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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 March 2020. 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; purpose of visit; age and sex distribution are also provided.

The March, June, September and December releases include summaries of 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 and out of South Africa shows that a total of 2 397 151 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) passed through South African ports of entry/exit in March 2020. As presented in Table 1 on page 12, these travellers were made up of 598 205 South African residents and 1 798 946 foreign travellers. A further breakdown of the figures for South African residents indicates that there were 314 022 arrivals, 283 691 departures and 492 travellers in transit. The corresponding volume for foreign arrivals, departures and travellers in transit was 863 232, 905 186 and 30 528, respectively.

A comparison between the movements in March 2019 and March 2020 indicates that the volume of arrivals, departures and travellers in transit decreased for both South African residents and foreign travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals decreased by 35,6% (from 487 479 in March 2019 to 314 022 in March 2020). Departures decreased by 45,0% (from 515 398 in March 2019 to 283 691 in March 2020), and transits decreased by 29,5% (from 698 in March 2019 to 492 in March 2020). For foreign travellers, arrivals decreased by 33,7% (from 1 301 855 in March 2019 to 863 232 in March 2020), departures decreased by 25,2% (from 1 210 297 in March 2019 to 905 186 in March 2020), and transits decreased by 47,7% (from 58 357 in March 2019 to 30 528 in March 2020). The drop in number of travellers between March 2019 and March 2020 as well as between February 2020 and March 2020 needs to be interpreted with caution as this is likely to be due to the effect of the closure of South African international borders due to Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, with the exception for the repatriation of South African nationals and foreign citizens.

A comparison between the movements in February 2020 and March 2020 indicates that the volume of arrivals, departures and travellers in transit decreased for both groups of travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals decreased by 15,3% (from 370 823 in February 2020 to 314 022 in March 2020), departures decreased by 25,6% (from 381 100 in February 2020 to 283 691 in March 2020), and transits decreased by 15,8% (from 584 in February 2020 to 492 in March 2020). For foreign travellers, arrivals decreased by 29,2% (from 1 218 468 in February 2020 to 863 232 in March 2020), departures decreased by 15,7% (from 1 074 252 in February 2020 to 905 186 in March 2020), and transits decreased by 33,6% (from 46 006 in February 2020 to 30 528 in March 2020).

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. 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 March 2020, 57 790 (6,7%) of foreign arrivals were classified as non-visitors while 805 442 (93,3%) were classified as visitors. The visitors were categorised into three groups:

- i. Arrivals only – comprising visitors who entered the country in March 2020 but did not depart in March 2020 [177 158 (22,0%)];
- ii. Single trips – visitors who came to South Africa once in March 2020 and left in March 2020 [333 977 (41,5%)];
and
- iii. Multiple trips – visitors who came to and left South Africa more than once in March 2020 [294 307 (36,5%)].

Visitors were further grouped as same-day visitors and overnight visitors (tourists). In March 2020, there were 270 348 (33,6%) same-day visitors and 535 094 (66,4%) tourists. Between March 2019 and March 2020, the volume of same-day visitors decreased by 28,8% (from 379 521 in March 2019 to 270 348 in March 2020) and that of tourists decreased by 36,2% (from 838 696 in March 2019 to 535 094 in March 2020). Between February 2020 and March 2020, the volume of same-day visitors decreased by 21,1% (from 342 482 in February 2020 to 270 348 in March 2020), and tourists decreased by 33,2% (from 800 815 in February 2020 to 535 094 in March 2020).

1.1.2 Mode of travel

Information presented in Table 2 on page 13, shows that in March 2020, road transport was the most common mode of travel used by 1 768 708 (73,8%) of the 2 397 151 travellers. The total number of travellers who used air transport was 587 379 (24,5%). Compared to the use of air and land transport, a smaller number of travellers, 41 064 (1,7%) used sea transport. Information on arrivals of South African residents shows that 100 622 (32,0%) came by air, 198 728 (63,3%) came by road and 14 672 (4,7%) arrived by sea transport. For departures, 79 125 (27,9%) used air, 191 464 (67,5%) used road and 13 102 (4,6%) left by sea transport. All travellers in transit, 492 (100,0%) used air transport.

In the case of foreign travellers, 139 561 (16,2%) arrived by air, 715 552 (82,9%) came by road and 8 119 (0,9%) arrived by sea transport. When departing South Africa, 237 051 (26,2%) foreign travellers left by air, 662 964 (73,2%) left by road and 5 171 (0,6%) left by sea transport. All travellers in transit, 30 528 (100,0%) used air transport. Table 2 further shows that of the 270 348 same-day visitors, an overwhelming majority, 258 660 (95,7%) arrived in the country by road, 10 002 (3,7%) flew into the country; and 1 686 (0,6%) arrived by sea transport. Information on tourists shows that 411 083 (76,8%) used road transport, 121 699 (22,7%) came by air transport and 2 312 (0,4%) 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 March 2020, 96 664 (87,7%) of the 110 241 overseas tourists arrived in the country by air transport, whilst 11 393 (10,3%) came in by road transport and 2 184 (2,0%) arrived by sea transport. Tourists from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries, on the other hand, came predominantly by road, 398 869 (95,5%), followed by air travel, 18 836 (4,5%) and sea transport, 121 (less than 0,1%). The number of tourists who came into South Africa by air from 'other' African countries was 5 834 (90,4%), with 613 (9,5%) using road transport and 7 (0,1%) using sea transport.

1.2.2 Regional and national distribution

In March 2020, the distribution of overseas tourists was as follows: Europe, 73 142 (66,3%); North America, 17 773 (16,1%); Asia, 6 959 (6,3%); Central and South America, 5 674 (5,1%); Australasia, 5 329 (4,8%); and the Middle East, 1 364 (1,2%).

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 March 2020 were Germany, 20 964 (19,0%), United Kingdom (UK), 19 819 (18,0%); United States of America (USA), 14 034 (12,7%); France, 8 476 (7,7%); The Netherlands, 5 711 (5,2%); Australia, 4 457 (4,0%); Canada, 3 739 (3,4%); Brazil, 3 404 (3,1%); India, 2 676 (2,4%); and Switzerland, 2 173 (2,0%). Tourists from these ten countries constituted 77,5% of all tourists from overseas countries. A comparison of movements in the ten leading countries between March 2019 and March 2020 shows that the number of tourists decreased for all ten leading countries. India had the largest decrease of 62,0% (from 7 043 tourists in March 2019 to 2 676 tourists in March 2020), followed by USA which decreased by 60,0% (from 35 125 tourists in March 2019 to 14 034 tourists in March 2020).

Virtually, most tourists from Africa, 417 826 (98,5%), came from the SADC countries. The distribution of the remaining tourists from Africa is as follows: West Africa, 3 000 (0,7%); East and Central Africa, 2 659 (0,6%); and North Africa 795 (0,2%). The ten leading SADC countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in March 2020 were: Zimbabwe, 130 674 (31,3%); Lesotho, 95 113 (22,8%); Mozambique, 78 865 (18,9%); Eswatini, 51 221 (12,3%); Botswana, 26 508 (6,3%); Malawi, 11 115 (2,7%); Namibia, 9 010 (2,2%); Zambia, 8 322 (2,0%); Angola, 2 262 (0,5%) and Tanzania, 2 202 (0,5%). (See Figure 2 on page 9 and Table 3 on pages 15 to 16). Tourists from these ten countries constituted 99,4% of all tourists from the SADC countries. A comparison between movements in March 2019 and March 2020 for the ten leading SADC countries shows that the number of tourists decreased for all ten leading countries. Angola showed the largest decrease of 59,7% (from 5 608 tourists in March 2019 to 2 262 in March 2020).

The ten leading countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in March 2020 from 'other' African countries, as shown in Figure 3 on page 10 and Table 3 on pages 16 to 17, were: Nigeria, 1 750 (27,1%); Kenya, 1 140 (17,7%); Ghana, 762 (11,8%); Uganda, 477 (7,4%); Egypt, 418 (6,5%); Ethiopia, 335 (5,2%); Gabon, 192 (3,0%); Cameroon, 184 (2,9%); Côte d'Ivoire, 92 (1,4%) and Congo, 86 (1,3%). Tourists from these ten countries constituted 84,2% of all tourists from 'other' African countries. A comparison between movements in March 2019 and March 2020 shows that the number of tourists decreased for all ten leading countries. Uganda showed the largest decrease of 60,9% (from 1 221 tourists in March 2019 to 477 in March 2020).

1.2.3 Purpose of visit

As observed in Table 4 on pages 18 to 21, in March 2020, the majority of tourists, 522 288 (97,6%), were in South Africa for holiday¹ compared to 9 768 (1,8%); 2 706 (0,5%) and 332 (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, 71 749 (66,5%) who came for holiday, 1 113 (62,4%) who came for business, 230 (51,5%) who came for study and 50 (80,6%) who came for medical treatment.

Within the overseas regions, Australasia had the highest proportion of its tourists who came for holiday, 98,9% (5 268), followed by Central and South America, 98,8% (5 604), North America, 98,5% (17 506), Europe, 98,1% (71 749), the Middle East, 95,6% (1 304), and Asia, 93,6% (6 516).

Asia, 4,8% (334) had the highest proportion of its tourists who came to South Africa for business, followed by the Middle East, 2,9% (39), Europe, 1,5% (1 113), North America, 1,2% (213), Australasia, 1,1% (56), and Central and South America, 0,5% (30).

The Middle East, 1,5% (21) and Asia, 1,5% (104) had the highest proportion of its tourists who came to study, followed by Central and South America, 0,7% (38), Europe, 0,3% (230), North America, 0,3% (50) and Australasia, 0,1% (4).

