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## Preface

This monthly statistical release provides information on South African residents and foreign travellers who entered or left South Africa in May 2026. Specific focus is on foreign tourists who entered the country in May 2026. Tourists are classified by region and country of residence. Details of their mode of travel, purpose of visit, age and sex distribution are also provided.

The March, June, September and December releases include summaries of the number of tourists for the current quarter and comparisons with previous periods.

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

## 1. Highlights of the results

In May 2026, 2 920 906 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) entered and exited South Africa. They were made up of 694 753 (23,8%) South African residents and 2 226 153 (76,2%) foreign travellers. Foreign arrivals were made up of 31 773 (2,8%) non-visitors and 1 123 286 (97,2%) visitors. Visitors consisted of 261 536 (23,3%) same-day visitors and 861 750 (76,7%) overnight visitors/tourists.

### Tourists

Overseas tourists constituted 19,8% (170 837) of all tourists. United States of America (USA) (41 846), United Kingdom (UK) (22 160) and Germany (12 494) contributed 44,8% to overseas tourists. Tourists from Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries constituted 78,2% (673 934) of all tourists. Mozambique (201 335), Zimbabwe (188 774) and Lesotho (118 264) contributed 75,4% to SADC tourists. 'Other' African countries (non-SADC) tourists were 1,9% (15 983) of all tourists. Kenya (4 763), Ghana (3 781) and Nigeria (2 109) contributed 66,7% to 'other' African tourists. The country of residence of 996 (0,1%) tourists was classified as unspecified.

### Purpose of visit

'Holiday'<sup>1</sup> continues to be the main purpose of visit. About 97,2% of all the tourists were in South Africa for holiday purposes.



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<sup>1</sup> 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 2 920 906 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) passed through South African ports in May 2026. As presented in Table 1 below, these travellers were made up of 694 753 South African residents and 2 226 153 foreign travellers. A further breakdown of the figures for South African residents indicates that there were 344 519 arrivals, 349 564 departures and 670 travellers in transit. The corresponding volumes for foreign arrivals, departures and travellers in transit were 1 155 059, 1 022 809 and 48 285, respectively.

A comparison of movements in April 2026 and May 2026 shows that, for both groups of travellers, the volumes of arrivals and departures decreased, while those of transits increased. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals decreased by 13,1% (from 396 609 in April 2026 to 344 519 in May 2026), departures decreased by 14,5% (from 408 887 in April 2026 to 349 564 in May 2026), and transits increased by 7,2% (from 625 in April 2026 to 670 in May 2026). For foreign travellers, arrivals decreased by 10,1% (from 1 284 245 in April 2026 to 1 155 059 in May 2026), departures decreased by 8,9% (from 1 123 070 in April 2026 to 1 022 809 in May 2026) and transits increased by 9,8% (from 43 959 in April 2026 to 48 285 in May 2026).

A comparison of movements in May 2025 and May 2026 indicates that the volumes of arrivals and departures decreased for South African travellers but increased for foreign travellers, while that of transits increased for both groups of travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals decreased by 6,5% (from 368 610 in May 2025 to 344 519 in May 2026), departures decreased by 4,9% (from 367 507 in May 2025 to 349 564 in May 2026) whereas transits increased by 32,7% (from 505 in May 2025 to 670 in May 2026). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 2,6% (from 1 125 559 in May 2025 to 1 155 059 in May 2026), departures increased by 5,3% (from 971 790 in May 2025 to 1 022 809 in May 2026) and transits increased by 11,9% (from 43 141 in May 2025 to 48 285 in May 2026).

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

Travel Direction	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026	% Change Apr 2026 – May 2026	% Change May 2025 – May 2026
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 877 112</b>	<b>3 257 395</b>	<b>2 920 906</b>	<b>-10,3</b>	<b>1,5</b>
<b>South African residents</b>	<b>736 622</b>	<b>806 121</b>	<b>694 753</b>	<b>-13,8</b>	<b>-5,7</b>
Arrivals	368 610	396 609	344 519	-13,1	-6,5
Departures	367 507	408 887	349 564	-14,5	-4,9
Transits	505	625	670	7,2	32,7
<b>Foreign travellers</b>	<b>2 140 490</b>	<b>2 451 274</b>	<b>2 226 153</b>	<b>-9,2</b>	<b>4,0</b>
Arrivals	1 125 559	1 284 245	1 155 059	-10,1	2,6
Departures	971 790	1 123 070	1 022 809	-8,9	5,3
Transits	43 141	43 959	48 285	9,8	11,9

## 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 May 2026, road was the most common mode of travel used by 1 988 728 (68,1%) of the 2 920 906 travellers. The total number of air travellers was 915 708 (31,4%). Compared to air and road, a smaller number of travellers, 16 470 (0,6%) used sea transport into and out of South Africa. Information on arrivals of South African residents shows that 156 115 (45,3%) came by air, 188 279 (54,6%) came by road and 125 (less than 0,1%) came by sea. For departures, 153 847 (44,0%) used air, 195 521 (55,9%) used road and 196 (0,1%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 670 (100,0%) used air.

In the case of foreign travellers, 261 479 (22,6%) arrived by air, 888 699 (76,9%) came by road and 4 881 (0,4%) arrived by sea. When departing South Africa, 295 312 (28,9%) foreign travellers left by air, 716 229 (70,0%) left by road and 11 268 (1,1%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 48 285 (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		
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 920 906</b>	<b>219 422</b>	<b>14 323</b>	<b>680 069</b>	<b>1 894</b>	<b>915 708</b>	<b>1 988 728</b>	<b>16 470</b>
<b>South African residents</b>	<b>694 753</b>	<b>56 373</b>	<b>9 651</b>	<b>243 397</b>	<b>1 211</b>	<b>310 632</b>	<b>383 800</b>	<b>321</b>
Arrivals	<b>344 519</b>	29 353	4 986	121 200	576	<b>156 115</b>	188 279	125
Departures	<b>349 564</b>	27 008	4 665	121 541	633	<b>153 847</b>	195 521	196
Transit	<b>670</b>	12	-	656	2	<b>670</b>	-	-
<b>Foreign travellers</b>	<b>2 226 153</b>	<b>163 049</b>	<b>4 672</b>	<b>436 672</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>605 076</b>	<b>1 604 928</b>	<b>16 149</b>
Arrivals	<b>1 155 059</b>	74 618	2 156	184 341	364	<b>261 479</b>	888 699	4 881
Departures	<b>1 022 809</b>	88 016	2 516	204 465	315	<b>295 312</b>	716 229	11 268
Transit	<b>48 285</b>	415	-	47 866	4	<b>48 285</b>	-	-
<b>Visitors</b>	<b>1 123 286</b>	<b>71 175</b>	<b>1 774</b>	<b>178 696</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>251 925</b>	<b>869 124</b>	<b>2 237</b>
Same-day	<b>261 536</b>	1 727	15	27 471	71	<b>29 284</b>	231 847	405
Overnight/ Tourist	<b>861 750</b>	69 448	1 759	151 225	209	<b>222 641</b>	637 277	1 832

## 2.2 Visitors

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

As presented in Table 3 on page 4, in May 2026, 31 773 (2,8%) of foreign arrivals were classified as non-visitors, while 1 123 286 (97,2%) were classified as visitors. Visitors were categorised into three groups:

- i. Arrivals only – comprising visitors who entered the country in May 2026 but did not depart in May 2026 [420 608 (37,4%)].
- ii. Single trips – visitors who came to South Africa once in May 2026 and left in May 2026 [358 418 (31,9%)].
- iii. Multiple trips – visitors who came to and left South Africa more than once in May 2026 [344 260 (30,6%)].

Visitors were further grouped as same-day visitors and overnight visitors/tourists. In May 2026, there were 261 536 (23,3%) same-day visitors and 861 750 (76,7%) tourists. Between April 2026 and May 2026, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 1,5% (from 257 667 in April 2026 to 261 536 in May 2026) and that of tourists decreased by 12,9% (from 989 329 in April 2026 to 861 750 in May 2026). Between May 2025 and May 2026, the volume of same-day visitors decreased by 11,7% (from 296 138 in May 2025 to 261 536 in May 2026) whereas that of tourists increased by 7,2% (from 804 163 in May 2025 to 861 750 in May 2026).

Table 2 on page 3 further shows that of the 261 536 same-day visitors, a majority, 231 847 (88,6%) arrived in the country by road, 29 284 (11,2%) arrived by air and 405 (0,2%) arrived by sea. Information on tourists shows that 637 277 (74,0%) used road, 222 641 (25,8%) used air and 1 832 (0,2%) used sea.

