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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 September 2026. Specific focus is on foreign tourists who entered the country in September 2026. Tourists are classified by region and country of residence. Details of their mode of travel; purpose of visit, and age and sex distribution are also provided.

The March, June, September, and December releases include summaries of tourist numbers 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 September 2026, 2 883 115 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) entered and exited South Africa. They were made up of 766 185 (26,6%) South African residents and 2 116 930 (73,4%) foreign travellers. Foreign arrivals were made up of 29 266 (2,7%) non-visitors and 1 062 175 (97,3%) visitors. Visitors consisted of 226 795 (21,4%) same-day visitors and 835 380 (78,6%) overnight visitors (tourists).

Tourists

Overseas tourists constituted 19,4% (161 753) of all tourists. United States of America (USA) (27 825), United Kingdom (UK) (22 305) and Germany (17 627) contributed 41,9% to overseas tourists. Tourists from Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries constituted 79,0% (659 613) of all tourists. Mozambique (182 751), Zimbabwe (178 966) and Lesotho (127 152) contributed 74,1% to SADC tourists. 'Other' African countries (non-SADC) tourists were 1,6% (13 225) of all tourists. Kenya (3 874), Ghana (2 334) and Uganda (1 759) contributed 60,2% to 'other' African tourists. The country of residence of 789 (0,1%) tourists was classified as unspecified.

Purpose of visit

'Holiday'¹ continues to be the main purpose of visit. About 97,5% of all the tourists were in South Africa for holiday purposes.



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

2. Key findings

2.1 Travellers

2.1.1 Number of travellers

The routine data collected by the DHA immigration officers at the ports of entry into and out of South Africa shows that a total of 2 883 115 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) passed through South African ports in September 2026. As presented in Table 1 below, these travellers were made up of 766 185 South African residents and 2 116 930 foreign travellers. A further breakdown of the figures for South African residents indicates that there were 363 887 arrivals, 401 604 departures and 694 travellers in transit. The corresponding volumes for foreign arrivals, departures and travellers in transit were 1 091 441, 972 308 and 53 181, respectively.

A comparison between the movements in August 2026 and September 2026 indicates that, for both groups of travellers, the volumes of arrivals and transits decreased, while that of departures increased for South African residents and decreased for foreign travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals decreased by 2,7% (from 373 843 in August 2026 to 363 887 in September 2026), departures increased by 3,5% (from 387 967 in August 2026 to 401 604 in September 2026) and transits decreased by 3,7% (from 721 in August 2026 to 694 in September 2026). For foreign travellers, arrivals decreased by 16,3% (from 1 304 763 in August 2026 to 1 091 441 in September 2026), departures decreased by 10,8% (from 1 090 191 in August 2026 to 972 308 in September 2026), and transits decreased by 18,4% (from 65 205 in August 2026 to 53 181 in September 2026).

A comparison between the movements in September 2025 and September 2026 indicates that for both groups of travellers, the volume of arrivals decreased, while that of transits increased. Departures, however, increased for South African residents and decreased for foreign travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals decreased by 4,5% (from 381 185 in September 2025 to 363 887 in September 2026), departures increased by 1,6% (from 395 448 in September 2025 to 401 604 in September 2026) and transits increased by 7,1% (from 648 in September 2025 to 694 in September 2026). For foreign travellers, arrivals decreased by 5,6% (from 1 156 606 in September 2025 to 1 091 441 in September 2026), departures decreased by 2,9% (from 1 001 265 in September 2025 to 972 308 in September 2026) and transits increased by 0,4% (from 52 947 in September 2025 to 53 181 in September 2026).

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

Travel Direction	September 2025	August 2026	September 2026	% Change Aug 2026 – Sep 2026	% Change Sep 2025 – Sep 2026
Total	2 988 099	3 222 690	2 883 115	-10,5	-3,5
South African residents	777 281	762 531	766 185	0,5	-1,4
Arrivals	381 185	373 843	363 887	-2,7	-4,5
Departures	395 448	387 967	401 604	3,5	1,6
Transits	648	721	694	-3,7	7,1
Foreign travellers	2 210 818	2 460 159	2 116 930	-14,0	-4,2
Arrivals	1 156 606	1 304 763	1 091 441	-16,3	-5,6
Departures	1 001 265	1 090 191	972 308	-10,8	-2,9
Transits	52 947	65 205	53 181	-18,4	0,4

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 2026, road was the most common mode of travel used by 1 941 492 (67,3%) of the 2 883 115 travellers. The total number of air travellers was 938 093 (32,5%). Compared to air and road, a smaller number of travellers, 3 530 (0,1%) used sea into and out of South Africa. Information on arrivals of South African residents shows that 173 690 (47,7%) came by air, 190 170 (52,3%) came by road and 27 (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea. For departures, 198 748 (49,5%) used air, 202 701 (50,5%) used road and 155 (less than 0,1%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 694 (100,0%) used air.

In the case of foreign travellers, 242 455 (22,2%) arrived by air, 848 115 (77,7%) came by road and 871 (0,1%) arrived by sea. When departing South Africa, 269 325 (27,7%) foreign travellers left by air, 700 506 (72,0%) left by road and 2 477 (0,3%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 53 181 (100,0%) used air.

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

Travel direction	Total	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Total	2 883 115	217 736	18 855	699 442	2 060	938 093	1 941 492	3 530
South African residents	766 185	74 999	14 139	282 571	1 423	373 132	392 871	182
Arrivals	363 887	35 985	6 424	130 548	733	173 690	190 170	27
Departures	401 604	39 008	7 715	151 335	690	198 748	202 701	155
Transit	694	6	-	688	-	694	-	-
Foreign travellers	2 116 930	142 737	4 716	416 871	637	564 961	1 548 621	3 348
Arrivals	1 091 441	66 461	2 450	173 212	332	242 455	848 115	871
Departures	972 308	75 382	2 266	191 372	305	269 325	700 506	2 477
Transit	53 181	894	-	52 287	-	53 181	-	-
Visitors	1 062 175	63 757	2 015	168 321	226	234 319	827 852	4
Same-day	226 795	1 925	12	24 189	47	26 173	200 622	-
Overnight visitors/ Tourists	835 380	61 832	2 003	144 132	179	208 146	627 230	4

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 have spent abroad are not collected by the DHA. It is therefore not possible to categorise South African residents as tourists or non-tourists. However, some data are available on foreign arrivals for this categorisation.

As presented in Table 3 on page 4, in September 2026, 29 266 (2,7%) of foreign arrivals were classified as non-visitors, while 1 062 175 (97,3%) were classified as visitors. Visitors were categorised into three groups:

- Arrivals only – comprising visitors who entered the country in September 2026 but did not depart in September 2026 [440 533 (41,5%)].
- Single trips – visitors who came to South Africa once in September 2026 and left in September 2026 [332 690 (31,3%)].
- Multiple trips – visitors who came to and left South Africa more than once in September 2026 [288 952 (27,2%)].

Visitors were further grouped as same-day visitors and overnight visitors/tourists. In September 2026, there were 226 795 (21,4%) same-day visitors and 835 380 (78,6%) tourists. Between August 2026 and September 2026, the volume of same-day visitors decreased by 14,7% (from 265 947 in August 2026 to 226 795 in September 2026) and that of tourists decreased by 16,9% (from 1 005 286 in August 2026 to 835 380 in September 2026). Between September 2025 and September 2026, the volume of same-day visitors decreased by 20,0% (from 283 478 in September 2025 to 226 795 in September 2026), whereas that of tourists decreased by 1,3% (from 846 367 in September 2025 to 835 380 in September 2026).

Table 2 on page 3 further shows that of the 226 795 same-day visitors, a majority, 200 622 (88,5%) arrived in the country by road, 26 173 (11,5%) arrived by air and none arrived by sea. Information on tourists shows that 627 230 (75,1%) came by road, 208 146 (24,9%) used air and four (less than 0,1%) used sea.

Table 3 – Number of visitors by type of visitor

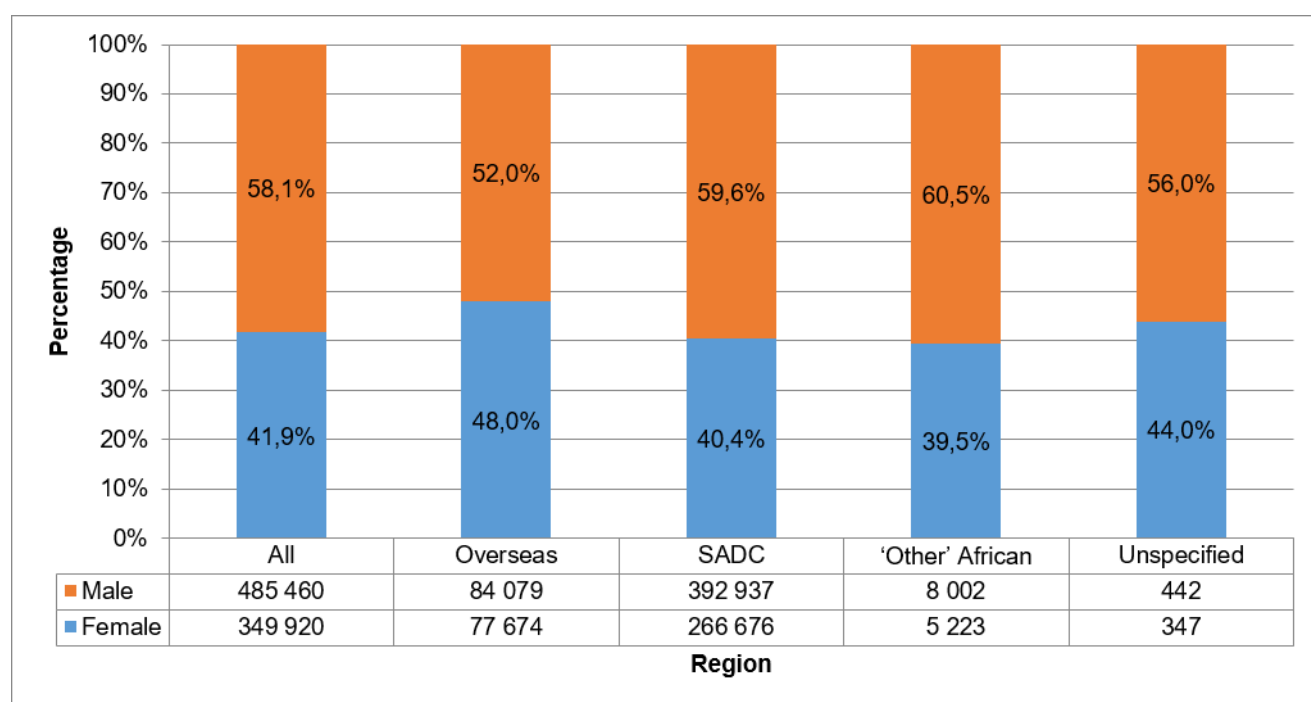
Travel Direction	September 2025	August 2026	September 2026	% Change Aug 2026 – Sep 2026	% Change Sep 2025 – Sep 2026
Foreign arrivals	1 156 606	1 304 763	1 091 441	-16,3	-5,6
Non-visitors	26 761	33 530	29 266	-12,7	9,4
Visitors	1 129 845	1 271 233	1 062 175	-16,4	-6,0
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Arrivals only	406 560	523 621	440 533	-15,9	8,4
Single trips	362 581	388 714	332 690	-14,4	-8,2
Multiple trips	360 704	358 898	288 952	-19,5	-19,9
Visitors	1 129 845	1 271 233	1 062 175	-16,4	-6,0
Same-day	283 478	265 947	226 795	-14,7	-20,0
Overnight visitors/Tourists	846 367	1 005 286	835 380	-16,9	-1,3

