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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 October 2025. Specific focus is on foreign tourists who entered the country in October 2025. Tourists are classified by region and country of residence. Details of their mode of travel, purpose of visit, age and sex distribution are also provided.

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

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

1. Highlights of the results

In October 2025, 3 123 858 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) entered and exited South Africa. They were made up of 810 183 (25,9%) South African residents and 2 313 675 (74,1%) foreign travellers. Foreign arrivals were made up of 29 438 (2,4%) non-visitors and 1 205 121 (97,6%) visitors. Visitors consisted of 277 695 (23,0%) same-day visitors and 927 426 (77,0%) overnight visitors/tourists.

Tourists

Overseas tourists constituted 25,7% (238 406) of all tourists. United Kingdom (UK) (38 933), Germany (36 635) and United States of America (USA) (32 736) contributed 45,4% to overseas tourists. Tourists from Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries constituted 72,1% (668 407) of all tourists. Zimbabwe (195 207), Mozambique (176 273) and Lesotho (116 917) contributed 73,1% to SADC tourists. 'Other' African countries (non-SADC) tourists were 2,1% (19 511) of all tourists. Kenya (6 170), Ghana (4 079) and Nigeria (2 636) contributed 66,0% to 'other' African tourists. The country of residence of 1 102 (0,1%) tourists was classified as unspecified.

Purpose of visit

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

2. Key findings

2.1 Travellers

2.1.1 Number of travellers

The routine data collected by the DHA immigration officers at the ports of entry into and out of South Africa shows that a total of 3 123 858 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) passed through South African ports in October 2025. As presented in Table 1 below, these travellers were made up of 810 183 South African residents and 2 313 675 foreign travellers. A further breakdown of the figures for South African residents indicates that there were 413 053 arrivals, 396 582 departures and 548 travellers in transit. The corresponding volumes for foreign arrivals, departures and travellers in transit were 1 234 559, 1 032 351 and 46 765, respectively.

A comparison between the movements in September 2025 and October 2025 indicates that the volume of arrivals and departures increased for both South African residents and foreign travellers, whereas that of transits decreased for both groups of travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals increased by 8,4% (from 381 185 in September 2025 to 413 053 in October 2025), departures increased by 0,3% (from 395 448 in September 2025 to 396 582 in October 2025) and transits decreased by 15,4% (from 648 in September 2025 to 548 in October 2025). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 6,7% (from 1 156 606 in September 2025 to 1 234 559 in October 2025), departures increased by 3,1% (from 1 001 265 in September 2025 to 1 032 351 in October 2025), and transits decreased by 11,7% (from 52 947 in September 2025 to 46 765 in October 2025).

A comparison between the movements in October 2024 and October 2025 indicates that the volume of arrivals, departures and transits increased for both groups of travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals increased by 22,8% (from 336 431 in October 2024 to 413 053 in October 2025), departures increased by 29,6% (from 306 103 in October 2024 to 396 582 in October 2025) and transits increased by 24,5% (from 440 in October 2024 to 548 in October 2025). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 35,3% (from 912 229 in October 2024 to 1 234 559 in October 2025), departures increased by 34,1% (from 769 916 in October 2024 to 1 032 351 in October 2025) and transits increased by 14,5% (from 40 833 in October 2024 to 46 765 in October 2025).

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

Travel Direction	October 2024	September 2025	October 2025	% Change Sep 2025 – Oct 2025	% Change Oct 2024 – Oct 2025
Total	2 365 952	2 988 099	3 123 858	4,5	32,0
South African residents	642 974	777 281	810 183	4,2	26,0
Arrivals	336 431	381 185	413 053	8,4	22,8
Departures	306 103	395 448	396 582	0,3	29,6
Transits	440	648	548	-15,4	24,5
Foreign travellers	1 722 978	2 210 818	2 313 675	4,7	34,3
Arrivals	912 229	1 156 606	1 234 559	6,7	35,3
Departures	769 916	1 001 265	1 032 351	3,1	34,1
Transits	40 833	52 947	46 765	-11,7	14,5

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 October 2025, road was the most common mode of travel used by 2 040 577 (65,3%) of the 3 123 858 travellers. The total number of air travellers was 1 078 468 (34,5%). Compared to air and road, a smaller number of travellers, 4 813 (0,2%) used sea into and out of South Africa. Information on arrivals of South African residents shows that 204 868 (49,6%) came by air, 207 917 (50,3%) came by road and 268 (0,1%) preferred sea. For departures, 179 538 (45,3%) used air, 216 811 (54,7%) used road and 233 (0,1%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 548 (100,0%) used air.

In the case of foreign travellers, 329 960 (26,7%) arrived by air, 901 272 (73,0%) came by road and 3 327 (0,3%) arrived by sea. When departing South Africa, 316 789 (30,7%) foreign travellers left by air, 714 577 (69,2%) left by road and 985 (0,1%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 46 765 (100,0%) used air.

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

Travel direction	Total	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Total	3 123 858	283 394	24 959	767 511	2 604	1 078 468	2 040 577	4 813
South African residents	810 183	77 494	17 041	288 878	1 541	384 954	424 728	501
Arrivals	413 053	41 993	9 542	152 491	842	204 868	207 917	268
Departures	396 582	35 493	7 499	135 847	699	179 538	216 811	233
Transit	548	8	-	540	-	548	-	-
Foreign travellers	2 313 675	205 900	7 918	478 633	1 063	693 514	1 615 849	4 312
Arrivals	1 234 559	106 641	4 254	218 499	566	329 960	901 272	3 327
Departures	1 032 351	98 957	3 664	213 673	495	316 789	714 577	985
Transit	46 765	302	-	46 461	2	46 765	-	-
Visitors	1 205 121	103 548	3 417	212 172	341	319 478	883 379	2 264
Same-day	277 695	1 651	44	24 739	60	26 494	251 197	4
Overnight/ Tourist	927 426	101 897	3 373	187 433	281	292 984	632 182	2 260

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 October 2025, 29 438 (2,4%) of foreign arrivals were classified as non-visitors, while 1 205 121 (97,6%) were classified as visitors. Visitors were categorised into three groups:

- Arrivals only – comprising visitors who entered the country in October 2025 but did not depart in October 2025 [448 506 (37,2%)].
- Single trips – visitors who came to South Africa once in October 2025 and left in October 2025 [388 128 (32,2%)].
- Multiple trips – visitors who came to and left South Africa more than once in October 2025 [368 487 (30,6%)].

Visitors were further grouped as same-day visitors and overnight visitors/tourists. In October 2025, there were 277 695 (23,0%) same-day visitors and 927 426 (77,0%) tourists. Between September 2025 and October 2025, the volume of same-day visitors decreased by 2,0% (from 283 478 in September 2025 to 277 695 in October 2025) and that of tourists increased by 9,6% (from 846 367 in September 2025 to 927 426 in October 2025). Between October 2024 and October 2025, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 49,2% (from 186 084 in October 2024 to 277 695 in October 2025) and that of tourists increased by 31,5% (from 705 257 in October 2024 to 927 426 in October 2025).

Table 2 on page 3 further shows that of the 277 695 same-day visitors, a majority, 251 197 (90,5%) arrived in the country by road, 26 494 (9,5%) arrived by air and four (less than 0,1%) preferred sea. Information on tourists shows that 632 182 (68,2%) used road, 292 984 (31,6%) used air and 2 260 (0,2%) used sea.

