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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 include 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 December 2022. Specific focus is on foreign tourists who entered the country in the month of December 2022. 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.



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1. Key findings

1.1 Travellers

1.1.1 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 2 881 887 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) passed through South African ports of entry/exit in December 2022. As presented in Table 1 on page 12, these travellers were made up of 965 599 South African residents and 1 916 288 foreign travellers. A further breakdown of the figures for South African residents indicates that there were 407 837 arrivals, 557 365 departures and 397 travellers in transit. The corresponding volume for foreign arrivals, departures and travellers in transit was 971 425, 918 272 and 26 591 respectively.

A comparison between the movements in December 2021 and December 2022 indicates that the volume of arrivals, departures and travellers in transit increased for both South African residents and foreign travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals increased by 123,5% (from 182 489 in December 2021 to 407 837 in December 2022). Departures increased by 130,0% (from 242 289 in December 2021 to 557 365 in December 2022) and transits increased by 225,4% (from 122 in December 2021 to 397 in December 2022). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 179,8% (from 347 188 in December 2021 to 971 425 in December 2022), departures increased by 135,8% (from 389 490 in December 2021 to 918 272 in December 2022), and transits increased by 175,1% (from 9 666 in December 2021 to 26 591 in December 2022).

A comparison between the movements in November 2022 and December 2022 indicates that the volume of arrivals and departures increased for both South African residents and foreign travellers. Travellers in transit decreased for both groups of travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals increased by 43,7% (from 283 731 in November 2022 to 407 837 in December 2022), departures increased by 97,7% (from 281 862 in November 2022 to 557 365 in December 2022) and transits decreased by 9,4% (from 438 in November 2022 to 397 in December 2022). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 18,8% (from 818 002 in November 2022 to 971 425 in December 2022), departures increased by 35,2% (from 678 982 in November 2022 to 918 272 in December 2022) and transits decreased by 11,0% (from 29 867 in November 2022 to 26 591 in December 2022).

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 1 on page 12, in December 2022, 75 493 (7,8%) of foreign arrivals were classified as non-visitors, while 895 932 (92,2%) were classified as visitors. Visitors were categorised into three groups:

- i. Arrivals only – comprising visitors who entered the country in December 2022 but did not depart in December 2022 [301 124 (33,6%)];
- ii. Single trips – visitors who came to South Africa once in December 2022 and left in December 2022 [312 576 (34,9%)]; and
- iii. Multiple trips – visitors who came to and left South Africa more than once in December 2022 [282 232 (31,5%)].

Visitors were further grouped as same-day visitors and overnight visitors (tourists). In December 2022, there were 218 094 (24,3%) same-day visitors and 677 838 (75,7%) tourists. Between December 2021 and December 2022, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 345,1% (from 49 002 in December 2021 to 218 094 in December 2022) and that of tourists increased by 157,6% (from 263 108 in December 2021 to 677 838 in December 2022). Between November 2022 and December 2022, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 23,6% (from 176 480 in November 2022 to 218 094 in December 2022) and that of tourists increased by 19,8% (from 565 758 in November 2022 to 677 838 in December 2022).

1.1.2 Mode of travel of travellers

Information presented in Table 2 on page 13, shows the number of South African residents and foreign travellers by travel direction and mode of travel. In December 2022, road transport was the most common mode of travel used by 1 902 054 (66,0%) of the 2 881 887 travellers. Total number of travellers who used air transport was 922 849 (32,0%). Compared to air and road, a smaller number of travellers, 56 984 (2,0%) used sea transport into and out of South Africa. Information on arrivals of South African residents shows that 181 370 (44,5%) came by air, 207 855 (51,0%) came by road and 18 612 (4,6%) arrived by sea. For departures, 229 417 (41,2%) used air, 306 450 (55,0%) used road and 21 498 (3,9%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 397 (100,0%) used air.

In the case of foreign travellers, 254 755 (26,2%) arrived by air, 707 205 (72,8%) came by road and 9 465 (1,0%) arrived by sea. When departing South Africa, 230 319 (25,1%) foreign travellers left by air, 680 544 (74,1%) left by road and 7 409 (0,8%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 26 591 (100,0%) used air. Table 2 further shows that of the 218 094 same-day visitors, a majority, 204 134 (93,6%) arrived in the country by road, 13 589 (6,2%) flew into the country and 371 (0,2%) arrived by sea. Information on tourists shows that 441 607 (65,1%) used road, 233 162 (34,4%) used air and 3 069 (0,5%) used sea.

1.2 Tourists

1.2.1 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 Table 3 on pages 14 to 17. In December 2022, 179 987 (94,4%) of the 190 667 overseas tourists arrived in the country by air, whilst 8 260 (4,3%) came in by road and 2 420 (1,3%) arrived by sea. Tourists from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries, on the other hand, came predominantly by road, 432 240 (90,6%), whilst 44 053 (9,2%) came by air and 639 (0,1%) arrived by sea. The number of tourists who came into South Africa by air from 'other' African countries was 8 353 (91,0%); while 817 (8,9%) used road and 10 (0,1%) used sea.

1.2.2 Regional and national distribution

In December 2022, the distribution of overseas tourists was as follows: Europe, 122 481 (64,2%); North America, 37 517 (19,7%); Australasia, 12 355 (6,5%); Asia, 12 119 (6,4%); Central and South America, 3 237 (1,7%) and The Middle East, 2 958 (1,6%).

Figure 1 on page 9 indicates that the ten leading overseas countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in December 2022 were: United Kingdom (UK), 41 424 (21,7%); United States of America (USA), 32 096 (16,8%); Germany, 24 454 (12,8%); The Netherlands, 10 800 (5,7%); Australia, 9 793 (5,1%); France, 8 529 (4,5%); India, 5 597 (2,9%); Canada, 5 421 (2,8%); Belgium, 4 292 (2,3%) and Switzerland, 4 276 (2,2%). Tourists from these ten countries constituted 76,9% of all tourists from overseas countries. A comparison of movements in the ten leading countries between December 2021 and December 2022 shows that the number of tourists increased for all ten leading countries. Australia had the highest increase of 1 301,0% (from 699 tourists in December 2021 to 9 793 tourists in December 2022).

Virtually, most tourists from Africa, 476 932 (98,1%), came from SADC countries. The distribution of the remaining tourists from Africa was as follows: East and Central Africa, 5 067 (1,0%); West Africa, 3 286 (0,7%) and North Africa 827 (0,2%). Ten leading SADC countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in December 2022 were: Zimbabwe, 164 538 (34,5%); Mozambique, 99 084 (20,8%); Lesotho, 88 882 (18,6%); Botswana, 38 628 (8,1%); Eswatini, 34 079 (7,1%); Namibia, 18 435 (3,9%); Zambia, 12 097 (2,5%); Malawi, 10 885 (2,3%); Angola, 3 339 (0,7%) and Tanzania, 3 102 (0,7%) (see Figure 2 on page 9). Tourists from these ten countries constituted 99,2% of all tourists from the SADC countries. A comparison of movements in the ten leading countries between December 2021 and December 2022 shows that the number of tourists increased for all ten leading countries. Angola showed the highest increase of 304,2% (from 826 tourists in December 2021 to 3 339 in December 2022).

The ten leading countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in December 2022 from 'other' African countries, as shown in Figure 3 on page 10, were: Kenya, 2 042 (22,2%); Nigeria, 1 501 (16,4%); Uganda, 1 155 (12,6%); Ghana, 967 (10,5%); Cameroon, 451 (4,9%); Gabon, 443 (4,8%); Ethiopia, 434 (4,7%); Egypt, 365 (4,0%); Congo, 185 (2,0%) and Côte d'Ivoire, 140 (1,5%). Tourists from these ten countries constituted 83,7% of all tourists from 'other' African countries. A comparison between movements in December 2021 and December 2022 shows that the number of tourists increased for nine of ten leading countries. Gabon showed the highest increase of 842,6% (from 47 tourists in December 2021 to 443 in December 2022). Ghana decreased by 9,5% (from 1 068 tourists in December 2021 to 967 tourists in December 2022).

1.2.3 Purpose of visit

Table 4 on pages 18 to 21, shows the number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit. It is observed that in December 2022, the majority of tourists, 661 601 (97,6%), were in South Africa for holiday¹ compared to 14 509 (2,1%); 1 535 (0,2%) and 193 (less than 0,1%) who were in South Africa for business, study and medical treatment respectively.

Within the overseas regions, Australasia, 99,6% (12 310) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for holiday followed by North America, 99,2% (37 205); Europe, 99,0% (121 228); Central and South America, 98,0% (3 171); The Middle East, 97,3% (2 878) and Asia, 96,0% (11 630).

Asia, 3,1% (375) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business, followed by Central and South America, 1,7% (56); Middle East, 1,3% (38); Europe, 0,8% (1 015); North America, 0,7% (249) and Australasia, 0,3% (38).

Middle East, 1,4% (42) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to study, followed by Asia, 0,9% (109); Central and South America, 0,3% (10); Europe, 0,2% (210); North America, 0,1% (56) and Australasia, 0,1% (7).

Europe (28), North America (7) and Asia (5) had less than 0,1% of medical treatment tourists whereas The Middle East, Central and South America and Australasia had none.