2.3 Tourists

2.3.1 Sex and age distribution of tourists

Sex

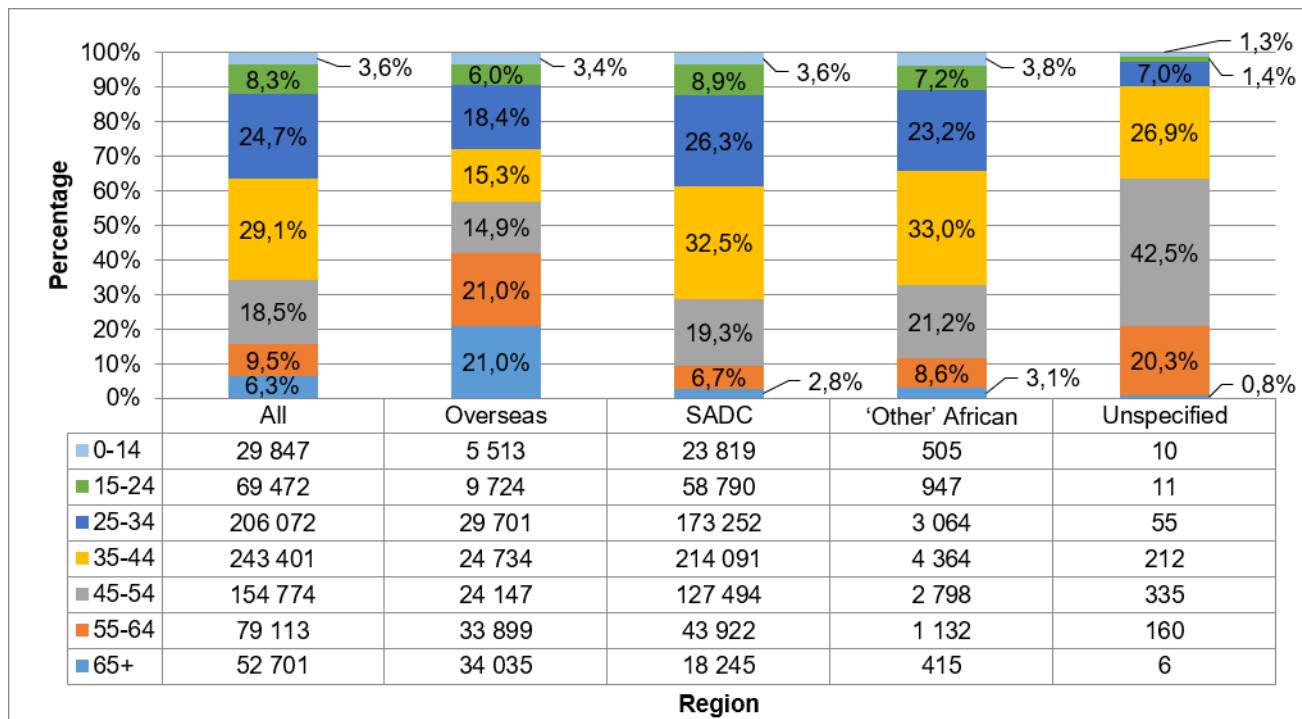
Figure 1 on page 5 shows that there were more male [485 460 (58,1%)] than female [349 920 (41,9%)] tourists. Male tourists constituted the majority of tourists for all three regions, SADC countries [392 937 (59,6%)], overseas countries [84 079 (52,0%)] and 'other' African countries [8 002 (60,5%)]. Similarly, the largest portion of female tourists was from SADC countries [266 676 (40,4%)], followed by overseas countries [77 674 (48,0%)] and 'other' African countries [5 223 (39,5%)].

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

Age

The age distribution indicates that out of all tourists, [3,6% (29 847)] were aged younger than 15; [8,3% (69 472)] were aged between 15 and 24; [24,7% (206 072)] were aged between 25 and 34; [29,1% (243 401)] were aged between 35 and 44; [18,5% (154 774)] were aged between 45 and 54; [9,5% (79 113)] were aged between 55 and 64 and [6,3% (52 701)] were aged 65 and above (see Figure 2 on page 6).

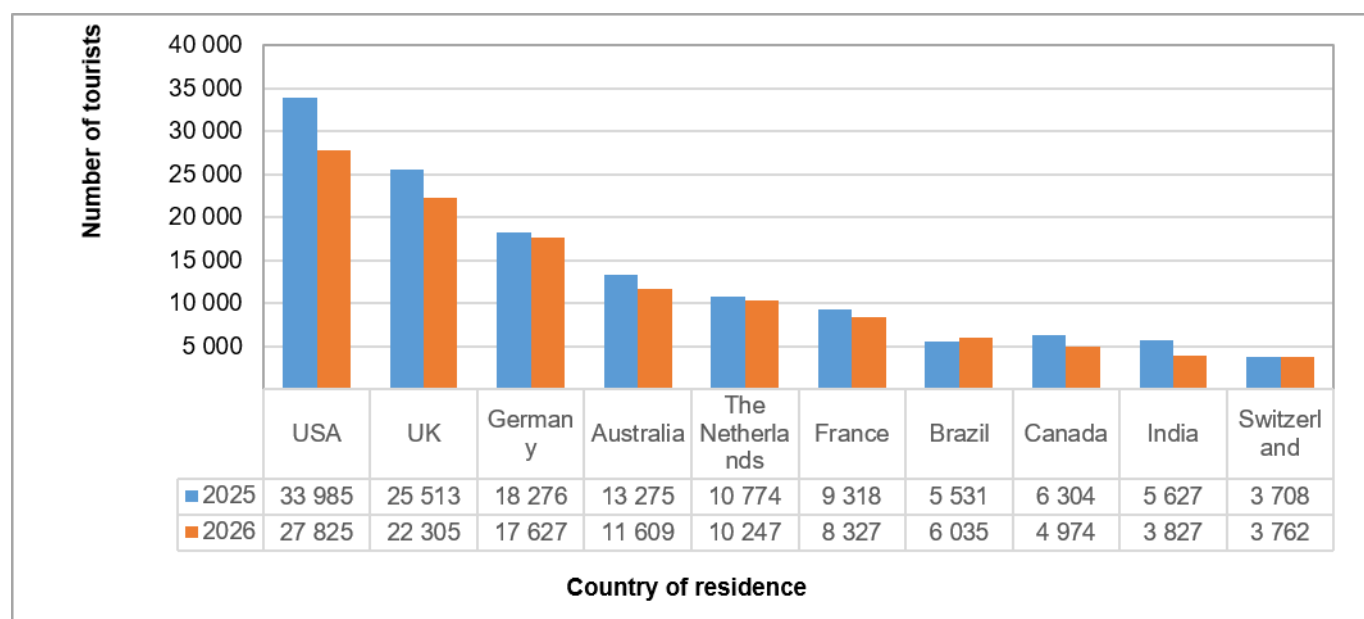
Taking the region of residence into consideration, the results show that the highest proportion of tourists from 'other' African countries [33,0% (4 364)] and those from SADC countries [32,5% (214 091)] were aged between 35 and 44. In contrast, those from overseas countries [21,0% (33 899)] and [21,0% (34 035)] were aged 55-64 and 65 and above, respectively. The second highest proportion of tourists from 'other' African countries [23,2% (3 064)] and those from SADC countries [26,3% (173 252)] were aged between 25 and 34, whereas those from overseas countries [18,4% (29 701)] were aged between 25 and 34. The proportion of tourists aged younger than 15 was higher among tourists from 'other' African countries, 3,8% (505) compared to those from SADC countries, 3,6% (23 819) and those from overseas countries, 3,4% (5 513). The median ages of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries were 49, 38 and 39 years, respectively.

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

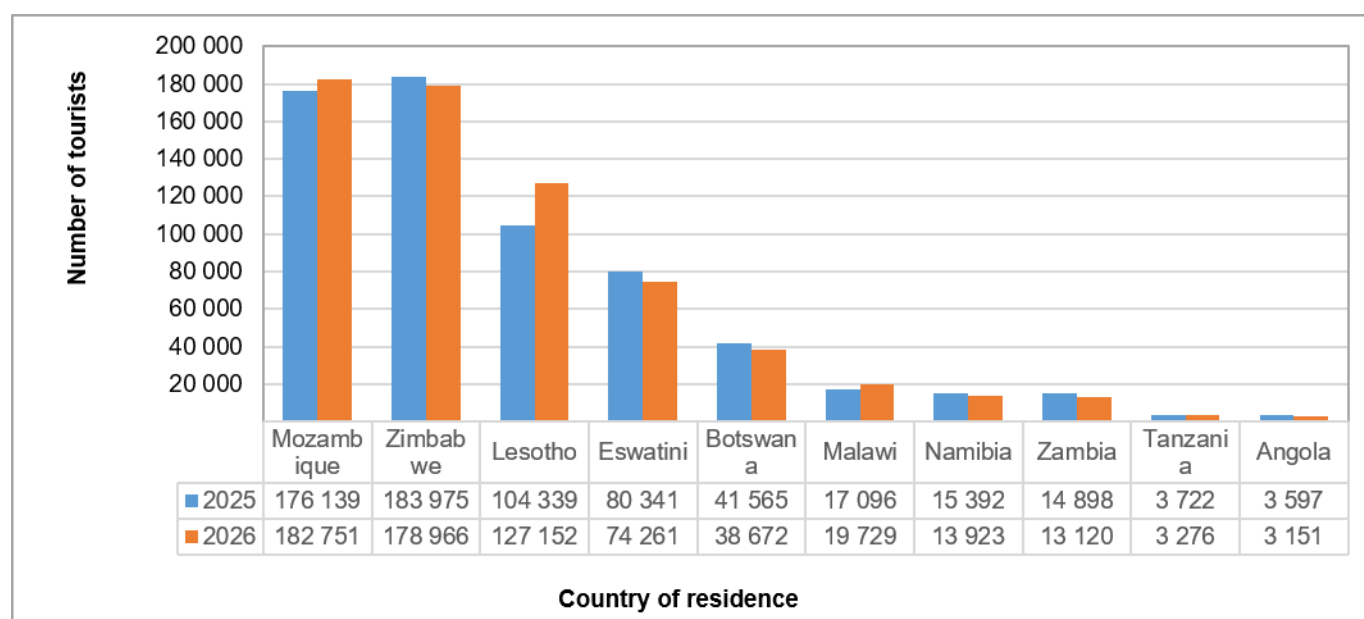
2.3.2 Regional and national distribution of tourists

In September 2026, the distribution of overseas tourists was as follows: Europe, 87 865 (54,3%); North America, 32 799 (20,3%); Asia, 14 739 (9,1%); Australasia, 13 766 (8,5%); Central and South America, 8 581 (5,3%) and Middle East, 4 003 (2,5%) (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 September 2026 were: USA, 27 825 (17,2%); UK, 22 305 (13,8%); Germany, 17 627 (10,9%); Australia, 11 609 (7,2%); The Netherlands, 10 247 (6,3%); France, 8 327 (5,1%); Brazil, 6 035 (3,7%); Canada, 4 974 (3,1%); India, 3 827 (2,4%) and Switzerland, 3 762 (2,3%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 72,0% of all tourists from overseas countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between September 2025 and September 2026 shows that the number of tourists increased for 2 of the 10 leading countries. Brazil had the highest increase of 9,1% (from 5 531 tourists in September 2025 to 6 035 tourists in September 2026).

