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## Preface

This 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. The other element of the STS for South Africa includes the use of border statistics from the 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 2023. Specific focus is on foreign tourists who entered the country in December 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.



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## 1. Highlights of the results

In December 2023, 3 478 783 (arrivals, departures and transits) travellers entered and exited South Africa. They were made up of 1 094 176 South African residents and 2 384 607 foreign travellers. Foreign arrivals, 1 183 035, were made up of 22 990 non-visitors and 1 160 045 visitors. The visitors consisted of 297 585 same-day visitors and 862 460 overnight visitors (tourists).

### Tourists

Overseas tourists were 205 684 or 23,8% of all tourists. UK (341 106), USA (33 027) and Germany (25 288) contributed 48,3% to overseas tourists. Southern African Development Community (SADC) tourists were 639 816 or 74,2% of all tourists. Zimbabwe (208 804), Mozambique (128 804) and Lesotho (106 786) contributed 69,4% to SADC tourists. 'Other' African countries (non-SADC) tourists were 15 951 or 1,8% of all tourists. Kenya (4 989), Ghana (3 393) and Uganda (1 825) contributed 64,0% to 'other' African tourists. The country of residence of 1 009 (0,1%) tourists was classified as unspecified.

### Purpose of visit

'Holiday'<sup>1</sup> continues to be the main purpose of visit. About 97,9% of all the tourists were in South Africa for holiday purposes.

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<sup>1</sup> The holiday category includes tourists who came for vacation, visiting friends and relatives, shopping and other personal reasons.

## 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 3 478 783 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) passed through South African ports of entry/exit in December 2023. As presented in Table 1 below, these travellers were made up of 1 094 176 South African residents and 2 384 607 foreign travellers. A further breakdown of the figures for South African residents indicates that there were 473 131 arrivals, 620 598 departures and 447 travellers in transit. The corresponding volume for foreign arrivals, departures and travellers in transit was 1 183 035, 1 167 550 and 34 022 respectively.

A comparison between the movements in November 2023 and December 2023 indicates that the volume of arrivals and departures increased for both South African residents and foreign travellers, whereas the volume of transits decreased for both groups of travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals increased by 46,1% (from 323 797 in November 2023 to 473 131 in December 2023). Departures increased by 92,0% (from 323 263 in November 2023 to 620 598 in December 2023) and transits decreased by 7,3% (from 482 in November 2023 to 447 in December 2023). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 16,5% (from 1 015 584 in November 2023 to 1 183 035 in December 2023), departures increased by 32,5% (from 880 886 in November 2023 to 1 167 550 in December 2023), and transits decreased by 10,5% (from 38 011 in November 2023 to 34 022 in December 2023).

A comparison between the movements in December 2022 and December 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 16,0% (from 407 837 in December 2022 to 473 131 in December 2023), departures increased by 11,3% (from 557 365 in December 2022 to 620 598 in December 2023) and transits increased by 12,6% (from 397 in December 2022 to 447 in December 2023). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 21,8% (from 971 425 in December 2022 to 1 183 035 in December 2023), departures increased by 27,1% (from 918 272 in December 2022 to 1 167 550 in December 2023) and transits increased by 27,9% (from 26 591 in December 2022 to 34 022 in December 2023).

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

Travel Direction	December 2022	November 2023	December 2023	% Change Nov 2023 – Dec 2023	% Change Dec 2022 – Dec 2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 881 887</b>	<b>2 582 023</b>	<b>3 478 783</b>	<b>34,7%</b>	<b>20,7%</b>
<b>South African residents</b>	<b>965 599</b>	<b>647 542</b>	<b>1 094 176</b>	<b>69,0%</b>	<b>13,3%</b>
Arrivals	407 837	323 797	473 131	46,1%	16,0%
Departures	557 365	323 263	620 598	92,0%	11,3%
Transits	397	482	447	-7,3%	12,6%
<b>Foreign travellers</b>	<b>1 916 288</b>	<b>1 934 481</b>	<b>2 384 607</b>	<b>23,3%</b>	<b>24,4%</b>
Arrivals	971 425	1 015 584	1 183 035	16,5%	21,8%
Departures	918 272	880 886	1 167 550	32,5%	27,1%
Transits	26 591	38 011	34 022	-10,5%	27,9%

**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 December 2023, road was the most common mode of travel used by 2 390 122 (67,1%) of the 3 478 783 travellers. Total number of travellers who used air was 1 032 087 (29,7%). Compared to air and land, a smaller number of travellers, 56 574 (1,6%) used sea into and out of South Africa. Information on arrivals of South African residents shows that 200 812 (42,4%) came by air, 251 367 (53,1%) came by road and 20 952 (4,4%) arrived by sea. For departures, 239 500 (38,6%) used air, 357 669 (57,6%) used road and 23 429 (3,8%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 447 (100,0%) used air.