Table 3 – Number of visitors by type of visitor

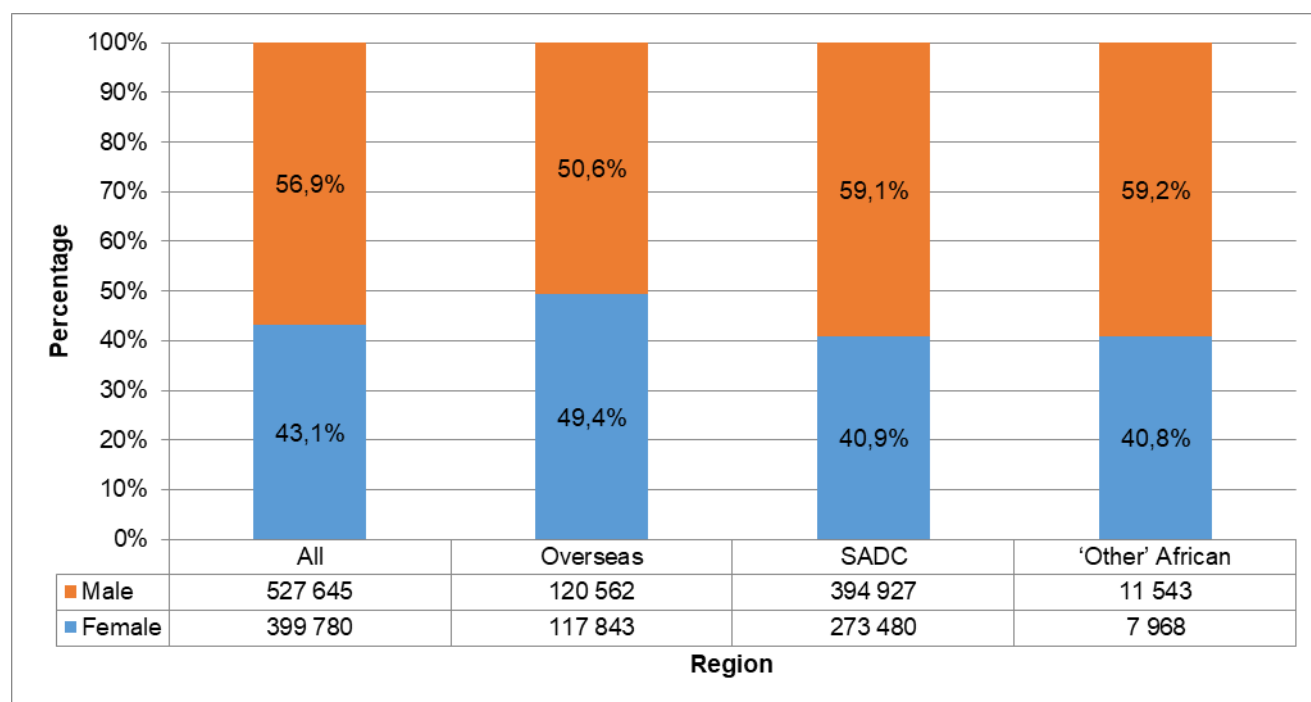
Travel Direction	October 2024	September 2025	October 2025	% Change Sep 2025 – Oct 2025	% Change Oct 2024 – Oct 2025
Foreign arrivals	912 229	1 156 606	1 234 559	6,7	35,3
Non-visitors	20 888	26 761	29 438	10,0	40,9
Visitors	891 341	1 129 845	1 205 121	6,7	35,2
Visitors	891 341	1 129 845	1 205 121	6,7	35,2
Arrivals only	350 603	406 560	448 506	10,3	27,9
Single trips	291 496	362 581	388 128	7,0	33,2
Multiple trips	249 242	360 704	368 487	2,2	47,8
Visitors	891 341	1 129 845	1 205 121	6,7	35,2
Same-day	186 084	283 478	277 695	-2,0	49,2
Overnight/Tourists	705 257	846 367	927 426	9,6	31,5

2.3 Tourists

2.3.1 Sex and age distribution of tourists

Sex

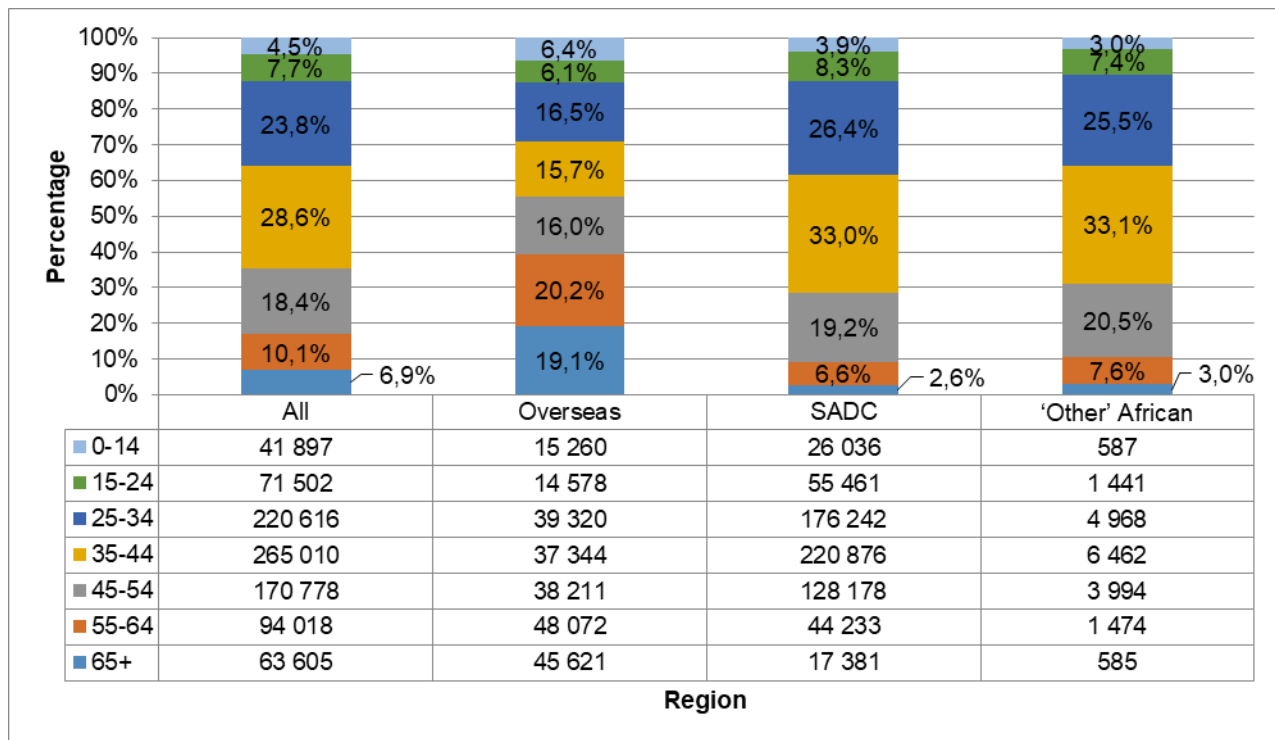
Figure 1 on page 5 shows that there were more male [527 645 (56,9%)] than female [399 780 (43,1%)] tourists. Male tourists constituted the majority of tourists for all three regions, SADC countries [394 927 (59,1%)], overseas countries [120 562 (50,6%)] and 'other' African countries [11 543 (59,2%)]. Similarly, the largest portion of female tourists was from SADC countries [273 480 (40,9%)], followed by overseas countries [117 843 (49,4%)] and 'other' African countries [7 968 (40,8%)].

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

Age

The age distribution indicates that out of all tourists, [4,5% (41 897)] were aged younger than 15; [7,7% (71 502)] were aged between 15 and 24; [23,8% (220 616)] were aged between 25 and 34; [28,6% (265 010)] were aged between 35 and 44; [18,4% (170 778)] were aged between 45 and 54; [10,1% (94 018)] were aged between 55 and 64; and [6,9% (63 605)] were aged 65 and older (see Figure 2 on page 6).