Asia and Europe had 0,1% of their tourists who came for medical treatment. For the other five overseas regions, less than 0,1% of tourists from North America, Central and South America, Australasia and the Middle East came for medical treatment.

The majority of African tourists, 413 810 (97,5%) 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, 97,7% (408 273) were on holiday, compared to 85,8% (5 537) from 'other' African countries who came for the same purpose. Information on the regions of 'other' African countries shows that 88,6% (2 658) of tourists from West Africa were on holiday, followed by tourists from North Africa, 84,8% (674); and East and Central Africa 82,9% (2 205) respectively.
- Business persons constituted 6,9% (447) of tourists from 'other' African countries compared to 1,8% (7 496) from SADC countries. East and Central Africa had the highest proportion, 9,7% (257) of its tourists who came to South Africa for business purposes, followed by North Africa, 7,4% (59) and West Africa, 4,4% (131).
- Students constituted 6,7% (432) of tourists from 'other' African countries compared with 0,4% (1 827) from SADC countries. North Africa, 7,5% (60) had the highest proportion of its tourists who came to South Africa for study purposes, followed by West Africa, 6,6% (198) and East and Central Africa, 6,5% (174).
- Medical treatment tourists constituted 0,6% (44) of tourists from 'other' African countries, while those from SADC constituted 0,1% (230) of its tourists. East and Central Africa, 0,9% (23) had the highest proportion of its tourists who came for medical treatment, followed by West Africa, 0,4% (13) and North Africa, 0,3% (2).

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.

1.2.4 Sex and age distribution

Table 5 on page 22 shows that in March 2020, there were 310 080 (57,9%) male and 225 014 (42,1%) female tourists. Overseas tourists were made up of 58 022 (52,6%) male tourists and 52 219 (47,4%) female tourists. There were 247 425 (59,2%) male and 170 401 (40,8%) female tourists from SADC countries. Tourists from 'other' African countries were made up of 4 264 (66,1%) male and 2 190 (33,9%) 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 [159 487 (29,8%)], followed by the age group 25 to 34 years [148 560 (27,8%)]. Taking the regions of residence into consideration, the results show that the highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [140 142 (33,5%)] and those from 'other' African countries [2 123 (32,9%)] were aged between 35 and 44 years, whereas those from overseas countries [21 964 (19,9%)] were aged between 55 and 64 years. The second highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [124 832 (29,9%)], 'other' African countries [1 851 (28,7%)] and those from overseas countries [21 783 (19,8%)] were aged between 25 and 34 years. The median ages of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries were 47, 37 and 38 years respectively. The proportion of tourists aged less than 15 years was higher among tourists from overseas countries, 4,4% (4 876) and 'other' African countries, 3,1% (201) compared to those from SADC countries, 2,8% (11 874).

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 16,9% (9 786) of male and 17,0% (8 876) 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% (5 035) and 3,3% (5 681) of male and female tourists respectively; while in 'other' African countries elderly tourists made up 2,9% (125) and 3,4% (75) 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 who come to South Africa is generally highest in quarter one (January to March) and quarter four (October to December) of each year. Quarter two (April to June) is characterised by a large decrease in the number of tourists, reaching its lowest in June, followed by a gradual increase into quarter three. Between quarter four of 2019 and quarter one of 2020 (Annexure B, pages 27 to 28) the number of tourists from overseas decreased by 20,2% (from 752 605 in quarter four to 600 828 in quarter one). A year on year comparison between 2019 and 2020 for quarter one (Annexure C, pages 31 to 32) shows that the number of overseas tourists decreased by 16,1% (from 715 913 in quarter one, 2019 to 600 828 in quarter one, 2020).

For the SADC countries (Figure 5 on page 11), the months of January and December of each year have the highest number 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 four of 2019 and quarter one of 2020 the number of tourists decreased by 4,1% (from 1 870 326 in quarter four to 1 793 210 in quarter one) (Annexure B, pages 28 to 29). Comparisons between 2019 and 2020 for quarter one show that the number of SADC tourists decreased by 7,7% (from 1 941 950 in quarter one, 2019 to 1 793 210 in quarter one, 2020) (see Annexure C, pages 32 to 33).

In the case of the 'other' African countries (Figure 6 on page 11), generally, the months of August and November seem to attract higher numbers of tourists compared to other months. June attracts the lowest number of tourists compared to other months. Between quarter four of 2019 and quarter one of 2020 (Annexure B, pages 29 to 30), the number of tourists from 'other' African countries decreased by 16,5% (from 38 501 in quarter four to 32 144 in quarter one). East and Central Africa decreased by 25,9% (from 18 295 in quarter four to 13 550 in quarter one), followed by North Africa which decreased by 14,9% (from 4 552 in quarter four to 3 872 in quarter one) and West Africa which decreased by 6,0% (from 15 654 in quarter four to 14 722 in quarter one). A year on year comparison for quarter one (Annexure C, pages 33 to 34) shows that the number of tourists from 'other' African countries decreased by 24,6% (from 42 604 in quarter one, 2019 to 32 144 in quarter one, 2020).

West Africa had the largest decreased of 25,7% (from 19 824 in quarter one, 2019 to 14 722 in quarter one, 2020), followed by East and Central Africa which decreased by 24,7% (from 17 984 in quarter one, 2019 to 13 550 in quarter one, 2020) and North Africa which decreased by 19,3% (from 4 796 in quarter one, 2019 to 3 872 in quarter one, 2020).

2. Figures

Figure 1 – Number of tourists from the ten leading overseas countries in March 2019 and March 2020

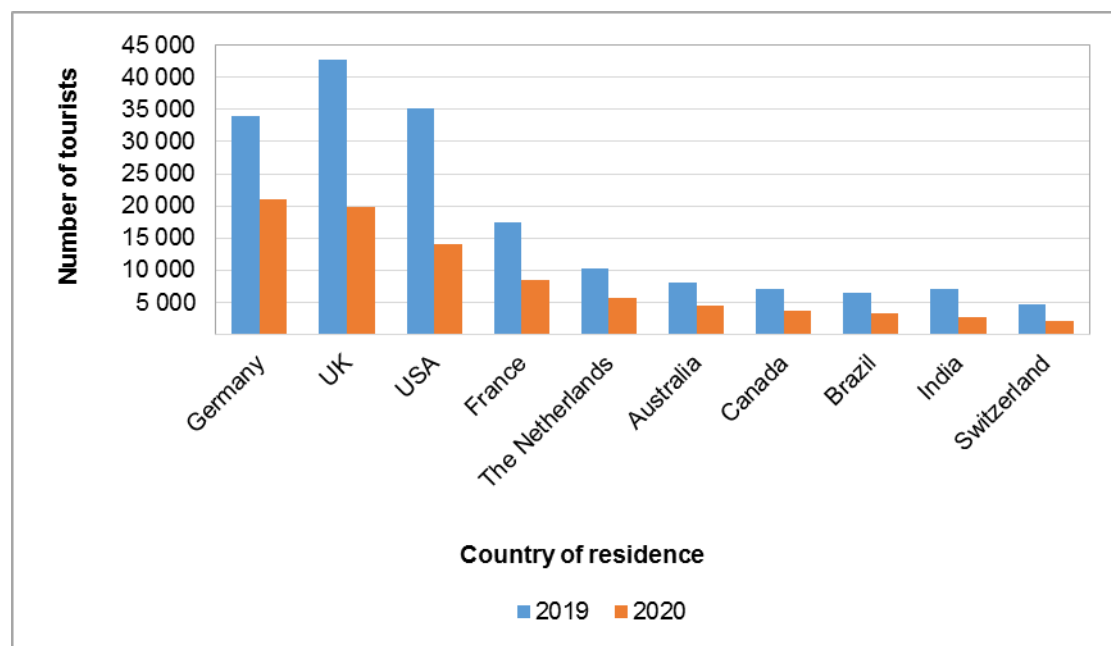


Figure 2 – Number of tourists from the ten leading Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries in March 2019 and March 2020

