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2. Key findings

2.1 Travellers

2.1.1 Number of travellers

The routine data collected by the Department of Home Affairs’ (DHA) immigration officers at the ports of entry into and out of South Africa shows that a total of 2 331 485 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) passed through South African ports in September 2024. As presented in Table 1 below, these travellers were made up of 699 100 South African residents and 1 632 385 foreign travellers. A further breakdown of the figures for South African residents indicates that there were 341 582 arrivals, 356 924 departures and 594 travellers in transit. The corresponding volume for foreign arrivals, departures and travellers in transit was 859 361, 729 710 and 43 314 respectively.

A comparison between the movements in August 2024 and September 2024 indicates that the volume of arrivals, departures and transits increased for South African residents but decreased for foreign travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals increased by 11,5% (from 306 442 in August 2024 to 341 582 in September 2024). Departures increased by 6,4% (from 335 433 in August 2024 to 356 924 in September 2024) and transits increased by 3,7% (from 573 in August 2024 to 594 in September 2024). For foreign travellers, arrivals decreased by 7,0% (from 924 111 in August 2024 to 859 361 in September 2024), departures decreased by 3,6% (from 757 052 in August 2024 to 729 710 in September 2024), and transits decreased by 18,4% (from 53 100 in August 2024 to 43 314 in September 2024).

A comparison between the movements in September 2023 and September 2024 indicates that the volume of arrivals and departures decreased for South African residents and foreign travellers but the volume of transits increased for both groups of travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals decreased by 6,1% (from 363 659 in September 2023 to 341 582 in September 2024), departures decreased by 11,4% (from 402 641 in September 2023 to 356 924 in September 2024) and transits increased by 26,7% (from 469 in September 2023 to 594 in September 2024). For foreign travellers, arrivals decreased by 8,9% (from 943 387 in September 2023 to 859 361 in September 2024), departures decreased by 10,3% (from 813 196 in September 2023 to 729 710 in September 2024) and transits increased by 8,1% (from 40 058 in September 2023 to 43 314 in September 2024).

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

Travel Direction	September 2023	August 2024	September 2024	% Change Aug 2024 – Sep 2024	% Change Sep 2023 – Sep 2024
Total	2 563 410	2 376 711	2 331 485	-1,9%	-9,0%
South African residents	766 769	642 448	699 100	8,8%	-8,8%
Arrivals	363 659	306 442	341 582	11,5%	-6,1%
Departures	402 641	335 433	356 924	6,4%	-11,4%
Transits	469	573	594	3,7%	26,7%
Foreign travellers	1 796 641	1 734 263	1 632 385	-5,9%	-9,1%
Arrivals	943 387	924 111	859 361	-7,0%	-8,9%
Departures	813 196	757 052	729 710	-3,6%	-10,3%
Transits	40 058	53 100	43 314	-18,4%	8,1%

2.1.2 Mode of travel of travellers

Information presented in Table 2 below shows the number of South African residents and foreign travellers by travel direction and mode of travel. In September 2024, road was the most common mode of travel used by 1 508 888 (64,7%) of the 2 331 485 travellers. The total number of air travellers was 817 417 (35,1%). Compared to air and road, a smaller number of travellers, 5 180 (0,2%) used sea into and out of South Africa. Information on arrivals of South African residents shows that 152 867 (44,8%) came by air, 188 666 (55,2%) came by road and 49 (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea. For departures, 173 028 (48,5%) used air, 183 764 (51,5%) used road and 132 (less than 0,1%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 594 (100,0%) used air.

In the case of foreign travellers, 209 993 (24,4%) arrived by air, 647 817 (75,4%) came by road and 1 551 (0,2%) arrived by sea. When departing South Africa, 237 621 (32,6%) foreign travellers left by air, 488 641 (67,0%) left by road and 3 448 (0,5%) left by sea. Of all travellers in transit, 43 314 (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 ²				Road	Sea
		Cape Town	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Total	2 331 485	175 407	640 299	1 711	817 417	1 508 888	5 180
South African residents	699 100	62 153	263 185	1 151	326 489	372 430	181
Arrivals	341 582	25 674	126 599	594	152 867	188 666	49
Departures	356 924	36 469	136 002	557	173 028	183 764	132
Transit	594	10	584	-	594	-	-
Foreign travellers	1 632 385	113 254	377 114	560	490 928	1 136 458	4 999
Arrivals	859 361	45 269	164 396	328	209 993	647 817	1 551
Departures	729 710	67 369	170 020	232	237 621	488 641	3 448
Transit	43 314	616	42 698	-	43 314	-	-
Visitors	838 427	43 605	159 813	248	203 666	634 757	4
Same-day	171 709	1 143	17 883	39	19 065	152 642	2
Tourist	666 718	42 462	141 930	209	184 601	482 115	2

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 September 2024, 20 934 (2,4%) of foreign arrivals were classified as non-visitors, while 838 427 (97,6%) were classified as visitors. Visitors were categorised into three groups:

- i. Arrivals only – comprising visitors who entered the country in September 2024 but did not depart in September 2024 [334 311 (39,9%)];
- ii. Single trips – visitors who came to South Africa once in September 2024 and left in September 2024 [270 258 (32,2%)]; and
- iii. Multiple trips – visitors who came to and left South Africa more than once in September 2024 [233 858 (27,9%)].

² Note that the September 2024 data for King Shaka International Airport was not received.

Visitors were further grouped as same-day visitors and overnight visitors (tourists). In September 2024, there were 171 709 (20,5%) same-day visitors and 666 718 (79,5%) tourists. Between August 2024 and September 2024, the volume of same-day visitors decreased by 6,7% (from 183 960 in August 2024 to 171 709 in September 2024) and that of tourists decreased by 7,2% (from 718 508 in August 2024 to 666 718 in September 2024). Between September 2023 and September 2024, the volume of same-day visitors decreased by 26,6% (from 233 986 in September 2023 to 171 709 in September 2024) and that of tourists decreased by 2,5% (from 684 161 in September 2023 to 666 718 in September 2024).

Table 2 on page 3 further shows that of the 171 709 same-day visitors, a majority, 152 642 (88,9%) arrived in the country by road, 19 065 (11,1%) arrived by air and two (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea. Information on tourists shows that 482 115 (72,3%) came by road, 184 601 (27,7%) used air and 2 (less than 0,1%) used sea.

Table 3 – Number of visitors by type of visitor

Travel Direction	September 2023	August 2024	September 2024	% Change Aug 2024 – Sep 2024	% Change Sep 2023 – Sep 2024
Foreign arrivals	943 387	924 111	859 361	-7,0%	-8,9%
Non-visitors	25 240	21 643	20 934	-3,3%	-17,1%
Visitors	918 147	902 468	838 427	-7,1%	-8,7%
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Arrivals only	312 520	359 349	334 311	-7,0%	7,0%
Single trips	294 846	289 401	270 258	-6,6%	-8,3%
Multiple trips	310 781	253 718	233 858	-7,8%	-24,8%
Visitors	918 147	902 468	838 427	-7,1%	-8,7%
Same-day	233 986	183 960	171 709	-6,7%	-26,6%
Overnight (Tourists)	684 161	718 508	666 718	-7,2%	-2,5%

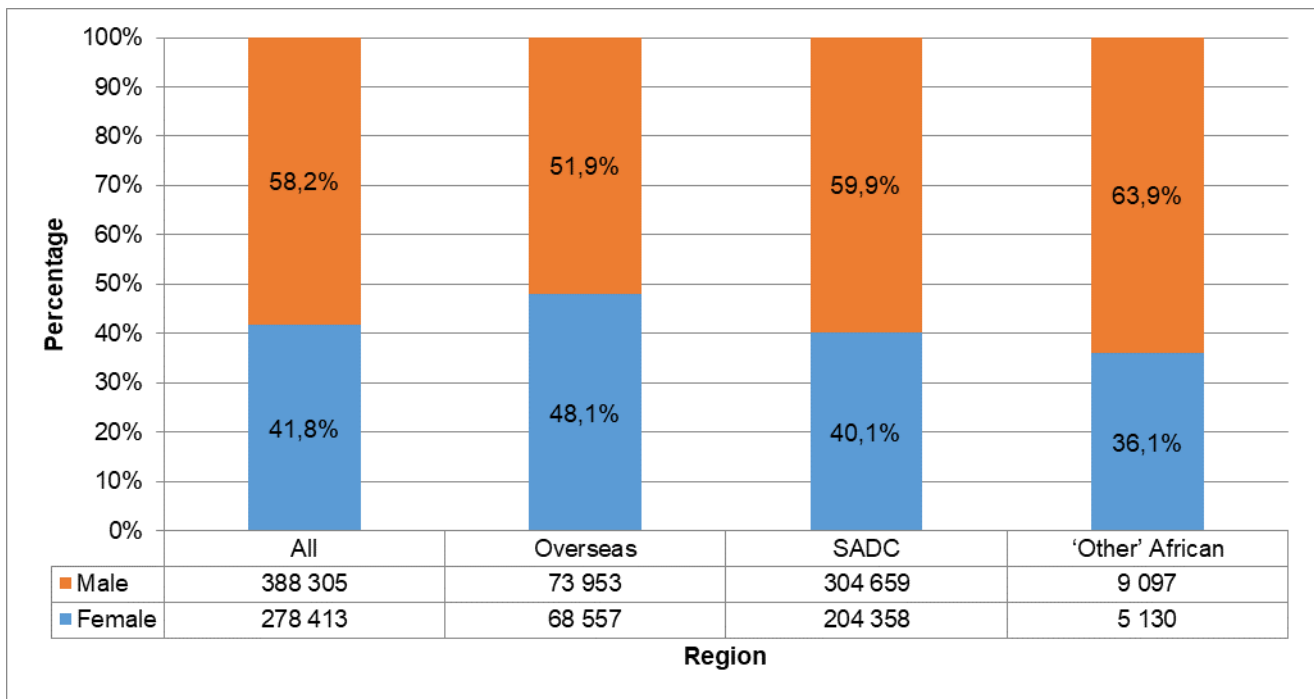
2.3 Tourists

2.3.1 Sex and age distribution of tourists

Sex

Figure 1 on page 5 shows that there were more male [388 305 (58,2%)] than female [278 413 (41,8%)] tourists. Male tourists constituted the majority of tourists for all three regions, SADC countries [304 659 (59,9%)], overseas countries [73 953 (51,9%)] and 'other' African countries [9 097 (63,9%)]. Similarly, the largest portion of female tourists was from SADC countries [204 358 (40,1%)], followed by overseas countries 68 557 (48,1%) and 'other' African countries 5 130 (36,1%).

