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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 April 2026. Specific focus is on foreign tourists who entered the country in April 2026. 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 the number of tourists for the current quarter and comparisons with previous periods.

Note: Users are advised that some ports of entry and exit are missing data due to a lack of network coverage at those ports; however, the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) is addressing this issue. Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) is in constant communication with the department, and more ports of entry/exit will have data, thereby improving coverage.

1. Highlights of the results

In April 2026, 3 257 395 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) entered and exited South Africa. They were made up of 806 121 (24,7%) South African residents and 2 451 274 (75,3%) foreign travellers. Foreign arrivals were made up of 37 249 (2,9%) non-visitors and 1 246 996 (97,1%) visitors. Visitors consisted of 257 667 (20,7%) same-day visitors and 989 329 (79,3%) overnight visitors/tourists.

Tourists

Overseas tourists constituted 18,4% (181 796) of all tourists. United Kingdom (UK) (29 554), United States of America (USA) (27 419) and Germany (17 383) contributed 40,9% to overseas tourists. Tourists from Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries constituted 79,6% (787 489) of all tourists. Zimbabwe (228 371), Mozambique (207 158), and Lesotho (153 312) contributed 74,8% to SADC tourists. 'Other' African countries (non-SADC) tourists were 1,9% (19 101) of all tourists. Kenya (5 885), Ghana (4 115) and Nigeria (2 408) contributed 65,0% to 'other' African tourists. The country of residence of 943 (0,1%) tourists was classified as unspecified.

Purpose of visit

'Holiday'¹ continues to be the main purpose of visit. About 97,6% of all the tourists were in South Africa for holiday purposes.



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¹ The holiday category includes tourists who came for vacation, visiting friends and relatives, shopping and other personal reasons such as attending weddings.

2. Key findings

2.1 Travellers

2.1.1 Number of travellers

The routine data collected by the DHA immigration officers at the ports of entry into and out of South Africa shows that a total of 3 257 395 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) passed through South African ports in April 2026. As presented in Table 1 below, these travellers were made up of 806 121 South African residents and 2 451 274 foreign travellers. A further breakdown of the figures for South African residents indicates that there were 396 609 arrivals, 408 887 departures and 625 travellers in transit. The corresponding volumes for foreign arrivals, departures and travellers in transit were 1 284 245, 1 123 070 and 43 959, respectively.

A comparison of movements in March 2026 and April 2026 shows that the volumes of arrivals, departures and transits increased for both groups of travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals increased by 13,5% (from 349 439 in March 2026 to 396 609 in April 2026), departures increased by 9,5% (from 373 332 in March 2026 to 408 887 in April 2026), and transits increased by 5,4% (from 593 in March 2026 to 625 in April 2026). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 7,0% (from 1 200 534 in March 2026 to 1 284 245 in April 2026), departures increased by 4,7% (from 1 073 128 in March 2026 to 1 123 070 in April 2026) and transits increased by 7,9% (from 40 730 in March 2026 to 43 959 in April 2026).

A comparison of movements in April 2025 and April 2026 indicates that the volume of departures decreased for South African travellers but increased for foreign travellers, while that of arrivals and transits increased for both groups of travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals increased by 1,2% (from 391 787 in April 2025 to 396 609 in April 2026), departures decreased by 3,8% (from 425 073 in April 2025 to 408 887 in April 2026) whereas transits increased by 26,8% (from 493 in April 2025 to 625 in April 2026). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 15,1% (from 1 115 585 in April 2025 to 1 284 245 in April 2026), departures increased by 11,5% (from 1 007 258 in April 2025 to 1 123 070 in April 2026) and transits increased by 15,1% (from 38 178 in April 2025 to 43 959 in April 2026).

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

Travel Direction	April 2025	March 2026	April 2026	% Change Mar 2026 – Apr 2026	% Change Apr 2025 – Apr 2026
Total	2 978 374	3 037 756	3 257 395	7,2	9,4
South African residents	817 353	723 364	806 121	11,4	-1,4
Arrivals	391 787	349 439	396 609	13,5	1,2
Departures	425 073	373 332	408 887	9,5	-3,8
Transits	493	593	625	5,4	26,8
Foreign travellers	2 161 021	2 314 392	2 451 274	5,9	13,4
Arrivals	1 115 585	1 200 534	1 284 245	7,0	15,1
Departures	1 007 258	1 073 128	1 123 070	4,7	11,5
Transits	38 178	40 730	43 959	7,9	15,1

2.1.2 Mode of travel of travellers

Information presented in Table 2 below shows the number of South African residents and foreign travellers by travel direction and mode of travel. In April 2026, road was the most common mode of travel used by 2 234 452 (68,6%) of the 3 257 395 travellers. The total number of air travellers was 993 478 (30,5%). Compared to air and road, a smaller number of travellers, 29 465 (0,9%) used sea transport into and out of South Africa. Information on arrivals of South African residents shows that 169 607 (42,8%) came by air, 220 056 (55,5%) came by road and 6 946 (1,8%) came by sea. For departures, 179 370 (43,9%) used air, 224 787 (55,0%) used road and 4 730 (1,2%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 625 (100,0%) used air.

In the case of foreign travellers, 281 834 (21,9%) arrived by air, 995 941 (77,6%) came by road and 6 470 (0,5%) arrived by sea. When departing South Africa, 318 083 (28,3%) foreign travellers left by air, 793 668 (70,7%) left by road and 11 319 (1,0%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 43 959 (100,0%) used air.

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	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Total	3 257 395	257 438	12 634	721 130	2 276	993 478	2 234 452	29 465
South African residents	806 121	65 520	8 396	274 136	1 550	349 602	444 843	11 676
Arrivals	396 609	33 861	4 244	130 737	765	169 607	220 056	6 946
Departures	408 887	31 657	4 152	142 776	785	179 370	224 787	4 730
Transit	625	2	-	623	-	625	-	-
Foreign travellers	2 451 274	191 918	4 238	446 994	726	643 876	1 789 609	17 789
Arrivals	1 284 245	88 048	1 967	191 435	384	281 834	995 941	6 470
Departures	1 123 070	103 692	2 271	211 778	342	318 083	793 668	11 319
Transit	43 959	178	-	43 781	-	43 959	-	-
Visitors	1 246 996	83 612	1 614	185 571	295	271 092	973 319	2 585
Same-day	257 667	1 634	14	22 316	73	24 037	233 551	79
Overnight/ Tourist	989 329	81 978	1 600	163 255	222	247 055	739 768	2 506

2.2 Visitors

Detailed information on the departure of travellers is not available in the enhanced Movement Control System (eMCS). Data on the purpose of travel and the number of days South African residents intend to spend or have 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 3 on page 4, in April 2026, 37 249 (2,9%) of foreign arrivals were classified as non-visitors, while 1 246 996 (97,1%) were classified as visitors. Visitors were categorised into three groups:

- Arrivals only – comprising visitors who entered the country in April 2026 but did not depart in April 2026 [512 896 (41,1%)].
- Single trips – visitors who came to South Africa once in April 2026 and left in April 2026 [392 163 (31,4%)].
- Multiple trips – visitors who came to and left South Africa more than once in April 2026 [341 937 (27,4%)].

Visitors were further grouped as same-day visitors and overnight visitors/tourists. In April 2026, there were 257 667 (20,7%) same-day visitors and 989 329 (79,3%) tourists. Between March 2026 and April 2026, the volume of same-day visitors decreased by 0,8% (from 259 778 in March 2026 to 257 667 in April 2026) and that of tourists increased by 8,5% (from 911 962 in March 2026 to 989 329 in April 2026). Between April 2025 and April 2026, the volume of same-day visitors decreased by 1,0% (from 260 359 in April 2025 to 257 667 in April 2026) whereas that of tourists increased by 19,5% (from 827 886 in April 2025 to 989 329 in April 2026).

Table 2 on page 3 further shows that of the 257 667 same-day visitors, a majority, 233 551 (90,6%) arrived in the country by road, 24 037 (9,3%) arrived by air and 79 (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea. Information on tourists shows that 739 768 (74,8%) used road, 247 055 (25,0%) used air and 2 506 (0,3%) used sea.

