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Preface

This monthly statistical release provides information on South African residents and foreign travellers who entered or left South Africa in December 2025. Specific focus is on foreign tourists who entered the country in December 2025. 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 December 2025, 3 962 073 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) entered and exited South Africa. They were made up of 1 188 119 (30,0%) South African residents and 2 773 954 (70,0%) foreign travellers. Foreign arrivals were made up of 25 710 (1,9%) non-visitors and 1 313 507 (98,1%) visitors. Visitors consisted of 316 342 (24,1%) same-day visitors and 997 165 (75,9%) overnight visitors (tourists).

Tourists

Overseas tourists constituted 23,9% (238 561) of all tourists. United Kingdom (UK) (47 634), Germany (33 917) and United States of America (USA) (33 606) contributed 48,3% to overseas tourists. Tourists from Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries constituted 74,0% (738 362) of all tourists. Zimbabwe (209 927), Mozambique (181 250) and Lesotho (115 831) contributed 68,7% to SADC tourists. 'Other' African countries (non-SADC) tourists were 1,9% (19 408) of all tourists. Kenya (6 581), Ghana (4 352) and Nigeria (2 474) contributed 69,1% to 'other' African tourists. The country of residence of 834 (0,1%) tourists was classified as unspecified.

Purpose of visit

'Holiday'¹ continues to be the main purpose of visit. About 98,1% 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 3 962 073 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) passed through South African ports in December 2025. As presented in Table 1 below, these travellers were made up of 1 188 119 South African residents and 2 773 954 foreign travellers. A further breakdown of the figures for South African residents indicates that there were 519 668 arrivals, 667 890 departures and 561 travellers in transit. The corresponding volumes for foreign arrivals, departures and travellers in transit were 1 339 217, 1 393 309 and 41 428 respectively.

A comparison between the movements in November 2025 and December 2025 indicates that the volume of arrivals and departures increased for both South African residents and foreign travellers, whereas that of transits decreased for both groups of travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals increased by 43,0% (from 363 368 in November 2025 to 519 668 in December 2025), departures increased by 82,9% (from 365 169 in November 2025 to 667 890 in December 2025) and transits decreased by 1,8% (from 571 in November 2025 to 561 in December 2025). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 6,0% (from 1 263 598 in November 2025 to 1 339 217 in December 2025), departures increased by 30,6% (from 1 067 056 in November 2025 to 1 393 309 in December 2025), and transits decreased by 6,5% (from 44 330 in November 2025 to 41 428 in December 2025).

A comparison between the movements in December 2024 and December 2025 indicates that the volume of arrivals, departures and transits increased for both groups of travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals increased by 11,1% (from 467 578 in December 2024 to 519 668 in December 2025), departures increased by 17,5% (from 568 257 in December 2024 to 667 890 in December 2025) and transits increased by 5,6% (from 531 in December 2024 to 561 in December 2025). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 10,2% (from 1 215 250 in December 2024 to 1 339 217 in December 2025), departures increased by 20,9% (from 1 152 618 in December 2024 to 1 393 309 in December 2025) and transits increased by 25,0% (from 33 142 in December 2024 to 41 428 in December 2025).

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

Travel Direction	December 2024	November 2025	December 2025	% Change Nov 2025 – Dec 2025	% Change Dec 2024 – Dec 2025
Total	3 437 376	3 104 092	3 962 073	27,6	15,3
South African residents	1 036 366	729 108	1 188 119	63,0	14,6
Arrivals	467 578	363 368	519 668	43,0	11,1
Departures	568 257	365 169	667 890	82,9	17,5
Transits	531	571	561	-1,8	5,6
Foreign travellers	2 401 010	2 374 984	2 773 954	16,8	15,5
Arrivals	1 215 250	1 263 598	1 339 217	6,0	10,2
Departures	1 152 618	1 067 056	1 393 309	30,6	20,9
Transits	33 142	44 330	41 428	-6,5	25,0

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 December 2025, road was the most common mode of travel used by 2 681 630 (67,7%) of the 3 962 073 travellers. The total number of air travellers was 1 236 450 (31,2%). Compared to air and road, a smaller number of travellers, 43 993 (1,1%) used sea into and out of South Africa. Information on arrivals of South African residents shows that 245 938 (47,3%) came by air, 258 713 (49,8%) came by road and 15 017 (2,9%) arrived by sea. For departures, 277 582 (41,6%) used air, 376 952 (56,4%) used road and 13 356 (2,0%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 561 (100,0%) used air.

In the case of foreign travellers, 351 489 (26,2%) arrived by air, 979 191 (73,1%) came by road and 8 537 (0,6%) arrived by sea. When departing South Africa, 319 452 (22,9%) foreign travellers left by air, 1 066 774 (76,6%) left by road and 7 083 (0,5%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 41 428 (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	3 962 073	354 150	31 541	849 039	1 720	1 236 450	2 681 630	43 993
South African residents	1 188 119	106 526	23 621	392 760	1 174	524 081	635 665	28 373
Arrivals	519 668	55 123	10 852	179 395	568	245 938	258 713	15 017
Departures	667 890	51 388	12 769	212 819	606	277 582	376 952	13 356
Transit	561	15	-	546	-	561	-	-
Foreign travellers	2 773 954	247 624	7 920	456 279	546	712 369	2 045 965	15 620
Arrivals	1 339 217	132 668	4 236	214 336	249	351 489	979 191	8 537
Departures	1 393 309	114 594	3 684	200 877	297	319 452	1 066 774	7 083
Transit	41 428	362	-	41 066	-	41 428	-	-
Visitors	1 313 507	129 951	3 807	210 156	184	344 098	963 931	5 478
Same-day	316 342	1 384	19	20 101	30	21 534	294 395	413
Overnight/ Tourist	997 165	128 567	3 788	190 055	154	322 564	669 536	5 065

2.2 Visitors

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

As presented in Table 3 on page 4, in December 2025, 25 710 (1,9%) of foreign arrivals were classified as non-visitors, while 1 313 507 (98,1%) were classified as visitors. Visitors were categorised into three groups:

- Arrivals only – comprising visitors who entered the country in December 2025 but did not depart in December 2025 [433 736 (33,0%)].
- Single trips – visitors who came to South Africa once in December 2025 and left in December 2025 [488 992 (37,2%)].
- Multiple trips – visitors who came to and left South Africa more than once in December 2025 [390 779 (29,8%)].

Visitors were further grouped as same-day visitors and overnight visitors/tourists. In December 2025, there were 316 342 (24,1%) same-day visitors and 997 165 (75,9%) tourists. Between November 2025 and December 2025, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 8,4% (from 291 935 in November 2025 to 316 342 in December 2025) and that of tourists increased by 6,1% (from 939 654 in November 2025 to 997 165 in December 2025). Between December 2024 and December 2025, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 18,2% (from 267 630 in December 2024 to 316 342 in December 2025) and that of tourists increased by 8,4% (from 920 147 in December 2024 to 997 165 in December 2025).

Table 2 on page 3 further shows that of the 316 342 same-day visitors, a majority, 294 395 (93,1%) arrived in the country by road, 21 534 (6,8%) arrived by air and 413 (0,1%) arrived by sea. Information on tourists shows that 669 536 (67,1%) came by road, 322 564 (32,3%) used air and 5 065 (0,5%) used sea.

Table 3 – Number of visitors by type of visitor

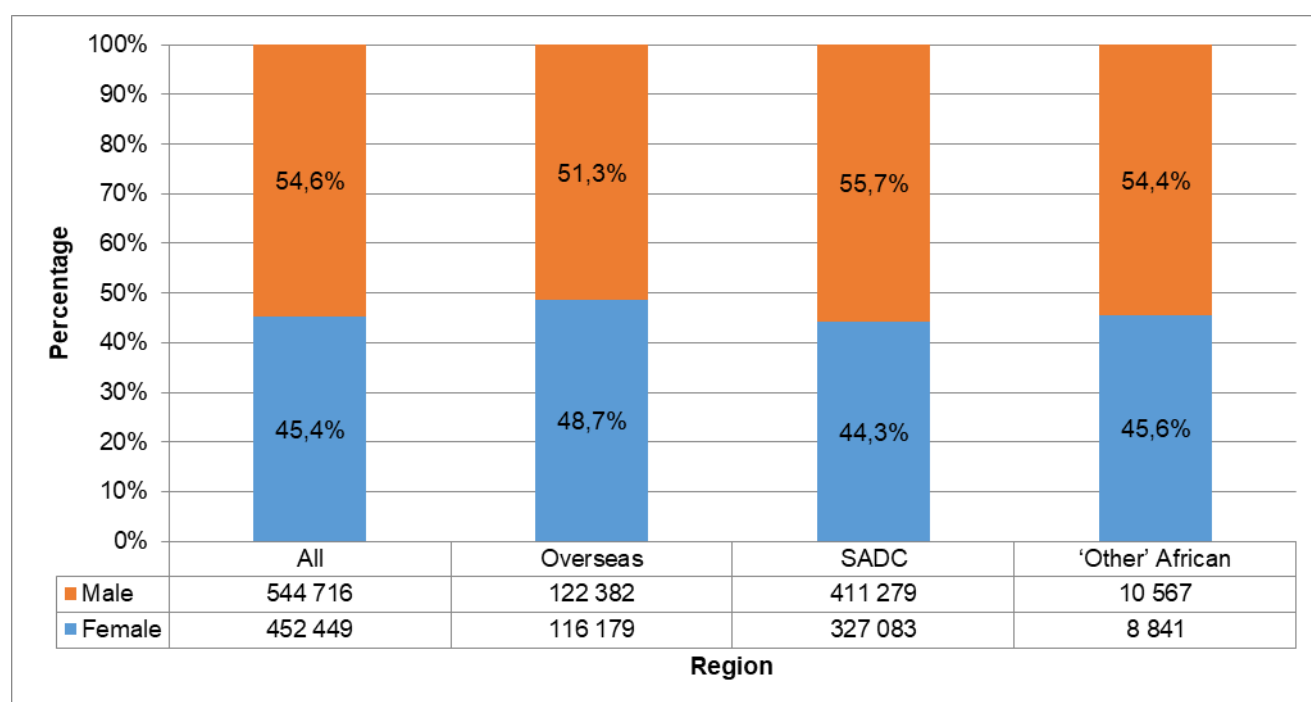
Travel Direction	December 2024	November 2025	December 2025	% Change Nov 2025 – Dec 2025	% Change Dec 2024 – Dec 2025
Foreign arrivals	1 215 250	1 263 598	1 339 217	6,0	10,2
Non-visitors	27 473	32 009	25 710	-19,7	-6,4
Visitors	1 187 777	1 231 589	1 313 507	6,7	10,6
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Arrivals only	439 816	456 377	433 736	-5,0	-1,4
Single trips	403 137	409 921	488 992	19,3	21,3
Multiple trips	344 824	365 291	390 779	7,0	13,3
Visitors	1 187 777	1 231 589	1 313 507	6,7	10,6
Same-day	267 630	291 935	316 342	8,4	18,2
Overnight/Tourists	920 147	939 654	997 165	6,1	8,4

