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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 May 2019. Specific focus is on foreign tourists who entered the country during this month. The tourists are classified by region and country of residence. Details of their mode of travel; the purpose of visit; age and sex distribution are also provided.

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## 1. Key findings

### 1.1 Travellers

#### 1.1.1 Number of travellers

The routine data collected by the Department of Home Affairs' (DHA) immigration officers at the ports of entry into and out of South Africa shows that a total of 3 285 819 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) passed through South African ports of entry/exit in May 2019. As presented in Table 1 on page 10, these travellers were made up of 896 563 South African residents and 2 389 256 foreign travellers. A further breakdown of the figures for South African residents indicates that there were 442 436 arrivals, 453 266 departures and 861 travellers in transit. The corresponding volume for foreign arrivals, departures and transit travellers was 1 213 675, 1 106 649 and 68 932, respectively.

A comparison between the movements in May 2018 and May 2019 indicates that the volume of arrivals, departures and transits increased for South African residents and foreign travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals increased by 0,6% (from 439 970 in May 2018 to 442 436 in May 2019). Departures increased by 8,8% (from 416 597 in May 2018 to 453 266 in May 2019), and transits increased by 10,1% (from 782 in May 2018 to 861 in May 2019). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 1,5% (from 1 196 107 in May 2018 to 1 213 675 in May 2019), departures increased by 2,8% (from 1 076 526 in May 2018 to 1 106 649 in May 2019), and transits increased by 13,1% (from 60 932 in May 2018 to 68 932 in May 2019).

A comparison between the movements in April 2019 and May 2019 indicates that the volume of arrivals and departures decreased for South African residents and foreign travellers, while the volume of transits increased for both groups of travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals decreased by 10,4% (from 493 734 in April 2019 to 442 436 in May 2019), departures decreased by 10,5% (from 506 224 in April 2019 to 453 266 in May 2019), and transits increased by 5,3% (from 818 in April 2019 to 861 in May 2019). For foreign travellers, arrivals decreased by 10,1% (from 1 350 167 in April 2019 to 1 213 675 in May 2019), departures decreased by 9,1% (from 1 217 493 in April 2019 to 1 106 649 in May 2019), and transits increased by 7,4% (from 64 182 in April 2019 to 68 932 in May 2019).

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

As presented in Table 1 on page 10, in May 2019, 78 492 (6,5%) of foreign arrivals were classified as non-visitors while 1 135 183 (93,5%) were classified as visitors. The visitors were categorised into three groups:

- i. Arrivals only – comprising visitors who entered the country in May 2019 but did not depart in May 2019 [272 961 (24,0%)];
- ii. Single trips – visitors who came to South Africa once in May 2019 and left in May 2019 [404 247 (35,6%)];  
and
- iii. Multiple trips – visitors who came to and left South Africa more than once in May 2019 [457 975 (40,3%)].

Visitors were further grouped as same-day visitors and overnight visitors (tourists). In May 2019, there were 381 666 (33,6%) same-day visitors and 753 517 (66,4%) tourists. Between May 2018 and May 2019, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 8,7% (from 351 218 in May 2018 to 381 666 in May 2019) and that of tourists decreased by 1,8% (from 767 330 in May 2018 to 753 517 in May 2019). Between April 2019 and May 2019, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 6,9% (from 356 903 in April 2019 to 381 666 in May 2019), and tourists decreased by 16,6% (from 903 059 in April 2019 to 753 517 in May 2019).

### 1.1.2 Mode of travel

Information presented in Table 2 on page 11 shows that in May 2019, road transport was the most common mode of travel used by 2 366 475 (72,0%) of the 3 285 819 travellers. The total number of travellers who used air transport was 913 070 (27,8%). Compared to the use of air and land transport, a smaller number of travellers, 6 274 (0,2%) used sea transport. Information on arrivals of South African residents shows that 177 178 (40,0%) came by air, 265 017 (59,9%) came by road and 241 (0,1%) arrived by sea transport. For departures, 180 072 (39,7%) used air, 273 040 (60,2%) used road and 154 (less than 0,1%) left by sea transport. All travellers in transit, 861 (100,0%) used air transport.

In the case of foreign travellers, 232 071 (19,1%) arrived by air, 978 752 (80,6%) came by road and 2 852 (0,2%) arrived by sea transport. When departing South Africa, 253 956 (22,9%) foreign travellers left by air, 849 666 (76,8%) left by road and 3 027 (0,3%) left by sea transport. All travellers in transit 68 932 (100,0%) used air transport. Table 2 further shows that of the 381 666 same-day visitors, an overwhelming majority, 361 317 (94,7%) arrived in the country by road, 20 333 (5,3%) flew into the country; and 16 (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea transport. Information on tourists shows that 555 777 (73,8%) used road transport, 197 697 (26,2%) came by air transport and 43 (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea transport.

## 1.2 Tourists

### 1.2.1 Mode of travel

The country of residence of tourists is used to categorise them according to their respective countries and regions. Information on the specific region and country of residence of tourists and the mode of travel used to enter South Africa is provided in Table 3 on pages 12 to 15. In May 2019, 149 573 (90,0%) of the 166 227 overseas tourists arrived in the country by air transport, whilst 16 612 (10,0%) came in by road transport and 42 (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea transport. Tourists from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries, on the other hand, came predominantly by road, 537 755 (93,7%), followed by air travel, 36 106 (6,3%) and sea transport, 1 (less than 0,1%). The number of tourists who came into South Africa by air from 'other' African countries was 11 126 (90,9%) and 1 116 (9,1%) used road transport.

### 1.2.2 Regional and national distribution

In May 2019, the distribution of overseas tourists was as follows: Europe, 75 308 (45,3%); North America, 40 470 (24,3%); Asia, 30 064 (18,1%); Australasia, 10 052 (6,0%); Central and South America, 7 885 (4,7%); and the Middle East, 2 448 (1,5%).

Figure 1 on page 8 and Table 3 on pages 12 to 13 indicate that the ten leading overseas countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in May 2019 were United States of America (USA), 35 699 (21,5%), United Kingdom (UK), 21 834 (13,1%); India, 13 238 (8,0%); Germany, 11 827 (7,1%); France, 11 142 (6,7%); Australia, 8 825 (5,3%); China, 7 259 (4,4%); The Netherlands, 5 782 (3,5%); Brazil, 5 149 (3,1%); and Canada, 4 771 (2,9%). Tourists from these ten countries constituted 75,5% of all tourists from overseas countries. A comparison of movements in the ten leading countries between May 2018 and May 2019 shows that the number of tourists decreased for four of ten leading countries, France, Germany, The Netherlands and Brazil. France and Germany had the largest decrease of 13,2%. France decreased from 12 833 tourists in May 2018 to 11 142 in May 2019 and Germany decreased from 13 618 tourists in May 2018 to 11 827 tourists in May 2019. UK, on the other hand, had the largest increase of 6,5% (from 20 502 tourists in May 2018 to 21 834 tourists in May 2019), followed closely by China with an increase of 6,3% (from 6 829 tourists in May 2018 to 7 259 tourists in May 2019).

Virtually all tourists from Africa, 573 862 (97,9%), came from the SADC countries. The distribution of the remaining tourists from Africa is as follows: West Africa, 6 113 (1,0%); East and Central Africa, 5 137 (0,9%); and North Africa 992 (0,2%). The ten leading SADC countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in May 2019 were: Zimbabwe, 168 046 (29,3%); Lesotho, 121 426 (21,2%); Mozambique, 106 341 (18,5%); Swaziland, 75 161 (13,1%); Botswana, 51 668 (9,0%); Namibia, 14 682 (2,6%); Malawi, 12 853 (2,2%); Zambia, 11 527 (2,0%); Angola, 5 090 (0,9%) and Tanzania, 2 936 (0,5%). (See Figure 2 on page 8 and Table 3 on pages 13 to 14). Tourists from these ten countries constituted 99,3% of all tourists from the SADC countries.

A comparison between movements in May 2018 and May 2019 for the ten leading SADC countries shows that the number of tourists increased for five of the ten leading countries (Botswana, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Angola), and decreased for the other five (Zambia, Namibia, Lesotho, Malawi and Mozambique). Botswana showed the largest increase of 15,2% (from 44 840 tourists in May 2018 to 51 668 in May 2019), while Zambia showed the largest decrease of 15,8% (from 13 686 tourists in May 2018 to 11 527 in May 2019).

