 156	18 624	13 690	14 683	20 782	67 779	0,9%
USA	79 764	99 238	102 128	89 617	370 747	82 418	98 299	104 590	91 585	376 892	1,7%
Central and South America	29 498	23 965	25 365	28 754	107 582	33 325	23 726	29 973	29 492	116 516	8,3%
Argentina	6 163	2 875	2 821	3 015	14 874	8 832	2 880	3 682	4 045	19 439	30,7%
Brazil	17 393	14 975	15 875	19 554	67 797	17 701	15 539	18 489	18 810	70 539	4,0%
Chile	2 276	1 140	1 406	1 318	6 140	2 365	1 234	1 807	1 225	6 631	8,0%
Other	3 666	4 975	5 263	4 867	18 771	4 427	4 073	5 995	5 412	19 907	6,1%

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Country of residence	Quarter 1 – 4, 2017					Quarter 1 – 4, 2018					% change 2017 – 2018
	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Total 2017	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Total 2018	
Australasia	27 808	33 057	38 781	34 067	133 713	29 225	30 879	38 131	33 113	131 348	-1,8%
Australia	24 663	28 851	33 641	29 102	116 257	25 974	27 235	33 917	28 720	115 846	-0,4%
New Zealand	3 086	4 101	5 039	4 868	17 094	3 189	3 590	4 136	4 298	15 213	-11,0%
Other	59	105	101	97	362	62	54	78	95	289	-20,2%
Middle East	15 757	10 359	17 712	12 078	55 906	14 773	8 913	15 431	10 750	49 867	-10,8%
Iran	2 893	517	1 044	857	5 311	2 071	436	397	415	3 319	-37,5%
Israel	7 383	4 655	6 743	6 882	25 663	8 380	3 713	7 715	6 199	26 007	1,3%
Saudi Arabia	2 336	1 997	5 382	1 449	11 164	1 697	1 907	3 190	1 355	8 149	-27,0%
Other	3 145	3 190	4 543	2 890	13 768	2 625	2 857	4 129	2 781	12 392	-10,0%
Asia	78 166	81 597	78 775	78 643	317 181	74 758	77 559	79 891	78 774	310 982	-2,0%
Bangladesh	1 272	1 087	1 314	1 457	5 130	1 406	1 251	1 467	1 646	5 770	12,5%
China	29 479	19 694	24 544	23 352	97 069	24 680	20 681	27 391	24 163	96 915	-0,2%
India	19 651	32 191	22 316	23 763	97 921	21 428	28 587	20 543	22 870	93 428	-4,6%
Japan	6 585	5 709	7 412	7 704	27 410	6 018	6 504	7 549	7 470	27 541	0,5%
Malaysia	1 683	2 561	2 717	2 321	9 282	1 564	2 028	2 048	1 820	7 460	-19,6%
Pakistan	4 140	3 894	3 925	3 649	15 608	3 636	3 784	3 839	3 744	15 003	-3,9%
Philippines	1 280	2 197	1 951	1 776	7 204	1 576	1 912	1 844	2 278	7 610	5,6%
Singapore	1 574	4 049	2 451	2 890	10 964	1 467	2 407	2 641	2 578	9 093	-17,1%
South Korea	6 848	4 101	5 797	5 427	22 173	7 082	4 222	5 974	4 590	21 868	-1,4%
Thailand	1 493	1 770	1 865	1 750	6 878	1 557	1 903	2 241	2 110	7 811	13,6%
Other	4 161	4 344	4 483	4 554	17 542	4 344	4 280	4 354	5 505	18 483	5,4%
Africa	1 868 827	1 846 854	1 915 045	1 928 616	7 559 342	2 021 673	1 851 329	1 942 854	1 970 501	7 786 357	3,0%
SADC	1 824 223	1 806 800	1 871 227	1 884 709	7 386 959	1 979 544	1 810 887	1 895 854	1 923 960	7 610 245	3,0%
Angola	14 186	10 027	10 719	14 367	49 299	20 025	13 343	14 895	16 596	64 859	31,6%
Botswana	127 553	173 147	178 834	201 845	681 379	166 388	145 109	176 871	200 198	688 566	1,1%
DRC	6 364	6 180	8 776	8 355	29 675	7 263	7 457	11 011	9 625	35 356	19,1%
Lesotho	476 879	436 168	426 832	407 332	1 747 211	488 375	439 488	426 904	384 421	1 739 188	-0,5%