2.3 Tourists

2.3.1 Sex and age distribution of tourists

Sex

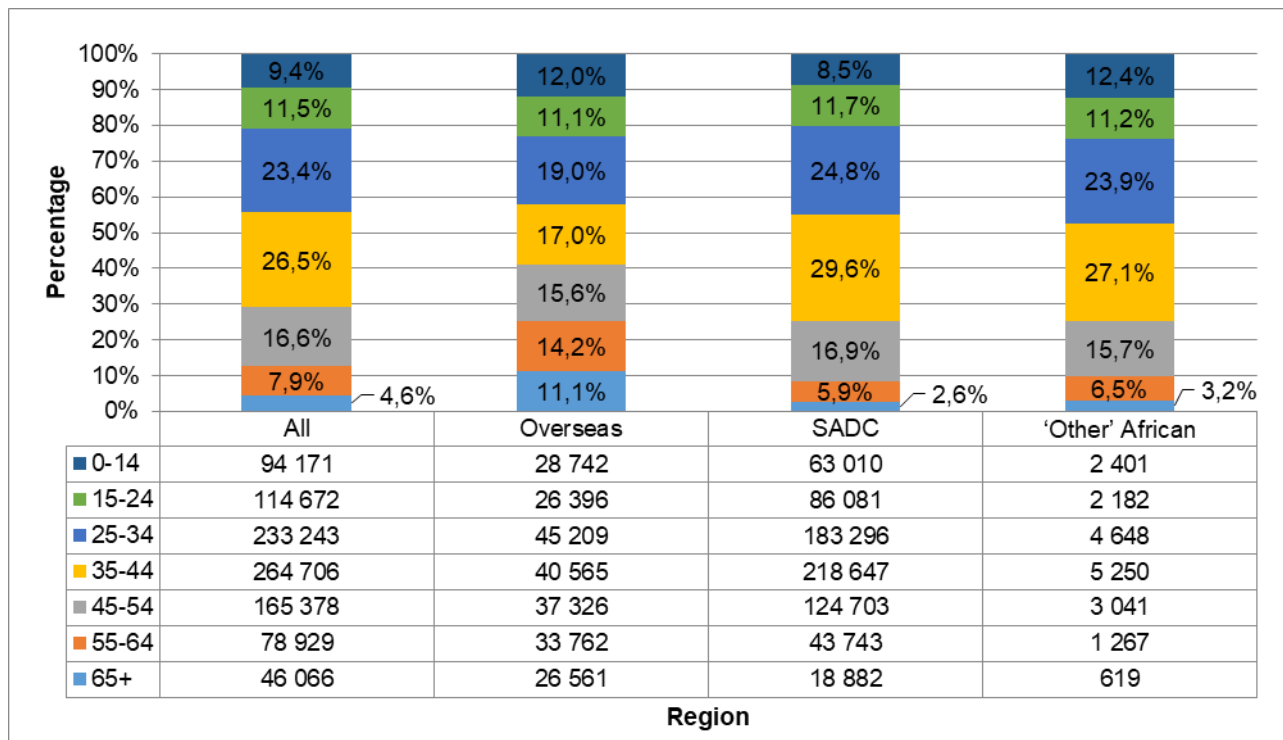
Figure 1 on page 5 shows that there were more male [544 716 (54,6%)] than female [452 449 (45,4%)] tourists. Male tourists constituted the majority of tourists for all three regions, SADC countries [411 279 (55,7%)], overseas countries [122 382 (51,3%)] and 'other' African countries [10 567 (54,4%)]. Similarly, the largest portion of female tourists was from SADC countries [327 083 (44,3%)], followed by overseas countries [116 179 (48,7%)] and 'other' African countries [8 841 (45,6%)].

Figure 1 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and sex, December 2025

Age

The age distribution indicates that out of all tourists, [9,4% (94 171)] were aged younger than 15; [11,5% (114 672)] were aged between 15 and 24; [23,4% (233 243)] were aged between 25 and 34; [26,5% (264 706)] were aged between 35 and 44; [16,6% (165 378)] were aged between 45 and 54; [7,9% (78 929)] were aged between 55 and 64; and [4,6% (46 066)] were aged 65 and older (see Figure 2 on page 6).

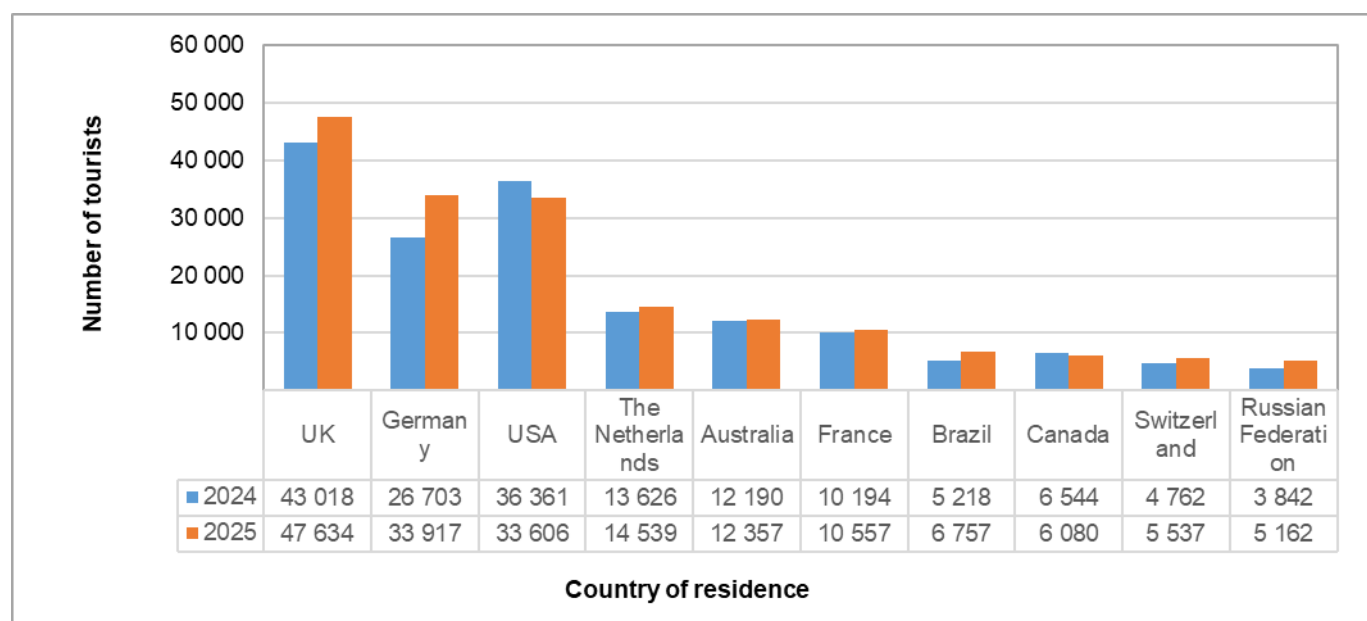
Taking the region of residence into consideration, the results show that the highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [29,6% (218 647)] and those from 'other' African countries [27,1% (5 250)] were aged between 35 and 44. In contrast, those from overseas countries [19,0% (45 209)] were aged 25 and 34. The second highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [24,8% (183 296)] and those from 'other' African countries [23,9% (4 648)] were aged between 25 and 34, whereas those from overseas countries [17,0% (40 565)] were aged between 35 and 44. The proportion of tourists aged younger than 15 was higher among tourists from 'other' African countries, 12,4% (2 401) and those from overseas countries, 12,0% (28 742) compared to those from SADC countries, 8,5% (63 010). The median ages of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries were 39, 36 and 35 years, respectively.

Figure 2 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and age, December 2025

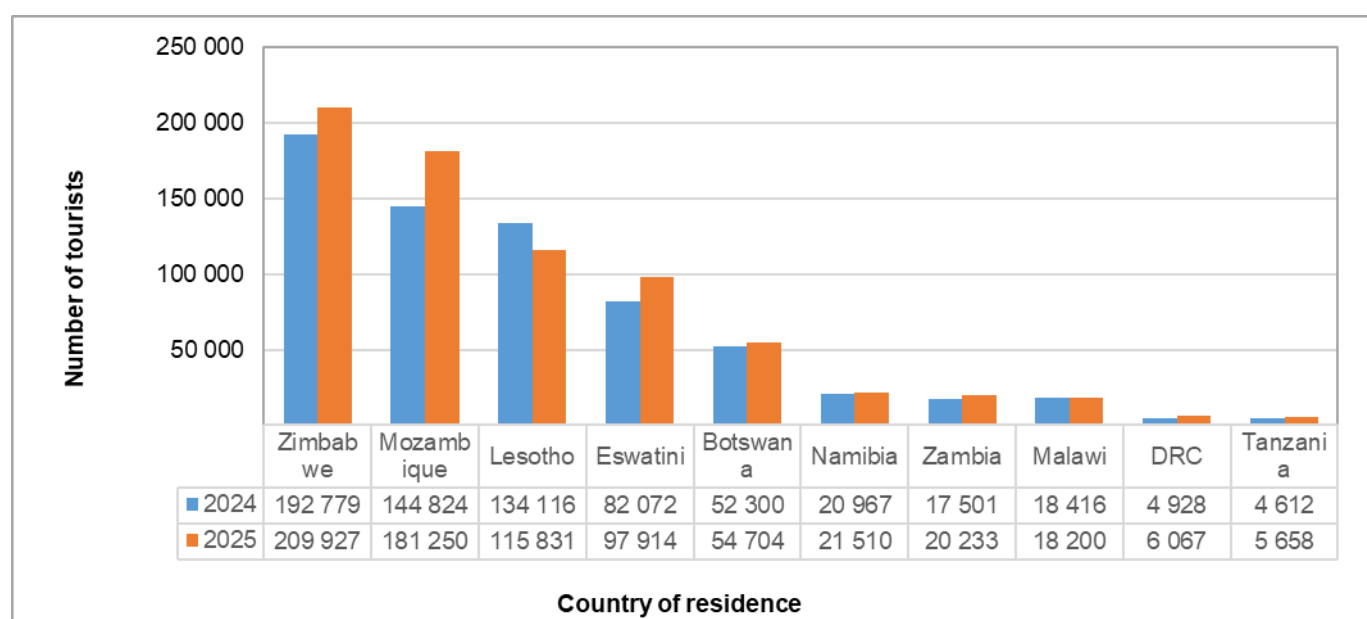
2.3.2 Regional and national distribution of tourists

In December 2025, the distribution of overseas tourists was as follows: Europe, 156 279 (65,5%); North America, 39 686 (16,6%); Australasia, 15 606 (6,5%); Asia, 15 202 (6,4%); Central and South America, 9 010 (3,8%) and Middle East, 2 778 (1,2%) (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 December 2025 were: UK, 47 634 (20,0%); Germany, 33 917 (14,2%); USA, 33 606 (14,1%); The Netherlands, 14 539 (6,1%); Australia, 12 357 (5,2%); France, 10 557 (4,4%); Brazil, 6 757 (2,8%); Canada, 6 080 (2,5%); Switzerland, 5 537 (2,3%) and Russian Federation, 5 162 (2,2%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 73,8% of all tourists from overseas countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between December 2024 and December 2025 shows that the number of tourists increased for 8 of the 10 leading countries. Russian Federation had the highest increase of 34,4% (from 3 842 tourists in December 2024 to 5 162 tourists in December 2025).