Table 3 – Number of visitors by type of visitor

Travel Direction	April 2025	March 2026	April 2026	% Change Mar 2026 – Apr 2026	% Change Apr 2025 – Apr 2026
Foreign arrivals	1 115 585	1 200 534	1 284 245	7,0	15,1
Non-visitors	27 340	28 794	37 249	29,4	36,2
Visitors	1 088 245	1 171 740	1 246 996	6,4	14,6
Visitors	1 088 245	1 171 740	1 246 996	6,4	14,6
Arrivals only	380 900	458 936	512 896	11,8	34,7
Single trips	356 927	367 753	392 163	6,6	9,9
Multiple trips	350 418	345 051	341 937	-0,9	-2,4
Visitors	1 088 245	1 171 740	1 246 996	6,4	14,6
Same-day	260 359	259 778	257 667	-0,8	-1,0
Overnight/Tourists	827 886	911 962	989 329	8,5	19,5

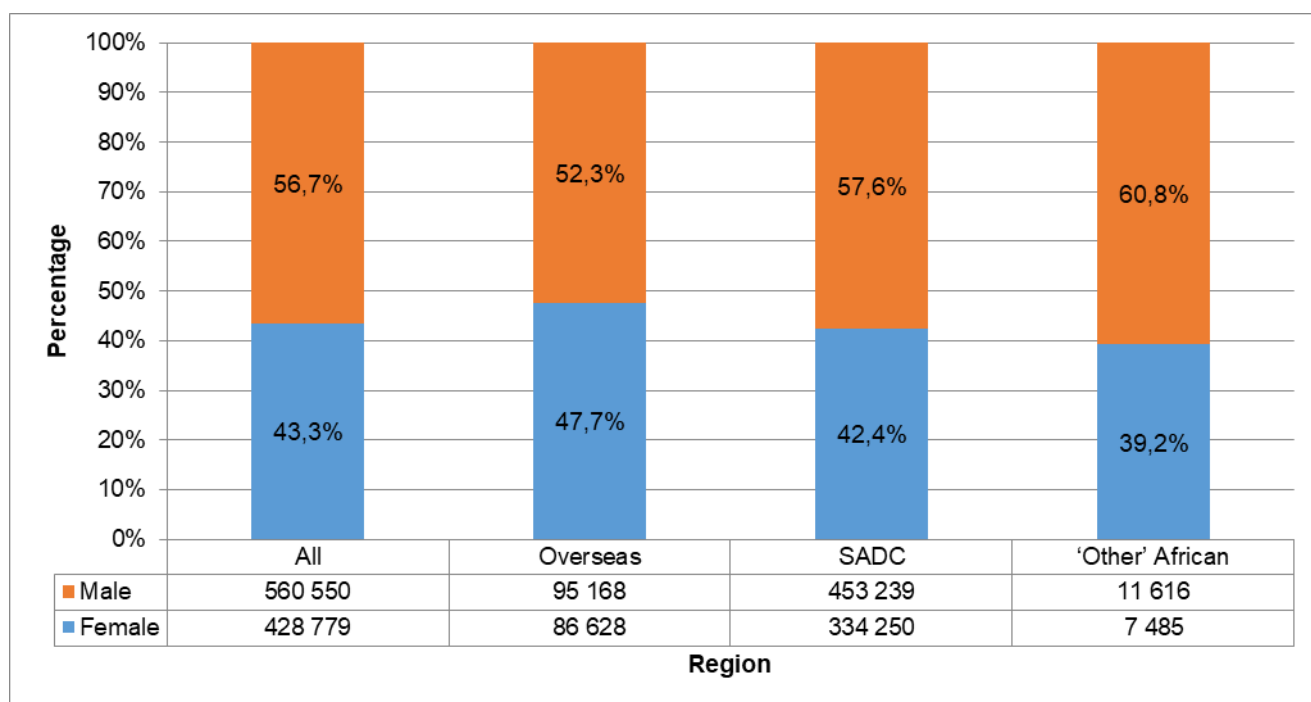
2.3 Tourists

2.3.1 Sex and age distribution of tourists

Sex

Figure 1 on page 5 shows that there were more male [560 550 (56,7%)] than female [428 779 (43,3%)] tourists. Male tourists constituted the majority of tourists for all three regions, SADC countries [453 239 (57,6%)], overseas countries [95 168 (52,3%)] and 'other' African countries [11 616 (60,8%)]. Similarly, the largest portion of female tourists was from SADC countries [334 250 (42,4%)], followed by overseas countries [86 628 (47,7%)] and 'other' African countries [7 485 (39,2%)].

Figure 1 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and sex, April 2026

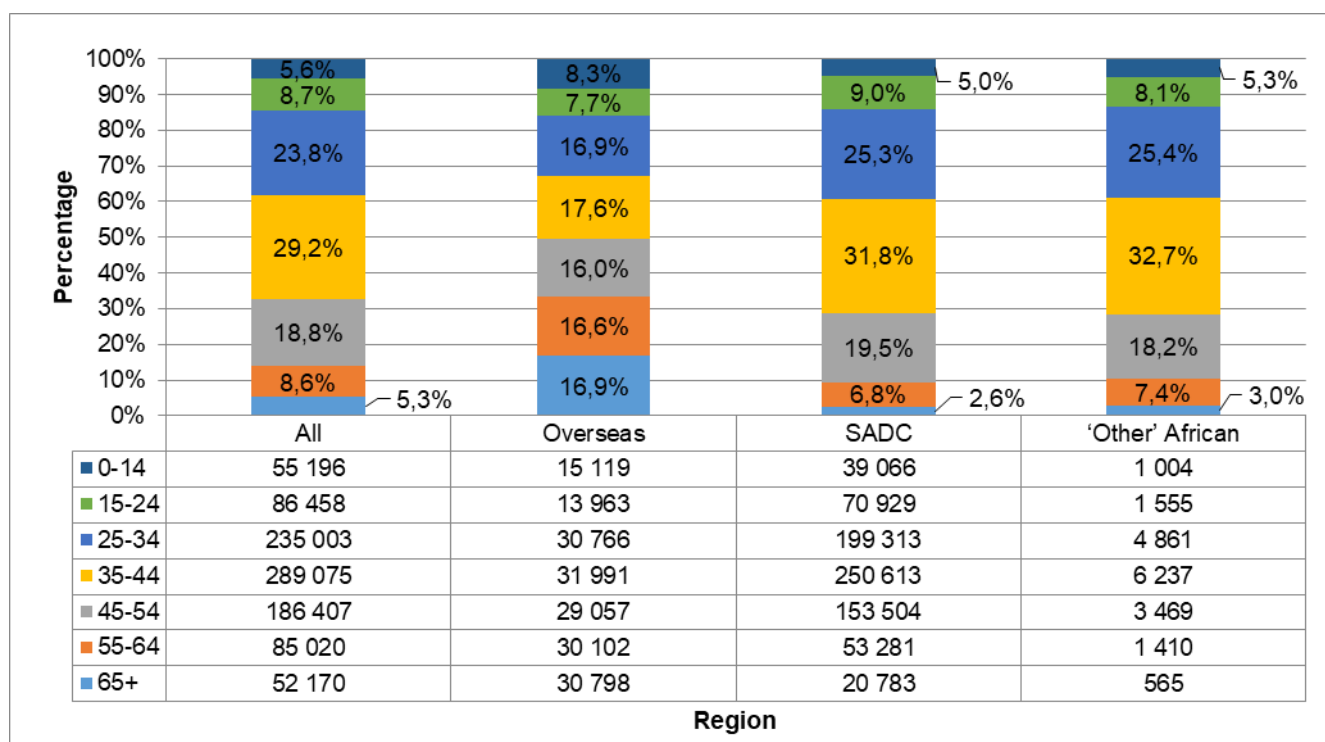


Age

The age distribution indicates that out of all tourists, [5,6% (55 196)] were aged younger than 15; [8,7% (86 458)] were aged between 15 and 24; [23,8% (235 003)] were aged between 25 and 34; [29,2% (289 075)] were aged between 35 and 44; [18,8% (186 407)] were aged between 45 and 54; [8,6% (85 020)] were aged between 55 and 64 and [5,3% (52 170)] were aged 65 and older (see Figure 2 on page 6).

Taking the region of residence into consideration, the results show that the highest proportion of tourists from all 3 regions; SADC countries [31,8% (250 613)], 'other' African countries [32,7% (6 237)] and overseas countries [17,6% (31 991)] were aged between 35 and 44. The second highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [25,3% (199 313)] and those from 'other' African countries [25,4% (4 861)] were aged between 25 and 34, while those from overseas countries were aged 65 and older [16,9% (30 798)] and between 25 and 34 [16,9% (30 766)]. The proportion of tourists aged younger than 15 was higher among tourists from overseas countries, 8,3% (15 119) compared with tourists from 'other' African countries, 5,3% (1 004) and from SADC countries, 5,0% (39 066). The median ages of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries were 44, 38 and 38 years, respectively.