In the case of foreign travellers, 289 863 (24,5%) arrived by air, 887 490 (75,0%) came by road and 5 682 (0,5%) arrived by sea. When departing South Africa, 267 443 (22,9%) foreign travellers left by air, 893 596 (76,5%) left by road and 6 511 (0,6%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 34 022 (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		
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 478 783</b>	<b>313 277</b>	<b>26 875</b>	<b>689 836</b>	<b>2 099</b>	<b>1 032 087</b>	<b>2 390 122</b>	<b>56 574</b>
<b>South African residents</b>	<b>1 094 176</b>	<b>95 422</b>	<b>19 411</b>	<b>324 706</b>	<b>1 220</b>	<b>440 759</b>	<b>609 036</b>	<b>44 381</b>
Arrivals	473 131	44 605	8 715	146 869	623	200 812	251 367	20 952
Departures	620 598	50 807	10 696	177 400	597	239 500	357 669	23 429
Transit	447	10	-	437	-	447	-	-
<b>Foreign travellers</b>	<b>2 384 607</b>	<b>217 855</b>	<b>7 464</b>	<b>365 130</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>591 328</b>	<b>1 781 086</b>	<b>12 193</b>
Arrivals	1 183 035	117 180	4 023	168 241	419	289 863	887 490	5 682
Departures	1 167 550	100 057	3 441	163 485	460	267 443	893 596	6 511
Transit	34 022	618	-	33 404	-	34 022	-	-
<b>Visitors</b>	<b>1 160 045</b>	<b>115 012</b>	<b>3 670</b>	<b>164 427</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>283 360</b>	<b>873 457</b>	<b>3 228</b>
Same-day	297 585	1 539	39	13 984	61	15 623	281 489	473
Tourist	862 460	113 473	3 631	150 443	190	267 737	591 968	2 755

**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 December 2023, 22 990 (1,9%) of foreign arrivals were classified as non-visitors, while 1 160 045 (98,1%) were classified as visitors. Visitors were categorised into three groups:

- i. Arrivals only – comprising visitors who entered the country in December 2023 but did not depart in December 2023 [378 171 (32,6%)];
- ii. Single trips – visitors who came to South Africa once in December 2023 and left in December 2023 [407 369 (35,1%)];
- iii. Multiple trips – visitors who came to and left South Africa more than once in December 2023 [374 505 (32,3%)].

Visitors were further grouped as same-day visitors and overnight visitors (tourists). In December 2023, there were 297 585 (25,7%) same-day visitors and 862 460 (74,3%) tourists. Between November 2023 and December 2023, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 15,7% (from 257 191 in November 2023 to 297 585 in December 2023) and that of tourists increased by 17,9% (from 731 677 in November 2023 to 862 460 in December 2023). Between December 2022 and December 2023, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 36,4% (from 218 094 in December 2022 to 297 585 in December 2023) and that of tourists increased by 27,2% (from 677 838 in December 2022 to 862 460 in December 2023).

Table 2 on page 3 further shows that of the 297 585 same-day visitors, a majority, 281 489 (94,6%) arrived in the country by road, 15 623 (5,2%) flew into the country and 473 (0,2%) arrived by sea. Information on tourists shows that 591 986 (68,6%) used road, 267 737 (31,0%) came by air and 2 755 (0,3%) arrived by sea.

