



stats sa

Department:
Statistics South Africa
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Private Bag X44, Pretoria, 0001, South Africa, ISibalo House, Koch Street, Salvokop, Pretoria, 0002
www.statssa.gov.za, info@statssa.gov.za, Tel +27 12 310 8911

STATISTICAL RELEASE

P0351

Tourism and migration

August 2023

Embargoed until:
26 September 2023
10:00

ENQUIRIES:
Tshwaro Gae
012 310 8692

FORTHCOMING ISSUE:
September 2023

EXPECTED RELEASE DATE:
October 2023

Contents

	Page
List of tables	iii
List of figures	iii
Annexures	iii
Preface	iv
1. Highlights of the results	1
2. Key findings	2
2.1 Travellers.....	2
2.1.1 Number of travellers.....	2
2.1.2 Mode of travel of travellers.....	3
2.2 Visitors.....	3
2.3 Tourists.....	4
2.3.1 Sex and age distribution of tourists.....	4
2.3.2 Regional and national distribution of tourists.....	6
2.3.3 Purpose of visit of tourists.....	8
2.3.4 Mode of travel of tourists.....	10
3. Annexures	11
4. Explanatory notes	23
4.1 Introduction.....	23
4.2 Purpose of the statistical release.....	23
4.3 Scope and coverage.....	23
4.4 Data.....	23
4.5 Limitations.....	24
4.5.1 Outbound tourists.....	24
4.6 Definition of terms.....	24
4.6.1 Definitions used by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).....	24
4.6.2 Definitions used specifically in this release.....	24
4.7 Symbols used.....	24
4.8 Rounding off.....	25
5. General information	25

List of tables

Table 1 – Number of South African residents and foreign travellers by travel direction	2
Table 2 – Number of South African residents and foreign travellers by travel direction and mode of travel	3
Table 3 – Number of visitors by type of visitor.....	4
Table 4 – Number of tourists by region of residence and purpose of visit	9

List of figures

Figure 1 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and sex, August 2023	5
Figure 2 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and age, August 2023.....	6
Figure 3 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading overseas countries in August 2022 and August 2023	7
Figure 4 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries in August 2022 and August 2023	7
Figure 5 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading 'other' African countries in August 2022 and August 2023.....	8
Figure 6 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and mode of travel, August 2023	10

Annexures

3.1 Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between August 2022 and August 2023 by country of residence	11
3.2 Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, August 2023.....	14
3.3 Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, August 2023.....	17
3.4 Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan–Aug 2022 and Jan–Aug 2023 by country of residence.....	20

Preface

The release is compiled and published by Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) according to a framework of International Recommendations for Tourism Statistics 2008 (IRTS 2008) developed by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). The IRTS is one element of a System of Tourism Statistics (STS) that provides information for understanding and monitoring the impact of tourism over time and the other element of the STS for South Africa includes use of border statistics from National Department of Home Affairs.

This monthly statistical release provides information on South African residents and foreign travellers who entered or left South Africa in August 2023. Specific focus is on foreign tourists who entered the country in August 2023. Tourists are classified by region and country of residence. Details of their mode of travel; purpose of visit; age and sex distribution are also provided.

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



Risenga Maluleke
Statistician-General

1. Highlights of the results

In August 2023, 2 577 724 (arrivals, departures and transits) travellers entered and exited South Africa. They were made up of 26,8% South African residents and 73,2% foreign travellers. Foreign arrivals, 985 800 were made up of 3,0% non-visitors and 97,0% visitors. The visitors, 956 475 consisted of 26,0% same-day visitors and 74,0% overnight visitors (tourists).

Tourists

Overseas tourists were 23,4% (165 705) of all tourists. USA (29 300), UK (23 804) and Germany (12 358) contributed 39,5% to overseas tourists. Southern African Development Community (SADC) tourists were 74,9% (530 625) of all tourists. Zimbabwe (188 928), Mozambique (113 161) and Lesotho (86 438) contributed 73,2% to SADC tourists. 'Other' African countries (non-SADC) tourists were 1,5% (10 942) of all tourists. Kenya (3 151), Nigeria (1 827) and Uganda (917) contributed 53,9% to 'other' African tourists. The country of residence of 887 (0,1%) tourists was classified as unspecified.

Purpose of visit

'Holiday'¹ continues to be the main purpose of visit. About 96,5% of all the tourists were in South Africa for holiday purposes.

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 Department of Home Affairs’ (DHA) immigration officers at the ports of entry into and out of South Africa shows that a total of 2 577 724 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) passed through South African ports of entry/exit in August 2023. As presented in Table 1 below, these travellers were made up of 690 126 South African residents and 1 887 598 foreign travellers. A further breakdown of the figures for South African residents indicates that there were 331 749 arrivals, 357 882 departures and 495 travellers in transit. The corresponding volume for foreign arrivals, departures and travellers in transit was 985 800, 856 149 and 45 649 respectively.

A comparison between the movements in July 2023 and August 2023 indicates that the volume of arrivals decreased for South African residents but increased for foreign travellers. The volume of departures and travellers in transit increased for both groups of travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals decreased by 19,2% (from 410 683 in July 2023 to 331 749 in August 2023) whereas departures increased by 1,3% (from 353 458 in July 2023 to 357 882 in August 2023). Transits increased by 18,7% (from 417 in July 2023 to 495 in August 2023). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 3,0% (from 957 501 in July 2023 to 985 800 in August 2023), departures increased by 8,2% (from 791 520 in July 2023 to 856 149 in August 2023) and transits increased by 20,9% (from 37 750 in July 2023 to 45 649 in August 2023).

A comparison between the movements in August 2022 and August 2023 indicates that the volume of arrivals, departures and travellers in transit increased for both groups of travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals increased by 4,7% (from 316 788 in August 2022 to 331 749 in August 2023), departures increased by 6,5% (from 335 982 in August 2022 to 357 882 in August 2023) and transits increased by 17,9% (from 420 in August 2022 to 495 in August 2023). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 20,1% (from 820 708 in August 2022 to 985 800 in August 2023), departures increased by 22,6% (from 698 587 in August 2022 to 856 149 in August 2023) and transits increased by 32,9% (from 34 353 in August 2022 to 45 649 in August 2023).

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

Travel Direction	August 2022	July 2023	August 2023	% Change Jul 2023 – Aug 2023	% Change Aug 2022 – Aug 2023
Total	2 206 838	2 551 329	2 577 724	1,0%	16,8%
South African residents	653 190	764 558	690 126	-9,7%	5,7%
Arrivals	316 788	410 683	331 749	-19,2%	4,7%
Departures	335 982	353 458	357 882	1,3%	6,5%
Transits	420	417	495	18,7%	17,9%
Foreign travellers	1 553 648	1 786 771	1 887 598	5,6%	21,5%
Arrivals	820 708	957 501	985 800	3,0%	20,1%
Departures	698 587	791 520	856 149	8,2%	22,6%
Transits	34 353	37 750	45 649	20,9%	32,9%

2.1.2 Mode of travel of travellers

Information presented in Table 2 below shows the number of South African residents and foreign travellers by travel direction and mode of travel. In August 2023, road was the most common mode of travel used by 1 727 768 (67,0%) of the 2 577 724 travellers. Total number of travellers who used air was 844 778 (32,8%). Compared to air and land, a smaller number of travellers, 5 178 (0,2%) used sea into and out of South Africa. Information on arrivals of South African residents shows that 141 788 (42,7%) came by air, 189 842 (57,2%) came by road and 119 (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea. For departures, 165 167 (46,2%) used air, 192 525 (53,8%) used road and 190 (0,1%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 495 (100,0%) used air.