Figure 2 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and age, April 2026

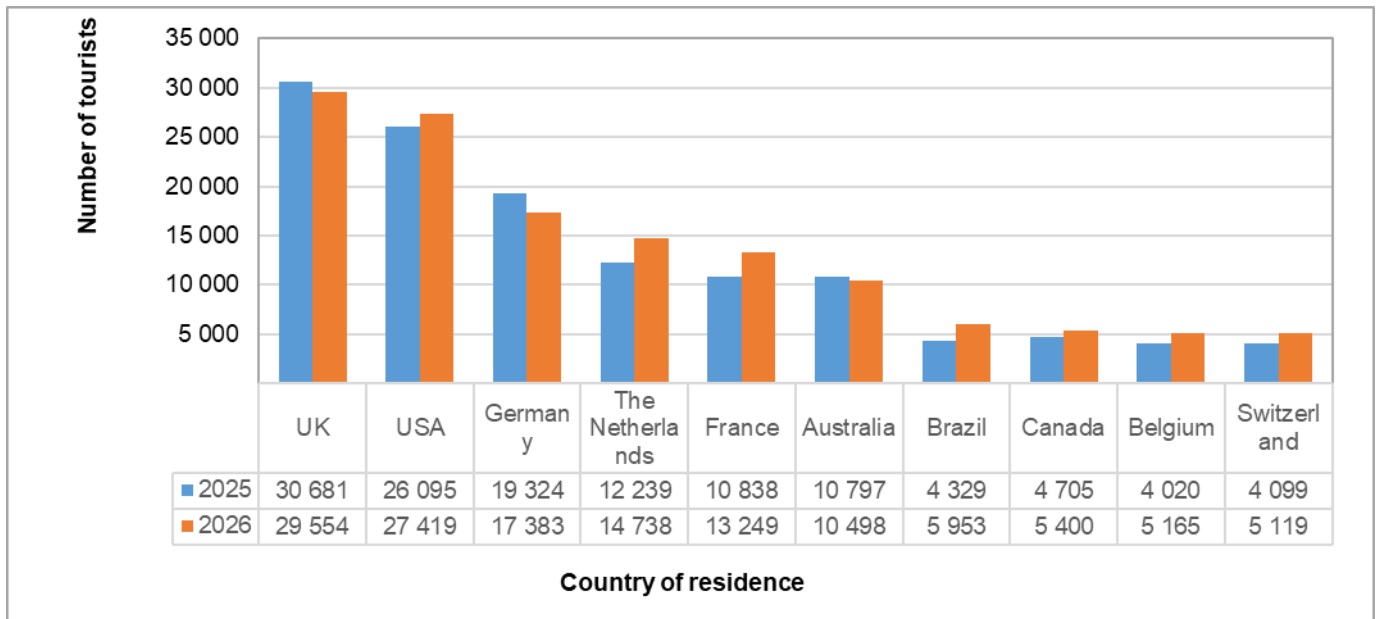


2.3.2 Regional and national distribution of tourists

In April 2026, the distribution of overseas tourists was as follows: Europe, 112 302 (61,8%); North America, 32 819 (18,1%); Asia, 14 698 (8,1%); Australasia, 12 324 (6,8%); Central and South America, 7 865 (4,3%) and Middle East, 1 788 (1,0%) (see Table 4 on page 9).

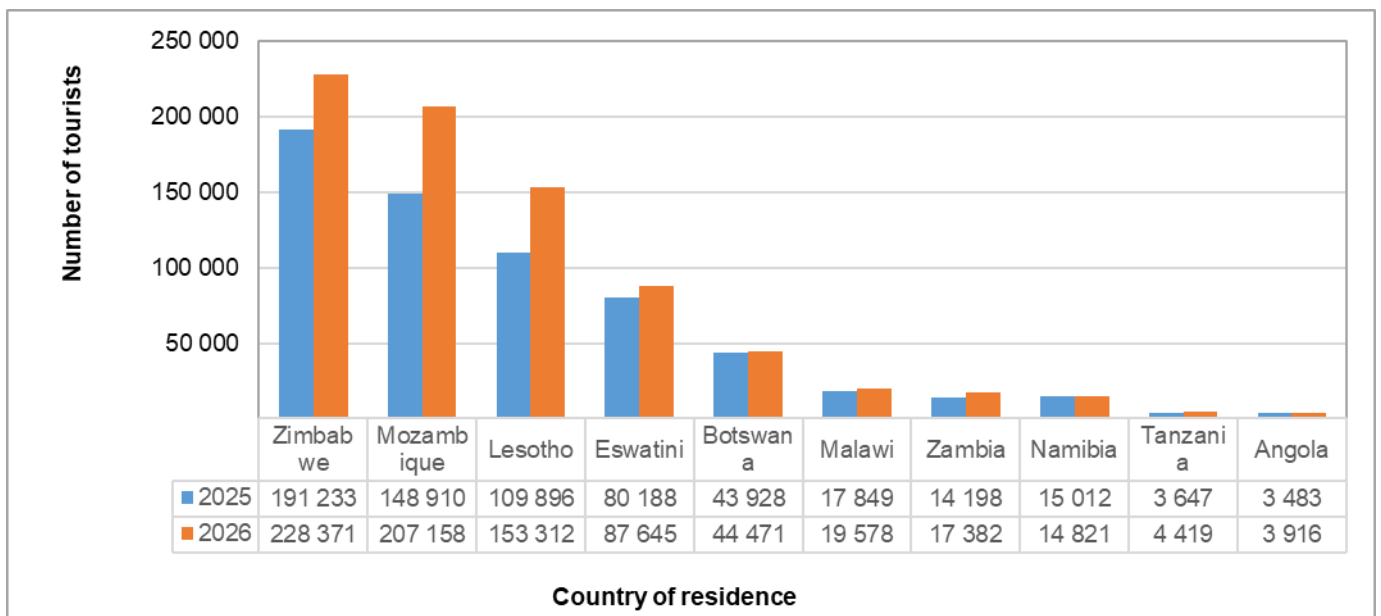
Figure 3 on page 7 indicates that the 10 leading overseas countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in April 2026 were: UK, 29 554 (16,3%); USA, 27 419 (15,1%); Germany, 17 383 (9,6%); The Netherlands, 14 738 (8,1%); France, 13 249 (7,3%); Australia, 10 498 (5,8%); Brazil, 5 953 (3,3%); Canada, 5 400 (3,0%); Belgium, 5 165 (2,8%) and Switzerland, 5 119 (2,8%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 74,0% of all tourists from overseas countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between April 2025 and April 2026 shows that the number of tourists increased for 7 of the 10 leading countries. Brazil had the highest increase of 37,5% (from 4 329 tourists in April 2025 to 5 953 tourists in April 2026).

Figure 3 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading overseas countries in April 2025 and April 2026