**Table 3 – Number of visitors by type of visitor**

Travel Direction	December 2022	November 2023	December 2023	% Change Nov 2023 – Dec 2023	% Change Dec 2022 – Dec 2023
<b>Foreign arrivals</b>	<b>971 425</b>	<b>1 015 584</b>	<b>1 183 035</b>	<b>16,5%</b>	<b>21,8%</b>
Non-visitors	75 493	26 716	22 990	-13,9%	-69,5%
Visitors	895 932	988 868	1 160 045	17,3%	29,5%
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Arrivals only	301 124	325 517	378 171	16,2%	25,6%
Single trips	312 576	336 663	407 369	21,0%	30,3%
Multiple trips	282 232	326 688	374 505	14,6%	32,7%
<b>Visitors</b>	<b>895 932</b>	<b>988 868</b>	<b>1 160 045</b>	<b>17,3%</b>	<b>29,5%</b>
Same-day	218 094	257 191	297 585	15,7%	36,4%
Overnight (Tourists)	677 838	731 677	862 460	17,9%	27,2%

## 2.3 Tourists

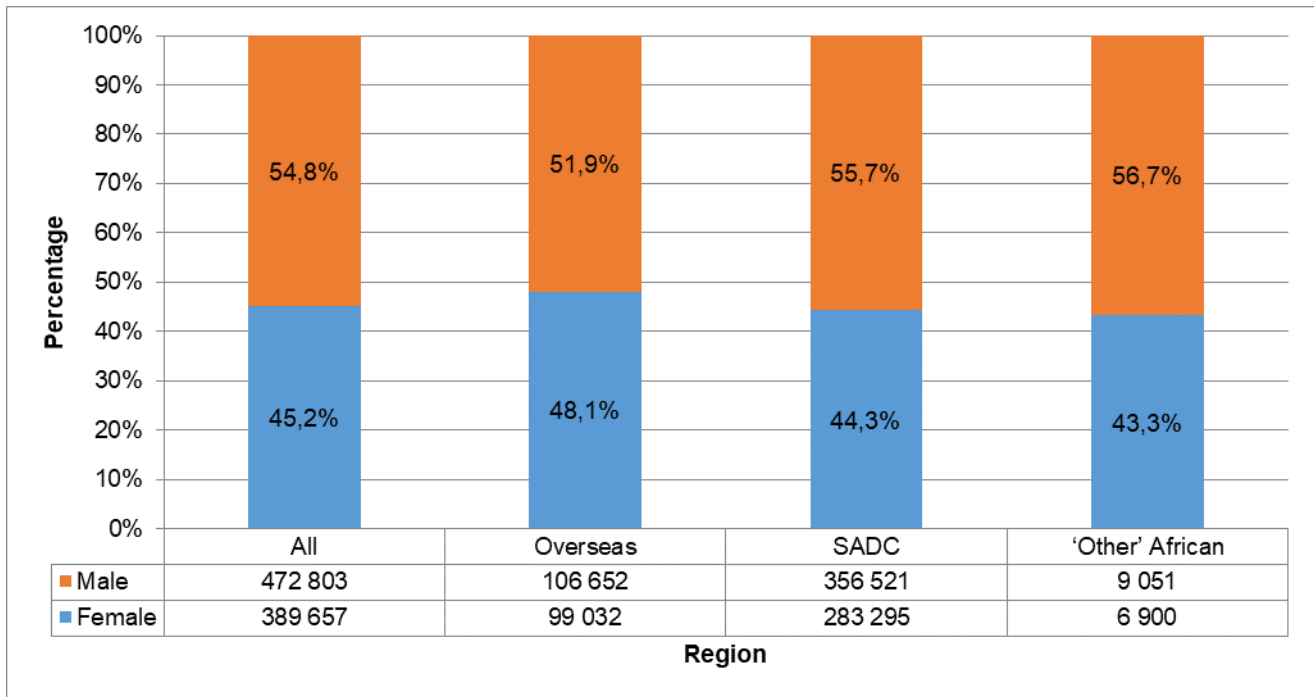
### 2.3.1 Sex and age distribution of tourists

#### Sex

Figure 1 on page 5 shows that there were more male [472 803 (54,8%)] than female [389 657 (45,2%)] tourists. Male tourists constituted the majority of tourists for all three regions, SADC countries [356 521 (55,7%)], overseas countries [106 652 (51,9%)] and 'other' African countries [9 051 (56,7%)]. Similarly, the largest portion of female tourists was from SADC countries [283 295 (44,3%)], followed by overseas countries 99 032 (48,1%) and 'other' African countries 6 900 (43,3%).