**Table 3 – Number of visitors by type of visitor**

Travel Direction	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026	% Change Apr 2026 – May 2026	% Change May 2025 – May 2026
<b>Foreign arrivals</b>	<b>1 125 559</b>	<b>1 284 245</b>	<b>1 155 059</b>	<b>-10,1</b>	<b>2,6</b>
Non-visitors	25 258	37 249	31 773	-14,7	25,8
Visitors	1 100 301	1 246 996	1 123 286	-9,9	2,1
<b>Visitors</b>	<b>1 100 301</b>	<b>1 246 996</b>	<b>1 123 286</b>	<b>-9,9</b>	<b>2,1</b>
Arrivals only	375 924	512 896	420 608	-18,0	11,9
Single trips	348 823	392 163	358 418	-8,6	2,8
Multiple trips	375 554	341 937	344 260	0,7	-8,3
<b>Visitors</b>	<b>1 100 301</b>	<b>1 246 996</b>	<b>1 123 286</b>	<b>-9,9</b>	<b>2,1</b>
Same-day	296 138	257 667	261 536	1,5	-11,7
Overnight/Tourists	804 163	989 329	861 750	-12,9	7,2

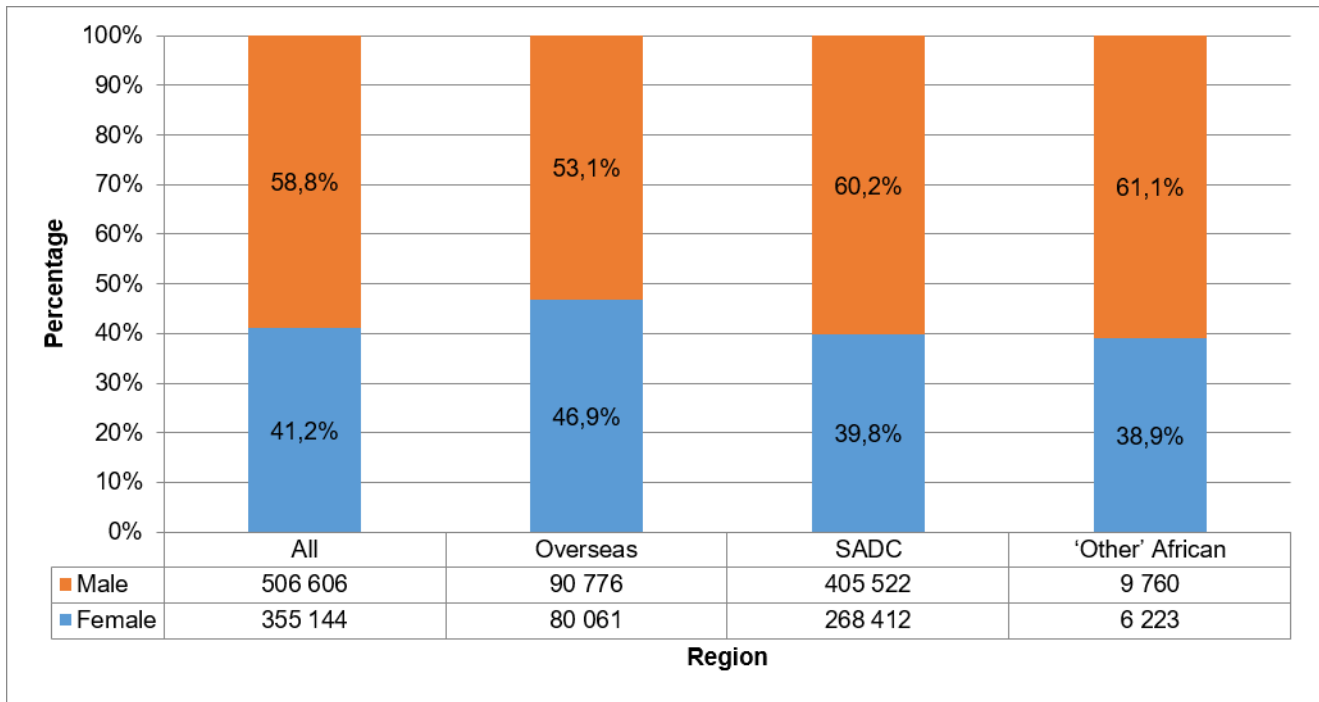
## 2.3 Tourists

### 2.3.1 Sex and age distribution of tourists

#### Sex

Figure 1 on page 5 shows that there were more male [506 606 (58,8%)] than female [355 144 (41,2%)] tourists. Male tourists constituted the majority of tourists for all three regions, SADC countries [405 522 (60,2%)], overseas countries [90 776 (53,1%)] and 'other' African countries [9 760 (61,1%)]. Similarly, the largest portion of female tourists was from SADC countries [268 412 (39,8%)], followed by overseas countries [80 061 (46,9%)] and 'other' African countries [6 223 (38,9%)].

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

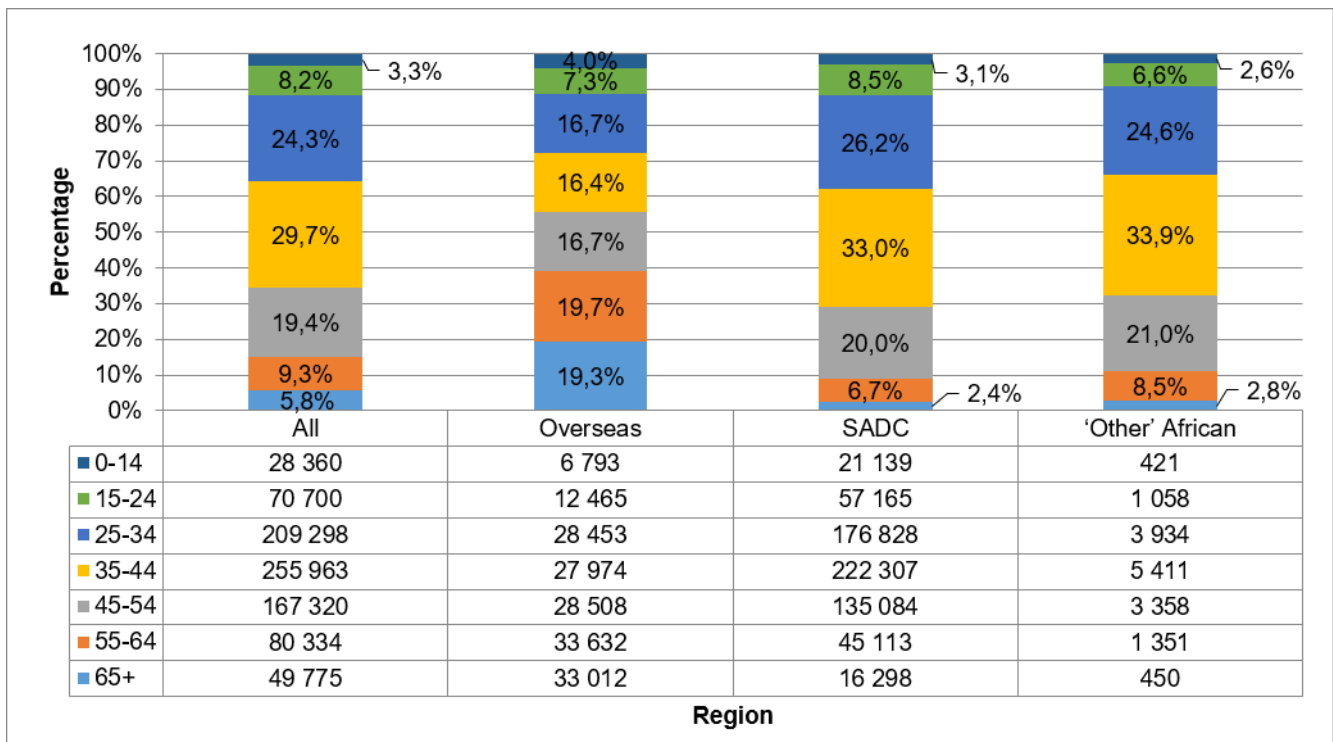


**Age**

The age distribution indicates that out of all tourists, [3,3% (28 360)] were aged younger than 15; [8,2% (70 700)] were aged between 15 and 24; [24,3% (209 298)] were aged between 25 and 34; [29,7% (255 963)] were aged between 35 and 44; [19,4% (167 320)] were aged between 45 and 54; [9,3% (80 334)] were aged between 55 and 64 and [5,8% (49 775)] 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 [33,0% (222 307)] and 'other' African countries [33,9% (5 411)] were aged between 35 and 44, whereas those from overseas countries [19,7% (33 632)] were aged between 55 and 64. The second highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [26,2% (176 828)] and those from 'other' African countries [24,6% (3 934)] were aged between 25 and 34, while those from overseas countries [19,3% (33 012)] were aged 65 and older. The proportion of tourists aged younger than 15 was higher among tourists from overseas countries, 4,0% (6 793) compared with tourists from SADC countries, 3,1% (21 139) and from 'other' African countries, 2,6% (421). The median ages of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries were 48, 38 and 39 years, respectively.