Majority of African tourists, 472 179 (97,1%) 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 97,2% (463 747) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 91,9% (8 432) from 'other' African countries. Information on the regions of 'other' African countries shows that 92,3% (3 032) of tourists from West Africa were on holiday, followed by tourists from East and Central Africa, 92,1% (4 669) and those from North Africa, 88,4% (731).
- Business persons constituted 2,5% (12 157) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 5,7% (523) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 7,4% (61) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business purposes, followed by East and Central Africa, 5,8% (294) and West Africa, 5,1% (168).
- Students constituted 0,2% (900) of tourists from SADC countries compared with 2,2% (200) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 4,2% (35) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for study purposes, followed by West Africa, 2,4% (78) and East and Central Africa, 1,7% (87).
- Tourists who came for medical treatment constituted less than 0,1% (128) of tourists from SADC countries, while those from 'other' African countries constituted 0,3% (25). East and Central Africa, 0,3% (17) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for medical treatment, followed by West Africa, 0,2% (8). North Africa had none.

¹ The holiday category includes tourists who came for vacation, visiting friends and relatives, shopping and other personal reasons. See section 5.5.2 on page 35 for a more detailed discussion.

1.2.4 Sex and age distribution

Table 5 on page 22, shows the number of tourists by country of residence, sex and age group. There were 371 880 (54,9%) male and 305 958 (45,1%) female tourists. Overseas tourists were made up of 98 285 (51,5%) males and 92 382 (48,5%) females. There were 267 777 (56,1%) male and 209 155 (43,9%) female tourists from SADC countries. Tourists from 'other' African countries were made up of 5 193 (56,6%) males and 3 987 (43,4%) females.

The ages of tourists were categorised into seven broad groups (see Table 5 for a detailed classification). The results presented in Table 5 further shows that the majority of tourists were aged between 35 and 44 years [182 065 (26,9%)]. Taking the regions of residence into consideration, the results show that the highest proportion of tourists from overseas countries [35 980 (18,9%)] were aged between 25 and 34 years, whereas tourists from SADC countries [147 884 (31,0%)] and those from 'other' African countries [2 650 (28,9%)] were aged between 35 and 44 years.

The second highest proportion of tourists from overseas countries [31 833 (16,7%)] were aged between 45 and 54 years, whereas tourists from SADC countries [121 951 (25,6%)] and those from 'other' African countries [2 009 (21,9%)] were aged between 25 and 34 years. The median ages of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries were 39, 36 and 37 years respectively. The proportion of tourists younger than 15 years was higher among tourists from overseas countries, 13,0% (24 722) and those from 'other' African countries, 10,7% (982) compared with those from SADC countries, 8,8% (41 967).

A comparison of the three regions shows higher proportions of the elderly (those aged 65 years and older) among both male and female tourists from overseas. This comprised of 10,4% (10 200) males and 10,4% (9 576) females from overseas countries. However, tourists aged 65 years and older from the other two regions (SADC and 'other' African countries) comprised of less than 5,0% of both male and female tourists. Elderly tourists from SADC countries were made up of 2,0% (5 292) male and 3,2% (6 650) female; while in 'other' African countries elderly tourists were made up of 3,7% (194) and 4,8% (193) of male and female respectively.

1.2.5 Quarterly and annual trends

Figures 4, 5, and 6 on pages 10 and 11 show monthly and yearly changes in number of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries, respectively. A different pattern was observed in quarter two, three and four of 2020 and this came as a result of international travel restrictions that were introduced due to the Covid-19 pandemic. For overseas countries (Figure 4 on page 10), the number of tourists who come to South Africa is generally highest in quarter one (January to March) and quarter four (October to December) of each year. Quarter two (April to June) is characterised by a large decrease in the number of tourists, reaching its lowest in June, followed by a gradual increase into quarter three. Though there is sharp increase in quarter one of 2022, the numbers are still very low compared with quarter one of the pre-pandemic years. Quarter two of 2022 was characterised by a large decrease. A large increase was observed in quarter three and four of 2022, this is a normal trend for quarter two and three. Between quarter three of 2022 and quarter four of 2022 (Annexure B, pages 27 to 28) the number of tourists from overseas increased by 31,4% (from 381 886 in quarter three of 2022 to 501 627 in quarter four of 2022). A year-on-year comparison between 2021 and 2022 for quarter four (Annexure C, pages 31 to 32) shows that the number of overseas tourists increased by 171,6% (from 184 670 in quarter four of 2021 to 501 627 in quarter four of 2022).

For the SADC countries (Figure 5 on page 11), the months of January and December of each year have the highest number of tourists. Furthermore, there is a distinct peak in December due to Christmas holiday break and a smaller peak in March/April, depending on the month where Easter holiday falls. These periods are characterised by high volumes of travellers between South Africa and neighbouring SADC countries. Although the number of tourists is gradually increasing, the 2022 trend is still far below the trends in pre-covid years. Between the third and the fourth quarter of 2022, the number of tourists increased by 6,8% (from 1 192 545 in the third quarter of 2022 to 1 273 947 in the fourth quarter of 2022) (see Annexure B on pages 28 to 29). Comparisons between the fourth quarter of 2021 and the fourth quarter of 2022 show that the number of SADC tourists increased by 118,8% (from 582 113 in quarter four of 2021 to 1 273 947 in quarter four of 2022) (see Annexure C on pages 32 to 33).

In the case of the 'other' African countries (Figure 6 on page 11), the months of August and November seem to generally attract more tourists compared to other months. June attracts the lowest number of tourists compared to other months. Between quarter three of 2022 and quarter four of 2022 (see Annexure B on pages 29 to 30), the number of tourists from 'other' African countries increased by 18,7% (from 25 732 in quarter three of 2022 to 30 536 in quarter four of 2022). East and Central Africa increased by 23,7% (from 12 692 in quarter three of 2022 to 15 704 in quarter four of 2022), followed by North Africa which increased by 19,8% (from 2 789 in quarter three of 2022 to 3 341 in quarter four of 2022) and West Africa increased by 12,1% (from 10 251 in quarter three of 2022 to 11 491 in quarter four of 2022).

A year-on-year comparison for quarter four (see Annexure C on pages 33 to 34) shows that the number of tourists from 'other' African countries increased by 67,4% (from 18 240 in quarter four of 2021 to 30 536 in quarter four of 2022). East and Central Africa had the largest increase of 104,0% (from 7 698 in quarter four of 2021 to 15 704 in quarter four of 2022), followed by North Africa which increased by 88,1% (from 1 776 in quarter four of 2021 to 3 341 in quarter four of 2022) and West Africa which increased by 31,1% (from 8 766 in quarter four of 2021 to 11 491 in quarter four of 2022).

2. Figures

Figure 1 – Number of tourists from the ten leading overseas countries in December 2021 and December 2022

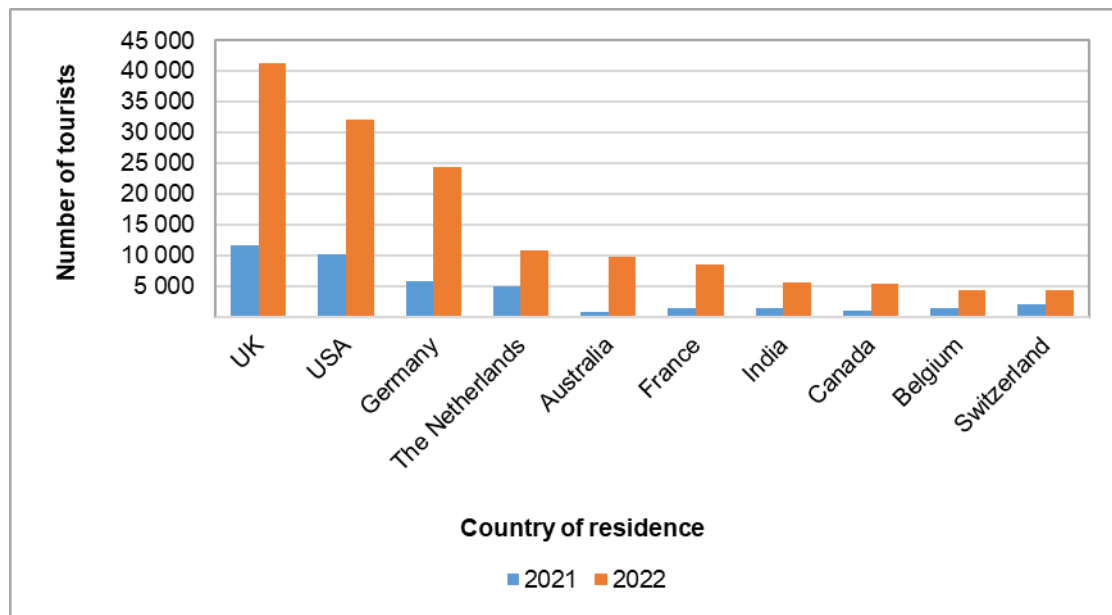


Figure 2 – Number of tourists from the ten leading Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries in December 2021 and December 2022