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

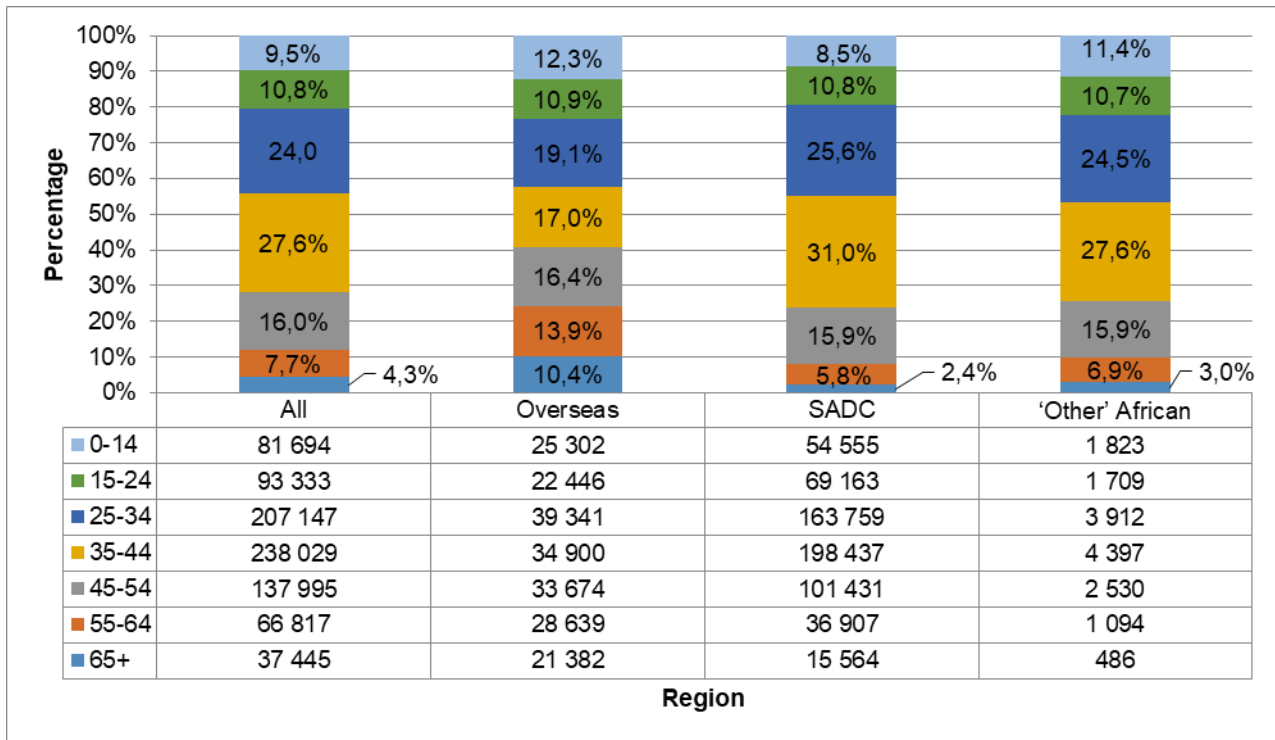


**Age**

The age distribution indicates that out of all tourists, [81 694 (9,5%)] were aged younger than 15 years; [93 333 (10,8%)] were aged between 15 and 24 years; [207 147 (24,0%)] were aged between 25 and 34 years; [238 029 (27,6%)] were aged between 35 and 44 years; [137 995 (16,0%)] were aged between 45 and 54 years; 66 817 (7,7%) were aged between 55 and 64 years; [37 445 (4,3%)] 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 [198 437 (31,0%)] and those from 'other' African countries [4 397 (27,6%)] were aged between 35 and 44 years, whereas overseas countries [39 341 (19,1%)] were aged between 25 and 34 years. The second highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [163 759 (25,6%)] and those from 'other' African countries [3 912 (24,5%)] were aged between 25 and 34 years, whereas those from overseas countries [34 900 (17,0%)] were aged between 35 and 44 years. The median ages of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries were 39, 36 and 36 years, respectively. The proportion of tourists aged younger than 15 years was higher among tourists from overseas countries, 12,3% (25 302) and to those from 'other' African countries, 11,4% (1 823) compared to those from SADC countries, 8,5% (54 555).