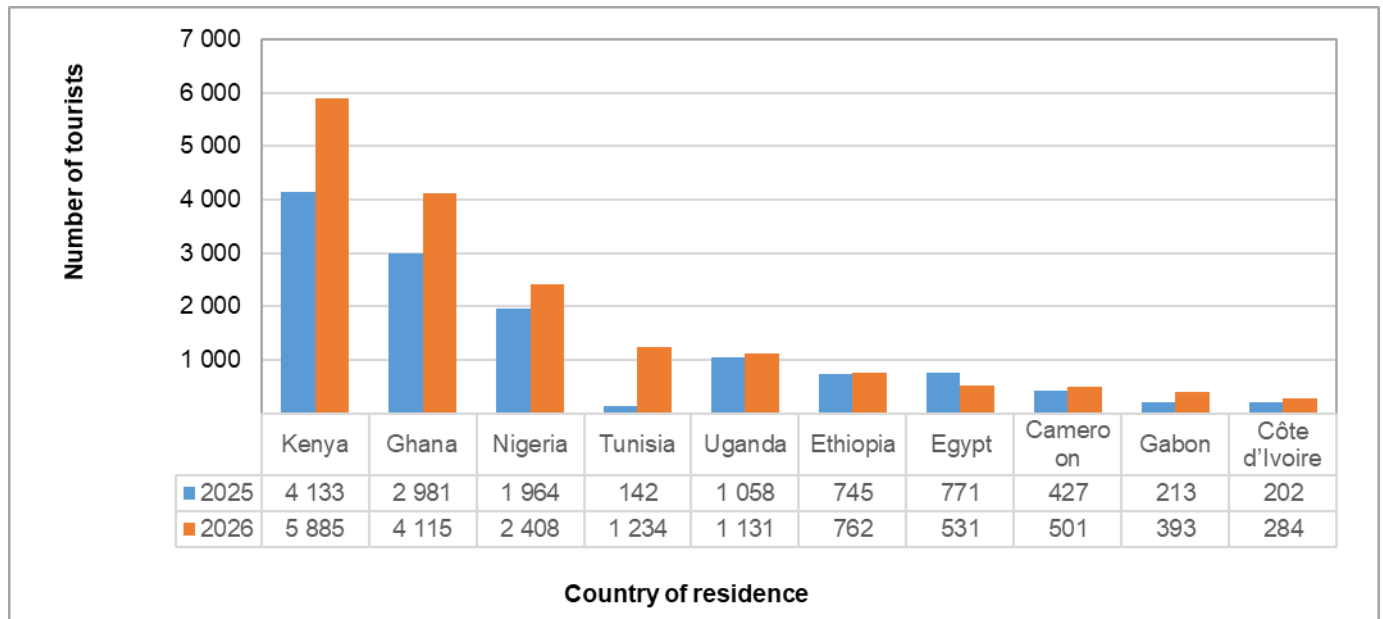
Virtually, most tourists from Africa, 787 489 (97,6%), came from SADC countries (see Table 4 on page 9). The distribution of the remaining tourists from Africa was as follows: East and Central Africa, 9 265 (1,1%); West Africa, 7 649 (0,9%) and North Africa, 2 187 (0,3%). The 10 leading SADC countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in April 2026 are shown in Figure 4 below. The highest number of tourists were from Zimbabwe, 228 371 (29,0%); Mozambique, 207 158 (26,3%); Lesotho, 153 312 (19,5%); Eswatini, 87 645 (11,1%); Botswana, 44 471 (5,6%); Malawi, 19 578 (2,5%); Zambia, 17 382 (2,2%); Namibia, 14 821 (1,9%); Tanzania, 4 419 (0,6%) and Angola, 3 916 (0,5%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 99,2% of all tourists from the SADC countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between April 2025 and April 2026 shows that the number of tourists increased for 9 of the 10 leading countries. Lesotho showed the highest increase of 39,5% (from 109 896 tourists in April 2025 to 153 312 tourists in April 2026) followed by Mozambique which increased by 39,1% (from 148 910 tourists in April 2025 to 207 158 tourists in April 2026).

Figure 4 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading SADC countries in April 2025 and April 2026



The 10 leading countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in April 2026 from 'other' African countries, as shown in Figure 5 below, were: Kenya, 5 885 (30,8%); Ghana, 4 115 (21,5%); Nigeria, 2 408 (12,6%); Tunisia, 1 234 (6,5%); Uganda, 1 131 (5,9%); Ethiopia, 762 (4,0%); Egypt, 531 (2,8%); Cameroon, 501 (2,6%); Gabon, 393 (2,1%) and Côte d'Ivoire, 284 (1,5%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 90,3% of all tourists from 'other' African countries. A comparison between movements in April 2025 and April 2026 shows that the number of tourists increased for 9 of the 10 leading countries. Tunisia showed the highest increase of 769,0% (from 142 tourists in April 2025 to 1 234 tourists in April 2026).

Figure 5 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading 'other' African countries in April 2025 and April 2026



2.3.3 Purpose of visit of tourists

Table 4 on page 9, shows the number of tourists by region, sub-region and purpose of visit. Detailed data on the country of residence and purpose of visit is presented in Annexure C on pages 19 to 22. It is observed that in April 2026, the majority of tourists, 965 632 (97,6%), were in South Africa for holiday compared to 19 234 (1,9%); 4 221 (0,4%) and 242 (less than 0,1%) who were in South Africa for business, study and medical treatment, respectively.

Within the overseas regions, Australasia, 99,5% (12 260) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for holiday, followed by Central and South America, 98,7% (7 760); Europe, 98,6% (110 707); North America, 98,5% (32 315); Asia, 95,0% (13 963) and Middle East, 95,0% (1 698).

Asia, 2,5% (371) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business, followed by Middle East, 2,0% (36); North America, 1,1% (376); Europe, 1,1% (1 182); Central and South America, 0,8% (64) and Australasia, 0,3% (37).

Middle East, 2,8% (50) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to study, followed by Asia, 2,4% (360); Central and South America, 0,5% (40); North America, 0,4% (117); Europe, 0,3% (370) and Australasia, 0,2% (24).

Middle East, 0,2% (4) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for medical treatment, followed by Europe (43), North America (11), Asia (4), Australasia (3) and Central and South America (1) with less than 0,1% of tourists who came for medical treatment.

Majority of African tourists, 786 043 (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:

- Holiday makers constituted 97,5% (768 072) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 94,1% (17 971) from 'other' African countries. Information on the regions of 'other' African countries shows that 94,2% (2 060) of tourists from North Africa were on holiday, followed by tourists from West Africa, 94,1% (7 198) and those from East and Central Africa, 94,0% (8 713).
- Business persons constituted 2,1% (16 435) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 3,6% (680) from 'other' African countries. East and Central Africa, 3,9% (357) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business purposes, followed by West Africa, 3,3% (256) and North Africa, 3,1% (67).
- Students constituted 0,4% (2 841) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 2,2% (417) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 2,7% (60) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for study purposes, followed by West Africa, 2,4% (185) and East and Central Africa, 1,9% (172).
- Tourists who came for medical treatment constituted less than 0,1% (141) of tourists from SADC countries, while those from 'other' African countries constituted 0,2% (33). East and Central Africa, 0,2% (23) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for medical treatment, followed by West Africa, 0,1% (10) while North Africa had none.

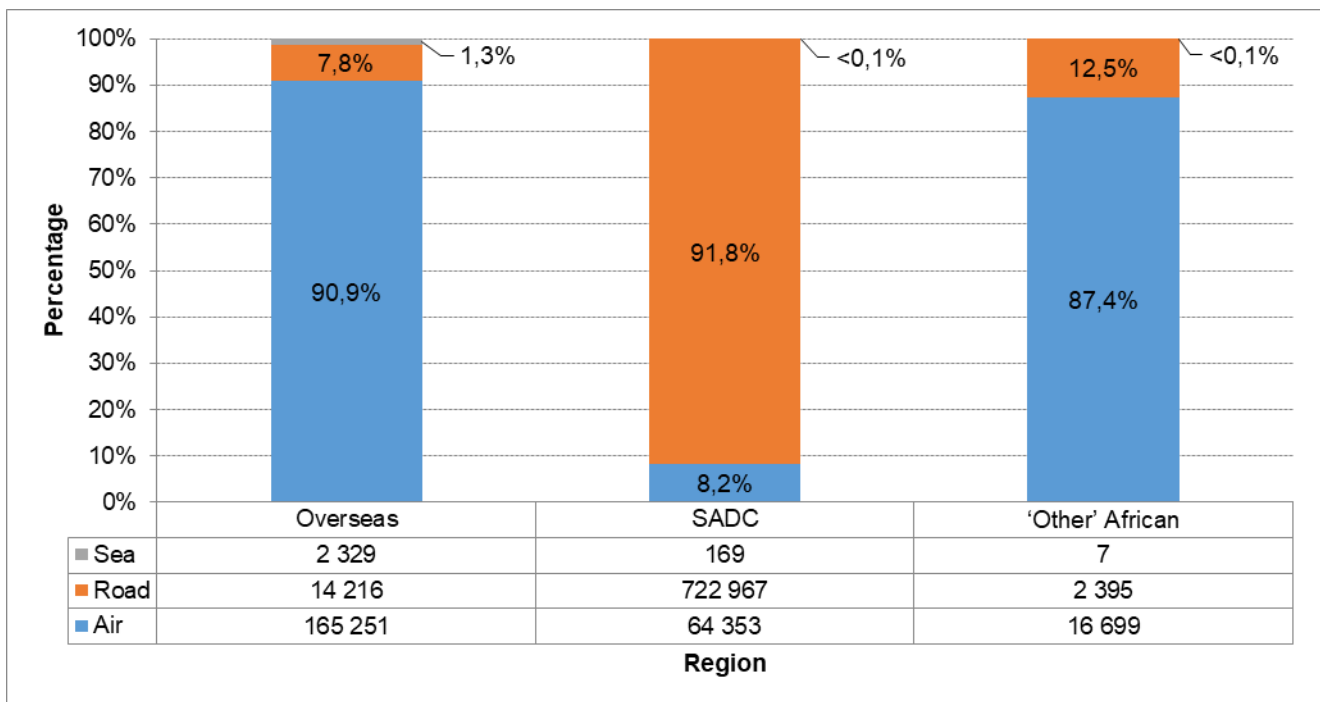
Table 4 – Number of tourists by region of residence and purpose of visit