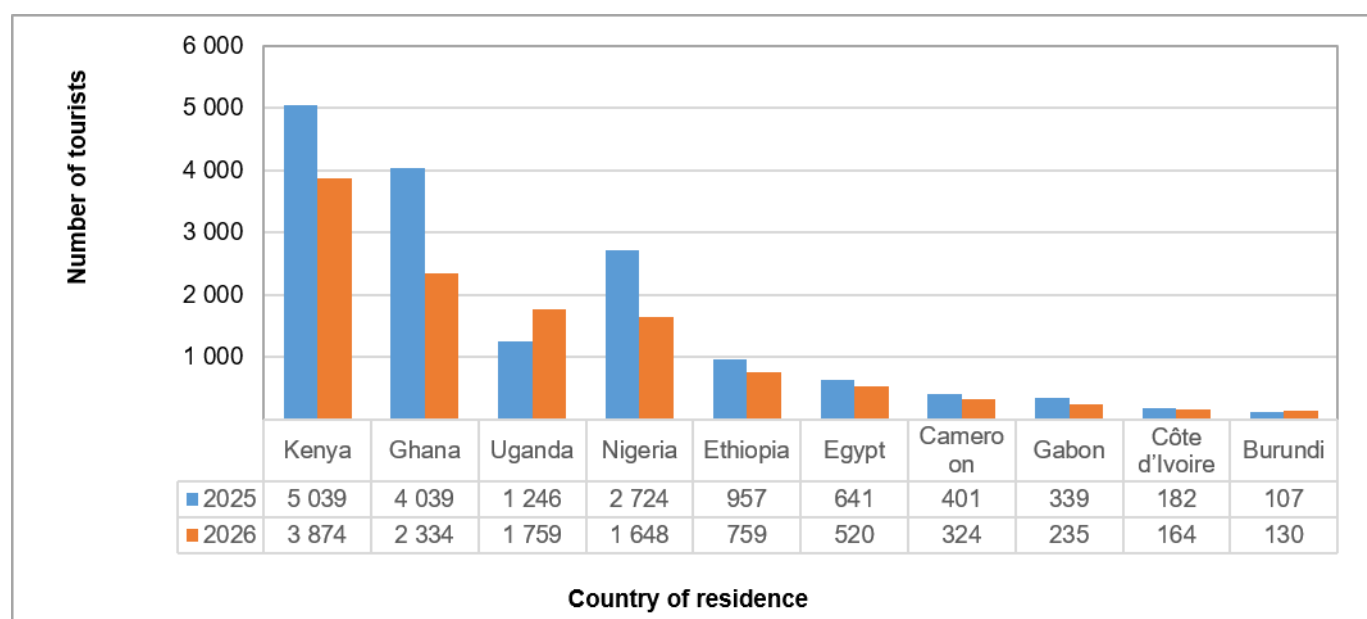
Figure 3 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading overseas countries in September 2025 and September 2026

Virtually, most tourists from Africa, 659 613 (98,0%), came from SADC countries. The distribution of the remaining tourists from Africa was as follows: East and Central Africa, 7 405 (1,1%); West Africa, 4 858 (0,7%) and North Africa, 962 (0,1%) (see Table 4 on page 9). The 10 leading SADC countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in September 2026 were: Mozambique, 182 751 (27,7%); Zimbabwe, 178 966 (27,1%); Lesotho, 127 152 (19,3%); Eswatini, 74 261 (11,3%); Botswana, 38 672 (5,9%); Malawi, 19 729 (3,0%); Namibia, 13 923 (2,1%); Zambia, 13 120 (2,0%); Tanzania, 3 276 (0,5%) and Angola, 3 151 (0,5%) (see Figure 4 below). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 99,3% of all tourists from the SADC countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between September 2025 and September 2026 shows that the number of tourists increased for 3 of the 10 leading countries. Lesotho showed the highest increase of 21,9% (from 104 339 tourists in September 2025 to 127 152 tourists in September 2026).

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

The 10 leading countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in September 2026 from 'other' African countries, as shown in Figure 5 below, were: Kenya, 3 874 (29,3%); Ghana, 2 334 (17,6%); Uganda, 1 759 (13,3%); Nigeria, 1 648 (12,5%); Ethiopia, 759 (5,7%); Egypt, 520 (3,9%); Cameroon, 324 (2,4%); Gabon, 235 (1,8%); Côte d'Ivoire, 164 (1,2%) and Burundi, 130 (1,0%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 88,8% of all tourists from 'other' African countries. A comparison between movements in September 2025 and September 2026 shows that the number of tourists increased for 2 of the 10 leading countries. Uganda recorded an increase of 41,2% (from 1 246 tourists in September 2025 to 1 759 tourists in September 2026).

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



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 are presented in Annexure C on pages 21 to 24. It is observed that in September 2026, the majority of tourists, 814 513 (97,5%), were in South Africa for holiday compared to 17 905 (2,1%); 2 748 (0,3%) and 214 (less than 0,1%) who were in South Africa for business, study and medical treatment, respectively.

Within the overseas regions, Australasia, 99,5% (13 700) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for holiday, followed by North America, 98,6% (32 345); Central and South America, 97,9% (8 397); Europe, 97,8% (85 947); Middle East, 96,4% (3 859) and Asia, 93,1% (13 726).

Asia, 5,6% (821) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business, followed by Middle East, 2,6% (104); Central and South America, 1,8% (154); Europe, 1,7% (1 507); North America, 1,2% (389) and Australasia, 0,4% (57).

Asia, 1,2% (184) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to study, followed by Middle East, 1,0% (40); Europe, 0,4% (385); Central and South America, 0,3% (26); North America, 0,2% (59) and Australasia, (5) with less than 0,1% of the tourists.

Asia, 0,1% (8) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for medical treatment, followed by Europe (26), North America (6), Central and South America (4) and Australasia (4), with each having less than 0,1% of tourists who came for medical treatment. Middle East had none.

The majority of African tourists, 655 804 (97,5%) 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 97,6% (643 899) of tourists from SADC countries compared with 90,0% (11 905) from 'other' African countries. Information on the regions of 'other' African countries shows that 90,7% (4 404) of tourists from West Africa were on holiday, followed by tourists from East and Central Africa, 90,3% (6 687) and those from North Africa, 84,6% (814).
- Business persons constituted 2,1% (13 893) of tourists from SADC countries compared with 7,0% (930) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 9,6% (92) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business purposes, followed by East and Central Africa, 7,3% (537) and West Africa, 6,2% (301).
- Students constituted 0,3% (1 683) of tourists from SADC countries compared with 2,8% (364) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 5,7% (55) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for study purposes, followed by West Africa, 3,1% (149) and East and Central Africa, 2,2% (160).
- Tourists who came for medical treatment constituted less than 0,1% (138) of tourists from SADC countries, while those from 'other' African countries constituted 0,2% (26). East and Central Africa, 0,3% (21) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for medical treatment, followed by West Africa, 0,1% (4) and North Africa, 0,1% (1).

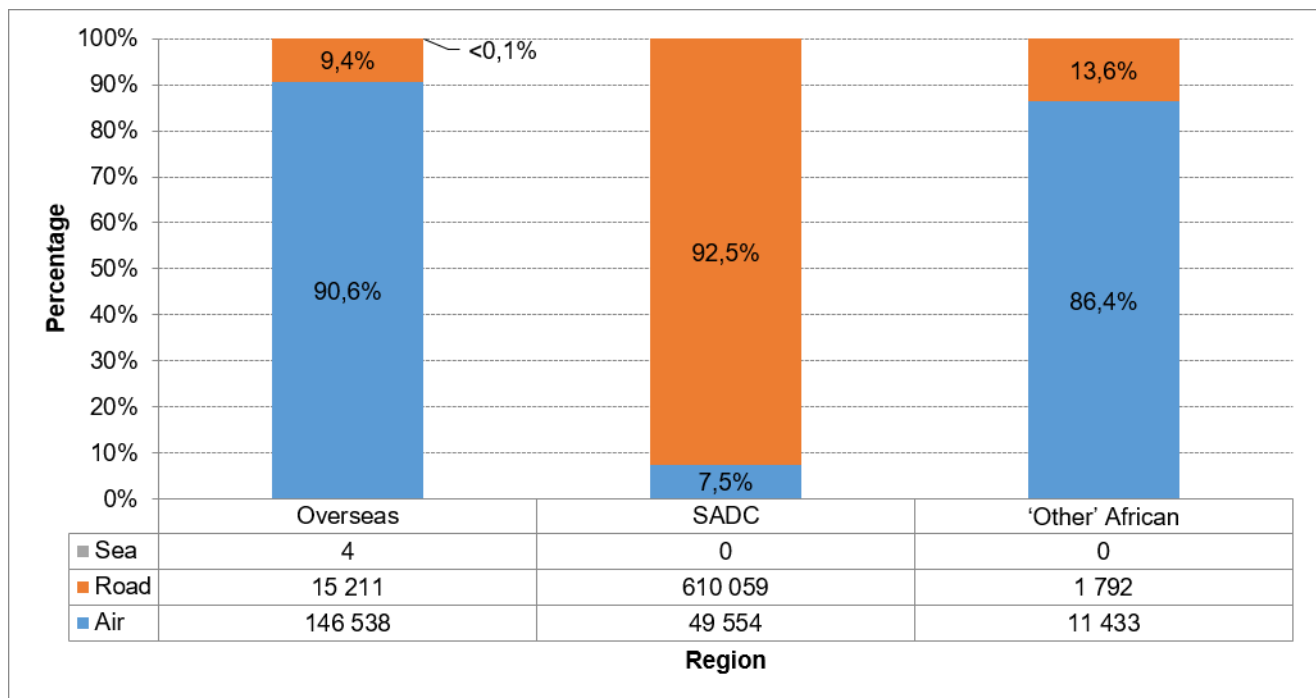
Table 4 – Number of tourists by region of residence and purpose of visit

Region of residence	September 2026	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Total	835 380	17 905	814 513	2 748	214
Overseas	161 753	3 032	157 974	699	48
Europe	87 865	1 507	85 947	385	26
North America	32 799	389	32 345	59	6
Central and South America	8 581	154	8 397	26	4
Australasia	13 766	57	13 700	5	4
Middle East	4 003	104	3 859	40	-
Asia	14 739	821	13 726	184	8
Africa	672 838	14 823	655 804	2 047	164
SADC	659 613	13 893	643 899	1 683	138
'Other' African	13 225	930	11 905	364	26
East and Central Africa	7 405	537	6 687	160	21
West Africa	4 858	301	4 404	149	4
North Africa	962	92	814	55	1
Unspecified	789	50	735	2	2

2.3.4 Mode of travel of tourists

Tourists are categorised by their countries of residence and regions. Information on the specific region and country of residence of tourists and the mode of travel used to enter South Africa is provided in Annexure B on pages 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, 146 538 (90,6%) overseas tourists arrived in the country by air, whilst 15 211 (9,4%) came in by road and four (less than 1,0%) arrived by sea. Tourists from the SADC countries, on the other hand, came predominantly by road, 610 059 (92,5%), 49 554 (7,5%) came by air and none came by sea. The number of tourists who came into South Africa by air from 'other' African countries was 11 433 (86,4%); while 1 792 (13,6%) used road transport and none arrived by sea. Most tourists who arrived by road came through Lebombo port (180 429) and Beit Bridge port (143 675). The majority of tourists who came by air entered through OR Tambo International Airport (144 132) and Cape Town International Airport (61 832). Tourists who arrived by sea came through Cape Town Harbour (4).

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



2.3.5 Quarterly and annual trends

Figures 7, 8 and 9 on pages 11 and 12 show quarterly changes in the number of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries, respectively. Figure 7 on page 11, shows that the number of overseas tourists who come to South Africa is generally highest in quarters one and four of each year except the period between 2021 and 2022 when they were highest in quarters three and four. Between quarter two and quarter three of 2026 (Annexure E, pages 29 to 30), the number of tourists from overseas increased by 13,0% (from 494 429 in quarter two to 558 766 in quarter three of 2026). A year-on-year comparison between 2025 and 2026 for quarter three (Annexure F, pages 33 to 34) shows that the number of overseas tourists increased by 0,2% (from 557 534 in quarter three of 2025 to 558 766 in quarter three of 2026).