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

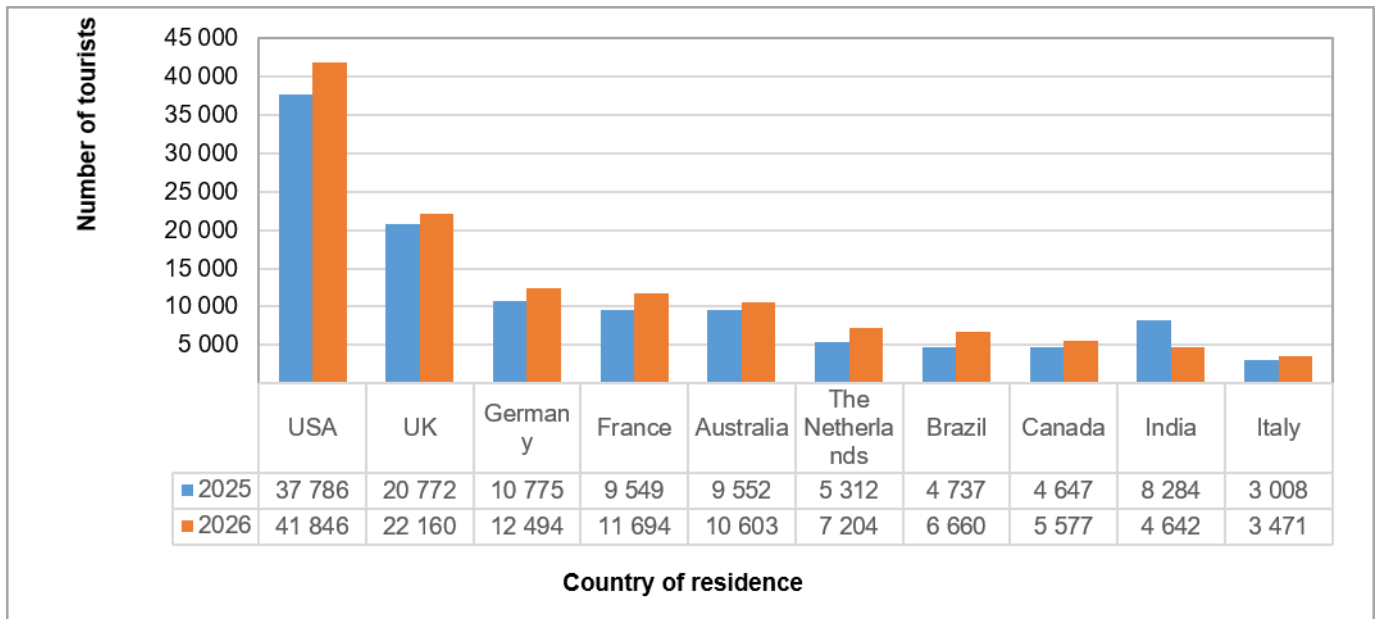


**2.3.2 Regional and national distribution of tourists**

In May 2026, the distribution of overseas tourists was as follows: Europe, 81 408 (47,7%); North America, 47 423 (27,8%); Asia, 17 542 (10,3%); Australasia, 12 257 (7,2%); Central and South America, 9 335 (5,5%) and Middle East, 2 872 (1,7%) (see Table 4 on page 9).

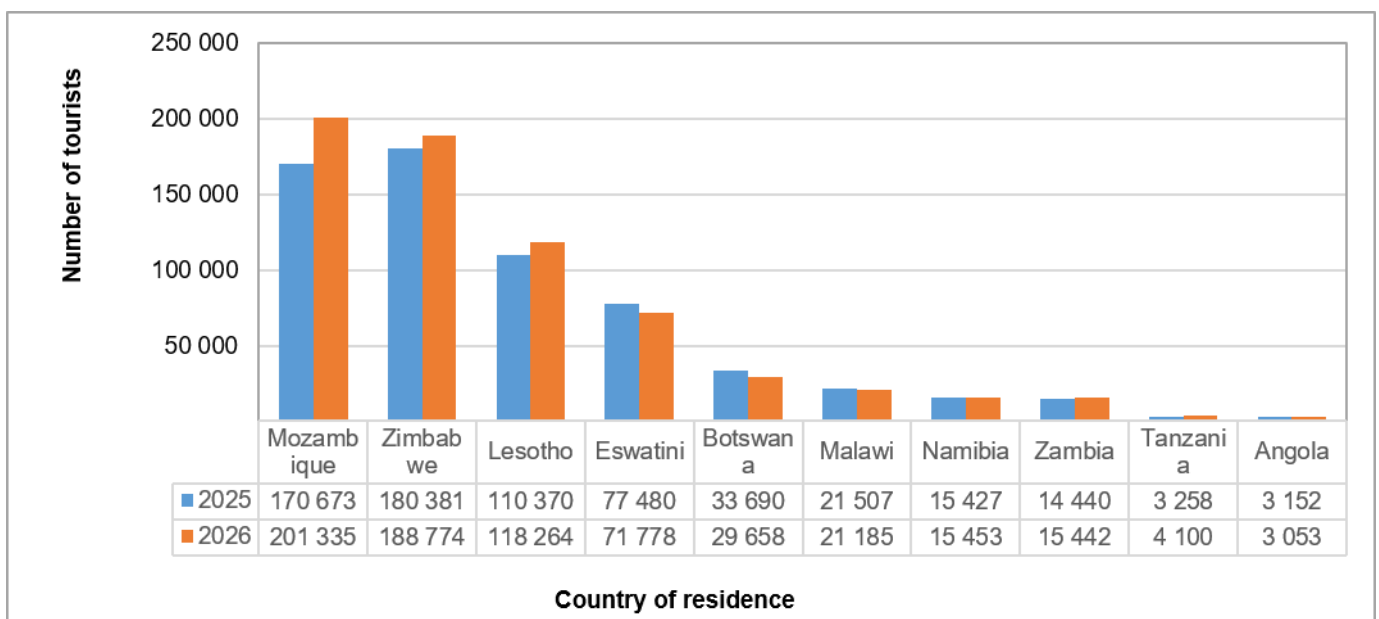
Figure 3 on page 7 indicates that the 10 leading overseas countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in May 2026 were: USA, 41 846 (24,5%); UK, 22 160 (13,0%); Germany, 12 494 (7,3%); France, 11 694 (6,8%); Australia, 10 603 (6,2%); The Netherlands, 7 204 (4,2%); Brazil, 6 660 (3,9%); Canada, 5 577 (3,3%); India, 4 642 (2,7%) and Italy, 3 471 (2,0%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 74,0% of all tourists from overseas countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between May 2025 and May 2026 shows that the number of tourists increased for 9 of the 10 leading countries. Brazil had the highest increase of 40,6% (from 4 737 tourists in May 2025 to 6 660 tourists in May 2026).

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



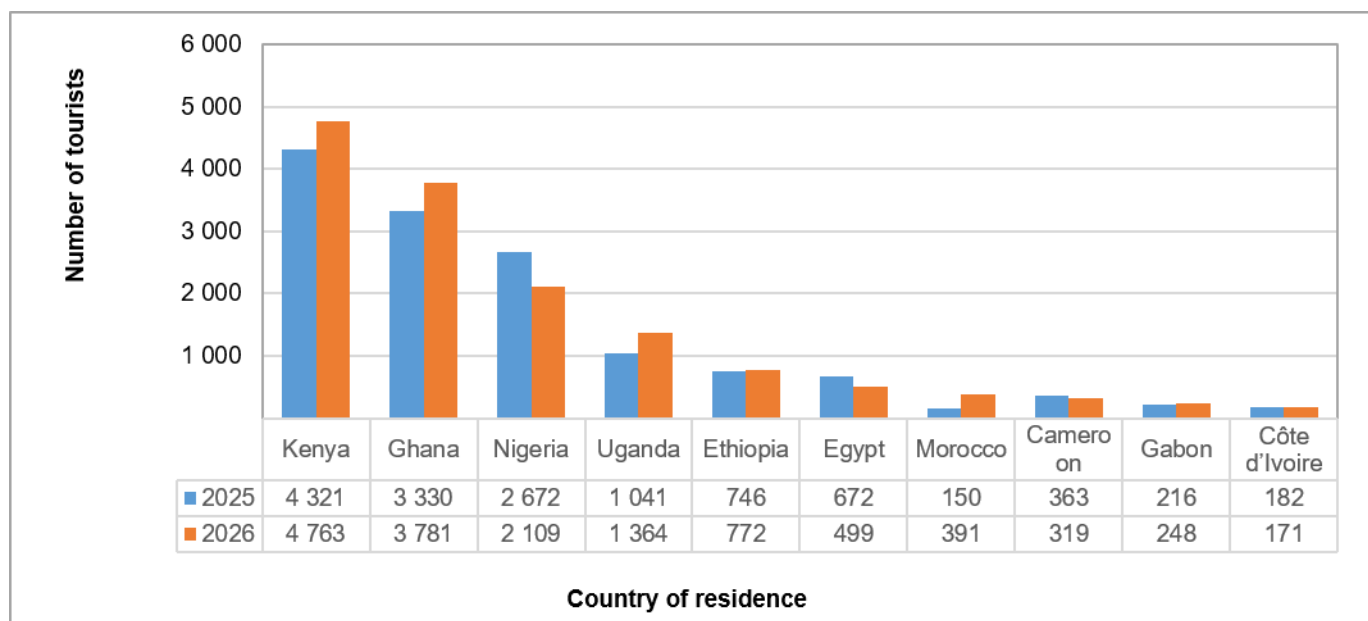
Virtually, most tourists from Africa, 673 934 (97,7%), came from SADC countries (see Table 4 on page 9). The distribution of the remaining tourists from Africa was as follows: East and Central Africa, 7 945 (1,2%); West Africa, 6 778 (1,0%) and North Africa, 1 260 (0,2%). The 10 leading SADC countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in May 2026 are shown in Figure 4 below. The highest number of tourists were from Mozambique, 201 335 (29,9%); Zimbabwe, 188 774 (28,0%); Lesotho, 118 264 (17,5%); Eswatini, 71 778 (10,7%); Botswana, 29 658 (4,4%); Malawi, 21 185 (3,1%); Namibia, 15 453 (2,3%); Zambia, 15 442 (2,3%); Tanzania, 4 100 (0,6%) and Angola, 3 053 (0,5%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 99,3% of all tourists from the SADC countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between May 2025 and May 2026 shows that the number of tourists increased for 6 of the 10 leading countries. Tanzania showed the highest increase of 25,8% (from 3 258 tourists in May 2025 to 4 100 tourists in May 2026).