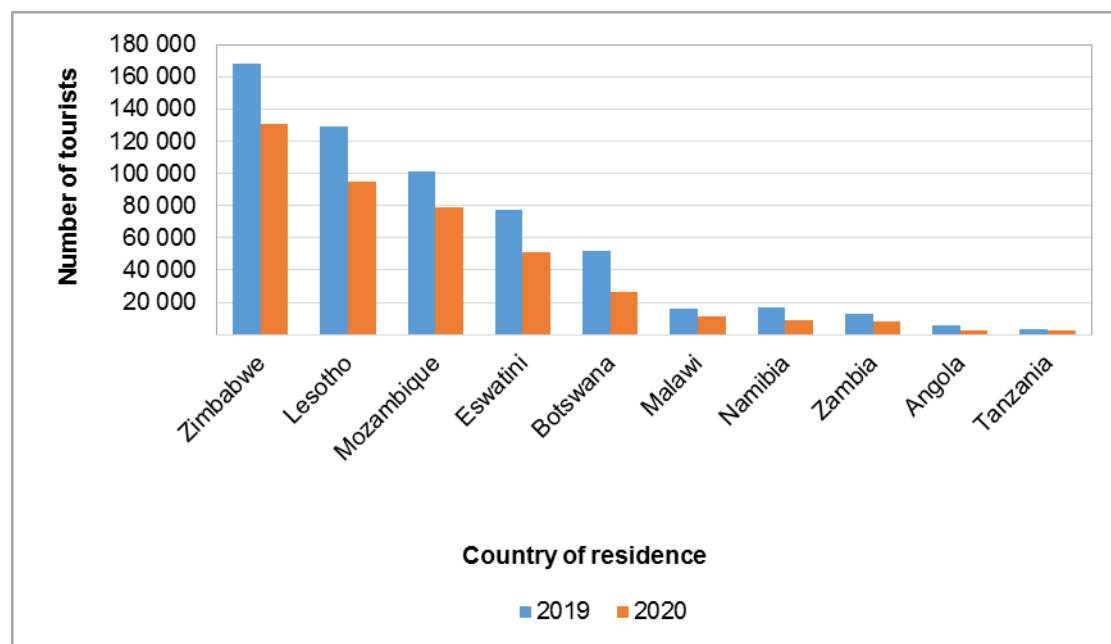


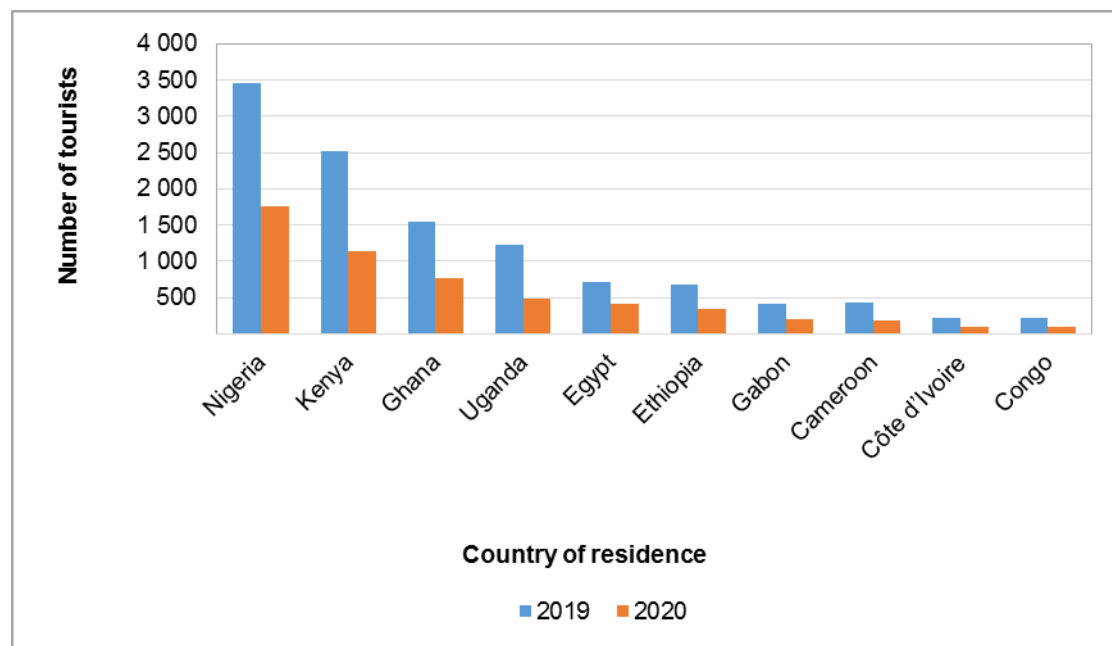
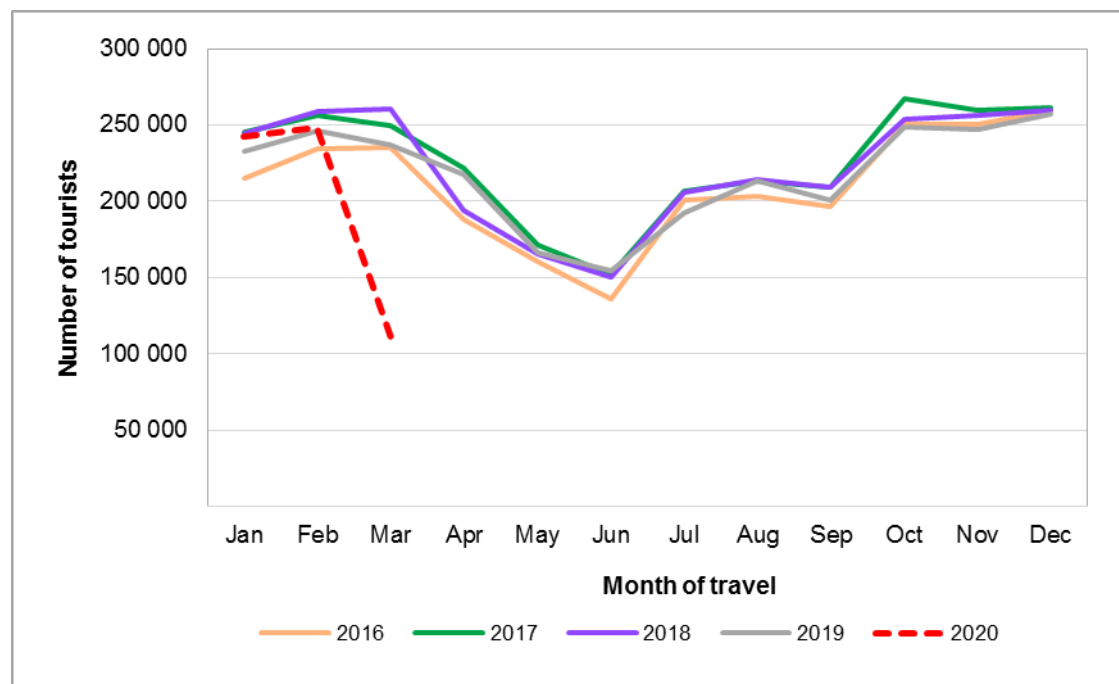
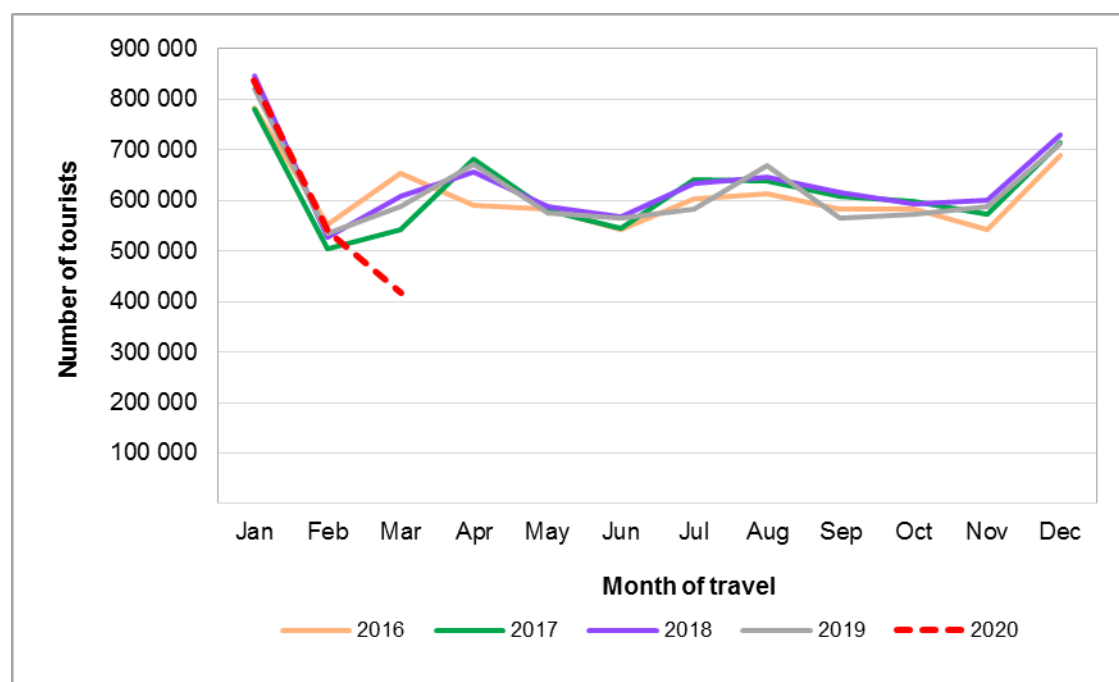
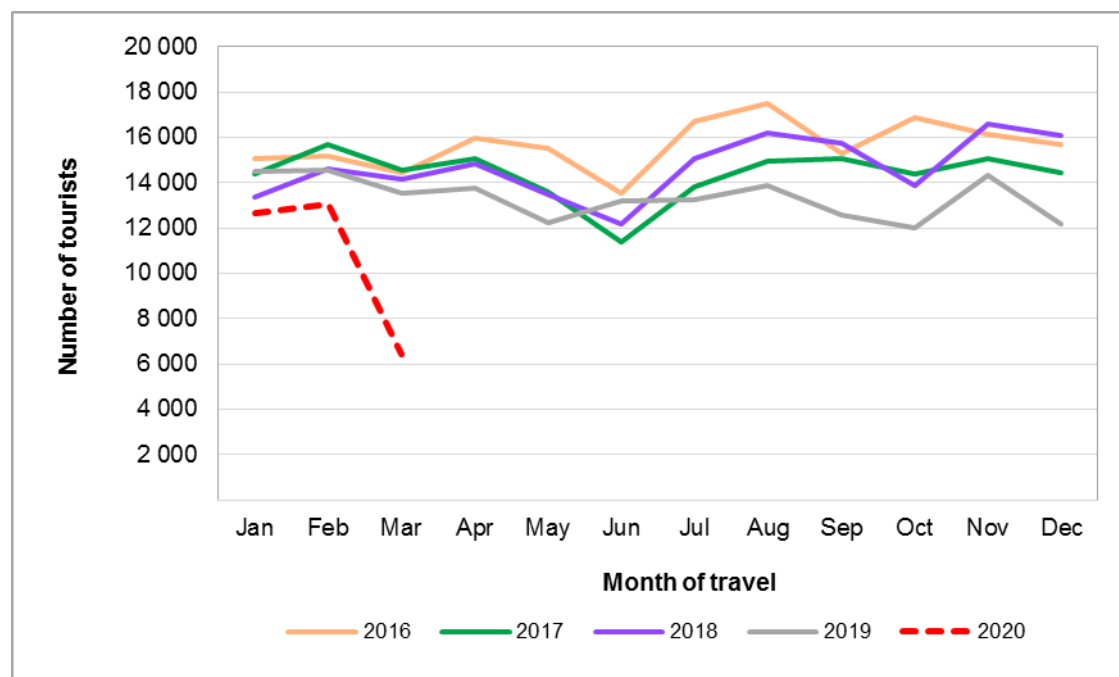
Figure 3 – Number of tourists from the ten leading 'other' African countries in March 2019 and March 2020**Figure 4 – Number of tourists from overseas countries by month: 2016 – 2020**

