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Preface

This monthly statistical release provides information on South African residents and foreign travellers who entered or left South Africa in March 2025. Specific focus is on foreign tourists who entered the country in March 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.

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

1. Highlights of the results

In March 2025, 2 838 966 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) entered and exited South Africa. They were made up of 708 920 (25,0%) South African residents and 2 130 046 (75,0%) foreign travellers. Foreign arrivals were made up of 29 060 (2,6%) non-visitors and 1 078 009 (97,4%) visitors. Visitors consisted of 267 567 (24,8%) same-day visitors and 810 442 (75,2%) overnight visitors (tourists).

Tourists

Overseas tourists constituted 26,5% (214 546) of all tourists. United Kingdom (UK) (39 434), United States of America (USA) (35 764) and Germany (32 775) contributed 50,3% to overseas tourists. Tourists from Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries constituted 71,5% (579 224) of all tourists. Mozambique (155 426), Zimbabwe (155 117) and Lesotho (104 216) contributed 71,6% to SADC tourists. 'Other' African countries (non-SADC) tourists were 1,9% (15 632) of all tourists. Kenya (4 552), Ghana (3 480) and Nigeria (2 500) contributed 67,4% to 'other' African tourists. The country of residence of 1 040 (0,1%) tourists was classified as unspecified.

Purpose of visit

'Holiday'¹ continues to be the main purpose of visit. About 97,4% 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 2 838 966 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) passed through South African ports in March 2025. As presented in Table 1 below, these travellers were made up of 708 920 South African residents and 2 130 046 foreign travellers. A further breakdown of the figures for South African residents indicates that there were 343 852 arrivals, 364 598 departures and 470 travellers in transit. The corresponding volume for foreign arrivals, departures and travellers in transit was 1 107 069, 986 507 and 36 470 respectively.

A comparison between the movements in February 2025 and March 2025 indicates that the volume of arrivals, departures and transits increased for both South African residents and foreign travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals increased by 15,6% (from 297 388 in February 2025 to 343 852 in March 2025). Departures increased by 20,4% (from 302 781 in February 2025 to 364 598 in March 2025) and transits increased by 21,4% (from 387 in February 2025 to 470 in March 2025). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 8,0% (from 1 024 787 in February 2025 to 1 107 069 in March 2025), departures increased by 14,5% (from 861 915 in February 2025 to 986 507 in March 2025), and transits increased by 20,4% (from 30 293 in February 2025 to 36 470 in March 2025).

A comparison between the movements in March 2024 and March 2025 indicates that the volume of arrivals and departures decreased for South African residents but increased for foreign travellers whereas that of transits increased for both groups of travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals decreased by 6,1% (from 366 237 in March 2024 to 343 852 in March 2025), departures decreased by 11,1% (from 410 217 in March 2024 to 364 598 in March 2025) and transits increased by 19,3% (from 394 in March 2024 to 470 in March 2025). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 11,2% (from 995 770 in March 2024 to 1 107 069 in March 2025), departures increased by 9,3% (from 902 238 in March 2024 to 986 507 in March 2025) and transits increased by 0,9% (from 36 135 in March 2024 to 36 470 in March 2025).

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

Travel Direction	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025	% Change Feb 2025 – Mar 2025	% Change Mar 2024 – Mar 2025
Total	2 710 991	2 517 551	2 838 966	12,8%	4,7%
South African residents	776 848	600 556	708 920	18,0%	-8,7%
Arrivals	366 237	297 388	343 852	15,6%	-6,1%
Departures	410 217	302 781	364 598	20,4%	-11,1%
Transits	394	387	470	21,4%	19,3%
Foreign travellers	1 934 143	1 916 995	2 130 046	11,1%	10,1%
Arrivals	995 770	1 024 787	1 107 069	8,0%	11,2%
Departures	902 238	861 915	986 507	14,5%	9,3%
Transits	36 135	30 293	36 470	20,4%	0,9%

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 March 2025, road was the most common mode of travel used by 1 822 213 (64,2%) of the 2 838 966 travellers. The total number of air travellers was 960 591 (33,8%). Compared to air and road, a smaller number of travellers, 56 162 (2,0%) used sea into and out of South Africa. Information on arrivals of South African residents shows that 150 599 (43,8%) came by air, 180 598 (52,5%) came by road and 12 655 (3,7%) arrived by sea. For departures, 164 372 (45,1%) used air, 190 037 (52,1%) used road and 10 189 (2,8%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 470 (100,0%) used air.

In the case of foreign travellers, 287 917 (26,0%) arrived by air, 811 430 (73,3%) came by road and 7 722 (0,7%) arrived by sea. When departing South Africa, 320 763 (32,5%) foreign travellers left by air, 640 148 (64,9%) left by road and 25 596 (2,6%) left by sea. Of all travellers in transit, 36 470 (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	2 838 966	308 731	25 405	624 389	2 066	960 591	1 822 213	56 162
South African residents	708 920	65 948	16 249	231 941	1 303	315 441	370 635	22 844
Arrivals	343 852	34 039	7 441	108 503	616	150 599	180 598	12 655
Departures	364 598	31 901	8 808	122 976	687	164 372	190 037	10 189
Transit	470	8	-	462	-	470	-	-
Foreign travellers	2 130 046	242 783	9 156	392 448	763	645 150	1 451 578	33 318
Arrivals	1 107 069	113 526	3 937	170 036	418	287 917	811 430	7 722
Departures	986 507	128 483	5 219	186 716	345	320 763	640 148	25 596
Transit	36 470	774	-	35 696	-	36 470	-	-
Visitors	1 078 009	110 369	3 232	165 178	269	279 048	793 768	5 193
Same-day	267 567	1 600	6	16 260	34	17 900	249 362	305
Overnight/ Tourist	810 442	108 769	3 226	148 918	235	261 148	544 406	4 888

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 March 2025, 29 060 (2,6%) of foreign arrivals were classified as non-visitors, while 1 078 009 (97,4%) were classified as visitors. Visitors were categorised into three groups:

- Arrivals only – comprising visitors who entered the country in March 2025 but did not depart in March 2025 [372 381 (34,5%)].
- Single trips – visitors who came to South Africa once in March 2025 and left in March 2025 [351 914 (32,6%)].
- Multiple trips – visitors who came to and left South Africa more than once in March 2025 [353 714 (32,8%)].

Visitors were further grouped as same-day visitors and overnight visitors/ (tourists). In March 2025, there were 267 567 (24,8%) same-day visitors and 810 442 (75,2%) tourists. Between February 2025 and March 2025, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 13,1% (from 236 553 in February 2025 to 267 567 in March 2025) and that of tourists increased by 6,1% (from 764 111 in February 2025 to 810 442 in March 2025). Between March 2024 and March 2025, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 22,6% (from 218 317 in March 2024 to 267 567 in March 2025) and that of tourists increased by 7,9% (from 750 968 in March 2024 to 810 442 in March 2025).

Table 2 on page 3 further shows that of the 267 567 same-day visitors, a majority, 249 362 (93,2%) arrived in the country by road, 17 900 (6,7%) arrived by air and 305 (0,1%) arrived by sea. Information on tourists shows that 544 406 (67,2%) came by road, 261 148 (32,2%) used air and 4 888 (0,6%) used sea.

Table 3 – Number of visitors by type of visitor

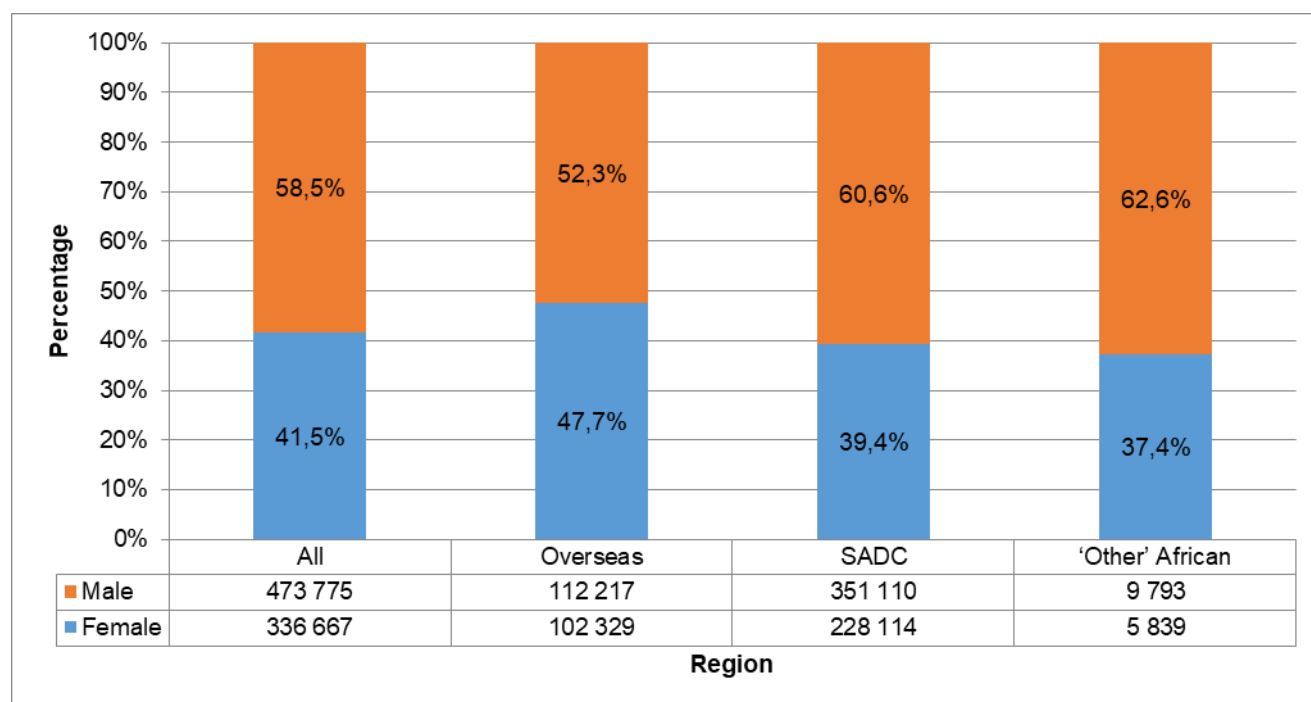
Travel Direction	March 2024	February 2025	March 2025	% Change Feb 2025 – Mar 2025	% Change Mar 2024 – Mar 2025
Foreign arrivals	995 770	1 024 787	1 107 069	8,0%	11,2%
Non-visitors	26 485	24 123	29 060	20,5%	9,7%
Visitors	969 285	1 000 664	1 078 009	7,7%	11,2%
Visitors	969 285	1 000 664	1 078 009	7,7%	11,2%
Arrivals only	337 955	392 097	372 381	-5,0%	10,2%
Single trips	337 433	316 717	351 914	11,1%	4,3%
Multiple trips	293 897	291 850	353 714	21,2%	20,4%
Visitors	969 285	1 000 664	1 078 009	7,7%	11,2%
Same-day	218 317	236 553	267 567	13,1%	22,6%
Overnight/Tourists	750 968	764 111	810 442	6,1%	7,9%