The ten leading countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in May 2019 from 'other' African countries, as shown in Figure 3 on page 9 and Table 3 on pages 14 to 15, were: Nigeria, 3 597 (29,4%); Kenya, 2 161 (17,7%); Ghana, 1 441 (11,8%); Uganda, 1 136 (9,3%); Ethiopia, 510 (4,2%); Egypt, 409 (3,3%); Cameroon, 378 (3,1%); Gabon, 272 (2,2%); Côte d'Ivoire, 225 (1,8%) and Senegal, 181 (1,5%). Tourists from these ten countries constituted 84,2% of all tourists from 'other' African countries. A comparison between movements in May 2018 and May 2019 shows that the number of tourists increased for four of the ten leading countries (Côte d'Ivoire, Uganda, Kenya and Cameroon) and decreased for six of the leading countries (Ethiopia, Egypt, Ghana, Gabon, Nigeria and Senegal). Côte d'Ivoire showed the largest increase of 31,6% (from 171 tourists in May 2018 to 225 in May 2019), while Ethiopia showed the largest decrease of 34,8% (from 782 tourists in May 2018 to 510 in May 2019).

### 1.2.3 Purpose of visit

As observed in Table 4 on pages 16 to 19, in May 2019, the majority of tourists, 731 264 (97,0%), were in South Africa for holiday<sup>1</sup> compared to 17 852 (2,4%); 3 736 (0,5%) and 665 (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, 71 052 (44,8%) who came for holiday, 3 799 (56,2%) who came for business, 384 (50,3%) who came for study and 73 (70,2%) who came for medical treatment.

Within the overseas regions, Australasia had the highest proportion of its tourists who came for holiday, 97,8% (9 834), followed by Central and South America, 97,7% (7 705), North America, 97,6% (39 509), Europe, 94,3% (71 052), Asia, 94,1% (28 283), and the Middle East, 90,5% (2 216).

The Middle East, 5,9% (144) had the highest proportion of its tourists who came to South Africa for business, followed by Asia, 5,5% (1 649), Europe, 5,0% (3 799), North America, 2,0% (817), Australasia, 2,0% (201), and Central and South America, 1,9% (151).

The Middle East, 3,6% (88) had the highest proportion of its tourists who came to study, followed by Europe, 0,5% (384), Asia, 0,4% (121), Central and South America, 0,3% (26), North America, 0,3% (133), and Australasia, 0,1% (11).

Europe and Australasia had 0,1% of their tourists who came for medical treatment. For the other overseas regions, less than 0,1% of their tourists came for medical treatment.

The majority of African tourists, 571 556 (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% (560 799) were on holiday, compared to 87,9% (10 757) from 'other' African countries who came for the same purpose. Information on the regions of 'other' African countries shows that 91,1% (5 568) of tourists from West Africa were on holiday, followed by tourists from East and Central Africa and North Africa; 84,9% (4 361); and 83,5% (828) respectively.
- Business persons constituted 7,9% (969) of tourists from 'other' African countries and 1,8% (10 045) from SADC countries. North Africa had the highest proportion, 12,3% (122) of its tourists who came to South Africa for business purposes, followed closely by East and Central Africa, 10,2% (525) and West Africa, 5,3% (322).

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

- Students constituted 3,6% (443) of tourists from 'other' African countries compared with 0,4% (2 530) from SADC countries. North Africa, 4,2% (42) had the highest proportion of its tourists who came to South Africa for study purposes, followed by East and Central Africa, 3,9% (199) and West Africa, 3,3% (202).
- Medical treatment tourists constituted 0,6% (73) of tourists from 'other' African countries, while those from SADC constituted 0,1% (488) of its tourists. East and Central Africa, 1,0% (52) had the highest proportion of its tourists who came for medical treatment, followed by West Africa, 0,3% (21).

#### 1.2.4 Sex and age distribution

Table 5 on page 20 shows that in May 2019, there were 423 338 (56,2%) male and 330 179 (43,8%) female tourists. Overseas tourists were made up of 91 180 (54,9%) male tourists and 75 047 (45,1%) female tourists. There were 323 211 (56,3%) male and 250 651 (43,7%) female tourists from SADC countries. Tourists from 'other' African countries were made up of 8 166 (66,7%) male and 4 076 (33,3%) 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 [221 640 (29,4%)], followed closely by the age group 25 to 34 years [210 358 (27,9%)]. Taking the regions of residence into consideration, the results show that the highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [186 531 (32,5%)] and those from 'other' African countries [4 152 (33,9%)] were aged between 35 and 44 years whereas those from overseas countries [31 442 (18,9%)] were aged between 25 and 34 years. The second highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [175 262 (30,5%)] and those from 'other' African countries [3 494 (28,5%)] were aged between 25 and 34 years, whereas those from overseas countries [30 626 (18,4%)] were aged between 35 and 44 years. The median ages of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries were 45, 37 and 38 years respectively. The proportion of tourists aged less than 15 years was higher among tourists from overseas countries, 4,3% (7 104) compared to those from 'other' African countries, 3,4% (417) and to those from SADC countries, 3,2% (18 419).

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 13,8% (12 612) of male and 6,9% (11 500) of female tourists from overseas. This is in contrast to the pattern observed among tourists from the other two regions where tourists aged 65 years and older comprised less than 4,0% of both male and female tourists. From SADC countries, elderly tourists made up 2,3% (7 363) and 3,8% (9 485) of male and female tourists respectively; while in 'other' African countries elderly tourists made up 2,1% (171) and 2,6% (106) of male and female tourists respectively.