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

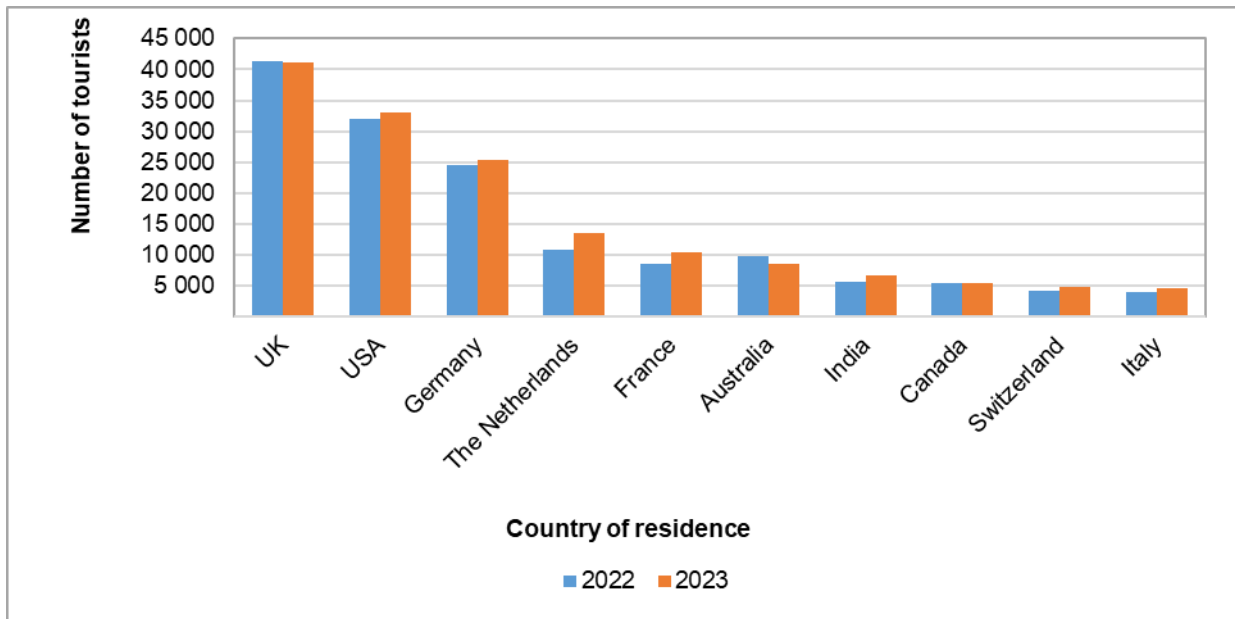


**2.3.2 Regional and national distribution of tourists**

In December 2023, the distribution of overseas tourists was as follows: Europe, 130 584 (63,5%); North America, 38 517 (18,7%); Asia, 16 811 (8,2%); Australasia, 11 082 (5,4%); Central and South America, 6 130 (3,0%) and The Middle East, 2 560 (1,2%).

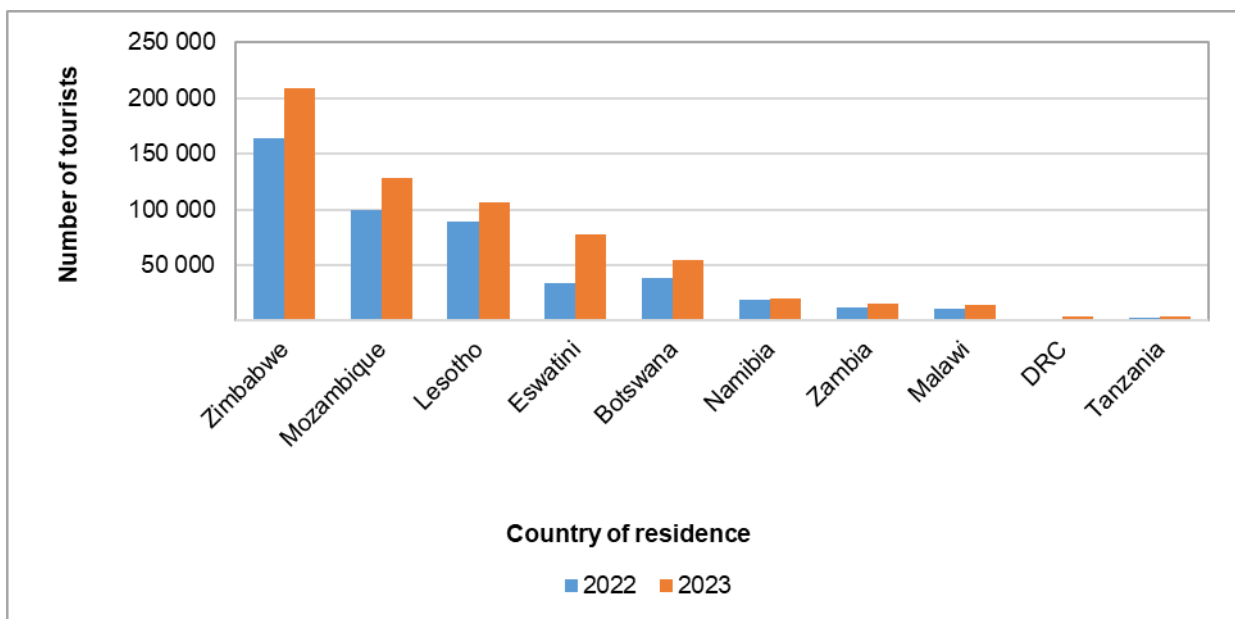
Figure 3 on page 7 indicates that the 10 leading overseas countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in December 2023 were: United Kingdom (UK), 41 106 (20,0%); United States of America (USA), 33 027 (16,1%); Germany, 25 288 (12,3%); The Netherlands, 13 423 (6,5%); France, 10 315 (5,0%); Australia, 8 627 (4,2%); India, 6 737 (3,3%); Canada, 5 490 (2,7%); Switzerland, 4 758 (2,3%) and Italy, 4 639 (2,3%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 74,6% of all tourists from overseas countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between December 2022 and December 2023 shows that the number of tourists increased for 8 of 10 leading countries. The Netherlands had the highest increase of 24,3% (from 10 800 tourists in December 2022 to 13 423 tourists in December 2023).