2.3 Tourists

2.3.1 Sex and age distribution of tourists

Sex

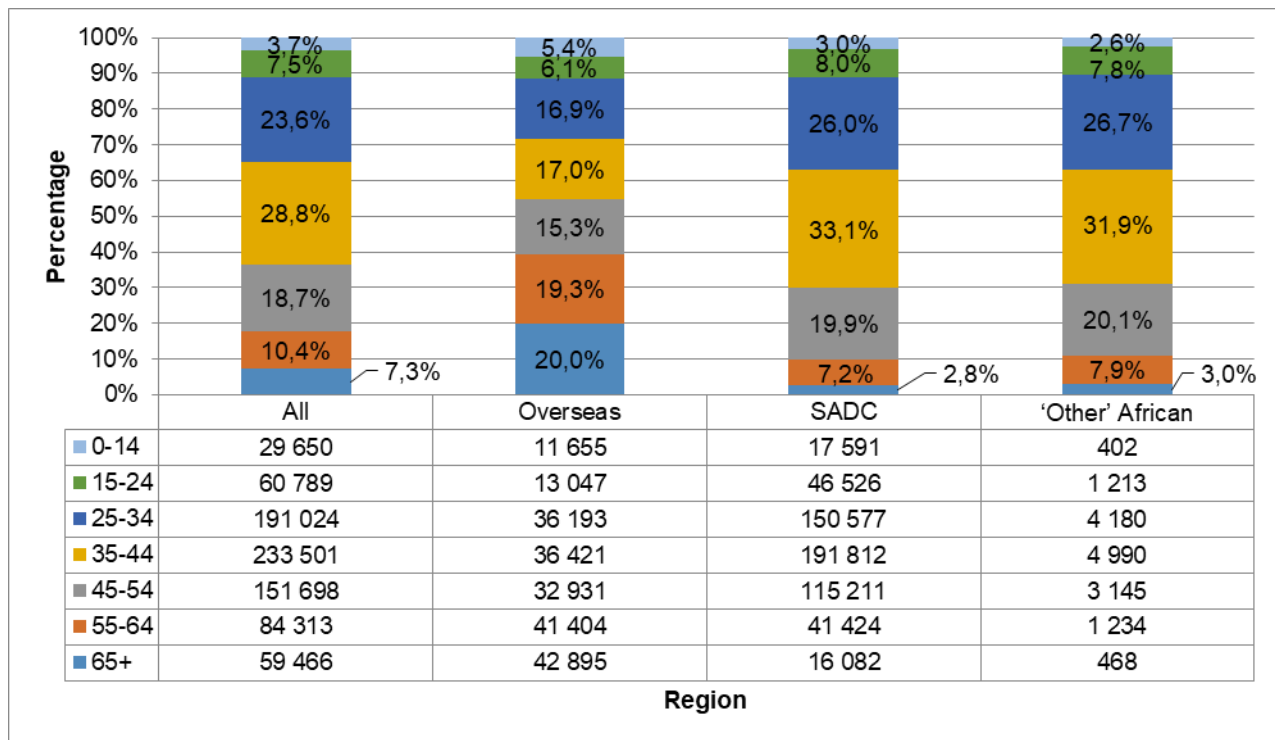
Figure 1 on page 5 shows that there were more male [473 775 (58,5%)] than female [336 667 (41,5%)] tourists. Male tourists constituted the majority of tourists for all three regions, SADC countries [351 110 (60,6%)], overseas countries [112 217 (52,3%)] and 'other' African countries [9 793 (62,6%)]. Similarly, the largest portion of female tourists was from SADC countries [228 114 (39,4%)], followed by overseas countries [102 329 (47,7%)] and 'other' African countries [5 839 (37,4%)].

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

Age

The age distribution indicates that out of all tourists, [3,7% (29 650)] were aged younger than 15; [7,5% (60 789)] were aged between 15 and 24; [23,6% (191 024)] were aged between 25 and 34; [28,8% (233 501)] were aged between 35 and 44; [18,7% (151 698)] were aged between 45 and 54; [10,4% (84 313)] were aged between 55 and 64; [7,3% (59 466)] were aged 65 and older (see Figure 2 on page 6).

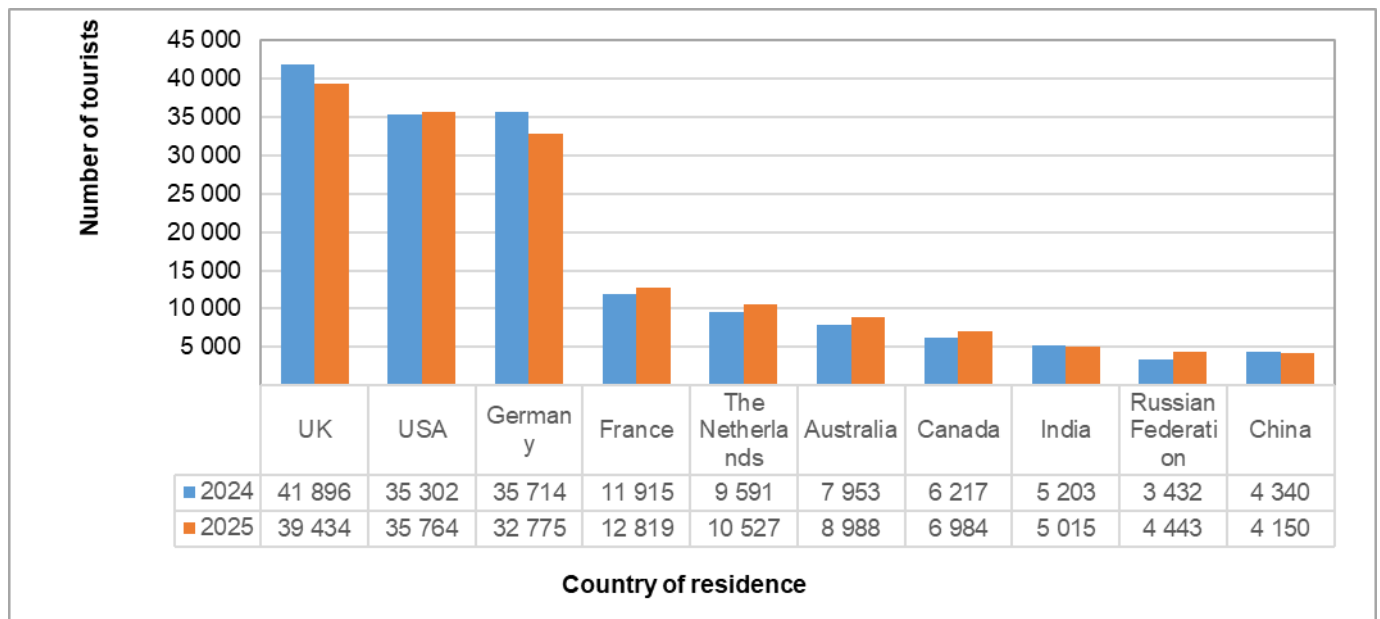
Taking the region of residence into consideration, the results show that the highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [33,1% (191 812)] and those from 'other' African countries [31,9% (4 990)] were aged between 35 and 44. In contrast, those from overseas countries [20,0% (42 895)] were aged 65 and older. The second highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [26,0% (150 577)] and those from 'other' African countries [26,7% (4 180)] were aged between 25 and 34, whereas those from overseas countries [19,3% (41 404)] were aged between 55 and 64. The proportion of tourists aged younger than 15 was higher among tourists from overseas countries, 5,4% (11 655) and those from SADC countries, 3,0% (17 591) compared to those from 'other' African countries, 2,6% (402). The median ages of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries were 48, 38 and 38 years, respectively.

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

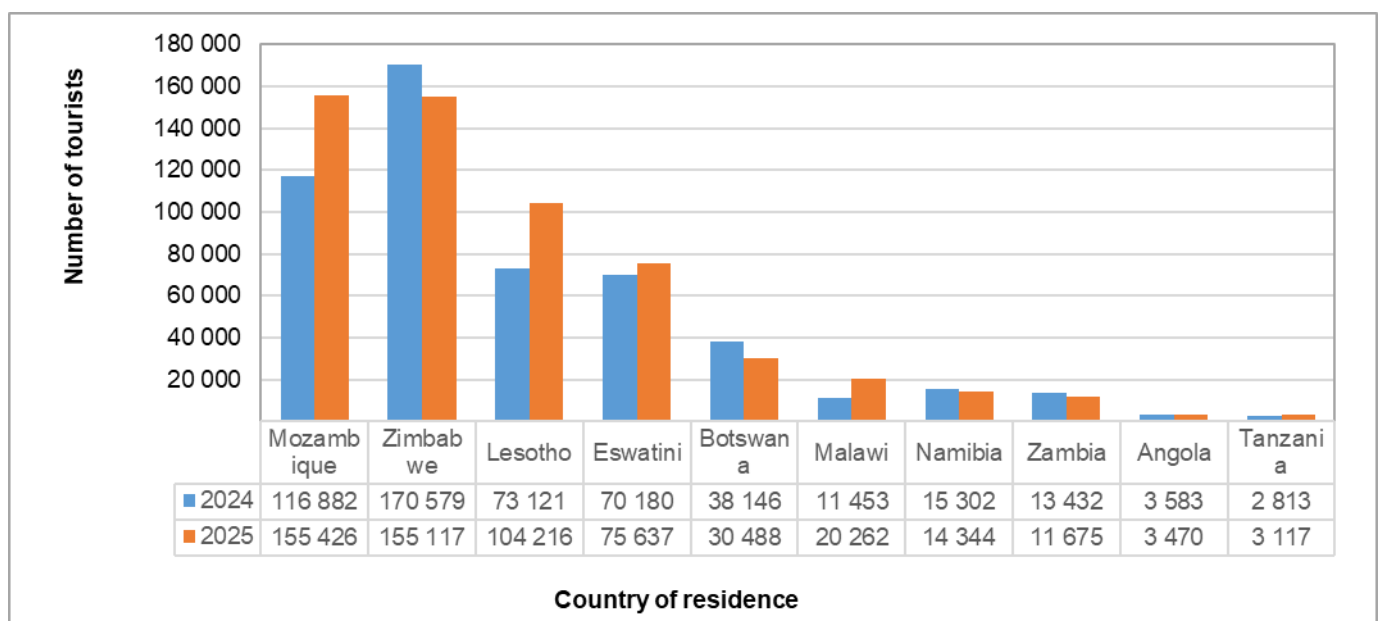
2.3.2 Regional and national distribution of tourists

In March 2025, the distribution of overseas tourists was as follows: Europe, 134 963 (62,9%); North America, 42 748 (19,9%); Asia, 16 804 (7,8%); Australasia, 10 712 (5,0%); Central and South America, 6 495 (3,0%) and Middle East, 2 824 (1,3%) (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 March 2025 were: UK, 39 434 (18,4%); USA, 35 764 (16,7%); Germany, 32 775 (15,3%); France, 12 819 (6,0%); The Netherlands, 10 527 (4,9%); Australia, 8 988 (4,2%); Canada, 6 984 (3,3%); India, 5 015 (2,3%); Russian Federation, 4 443 (2,1%) and China, 4 150 (1,9%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 75,0% of all tourists from overseas countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between March 2024 and March 2025 shows that the number of tourists increased for 6 of 10 leading countries. Russian Federation had the highest increase of 29,5% (from 3 432 tourists in March 2024 to 4 443 tourists in March 2025).