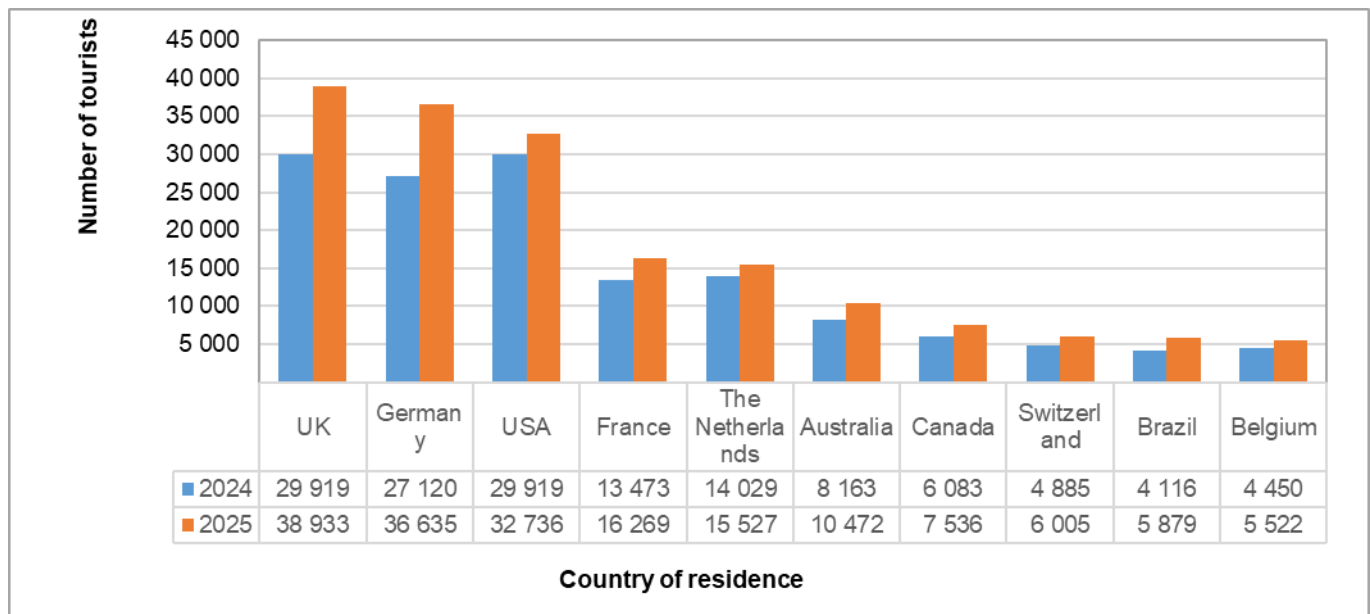
Taking the region of residence into consideration, the results show that the highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [33,0% (220 876)] and those from 'other' African countries [33,1% (6 462)] were aged between 35 and 44, whereas those from overseas countries [20,2% (48 072)] were aged between 55 and 64. The second highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [26,4% (176 242)] and those from 'other' African countries [25,5% (4 968)] were aged between 25 and 34, while those from overseas countries [19,1% (45 621)] were aged 65 and older. The proportion of tourists aged younger than 15 was higher among tourists from overseas countries, 6,4% (15 260) compared with tourists from SADC countries, 3,9% (26 036) and from 'other' African countries, 3,0% (587). 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, October 2025

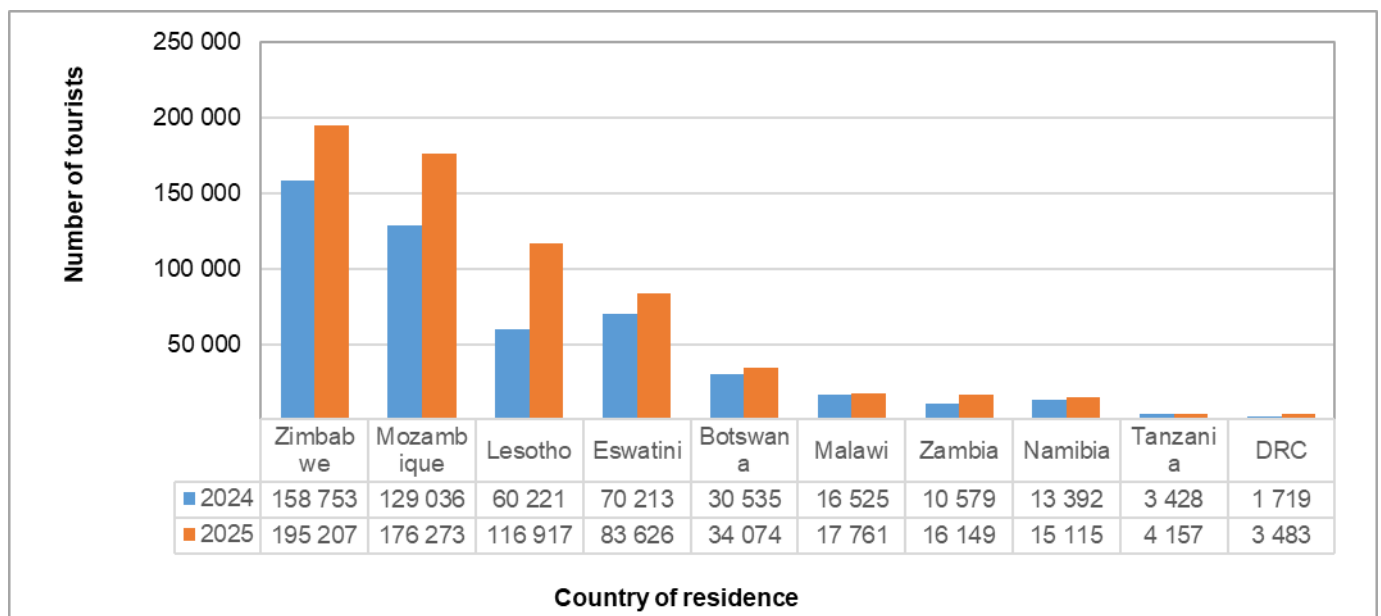
2.3.2 Regional and national distribution of tourists

In October 2025, the distribution of overseas tourists was as follows: Europe, 153 832 (64,5%); North America, 40 272 (16,9%); Asia, 19 504 (8,2%); Australasia, 12 181 (5,1%); Central and South America, 9 021 (3,8%) and Middle East, 3 596 (1,5%) (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 October 2025 were: UK, 38 933 (16,3%); Germany, 36 635 (15,4%); USA, 32 736 (13,7%); France, 16 269 (6,8%); The Netherlands, 15 527 (6,5%); Australia, 10 472 (4,4%); Canada, 7 536 (3,2%); Switzerland, 6 005 (2,5%); Brazil, 5 879 (2,5%) and Belgium, 5 522 (2,3%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 73,6% of all tourists from overseas countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between October 2024 and October 2025 shows that the number of tourists increased for all 10 leading countries. Brazil had the highest increase of 42,8% (from 4 116 tourists in October 2024 to 5 879 tourists in October 2025).

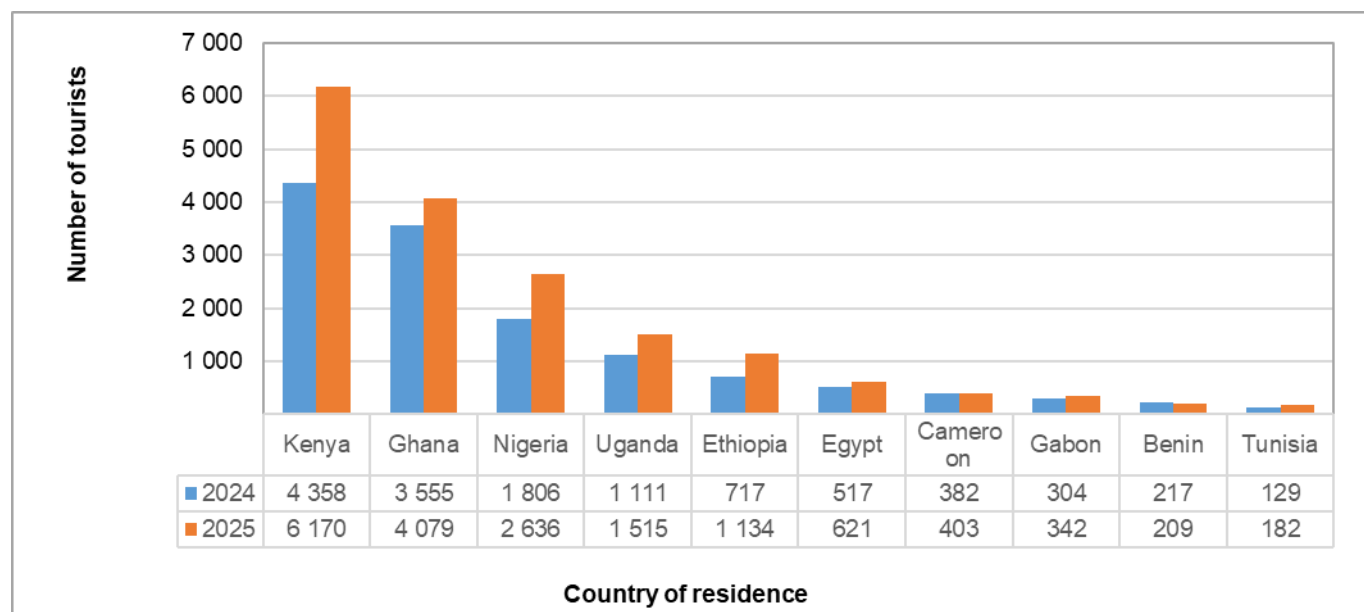
Figure 3 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading overseas countries in October 2024 and October 2025