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



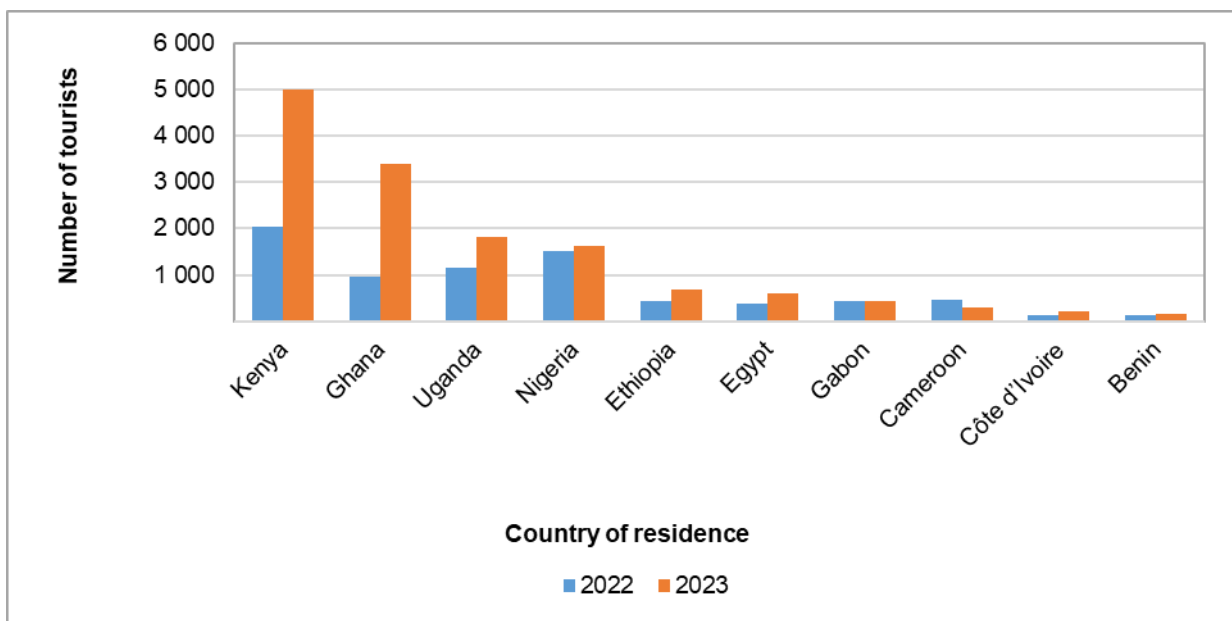
Virtually, most tourists from Africa, 639 816 (97,6%), came from SADC countries. The distribution of the remaining tourists from Africa was as follows: East and Central Africa, 8 758 (1,3%); West Africa, 6 060 (0,9%) and North Africa 1 133 (0,2%). Ten leading SADC countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in December 2023 were: Zimbabwe, 208 804 (32,6%); Mozambique, 128 478 (20,1%); Lesotho, 106 786 (16,7%); Eswatini, 77 467 (12,1%); Botswana, 54 647 (8,5%); Namibia, 19 755 (3,1%); Zambia, 15 815 (2,5%); Malawi, 13 682 (2,1%); Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), 4 085 (0,6%) and Tanzania, 4 037 (0,6%) (see Figure 4 below). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 99,0% of all tourists from the SADC countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between December 2022 and December 2023 shows that the number of tourists increased for all 10 leading countries. Eswatini showed the highest increase of 127,3% (from 34 079 tourists in December 2022 to 77 467 tourists in December 2023) followed by DRC with an increase of 106,4% (from 1 979 tourists in December 2022 to 4 085 tourists in December 2023).