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



The 10 leading countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in May 2026 from 'other' African countries, as shown in Figure 5 below, were: Kenya, 4 763 (29,8%); Ghana, 3 781 (23,7%); Nigeria, 2 109 (13,2%); Uganda, 1 364 (8,5%); Ethiopia, 772 (4,8%); Egypt, 499 (3,1%); Morocco, 391 (2,4%); Cameroon, 319 (2,0%); Gabon, 248 (1,6%) and Côte d'Ivoire, 171 (1,1%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 90,2% of all tourists from 'other' African countries. A comparison between movements in May 2025 and May 2026 shows that the number of tourists increased for 6 of the 10 leading countries. Morocco showed the highest increase of 160,7% (from 150 tourists in May 2025 to 391 tourists in May 2026).

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



**2.3.3 Purpose of visit of tourists**

Table 4 on page 9, shows the number of tourists by region, sub-region and purpose of visit. Detailed data on the country of residence and purpose of visit is presented in Annexure C on pages 19 to 22. It is observed that in May 2026, the majority of tourists, 838 024 (97,2%), were in South Africa for holiday compared to 20 747 (2,4%); 2 641 (0,3%) and 338 (less than 0,1%) who were in South Africa for business, study and medical treatment, respectively.

Within the overseas regions, Australasia, 99,6% (12 202) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for holiday, followed by Central and South America, 98,9% (9 229); North America, 98,3% (46 619); Europe, 97,4% (79 271); Middle East, 97,1% (2 789) and Asia, 94,7% (16 613).

Asia, 4,3% (748) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business, followed by Europe, 2,3% (1 898); Middle East, 2,0% (57); North America, 1,4% (683); Central and South America, 0,9% (82) and Australasia, 0,4% (45).

Asia, 1,0% (177) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to study, followed by Middle East, 0,9% (26); Europe, 0,2% (201); Central and South America, 0,2% (23); North America, 0,2% (111) and Australasia, (4) with less than 0,1%.

Europe (38), North America (10), Australasia (6), Asia (4) and Central and South America (1) had less than 0,1% of tourists who came for medical treatment, while Middle East had none.

Majority of African tourists, 670 362 (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% (655 753) of tourists from SADC countries compared with 91,4% (14 609) from 'other' African countries. Information on the regions of 'other' African countries shows that 92,2% (6 246) of tourists from West Africa were on holiday, followed by tourists from East and Central Africa, 91,1% (7 236) and those from, North Africa, 89,4% (1 127).
- Business persons constituted 2,4% (16 127) of tourists from SADC countries compared with 6,6% (1 050) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 7,8% (98) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business purposes, followed by East and Central Africa, 7,2% (573) and West Africa, 5,6% (379).
- Students constituted 0,3% (1 816) of tourists from SADC countries compared with 1,8% (283) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 2,5% (32) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for study purposes, followed by West Africa, 2,1% (139) and East and Central Africa, 1,4% (112).
- Tourists who came for medical treatment constituted less than 0,1% (238) of tourists from SADC countries, while those from 'other' African countries constituted 0,3% (41). East and Central Africa, 0,3% (24) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for medical treatment, followed by North Africa, 0,2% (3) and West Africa, 0,2% (14).

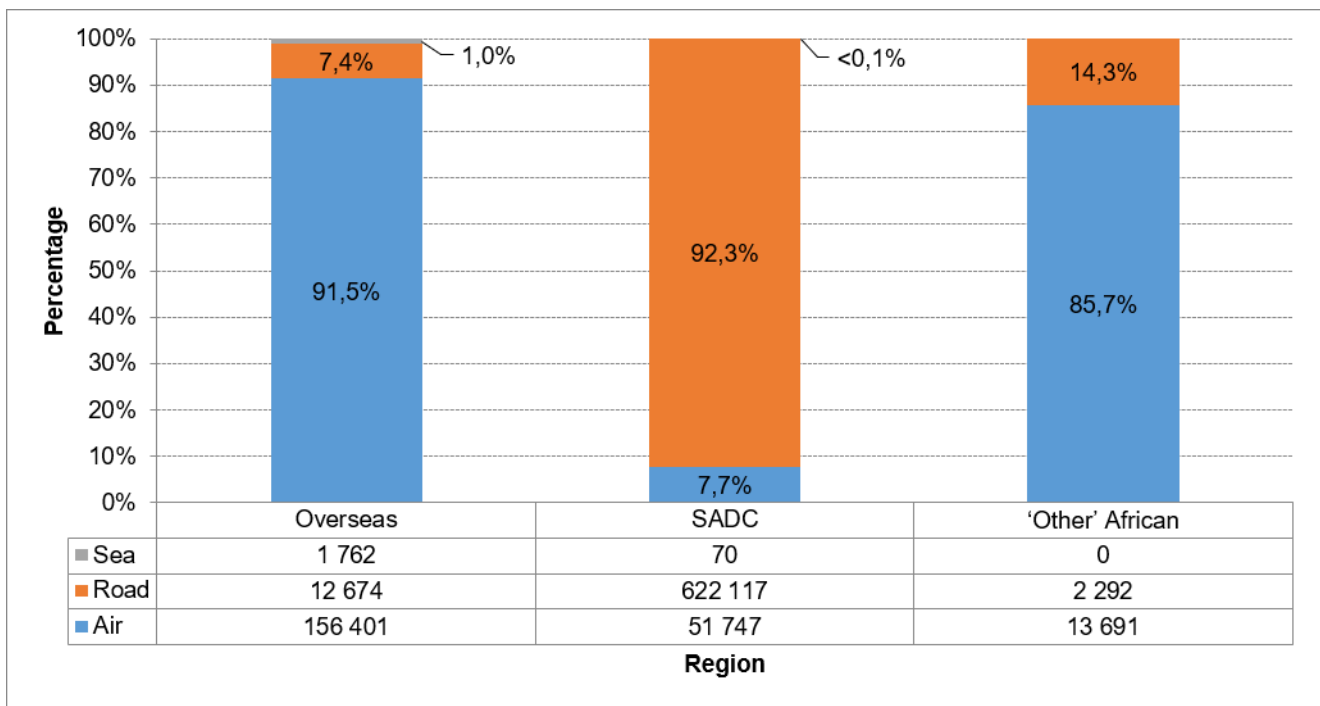
**Table 4 – Number of tourists by region of residence and purpose of visit**

Region of residence	May 2026	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
<b>Total</b>	<b>861 750</b>	<b>20 747</b>	<b>838 024</b>	<b>2 641</b>	<b>338</b>
<b>Overseas</b>	<b>170 837</b>	<b>3 513</b>	<b>166 723</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>59</b>
Europe	81 408	1 898	79 271	201	38
North America	47 423	683	46 619	111	10
Central and South America	9 335	82	9 229	23	1
Australasia	12 257	45	12 202	4	6
Middle East	2 872	57	2 789	26	-
Asia	17 542	748	16 613	177	4
<b>Africa</b>	<b>689 917</b>	<b>17 177</b>	<b>670 362</b>	<b>2 099</b>	<b>279</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>673 934</b>	<b>16 127</b>	<b>655 753</b>	<b>1 816</b>	<b>238</b>
<b>'Other' African</b>	<b>15 983</b>	<b>1 050</b>	<b>14 609</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>41</b>
East and Central Africa	7 945	573	7 236	112	24
West Africa	6 778	379	6 246	139	14
North Africa	1 260	98	1 127	32	3
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### 2.3.4 Mode of travel of tourists

Tourists are categorised by their countries of residence and regions. Information on the specific region and country of residence of tourists and the mode of travel used to enter South Africa is provided in Annexure B on pages 15 to 18, whereas the port of entry used by tourists is provided in Annexure E on page 27. As shown in Figure 6 below, 156 401 (91,5%) overseas tourists arrived in the country by air, whilst 12 674 (7,4%) came by road and 1 762 (1,0%) came by sea. Tourists from the SADC countries, on the other hand, came predominantly by road, 622 117 (92,3%), 51 747 (7,7%) came by air and 70 (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea. The number of tourists who came into South Africa by air from 'other' African countries was 13 691 (85,7%); while 2 292 (14,3%) used road transport and none preferred sea. Most tourists who arrived by road came through Lebombo port (203 838) in Mpumalanga and Beit Bridge port (148 006) in Limpopo. The majority of tourists who came by air entered through OR Tambo International Airport (151 225) and Cape Town International Airport (69 448). Tourists who arrived by sea came through Cape Town Harbour (1 827) and Durban Harbour (5).