In the case of foreign travellers, 235 193 (23,9%) arrived by air, 748 124 (75,9%) came by road and 2 483 (0,3%) arrived by sea. When departing South Africa, 256 486 (30,0%) foreign travellers left by air, 597 277 (69,8%) left by road and 2 386 (0,3%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 45 649 (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	2 577 724	195 888	21 913	619 179	7 798	844 778	1 727 768	5 178
South African residents	690 126	62 810	14 784	227 287	2 569	307 450	382 367	309
Arrivals	331 749	28 704	5 959	105 907	1 218	141 788	189 842	119
Departures	357 882	34 102	8 825	120 889	1 351	165 167	192 525	190
Transit	495	4	-	491	-	495	-	-
Foreign travellers	1 887 598	133 078	7 129	391 892	5 229	537 328	1 345 401	4 869
Arrivals	985 800	62 720	3 109	167 534	1 830	235 193	748 124	2 483
Departures	856 149	70 057	4 020	179 010	3 399	256 486	597 277	2 386
Transit	45 649	301	-	45 348	-	45 649	-	-
Visitors	956 475	60 859	2 565	162 204	1 171	226 799	729 658	18
Same-day	248 316	1 861	110	24 701	75	26 747	221 560	9
Tourist	708 159	58 998	2 455	137 503	1 096	200 052	508 098	9

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 August 2023, 29 325 (3,0%) of foreign arrivals were classified as non-visitors, while 956 475 (97,0%) were classified as visitors. Visitors were categorised into three groups:

- i. Arrivals only – comprising visitors who entered the country in August 2023 but did not depart in August 2023 [315 883 (33,0%)];
- ii. Single trips – visitors who came to South Africa once in August 2023 and left in August 2023 [308 792 (32,3%)]; and
- iii. Multiple trips – visitors who came to and left South Africa more than once in August 2023 [331 800 (34,7%)].

Visitors were further grouped as same-day visitors and overnight visitors (tourists). In August 2023, there were 248 316 (26,0%) same-day visitors and 708 159 (74,0%) tourists. Between July 2023 and August 2023, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 5,2% (from 236 102 in July 2023 to 248 316 in August 2023) whereas that of tourists increased by 2,3% (from 692 068 in July 2023 to 708 159 in August 2023). Between August 2022 and August 2023, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 24,6% (from 199 370 in August 2022 to 248 316 in August 2023) and that of tourists increased by 27,4% (from 555 832 in August 2022 to 708 159 in August 2023).

Table 2 on page 3 further shows that of the 248 316 same-day visitors, a majority, 221 560 (89,2%) arrived in the country by road, 26 747 (10,8%) arrived by air and nine (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea. Information on tourists shows that 508 098 (71,7%) used road, 200 052 (28,2%) came by air and nine (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea.

Table 3 – Number of visitors by type of visitor

Travel Direction	August 2022	July 2023	August 2023	% Change Jul 2023 – Aug 2023	% Change Aug 2022 – Aug 2023
Foreign arrivals	820 708	957 501	985 800	3,0%	20,1%
Non-visitors	65 506	29 331	29 325	0,0%	-55,2%
Visitors	755 202	928 170	956 475	3,0%	26,7%
Visitors	755 202	928 170	956 475	3,0%	26,7%
Arrivals only	217 736	335 594	315 883	-5,9%	45,1%
Single trips	251 254	279 361	308 792	10,5%	22,9%
Multiple trips	286 212	313 215	331 800	5,9%	15,9%
Visitors	755 202	928 170	956 475	3,0%	26,7%
Same-day	199 370	236 102	248 316	5,2%	24,6%
Overnight (Tourists)	555 832	692 068	708 159	2,3%	27,4%

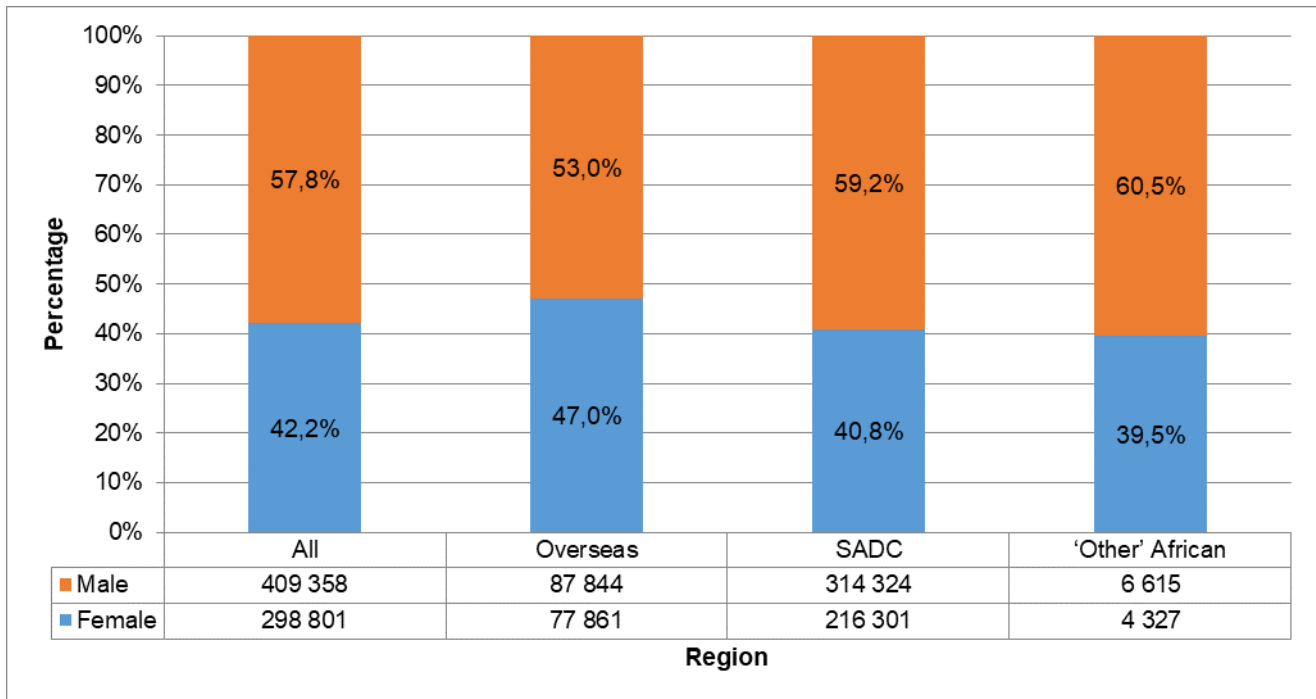
2.3 Tourists

2.3.1 Sex and age distribution of tourists

Sex

Figure 1 on page 5 shows that there were more male [409 358 (57,8%)] than female [298 801 (42,2%)] tourists. Male tourists constituted the majority of tourists for all three regions, SADC countries [314 324 (59,2%)], overseas countries [87 844 (53,0%)] and ‘other’ African countries [6 615 (60,5%)]. Similarly, the largest portion of female tourists was from SADC countries [216 301 (40,8%)], followed by overseas countries [77 861 (47,0%)] and ‘other’ African countries [4 327 (39,5%)].