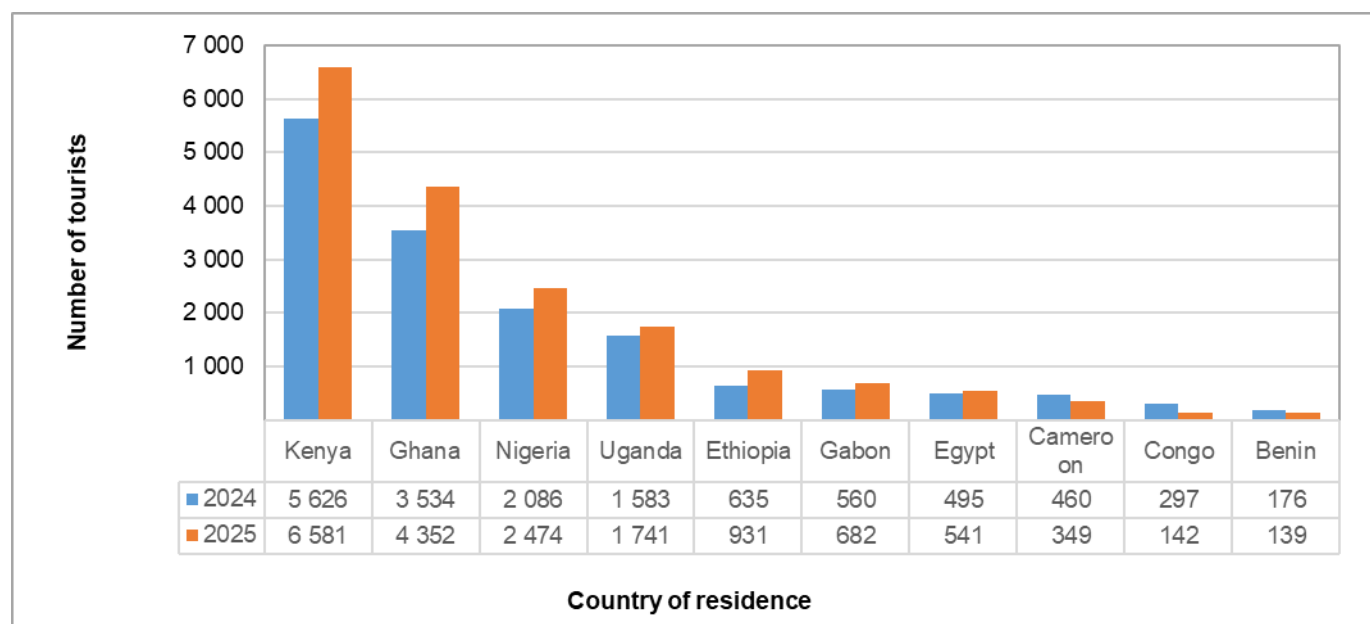
Figure 3 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading overseas countries in December 2024 and December 2025

Virtually, most tourists from Africa, 738 362 (97,4%), came from SADC countries. The distribution of the remaining tourists from Africa was as follows: East and Central Africa, 10 849 (1,4%); West Africa, 7 558 (1,0%) and North Africa, 1 001 (0,1%) (see Table 4 on page 9). The 10 leading SADC countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in December 2025 were: Zimbabwe, 209 927 (28,4%); Mozambique, 181 250 (24,5%); Lesotho, 115 831 (15,7%); Eswatini, 97 914 (13,3%); Botswana, 54 704 (7,4%); Namibia, 21 510 (2,9%); Zambia, 20 233 (2,7%); Malawi, 18 200 (2,5%); DRC, 6 067 (0,8%) and Tanzania, 5 658 (0,8%) (see Figure 4 below). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 99,0% of all tourists from the SADC countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between December 2024 and December 2025 shows that the number of tourists increased for 8 of the 10 leading countries. Mozambique showed the highest increase of 25,2% (from 144 824 tourists in December 2024 to 181 250 tourists in December 2025).

Figure 4 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading SADC countries in December 2024 and December 2025

The 10 leading countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in December 2025 from 'other' African countries, as shown in Figure 5 below, were: Kenya, 6 581 (33,9%); Ghana, 4 352 (22,4%); Nigeria, 2 474 (12,7%); Uganda, 1 741 (9,0%); Ethiopia, 931 (4,8%); Gabon, 682 (3,5%); Egypt, 541 (2,8%); Cameroon, 349 (1,8%); Congo, 142 (0,7%) and Benin, 139 (0,7%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 92,4% of all tourists from 'other' African countries. A comparison between movements in December 2024 and December 2025 shows that the number of tourists increased for 7 of the 10 leading countries. Ethiopia showed the highest increase of 46,6% (from 635 ourists in December 2024 to 931 tourists in December 2025).

Figure 5 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading 'other' African countries in December 2024 and December 2025



2.3.3 Purpose of visit of tourists

Table 4 on page 9, shows the number of tourists by region and sub-region. Detailed data on the country of residence and purpose of visit is presented in Annexure C on pages 22 to 25. It is observed that in December 2025, the majority of tourists, 978 438 (98,1%), were in South Africa for holiday compared to 16 695 (1,7%); 1 841 (0,2%) and 191 (less than 0,1%) who were in South Africa for business, study and medical treatment, respectively.

Within the overseas regions, Australasia, 99,8% (15 575) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for holiday, followed by Central and South America, 99,6% (8 971); North America, 99,4% (39 451); Europe, 99,4% (155 323); Middle East, 97,9% (2 720) and Asia, 97,0% (14 749).

Asia, 2,1% (323) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business, followed by Middle East, 1,0% (28); Europe, 0,4% (674); North America, 0,4% (170); Central and South America, 0,3% (25) and Australasia, 0,1% (21).

Middle East, 1,1% (30) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to study, followed by Asia, 0,8% (121); Europe, 0,2% (253); North America, 0,2% (62); Central and South America, 0,2% (14) and Australasia, less than 0,1% (7).

Asia (9) had 0,1% of tourists who came for medical treatment, followed by Europe (29), Australasia (3) and North America (3) with less than 0,1% of tourists who came for medical treatment. Central and South America and Middle East had none.

The majority of African tourists, 740 851 (97,8%) 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 97,8% (721 925) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 97,5% (18 926) from 'other' African countries. Information on the regions of 'other' African countries shows that 97,9% (7 403) of tourists from West Africa were on holiday, followed by tourists from East and Central Africa, 97,7% (10 599) and those from North Africa, 92,3% (924).
- Business persons constituted 2,1% (15 169) of tourists from SADC countries compared with 1,3% (252) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 4,0% (40) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business purposes, followed by East and Central Africa, 1,4% (148) and West Africa, 0,8% (64).
- Students constituted 0,2% (1 154) of tourists from SADC countries compared with 1,0% (199) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 3,6% (36) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for study purposes, followed by West Africa, 1,2% (89) and East and Central Africa, 0,7% (74).
- Tourists who came for medical treatment constituted less than 0,1% (114) of tourists from SADC countries, while those from 'other' African countries constituted 0,2% (31). East and Central Africa, 0,3% (28) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for medical treatment, followed by North Africa, 0,1% (1) and West Africa with less than 0,1% (2) of tourists who came for medical treatment.

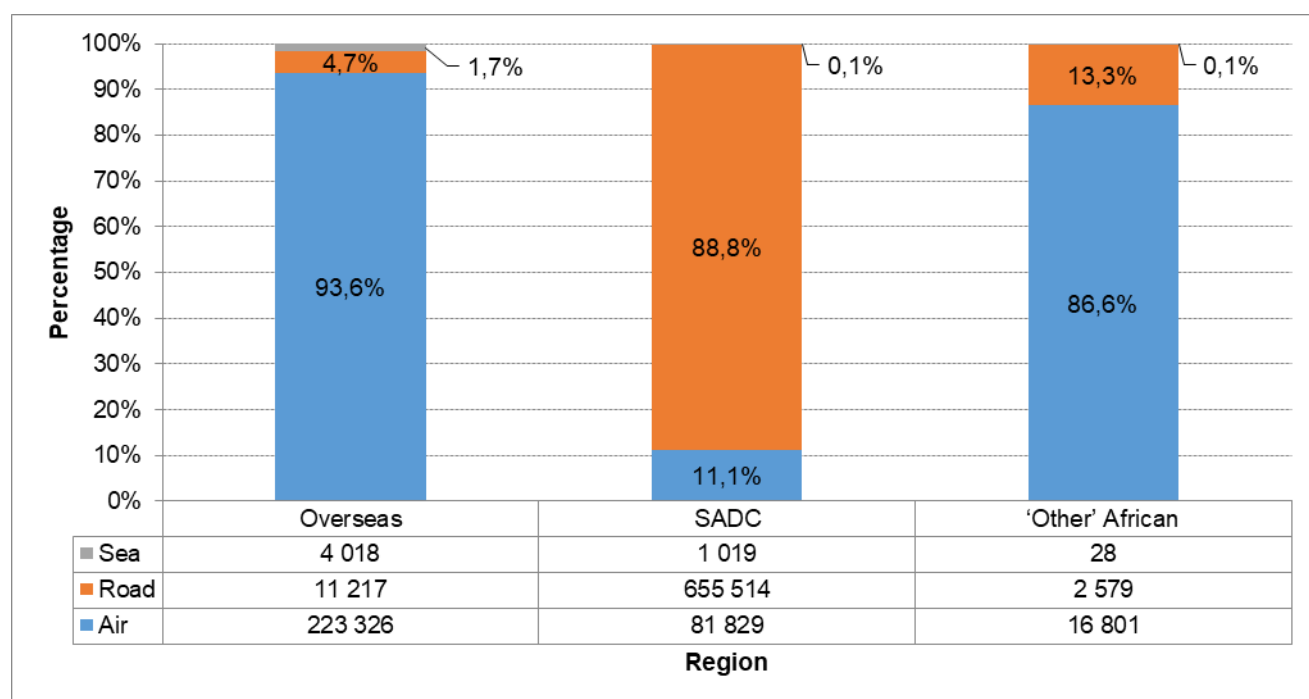
Table 4 – Number of tourists by region of residence and purpose of visit

Region of residence	December 2025	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Total	997 165	16 695	978 438	1 841	191
Overseas	238 561	1 241	236 789	487	44
Europe	156 279	674	155 323	253	29
North America	39 686	170	39 451	62	3
Central and South America	9 010	25	8 971	14	-
Australasia	15 606	21	15 575	7	3
Middle East	2 778	28	2 720	30	-
Asia	15 202	323	14 749	121	9
Africa	757 770	15 421	740 851	1 353	145
SADC	738 362	15 169	721 925	1 154	114
'Other' African	19 408	252	18 926	199	31
East and Central Africa	10 849	148	10 599	74	28
West Africa	7 558	64	7 403	89	2
North Africa	1 001	40	924	36	1
Unspecified	834	33	798	1	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 18 to 21, whereas the port of entry used by tourists is provided in Annexure G on page 38. As shown in Figure 6 below, 223 326 (93,6%) overseas tourists arrived in the country by air, whilst 11 217 (4,7%) came in by road and 4 018 (1,7%) arrived by sea. Tourists from the SADC countries, on the other hand, came predominantly by road, 655 514 (88,8%), 81 829 (11,1%) came by air and 1 019 (0,1%) came by sea. The number of tourists who came into South Africa by air from 'other' African countries was 16 801 (86,6%); while 2 579 (13,3%) used road transport and 28 (0,1%) arrived by sea. Most tourists who arrived by road came through Lebombo port (174 652) and Beit Bridge port (156 968). The majority of tourists who came by air entered through OR Tambo International Airport (190 055) and Cape Town International Airport (128 567). Tourists who arrived by sea came through Cape Town Harbour (3 901) and Durban Harbour (1 164).

Figure 6 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and mode of travel, December 2025



2.3.5 Quarterly and annual trends

Figures 7, 8, and 9 on pages 11, 12 and 13 show quarterly changes in the number of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries, respectively. Figure 7 on page 11, shows that the number of overseas tourists who come to South Africa is generally highest in quarters one and four of each year except the period between 2021 and 2022 when they were highest in quarter three and four. Between quarters three and four of 2025 (Annexure E, pages 30 to 31), the number of tourists from overseas increased by 29,1% (from 557 534 in quarter three of 2025 to 719 907 in quarter four of 2025). A year-on-year comparison between 2024 and 2025 for quarter four (Annexure F, pages 34 to 35) shows that the number of overseas tourists increased by 15,4% (from 624 073 in quarter four of 2024 to 719 907 in quarter four of 2025).