## 2. Figures

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

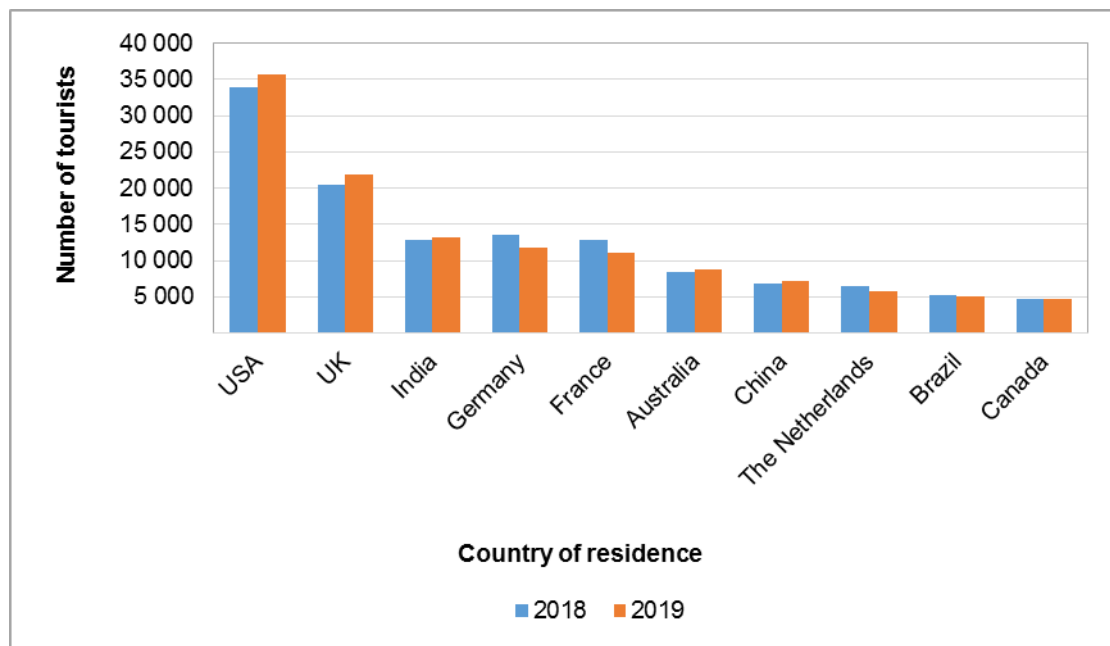
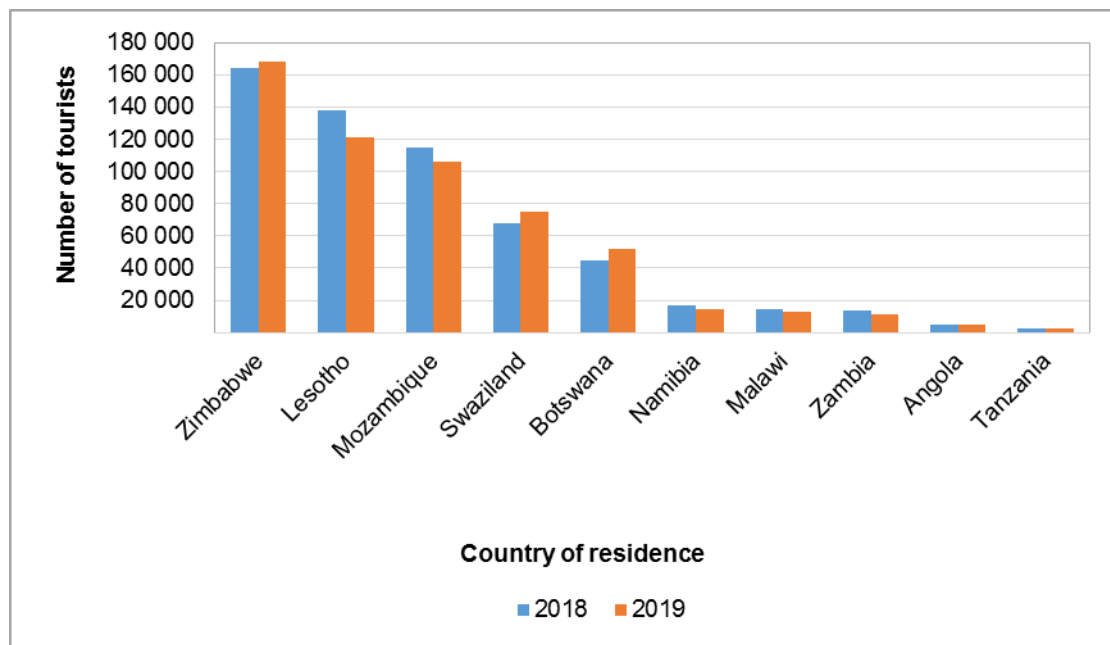
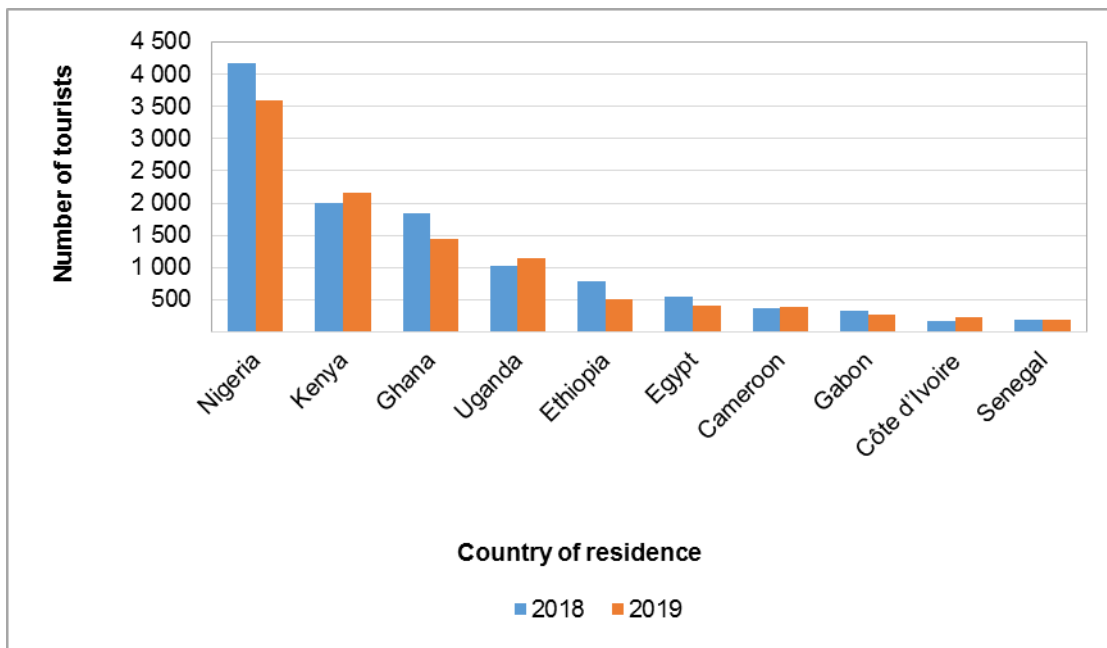


Figure 2 – Number of tourists from the ten leading Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries in May 2018 and May 2019



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



### 3. Tables

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

| Travel Direction               | May<br>2018      | Apr<br>2019      | May<br>2019      | % Change<br>Apr 2019 – May 2019 | % Change<br>May 2018 – May 2019 |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>3 190 914</b> | <b>3 632 618</b> | <b>3 285 819</b> | <b>-9,5%</b>                    | <b>3,0%</b>                     |
| <b>South African residents</b> | <b>857 349</b>   | <b>1 000 776</b> | <b>896 563</b>   | <b>-10,4%</b>                   | <b>4,6%</b>                     |
| Arrivals                       | 439 970          | 493 734          | 442 436          | -10,4%                          | 0,6%                            |
| Departures                     | 416 597          | 506 224          | 453 266          | -10,5%                          | 8,8%                            |
| Transits                       | 782              | 818              | 861              | 5,3%                            | 10,1%                           |
| <b>Foreign travellers</b>      | <b>2 333 565</b> | <b>2 631 842</b> | <b>2 389 256</b> | <b>-9,2%</b>                    | <b>2,4%</b>                     |
| Arrivals                       | 1 196 107        | 1 350 167        | 1 213 675        | -10,1%                          | 1,5%                            |
| Departures                     | 1 076 526        | 1 217 493        | 1 106 649        | -9,1%                           | 2,8%                            |
| Transits                       | 60 932           | 64 182           | 68 932           | 7,4%                            | 13,1%                           |
| <b>Foreign arrivals</b>        | <b>1 196 107</b> | <b>1 350 167</b> | <b>1 213 675</b> | <b>-10,1%</b>                   | <b>1,5%</b>                     |
| Non-visitors                   | 77 559           | 90 205           | 78 492           | -13,0%                          | 1,2%                            |
| Visitors                       | 1 118 548        | 1 259 962        | 1 135 183        | -9,9%                           | 1,5%                            |
| <b>Visitors</b>                | <b>1 118 548</b> | <b>1 259 962</b> | <b>1 135 183</b> | <b>-9,9%</b>                    | <b>1,5%</b>                     |
| Arrivals only                  | 279 186          | 327 768          | 272 961          | -16,7%                          | -2,2%                           |
| Single trips                   | 399 086          | 482 470          | 404 247          | -16,2%                          | 1,3%                            |
| Multiple trips                 | 440 276          | 449 724          | 457 975          | 1,8%                            | 4,0%                            |
| <b>Visitors</b>                | <b>1 118 548</b> | <b>1 259 962</b> | <b>1 135 183</b> | <b>-9,9%</b>                    | <b>1,5%</b>                     |
| Same-Day                       | 351 218          | 356 903          | 381 666          | 6,9%                            | 8,7%                            |
| Overnight (Tourists)           | 767 330          | 903 059          | 753 517          | -16,6%                          | -1,8%                           |

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

| Travel direction               | Total            | Air            |               |                |              |                | Road             | Sea          |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
|                                |                  | Cape Town      | King Shaka    | O. R. Tambo    | Other        | Total          |                  |              |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>3 285 819</b> | <b>164 927</b> | <b>24 607</b> | <b>715 782</b> | <b>7 754</b> | <b>913 070</b> | <b>2 366 475</b> | <b>6 274</b> |
| <b>South African residents</b> | <b>896 563</b>   | <b>61 816</b>  | <b>16 576</b> | <b>276 012</b> | <b>3 707</b> | <b>358 111</b> | <b>538 057</b>   | <b>395</b>   |
| Arrivals                       | <b>442 436</b>   | 28 730         | 8 021         | 138 666        | 1 761        | <b>177 178</b> | 265 017          | 241          |
| Departures                     | <b>453 266</b>   | 33 081         | 8 555         | 136 490        | 1 946        | <b>180 072</b> | 273 040          | 154          |
| Transit                        | <b>861</b>       | 5              | -             | 856            | -            | <b>861</b>     | -                | -            |
| <b>Foreign travellers</b>      | <b>2 389 256</b> | <b>103 111</b> | <b>8 031</b>  | <b>439 770</b> | <b>4 047</b> | <b>554 959</b> | <b>1 828 418</b> | <b>5 879</b> |
| Arrivals                       | <b>1 213 675</b> | 47 751         | 3 880         | 178 844        | 1 596        | <b>232 071</b> | 978 752          | 2 852        |
| Departures                     | <b>1 106 649</b> | 55 231         | 4 151         | 192 123        | 2 451        | <b>253 956</b> | 849 666          | 3 027        |
| Transit                        | <b>68 932</b>    | 129            | -             | 68 803         | -            | <b>68 932</b>  | -                | -            |
| <b>Visitors</b>                | <b>1 135 183</b> | <b>45 216</b>  | <b>3 229</b>  | <b>168 454</b> | <b>1 131</b> | <b>218 030</b> | <b>917 094</b>   | <b>59</b>    |
| Same day                       | <b>381 666</b>   | 495            | 22            | 19 669         | 147          | <b>20 333</b>  | 361 317          | 16           |
| Tourist                        | <b>753 517</b>   | 44 721         | 3 207         | 148 785        | 984          | <b>197 697</b> | 555 777          | 43           |