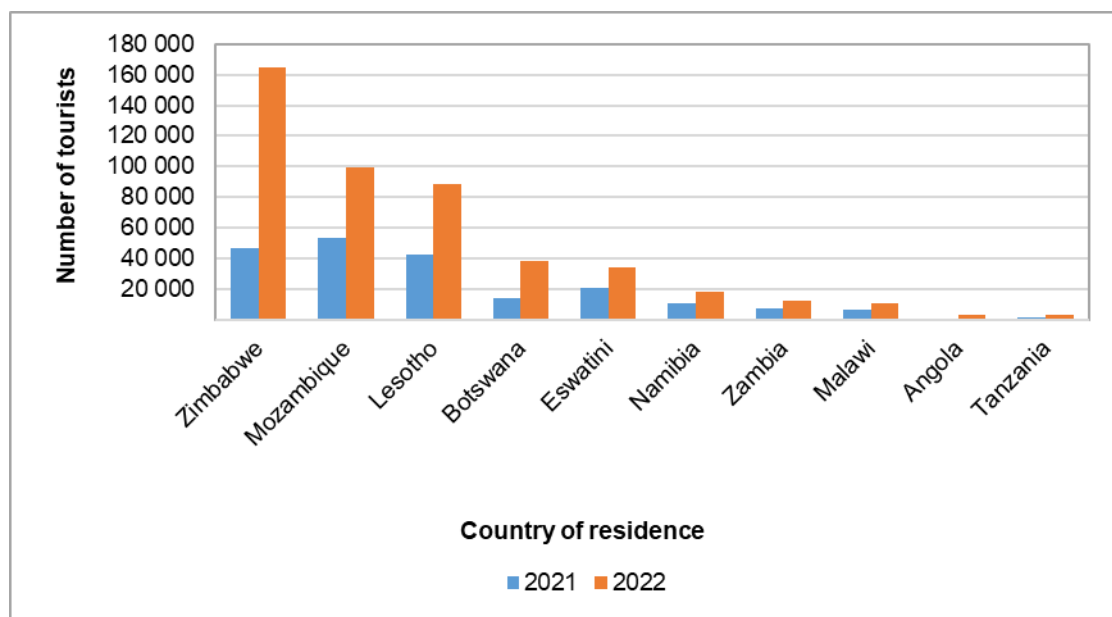


Figure 3 – Number of tourists from the ten leading 'other' African countries in December 2021 and December 2022

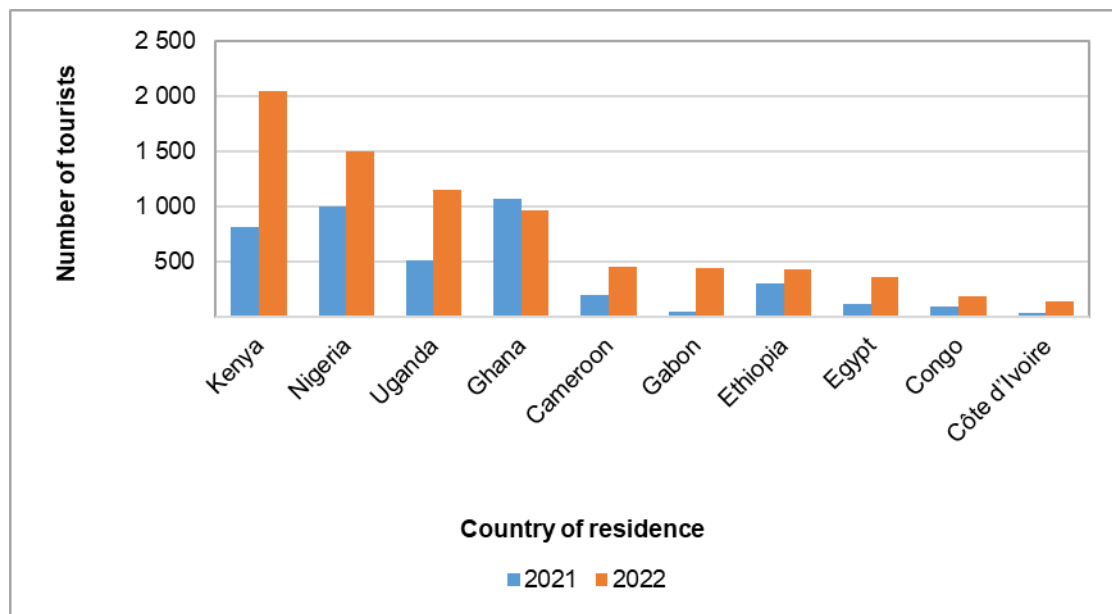


Figure 4 – Number of tourists from overseas countries by month: 2018 – 2022

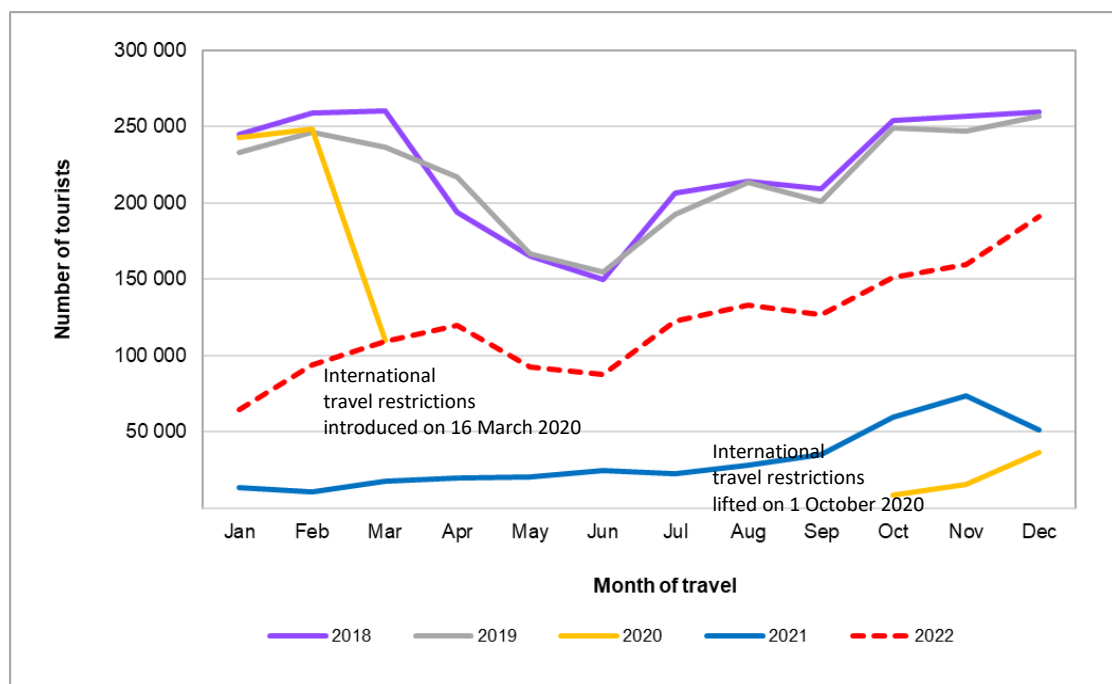


Figure 5 – Number of tourists from SADC countries by month: 2018 – 2022

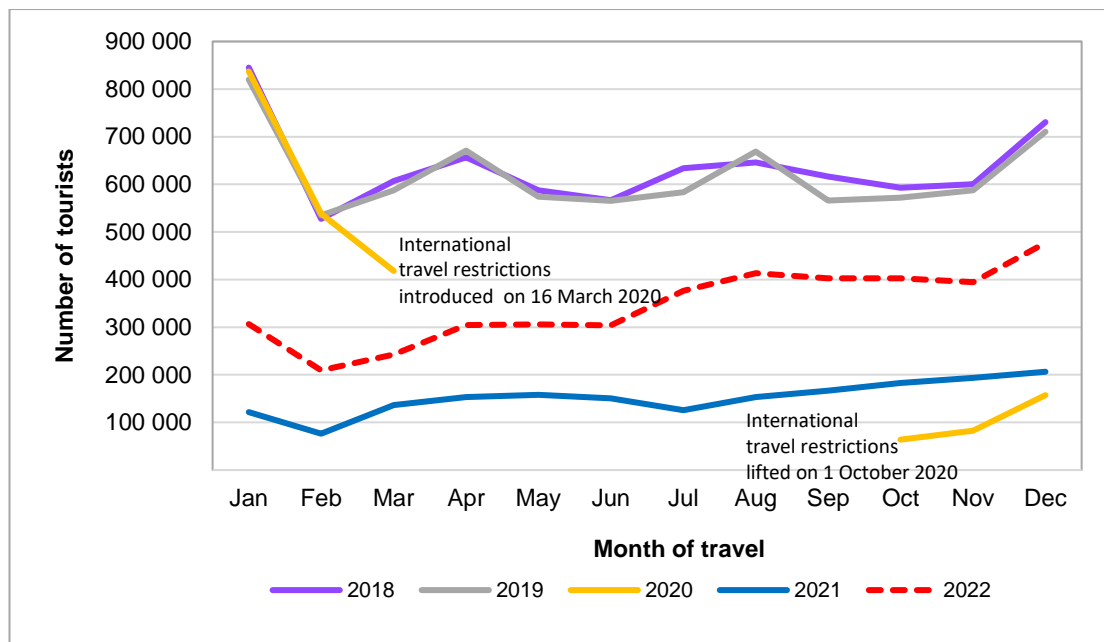
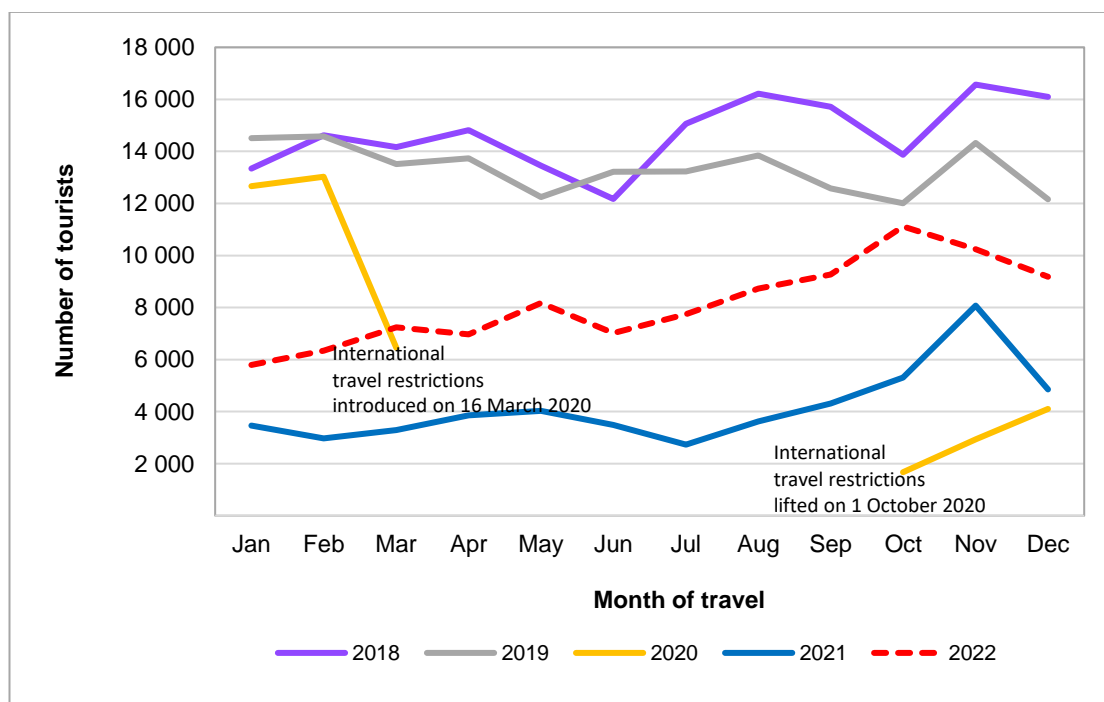