Figure 7 – Number of tourists from overseas countries by quarter: 2017 – 2025

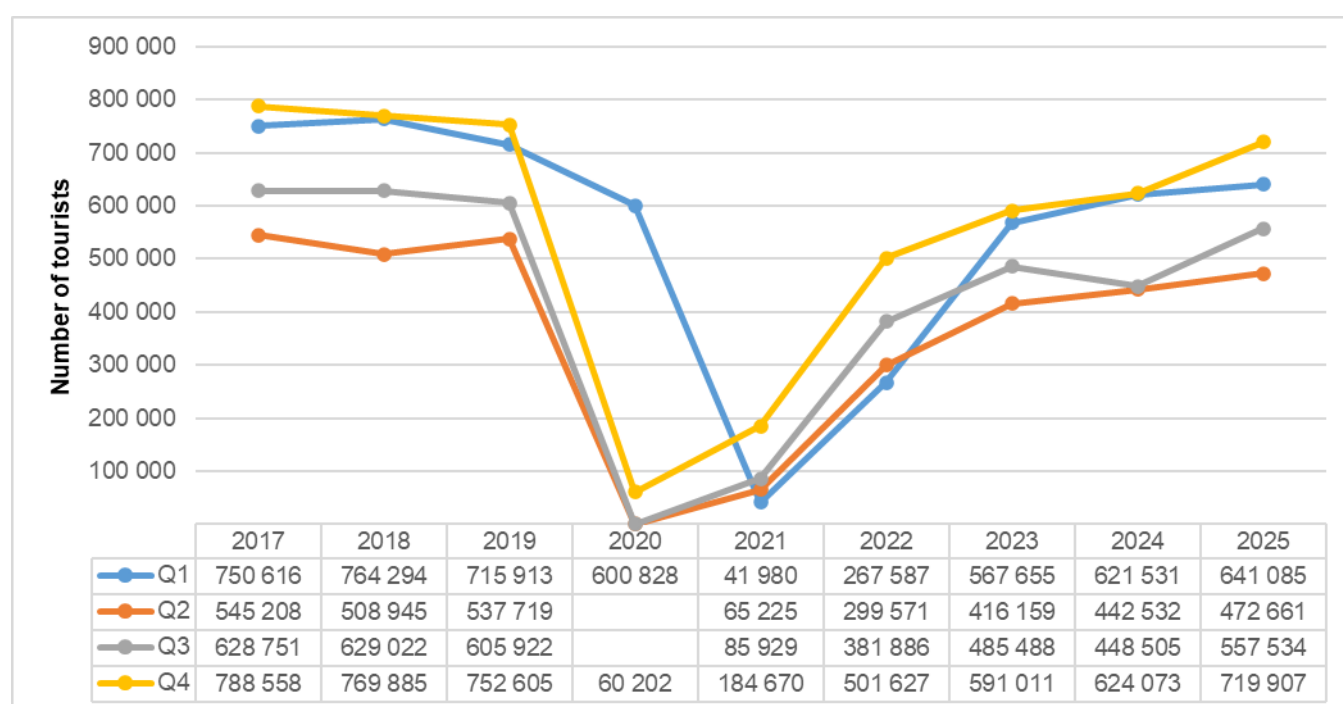


Figure 8 on page 12, shows that the number of SADC tourists was highest in quarter four for 2017 and in quarter one between 2018 and 2020. Tourists were also highest in quarter four between 2021 and 2023. The quarter two movement pattern is slightly different between 2021 and 2022 where quarter one is the lowest. Between quarters three and four of 2025, the number of tourists from SADC increased by 1,3% (from 2 053 669 in quarter three of 2025 to 2 081 204 in quarter four of 2025) (see Annexure E on pages 31 to 32). Comparisons between the fourth quarters of 2024 and 2025 show that the number of SADC tourists increased by 21,4% (from 1 714 659 in quarter four of 2024 to 2 081 204 in quarter four of 2025) (see Annexure F on pages 35 to 36).

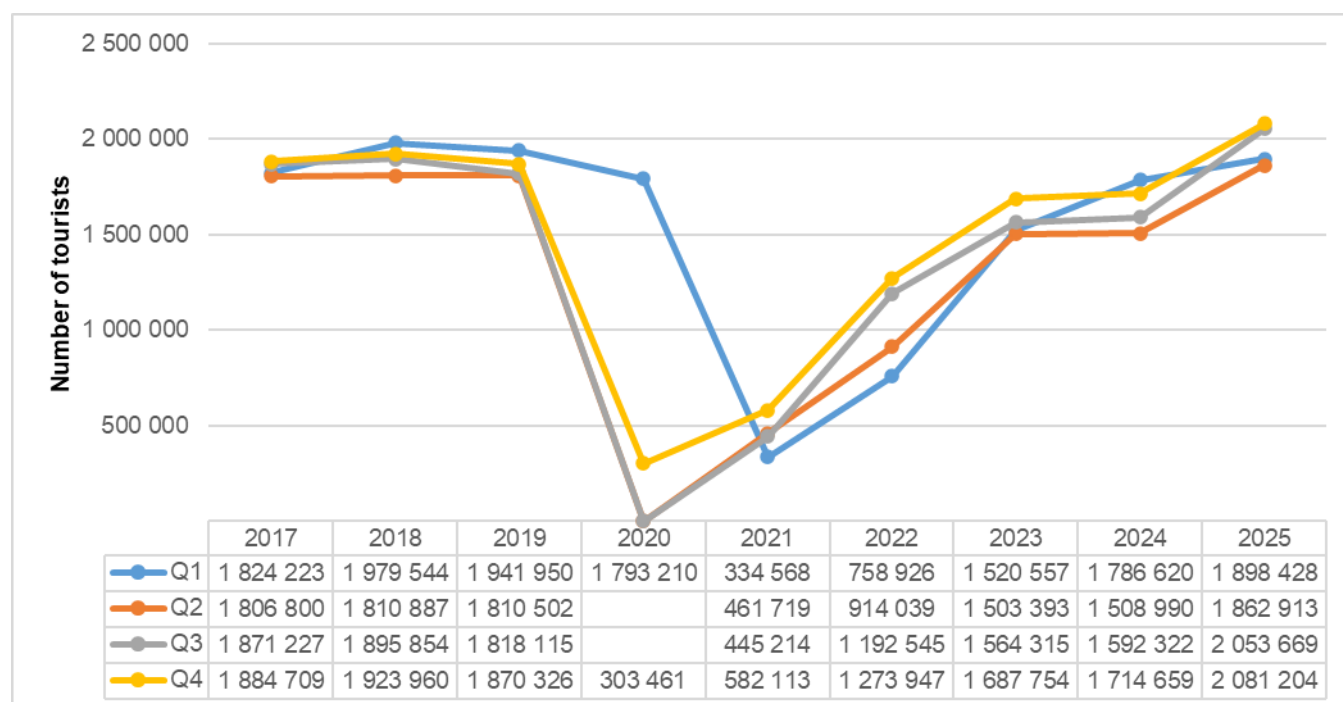
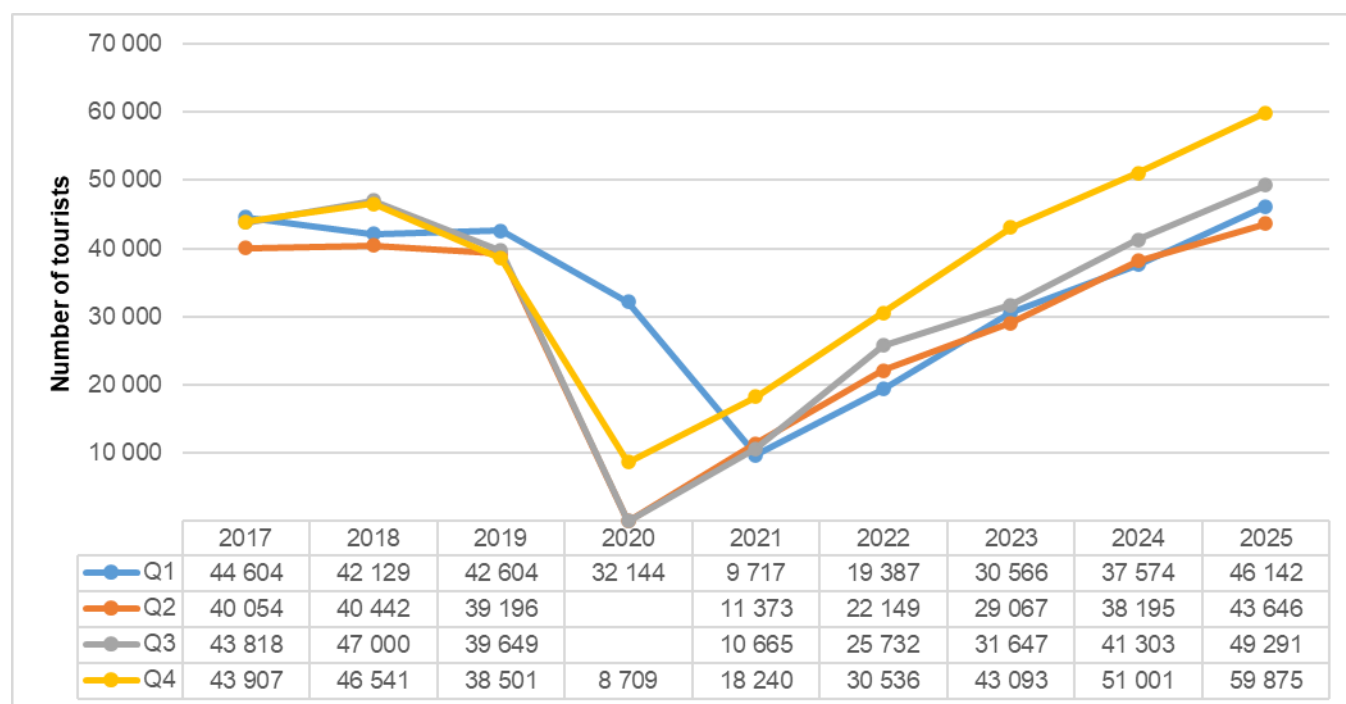
Figure 8 – Number of tourists from SADC countries by quarter: 2017 – 2025

Figure 9 on page, shows that the number of tourists from 'other' African countries is highest in quarter four overtime except in 2017, 2018 and 2019 where they were highest in quarter one in year 2017 and 2019 and highest in quarter three for 2018. Between quarters three and four of 2025 (see Annexure E on pages 32 to 33), the number of tourists from 'other' African countries increased by 21,5% (from 49 291 in quarter three of 2025 to 59 875 in quarter four of 2025). East and Central Africa had the highest increase of 31,1% (from 24 523 in quarter three of 2025 to 32 160 in quarter four of 2025), followed by North Africa which increased by 20,5% (from 3 289 in quarter three of 2025 to 3 964 in quarter four of 2025) and West Africa which increased by 10,6% (from 21 479 in quarter three of 2025 to 23 751 in quarter four of 2025). A year-on-year comparison for quarter four of 2024 and 2025 (see Annexure F on pages 36 to 37) shows that the number of tourists from 'other' African countries increased by 17,4% (from 51 001 in quarter four of 2024 to 59 875 in quarter four of 2025). East and Central Africa had the largest increase of 23,3% (from 26 087 in quarter four of 2024 to 32 160 in quarter four of 2025), followed by West Africa which increased by 12,1% (from 21 194 in quarter four of 2024 to 23 751 in quarter four of 2025) and North Africa which increased by 6,6% (from 3 720 in quarter four of 2024 to 3 964 in quarter four of 2025).

Figure 9 – Number of tourists from ‘other’ African countries by quarter: 2017 – 2025

3. Annexures

Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between December 2024 and December 2025 by country of residence

Country of residence	December 2024	December 2025	Difference between December 2024 and December 2025	% change between December 2024 and December 2025
Total	920 147	997 165	77 018	8,4
Overseas	222 163	238 561	16 398	7,4
Europe	137 721	156 279	18 558	13,5
Austria	2 723	3 071	348	12,8
Belgium	4 534	4 753	219	4,8
Denmark	1 793	1 879	86	4,8
France	10 194	10 557	363	3,6
Germany	26 703	33 917	7 214	27,0
Ireland	3 376	4 006	630	18,7
Italy	5 402	5 049	-353	-6,5
Portugal	1 879	2 077	198	10,5
Russian Federation	3 842	5 162	1 320	34,4
Spain	2 319	2 461	142	6,1
Sweden	4 267	4 915	648	15,2
Switzerland	4 762	5 537	775	16,3
The Netherlands	13 626	14 539	913	6,7
UK	43 018	47 634	4 616	10,7
Other	9 283	10 722	1 439	15,5
North America	42 905	39 686	-3 219	-7,5
Canada	6 544	6 080	-464	-7,1
USA	36 361	33 606	-2 755	-7,6
Central and South America	7 332	9 010	1 678	22,9
Argentina	446	514	68	15,2
Brazil	5 218	6 757	1 539	29,5
Mexico	383	376	-7	-1,8
Other	1 285	1 363	78	6,1

Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between December 2024 and December 2025 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	December 2024	December 2025	Difference between December 2024 and December 2025	% change between December 2024 and December 2025
Australasia	15 180	15 606	426	2,8
Australia	12 190	12 357	167	1,4
New Zealand	2 936	3 198	262	8,9
Other	54	51	-3	-5,6
Middle East	2 167	2 778	611	28,2
Israel	633	876	243	38,4
Lebanon	161	264	103	64,0
Saudi Arabia	607	745	138	22,7
Other	766	893	127	16,6
Asia	16 858	15 202	-1 656	-9,8
Bangladesh	454	469	15	3,3
China	2 993	2 159	-834	-27,9
India	5 497	4 832	-665	-12,1
Japan	1 413	1 537	124	8,8
Malaysia	807	512	-295	-36,6
Pakistan	1 223	1 363	140	11,4
Philippines	589	492	-97	-16,5
Singapore	911	878	-33	-3,6
South Korea	1 299	1 304	5	0,4
Thailand	402	425	23	5,7
Other	1 270	1 231	-39	-3,1
Africa	696 866	757 770	60 904	8,7
SADC	679 406	738 362	58 956	8,7
Angola	3 690	3 603	-87	-2,4
Botswana	52 300	54 704	2 404	4,6
DRC	4 928	6 067	1 139	23,1
Eswatini	82 072	97 914	15 842	19,3

Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between December 2024 and December 2025 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	December 2024	December 2025	Difference between December 2024 and December 2025	% change between December 2024 and December 2025
Lesotho	134 116	115 831	-18 285	-13,6
Madagascar	445	349	-96	-21,6
Malawi	18 416	18 200	-216	-1,2
Mauritius	2 172	2 454	282	13,0
Mozambique	144 824	181 250	36 426	25,2
Namibia	20 967	21 510	543	2,6
Seychelles	584	662	78	13,4
Tanzania	4 612	5 658	1 046	22,7
Zambia	17 501	20 233	2 732	15,6
Zimbabwe	192 779	209 927	17 148	8,9
'Other' African	17 460	19 408	1 948	11,2
East and Central Africa	9 586	10 849	1 263	13,2
Burundi	101	91	-10	-9,9
Cameroon	460	349	-111	-24,1
Central African Republic	8	5	-3	-37,5
Chad	26	27	1	3,8
Comoros	49	68	19	38,8
Congo	297	142	-155	-52,2
Djibouti	4	6	2	50,0
Equatorial Guinea	24	23	-1	-4,2
Eritrea	36	45	9	25,0
Ethiopia	635	931	296	46,6
Gabon	560	682	122	21,8
Kenya	5 626	6 581	955	17,0
Réunion	17	1	-	-
Rwanda	94	70	-24	-25,5
São Tomé and Príncipe	4	2	-2	-50,0
Somalia	62	85	23	37,1
Uganda	1 583	1 741	158	10,0

Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between December 2024 and December 2025 by country of residence (concluded)

Country of residence	December 2024	December 2025	Difference between December 2024 and December 2025	% change between December 2024 and December 2025
West Africa	6 478	7 558	1 080	16,7
Benin	176	139	-37	-21,0
Burkina Faso	34	31	-3	-8,8
Cape Verde Island	17	10	-7	-41,2
Côte d'Ivoire	133	107	-26	-19,5
Gambia	29	23	-6	-20,7
Ghana	3 534	4 352	818	23,1
Guinea	86	84	-2	-2,3
Guinea-Bissau	7	3	-4	-57,1
Liberia	79	69	-10	-12,7
Mali	71	61	-10	-14,1
Mauritania	11	15	4	36,4
Niger	20	11	-9	-45,0
Nigeria	2 086	2 474	388	18,6
Saint Helena	10	2	-8	-80,0
Senegal	101	100	-1	-1,0
Sierra Leone	49	48	-1	-2,0
Togo	35	29	-6	-17,1
North Africa	1 396	1 001	-395	-28,3
Algeria	76	77	1	1,3
Egypt	495	541	46	9,3
Libya	59	42	-17	-28,8
Morocco	537	89	-448	-83,4
South Sudan	48	62	14	29,2
The Sudan	62	61	-1	-1,6
Tunisia	116	127	11	9,5
Western Sahara	3	2	-1	-33,3
Unspecified	1 118	834	-284	-25,4

Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, December 2025

Country of residence	December 2025	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Total	997 165	128 567	3 788	190 055	154	322 564	669 536	5 065
Overseas	238 561	113 063	2 770	107 388	105	223 326	11 217	4 018
Europe	156 279	84 083	1 993	60 933	60	147 069	6 136	3 074
Austria	3 071	1 940	39	890	-	2 869	112	90
Belgium	4 753	2 388	27	2 043	-	4 458	260	35
Denmark	1 879	786	16	1 036	1	1 839	37	3
France	10 557	3 921	75	5 798	3	9 797	703	57
Germany	33 917	21 206	208	9 193	9	30 616	1 115	2 186
Ireland	4 006	2 231	74	1 586	4	3 895	96	15
Italy	5 049	2 459	50	2 210	3	4 722	312	15
Portugal	2 077	668	37	1 007	2	1 714	362	1
Russian Federation	5 162	3 087	75	1 773	3	4 938	171	53
Spain	2 461	1 148	24	1 131	-	2 303	149	9
Sweden	4 915	2 914	71	1 823	1	4 809	100	6
Switzerland	5 537	3 272	36	1 900	3	5 211	278	48
The Netherlands	14 539	8 634	123	4 868	1	13 626	864	49
UK	47 634	24 232	901	21 113	24	46 270	931	433
Other	10 722	5 197	237	4 562	6	10 002	646	74
North America	39 686	18 472	202	18 918	21	37 613	1 326	747
Canada	6 080	2 594	35	3 044	2	5 675	233	172
USA	33 606	15 878	167	15 874	19	31 938	1 093	575
Central and South America	9 010	2 126	9	6 444	9	8 588	388	34
Argentina	514	116	1	384	-	501	12	1
Brazil	6 757	1 448	3	4 989	6	6 446	288	23
Mexico	376	170	-	189	-	359	11	6
Other	1 363	392	5	882	3	1 282	77	4

Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, December 2025 (continued)

Country of residence	December 2025	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Australasia	15 606	3 040	268	11 977	6	15 291	245	70
Australia	12 357	2 185	137	9 792	6	12 120	175	62
New Zealand	3 198	821	129	2 170	-	3 120	70	8
Other	51	34	2	15	-	51	-	-
Middle East	2 778	1 504	29	1 155	-	2 688	89	1
Israel	876	342	14	484	-	840	35	1
Lebanon	264	108	3	142	-	253	11	-
Saudi Arabia	745	606	3	131	-	740	5	-
Other	893	448	9	398	-	855	38	-
Asia	15 202	3 838	269	7 961	9	12 077	3 033	92
Bangladesh	469	58	19	253	-	330	139	-
China	2 159	409	18	1 425	4	1 856	274	29
India	4 832	945	87	2 598	2	3 632	1 196	4
Japan	1 537	535	39	867	1	1 442	77	18
Malaysia	512	224	12	249	-	485	24	3
Pakistan	1 363	116	16	518	-	650	713	-
Philippines	492	156	18	240	2	416	56	20
Singapore	878	379	7	470	-	856	17	5
South Korea	1 304	549	13	538	-	1 100	202	2
Thailand	425	141	20	247	-	408	15	2
Other	1 231	326	20	556	-	902	320	9
Africa	757 770	15 420	1 018	82 143	47	98 630	658 093	1 047
SADC	738 362	11 515	991	69 276	47	81 829	655 514	1 019
Angola	3 603	1 643	-	1 257	2	2 902	699	2
Botswana	54 704	806	5	4 595	3	5 409	48 873	422
DRC	6 067	174	-	5 488	7	5 669	396	2
Eswatini	97 914	242	152	1 179	1	1 574	96 297	43

Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, December 2025 (continued)

Country of residence	December 2025	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Lesotho	115 831	22	2	676	-	700	115 033	98
Madagascar	349	15	2	301	-	318	31	-
Malawi	18 200	40	6	3 906	5	3 957	14 202	41
Mauritius	2 454	956	5	1 426	-	2 387	64	3
Mozambique	181 250	473	11	4 623	-	5 107	176 115	28
Namibia	21 510	3 611	2	3 617	4	7 234	14 208	68
Seychelles	662	47	-	603	-	650	10	2
Tanzania	5 658	601	4	3 623	-	4 228	1 423	7
Zambia	20 233	212	-	8 108	10	8 330	11 872	31
Zimbabwe	209 927	2 673	802	29 874	15	33 364	176 291	272
'Other' African	19 408	3 905	27	12 867	2	16 801	2 579	28
East and Central Africa	10 849	2 601	6	6 905	-	9 512	1 322	15
Burundi	91	19	-	58	-	77	14	-
Cameroon	349	60	-	257	-	317	30	2
Central African Republic	5	-	-	5	-	5	-	-
Chad	27	4	-	23	-	27	-	-
Comoros	68	19	-	49	-	68	-	-
Congo	142	24	-	103	-	127	15	-
Djibouti	6	1	-	5	-	6	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	23	6	-	17	-	23	-	-
Eritrea	45	9	-	36	-	45	-	-
Ethiopia	931	162	1	632	-	795	136	-
Gabon	682	48	-	631	-	679	3	-
Kenya	6 581	2 037	4	3 661	-	5 702	866	13
Réunion	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Rwanda	70	6	1	52	-	59	11	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	-
Somalia	85	4	-	22	-	26	59	-
Uganda	1 741	200	-	1 354	-	1 554	187	-

Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, December 2025 (concluded)

Country of residence	December 2025	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
West Africa	7 558	995	8	5 332	1	6 336	1 210	12
Benin	139	21	-	111	-	132	7	-
Burkina Faso	31	-	-	31	-	31	-	-
Cape Verde Island	10	5	-	5	-	10	-	-
Côte d'Ivoire	107	10	1	88	-	99	8	-
Gambia	23	12	-	10	-	22	1	-
Ghana	4 352	401	-	3 059	-	3 460	882	10
Guinea	84	7	1	32	-	40	44	-
Guinea-Bissau	3	-	-	3	-	3	-	-
Liberia	69	9	-	58	-	67	2	-
Mali	61	5	-	25	-	30	31	-
Mauritania	15	2	-	13	-	15	-	-
Niger	11	-	-	10	-	10	1	-
Nigeria	2 474	500	2	1 749	1	2 252	220	2
Saint Helena	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
Senegal	100	6	4	85	-	95	5	-
Sierra Leone	48	7	-	34	-	41	7	-
Togo	29	8	-	19	-	27	2	-
North Africa	1 001	309	13	630	1	953	47	1
Algeria	77	19	1	55	-	75	1	1
Egypt	541	153	2	366	-	521	20	-
Libya	42	4	1	32	-	37	5	-
Morocco	89	36	8	40	-	84	5	-
South Sudan	62	18	-	41	-	59	3	-
The Sudan	61	20	-	28	-	48	13	-
Tunisia	127	59	1	66	1	127	-	-
Western Sahara	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-
Unspecified	834	84	-	524	-	608	226	-

Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, December 2025

Country of residence	December 2025	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Total	997 165	16 695	978 438	1 841	191
Overseas	238 561	1 241	236 789	487	44
Europe	156 279	674	155 323	253	29
Austria	3 071	3	3 068	-	-
Belgium	4 753	14	4 710	28	1
Denmark	1 879	18	1 852	9	-
France	10 557	72	10 437	47	1
Germany	33 917	87	33 769	61	-
Ireland	4 006	18	3 988	-	-
Italy	5 049	27	5 017	5	-
Portugal	2 077	6	2 068	3	-
Russian Federation	5 162	19	5 139	4	-
Spain	2 461	36	2 421	3	1
Sweden	4 915	18	4 891	6	-
Switzerland	5 537	11	5 516	10	-
The Netherlands	14 539	47	14 463	15	14
UK	47 634	203	47 388	35	8
Other	10 722	95	10 596	27	4
North America	39 686	170	39 451	62	3
Canada	6 080	18	6 055	6	1
USA	33 606	152	33 396	56	2
Central and South America	9 010	25	8 971	14	-
Argentina	514	-	513	1	-
Brazil	6 757	18	6 729	10	-
Mexico	376	-	376	-	-
Other	1 363	7	1 353	3	-

Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, December 2025 (continued)