Virtually, most tourists from Africa, 668 407 (97,2%), 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, 10 285 (1,5%); West Africa, 7 878 (1,1%) and North Africa, 1 348 (0,2%). The 10 leading SADC countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in October 2025 are shown in Figure 4 below. The highest number of tourists were from Zimbabwe, 195 207 (29,2%); Mozambique, 176 273 (26,4%); Lesotho, 116 917 (17,5%); Eswatini, 83 626 (12,5%); Botswana, 34 074 (5,1%); Malawi, 17 761 (2,7%); Zambia, 16 149 (2,4%); Namibia, 15 115 (2,3%); Tanzania, 4 157 (0,6%) and DRC, 3 483 (0,5%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 99,2% of all tourists from the SADC countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between October 2024 and October 2025 shows that the number of tourists increased for all 10 leading countries. Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) showed the highest increase of 102,6% (from 1 719 tourists in October 2024 to 3 483 tourists in October 2025).

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

The 10 leading countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in October 2025 from 'other' African countries, as shown in Figure 5 below, were: Kenya, 6 170 (31,6%); Ghana, 4 079 (20,9%); Nigeria, 2 636 (13,5%); Uganda, 1 515 (7,8%); Ethiopia, 1 134 (5,8%); Egypt, 621 (3,2%); Cameroon, 403 (2,1%); Gabon, 342 (1,8%); Benin, 209 (1,1%) and Tunisia, 182 (0,9%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 88,6% of all tourists from 'other' African countries. A comparison between movements in October 2024 and October 2025 shows that the number of tourists increased for 9 of the 10 leading countries. Ethiopia showed the highest increase of 58,2% (from 717 tourists in October 2024 to 1 134 tourists in October 2025).

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



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 October 2025, the majority of tourists, 901 545 (97,2%), were in South Africa for holiday compared to 22 118 (2,4%); 3 496 (0,4%) and 267 (less than 0,1%) who were in South Africa for business, study and medical treatment, respectively.

Within the overseas regions, Australasia, 99,4% (12 114) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for holiday, followed by Europe, 98,6% (151 656); North America, 98,4% (39 609); Central and South America, 97,6% (8 804); Middle East, 94,7% (3 404) and Asia, 93,8% (18 290).

Asia, 5,1% (999) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business, followed by Middle East, 4,4% (159); Central and South America, 2,1% (188); North America, 1,4% (566); Europe, 1,2% (1 851) and Australasia, 0,4% (47).

Asia, 1,1% (207) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to study, followed by Middle East, 0,9% (32); Central and South America, 0,3% (29); North America, 0,2% (87); Europe, 0,2% (286) and Australasia, 0,1% (16).

Europe (39), North America (10), Asia (8), Australasia (4) and Middle East (1) had less than 0,1% of tourists who came for medical treatment, whereas Central and South America had none.

Majority of African tourists, 666 627 (96,9%) 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 97,0% (648 363) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 93,6% (18 264) from 'other' African countries. Information on the regions of 'other' African countries shows that 94,5% (7 441) of tourists from West Africa were on holiday, followed by tourists from East and Central Africa, 93,6% (9 622) and those from North Africa, 89,1% (1 201).
- Business persons constituted 2,6% (17 431) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 4,2% (817) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 7,8% (105) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business purposes, followed by East and Central Africa, 4,5% (459) and West Africa, 3,2% (253).
- Students constituted 0,4% (2 447) of tourists from SADC countries compared with 2,0% (392) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 3,1% (42) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for study purposes, followed by West Africa, 2,2% (175) and East and Central Africa, 1,7% (175).
- Tourists who came for medical treatment constituted less than 0,1% (166) of tourists from SADC countries, while those from 'other' African countries constituted 0,2% (38). East and Central Africa, 0,3% (29) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for medical treatment, followed by West Africa, 0,1% (9). North Africa had no tourists who came for medical treatment.

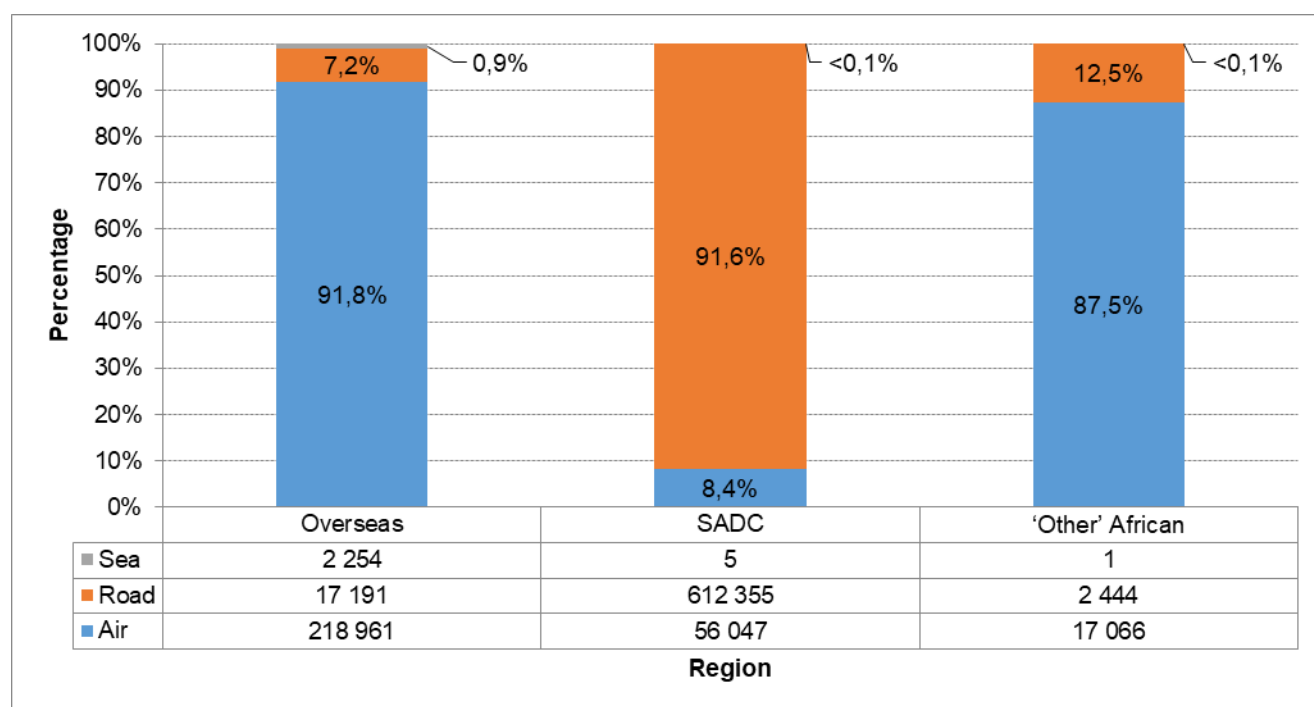
Table 4 – Number of tourists by region of residence and purpose of visit