Figure 1 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and sex, August 2023

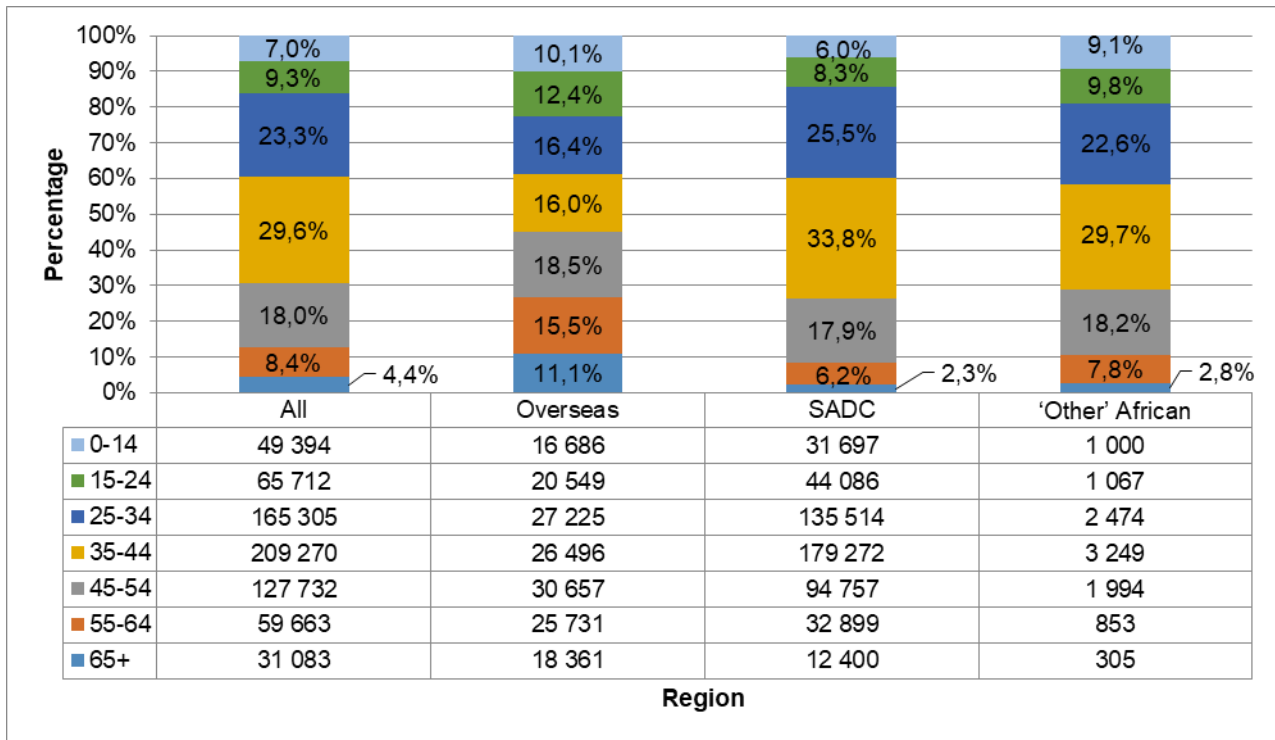


Age

The age distribution indicates that out of all tourists, [49 394 (7,0%)] were aged less than 15 years; [65 712 (9,3%)] were aged between 15 and 24 years; [165 305 (23,3%)] were aged between 25 and 34 years; [209 270 (29,6%)] were aged between 35 and 44 years; [127 732 (18,0%)] were aged between 45 and 54 years; [59 663 (8,4%)] were aged between 55 and 64 years and [31 083 (4,4%)] were aged 65 years 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 SADC countries [179 272 (33,8%)] and those from 'other' African countries [3 249 (29,7%)] were aged between 35 and 44 years whereas those from overseas countries [30 657 (18,5%)] were aged between 45 and 54 years. The second highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [135 514 (25,5%)], those from 'other' African countries [2 474 (22,6%)] and those from overseas countries [27 225 (16,4%)] were aged between 25 and 34 years. The median ages of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries were 42, 37 and 37 years, respectively. The proportion of tourists aged less than 15 years was higher among tourists from overseas countries, 10,1% (16 686) compared to those from 'other' African countries, 9,1% (1 000) and those from SADC countries, 6,0% (31 697).

Figure 2 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and age, August 2023

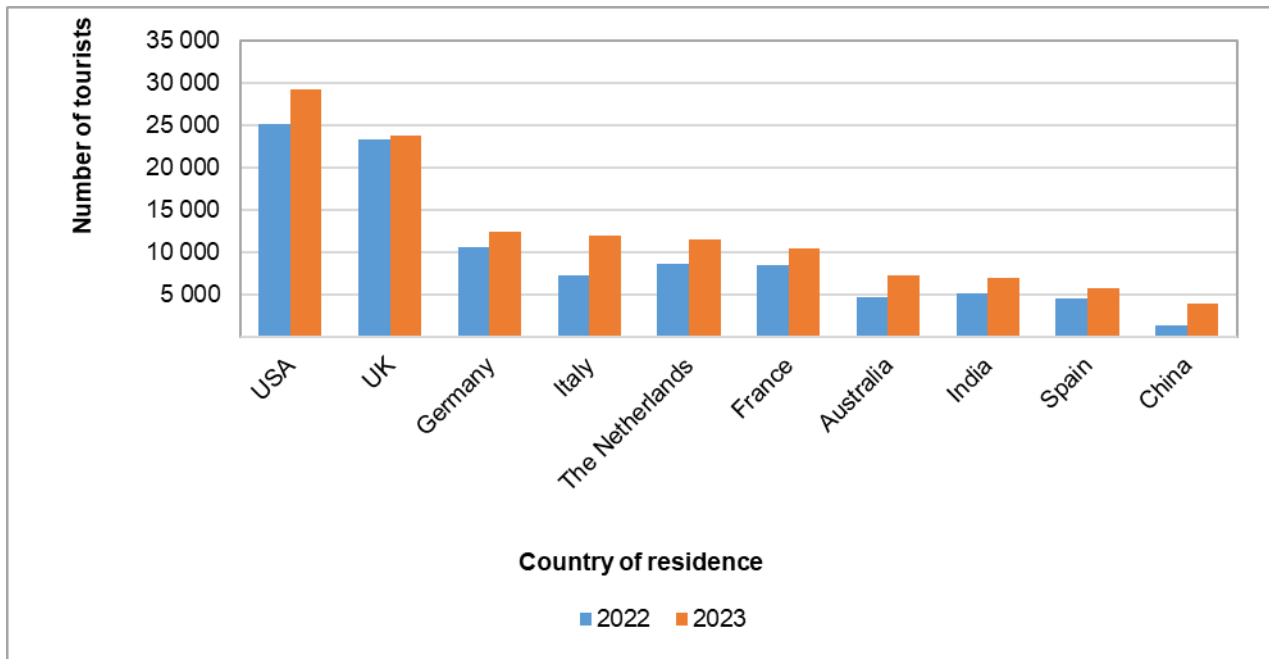


2.3.2 Regional and national distribution of tourists

In August 2023, the distribution of overseas tourists was as follows: Europe, 93 602 (56,5%); North America, 32 933 (19,9%); Asia, 18 830 (11,4%); The Middle East, 8 941 (5,4%); Australasia, 8 720 (5,3%) and Central and South America, 2 697 (1,6%).