Country of residence	December 2025	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Australasia	15 606	21	15 575	7	3
Australia	12 357	16	12 333	6	2
New Zealand	3 198	4	3 192	1	1
Other	51	1	50	-	-
Middle East	2 778	28	2 720	30	-
Israel	876	6	870	-	-
Lebanon	264	6	255	3	-
Saudi Arabia	745	3	733	9	-
Other	893	13	862	18	-
Asia	15 202	323	14 749	121	9
Bangladesh	469	7	459	3	-
China	2 159	84	2 057	14	4
India	4 832	161	4 610	61	-
Japan	1 537	20	1 503	14	-
Malaysia	512	2	506	4	-
Pakistan	1 363	12	1 341	10	-
Philippines	492	10	479	1	2
Singapore	878	3	875	-	-
South Korea	1 304	7	1 288	8	1
Thailand	425	2	421	2	-
Other	1 231	15	1 210	4	2
Africa	757 770	15 421	740 851	1 353	145
SADC	738 362	15 169	721 925	1 154	114
Angola	3 603	23	3 520	43	17
Botswana	54 704	612	53 951	124	17
DRC	6 067	39	5 851	133	44
Eswatini	97 914	2 783	95 046	78	7

Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, December 2025 (continued)

Country of residence	December 2025	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Lesotho	115 831	399	115 318	114	-
Madagascar	349	2	342	5	-
Malawi	18 200	317	17 872	9	2
Mauritius	2 454	3	2 449	2	-
Mozambique	181 250	905	180 301	39	5
Namibia	21 510	2 524	18 877	105	4
Seychelles	662	1	661	-	-
Tanzania	5 658	64	5 572	19	3
Zambia	20 233	3 351	16 842	31	9
Zimbabwe	209 927	4 146	205 323	452	6
'Other' African	19 408	252	18 926	199	31
East and Central Africa	10 849	148	10 599	74	28
Burundi	91	4	86	1	-
Cameroon	349	3	318	16	12
Central African Republic	5	-	4	-	1
Chad	27	-	25	1	1
Comoros	68	2	66	-	-
Congo	142	1	133	6	2
Djibouti	6	-	6	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	23	1	21	-	1
Eritrea	45	-	43	2	-
Ethiopia	931	19	903	5	4
Gabon	682	1	671	10	-
Kenya	6 581	59	6 504	16	2
Réunion	1	-	1	-	-
Rwanda	70	-	70	-	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	2	1	1	-	-
Somalia	85	31	51	3	-
Uganda	1 741	26	1 696	14	5

Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, December 2025 (concluded)

Country of residence	December 2025	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
West Africa	7 558	64	7 403	89	2
Benin	139	2	135	2	-
Burkina Faso	31	5	26	-	-
Cape Verde Island	10	1	9	-	-
Côte d'Ivoire	107	3	97	7	-
Gambia	23	1	22	-	-
Ghana	4 352	9	4 334	9	-
Guinea	84	1	80	2	1
Guinea-Bissau	3	-	3	-	-
Liberia	69	1	66	2	-
Mali	61	2	59	-	-
Mauritania	15	2	13	-	-
Niger	11	1	10	-	-
Nigeria	2 474	26	2 382	65	1
Saint Helena	2	-	2	-	-
Senegal	100	3	96	1	-
Sierra Leone	48	2	46	-	-
Togo	29	5	23	1	-
North Africa	1 001	40	924	36	1
Algeria	77	6	68	3	-
Egypt	541	20	501	20	-
Libya	42	1	39	2	-
Morocco	89	6	82	1	-
South Sudan	62	1	56	5	-
The Sudan	61	1	56	4	-
Tunisia	127	5	120	1	1
Western Sahara	2	-	2	-	-
Unspecified	834	33	798	1	2

Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025 by country of residence

Country of residence	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	Difference between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025	% change between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025
Total	8 919 370	10 498 506	1 579 136	17,7
Overseas	2 136 641	2 391 187	254 546	11,9
Europe	1 258 706	1 417 572	158 866	12,6
Austria	21 313	24 628	3 315	15,6
Belgium	45 225	50 134	4 909	10,9
Denmark	17 874	19 547	1 673	9,4
France	125 823	135 007	9 184	7,3
Germany	254 992	290 795	35 803	14,0
Ireland	28 343	31 026	2 683	9,5
Italy	50 780	55 947	5 167	10,2
Portugal	20 105	20 068	-37	-0,2
Russian Federation	30 734	41 708	10 974	35,7
Spain	31 166	33 711	2 545	8,2
Sweden	24 562	27 625	3 063	12,5
Switzerland	42 255	47 845	5 590	13,2
The Netherlands	132 422	140 338	7 916	6,0
UK	349 883	403 714	53 831	15,4
Other	83 229	95 479	12 250	14,7
North America	430 419	457 683	27 264	6,3
Canada	58 057	65 744	7 687	13,2
USA	372 362	391 939	19 577	5,3
Central and South America	75 160	94 635	19 475	25,9
Argentina	5 422	7 702	2 280	42,1
Brazil	49 855	63 848	13 993	28,1
Mexico	4 819	5 120	301	6,2
Other	15 064	17 965	2 901	19,3

Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	Difference between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025	% change between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025
Australasia	119 036	144 972	25 936	21,8
Australia	98 544	121 361	22 817	23,2
New Zealand	20 138	23 324	3 186	15,8
Other	354	287	-67	-18,9
Middle East	45 602	60 102	14 500	31,8
Israel	7 402	9 053	1 651	22,3
Saudi Arabia	18 333	24 942	6 609	36,0
United Arab Emirates	6 717	11 064	4 347	64,7
Other	13 150	15 043	1 893	14,4
Asia	207 718	216 223	8 505	4,1
Bangladesh	5 743	8 004	2 261	39,4
China	41 418	37 902	-3 516	-8,5
India	75 541	69 680	-5 861	-7,8
Japan	17 370	19 894	2 524	14,5
Malaysia	6 629	7 773	1 144	17,3
Pakistan	13 557	19 534	5 977	44,1
Philippines	6 355	7 725	1 370	21,6
Singapore	9 390	9 827	437	4,7
South Korea	12 811	14 096	1 285	10,0
Thailand	5 426	6 042	616	11,4
Other	13 478	15 746	2 268	16,8
Africa	6 770 664	8 095 168	1 324 504	19,6
SADC	6 602 591	7 896 214	1 293 623	19,6
Angola	37 811	41 718	3 907	10,3
Botswana	395 965	418 474	22 509	5,7
DRC	28 940	40 192	11 252	38,9
Eswatini	842 318	958 716	116 398	13,8

Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	Difference between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025	% change between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025
Lesotho	974 369	1 395 346	420 977	43,2
Madagascar	4 429	4 395	-34	-0,8
Malawi	163 726	230 640	66 914	40,9
Mauritius	18 301	21 268	2 967	16,2
Mozambique	1 591 751	2 078 635	486 884	30,6
Namibia	164 716	175 588	10 872	6,6
Seychelles	4 505	4 588	83	1,8
Tanzania	37 579	44 293	6 714	17,9
Zambia	154 921	175 165	20 244	13,1
Zimbabwe	2 183 260	2 307 196	123 936	5,7
'Other' African	168 073	198 954	30 881	18,4
East and Central Africa	83 727	99 650	15 923	19,0
Burundi	1 223	1 327	104	8,5
Cameroon	4 474	4 867	393	8,8
Central African Republic	198	168	-30	-15,2
Chad	438	524	86	19,6
Comoros	323	380	57	17,6
Congo	1 811	1 823	12	0,7
Djibouti	97	108	11	11,3
Equatorial Guinea	310	336	26	8,4
Eritrea	436	445	-	2,1
Ethiopia	7 432	10 070	2 638	35,5
Gabon	4 210	4 510	300	7,1
Kenya	47 852	58 376	10 524	22,0
Réunion	71	17	-54	-76,1
Rwanda	1 102	966	-136	-12,3
São Tomé and Príncipe	105	119	14	13,3
Somalia	857	996	139	16,2
Uganda	12 788	14 618	1 830	14,3

Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025 by country of residence (concluded)

Country of residence	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	Difference between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025	% change between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025
West Africa	71 337	84 427	13 090	18,3
Benin	2 052	2 086	34	1,7
Burkina Faso	677	759	82	12,1
Cape Verde Island	301	334	33	11,0
Côte d'Ivoire	2 544	2 245	-299	-11,8
Gambia	468	417	-51	-10,9
Ghana	36 656	42 761	6 105	16,7
Guinea	1 182	1 118	-64	-5,4
Guinea-Bissau	103	107	4	3,9
Liberia	658	789	131	19,9
Mali	1 044	962	-82	-7,9
Mauritania	242	255	13	5,4
Niger	306	291	-15	-4,9
Nigeria	22 511	29 256	6 745	30,0
Saint Helena	31	21	-10	-32,3
Senegal	1 499	1 741	242	16,1
Sierra Leone	604	696	92	15,2
Togo	459	589	130	28,3
North Africa	13 009	14 877	1 868	14,4
Algeria	796	1 098	302	37,9
Egypt	5 956	7 566	1 610	27,0
Libya	649	582	-67	-10,3
Morocco	2 039	1 760	-279	-13,7
South Sudan	791	659	-132	-16,7
The Sudan	881	1 120	239	27,1
Tunisia	1 874	2 074	200	10,7
Western Sahara	23	18	-5	-21,7
Unspecified	12 065	12 151	86	0,7

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2025 – Quarter 4, 2025 changes by country of residence and month of travel

Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2025 – Quarter 4, 2025								% change Qtr 3, 2025 – Qtr 4, 2025
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2025	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2025	
Total	881 393	935 738	846 367	2 663 498	927 426	939 654	997 165	2 864 245	7,5
Overseas	182 597	193 135	181 802	557 534	238 406	242 940	238 561	719 907	29,1
Europe	87 674	98 178	94 470	280 322	153 832	167 945	156 279	478 056	70,5
Austria	1 201	1 364	1 292	3 857	2 825	3 743	3 071	9 639	149,9
Belgium	5 457	3 531	3 864	12 852	5 522	5 537	4 753	15 812	23,0
Denmark	1 274	710	1 104	3 088	2 113	2 012	1 879	6 004	94,4
France	10 008	10 946	9 318	30 272	16 269	14 986	10 557	41 812	38,1
Germany	9 102	13 742	18 276	41 120	36 635	45 972	33 917	116 524	183,4
Ireland	1 848	1 783	1 943	5 574	2 920	3 243	4 006	10 169	82,4
Italy	4 535	11 859	4 112	20 506	4 323	4 523	5 049	13 895	-32,2
Portugal	1 356	1 744	1 508	4 608	1 658	2 237	2 077	5 972	29,6
Russian Federation	1 435	2 002	2 899	6 336	5 430	5 849	5 162	16 441	159,5
Spain	3 268	5 983	3 294	12 545	3 071	2 704	2 461	8 236	-34,3
Sweden	737	676	1 109	2 522	3 035	3 360	4 915	11 310	348,5
Switzerland	2 401	1 965	3 708	8 074	6 005	6 842	5 537	18 384	127,7
The Netherlands	14 939	10 041	10 774	35 754	15 527	14 199	14 539	44 265	23,8
UK	25 724	26 373	25 513	77 610	38 933	40 203	47 634	126 770	63,3
Other	4 389	5 459	5 756	15 604	9 566	12 535	10 722	32 823	110,3
North America	41 449	40 819	40 289	122 557	40 272	33 863	39 686	113 821	-7,1
Canada	3 919	4 229	6 304	14 452	7 536	6 908	6 080	20 524	42,0
USA	37 530	36 590	33 985	108 105	32 736	26 955	33 606	93 297	-13,7
Central and South America	9 430	8 447	8 506	26 383	9 021	7 716	9 010	25 747	-2,4
Argentina	556	603	710	1 869	622	496	514	1 632	-12,7
Brazil	6 568	5 929	5 531	18 028	5 879	5 409	6 757	18 045	0,1
Mexico	693	385	470	1 548	548	372	376	1 296	-16,3
Other	1 613	1 530	1 795	4 938	1 972	1 439	1 363	4 774	-3,3