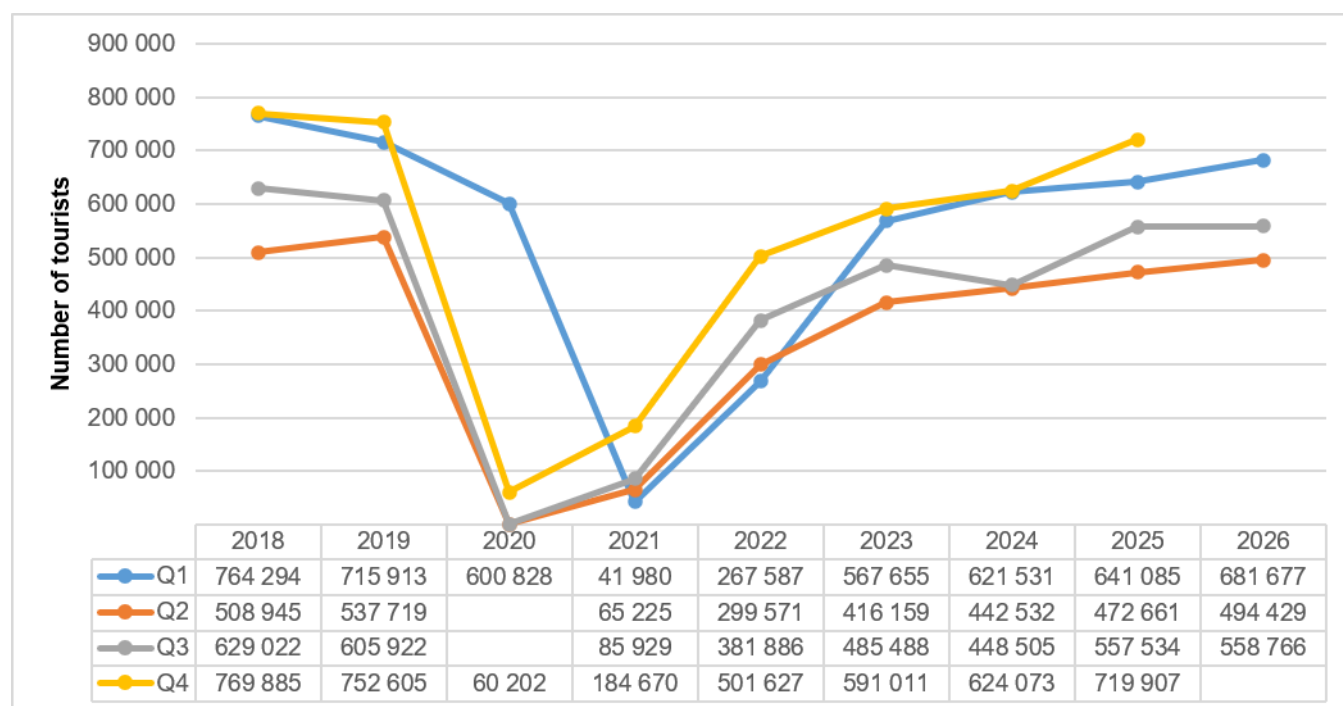
Figure 7 – Number of tourists from overseas countries by quarter: 2018 – 2026

Figure 8 below, shows that the number of SADC tourists was highest in quarter one between 2018 and 2020 and in 2024. Tourists were also highest in quarter four between 2021 and 2023 and in 2025. Between quarter two and quarter three of 2026, the number of tourists from SADC increased by 4,8% (from 2 130 193 in quarter two to 2 232 313 in quarter three of 2026) (see Annexure E on pages 30 to 31). Comparisons between the third quarters of 2025 and 2026 show that the number of SADC tourists increased by 8,7% (from 2 053 669 in quarter three of 2025 to 2 232 313 in quarter three of 2026) (see Annexure F on pages 34 to 35).

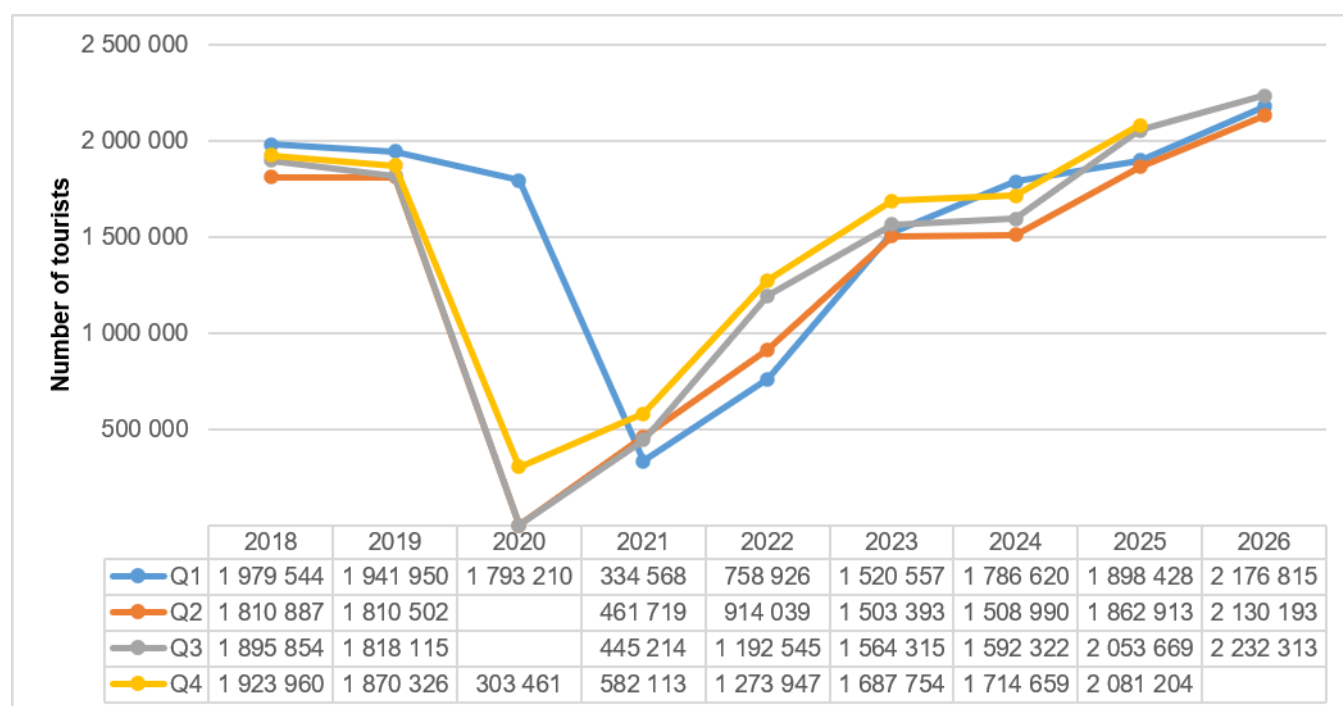
Figure 8 – Number of tourists from SADC countries by quarter: 2018 – 2026

Figure 9 below, shows that the number of tourists from 'other' African countries was highest in quarter four between 2021 and 2025 and was highest in quarter three of 2018 and in quarter one of 2019. Between quarter two and quarter

three of 2026 (see Annexure E on pages 31 to 32), the number of tourists from 'other' African countries decreased by 17,4% (from 47 091 in quarter two of 2026 to 38 909 in quarter three of 2026). North Africa had the highest decrease of 29,7% (from 4 539 in quarter two to 3 191 in quarter three of 2026), followed by West Africa which decreased by 22,8% (from 19 154 in quarter two to 14 785 in quarter three of 2026) and East and Central Africa by 10,5% (from 23 398 in quarter two to 20 933 in quarter three of 2026). A year-on-year comparison for quarter three of 2025 and 2026 (see Annexure F on pages 35 to 36) shows that the number of tourists from 'other' African countries decreased by 21,1% (from 49 291 in quarter three of 2025 to 38 909 in quarter three of 2026). West Africa had the highest decrease of 31,2% (from 21 479 in quarter three of 2025 to 14 785 in quarter three of 2026), followed by East and Central Africa which decreased by 14,6% (from 24 523 in quarter three of 2025 to 20 933 in quarter three of 2026) and North Africa by 3,0% (from 3 289 in quarter three of 2025 to 3 191 in quarter three of 2026).

Figure 9 – Number of tourists from 'other' African countries by quarter: 2018 – 2026



3. Annexures

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

Country of residence	September 2025	September 2026	Difference between September 2025 and September 2026	% change between September 2025 and September 2026
Total	846 367	835 380	-10 987	-1,3
Overseas	181 802	161 753	-20 049	-11,0
Europe	94 470	87 865	-6 605	-7,0
Austria	1 292	1 204	-88	-6,8
Belgium	3 864	3 644	-220	-5,7
France	9 318	8 327	-991	-10,6
Germany	18 276	17 627	-649	-3,6
Ireland	1 943	1 698	-245	-12,6
Italy	4 112	3 569	-543	-13,2
Poland	987	1 036	49	5,0
Portugal	1 508	1 469	-39	-2,6
Russian Federation	2 899	2 696	-203	-7,0
Spain	3 294	3 348	54	1,6
Switzerland	3 708	3 762	54	1,5
The Netherlands	10 774	10 247	-527	-4,9
Turkey	980	1 019	39	4,0
UK	25 513	22 305	-3 208	-12,6
Other	6 002	5 914	-88	-1,5
North America	40 289	32 799	-7 490	-18,6
Canada	6 304	4 974	-1 330	-21,1
USA	33 985	27 825	-6 160	-18,1
Central and South America	8 506	8 581	75	0,9
Argentina	710	655	-55	-7,7
Brazil	5 531	6 035	504	9,1
Chile	439	368	-71	-16,2
Other	1 826	1 523	-303	-16,6

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

Country of residence	September 2025	September 2026	Difference between September 2025 and September 2026	% change between September 2025 and September 2026
Australasia	15 567	13 766	-1 801	-11,6
Australia	13 275	11 609	-1 666	-12,5
New Zealand	2 271	2 117	-154	-6,8
Other	21	40	19	90,5
Middle East	4 267	4 003	-264	-6,2
Israel	913	1 008	95	10,4
Saudi Arabia	1 854	1 777	-77	-4,2
United Arab Emirates	375	426	51	13,6
Other	1 125	792	-333	-29,6
Asia	18 703	14 739	-3 964	-21,2
Bangladesh	748	746	-2	-0,3
China	3 030	2 213	-817	-27,0
India	5 627	3 827	-1 800	-32,0
Japan	1 735	2 002	267	15,4
Malaysia	843	789	-54	-6,4
Pakistan	1 916	1 539	-377	-19,7
Singapore	830	831	1	0,1
South Korea	1 073	709	-364	-33,9
Taiwan	367	450	83	22,6
Thailand	625	479	-146	-23,4
Other	1 909	1 154	-755	-39,5
Africa	663 421	672 838	9 417	1,4
SADC	645 745	659 613	13 868	2,1
Angola	3 597	3 151	-446	-12,4
Botswana	41 565	38 672	-2 893	-7,0
DRC	2 589	2 611	22	0,8
Eswatini	80 341	74 261	-6 080	-7,6

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

Country of residence	September 2025	September 2026	Difference between September 2025 and September 2026	% change between September 2025 and September 2026
Lesotho	104 339	127 152	22 813	21,9
Madagascar	468	513	45	9,6
Malawi	17 096	19 729	2 633	15,4
Mauritius	1 424	1 200	-224	-15,7
Mozambique	176 139	182 751	6 612	3,8
Namibia	15 392	13 923	-1 469	-9,5
Seychelles	200	288	88	44,0
Tanzania	3 722	3 276	-446	-12,0
Zambia	14 898	13 120	-1 778	-11,9
Zimbabwe	183 975	178 966	-5 009	-2,7
'Other' African	17 676	13 225	-4 451	-25,2
East and Central Africa	8 664	7 405	-1 259	-14,5
Burundi	107	130	23	21,5
Cameroon	401	324	-77	-19,2
Central African Republic	13	47	34	261,5
Chad	54	26	-28	-51,9
Comoros	20	17	-3	-15,0
Congo	163	78	-85	-52,1
Djibouti	2	4	2	100,0
Equatorial Guinea	66	11	-55	-83,3
Eritrea	32	27	-5	-15,6
Ethiopia	957	759	-198	-20,7
Gabon	339	235	-104	-30,7
Kenya	5 039	3 874	-1 165	-23,1
Rwanda	108	75	-33	-30,6
São Tomé and Príncipe	11	9	-2	-18,2
Somalia	106	30	-76	-71,7
Uganda	1 246	1 759	513	41,2