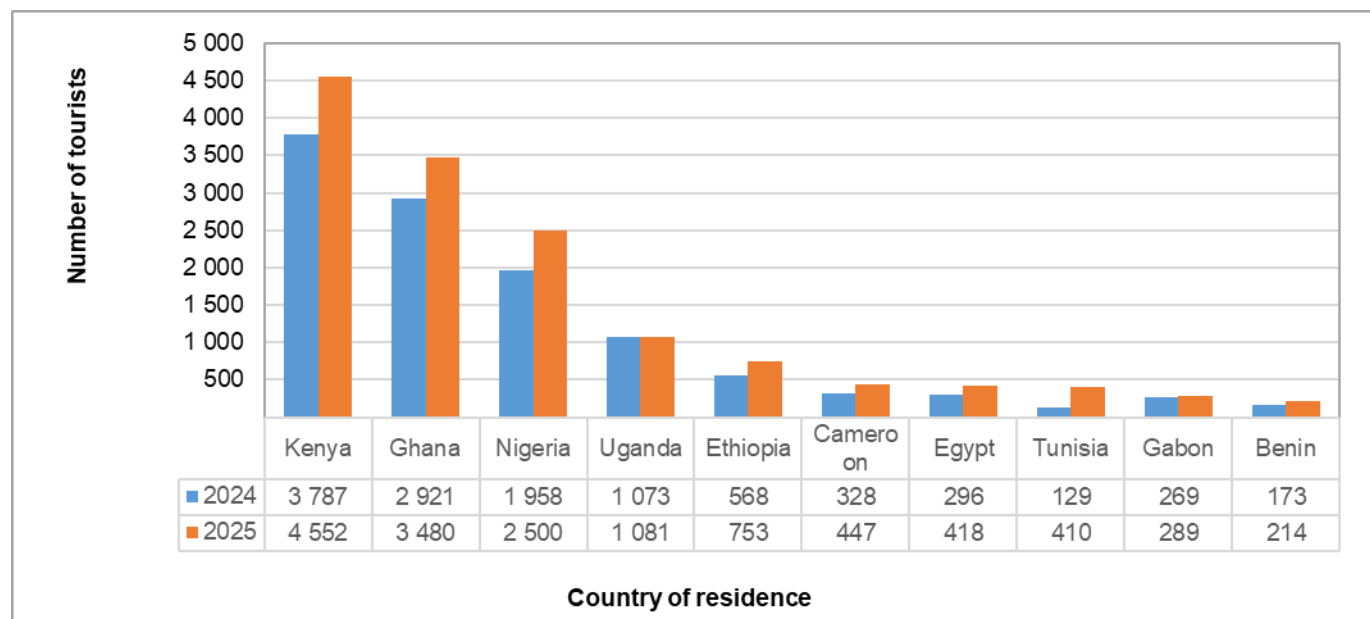
Figure 3 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading overseas countries in March 2024 and March 2025

Virtually, most tourists from Africa, 579 224 (97,4%), came from SADC countries. The distribution of the remaining tourists from Africa was as follows: East and Central Africa, 7 619 (1,3%); West Africa, 6 927 (1,2%) and North Africa 1 086 (0,2%). Ten leading SADC countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in March 2025 were: Mozambique, 155 426 (26,8%); Zimbabwe, 155 117 (26,8%); Lesotho, 104 216 (18,0%); Eswatini, 75 637 (13,1%); Botswana, 30 488 (5,3%); Malawi, 20 262 (3,5%); Namibia, 14 344 (2,5%); Zambia, 11 675 (2,0%); Angola, 3 470 (0,6%) and Tanzania, 3 117 (0,5%) (see Figure 4 below). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 99,1% of all tourists from the SADC countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between March 2024 and March 2025 shows that the number of tourists increased for 5 of the 10 leading countries. Malawi showed the highest increase of 76,9% (from 11 453 tourists in March 2024 to 20 262 tourists in March 2025).

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

The 10 leading countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in March 2025 from 'other' African countries, as shown in Figure 5 below, were: Kenya, 4 552 (29,1%); Ghana, 3 480 (22,3%); Nigeria, 2 500 (16,0%); Uganda, 1 081 (6,9%); Ethiopia, 753 (4,8%); Cameroon, 447 (2,9%); Egypt, 418 (2,7%); Tunisia, 410 (2,6%); Gabon, 289 (1,8%) and Benin, 214 (1,4%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 90,5% of all tourists from 'other' African countries. A comparison between movements in March 2024 and March 2025 shows that the number of tourists increased for all 10 leading countries. Tunisia showed the highest increase of 217,8% (from 129 tourists in March 2024 to 410 tourists in March 2025).

Figure 5 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading 'other' African countries in March 2024 and March 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 21 to 24. It is observed that in March 2025, the majority of tourists, 789 643 (97,4%), were in South Africa for holiday compared to 17 562 (2,2%); 2 874 (0,4%) and 363 (less than 0,1%) who were in South Africa for business, study and medical treatment respectively.

Within the overseas regions, Australasia, 99,4% (10 648) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for holiday, followed by North America, 98,8% (42 227); Europe, 98,3% (132 664); Central and South America, 97,4% (6 329); Middle East, 97,3% (2 747) and Asia, 93,4% (15 698).

Asia, 5,5% (928) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business, followed by Central and South America, 2,1% (134); Middle East, 1,9% (55); Europe, 1,5% (2 037); North America, 1,1% (469) and Australasia, 0,5% (56).

Asia, 1,0% (171) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to study, followed by Middle East, 0,7% (20); Central and South America, 0,5% (31); Europe, 0,2% (231); North America, 0,1% (47) and Australasia, less than 0,1% (5).

Middle East, 0,1% (2) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for medical treatment. Europe (31), Asia (7), North America (5), Australasia (3) and Central and South Africa (1) had less than 0,1% of tourists who came for medical treatment.

Majority of African tourists, 578 343 (97,2%) 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 97,3% (563 785) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 93,1% (14 558) from 'other' African countries. Information on the regions of 'other' African countries shows that 93,7% (6 490) of tourists from West Africa were on holiday, followed by tourists from East and Central Africa, 93,2% (7 104) and those from North Africa, 88,8% (964).
- Business persons constituted 2,3% (13 148) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 4,4% (683) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 8,4% (91) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business purposes, followed by East and Central Africa, 4,4% (339) and West Africa, 3,7% (253).
- Students constituted 0,3% (2 013) of tourists from SADC countries compared with 2,3% (356) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 2,9% (31) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for study purposes, followed by West Africa, 2,5% (171) and East and Central Africa, 2,0% (154).
- Tourists who came for medical treatment constituted less than 0,1% (278) of tourists from SADC countries, while those from 'other' African countries constituted 0,2% (35). East and Central Africa, 0,3% (22) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for medical treatment, followed by West Africa, 0,2% (13). North Africa had no tourists who came for medical treatment.

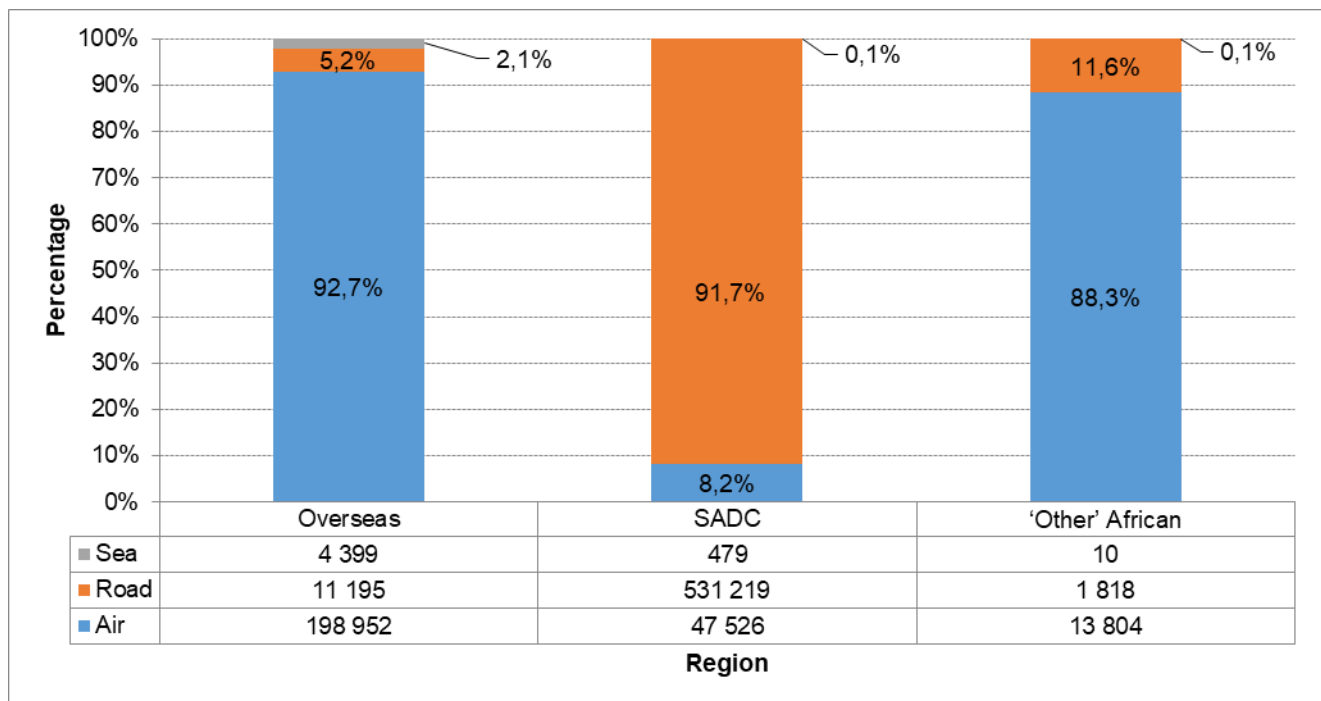
Table 4 – Number of tourists by region of residence and purpose of visit

Region of residence	March 2025	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Total	810 442	17 562	789 643	2 874	363
Overseas	214 546	3 679	210 313	505	49
Europe	134 963	2 037	132 664	231	31
North America	42 748	469	42 227	47	5
Central and South America	6 495	134	6 329	31	1
Australasia	10 712	56	10 648	5	3
Middle East	2 824	55	2 747	20	2
Asia	16 804	928	15 698	171	7
Africa	594 856	13 831	578 343	2 369	313
SADC	579 224	13 148	563 785	2 013	278
'Other' African	15 632	683	14 558	356	35
East and Central Africa	7 619	339	7 104	154	22
West Africa	6 927	253	6 490	171	13
North Africa	1 086	91	964	31	-
Unspecified	1 040	52	987	-	1

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 17 to 20, whereas the port of entry used by tourists is provided in Annexure G on page 37. As shown in Figure 6 below, 198 952 (92,7%) overseas tourists arrived in the country by air, whilst 11 195 (5,2%) came in by road and 4 399 (2,1%) arrived by sea. Tourists from the SADC countries, on the other hand, came predominantly by road, 531 219 (91,7%), 47 526 (8,2%) came by air and 479 (0,1%) arrived by sea. The number of tourists who came into South Africa by air from 'other' African countries was 13 804 (88,3%); while 1 818 (11,6%) used road transport and 10 (0,1%) preferred sea. Most tourists who arrived by road came through Lebombo port (153 017) and Beit Bridge port (127 951). The majority of tourists who came by air entered through OR Tambo International Airport (148 918) and Cape Town International Airport (108 769). Tourists who arrived by sea came through Cape Town Harbour (4 719) and Durban Harbour (169).

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



2.3.5 Quarterly and annual trends

Figures 7, 8, and 9 on pages 11 and 12 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 quarter four of 2024 and quarter one of 2025 (Annexure E, pages 29 to 30), the number of tourists from overseas increased by 2,7% (from 624 073 in quarter four of 2024 to 641 085 in quarter one of 2025). A year-on-year comparison between 2024 and 2025 for quarter one (Annexure F, pages 33 to 34) shows that the number of overseas tourists increased by 3,1% (from 621 531 in quarter one of 2024 to 641 085 in quarter one of 2025).