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



### 3. Annexures

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

Country of residence	May 2025	May 2026	Difference between May 2025 and May 2026	% change between May 2025 and May 2026
<b>Total</b>	<b>804 163</b>	<b>861 750</b>	<b>57 587</b>	<b>7,2</b>
<b>Overseas</b>	<b>152 398</b>	<b>170 837</b>	<b>18 439</b>	<b>12,1</b>
<b>Europe</b>	<b>68 388</b>	<b>81 408</b>	<b>13 020</b>	<b>19,0</b>
Austria	835	1 141	306	36,6
Belgium	2 027	2 379	352	17,4
France	9 549	11 694	2 145	22,5
Germany	10 775	12 494	1 719	16,0
Ireland	1 624	1 855	231	14,2
Italy	3 008	3 471	463	15,4
Poland	878	1 243	365	41,6
Portugal	1 425	1 562	137	9,6
Russian Federation	2 114	2 672	558	26,4
Spain	2 137	2 321	184	8,6
Switzerland	1 742	2 275	533	30,6
The Netherlands	5 312	7 204	1 892	35,6
Turkey	1 330	2 562	1 232	92,6
UK	20 772	22 160	1 388	6,7
Other	4 860	6 375	1 515	31,2
<b>North America</b>	<b>42 433</b>	<b>47 423</b>	<b>4 990</b>	<b>11,8</b>
Canada	4 647	5 577	930	20,0
USA	37 786	41 846	4 060	10,7
<b>Central and South America</b>	<b>6 941</b>	<b>9 335</b>	<b>2 394</b>	<b>34,5</b>
Argentina	434	829	395	91,0
Brazil	4 737	6 660	1 923	40,6
Chile	286	495	209	73,1
Other	1 484	1 351	-133	-9,0

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

Country of residence	May 2025	May 2026	Difference between May 2025 and May 2026	% change between May 2025 and May 2026
<b>Australasia</b>	<b>11 235</b>	<b>12 257</b>	<b>1 022</b>	<b>9,1</b>
Australia	9 552	10 603	1 051	11,0
New Zealand	1 656	1 624	-32	-1,9
Other	27	30	3	11,1
<b>Middle East</b>	<b>3 037</b>	<b>2 872</b>	<b>-165</b>	<b>-5,4</b>
Israel	469	502	33	7,0
Saudi Arabia	1 320	1 263	-57	-4,3
United Arab Emirates	359	335	-24	-6,7
Other	889	772	-117	-13,2
<b>Asia</b>	<b>20 364</b>	<b>17 542</b>	<b>-2 822</b>	<b>-13,9</b>
Bangladesh	562	525	-37	-6,6
China	3 431	3 066	-365	-10,6
India	8 284	4 642	-3 642	-44,0
Japan	1 537	2 297	760	49,4
Malaysia	831	984	153	18,4
Pakistan	1 691	1 294	-397	-23,5
Philippines	717	553	-164	-22,9
Singapore	995	1 457	462	46,4
South Korea	810	880	70	8,6
Thailand	476	566	90	18,9
Other	1 030	1 278	248	24,1
<b>Africa</b>	<b>650 661</b>	<b>689 917</b>	<b>39 256</b>	<b>6,0</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>635 360</b>	<b>673 934</b>	<b>38 574</b>	<b>6,1</b>
Angola	3 152	3 053	-99	-3,1
Botswana	33 690	29 658	-4 032	-12,0
DRC	2 830	2 763	-67	-2,4
Eswatini	77 480	71 778	-5 702	-7,4

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

Country of residence	May 2025	May 2026	Difference between May 2025 and May 2026	% change between May 2025 and May 2026
Lesotho	110 370	118 264	7 894	7,2
Madagascar	375	423	48	12,8
Malawi	21 507	21 185	-322	-1,5
Mauritius	1 524	1 456	-68	-4,5
Mozambique	170 673	201 335	30 662	18,0
Namibia	15 427	15 453	26	0,2
Seychelles	253	250	-3	-1,2
Tanzania	3 258	4 100	842	25,8
Zambia	14 440	15 442	1 002	6,9
Zimbabwe	180 381	188 774	8 393	4,7
<b>'Other' African</b>	<b>15 301</b>	<b>15 983</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>4,5</b>
<b>East and Central Africa</b>	<b>7 153</b>	<b>7 945</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>11,1</b>
Burundi	92	131	39	42,4
Cameroon	363	319	-44	-12,1
Central African Republic	12	8	-4	-33,3
Chad	35	32	-3	-8,6
Comoros	25	18	-7	-28,0
Congo	130	75	-55	-42,3
Djibouti	8	3	-5	-62,5
Equatorial Guinea	17	13	-4	-23,5
Eritrea	38	39	1	2,6
Ethiopia	746	772	26	3,5
Gabon	216	248	32	14,8
Kenya	4 321	4 763	442	10,2
Rwanda	43	88	45	104,7
São Tomé and Príncipe	13	10	-3	-23,1
Somalia	53	62	9	17,0
Uganda	1 041	1 364	323	31,0

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

Country of residence	May 2025	May 2026	Difference between May 2025 and May 2026	% change between May 2025 and May 2026
<b>West Africa</b>	<b>7 017</b>	<b>6 778</b>	<b>-239</b>	<b>-3,4</b>
Benin	169	110	-59	-34,9
Burkina Faso	74	65	-9	-12,2
Cape Verde Island	34	22	-12	-35,3
Côte d'Ivoire	182	171	-11	-6,0
Gambia	37	75	38	102,7
Ghana	3 330	3 781	451	13,5
Guinea	111	54	-57	-51,4
Guinea-Bissau	5	7	2	40,0
Liberia	44	63	19	43,2
Mali	90	89	-1	-1,1
Mauritania	16	23	7	43,8
Niger	21	17	-4	-19,0
Nigeria	2 672	2 109	-563	-21,1
Saint Helena	5	-	-5	-
Senegal	141	121	-20	-14,2
Sierra Leone	44	40	-4	-9,1
Togo	42	31	-11	-26,2
<b>North Africa</b>	<b>1 131</b>	<b>1 260</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>11,4</b>
Algeria	51	88	37	72,5
Egypt	672	499	-173	-25,7
Libya	28	26	-2	-7,1
Morocco	150	391	241	160,7
South Sudan	41	46	5	12,2
The Sudan	54	59	5	9,3
Tunisia	132	151	19	14,4
Western Sahara	3	-	-3	-
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>1 104</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>-108</b>	<b>-9,8</b>

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

Country of residence	May 2026	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
<b>Total</b>	<b>861 750</b>	<b>69 448</b>	<b>1 759</b>	<b>151 225</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>222 641</b>	<b>637 277</b>	<b>1 832</b>
<b>Overseas</b>	<b>170 837</b>	<b>59 017</b>	<b>1 160</b>	<b>96 072</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>156 401</b>	<b>12 674</b>	<b>1 762</b>
<b>Europe</b>	<b>81 408</b>	<b>29 812</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>42 770</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>73 340</b>	<b>7 364</b>	<b>704</b>
Austria	1 141	453	5	593	-	1 051	88	2
Belgium	2 379	784	14	1 250	1	2 049	329	1
France	11 694	2 530	40	7 341	7	9 918	1 774	2
Germany	12 494	5 301	60	5 778	6	11 145	1 268	81
Ireland	1 855	846	38	878	-	1 762	86	7
Italy	3 471	1 563	33	1 685	2	3 283	186	2
Poland	1 243	564	18	507	-	1 089	154	-
Portugal	1 562	441	7	695	1	1 144	415	3
Russian Federation	2 672	1 590	18	919	1	2 528	141	3
Spain	2 321	945	24	1 173	1	2 143	176	2
Switzerland	2 275	900	9	1 123	1	2 033	193	49
The Netherlands	7 204	2 599	39	3 356	5	5 999	1 196	9
Turkey	2 562	1 338	38	1 077	-	2 453	107	2
UK	22 160	7 385	285	13 040	25	20 735	904	521
Other	6 375	2 573	72	3 355	8	6 008	347	20
<b>North America</b>	<b>47 423</b>	<b>18 573</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>26 147</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>44 947</b>	<b>1 602</b>	<b>874</b>
Canada	5 577	2 093	26	2 955	4	5 078	287	212
USA	41 846	16 480	131	23 192	66	39 869	1 315	662
<b>Central and South America</b>	<b>9 335</b>	<b>2 064</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6 840</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8 919</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>21</b>
Argentina	829	150	-	626	-	776	53	-
Brazil	6 660	1 428	9	4 979	4	6 420	235	5
Chile	495	43	-	433	-	476	19	-
Other	1 351	443	2	802	-	1 247	88	16