Figure 1 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and sex, September 2024

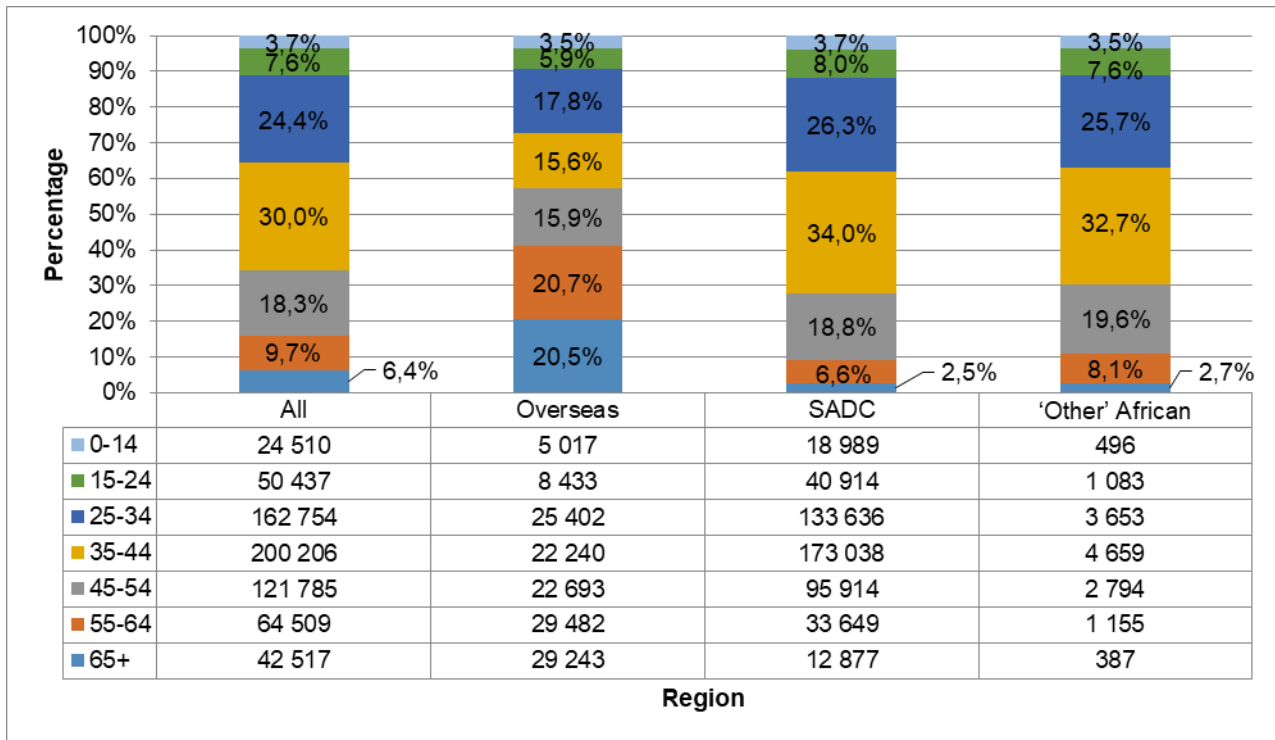


Age

The age distribution indicates that out of all tourists, [24 510 (3,7%)] were aged younger than 15 years; [50 437 (7,6%)] were aged between 15 and 24 years; [162 754 (24,4%)] were aged between 25 and 34 years; [200 206 (30,0%)] were aged between 35 and 44 years; [121 785 (18,3%)] were aged between 45 and 54 years; [64 509 (9,7%)] were aged between 55 and 64 years; [42 517 (6,4%)] were aged 65 years 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 [173 038 (34,0%)] and those from 'other' African countries [4 659 (32,7%)] were aged between 35 and 44 years, whereas those from overseas countries [29 482 (20,7%)] were aged between 55 and 64 years. The second highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [133 636 (26,3%)] and those from 'other' African countries [3 653 (25,7%)] were aged between 25 and 34 years, whereas those from overseas countries [29 243 (20,5%)] were aged 65 years and above. The proportion of tourists aged younger than 15 years was higher among tourists from SADC countries, 3,7% (18 989) compared to those from overseas countries, 3,5% (5 017) and those from 'other' African countries, 3,5% (496). The median ages of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries were 49, 38 and 38 years, respectively.

Figure 2 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and age, September 2024

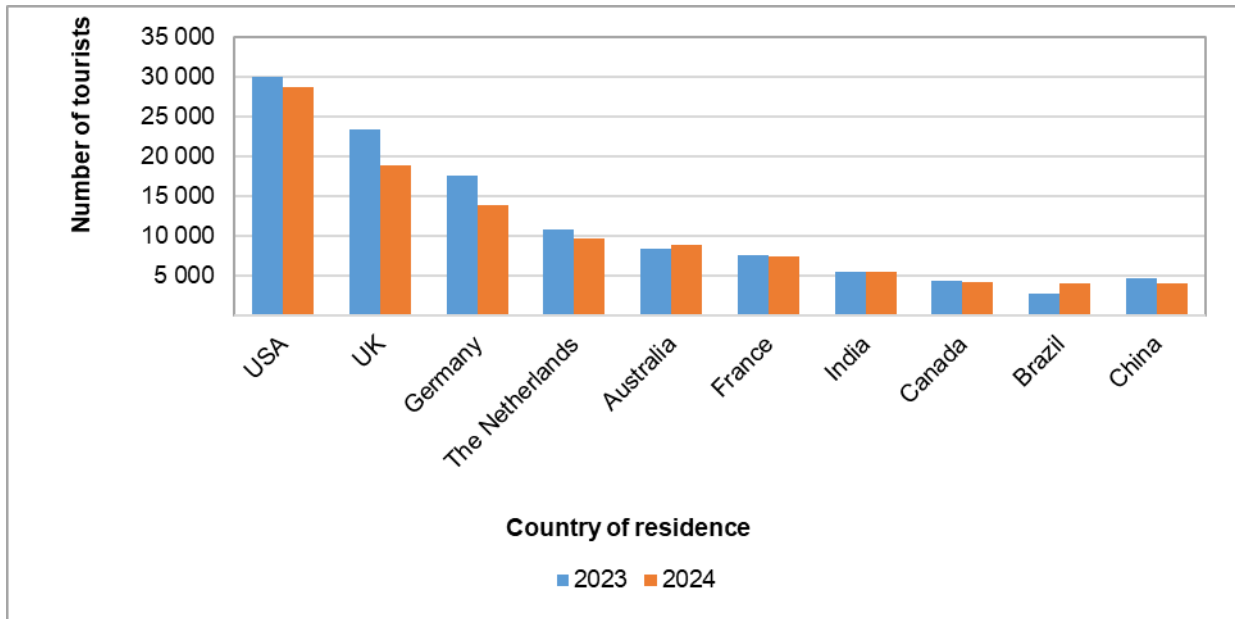


2.3.2 Regional and national distribution of tourists

In September 2024, the distribution of overseas tourists was as follows: Europe, 73 140 (51,3%); North America, 33 007 (23,2%); Asia, 16 764 (11,8%); Australasia, 10 696 (7,5%); Central and South America, 6 208 (4,4%) and Middle East, 2 695 (1,9%) (see Table 4 on page 9).

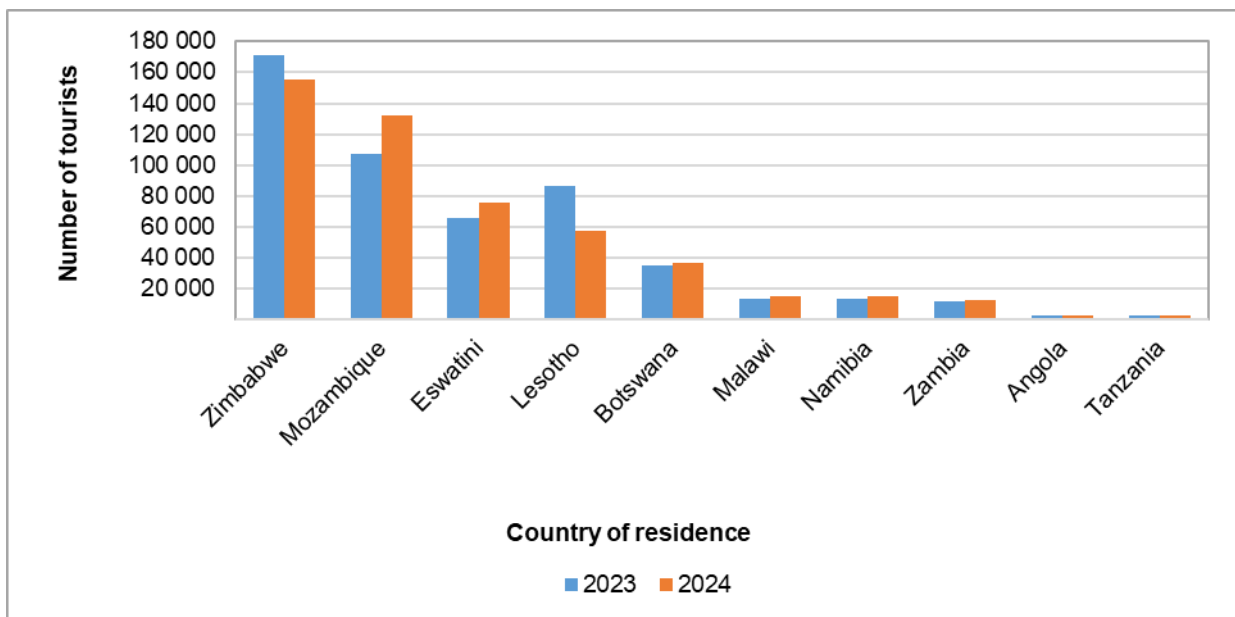
Figure 3 on page 7 indicates that the 10 leading overseas countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in September 2024 were: USA, 28 717 (20,2%); UK, 18 868 (13,2%); Germany, 13 964 (9,8%); The Netherlands, 9 698 (6,8%); Australia, 8 968 (6,3%); France, 7 481 (5,2%); India, 5 520 (3,9%); Canada, 4 290 (3,0%); Brazil, 4 078 (2,9%) and China, 3 991 (2,8%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 74,1% of all tourists from overseas countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between September 2023 and September 2024 shows that the number of tourists increased for 2 of 10 leading countries. Brazil had the highest increase of 44,2% (from 2 828 tourists in September 2023 to 4 078 tourists in September 2024).

Figure 3 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading overseas countries in September 2023 and September 2024



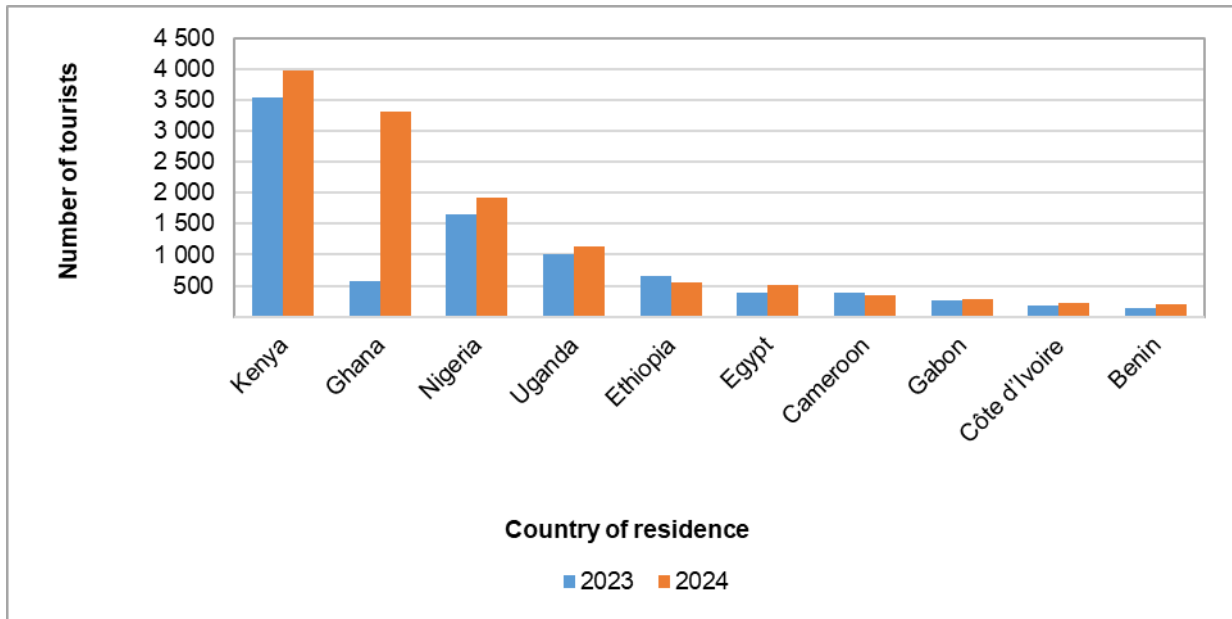
Virtually, most tourists from Africa, 509 017 (97,3%), came from SADC countries. The distribution of the remaining tourists from Africa was as follows: East and Central Africa, 6 875 (1,3%); West Africa, 6 347 (1,2%) and North Africa 1 005 (0,2%). Ten leading SADC countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in September 2024 were: Zimbabwe, 155 461 (30,5%); Mozambique, 131 756 (25,9%); Eswatini, 75 373 (14,8%); Lesotho, 57 851 (11,4%); Botswana, 36 932 (7,3%); Malawi, 15 049 (3,0%); Namibia, 15 007 (2,9%); Zambia, 12 597 (2,5%); Angola, 2 870 (0,6%) and Tanzania, 2 851 (0,6%) (see Figure 4 below). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 99,4% of all tourists from the SADC countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between September 2023 and September 2024 shows that the number of tourists increased for 7 of the 10 leading countries. Mozambique showed the highest increase of 22,6% (from 107 496 tourists in September 2023 to 131 756 tourists in September 2024).