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

Country of residence	September 2025	September 2026	Difference between September 2025 and September 2026	% change between September 2025 and September 2026
West Africa	7 816	4 858	-2 958	-37,8
Benin	168	118	-50	-29,8
Burkina Faso	44	53	9	20,5
Cape Verde Island	28	21	-7	-25,0
Côte d'Ivoire	182	164	-18	-9,9
Gambia	28	37	9	32,1
Ghana	4 039	2 334	-1 705	-42,2
Guinea	91	97	6	6,6
Guinea-Bissau	10	4	-6	-60,0
Liberia	76	61	-15	-19,7
Mali	62	71	9	14,5
Mauritania	27	13	-14	-51,9
Niger	27	23	-4	-14,8
Nigeria	2 724	1 648	-1 076	-39,5
Saint Helena	1	1	-	-
Senegal	190	121	-69	-36,3
Sierra Leone	76	31	-45	-59,2
Togo	43	61	18	41,9
North Africa	1 196	962	-234	-19,6
Algeria	123	77	-46	-37,4
Egypt	641	520	-121	-18,9
Libya	46	22	-24	-52,2
Morocco	140	96	-44	-31,4
South Sudan	50	48	-2	-4,0
The Sudan	83	97	14	16,9
Tunisia	111	101	-10	-9,0
Western Sahara	2	1	-1	-50,0
Unspecified	1 144	789	-355	-31,0

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

Country of residence	September 2026	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Total	835 380	61 832	2 561	143 574	179	208 146	627 230	4
Overseas	161 753	53 031	1 546	91 845	116	146 538	15 211	4
Europe	87 865	29 511	1 095	47 494	65	78 165	9 697	3
Austria	1 204	448	4	604	2	1 058	146	-
Belgium	3 644	989	89	1 987	5	3 070	574	-
France	8 327	1 930	183	4 983	7	7 103	1 224	-
Germany	17 627	6 380	94	8 676	8	15 158	2 469	-
Ireland	1 698	724	17	872	-	1 613	85	-
Italy	3 569	1 527	38	1 727	2	3 294	275	-
Poland	1 036	310	5	609	-	924	112	-
Portugal	1 469	332	11	677	2	1 022	447	-
Russian Federation	2 696	1 470	24	1 096	2	2 592	104	-
Spain	3 348	932	28	1 975	2	2 937	411	-
Switzerland	3 762	1 614	17	1 863	5	3 499	263	-
The Netherlands	10 247	2 929	67	5 104	4	8 104	2 143	-
Turkey	1 019	357	52	539	-	948	70	1
UK	22 305	7 385	341	13 580	23	21 329	976	-
Other	5 914	2 184	125	3 202	3	5 514	398	2
North America	32 799	12 119	125	18 858	29	31 131	1 668	-
Canada	4 974	2 024	49	2 455	1	4 529	445	-
USA	27 825	10 095	76	16 403	28	26 602	1 223	-
Central and South America	8 581	3 377	8	4 841	2	8 228	353	-
Argentina	655	252	1	376	-	629	26	-
Brazil	6 035	2 454	3	3 338	-	5 795	240	-
Chile	368	124	-	231	-	355	13	-
Other	1 523	547	4	896	2	1 449	74	-

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

Country of residence	September 2026	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Australasia	13 766	2 110	79	11 001	11	13 201	565	-
Australia	11 609	1 698	54	9 403	11	11 166	443	-
New Zealand	2 117	398	25	1 572	-	1 995	122	-
Other	40	14	-	26	-	40	-	-
Middle East	4 003	2 385	21	1 497	1	3 904	99	-
Israel	1 008	384	6	586	-	976	32	-
Saudi Arabia	1 777	1 376	3	394	-	1 773	4	-
United Arab Emirates	426	316	1	106	1	424	2	-
Other	792	309	11	411	-	731	61	-
Asia	14 739	3 529	218	8 154	8	11 909	2 829	1
Bangladesh	746	189	21	419	-	629	117	-
China	2 213	360	6	1 513	-	1 879	334	-
India	3 827	566	97	1 921	4	2 588	1 239	-
Japan	2 002	668	9	1 243	-	1 920	82	-
Malaysia	789	293	5	452	-	750	39	-
Pakistan	1 539	191	21	653	-	865	674	-
Singapore	831	222	1	596	3	822	9	-
South Korea	709	227	10	361	-	598	111	-
Taiwan	450	225	1	158	-	384	66	-
Thailand	479	171	17	273	-	461	18	-
Other	1 154	417	30	565	1	1 013	140	1
Africa	672 838	8 738	457	51 729	63	60 987	611 851	-
SADC	659 613	5 830	436	43 238	50	49 554	610 059	-
Angola	3 151	1 265	-	1 406	-	2 671	480	-
Botswana	38 672	447	1	2 584	14	3 046	35 626	-
DRC	2 611	90	1	2 339	2	2 432	179	-
Eswatini	74 261	130	77	939	2	1 148	73 113	-

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

Country of residence	September 2026	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Lesotho	127 152	12	3	763	-	778	126 374	-
Madagascar	513	15	-	482	-	497	16	-
Malawi	19 729	30	3	2 618	-	2 651	17 078	-
Mauritius	1 200	258	-	884	-	1 142	58	-
Mozambique	182 751	158	15	3 726	5	3 904	178 847	-
Namibia	13 923	1 931	-	2 853	1	4 785	9 138	-
Seychelles	288	2	1	268	-	271	17	-
Tanzania	3 276	305	4	1 847	-	2 156	1 120	-
Zambia	13 120	143	2	3 709	1	3 855	9 265	-
Zimbabwe	178 966	1 044	329	18 820	25	20 218	158 748	-
'Other' African	13 225	2 908	21	8 491	13	11 433	1 792	-
East and Central Africa	7 405	1 836	6	4 862	3	6 707	698	-
Burundi	130	40	-	85	-	125	5	-
Cameroon	324	90	1	210	1	302	22	-
Central African Republic	47	1	-	46	-	47	-	-
Chad	26	3	-	23	-	26	-	-
Comoros	17	4	-	13	-	17	-	-
Congo	78	21	-	50	-	71	7	-
Djibouti	4	-	-	4	-	4	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	11	1	-	10	-	11	-	-
Eritrea	27	2	1	23	-	26	1	-
Ethiopia	759	138	-	555	-	693	66	-
Gabon	235	20	-	212	-	232	3	-
Kenya	3 874	953	4	2 415	2	3 374	500	-
Rwanda	75	15	-	50	-	65	10	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	9	-	-	7	-	7	2	-
Somalia	30	6	-	16	-	22	8	-
Uganda	1 759	542	-	1 143	-	1 685	74	-

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

Country of residence	September 2026	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
West Africa	4 858	842	4	2 942	10	3 798	1 060	-
Benin	118	28	-	71	-	99	19	-
Burkina Faso	53	7	-	45	-	52	1	-
Cape Verde Island	21	8	-	7	-	15	6	-
Côte d'Ivoire	164	22	-	129	-	151	13	-
Gambia	37	18	-	18	-	36	1	-
Ghana	2 334	214	-	1 268	10	1 492	842	-
Guinea	97	2	-	61	-	63	34	-
Guinea-Bissau	4	-	-	3	-	3	1	-
Liberia	61	22	-	39	-	61	-	-
Mali	71	8	-	35	-	43	28	-
Mauritania	13	2	-	11	-	13	-	-
Niger	23	9	-	14	-	23	-	-
Nigeria	1 648	446	4	1 107	-	1 557	91	-
Saint Helena	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Senegal	121	35	-	66	-	101	20	-
Sierra Leone	31	6	-	23	-	29	2	-
Togo	61	15	-	44	-	59	2	-
North Africa	962	230	11	687	-	928	34	-
Algeria	77	7	-	70	-	77	-	-
Egypt	520	113	3	382	-	498	22	-
Libya	22	6	-	16	-	22	-	-
Morocco	96	18	2	75	-	95	1	-
South Sudan	48	15	-	32	-	47	1	-
The Sudan	97	39	-	49	-	88	9	-
Tunisia	101	32	6	63	-	101	-	-
Western Sahara	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Unspecified	789	63	558	-	-	621	168	-

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

Country of residence	September 2026	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Total	835 380	17 905	814 513	2 748	214
Overseas	161 753	3 032	157 974	699	48
Europe	87 865	1 507	85 947	385	26
Austria	1 204	14	1 180	10	-
Belgium	3 644	51	3 579	11	3
France	8 327	132	8 135	58	2
Germany	17 627	155	17 381	90	1
Ireland	1 698	38	1 657	3	-
Italy	3 569	96	3 458	14	1
Poland	1 036	22	1 008	6	-
Portugal	1 469	26	1 435	6	2
Russian Federation	2 696	35	2 651	10	-
Spain	3 348	73	3 270	5	-
Switzerland	3 762	33	3 716	13	-
The Netherlands	10 247	114	10 091	33	9
Turkey	1 019	53	944	21	1
UK	22 305	453	21 797	48	7
Other	5 914	212	5 645	57	-
North America	32 799	389	32 345	59	6
Canada	4 974	77	4 891	5	1
USA	27 825	312	27 454	54	5
Central and South America	8 581	154	8 397	26	4
Argentina	655	10	642	3	-
Brazil	6 035	86	5 933	16	-
Chile	368	9	357	2	-
Other	1 523	49	1 465	5	4

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

Country of residence	September 2026	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Australasia	13 766	57	13 700	5	4
Australia	11 609	45	11 556	4	4
New Zealand	2 117	6	2 110	1	-
Other	40	6	34	-	-
Middle East	4 003	104	3 859	40	-
Israel	1 008	12	995	1	-
Saudi Arabia	1 777	27	1 742	8	-
United Arab Emirates	426	10	414	2	-
Other	792	55	708	29	-
Asia	14 739	821	13 726	184	8
Bangladesh	746	80	664	1	1
China	2 213	93	2 101	19	-
India	3 827	302	3 412	111	2
Japan	2 002	41	1 949	12	-
Malaysia	789	47	740	2	-
Pakistan	1 539	71	1 455	12	1
Singapore	831	17	814	-	-
South Korea	709	19	678	12	-
Taiwan	450	12	436	-	2
Thailand	479	21	458	-	-
Other	1 154	118	1 019	15	2
Africa	672 838	14 823	655 804	2 047	164
SADC	659 613	13 893	643 899	1 683	138
Angola	3 151	51	2 980	89	31
Botswana	38 672	580	37 884	199	9
DRC	2 611	44	2 413	121	33
Eswatini	74 261	2 214	71 932	108	7

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

Country of residence	September 2026	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Lesotho	127 152	49	126 750	347	6
Madagascar	513	2	500	11	-
Malawi	19 729	254	19 445	25	5
Mauritius	1 200	21	1 168	10	1
Mozambique	182 751	464	182 232	48	7
Namibia	13 923	3 743	9 961	207	12
Seychelles	288	-	286	1	1
Tanzania	3 276	99	3 147	28	2
Zambia	13 120	2 707	10 353	59	1
Zimbabwe	178 966	3 665	174 848	430	23
'Other' African	13 225	930	11 905	364	26
East and Central Africa	7 405	537	6 687	160	21
Burundi	130	11	116	1	2
Cameroon	324	41	254	22	7
Central African Republic	47	5	42	-	-
Chad	26	1	22	3	-
Comoros	17	2	15	-	-
Congo	78	-	64	9	5
Djibouti	4	-	4	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	11	1	9	1	-
Eritrea	27	-	27	-	-
Ethiopia	759	42	704	13	-
Gabon	235	4	226	5	-
Kenya	3 874	241	3 565	63	5
Rwanda	75	10	62	3	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	9	-	9	-	-
Somalia	30	4	24	2	-
Uganda	1 759	175	1 544	38	2