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

| Country of residence             | May            |                | May 2019      |              |                |            |                |                |           |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|
|                                  | 2018           | 2019           | Air           |              |                |            |                | Road           | Sea       |
|                                  |                |                | Cape town     | King Shaka   | O.R. Tambo     | Other      | Total          |                |           |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>767 330</b> | <b>753 517</b> | <b>44 721</b> | <b>3 207</b> | <b>148 785</b> | <b>984</b> | <b>197 697</b> | <b>555 777</b> | <b>43</b> |
| <b>Overseas</b>                  | <b>165 137</b> | <b>166 227</b> | <b>38 724</b> | <b>2 717</b> | <b>107 323</b> | <b>809</b> | <b>149 573</b> | <b>16 612</b>  | <b>42</b> |
| <b>Europe</b>                    | <b>78 065</b>  | <b>75 308</b>  | <b>17 762</b> | <b>1 740</b> | <b>46 143</b>  | <b>153</b> | <b>65 798</b>  | <b>9 486</b>   | <b>24</b> |
| Belgium                          | 2 330          | 2 134          | 435           | 22           | 1 373          | 1          | 1 831          | 303            | -         |
| Denmark                          | 1 196          | 1 103          | 238           | 12           | 775            | 1          | 1 026          | 77             | -         |
| France                           | 12 833         | 11 142         | 2 687         | 62           | 6 010          | 13         | 8 772          | 2 370          | -         |
| Germany                          | 13 618         | 11 827         | 2 597         | 115          | 7 535          | 27         | 10 274         | 1 552          | 1         |
| Ireland                          | 1 535          | 1 719          | 516           | 66           | 980            | 2          | 1 564          | 155            | -         |
| Italy                            | 3 369          | 3 135          | 704           | 54           | 2 121          | 10         | 2 889          | 246            | -         |
| Portugal                         | 2 094          | 2 039          | 342           | 16           | 906            | 2          | 1 266          | 773            | -         |
| Russian Federation               | 982            | 1 197          | 362           | 12           | 656            | 4          | 1 034          | 162            | 1         |
| Spain                            | 2 335          | 2 836          | 527           | 13           | 2 086          | 11         | 2 637          | 199            | -         |
| Sweden                           | 1 811          | 2 123          | 527           | 42           | 1 456          | 3          | 2 028          | 95             | -         |
| Switzerland                      | 2 341          | 2 161          | 622           | 35           | 1 223          | 7          | 1 887          | 274            | -         |
| The Netherlands                  | 6 509          | 5 782          | 1 439         | 67           | 3 228          | 6          | 4 740          | 1 038          | 4         |
| Turkey                           | 961            | 1 058          | 224           | 27           | 675            | -          | 926            | 132            | -         |
| UK                               | 20 502         | 21 834         | 5 084         | 1 044        | 14 108         | 49         | 20 285         | 1 534          | 15        |
| Other                            | 5 649          | 5 218          | 1 458         | 153          | 3 011          | 17         | 4 639          | 576            | 3         |
| <b>North America</b>             | <b>38 591</b>  | <b>40 470</b>  | <b>10 555</b> | <b>422</b>   | <b>25 882</b>  | <b>463</b> | <b>37 322</b>  | <b>3 135</b>   | <b>13</b> |
| Canada                           | 4 666          | 4 771          | 1 443         | 76           | 2 678          | 23         | 4 220          | 549            | 2         |
| USA                              | 33 925         | 35 699         | 9 112         | 346          | 23 204         | 440        | 33 102         | 2 586          | 11        |
| <b>Central and South America</b> | <b>7 897</b>   | <b>7 885</b>   | <b>611</b>    | <b>18</b>    | <b>6 407</b>   | <b>23</b>  | <b>7 059</b>   | <b>826</b>     | <b>-</b>  |
| Argentina                        | 957            | 894            | 18            | 3            | 819            | 2          | 842            | 52             | -         |
| Brazil                           | 5 189          | 5 149          | 283           | 6            | 4 224          | 11         | 4 524          | 625            | -         |
| Mexico                           | 444            | 403            | 131           | -            | 248            | 7          | 386            | 17             | -         |
| Other                            | 1 307          | 1 439          | 179           | 9            | 1 116          | 3          | 1 307          | 132            | -         |

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

| Country of residence | May            |                | May 2019     |            |               |            |               |                |          |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|----------------|----------|
|                      | 2018           | 2019           | Air          |            |               |            |               | Road           | Sea      |
|                      |                |                | Cape town    | King Shaka | O.R. Tambo    | Other      | Total         |                |          |
| <b>Australasia</b>   | <b>9 569</b>   | <b>10 052</b>  | <b>1 090</b> | <b>87</b>  | <b>7 849</b>  | <b>108</b> | <b>9 134</b>  | <b>916</b>     | <b>2</b> |
| Australia            | 8 510          | 8 825          | 919          | 60         | 6 912         | 106        | 7 997         | 826            | 2        |
| New Zealand          | 1 039          | 1 193          | 165          | 18         | 919           | 2          | 1 104         | 89             | -        |
| Other                | 20             | 34             | 6            | 9          | 18            | -          | 33            | 1              | -        |
| <b>Middle East</b>   | <b>2 567</b>   | <b>2 448</b>   | <b>466</b>   | <b>18</b>  | <b>1 846</b>  | <b>14</b>  | <b>2 344</b>  | <b>104</b>     | <b>-</b> |
| Israel               | 1 171          | 1 405          | 244          | 3          | 1 091         | 10         | 1 348         | 57             | -        |
| Lebanon              | 230            | 282            | 28           | 5          | 229           | -          | 262           | 20             | -        |
| Saudi Arabia         | 348            | 294            | 89           | 1          | 200           | 3          | 293           | 1              | -        |
| Other                | 818            | 467            | 105          | 9          | 326           | 1          | 441           | 26             | -        |
| <b>Asia</b>          | <b>28 448</b>  | <b>30 064</b>  | <b>8 240</b> | <b>432</b> | <b>19 196</b> | <b>48</b>  | <b>27 916</b> | <b>2 145</b>   | <b>3</b> |
| China                | 6 829          | 7 259          | 1 648        | 61         | 5 259         | 4          | 6 972         | 287            | -        |
| India                | 12 816         | 13 238         | 4 007        | 173        | 8 327         | 6          | 12 513        | 722            | 3        |
| Japan                | 2 335          | 2 066          | 434          | 37         | 1 463         | 21         | 1 955         | 111            | -        |
| Malaysia             | 506            | 1 328          | 626          | 2          | 656           | 5          | 1 289         | 39             | -        |
| Pakistan             | 1 281          | 952            | 63           | 77         | 490           | -          | 630           | 322            | -        |
| Philippines          | 629            | 781            | 267          | 9          | 420           | 5          | 701           | 80             | -        |
| Singapore            | 773            | 829            | 339          | 5          | 469           | 4          | 817           | 12             | -        |
| South Korea          | 1 287          | 1 126          | 297          | 11         | 652           | -          | 960           | 166            | -        |
| Taiwan               | 327            | 448            | 111          | 6          | 211           | 1          | 329           | 119            | -        |
| Thailand             | 493            | 703            | 161          | 19         | 499           | 1          | 680           | 23             | -        |
| Other                | 1 172          | 1 334          | 287          | 32         | 750           | 1          | 1 070         | 264            | -        |
| <b>Africa</b>        | <b>600 986</b> | <b>586 104</b> | <b>5 968</b> | <b>489</b> | <b>40 600</b> | <b>175</b> | <b>47 232</b> | <b>538 871</b> | <b>1</b> |
| <b>SADC</b>          | <b>587 531</b> | <b>573 862</b> | <b>4 680</b> | <b>439</b> | <b>30 828</b> | <b>159</b> | <b>36 106</b> | <b>537 755</b> | <b>1</b> |
| Angola               | 5 044          | 5 090          | 1 834        | 1          | 2 813         | 12         | 4 660         | 430            | -        |
| Botswana             | 44 840         | 51 668         | 120          | 100        | 2 569         | 18         | 2 807         | 48 861         | -        |
| DRC                  | 2 413          | 2 309          | 119          | 6          | 1 767         | 9          | 1 901         | 408            | -        |
| Lesotho              | 138 328        | 121 426        | 4            | 3          | 491           | -          | 498           | 120 928        | -        |