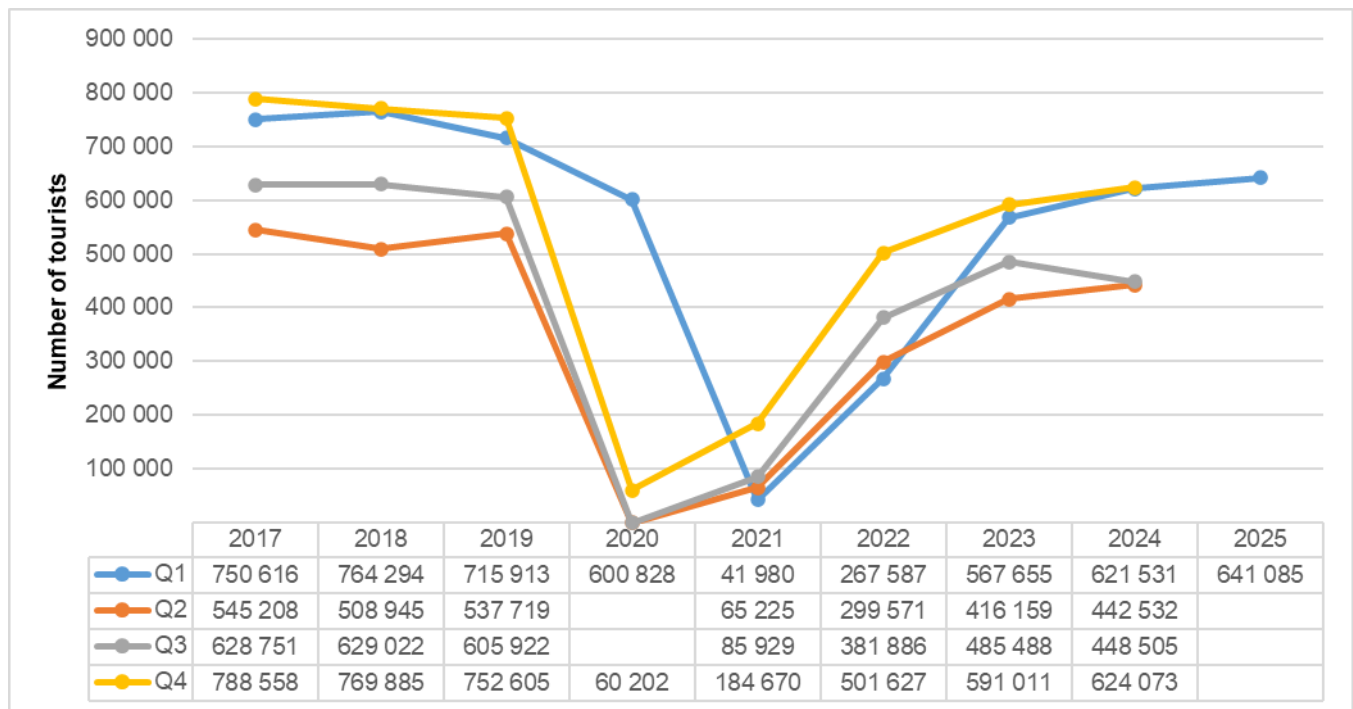
Figure 7 – Number of tourists from overseas countries by quarter: 2017 – 2025

Figure 8 below, shows that the number of SADC tourists were 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 quarter four of 2024 and quarter one of 2025, the number of tourists from SADC increased by 10,7% (from 1 714 659 in quarter four of 2024 to 1 898 428 in quarter one of 2025) (see Annexure E on pages 30 to 31). Comparisons between the first quarters of 2024 and 2025 show that the number of SADC tourists increased by 6,3% (from 1 786 620 in quarter one of 2024 to 1 898 428 in quarter one of 2025) (see Annexure F on pages 34 to 35).

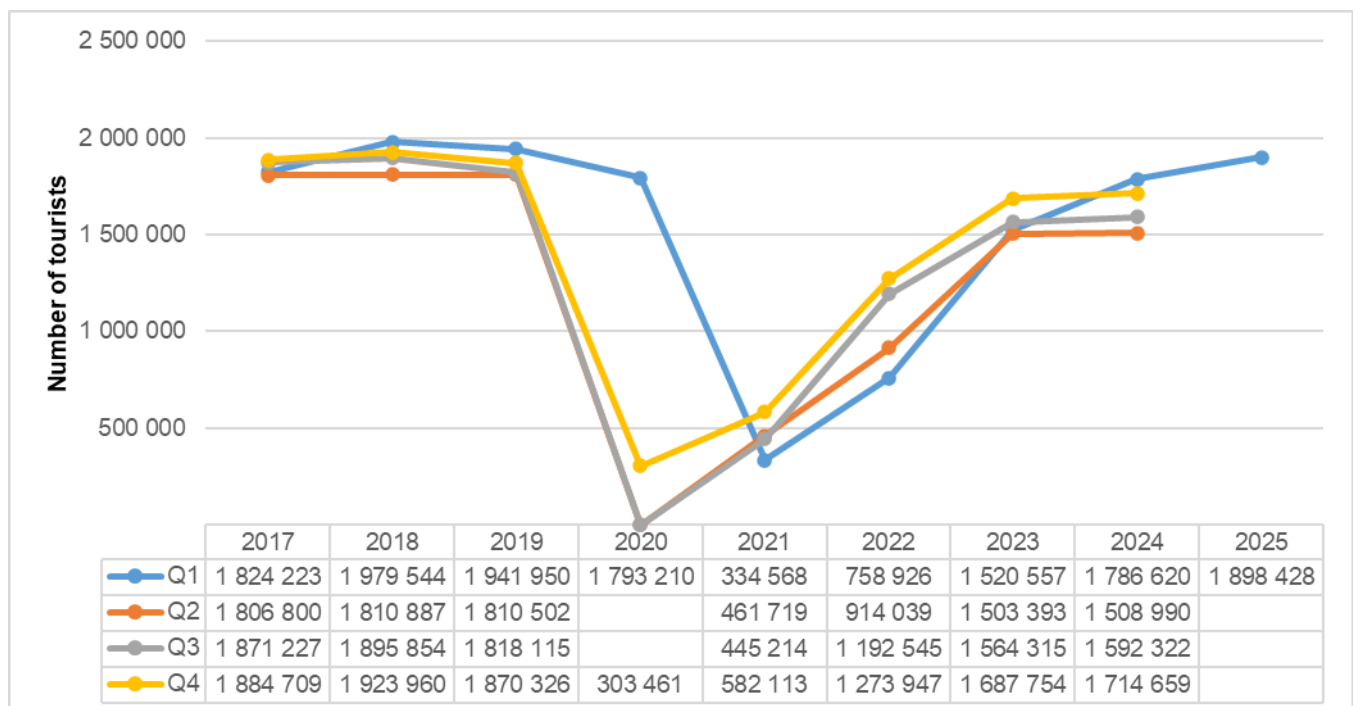
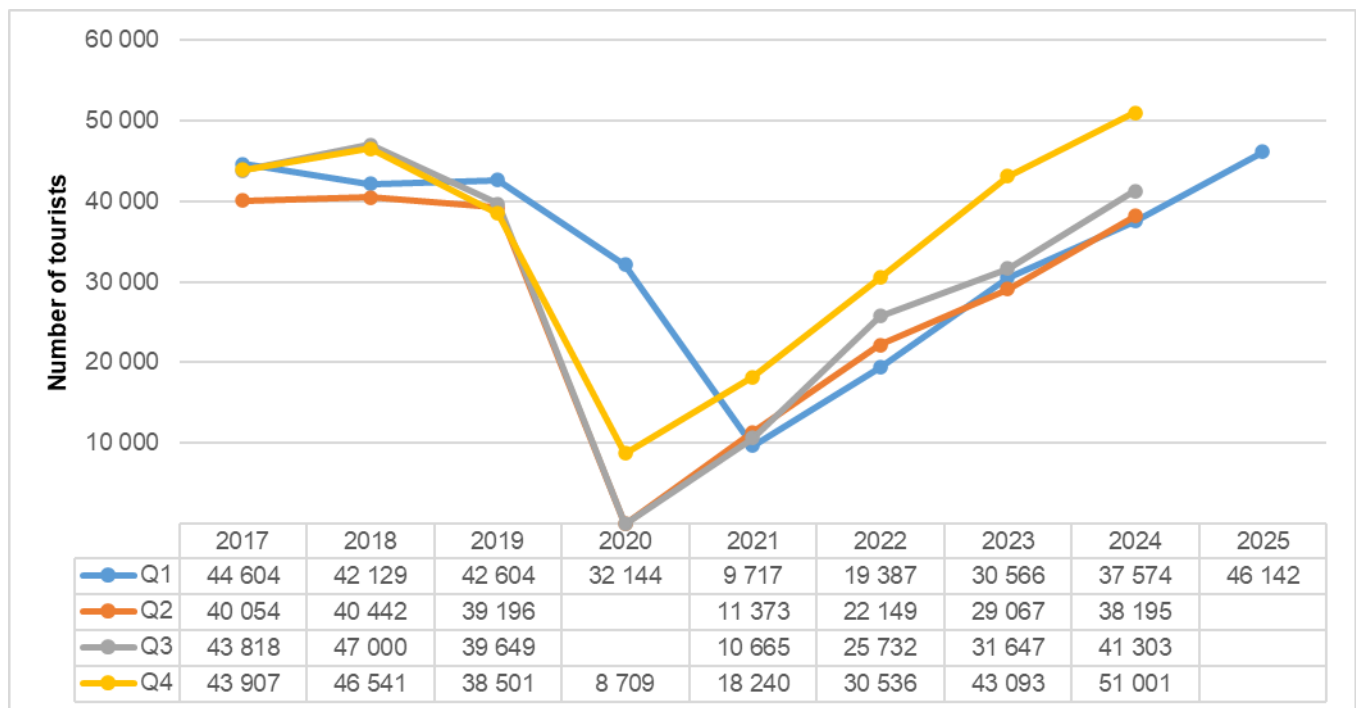
Figure 8 – Number of tourists from SADC countries by quarter: 2017 – 2025

Figure 9 below, 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 quarter four of 2024 and quarter one of 2025 (see Annexure E on pages 31 to 32), the number of tourists from 'other' African countries decreased by 9,5% (from 51 001 in quarter four of 2024 to 46 142 in quarter one of 2025). North Africa increased by 6,9% (from 3 720 in quarter four of 2024 to 3 976 in quarter one of 2025), whereas East and Central Africa decreased by 15,4% (from 26 087 in quarter four of 2024 to 22 061 in quarter one of 2025) and West Africa which decreased by 5,1% (from 21 194 in quarter four of 2024 to 20 105 in quarter one of 2025). A year-on-year comparison for quarter one (see Annexure F on pages 35 to 36) shows that the number of tourists from 'other' African countries increased by 22,8% (from 37 574 in quarter one of 2024 to 46 142 in quarter one of 2025). North Africa had the largest increase of 32,5% (from 3 000 in quarter one of 2024 to 3 976 in quarter one of 2025), followed by West Africa which increased by 24,1% (from 16 203 in quarter one of 2024 to 20 105 in quarter one of 2025) and East and Central Africa which increased by 20,1% (from 18 371 in quarter one of 2024 to 22 061 in quarter one of 2025).