Figure 6 – Number of tourists from ‘other’ African countries by month: 2018 – 2022



3. Tables

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

Travel Direction	December 2021	November 2022	December 2022	% Change Nov 2022 – Dec 2022	% Change Dec 2021 – Dec 2022
Total	1 171 244	2 092 882	2 881 887	37,7%	146,1%
South African residents	424 900	566 031	965 599	70,6%	127,3%
Arrivals	182 489	283 731	407 837	43,7%	123,5%
Departures	242 289	281 862	557 365	97,7%	130,0%
Transits	122	438	397	-9,4%	225,4%
Foreign travellers	746 344	1 526 851	1 916 288	25,5%	156,8%
Arrivals	347 188	818 002	971 425	18,8%	179,8%
Departures	389 490	678 982	918 272	35,2%	135,8%
Transits	9 666	29 867	26 591	-11,0%	175,1%
Foreign arrivals	347 188	818 002	971 425	18,8%	179,8%
Non-visitors	35 078	75 764	75 493	-0,4%	115,2%
Visitors	312 110	742 238	895 932	20,7%	187,1%
Visitors	312 110	742 238	895 932	20,7%	187,1%
Arrivals only	111 998	240 334	301 124	25,3%	168,9%
Single trips	103 495	263 654	312 576	18,6%	202,0%
Multiple trips	96 617	238 250	282 232	18,5%	192,1%
Visitors	312 110	742 238	895 932	20,7%	187,1%
Same-day	49 002	176 480	218 094	23,6%	345,1%
Overnight (Tourists)	263 108	565 758	677 838	19,8%	157,6%

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	2 881 887	270 660	29 165	618 686	4 338	922 849	1 902 054	56 984
South African residents	965 599	85 254	21 221	302 383	2 326	411 184	514 305	40 110
Arrivals	407 837	38 238	8 702	133 348	1 082	181 370	207 855	18 612
Departures	557 365	47 015	12 519	168 639	1 244	229 417	306 450	21 498
Transit	397	1	-	396	-	397	-	-
Foreign travellers	1 916 288	185 406	7 944	316 303	2 012	511 665	1 387 749	16 874
Arrivals	971 425	100 711	4 358	148 945	741	254 755	707 205	9 465
Departures	918 272	84 506	3 586	140 956	1 271	230 319	680 544	7 409
Transit	26 591	189	-	26 402	-	26 591	-	-
Visitors	895 932	98 169	3 661	144 304	617	246 751	645 741	3 440
Same-day	218 094	1 212	48	12 231	98	13 589	204 134	371
Tourist	677 838	96 957	3 613	132 073	519	233 162	441 607	3 069

Table 3 – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, December 2022

Country of residence	December		December 2022						
	2021	2022	Air					Road	Sea
			Cape town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Total	263 108	677 838	96 957	3 613	132 073	519	233 162	441 607	3 069
Overseas	51 516	190 667	87 424	3 163	88 973	427	179 987	8 260	2 420
Europe	34 831	122 481	63 739	2 175	50 454	212	116 580	4 529	1 372
Austria	533	1 984	1 203	36	635	8	1 882	75	27
Belgium	1 422	4 292	2 127	38	1 905	6	4 076	205	11
Denmark	281	1 520	521	41	898	-	1 460	55	5
France	1 421	8 529	3 335	66	4 734	6	8 141	372	16
Germany	5 808	24 454	15 034	251	7 576	58	22 919	781	754
Ireland	825	3 233	1 774	104	1 273	7	3 158	68	7
Italy	662	3 962	1 961	61	1 743	16	3 781	164	17
Portugal	578	1 788	476	23	771	6	1 276	506	6
Russian Federation	1 011	2 574	1 378	19	1 012	3	2 412	159	3
Spain	416	2 147	910	69	1 023	6	2 008	132	7
Sweden	1 318	3 766	2 370	50	1 232	5	3 657	100	9
Switzerland	1 975	4 276	2 241	51	1 740	10	4 042	211	23
The Netherlands	4 972	10 800	6 121	88	4 062	13	10 284	491	25
UK	11 645	41 424	20 669	1 097	18 388	54	40 208	857	359
Other	1 964	7 732	3 619	181	3 462	14	7 276	353	103
North America	11 163	37 517	16 071	194	19 184	186	35 635	990	892
Canada	1 006	5 421	2 296	40	2 801	16	5 153	183	85
USA	10 157	32 096	13 775	154	16 383	170	30 482	807	807
Central and South America	945	3 237	1 343	35	1 587	11	2 976	248	13
Argentina	56	234	97	3	121	-	221	10	3
Brazil	520	1 709	770	13	756	-	1 539	165	5
Mexico	119	438	207	3	216	6	432	6	-
Other	250	856	269	16	494	5	784	67	5

Table 3 – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, December 2022 (continued)

Country of residence	December		December 2022						
	2021	2022	Air					Road	Sea
			Cape town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Australasia	834	12 355	2 276	422	9 330	7	12 035	254	66
Australia	699	9 793	1 689	227	7 605	4	9 525	204	64
New Zealand	134	2 511	542	195	1 719	3	2 459	50	2
Other	1	51	45	-	6	-	51	-	-
Middle East	408	2 958	982	20	1 891	1	2 894	63	1
Iran	35	183	88	1	86	-	175	8	-
Israel	146	1 687	335	7	1 325	1	1 668	18	1
Saudi Arabia	53	455	320	2	129	-	451	4	-
Other	174	633	239	10	351	-	600	33	-
Asia	3 335	12 119	3 013	317	6 527	10	9 867	2 176	76
Bangladesh	246	539	99	47	317	-	463	76	-
China	316	1 206	177	9	772	-	958	246	2
India	1 500	5 597	1 407	89	3 048	8	4 552	1 004	41
Japan	72	827	278	29	481	-	788	36	3
Malaysia	18	305	158	9	124	-	291	10	4
Pakistan	570	923	114	83	369	1	567	353	3
Philippines	95	480	144	5	239	-	388	80	12
Singapore	29	450	209	4	233	-	446	2	2
South Korea	169	726	157	20	444	-	621	99	6
Thailand	60	285	99	4	157	1	261	24	-
Other	260	781	171	18	343	-	532	246	3
Africa	211 209	486 112	9 451	450	42 415	90	52 406	433 057	649
SADC	206 349	476 932	7 699	406	35 878	70	44 053	432 240	639
Angola	826	3 339	1 284	1	1 519	6	2 810	522	7
Botswana	13 782	38 628	517	5	2 163	19	2 704	35 811	113
DRC	2 020	1 979	51	1	1 621	10	1 683	285	11
Eswatini	20 526	34 079	6	1	688	-	695	33 371	13

Table 3 – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, December 2022 (continued)

Country of residence	December		December 2022						
	2021	2022	Air					Road	Sea
			Cape town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Lesotho	42 778	88 882	7	3	502	1	513	88 219	150
Madagascar	18	147	29	-	113	-	142	5	-
Malawi	6 405	10 885	54	5	1 627	6	1 692	9 175	18
Mauritius	128	1 341	417	6	838	-	1 261	77	3
Mozambique	53 425	99 084	282	8	2 588	9	2 887	96 151	46
Namibia	10 986	18 435	1 965	-	2 076	2	4 043	14 332	60
Seychelles	58	396	43	-	332	-	375	21	-
Tanzania	1 395	3 102	352	1	1 945	3	2 301	772	29
Zambia	7 068	12 097	63	4	4 336	2	4 405	7 681	11
Zimbabwe	46 934	164 538	2 629	371	15 530	12	18 542	145 818	178
'Other' African	4 860	9 180	1 752	44	6 537	20	8 353	817	10
East and Central Africa	2 172	5 067	1 131	11	3 526	5	4 673	388	6
Burundi	51	112	29	-	77	-	106	6	-
Cameroon	203	451	57	-	369	-	426	25	-
Central African Republic	13	25	2	-	21	2	25	-	-
Chad	27	15	1	-	14	-	15	-	-
Comoros	1	13	2	-	11	-	13	-	-
Congo	99	185	33	-	139	-	172	13	-
Djibouti	1	4	-	-	4	-	4	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	12	19	5	-	14	-	19	-	-
Eritrea	35	37	1	-	31	-	32	5	-
Ethiopia	305	434	65	1	298	-	364	70	-
Gabon	47	443	29	-	412	-	441	2	-
Kenya	813	2 042	637	8	1 241	3	1 889	150	3
Rwanda	18	60	18	-	40	-	58	2	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	1	5	1	-	4	-	5	-	-
Somalia	28	67	3	-	24	-	27	40	-
Uganda	518	1 155	248	2	827	-	1 077	75	3