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

| Country of residence           | May           |               | May 2019     |            |              |           |               |              |     |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|-----|
|                                | 2018          | 2019          | Air          |            |              |           |               | Road         | Sea |
|                                |               |               | Cape town    | King Shaka | O.R. Tambo   | Other     | Total         |              |     |
| Madagascar                     | 193           | 183           | 15           | 1          | 155          | -         | 171           | 12           | -   |
| Malawi                         | 14 477        | 12 853        | 17           | 1          | 1 616        | 11        | 1 645         | 11 208       | -   |
| Mauritius                      | 1 318         | 1 378         | 198          | 77         | 1 048        | -         | 1 323         | 55           | -   |
| Mozambique                     | 114 785       | 106 341       | 10           | 5          | 2 307        | 18        | 2 340         | 104 001      | -   |
| Namibia                        | 17 106        | 14 682        | 1 742        | 156        | 3 080        | 19        | 4 997         | 9 685        | -   |
| Seychelles                     | 366           | 262           | 1            | -          | 257          | -         | 258           | 4            | -   |
| Swaziland                      | 68 177        | 75 161        | 2            | 1          | 495          | 2         | 500           | 74 661       | -   |
| Tanzania                       | 2 823         | 2 936         | 85           | -          | 1 423        | 5         | 1 513         | 1 423        | -   |
| Zambia                         | 13 686        | 11 527        | 27           | 62         | 2 822        | 16        | 2 927         | 8 600        | -   |
| Zimbabwe                       | 163 975       | 168 046       | 506          | 26         | 9 985        | 49        | 10 566        | 157 479      | 1   |
| <b>'Other' African</b>         | <b>13 455</b> | <b>12 242</b> | <b>1 288</b> | <b>50</b>  | <b>9 772</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>11 126</b> | <b>1 116</b> | -   |
| <b>East and Central Africa</b> | <b>5 130</b>  | <b>5 137</b>  | <b>684</b>   | <b>9</b>   | <b>3 885</b> | <b>8</b>  | <b>4 586</b>  | <b>551</b>   | -   |
| Burundi                        | 54            | 49            | 8            | -          | 37           | -         | 45            | 4            | -   |
| Cameroon                       | 360           | 378           | 43           | 1          | 301          | 2         | 347           | 31           | -   |
| Central African Republic       | 17            | 7             | -            | -          | 7            | -         | 7             | -            | -   |
| Chad                           | 25            | 14            | 3            | -          | 11           | -         | 14            | -            | -   |
| Comoros                        | 42            | 55            | -            | -          | 55           | -         | 55            | -            | -   |
| Congo                          | 193           | 177           | 51           | 1          | 121          | -         | 173           | 4            | -   |
| Djibouti                       | 10            | 6             | 1            | -          | 5            | -         | 6             | -            | -   |
| Equatorial Guinea              | 23            | 41            | 7            | -          | 31           | 3         | 41            | -            | -   |
| Eritrea                        | 51            | 65            | 2            | -          | 59           | -         | 61            | 4            | -   |
| Ethiopia                       | 782           | 510           | 80           | 2          | 382          | -         | 464           | 46           | -   |
| Gabon                          | 331           | 272           | 34           | -          | 233          | 1         | 268           | 4            | -   |
| Kenya                          | 2 005         | 2 161         | 327          | 3          | 1 620        | 2         | 1 952         | 209          | -   |
| Rwanda                         | 76            | 118           | 11           | 1          | 99           | -         | 111           | 7            | -   |
| São Tomé and Príncipe          | 15            | 8             | 1            | -          | 7            | -         | 8             | -            | -   |
| Somalia                        | 117           | 140           | 8            | -          | 31           | -         | 39            | 101          | -   |
| Uganda                         | 1 029         | 1 136         | 108          | 1          | 886          | -         | 995           | 141          | -   |
| Madagascar                     | 193           | 183           | 15           | 1          | 155          | -         | 171           | 12           | -   |

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

| Country of residence | May          |              | May 2019   |            |              |          |              |            |     |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------|--------------|------------|-----|
|                      | 2018         | 2019         | Air        |            |              |          |              | Road       | Sea |
|                      |              |              | Cape town  | King Shaka | O.R. Tambo   | Other    | Total        |            |     |
| <b>West Africa</b>   | <b>7 113</b> | <b>6 113</b> | <b>457</b> | <b>18</b>  | <b>5 113</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>5 595</b> | <b>518</b> | -   |
| Benin                | 84           | 136          | 28         | -          | 101          | -        | 129          | 7          | -   |
| Burkina Faso         | 66           | 47           | 4          | -          | 41           | -        | 45           | 2          | -   |
| Cape Verde Island    | 35           | 40           | 9          | -          | 23           | -        | 32           | 8          | -   |
| Côte d'Ivoire        | 171          | 225          | 36         | -          | 187          | -        | 223          | 2          | -   |
| Gambia               | 32           | 38           | 9          | -          | 26           | -        | 35           | 3          | -   |
| Ghana                | 1 847        | 1 441        | 68         | 4          | 1 285        | 4        | 1 361        | 80         | -   |
| Guinea               | 154          | 97           | 12         | -          | 40           | -        | 52           | 45         | -   |
| Guinea-Bissau        | 19           | 11           | 1          | -          | 10           | -        | 11           | -          | -   |
| Liberia              | 79           | 41           | 4          | -          | 36           | -        | 40           | 1          | -   |
| Mali                 | 136          | 87           | 17         | -          | 33           | -        | 50           | 37         | -   |
| Mauritania           | 12           | 11           | 1          | -          | 10           | -        | 11           | -          | -   |
| Niger                | 22           | 18           | 1          | -          | 17           | -        | 18           | -          | -   |
| Nigeria              | 4 166        | 3 597        | 247        | 8          | 3 024        | 3        | 3 282        | 315        | -   |
| Saint Helena         | 8            | 2            | -          | -          | 2            | -        | 2            | -          | -   |
| Senegal              | 197          | 181          | 13         | 6          | 150          | -        | 169          | 12         | -   |
| Sierra Leone         | 45           | 47           | 6          | -          | 35           | -        | 41           | 6          | -   |
| Togo                 | 40           | 94           | 1          | -          | 93           | -        | 94           | -          | -   |
| <b>North Africa</b>  | <b>1 212</b> | <b>992</b>   | <b>147</b> | <b>23</b>  | <b>774</b>   | <b>1</b> | <b>945</b>   | <b>47</b>  | -   |
| Algeria              | 77           | 74           | 7          | -          | 65           | -        | 72           | 2          | -   |
| Egypt                | 545          | 409          | 41         | 10         | 325          | 1        | 377          | 32         | -   |
| Libya                | 66           | 38           | 12         | 9          | 9            | -        | 30           | 8          | -   |
| Morocco              | 196          | 157          | 24         | 3          | 129          | -        | 156          | 1          | -   |
| South Sudan          | 58           | 117          | 3          | -          | 114          | -        | 117          | -          | -   |
| The Sudan            | 171          | 108          | 35         | -          | 72           | -        | 107          | 1          | -   |
| Tunisia              | 96           | 88           | 25         | 1          | 59           | -        | 85           | 3          | -   |
| Western Sahara       | 3            | 1            | -          | -          | 1            | -        | 1            | -          | -   |
| <b>Unspecified</b>   | <b>1 207</b> | <b>1 186</b> | <b>29</b>  | <b>1</b>   | <b>862</b>   | -        | <b>892</b>   | <b>294</b> | -   |