Region of residence	October 2025	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Total	927 426	22 118	901 545	3 496	267
Overseas	238 406	3 810	233 877	657	62
Europe	153 832	1 851	151 656	286	39
North America	40 272	566	39 609	87	10
Central and South America	9 021	188	8 804	29	-
Australasia	12 181	47	12 114	16	4
Middle East	3 596	159	3 404	32	1
Asia	19 504	999	18 290	207	8
Africa	687 918	18 248	666 627	2 839	204
SADC	668 407	17 431	648 363	2 447	166
'Other' African	19 511	817	18 264	392	38
East and Central Africa	10 285	459	9 622	175	29
West Africa	7 878	253	7 441	175	9
North Africa	1 348	105	1 201	42	-
Unspecified	1 102	60	1 041	-	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 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, 218 961 (91,8%) overseas tourists arrived in the country by air, whilst 17 191 (7,2%) came by road and 2 254 (0,9%) came by sea. Tourists from the SADC countries, on the other hand, came predominantly by road, 612 355 (91,6%), 56 047 (8,4%) came by air and five (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea. The number of tourists who came into South Africa by air from 'other' African countries was 17 066 (87,5%); while 2 444 (12,5%) used road transport and one (less than 0,1%) preferred sea. Most tourists who arrived by road came through Lebombo port (175 509) in Mpumalanga and Beit Bridge port (153 903) in Limpopo. The majority of tourists who came by air entered through OR Tambo International Airport (187 433) and Cape Town International Airport (101 897). Tourists who arrived by sea came through Cape Town Harbour (2 260).

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



3. Annexures

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

Country of residence	October 2024	October 2025	Difference between October 2024 and October 2025	% change between October 2024 and October 2025
Total	705 257	927 426	222 169	31,5
Overseas	189 575	238 406	48 831	25,8
Europe	120 385	153 832	33 447	27,8
Austria	2 047	2 825	778	38,0
Belgium	4 450	5 522	1 072	24,1
Denmark	1 782	2 113	331	18,6
France	13 473	16 269	2 796	20,8
Germany	27 120	36 635	9 515	35,1
Ireland	2 259	2 920	661	29,3
Italy	3 818	4 323	505	13,2
Portugal	1 591	1 658	67	4,2
Russian Federation	3 298	5 430	2 132	64,6
Spain	2 531	3 071	540	21,3
Sweden	2 331	3 035	704	30,2
Switzerland	4 885	6 005	1 120	22,9
The Netherlands	14 029	15 527	1 498	10,7
UK	29 919	38 933	9 014	30,1
Other	6 852	9 566	2 714	39,6
North America	34 158	40 272	6 114	17,9
Canada	6 083	7 536	1 453	23,9
USA	28 075	32 736	4 661	16,6
Central and South America	6 404	9 021	2 617	40,9
Argentina	485	622	137	28,2
Brazil	4 116	5 879	1 763	42,8
Mexico	377	548	171	45,4
Other	1 426	1 972	546	38,3

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

Country of residence	October 2024	October 2025	Difference between October 2024 and October 2025	% change between October 2024 and October 2025
Australasia	9 828	12 181	2 353	23,9
Australia	8 163	10 472	2 309	28,3
New Zealand	1 612	1 701	89	5,5
Other	53	8	-45	-84,9
Middle East	2 195	3 596	1 401	63,8
Israel	561	818	257	45,8
Saudi Arabia	785	1 224	439	55,9
United Arab Emirates	105	298	193	183,8
Other	744	1 256	512	68,8
Asia	16 605	19 504	2 899	17,5
Bangladesh	844	1 167	323	38,3
China	3 269	2 833	-436	-13,3
India	5 352	5 301	-51	-1,0
Japan	1 748	2 157	409	23,4
Malaysia	1 748	803	-945	-54,1
Pakistan	1 089	1 704	615	56,5
Philippines	442	889	447	101,1
Singapore	658	769	111	16,9
South Korea	844	1 185	341	40,4
Vietnam	512	750	238	46,5
Other	99	1 946	1 847	1865,7
Africa	514 578	687 918	173 340	33,7
SADC	499 446	668 407	168 961	33,8
Angola	2 660	3 235	575	21,6
Botswana	30 535	34 074	3 539	11,6
DRC	1 719	3 483	1 764	102,6
Eswatini	70 213	83 626	13 413	19,1

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

Country of residence	October 2024	October 2025	Difference between October 2024 and October 2025	% change between October 2024 and October 2025
Lesotho	60 221	116 917	56 696	94,1
Madagascar	387	334	-53	-13,7
Malawi	16 525	17 761	1 236	7,5
Mauritius	1 630	1 657	27	1,7
Mozambique	129 036	176 273	47 237	36,6
Namibia	13 392	15 115	1 723	12,9
Seychelles	368	419	51	13,9
Tanzania	3 428	4 157	729	21,3
Zambia	10 579	16 149	5 570	52,7
Zimbabwe	158 753	195 207	36 454	23,0
'Other' African	15 132	19 511	4 379	28,9
East and Central Africa	7 511	10 285	2 774	36,9
Burundi	112	128	16	14,3
Cameroon	382	403	21	5,5
Central African Republic	24	23	-1	-4,2
Chad	52	53	1	1,9
Comoros	38	12	-26	-68,4
Congo	161	133	-28	-17,4
Djibouti	7	12	5	71,4
Equatorial Guinea	29	36	7	24,1
Eritrea	41	44	3	7,3
Ethiopia	717	1 134	417	58,2
Gabon	304	342	38	12,5
Kenya	4 358	6 170	1 812	41,6
Réunion	-	2	-	-
Rwanda	97	131	34	35,1
São Tomé and Príncipe	10	17	7	70,0
Somalia	68	130	62	91,2
Uganda	1 111	1 515	404	36,4

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

Country of residence	October 2024	October 2025	Difference between October 2024 and October 2025	% change between October 2024 and October 2025
West Africa	6 563	7 878	1 315	20,0
Benin	217	209	-8	-3,7
Burkina Faso	56	90	34	60,7
Cape Verde Island	33	23	-10	-30,3
Côte d'Ivoire	211	139	-72	-34,1
Gambia	71	46	-25	-35,2
Ghana	3 555	4 079	524	14,7
Guinea	108	92	-16	-14,8
Guinea-Bissau	15	10	-5	-33,3
Liberia	107	118	11	10,3
Mali	70	90	20	28,6
Mauritania	26	12	-14	-53,8
Niger	27	30	3	11,1
Nigeria	1 806	2 636	830	46,0
Saint Helena	2	-	-2	-100,0
Senegal	123	171	48	39,0
Sierra Leone	72	65	-7	-9,7
Togo	64	68	4	6,3
North Africa	1 058	1 348	290	27,4
Algeria	75	118	43	57,3
Egypt	517	621	104	20,1
Libya	46	58	12	26,1
Morocco	123	147	24	19,5
South Sudan	83	60	-23	-27,7
The Sudan	85	162	77	90,6
Tunisia	129	182	53	41,1
Unspecified	1 104	1 102	-2	-0,2

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

Country of residence	October 2025	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Total	927 426	101 897	3 373	187 433	281	292 984	632 182	2 260
Overseas	238 406	91 008	2 648	125 102	203	218 961	17 191	2 254
Europe	153 832	64 028	1 665	74 771	94	140 558	11 554	1 720
Austria	2 825	1 243	21	1 297	1	2 562	235	28
Belgium	5 522	1 805	28	3 108	-	4 941	572	9
Denmark	2 113	492	29	1 494	3	2 018	94	1
France	16 269	3 801	94	10 287	7	14 189	2 077	3
Germany	36 635	18 194	224	14 219	17	32 654	2 386	1 595
Ireland	2 920	1 342	76	1 384	1	2 803	116	1
Italy	4 323	1 963	48	2 065	1	4 077	239	7
Portugal	1 658	351	10	866	3	1 230	427	1
Russian Federation	5 430	3 341	15	1 863	-	5 219	210	1
Spain	3 071	881	50	1 850	1	2 782	284	5
Sweden	3 035	1 380	80	1 463	-	2 923	110	2
Switzerland	6 005	2 963	38	2 516	8	5 525	463	17
The Netherlands	15 527	6 006	63	7 079	16	13 164	2 347	16
UK	38 933	16 289	588	20 658	23	37 558	1 349	26
Other	9 566	3 977	301	4 622	13	8 913	645	8
North America	40 272	15 861	213	21 379	62	37 515	2 265	492
Canada	7 536	3 131	35	3 623	5	6 794	734	8
USA	32 736	12 730	178	17 756	57	30 721	1 531	484
Central and South America	9 021	2 354	18	6 236	3	8 611	396	14
Argentina	622	249	-	348	-	597	24	1
Brazil	5 879	1 325	6	4 292	-	5 623	254	2
Mexico	548	298	1	240	-	539	5	4
Other	1 972	482	11	1 356	3	1 852	113	7