Figure 5 – Number of tourists from SADC countries by month: 2016 – 2020**Figure 6 – Number of tourists from 'other' African countries by month: 2016 – 2020**

3. Tables

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

Travel Direction	March 2019	February 2020	March 2020	% Change Feb 2020 – Mar 2020	% Change Mar 2019 – Mar 2020
Total	3 574 084	3 091 233	2 397 151	-22,5%	-32,9%
South African residents	1 003 575	752 507	598 205	-20,5%	-40,4%
Arrivals	487 479	370 823	314 022	-15,3%	-35,6%
Departures	515 398	381 100	283 691	-25,6%	-45,0%
Transits	698	584	492	-15,8%	-29,5%
Foreign travellers	2 570 509	2 338 726	1 798 946	-23,1%	-30,0%
Arrivals	1 301 855	1 218 468	863 232	-29,2%	-33,7%
Departures	1 210 297	1 074 252	905 186	-15,7%	-25,2%
Transits	58 357	46 006	30 528	-33,6%	-47,7%
Foreign arrivals	1 301 855	1 218 468	863 232	-29,2%	-33,7%
Non-visitors	83 638	75 171	57 790	-23,1%	-30,9%
Visitors	1 218 217	1 143 297	805 442	-29,6%	-33,9%
Visitors	1 218 217	1 143 297	805 442	-29,6%	-33,9%
Arrivals only	289 840	327 957	177 158	-46,0%	-38,9%
Single trips	459 658	426 238	333 977	-21,6%	-27,3%
Multiple trips	468 719	389 102	294 307	-24,4%	-37,2%
Visitors	1 218 217	1 143 297	805 442	-29,6%	-33,9%
Same-day	379 521	342 482	270 348	-21,1%	-28,8%
Overnight (Tourists)	838 696	800 815	535 094	-33,2%	-36,2%

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	2 397 151	170 437	17 726	395 210	4 006	587 379	1 768 708	41 064
South African residents	598 205	34 235	9 850	133 692	2 462	180 239	390 192	27 774
Arrivals	314 022	18 719	5 589	74 955	1 359	100 622	198 728	14 672
Departures	283 691	15 513	4 261	58 248	1 103	79 125	191 464	13 102
Transit	492	3	-	489	-	492	-	-
Foreign travellers	1 798 946	136 202	7 876	261 518	1 544	407 140	1 378 516	13 290
Arrivals	863 232	46 489	2 572	89 777	723	139 561	715 552	8 119
Departures	905 186	89 172	5 304	141 754	821	237 051	662 964	5 171
Transit	30 528	541	-	29 987	-	30 528	-	-
Visitors	805 442	44 374	2 122	84 585	620	131 701	669 743	3 998
Same-day	270 348	840	21	9 081	60	10 002	258 660	1 686
Tourist	535 094	43 534	2 101	75 504	560	121 699	411 083	2 312

Table 3 – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, March 2020

Country of residence	March		March 2020						
	2019	2020	Air					Road	Sea
			Cape town	King Shaka	O.R. Tambo	Other	Total		
Total	838 696	535 094	43 534	2 101	75 504	560	121 699	411 083	2 312
Overseas	236 647	110 241	40 097	1 824	54 329	414	96 664	11 393	2 184
Europe	146 833	73 142	31 632	1 402	30 710	181	63 925	7 742	1 475
Austria	2 802	1 266	715	11	389	6	1 121	124	21
Belgium	4 689	2 164	892	11	991	5	1 899	260	5
Denmark	2 263	1 141	356	10	676	4	1 046	95	-
France	17 451	8 476	2 469	43	4 170	14	6 696	1 772	8
Germany	33 940	20 964	10 243	128	7 179	15	17 565	2 092	1 307
Ireland	2 908	1 446	743	52	585	4	1 384	59	3
Italy	4 305	1 090	380	16	544	3	943	140	7
Portugal	2 987	965	164	15	424	3	606	358	1
Russian Federation	1 631	972	483	4	412	4	903	60	9
Spain	2 759	1 162	461	8	556	3	1 028	129	5
Sweden	3 796	1 585	655	57	727	3	1 442	142	1
Switzerland	4 658	2 173	1 158	16	767	7	1 948	218	7
The Netherlands	10 364	5 711	2 406	44	2 320	10	4 780	924	7
UK	42 772	19 819	8 812	922	9 023	70	18 827	932	60
Other	9 508	4 208	1 695	65	1 947	30	3 737	437	34
North America	42 273	17 773	5 448	153	9 949	127	15 677	1 530	566
Canada	7 148	3 739	1 245	56	1 964	38	3 303	423	13
USA	35 125	14 034	4 203	97	7 985	89	12 374	1 107	553
Central and South America	9 875	5 674	492	6	4 787	62	5 347	309	18
Argentina	1 520	726	36	1	640	2	679	46	1
Brazil	6 423	3 404	214	1	2 998	5	3 218	185	1
Mexico	341	323	59	-	247	6	312	5	6
Other	1 591	1 221	183	4	902	49	1 138	73	10

Table 3 – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, March 2020 (continued)

Country of residence	March		March 2020						
	2019	2020	Air					Road	Sea
			Cape town	King Shaka	O.R. Tambo	Other	Total		
Australasia	9 320	5 329	769	82	4 059	31	4 941	297	91
Australia	8 099	4 457	611	60	3 421	30	4 122	248	87
New Zealand	1 191	863	157	22	631	-	810	49	4
Other	30	9	1	-	7	1	9	-	-
Middle East	4 280	1 364	345	2	883	2	1 232	131	1
Israel	1 984	751	125	-	543	-	668	83	-
Jordan	277	81	21	-	47	-	68	13	-
Saudi Arabia	474	273	114	-	151	-	265	8	-
Other	1 545	259	85	2	142	2	231	27	1
Asia	24 066	6 959	1 411	179	3 941	11	5 542	1 384	33
Bangladesh	441	230	33	17	111	-	161	69	-
China	7 679	725	62	4	511	-	577	144	4
India	7 043	2 676	443	85	1 665	4	2 197	468	11
Japan	2 333	837	236	6	476	4	722	114	1
Malaysia	485	236	69	5	126	1	201	35	-
Pakistan	1 167	822	124	49	361	-	534	286	2
Philippines	532	220	60	1	123	-	184	27	9
Singapore	591	281	106	3	166	-	275	5	1
South Korea	1 704	276	90	1	93	2	186	90	-
Thailand	554	191	74	1	111	-	186	4	1
Other	1 537	465	114	7	198	-	319	142	4
Africa	600 708	424 280	3 413	276	20 836	145	24 670	399 482	128
SADC	587 189	417 826	2 586	256	15 891	103	18 836	398 869	121
Angola	5 608	2 262	740	2	1 148	17	1 907	355	-
Botswana	51 948	26 508	110	58	951	12	1 131	25 353	24
DRC	2 644	1 209	82	1	874	5	962	247	-
Eswatini	77 128	51 221	2	1	205	-	208	51 008	5

Table 3 – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, March 2020 (continued)

Country of residence	March		March 2020						
	2019	2020	Air					Road	Sea
			Cape town	King Shaka	O.R. Tambo	Other	Total		
Lesotho	129 159	95 113	1	2	199	-	202	94 898	13
Madagascar	247	103	5	-	91	2	98	5	-
Malawi	16 074	11 115	9	-	1 044	6	1 059	10 056	-
Mauritius	1 677	954	303	58	529	-	890	64	-
Mozambique	101 110	78 865	6	1	1 238	9	1 254	77 606	5
Namibia	17 140	9 010	928	78	1 241	6	2 253	6 710	47
Seychelles	617	268	2	1	256	-	259	9	-
Tanzania	3 197	2 202	79	1	781	4	865	1 337	-
Zambia	12 523	8 322	16	34	1 569	23	1 642	6 677	3
Zimbabwe	168 117	130 674	303	19	5 765	19	6 106	124 544	24
'Other' African	13 519	6 454	827	20	4 945	42	5 834	613	7
East and Central Africa	5 979	2 659	472	5	1 882	11	2 370	289	-
Burundi	91	37	9	-	25	-	34	3	-
Cameroon	439	184	24	-	141	-	165	19	-
Central African Republic	3	45	-	-	35	9	44	1	-
Chad	28	25	1	-	24	-	25	-	-
Comoros	35	23	4	-	19	-	23	-	-
Congo	212	86	26	-	54	1	81	5	-
Djibouti	6	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	20	12	-	-	12	-	12	-	-
Eritrea	58	29	2	-	27	-	29	-	-
Ethiopia	675	335	25	1	266	-	292	43	-
Gabon	417	192	27	-	164	-	191	1	-
Kenya	2 526	1 140	285	3	721	1	1 010	130	-
Rwanda	112	41	8	-	28	-	36	5	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	4	7	-	-	7	-	7	-	-
Somalia	132	24	10	-	12	-	22	2	-
Uganda	1 221	477	51	1	345	-	397	80	-

Table 3 – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, March 2020 (concluded)