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

| Country of residence             | May            |                | Purpose of visit (May 2019) |                |              |                   |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
|                                  | 2018           | 2019           | Business                    | Holiday        | Study        | Medical treatment |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>767 330</b> | <b>753 517</b> | <b>17 852</b>               | <b>731 264</b> | <b>3 736</b> | <b>665</b>        |
| <b>Overseas</b>                  | <b>165 137</b> | <b>166 227</b> | <b>6 761</b>                | <b>158 599</b> | <b>763</b>   | <b>104</b>        |
| <b>Europe</b>                    | <b>78 065</b>  | <b>75 308</b>  | <b>3 799</b>                | <b>71 052</b>  | <b>384</b>   | <b>73</b>         |
| Belgium                          | 2 330          | 2 134          | 111                         | 2 003          | 19           | 1                 |
| Denmark                          | 1 196          | 1 103          | 53                          | 1 042          | 7            | 1                 |
| France                           | 12 833         | 11 142         | 368                         | 10 671         | 100          | 3                 |
| Germany                          | 13 618         | 11 827         | 522                         | 11 244         | 55           | 6                 |
| Ireland                          | 1 535          | 1 719          | 96                          | 1 612          | 8            | 3                 |
| Italy                            | 3 369          | 3 135          | 226                         | 2 899          | 7            | 3                 |
| Portugal                         | 2 094          | 2 039          | 57                          | 1 969          | 8            | 5                 |
| Russian Federation               | 982            | 1 197          | 52                          | 1 140          | 5            | -                 |
| Spain                            | 2 335          | 2 836          | 127                         | 2 694          | 15           | -                 |
| Sweden                           | 1 811          | 2 123          | 279                         | 1 839          | 4            | 1                 |
| Switzerland                      | 2 341          | 2 161          | 85                          | 2 059          | 15           | 2                 |
| The Netherlands                  | 6 509          | 5 782          | 217                         | 5 533          | 23           | 9                 |
| Turkey                           | 961            | 1 058          | 82                          | 969            | 7            | -                 |
| UK                               | 20 502         | 21 834         | 1 109                       | 20 601         | 86           | 38                |
| Other                            | 5 649          | 5 218          | 415                         | 4 777          | 25           | 1                 |
| <b>North America</b>             | <b>38 591</b>  | <b>40 470</b>  | <b>817</b>                  | <b>39 509</b>  | <b>133</b>   | <b>11</b>         |
| Canada                           | 4 666          | 4 771          | 148                         | 4 613          | 5            | 5                 |
| USA                              | 33 925         | 35 699         | 669                         | 34 896         | 128          | 6                 |
| <b>Central and South America</b> | <b>7 897</b>   | <b>7 885</b>   | <b>151</b>                  | <b>7 705</b>   | <b>26</b>    | <b>3</b>          |
| Argentina                        | 957            | 894            | 15                          | 879            | -            | -                 |
| Brazil                           | 5 189          | 5 149          | 72                          | 5 056          | 19           | 2                 |
| Mexico                           | 444            | 403            | 17                          | 384            | 2            | -                 |
| Other                            | 1 307          | 1 439          | 47                          | 1 386          | 5            | 1                 |

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

| Country of residence | May            |                | Purpose of visit (May 2019) |                |              |                   |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
|                      | 2018           | 2019           | Business                    | Holiday        | Study        | Medical treatment |
| <b>Australasia</b>   | <b>9 569</b>   | <b>10 052</b>  | <b>201</b>                  | <b>9 834</b>   | <b>11</b>    | <b>6</b>          |
| Australia            | 8 510          | 8 825          | 169                         | 8 646          | 5            | 5                 |
| New Zealand          | 1 039          | 1 193          | 26                          | 1 160          | 6            | 1                 |
| Other                | 20             | 34             | 6                           | 28             | -            | -                 |
| <b>Middle East</b>   | <b>2 567</b>   | <b>2 448</b>   | <b>144</b>                  | <b>2 216</b>   | <b>88</b>    | <b>-</b>          |
| Israel               | 1 171          | 1 405          | 65                          | 1 330          | 10           | -                 |
| Lebanon              | 230            | 282            | 33                          | 248            | 1            | -                 |
| Saudi Arabia         | 348            | 294            | 6                           | 235            | 53           | -                 |
| Other                | 818            | 467            | 40                          | 403            | 24           | -                 |
| <b>Asia</b>          | <b>28 448</b>  | <b>30 064</b>  | <b>1 649</b>                | <b>28 283</b>  | <b>121</b>   | <b>11</b>         |
| China                | 6 829          | 7 259          | 516                         | 6 721          | 18           | 4                 |
| India                | 12 816         | 13 238         | 673                         | 12 513         | 49           | 3                 |
| Japan                | 2 335          | 2 066          | 134                         | 1 924          | 5            | 3                 |
| Malaysia             | 506            | 1 328          | 30                          | 1 296          | 2            | -                 |
| Pakistan             | 1 281          | 952            | 38                          | 901            | 13           | -                 |
| Philippines          | 629            | 781            | 13                          | 762            | 6            | -                 |
| Singapore            | 773            | 829            | 31                          | 798            | -            | -                 |
| South Korea          | 1 287          | 1 126          | 68                          | 1 047          | 11           | -                 |
| Taiwan               | 327            | 448            | 34                          | 412            | 2            | -                 |
| Thailand             | 493            | 703            | 44                          | 657            | 2            | -                 |
| Other                | 1 172          | 1 334          | 68                          | 1 252          | 13           | 1                 |
| <b>Africa</b>        | <b>600 986</b> | <b>586 104</b> | <b>11 014</b>               | <b>571 556</b> | <b>2 973</b> | <b>561</b>        |
| <b>SADC</b>          | <b>587 531</b> | <b>573 862</b> | <b>10 045</b>               | <b>560 799</b> | <b>2 530</b> | <b>488</b>        |
| Angola               | 5 044          | 5 090          | 83                          | 4 807          | 145          | 55                |
| Botswana             | 44 840         | 51 668         | 535                         | 50 625         | 325          | 183               |
| DRC                  | 2 413          | 2 309          | 102                         | 2 043          | 111          | 53                |
| Lesotho              | 138 328        | 121 426        | 979                         | 119 829        | 618          | -                 |

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| Country of residence           | May           |               | Purpose of visit (May 2019) |               |            |                   |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------|-------------------|
|                                | 2018          | 2019          | Business                    | Holiday       | Study      | Medical treatment |
| Madagascar                     | 193           | 183           | 17                          | 160           | 5          | 1                 |
| Malawi                         | 14 477        | 12 853        | 157                         | 12 645        | 39         | 12                |
| Mauritius                      | 1 318         | 1 378         | 61                          | 1 297         | 10         | 10                |
| Mozambique                     | 114 785       | 106 341       | 2 740                       | 103 493       | 76         | 32                |
| Namibia                        | 17 106        | 14 682        | 2 139                       | 12 131        | 376        | 36                |
| Seychelles                     | 366           | 262           | 10                          | 251           | 1          | -                 |
| Swaziland                      | 68 177        | 75 161        | 204                         | 74 671        | 283        | 3                 |
| Tanzania                       | 2 823         | 2 936         | 76                          | 2 812         | 41         | 7                 |
| Zambia                         | 13 686        | 11 527        | 1 487                       | 9 930         | 91         | 19                |
| Zimbabwe                       | 163 975       | 168 046       | 1 455                       | 166 105       | 409        | 77                |
| <b>'Other' African</b>         | <b>13 455</b> | <b>12 242</b> | <b>969</b>                  | <b>10 757</b> | <b>443</b> | <b>73</b>         |
| <b>East and Central Africa</b> | <b>5 130</b>  | <b>5 137</b>  | <b>525</b>                  | <b>4 361</b>  | <b>199</b> | <b>52</b>         |
| Burundi                        | 54            | 49            | 4                           | 39            | 3          | 3                 |
| Cameroon                       | 360           | 378           | 35                          | 312           | 20         | 11                |
| Central African Republic       | 17            | 7             | -                           | 7             | -          | -                 |
| Chad                           | 25            | 14            | 1                           | 11            | 2          | -                 |
| Comoros                        | 42            | 55            | -                           | 55            | -          | -                 |
| Congo                          | 193           | 177           | 3                           | 132           | 34         | 8                 |
| Djibouti                       | 10            | 6             | 2                           | 4             | -          | -                 |
| Equatorial Guinea              | 23            | 41            | -                           | 38            | 3          | -                 |
| Eritrea                        | 51            | 65            | 1                           | 63            | 1          | -                 |
| Ethiopia                       | 782           | 510           | 54                          | 439           | 10         | 7                 |
| Gabon                          | 331           | 272           | 7                           | 246           | 16         | 3                 |
| Kenya                          | 2 005         | 2 161         | 326                         | 1 756         | 67         | 12                |
| Rwanda                         | 76            | 118           | 13                          | 102           | 2          | 1                 |
| São Tomé and Príncipe          | 15            | 8             | -                           | 8             | -          | -                 |
| Somalia                        | 117           | 140           | 9                           | 130           | 1          | -                 |
| Uganda                         | 1 029         | 1 136         | 70                          | 1 019         | 40         | 7                 |
| Madagascar                     | 193           | 183           | 17                          | 160           | 5          | 1                 |