Table 3 – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, December 2022 (concluded)

Country of residence	December		December 2022						
	2021	2022	Air					Road	Sea
			Cape town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
West Africa	2 366	3 286	415	19	2 448	6	2 888	394	4
Benin	57	136	16	-	114	-	130	6	-
Burkina Faso	8	39	24	-	13	2	39	-	-
Cape Verde Island	7	23	9	-	9	-	18	5	-
Côte d'Ivoire	39	140	16	6	111	-	133	7	-
Gambia	5	30	10	-	14	3	27	3	-
Ghana	1 068	967	85	3	846	-	934	31	2
Guinea	67	125	5	-	20	-	25	100	-
Guinea-Bissau	1	3	-	-	2	-	2	1	-
Liberia	19	71	6	-	64	-	70	1	-
Mali	40	63	11	-	18	-	29	34	-
Mauritania	-	3	-	2	1	-	3	-	-
Niger	5	18	3	-	14	-	17	1	-
Nigeria	998	1 501	194	3	1 109	1	1 307	193	1
Saint Helena	-	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-
Senegal	29	90	21	5	61	-	87	2	1
Sierra Leone	20	43	9	-	26	-	35	8	-
Togo	3	32	6	-	24	-	30	2	-
North Africa	322	827	206	14	563	9	792	35	-
Algeria	68	40	8	-	27	-	35	5	-
Egypt	114	365	69	7	278	-	354	11	-
Libya	39	38	5	1	21	-	27	11	-
Morocco	12	94	25	3	63	-	91	3	-
South Sudan	35	105	27	-	69	9	105	-	-
The Sudan	38	110	37	1	69	-	107	3	-
Tunisia	15	74	35	2	35	-	72	2	-
Western Sahara	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Unspecified	383	1 059	82	-	685	2	769	290	-

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

Country of residence	December			Purpose of visit (December 2022)			
	2021	2022	% change 2021–2022	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Total	263 108	677 838	157,6%	14 509	661 601	1 535	193
Overseas	51 516	190 667	270,1%	1 771	188 422	434	40
Europe	34 831	122 481	251,6%	1 015	121 228	210	28
Austria	533	1 984	272,2%	9	1 971	3	1
Belgium	1 422	4 292	201,8%	25	4 262	5	-
Denmark	281	1 520	440,9%	13	1 504	2	1
France	1 421	8 529	500,2%	153	8 337	38	1
Germany	5 808	24 454	321,0%	207	24 191	55	1
Ireland	825	3 233	291,9%	18	3 214	1	-
Italy	662	3 962	498,5%	40	3 917	4	1
Portugal	578	1 788	209,3%	16	1 771	1	-
Russian Federation	1 011	2 574	154,6%	18	2 548	8	-
Spain	416	2 147	416,1%	35	2 108	4	-
Sweden	1 318	3 766	185,7%	18	3 744	4	-
Switzerland	1 975	4 276	116,5%	23	4 243	10	-
The Netherlands	4 972	10 800	117,2%	60	10 720	17	3
UK	11 645	41 424	255,7%	245	41 126	36	17
Other	1 964	7 732	293,7%	135	7 572	22	3
North America	11 163	37 517	236,1%	249	37 205	56	7
Canada	1 006	5 421	438,9%	39	5 374	8	-
USA	10 157	32 096	216,0%	210	31 831	48	7
Central and South America	945	3 237	242,5%	56	3 171	10	-
Argentina	56	234	317,9%	9	225	-	-
Brazil	520	1 709	228,7%	19	1 685	5	-
Mexico	119	438	268,1%	10	425	3	-
Other	250	856	242,4%	18	836	2	-

Table 4 – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit (continued)

Country of residence	December			Purpose of visit (December 2022)			
	2021	2022	% change 2021–2022	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Australasia	834	12 355	1381,4%	38	12 310	7	-
Australia	699	9 793	1301,0%	22	9 765	6	-
New Zealand	134	2 511	1773,9%	11	2 499	1	-
Other	1	51	5000,0%	5	46	-	-
Middle East	408	2 958	625,0%	38	2 878	42	-
Iran	35	183	422,9%	3	177	3	-
Israel	146	1 687	1055,5%	15	1 665	7	-
Saudi Arabia	53	455	758,5%	-	449	6	-
Other	174	633	263,8%	20	587	26	-
Asia	3 335	12 119	263,4%	375	11 630	109	5
Bangladesh	246	539	119,1%	4	535	-	-
China	316	1 206	281,6%	99	1 095	12	-
India	1 500	5 597	273,1%	160	5 381	52	4
Japan	72	827	1048,6%	24	795	8	-
Malaysia	18	305	1594,4%	3	301	1	-
Pakistan	570	923	61,9%	18	898	6	1
Philippines	95	480	405,3%	3	475	2	-
Singapore	29	450	1451,7%	8	440	2	-
South Korea	169	726	329,6%	13	697	16	-
Thailand	60	285	375,0%	2	281	2	-
Other	260	781	200,4%	41	732	8	-
Africa	211 209	486 112	130,2%	12 680	472 179	1 100	153
SADC	206 349	476 932	131,1%	12 157	463 747	900	128
Angola	826	3 339	304,2%	29	3 262	37	11
Botswana	13 782	38 628	180,3%	573	37 918	96	41
DRC	2 020	1 979	-2,0%	36	1 876	51	16
Eswatini	20 526	34 079	66,0%	1 536	32 492	51	-

Table 4 – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit (continued)

Country of residence	December			Purpose of visit (December 2022)			
	2021	2022	% change 2021–2022	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Lesotho	42 778	88 882	107,8%	605	88 094	165	18
Madagascar	18	147	716,7%	7	137	2	1
Malawi	6 405	10 885	69,9%	281	10 574	24	6
Mauritius	128	1 341	947,7%	35	1 287	17	2
Mozambique	53 425	99 084	85,5%	1 487	97 564	23	10
Namibia	10 986	18 435	67,8%	2 586	15 760	84	5
Seychelles	58	396	582,8%	-	394	1	1
Tanzania	1 395	3 102	122,4%	84	3 000	16	2
Zambia	7 068	12 097	71,2%	2 586	9 475	30	6
Zimbabwe	46 934	164 538	250,6%	2 312	161 914	303	9
'Other' African	4 860	9 180	88,9%	523	8 432	200	25
East and Central Africa	2 172	5 067	133,3%	294	4 669	87	17
Burundi	51	112	119,6%	2	104	5	1
Cameroon	203	451	122,2%	20	422	6	3
Central African Republic	13	25	92,3%	-	22	1	2
Chad	27	15	-44,4%	1	14	-	-
Comoros	1	13	1200,0%	1	10	2	-
Congo	99	185	86,9%	3	175	6	1
Djibouti	1	4	300,0%	1	3	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	12	19	58,3%	1	17	1	-
Eritrea	35	37	5,7%	-	34	3	-
Ethiopia	305	434	42,3%	30	398	5	1
Gabon	47	443	842,6%	5	430	6	2
Kenya	813	2 042	151,2%	137	1 870	30	5
Rwanda	18	60	233,3%	7	53	-	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	1	5	400,0%	-	5	-	-
Somalia	28	67	139,3%	15	51	-	1
Uganda	518	1 155	123,0%	71	1 061	22	1

Table 4 – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit (concluded)

Country of residence	December			Purpose of visit (December 2022)			
	2021	2022	% change 2021–2022	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
West Africa	2 366	3 286	38,9%	168	3 032	78	8
Benin	57	136	138,6%	6	129	1	-
Burkina Faso	8	39	387,5%	12	25	-	2
Cape Verde Island	7	23	228,6%	-	23	-	-
Côte d'Ivoire	39	140	259,0%	15	122	3	-
Gambia	5	30	500,0%	6	24	-	-
Ghana	1 068	967	-9,5%	50	904	13	-
Guinea	67	125	86,6%	2	121	1	1
Guinea-Bissau	1	3	200,0%	-	3	-	-
Liberia	19	71	273,7%	1	69	1	-
Mali	40	63	57,5%	7	56	-	-
Mauritania	-	3	-	2	1	-	-
Niger	5	18	260,0%	-	17	1	-
Nigeria	998	1 501	50,4%	50	1 390	56	5
Saint Helena	-	2	-	-	2	-	-
Senegal	29	90	210,3%	13	77	-	-
Sierra Leone	20	43	115,0%	3	39	1	-
Togo	3	32	966,7%	1	30	1	-
North Africa	322	827	156,8%	61	731	35	-
Algeria	68	40	-41,2%	2	35	3	-
Egypt	114	365	220,2%	21	333	11	-
Libya	39	38	-2,6%	1	32	5	-
Morocco	12	94	683,3%	11	80	3	-
South Sudan	35	105	200,0%	12	88	5	-
The Sudan	38	110	189,5%	6	96	8	-
Tunisia	15	74	393,3%	8	66	-	-
Western Sahara	1	1	0,0%	-	1	-	-
Unspecified	383	1 059	176,5%	58	1 000	1	-

Table 5 – Number of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African regions by sex and age group