Country of residence	March		March 2020						
	2019	2020	Air					Road	Sea
			Cape town	King Shaka	O.R. Tambo	Other	Total		
West Africa	6 126	3 000	219	8	2 476	3	2 706	288	6
Benin	154	79	11	-	59	-	70	9	-
Burkina Faso	83	19	1	-	18	-	19	-	-
Cape Verde Island	37	13	1	-	10	-	11	2	-
Côte d'Ivoire	221	92	15	1	73	-	89	3	-
Gambia	22	22	2	-	19	-	21	1	-
Ghana	1 549	762	57	3	654	-	714	48	-
Guinea	94	39	1	-	20	-	21	18	-
Guinea-Bissau	8	6	-	-	5	-	5	1	-
Liberia	60	30	1	-	29	-	30	-	-
Mali	73	37	2	-	23	-	25	12	-
Mauritania	28	9	2	-	6	-	8	1	-
Niger	26	14	-	-	13	-	13	1	-
Nigeria	3 453	1 750	121	3	1 435	3	1 562	183	5
Saint Helena	2	15	-	-	15	-	15	-	-
Senegal	202	56	3	1	47	-	51	5	-
Sierra Leone	54	31	1	-	26	-	27	3	1
Togo	60	26	1	-	24	-	25	1	-
North Africa	1 414	795	136	7	587	28	758	36	1
Algeria	104	60	20	-	38	-	58	1	1
Egypt	717	418	41	2	358	-	401	17	-
Libya	56	64	11	3	17	28	59	5	-
Morocco	169	83	21	2	55	-	78	5	-
South Sudan	79	37	-	-	36	-	36	1	-
The Sudan	159	83	28	-	51	-	79	4	-
Tunisia	129	50	15	-	32	-	47	3	-
Western Sahara	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unspecified	1 341	573	24	1	339	1	365	208	-

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

Country of residence	March			Purpose of visit (March 2020)			
	2019	2020	% change 2019–2020	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Total	838 696	535 094	-36,2%	9 768	522 288	2 706	332
Overseas	236 647	110 241	-53,4%	1 785	107 947	447	62
Europe	146 833	73 142	-50,2%	1 113	71 749	230	50
Austria	2 802	1 266	-54,8%	16	1 247	1	2
Belgium	4 689	2 164	-53,8%	51	2 103	8	2
Denmark	2 263	1 141	-49,6%	15	1 125	1	-
France	17 451	8 476	-51,4%	93	8 328	54	1
Germany	33 940	20 964	-38,2%	152	20 772	37	3
Ireland	2 908	1 446	-50,3%	28	1 415	2	1
Italy	4 305	1 090	-74,7%	28	1 047	14	1
Portugal	2 987	965	-67,7%	12	947	3	3
Russian Federation	1 631	972	-40,4%	18	954	-	-
Spain	2 759	1 162	-57,9%	47	1 110	5	-
Sweden	3 796	1 585	-58,2%	31	1 546	7	1
Switzerland	4 658	2 173	-53,3%	30	2 133	10	-
The Netherlands	10 364	5 711	-44,9%	104	5 569	25	13
UK	42 772	19 819	-53,7%	360	19 397	40	22
Other	9 508	4 208	-55,7%	128	4 056	23	1
North America	42 273	17 773	-58,0%	213	17 506	50	4
Canada	7 148	3 739	-47,7%	35	3 698	5	1
USA	35 125	14 034	-60,0%	178	13 808	45	3
Central and South America	9 875	5 674	-42,5%	30	5 604	38	2
Argentina	1 520	726	-52,2%	1	725	-	-
Brazil	6 423	3 404	-47,0%	14	3 368	22	-
Mexico	341	323	-5,3%	6	313	4	-
Other	1 591	1 221	-23,3%	9	1 198	12	2

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

Country of residence	March			Purpose of visit (March 2020)			
	2019	2020	% change 2019–2020	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Australasia	9 320	5 329	-42,8%	56	5 268	4	1
Australia	8 099	4 457	-45,0%	50	4 404	3	-
New Zealand	1 191	863	-27,5%	6	856	1	-
Other	30	9	-70,0%	-	8	-	1
Middle East	4 280	1 364	-68,1%	39	1 304	21	-
Israel	1 984	751	-62,1%	9	738	4	-
Jordan	277	81	-70,8%	5	75	1	-
Saudi Arabia	474	273	-42,4%	2	266	5	-
Other	1 545	259	-83,2%	23	225	11	-
Asia	24 066	6 959	-71,1%	334	6 516	104	5
Bangladesh	441	230	-47,8%	10	219	1	-
China	7 679	725	-90,6%	54	667	4	-
India	7 043	2 676	-62,0%	183	2 419	73	1
Japan	2 333	837	-64,1%	12	821	3	1
Malaysia	485	236	-51,3%	11	223	2	-
Pakistan	1 167	822	-29,6%	21	795	5	1
Philippines	532	220	-58,6%	7	211	2	-
Singapore	591	281	-52,5%	8	271	2	-
South Korea	1 704	276	-83,8%	5	268	1	2
Thailand	554	191	-65,5%	3	188		-
Other	1 537	465	-69,7%	20	434	11	-
Africa	600 708	424 280	-29,4%	7943	413 810	2 259	268
SADC	587 189	417 826	-28,8%	7496	408 273	1 827	230
Angola	5 608	2 262	-59,7%	27	2 131	80	24
Botswana	51 948	26 508	-49,0%	305	25 882	235	86
DRC	2 644	1 209	-54,3%	42	1 088	69	10
Eswatini	77 128	51 221	-33,6%	187	50 879	147	8

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

Country of residence	March			Purpose of visit (March 2020)			
	2019	2020	% change 2019–2020	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Lesotho	12 9159	95 113	-26,4%	641	93 776	696	-
Madagascar	247	103	-58,3%	6	93	4	-
Malawi	1 6074	11 115	-30,9%	100	10 971	30	14
Mauritius	1 677	954	-43,1%	41	899	11	3
Mozambique	101 110	78 865	-22,0%	1 597	77 196	50	22
Namibia	17 140	9 010	-47,4%	2 121	6 764	107	18
Seychelles	617	268	-56,6%	2	265	-	1
Tanzania	3 197	2 202	-31,1%	56	2 120	24	2
Zambia	12 523	8322	-33,5%	856	7 400	58	8
Zimbabwe	168 117	130 674	-22,3%	1 515	128 809	316	34
'Other' African	13 519	6 454	-52,3%	447	5 537	432	38
East and Central Africa	5 979	2 659	-55,5%	257	2 205	174	23
Burundi	91	37	-59,3%	4	29	4	-
Cameroon	439	184	-58,1%	10	149	16	9
Central African Republic	3	45	1 400,0%	-	45	-	-
Chad	28	25	-10,7%	1	19	5	-
Comoros	35	23	-34,3%	3	16	4	-
Congo	212	86	-59,4%	4	63	17	2
Djibouti	6	2	-66,7%	-	2	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	20	12	-40,0%	2	6	3	1
Eritrea	58	29	-50,0%	-	29	-	-
Ethiopia	675	335	-50,4%	35	284	15	1
Gabon	417	192	-54,0%	3	164	24	1
Kenya	2 526	1 140	-54,9%	138	941	57	4
Rwanda	112	41	-63,4%	7	32	2	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	4	7	75,0%	-	7	-	-
Somalia	132	24	-81,8%	1	22	1	-
Uganda	1 221	477	-60,9%	49	397	26	5

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

Country of residence	March			Purpose of visit (March 2020)			
	2019	2020	% change 2019–2020	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
West Africa	6 126	3 000	-51,0%	131	2 658	198	13
Benin	154	79	-48,7%	5	71	3	-
Burkina Faso	83	19	-77,1%	2	16	1	-
Cape Verde Island	37	13	-64,9%	-	12	-	1
Côte d'Ivoire	221	92	-58,4%	14	71	6	1
Gambia	22	22	0,0%	-	21	1	-
Ghana	1 549	762	-50,8%	46	685	28	3
Guinea	94	39	-58,5%	1	36	2	-
Guinea-Bissau	8	6	-25,0%	-	6	-	-
Liberia	60	30	-50,0%	1	28	1	-
Mali	73	37	-49,3%	2	34	1	-
Mauritania	28	9	-67,9%	-	9	-	-
Niger	26	14	-46,2%	1	12	1	-
Nigeria	3 453	1 750	-49,3%	44	1 551	149	6
Saint Helena	2	15	650,0%	-	13	-	2
Senegal	202	56	-72,3%	6	48	2	-
Sierra Leone	54	31	-42,6%	8	22	1	-
Togo	60	26	-56,7%	1	23	2	-
North Africa	1 414	795	-43,8%	59	674	60	2
Algeria	104	60	-42,3%	5	50	5	-
Egypt	717	418	-41,7%	31	369	18	-
Libya	56	64	14,3%	1	54	9	-
Morocco	169	83	-50,9%	12	63	8	-
South Sudan	79	37	-53,2%	1	33	1	2
The Sudan	159	83	-47,8%	5	63	15	-
Tunisia	129	50	-61,2%	4	42	4	-
Western Sahara	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unspecified	1 341	573	-57,3%	40	531	-	2