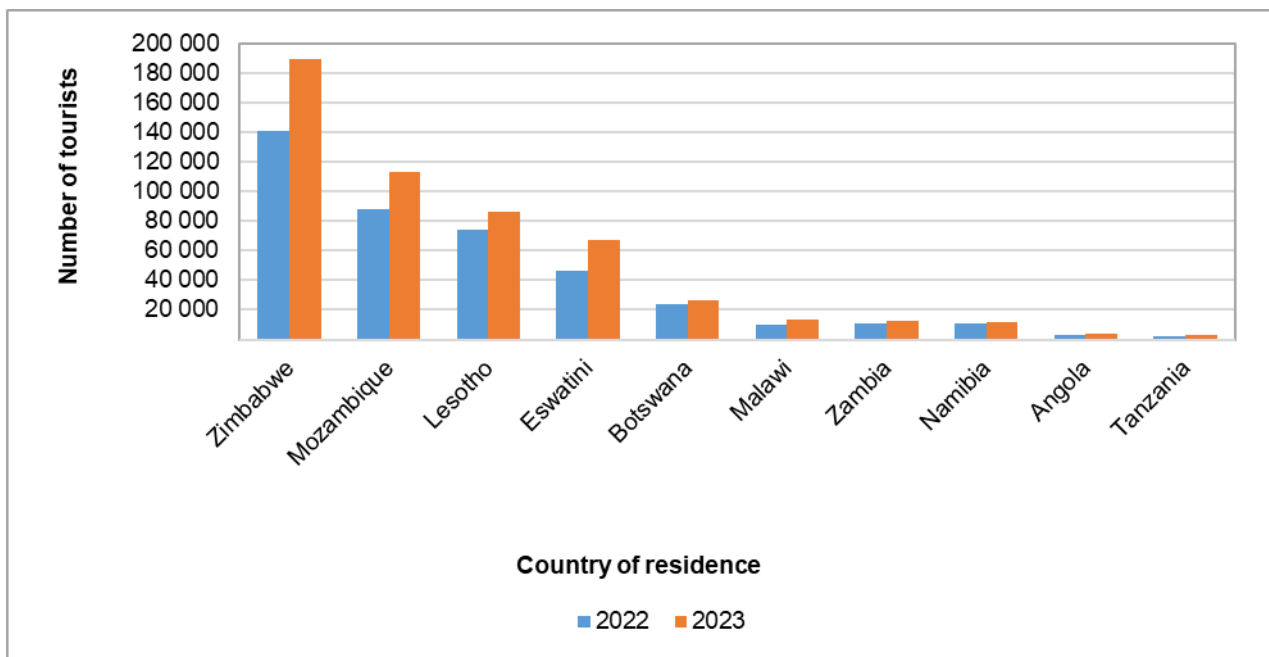
Figure 3 on page 7 indicates that the 10 leading overseas countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in August 2023 were: United States of America (USA), 29 300 (17,7%); United Kingdom (UK), 23 804 (14,4%); Germany, 12 358 (7,5%); Italy, 11 933 (7,2%); The Netherlands, 11 455 (6,9%); France, 10 498 (6,3%); Australia, 7 226 (4,4%); India, 6 962 (4,2%); Spain, 5 711 (3,4%) and China, 3 996 (2,4%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 74,4% of all tourists from overseas countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between August 2022 and August 2023 shows that the number of tourists increased for all 10 leading countries. China (190,8%) showed the highest year-on-year increase.

Figure 3 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading overseas countries in August 2022 and August 2023



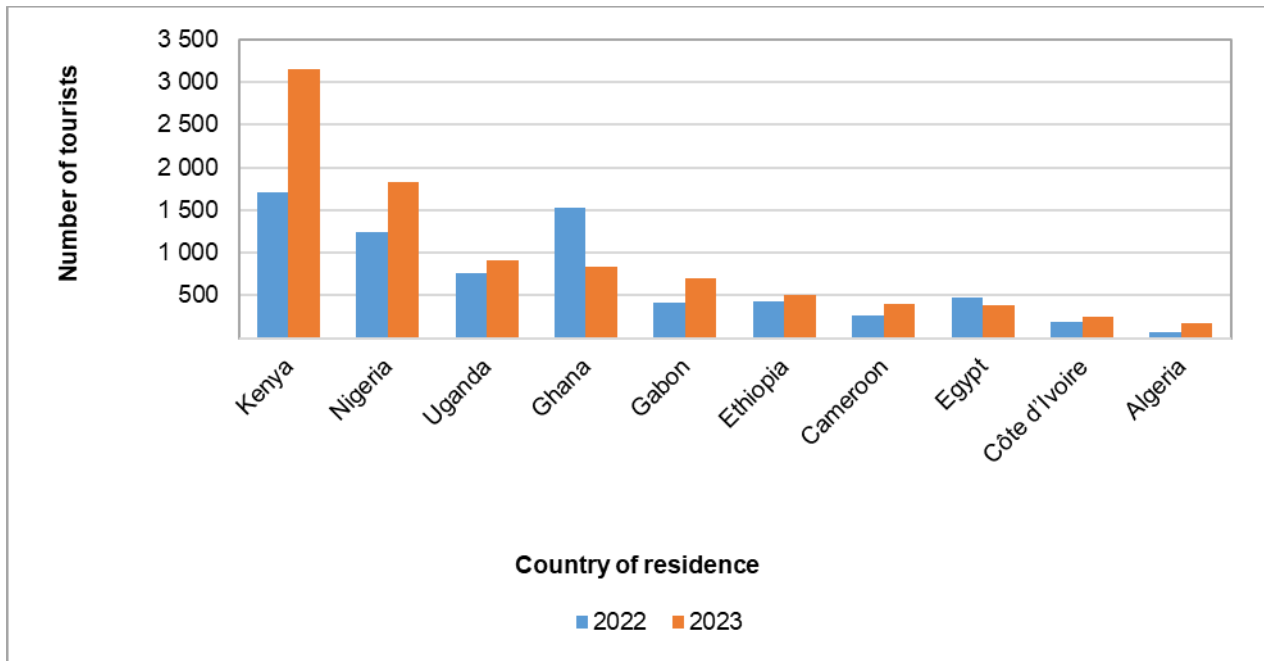
Virtually, most tourists from Africa, 530 625 (98,0%), came from SADC countries. The distribution of the remaining tourists from Africa was as follows: East and Central Africa, 6 309 (1,2%); West Africa, 3 686 (0,7%) and North Africa 947 (0,2%). Ten leading SADC countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in August 2023 were: Zimbabwe, 188 928 (35,6%); Mozambique, 113 161 (21,3%); Lesotho, 86 438 (16,3%); Eswatini, 66 951 (12,6%); Botswana, 26 167 (4,9%); Malawi, 13 780 (2,6%); Zambia, 12 990 (2,4%); Namibia, 11 758 (2,2%); Angola, 3 616 (0,7%) and Tanzania, 2 693 (0,5%) (see Figure 4 below). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 99,2% of all tourists from the SADC countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between August 2022 and August 2023 shows that the number of tourists increased for all 10 leading countries. Eswatini (45,2%) showed the highest year-on-year increase.

Figure 4 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries in August 2022 and August 2023



The 10 leading countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in August 2023 from 'other' African countries, as shown in Figure 5 below, were: Kenya, 3 151 (28,8%); Nigeria, 1 827 (16,7%); Uganda, 917 (8,4%); Ghana, 834 (7,6%); Gabon, 700 (6,4%); Ethiopia, 509 (4,7%); Cameroon, 400 (3,7%); Egypt, 387 (3,5%); Côte d'Ivoire, 251 (2,3%) and Algeria, 179 (1,6%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 83,7% of all tourists from 'other' African countries. A comparison between movements in August 2022 and August 2023 shows that the number of tourists increased for eight of ten leading countries. Algeria (145,2%) showed the highest year-on-year increase.

Figure 5 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading 'other' African countries in August 2022 and August 2023



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 country of residence and purpose of visit is presented in Annexure C on pages 17 to 19. It is observed that in August 2023, the majority of tourists, 683 381 (96,5%), were in South Africa for holiday compared to 20 896 (3,0%); 3 609 (0,5%) and 273 (less than 0,1%) who were in South Africa for business, study and medical treatment respectively.

Within the overseas regions, Australasia, 99,5% (8 659) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for holiday followed by North America 98,7% (32 516); The Middle East, 98,5% (8 805); Europe, 98,5% (92 174); Central and South America, 94,2% (2 540) and Asia, 93,7% (17 647).

Asia, 5,3% (997) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business, followed by Central and South America, 4,5% (122); Europe, 1,0% (974); The Middle East, 1,0% (87); North America, 0,8% (275) and Australasia, 0,4% (34).

Central and South America, 1,3% (34) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to study, followed by Asia, 1,0% (179); The Middle East, 0,5% (48); Europe, 0,5% (424); North America, 0,4% (122) and Australasia, 0,1% (7).

North America (20) had 0,1% of tourists who came for medical treatment. Asia (7), Central and South America (1), Europe (30), Australasia (2) and The Middle East (1) had less than 0,1% of medical treatment tourists.