Figure 4 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading SADC countries in September 2023 and September 2024



The 10 leading countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in September 2024 from 'other' African countries, as shown in Figure 5 below, were: Kenya, 3 979 (28,0%); Ghana, 3 323 (23,4%); Nigeria, 1 919 (13,5%); Uganda, 1 126 (7,9%); Ethiopia, 561 (3,9%); Egypt, 514 (3,6%); Cameroon, 343 (2,4%); Gabon, 291 (2,0%); Côte d'Ivoire, 223 (1,6%) and Benin, 195 (1,4%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 87,7% of all tourists from 'other' African countries. A comparison between movements in September 2023 and September 2024 shows that the number of tourists increased for 8 of 10 leading countries. Ghana showed the highest increase of 475,9% (from 577 tourists in September 2023 to 3 323 tourists in September 2024).

Figure 5 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading 'other' African countries in September 2023 and September 2024



2.3.3 Purpose of visit of tourists

Table 4 on page 9, shows the number of tourists by region and sub-region. Detailed data on the country of residence and purpose of visit is presented in Annexure C on pages 21 to 24. It is observed that in September 2024, the majority of tourists, 645 764 (96,9%), were in South Africa for holiday compared to 18 590 (2,8%); 2 169 (0,3%) and 195 (less than 0,1%) who were in South Africa for business, study and medical treatment respectively.

Within the overseas regions, Australasia, 99,4% (10 636) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for holiday followed by North America, 99,0% (32 677); Central and South America, 98,6% (6 121); Europe, 98,3% (71 897); Middle East, 95,7% (2 579) and Asia, 94,3% (15 812).

Asia, 4,8% (798) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business, followed by Middle East, 3,4% (91); Europe, 1,3% (924); Central and South America, 1,1% (71); North America, 0,9% (294) and Australasia, 0,4% (47).

Middle East, 0,9% (25) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to study, followed by Asia, 0,9% (153); Europe, 0,4% (293); Central and South America, 0,3% (16); Australasia, 0,1% (11) and North America, 0,1% (29).

Europe (26), North America (7), Australasia (2) and Asia (1) had less than 0,1% of medical treatment tourists, whereas Central and South America and Middle East had none.

Majority of African tourists, 505 183 (96,5%) came to South Africa for holiday. However, the following differences in terms of reasons for travel were observed between tourists from the SADC countries and 'other' African countries, namely:

- Holiday makers constituted 96,7% (492 014) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 92,6% (13 169) from 'other' African countries. Information on the regions of 'other' African countries shows that 93,3% (5 924) of tourists from West Africa were on holiday, followed by tourists from East and Central Africa, 92,6% (6 369) and those from North Africa, 87,2% (876).
- Business persons constituted 3,1% (15 583) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 4,8% (678) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 8,5% (85) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business purposes, followed by East and Central Africa, 4,8% (327) and West Africa, 4,2% (266).
- Students constituted 0,3% (1 291) of tourists from SADC countries compared with 2,5% (351) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 4,3% (43) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for study purposes, followed by East and Central Africa, 2,3% (161) and West Africa, 2,3% (147).
- Tourists who came for medical treatment constituted less than 0,1% (129) of tourists from SADC countries, while those from 'other' African countries constituted 0,2% (29). East and Central Africa, 0,3% (18) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for medical treatment, followed by West Africa, 0,2% (10) and North Africa, 0,1% (1).

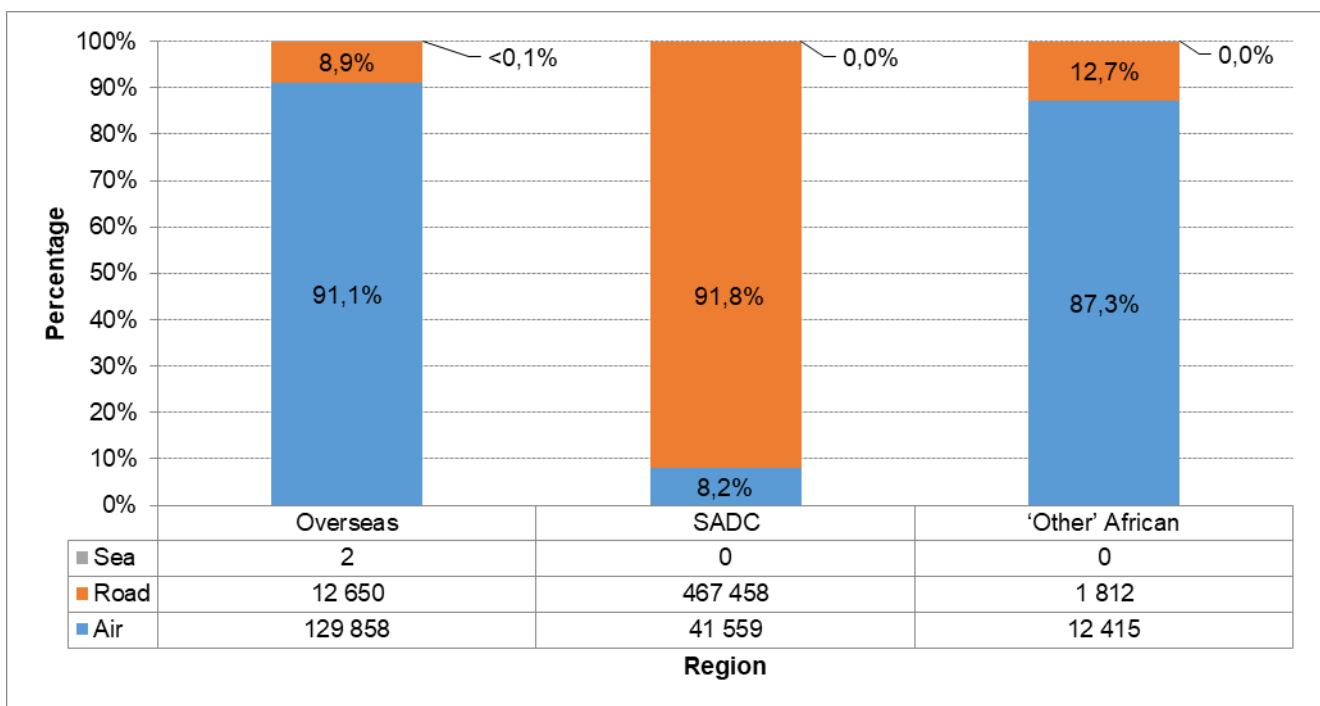
Table 4 – Number of tourists by region of residence and purpose of visit

Region of residence	September 2024	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Total	666 718	18 590	645 764	2 169	195
Overseas	142 510	2 225	139 722	527	36
Europe	73 140	924	71 897	293	26
North America	33 007	294	32 677	29	7
Central and South America	6 208	71	6 121	16	-
Australasia	10 696	47	10 636	11	2
Middle East	2 695	91	2 579	25	-
Asia	16 764	798	15 812	153	1
Africa	523 244	16 261	505 183	1 642	158
SADC	509 017	15 583	492 014	1 291	129
'Other' African	14 227	678	13 169	351	29
East and Central Africa	6 875	327	6 369	161	18
West Africa	6 347	266	5 924	147	10
North Africa	1 005	85	876	43	1
Unspecified	964	104	859	-	1

2.3.4 Mode of travel of tourists

Tourists are categorised by their countries of residence and regions. Information on the specific region and country of residence of tourists and the mode of travel used to enter South Africa is provided in Annexure B on pages 17 to 20, whereas the port of entry used by tourists is provided in Annexure G on page 37. As shown in Figure 6 below, 129 858 (91,1%) overseas tourists arrived in the country by air, whilst 12 650 (8,9%) came in by road and two (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea. Tourists from the SADC countries, on the other hand, came predominantly by road, 467 458 (91,8%), 41 559 (8,2%) came by air and none arrived by sea. The number of tourists who came into South Africa by air from 'other' African countries was 12 415 (87,3%); while 1 812 (12,7%) used road transport and none preferred sea. Most tourists who arrived by road came through Lebombo port (134 123) and Beit Bridge port (123 003). The majority of tourists who came by air entered through OR Tambo International Airport (141 930) and Cape Town International Airport (42 462). Tourists who arrived by sea came through Cape Town Harbour (2).

Figure 6 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and mode of travel, September 2024



2.3.5 Quarterly and annual trends

Figures 7, 8, and 9 on pages 11 and 12 show quarterly changes in the number of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries, respectively. Figure 7 on page 11, shows that the number of overseas tourists who come to South Africa is generally highest in quarter one and quarter four of each year except the period between 2020 and 2022 where they are highest in quarter one for 2020 and quarter four for 2021 and 2022. Between quarter two and quarter three of 2024 (Annexure E, pages 29 to 30), the number of tourists from overseas increased by 1,3% (from 442 532 in quarter two to 448 505 in quarter three). A year-on-year comparison between 2023 and 2024 for quarter three (Annexure F, pages 33 to 34) shows that the number of overseas tourists decreased by 7,6% (from 485 488 in quarter three of 2023 to 448 505 in quarter three of 2024).