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

Sex	Age group	March		Region (March 2020)			
		2019	2020	Overseas	SADC	'Other' African	Unspecified
All	Total	838 696	535 094	110 241	417 826	6 454	573
	0-14	31 389	16 952	4 876	11 874	201	1
	15-24	68 694	40 910	7 805	32 669	421	15
	25-34	225 964	148 560	21 783	124 832	1 851	94
	35-44	232 760	159 487	17 040	140 142	2 123	182
	45-54	138 147	89 357	18 111	69 908	1 168	170
	55-64	86 487	50 239	21 964	27 685	490	100
	65+	55 255	29 589	18 662	10 716	200	11
Male	Total	471 372	310 080	58 022	247 425	4 264	369
	0-14	15 752	8 384	2 448	5 852	84	
	15-24	35 229	21 987	3 330	18 416	229	12
	25-34	124 284	83 945	10 461	72 285	1 129	70
	35-44	141 702	99 281	10 153	87 535	1 490	103
	45-54	81 176	54 456	10 339	43 136	874	107
	55-64	45 567	27 073	11 505	15 166	333	69
	65+	27 662	14 954	9 786	5 035	125	8
Female	Total	367 324	225 014	52 219	170 401	2 190	204
	0-14	15 637	8 568	2 428	6 022	117	1
	15-24	33 465	18 923	4 475	14 253	192	3
	25-34	101 680	64 615	11 322	52 547	722	24
	35-44	91 058	60 206	6 887	52 607	633	79
	45-54	56 971	34 901	7 772	26 772	294	63
	55-64	40 920	23 166	10 459	12 519	157	31
	65+	27 593	14 635	8 876	5 681	75	3

4. Annexures

4.1 Annexure A – Cumulative number of tourists' difference between Jan – Mar 2019 and Jan – Mar 2020 by country of residence

Country of residence	Jan – Mar 2019	Jan – Mar 2020	Difference between Jan – Mar 2019 and Jan – Mar 2020	% change between Jan – Mar 2019 and Jan – Mar 2020
Total	2 704 067	2 429 177	-274 890	-10,2%
Overseas	715 913	600 828	-115 085	-16,1%
Europe	467 791	404 912	-62 879	-13,4%
Austria	10 658	8 595	-2 063	-19,4%
Belgium	13 079	11 008	-2 071	-15,8%
Denmark	9 208	8 287	-921	-10,0%
France	48 292	37 470	-10 822	-22,4%
Germany	102 133	98 333	-3 800	-3,7%
Ireland	8 831	7 758	-1 073	-12,2%
Italy	13 525	10 212	-3 313	-24,5%
Portugal	8 197	6 312	-1 885	-23,0%
Russian Federation	5 043	5 392	349	6,9%
Spain	7 327	5 668	-1 659	-22,6%
Sweden	16 612	13 051	-3 561	-21,4%
Switzerland	16 658	13 573	-3 085	-18,5%
The Netherlands	36 549	32 030	-4 519	-12,4%
UK	139 530	119 899	-19 631	-14,1%
Other	32 149	27 324	-4 825	-15,0%
North America	102 409	82 173	-20 236	-19,8%
Canada	19 224	16 157	-3 067	-16,0%
USA	83 185	66 016	-17 169	-20,6%
Central and South America	31 786	29 361	-2 425	-7,6%
Argentina	7 460	4 779	-2 681	-35,9%
Brazil	17 784	18 866	1 082	6,1%
Chile	2 293	1 492	-801	-34,9%
Other	4 249	4 224	-25	-0,6%

Annexure A – Cumulative number of tourists' difference between Jan – Mar 2019 and Jan – Mar 2020 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	Jan – Mar 2019	Jan – Mar 2020	Difference between Jan – Mar 2019 and Jan – Mar 2020	% change between Jan – Mar 2019 and Jan – Mar 2020
Australasia	26 634	23 520	-3 114	-11,7%
Australia	23 775	19 838	-3 937	-16,6%
New Zealand	2 793	3 642	849	30,4%
Other	66	40	-26	-39,4%
Middle East	11 908	10 859	-1 049	-8,8%
Israel	6 740	5 291	-1 449	-21,5%
Lebanon	832	627	-205	-24,6%
Saudi Arabia	1 431	3 087	1 656	115,7%
Other	2 905	1 854	-1 051	-36,2%
Asia	75 385	50 003	-25 382	-33,7%
Bangladesh	1 540	1 153	-387	-25,1%
China	25 589	11 516	-14 073	-55,0%
India	20 562	17 113	-3 449	-16,8%
Japan	6 920	4 944	-1 976	-28,6%
Malaysia	1 432	1 325	-107	-7,5%
Pakistan	3 740	3 358	-382	-10,2%
Philippines	1 453	1 134	-319	-22,0%
Singapore	1 448	1 294	-154	-10,6%
South Korea	6 898	3 947	-2 951	-42,8%
Taiwan	1 814	1 089	-725	-40,0%
Other	3 989	3 130	-859	-21,5%
Africa	1 984 554	1 825 354	-159 200	-8,0%
SADC	1 941 950	1 793 210	-148 740	-7,7%
Angola	19 899	13 558	-6 341	-31,9%
Botswana	132 094	117 099	-14 995	-11,4%
DRC	7 985	6 352	-1 633	-20,5%
Eswatini	209 393	188 948	-20 445	-9,8%

Annexure A – Cumulative number of tourists' difference between Jan – Mar 2019 and Jan – Mar 2020 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	Jan – Mar 2019	Jan – Mar 2020	Difference between Jan – Mar 2019 and Jan – Mar 2020	% change between Jan – Mar 2019 and Jan – Mar 2020
Lesotho	432 756	413 724	-19 032	-4,4%
Madagascar	628	549	-79	-12,6%
Malawi	48 212	43 325	-4 887	-10,1%
Mauritius	5 231	4 465	-766	-14,6%
Mozambique	369 984	345 026	-24 958	-6,7%
Namibia	45 004	36 098	-8 906	-19,8%
Seychelles	1 866	1 254	-612	-32,8%
Tanzania	9 176	8 459	-717	-7,8%
Zambia	37 708	31 659	-6 049	-16,0%
Zimbabwe	622 014	582 694	-39 320	-6,3%
'Other' African	42 604	32 144	-10 460	-24,6%
East and Central Africa	17 984	13 550	-4 434	-24,7%
Burundi	251	190	-61	-24,3%
Cameroon	1 268	977	-291	-22,9%
Central African Republic	22	61	39	177,3%
Chad	82	65	-17	-20,7%
Comoros	67	75	8	11,9%
Congo	676	374	-302	-44,7%
Djibouti	26	11	-15	-57,7%
Equatorial Guinea	105	70	-35	-33,3%
Eritrea	195	101	-94	-48,2%
Ethiopia	1 920	1 513	-407	-21,2%
Gabon	1 596	1 198	-398	-24,9%
Kenya	7 311	5 647	-1 664	-22,8%
Réunion	9	17	8	88,9%
Rwanda	251	182	-69	-27,5%
São Tomé and Príncipe	11	19	8	72,7%
Somalia	441	99	-342	-77,6%
Uganda	3 753	2 951	-802	-21,4%

Annexure A – Cumulative number of tourists' difference between Jan – Mar 2019 and Jan – Mar 2020 by country of residence (concluded)

Country of residence	Jan – Mar 2019	Jan – Mar 2020	Difference between Jan – Mar 2019 and Jan – Mar 2020	% change between Jan – Mar 2019 and Jan – Mar 2020
West Africa	19 824	14 722	-5 102	-25,7%
Benin	406	333	-73	-18,0%
Burkina Faso	212	137	-75	-35,4%
Cape Verde Island	93	53	-40	-43,0%
Côte d'Ivoire	751	518	-233	-31,0%
Gambia	94	114	20	21,3%
Ghana	4 892	4 043	-849	-17,4%
Guinea	363	266	-97	-26,7%
Guinea-Bissau	34	31	-3	-8,8%
Liberia	189	111	-78	-41,3%
Mali	298	253	-45	-15,1%
Mauritania	57	38	-19	-33,3%
Niger	92	62	-30	-32,6%
Nigeria	11 427	8 183	-3 244	-28,4%
Saint Helena	19	41	22	115,8%
Senegal	528	282	-246	-46,6%
Sierra Leone	214	153	-61	-28,5%
Togo	155	104	-51	-32,9%
North Africa	4 796	3 872	-924	-19,3%
Algeria	484	278	-206	-42,6%
Egypt	2 475	2 062	-413	-16,7%
Libya	219	195	-24	-11,0%
Morocco	538	457	-81	-15,1%
South Sudan	205	208	3	1,5%
The Sudan	483	376	-107	-22,2%
Tunisia	389	296	-93	-23,9%
Western Sahara	3		-3	-100,0%
Unspecified	3 600	2 995	-605	-16,8%

4.2 Annexure B – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2019 – Quarter 1, 2020 changes by country of residence and month of travel

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2019 – Quarter 1, 2020								% change Qtr 4, 2019 – Qtr 1, 2020
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2019	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2020	
Total	834 275	850 537	981 038	2 665 850	1 093 268	800 815	535 094	2 429 177	-8,9%
Overseas	248 673	247 136	256 796	752 605	242 550	248 037	110 241	600 828	-20,2%
Europe	158 332	164 704	163 335	486 371	157 808	173 962	73 142	404 912	-16,7%
Austria	2 982	3 950	3 211	10 143	3 220	4 109	1 266	8 595	-15,3%
Belgium	5 741	5 846	4 732	16 319	3 799	5 045	2 164	11 008	-32,5%
Denmark	2 755	2 380	2 388	7 523	3 272	3 874	1 141	8 287	10,2%
France	19 412	16 673	12 218	48 303	12 509	16 485	8 476	37 470	-22,4%
Germany	40 840	41 119	33 795	115 754	35 067	42 302	20 964	98 333	-15,1%
Ireland	2 671	2 912	3 857	9 440	3 132	3 180	1 446	7 758	-17,8%
Italy	4 837	4 566	6 390	15 793	4 693	4 429	1 090	10 212	-35,3%
Portugal	2 236	2 949	2 732	7 917	2 603	2 744	965	6 312	-20,3%
Russian Federation	1 513	1 741	2 013	5 267	2 524	1 896	972	5 392	2,4%
Spain	3 895	3 426	2 593	9 914	2 267	2 239	1 162	5 668	-42,8%
Sweden	3 869	4 794	7 251	15 914	5 669	5 797	1 585	13 051	-18,0%
Switzerland	6 877	7 397	5 686	19 960	5 371	6 029	2 173	13 573	-32,0%
The Netherlands	15 516	14 417	13 311	43 244	12 776	13 543	5 711	32 030	-25,9%
UK	37 164	41 064	52 631	130 859	49 436	50 644	19 819	119 899	-8,4%
Other	8 024	11 470	10 527	30 021	11 470	11 646	4 208	27 324	-9,0%
North America	34 393	33 420	39 434	107 247	31 594	32 806	17 773	82 173	-23,4%
Canada	7 039	6 132	6 539	19 710	5 930	6 488	3 739	16 157	-18,0%
USA	27 354	27 288	32 895	87 537	25 664	26 318	14 034	66 016	-24,6%
Central and South America	10 423	10 004	12 706	33 133	12 567	11 120	5 674	29 361	-11,4%
Argentina	921	996	841	2 758	2 126	1 927	726	4 779	73,3%
Brazil	7 039	6 495	9 770	23 304	8 540	6 922	3 404	18 866	-19,0%
Chile	373	430	375	1 178	532	778	182	1 492	26,7%
Other	2 090	2 083	1 720	5 893	1 369	1 493	1 362	4 224	-28,3%