Sex	Age group	December		Region (December 2022)			
		2021	2022	Overseas	SADC	'Other' African	Unspecified
All	Total	263 108	677 838	190 667	476 932	9 180	1 059
	0-14	21 933	67 698	24 722	41 967	982	27
	15-24	22 419	72 520	21 365	50 287	844	24
	25-34	61 823	160 076	35 980	121 951	2 009	136
	35-44	81 309	182 065	31 240	147 884	2 650	291
	45-54	46 172	109 121	31 833	75 279	1 637	372
	55-64	19 925	54 240	25 751	27 621	671	197
	65+	9 527	32 117	19 776	11 942	387	12
	Unspecified	-	1	-	1	-	-
Male	Total	161 128	371 880	98 285	267 777	5 193	625
	0-14	10 901	33 761	12 644	20 634	471	12
	15-24	11 166	35 964	10 373	25 144	434	13
	25-34	36 354	85 994	17 456	67 430	1 027	81
	35-44	55 391	107 721	16 737	89 208	1 602	174
	45-54	30 769	63 622	16 992	45 367	1 052	211
	55-64	11 890	29 128	13 883	14 701	413	131
	65+	4 657	15 689	10 200	5 292	194	3
	Unspecified	-	1	-	1	-	-
Female	Total	101 980	305 958	92 382	209 155	3 987	434
	0-14	11 032	33 937	12 078	21 333	511	15
	15-24	11 253	36 556	10 992	25 143	410	11
	25-34	25 469	74 082	18 524	54 521	982	55
	35-44	25 918	74 344	14 503	58 676	1 048	117
	45-54	15 403	45 499	14 841	29 912	585	161
	55-64	8 035	25 112	11 868	12 920	258	66
	65+	4 870	16 428	9 576	6 650	193	9

4. Annexures

4.1 Annexure A – Cumulative number of tourists' difference between Jan – Dec 2021 and Jan – Dec 2022 by country of residence

Country of residence	Jan – Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2022	Difference between Jan – Dec 2021 and Jan – Dec 2022	% change between Jan – Dec 2021 and Jan – Dec 2022
Total	2 255 699	5 698 062	3 442 363	152,6%
Overseas	377 804	1 450 671	1 072 867	284,0%
Europe	217 241	900 703	683 462	314,6%
Austria	3 914	14 043	10 129	258,8%
Belgium	9 106	34 826	25 720	282,5%
Denmark	3 424	14 240	10 816	315,9%
France	19 761	76 077	56 316	285,0%
Germany	44 388	173 146	128 758	290,1%
Ireland	3 920	20 817	16 897	431,0%
Italy	6 576	32 357	25 781	392,0%
Portugal	5 914	16 092	10 178	172,1%
Russian Federation	10 625	16 234	5 609	52,8%
Spain	6 609	23 304	16 695	252,6%
Sweden	4 872	17 381	12 509	256,8%
Switzerland	11 375	33 257	21 882	192,4%
The Netherlands	21 757	90 289	68 532	315,0%
UK	45 777	283 031	237 254	518,3%
Other	19 223	55 609	36 386	189,3%
North America	89 514	297 684	208 170	232,6%
Canada	7 494	35 501	28 007	373,7%
USA	82 020	262 183	180 163	219,7%
Central and South America	9 889	28 516	18 627	188,4%
Argentina	587	2 381	1 794	305,6%
Brazil	5 366	14 727	9 361	174,5%
Mexico	1 368	3 582	2 214	161,8%
Other	2 568	7 826	5 258	204,8%

Annexure A – Cumulative number of tourists' difference between Jan–Dec 2021 and Jan–Dec 2022 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	Jan – Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2022	Difference between Jan – Dec 2021 and Jan – Dec 2022	% change between Jan – Dec 2021 and Jan – Dec 2022
Australasia	4 932	65 288	60 356	1223,8%
Australia	4 059	53 769	49 710	1224,7%
New Zealand	857	11 290	10 433	1217,4%
Other	16	229	213	1331,3%
Middle East	12 574	40 628	28 054	223,1%
Israel	3 374	17 427	14 053	416,5%
Saudi Arabia	5 461	11 464	6 003	109,9%
United Arab Emirates	261	3 100	2 839	1087,7%
Other	3 478	8 637	5 159	148,3%
Asia	43 654	117 852	74 198	170,0%
Bangladesh	2 844	7 363	4 519	158,9%
China	6 577	12 187	5 610	85,3%
India	17 662	55 506	37 844	214,3%
Japan	1 194	5 513	4 319	361,7%
Malaysia	541	2 764	2 223	410,9%
Pakistan	6 602	12 470	5 868	88,9%
Philippines	3 047	4 329	1 282	42,1%
Singapore	222	2 821	2 599	1170,7%
South Korea	1 363	5 103	3 740	274,4%
Thailand	1 176	2 798	1 622	137,9%
Other	2 426	6 998	4 572	188,5%
Africa	1 873 609	4 237 261	2 363 652	126,2%
SADC	1 823 614	4 139 457	2 315 843	127,0%
Angola	9 312	32 194	22 882	245,7%
Botswana	103 158	262 232	159 074	154,2%
DRC	12 918	17 571	4 653	36,0%
Eswatini	177 650	403 762	226 112	127,3%

Annexure A – Cumulative number of tourists' difference between Jan–Dec 2021 and Jan–Dec 2022 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	Jan – Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2022	Difference between Jan – Dec 2021 and Jan – Dec 2022	% change between Jan – Dec 2021 and Jan – Dec 2022
Lesotho	355 255	835 921	480 666	135,3%
Madagascar	241	1 716	1 475	612,0%
Malawi	56 313	114 352	58 039	103,1%
Mauritius	1 375	11 094	9 719	706,8%
Mozambique	522 866	944 308	421 442	80,6%
Namibia	91 471	137 388	45 917	50,2%
Seychelles	408	2 785	2 377	582,6%
Tanzania	13 248	26 268	13 020	98,3%
Zambia	68 669	116 076	47 407	69,0%
Zimbabwe	410 730	1 233 790	823 060	200,4%
'Other' African	49 995	97 804	47 809	95,6%
East and Central Africa	21 418	47 897	26 479	123,6%
Burundi	380	818	438	115,3%
Cameroon	2 009	3 629	1 620	80,6%
Central African Republic	62	127	65	104,8%
Chad	164	306	142	86,6%
Comoros	81	316	235	290,1%
Congo	1 003	1 598	595	59,3%
Djibouti	35	73	38	108,6%
Equatorial Guinea	150	250	100	66,7%
Eritrea	162	419	257	158,6%
Ethiopia	2 844	5 001	2 157	75,8%
Gabon	1 816	2 975	1 159	63,8%
Kenya	7 946	21 308	13 362	168,2%
Rwanda	263	708	445	169,2%
São Tomé and Príncipe	11	52	41	372,7%
Somalia	190	1 023	833	438,4%
Uganda	4 302	9 294	4 992	116,0%

Annexure A – Cumulative number of tourists' difference between Jan – Dec 2021 and Jan – Dec 2022 by country of residence (concluded)

Country of residence	Jan – Dec 2021	Jan – Dec 2022	Difference between Jan – Dec 2021 and Jan – Dec 2022	% change between Jan – Dec 2021 and Jan – Dec 2022
West Africa	23 670	39 494	15 824	66,9%
Benin	492	1 190	698	141,9%
Burkina Faso	143	568	425	297,2%
Cape Verde Island	58	250	192	331,0%
Côte d'Ivoire	642	1 874	1 232	191,9%
Gambia	98	340	242	246,9%
Ghana	8 249	14 381	6 132	74,3%
Guinea	535	1 055	520	97,2%
Guinea-Bissau	28	46	18	64,3%
Liberia	219	463	244	111,4%
Mali	413	748	335	81,1%
Mauritania	39	124	85	217,9%
Niger	102	218	116	113,7%
Nigeria	11 735	16 104	4 369	37,2%
Saint Helena	9	58	49	544,4%
Senegal	619	1 281	662	106,9%
Sierra Leone	162	462	300	185,2%
Togo	127	332	205	161,4%
North Africa	4 907	10 413	5 506	112,2%
Algeria	458	942	484	105,7%
Egypt	2 402	4 754	2 352	97,9%
Libya	401	610	209	52,1%
Morocco	348	1 202	854	245,4%
South Sudan	353	696	343	97,2%
The Sudan	648	1 339	691	106,6%
Tunisia	290	862	572	197,2%
Western Sahara	7	8	1	14,3%
Unspecified	4 286	10 130	5 844	136,4%

4.2 Annexure B – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2022 – Quarter 4, 2022 changes by country of residence and month of travel

Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2022 – Quarter 4, 2022								% change Qtr 3, 2022 – Qtr 4, 2022
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2022	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2022	
Total	507 824	555 832	539 202	1 602 858	565 862	565 758	677 838	1 809 458	12,9%
Overseas	122 720	132 757	126 409	381 886	151 189	159 771	190 667	501 627	31,4%
Europe	66 322	77 988	70 874	215 184	99 207	107 479	122 481	329 167	53,0%
Austria	774	979	908	2 661	1 646	2 179	1 984	5 809	118,3%
Belgium	4 667	2 948	3 176	10 791	4 454	3 393	4 292	12 139	12,5%
Denmark	1 247	699	919	2 865	1 907	1 623	1 520	5 050	76,3%
France	6 605	8 479	5 291	20 375	9 435	8 234	8 529	26 198	28,6%
Germany	7 894	10 541	13 118	31 553	22 752	25 954	24 454	73 160	131,9%
Ireland	1 467	1 579	1 766	4 812	1 791	2 178	3 233	7 202	49,7%
Italy	2 959	7 272	3 045	13 276	2 923	2 996	3 962	9 881	-25,6%
Portugal	1 168	1 467	1 385	4 020	1 321	1 745	1 788	4 854	20,7%
Russian Federation	697	1 229	1 404	3 330	2 117	2 607	2 574	7 298	119,2%
Spain	2 712	4 518	2 267	9 497	1 898	2 334	2 147	6 379	-32,8%
Sweden	608	655	985	2 248	2 116	2 566	3 766	8 448	275,8%
Switzerland	2 229	1 527	2 481	6 237	4 514	4 613	4 276	13 403	114,9%
The Netherlands	11 111	8 642	7 782	27 535	9 801	10 374	10 800	30 975	12,5%
UK	18 967	23 361	21 948	64 276	26 928	28 730	41 424	97 082	51,0%
Other	3 217	4 092	4 399	11 708	5 604	7 953	7 732	21 289	81,8%
North America	30 807	28 336	29 353	88 496	26 922	26 690	37 517	91 129	3,0%
Canada	2 671	3 174	3 522	9 367	3 832	4 023	5 421	13 276	41,7%
USA	28 136	25 162	25 831	79 129	23 090	22 667	32 096	77 853	-1,6%
Central and South America	3 095	2 475	2 990	8 560	2 957	2 830	3 237	9 024	5,4%
Argentina	201	185	421	807	191	233	234	658	-18,5%
Brazil	1 630	1 396	1 368	4 394	1 484	1 452	1 709	4 645	5,7%
Mexico	574	271	323	1 168	432	306	438	1 176	0,7%
Other	690	623	878	2 191	850	839	856	2 545	16,2%