**Figure 4 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading SADC countries in December 2022 and December 2023**



The 10 leading countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in December 2023 from 'other' African countries, as shown in Figure 5 below, were: Kenya, 4 989 (31,3%); Ghana, 3 393 (21,3%); Uganda, 1 825 (11,4%); Nigeria, 1 637 (10,3%); Ethiopia, 682 (4,3%); Egypt, 603 (3,8%); Gabon, 444 (2,8%); Cameroon, 298 (1,9%); Côte d'Ivoire, 220 (1,4%) and Benin, 158 (1,0%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 89,3% of all tourists from 'other' African countries. A comparison between movements in December 2022 and December 2023 shows that the number of tourists increased for 9 of 10 leading countries. Ghana showed the highest increase of 250,9% (from 967 tourists in December 2022 to 3 393 tourists in December 2023) followed by Kenya with an increase of 144,3% (from 2 042 tourists in December 2022 to 4 989 tourists in December 2023).

**Figure 5 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading 'other' African countries in December 2022 and December 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 the country of residence and purpose of visit is presented in Annexure C on pages 21 to 24. It is observed that in December 2023, the majority of tourists, 884 059 (97,9%), were in South Africa for holiday compared to 16 362 (1,9%); 1 832 (0,2%) and 207 (less than 0,1%) who were in South Africa for business, study and medical treatment respectively.

Within the overseas regions, Australasia, 99,6% (11 035) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for holiday followed by North America, 99,1% (38 184); Europe, 99,1% (129 422); Central and South America, 98,4% (6 033); The Middle East, 96,7% (2 476) and Asia, 96,4% (16 201).

Asia, 2,8% (472) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business, followed by The Middle East, 1,6% (42); Central and South America, 1,4% (85); North America, 0,7% (267); Europe, 0,7% (893) and Australasia, 0,4% (43).

The Middle East, 1,6% (42) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to study, followed by Asia, 0,8% (128); Central and South America, 0,2% (12); Europe, 0,2% (239); North America, 0,1% (55) and Australasia, less than 0,1% (4).

Asia, 0,1% (10) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for medical treatment. Europe (30) and North America (11) 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, 639 750 (97,6%) came to South Africa for holiday. However, the following differences in terms of reasons for travel were observed between tourists from the SADC countries and 'other' African countries, namely:

- Holiday makers constituted 97,6% (624 626) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 94,8% (15 124) from 'other' African countries. Information on the regions of 'other' African countries shows that 95,3% (8 350) of tourists from East and Central Africa were on holiday, followed by tourists from West Africa, 94,8% (5 742) and those from North Africa, 91,1% (1 032).
- Business persons constituted 2,2% (13 966) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 3,4% (544) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 5,6% (64) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business purposes, followed by East and Central Africa, 3,4% (300) and West Africa, 3,0% (180).
- Students constituted 0,2% (1 105) of tourists from SADC countries compared with 1,5% (246) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 3,0% (34) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for study purposes, followed by West Africa, 2,0% (120) and East and Central Africa, 1,1% (92).
- Tourists who came for medical treatment constituted less than 0,1% (119) of tourists from SADC countries, while those from 'other' African countries constituted 0,2% (37). West Africa, 0,3% (18) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for medical treatment, followed by North Africa, 0,3% (3) and East and Central Africa, 0,2% (16).