Region of residence	April 2026	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Total	989 329	19 234	965 632	4 221	242
Overseas	181 796	2 066	178 703	961	66
Europe	112 302	1 182	110 707	370	43
North America	32 819	376	32 315	117	11
Central and South America	7 865	64	7 760	40	1
Australasia	12 324	37	12 260	24	3
Middle East	1 788	36	1 698	50	4
Asia	14 698	371	13 963	360	4
Africa	806 590	17 115	786 043	3 258	174
SADC	787 489	16 435	768 072	2 841	141
'Other' African	19 101	680	17 971	417	33
East and Central Africa	9 265	357	8 713	172	23
West Africa	7 649	256	7 198	185	10
North Africa	2 187	67	2 060	60	-
Unspecified	943	53	886	2	2

2.3.4 Mode of travel of tourists

Tourists are categorised by their countries of residence 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 Annexure B on pages 15 to 18, whereas the port of entry used by tourists is provided in Annexure E on page 27. As shown in Figure 6 below, 165 251 (90,9%) overseas tourists arrived in the country by air, whilst 14 216 (7,8%) came by road and 2 329 (1,3%) came by sea. Tourists from the SADC countries, on the other hand, came predominantly by road, 722 967 (91,8%), 64 353 (8,2%) came by air and 169 (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea. The number of tourists who came into South Africa by air from 'other' African countries was 16 699 (87,4%); while 2 395 (12,5%) used road transport and seven (less than 0,1%) preferred sea. Most tourists who arrived by road came through Lebombo port (204 870) in Mpumalanga and Beit Bridge port (177 295) in Limpopo. The majority of tourists who came by air entered through OR Tambo International Airport (163 255) and Cape Town International Airport (81 978). Tourists who arrived by sea came through Cape Town Harbour (2 491) and Durban Harbour (15).

Figure 6 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and mode of travel, April 2026



3. Annexures

Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between April 2025 and April 2026 by country of residence

Country of residence	April 2025	April 2026	Difference between April 2025 and April 2026	% change between April 2025 and April 2026
Total	827 886	989 329	161 443	19,5
Overseas	178 195	181 796	3 601	2,0
Europe	108 433	112 302	3 869	3,6
Austria	1 637	1 473	-164	-10,0
Belgium	4 020	5 165	1 145	28,5
France	10 838	13 249	2 411	22,2
Germany	19 324	17 383	-1 941	-10,0
Ireland	2 529	2 337	-192	-7,6
Italy	4 663	3 735	-928	-19,9
Portugal	1 916	2 311	395	20,6
Russian Federation	3 256	4 147	891	27,4
Spain	2 549	2 206	-343	-13,5
Sweden	1 535	1 498	-37	-2,4
Switzerland	4 099	5 119	1 020	24,9
The Netherlands	12 239	14 738	2 499	20,4
Turkey	1 316	1 458	142	10,8
UK	30 681	29 554	-1 127	-3,7
Other	7 831	7 929	98	1,3
North America	30 800	32 819	2 019	6,6
Canada	4 705	5 400	695	14,8
USA	26 095	27 419	1 324	5,1
Central and South America	6 500	7 865	1 365	21,0
Argentina	478	502	24	5,0
Brazil	4 329	5 953	1 624	37,5
Chile	193	220	27	14,0
Other	1 500	1 190	-310	-20,7

Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between April 2025 and April 2026 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	April 2025	April 2026	Difference between April 2025 and April 2026	% change between April 2025 and April 2026
Australasia	13 130	12 324	-806	-6,1
Australia	10 797	10 498	-299	-2,8
New Zealand	2 301	1 819	-482	-20,9
Other	32	7	-25	-78,1
Middle East	2 860	1 788	-1 072	-37,5
Israel	900	428	-472	-52,4
Lebanon	172	164	-8	-4,7
Saudi Arabia	943	705	-238	-25,2
Other	845	491	-354	-41,9
Asia	16 472	14 698	-1 774	-10,8
Bangladesh	638	725	87	13,6
China	2 717	2 262	-455	-16,7
India	5 627	4 158	-1 469	-26,1
Japan	1 591	1 533	-58	-3,6
Malaysia	456	443	-13	-2,9
Pakistan	1 751	1 636	-115	-6,6
Philippines	721	448	-273	-37,9
Singapore	550	938	388	70,5
South Korea	584	624	40	6,8
Thailand	699	834	135	19,3
Other	1 138	1 097	-41	-3,6
Africa	648 774	806 590	157 816	24,3
SADC	634 558	787 489	152 931	24,1
Angola	3 483	3 916	433	12,4
Botswana	43 928	44 471	543	1,2
DRC	3 409	3 210	-199	-5,8
Eswatini	80 188	87 645	7 457	9,3

Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between April 2025 and April 2026 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	April 2025	April 2026	Difference between April 2025 and April 2026	% change between April 2025 and April 2026
Lesotho	109 896	153 312	43 416	39,5
Madagascar	364	420	56	15,4
Malawi	17 849	19 578	1 729	9,7
Mauritius	2 110	2 442	332	15,7
Mozambique	148 910	207 158	58 248	39,1
Namibia	15 012	14 821	-191	-1,3
Seychelles	331	344	13	3,9
Tanzania	3 647	4 419	772	21,2
Zambia	14 198	17 382	3 184	22,4
Zimbabwe	191 233	228 371	37 138	19,4
'Other' African	14 216	19 101	4 885	34,4
East and Central Africa	7 045	9 265	2 220	31,5
Burundi	89	97	8	9,0
Cameroon	427	501	74	17,3
Central African Republic	11	13	2	18,2
Chad	38	63	25	65,8
Comoros	10	29	19	190,0
Congo	160	153	-7	-4,4
Djibouti	3	12	9	300,0
Equatorial Guinea	13	27	14	107,7
Eritrea	24	25	1	4,2
Ethiopia	745	762	17	2,3
Gabon	213	393	180	84,5
Kenya	4 133	5 885	1 752	42,4
Réunion	-	6	6	-
Rwanda	51	63	12	23,5
São Tomé and Príncipe	5	15	10	200,0
Somalia	65	90	25	38,5

Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between April 2025 and April 2026 by country of residence (concluded)

Country of residence	April 2025	April 2026	Difference between April 2025 and April 2026	% change between April 2025 and April 2026
West Africa	5 874	7 649	1 775	30,2
Benin	130	139	9	6,9
Burkina Faso	55	59	4	7,3
Cape Verde Island	17	30	13	76,5
Côte d'Ivoire	202	284	82	40,6
Gambia	25	48	23	92,0
Ghana	2 981	4 115	1 134	38,0
Guinea	80	73	-7	-8,8
Guinea-Bissau	10	7	-3	-30,0
Liberia	44	48	4	9,1
Mali	66	80	14	21,2
Mauritania	20	35	15	75,0
Niger	26	19	-7	-26,9
Nigeria	1 964	2 408	444	22,6
Saint Helena	1	-	-1	-100,0
Senegal	151	181	30	19,9
Sierra Leone	56	44	-12	-21,4
Togo	46	79	33	71,7
North Africa	1 297	2 187	890	68,6
Algeria	127	123	-4	-3,1
Egypt	771	531	-240	-31,1
Libya	51	41	-10	-19,6
Morocco	116	146	30	25,9
South Sudan	23	49	26	113,0
The Sudan	67	60	-7	-10,4
Tunisia	142	1 234	1 092	769,0
Western Sahara	-	3	3	-
Unspecified	917	943	26	2,8

Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, April 2026

Country of residence	April 2026	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Total	989 329	81 978	1 600	163 255	222	247 055	739 768	2 506
Overseas	181 796	67 811	817	96 490	133	165 251	14 216	2 329
Europe	112 302	48 317	542	52 544	79	101 482	8 850	1 970
Austria	1 473	607	1	682	8	1 298	130	45
Belgium	5 165	2 255	17	2 392	-	4 664	439	62
France	13 249	4 049	13	7 478	4	11 544	1 268	437
Germany	17 383	9 068	35	6 200	4	15 307	1 672	404
Ireland	2 337	1 095	30	1 026	1	2 152	184	1
Italy	3 735	1 652	27	1 616	5	3 300	251	184
Portugal	2 311	568	6	887	1	1 462	792	57
Russian Federation	4 147	2 839	4	1 083	2	3 928	171	48
Spain	2 206	821	7	907	-	1 735	211	260
Sweden	1 498	593	36	745	1	1 375	101	22
Switzerland	5 119	2 689	4	2 011	5	4 709	282	128
The Netherlands	14 738	6 439	17	6 817	14	13 287	1 418	33
Turkey	1 458	675	34	595	-	1 304	112	42
UK	29 554	11 931	215	16 075	32	28 253	1 187	114
Other	7 929	3 036	96	4 030	2	7 164	632	133
North America	32 819	12 250	89	18 546	33	30 918	1 728	173
Canada	5 400	2 148	11	2 832	4	4 995	364	41
USA	27 419	10 102	78	15 714	29	25 923	1 364	132
Central and South America	7 865	1 666	6	5 707	2	7 381	377	107
Argentina	502	82	1	388	-	471	14	17
Brazil	5 953	1 270	1	4 344	-	5 615	274	64
Chile	220	20	-	180	-	200	9	11
Other	1 190	294	4	795	2	1 095	80	15

Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, April 2026 (continued)

Country of residence	April 2026	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Australasia	12 324	1 916	32	9 964	7	11 919	359	46
Australia	10 498	1 567	16	8 582	6	10 171	293	34
New Zealand	1 819	349	15	1 378	1	1 743	66	10
Other	7	-	1	4	-	5	-	2
Middle East	1 788	886	4	786	1	1 677	109	2
Israel	428	124	1	256	-	381	47	-
Lebanon	164	36	1	110	1	148	16	-
Saudi Arabia	705	525	1	161	-	687	18	-
Other	491	201	1	259	-	461	28	2
Asia	14 698	2 776	144	8 943	11	11 874	2 793	31
Bangladesh	725	96	17	413	-	526	199	-
China	2 262	257	3	1 705	-	1 965	290	7
India	4 158	575	51	2 297	9	2 932	1 220	6
Japan	1 533	340	6	1 119	-	1 465	67	1
Malaysia	443	174	5	232	-	411	30	2
Pakistan	1 636	135	40	925	-	1 100	536	-
Philippines	448	103	9	281	-	393	53	2
Singapore	938	380	1	548	-	929	9	-
South Korea	624	165	2	338	-	505	117	2
Thailand	834	295	5	514	-	814	19	1
Other	1 097	256	5	571	2	834	253	10
Africa	806 590	14 093	783	66 088	88	81 052	725 362	176
SADC	787 489	9 354	759	54 164	76	64 353	722 967	169
Angola	3 916	1 808	-	1 534	5	3 347	565	4
Botswana	44 471	535	-	3 021	13	3 569	40 852	50
DRC	3 210	87	-	2 903	3	2 993	217	-
Eswatini	87 645	177	64	1 114	4	1 359	86 283	3

Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, April 2026 (continued)

Country of residence	April 2026	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Lesotho	153 312	15	1	667	-	683	152 605	24
Madagascar	420	16	-	367	-	383	37	-
Malawi	19 578	27	2	3 027	-	3 056	16 519	3
Mauritius	2 442	873	-	1 503	-	2 376	65	1
Mozambique	207 158	270	7	4 035	7	4 319	202 833	6
Namibia	14 821	2 575	-	2 529	2	5 106	9 685	30
Seychelles	344	24	-	314	-	338	6	-
Tanzania	4 419	754	-	2 391	2	3 147	1 272	-
Zambia	17 382	169	3	5 976	9	6 157	11 219	6
Zimbabwe	228 371	2 024	682	24 783	31	27 520	200 809	42
'Other' African	19 101	4 739	24	11 924	12	16 699	2 395	7
East and Central Africa	9 265	2 930	12	5 328	11	8 281	981	3
Burundi	97	39	-	53	-	92	5	-
Cameroon	501	201	1	266	1	469	31	1
Central African Republic	13	4	-	9	-	13	-	-
Chad	63	5	-	57	-	62	1	-
Comoros	29	1	-	28	-	29	-	-
Congo	153	45	-	103	-	148	5	-
Djibouti	12	2	-	10	-	12	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	27	5	-	19	-	24	3	-
Eritrea	25	1	2	20	-	23	2	-
Ethiopia	762	143	4	551	-	698	64	-
Gabon	393	52	-	333	-	385	8	-
Kenya	5 885	2 106	4	3 019	8	5 137	746	2
Réunion	6	6	-	-	-	6	-	-
Rwanda	63	7	-	43	-	50	13	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	15	6	-	9	-	15	-	-
Somalia	90	9	-	41	-	50	40	-

Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, April 2026 (concluded)

Country of residence	April 2026	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
West Africa	7 649	1 600	8	4 674	1	6 283	1 366	-
Benin	139	44	-	87	-	131	8	-
Burkina Faso	59	9	-	49	-	58	1	-
Cape Verde Island	30	17	-	10	-	27	3	-
Côte d'Ivoire	284	41	-	234	-	275	9	-
Gambia	48	11	-	34	-	45	3	-
Ghana	4 115	699	2	2 289	-	2 990	1 125	-
Guinea	73	6	-	56	-	62	11	-
Guinea-Bissau	7	2	-	3	-	5	2	-
Liberia	48	2	-	44	-	46	2	-
Mali	80	10	-	48	-	58	22	-
Mauritania	35	11	-	24	-	35	-	-
Niger	19	7	-	10	-	17	2	-
Nigeria	2 408	646	4	1 587	1	2 238	170	-
Senegal	181	72	2	101	-	175	6	-
Sierra Leone	44	11	-	31	-	42	2	-
Togo	79	12	-	67	-	79	-	-
North Africa	2 187	209	4	1 922	-	2 135	48	4
Algeria	123	12	-	103	-	115	8	-
Egypt	531	80	1	437	-	518	13	-
Libya	41	4	-	28	-	32	9	-
Morocco	146	45	-	91	-	136	6	4
South Sudan	49	5	-	43	-	48	1	-
The Sudan	60	16	2	39	-	57	3	-
Tunisia	1 234	47	1	1 178	-	1 226	8	-
Western Sahara	3	-	-	3	-	3	-	-
Unspecified	943	74	-	677	1	752	190	1

Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, April 2026

Country of residence	April 2026	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Total	989 329	19 234	965 632	4 221	242
Overseas	181 796	2 066	178 703	961	66
Europe	112 302	1 182	110 707	370	43
Austria	1 473	12	1 457	4	-
Belgium	5 165	30	5 123	12	-
France	13 249	137	13 056	55	1
Germany	17 383	135	17 159	89	-
Ireland	2 337	24	2 309	4	-
Italy	3 735	53	3 663	14	5
Portugal	2 311	30	2 273	6	2
Russian Federation	4 147	64	4 075	8	-
Spain	2 206	47	2 147	12	-
Sweden	1 498	26	1 460	12	-
Switzerland	5 119	35	5 078	5	1
The Netherlands	14 738	90	14 600	33	15
Turkey	1 458	36	1 406	16	-
UK	29 554	353	29 121	62	18
Other	7 929	110	7 780	38	1
North America	32 819	376	32 315	117	11
Canada	5 400	61	5 324	11	4
USA	27 419	315	26 991	106	7
Central and South America	7 865	64	7 760	40	1
Argentina	502	4	490	8	-
Brazil	5 953	41	5 894	18	-
Chile	220	4	214	2	-
Other	1 190	15	1 162	12	1

Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, April 2026 (continued)