Figure 7 – Number of tourists from overseas countries by quarter: 2016 – 2024

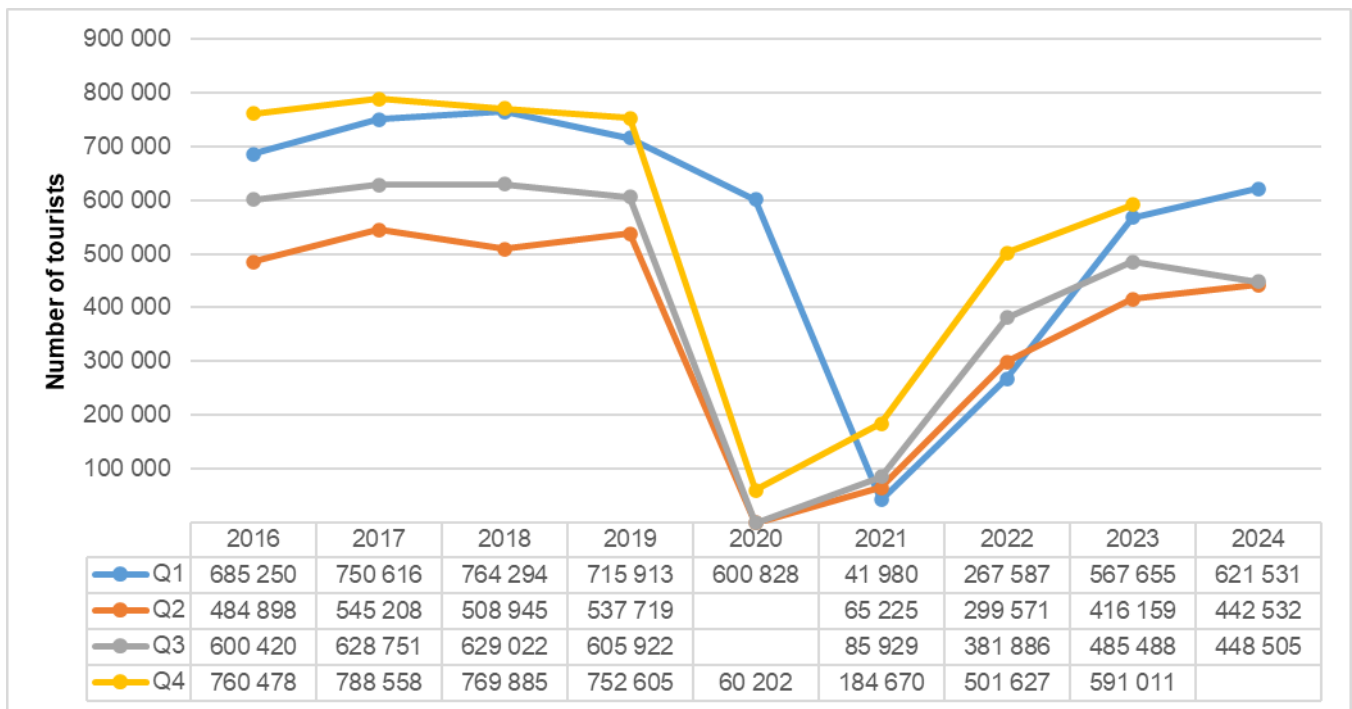


Figure 8 below, shows that the number of SADC tourists are highest in quarter one between 2016 and 2020 except in 2017 and the period between 2021 and 2023 where they are highest in quarter four. The quarter two movement pattern is slightly different between 2021 and 2022 where quarter one is the lowest. Between quarter two and quarter three of 2024, the number of tourists increased by 5,5% (from 1 508 990 in quarter two to 1 592 322 in quarter three) (see Annexure E on pages 30 to 31). Comparisons between the third quarters of 2023 and 2024 show that the number of SADC tourists increased by 1,8% (from 1 564 315 in quarter three of 2023 to 1 592 322 in quarter three of 2024) (see Annexure F on pages 34 to 35).

Figure 8 – Number of tourists from SADC countries by quarter: 2016 – 2024

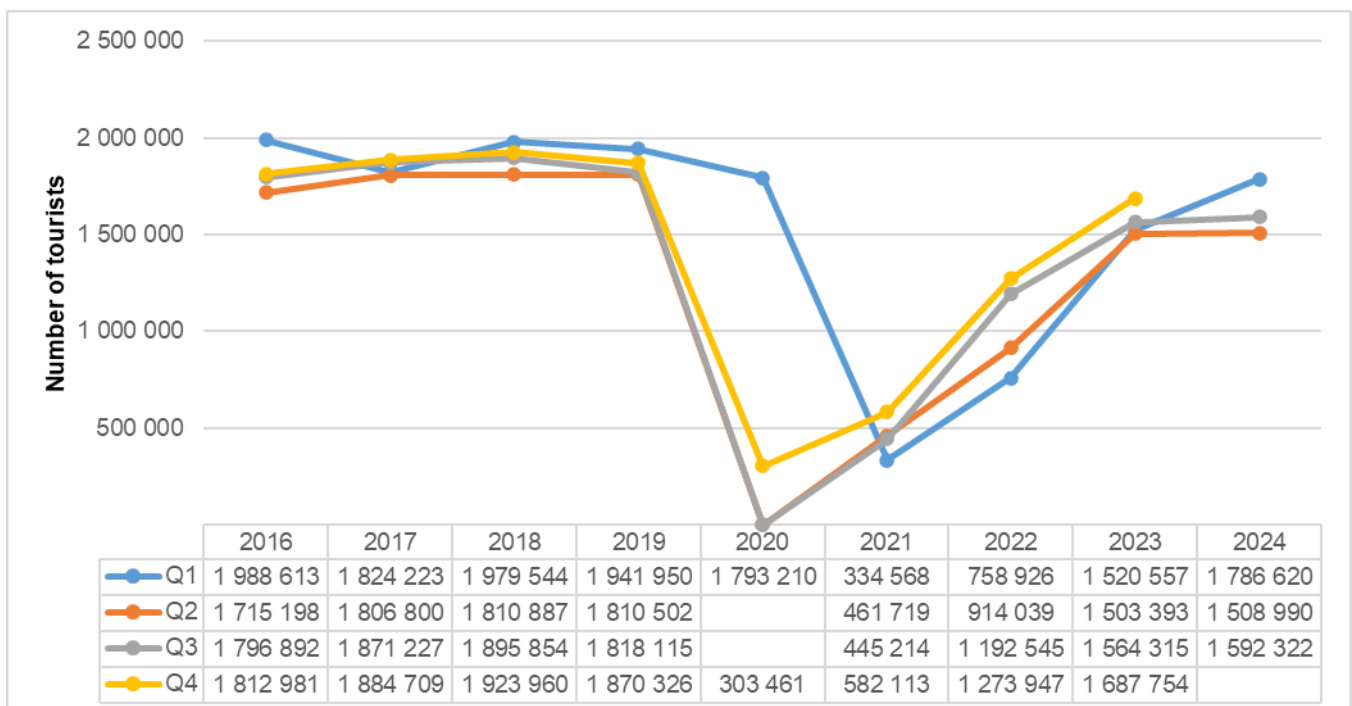
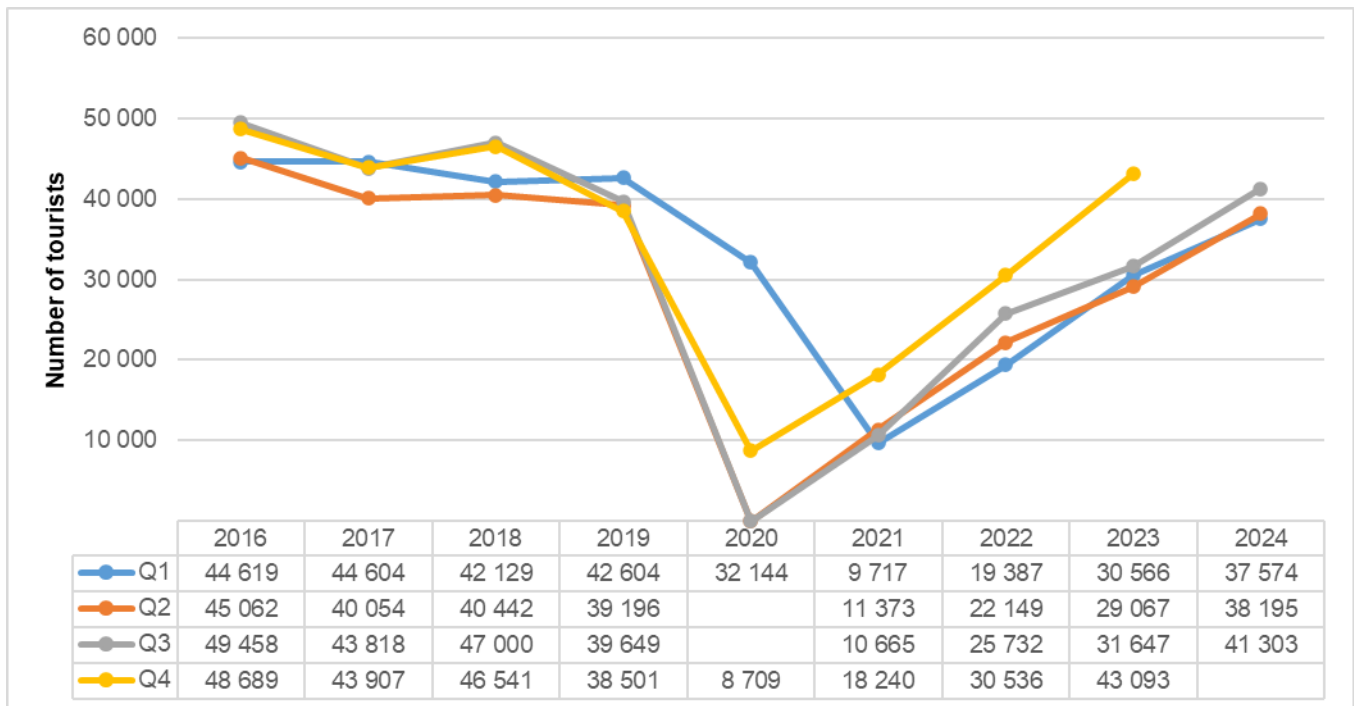


Figure 9 below, shows that the number of tourists from 'other' African countries is highest in quarter four overtime except in 2016, 2017 and 2019 where they are highest in quarter three in 2016 and highest in quarter one in year 2017 and 2019. The quarter-two movement pattern is generally the lowest across all years except in 2016 and 2022. Between quarter two and quarter three of 2024 (see Annexure E on pages 31 to 32), the number of tourists from 'other' African countries increased by 8,1% (from 38 195 in quarter two to 41 303 in quarter three). West Africa increased by 17,1% (from 15 633 in quarter two to 18 307 in quarter three) followed by East and Central Africa which increased by 5,2% (from 19 134 in quarter two to 20 135 in quarter three). On the other hand, North Africa decreased by 16,5% (from 3 428 in quarter two to 2 861 in quarter three). A year-on-year comparison for quarter three (see Annexure F on pages 35 to 36) shows that the number of tourists from 'other' African countries increased by 30,5% (from 31 647 in quarter three of 2023 to 41 303 in quarter three of 2024). West Africa had the largest increase of 75,0% (from 10 460 in quarter three of 2023 to 18 307 in quarter three of 2024), followed by East and Central Africa which increased by 9,9% (from 18 327 in quarter three of 2023 to 20 135 in quarter three of 2024) and North Africa which increased by less than 0,1% (from 2 860 in quarter three of 2023 to 2 861 in quarter three of 2024).