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

Country of residence	October 2025	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Australasia	12 181	1 880	137	9 679	16	11 712	469	-
Australia	10 472	1 581	90	8 395	15	10 081	391	-
New Zealand	1 701	294	46	1 282	1	1 623	78	-
Other	8	5	1	2	-	8	-	-
Middle East	3 596	1 798	72	1 638	2	3 510	85	1
Israel	818	250	15	526	-	791	27	-
Saudi Arabia	1 224	932	22	266	-	1 220	4	-
United Arab Emirates	298	194	16	87	-	297	1	-
Other	1 256	422	19	759	2	1 202	53	1
Asia	19 504	5 087	543	11 399	26	17 055	2 422	27
Bangladesh	1 167	221	81	702	-	1 004	163	-
China	2 833	520	51	1 899	-	2 470	346	17
India	5 301	1 219	119	3 133	4	4 475	823	3
Japan	2 157	581	82	1 416	19	2 098	59	-
Malaysia	803	464	7	313	-	784	19	-
Pakistan	1 704	160	77	847	-	1 084	620	-
Philippines	889	444	37	371	1	853	34	2
Singapore	769	207	4	551	1	763	6	-
South Korea	1 185	403	10	596	-	1 009	175	1
Vietnam	750	186	1	556	1	744	6	-
Other	1 946	682	74	1 015	0	1 771	171	4
Africa	687 918	10 788	714	61 536	75	73 113	614 799	6
SADC	668 407	6 450	653	48 869	75	56 047	612 355	5
Angola	3 235	1 037	-	1 578	3	2 618	617	-
Botswana	34 074	546	11	2 627	14	3 198	30 876	-
DRC	3 483	106	2	3 128	1	3 237	246	-
Eswatini	83 626	179	140	1 271	-	1 590	82 036	-

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

Country of residence	October 2025	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Lesotho	116 917	5	8	715	-	728	116 188	1
Madagascar	334	12	-	302	-	314	20	-
Malawi	17 761	27	4	2 629	1	2 661	15 100	-
Mauritius	1 657	261	2	1 336	-	1 599	57	1
Mozambique	176 273	209	4	3 877	1	4 091	172 182	-
Namibia	15 115	2 304	1	3 492	4	5 801	9 314	-
Seychelles	419	6	-	404	-	410	9	-
Tanzania	4 157	213	2	2 533	3	2 751	1 406	-
Zambia	16 149	151	2	5 092	2	5 247	10 902	-
Zimbabwe	195 207	1 394	477	19 885	46	21 802	173 402	3
'Other' African	19 511	4 338	61	12 667	-	17 066	2 444	1
East and Central Africa	10 285	2 848	16	6 311	-	9 175	1 109	1
Burundi	128	18	-	100	-	118	10	-
Cameroon	403	82	-	301	-	383	20	-
Central African Republic	23	4	1	18	-	23	-	-
Chad	53	3	-	49	-	52	1	-
Comoros	12	2	-	10	-	12	-	-
Congo	133	37	-	95	-	132	1	-
Djibouti	12	5	-	7	-	12	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	36	5	1	30	-	36	-	-
Eritrea	44	1	-	39	-	40	4	-
Ethiopia	1 134	171	6	872	-	1 049	85	-
Gabon	342	55	-	284	-	339	3	-
Kenya	6 170	2 104	6	3 266	-	5 376	793	1
Réunion	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
Rwanda	131	20	1	94	-	115	16	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	17	-	-	12	-	12	5	-
Somalia	130	24	-	42	-	66	64	-
Uganda	1 515	315	1	1 092	-	1 408	107	-

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

Country of residence	October 2025	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
West Africa	7 878	1 171	24	5 393	-	6 588	1 290	-
Benin	209	33	-	165	-	198	11	-
Burkina Faso	90	22	1	67	-	90	-	-
Cape Verde Island	23	1	-	20	-	21	2	-
Côte d'Ivoire	139	16	-	121	-	137	2	-
Gambia	46	9	1	33	-	43	3	-
Ghana	4 079	349	3	2 693	-	3 045	1 034	-
Guinea	92	5	1	54	-	60	32	-
Guinea-Bissau	10	2	-	7	-	9	1	-
Liberia	118	5	-	112	-	117	1	-
Mali	90	23	1	44	-	68	22	-
Mauritania	12	2	-	10	-	12	-	-
Niger	30	5	-	25	-	30	-	-
Nigeria	2 636	634	9	1 822	-	2 465	171	-
Senegal	171	33	8	125	-	166	5	-
Sierra Leone	65	9	-	50	-	59	6	-
Togo	68	23	-	45	-	68	-	-
North Africa	1 348	319	21	963	-	1 303	45	-
Algeria	118	18	4	84	-	106	12	-
Egypt	621	113	3	492	-	608	13	-
Libya	58	9	-	46	-	55	3	-
Morocco	147	45	3	95	-	143	4	-
South Sudan	60	5	-	51	-	56	4	-
The Sudan	162	81	1	76	-	158	4	-
Tunisia	182	48	10	119	-	177	5	-
Unspecified	1 102	101	11	795	3	910	192	-

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

Country of residence	October 2025	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Total	927 426	22 118	901 545	3 496	267
Overseas	238 406	3 810	233 877	657	62
Europe	153 832	1 851	151 656	286	39
Austria	2 825	20	2 802	3	-
Belgium	5 522	45	5 462	15	-
Denmark	2 113	35	2 075	1	2
France	16 269	141	16 072	55	1
Germany	36 635	208	36 365	62	-
Ireland	2 920	49	2 870	1	-
Italy	4 323	120	4 196	5	2
Portugal	1 658	22	1 631	3	2
Russian Federation	5 430	39	5 381	10	-
Spain	3 071	74	2 996	-	1
Sweden	3 035	53	2 974	8	-
Switzerland	6 005	38	5 956	10	1
The Netherlands	15 527	159	15 329	25	14
UK	38 933	535	38 325	58	15
Other	9 566	313	9 222	30	1
North America	40 272	566	39 609	87	10
Canada	7 536	94	7 427	11	4
USA	32 736	472	32 182	76	6
Central and South America	9 021	188	8 804	29	-
Argentina	622	43	578	1	-
Brazil	5 879	61	5 803	15	-
Mexico	548	25	521	2	-
Other	1 972	59	1 902	11	-

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

Country of residence	October 2025	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Australasia	12 181	47	12 114	16	4
Australia	10 472	33	10 422	13	4
New Zealand	1 701	12	1 686	3	-
Other	8	2	6	-	-
Middle East	3 596	159	3 404	32	1
Israel	818	12	803	3	-
Saudi Arabia	1 224	36	1 180	8	-
United Arab Emirates	298	32	264	2	-
Other	1 256	79	1 157	19	1
Asia	19 504	999	18 290	207	8
Bangladesh	1 167	76	1 079	12	-
China	2 833	154	2 654	24	1
India	5 301	349	4 844	105	3
Japan	2 157	94	2 056	7	-
Malaysia	803	12	788	3	-
Pakistan	1 704	49	1 641	13	1
Philippines	889	49	833	6	1
Singapore	769	23	746	-	-
South Korea	1 185	11	1 155	19	-
Vietnam	750	41	704	4	1
Other	1 946	141	1 790	14	1
Africa	687 918	18 248	666 627	2 839	204
SADC	668 407	17 431	648 363	2 447	166
Angola	3 235	49	3 077	83	26
Botswana	34 074	542	33 165	355	12
DRC	3 483	44	3 191	185	63
Eswatini	83 626	2 933	80 559	130	4