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Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2019 – Quarter 1, 2020								% change Qtr 4, 2019 – Qtr 1, 2020
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2019	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2020	
Australasia	10 442	10 193	14 242	34 877	9 584	8 607	5 329	23 520	-32,6%
Australia	8 876	8 723	11 551	29 150	8 142	7 239	4 457	19 838	-31,9%
New Zealand	1 551	1 452	2 637	5 640	1 431	1 348	863	3 642	-35,4%
Other	15	18	54	87	11	20	9	40	-54,0%
Middle East	6 524	4 425	3 822	14 771	5 234	4 261	1 364	10 859	-26,5%
Israel	4 855	2 465	2 101	9 421	2 215	2 325	751	5 291	-43,8%
Lebanon	247	252	233	732	257	294	76	627	-14,3%
Saudi Arabia	656	774	698	2 128	1 920	894	273	3 087	45,1%
Other	766	934	790	2 490	842	748	264	1 854	-25,5%
Asia	28 559	24 390	23 257	76 206	25 763	17 281	6 959	50 003	-34,4%
Bangladesh	547	496	466	1 509	515	408	230	1 153	-23,6%
China	7 969	8 416	5 965	22 350	8 799	1 992	725	11 516	-48,5%
India	8 509	7 247	7 058	22 814	7 452	6 985	2 676	17 113	-25,0%
Japan	3 401	1 923	2 318	7 642	1 953	2 154	837	4 944	-35,3%
Malaysia	633	581	704	1 918	597	492	236	1 325	-30,9%
Pakistan	1 050	1 110	1 065	3 225	1 335	1 201	822	3 358	4,1%
Philippines	677	582	721	1 980	472	442	220	1 134	-42,7%
Singapore	764	830	1 291	2 885	450	563	281	1 294	-55,1%
South Korea	1 243	1 314	1 599	4 156	2 078	1 593	276	3 947	-5,0%
Taiwan	964	371	353	1 688	624	322	143	1 089	-35,5%
Other	2 802	1 520	1 717	6 039	1 488	1 129	513	3 130	-48,2%
Africa	584 227	601 655	722 945	1 908 827	849 698	551 376	424 280	1 825 354	-4,4%
SADC	572 219	587 324	710 783	1 870 326	837 035	538 349	417 826	1 793 210	-4,1%
Angola	4 325	4 622	5 213	14 160	6 270	5 026	2 262	13 558	-4,3%
Botswana	51 251	56 288	87 374	194 913	44 122	46 469	26 508	117 099	-39,9%
DRC	2 266	2 248	3 755	8 269	2 702	2 441	1 209	6 352	-23,2%
Eswatini	75 315	76 104	87 227	238 646	74 370	63 357	51 221	188 948	-20,8%

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Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2019 – Quarter 1, 2020								% change Qrt 4, 2019 – Qrt 1, 2020
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2019	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2020	
Lesotho	115 027	114 844	133 133	363 004	204 791	113 820	95 113	413 724	14,0%
Madagascar	325	392	339	1 056	235	211	103	549	-48,0%
Malawi	17 087	16 462	19 229	52 778	18 766	13 444	11 115	43 325	-17,9%
Mauritius	2 028	2 496	2 051	6 575	1 745	1 766	954	4 465	-32,1%
Mozambique	105 046	110 399	112 846	328 291	161 574	104 587	78 865	345 026	5,1%
Namibia	13 244	14 622	21 993	49 859	14 545	12 543	9 010	36 098	-27,6%
Seychelles	401	667	635	1 703	404	582	268	1 254	-26,4%
Tanzania	3 225	3 322	3 937	10 484	3 273	2 984	2 202	8 459	-19,3%
Zambia	11 979	12 186	14 815	38 980	12 256	11 081	8 322	31 659	-18,8%
Zimbabwe	170 700	172 672	218 236	561 608	291 982	160 038	130 674	582 694	3,8%
'Other' African	12 008	14 331	12 162	38 501	12 663	13 027	6 454	32 144	-16,5%
East and Central Africa	5 614	6 388	6 293	18 295	5 333	5 558	2 659	13 550	-25,9%
Burundi	84	92	50	226	75	78	37	190	-15,9%
Cameroon	394	526	386	1 306	382	411	184	977	-25,2%
Central African Republic	12	23	9	44	4	12	45	61	38,6%
Chad	36	36	23	95	9	31	25	65	-31,6%
Comoros	32	50	22	104	16	36	23	75	-27,9%
Congo	154	194	140	488	159	129	86	374	-23,4%
Djibouti	7	28		35	4	5	2	11	-68,6%
Equatorial Guinea	48	60	46	154	37	21	12	70	-54,5%
Eritrea	39	52	55	146	29	43	29	101	-30,8%
Ethiopia	545	647	406	1 598	640	538	335	1 513	-5,3%
Gabon	347	316	633	1 296	492	514	192	1 198	-7,6%
Kenya	2 308	2 794	3 081	8 183	2 149	2 358	1 140	5 647	-31,0%
Réunion		1	1	2	17	-	-	17	750,0%
Rwanda	101	156	65	322	69	72	41	182	-43,5%
São Tomé and Príncipe	27	11	6	44	6	6	7	19	-56,8%
Somalia	80	77	69	226	41	34	24	99	-56,2%
Uganda	1 400	1 325	1 301	4 026	1 204	1 270	477	2 951	-26,7%

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Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2019 – Quarter 1, 2020								% change Qrt 4, 2019 – Qrt 1, 2020
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2019	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2020	
West Africa	5 063	6 075	4 516	15 654	5 646	6 076	3 000	14 722	-6,0%
Benin	131	205	143	479	112	142	79	333	-30,5%
Burkina Faso	85	103	30	218	41	77	19	137	-37,2%
Cape Verde Island	30	41	23	94	24	16	13	53	-43,6%
Côte d'Ivoire	212	288	147	647	205	221	92	518	-19,9%
Gambia	46	74	26	146	55	37	22	114	-21,9%
Ghana	1 477	1 581	1 441	4 499	1 610	1 671	762	4 043	-10,1%
Guinea	102	172	80	354	96	131	39	266	-24,9%
Guinea-Bissau	17	20	4	41	9	16	6	31	-24,4%
Liberia	62	86	41	189	24	57	30	111	-41,3%
Mali	140	114	71	325	90	126	37	253	-22,2%
Mauritania	21	43	7	71	6	23	9	38	-46,5%
Niger	23	26	20	69	22	26	14	62	-10,1%
Nigeria	2 376	2 903	2 302	7 581	3 180	3 253	1 750	8 183	7,9%
Saint Helena	4	9	8	21	12	14	15	41	95,2%
Senegal	203	279	92	574	100	126	56	282	-50,9%
Sierra Leone	85	86	48	219	35	87	31	153	-30,1%
Togo	49	45	33	127	25	53	26	104	-18,1%
North Africa	1 331	1 868	1 353	4 552	1 684	1 393	795	3 872	-14,9%
Algeria	136	130	66	332	118	100	60	278	-16,3%
Egypt	628	854	762	2 244	951	693	418	2 062	-8,1%
Libya	62	87	103	252	67	64	64	195	-22,6%
Morocco	153	315	106	574	171	203	83	457	-20,4%
South Sudan	109	104	133	346	105	66	37	208	-39,9%
The Sudan	162	196	100	458	155	138	83	376	-17,9%
Tunisia	80	179	83	342	117	129	50	296	-13,5%
Western Sahara	1	3	-	4	-	-	-	-	-100,0%
Unspecified	1 375	1 746	1 297	4 418	1 020	1 402	573	2 995	-32,2%

4.3 Annexure C – Number of tourists: Quarter 1, 2019 – Quarter 1, 2020 changes by country of residence and month of travel