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

Country of residence	May 2026	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
<b>Australasia</b>	<b>12 257</b>	<b>1 966</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>9 634</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11 648</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>67</b>
Australia	10 603	1 665	21	8 399	3	10 088	452	63
New Zealand	1 624	275	19	1 233	5	1 532	88	4
Other	30	26	-	2	-	28	2	-
<b>Middle East</b>	<b>2 872</b>	<b>1 777</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2 764</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>-</b>
Israel	502	136	7	320	1	464	38	-
Saudi Arabia	1 263	1 081	2	173	-	1 256	7	-
United Arab Emirates	335	272	8	55	-	335	-	-
Other	772	288	7	414	-	709	63	-
<b>Asia</b>	<b>17 542</b>	<b>4 825</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>9 719</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14 783</b>	<b>2 663</b>	<b>96</b>
Bangladesh	525	92	35	317	-	444	81	-
China	3 066	787	10	1 856	3	2 656	323	87
India	4 642	1 070	87	2 263	5	3 425	1 216	1
Japan	2 297	851	6	1 376	1	2 234	62	1
Malaysia	984	292	3	648	-	943	41	-
Pakistan	1 294	148	35	609	-	792	502	-
Philippines	553	132	19	360	1	512	39	2
Singapore	1 457	463	2	979	-	1 444	13	-
South Korea	880	299	6	410	-	715	162	3
Thailand	566	216	10	333	-	559	7	-
Other	1 278	475	15	568	1	1 059	217	2
<b>Africa</b>	<b>689 917</b>	<b>10 333</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>54 453</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>65 438</b>	<b>624 409</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>673 934</b>	<b>6 369</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>44 749</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>51 747</b>	<b>622 117</b>	<b>70</b>
Angola	3 053	1 242	-	1 282	5	2 529	524	-
Botswana	29 658	170	3	2 847	4	3 024	26 634	-
DRC	2 763	138	1	2 458	6	2 603	160	-
Eswatini	71 778	102	110	1 010	-	1 222	70 555	1

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

Country of residence	May 2026	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Lesotho	118 264	4	1	641	-	646	117 618	-
Madagascar	423	14	-	392	-	406	15	2
Malawi	21 185	22	1	2 907	4	2 934	18 251	-
Mauritius	1 456	343	2	1 004	-	1 349	47	60
Mozambique	201 335	243	3	3 545	5	3 796	197 537	2
Namibia	15 453	2 308	2	3 188	-	5 498	9 954	1
Seychelles	250	11	-	232	-	243	7	-
Tanzania	4 100	747	-	2 052	2	2 801	1 299	-
Zambia	15 442	73	-	4 686	-	4 759	10 682	1
Zimbabwe	188 774	952	451	18 505	29	19 937	168 834	3
<b>'Other' African</b>	<b>15 983</b>	<b>3 964</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9 704</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13 691</b>	<b>2 292</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>East and Central Africa</b>	<b>7 945</b>	<b>2 107</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4 953</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7 071</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>-</b>
Burundi	131	35	-	89	-	124	7	-
Cameroon	319	79	-	228	-	307	12	-
Central African Republic	8	-	-	8	-	8	-	-
Chad	32	7	-	25	-	32	-	-
Comoros	18	6	-	12	-	18	-	-
Congo	75	20	-	51	-	71	4	-
Djibouti	3	1	-	2	-	3	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	13	5	-	8	-	13	-	-
Eritrea	39	4	2	30	-	36	3	-
Ethiopia	772	157	1	553	-	711	61	-
Gabon	248	31	-	211	-	242	6	-
Kenya	4 763	1 351	5	2 741	-	4 097	666	-
Rwanda	88	10	-	67	-	77	11	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	10	5	-	5	-	10	-	-
Somalia	62	16	-	22	-	38	24	-
Uganda	1 364	380	3	901	-	1 284	80	-

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

Country of residence	May 2026	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
<b>West Africa</b>	<b>6 778</b>	<b>1 539</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3 877</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5 424</b>	<b>1 354</b>	<b>-</b>
Benin	110	34	-	71	-	105	5	-
Burkina Faso	65	33	-	29	-	62	3	-
Cape Verde Island	22	3	4	11	-	18	4	-
Côte d'Ivoire	171	37	-	131	-	168	3	-
Gambia	75	47	-	26	-	73	2	-
Ghana	3 781	662	-	1 978	-	2 640	1 141	-
Guinea	54	7	-	31	-	38	16	-
Guinea-Bissau	7	-	1	2	2	5	2	-
Liberia	63	20	-	42	-	62	1	-
Mali	89	33	-	31	-	64	25	-
Mauritania	23	6	-	17	-	23	-	-
Niger	17	10	-	7	-	17	-	-
Nigeria	2 109	587	1	1 380	-	1 968	141	-
Senegal	121	39	-	76	-	115	6	-
Sierra Leone	40	10	-	25	-	35	5	-
Togo	31	11	-	20	-	31	-	-
<b>North Africa</b>	<b>1 260</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1 196</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>-</b>
Algeria	88	10	-	75	-	85	3	-
Egypt	499	125	1	343	-	469	30	-
Libya	26	8	1	12	-	21	5	-
Morocco	391	88	2	289	-	379	12	-
South Sudan	46	21	-	23	-	44	2	-
The Sudan	59	11	-	41	-	52	7	-
Tunisia	151	55	-	91	-	146	5	-
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>-</b>

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

Country of residence	May 2026	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
<b>Total</b>	<b>861 750</b>	<b>20 747</b>	<b>838 024</b>	<b>2 641</b>	<b>338</b>
<b>Overseas</b>	<b>170 837</b>	<b>3 513</b>	<b>166 723</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Europe</b>	<b>81 408</b>	<b>1 898</b>	<b>79 271</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>38</b>
Austria	1 141	38	1 102	1	-
Belgium	2 379	59	2 313	5	2
France	11 694	152	11 485	56	1
Germany	12 494	281	12 175	36	2
Ireland	1 855	48	1 802	3	2
Italy	3 471	124	3 345	2	-
Poland	1 243	33	1 208	2	-
Portugal	1 562	29	1 530	2	1
Russian Federation	2 672	21	2 646	5	-
Spain	2 321	89	2 226	6	-
Switzerland	2 275	46	2 226	3	-
The Netherlands	7 204	178	7 001	10	15
Turkey	2 562	71	2 484	7	-
UK	22 160	477	21 637	34	12
Other	6 375	252	6 091	29	3
<b>North America</b>	<b>47 423</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>46 619</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>10</b>
Canada	5 577	90	5 475	12	-
USA	41 846	593	41 144	99	10
<b>Central and South America</b>	<b>9 335</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>9 229</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>
Argentina	829	5	824	-	-
Brazil	6 660	41	6 602	17	-
Chile	495	7	488	-	-
Other	1 351	29	1 315	6	1

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

Country of residence	May 2026	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
<b>Australasia</b>	<b>12 257</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>12 202</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>
Australia	10 603	39	10 556	4	4
New Zealand	1 624	6	1 616	-	2
Other	30	-	30	-	-
<b>Middle East</b>	<b>2 872</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>2 789</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-</b>
Israel	502	18	482	2	-
Saudi Arabia	1 263	8	1 249	6	-
United Arab Emirates	335	5	325	5	-
Other	772	26	733	13	-
<b>Asia</b>	<b>17 542</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>16 613</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>4</b>
Bangladesh	525	16	503	6	-
China	3 066	157	2 891	18	-
India	4 642	273	4 258	111	-
Japan	2 297	97	2 187	12	1
Malaysia	984	25	958	1	-
Pakistan	1 294	29	1 257	8	-
Philippines	553	11	536	5	1
Singapore	1 457	29	1 428	-	-
South Korea	880	47	828	4	1
Thailand	566	6	554	6	-
Other	1 278	58	1 213	6	1
<b>Africa</b>	<b>689 917</b>	<b>17 177</b>	<b>670 362</b>	<b>2 099</b>	<b>279</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>673 934</b>	<b>16 127</b>	<b>655 753</b>	<b>1 816</b>	<b>238</b>
Angola	3 053	79	2 852	83	39
Botswana	29 658	450	28 948	229	31
DRC	2 763	52	2 568	98	45
Eswatini	71 778	2 325	69 327	109	17