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

Country of residence	October 2025	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Lesotho	116 917	530	115 502	872	13
Madagascar	334	1	330	3	-
Malawi	17 761	273	17 454	32	2
Mauritius	1 657	16	1 633	8	-
Mozambique	176 273	1 829	174 363	80	1
Namibia	15 115	3 362	11 491	246	16
Seychelles	419	4	415	-	-
Tanzania	4 157	75	4 044	35	3
Zambia	16 149	3 862	12 227	57	3
Zimbabwe	195 207	3 911	190 912	361	23
'Other' African	19 511	817	18 264	392	38
East and Central Africa	10 285	459	9 622	175	29
Burundi	128	5	122	-	1
Cameroon	403	26	354	16	7
Central African Republic	23	4	19	-	-
Chad	53	3	43	4	3
Comoros	12	-	12	-	-
Congo	133	8	118	5	2
Djibouti	12	1	11	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	36	5	28	3	-
Eritrea	44	4	39	-	1
Ethiopia	1 134	48	1 057	26	3
Gabon	342	7	320	15	-
Kenya	6 170	245	5 853	69	3
Réunion	2	-	2	-	-
Rwanda	131	6	121	4	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	17	-	17	-	-
Somalia	130	33	94	3	-
Uganda	1 515	64	1 412	30	9

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

Country of residence	October 2025	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
West Africa	7 878	253	7 441	175	9
Benin	209	11	195	2	1
Burkina Faso	90	15	75	-	-
Cape Verde Island	23	-	23	-	-
Côte d'Ivoire	139	9	122	7	1
Gambia	46	6	40	-	-
Ghana	4 079	49	4 015	12	3
Guinea	92	2	88	2	-
Guinea-Bissau	10	1	9	-	-
Liberia	118	3	113	1	1
Mali	90	6	84	-	-
Mauritania	12	-	11	1	-
Niger	30	4	25	1	-
Nigeria	2 636	117	2 370	146	3
Senegal	171	17	154	-	-
Sierra Leone	65	4	58	3	-
Togo	68	9	59	-	-
North Africa	1 348	105	1 201	42	-
Algeria	118	4	113	1	-
Egypt	621	42	558	21	-
Libya	58	3	49	6	-
Morocco	147	21	125	1	-
South Sudan	60	7	52	1	-
The Sudan	162	14	137	11	-
Tunisia	182	14	167	1	-
Unspecified	1 102	60	1 041	-	1

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

Country of residence	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	Difference between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025	% change between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025
Total	7 231 296	8 561 687	1 330 391	18,4
Overseas	1 702 143	1 909 686	207 543	12,2
Europe	978 551	1 093 348	114 797	11,7
Austria	15 513	17 814	2 301	14,8
Belgium	35 676	39 844	4 168	11,7
Denmark	14 295	15 656	1 361	9,5
France	103 060	109 464	6 404	6,2
Germany	188 495	210 906	22 411	11,9
Ireland	22 277	23 777	1 500	6,7
Italy	41 657	46 375	4 718	11,3
Portugal	16 638	15 754	-884	-5,3
Russian Federation	22 959	30 697	7 738	33,7
Spain	26 238	28 546	2 308	8,8
Sweden	17 666	19 350	1 684	9,5
Switzerland	31 705	35 466	3 761	11,9
The Netherlands	105 785	111 600	5 815	5,5
UK	272 733	315 877	43 144	15,8
Other	63 854	72 222	8 368	13,1
North America	354 194	384 134	29 940	8,5
Canada	45 815	52 756	6 941	15,2
USA	308 379	331 378	22 999	7,5
Central and South America	61 782	77 909	16 127	26,1
Argentina	4 636	6 692	2 056	44,3
Brazil	40 700	51 682	10 982	27,0
Mexico	3 970	4 372	402	10,1
Other	12 476	15 163	2 687	21,5

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

Country of residence	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	Difference between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025	% change between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025
Australasia	94 208	118 518	24 310	25,8
Australia	78 224	99 743	21 519	27,5
New Zealand	15 714	18 552	2 838	18,1
Other	270	223	-47	-17,4
Middle East	40 297	52 966	12 669	31,4
Israel	6 196	7 355	1 159	18,7
Saudi Arabia	16 254	22 378	6 124	37,7
United Arab Emirates	6 361	10 553	4 192	65,9
Other	11 486	12 680	1 194	10,4
Asia	173 111	182 811	9 700	5,6
Bangladesh	4 764	6 625	1 861	39,1
China	34 845	32 792	-2 053	-5,9
India	63 344	59 422	-3 922	-6,2
Japan	14 647	16 717	2 070	14,1
Malaysia	5 389	6 643	1 254	23,3
Pakistan	10 971	16 296	5 325	48,5
Philippines	5 216	6 682	1 466	28,1
Singapore	7 798	8 090	292	3,7
South Korea	10 600	11 559	959	9,0
Thailand	4 675	5 177	502	10,7
Other	10 862	12 808	1 946	17,9
Africa	5 519 582	6 642 007	1 122 425	20,3
SADC	5 387 378	6 483 417	1 096 039	20,3
Angola	30 791	34 222	3 431	11,1
Botswana	308 787	329 506	20 719	6,7
DRC	21 861	31 164	9 303	42,6
Eswatini	688 428	777 432	89 004	12,9

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

Country of residence	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	Difference between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025	% change between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025
Lesotho	750 188	1 169 231	419 043	55,9
Madagascar	3 587	3 637	50	1,4
Malawi	127 082	195 090	68 008	53,5
Mauritius	13 899	15 904	2 005	14,4
Mozambique	1 324 147	1 698 650	374 503	28,3
Namibia	130 520	140 906	10 386	8,0
Seychelles	3 253	3 254	1	0,0
Tanzania	29 552	34 512	4 960	16,8
Zambia	124 090	139 237	15 147	12,2
Zimbabwe	1 831 193	1 910 672	79 479	4,3
'Other' African	132 204	158 590	26 386	20,0
East and Central Africa	65 151	77 775	12 624	19,4
Burundi	1 001	1 074	73	7,3
Cameroon	3 457	4 022	565	16,3
Central African Republic	144	138	-6	-4,2
Chad	360	446	86	23,9
Comoros	248	281	33	13,3
Congo	1 292	1 495	203	15,7
Djibouti	76	85	9	11,8
Equatorial Guinea	231	257	26	11,3
Eritrea	366	370	4	1,1
Ethiopia	6 075	7 961	1 886	31,0
Gabon	3 333	3 503	170	5,1
Kenya	36 909	45 111	8 202	22,2
Réunion	43	16	-27	-62,8
Rwanda	900	777	-123	-13,7
São Tomé and Príncipe	90	99	9	10,0
Somalia	714	786	72	10,1
Uganda	9 912	11 354	1 442	14,5

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

Country of residence	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	Difference between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025	% change between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025
West Africa	56 706	68 554	11 848	20,9
Benin	1 653	1 751	98	5,9
Burkina Faso	527	644	117	22,2
Cape Verde Island	247	284	37	15,0
Côte d'Ivoire	2 088	1 902	-186	-8,9
Gambia	353	355	2	0,6
Ghana	29 041	34 266	5 225	18,0
Guinea	976	924	-52	-5,3
Guinea-Bissau	78	96	18	23,1
Liberia	451	634	183	40,6
Mali	868	808	-60	-6,9
Mauritania	205	209	4	2,0
Niger	231	240	9	3,9
Nigeria	17 920	23 932	6 012	33,5
Saint Helena	18	16	-2	-11,1
Senegal	1 212	1 435	223	18,4
Sierra Leone	487	557	70	14,4
Togo	351	501	150	42,7
North Africa	10 347	12 261	1 914	18,5
Algeria	640	896	256	40,0
Egypt	4 913	6 246	1 333	27,1
Libya	547	509	-38	-6,9
Morocco	1 352	1 428	76	5,6
South Sudan	633	519	-114	-18,0
The Sudan	734	938	204	27,8
Tunisia	1 511	1 710	199	13,2
Western Sahara	17	15	-2	-11,8
Unspecified	9 571	9 994	423	4,4