Annexure B – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2022 – Quarter 4, 2022 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2022 – Quarter 4, 2022								% change Qtr 3, 2022 – Qtr 4, 2022
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2022	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2022	
Australasia	4 914	5 883	7 288	18 085	6 456	7 284	12 355	26 095	44,3%
Australia	3 965	4 716	5 857	14 538	5 202	6 042	9 793	21 037	44,7%
New Zealand	941	1 161	1 325	3 427	1 240	1 228	2 511	4 979	45,3%
Other	8	6	106	120	14	14	51	79	-34,2%
Middle East	6 779	6 958	4 598	18 335	3 123	3 417	2 958	9 498	-48,2%
Israel	1 522	2 348	2 787	6 657	1 734	1 392	1 687	4 813	-27,7%
Lebanon	151	172	171	494	153	223	162	538	8,9%
Saudi Arabia	3 077	2 643	756	6 476	661	1 031	455	2 147	-66,8%
Other	2 029	1 795	884	4 708	575	771	654	2 000	-57,5%
Asia	10 803	11 117	11 306	33 226	12 524	12 071	12 119	36 714	10,5%
Bangladesh	521	711	722	1 954	733	612	539	1 884	-3,6%
China	1 018	1 374	1 322	3 714	1 316	1 510	1 206	4 032	8,6%
India	5 249	5 114	5 221	15 584	6 120	5 370	5 597	17 087	9,6%
Japan	474	522	580	1 576	532	617	827	1 976	25,4%
Malaysia	273	236	304	813	297	323	305	925	13,8%
Pakistan	1 011	1 253	1 035	3 299	1 050	1 153	923	3 126	-5,2%
Philippines	548	291	381	1 220	452	361	480	1 293	6,0%
Singapore	196	246	296	738	335	467	450	1 252	69,6%
South Korea	548	484	492	1 524	427	573	726	1 726	13,3%
Thailand	265	259	309	833	263	260	285	808	-3,0%
Other	700	627	644	1 971	999	825	781	2 605	32,2%
Africa	384 306	422 247	411 724	1 218 277	413 481	404 890	486 112	1 304 483	7,1%
SADC	376 566	413 522	402 457	1 192 545	402 365	394 650	476 932	1 273 947	6,8%
Angola	2 774	3 442	3 062	9 278	3 002	3 138	3 339	9 479	2,2%
Botswana	22 009	23 822	27 852	73 683	24 834	26 017	38 628	89 479	21,4%
DRC	1 626	2 004	1 233	4 863	1 208	1 227	1 979	4 414	-9,2%
Eswatini	39 481	46 103	48 497	134 081	44 130	29 911	34 079	108 120	-19,4%

Annexure B – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2022 – Quarter 4, 2022 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2022 – Quarter 4, 2022								% change Qtr 3, 2022 – Qtr 4, 2022
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2022	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2022	
Lesotho	84 628	74 167	71 620	230 415	73 357	79 703	88 882	241 942	5,0%
Madagascar	190	160	188	538	267	212	147	626	16,4%
Malawi	9 657	10 028	11 333	31 018	13 920	12 504	10 885	37 309	20,3%
Mauritius	901	1 078	980	2 959	1 071	1 534	1 341	3 946	33,4%
Mozambique	78 273	87 591	87 193	253 057	84 072	92 796	99 084	275 952	9,0%
Namibia	11 722	11 011	11 857	34 590	12 013	11 177	18 435	41 625	20,3%
Seychelles	160	167	271	598	339	510	396	1 245	108,2%
Tanzania	2 094	2 466	2 233	6 793	2 556	2 510	3 102	8 168	20,2%
Zambia	10 020	10 848	10 381	31 249	10 714	10 657	12 097	33 468	7,1%
Zimbabwe	113 031	140 635	125 757	379 423	130 882	122 754	164 538	418 174	10,2%
'Other' African	7 740	8 725	9 267	25 732	11 116	10 240	9 180	30 536	18,7%
East and Central Africa	3 848	4 163	4 681	12 692	5 625	5 012	5 067	15 704	23,7%
Burundi	47	75	56	178	89	126	112	327	83,7%
Cameroon	266	268	402	936	389	340	451	1 180	26,1%
Central African Republic	14	4	16	34	19	8	25	52	52,9%
Chad	16	30	34	80	38	37	15	90	12,5%
Comoros	56	73	25	154	21	35	13	69	-55,2%
Congo	130	176	157	463	168	160	185	513	10,8%
Djibouti	-	4	8	12	7	19	4	30	150,0%
Equatorial Guinea	19	19	23	61	75	9	19	103	68,9%
Eritrea	66	21	32	119	37	30	37	104	-12,6%
Ethiopia	445	430	460	1 335	542	453	434	1 429	7,0%
Gabon	347	415	222	984	302	273	443	1 018	3,5%
Kenya	1 640	1 708	2 140	5 488	2 733	2 290	2 042	7 065	28,7%
Rwanda	60	42	73	175	87	81	60	228	30,3%
São Tomé and Príncipe	4	2	6	12	10	4	5	19	58,3%
Somalia	114	136	140	390	133	44	67	244	-37,4%
Uganda	624	760	887	2 271	975	1 103	1 155	3 233	42,4%

Annexure B – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2022 – Quarter 4, 2022 changes by country of residence and month of travel (concluded)

Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2022 – Quarter 4, 2022								% change Qtr 3, 2022 – Qtr 4, 2022
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2022	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2022	
West Africa	3 100	3 579	3 572	10 251	4 260	3 945	3 286	11 491	12,1%
Benin	98	114	85	297	136	129	136	401	35,0%
Burkina Faso	43	45	56	144	82	66	39	187	29,9%
Cape Verde Island	18	29	33	80	28	32	23	83	3,8%
Côte d'Ivoire	239	181	161	581	221	230	140	591	1,7%
Gambia	37	28	27	92	62	50	30	142	54,3%
Ghana	1 345	1 528	1 421	4 294	1 438	1 229	967	3 634	-15,4%
Guinea	70	85	98	253	133	184	125	442	74,7%
Guinea-Bissau	3	4	4	11	6	4	3	13	18,2%
Liberia	21	28	44	93	102	42	71	215	131,2%
Mali	56	73	65	194	86	106	63	255	31,4%
Mauritania	1	10	12	23	22	15	3	40	73,9%
Niger	15	17	24	56	43	35	18	96	71,4%
Nigeria	990	1 235	1 296	3 521	1 585	1 559	1 501	4 645	31,9%
Saint Helena	8	9	2	19	5	7	2	14	-26,3%
Senegal	102	130	133	365	190	169	90	449	23,0%
Sierra Leone	31	47	65	143	54	50	43	147	2,8%
Togo	23	16	46	85	67	38	32	137	61,2%
North Africa	792	983	1 014	2 789	1 231	1 283	827	3 341	19,8%
Algeria	47	73	92	212	138	126	40	304	43,4%
Egypt	419	481	446	1 346	537	506	365	1 408	4,6%
Libya	32	49	46	127	52	91	38	181	42,5%
Morocco	80	116	116	312	133	196	94	423	35,6%
South Sudan	44	51	65	160	102	72	105	279	74,4%
The Sudan	121	152	156	429	180	151	110	441	2,8%
Tunisia	48	60	92	200	88	140	74	302	51,0%
Western Sahara	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	3	0,0%
Unspecified	798	828	1 069	2 695	1 192	1 097	1 059	3 348	24,2%

4.3 Annexure C – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2021 – Quarter 4, 2022 changes by country of residence and month of travel