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

Country of residence	September 2026	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
West Africa	4 858	301	4 404	149	4
Benin	118	7	107	4	-
Burkina Faso	53	10	43	-	-
Cape Verde Island	21	-	21	-	-
Côte d'Ivoire	164	35	125	4	-
Gambia	37	17	20	-	-
Ghana	2 334	81	2 237	16	-
Guinea	97	-	97	-	-
Guinea-Bissau	4	-	4	-	-
Liberia	61	15	44	2	-
Mali	71	5	65	1	-
Mauritania	13	1	11	1	-
Niger	23	5	17	1	-
Nigeria	1 648	90	1 446	109	3
Saint Helena	1	-	1	-	-
Senegal	121	20	97	4	-
Sierra Leone	31	3	25	2	1
Togo	61	12	44	5	-
North Africa	962	92	814	55	1
Algeria	77	1	74	2	-
Egypt	520	54	443	23	-
Libya	22	2	16	4	-
Morocco	96	7	88	1	-
South Sudan	48	13	30	4	1
The Sudan	97	9	67	21	-
Tunisia	101	6	95	-	-
Western Sahara	1	-	1	-	-
Unspecified	789	50	735	2	2

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

Country of residence	Jan – Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2026	Difference between Jan – Sep 2025 and Jan – Sep 2026	% change between Jan – Sep 2025 and Jan – Sep 2026
Total	7 634 261	8 416 835	782 574	10,3
Overseas	1 671 280	1 734 872	63 592	3,8
Europe	939 516	1 019 351	79 835	8,5
Austria	14 989	16 764	1 775	11,8
Belgium	34 322	37 080	2 758	8,0
France	93 195	102 103	8 908	9,6
Germany	174 271	198 787	24 516	14,1
Ireland	20 857	21 903	1 046	5,0
Italy	42 052	41 830	-222	-0,5
Portugal	14 096	15 569	1 473	10,4
Russian Federation	25 267	30 496	5 229	20,7
Spain	25 475	27 845	2 370	9,3
Sweden	16 315	16 669	354	2,2
Switzerland	29 461	33 402	3 941	13,4
The Netherlands	96 073	105 270	9 197	9,6
Turkey	12 186	13 940	1 754	14,4
UK	276 944	282 674	5 730	2,1
Other	64 013	75 019	11 006	17,2
North America	343 862	334 609	-9 253	-2,7
Canada	45 220	44 363	-857	-1,9
USA	298 642	290 246	-8 396	-2,8
Central and South America	68 888	79 057	10 169	14,8
Argentina	6 070	7 382	1 312	21,6
Brazil	45 803	56 082	10 279	22,4
Chile	3 231	3 462	231	7,1
Other	13 784	12 131	-1 653	-12,0

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

Country of residence	Jan – Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2026	Difference between Jan – Sep 2025 and Jan – Sep 2026	% change between Jan – Sep 2025 and Jan – Sep 2026
Australasia	106 337	110 543	4 206	4,0
Australia	89 271	91 989	2 718	3,0
New Zealand	16 851	18 396	1 545	9,2
Other	215	158	-57	-26,5
Middle East	49 370	48 950	-420	-0,9
Israel	6 537	7 205	668	10,2
Saudi Arabia	21 154	21 443	289	1,4
United Arab Emirates	10 255	12 163	1 908	18,6
Other	11 424	8 139	-3 285	-28,8
Asia	163 307	142 362	-20 945	-12,8
Bangladesh	5 458	5 851	393	7,2
China	29 959	22 848	-7 111	-23,7
India	54 121	37 875	-16 246	-30,0
Japan	14 560	16 778	2 218	15,2
Malaysia	5 840	6 135	295	5,1
Pakistan	14 592	14 416	-176	-1,2
Philippines	5 793	4 741	-1 052	-18,2
Singapore	7 321	9 039	1 718	23,5
South Korea	10 374	9 715	-659	-6,4
Thailand	4 465	4 366	-99	-2,2
Other	10 824	10 598	-226	-2,1
Africa	5 954 089	6 674 373	720 284	12,1
SADC	5 815 010	6 539 321	724 311	12,5
Angola	30 987	30 151	-836	-2,7
Botswana	295 432	285 138	-10 294	-3,5
DRC	27 681	26 469	-1 212	-4,4
Eswatini	693 806	698 799	4 993	0,7

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

Country of residence	Jan – Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2026	Difference between Jan – Sep 2025 and Jan – Sep 2026	% change between Jan – Sep 2025 and Jan – Sep 2026
Lesotho	1 052 314	1 220 986	168 672	16,0
Madagascar	3 303	3 655	352	10,7
Malawi	177 329	181 049	3 720	2,1
Mauritius	14 247	13 976	-271	-1,9
Mozambique	1 522 377	1 917 031	394 654	25,9
Namibia	125 791	123 402	-2 389	-1,9
Seychelles	2 835	3 102	267	9,4
Tanzania	30 355	32 475	2 120	7,0
Zambia	123 088	133 189	10 101	8,2
Zimbabwe	1 715 465	1 869 899	154 434	9,0
'Other' African	139 079	135 052	-4 027	-2,9
East and Central Africa	67 490	68 126	636	0,9
Burundi	946	989	43	4,5
Cameroon	3 619	3 440	-179	-4,9
Central African Republic	115	137	22	19,1
Chad	393	364	-29	-7,4
Comoros	269	160	-109	-40,5
Congo	1 362	898	-464	-34,1
Djibouti	73	43	-30	-41,1
Equatorial Guinea	221	137	-84	-38,0
Eritrea	326	260	-66	-20,2
Ethiopia	6 827	6 644	-183	-2,7
Gabon	3 161	3 227	66	2,1
Kenya	38 941	40 371	1 430	3,7
Réunion	14	22	8	57,1
Rwanda	646	674	28	4,3
São Tomé and Príncipe	82	101	19	23,2
Somalia	656	551	-105	-16,0
Uganda	9 839	10 108	269	2,7

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

Country of residence	Jan – Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2026	Difference between Jan – Sep 2025 and Jan – Sep 2026	% change between Jan – Sep 2025 and Jan – Sep 2026
West Africa	60 676	56 023	-4 653	-7,7
Benin	1 542	1 151	-391	-25,4
Burkina Faso	554	552	-2	-0,4
Cape Verde Island	261	229	-32	-12,3
Côte d'Ivoire	1 763	1 683	-80	-4,5
Gambia	309	370	61	19,7
Ghana	30 187	28 407	-1 780	-5,9
Guinea	832	645	-187	-22,5
Guinea-Bissau	86	53	-33	-38,4
Liberia	516	532	16	3,1
Mali	718	804	86	12,0
Mauritania	197	196	-1	-0,5
Niger	210	201	-9	-4,3
Nigeria	21 296	19 259	-2 037	-9,6
Saint Helena	16	4	-12	-75,0
Senegal	1 264	1 188	-76	-6,0
Sierra Leone	492	347	-145	-29,5
Togo	433	402	-31	-7,2
North Africa	10 913	10 903	-10	-0,1
Algeria	778	833	55	7,1
Egypt	5 625	4 858	-767	-13,6
Libya	451	308	-143	-31,7
Morocco	1 281	1 344	63	4,9
South Sudan	459	482	23	5,0
The Sudan	776	774	-2	-0,3
Tunisia	1 528	2 294	766	50,1
Western Sahara	15	10	-5	-33,3
Unspecified	8 892	7 590	-1 302	-14,6

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 2, 2026 – Quarter 3, 2026 changes by country of residence and month of travel

Country of residence	Quarter 2, 2026 – Quarter 3, 2026								% change Qtr 2, 2026 – Qtr 3, 2026
	Apr	May	Jun	Qtr 2 2026	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2026	
Total	989 329	861 750	823 365	2 674 444	991 696	1 005 286	835 380	2 832 362	5,9%
Overseas	181 796	170 837	141 796	494 429	193 637	203 376	161 753	558 766	13,0%
Europe	112 302	81 408	55 176	248 886	97 461	105 641	87 865	290 967	16,9%
Austria	1 473	1 141	618	3 232	1 331	1 572	1 204	4 107	27,1%
Belgium	5 165	2 379	1 866	9 410	6 379	4 330	3 644	14 353	52,5%
France	13 249	11 694	5 908	30 851	12 496	12 492	8 327	33 315	8,0%
Germany	17 383	12 494	7 637	37 514	10 830	14 731	17 627	43 188	15,1%
Ireland	2 337	1 855	1 606	5 798	1 970	2 100	1 698	5 768	-0,5%
Italy	3 735	3 471	3 034	10 240	4 608	12 340	3 569	20 517	100,4%
Poland	1 044	1 243	750	3 037	769	1 111	1 036	2 916	-4,0%
Portugal	2 311	1 562	1 238	5 111	1 350	1 710	1 469	4 529	-11,4%
Russian Federation	4 147	2 672	1 557	8 376	1 702	2 508	2 696	6 906	-17,6%
Spain	2 206	2 321	2 607	7 134	4 237	6 732	3 348	14 317	100,7%
Switzerland	5 119	2 275	1 374	8 768	3 090	1 927	3 762	8 779	0,1%
The Netherlands	14 738	7 204	4 632	26 574	17 066	11 021	10 247	38 334	44,3%
Turkey	1 458	2 562	965	4 985	1 052	1 121	1 019	3 192	-36,0%
UK	29 554	22 160	16 863	68 577	25 024	25 749	22 305	73 078	6,6%
Other	8 383	6 375	4 521	19 279	5 557	6 197	5 914	17 668	-8,4%
North America	32 819	47 423	43 872	124 114	41 037	40 995	32 799	114 831	-7,5%
Canada	5 400	5 577	3 306	14 283	3 727	3 861	4 974	12 562	-12,0%
USA	27 419	41 846	40 566	109 831	37 310	37 134	27 825	102 269	-6,9%
Central and South America	7 865	9 335	8 028	25 228	10 516	8 439	8 581	27 536	9,1%
Argentina	502	829	360	1 691	721	599	655	1 975	16,8%
Brazil	5 953	6 660	6 012	18 625	8 093	6 022	6 035	20 150	8,2%
Chile	220	495	419	1 134	325	318	368	1 011	-10,8%
Other	1 190	1 351	1 237	3 778	1 377	1 500	1 523	4 400	16,5%

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 2, 2026 – Quarter 3, 2026 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 2, 2026 – Quarter 3, 2026								% change Qtr 2, 2026 – Qtr 3, 2026
	Apr	May	Jun	Qtr 2 2026	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2026	
Australasia	12 324	12 257	14 041	38 622	12 997	16 639	13 766	43 402	12,4%
Australia	10 498	10 603	12 113	33 214	11 068	11 632	11 609	34 309	3,3%
New Zealand	1 819	1 624	1 921	5 364	1 916	4 983	2 117	9 016	68,1%
Other	7	30	7	44	13	24	40	77	75,0%
Middle East	1 788	2 872	4 906	9 566	15 799	13 467	4 003	33 269	247,8%
Israel	428	502	582	1 512	1 379	1 296	1 008	3 683	143,6%
Saudi Arabia	705	1 263	2 730	4 698	7 671	5 370	1 777	14 818	215,4%
United Arab Emirates	152	335	774	1 261	5 059	5 121	426	10 606	741,1%
Other	503	772	820	2 095	1 690	1 680	792	4 162	98,7%
Asia	14 698	17 542	15 773	48 013	15 827	18 195	14 739	48 761	1,6%
Bangladesh	725	525	678	1 928	708	760	746	2 214	14,8%
China	2 262	3 066	2 397	7 725	2 669	2 604	2 213	7 486	-3,1%
India	4 158	4 642	4 003	12 803	3 808	4 523	3 827	12 158	-5,0%
Japan	1 533	2 297	1 510	5 340	1 405	2 165	2 002	5 572	4,3%
Malaysia	443	984	850	2 277	731	1 161	789	2 681	17,7%
Pakistan	1 636	1 294	1 569	4 499	1 811	1 770	1 539	5 120	13,8%
Philippines	448	553	506	1 507	819	768	436	2 023	34,2%
Singapore	938	1 457	1 790	4 185	976	1 276	831	3 083	-26,3%
South Korea	624	880	815	2 319	1 145	1 372	709	3 226	39,1%
Thailand	834	566	444	1 844	545	447	479	1 471	-20,2%
Other	1 097	1 278	1 211	3 586	1 210	1 349	1 168	3 727	3,9%
Africa	806 590	689 917	680 777	2 177 284	797 220	801 164	672 838	2 271 222	4,3%
SADC	787 489	673 934	668 770	2 130 193	785 469	787 231	659 613	2 232 313	4,8%
Angola	3 916	3 053	2 339	9 308	2 924	4 125	3 151	10 200	9,6%
Botswana	44 471	29 658	24 347	98 476	30 224	30 803	38 672	99 699	1,2%
DRC	3 210	2 763	2 170	8 143	2 495	3 451	2 611	8 557	5,1%
Eswatini	87 645	71 778	61 960	221 383	81 356	98 235	74 261	253 852	14,7%