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2025 – Quarter 4, 2025 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2025 – Quarter 4, 2025								% change Qtr 3, 2025 – Qtr 4, 2025
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2025	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2025	
Australasia	13 229	13 483	15 567	42 279	12 181	10 848	15 606	38 635	-8,6
Australia	11 246	11 290	13 275	35 811	10 472	9 261	12 357	32 090	-10,4
New Zealand	1 978	2 180	2 271	6 429	1 701	1 574	3 198	6 473	0,7
Other	5	13	21	39	8	13	51	72	84,6
Middle East	13 168	11 574	4 267	29 009	3 596	4 358	2 778	10 732	-63,0
Israel	801	900	913	2 614	818	822	876	2 516	-3,7
Saudi Arabia	6 349	4 776	1 854	12 979	1 224	1 819	745	3 788	-70,8
United Arab Emirates	4 206	3 536	375	8 117	298	287	224	809	-90,0
Other	1 812	2 362	1 125	5 299	1 256	1 430	933	3 619	-31,7
Asia	17 647	20 634	18 703	56 984	19 504	18 210	15 202	52 916	-7,1
Bangladesh	615	729	748	2 092	1 167	910	469	2 546	21,7
China	3 335	3 255	3 030	9 620	2 833	2 951	2 159	7 943	-17,4
India	5 209	5 838	5 627	16 674	5 301	5 426	4 832	15 559	-6,7
Japan	1 303	2 271	1 735	5 309	2 157	1 640	1 537	5 334	0,5
Malaysia	779	1 052	843	2 674	803	618	512	1 933	-27,7
Pakistan	1 684	2 013	1 916	5 613	1 704	1 875	1 363	4 942	-12,0
Philippines	812	843	804	2 459	889	551	492	1 932	-21,4
Singapore	1 011	1 162	830	3 003	769	859	878	2 506	-16,6
South Korea	1 090	1 258	1 073	3 421	1 185	1 233	1 304	3 722	8,8
Thailand	488	742	625	1 855	712	440	425	1 577	-15,0
Other	1 321	1 471	1 472	4 264	1 984	1 707	1 231	4 922	15,4
Africa	697 801	741 738	663 421	2 102 960	687 918	695 391	757 770	2 141 079	1,8
SADC	683 518	724 406	645 745	2 053 669	668 407	674 435	738 362	2 081 204	1,3
Angola	3 302	4 540	3 597	11 439	3 235	3 893	3 603	10 731	-6,2
Botswana	29 843	36 514	41 565	107 922	34 074	34 264	54 704	123 042	14,0
DRC	3 720	4 102	2 589	10 411	3 483	2 961	6 067	12 511	20,2
Eswatini	74 913	96 023	80 341	251 277	83 626	83 370	97 914	264 910	5,4

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2025 – Quarter 4, 2025 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2025 – Quarter 4, 2025								% change Qtr 3, 2025 – Qtr 4, 2025
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2025	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2025	
Lesotho	129 804	115 660	104 339	349 803	116 917	110 284	115 831	343 032	-1,9
Madagascar	375	406	468	1 249	334	409	349	1 092	-12,6
Malawi	23 339	20 750	17 096	61 185	17 761	17 350	18 200	53 311	-12,9
Mauritius	1 667	1 843	1 424	4 934	1 657	2 910	2 454	7 021	42,3
Mozambique	182 397	193 313	176 139	551 849	176 273	198 735	181 250	556 258	0,8
Namibia	13 542	13 469	15 392	42 403	15 115	13 172	21 510	49 797	17,4
Seychelles	127	316	200	643	419	672	662	1 753	172,6
Tanzania	3 446	3 487	3 722	10 655	4 157	4 123	5 658	13 938	30,8
Zambia	14 615	15 588	14 898	45 101	16 149	15 695	20 233	52 077	15,5
Zimbabwe	202 428	218 395	183 975	604 798	195 207	186 597	209 927	591 731	-2,2
'Other' Africa	14 283	17 332	17 676	49 291	19 511	20 956	19 408	59 875	21,5
East and Central Africa	7 030	8 829	8 664	24 523	10 285	11 026	10 849	32 160	31,1
Burundi	175	119	107	401	128	162	91	381	-5,0
Cameroon	444	406	401	1 251	403	496	349	1 248	-0,2
Central African Republic	12	14	13	39	23	25	5	53	35,9
Chad	46	56	54	156	53	51	27	131	-16,0
Comoros	19	61	20	100	12	31	68	111	11,0
Congo	154	171	163	488	133	186	142	461	-5,5
Djibouti	12	8	2	22	12	17	6	35	59,1
Equatorial Guinea	13	16	66	95	36	56	23	115	21,1
Eritrea	47	30	32	109	44	30	45	119	9,2
Ethiopia	754	908	957	2 619	1 134	1 178	931	3 243	23,8
Gabon	496	713	339	1 548	342	325	682	1 349	-12,9
Kenya	3 840	5 078	5 039	13 957	6 170	6 684	6 581	19 435	39,2
Réunion	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	3	-
Rwanda	60	72	108	240	131	119	70	320	33,3
São Tomé and Príncipe	6	8	11	25	17	18	2	37	48,0
Somalia	74	82	106	262	130	125	85	340	29,8
Uganda	878	1 087	1 246	3 211	1 515	1 523	1 741	4 779	48,8

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2025 – Quarter 4, 2025 changes by country of residence and month of travel (concluded)

Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2025 – Quarter 4, 2025								% change Qtr 3, 2025 – Qtr 4, 2025
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2025	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2025	
West Africa	6 272	7 391	7 816	21 479	7 878	8 315	7 558	23 751	10,6
Benin	141	220	168	529	209	196	139	544	2,8
Burkina Faso	63	62	44	169	90	84	31	205	21,3
Cape Verde Island	29	29	28	86	23	40	10	73	-15,1
Côte d'Ivoire	196	275	182	653	139	236	107	482	-26,2
Gambia	27	47	28	102	46	39	23	108	5,9
Ghana	3 274	3 621	4 039	10 934	4 079	4 143	4 352	12 574	15,0
Guinea	60	99	91	250	92	110	84	286	14,4
Guinea-Bissau	7	4	10	21	10	8	3	21	0,0
Liberia	72	56	76	204	118	86	69	273	33,8
Mali	69	67	62	198	90	93	61	244	23,2
Mauritania	33	16	27	76	12	31	15	58	-23,7
Niger	22	18	27	67	30	40	11	81	20,9
Nigeria	2 043	2 649	2 724	7 416	2 636	2 850	2 474	7 960	7,3
Saint Helena	2	-	1	3	-	3	2	5	66,7
Senegal	148	110	190	448	171	206	100	477	6,5
Sierra Leone	47	67	76	190	65	91	48	204	7,4
Togo	39	51	43	133	68	59	29	156	17,3
North Africa	981	1 112	1 196	3 289	1 348	1 615	1 001	3 964	20,5
Algeria	76	68	123	267	118	125	77	320	19,9
Egypt	504	548	641	1 693	621	779	541	1 941	14,6
Libya	56	50	46	152	58	31	42	131	-13,8
Morocco	107	127	140	374	147	243	89	479	28,1
South Sudan	50	73	50	173	60	78	62	200	15,6
The Sudan	89	119	83	291	162	121	61	344	18,2
Tunisia	98	124	111	333	182	237	127	546	64,0
Western Sahara	1	3	2	6	-	1	2	3	-50,0
Unspecified	995	865	1 144	3 004	1 102	1 323	834	3 259	8,5

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2024 – Quarter 4, 2025 changes by country of residence and month of travel

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2024 – Quarter 4, 2025								% change Qtr 4, 2024 – Qtr 4, 2025
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2024	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2025	
Total	705 257	767 927	920 147	2 393 331	927 426	939 654	997 165	2 864 245	19,7
Overseas	189 575	212 335	222 163	624 073	238 406	242 940	238 561	719 907	15,4
Europe	120 385	142 434	137 721	400 540	153 832	167 945	156 279	478 056	19,4
Austria	2 047	3 077	2 723	7 847	2 825	3 743	3 071	9 639	22,8
Belgium	4 450	5 015	4 534	13 999	5 522	5 537	4 753	15 812	13,0
Denmark	1 782	1 786	1 793	5 361	2 113	2 012	1 879	6 004	12,0
France	13 473	12 569	10 194	36 236	16 269	14 986	10 557	41 812	15,4
Germany	27 120	39 794	26 703	93 617	36 635	45 972	33 917	116 524	24,5
Ireland	2 259	2 690	3 376	8 325	2 920	3 243	4 006	10 169	22,2
Italy	3 818	3 721	5 402	12 941	4 323	4 523	5 049	13 895	7,4
Portugal	1 591	1 588	1 879	5 058	1 658	2 237	2 077	5 972	18,1
Russian Federation	3 298	3 933	3 842	11 073	5 430	5 849	5 162	16 441	48,5
Spain	2 531	2 609	2 319	7 459	3 071	2 704	2 461	8 236	10,4
Sweden	2 331	2 629	4 267	9 227	3 035	3 360	4 915	11 310	22,6
Switzerland	4 885	5 788	4 762	15 435	6 005	6 842	5 537	18 384	19,1
The Netherlands	14 029	13 011	13 626	40 666	15 527	14 199	14 539	44 265	8,9
UK	29 919	34 132	43 018	107 069	38 933	40 203	47 634	126 770	18,4
Other	6 852	10 092	9 283	26 227	9 566	12 535	10 722	32 823	25,1
North America	34 158	33 320	42 905	110 383	40 272	33 863	39 686	113 821	3,1
Canada	6 083	5 698	6 544	18 325	7 536	6 908	6 080	20 524	12,0
USA	28 075	27 622	36 361	92 058	32 736	26 955	33 606	93 297	1,3
Central and South America	6 404	6 046	7 332	19 782	9 021	7 716	9 010	25 747	30,2
Argentina	485	340	446	1 271	622	496	514	1 632	28,4
Brazil	4 116	3 937	5 218	13 271	5 879	5 409	6 757	18 045	36,0
Mexico	377	466	383	1 226	548	372	376	1 296	5,7
Other	1 426	1 303	1 285	4 014	1 972	1 439	1 363	4 774	18,9

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2024 – Quarter 4, 2025 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2024 – Quarter 4, 2025								% change Qtr 4, 2024 – Qtr 4, 2025
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2024	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2025	
Australasia	9 828	9 648	15 180	34 656	12 181	10 848	15 606	38 635	11,5
Australia	8 163	8 130	12 190	28 483	10 472	9 261	12 357	32 090	12,7
New Zealand	1 612	1 488	2 936	6 036	1 701	1 574	3 198	6 473	7,2
Other	53	30	54	137	8	13	51	72	-47,4
Middle East	2 195	3 138	2 167	7 500	3 596	4 358	2 778	10 732	43,1
Israel	561	573	633	1 767	818	822	876	2 516	42,4
Saudi Arabia	785	1 472	607	2 864	1 224	1 819	745	3 788	32,3
United Arab Emirates	105	228	128	461	298	287	224	809	75,5
Other	744	865	799	2 408	1 256	1 430	933	3 619	50,3
Asia	16 605	17 749	16 858	51 212	19 504	18 210	15 202	52 916	3,3
Bangladesh	475	525	454	1 454	1 167	910	469	2 546	75,1
China	3 269	3 580	2 993	9 842	2 833	2 951	2 159	7 943	-19,3
India	5 352	6 700	5 497	17 549	5 301	5 426	4 832	15 559	-11,3
Japan	1 748	1 310	1 413	4 471	2 157	1 640	1 537	5 334	19,3
Malaysia	658	433	807	1 898	803	618	512	1 933	1,8
Pakistan	1 089	1 363	1 223	3 675	1 704	1 875	1 363	4 942	34,5
Philippines	442	550	589	1 581	889	551	492	1 932	22,2
Singapore	607	681	911	2 199	769	859	878	2 506	14,0
South Korea	844	912	1 299	3 055	1 185	1 233	1 304	3 722	21,8
Thailand	545	349	402	1 296	712	440	425	1 577	21,7
Other	1 576	1 346	1 270	4 192	1 984	1 707	1 231	4 922	17,4
Africa	514 578	554 216	696 866	1 765 660	687 918	695 391	757 770	2 141 079	21,3
SADC	499 446	535 807	679 406	1 714 659	668 407	674 435	738 362	2 081 204	21,4
Angola	2 660	3 330	3 690	9 680	3 235	3 893	3 603	10 731	10,9
Botswana	30 535	34 878	52 300	117 713	34 074	34 264	54 704	123 042	4,5
DRC	1 719	2 151	4 928	8 798	3 483	2 961	6 067	12 511	42,2
Eswatini	70 213	71 818	82 072	224 103	83 626	83 370	97 914	264 910	18,2