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



3. Annexures

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

Country of residence	March 2024	March 2025	Difference between March 2024 and March 2025	% change between March 2024 and March 2025
Total	750 968	810 442	59 474	7,9%
Overseas	216 563	214 546	-2 017	-0,9%
Europe	139 827	134 963	-4 864	-3,5%
Austria	2 256	2 354	98	4,3%
Belgium	4 812	4 123	-689	-14,3%
Denmark	2 262	1 881	-381	-16,8%
France	11 915	12 819	904	7,6%
Germany	35 714	32 775	-2 939	-8,2%
Ireland	3 502	3 128	-374	-10,7%
Italy	3 609	3 622	13	0,4%
Portugal	2 410	1 739	-671	-27,8%
Russian Federation	3 432	4 443	1 011	29,5%
Spain	2 816	2 154	-662	-23,5%
Sweden	2 366	2 454	88	3,7%
Switzerland	4 181	3 973	-208	-5,0%
The Netherlands	9 591	10 527	936	9,8%
UK	41 896	39 434	-2 462	-5,9%
Other	9 065	9 537	472	5,2%
North America	41 519	42 748	1 229	3,0%
Canada	6 217	6 984	767	12,3%
USA	35 302	35 764	462	1,3%
Central and South America	6 076	6 495	419	6,9%
Argentina	497	646	149	30,0%
Brazil	3 644	4 133	489	13,4%
Mexico	576	332	-244	-42,4%
Other	1 359	1 384	25	1,8%

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

Country of residence	March 2024	March 2025	Difference between March 2024 and March 2025	% change between March 2024 and March 2025
Australasia	9 649	10 712	1 063	11,0%
Australia	7 953	8 988	1 035	13,0%
New Zealand	1 687	1 701	14	0,8%
Other	9	23	14	155,6%
Middle East	2 750	2 824	74	2,7%
Iran	1 199	923	-276	-23,0%
Israel	672	791	119	17,7%
Saudi Arabia	245	390	145	59,2%
Other	634	720	86	13,6%
Asia	16 742	16 804	62	0,4%
Bangladesh	481	470	-11	-2,3%
China	4 340	4 150	-190	-4,4%
India	5 203	5 015	-188	-3,6%
Japan	1 382	1 866	484	35,0%
Malaysia	367	386	19	5,2%
Pakistan	928	1 137	209	22,5%
Philippines	547	489	-58	-10,6%
Singapore	679	465	-214	-31,5%
South Korea	1 277	1 234	-43	-3,4%
Thailand	428	417	-11	-2,6%
Other	1 110	1 175	65	5,9%
Africa	533 298	594 856	61 558	11,5%
SADC	520 175	579 224	59 049	11,4%
Angola	3 583	3 470	-113	-3,2%
Botswana	38 146	30 488	-7 658	-20,1%
DRC	2 383	2 924	541	22,7%
Eswatini	70 180	75 637	5 457	7,8%

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

Country of residence	March 2024	March 2025	Difference between March 2024 and March 2025	% change between March 2024 and March 2025
Lesotho	73 121	104 216	31 095	42,5%
Madagascar	407	404	-3	-0,7%
Malawi	11 453	20 262	8 809	76,9%
Mauritius	1 376	1 613	237	17,2%
Mozambique	116 882	155 426	38 544	33,0%
Namibia	15 302	14 344	-958	-6,3%
Seychelles	518	531	13	2,5%
Tanzania	2 813	3 117	304	10,8%
Zambia	13 432	11 675	-1 757	-13,1%
Zimbabwe	170 579	155 117	-15 462	-9,1%
'Other' African	13 123	15 632	2 509	19,1%
East and Central Africa	6 620	7 619	999	15,1%
Burundi	126	113	-13	-10,3%
Cameroon	328	447	119	36,3%
Central African Republic	15	9	-6	-40,0%
Chad	35	26	-9	-25,7%
Comoros	20	38	18	90,0%
Congo	113	120	7	6,2%
Djibouti	4	10	6	150,0%
Equatorial Guinea	22	18	-4	-18,2%
Eritrea	49	35	-14	-28,6%
Ethiopia	568	753	185	32,6%
Gabon	269	289	20	7,4%
Kenya	3 787	4 552	765	20,2%
Réunion	2	8	6	300,0%
Rwanda	100	51	-49	-49,0%
São Tomé and Príncipe	5	10	5	100,0%
Somalia	104	59	-45	-43,3%
Uganda	1 073	1 081	8	0,7%

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

Country of residence	March 2024	March 2025	Difference between March 2024 and March 2025	% change between March 2024 and March 2025
West Africa	5 698	6 927	1 229	21,6%
Benin	173	214	41	23,7%
Burkina Faso	40	55	15	37,5%
Cape Verde Island	34	28	-6	-17,6%
Côte d'Ivoire	159	150	-9	-5,7%
Gambia	34	42	8	23,5%
Ghana	2 921	3 480	559	19,1%
Guinea	76	77	1	1,3%
Guinea-Bissau	5	9	4	80,0%
Liberia	39	35	-4	-10,3%
Mali	46	55	9	19,6%
Mauritania	10	6	-4	-40,0%
Niger	19	25	6	31,6%
Nigeria	1 958	2 500	542	27,7%
Saint Helena	-	2	2	-
Senegal	124	107	-17	-13,7%
Sierra Leone	36	51	15	41,7%
Togo	24	91	67	279,2%
North Africa	805	1 086	281	34,9%
Algeria	42	46	4	9,5%
Egypt	296	418	122	41,2%
Libya	27	20	-7	-25,9%
Morocco	177	79	-98	-55,4%
South Sudan	60	50	-10	-16,7%
The Sudan	72	62	-10	-13,9%
Tunisia	129	410	281	217,8%
Western Sahara	2	1	-1	-50,0%
Unspecified	1 107	1 040	-67	-6,1%

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

Country of residence	March 2025	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Total	810 442	108 769	3 226	148 918	235	261 148	544 406	4 888
Overseas	214 546	98 994	2 583	97 222	153	198 952	11 195	4 399
Europe	134 963	70 864	1 710	52 923	73	125 570	7 488	1 905
Austria	2 354	1 297	14	874	2	2 187	165	2
Belgium	4 123	2 038	29	1 753	3	3 823	297	3
Denmark	1 881	574	13	1 209	-	1 796	81	4
France	12 819	4 668	68	6 648	7	11 391	1 422	6
Germany	32 775	20 702	237	9 967	9	30 915	1 825	35
Ireland	3 128	1 733	63	1 228	4	3 028	75	25
Italy	3 622	1 701	80	1 637	-	3 418	195	9
Portugal	1 739	564	27	754	1	1 346	392	1
Russian Federation	4 443	2 692	99	1 363	1	4 155	191	97
Spain	2 154	986	47	1 008	-	2 041	109	4
Sweden	2 454	1 145	26	1 109	-	2 280	173	1
Switzerland	3 973	2 206	20	1 469	3	3 698	271	4
The Netherlands	10 527	5 178	69	4 235	1	9 483	1 029	15
UK	39 434	20 918	715	15 299	27	36 959	800	1 675
Other	9 537	4 462	203	4 370	15	9 050	463	24
North America	42 748	18 357	271	20 892	62	39 582	1 513	1 653
Canada	6 984	3 185	30	3 290	11	6 516	255	213
USA	35 764	15 172	241	17 602	51	33 066	1 258	1 440
Central and South America	6 495	2 026	19	4 162	3	6 210	262	23
Argentina	646	233	2	384	-	619	24	3
Brazil	4 133	1 269	10	2 703	3	3 985	141	7
Mexico	332	136	1	186	-	323	4	5
Other	1 384	388	6	889	-	1 283	93	8

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

Country of residence	March 2025	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Australasia	10 712	2 087	102	7 636	6	9 831	139	742
Australia	8 988	1 616	71	6 511	4	8 202	105	681
New Zealand	1 701	470	30	1 106	1	1 607	33	61
Other	23	1	1	19	1	22	1	-
Middle East	2 824	1 400	38	1 326	2	2 766	57	1
Iran	923	526	-	391	-	917	6	-
Israel	791	256	7	502	-	765	25	1
Saudi Arabia	390	298	5	85	-	388	2	-
Other	720	320	26	348	2	696	24	-
Asia	16 804	4 260	443	10 283	7	14 993	1 736	75
Bangladesh	470	100	49	249	-	398	72	-
China	4 150	685	40	3 227	6	3 958	180	12
India	5 015	1 075	130	3 209	-	4 414	581	20
Japan	1 866	549	51	1 144	-	1 744	111	11
Malaysia	386	148	11	184	-	343	33	10
Pakistan	1 137	88	71	529	-	688	447	2
Philippines	489	208	18	216	1	443	40	6
Singapore	465	203	6	253	-	462	2	1
South Korea	1 234	651	32	441	-	1 124	107	3
Thailand	417	153	19	233	-	405	11	1
Other	1 175	400	16	598	-	1 014	152	9
Africa	594 856	9 667	639	50 942	82	61 330	533 037	489
SADC	579 224	6 434	589	40 423	80	47 526	531 219	479
Angola	3 470	1 297	-	1 631	3	2 931	521	18
Botswana	30 488	423	108	2 264	22	2 817	27 457	214
DRC	2 924	64	1	2 577	20	2 662	261	1
Eswatini	75 637	153	75	1 001	-	1 229	74 403	5

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

Country of residence	March 2025	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Lesotho	104 216	11	6	618	-	635	103 501	80
Madagascar	404	25	-	373	-	398	6	-
Malawi	20 262	24	1	2 275	-	2 300	17 961	1
Mauritius	1 613	448	1	1 127	-	1 576	36	1
Mozambique	155 426	342	11	3 425	3	3 781	151 633	12
Namibia	14 344	2 268	-	3 109	-	5 377	8 900	67
Seychelles	531	12	1	505	-	518	13	-
Tanzania	3 117	131	2	1 803	-	1 936	1 180	1
Zambia	11 675	119	2	3 753	2	3 876	7 798	1
Zimbabwe	155 117	1 117	381	15 962	30	17 490	137 549	78
'Other' African	15 632	3 233	50	10 519	2	13 804	1 818	10
East and Central Africa	7 619	1 728	11	5 038	-	6 777	840	2
Burundi	113	31	-	74	-	105	8	-
Cameroon	447	79	2	343	-	424	23	-
Central African Republic	9	1	-	8	-	9	-	-
Chad	26	3	-	23	-	26	-	-
Comoros	38	8	-	30	-	38	-	-
Congo	120	19	-	96	-	115	5	-
Djibouti	10	-	-	10	-	10	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	18	2	-	16	-	18	-	-
Eritrea	35	2	-	30	-	32	3	-
Ethiopia	753	108	-	558	-	666	87	-
Gabon	289	46	-	242	-	288	1	-
Kenya	4 552	1 187	9	2 739	-	3 935	615	2
Réunion	8	8	-	-	-	8	-	-
Rwanda	51	6	-	30	-	36	15	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	10	1	-	8	-	9	1	-
Somalia	59	9	-	42	-	51	8	-
Uganda	1 081	218	-	789	-	1 007	74	-

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

Country of residence	March 2025	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
West Africa	6 927	1 222	24	4 715	2	5 963	956	8
Benin	214	22	4	172	-	198	16	-
Burkina Faso	55	9	1	43	-	53	2	-
Cape Verde Island	28	6	-	14	-	20	8	-
Côte d'Ivoire	150	11	-	134	-	145	4	1
Gambia	42	9	-	33	-	42	-	-
Ghana	3 480	511	12	2 278	-	2 801	679	-
Guinea	77	8	-	50	-	58	19	-
Guinea-Bissau	9	1	-	4	-	5	4	-
Liberia	35	10	-	20	-	30	5	-
Mali	55	9	-	34	-	43	12	-
Mauritania	6	2	-	4	-	6	-	-
Niger	25	4	-	21	-	25	-	-
Nigeria	2 500	570	5	1 723	2	2 300	193	7
Saint Helena	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
Senegal	107	27	2	74	-	103	4	-
Sierra Leone	51	6	-	35	-	41	10	-
Togo	91	15	-	76	-	91	-	-
North Africa	1 086	283	15	766	-	1 064	22	-
Algeria	46	9	-	33	-	42	4	-
Egypt	418	171	8	235	-	414	4	-
Libya	20	9	-	11	-	20	-	-
Morocco	79	26	1	52	-	79	-	-
South Sudan	50	4	-	43	-	47	3	-
The Sudan	62	23	-	29	-	52	10	-
Tunisia	410	41	6	362	-	409	1	-
Western Sahara	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Unspecified	1 040	108	4	754	-	866	174	-