Majority of African tourists, 520 191 (96,1%) 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 96,2% (510 313) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 90,3% (9 878) from 'other' African countries. Information on the regions of 'other' African countries shows that 91,0% (3 353) of tourists from West Africa were on holiday, followed by tourists from East and Central Africa, 90,5% (5 708) and those from North Africa, 86,3% (817).
- Business persons constituted 3,4% (17 833) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 4,9% (538) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 5,5% (52) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business purposes, followed by East and Central Africa, 5,3% (333) and West Africa, 4,2% (153).
- Students constituted 0,4% (2 308) of tourists from SADC countries compared with 4,4% (486) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 8,1% (77) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for study purposes, followed by West Africa, 4,5% (166) and East and Central Africa, 3,9% (243).
- Tourists who came for medical treatment constituted less than 0,1% (171) of tourists from SADC countries, while those from 'other' African countries constituted 0,4% (40). East and Central Africa (25) and West Africa (14) had 0,4% of tourists who came for medical treatment followed by North Africa 0,1% (1).

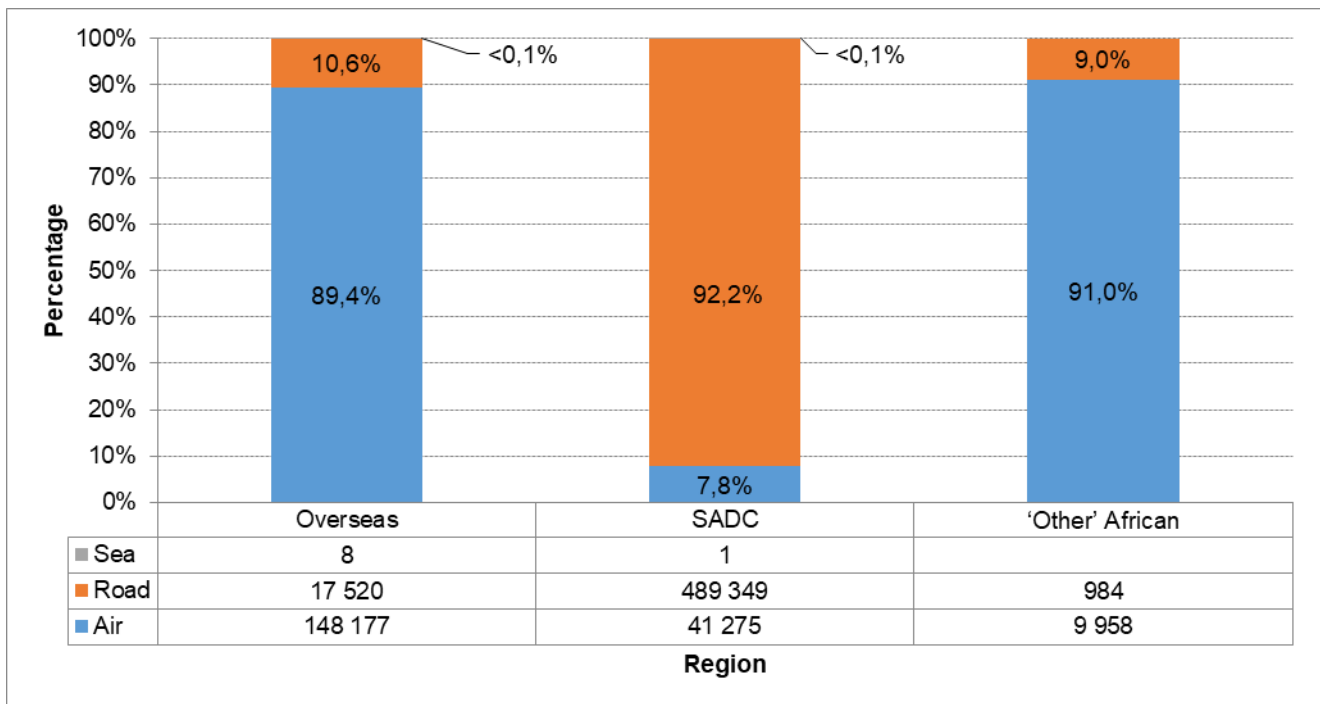
Table 4 – Number of tourists by region of residence and purpose of visit

Region of residence	August 2023	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Total	708 159	20 896	683 381	3 609	273
Overseas	165 705	2 489	162 341	814	61
Europe	93 602	974	92 174	424	30
North America	32 933	275	32 516	122	20
Central and South America	2 697	122	2 540	34	1
Australasia	8 702	34	8 659	7	2
Middle East	8 941	87	8 805	48	1
Asia	18 830	997	17 647	179	7
Africa	541 567	18 371	520 191	2 794	211
SADC	530 625	17 833	510 313	2 308	171
Other' African	10 942	538	9 878	486	40
East and Central Africa	6 309	333	5 708	243	25
West Africa	3 686	153	3 353	166	14
North Africa	947	52	817	77	1
Unspecified	887	36	849	1	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 14 to 16. As shown in Figure 6 below, 148 177 (89,4%) overseas tourists arrived in the country by air, whilst 17 520 (10,6%) came in by road and eight (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea. Tourists from the SADC countries, on the other hand, came predominantly by road, 489 349 (92,2%), whilst 41 275 (7,8%) came by air and one (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea. The number of tourists who came into South Africa by air from 'other' African countries was 9 958 (91,0%); while 984 (9,0%) used road transport and none used sea.

Figure 6 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and mode of travel, August 2023



3. Annexures

3.1 Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between August 2022 and August 2023 by country of residence

Country of residence	August 2022	August 2023	Difference between August 2022 and August 2023	% change between August 2022 and August 2023
Total	555 832	708 159	152 327	27,4%
Overseas	132 757	165 705	32 948	24,8%
Europe	77 988	93 602	15 614	20,0%
Austria	979	1 258	279	28,5%
Belgium	2 948	3 691	743	25,2%
Denmark	699	730	31	4,4%
France	8 479	10 498	2 019	23,8%
Germany	10 541	12 358	1 817	17,2%
Ireland	1 579	1 635	56	3,5%
Italy	7 272	11 933	4 661	64,1%
Portugal	1 467	1 475	8	0,5%
Russian Federation	1 229	1 878	649	52,8%
Spain	4 518	5 711	1 193	26,4%
Switzerland	1 527	1 744	217	14,2%
The Netherlands	8 642	11 455	2 813	32,6%
Turkey	775	792	17	2,2%
UK	23 361	23 804	443	1,9%
Other	3 972	4 640	668	16,8%
North America	28 336	32 933	4 597	16,2%
Canada	3 174	3 633	459	14,5%
USA	25 162	29 300	4 138	16,4%
Central and South America	2 475	2 697	222	9,0%
Argentina	185	148	-37	-20,0%
Brazil	1 396	1 423	27	1,9%
Mexico	271	312	41	15,1%
Other	623	814	191	30,7%
Australasia	5 883	8 702	2 819	47,9%
Australia	4 716	7 226	2 510	53,2%
New Zealand	1 161	1 461	300	25,8%
Other	6	15	9	150,0%
Middle East	6 958	8 941	1 983	28,5%
Israel	2 348	2 859	511	21,8%
Saudi Arabia	2 643	2 775	132	5,0%
United Arab Emirates	875	1 879	1 004	114,7%
Other	1 092	1 428	336	30,8%
Asia	11 117	18 830	7 713	69,4%
Bangladesh	711	660	-51	-7,2%
China	1 374	3 996	2 622	190,8%
India	5 114	6 962	1 848	36,1%
Japan	522	1 597	1 075	205,9%
Malaysia	236	681	445	188,6%
Pakistan	1 253	1 144	-109	-8,7%
Philippines	291	529	238	81,8%
Singapore	246	666	420	170,7%

Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between August 2022 and August 2023 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	August 2022	August 2023	Difference between August 2022 and August 2023	% change between August 2022 and August 2023
South Korea	484	1 119	635	131,2%
Taiwan	136	361	225	165,4%
Other	750	1 115	365	48,7%
Africa	422 247	541 567	119 320	28,3%
SADC	413 522	530 625	117 103	28,3%
Angola	3 442	3 616	174	5,1%
Botswana	23 822	26 167	2 345	9,8%
DRC	2 004	2 213	209	10,4%
Eswatini	46 103	66 951	20 848	45,2%
Lesotho	74 167	86 438	12 271	16,5%
Madagascar	160	288	128	80,0%
Malawi	10 028	13 780	3 752	37,4%
Mauritius	1 078	1 351	273	25,3%
Mozambique	87 591	113 161	25 570	29,2%
Namibia	11 011	11 758	747	6,8%
Seychelles	167	291	124	74,3%
Tanzania	2 466	2 693	227	9,2%
Zambia	10 848	12 990	2 142	19,7%
Zimbabwe	140 635	188 928	48 293	34,3%
'Other' African	8 725	10 942	2 217	25,4%
East and Central Africa	4 163	6 309	2 146	51,5%
Burundi	75	98	23	30,7%
Cameroon	268	400	132	49,3%
Central African Republic	4	30	26	650,0%
Chad	30	52	22	73,3%
Comoros	73	68	-5	-6,8%
Congo	176	159	-17	-9,7%
Djibouti	4	27	23	575,0%
Equatorial Guinea	19	47	28	147,4%
Eritrea	21	46	25	119,0%
Ethiopia	430	509	79	18,4%
Gabon	415	700	285	68,7%
Kenya	1 708	3 151	1 443	84,5%
Rwanda	42	52	10	23,8%
São Tomé and Príncipe	2	4	2	100,0%
Somalia	136	49	-87	-64,0%
Uganda	760	917	157	20,7%
West Africa	3 579	3 686	107	3,0%
Benin	114	168	54	47,4%
Burkina Faso	45	48	3	6,7%
Cape Verde Island	29	23	-6	-20,7%
Côte d'Ivoire	181	251	70	38,7%
Gambia	28	37	9	32,1%
Ghana	1 528	834	-694	-45,4%
Guinea	85	112	27	31,8%
Guinea-Bissau	4	8	4	100,0%
Liberia	28	71	43	153,6%
Mali	73	71	-2	-2,7%

Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between August 2022 and August 2023 by country of residence (concluded)

Country of residence	August 2022	August 2023	Difference between August 2022 and August 2023	% change between August 2022 and August 2023
Mauritania	10	9	-1	-10,0%
Niger	17	3	-14	-82,4%
Nigeria	1 235	1 827	592	47,9%
Saint Helena	9	7	-2	-22,2%
Senegal	130	124	-6	-4,6%
Sierra Leone	47	38	-9	-19,1%
Togo	16	55	39	243,8%
North Africa	983	947	-36	-3,7%
Algeria	73	179	106	145,2%
Egypt	481	387	-94	-19,5%
Libya	49	53	4	8,2%
Morocco	116	98	-18	-15,5%
South Sudan	51	87	36	70,6%
The Sudan	152	48	-104	-68,4%
Tunisia	60	93	33	55,0%
Western Sahara	1	2	1	100,0%
Unspecified	828	887	59	7,1%

3.2 Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, August 2023

Country of residence	August 2023	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Total	708 159	58 998	2 455	137 503	1 096	200 052	508 098	9
Overseas	165 705	51 167	1 918	94 123	969	148 177	17 520	8
Europe	93 602	26 689	1 014	52 413	360	80 476	13 125	1
Austria	1 258	440	15	662	6	1 123	134	-
Belgium	3 691	646	14	2 111	7	2 778	913	-
Denmark	730	156	15	492	1	664	66	-
France	10 498	2 093	27	6 349	54	8 523	1 975	-
Germany	12 358	4 147	168	6 666	9	10 990	1 368	-
Ireland	1 635	627	69	819	6	1 521	114	-
Italy	11 933	5 029	49	5 669	41	10 788	1 145	1
Portugal	1 475	263	5	671	2	941	534	-
Russian Federation	1 878	620	24	1 085	62	1 791	87	-
Spain	5 711	1 518	11	3 255	67	4 851	860	-
Switzerland	1 744	457	20	972	5	1 454	290	-
The Netherlands	11 455	2 465	60	5 304	4	7 833	3 622	-
Turkey	792	275	32	387	-	694	98	-
UK	23 804	6 585	405	15 203	86	22 279	1 525	-
Other	4 640	1 368	100	2 768	10	4 246	394	-
North America	32 933	11 601	156	19 374	454	31 585	1 348	-
Canada	3 633	1 158	33	2 121	43	3 355	278	-
USA	29 300	10 443	123	17 253	411	28 230	1 070	-
Central and South America	2 697	760	40	1 665	17	2 482	215	-
Argentina	148	34	2	108	-	144	4	-
Brazil	1 423	433	32	815	7	1 287	136	-
Mexico	312	100	-	192	5	297	15	-
Other	814	193	6	550	5	754	60	-
Australasia	8 702	1 423	162	6 648	56	8 289	413	-
Australia	7 226	1 143	104	5 621	44	6 912	314	-
New Zealand	1 461	277	58	1 017	12	1 364	97	-
Other	15	3	-	10	-	13	2	-
Middle East	8 941	5 219	51	3 462	13	8 745	196	-
Israel	2 859	494	17	2 212	10	2 733	126	-
Saudi Arabia	2 775	2 374	12	387	-	2 773	2	-
United Arab Emirates	1 879	1 626	1	247	1	1 875	4	-
Other	1 428	725	21	616	2	1 364	64	-
Asia	18 830	5 475	495	10 561	69	16 600	2 223	7
Bangladesh	660	117	85	326	-	528	131	1
China	3 996	655	52	2 996	1	3 704	290	2
India	6 962	2 615	157	3 279	18	6 069	892	1
Japan	1 597	435	51	995	34	1 515	82	-
Malaysia	681	243	9	408	1	661	20	-
Pakistan	1 144	137	68	534	-	739	405	-
Philippines	529	194	19	259	1	473	53	3
Singapore	666	229	4	402	12	647	19	-

Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, August 2023 (continued)

Country of residence	August 2023	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
South Korea	1 119	434	18	532	-	984	135	-
Taiwan	361	101	4	163	-	268	93	-
Other	1 115	315	28	667	2	1 012	103	-
Africa	541 567	7 776	535	42 796	126	51 233	490 333	1
SADC	530 625	6 002	508	34 679	86	41 275	489 349	1
Angola	3 616	1 261	-	1 606	11	2 878	738	-
Botswana	26 167	261	15	2 057	17	2 350	23 817	-
DRC	2 213	77	3	1 846	10	1 936	277	-
Eswatini	66 951	90	81	658	-	829	66 122	-
Lesotho	86 438	8	3	542	-	553	85 885	-
Madagascar	288	3	-	251	2	256	32	-
Malawi	13 780	29	4	2 175	9	2 217	11 563	-
Mauritius	1 351	415	1	848	1	1 265	86	-
Mozambique	113 161	275	4	3 280	4	3 563	109 598	-
Namibia	11 758	1 238	-	2 095	4	3 337	8 421	-
Seychelles	291	13	-	251	-	264	26	1
Tanzania	2 693	347	-	1 226	1	1 574	1 119	-
Zambia	12 990	129	75	4 106	5	4 315	8 675	-
Zimbabwe	188 928	1 856	322	13 738	22	15 938	172 990	-
'Other' African	10 942	1 774	27	8 117	40	9 958	984	-
East and Central Africa	6 309	1 216	1	4 506	36	5 759	550	-
Burundi	98	11	-	85	-	96	2	-
Cameroon	400	53	-	317	-	370	30	-
Central African Republic	30	1	-	29	-	30	-	-
Chad	52	1	-	49	2	52	-	-
Comoros	68	7	-	60	-	67	1	-
Congo	159	39	-	112	5	156	3	-
Djibouti	27	4	-	23	-	27	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	47	1	-	26	20	47	-	-
Eritrea	46	1	-	45	-	46	-	-
Ethiopia	509	92	-	367	-	459	50	-
Gabon	700	96	-	598	-	694	6	-
Kenya	3 151	723	-	2 077	8	2 808	343	-
Rwanda	52	15	-	30	1	46	6	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	4	-	-	4	-	4	-	-
Somalia	49	9	-	29	-	38	11	-
Uganda	917	163	1	655	-	819	98	-
West Africa	3 686	432	12	2 852	3	3 299	387	-
Benin	168	13	-	144	-	157	11	-
Burkina Faso	48	6	-	34	-	40	8	-
Cape Verde Island	23	3	-	17	-	20	3	-
Côte d'Ivoire	251	25	1	221	-	247	4	-
Gambia	37	3	-	33	-	36	1	-
Ghana	834	50	1	721	1	773	61	-
Guinea	112	4	-	51	-	55	57	-
Guinea-Bissau	8	1	-	6	-	7	1	-
Liberia	71	1	-	70	-	71	-	-

Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, August 2023 (concluded)

Country of residence	August 2023	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Mali	71	5	-	48	-	53	18	-
Mauritania	9	-	-	9	-	9	-	-
Niger	3	-	-	3	-	3	-	-
Nigeria	1 827	304	4	1 312	2	1 622	205	-
Saint Helena	7	-	-	7	-	7	-	-
Senegal	124	7	6	104	-	117	7	-
Sierra Leone	38	1	-	26	-	27	11	-
Togo	55	9	-	46	-	55	-	-
North Africa	947	126	14	759	1	900	47	-
Algeria	179	22	-	147	-	169	10	-
Egypt	387	38	9	323	-	370	17	-
Libya	53	8	1	40	-	49	4	-
Morocco	98	28	2	66	1	97	1	-
South Sudan	87	2	-	84	-	86	1	-
The Sudan	48	9	1	26	-	36	12	-
Tunisia	93	19	1	71	-	91	2	-
Western Sahara	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-
Unspecified	887	55	2	584	1	642	245	-

3.3 Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, August 2023

Country of residence	August 2023	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Total	708 159	20 896	683 381	3 609	273
Overseas	165 705	2 489	162 341	814	61
Europe	93 602	974	92 174	424	30
Austria	1 258	13	1 239	6	-
Belgium	3 691	37	3 637	17	-
Denmark	730	17	712	-	1
France	10 498	56	10 309	131	2
Germany	12 358	163	12 137	57	1
Ireland	1 635	26	1 601	8	-
Italy	11 933	42	11 884	6	1
Portugal	1 475	20	1 453	2	-
Russian Federation	1 878	41	1 826	11	-
Spain	5 711	27	5 674	10	-
Switzerland	1 744	22	1 711	10	1
The Netherlands	11 455	70	11 319	57	9
Turkey	792	25	756	11	-
UK	23 804	283	23 449	57	15
Other	4 640	132	4 467	41	-
North America	32 933	275	32 516	122	20
Canada	3 633	43	3 582	6	2
USA	29 300	232	28 934	116	18
Central and South America	2 697	122	2 540	34	1
Argentina	148	4	140	4	-
Brazil	1 423	81	1 323	19	-
Mexico	312	7	300	4	1
Other	814	30	777	7	-
Australasia	8 702	34	8 659	7	2
Australia	7 226	28	7 190	6	2
New Zealand	1 461	6	1 454	1	-
Other	15	-	15	-	-
Middle East	8 941	87	8 805	48	1
Israel	2 859	22	2 836	1	-
Saudi Arabia	2 775	9	2 753	13	-
United Arab Emirates	1 879	8	1 869	2	-
Other	1 428	48	1 347	32	1
Asia	18 830	997	17 647	179	7
Bangladesh	660	23	634	2	1
China	3 996	389	3 580	25	2
India	6 962	352	6 544	64	2
Japan	1 597	55	1 532	10	-
Malaysia	681	7	673	1	-
Pakistan	1 144	24	1 107	13	-
Philippines	529	11	510	6	2
Singapore	666	6	659	1	-

Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, August 2023 (continued)

Country of residence	August 2023	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
South Korea	1 119	54	1 036	29	-
Taiwan	361	11	330	20	-
Other	1 115	65	1 042	8	-
Africa	541 567	18 371	520 191	2 794	211
SADC	530 625	17 833	510 313	2 308	171
Angola	3 616	26	3 491	71	28
Botswana	26 167	1 070	24 854	225	18
DRC	2 213	72	2 014	100	27
Eswatini	66 951	2 567	64 196	182	6
Lesotho	86 438	590	84 832	1 002	14
Madagascar	288	1	284	3	-
Malawi	13 780	308	13 415	48	9
Mauritius	1 351	34	1 299	15	3
Mozambique	113 161	2 184	110 914	54	9
Namibia	11 758	3 847	7 769	128	14
Seychelles	291	6	283	2	-
Tanzania	2 693	142	2 502	42	7
Zambia	12 990	3 575	9 341	64	10
Zimbabwe	188 928	3 411	185 119	372	26
Other' African	10 942	538	9 878	486	40
East and Central Africa	6 309	333	5 708	243	25
Burundi	98	6	82	9	1
Cameroon	400	54	322	18	6
Central African Republic	30	3	27	-	-
Chad	52	-	49	1	2
Comoros	68	5	63	-	-
Congo	159	3	139	16	1
Djibouti	27	2	25	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	47	8	38	1	-
Eritrea	46	1	45	-	-
Ethiopia	509	20	459	26	4
Gabon	700	2	667	29	2
Kenya	3 151	157	2 894	93	7
Rwanda	52	8	44	-	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	4	1	3	-	-
Somalia	49	12	36	1	-
Uganda	917	51	815	49	2
West Africa	3 686	153	3 353	166	14
Benin	168	5	159	4	-
Burkina Faso	48	2	46	-	-
Cape Verde Island	23	1	22	-	-
Côte d'Ivoire	251	9	226	15	1
Gambia	37	4	33	-	-
Ghana	834	59	744	27	4
Guinea	112	-	106	6	-
Guinea-Bissau	8	2	5	1	-
Liberia	71	-	68	3	-

Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, August 2023 (concluded)

Country of residence	August 2023	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Mali	71	3	65	1	2
Mauritania	9	-	8	1	-
Niger	3	1	1	1	-
Nigeria	1 827	63	1 655	102	7
Saint Helena	7	-	7	-	-
Senegal	124	3	120	1	-
Sierra Leone	38	1	35	2	-
Togo	55	-	53	2	-
North Africa	947	52	817	77	1
Algeria	179	7	166	6	-
Egypt	387	27	337	23	-
Libya	53	1	35	17	-
Morocco	98	8	84	5	1
South Sudan	87	5	77	5	-
The Sudan	48	1	37	10	-
Tunisia	93	3	79	11	-
Western Sahara	2	-	2	-	-
Unspecified	887	36	849	1	1

3.4 Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan–Aug 2022 and Jan–Aug 2023 by country of residence