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2024 – Quarter 4, 2025 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2024 – Quarter 4, 2025								% change Qtr 4, 2024 – Qtr 4, 2025
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2024	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2025	
Lesotho	60 221	90 065	134 116	284 402	116 917	110 284	115 831	343 032	20,6
Madagascar	387	397	445	1 229	334	409	349	1 092	-11,1
Malawi	16 525	18 228	18 416	53 169	17 761	17 350	18 200	53 311	0,3
Mauritius	1 630	2 230	2 172	6 032	1 657	2 910	2 454	7 021	16,4
Mozambique	129 036	122 780	144 824	396 640	176 273	198 735	181 250	556 258	40,2
Namibia	13 392	13 229	20 967	47 588	15 115	13 172	21 510	49 797	4,6
Seychelles	368	668	584	1 620	419	672	662	1 753	8,2
Tanzania	3 428	3 415	4 612	11 455	4 157	4 123	5 658	13 938	21,7
Zambia	10 579	13 330	17 501	41 410	16 149	15 695	20 233	52 077	25,8
Zimbabwe	158 753	159 288	192 779	510 820	195 207	186 597	209 927	591 731	15,8
'Other' African	15 132	18 409	17 460	51 001	19 511	20 956	19 408	59 875	17,4
East and Central Africa	7 511	8 990	9 586	26 087	10 285	11 026	10 849	32 160	23,3
Burundi	112	121	101	334	128	162	91	381	14,1
Cameroon	382	557	460	1 399	403	496	349	1 248	-10,8
Central African Republic	24	46	8	78	23	25	5	53	-32,1
Chad	52	52	26	130	53	51	27	131	0,8
Comoros	38	26	49	113	12	31	68	111	-1,8
Congo	161	222	297	680	133	186	142	461	-32,2
Djibouti	7	17	4	28	12	17	6	35	25,0
Equatorial Guinea	29	55	24	108	36	56	23	115	6,5
Eritrea	41	34	36	111	44	30	45	119	7,2
Ethiopia	717	722	635	2 074	1 134	1 178	931	3 243	56,4
Gabon	304	317	560	1 181	342	325	682	1 349	14,2
Kenya	4 358	5 317	5 626	15 301	6 170	6 684	6 581	19 435	27,0
Réunion	-	11	17	28	2	-	1	3	-89,3
Rwanda	97	108	94	299	131	119	70	320	7,0
São Tomé and Príncipe	10	11	4	25	17	18	2	37	48,0
Somalia	68	81	62	211	130	125	85	340	61,1
Uganda	1 111	1 293	1 583	3 987	1 515	1 523	1 741	4 779	19,9

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2024 – Quarter 4, 2025 changes by country of residence and month of travel (concluded)

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2024 – Quarter 4, 2025								% change Qtr 4, 2024 – Qtr 4, 2025
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2024	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2025	
West Africa	6 563	8 153	6 478	21 194	7 878	8 315	7 558	23 751	12,1
Benin	217	223	176	616	209	196	139	544	-11,7
Burkina Faso	56	116	34	206	90	84	31	205	-0,5
Cape Verde Island	33	37	17	87	23	40	10	73	-16,1
Côte d'Ivoire	211	323	133	667	139	236	107	482	-27,7
Gambia	71	86	29	186	46	39	23	108	-41,9
Ghana	3 555	4 081	3 534	11 170	4 079	4 143	4 352	12 574	12,6
Guinea	108	120	86	314	92	110	84	286	-8,9
Guinea-Bissau	15	18	7	40	10	8	3	21	-47,5
Liberia	107	128	79	314	118	86	69	273	-13,1
Mali	70	105	71	246	90	93	61	244	-0,8
Mauritania	26	26	11	63	12	31	15	58	-7,9
Niger	27	55	20	102	30	40	11	81	-20,6
Nigeria	1 806	2 505	2 086	6 397	2 636	2 850	2 474	7 960	24,4
Saint Helena	2	3	10	15	-	3	2	5	-66,7
Senegal	123	186	101	410	171	206	100	477	16,3
Sierra Leone	72	68	49	189	65	91	48	204	7,9
Togo	64	73	35	172	68	59	29	156	-9,3
North Africa	1 058	1 266	1 396	3 720	1 348	1 615	1 001	3 964	6,6
Algeria	75	80	76	231	118	125	77	320	38,5
Egypt	517	548	495	1 560	621	779	541	1 941	24,4
Libya	46	43	59	148	58	31	42	131	-11,5
Morocco	123	150	537	810	147	243	89	479	-40,9
South Sudan	83	110	48	241	60	78	62	200	-17,0
The Sudan	85	85	62	232	162	121	61	344	48,3
Tunisia	129	247	116	492	182	237	127	546	11,0
Western Sahara	-	3	3	6	-	1	2	3	-50,0
Unspecified	1 104	1 376	1 118	3 598	1 102	1 323	834	3 259	-9,4

Annexure G – Number of tourists' difference between December 2019 and December 2025 by port of entry and province (excluding ports in December 2019 with missing data in December 2025)

Port of entry and province	December 2019	December 2025	Difference between December 2019 and December 2025	% Change between December 2019 and December 2025
Total	981 038	997 165	16 127	1,6
Western Cape	101 546	132 468	30 922	30,5
Cape Town Harbour	75	3 901	3 826	5 101,3
Cape Town International Airport	101 471	128 567	27 096	26,7
Northern Cape	13 351	14 029	678	5,1
Nakop	5 157	5 102	-55	-1,1
Vioolsdrift	8 194	8 927	733	8,9
Free State	122 926	117 628	-5 298	-4,3
Caledonspoort	12 059	12 584	525	4,4
Ficksburg	47 482	49 708	2 226	4,7
Maseru Bridge	51 064	54 840	3 776	7,4
Van Rooyens Gate	12 321	496	-11 825	-96,0
KwaZulu Natal	28 872	31 696	2 824	9,8
Durban Harbour	516	1 164	648	125,6
Golela	15 710	16 853	1 143	7,3
King Shaka International Airport	5 758	3 788	-1 970	-34,2
Kosibay	6 888	9 891	3 003	43,6
North West	70 801	52 369	-18 432	-26,0
Kopfontein	35 647	27 584	-8 063	-22,6
Ramatlabama	13 246	11 393	-1 853	-14,0
Skilpad Gate	16 287	9 231	-7 056	-43,3
Swartkopfontein Gate	5 621	4 161	-1 460	-26,0
Gauteng	192 599	190 209	-2 390	-1,2
Lanseria International Airport	225	154	-71	-31,6
OR Tambo International Airport	192 374	190 055	-2 319	-1,2
Mpumalanga	195 425	274 386	78 961	40,4
Emahlatini	5 373	7 264	1 891	35,2
Jeppes Reef	13 330	19 425	6 095	45,7
Lebombo	112 764	174 652	61 888	54,9
Mahamba	9 546	8 837	-709	-7,4
Mananga	11 221	10 456	-765	-6,8
Nerston	1 394	846	-548	-39,3
Oshoek	41 797	52 906	11 109	26,6
Limpopo	227 181	184 380	-42 801	-18,8
Beit Bridge	197 608	156 968	-40 640	-20,6
Groblers Bridge	29 573	27 412	-2 161	-7,3

Annexure H – Number of tourists' difference between Dec 2024 and Dec 2025 by port of entry and province (excluding ports in Dec 2025 with missing data in Dec 2024)

Port of entry and province	December 2024	December 2025	Difference between December 2024 and December 2025	% Change between December 2024 and December 2025
Total	913 995	993 004	79 009	8,6
Western Cape	118 345	132 468	14 123	11,9
Cape Town Harbour	5 811	3 901	-1 910	-32,9
Cape Town International Airport	112 534	128 567	16 033	14,2
Northern Cape	14 379	14 029	-350	-2,4
Nakop	5 798	5 102	-696	-12,0
Vioolsdrift	8 581	8 927	346	4,0
Free State	129 591	117 628	-11 963	-9,2
Caledonspoort	14 768	12 584	-2 184	-14,8
Ficksburg	48 954	49 708	754	1,5
Maseru Bridge	60 997	54 840	-6 157	-10,1
Van Rooyens Gate	4 872	496	-4 376	-89,8
KwaZulu Natal	29 226	31 696	2 470	8,5
Durban Harbour	1 833	1 164	-669	-36,5
Golela	14 802	16 853	2 051	13,9
King Shaka International Airport	4 296	3 788	-508	-11,8
Kosibay	8 295	9 891	1 596	19,2
North West	53 947	48 208	-5 739	-10,6
Kopfontein	29 123	27 584	-1 539	-5,3
Ramatlabama	12 582	11 393	-1 189	-9,5
Skilpad Gate	12 242	9 231	-3 011	-24,6
Gauteng	175 815	190 209	14 394	8,2
Lanseria International Airport	193	154	-39	-20,2
OR Tambo International Airport	175 622	190 055	14 433	8,2
Mpumalanga	217 880	274 386	56 506	25,9
Emahlatini	2 841	7 264	4 423	155,7
Jeppes Reef	14 734	19 425	4 691	31,8
Lebombo	135 087	174 652	39 565	29,3
Mahamba	8 131	8 837	706	8,7
Mananga	9 716	10 456	740	7,6
Nerston	774	846	72	9,3
Oshoek	46 597	52 906	6 309	13,5
Limpopo	174 812	184 380	9 568	5,5
Beit Bridge	150 599	156 968	6 369	4,2
Groblers Bridge	24 213	27 412	3 199	13,2

Annexure I – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025 by port of entry and province (excluding ports with missing data between Jan – Dec, 2024 – 2025)

Port of entry and province	Jan – Dec 2024	Jan – Dec 2025	Difference between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025	% change between Jan – Dec 2024 and Jan – Dec 2025
Total	8 553 229	9 719 092	1 165 863	13,6
Western Cape	932 831	1 072 623	139 792	15,0
Cape Town International Airport	932 831	1 072 623	139 792	15,0
Northern Cape	109 778	110 161	383	0,3
Nakop	54 665	54 615	-50	-0,1
Vioolsdrift	55 113	55 546	433	0,8
Free State	662 458	704 215	41 757	6,3
Caledonspoort	142 704	142 592	-112	-0,1
Ficksburg	519 754	561 623	41 869	8,1
KwaZulu Natal	255 573	291 324	35 751	14,0
Golela	162 367	176 044	13 677	8,4
Kosibay	93 206	115 280	22 074	23,7
North West	432 700	439 839	7 139	1,6
Kopfontein	251 879	259 776	7 897	3,1
Ramathlabama	81 765	82 564	799	1,0
Skilpad Gate	99 056	97 499	-1 557	-1,6
Gauteng	1 712 436	1 934 932	222 496	13,0
Lanseria International Airport	2 475	2 788	313	12,6
Oliver Tambo International Airport	1 709 961	1 932 144	222 183	13,0
Mpumalanga	2 482 529	3 055 235	572 706	23,1
Emahlatini	47 774	71 709	23 935	50,1
Jeppes Reef	135 423	172 208	36 785	27,2
Lebombo	1 613 869	2 054 853	440 984	27,3
Mahamba	83 673	93 795	10 122	12,1
Mananga	129 251	124 135	-5 116	-4,0
Nerston	6 225	5 691	-534	-8,6
Oshoek	466 314	532 844	66 530	14,3
Limpopo	1 964 924	2 110 763	145 839	7,4
Beit Bridge	1 734 304	1 864 733	130 429	7,5
Groblers Bridge	230 620	246 030	15 410	6,7

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. 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 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 December 2025, the DHA data was 1,3% higher 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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