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

Country of residence	March 2025	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Total	810 442	17 562	789 643	2 874	363
Overseas	214 546	3 679	210 313	505	49
Europe	134 963	2 037	132 664	231	31
Austria	2 354	24	2 329	1	-
Belgium	4 123	54	4 055	14	-
Denmark	1 881	33	1 846	2	-
France	12 819	180	12 602	37	-
Germany	32 775	242	32 479	53	1
Ireland	3 128	51	3 077	-	-
Italy	3 622	125	3 491	6	-
Portugal	1 739	39	1 697	3	-
Russian Federation	4 443	52	4 385	6	-
Spain	2 154	91	2 060	3	-
Sweden	2 454	35	2 413	6	-
Switzerland	3 973	29	3 933	11	-
The Netherlands	10 527	130	10 372	14	11
UK	39 434	683	38 700	37	14
Other	9 537	269	9 225	38	5
North America	42 748	469	42 227	47	5
Canada	6 984	53	6 923	7	1
USA	35 764	416	35 304	40	4
Central and South America	6 495	134	6 329	31	1
Argentina	646	16	630	-	-
Brazil	4 133	77	4 034	22	-
Mexico	332	6	322	4	-
Other	1 384	35	1 343	5	1

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

Country of residence	March 2025	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Australasia	10 712	56	10 648	5	3
Australia	8 988	45	8 935	5	3
New Zealand	1 701	11	1 690	-	-
Other	23	-	23	-	-
Middle East	2 824	55	2 747	20	2
Iran	923	3	911	9	-
Israel	791	12	779	-	-
Saudi Arabia	390	4	384	2	-
Other	720	36	673	9	2
Asia	16 804	928	15 698	171	7
Bangladesh	470	10	458	2	-
China	4 150	297	3 830	18	5
India	5 015	381	4 552	81	1
Japan	1 866	58	1 799	9	-
Malaysia	386	17	366	3	-
Pakistan	1 137	19	1 091	27	-
Philippines	489	25	458	5	1
Singapore	465	16	449	-	-
South Korea	1 234	27	1 191	16	-
Thailand	417	11	405	1	-
Other	1 175	67	1 099	9	-
Africa	594 856	13 831	578 343	2 369	313
SADC	579 224	13 148	563 785	2 013	278
Angola	3 470	52	3 305	87	26
Botswana	30 488	204	30 040	213	31
DRC	2 924	56	2 620	110	138
Eswatini	75 637	2 371	73 133	124	9

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

Country of residence	March 2025	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Lesotho	104 216	463	102 975	773	5
Madagascar	404	9	390	5	-
Malawi	20 262	143	20 086	29	4
Mauritius	1 613	38	1 565	9	1
Mozambique	155 426	3 400	151 943	70	13
Namibia	14 344	3 313	10 870	146	15
Seychelles	531	4	526	1	-
Tanzania	3 117	43	3 046	24	4
Zambia	11 675	738	10 880	52	5
Zimbabwe	155 117	2 314	152 406	370	27
'Other' African	15 632	683	14 558	356	35
East and Central Africa	7 619	339	7 104	154	22
Burundi	113	5	106	2	-
Cameroon	447	38	386	14	9
Central African Republic	9	1	8	-	-
Chad	26	2	15	6	3
Comoros	38	5	33	-	-
Congo	120	3	103	11	3
Djibouti	10	-	10	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	18	1	14	2	1
Eritrea	35	1	34	-	-
Ethiopia	753	37	688	26	2
Gabon	289	5	275	9	-
Kenya	4 552	156	4 342	52	2
Réunion	8	1	7	-	-
Rwanda	51	-	50	1	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	10	-	10	-	-
Somalia	59	2	55	1	1
Uganda	1 081	82	968	30	1

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

Country of residence	March 2025	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
West Africa	6 927	253	6 490	171	13
Benin	214	7	204	3	-
Burkina Faso	55	8	45	-	2
Cape Verde Island	28	1	27	-	-
Côte d'Ivoire	150	12	135	3	-
Gambia	42	7	33	2	-
Ghana	3 480	82	3 369	28	1
Guinea	77	6	65	5	1
Guinea-Bissau	9	-	9	-	-
Liberia	35	6	29	-	-
Mali	55	4	51	-	-
Mauritania	6	-	5	1	-
Niger	25	3	21	1	-
Nigeria	2 500	90	2 276	127	7
Saint Helena	2	-	-	-	2
Senegal	107	9	98	-	-
Sierra Leone	51	1	50	-	-
Togo	91	17	73	1	-
North Africa	1 086	91	964	31	-
Algeria	46	3	41	2	-
Egypt	418	44	362	12	-
Libya	20	1	16	3	-
Morocco	79	9	66	4	-
South Sudan	50	3	44	3	-
The Sudan	62	13	45	4	-
Tunisia	410	18	389	3	-
Western Sahara	1	-	1	-	-
Unspecified	1 040	52	987	-	1

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

Country of residence	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	Difference between Jan – Mar 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025	% change between Jan – Mar 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025
Total	2 448 488	2 588 537	140 049	5,7%
Overseas	621 531	641 085	19 554	3,1%
Europe	420 727	429 255	8 528	2,0%
Austria	7 880	8 065	185	2,3%
Belgium	13 711	13 672	-39	-0,3%
Denmark	7 195	7 152	-43	-0,6%
France	34 788	36 633	1 845	5,3%
Germany	98 954	96 415	-2 539	-2,6%
Ireland	9 482	9 305	-177	-1,9%
Italy	10 728	10 792	64	0,6%
Norway	5 491	5 343	-148	-2,7%
Russian Federation	9 329	11 953	2 624	28,1%
Spain	6 636	5 843	-793	-11,9%
Sweden	9 854	10 622	768	7,8%
Switzerland	13 900	14 315	415	3,0%
The Netherlands	37 548	38 699	1 151	3,1%
UK	125 420	130 887	5 467	4,4%
Other	29 811	29 559	-252	-0,8%
North America	99 231	103 252	4 021	4,1%
Canada	16 667	17 856	1 189	7,1%
USA	82 564	85 396	2 832	3,4%
Central and South America	18 963	21 959	2 996	15,8%
Argentina	1 713	2 903	1 190	69,5%
Brazil	12 358	13 607	1 249	10,1%
Chile	994	1 345	351	35,3%
Other	3 898	4 104	206	5,3%

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

Country of residence	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	Difference between Jan – Mar 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025	% change between Jan – Mar 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025
Australasia	24 707	27 285	2 578	10,4%
Australia	20 466	22 915	2 449	12,0%
New Zealand	4 198	4 271	73	1,7%
Other	43	99	56	130,2%
Middle East	8 162	8 356	194	2,4%
Iran	1 495	1 246	-249	-16,7%
Israel	2 068	2 271	203	9,8%
Saudi Arabia	2 387	2 266	-121	-5,1%
Other	2 212	2 573	361	16,3%
Asia	49 741	50 978	1 237	2,5%
Bangladesh	1 490	1 563	73	4,9%
China	10 939	11 194	255	2,3%
India	16 209	16 908	699	4,3%
Japan	4 970	4 829	-141	-2,8%
Malaysia	1 172	1 184	12	1,0%
Pakistan	3 035	3 828	793	26,1%
Philippines	1 428	1 213	-215	-15,1%
Singapore	1 688	1 182	-506	-30,0%
South Korea	4 206	4 758	552	13,1%
Taiwan	1 074	1 273	199	18,5%
Other	3 530	3 046	-484	-13,7%
Africa	1 824 194	1 944 570	120 376	6,6%
SADC	1 786 620	1 898 428	111 808	6,3%
Angola	9 887	10 324	437	4,4%
Botswana	90 761	81 115	-9 646	-10,6%
DRC	6 625	8 533	1 908	28,8%
Eswatini	190 113	213 907	23 794	12,5%

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

Country of residence	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	Difference between Jan – Mar 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025	% change between Jan – Mar 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025
Lesotho	329 198	375 548	46 350	14,1%
Madagascar	1 082	997	-85	-7,9%
Malawi	39 199	54 052	14 853	37,9%
Mauritius	4 216	4 503	287	6,8%
Mozambique	415 042	488 045	73 003	17,6%
Namibia	39 112	39 653	541	1,4%
Seychelles	1 469	1 422	-47	-3,2%
Tanzania	8 489	9 442	953	11,2%
Zambia	37 752	36 052	-1 700	-4,5%
Zimbabwe	613 675	574 835	-38 840	-6,3%
'Other' African	37 574	46 142	8 568	22,8%
East and Central Africa	18 371	22 061	3 690	20,1%
Burundi	308	287	-21	-6,8%
Cameroon	918	1 200	282	30,7%
Central African Republic	49	44	-5	-10,2%
Chad	93	135	42	45,2%
Comoros	50	90	40	80,0%
Congo	322	473	151	46,9%
Djibouti	21	32	11	52,4%
Equatorial Guinea	69	75	6	8,7%
Eritrea	115	123	8	7,0%
Ethiopia	1 625	2 047	422	26,0%
Gabon	888	896	8	0,9%
Kenya	10 229	12 701	2 472	24,2%
Réunion	23	14	-9	-39,1%
Rwanda	286	213	-73	-25,5%
São Tomé and Príncipe	31	30	-1	-3,2%
Somalia	241	204	-37	-15,4%
Uganda	3 103	3 497	394	12,7%

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

Country of residence	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2025	Difference between Jan – Mar 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025	% change between Jan – Mar 2024 and Jan – Mar 2025
West Africa	16 203	20 105	3 902	24,1%
Benin	438	529	91	20,8%
Burkina Faso	151	219	68	45,0%
Cape Verde Island	71	85	14	19,7%
Côte d'Ivoire	486	543	57	11,7%
Gambia	103	118	15	14,6%
Ghana	7 904	9 769	1 865	23,6%
Guinea	309	319	10	3,2%
Guinea-Bissau	19	39	20	105,3%
Liberia	109	173	64	58,7%
Mali	225	309	84	37,3%
Mauritania	57	70	13	22,8%
Niger	71	78	7	9,9%
Nigeria	5 695	7 152	1 457	25,6%
Saint Helena	7	7	-	0,0%
Senegal	342	366	24	7,0%
Sierra Leone	136	158	22	16,2%
Togo	80	171	91	113,8%
North Africa	3 000	3 976	976	32,5%
Algeria	191	274	83	43,5%
Egypt	1 354	1 858	504	37,2%
Libya	140	152	12	8,6%
Morocco	510	505	-5	-1,0%
South Sudan	185	157	-28	-15,1%
The Sudan	235	249	14	6,0%
Tunisia	377	776	399	105,8%
Western Sahara	8	5	-3	-37,5%
Unspecified	2 763	2 882	119	4,3%

3.5 Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2024 – Quarter 1, 2025 changes by country of residence and month of travel