Country of residence	April 2026	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Australasia	12 324	37	12 260	24	3
Australia	10 498	31	10 447	17	3
New Zealand	1 819	6	1 806	7	-
Other	7	-	7	-	-
Middle East	1 788	36	1 698	50	4
Israel	428	5	420	2	1
Lebanon	164	7	154	1	2
Saudi Arabia	705	1	687	16	1
Other	491	23	437	31	-
Asia	14 698	371	13 963	360	4
Bangladesh	725	14	704	7	-
China	2 262	63	2 152	47	-
India	4 158	167	3 807	184	-
Japan	1 533	15	1 499	19	-
Malaysia	443	15	412	16	-
Pakistan	1 636	21	1 597	18	-
Philippines	448	15	421	11	1
Singapore	938	25	913	-	-
South Korea	624	9	600	14	1
Thailand	834	4	798	32	-
Other	1 097	23	1 060	12	2
Africa	806 590	17 115	786 043	3 258	174
SADC	787 489	16 435	768 072	2 841	141
Angola	3 916	68	3 717	114	17
Botswana	44 471	454	43 606	401	10
DRC	3 210	47	2 971	153	39
Eswatini	87 645	2 468	84 988	177	12

Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, April 2026 (continued)

Country of residence	April 2026	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Lesotho	153 312	452	152 023	834	3
Madagascar	420	2	409	9	-
Malawi	19 578	321	19 213	37	7
Mauritius	2 442	15	2 417	10	-
Mozambique	207 158	2 179	204 887	79	13
Namibia	14 821	3 302	11 192	319	8
Seychelles	344	-	343	1	-
Tanzania	4 419	94	4 254	65	6
Zambia	17 382	3 256	14 057	62	7
Zimbabwe	228 371	3 777	223 995	580	19
'Other' African	19 101	680	17 971	417	33
East and Central Africa	9 265	357	8 713	172	23
Burundi	97	8	87	-	2
Cameroon	501	49	417	26	9
Central African Republic	13	3	8	2	-
Chad	63	3	55	5	-
Comoros	29	4	23	2	-
Congo	153	18	128	6	1
Djibouti	12	2	10	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	27	2	24	1	-
Eritrea	25	-	25	-	-
Ethiopia	762	34	719	7	2
Gabon	393	3	373	15	2
Kenya	5 885	152	5 650	77	6
Réunion	6	-	6	-	-
Rwanda	63	1	62	-	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	15	-	15	-	-
Somalia	90	20	70	-	-

Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, April 2026 (concluded)

Country of residence	April 2026	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
West Africa	7 649	256	7 198	185	10
Benin	139	6	127	5	1
Burkina Faso	59	4	55	-	-
Cape Verde Island	30	5	25	-	-
Côte d'Ivoire	284	25	250	9	-
Gambia	48	6	35	7	-
Ghana	4 115	77	4 004	32	2
Guinea	73	2	70	1	-
Guinea-Bissau	7	1	6	-	-
Liberia	48	1	45	1	1
Mali	80	6	68	5	1
Mauritania	35	9	25	1	-
Niger	19	3	15	-	1
Nigeria	2 408	75	2 208	122	3
Senegal	181	29	151	1	-
Sierra Leone	44	3	41	-	-
Togo	79	4	73	1	1
North Africa	2 187	67	2 060	60	-
Algeria	123	6	112	5	-
Egypt	531	32	473	26	-
Libya	41	3	35	3	-
Morocco	146	13	132	1	-
South Sudan	49	-	45	4	-
The Sudan	60	1	41	18	-
Tunisia	1 234	12	1 219	3	-
Western Sahara	3	-	3	-	-
Unspecified	943	53	886	2	2

Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026 by country of residence

Country of residence	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	Difference between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026	% change between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026
Total	3 416 423	3 899 358	482 935	14,1
Overseas	819 280	863 473	44 193	5,4
Europe	537 688	591 800	54 112	10,1
Austria	9 702	10 898	1 196	12,3
Belgium	17 692	18 482	790	4,5
Denmark	8 851	9 030	179	2,0
France	47 471	51 186	3 715	7,8
Germany	115 739	135 468	19 729	17,0
Ireland	11 834	12 674	840	7,1
Italy	15 455	14 808	-647	-4,2
Other	37 431	44 020	6 589	17,6
Portugal	6 835	8 240	1 405	20,6
Russian Federation	15 209	19 361	4 152	27,3
Spain	8 392	8 600	208	2,5
Sweden	12 157	12 386	229	1,9
Switzerland	18 414	20 974	2 560	13,9
The Netherlands	50 938	55 100	4 162	8,2
UK	161 568	170 573	9 005	5,6
North America	134 052	128 483	-5 569	-4,2
Canada	22 561	22 918	357	1,6
USA	111 491	105 565	-5 926	-5,3
Central and South America	28 459	34 158	5 699	20,0
Argentina	3 381	4 218	837	24,8
Brazil	17 936	23 260	5 324	29,7
Chile	1 538	1 537	-1	-0,1
Other	5 604	5 143	-461	-8,2

Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	Difference between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026	% change between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026
Australasia	40 415	40 843	428	1,1
Australia	33 712	34 964	1 252	3,7
New Zealand	6 572	5 835	-737	-11,2
Other	131	44	-87	-66,4
Middle East	11 216	7 903	-3 313	-29,5
Israel	3 171	2 438	-733	-23,1
Lebanon	770	733	-37	-4,8
Saudi Arabia	3 209	2 632	-577	-18,0
Other	4 066	2 100	-1 966	-48,4
Asia	67 450	60 286	-7 164	-10,6
Bangladesh	2 201	2 434	233	10,6
China	13 911	9 899	-4 012	-28,8
India	22 535	17 072	-5 463	-24,2
Japan	6 420	7 399	979	15,2
Malaysia	1 640	1 620	-20	-1,2
Pakistan	5 579	6 433	854	15,3
Philippines	1 934	1 659	-275	-14,2
Singapore	1 732	2 709	977	56,4
South Korea	5 342	4 794	-548	-10,3
Thailand	1 707	1 885	178	10,4
Other	4 449	4 382	-67	-1,5
Africa	2 593 344	3 032 457	439 113	16,9
SADC	2 532 986	2 964 304	431 318	17,0
Angola	13 807	14 559	752	5,4
Botswana	125 043	131 434	6 391	5,1
DRC	11 942	12 979	1 037	8,7
Eswatini	294 095	311 209	17 114	5,8

Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026 by country of residence (continued))

Country of residence	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	Difference between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026	% change between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026
Lesotho	485 444	535 247	49 803	10,3
Madagascar	1 361	1 512	151	11,1
Malawi	71 901	82 140	10 239	14,2
Mauritius	6 613	7 023	410	6,2
Mozambique	636 955	849 515	212 560	33,4
Namibia	54 665	54 840	175	0,3
Seychelles	1 753	1 849	96	5,5
Tanzania	13 089	15 357	2 268	17,3
Zambia	50 250	62 058	11 808	23,5
Zimbabwe	766 068	884 582	118 514	15,5
'Other' African	60 358	68 153	7 795	12,9
East and Central Africa	29 106	33 060	3 954	13,6
Burundi	376	474	98	26,1
Cameroon	1 627	1 744	117	7,2
Central African Republic	55	46	-9	-16,4
Chad	173	192	19	11,0
Comoros	100	80	-20	-20,0
Congo	633	492	-141	-22,3
Djibouti	35	22	-13	-37,1
Equatorial Guinea	88	86	-2	-2,3
Eritrea	147	116	-31	-21,1
Ethiopia	2 792	3 091	299	10,7
Gabon	1 109	1 471	362	32,6
Kenya	16 834	20 117	3 283	19,5
Réunion	14	22	8	57,1
Rwanda	264	325	61	23,1
São Tomé and Príncipe	35	49	14	40,0
Somalia	269	332	63	23,4
Uganda	4 555	4 401	-154	-3,4

Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026 by country of residence (concluded)

Country of residence	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	Difference between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026	% change between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026
West Africa	25 979	29 733	3 754	14,5
Benin	659	563	-96	-14,6
Burkina Faso	274	316	42	15,3
Cape Verde Island	102	115	13	12,7
Côte d'Ivoire	745	876	131	17,6
Gambia	143	161	18	12,6
Ghana	12 750	14 736	1 986	15,6
Guinea	399	337	-62	-15,5
Guinea-Bissau	49	24	-25	-51,0
Liberia	217	213	-4	-1,8
Mali	375	438	63	16,8
Mauritania	90	123	33	36,7
Niger	104	109	5	4,8
Nigeria	9 116	10 739	1 623	17,8
Saint Helena	8	3	-5	-62,5
Senegal	517	578	61	11,8
Sierra Leone	214	199	-15	-7,0
Togo	217	203	-14	-6,5
North Africa	5 273	5 360	87	1,6
Algeria	401	397	-4	-1,0
Egypt	2 629	2 121	-508	-19,3
Libya	203	134	-69	-34,0
Morocco	621	492	-129	-20,8
South Sudan	180	246	66	36,7
The Sudan	316	319	3	0,9
Tunisia	918	1 646	728	79,3
Western Sahara	5	5	-	-
Unspecified	3 799	3 428	-371	-9,8