Figure 9 – Number of tourists from 'other' African countries by quarter: 2016 – 2024



3. Annexures

3.1 Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between September 2023 and September 2024 by country of residence

Country of residence	September 2023	September 2024	Difference between September 2023 and September 2024	% change between September 2023 and September 2024
Total	684 161	666 718	-17 443	-2,5%
Overseas	158 407	142 510	-15 897	-10,0%
Europe	86 228	73 140	-13 088	-15,2%
Austria	1 102	881	-221	-20,1%
Belgium	3 787	2 969	-818	-21,6%
Denmark	1 130	1 086	-44	-3,9%
France	7 579	7 481	-98	-1,3%
Germany	17 608	13 964	-3 644	-20,7%
Ireland	1 679	1 485	-194	-11,6%
Italy	3 988	3 150	-838	-21,0%
Portugal	1 362	1 412	50	3,7%
Russian Federation	1 671	1 686	15	0,9%
Spain	3 005	2 714	-291	-9,7%
Sweden	1 160	856	-304	-26,2%
Switzerland	3 113	2 689	-424	-13,6%
The Netherlands	10 763	9 698	-1 065	-9,9%
UK	23 380	18 868	-4 512	-19,3%
Other	4 901	4 201	-700	-14,3%
North America	34 513	33 007	-1 506	-4,4%
Canada	4 417	4 290	-127	-2,9%
USA	30 096	28 717	-1 379	-4,6%
Central and South America	4 947	6 208	1 261	25,5%
Argentina	396	485	89	22,5%
Brazil	2 828	4 078	1 250	44,2%
Mexico	372	328	-44	-11,8%
Other	1 351	1 317	-34	-2,5%

Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between September 2023 and September 2024 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	September 2023	September 2024	Difference between September 2023 and September 2024	% change between September 2023 and September 2024
Australasia	10 437	10 696	259	2,5%
Australia	8 494	8 968	474	5,6%
New Zealand	1 933	1 694	-239	-12,4%
Other	10	34	24	240,0%
Middle East	5 218	2 695	-2 523	-48,4%
Iran	405	363	-42	-10,4%
Israel	2 737	555	-2 182	-79,7%
Saudi Arabia	1 218	918	-300	-24,6%
Other	858	859	1	0,1%
Asia	17 064	16 764	-300	-1,8%
Bangladesh	580	510	-70	-12,1%
China	4 650	3 991	-659	-14,2%
India	5 529	5 520	-9	-0,2%
Japan	1 136	1 192	56	4,9%
Malaysia	647	675	28	4,3%
Pakistan	1 094	1 145	51	4,7%
Philippines	430	407	-23	-5,3%
Singapore	585	1 101	516	88,2%
South Korea	670	751	81	12,1%
Thailand	519	429	-90	-17,3%
Other	1 224	1 043	-181	-14,8%
Africa	524 683	523 244	-1 439	-0,3%
SADC	514 268	509 017	-5 251	-1,0%
Angola	2 947	2 870	-77	-2,6%
Botswana	34 890	36 932	2 042	5,9%
DRC	1 793	1 640	-153	-8,5%
Eswatini	65 659	75 373	9 714	14,8%

Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between September 2023 and September 2024 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	September 2023	September 2024	Difference between September 2023 and September 2024	% change between September 2023 and September 2024
Lesotho	86 821	57 851	-28 970	-33,4%
Madagascar	416	296	-120	-28,8%
Malawi	13 186	15 049	1 863	14,1%
Mauritius	1 267	1 054	-213	-16,8%
Mozambique	107 496	131 756	24 260	22,6%
Namibia	13 745	15 007	1 262	9,2%
Seychelles	319	280	-39	-12,2%
Tanzania	2 625	2 851	226	8,6%
Zambia	12 024	12 597	573	4,8%
Zimbabwe	171 080	155 461	-15 619	-9,1%
'Other' African	10 415	14 227	3 812	36,6%
East and Central Africa	6 388	6 875	487	7,6%
Burundi	144	93	-51	-35,4%
Cameroon	394	343	-51	-12,9%
Central African Republic	10	10	-	0,0%
Chad	43	50	7	16,3%
Comoros	19	21	2	10,5%
Congo	116	156	40	34,5%
Djibouti	2	9	7	350,0%
Equatorial Guinea	11	12	1	9,1%
Eritrea	48	24	-24	-50,0%
Ethiopia	661	561	-100	-15,1%
Gabon	253	291	38	15,0%
Kenya	3 552	3 979	427	12,0%
Réunion	2	4	2	100,0%
Rwanda	76	95	19	25,0%
São Tomé and Príncipe	5	10	5	100,0%
Somalia	49	91	42	85,7%
Uganda	1 003	1 126	123	12,3%

Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between September 2023 and September 2024 by country of residence (concluded)

Country of residence	September 2023	September 2024	Difference between September 2023 and September 2024	% change between September 2023 and September 2024
West Africa	3 074	6 347	3 273	106,5%
Benin	139	195	56	40,3%
Burkina Faso	59	77	18	30,5%
Cape Verde Island	16	21	5	31,3%
Côte d'Ivoire	173	223	50	28,9%
Gambia	33	35	2	6,1%
Ghana	577	3 323	2 746	475,9%
Guinea	121	100	-21	-17,4%
Guinea-Bissau	13	2	-11	-84,6%
Liberia	24	36	12	50,0%
Mali	67	115	48	71,6%
Mauritania	5	43	38	760,0%
Niger	14	24	10	71,4%
Nigeria	1 652	1 919	267	16,2%
Saint Helena	2	-	-	-
Senegal	104	127	23	22,1%
Sierra Leone	38	58	20	52,6%
Togo	37	49	12	32,4%
North Africa	953	1 005	52	5,5%
Algeria	83	83	-	0,0%
Egypt	390	514	124	31,8%
Libya	50	61	11	22,0%
Morocco	141	149	8	5,7%
South Sudan	133	41	-92	-69,2%
The Sudan	57	58	1	1,8%
Tunisia	98	98	-	0,0%
Western Sahara	1	1	-	0,0%
Unspecified	1 071	964	-107	-10,0%

3.2 Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, September 2024

Country of residence	September 2024	Air ³				Road	Sea
		Cape Town	OR Tambo	Other	Air Total		
Total	666 718	42 462	141 930	209	184 601	482 115	2
Overseas	142 510	35 685	94 046	127	129 858	12 650	2
Europe	73 140	18 993	45 982	69	65 044	8 096	-
Austria	881	261	526	2	789	92	-
Belgium	2 969	551	1 967	4	2 522	447	-
Denmark	1 086	189	861	-	1 050	36	-
France	7 481	1 419	4 925	9	6 353	1 128	-
Germany	13 964	4 608	7 887	13	12 508	1 456	-
Ireland	1 485	578	786	-	1 364	121	-
Italy	3 150	996	1 851	1	2 848	302	-
Portugal	1 412	261	641	-	902	510	-
Russian Federation	1 686	597	942	-	1 539	147	-
Spain	2 714	598	1 831	-	2 429	285	-
Sweden	856	206	585	-	791	65	-
Switzerland	2 689	908	1 562	1	2 471	218	-
The Netherlands	9 698	2 038	5 741	7	7 786	1 912	-
UK	18 868	4 550	13 287	27	17 864	1 004	-
Other	4 201	1 233	2 590	5	3 828	373	-
North America	33 007	9 379	22 074	37	31 490	1 517	-
Canada	4 290	1 342	2 685	3	4 030	260	-
USA	28 717	8 037	19 389	34	27 460	1 257	-
Central and South America	6 208	1 257	4 623	8	5 888	318	2
Argentina	485	100	371	-	471	14	-
Brazil	4 078	889	2 985	8	3 882	194	2
Mexico	328	52	265	-	317	11	-
Other	1 317	216	1 002	-	1 218	99	-

³ Note that the September 2024 data for King Shaka International Airport was not received.

Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, September 2024 (continued)

Country of residence	September 2024	Air				Road	Sea
		Cape Town	OR Tambo	Other	Air Total		
Australasia	10 696	1 431	8 791	10	10 232	464	-
Australia	8 968	1 108	7 503	3	8 614	354	-
New Zealand	1 694	313	1 264	7	1 584	110	-
Other	34	10	24	-	34	-	-
Middle East	2 695	1 101	1 510	2	2 613	82	-
Iran	363	145	210	-	355	8	-
Israel	555	107	424	-	531	24	-
Other	859	256	552	2	810	49	-
Saudi Arabia	918	593	324	-	917	1	-
Asia	16 764	3 524	11 066	1	14 591	2 173	-
Bangladesh	510	60	367	-	427	83	-
China	3 991	543	3 213	-	3 756	235	-
India	5 520	1 073	3 598	1	4 672	848	-
Japan	1 192	299	798	-	1 097	95	-
Malaysia	675	251	402	-	653	22	-
Pakistan	1 145	98	530	-	628	517	-
Philippines	407	83	293	-	376	31	-
Singapore	1 101	560	534	-	1 094	7	-
South Korea	751	194	424	-	618	133	-
Thailand	429	100	323	-	423	6	-
Other	1 043	263	584	-	847	196	-
Africa	523 244	6 686	47 207	81	53 974	469 270	-
SADC	509 017	4 849	36 632	78	41 559	467 458	-
Angola	2 870	785	1 410	1	2 196	674	-
Botswana	36 932	237	2 678	15	2 930	34 002	-
DRC	1 640	46	1 385	10	1 441	199	-
Eswatini	75 373	154	1 034	1	1 189	74 184	-

Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, September 2024 (continued)

Country of residence	September 2024	Air				Road	Sea
		Cape Town	OR Tambo	Other	Air Total		
Lesotho	57 851	8	768	-	776	57 075	-
Madagascar	296	15	273	2	290	6	-
Malawi	15 049	33	1 951	5	1 989	13 060	-
Mauritius	1 054	202	811	-	1 013	41	-
Mozambique	131 756	389	3 532	9	3 930	127 826	-
Namibia	15 007	1 625	2 812	-	4 437	10 570	-
Seychelles	280	7	267	-	274	6	-
Tanzania	2 851	124	1 372	-	1 496	1 355	-
Zambia	12 597	89	3 435	7	3 531	9 066	-
Zimbabwe	155 461	1 135	14 904	28	16 067	139 394	-
'Other' African	14 227	1 837	10 575	3	12 415	1 812	-
East and Central Africa	6 875	1 113	4 880	3	5 996	879	-
Burundi	93	13	77	-	90	3	-
Cameroon	343	53	271	-	324	19	-
Central African Republic	10	1	9	-	10	-	-
Chad	50	5	45	-	50	-	-
Comoros	21	3	18	-	21	-	-
Congo	156	48	102	1	151	5	-
Djibouti	9	1	8	-	9	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	12	-	9	-	9	3	-
Eritrea	24	-	22	-	22	2	-
Ethiopia	561	82	406	-	488	73	-
Gabon	291	27	257	-	284	7	-
Kenya	3 979	672	2 635	-	3 307	672	-
Réunion	4	4	-	-	4	-	-
Rwanda	95	14	71	-	85	10	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	10	1	9	-	10	-	-
Somalia	91	16	58	-	74	17	-
Uganda	1 126	173	883	2	1 058	68	-

Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, September 2024 (concluded)

Country of residence	September 2024	Air				Road	Sea
		Cape Town	OR Tambo	Other	Air Total		
West Africa	6 347	605	4 869	-	5 474	873	-
Benin	195	18	165	-	183	12	-
Burkina Faso	77	12	65	-	77	-	-
Cape Verde Island	21	5	12	-	17	4	-
Côte d'Ivoire	223	21	201	-	222	1	-
Gambia	35	2	31	-	33	2	-
Ghana	3 323	178	2 504	-	2 682	641	-
Guinea	100	9	56	-	65	35	-
Guinea-Bissau	2	-	1	-	1	1	-
Liberia	36	4	30	-	34	2	-
Mali	115	9	83	-	92	23	-
Mauritania	43	4	39	-	43	-	-
Niger	24	3	21	-	24	-	-
Nigeria	1 919	301	1 479	-	1 780	139	-
Senegal	127	14	109	-	123	4	-
Sierra Leone	58	14	35	-	49	9	-
Togo	49	11	38	-	49	-	-
North Africa	1 005	119	826	-	945	60	-
Algeria	83	8	64	-	72	11	-
Egypt	514	42	445	-	487	27	-
Libya	61	1	49	-	50	11	-
Morocco	149	17	126	-	143	6	-
South Sudan	41	6	35	-	41	-	-
The Sudan	58	18	37	-	55	3	-
Tunisia	98	27	69	-	96	2	-
Western Sahara	1	-	1	-	1	-	-
Unspecified	964	91	677	1	769	195	-