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2025 – Quarter 1, 2025								% change Qtr 4, 2024 – Qtr 1, 2025
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2025	
Total	705 257	767 927	920 147	2 393 331	1 013 984	764 111	810 442	2 588 537	8,2%
Overseas	189 575	212 335	222 163	624 073	210 709	215 830	214 546	641 085	2,7%
Europe	120 385	142 434	137 721	400 540	142 786	151 506	134 963	429 255	7,2%
Austria	2 047	3 077	2 723	7 847	2 494	3 217	2 354	8 065	2,8%
Belgium	4 450	5 015	4 534	13 999	4 015	5 534	4 123	13 672	-2,3%
Denmark	1 782	1 786	1 793	5 361	2 548	2 723	1 881	7 152	33,4%
France	13 473	12 569	10 194	36 236	9 957	13 857	12 819	36 633	1,1%
Germany	27 120	39 794	26 703	93 617	31 295	32 345	32 775	96 415	3,0%
Ireland	2 259	2 690	3 376	8 325	3 129	3 048	3 128	9 305	11,8%
Italy	3 818	3 721	5 402	12 941	3 462	3 708	3 622	10 792	-16,6%
Norway	1 204	1 740	1 793	4 737	1 851	2 112	1 380	5 343	12,8%
Russian Federation	3 298	3 933	3 842	11 073	3 913	3 597	4 443	11 953	7,9%
Spain	2 531	2 609	2 319	7 459	1 801	1 888	2 154	5 843	-21,7%
Sweden	2 331	2 629	4 267	9 227	4 049	4 119	2 454	10 622	15,1%
Switzerland	4 885	5 788	4 762	15 435	4 944	5 398	3 973	14 315	-7,3%
The Netherlands	14 029	13 011	13 626	40 666	14 527	13 645	10 527	38 699	-4,8%
UK	29 919	34 132	43 018	107 069	45 363	46 090	39 434	130 887	22,2%
Other	7 239	9 940	9 369	26 548	9 438	10 225	9 896	29 559	11,3%
North America	34 158	33 320	42 905	110 383	30 651	29 853	42 748	103 252	-6,5%
Canada	6 083	5 698	6 544	18 325	5 245	5 627	6 984	17 856	-2,6%
USA	28 075	27 622	36 361	92 058	25 406	24 226	35 764	85 396	-7,2%
Central and South America	6 404	6 046	7 332	19 782	8 358	7 106	6 495	21 959	11,0%
Argentina	485	340	446	1 271	1 099	1 158	646	2 903	128,4%
Brazil	4 116	3 937	5 218	13 271	5 454	4 020	4 133	13 607	2,5%
Chile	273	243	198	714	370	689	286	1 345	88,4%
Other	1 530	1 526	1 470	4 526	1 435	1 239	1 430	4 104	-9,3%

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2024 – Quarter 1, 2025 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2024 – Quarter 1, 2025								% change Qtr 4, 2024 – Qtr 5, 2025
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2025	
Australasia	9 828	9 648	15 180	34 656	9 068	7 505	10 712	27 285	-21,3%
Australia	8 163	8 130	12 190	28 483	7 616	6 311	8 988	22 915	-19,5%
New Zealand	1 612	1 488	2 936	6 036	1 433	1 137	1 701	4 271	-29,2%
Other	53	30	54	137	19	57	23	99	-27,7%
Middle East	2 195	3 138	2 167	7 500	2 834	2 698	2 824	8 356	11,4%
Iran	77	181	181	439	192	131	923	1 246	183,8%
Israel	561	573	633	1 767	714	766	791	2 271	28,5%
Saudi Arabia	785	1 472	607	2 864	1 059	817	390	2 266	-20,9%
Other	772	912	746	2 430	869	984	720	2 573	5,9%
Asia	16 605	17 749	16 858	51 212	17 012	17 162	16 804	50 978	-0,5%
Bangladesh	475	525	454	1 454	504	589	470	1 563	7,5%
China	3 269	3 580	2 993	9 842	3 738	3 306	4 150	11 194	13,7%
India	5 352	6 700	5 497	17 549	5 902	5 991	5 015	16 908	-3,7%
Japan	1 748	1 310	1 413	4 471	1 330	1 633	1 866	4 829	8,0%
Malaysia	658	433	807	1 898	408	390	386	1 184	-37,6%
Pakistan	1 089	1 363	1 223	3 675	1 310	1 381	1 137	3 828	4,2%
Philippines	442	550	589	1 581	350	374	489	1 213	-23,3%
Singapore	607	681	911	2 199	308	409	465	1 182	-46,2%
South Korea	844	912	1 299	3 055	1 735	1 789	1 234	4 758	55,7%
Taiwan	433	299	460	1 192	543	359	371	1 273	6,8%
Other	1 688	1 396	1 212	4 296	884	941	1 221	3 046	-29,1%
Africa	514 578	554 216	696 866	1 765 660	802 481	547 233	594 856	1 944 570	10,1%
SADC	499 446	535 807	679 406	1 714 659	787 560	531 644	579 224	1 898 428	10,7%
Angola	2 660	3 330	3 690	9 680	3 428	3 426	3 470	10 324	6,7%
Botswana	30 535	34 878	52 300	117 713	25 978	24 649	30 488	81 115	-31,1%
DRC	1 719	2 151	4 928	8 798	2 751	2 858	2 924	8 533	-3,0%
Eswatini	70 213	71 818	82 072	224 103	74 156	64 114	75 637	213 907	-4,5%

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2024 – Quarter 1, 2025 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2024 – Quarter 1, 2025								% change Qtr 4, 2024 – Qtr 1, 2025
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2025	
Lesotho	60 221	90 065	134 116	284 402	176 550	94 782	104 216	375 548	32,0%
Madagascar	387	397	445	1 229	264	329	404	997	-18,9%
Malawi	16 525	18 228	18 416	53 169	18 145	15 645	20 262	54 052	1,7%
Mauritius	1 630	2 230	2 172	6 032	1 379	1 511	1 613	4 503	-25,3%
Mozambique	129 036	122 780	144 824	396 640	182 768	149 851	155 426	488 045	23,0%
Namibia	13 392	13 229	20 967	47 588	13 102	12 207	14 344	39 653	-16,7%
Seychelles	368	668	584	1 620	392	499	531	1 422	-12,2%
Tanzania	3 428	3 415	4 612	11 455	3 102	3 223	3 117	9 442	-17,6%
Zambia	10 579	13 330	17 501	41 410	12 461	11 916	11 675	36 052	-12,9%
Zimbabwe	158 753	159 288	192 779	510 820	273 084	146 634	155 117	574 835	12,5%
'Other' African	15 132	18 409	17 460	51 001	14 921	15 589	15 632	46 142	-9,5%
East and Central Africa	7 511	8 990	9 586	26 087	7 091	7 351	7 619	22 061	-15,4%
Burundi	112	121	101	334	95	79	113	287	-14,1%
Cameroon	382	557	460	1 399	373	380	447	1 200	-14,2%
Central African Republic	24	46	8	78	18	17	9	44	-43,6%
Chad	52	52	26	130	53	56	26	135	3,8%
Comoros	38	26	49	113	30	22	38	90	-20,4%
Congo	161	222	297	680	215	138	120	473	-30,4%
Djibouti	7	17	4	28	10	12	10	32	14,3%
Equatorial Guinea	29	55	24	108	37	20	18	75	-30,6%
Eritrea	41	34	36	111	41	47	35	123	10,8%
Ethiopia	717	722	635	2 074	578	716	753	2 047	-1,3%
Gabon	304	317	560	1 181	304	303	289	896	-24,1%
Kenya	4 358	5 317	5 626	15 301	3 846	4 303	4 552	12 701	-17,0%
Réunion	-	11	17	28	6	-	8	14	-50,0%
Rwanda	97	108	94	299	88	74	51	213	-28,8%
São Tomé and Príncipe	10	11	4	25	18	2	10	30	20,0%
Somalia	68	81	62	211	65	80	59	204	-3,3%
Uganda	1 111	1 293	1 583	3 987	1 314	1 102	1 081	3 497	-12,3%

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2024 – Quarter 1, 2025 changes by country of residence and month of travel (concluded)

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2024 – Quarter 1, 2025								% change Qtr 4, 2024 – Qtr 1, 2025
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2025	
West Africa	6 563	8 153	6 478	21 194	6 363	6 815	6 927	20 105	-5,1%
Benin	217	223	176	616	148	167	214	529	-14,1%
Burkina Faso	56	116	34	206	51	113	55	219	6,3%
Cape Verde Island	33	37	17	87	33	24	28	85	-2,3%
Côte d'Ivoire	211	323	133	667	222	171	150	543	-18,6%
Gambia	71	86	29	186	31	45	42	118	-36,6%
Ghana	3 555	4 081	3 534	11 170	3 088	3 201	3 480	9 769	-12,5%
Guinea	108	120	86	314	104	138	77	319	1,6%
Guinea-Bissau	15	18	7	40	22	8	9	39	-2,5%
Liberia	107	128	79	314	70	68	35	173	-44,9%
Mali	70	105	71	246	127	127	55	309	25,6%
Mauritania	26	26	11	63	26	38	6	70	11,1%
Niger	27	55	20	102	28	25	25	78	-23,5%
Nigeria	1 806	2 505	2 086	6 397	2 207	2 445	2 500	7 152	11,8%
Saint Helena	2	3	10	15	2	3	2	7	-53,3%
Senegal	123	186	101	410	112	147	107	366	-10,7%
Sierra Leone	72	68	49	189	50	57	51	158	-16,4%
Togo	64	73	35	172	42	38	91	171	-0,6%
North Africa	1 058	1 266	1 396	3 720	1 467	1 423	1 086	3 976	6,9%
Algeria	75	80	76	231	153	75	46	274	18,6%
Egypt	517	548	495	1 560	681	759	418	1 858	19,1%
Libya	46	43	59	148	52	80	20	152	2,7%
Morocco	123	150	537	810	252	174	79	505	-37,7%
South Sudan	83	110	48	241	53	54	50	157	-34,9%
The Sudan	85	85	62	232	104	83	62	249	7,3%
Tunisia	129	247	116	492	170	196	410	776	57,7%
Western Sahara	-	3	3	6	2	2	1	5	-16,7%
Unspecified	1 104	1 376	1 118	3 598	794	1 048	1 040	2 882	-19,9%

3.6 Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 1, 2024 – Quarter 1, 2025 changes by country of residence and month of travel

Country of residence	Quarter 1, 2024 – Quarter 1, 2025								
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2025	% change Qtr, 2024 – Qtr, 2025
Total	971 846	725 674	750 968	2 448 488	1 013 984	764 111	810 442	2 588 537	5,7%
Overseas	195 423	209 545	216 563	621 531	210 709	215 830	214 546	641 085	3,1%
Europe	135 368	145 532	139 827	420 727	142 786	151 506	134 963	429 255	2,0%
Austria	2 571	3 053	2 256	7 880	2 494	3 217	2 354	8 065	2,3%
Belgium	3 799	5 100	4 812	13 711	4 015	5 534	4 123	13 672	-0,3%
Denmark	2 212	2 721	2 262	7 195	2 548	2 723	1 881	7 152	-0,6%
France	10 070	12 803	11 915	34 788	9 957	13 857	12 819	36 633	5,3%
Germany	31 072	32 168	35 714	98 954	31 295	32 345	32 775	96 415	-2,6%
Ireland	3 108	2 872	3 502	9 482	3 129	3 048	3 128	9 305	-1,9%
Italy	3 475	3 644	3 609	10 728	3 462	3 708	3 622	10 792	0,6%
Norway	1 442	2 139	1 910	5 491	1 851	2 112	1 380	5 343	-2,7%
Russian Federation	2 884	3 013	3 432	9 329	3 913	3 597	4 443	11 953	28,1%
Spain	1 712	2 108	2 816	6 636	1 801	1 888	2 154	5 843	-11,9%
Sweden	3 591	3 897	2 366	9 854	4 049	4 119	2 454	10 622	7,8%
Switzerland	4 363	5 356	4 181	13 900	4 944	5 398	3 973	14 315	3,0%
The Netherlands	14 564	13 393	9 591	37 548	14 527	13 645	10 527	38 699	3,1%
UK	40 517	43 007	41 896	125 420	45 363	46 090	39 434	130 887	4,4%
Other	9 988	10 258	9 565	29 811	9 438	10 225	9 896	29 559	-0,8%
North America	27 250	30 462	41 519	99 231	30 651	29 853	42 748	103 252	4,1%
Canada	4 803	5 647	6 217	16 667	5 245	5 627	6 984	17 856	7,1%
USA	22 447	24 815	35 302	82 564	25 406	24 226	35 764	85 396	3,4%
Central and South America	7 149	5 738	6 076	18 963	8 358	7 106	6 495	21 959	15,8%
Argentina	723	493	497	1 713	1 099	1 158	646	2 903	69,5%
Brazil	4 997	3 717	3 644	12 358	5 454	4 020	4 133	13 607	10,1%
Chile	272	490	232	994	370	689	286	1 345	35,3%
Other	1 157	1 038	1 703	3 898	1 435	1 239	1 430	4 104	5,3%