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

| Country of residence | May          |              | Purpose of visit (May 2019) |              |            |                   |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|
|                      | 2018         | 2019         | Business                    | Holiday      | Study      | Medical treatment |
| <b>West Africa</b>   | <b>7 113</b> | <b>6 113</b> | <b>322</b>                  | <b>5 568</b> | <b>202</b> | <b>21</b>         |
| Benin                | 84           | 136          | 16                          | 114          | 3          | 3                 |
| Burkina Faso         | 66           | 47           | 8                           | 37           | 2          | -                 |
| Cape Verde Island    | 35           | 40           | 2                           | 38           | -          | -                 |
| Côte d'Ivoire        | 171          | 225          | 36                          | 186          | 3          | -                 |
| Gambia               | 32           | 38           | 6                           | 32           | -          | -                 |
| Ghana                | 1 847        | 1 441        | 84                          | 1 322        | 31         | 4                 |
| Guinea               | 154          | 97           | 7                           | 87           | 2          | 1                 |
| Guinea-Bissau        | 19           | 11           | 1                           | 10           | -          | -                 |
| Liberia              | 79           | 41           | 4                           | 36           | 1          | -                 |
| Mali                 | 136          | 87           | 12                          | 74           | -          | 1                 |
| Mauritania           | 12           | 11           | 2                           | 9            | -          | -                 |
| Niger                | 22           | 18           | 4                           | 14           | -          | -                 |
| Nigeria              | 4 166        | 3 597        | 110                         | 3 320        | 157        | 10                |
| Saint Helena         | 8            | 2            | -                           | 2            | -          | -                 |
| Senegal              | 197          | 181          | 16                          | 163          | 2          | -                 |
| Sierra Leone         | 45           | 47           | 9                           | 37           | -          | 1                 |
| Togo                 | 40           | 94           | 5                           | 87           | 1          | 1                 |
| <b>North Africa</b>  | <b>1 212</b> | <b>992</b>   | <b>122</b>                  | <b>828</b>   | <b>42</b>  | <b>-</b>          |
| Algeria              | 77           | 74           | 6                           | 67           | 1          | -                 |
| Egypt                | 545          | 409          | 62                          | 333          | 14         | -                 |
| Libya                | 66           | 38           | -                           | 28           | 10         | -                 |
| Morocco              | 196          | 157          | 22                          | 131          | 4          | -                 |
| South Sudan          | 58           | 117          | 3                           | 112          | 2          | -                 |
| The Sudan            | 171          | 108          | 6                           | 92           | 10         | -                 |
| Tunisia              | 96           | 88           | 23                          | 64           | 1          | -                 |
| Western Sahara       | 3            | 1            | -                           | 1            | -          | -                 |
| <b>Unspecified</b>   | <b>1 207</b> | <b>1 186</b> | <b>77</b>                   | <b>1 109</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>          |

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

| Sex           | Age group     | May            |                | Region (May 2019) |                |                 |              |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
|               |               | 2018           | 2019           | Overseas          | SADC           | 'Other' African | Unspecified  |
| <b>All</b>    | <b>Total</b>  | <b>767 330</b> | <b>753 517</b> | <b>166 227</b>    | <b>573 862</b> | <b>12 242</b>   | <b>1 186</b> |
|               | 0-14          | 28 246         | 25 945         | 7 104             | 18 419         | 417             | 5            |
|               | 15-24         | 65 393         | 60 107         | 13 387            | 46 034         | 670             | 16           |
|               | 25-34         | 214 911        | 210 358        | 31 442            | 175 262        | 3 494           | 160          |
|               | 35-44         | 223 506        | 221 640        | 30 626            | 186 531        | 4 152           | 331          |
|               | 45-54         | 126 089        | 123 907        | 30 122            | 91 091         | 2 299           | 395          |
|               | 55-64         | 70 217         | 70 301         | 29 434            | 39 677         | 933             | 257          |
|               | 65+           | 38 968         | 41 259         | 24 112            | 16 848         | 277             | 22           |
| <b>Male</b>   | <b>Male</b>   | <b>437 400</b> | <b>423 338</b> | <b>91 180</b>     | <b>323 211</b> | <b>8 166</b>    | <b>781</b>   |
|               | 0-14          | 14 253         | 13 096         | 3 729             | 9 129          | 236             | 2            |
|               | 15-24         | 34 224         | 31 024         | 5 734             | 24 894         | 384             | 12           |
|               | 25-34         | 119 982        | 116 247        | 16 323            | 97 654         | 2 171           | 99           |
|               | 35-44         | 137 620        | 133 446        | 18 650            | 111 647        | 2 945           | 204          |
|               | 45-54         | 74 584         | 72 485         | 18 301            | 52 286         | 1 644           | 254          |
|               | 55-64         | 37 414         | 36 877         | 15 831            | 20 238         | 615             | 193          |
|               | 65+           | 19 323         | 20 163         | 12 612            | 7 363          | 171             | 17           |
| <b>Female</b> | <b>Female</b> | <b>329 930</b> | <b>330 179</b> | <b>75 047</b>     | <b>250 651</b> | <b>4 076</b>    | <b>405</b>   |
|               | 0-14          | 13 993         | 12 849         | 3 375             | 9 290          | 181             | 3            |
|               | 15-24         | 31 169         | 29 083         | 7 653             | 21 140         | 286             | 4            |
|               | 25-34         | 94 929         | 94 111         | 15 119            | 77 608         | 1 323           | 61           |
|               | 35-44         | 85 886         | 88 194         | 11 976            | 74 884         | 1 207           | 127          |
|               | 45-54         | 51 505         | 51 422         | 11 821            | 38 805         | 655             | 141          |
|               | 55-64         | 32 803         | 33 424         | 13 603            | 19 439         | 318             | 64           |
|               | 65+           | 19 645         | 21 096         | 11 500            | 9 485          | 106             | 5            |

## 4. Annexures

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

| Country of residence             | Jan – May 2018   | Jan – May 2019   | Difference between Jan – May 2018 and Jan – May 2019 | % change between Jan – May 2018 and Jan – May 2019 |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|--|
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>4 423 165</b> | <b>4 360 643</b> | <b>-62 522</b>                                       | <b>-1,4%</b>                                       |
| <b>Overseas</b>                  | <b>1 123 448</b> | <b>1 099 271</b> | <b>-24 177</b>                                       | <b>-2,2%</b>                                       |
| <b>Europe</b>                    | <b>702 970</b>   | <b>677 372</b>   | <b>-25 598</b>                                       | <b>-3,6%</b>                                       |
| Austria                          | 13 184           | 13 982           | 798  | 6,1%   |
| Belgium                          | 21 895           | 20 990           | -905   | -4,1%  |
| Denmark                          | 14 030           | 12 466           | -1 564   | -11,1%   |
| France                           | 82 133           | 73 709           | -8 424   | -10,3%   |
| Germany                          | 152 365          | 139 783          | -12 582  | -8,3%  |
| Ireland                          | 13 614           | 13 295           | -319   | -2,3%  |
| Italy                            | 21 114           | 22 179           | 1 065  | 5,0%   |
| Norway                           | 9 819            | 8 669            | -1 150   | -11,7%   |
| Portugal                         | 13 675           | 13 466           | -209   | -1,5%  |
| Spain                            | 12 627           | 13 788           | 1 161  | 9,2%   |
| Sweden                           | 24 299           | 21 216           | -3 083   | -12,7%   |
| Switzerland                      | 25 307           | 24 217           | -1 090   | -4,3%  |
| The Netherlands                  | 54 629           | 53 604           | -1 025   | -1,9%  |
| UK                               | 198 816          | 201 119          | 2 303  | 1,2%   |
| Other                            | 45 463           | 44 889           | -574   | -1,3%  |
| <b>North America</b>             | <b>172 965</b>   | <b>175 829</b>   | <b>2 864</b>   | <b>1,7%</b>  |
| Canada                           | 28 847           | 29 185           | 338  | 1,2%   |
| USA                              | 144 118          | 146 644          | 2 526  | 1,8%   |
| <b>Central and South America</b> | <b>49 584</b>    | <b>48 625</b>    | <b>-959</b>  | <b>-1,9%</b>                                       |
| Argentina                        | 11 091           | 9 512            | -1 579   | -14,2%   |
| Brazil                           | 28 137           | 28 467           | 330  | 1,2%   |
| Chile                            | 3 245            | 2 981            | -264   | -8,1%  |
| Other                            | 7 111            | 7 665            | 554  | 7,8%   |