3.3 Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, September 2024

Country of residence	September 2024	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Total	666 718	18 590	645 764	2 169	195
Overseas	142 510	2 225	139 722	527	36
Europe	73 140	924	71 897	293	26
Austria	881	13	866	2	-
Belgium	2 969	37	2 902	29	1
Denmark	1 086	16	1 069	1	-
France	7 481	100	7 323	56	2
Germany	13 964	148	13 756	60	-
Ireland	1 485	24	1 454	6	1
Italy	3 150	48	3 093	9	-
Portugal	1 412	25	1 380	7	-
Russian Federation	1 686	16	1 663	7	-
Spain	2 714	43	2 664	7	-
Sweden	856	24	821	11	-
Switzerland	2 689	17	2 667	5	-
The Netherlands	9 698	66	9 591	34	7
UK	18 868	231	18 598	27	12
Other	4 201	116	4 050	32	3
North America	33 007	294	32 677	29	7
Canada	4 290	36	4 253	1	-
USA	28 717	258	28 424	28	7
Central and South America	6 208	71	6 121	16	-
Argentina	485	6	479	-	-
Brazil	4 078	34	4 032	12	-
Mexico	328	7	321	-	-
Other	1 317	24	1 289	4	-

Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, September 2024 (continued)

Country of residence	September 2024	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Australasia	10 696	47	10 636	11	2
Australia	8 968	41	8 917	8	2
New Zealand	1 694	6	1 688	-	-
Other	34	-	31	3	-
Middle East	2 695	91	2 579	25	-
Iran	363	5	356	2	-
Israel	555	8	547	-	-
Saudi Arabia	918	20	894	4	-
Other	859	58	782	19	-
Asia	16 764	798	15 812	153	1
Bangladesh	510	16	491	3	-
China	3 991	268	3 709	14	-
India	5 520	328	5 114	77	1
Japan	1 192	25	1 160	7	-
Malaysia	675	6	668	1	-
Pakistan	1 145	44	1 087	14	-
Philippines	407	12	388	7	-
Singapore	1 101	15	1 086	-	-
South Korea	751	7	738	6	-
Thailand	429	10	409	10	-
Other	1 043	67	962	14	-
Africa	523 244	16 261	505 183	1 642	158
SADC	509 017	15 583	492 014	1 291	129
Angola	2 870	44	2 753	59	14
Botswana	36 932	597	36 108	217	10
DRC	1 640	56	1 479	67	38
Eswatini	75 373	1 499	73 708	158	8

Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, September 2024 (continued)

Country of residence	September 2024	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Lesotho	57 851	310	57 512	27	2
Madagascar	296	2	289	5	-
Malawi	15 049	246	14 752	44	7
Mauritius	1 054	3	1 035	14	2
Mozambique	131 756	2 537	129 137	69	13
Namibia	15 007	3 436	11 361	205	5
Seychelles	280	4	275	1	-
Tanzania	2 851	107	2 724	19	1
Zambia	12 597	3 418	9 102	66	11
Zimbabwe	155 461	3 324	151 779	340	18
'Other' African	14 227	678	13 169	351	29
East and Central Africa	6 875	327	6 369	161	18
Burundi	93	16	77	-	-
Cameroon	343	32	289	17	5
Central African Republic	10	1	9	-	-
Chad	50	4	44	2	-
Comoros	21	3	18	-	--
Congo	156	5	132	14	5
Djibouti	9	2	7	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	12	2	9	1	-
Eritrea	24	1	21	2	-
Ethiopia	561	30	508	23	-
Gabon	291	4	278	8	1
Kenya	3 979	137	3 787	51	4
Réunion	4	-	4	-	-
Rwanda	95	8	86	-	1
São Tomé and Príncipe	10	-	10	-	-
Somalia	91	7	82	1	1
Uganda	1 126	75	1 008	42	1

Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, September 2024 (concluded)

Country of residence	September 2024	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
West Africa	6 347	266	5 924	147	10
Benin	195	6	180	6	3
Burkina Faso	77	14	61	1	1
Cape Verde Island	21	3	18	-	-
Côte d'Ivoire	223	24	195	4	-
Gambia	35	4	31	-	-
Ghana	3 323	67	3 234	21	1
Guinea	100	6	93	1	-
Guinea-Bissau	2	-	2	-	-
Liberia	36	2	32	1	1
Mali	115	11	104	-	-
Mauritania	43	4	39	-	-
Niger	24	4	20	-	-
Nigeria	1 919	82	1 723	110	4
Senegal	127	22	105	-	-
Sierra Leone	58	2	53	3	-
Togo	49	15	34	-	-
North Africa	1 005	85	876	43	1
Algeria	83	5	75	3	-
Egypt	514	59	435	20	-
Libya	61	5	47	8	1
Morocco	149	8	138	3	-
South Sudan	41	1	39	1	-
The Sudan	58	3	48	7	-
Tunisia	98	3	94	1	-
Western Sahara	1	1	-	-	-
Unspecified	964	104	859	-	1

3.4 Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024 by country of residence

Country of residence	Jan – Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2024	Difference between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024	% change between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024
Total	6 158 088	6 526 039	367 951	6,0%
Overseas	1 469 302	1 512 568	43 266	2,9%
Europe	862 658	858 166	-4 492	-0,5%
Austria	13 473	13 466	-7	-0,1%
Belgium	32 361	31 226	-1 135	-3,5%
Denmark	12 739	12 513	-226	-1,8%
France	85 077	89 587	4 510	5,3%
Germany	162 268	161 375	-893	-0,6%
Ireland	19 392	20 018	626	3,2%
Italy	39 516	37 839	-1 677	-4,2%
Portugal	14 241	15 047	806	5,7%
Russian Federation	18 728	19 661	933	5,0%
Spain	23 960	23 707	-253	-1,1%
Sweden	15 259	15 335	76	0,5%
Switzerland	27 355	26 820	-535	-2,0%
The Netherlands	90 639	91 756	1 117	1,2%
UK	252 069	242 814	-9 255	-3,7%
Other	55 581	57 002	1 421	2,6%
North America	303 861	320 036	16 175	5,3%
Canada	38 450	39 732	1 282	3,3%
USA	265 411	280 304	14 893	5,6%
Central and South America	30 310	55 378	25 068	82,7%
Argentina	2 732	4 151	1 419	51,9%
Brazil	15 128	36 584	21 456	141,8%
Mexico	3 425	3 593	168	4,9%
Other	9 025	11 050	2 025	22,4%

Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	Jan – Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2024	Difference between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024	% change between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024
Australasia	78 161	84 380	6 219	8,0%
Australia	63 949	70 061	6 112	9,6%
New Zealand	14 017	14 102	85	0,6%
Other	195	217	22	11,3%
Middle East	46 175	38 102	-8 073	-17,5%
Israel	17 695	5 635	-12 060	-68,2%
Saudi Arabia	13 418	15 469	2 051	15,3%
United Arab Emirates	6 021	6 256	235	3,9%
Other	9 041	10 742	1 701	18,8%
Asia	148 137	156 506	8 369	5,6%
Bangladesh	5 994	4 289	-1 705	-28,4%
China	28 333	31 576	3 243	11,4%
India	60 396	57 992	-2 404	-4,0%
Japan	9 044	12 899	3 855	42,6%
Malaysia	4 247	4 731	484	11,4%
Pakistan	9 742	9 882	140	1,4%
Philippines	4 452	4 774	322	7,2%
Singapore	5 226	7 191	1 965	37,6%
South Korea	7 290	9 756	2 466	33,8%
Thailand	3 588	4 130	542	15,1%
Other	9 825	9 286	-539	-5,5%
Africa	4 679 545	5 005 004	325 459	7,0%
SADC	4 588 265	4 887 932	299 667	6,5%
Angola	29 562	28 131	-1 431	-4,8%
Botswana	245 515	278 252	32 737	13,3%
DRC	15 002	20 142	5 140	34,3%
Eswatini	527 730	618 215	90 485	17,1%

Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	Jan – Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2024	Difference between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024	% change between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024
Lesotho	883 832	689 967	-193 865	-21,9%
Madagascar	2 610	3 200	590	22,6%
Malawi	97 842	110 557	12 715	13,0%
Mauritius	11 944	12 269	325	2,7%
Mozambique	985 805	1 195 111	209 306	21,2%
Namibia	114 621	117 128	2 507	2,2%
Seychelles	3 056	2 885	-171	-5,6%
Tanzania	23 780	26 124	2 344	9,9%
Zambia	102 604	113 511	10 907	10,6%
Zimbabwe	1 544 362	1 672 440	128 078	8,3%
'Other' African	91 280	117 072	25 792	28,3%
East and Central Africa	52 618	57 640	5 022	9,5%
Burundi	800	889	89	11,1%
Cameroon	3 219	3 075	-144	-4,5%
Central African Republic	147	120	-27	-18,4%
Chad	320	308	-12	-3,8%
Comoros	283	210	-73	-25,8%
Congo	1 178	1 131	-47	-4,0%
Djibouti	79	69	-10	-12,7%
Equatorial Guinea	220	202	-18	-8,2%
Eritrea	297	325	28	9,4%
Ethiopia	4 432	5 358	926	20,9%
Gabon	3 046	3 029	-17	-0,6%
Kenya	28 554	32 551	3 997	14,0%
Réunion	22	43	21	95,5%
Rwanda	687	803	116	16,9%
São Tomé and Príncipe	58	80	22	37,9%
Somalia	467	646	179	38,3%
Uganda	8 809	8 801	-8	-0,1%

Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024 by country of residence (concluded)

Country of residence	Jan – Sep 2023	Jan – Sep 2024	Difference between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024	% change between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024
West Africa	29 614	50 143	20 529	69,3%
Benin	1 240	1 436	196	15,8%
Burkina Faso	527	471	-56	-10,6%
Cape Verde Island	217	214	-3	-1,4%
Côte d'Ivoire	1 653	1 877	224	13,6%
Gambia	298	282	-16	-5,4%
Ghana	7 572	25 486	17 914	236,6%
Guinea	1 001	868	-133	-13,3%
Guinea-Bissau	67	63	-4	-6,0%
Liberia	455	344	-111	-24,4%
Mali	780	798	18	2,3%
Mauritania	128	179	51	39,8%
Niger	208	204	-4	-1,9%
Nigeria	13 618	16 114	2 496	18,3%
Saint Helena	41	16	-25	-61,0%
Senegal	1 093	1 089	-4	-0,4%
Sierra Leone	368	415	47	12,8%
Togo	348	287	-61	-17,5%
North Africa	9 048	9 289	241	2,7%
Algeria	844	565	-279	-33,1%
Egypt	4 199	4 396	197	4,7%
Libya	464	501	37	8,0%
Morocco	1 130	1 229	99	8,8%
South Sudan	685	550	-135	-19,7%
The Sudan	829	649	-180	-21,7%
Tunisia	886	1 382	496	56,0%
Western Sahara	11	17	6	54,5%
Unspecified	9 241	8 467	-774	-8,4%

3.5 Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 2, 2024 – Quarter 3, 2024 changes by country of residence and month of travel