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 2, 2026 – Quarter 3, 2026 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 2, 2026 – Quarter 3, 2026								% change Qtr 2, 2026 – Qtr 3, 2026
	Apr	May	Jun	Qtr 2 2026	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2026	
Lesotho	153 312	118 264	130 980	402 556	173 671	135 672	127 152	436 495	8,4%
Madagascar	420	423	298	1 141	339	570	513	1 422	24,6%
Malawi	19 578	21 185	18 639	59 402	17 220	22 136	19 729	59 085	-0,5%
Mauritius	2 442	1 456	1 036	4 934	1 525	1 736	1 200	4 461	-9,6%
Mozambique	207 158	201 335	216 355	624 848	235 677	231 398	182 751	649 826	4,0%
Namibia	14 821	15 453	11 013	41 287	12 493	15 680	13 923	42 096	2,0%
Seychelles	344	250	230	824	155	330	288	773	-6,2%
Tanzania	4 419	4 100	3 170	11 689	3 144	3 428	3 276	9 848	-15,7%
Zambia	17 382	15 442	13 666	46 490	13 922	14 981	13 120	42 023	-9,6%
Zimbabwe	228 371	188 774	182 567	599 712	210 324	224 686	178 966	613 976	2,4%
'Other' African	19 101	15 983	12 007	47 091	11 751	13 933	13 225	38 909	-17,4%
East and Central Africa	9 265	7 945	6 188	23 398	6 138	7 390	7 405	20 933	-10,5%
Burundi	97	131	70	298	90	94	130	314	5,4%
Cameroon	501	319	304	1 124	367	382	324	1 073	-4,5%
Central African Republic	13	8	16	37	5	15	47	67	81,1%
Chad	63	32	35	130	47	32	26	105	-19,2%
Comoros	29	18	11	58	7	27	17	51	-12,1%
Congo	153	75	65	293	108	80	78	266	-9,2%
Djibouti	12	3	9	24	2	3	4	9	-62,5%
Equatorial Guinea	27	13	7	47	6	14	11	31	-34,0%
Eritrea	25	39	16	80	31	31	27	89	11,3%
Ethiopia	762	772	588	2 122	654	780	759	2 193	3,3%
Gabon	393	248	257	898	504	512	235	1 251	39,3%
Kenya	5 885	4 763	3 832	14 480	3 355	4 430	3 874	11 659	-19,5%
Réunion	6	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-100,0%
Rwanda	63	88	65	216	53	68	75	196	-9,3%
São Tomé and Príncipe	15	10	6	31	13	14	9	36	16,1%
Somalia	90	62	49	201	24	54	30	108	-46,3%
Uganda	1 131	1 364	858	3 353	872	854	1 759	3 485	3,9%

Annexure E – Number of tourists Quarter 2, 2026 – Quarter 3, 2026 changes by country of residence and month of travel (concluded)

Country of residence	Quarter 2, 2026 – Quarter 3, 2026								% change Qtr 2, 2026 – Qtr 3, 2026
	Apr	May	Jun	Qtr 2 2026	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2026	
West Africa	7 649	6 778	4 727	19 154	4 544	5 383	4 858	14 785	-22,8%
Benin	139	110	93	342	129	138	118	385	12,6%
Burkina Faso	59	65	39	163	31	48	53	132	-19,0%
Cape Verde Island	30	22	15	67	22	34	21	77	14,9%
Côte d'Ivoire	284	171	129	584	168	175	164	507	-13,2%
Gambia	48	75	37	160	29	31	37	97	-39,4%
Ghana	4 115	3 781	2 609	10 505	2 274	2 673	2 334	7 281	-30,7%
Guinea	73	54	43	170	47	67	97	211	24,1%
Guinea-Bissau	7	7	5	19	5	8	4	17	-10,5%
Liberia	48	63	45	156	36	114	61	211	35,3%
Mali	80	89	53	222	84	69	71	224	0,9%
Mauritania	35	23	11	69	13	13	13	39	-43,5%
Niger	19	17	24	60	8	20	23	51	-15,0%
Nigeria	2 408	2 109	1 459	5 976	1 551	1 753	1 648	4 952	-17,1%
Saint Helena	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Senegal	181	121	109	411	102	157	121	380	-7,5%
Sierra Leone	44	40	34	118	20	23	31	74	-37,3%
Togo	79	31	22	132	25	60	61	146	10,6%
North Africa	2 187	1 260	1 092	4 539	1 069	1 160	962	3 191	-29,7%
Algeria	123	88	74	285	91	106	77	274	-3,9%
Egypt	531	499	625	1 655	569	524	520	1 613	-2,5%
Libya	41	26	36	103	45	45	22	112	8,7%
Morocco	146	391	136	673	106	123	96	325	-51,7%
South Sudan	49	46	19	114	36	87	48	171	50,0%
The Sudan	60	59	69	188	100	130	97	327	73,9%
Tunisia	1 234	151	131	1 516	120	145	101	366	-75,9%
Western Sahara	3	-	2	5	2	-	1	3	-40,0%
Unspecified	943	996	792	2 731	839	746	789	2 374	-13,1%

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2025 – Quarter 3, 2026 changes by country of residence and month of travel

Country of residence	Quarter 3 2025 – Quarter 3, 2026								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2025	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2026	% change Qtr 3, 2025 – Qtr 3, 2026
Total	881 393	935 738	846 367	2 663 498	991 696	1 005 286	835 380	2 832 362	6,3%
Overseas	182 597	193 135	181 802	557 534	193 637	203 376	161 753	558 766	0,2%
Europe	87 674	98 178	94 470	280 322	97 461	105 641	87 865	290 967	3,8%
Austria	1 201	1 364	1 292	3 857	1 331	1 572	1 204	4 107	6,5%
Belgium	5 457	3 531	3 864	12 852	6 379	4 330	3 644	14 353	11,7%
France	10 008	10 946	9 318	30 272	12 496	12 492	8 327	33 315	10,1%
Germany	9 102	13 742	18 276	41 120	10 830	14 731	17 627	43 188	5,0%
Ireland	1 848	1 783	1 943	5 574	1 970	2 100	1 698	5 768	3,5%
Italy	4 535	11 859	4 112	20 506	4 608	12 340	3 569	20 517	0,1%
Poland	618	1 003	987	2 608	769	1 111	1 036	2 916	11,8%
Portugal	1 356	1 744	1 508	4 608	1 350	1 710	1 469	4 529	-1,7%
Russian Federation	1 435	2 002	2 899	6 336	1 702	2 508	2 696	6 906	9,0%
Spain	3 268	5 983	3 294	12 545	4 237	6 732	3 348	14 317	14,1%
Switzerland	2 401	1 965	3 708	8 074	3 090	1 927	3 762	8 779	8,7%
The Netherlands	14 939	10 041	10 774	35 754	17 066	11 021	10 247	38 334	7,2%
Turkey	964	927	980	2 871	1 052	1 121	1 019	3 192	11,2%
UK	25 724	26 373	25 513	77 610	25 024	25 749	22 305	73 078	-5,8%
Other	4 818	4 915	6 002	15 735	5 557	6 197	5 914	17 668	12,3%
North America	41 449	40 819	40 289	122 557	41 037	40 995	32 799	114 831	-6,3%
Canada	3 919	4 229	6 304	14 452	3 727	3 861	4 974	12 562	-13,1%
USA	37 530	36 590	33 985	108 105	37 310	37 134	27 825	102 269	-5,4%
Central and South America	9 430	8 447	8 506	26 383	10 516	8 439	8 581	27 536	4,4%
Argentina	556	603	710	1 869	721	599	655	1 975	5,7%
Brazil	6 568	5 929	5 531	18 028	8 093	6 022	6 035	20 150	11,8%
Chile	349	328	439	1 116	325	318	368	1 011	-9,4%
Other	1 957	1 587	1 826	5 370	1 377	1 500	1 523	4 400	-18,1%

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2025 – Quarter 3, 2026 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 3 2025 – Quarter 3, 2026								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2025	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2026	% change Qtr 3, 2025 – Qtr 3, 2026
Australasia	13 229	13 483	15 567	42 279	12 997	16 639	13 766	43 402	2,7%
Australia	11 246	11 290	13 275	35 811	11 068	11 632	11 609	34 309	-4,2%
New Zealand	1 978	2 180	2 271	6 429	1 916	4 983	2 117	9 016	40,2%
Other	5	13	21	39	13	24	40	77	97,4%
Middle East	13 168	11 574	4 267	29 009	15 799	13 467	4 003	33 269	14,7%
Israel	801	900	913	2 614	1 379	1 296	1 008	3 683	40,9%
Saudi Arabia	6 349	4 776	1 854	12 979	7 671	5 370	1 777	14 818	14,2%
United Arab Emirates	4 206	3 536	375	8 117	5 059	5 121	426	10 606	30,7%
Other	1 812	2 362	1 125	5 299	1 690	1 680	792	4 162	-21,5%
Asia	17 647	20 634	18 703	56 984	15 827	18 195	14 739	48 761	-14,4%
Bangladesh	615	729	748	2 092	708	760	746	2 214	5,8%
China	3 335	3 255	3 030	9 620	2 669	2 604	2 213	7 486	-22,2%
India	5 209	5 838	5 627	16 674	3 808	4 523	3 827	12 158	-27,1%
Japan	1 303	2 271	1 735	5 309	1 405	2 165	2 002	5 572	5,0%
Malaysia	779	1 052	843	2 674	731	1 161	789	2 681	0,3%
Pakistan	1 684	2 013	1 916	5 613	1 811	1 770	1 539	5 120	-8,8%
Philippines	812	843	804	2 459	819	768	436	2 023	-17,7%
Singapore	1 011	1 162	830	3 003	976	1 276	831	3 083	2,7%
South Korea	1 090	1 258	1 073	3 421	1 145	1 372	709	3 226	-5,7%
Thailand	488	742	625	1 855	545	447	479	1 471	-20,7%
Other	1 321	1 471	1 472	4 264	1 210	1 349	1 168	3 727	-12,6%
Africa	697 801	741 738	663 421	2 102 960	797 220	801 164	672 838	2 271 222	8,0%
SADC	683 518	724 406	645 745	2 053 669	785 469	787 231	659 613	2 232 313	8,7%
Angola	3 302	4 540	3 597	11 439	2 924	4 125	3 151	10 200	-10,8%
Botswana	29 843	36 514	41 565	107 922	30 224	30 803	38 672	99 699	-7,6%
DRC	3 720	4 102	2 589	10 411	2 495	3 451	2 611	8 557	-17,8%
Eswatini	74 913	96 023	80 341	251 277	81 356	98 235	74 261	253 852	1,0%