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

Country of residence	May 2026	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Lesotho	118 264	313	117 328	603	20
Madagascar	423	4	417	2	-
Malawi	21 185	267	20 878	35	5
Mauritius	1 456	23	1 418	10	5
Mozambique	201 335	2 161	199 117	50	7
Namibia	15 453	3 565	11 691	181	16
Seychelles	250	2	247	-	1
Tanzania	4 100	206	3 868	19	7
Zambia	15 442	2 646	12 730	52	14
Zimbabwe	188 774	4 034	184 364	345	31
<b>'Other' African</b>	<b>15 983</b>	<b>1 050</b>	<b>14 609</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>East and Central Africa</b>	<b>7 945</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>7 236</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>24</b>
Burundi	131	12	108	9	2
Cameroon	319	41	263	10	5
Central African Republic	8	-	6	-	2
Chad	32	1	27	4	-
Comoros	18	4	13	1	-
Congo	75	2	61	8	4
Djibouti	3	-	3	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	13	-	13	-	-
Eritrea	39	-	37	1	1
Ethiopia	772	47	709	15	1
Gabon	248	10	236	2	-
Kenya	4 763	308	4 417	36	2
Rwanda	88	6	82	-	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	10	2	8	-	-
Somalia	62	11	49	2	-
Uganda	1 364	129	1 204	24	7

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

Country of residence	May 2026	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
<b>West Africa</b>	<b>6 778</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>6 246</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>14</b>
Benin	110	14	92	3	1
Burkina Faso	65	17	48	-	-
Cape Verde Island	22	2	20	-	-
Côte d'Ivoire	171	21	147	3	-
Gambia	75	29	46	-	-
Ghana	3 781	116	3 638	25	2
Guinea	54	-	50	3	1
Guinea-Bissau	7	1	4	-	2
Liberia	63	5	57	1	-
Mali	89	14	72	2	1
Mauritania	23	3	20	-	-
Niger	17	4	13	-	-
Nigeria	2 109	121	1 884	99	5
Senegal	121	16	103	2	-
Sierra Leone	40	11	27	-	2
Togo	31	5	25	1	-
<b>North Africa</b>	<b>1 260</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>1 127</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>
Algeria	88	3	73	12	-
Egypt	499	43	450	6	-
Libya	26	2	20	4	-
Morocco	391	22	366	3	-
South Sudan	46	8	34	1	3
The Sudan	59	1	53	5	-
Tunisia	151	19	131	1	-
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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

Country of residence	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	Difference between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026	% change between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 220 586</b>	<b>4 761 108</b>	<b>540 522</b>	<b>12,8</b>
<b>Overseas</b>	<b>971 678</b>	<b>1 034 310</b>	<b>62 632</b>	<b>6,4</b>
<b>Europe</b>	<b>606 076</b>	<b>673 208</b>	<b>67 132</b>	<b>11,1</b>
Austria	10 537	12 039	1 502	14,3
Belgium	19 719	20 861	1 142	5,8
Denmark	9 814	9 836	22	0,2
France	57 020	62 880	5 860	10,3
Germany	126 514	147 962	21 448	17,0
Ireland	13 458	14 529	1 071	8,0
Italy	18 463	18 279	-184	-1,0
Portugal	8 260	9 802	1 542	18,7
Russian Federation	17 323	22 033	4 710	27,2
Spain	10 529	10 921	392	3,7
Sweden	13 027	13 365	338	2,6
Switzerland	20 156	23 249	3 093	15,3
The Netherlands	56 250	62 304	6 054	10,8
UK	182 340	192 733	10 393	5,7
Other	42 666	52 415	9 749	22,8
<b>North America</b>	<b>176 485</b>	<b>175 906</b>	<b>-579</b>	<b>-0,3</b>
Canada	27 208	28 495	1 287	4,7
USA	149 277	147 411	-1 866	-1,3
<b>Central and South America</b>	<b>35 400</b>	<b>43 493</b>	<b>8 093</b>	<b>22,9</b>
Argentina	3 815	5 047	1 232	32,3
Brazil	22 673	29 920	7 247	32,0
Chile	1 824	2 032	208	11,4
Other	7 088	6 494	-594	-8,4

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

Country of residence	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	Difference between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026	% change between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026
<b>Australasia</b>	<b>51 650</b>	<b>53 100</b>	<b>1 450</b>	<b>2,8</b>
Australia	43 264	45 567	2 303	5,3
New Zealand	8 228	7 459	-769	-9,3
Other	158	74	-84	-53,2
<b>Middle East</b>	<b>14 253</b>	<b>10 775</b>	<b>-3 478</b>	<b>-24,4</b>
Israel	3 640	2 940	-700	-19,2
Lebanon	1 024	953	-71	-6,9
Saudi Arabia	4 529	3 895	-634	-14,0
Other	5 060	2 987	-2 073	-41,0
<b>Asia</b>	<b>87 814</b>	<b>77 828</b>	<b>-9 986</b>	<b>-11,4</b>
Bangladesh	2 763	2 959	196	7,1
China	17 342	12 965	-4 377	-25,2
India	30 819	21 714	-9 105	-29,5
Japan	7 957	9 696	1 739	21,9
Malaysia	2 471	2 604	133	5,4
Pakistan	7 270	7 727	457	6,3
Philippines	2 651	2 212	-439	-16,6
Singapore	2 727	4 166	1 439	52,8
South Korea	6 152	5 674	-478	-7,8
Thailand	2 183	2 451	268	12,3
Other	5 479	5 660	181	3,3
<b>Africa</b>	<b>3 244 005</b>	<b>3 722 374</b>	<b>478 369</b>	<b>14,7</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>3 168 346</b>	<b>3 638 238</b>	<b>469 892</b>	<b>14,8</b>
Angola	16 959	17 612	653	3,9
Botswana	158 733	161 092	2 359	1,5
DRC	14 772	15 742	970	6,6
Eswatini	371 575	382 987	11 412	3,1

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

Country of residence	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	Difference between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026	% change between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026
Lesotho	595 814	653 511	57 697	9,7
Madagascar	1 736	1 935	199	11,5
Malawi	93 408	103 325	9 917	10,6
Mauritius	8 137	8 479	342	4,2
Mozambique	807 628	1 050 850	243 222	30,1
Namibia	70 092	70 293	201	0,3
Seychelles	2 006	2 099	93	4,6
Tanzania	16 347	19 457	3 110	19,0
Zambia	64 690	77 500	12 810	19,8
Zimbabwe	946 449	1 073 356	126 907	13,4
<b>'Other' African</b>	<b>75 659</b>	<b>84 136</b>	<b>8 477</b>	<b>11,2</b>
<b>East and Central Africa</b>	<b>36 259</b>	<b>41 005</b>	<b>4 746</b>	<b>13,1</b>
Burundi	468	605	137	29,3
Cameroon	1 990	2 063	73	3,7
Central African Republic	67	54	-13	-19,4
Chad	208	224	16	7,7
Comoros	125	98	-27	-21,6
Congo	763	567	-196	-25,7
Djibouti	43	25	-18	-41,9
Equatorial Guinea	105	99	-6	-5,7
Eritrea	185	155	-30	-16,2
Ethiopia	3 538	3 863	325	9,2
Gabon	1 325	1 719	394	29,7
Kenya	21 155	24 880	3 725	17,6
Réunion	14	22	8	57,1
Rwanda	307	413	106	34,5
São Tomé and Príncipe	48	59	11	22,9
Somalia	322	394	72	22,4
Uganda	5 596	5 765	169	3,0

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

Country of residence	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	Difference between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026	% change between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026
<b>West Africa</b>	<b>32 996</b>	<b>36 511</b>	<b>3 515</b>	<b>10,7</b>
Benin	828	673	-155	-18,7
Burkina Faso	348	381	33	9,5
Cape Verde Island	136	137	1	0,7
Côte d'Ivoire	927	1 047	120	12,9
Gambia	180	236	56	31,1
Ghana	16 080	18 517	2 437	15,2
Guinea	510	391	-119	-23,3
Guinea-Bissau	54	31	-23	-42,6
Liberia	261	276	15	5,7
Mali	465	527	62	13,3
Mauritania	106	146	40	37,7
Niger	125	126	1	0,8
Nigeria	11 788	12 848	1 060	9,0
Saint Helena	13	3	-10	-76,9
Senegal	658	699	41	6,2
Sierra Leone	258	239	-19	-7,4
Togo	259	234	-25	-9,7
<b>North Africa</b>	<b>6 404</b>	<b>6 620</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>3,4</b>
Algeria	452	485	33	7,3
Egypt	3 301	2 620	-681	-20,6
Libya	231	160	-71	-30,7
Morocco	771	883	112	14,5
South Sudan	221	292	71	32,1
The Sudan	370	378	8	2,2
Tunisia	1 050	1 797	747	71,1
Western Sahara	8	5	-3	-37,5
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>4 903</b>	<b>4 424</b>	<b>-479</b>	<b>-9,8</b>