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

Port of entry and province	October 2019	October 2025	Difference between Oct 2019 and Oct 2025	% Change between Oct 2019 and Oct 2025
Total	817 288	927 426	110 138	13,5
Western Cape	76 825	104 157	27 332	35,6
Cape Town Harbour	917	2 260	1 343	146,5
Cape Town International Airport	75 908	101 897	25 989	34,2
Eastern Cape	3 336	2 326	-1 010	-30,3
Telle Bridge	3 336	2 326	-1 010	-30,3
Northern Cape	6 605	9 091	2 486	37,6
Nakop	2 850	4 585	1 735	60,9
Vioolsdrift	3 755	4 506	751	20,0
Free State	107 524	116 053	8 529	7,9
Caledonspoort	9 986	12 608	2 622	26,3
Ficksburg	40 780	49 640	8 860	21,7
Maseru Bridge	46 343	53 223	6 880	14,8
Van Rooyens Gate	10 415	582	-9 833	-94,4
KwaZulu Natal	27 811	30 604	2 793	10,0
King Shaka International Airport	4 777	3 373	-1 404	-29,4
Golela	17 982	17 575	-407	-2,3
Kosibay	5 052	9 656	4 604	91,1
North West	47 164	37 934	-9 230	-19,6
Kopfontein	24 188	20 577	-3 611	-14,9
Ramatlabama	7 792	7 310	-482	-6,2
Skilpad Gate	11 392	7 553	-3 839	-33,7
Swartkopfontein Gate	3 792	2 494	-1 298	-34,2
Gauteng	191 658	187 714	-3 944	-2,1
Lanseria International Airport	298	281	-17	-5,7
OR Tambo International Airport	191 360	187 433	-3 927	-2,1
Mpumalanga	184 509	265 622	81 113	44,0
Emahlatini	4 768	6 771	2 003	42,0
Jeppes Reef	13 270	16 728	3 458	26,1
Lebombo	108 376	175 509	67 133	61,9
Mahamba	8 639	7 936	-703	-8,1
Mananga	9 691	11 332	1 641	16,9
Nerston	1 108	540	-568	-51,3
Oshoek	38 657	46 806	8 149	21,1
Limpopo	171 856	173 925	2 069	1,2
Beit Bridge	154 778	153 903	-875	-0,6
Groblers Bridge	17 078	20 022	2 944	17,2

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

Port of entry and province	October 2024	October 2025	Difference between Oct 2024 and Oct 2025	% Change between Oct 2024 and Oct 2025
Total	705 257	924 350	219 093	31,1
Western Cape	74 000	104 157	30 157	40,8
Cape Town Harbour	1 137	2260	1 123	98,8
Cape Town International Airport	72 863	101 897	29 034	39,8
Eastern Cape	3 520	2 326	-1 194	-33,9
Telle Bridge	3 520	2 326	-1 194	-33,9
Northern Cape	8 810	9 091	281	3,2
Nakop	4 758	4 585	-173	-3,6
Vioolsdrift	4 052	4 506	454	11,2
Free State	55 908	115 471	59 563	106,5
Caledonspoort	11 096	12 608	1 512	13,6
Ficksburg	44 520	49 640	5 120	11,5
Maseru Bridge	292	53 223	52 931	18 127,1
KwaZulu Natal	24 661	30 604	5 943	24,1
Durban International	1 234	3 373	2 139	173,3
Golela	15 637	17 575	1 938	12,4
Kosibay	7 790	9 656	1 866	24,0
North West	36 397	35 440	-957	-2,6
Kopfontein	21 561	20 577	-984	-4,6
Ramatlabama	6 407	7 310	903	14,1
Skilpad Gate	8 429	7 553	-876	-10,4
Gauteng	157 348	187 714	30 366	19,3
Lanseria International Airport	198	281	83	41,9
OR Tambo International Airport	157 150	187 433	30 283	19,3
Mpumalanga	205 410	265 622	60 212	29,3
Emahlatini	4 494	6 771	2 277	50,7
Jeppes Reef	12 373	16 728	4 355	35,2
Lebombo	132 629	175 509	42 880	32,3
Mahamba	7 200	7 936	736	10,2
Mananga	8 496	11 332	2 836	33,4
Nerston	578	540	-38	-6,6
Oshoek	39 640	46 806	7 166	18,1
Limpopo	139 203	173 925	34 722	24,9
Beit Bridge	127 783	153 903	26 120	20,4
Groblers Bridge	11 420	20 022	8 602	75,3

Annexure G – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025 by port of entry and province (excluding ports with missing data at any point between Jan – Oct, 2024 – 2025)

Port of entry and province	Jan – Oct 2024	Jan – Oct 2025	Difference between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025	% change between Jan – Oct 2024 and Jan – Oct 2025
Total	7 033 110	7 949 438	916 328	13,0
Western Cape	712 929	817 512	104 583	14,7
Cape Town International Airport	712 929	817 512	104 583	14,7
Eastern Cape	36 202	33 147	-3 055	-8,4
Telle Bridge	36 202	33 147	-3 055	-8,4
Northern Cape	86 597	87 754	1 157	1,3
Nakop	44 175	45 302	1 127	2,6
Vioolsdrift	42 422	42 452	30	0,1
Free State	545 245	584 674	39 429	7,2
Caledonspoort	116 623	118 629	2 006	1,7
Ficksburg	428 622	466 045	37 423	8,7
KwaZulu Natal	210 341	238 904	28 563	13,6
Golela	132 177	142 759	10 582	8,0
Kosibay	78 164	96 145	17 981	23,0
North West	340 939	357 535	16 596	4,9
Kopfontein	200 787	211 922	11 135	5,5
Ramathlabama	61 738	64 650	2 912	4,7
Skilpad Gate	78 414	80 963	2 549	3,3
Gauteng	1 388 831	1 576 201	187 370	13,5
Lanseria International Airport	2 097	2 398	301	14,4
Oliver Tambo International Airport	1 386 734	1 573 803	187 069	13,5
Mpumalanga	2 065 620	2 491 706	426 086	20,6
Emahlatini	39 243	57 207	17 964	45,8
Jeppes Reef	109 758	136 315	26 557	24,2
Lebombo	1 355 726	1 682 340	326 614	24,1
Mahamba	68 270	76 856	8 586	12,6
Mananga	110 975	102 048	-8 927	-8,0
Nerston	4 867	4 211	-656	-13,5
Oshoek	376 781	432 729	55 948	14,8
Limpopo	1 646 406	1 762 005	115 599	7,0
Beit Bridge	1 458 568	1 563 454	104 886	7,2
Groblers Bridge	187 838	198 551	10 713	5,7

4. Explanatory notes

4.1 Introduction

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

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

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

4.2 Purpose of the statistical release

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

4.3 Scope and coverage

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

4.4 Data

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

- Data routinely collected by immigration officers at all road, air and sea entry ports on all travellers (South African residents and foreign travellers) arriving into or departing from South Africa are captured into the DHA's population Movement Control System (MCS). The counts/statistics relate to the number of individual movements, rather than to the number of people. Hence, the multiple movements of individual people during the calendar month are each counted separately. Generally, the data are collected directly from travel documents either by scanning or capturing onto the ports' electronic database. No forms or cards are used (except on rare occasions when the capturing system is down) to collect information from travellers. Individual ports regularly transmit data onto the national database at the head office of the DHA.
- Stats SA receives downloaded data covering a particular calendar month from the DHA.
- As part of data interrogation, data from OR Tambo International Airport, which has the highest volume of travellers, are compared with passenger statistics from the Airports Company of South Africa (ACSA). As expected, in any specific month, an increase/decrease in the volume of passengers reported by ACSA is also reflected with an increase/decrease in the volume of travellers recorded by DHA. In October 2025, the DHA data was 0,6% 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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