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2025 – Quarter 3, 2026 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 3 2025 – Quarter 3, 2026								% change Qtr 3, 2025 – Qtr 3, 2026
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2025	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2026	
Lesotho	129 804	115 660	104 339	349 803	173 671	135 672	127 152	436 495	24,8%
Madagascar	375	406	468	1 249	339	570	513	1 422	13,9%
Malawi	23 339	20 750	17 096	61 185	17 220	22 136	19 729	59 085	-3,4%
Mauritius	1 667	1 843	1 424	4 934	1 525	1 736	1 200	4 461	-9,6%
Mozambique	182 397	193 313	176 139	551 849	235 677	231 398	182 751	649 826	17,8%
Namibia	13 542	13 469	15 392	42 403	12 493	15 680	13 923	42 096	-0,7%
Seychelles	127	316	200	643	155	330	288	773	20,2%
Tanzania	3 446	3 487	3 722	10 655	3 144	3 428	3 276	9 848	-7,6%
Zambia	14 615	15 588	14 898	45 101	13 922	14 981	13 120	42 023	-6,8%
Zimbabwe	202 428	218 395	183 975	604 798	210 324	224 686	178 966	613 976	1,5%
‘Other’ African	14 283	17 332	17 676	49 291	11 751	13 933	13 225	38 909	-21,1%
East and Central Africa	7 030	8 829	8 664	24 523	6 138	7 390	7 405	20 933	-14,6%
Burundi	175	119	107	401	90	94	130	314	-21,7%
Cameroon	444	406	401	1 251	367	382	324	1 073	-14,2%
Central African Republic	12	14	13	39	5	15	47	67	71,8%
Chad	46	56	54	156	47	32	26	105	-32,7%
Comoros	19	61	20	100	7	27	17	51	-49,0%
Congo	154	171	163	488	108	80	78	266	-45,5%
Djibouti	12	8	2	22	2	3	4	9	-59,1%
Equatorial Guinea	13	16	66	95	6	14	11	31	-67,4%
Eritrea	47	30	32	109	31	31	27	89	-18,3%
Ethiopia	754	908	957	2 619	654	780	759	2 193	-16,3%
Gabon	496	713	339	1 548	504	512	235	1 251	-19,2%
Kenya	3 840	5 078	5 039	13 957	3 355	4 430	3 874	11 659	-16,5%
Rwanda	60	72	108	240	53	68	75	196	-18,3%
São Tomé and Príncipe	6	8	11	25	13	14	9	36	44,0%
Somalia	74	82	106	262	24	54	30	108	-58,8%
Uganda	878	1 087	1 246	3 211	872	854	1 759	3 485	8,5%

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2025 – Quarter 3, 2026 changes by country of residence and month of travel (concluded)

Country of residence	Quarter 3 2025 – Quarter 3, 2026								% change Qtr 3, 2025 – Qtr 3, 2026
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2025	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2026	
West Africa	6 272	7 391	7 816	21 479	4 544	5 383	4 858	14 785	-31,2%
Benin	141	220	168	529	129	138	118	385	-27,2%
Burkina Faso	63	62	44	169	31	48	53	132	-21,9%
Cape Verde Island	29	29	28	86	22	34	21	77	-10,5%
Côte d'Ivoire	196	275	182	653	168	175	164	507	-22,4%
Gambia	27	47	28	102	29	31	37	97	-4,9%
Ghana	3 274	3 621	4 039	10 934	2 274	2 673	2 334	7 281	-33,4%
Guinea	60	99	91	250	47	67	97	211	-15,6%
Guinea-Bissau	7	4	10	21	5	8	4	17	-19,0%
Liberia	72	56	76	204	36	114	61	211	3,4%
Mali	69	67	62	198	84	69	71	224	13,1%
Mauritania	33	16	27	76	13	13	13	39	-48,7%
Niger	22	18	27	67	8	20	23	51	-23,9%
Nigeria	2 043	2 649	2 724	7 416	1 551	1 753	1 648	4 952	-33,2%
Saint Helena	2	-	1	3	-	-	1	1	-66,7%
Senegal	148	110	190	448	102	157	121	380	-15,2%
Sierra Leone	47	67	76	190	20	23	31	74	-61,1%
Togo	39	51	43	133	25	60	61	146	9,8%
North Africa	981	1 112	1 196	3 289	1 069	1 160	962	3 191	-3,0%
Algeria	76	68	123	267	91	106	77	274	2,6%
Egypt	504	548	641	1 693	569	524	520	1 613	-4,7%
Libya	56	50	46	152	45	45	22	112	-26,3%
Morocco	107	127	140	374	106	123	96	325	-13,1%
South Sudan	50	73	50	173	36	87	48	171	-1,2%
The Sudan	89	119	83	291	100	130	97	327	12,4%
Tunisia	98	124	111	333	120	145	101	366	9,9%
Western Sahara	1	3	2	6	2	-	1	3	-50,0%
Unspecified	995	865	1 144	3 004	839	746	789	2 374	-21,0%

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

Port of entry and province	September 2019	September 2026	Difference between September 2019 and September 2026	% Change between September 2019 and September 2026
Total	763 404	835 380	71 976	9,4
Western Cape	54 761	61 836	7 075	12,9
Cape Town Harbour	6	4	-2	-33,3
Cape Town International Airport	54 755	61 832	7 077	12,9
Eastern Cape	3 724	1 328	-2 396	-64,3
Telle Bridge	3 724	1 328	-2 396	-64,3
Northern Cape	7 247	8 366	1 119	15,4
Nakop	2 777	4 738	1 961	70,6
Vioolsdrift	4 470	3 628	-842	-18,8
Free State	112 740	126 860	14 120	12,5
Caledonspoort	10 108	18 738	8 630	85,4
Ficksburg	43 857	51 684	7 827	17,8
Maseru Bridge	46 465	52 318	5 853	12,6
Van Rooyens Gate	12 310	4 120	-8 190	-66,5
KwaZulu Natal	24 298	28 849	4 551	18,7
King Shaka International Airport	3 859	2 003	-1 856	-48,1
Golela	15 836	16 887	1 051	6,6
Kosibay	4 603	9 959	5 356	116,4
North West	44 627	35 812	-8 815	-19,8
Kopfontein	21 731	18 154	-3 577	-16,5
Ramatlabama	8 759	8 420	-339	-3,9
Skilpad Gate	10 606	7 442	-3 164	-29,8
Swartkopfontein Gate	3 531	1 796	-1 735	-49,1
Gauteng	170 587	144 311	-26 276	-15,4
Lanseria International Airport	369	179	-190	-51,5
OR Tambo International Airport	170 218	144 132	-26 086	-15,3
Mpumalanga	181 368	258 889	77 521	42,7
Emahlatini	5 398	4 550	-848	-15,7
Jeppes Reef	13 281	14 516	1 235	9,3
Lebombo	105 211	180 429	75 218	71,5
Mahamba	9 008	8 796	-212	-2,4
Mananga	9 411	7 725	-1 686	-17,9
Nerston	1 094	1 019	-75	-6,9
Oshoek	37 965	41 854	3 889	10,2
Limpopo	164 052	169 129	5 077	3,1
Beit Bridge	146 366	143 675	-2 691	-1,8
Groblers Bridge	17 686	25 454	7 768	43,9

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

Port of entry and province	September 2025	September 2026	Difference between Sep 2025 and Sep 2026	% Change between Sep 2025 and Sep 2026
Total	846 367	835 380	-10 987	-1,3
Western Cape	67 084	61 836	-5 248	-7,8
Cape Town Harbour	32	4	-28	-87,5
Cape Town International Airport	67 052	61 832	-5 220	-7,8
Eastern Cape	3 068	1 328	-1 740	-56,7
Telle Bridge	3 068	1 328	-1 740	-56,7
Northern Cape	9 278	8 366	-912	-9,8
Nakop	4 892	4 738	-154	-3,1
Vioolsdrift	4 386	3 628	-758	-17,3
Free State	102 830	126 860	24 030	23,4
Caledonspoort	10 245	18 738	8 493	82,9
Ficksburg	41 607	51 684	10 077	24,2
Maseru Bridge	49 953	52 318	2 365	4,7
Van Rooyens Gate	1 025	4 120	3 095	302,0
KwaZulu Natal	28 042	28 849	807	2,9
Durban Harbour	2	-	-2	-100,0
King Shaka International Airport	2 574	2 003	-571	-22,2
Golela	15 655	16 887	1 232	7,9
Kosibay	9 811	9 959	148	1,5
North West	39 142	35 812	-3 330	-8,5
Kopfontein	21 063	18 154	-2 909	-13,8
Ramatlabama	7 003	8 420	1 417	20,2
Skilpad Gate	8 031	7 442	-589	-7,3
Swartkopfontein Gate	3 045	1 796	-1 249	-41,0
Gauteng	165 213	144 311	-20 902	-12,7
Lanseria International Airport	310	179	-131	-42,3
OR Tambo International Airport	164 903	144 132	-20 771	-12,6
Mpumalanga	257 392	258 889	1 497	0,6
Emahlatini	6 638	4 550	-2 088	-31,5
Jeppes Reef	14 344	14 516	172	1,2
Lebombo	173 765	180 429	6 664	3,8
Mahamba	7 342	8 796	1 454	19,8
Mananga	9 281	7 725	-1 556	-16,8
Nerston	579	1 019	440	76,0
Oshoek	45 443	41 854	-3 589	-7,9
Limpopo	174 318	169 129	-5 189	-3,0
Beit Bridge	148 641	143 675	-4 966	-3,3
Groblers Bridge	25 677	25 454	-223	-0,9

Annexure I – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Sep 2025 and Jan – Sep 2026 by port of entry and province (excluding ports with missing data between Jan – Sep, 2025 – 2026)

Port of entry and province	Jan – Sep 2025	Jan – Sep 2026	Difference between Jan – Sep 2025 and Jan – Sep 2026	% change between Jan – Sep 2025 and Jan – Sep 2026
Total	7 521 376	8 303 488	782 112	10,4
Western Cape	715 615	763 738	48 123	6,7
Cape Town International Airport	715 615	763 738	48 123	6,7
Northern Cape	78 663	78 186	-477	-0,6
Nakop	40 717	41 295	578	1,4
Vioolsdrift	37 946	36 891	-1 055	-2,8
Free State	1 029 633	1 216 120	186 487	18,1
Caledonspoort	106 021	140 309	34 288	32,3
Ficksburg	416 405	503 397	86 992	20,9
Maseru Bridge	474 103	506 999	32 896	6,9
Van Rooyens Gate	33 104	65 415	32 311	97,6
KwaZulu Natal	241 639	257 929	16 290	6,7
King Shaka International Airport	29 966	21 572	-8 394	-28,0
Golela	125 184	136 372	11 188	8,9
Kosibay	86 489	99 985	13 496	15,6
North West	322 095	280 789	-41 306	-12,8
Kopfontein	191 345	159 036	-32 309	-16,9
Ramathlabama	57 340	59 621	2 281	4,0
Skilpad Gate	73 410	62 132	-11 278	-15,4
Gauteng	1 388 487	1 415 606	27 119	2,0
Lanseria International Airport	2 117	1 994	-123	-5,8
Oliver Tambo International Airport	1 386 370	1 413 612	27 242	2,0
Mpumalanga	2 157 164	2 597 452	440 288	20,4
Emahlatini	50 436	47 321	-3 115	-6,2
Jeppes Reef	119 587	136 523	16 936	14,2
Lebombo	1 506 831	1 896 698	389 867	25,9
Mananga	90 716	79 187	-11 529	-12,7
Nerston	3 671	8 597	4 926	134,2
Oshoek	385 923	429 126	43 203	11,2
Limpopo	1 588 080	1 693 668	105 588	6,6
Beit Bridge	1 409 551	1 483 088	73 537	5,2
Groblers Bridge	178 529	210 580	32 051	18,0

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 September 2026, the DHA data was 9,2% lower than that of ACSA.

4.5 Limitations

4.5.1 Outbound tourists

The information on the total number of arrivals and departures of South African residents is collected from the scanning of passports. However, data on the country visited, country of final destination, intended duration of stay, and purpose of visit are not collected from passengers. Given this limitation, it is impossible to determine the number of tourists from 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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