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

Port of entry and province	May 2019	May 2026	Difference between May 2019 and May 2026	% Change between May 2019 and May 2026
<b>Total</b>	<b>737 193</b>	<b>861 750</b>	<b>124 557</b>	<b>16,9</b>
<b>Western Cape</b>	<b>44 760</b>	<b>71 275</b>	<b>26 515</b>	<b>59,2</b>
Cape Town Harbour	39	1 827	1 788	4584,6
Cape Town International Airport	44 721	69 448	24 727	55,3
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	<b>4 131</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>-3 670</b>	<b>-88,8</b>
Telle Bridge	4 131	461	-3 670	-88,8
<b>Northern Cape</b>	<b>7 391</b>	<b>9 330</b>	<b>1 939</b>	<b>26,2</b>
Nakop	3 090	4 874	1 784	57,7
Violsdrift	4 301	4 456	155	3,6
<b>Free State</b>	<b>110 582</b>	<b>118 366</b>	<b>7 784</b>	<b>7,0</b>
Caledonspoort	9 099	13 553	4 454	49,0
Ficksburg	44 760	47 318	2 558	5,7
Maseru Bridge	45 692	49 588	3 896	8,5
Van Rooyens Gate	11 031	7 907	-3 124	-28,3
<b>KwaZulu Natal</b>	<b>21 421</b>	<b>23 987</b>	<b>2 566</b>	<b>12,0</b>
Durban Harbour	4	5	1	25,0
King Shaka International Airport	3 207	1 759	-1 448	-45,2
Golela	13 399	13 880	481	3,6
Kosibay	4 811	8 343	3 532	73,4
<b>North West</b>	<b>47 451</b>	<b>34 469</b>	<b>-12 982</b>	<b>-27,4</b>
Kopfontein	25 240	17 233	-8 007	-31,7
Ramatlabama	7 605	6 992	-613	-8,1
Skilpad Gate	10 983	7 515	-3 468	-31,6
Swartkopfontein Gate	3 623	2 729	-894	-24,7
<b>Gauteng</b>	<b>149 034</b>	<b>151 434</b>	<b>2 400</b>	<b>1,6</b>
Lanseria International Airport	249	209	-40	-16,1
OR Tambo International Airport	148 785	151 225	2 440	1,6
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	<b>182 997</b>	<b>284 173</b>	<b>101 176</b>	<b>55,3</b>
Emahlatini	4 870	5 218	348	7,1
Jeppes Reef	11 884	14 177	2 293	19,3
Lebombo	109 060	203 838	94 778	86,9
Mahamba	8 624	3 341	-5 283	-61,3
Mananga	9 063	9 150	87	1,0
Nerston	1 153	955	-198	-17,2
Oshoek	38 343	47 494	9 151	23,9
<b>Limpopo</b>	<b>169 426</b>	<b>168 255</b>	<b>-1 171</b>	<b>-0,7</b>
Beit Bridge	150 675	148 006	-2 669	-1,8
Groblers Bridge	18 751	20 249	1 498	8,0

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

Port of entry and province	May 2025	May 2026	Difference between May 2025 and May 2026	% Change between May 2025 and May 2026
<b>Total</b>	<b>802 172</b>	<b>858 560</b>	<b>56 388</b>	<b>7,0</b>
<b>Western Cape</b>	<b>57 629</b>	<b>71 275</b>	<b>13 646</b>	<b>23,7</b>
Cape Town Harbour	21	1 827	1 806	8600,0
Cape Town International Airport	57 608	69 448	11 840	20,6
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	<b>1 991</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>-1 530</b>	<b>-76,8</b>
Telle Bridge	1 991	461	-1 530	-76,8
<b>Northern Cape</b>	<b>8 707</b>	<b>9 330</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>7,2</b>
Nakop	4 771	4 874	103	2,2
Violsdrift	3 936	4 456	520	13,2
<b>Free State</b>	<b>108 690</b>	<b>118 366</b>	<b>9 676</b>	<b>8,9</b>
Caledonspoort	11 739	13 553	1 814	15,5
Ficksburg	42 844	47 318	4 474	10,4
Maseru Bridge	52 197	49 588	-2 609	-5,0
Van Rooyens Gate	1 910	7 907	5 997	314,0
<b>KwaZulu Natal</b>	<b>25 384</b>	<b>23 987</b>	<b>-1 397</b>	<b>-5,5</b>
Durban Harbour	122	5	-117	-95,9
King Shaka International Airport	3 449	1 759	-1 690	-49,0
Golela	12 232	13 880	1 648	13,5
Kosibay	9 581	8 343	-1 238	-12,9
<b>North West</b>	<b>37 604</b>	<b>31 740</b>	<b>-5 864</b>	<b>-15,6</b>
Kopfontein	22 502	17 233	-5 269	-23,4
Ramatlabama	6 565	6 992	427	6,5
Skilpad Gate	8 537	7 515	-1 022	-12,0
<b>Gauteng</b>	<b>145 989</b>	<b>151 434</b>	<b>5 445</b>	<b>3,7</b>
Lanseria International Airport	239	209	-30	-12,6
OR Tambo International Airport	145 750	151 225	5 475	3,8
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	<b>249 382</b>	<b>284 173</b>	<b>34 791</b>	<b>14,0</b>
Emahlatini	5 266	5 218	-48	-0,9
Jeppes Reef	13 672	14 177	505	3,7
Lebombo	169 532	203 838	34 306	20,2
Mahamba	7 607	3 341	-4 266	-56,1
Mananga	9 908	9 150	-758	-7,7
Nerston	609	955	346	56,8
Oshoek	42 788	47 494	4 706	11,0
<b>Limpopo</b>	<b>168 787</b>	<b>168 255</b>	<b>-532</b>	<b>-0,3</b>
Beit Bridge	148 253	148 006	-247	-0,2
Groblers Bridge	20 534	20 249	-285	-1,4

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

Port of entry and province	Jan – May 2025	Jan – May 2026	Difference between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026	% Change between Jan – May 2025 and Jan – May 2026
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 728 084</b>	<b>4 748 257</b>	<b>1 020 173</b>	<b>27,4</b>
<b>Western Cape</b>	<b>477 565</b>	<b>528 402</b>	<b>50 837</b>	<b>10,6</b>
Cape Town Harbour	5 713	13 227	7 514	131,5
Cape Town International Airport	471 852	515 175	43 323	9,2
<b>Northern Cape</b>	<b>44 107</b>	<b>43 700</b>	<b>-407</b>	<b>-0,9</b>
Nakop	21 769	22 035	266	1,2
Violsdrift	22 338	21 665	-673	-3,0
<b>Free State</b>	<b>585 585</b>	<b>659 003</b>	<b>73 418</b>	<b>12,5</b>
Caledonspoort	60 138	69 001	8 863	14,7
Ficksburg	235 091	274 438	39 347	16,7
Maseru Bridge	267 104	282 704	15 600	5,8
Van Rooyens Gate	23 252	32 860	9 608	41,3
<b>KwaZulu Natal</b>	<b>135 058</b>	<b>139 735</b>	<b>4 677</b>	<b>3,5</b>
Durban Harbour	2 862	2 022	-840	-29,4
King Shaka International Airport	16 736	10 305	-6 431	-38,4
Golela	64 786	68 865	4 079	6,3
Kosibay	50 674	58 543	7 869	15,5
<b>North West</b>	<b>185 492</b>	<b>157 608</b>	<b>-27 884</b>	<b>-15,0</b>
Kopfontein	111 752	89 209	-22 543	-20,2
Ramathlabama	31 422	33 307	1 885	6,0
Skilpad Gate	42 318	35 092	-7 226	-17,1
<b>Gauteng</b>	<b>737 787</b>	<b>788 675</b>	<b>50 888</b>	<b>6,9</b>
Lanseria International Airport	1 200	1 068	-132	-11,0
Oliver Tambo International Airport	736 587	787 607	51 020	6,9
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	<b>1 168 528</b>	<b>1 446 642</b>	<b>278 114</b>	<b>23,8</b>
Emahlatini	25 004	28 820	3 816	15,3
Jeppes Reef	65 557	72 341	6 784	10,3
Lebombo	785 277	1 027 284	242 007	30,8
Mahamba	37 505	36 160	-1 345	-3,6
Mananga	48 008	42 547	-5 461	-11,4
Nerston	1 268	4 156	2 888	227,8
Oshoek	205 909	235 334	29 425	14,3
<b>Limpopo</b>	<b>871 527</b>	<b>984 492</b>	<b>112 965</b>	<b>13,0</b>
Beit Bridge	782 545	863 608	81 063	10,4
Groblers Bridge	88 982	120 884	31 902	35,9

## 4. Explanatory notes

### 4.1 Introduction

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

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

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

### 4.2 Purpose of the statistical release

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

### 4.3 Scope and coverage

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

### 4.4 Data

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

- Data routinely collected by immigration officers at all road, air and sea entry ports on all travellers (South African residents and foreign travellers) arriving into or departing from South Africa are captured into the DHA's population Movement Control System (MCS). The counts/statistics relate to the number of individual movements, rather than to the number of people. Hence, the multiple movements of individual people during the calendar month are each counted separately. Generally, the data are collected directly from travel documents either by scanning or capturing onto the ports' electronic database. Individual ports regularly transmit data onto the national database at the head office of the DHA. Stats SA receives downloaded data covering a particular calendar month from the DHA.
- As part of data interrogation, data from OR Tambo International Airport, which has the highest volume of travellers, are compared with passenger statistics from the Airports Company of South Africa (ACSA). As expected, in any specific month, an increase/decrease in the volume of passengers reported by ACSA is also reflected with an increase/decrease in the volume of travellers recorded by DHA. In May 2026, the DHA data was 1,2% 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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