Country of residence	Quarter 1, 2019 – Quarter 1, 2020								% change 2019 – 2020
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2019	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2020	
Total	1 068 190	797 181	838 696	2 704 067	1 093 268	800 815	535 094	2 429 177	-10,2%
Overseas	232 872	246 394	236 647	715 913	242 550	248 037	110 241	600 828	-16,1%
Europe	151 933	169 025	146 833	467 791	157 808	173 962	73 142	404 912	-13,4%
Austria	3 363	4 493	2 802	10 658	3 220	4 109	1 266	8 595	-19,4%
Belgium	3 687	4 703	4 689	13 079	3 799	5 045	2 164	11 008	-15,8%
Denmark	3 132	3 813	2 263	9 208	3 272	3 874	1 141	8 287	-10,0%
France	13 595	17 246	17 451	48 292	12 509	16 485	8 476	37 470	-22,4%
Germany	31 501	36 692	33 940	102 133	35 067	42 302	20 964	98 333	-3,7%
Ireland	3 022	2 901	2 908	8 831	3 132	3 180	1 446	7 758	-12,2%
Italy	4 617	4 603	4 305	13 525	4 693	4 429	1 090	10 212	-24,5%
Portugal	2 437	2 773	2 987	8 197	2 603	2 744	965	6 312	-23,0%
Russian Federation	1 893	1 519	1 631	5 043	2 524	1 896	972	5 392	6,9%
Spain	2 325	2 243	2 759	7 327	2 267	2 239	1 162	5 668	-22,6%
Sweden	6 128	6 688	3 796	16 612	5 669	5 797	1 585	13 051	-21,4%
Switzerland	5 793	6 207	4 658	16 658	5 371	6 029	2 173	13 573	-18,5%
The Netherlands	12 888	13 297	10 364	36 549	12 776	13 543	5 711	32 030	-12,4%
UK	46 633	50 125	42 772	139 530	49 436	50 644	19 819	119 899	-14,1%
Other	10 919	11 722	9 508	32 149	11 470	11 646	4 208	27 324	-15,0%
North America	30 120	30 016	42 273	102 409	31 594	32 806	17 773	82 173	-19,8%
Canada	5 927	6 149	7 148	19 224	5 930	6 488	3 739	16 157	-16,0%
USA	24 193	23 867	35 125	83 185	25 664	26 318	14 034	66 016	-20,6%
Central and South America	11 961	9 950	9 875	31 786	12 567	11 120	5 674	29 361	-7,6%
Argentina	3 417	2 523	1 520	7 460	2 126	1 927	726	4 779	-35,9%
Brazil	6 523	4 838	6 423	17 784	8 540	6 922	3 404	18 866	6,1%
Chile	632	1 223	438	2 293	532	778	182	1 492	-34,9%
Other	1 389	1 366	1 494	4 249	1 369	1 493	1 362	4 224	-0,6%

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Country of residence	Quarter 1, 2019 – Quarter 1, 2020								% change 2019 – 2020
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2019	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2020	
Australasia	9 867	7 447	9 320	26 634	9 584	8 607	5 329	23 520	-11,7%
Australia	8 980	6 696	8 099	23 775	8 142	7 239	4 457	19 838	-16,6%
New Zealand	872	730	1 191	2 793	1 431	1 348	863	3 642	30,4%
Other	15	21	30	66	11	20	9	40	-39,4%
Middle East	3 562	4 066	4 280	11 908	5 234	4 261	1 364	10 859	-8,8%
Israel	2 189	2 567	1 984	6 740	2 215	2 325	751	5 291	-21,5%
Lebanon	216	240	376	832	257	294	76	627	-24,6%
Saudi Arabia	455	502	474	1 431	1 920	894	273	3 087	115,7%
Other	702	757	1 446	2 905	842	748	264	1 854	-36,2%
Asia	25 429	25 890	24 066	75 385	25 763	17 281	6 959	50 003	-33,7%
Bangladesh	514	585	441	1 540	515	408	230	1 153	-25,1%
China	7 962	9 948	7 679	25 589	8 799	1 992	725	11 516	-55,0%
India	6 900	6 619	7 043	20 562	7 452	6 985	2 676	17 113	-16,8%
Japan	2 679	1 908	2 333	6 920	1 953	2 154	837	4 944	-28,6%
Malaysia	438	509	485	1 432	597	492	236	1 325	-7,5%
Pakistan	1 356	1 217	1 167	3 740	1 335	1 201	822	3 358	-10,2%
Philippines	441	480	532	1 453	472	442	220	1 134	-22,0%
Singapore	395	462	591	1 448	450	563	281	1 294	-10,6%
South Korea	3 046	2 148	1 704	6 898	2 078	1 593	276	3 947	-42,8%
Taiwan	568	565	681	1 814	624	322	143	1 089	-40,0%
Other	1 130	1 449	1 410	3 989	1 488	1 129	513	3 130	-21,5%
Africa	834 401	549 445	600 708	1 984 554	849 698	551 376	424 280	1 825 354	-8,0%
SADC	819 895	534 866	587 189	1 941 950	837 035	538 349	417 826	1 793 210	-7,7%
Angola	8 355	5 936	5 608	19 899	6 270	5 026	2 262	13 558	-31,9%
Botswana	39 709	40 437	51 948	132 094	44 122	46 469	26 508	117 099	-11,4%
DRC	2 588	2 753	2 644	7 985	2 702	2 441	1 209	6 352	-20,5%
Eswatini	69 643	62 622	77 128	209 393	74 370	63 357	51 221	188 948	-9,8%

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Country of residence	Quarter 1, 2019 – Quarter 1, 2020								% change 2019 – 2020
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2019	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2020	
Lesotho	195 516	108 081	129 159	432 756	204 791	113 820	95 113	413 724	-4,4%
Madagascar	192	189	247	628	235	211	103	549	-12,6%
Malawi	17 415	14 723	16 074	48 212	18 766	13 444	11 115	43 325	-10,1%
Mauritius	1 716	1 838	1 677	5 231	1 745	1 766	954	4 465	-14,6%
Mozambique	162 393	106 481	101 110	369 984	161 574	104 587	78 865	345 026	-6,7%
Namibia	14 483	13 381	17 140	45 004	14 545	12 543	9 010	36 098	-19,8%
Seychelles	515	734	617	1 866	404	582	268	1 254	-32,8%
Tanzania	3 021	2 958	3 197	9 176	3 273	2 984	2 202	8 459	-7,8%
Zambia	13 056	12 129	12 523	37 708	12 256	11 081	8 322	31 659	-16,0%
Zimbabwe	291 293	162 604	168 117	622 014	291 982	160 038	130 674	582 694	-6,3%
'Other' African	14 506	14 579	13 519	42 604	12 663	13 027	6 454	32 144	-24,6%
East and Central Africa	5 871	6 134	5 979	17 984	5 333	5 558	2 659	13 550	-24,7%
Burundi	71	89	91	251	75	78	37	190	-24,3%
Cameroon	437	392	439	1 268	382	411	184	977	-22,9%
Central African Republic	6	13	3	22	4	12	45	61	177,3%
Chad	18	36	28	82	9	31	25	65	-20,7%
Comoros	16	16	35	67	16	36	23	75	11,9%
Congo	220	244	212	676	159	129	86	374	-44,7%
Djibouti	9	11	6	26	4	5	2	11	-57,7%
Equatorial Guinea	37	48	20	105	37	21	12	70	-33,3%
Eritrea	83	54	58	195	29	43	29	101	-48,2%
Ethiopia	631	614	675	1 920	640	538	335	1 513	-21,2%
Gabon	674	505	417	1 596	492	514	192	1 198	-24,9%
Kenya	2 172	2 613	2 526	7 311	2 149	2 358	1 140	5 647	-22,8%
Réunion	8	1	-	9	17	-	-	17	88,9%
Rwanda	67	72	112	251	69	72	41	182	-27,5%
São Tomé and Príncipe	4	3	4	11	6	6	7	19	72,7%
Somalia	174	135	132	441	41	34	24	99	-77,6%
Uganda	1 244	1 288	1 221	3 753	1 204	1 270	477	2 951	-21,4%

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Country of residence	Quarter 1, 2019 – Quarter 1, 2020								% change 2019 – 2020
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2019	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2020	
West Africa	6 868	6 830	6 126	19 824	5 646	6 076	3 000	14 722	-25,7%
Benin	124	128	154	406	112	142	79	333	-18,0%
Burkina Faso	43	86	83	212	41	77	19	137	-35,4%
Cape Verde Island	26	30	37	93	24	16	13	53	-43,0%
Côte d'Ivoire	200	330	221	751	205	221	92	518	-31,0%
Gambia	27	45	22	94	55	37	22	114	21,3%
Ghana	1 545	1 798	1 549	4 892	1 610	1 671	762	4 043	-17,4%
Guinea	115	154	94	363	96	131	39	266	-26,7%
Guinea-Bissau	10	16	8	34	9	16	6	31	-8,8%
Liberia	56	73	60	189	24	57	30	111	-41,3%
Mali	80	145	73	298	90	126	37	253	-15,1%
Mauritania	8	21	28	57	6	23	9	38	-33,3%
Niger	17	49	26	92	22	26	14	62	-32,6%
Nigeria	4 374	3 600	3 453	11 427	3 180	3 253	1 750	8 183	-28,4%
Saint Helena	7	10	2	19	12	14	15	41	115,8%
Senegal	153	173	202	528	100	126	56	282	-46,6%
Sierra Leone	49	111	54	214	35	87	31	153	-28,5%
Togo	34	61	60	155	25	53	26	104	-32,9%
North Africa	1 767	1 615	1 414	4 796	1 684	1 393	795	3 872	-19,3%
Algeria	246	134	104	484	118	100	60	278	-42,6%
Egypt	872	886	717	2 475	951	693	418	2 062	-16,7%
Libya	116	47	56	219	67	64	64	195	-11,0%
Morocco	187	182	169	538	171	203	83	457	-15,1%
South Sudan	57	69	79	205	105	66	37	208	1,5%
The Sudan	159	165	159	483	155	138	83	376	-22,2%
Tunisia	128	132	129	389	117	129	50	296	-23,9%
Western Sahara	2	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-100,0%
Unspecified	917	1 342	1 341	3 600	1 020	1 402	573	2 995	-16,8%

5. Explanatory notes

NOTE TO USERS

In January 2014, Statistics South Africa (Stats SA), made changes in the *Tourism and Migration* statistical release. 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 March 2020, the DHA data was 3,8% 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.

6. General information

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