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 1, 2024 – Quarter 1, 2025 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 1, 2024 – Quarter 1, 2025								% change Qtr, 2024 – Qtr, 2025
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2025	
Australasia	7 994	7 064	9 649	24 707	9 068	7 505	10 712	27 285	10,4%
Australia	6 652	5 861	7 953	20 466	7 616	6 311	8 988	22 915	12,0%
New Zealand	1 330	1 181	1 687	4 198	1 433	1 137	1 701	4 271	1,7%
Other	12	22	9	43	19	57	23	99	130,2%
Middle East	2 441	2 971	2 750	8 162	2 834	2 698	2 824	8 356	2,4%
Iran	119	177	1 199	1 495	192	131	923	1 246	-16,7%
Israel	611	785	672	2 068	714	766	791	2 271	9,8%
Saudi Arabia	1 047	1 095	245	2 387	1 059	817	390	2 266	-5,1%
Other	664	914	634	2 212	869	984	720	2 573	16,3%
Asia	15 221	17 778	16 742	49 741	17 012	17 162	16 804	50 978	2,5%
Bangladesh	520	489	481	1 490	504	589	470	1 563	4,9%
China	2 780	3 819	4 340	10 939	3 738	3 306	4 150	11 194	2,3%
India	5 524	5 482	5 203	16 209	5 902	5 991	5 015	16 908	4,3%
Japan	1 021	2 567	1 382	4 970	1 330	1 633	1 866	4 829	-2,8%
Malaysia	367	438	367	1 172	408	390	386	1 184	1,0%
Pakistan	1 072	1 035	928	3 035	1 310	1 381	1 137	3 828	26,1%
Philippines	458	423	547	1 428	350	374	489	1 213	-15,1%
Singapore	388	621	679	1 688	308	409	465	1 182	-30,0%
South Korea	1 662	1 267	1 277	4 206	1 735	1 789	1 234	4 758	13,1%
Taiwan	271	506	297	1 074	543	359	371	1 273	18,5%
Other	1 158	1 131	1 241	3 530	884	941	1 221	3 046	-13,7%
Africa	775 651	515 245	533 298	1 824 194	802 481	547 233	594 856	1 944 570	6,6%
SADC	764 702	501 743	520 175	1 786 620	787 560	531 644	579 224	1 898 428	6,3%
Angola	2 847	3 457	3 583	9 887	3 428	3 426	3 470	10 324	4,4%
Botswana	26 682	25 933	38 146	90 761	25 978	24 649	30 488	81 115	-10,6%
DRC	1 740	2 502	2 383	6 625	2 751	2 858	2 924	8 533	28,8%
Eswatini	63 679	56 254	70 180	190 113	74 156	64 114	75 637	213 907	12,5%

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 1, 2024 – Quarter 1, 2025 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 1, 2024 – Quarter 1, 2025								% change Qtr, 2024 – Qtr, 2025
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2025	
Lesotho	165 235	90 842	73 121	329 198	176 550	94 782	104 216	375 548	14,1%
Madagascar	320	355	407	1 082	264	329	404	997	-7,9%
Malawi	16 038	11 708	11 453	39 199	18 145	15 645	20 262	54 052	37,9%
Mauritius	1 246	1 594	1 376	4 216	1 379	1 511	1 613	4 503	6,8%
Mozambique	176 100	122 060	116 882	415 042	182 768	149 851	155 426	488 045	17,6%
Namibia	11 821	11 989	15 302	39 112	13 102	12 207	14 344	39 653	1,4%
Seychelles	428	523	518	1 469	392	499	531	1 422	-3,2%
Tanzania	2 647	3 029	2 813	8 489	3 102	3 223	3 117	9 442	11,2%
Zambia	11 950	12 370	13 432	37 752	12 461	11 916	11 675	36 052	-4,5%
Zimbabwe	283 969	159 127	170 579	613 675	273 084	146 634	155 117	574 835	-6,3%
‘Other’ African	10 949	13 502	13 123	37 574	14 921	15 589	15 632	46 142	22,8%
East and Central Africa	5 446	6 305	6 620	18 371	7 091	7 351	7 619	22 061	20,1%
Burundi	96	86	126	308	95	79	113	287	-6,8%
Cameroon	231	359	328	918	373	380	447	1 200	30,7%
Central African Republic	10	24	15	49	18	17	9	44	-10,2%
Chad	31	27	35	93	53	56	26	135	45,2%
Comoros	17	13	20	50	30	22	38	90	80,0%
Congo	89	120	113	322	215	138	120	473	46,9%
Djibouti	9	8	4	21	10	12	10	32	52,4%
Equatorial Guinea	23	24	22	69	37	20	18	75	8,7%
Eritrea	46	20	49	115	41	47	35	123	7,0%
Ethiopia	464	593	568	1 625	578	716	753	2 047	26,0%
Gabon	309	310	269	888	304	303	289	896	0,9%
Kenya	3 001	3 441	3 787	10 229	3 846	4 303	4 552	12 701	24,2%
Réunion	20	1	2	23	6	-	8	14	-39,1%
Rwanda	91	95	100	286	88	74	51	213	-25,5%
São Tomé and Príncipe	5	21	5	31	18	2	10	30	-3,2%
Somalia	56	81	104	241	65	80	59	204	-15,4%
Uganda	948	1 082	1 073	3 103	1 314	1 102	1 081	3 497	12,7%

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 1, 2024 – Quarter 1, 2025 changes by country of residence and month of travel (concluded)

Country of residence	Quarter 1, 2024 – Quarter 1, 2025								% change Qtr, 2024 – Qtr, 2025
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2025	
West Africa	4 581	5 924	5 698	16 203	6 363	6 815	6 927	20 105	24,1%
Benin	121	144	173	438	148	167	214	529	20,8%
Burkina Faso	28	83	40	151	51	113	55	219	45,0%
Cape Verde Island	14	23	34	71	33	24	28	85	19,7%
Côte d'Ivoire	104	223	159	486	222	171	150	543	11,7%
Gambia	28	41	34	103	31	45	42	118	14,6%
Ghana	2 207	2 776	2 921	7 904	3 088	3 201	3 480	9 769	23,6%
Guinea	101	132	76	309	104	138	77	319	3,2%
Guinea-Bissau	6	8	5	19	22	8	9	39	105,3%
Liberia	24	46	39	109	70	68	35	173	58,7%
Mali	56	123	46	225	127	127	55	309	37,3%
Mauritania	12	35	10	57	26	38	6	70	22,8%
Niger	25	27	19	71	28	25	25	78	9,9%
Nigeria	1 726	2 011	1 958	5 695	2 207	2 445	2 500	7 152	25,6%
Saint Helena	5	2	-	7	2	3	2	7	0,0%
Senegal	81	137	124	342	112	147	107	366	7,0%
Sierra Leone	26	74	36	136	50	57	51	158	16,2%
Togo	17	39	24	80	42	38	91	171	113,8%
North Africa	922	1 273	805	3 000	1 467	1 423	1 086	3 976	32,5%
Algeria	53	96	42	191	153	75	46	274	43,5%
Egypt	444	614	296	1 354	681	759	418	1 858	37,2%
Libya	70	43	27	140	52	80	20	152	8,6%
Morocco	142	191	177	510	252	174	79	505	-1,0%
South Sudan	55	70	60	185	53	54	50	157	-15,1%
The Sudan	65	98	72	235	104	83	62	249	6,0%
Tunisia	90	158	129	377	170	196	410	776	105,8%
Western Sahara	3	3	2	8	2	2	1	5	-37,5%
Unspecified	772	884	1 107	2 763	794	1 048	1 040	2 882	4,3%

3.7 Annexure G – Number of tourists by port of entry and province, March 2025

Port name and province	March 2025
Total	810 442
Western Cape	113 488
Cape Town Harbour	4 719
Cape Town International Airport	108 769
Eastern Cape	173
Telle Bridge	173
Northern Cape	8 639
Nakop	4 110
Vioolsdrift	4 529
Free State	105 068
Caledonspoort	11 673
Ficksburg	40 194
Maseru Bridge	52 049
Van Rooyens Gate	1 152
KwaZulu Natal	26 590
Durban Harbour	169
King Shaka International Airport	3 226
Golela	14 077
Kosibay	9 118
North West	41 185
Kopfontein	26 549
Ramatlabama	5 933
Skilpad Gate	8 703
Gauteng	149 153
Lanseria International Airport	235
OR Tambo International Airport	148 918
Waterkloof Military Airbase	
Mpumalanga	231 969
Emahlatini	5 152
Jeppes Reef	13 832
Lebombo	153 017
Mahamba	7 425
Mananga	10 697
Nerston	92
Oshoek	41 754
Limpopo	134 177
Beit Bridge	127 951
Groblers Bridge	6 226

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

Port of entry and province	March 2024	March 2025	Difference between March 2024 and March 2025	% Change between March 2024 and March 2025
Total	750 964	810 442	59 478	7,9%
Western Cape	115 050	113 488	-1 562	-1,4%
Cape Town Harbour	3 612	4 719	1 107	30,6%
Cape Town International Airport	111 438	108 769	-2 669	-2,4%
Eastern Cape	3 042	173	-2 869	-94,3%
Telle Bridge	3 042	173	-2 869	-94,3%
Northern Cape	9 877	8 639	-1 238	-12,5%
Nakop	4 789	4 110	-679	-14,2%
Vioolsdrift	5 088	4 529	-559	-11,0%
Free State	69 826	105 068	35 242	50,5%
Caledonspoort	10 807	11 673	866	8,0%
Ficksburg	30 603	40 194	9 591	31,3%
Maseru Bridge	24 968	52 049	27 081	108,5%
Van Rooyens Gate	3 448	1 152	-2 296	-66,6%
KwaZulu Natal	24 667	26 590	1 923	7,8%
Durban Harbour	230	169	-61	-26,5%
King Shaka International Airport	3 447	3 226	-221	-6,4%
Golela	14 060	14 077	17	0,1%
Kosibay	6 930	9 118	2 188	31,6%
North West	39 194	41 185	1 991	5,1%
Kopfontein	21 687	26 549	4 862	22,4%
Ramatlabama	7 532	5 933	-1 599	-21,2%
Skilpad Gate	9 975	8 703	-1 272	-12,8%
Gauteng	142 876	149 153	6 277	4,4%
Lanseria International Airport	212	235	23	10,8%
OR Tambo International Airport	142 664	148 918	6 254	4,4%
Mpumalanga	192 238	231 969	39 731	20,7%
Emahlatini	3 913	5 152	1 239	31,7%
Jeppes Reef	10 982	13 832	2 850	26,0%
Lebombo	120 697	153 017	32 320	26,8%
Mahamba	7 488	7 425	-63	-0,8%
Mananga	11 168	10 697	-471	-4,2%
Nerston	627	92	-535	-85,3%
Oshoek	37 363	41 754	4 391	11,8%
Limpopo	154 194	134 177	-20 017	-13,0%
Beit Bridge	134 274	127 951	-6 323	-4,7%
Groblers Bridge	19 920	6 226	-13 694	-68,7%

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 in the volume of passengers reported by ACSA is also reflected in an increase in the volume of travellers recorded by DHA. A similar pattern has also been observed when the volume of travellers decreased. In March 2025, the DHA data was 0,1% 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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