Country of residence	Quarter 2, 2024 – Quarter 3, 2024								% change Qtr 2, 2024 – Qtr 3, 2024
	Apr	May	Jun	Qtr 2 2024	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2024	
Total	702 021	649 454	641 284	1 992 759	699 566	718 508	666 718	2 084 792	4,6%
Overseas	160 708	147 428	134 396	442 532	152 082	153 913	142 510	448 505	1,3%
Europe	93 213	64 045	49 749	207 007	75 990	81 302	73 140	230 432	11,3%
Austria	1 224	844	559	2 627	1 018	1 060	881	2 959	12,6%
Belgium	3 150	1 934	1 677	6 761	4 706	3 079	2 969	10 754	59,1%
Denmark	1 175	747	546	2 468	1 098	666	1 086	2 850	15,5%
France	12 378	10 023	5 649	28 050	10 012	9 256	7 481	26 749	-4,6%
Germany	14 131	9 620	6 282	30 033	8 135	10 289	13 964	32 388	7,8%
Ireland	2 282	1 470	1 685	5 437	2 129	1 485	1 485	5 099	-6,2%
Italy	3 647	2 595	3 021	9 263	4 062	10 636	3 150	17 848	92,7%
Portugal	1 911	1 582	1 261	4 754	1 266	1 564	1 412	4 242	-10,8%
Russian Federation	2 776	1 815	1 404	5 995	1 170	1 481	1 686	4 337	-27,7%
Spain	2 198	1 922	2 175	6 295	3 090	4 972	2 714	10 776	71,2%
Sweden	1 332	1 247	691	3 270	615	740	856	2 211	-32,4%
Switzerland	3 485	1 717	1 225	6 427	2 238	1 566	2 689	6 493	1,0%
The Netherlands	11 500	5 832	4 029	21 361	13 547	9 602	9 698	32 847	53,8%
UK	24 991	17 983	15 601	58 575	19 496	20 455	18 868	58 819	0,4%
Other	7 033	4 714	3 944	15 691	3 408	4 451	4 201	12 060	-23,1%
North America	32 649	40 860	43 815	117 324	36 189	34 285	33 007	103 481	-11,8%
Canada	4 785	4 194	3 218	12 197	2 890	3 688	4 290	10 868	-10,9%
USA	27 864	36 666	40 597	105 127	33 299	30 597	28 717	92 613	-11,9%
Central and South America	5 464	5 944	6 328	17 736	7 309	5 162	6 208	18 679	5,3%
Argentina	370	402	487	1 259	369	325	485	1 179	-6,4%
Brazil	3 705	3 935	3 971	11 611	5 192	3 345	4 078	12 615	8,6%
Mexico	353	491	380	1 224	630	321	328	1 279	4,5%
Other	1 036	1 116	1 490	3 642	1 118	1 171	1 317	3 606	-1,0%

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 2, 2024 – Quarter 3, 2024 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 2, 2024 – Quarter 3, 2024								% change Qtr 2, 2024 – Qtr 3, 2024
	Apr	May	Jun	Qtr 2 2024	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2024	
Australasia	9 841	10 697	9 586	30 124	9 084	9 769	10 696	29 549	-1,9%
Australia	8 001	9 128	7 967	25 096	7 633	7 898	8 968	24 499	-2,4%
New Zealand	1 822	1 555	1 541	4 918	1 430	1 862	1 694	4 986	1,4%
Other	18	14	78	110	21	9	34	64	-41,8%
Middle East	3 089	2 815	6 621	12 525	8 367	6 353	2 695	17 415	39,0%
Israel	913	452	359	1 724	580	708	555	1 843	6,9%
Saudi Arabia	998	1 119	4 235	6 352	3 729	2 083	918	6 730	6,0%
United Arab Emirates	218	315	829	1 362	2 597	1 783	193	4 573	235,8%
Other	960	929	1 198	3 087	1 461	1 779	1 029	4 269	38,3%
Asia	16 452	23 067	18 297	57 816	15 143	17 042	16 764	48 949	-15,3%
Bangladesh	448	718	375	1 541	381	367	510	1 258	-18,4%
China	3 006	3 196	3 499	9 701	3 243	3 702	3 991	10 936	12,7%
India	6 164	11 695	7 965	25 824	5 033	5 406	5 520	15 959	-38,2%
Japan	1 336	1 365	1 207	3 908	1 011	1 818	1 192	4 021	2,9%
Malaysia	543	729	466	1 738	519	627	675	1 821	4,8%
Pakistan	1 193	1 158	1 082	3 433	1 065	1 204	1 145	3 414	-0,6%
Philippines	455	641	590	1 686	701	552	407	1 660	-1,5%
Singapore	640	1 173	1 197	3 010	693	699	1 101	2 493	-17,2%
South Korea	864	922	778	2 564	1 072	1 163	751	2 986	16,5%
Thailand	732	509	360	1 601	429	615	429	1 473	-8,0%
Other	1 071	961	778	2 810	996	889	1 043	2 928	4,2%
Africa	540 388	500 928	505 869	1 547 185	546 623	563 758	523 244	1 633 625	5,6%
SADC	526 685	488 299	494 006	1 508 990	534 085	549 220	509 017	1 592 322	5,5%
Angola	3 442	2 670	2 508	8 620	3 093	3 661	2 870	9 624	11,6%
Botswana	28 635	30 079	29 416	88 130	28 213	34 216	36 932	99 361	12,7%
DRC	2 394	2 154	2 044	6 592	2 953	2 332	1 640	6 925	5,1%
Eswatini	70 135	65 516	64 397	200 048	72 368	80 313	75 373	228 054	14,0%

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 2, 2024 – Quarter 3, 2024 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 2, 2024 – Quarter 3, 2024								% change Qtr 2, 2024 – Qtr 3, 2024
	Apr	May	Jun	Qtr 2 2024	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2024	
Lesotho	59 446	56 036	61 769	177 251	70 633	55 034	57 851	183 518	3,5%
Madagascar	335	389	360	1 084	354	384	296	1 034	-4,6%
Malawi	9 184	9 818	10 407	29 409	12 581	14 319	15 049	41 949	42,6%
Mauritius	2 078	1 190	1 007	4 275	1 412	1 312	1 054	3 778	-11,6%
Mozambique	121 854	125 882	123 647	371 383	135 653	141 277	131 756	408 686	10,0%
Namibia	12 614	12 290	13 415	38 319	12 594	12 096	15 007	39 697	3,6%
Seychelles	250	165	206	621	157	358	280	795	28,0%
Tanzania	3 174	2 812	2 959	8 945	3 068	2 771	2 851	8 690	-2,9%
Zambia	12 891	12 412	12 381	37 684	12 310	13 168	12 597	38 075	1,0%
Zimbabwe	200 253	166 886	169 490	536 629	178 696	187 979	155 461	522 136	-2,7%
'Other' African	13 703	12 629	11 863	38 195	12 538	14 538	14 227	41 303	8,1%
East and Central Africa	7 037	5 995	6 102	19 134	6 178	7 082	6 875	20 135	5,2%
Burundi	94	136	86	316	82	90	93	265	-16,1%
Cameroon	458	332	251	1 041	342	431	343	1 116	7,2%
Central African Republic	10	29	9	48	8	5	10	23	-52,1%
Chad	29	37	36	102	30	33	50	113	10,8%
Comoros	17	26	61	104	14	21	21	56	-46,2%
Congo	155	92	124	371	133	149	156	438	18,1%
Djibouti	6	9	11	26	3	10	9	22	-15,4%
Equatorial Guinea	39	16	22	77	25	19	12	56	-27,3%
Eritrea	37	46	42	125	29	32	24	85	-32,0%
Ethiopia	631	687	600	1 918	570	684	561	1 815	-5,4%
Gabon	283	200	315	798	470	582	291	1 343	68,3%
Kenya	4 044	3 334	3 523	10 901	3 450	3 992	3 979	11 421	4,8%
Réunion	7	9	-	16	-	-	4	4	-75,0%
Rwanda	90	77	95	262	67	93	95	255	-2,7%
São Tomé and Príncipe	5	12	10	27	6	6	10	22	-18,5%
Somalia	65	92	52	209	50	55	91	196	-6,2%
Uganda	1 067	861	865	2 793	899	880	1 126	2 905	4,0%

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 2, 2024 – Quarter 3, 2024 changes by country of residence and month of travel (concluded)

Country of residence	Quarter 2, 2024 – Quarter 3, 2024								% change Qtr 2, 2024 – Qtr 3, 2024
	Apr	May	Jun	Qtr 2 2024	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2024	
West Africa	5 444	5 490	4 699	15 633	5 490	6 470	6 347	18 307	17,1%
Benin	122	173	153	448	169	186	195	550	22,8%
Burkina Faso	39	55	43	137	59	47	77	183	33,6%
Cape Verde Island	40	21	24	85	12	25	21	58	-31,8%
Côte d'Ivoire	248	231	173	652	223	293	223	739	13,3%
Gambia	26	24	23	73	37	34	35	106	45,2%
Ghana	2 619	2 724	2 427	7 770	2 922	3 567	3 323	9 812	26,3%
Guinea	100	103	85	288	87	84	100	271	-5,9%
Guinea-Bissau	10	10	4	24	9	9	2	20	-16,7%
Liberia	34	38	52	124	44	31	36	111	-10,5%
Mali	61	101	84	246	82	130	115	327	32,9%
Mauritania	16	8	16	40	6	33	43	82	105,0%
Niger	27	24	23	74	12	23	24	59	-20,3%
Nigeria	1 856	1 753	1 436	5 045	1 648	1 807	1 919	5 374	6,5%
Saint Helena	1	3	2	6	2	1	-	3	-50,0%
Senegal	151	144	88	383	105	132	127	364	-5,0%
Sierra Leone	53	44	44	141	37	43	58	138	-2,1%
Togo	41	34	22	97	36	25	49	110	13,4%
North Africa	1 222	1 144	1 062	3 428	870	986	1 005	2 861	-16,5%
Algeria	50	51	63	164	62	65	83	210	28,0%
Egypt	429	659	518	1 606	419	503	514	1 436	-10,6%
Libya	103	51	40	194	53	53	61	167	-13,9%
Morocco	99	113	120	332	105	133	149	387	16,6%
South Sudan	57	62	85	204	78	42	41	161	-21,1%
The Sudan	61	78	68	207	79	70	58	207	0,0%
Tunisia	422	128	166	716	72	119	98	289	-59,6%
Western Sahara	1	2	2	5	2	1	1	4	-20,0%
Unspecified	925	1 098	1 019	3 042	861	837	964	2 662	-12,5%

3.6 Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2023 – Quarter 3, 2024 changes by country of residence and month of travel

Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2023 – Quarter 3, 2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2023	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2024	% change 2023 – 2024
Total	692 068	708 159	684 161	2 084 388	699 566	718 508	666 718	2 084 792	0,0%
Overseas	161 376	165 705	158 407	485 488	152 082	153 913	142 510	448 505	-7,6%
Europe	88 440	93 602	86 228	268 270	75 990	81 302	73 140	230 432	-14,1%
Austria	1 034	1 258	1 102	3 394	1 018	1 060	881	2 959	-12,8%
Belgium	5 796	3 691	3 787	13 274	4 706	3 079	2 969	10 754	-19,0%
Denmark	1 192	730	1 130	3 052	1 098	666	1 086	2 850	-6,6%
France	10 587	10 498	7 579	28 664	10 012	9 256	7 481	26 749	-6,7%
Germany	9 505	12 358	17 608	39 471	8 135	10 289	13 964	32 388	-17,9%
Ireland	1 836	1 635	1 679	5 150	2 129	1 485	1 485	5 099	-1,0%
Italy	4 915	11 933	3 988	20 836	4 062	10 636	3 150	17 848	-14,3%
Portugal	1 214	1 475	1 362	4 051	1 266	1 564	1 412	4 242	4,7%
Russian Federation	1 373	1 878	1 671	4 922	1 170	1 481	1 686	4 337	-11,9%
Spain	3 446	5 711	3 005	12 162	3 090	4 972	2 714	10 776	-11,4%
Sweden	806	633	1 160	2 599	615	740	856	2 211	-14,9%
Switzerland	2 666	1 744	3 113	7 523	2 238	1 566	2 689	6 493	-13,7%
The Netherlands	14 338	11 455	10 763	36 556	13 547	9 602	9 698	32 847	-10,1%
UK	25 192	23 804	23 380	72 376	19 496	20 455	18 868	58 819	-18,7%
Other	4 540	4 799	4 901	14 240	3 408	4 451	4 201	12 060	-15,3%
North America	35 029	32 933	34 513	102 475	36 189	34 285	33 007	103 481	1,0%
Canada	3 417	3 633	4 417	11 467	2 890	3 688	4 290	10 868	-5,2%
USA	31 612	29 300	30 096	91 008	33 299	30 597	28 717	92 613	1,8%
Central and South America	3 601	2 697	4 947	11 245	7 309	5 162	6 208	18 679	66,1%
Argentina	311	148	396	855	369	325	485	1 179	37,9%
Brazil	1 759	1 423	2 828	6 010	5 192	3 345	4 078	12 615	109,9%
Mexico	549	312	372	1 233	630	321	328	1 279	3,7%
Other	982	814	1 351	3 147	1 118	1 171	1 317	3 606	14,6%

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2023 – Quarter 3, 2024 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2023 – Quarter 3, 2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2023	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2024	% change 2023 – 2024
Australasia	8 140	8 702	10 437	27 279	9 084	9 769	10 696	29 549	8,3%
Australia	6 609	7 226	8 494	22 329	7 633	7 898	8 968	24 499	9,7%
New Zealand	1 503	1 461	1 933	4 897	1 430	1 862	1 694	4 986	1,8%
Other	28	15	10	53	21	9	34	64	20,8%
Middle East	9 519	8 941	5 218	23 678	8 367	6 353	2 695	17 415	-26,5%
Israel	2 037	2 859	2 737	7 633	580	708	555	1 843	-75,9%
Saudi Arabia	3 932	2 775	1 218	7 925	3 729	2 083	918	6 730	-15,1%
United Arab Emirates	2 231	1 879	219	4 329	2 597	1 783	193	4 573	5,6%
Other	1 319	1 428	1 044	3 791	1 461	1 779	1 029	4 269	12,6%
Asia	16 647	18 830	17 064	52 541	15 143	17 042	16 764	48 949	-6,8%
Bangladesh	759	660	580	1 999	381	367	510	1 258	-37,1%
China	3 472	3 996	4 650	12 118	3 243	3 702	3 991	10 936	-9,8%
India	6 237	6 962	5 529	18 728	5 033	5 406	5 520	15 959	-14,8%
Japan	955	1 597	1 136	3 688	1 011	1 818	1 192	4 021	9,0%
Malaysia	460	681	647	1 788	519	627	675	1 821	1,8%
Pakistan	1 192	1 144	1 094	3 430	1 065	1 204	1 145	3 414	-0,5%
Philippines	697	529	430	1 656	701	552	407	1 660	0,2%
Singapore	559	666	585	1 810	693	699	1 101	2 493	37,7%
South Korea	782	1 119	670	2 571	1 072	1 163	751	2 986	16,1%
Thailand	384	338	519	1 241	429	615	429	1 473	18,7%
Other	1 150	1 138	1 224	3 512	996	889	1 043	2 928	-16,6%
Africa	529 712	541 567	524 683	1 595 962	546 623	563 758	523 244	1 633 625	2,4%
SADC	519 422	530 625	514 268	1 564 315	534 085	549 220	509 017	1 592 322	1,8%
Angola	3 399	3 616	2 947	9 962	3 093	3 661	2 870	9 624	-3,4%
Botswana	26 651	26 167	34 890	87 708	28 213	34 216	36 932	99 361	13,3%
DRC	1 760	2 213	1 793	5 766	2 953	2 332	1 640	6 925	20,1%
Eswatini	61 476	66 951	65 659	194 086	72 368	80 313	75 373	228 054	17,5%

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2023 – Quarter 3, 2024 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2023 – Quarter 3, 2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2023	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2024	% change 2023 – 2024
Lesotho	101 030	86 438	86 821	274 289	70 633	55 034	57 851	183 518	-33,1%
Madagascar	296	288	416	1 000	354	384	296	1 034	3,4%
Malawi	12 635	13 780	13 186	39 601	12 581	14 319	15 049	41 949	5,9%
Mauritius	1 527	1 351	1 267	4 145	1 412	1 312	1 054	3 778	-8,9%
Mozambique	107 318	113 161	107 496	327 975	135 653	141 277	131 756	408 686	24,6%
Namibia	13 114	11 758	13 745	38 617	12 594	12 096	15 007	39 697	2,8%
Seychelles	249	291	319	859	157	358	280	795	-7,5%
Tanzania	2 549	2 693	2 625	7 867	3 068	2 771	2 851	8 690	10,5%
Zambia	11 833	12 990	12 024	36 847	12 310	13 168	12 597	38 075	3,3%
Zimbabwe	175 585	188 928	171 080	535 593	178 696	187 979	155 461	522 136	-2,5%
'Other' African	10 290	10 942	10 415	31 647	12 538	14 538	14 227	41 303	30,5%
East and Central Africa	5 630	6 309	6 388	18 327	6 178	7 082	6 875	20 135	9,9%
Burundi	103	98	144	345	82	90	93	265	-23,2%
Cameroon	393	400	394	1 187	342	431	343	1 116	-6,0%
Central African Republic	3	30	10	43	8	5	10	23	-46,5%
Chad	36	52	43	131	30	33	50	113	-13,7%
Comoros	54	68	19	141	14	21	21	56	-60,3%
Congo	175	159	116	450	133	149	156	438	-2,7%
Djibouti	2	27	2	31	3	10	9	22	-29,0%
Equatorial Guinea	67	47	11	125	25	19	12	56	-55,2%
Eritrea	27	46	48	121	29	32	24	85	-29,8%
Ethiopia	434	509	661	1 604	570	684	561	1 815	13,2%
Gabon	489	700	253	1 442	470	582	291	1 343	-6,9%
Kenya	2 756	3 151	3 552	9 459	3 450	3 992	3 979	11 421	20,7%
Réunion	7	-	2	9	-	-	4	4	-55,6%
Rwanda	93	52	76	221	67	93	95	255	15,4%
São Tomé and Príncipe	9	4	5	18	6	6	10	22	22,2%
Somalia	48	49	49	146	50	55	91	196	34,2%
Uganda	934	917	1 003	2 854	899	880	1 126	2 905	1,8%

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2023 – Quarter 3, 2024 changes by country of residence and month of travel (concluded)

Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2023 – Quarter 3, 2024								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2023	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2024	% change 2023 – 2024
West Africa	3 700	3 686	3 074	10 460	5 490	6 470	6 347	18 307	75,0%
Benin	166	168	139	473	169	186	195	550	16,3%
Burkina Faso	72	48	59	179	59	47	77	183	2,2%
Cape Verde Island	11	23	16	50	12	25	21	58	16,0%
Côte d'Ivoire	210	251	173	634	223	293	223	739	16,6%
Gambia	28	37	33	98	37	34	35	106	8,2%
Ghana	1 110	834	577	2 521	2 922	3 567	3 323	9 812	289,2%
Guinea	101	112	121	334	87	84	100	271	-18,9%
Guinea-Bissau	4	8	13	25	9	9	2	20	-20,0%
Liberia	63	71	24	158	44	31	36	111	-29,7%
Mali	94	71	67	232	82	130	115	327	40,9%
Mauritania	13	9	5	27	6	33	43	82	203,7%
Niger	21	3	14	38	12	23	24	59	55,3%
Nigeria	1 548	1 827	1 652	5 027	1 648	1 807	1 919	5 374	6,9%
Saint Helena	4	7	2	13	2	1	-	3	-76,9%
Senegal	175	124	104	403	105	132	127	364	-9,7%
Sierra Leone	45	38	38	121	37	43	58	138	14,0%
Togo	35	55	37	127	36	25	49	110	-13,4%
North Africa	960	947	953	2 860	870	986	1 005	2 861	0,0%
Algeria	53	179	83	315	62	65	83	210	-33,3%
Egypt	503	387	390	1 280	419	503	514	1 436	12,2%
Libya	55	53	50	158	53	53	61	167	5,7%
Morocco	112	98	141	351	105	133	149	387	10,3%
South Sudan	72	87	133	292	78	42	41	161	-44,9%
The Sudan	94	48	57	199	79	70	58	207	4,0%
Tunisia	70	93	98	261	72	119	98	289	10,7%
Western Sahara	1	2	1	4	2	1	1	4	0,0%
Unspecified	980	887	1 071	2 938	861	837	964	2 662	-9,4%

3.7 Annexure G – Number of tourists by port of entry and province, September 2024

PortName and province	Frequency
Total	666 718
Western Cape	42 464
Cape Town International Airport	42 462
Cape Town Harbour	2
Eastern Cape	3 005
Telle Bridge	3 005
Northern Cape	10 695
Violsdrift	5 554
Nakop	5 141
Free State	53 308
Ficksburg	41 707
Caledonspoort	11 601
KwaZulu Natal	21 415
Kosibay	7 620
Golela	13 795
North West	39 105
Kopfontein	23 223
Schilpad Gate	8 386
Ramathlabama	7 496
Gauteng	142 139
Oliver Tambo International Airport	141 930
Lanseria International Airport	209
Mpumalanga	210 895
Lebombo	134 123
Oshoek	42 103
Jeppes Reef	12 710
Mananga	9 123
Mahamba	7 835
Nerston	394
Emahlatini	4 607
Limpopo	143 692
Beit Bridge	123 003
Groblers Bridge	20 689

4. Explanatory notes

4.1 Introduction

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

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

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

4.2 Purpose of the statistical release

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

4.3 Scope and coverage

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

4.4 Data

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

- Data routinely collected by immigration officers at all road, air and sea entry ports on all travellers (South African residents and foreign travellers) arriving into or departing from South Africa are captured into the DHA's population Movement Control System (MCS). The counts/statistics relate to the number of individual movements, rather than to the number of people. Hence, the multiple movements of individual people during the calendar month are each counted separately. Generally, the data are collected directly from travel documents either by scanning or capturing onto the ports' electronic database. No forms or cards are used (except on rare occasions when the capturing system is down) to collect information from travellers. Individual ports regularly transmit data onto the national database at the head office of the DHA.
- Stats SA receives downloaded data covering a particular calendar month from the DHA.
- As part of data interrogation, data from OR Tambo International Airport, which has the highest volume of travellers, are compared with passenger statistics from the Airports Company of South Africa (ACSA). As expected, in any specific month, an increase in the volume of passengers reported by ACSA is also reflected in an increase in the volume of travellers recorded by DHA. A similar pattern has also been observed when the volume of travellers decreased. In September 2024, the DHA data was 7,6% 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.

5. General information

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