Annexure E – Number of tourists' difference between Apr 2019 and Apr 2026 by port of entry and province (excluding ports in Apr 2019 with missing data in Apr 2026)

Port of entry and province	April 2019	April 2026	Difference between Apr 2019 and Apr 2026	% Change between Apr 2019 and Apr 2026
Total	874 205	989 329	115 124	13,2
Western Cape	68 064	84 469	16 405	24,1
Cape Town Harbour	25	2 491	2 466	9864,0
Cape Town International Airport	68 039	81 978	13 939	20,5
Northern Cape	10 521	9 370	-1 151	-10,9
Nakop	4 320	4 665	345	8,0
Violsdrift	6 201	4 705	-1 496	-24,1
Free State	132 917	154 112	21 195	15,9
Caledonspoort	10 954	15 540	4 586	41,9
Ficksburg	54 879	63 214	8 335	15,2
Maseru Bridge	53 744	64 760	11 016	20,5
Van Rooyens Gate	13 340	10 598	-2 742	-20,6
KwaZulu Natal	27 971	27 661	-310	-1,1
Durban Harbour	1 161	15	-1 146	-98,7
King Shaka International Airport	5 119	1 600	-3 519	-68,7
Golela	16 547	15 952	-595	-3,6
Kosibay	5 144	10 094	4 950	96,2
North West	57 935	40 052	-17 883	-30,9
Kopfontein	28 583	20 832	-7 751	-27,1
Ramatlabama	9 072	7 560	-1 512	-16,7
Skilpad Gate	14 193	8 404	-5 789	-40,8
Swartkopfontein Gate	6 087	3 256	-2 831	-46,5
Gauteng	178 205	163 477	-14 728	-8,3
Lanseria International Airport	213	222	9	4,2
OR Tambo International Airport	177 992	163 255	-14 737	-8,3
Mpumalanga	188 607	300 284	111 677	59,2
Emahlatini	6 318	6 091	-227	-3,6
Jeppes Reef	12 693	15 279	2 586	20,4
Lebombo	101 985	204 870	102 885	100,9
Mahamba	10 669	9 897	-772	-7,2
Mananga	8 494	9 044	550	6,5
Nerston	1 411	1 061	-350	-24,8
Oshoek	47 037	54 042	7 005	14,9
Limpopo	209 985	209 904	-81	0,0
Beit Bridge	176 977	177 295	318	0,2
Groblers Bridge	33 008	32 609	-399	-1,2

Annexure F – Number of tourists' difference between Apr 2025 and Apr 2026 by port of entry and province (excluding ports in Apr 2026 with missing data in Apr 2025)

Port of entry and province	April 2025	April 2026	Difference between Apr 2025 and Apr 2026	% Change between Apr 2025 and Apr 2026
Total	825 272	986 073	160 801	19,5
Western Cape	72 507	84 469	11 962	16,5
Cape Town Harbour	309	2 491	2 182	706,1
Cape Town International Airport	72 198	81 978	9 780	13,5
Northern Cape	9 743	9 370	-373	-3,8
Nakop	4 580	4 665	85	1,9
Violsdrift	5 163	4 705	-458	-8,9
Free State	107 292	154 112	46 820	43,6
Caledonspoort	10 241	15 540	5 299	51,7
Ficksburg	43 193	63 214	20 021	46,4
Maseru Bridge	53 014	64 760	11 746	22,2
Van Rooyens Gate	844	10 598	9 754	1155,7
KwaZulu Natal	27 485	27 661	176	0,6
Durban Harbour	17	15	-2	-11,8
King Shaka International Airport	4 005	1 600	-2 405	-60,0
Golela	14 162	15 952	1 790	12,6
Kosibay	9 301	10 094	793	8,5
North West	41 405	36 796	-4 609	-11,1
Kopfontein	24 166	20 832	-3 334	-13,8
Ramatlabama	7 277	7 560	283	3,9
Skilpad Gate	9 962	8 404	-1 558	-15,6
Gauteng	156 282	163 477	7 195	4,6
Lanseria International Airport	318	222	-96	-30,2
OR Tambo International Airport	155 964	163 255	7 291	4,7
Mpumalanga	228 509	300 284	71 775	31,4
Emahlatini	5 738	6 091	353	6,2
Jeppes Reef	12 965	15 279	2 314	17,8
Lebombo	146 560	204 870	58 310	39,8
Mahamba	8 428	9 897	1 469	17,4
Mananga	10 591	9 044	-1 547	-14,6
Nerston	301	1 061	760	252,5
Oshoek	43 926	54 042	10 116	23,0
Limpopo	182 049	209 904	27 855	15,3
Beit Bridge	153 013	177 295	24 282	15,9
Groblers Bridge	29 036	32 609	3 573	12,3

Annexure G – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026 by port of entry and province (excluding ports with missing data at any point between Jan – Apr, 2025 – 2026)

Port of entry and province	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	Difference between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026	% Change between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026
Total	2 983 541	3 889 697	906 156	30,4
Western Cape	419 936	457 127	37 191	8,9
Cape Town Harbour	5 692	11 400	5 708	100,3
Cape Town International Airport	414 244	445 727	31 483	7,6
Northern Cape	35 400	34 370	-1 030	-2,9
Nakop	16 998	17 161	163	1,0
Violsdrift	18 402	17 209	-1 193	-6,5
Free State	476 895	540 637	63 742	13,4
Caledonspoort	48 399	55 448	7 049	14,6
Ficksburg	192 247	227 120	34 873	18,1
Maseru Bridge	214 907	233 116	18 209	8,5
Van Rooyens Gate	21 342	24 953	3 611	16,9
KwaZulu Natal	109 674	115 748	6 074	5,5
Durban Harbour	2 740	2 017	-723	-26,4
King Shaka International Airport	13 287	8 546	-4 741	-35,7
Golela	52 554	54 985	2 431	4,6
Kosibay	41 093	50 200	9 107	22,2
North West	147 888	125 868	-22 020	-14,9
Kopfontein	89 250	71 976	-17 274	-19,4
Ramathlabama	24 857	26 315	1 458	5,9
Skilpad Gate	33 781	27 577	-6 204	-18,4
Gauteng	591 798	637 241	45 443	7,7
Lanseria International Airport	961	859	-102	-10,6
Oliver Tambo International Airport	590 837	636 382	45 545	7,7
Mpumalanga	919 146	1 162 469	243 323	26,5
Emahlatini	19 738	23 602	3 864	19,6
Jeppes Reef	51 885	58 164	6 279	12,1
Lebombo	615 745	823 446	207 701	33,7
Mahamba	29 898	32 819	2 921	9,8
Mananga	38 100	33 397	-4 703	-12,3
Nerston	659	3 201	2 542	385,7
Oshoek	163 121	187 840	24 719	15,2
Limpopo	702 740	816 237	113 497	16,2
Beit Bridge	634 292	715 602	81 310	12,8
Groblers Bridge	68 448	100 635	32 187	47,0

4. Explanatory notes

4.1 Introduction

Legal movements across South African borders, as well as legal immigration into South Africa, fall under the jurisdiction of the 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 (in terms of both 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.

4.2 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.

4.3 Scope and coverage

The release covers data collected by DHA officials on travellers who departed from or entered the Republic of South Africa (RSA). It is crucial to note that unlike data from census or sample surveys that count individual persons, border statistics by their nature, measure events i.e. movements of persons rather than the physical persons. The reason is that the same person can cross the border several times during a specified time and his or her information is recorded every time he or she passes through the border.

4.4 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. 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 OR 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/decrease in the volume of passengers reported by ACSA is also reflected with an increase/decrease in the volume of travellers recorded by DHA. In April 2026, the DHA data was 0,3% lower than that of ACSA.

4.5 Limitations

4.5.1 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.

4.6 Definition of terms

4.6.1 Definitions used by the United Nations Tourism (UN Tourism)

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.

4.6.2 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.

4.7 Symbols used

- = nil

< = less than

4.8 Rounding off

Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

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