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2021 – Quarter 4, 2022								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2021	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2022	% change 2021 – 2022
Total	247 833	275 647	263 108	786 588	565 862	565 758	677 838	1 809 458	130,0%
Overseas	59 475	73 679	51 516	184 670	151 189	159 771	190 667	501 627	171,6%
Europe	39 144	50 860	34 831	124 835	99 207	107 479	122 481	329 167	163,7%
Austria	825	1 050	533	2 408	1 646	2 179	1 984	5 809	141,2%
Belgium	1 919	1 930	1 422	5 271	4 454	3 393	4 292	12 139	130,3%
Denmark	977	702	281	1 960	1 907	1 623	1 520	5 050	157,7%
France	3 946	4 479	1 421	9 846	9 435	8 234	8 529	26 198	166,1%
Germany	9 783	12 897	5 808	28 488	22 752	25 954	24 454	73 160	156,8%
Ireland	647	871	825	2 343	1 791	2 178	3 233	7 202	207,4%
Italy	942	1 224	662	2 828	2 923	2 996	3 962	9 881	249,4%
Portugal	1 073	1 198	578	2 849	1 321	1 745	1 788	4 854	70,4%
Russian Federation	1 572	1 743	1 011	4 326	2 117	2 607	2 574	7 298	68,7%
Spain	1 135	1 157	416	2 708	1 898	2 334	2 147	6 379	135,6%
Sweden	720	1 051	1 318	3 089	2 116	2 566	3 766	8 448	173,5%
Switzerland	2 517	2 741	1 975	7 233	4 514	4 613	4 276	13 403	85,3%
The Netherlands	3 679	4 786	4 972	13 437	9 801	10 374	10 800	30 975	130,5%
UK	6 699	11 340	11 645	29 684	26 928	28 730	41 424	97 082	227,1%
Other	2 710	3 691	1 964	8 365	5 604	7 953	7 732	21 289	154,5%
North America	10 866	12 218	11 163	34 247	26 922	26 690	37 517	91 129	166,1%
Canada	1 205	1 646	1 006	3 857	3 832	4 023	5 421	13 276	244,2%
USA	9 661	10 572	10 157	30 390	23 090	22 667	32 096	77 853	156,2%
Central and South America	1 633	1 641	945	4 219	2 957	2 830	3 237	9 024	113,9%
Argentina	65	104	56	225	191	233	234	658	192,4%
Brazil	971	952	520	2 443	1 484	1 452	1 709	4 645	90,1%
Mexico	237	167	119	523	432	306	438	1 176	124,9%
Other	360	418	250	1 028	850	839	856	2 545	147,6%

Annexure C – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2021 – Quarter 4, 2022 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2021 – Quarter 4, 2022								% change 2021 – 2022
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2021	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2022	
Australasia	576	1 058	834	2 468	6 456	7 284	12 355	26 095	957,3%
Australia	484	880	699	2 063	5 202	6 042	9 793	21 037	919,7%
New Zealand	91	175	134	400	1 240	1 228	2 511	4 979	1144,8%
Other	1	3	1	5	14	14	51	79	1480,0%
Middle East	1 726	2 423	408	4 557	3 123	3 417	2 958	9 498	108,4%
Israel	559	766	146	1 471	1 734	1 392	1 687	4 813	227,2%
Lebanon	99	111	58	268	153	223	162	538	100,7%
Saudi Arabia	685	1 127	53	1 865	661	1 031	455	2 147	15,1%
Other	383	419	151	953	575	771	654	2 000	109,9%
Asia	5 530	5 479	3 335	14 344	12 524	12 071	12 119	36 714	156,0%
Bangladesh	364	429	246	1 039	733	612	539	1 884	81,3%
China	663	668	316	1 647	1 316	1 510	1 206	4 032	144,8%
India	2 511	2 392	1 500	6 403	6 120	5 370	5 597	17 087	166,9%
Japan	166	159	72	397	532	617	827	1 976	397,7%
Malaysia	62	58	18	138	297	323	305	925	570,3%
Pakistan	767	834	570	2 171	1 050	1 153	923	3 126	44,0%
Philippines	324	256	95	675	452	361	480	1 293	91,6%
Singapore	17	45	29	91	335	467	450	1 252	1275,8%
South Korea	178	205	169	552	427	573	726	1 726	212,7%
Thailand	162	118	60	340	263	260	285	808	137,6%
Other	316	315	260	891	999	825	781	2 605	192,4%
Africa	187 837	201 307	211 209	600 353	413 481	404 890	486 112	1 304 483	117,3%
SADC	182 532	193 232	206 349	582 113	402 365	394 650	476 932	1 273 947	118,8%
Angola	1 467	1 619	826	3 912	3 002	3 138	3 339	9 479	142,3%
Botswana	11 447	13 434	13 782	38 663	24 834	26 017	38 628	89 479	131,4%
DRC	1 419	1 331	2 020	4 770	1 208	1 227	1 979	4 414	-7,5%
Eswatini	17 951	20 016	20 526	58 493	44 130	29 911	34 079	108 120	84,8%

Annexure C – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2021 – Quarter 4, 2022 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2021 – Quarter 4, 2022								% change 2021 – 2022
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2021	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2022	
Lesotho	33 865	35 082	42 778	111 725	73 357	79 703	88 882	241 942	116,6%
Madagascar	19	50	18	87	267	212	147	626	619,5%
Malawi	6 329	6 993	6 405	19 727	13 920	12 504	10 885	37 309	89,1%
Mauritius	364	426	128	918	1 071	1 534	1 341	3 946	329,8%
Mozambique	51 196	54 586	53 425	159 207	84 072	92 796	99 084	275 952	73,3%
Namibia	9 106	9 139	10 986	29 231	12 013	11 177	18 435	41 625	42,4%
Seychelles	62	149	58	269	339	510	396	1 245	362,8%
Tanzania	1 497	1 579	1 395	4 471	2 556	2 510	3 102	8 168	82,7%
Zambia	7 309	7 442	7 068	21 819	10 714	10 657	12 097	33 468	53,4%
Zimbabwe	40 501	41 386	46 934	128 821	130 882	122 754	164 538	418 174	224,6%
'Other' African	5 305	8 075	4 860	18 240	11 116	10 240	9 180	30 536	67,4%
East and Central Africa	2 396	3 130	2 172	7 698	5 625	5 012	5 067	15 704	104,0%
Burundi	66	40	51	157	89	126	112	327	108,3%
Cameroon	160	350	203	713	389	340	451	1 180	65,5%
Central African Republic	10	3	13	26	19	8	25	52	100,0%
Chad	22	26	27	75	38	37	15	90	20,0%
Comoros	10	16	1	27	21	35	13	69	155,6%
Congo	133	105	99	337	168	160	185	513	52,2%
Djibouti	12	7	1	20	7	19	4	30	50,0%
Equatorial Guinea	12	36	12	60	75	9	19	103	71,7%
Eritrea	11	32	35	78	37	30	37	104	33,3%
Ethiopia	307	373	305	985	542	453	434	1 429	45,1%
Gabon	148	181	47	376	302	273	443	1 018	170,7%
Kenya	966	1 349	813	3 128	2 733	2 290	2 042	7 065	125,9%
Rwanda	38	45	18	101	87	81	60	228	125,7%
São Tomé and Príncipe	-	2	1	3	10	4	5	19	533,3%
Somalia	24	13	28	65	133	44	67	244	275,4%
Uganda	477	552	518	1 547	975	1 103	1 155	3 233	109,0%

Annexure C – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2021 – Quarter 4, 2022 changes by country of residence and month of travel (concluded)

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2021 – Quarter 4, 2022								% change 2021 – 2022
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2021	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2022	
West Africa	2 392	4 008	2 366	8 766	4 260	3 945	3 286	11 491	31,1%
Benin	42	63	57	162	136	129	136	401	147,5%
Burkina Faso	14	30	8	52	82	66	39	187	259,6%
Cape Verde Island	14	9	7	30	28	32	23	83	176,7%
Côte d'Ivoire	110	165	39	314	221	230	140	591	88,2%
Gambia	12	27	5	44	62	50	30	142	222,7%
Ghana	913	1 518	1 068	3 499	1 438	1 229	967	3 634	3,9%
Guinea	52	89	67	208	133	184	125	442	112,5%
Guinea-Bissau	2	5	1	8	6	4	3	13	62,5%
Liberia	25	37	19	81	102	42	71	215	165,4%
Mali	45	56	40	141	86	106	63	255	80,9%
Mauritania	1	23	-	24	22	15	3	40	66,7%
Niger	8	30	5	43	43	35	18	96	123,3%
Nigeria	1 012	1 774	998	3 784	1 585	1 559	1 501	4 645	22,8%
Saint Helena	1	-	-	1	5	7	2	14	1300,0%
Senegal	112	98	29	239	190	169	90	449	87,9%
Sierra Leone	21	24	20	65	54	50	43	147	126,2%
Togo	8	60	3	71	67	38	32	137	93,0%
North Africa	517	937	322	1 776	1 231	1 283	827	3 341	88,1%
Algeria	52	136	68	256	138	126	40	304	18,8%
Egypt	263	518	114	895	537	506	365	1 408	57,3%
Libya	28	37	39	104	52	91	38	181	74,0%
Morocco	41	59	12	112	133	196	94	423	277,7%
South Sudan	33	65	35	133	102	72	105	279	109,8%
The Sudan	57	51	38	146	180	151	110	441	202,1%
Tunisia	42	71	15	128	88	140	74	302	135,9%
Western Sahara	1	-	1	2	1	1	1	3	50,0%
Unspecified	521	661	383	1 565	1 192	1 097	1 059	3 348	113,9%

5. Explanatory notes

5.1 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.

5.2 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.

5.3 Scope and coverage

The release covers data collected by DHA officials on travellers who departed from or entered the Republic of South Africa (RSA).

5.4 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 December 2022, the DHA data was 0,9% lower than that of ACSA.

5.5 Limitations

5.5.1 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.

5.5.2 Purpose of visit

The holiday category includes tourists who came for vacation, visiting friends and relatives, shopping and other personal reasons such as attending weddings. While it's possible to separate 'visiting friends and relatives' from the broad category of holiday, shopping and other reasons for visiting South Africa are all combined with vacation in the DHA's Movement Control System. Discussions are in progress with the Department of Home Affairs to capture vacation and shopping as separate categories for a clearer breakdown of tourists by purpose of visit.

5.6 Definition of terms

5.6.1 Definitions used by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (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.

5.6.2 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.

5.7 Symbols used

- = nil

< = less than

5.8 Rounding off

Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

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