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

| Country of residence | Jan – May 2018   | Jan – May 2019   | Difference between Jan – May 2018 and Jan – May 2019 | % change between Jan – May 2018 and Jan – May 2019 |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|--|--|
| <b>Australasia</b>   | <b>49 930</b>    | <b>48 575</b>    | <b>-1 355</b>  | <b>-2,7%</b>                                       |
| Australia            | 44 224           | 43 215           | -1 009   | -2,3%  |
| New Zealand          | 5 595            | 5 233            | -362   | -6,5%  |
| Other                | 111              | 127              | 16   | 14,4%  |
| <b>Middle East</b>   | <b>20 349</b>    | <b>18 469</b>    | <b>-1 880</b>  | <b>-9,2%</b>                                       |
| Israel               | 11 058           | 10 703           | -355   | -3,2%  |
| Lebanon              | 1 265            | 1 468            | 203  | 16,0%  |
| Saudi Arabia         | 2 420            | 2 066            | -354   | -14,6%   |
| Other                | 5 606            | 4 232            | -1 374   | -24,5%   |
| <b>Asia</b>          | <b>127 650</b>   | <b>130 401</b>   | <b>2 751</b>   | <b>2,2%</b>  |
| China                | 38 789           | 39 560           | 771  | 2,0%   |
| India                | 41 896           | 42 334           | 438  | 1,0%   |
| Japan                | 10 387           | 11 147           | 760  | 7,3%   |
| Malaysia             | 2 699            | 3 461            | 762  | 28,2%  |
| Pakistan             | 6 298            | 6 002            | -296   | -4,7%  |
| Philippines          | 2 746            | 3 018            | 272  | 9,9%   |
| Singapore            | 2 896            | 2 997            | 101  | 3,5%   |
| South Korea          | 9 796            | 9 169            | -627   | -6,4%  |
| Taiwan               | 2 034            | 2 641            | 607  | 29,8%  |
| Thailand             | 2 903            | 3 089            | 186  | 6,4%   |
| Other                | 7 206            | 6 983            | -223   | -3,1%  |
| <b>Africa</b>        | <b>3 294 493</b> | <b>3 255 469</b> | <b>-39 024</b>                                       | <b>-1,2%</b>                                       |
| <b>SADC</b>          | <b>3 224 095</b> | <b>3 186 891</b> | <b>-37 204</b>                                       | <b>-1,2%</b>                                       |
| Angola               | 29 918           | 29 993           | 75   | 0,3%   |
| Botswana             | 261 764          | 259 665          | -2 099   | -0,8%  |
| DRC                  | 12 585           | 13 053           | 468  | 3,7%   |
| Lesotho              | 790 692          | 698 325          | -92 367  | -11,7%   |

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

| Country of residence           | Jan – May 2018 | Jan – May 2019 | Difference between Jan – May 2018 and Jan – May 2019 | % change between Jan – May 2018 and Jan – May 2019 |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--|--|
| Madagascar                     | 1 059          | 1 039          | -20  | -1,9%  |
| Malawi                         | 76 637         | 74 712         | -1 925   | -2,5%  |
| Mauritius                      | 7 969          | 8 932          | 963  | 12,1%  |
| Mozambique                     | 580 993        | 576 717        | -4 276   | -0,7%  |
| Namibia                        | 82 458         | 79 716         | -2 742   | -3,3%  |
| Seychelles                     | 2 564          | 2 549          | -15  | -0,6%  |
| Swaziland                      | 353 058        | 374 576        | 21 518   | 6,1%   |
| Tanzania                       | 14 665         | 15 137         | 472  | 3,2%   |
| Zambia                         | 66 838         | 62 806         | -4 032   | -6,0%  |
| Zimbabwe                       | 942 895        | 989 671        | 46 776   | 5,0%   |
| <b>'Other' African</b>         | <b>70 398</b>  | <b>68 578</b>  | <b>-1 820</b>  | <b>-2,6%</b>                                       |
| <b>East and Central Africa</b> | <b>28 399</b>  | <b>28 850</b>  | <b>451</b>   | <b>1,6%</b>  |
| Burundi                        | 320            | 356            | 36   | 11,3%  |
| Cameroon                       | 2 050          | 2 083          | 33   | 1,6%   |
| Central African Republic       | 80             | 38             | -42  | -52,5%   |
| Chad                           | 155            | 143            | -12  | -7,7%  |
| Comoros                        | 119            | 140            | 21   | 17,6%  |
| Congo                          | 1 164          | 1 047          | -117   | -10,1%   |
| Djibouti                       | 51             | 41             | -10  | -19,6%   |
| Equatorial Guinea              | 183            | 167            | -16  | -8,7%  |
| Eritrea                        | 284            | 315            | 31   | 10,9%  |
| Ethiopia                       | 3 866          | 2 923          | -943   | -24,4%   |
| Gabon                          | 2 412          | 2 279          | -133   | -5,5%  |
| Kenya                          | 11 202         | 12 088         | 886  | 7,9%   |
| Réunion                        | 13             | 11             | -2   | -15,4%   |
| Rwanda                         | 372            | 442            | 70   | 18,8%  |
| São Tomé and Príncipe          | 66             | 24             | -42  | -63,6%   |
| Somalia                        | 415            | 759            | 344  | 82,9%  |
| Uganda                         | 5 647          | 5 994          | 347  | 6,1%   |



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

| Country of residence | Jan – May 2018 | Jan – May 2019 | Difference between Jan – May 2018 and Jan – May 2019 | % change between Jan – May 2018 and Jan – May 2019 |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|--|--|
| <b>West Africa</b>   | <b>35 222</b>  | <b>32 172</b>  | <b>-3 050</b>  | <b>-8,7%</b>                                       |
| Benin                | 541            | 683            | 142  | 26,2%  |
| Burkina Faso         | 294            | 343            | 49   | 16,7%  |
| Cape Verde Island    | 148            | 165            | 17   | 11,5%  |
| Côte d'Ivoire        | 1 118          | 1 166          | 48   | 4,3%   |
| Gambia               | 225            | 160            | -65  | -28,9%   |
| Ghana                | 8 186          | 7 747          | -439   | -5,4%  |
| Guinea               | 658            | 571            | -87  | -13,2%   |
| Guinea-Bissau        | 75             | 52             | -23  | -30,7%   |
| Liberia              | 263            | 284            | 21   | 8,0%   |
| Mali                 | 658            | 483            | -175   | -26,6%   |
| Mauritania           | 102            | 86             | -16  | -15,7%   |
| Niger                | 122            | 142            | 20   | 16,4%  |
| Nigeria              | 21 309         | 18 735         | -2 574   | -12,1%   |
| Saint Helena         | 65             | 31             | -34  | -52,3%   |
| Senegal              | 1 013          | 903            | -110   | -10,9%   |
| Sierra Leone         | 223            | 314            | 91   | 40,8%  |
| Togo                 | 222            | 307            | 85   | 38,3%  |
| <b>North Africa</b>  | <b>6 777</b>   | <b>7 556</b>   | <b>779</b>   | <b>11,5%</b>                                       |
| Algeria              | 440            | 708            | 268  | 60,9%  |
| Egypt                | 3 548          | 3 851          | 303  | 8,5%   |
| Libya                | 334            | 337            | 3  | 0,9%   |
| Morocco              | 852            | 910            | 58   | 6,8%   |
| South Sudan          | 328            | 411            | 83   | 25,3%  |
| The Sudan            | 836            | 727            | -109   | -13,0%   |
| Tunisia              | 433            | 605            | 172  | 39,7%  |
| Western Sahara       | 6              | 7              | 1  | 16,7%  |
| <b>Unspecified</b>   | <b>5 224</b>   | <b>5 903</b>   | <b>679</b>   | <b>13,0%</b>                                       |

## 5. Explanatory notes

### NOTE TO USERS

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

### 5.1 Introduction

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

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

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

### 5.2 Purpose of the statistical release

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

### 5.3 Scope and coverage

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

### 5.4 Data

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

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

- As part of data interrogation, data from O.R. Tambo International Airport, which has the highest volume of travellers, are compared with passenger statistics from the Airports Company of South Africa (ACSA). As expected, in any specific month, an increase in the volume of passengers reported by ACSA is also reflected in an increase in the volume of travellers recorded by DHA. A similar pattern has also been observed when the volume of travellers decreased. In May 2019, the DHA data was 2,2% higher than that of ACSA.

## 5.5 Limitations

### 5.5.1 Outbound tourists

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

### 5.5.2 Purpose of visit

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

## 5.6 Definition of terms

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 5.6.2 Definitions used specifically in this release

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 5.7 Symbols used

- = nil

< = less than

### 5.8 Rounding off

Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

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