Annexure C – Number of tourists: Quarter 1 – 4, 2017, Quarter 1 – 4, 2018 and changes by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 1 – 4, 2017					Quarter 1 – 4, 2018					% change 2017 – 2018
	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Total 2017	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Total 2018	
Madagascar	656	622	624	544	2 446	648	570	740	613	2 571	5,1%
Malawi	39 859	38 636	49 691	46 828	175 014	47 386	43 415	55 437	51 079	197 317	12,7%
Mauritius	4 624	4 313	4 620	5 971	19 528	4 897	4 154	4 811	6 066	19 928	2,0%
Mozambique	336 474	321 712	345 997	335 062	1 339 245	356 725	329 106	341 764	333 301	1 360 896	1,6%
Namibia	45 965	53 514	49 508	59 760	208 747	48 138	47 276	47 531	57 422	200 367	-4,0%
Seychelles	2 819	1 732	1 321	2 280	8 152	1 831	949	1 023	2 288	6 091	-25,3%
Swaziland	197 032	220 914	231 061	227 985	876 992	210 522	211 663	224 652	236 898	883 735	0,8%
Tanzania	9 201	8 384	9 101	9 620	36 306	8 709	8 537	8 964	10 263	36 473	0,5%
Zambia	39 964	42 743	44 696	45 630	173 033	39 284	40 683	43 015	42 986	165 968	-4,1%
Zimbabwe	522 647	488 708	509 447	519 130	2 039 932	579 353	519 137	538 236	572 204	2 208 930	8,3%
‘Other’ African	44 604	40 054	43 818	43 907	172 383	42 129	40 442	47 000	46 541	176 112	2,2%
East and Central Africa	18 882	16 259	19 100	18 322	72 563	17 287	16 111	19 423	18 825	71 646	-1,3%
Burundi	216	168	245	249	878	206	173	229	208	816	-7,1%
Cameroon	1 466	1 188	1 211	1 229	5 094	1 269	1 118	1 453	1 258	5 098	0,1%
Central African Republic	28	39	36	44	147	43	47	40	37	167	13,6%
Chad	76	78	86	103	343	97	90	70	71	328	-4,4%
Comoros	36	49	84	50	219	56	94	84	61	295	34,7%
Congo	915	671	991	787	3 364	762	560	738	656	2 716	-19,3%
Djibouti	32	28	37	32	129	33	20	23	24	100	-22,5%
Equatorial Guinea	132	131	83	104	450	128	67	78	134	407	-9,6%
Eritrea	147	139	214	165	665	183	147	194	156	680	2,3%
Ethiopia	2 113	1 995	2 332	2 158	8 598	2 362	2 285	2 388	1 996	9 031	5,0%
Gabon	2 182	1 365	2 775	1 660	7 982	1 594	1 118	2 316	1 360	6 388	-20,0%
Kenya	7 557	6 772	7 194	7 421	28 944	6 657	6 510	7 292	8 734	29 193	0,9%
Réunion	26	17	7	18	68	13	2	-	9	24	-64,7%
Rwanda	276	218	250	203	947	226	219	319	304	1 068	12,8%
São Tomé and Príncipe	23	13	15	21	72	28	41	19	25	113	56,9%
Somalia	56	112	218	180	566	197	355	422	562	1 536	171,4%
Uganda	3 601	3 276	3 322	3 898	14 097	3 433	3 265	3 758	3 230	13 686	-2,9%

Annexure C – Number of tourists: Quarter 1 – 4, 2017, Quarter 1 – 4, 2018 and changes by country of residence (concluded)

Country of residence	Quarter 1 – 4, 2017					Quarter 1 – 4, 2018					% change 2017– 2018
	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Total 2017	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Total 2018	
West Africa	21 243	19 935	20 833	21 362	83 373	20 584	20 801	23 751	23 526	88 662	6,3%
Benin	432	354	459	462	1 707	338	307	469	406	1 520	-11,0%
Burkina Faso	174	147	198	254	773	174	179	190	164	707	-8,5%
Cape Verde Island	151	145	179	120	595	82	86	92	107	367	-38,3%
Côte d'Ivoire	692	548	626	591	2 457	699	583	735	679	2 696	9,7%
Gambia	113	162	174	132	581	152	115	139	103	509	-12,4%
Ghana	4 284	4 083	4 494	4 844	17 705	4 514	5 211	5 533	5 741	20 999	18,6%
Guinea	370	338	391	440	1 539	390	365	441	376	1 572	2,1%
Guinea-Bissau	51	46	29	26	152	38	50	33	26	147	-3,3%
Liberia	165	182	173	175	695	145	168	176	182	671	-3,5%
Mali	436	366	364	406	1 572	374	376	344	324	1 418	-9,8%
Mauritania	39	104	28	77	248	67	48	46	51	212	-14,5%
Niger	89	95	58	86	328	64	86	90	80	320	-2,4%
Nigeria	13 235	12 371	12 705	12 610	50 921	12 663	12 328	14 424	14 354	53 769	5,6%
Saint Helena	38	65	72	68	243	46	28	30	32	136	-44,0%
Senegal	639	628	590	752	2 609	570	604	612	574	2 360	-9,5%
Sierra Leone	201	131	163	200	695	133	137	199	190	659	-5,2%
Togo	134	170	130	119	553	135	130	198	137	600	8,5%
North Africa	4 479	3 860	3 885	4 223	16 447	4 258	3 530	3 826	4 190	15 804	-3,9%
Algeria	278	248	364	312	1 202	239	240	271	333	1 083	-9,9%
Egypt	2 384	2 016	1 813	2 287	8 500	2 404	1 591	1 741	2 062	7 798	-8,3%
Libya	243	249	235	229	956	196	203	240	259	898	-6,1%
Morocco	458	375	415	435	1 683	471	494	440	497	1 902	13,0%
South Sudan	201	205	195	231	832	199	192	242	235	868	4,3%
The Sudan	603	455	573	476	2 107	499	536	623	548	2 206	4,7%
Tunisia	307	306	286	247	1 146	247	261	264	254	1 026	-10,5%
Western Sahara	5	6	4	6	21	3	13	5	2	23	9,5%
Unspecified	2 772	3 059	3 352	3 539	12 722	2 974	3 324	3 317	3 987	13 602	6,9%

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 December 2018, the DHA data was 3,0% 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, the duration of stay; 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.

6. General information

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