Country of residence	Jan – Aug 2022	Jan – Aug 2023	Difference between Jan – Aug 2022 and Jan – Aug 2023	% change between Jan – Aug 2022 and Jan – Aug 2023
Total	3 349 402	5 473 927	2 124 525	63,4%
Overseas	822 635	1 310 895	488 260	59,4%
Europe	500 662	776 430	275 768	55,1%
Austria	7 326	12 371	5 045	68,9%
Belgium	19 511	28 574	9 063	46,5%
Denmark	8 271	11 609	3 338	40,4%
France	44 588	77 498	32 910	73,8%
Germany	86 868	144 660	57 792	66,5%
Ireland	11 849	17 713	5 864	49,5%
Italy	19 431	35 528	16 097	82,8%
Portugal	9 853	12 879	3 026	30,7%
Russian Federation	7 532	17 057	9 525	126,5%
Spain	14 658	20 955	6 297	43,0%
Sweden	7 948	14 099	6 151	77,4%
Switzerland	17 373	24 242	6 869	39,5%
The Netherlands	51 532	79 876	28 344	55,0%
UK	164 001	228 689	64 688	39,4%
Other	29 921	50 680	20 759	69,4%
North America	177 202	269 348	92 146	52,0%
Canada	18 703	34 033	15 330	82,0%
USA	158 499	235 315	76 816	48,5%
Central and South America	16 502	25 363	8 861	53,7%
Argentina	1 302	2 336	1 034	79,4%
Brazil	8 714	12 300	3 586	41,2%
Mexico	2 083	3 053	970	46,6%
Other	4 403	7 674	3 271	74,3%
Australasia	31 905	67 724	35 819	112,3%
Australia	26 875	55 455	28 580	106,3%
New Zealand	4 986	12 084	7 098	142,4%
Other	44	185	141	320,5%
Middle East	26 532	40 957	14 425	54,4%
Israel	9 827	14 958	5 131	52,2%
Saudi Arabia	8 561	12 200	3 639	42,5%
United Arab Emirates	2 512	5 802	3 290	131,0%
Other	5 632	7 997	2 365	42,0%
Asia	69 832	131 073	61 241	87,7%
Bangladesh	4 757	5 414	657	13,8%
China	6 833	23 683	16 850	246,6%
India	33 198	54 867	21 669	65,3%
Japan	2 957	7 908	4 951	167,4%
Malaysia	1 535	3 600	2 065	134,5%
Pakistan	8 309	8 648	339	4,1%
Philippines	2 655	4 022	1 367	51,5%

Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan–Aug 2022 and Jan–Aug 2023 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	Jan – Aug 2022	Jan – Aug 2023	Difference between Jan – Aug 2022 and Jan – Aug 2023	% change between Jan – Aug 2022 and Jan – Aug 2023
Singapore	1 273	4 641	3 368	264,6%
South Korea	2 885	6 620	3 735	129,5%
Thailand	1 681	3 069	1 388	82,6%
Other	3 749	8 601	4 852	129,4%
Africa	2 521 054	4 154 862	1 633 808	64,8%
SADC	2 463 053	4 073 997	1 610 944	65,4%
Angola	19 653	26 615	6 962	35,4%
Botswana	144 901	210 625	65 724	45,4%
DRC	11 924	13 209	1 285	10,8%
Eswatini	247 145	462 071	214 926	87,0%
Lesotho	522 359	797 011	274 652	52,6%
Madagascar	902	2 194	1 292	143,2%
Malawi	65 710	84 656	18 946	28,8%
Mauritius	6 168	10 677	4 509	73,1%
Mozambique	581 163	878 309	297 146	51,1%
Namibia	83 906	100 876	16 970	20,2%
Seychelles	1 269	2 737	1 468	115,7%
Tanzania	15 867	21 155	5 288	33,3%
Zambia	72 227	90 580	18 353	25,4%
Zimbabwe	689 859	1 373 282	683 423	99,1%
Other' African	58 001	80 865	22 864	39,4%
East and Central Africa	27 512	46 230	18 718	68,0%
Burundi	435	656	221	50,8%
Cameroon	2 047	2 825	778	38,0%
Central African Republic	59	137	78	132,2%
Chad	182	277	95	52,2%
Comoros	222	264	42	18,9%
Congo	928	1 062	134	14,4%
Djibouti	35	77	42	120,0%
Equatorial Guinea	124	209	85	68,5%
Eritrea	283	249	-34	-12,0%
Ethiopia	3 112	3 771	659	21,2%
Gabon	1 735	2 793	1 058	61,0%
Kenya	12 103	25 002	12 899	106,6%
Réunion		20	20	
Rwanda	407	611	204	50,1%
São Tomé and Príncipe	27	53	26	96,3%
Somalia	639	418	-221	-34,6%
Uganda	5 174	7 806	2 632	50,9%
West Africa	24 431	26 540	2 109	8,6%
Benin	704	1 101	397	56,4%
Burkina Faso	325	468	143	44,0%
Cape Verde Island	134	201	67	50,0%
Côte d'Ivoire	1 122	1 480	358	31,9%

Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan–Aug 2022 and Jan–Aug 2023 by country of residence (concluded)

Country of residence	Jan – Aug 2022	Jan – Aug 2023	Difference between Jan – Aug 2022 and Jan – Aug 2023	% change between Jan – Aug 2022 and Jan – Aug 2023
Gambia	171	265	94	55,0%
Ghana	9 326	6 995	-2 331	-25,0%
Guinea	515	880	365	70,9%
Guinea-Bissau	29	54	25	86,2%
Liberia	204	431	227	111,3%
Mali	428	713	285	66,6%
Mauritania	72	123	51	70,8%
Niger	98	194	96	98,0%
Nigeria	10 163	11 966	1 803	17,7%
Saint Helena	42	39	-3	-7,1%
Senegal	699	989	290	41,5%
Sierra Leone	250	330	80	32,0%
Togo	149	311	162	108,7%
North Africa	6 058	8 095	2 037	33,6%
Algeria	546	761	215	39,4%
Egypt	2 900	3 809	909	31,3%
Libya	383	414	31	8,1%
Morocco	663	989	326	49,2%
South Sudan	352	552	200	56,8%
The Sudan	742	772	30	4,0%
Tunisia	468	788	320	68,4%
Western Sahara	4	10	6	150,0%
Unspecified	5 713	8 170	2 457	43,0%

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 Department of Home Affairs (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).

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 O.R. 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 August 2023, the DHA data was 3,8% 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 World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

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 14 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

Stats SA publishes approximately 300 different statistical releases each year. It is not economically viable to produce them in more than one of South Africa's 12 official languages, since the releases are used extensively, not only locally but also by international economic and social-scientific communities. Stats SA releases are published in English.

Stats SA has copyright on this publication. Users may apply the information as they wish, provided that they acknowledge Stats SA as the source of the basic data wherever they process, apply, utilise, publish or distribute the data; and also that they specify that the relevant application and analysis (where applicable) result from their own processing of the data.

Advance release calendar

An advance release calendar is disseminated at www.statssa.gov.za.

Stats SA products

A complete set of Stats SA publications is available at the Stats SA Library and the following libraries:

National Library of South Africa, Pretoria Division
National Library of South Africa, Cape Town Division
Natal Society Library, Pietermaritzburg
Library of Parliament, Cape Town
Bloemfontein Public Library
Johannesburg Public Library
Eastern Cape Library Services, Qonce
Central Regional Library, Polokwane
Central Reference Library, Mbombela
Central Reference Collection, Kimberley
Central Reference Library, Mmabatho

Stats SA also provides a subscription service.

Electronic services

A large range of data are available via online services, CD and computer printouts. For more details about our electronic data, contact user information services.

You can visit us on the Internet at www.statssa.gov.za.

Enquiries

Telephone: (012) 310 8600 (user information services)
(079) 511 9917 (technical enquiries)
(012) 310 8251 (orders)
(012) 310 4883/4885/8018 (library)

Fax: (012) 310 8500/ 8495 (user information services)
(012) 310 6937 (technical enquiries)

Email: TshwaroG@statssa.gov.za (technical enquiries)
info@statssa.gov.za (user information services)

Postal address: Private Bag X44, Pretoria, 0001

Produced by Stats SA