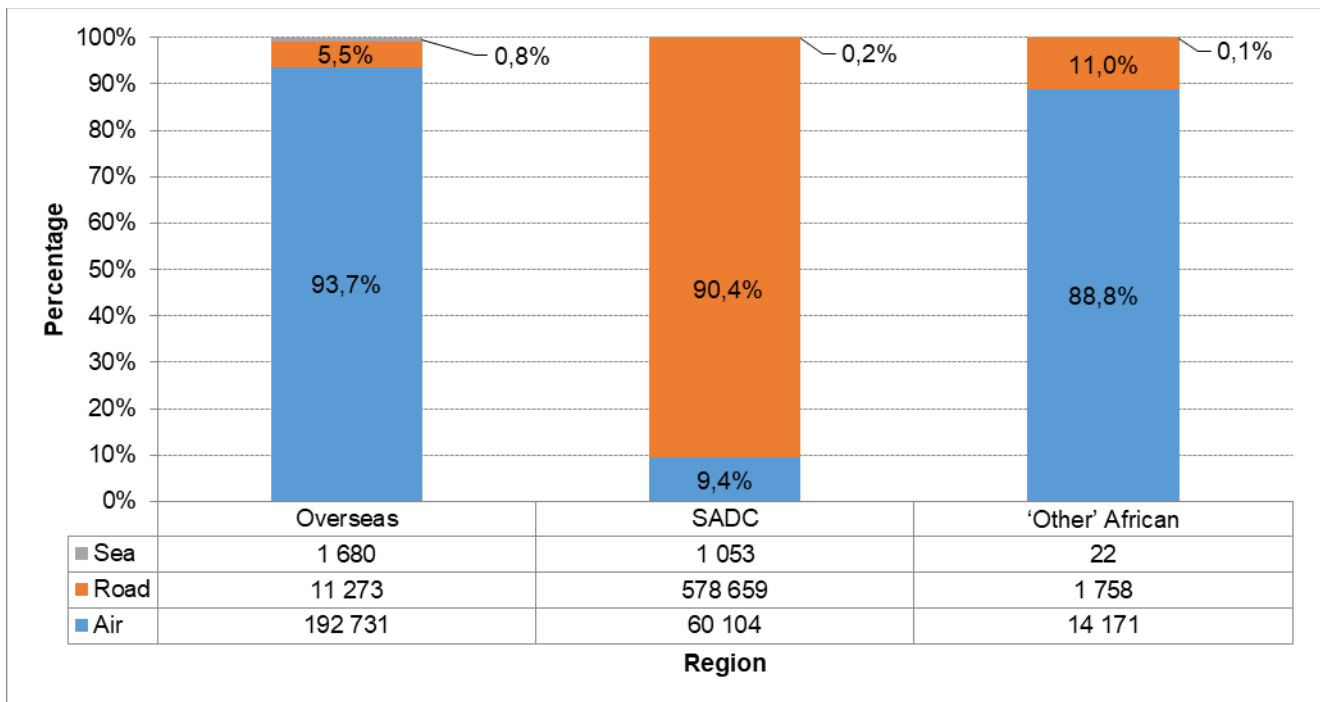
**Table 4 – Number of tourists by region of residence and purpose of visit**

Region of residence	December 2023	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
<b>Total</b>	<b>862 460</b>	<b>16 362</b>	<b>844 059</b>	<b>1 832</b>	<b>207</b>
<b>Overseas</b>	<b>205 684</b>	<b>1 802</b>	<b>203 351</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>51</b>
Europe	130 584	893	129 422	239	30
North America	38 517	267	38 184	55	11
Central and South America	6 130	85	6 033	12	-
Australasia	11 082	43	11 035	4	-
Middle East	2 560	42	2 476	42	-
Asia	16 811	472	16 201	128	10
<b>Africa</b>	<b>655 767</b>	<b>14 510</b>	<b>639 750</b>	<b>1 351</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>639 816</b>	<b>13 966</b>	<b>624 626</b>	<b>1 105</b>	<b>119</b>
<b>'Other' African</b>	<b>15 951</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>15 124</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>37</b>
East and Central Africa	8 758	300	8 350	92	16
West Africa	6 060	180	5 742	120	18
North Africa	1 133	64	1 032	34	3
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>1 009</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>

### 2.3.4 Mode of travel of tourists

Tourists are categorised by their countries of residence and regions. Information on the specific region and country of residence of tourists and the mode of travel used to enter South Africa is provided in Annexure B on pages 17 to 20. As shown in Figure 6 below, 192 731 (93,7%) overseas tourists arrived in the country by air, whilst 11 273 (5,5%) came in by road and 1 680 (0,8%) arrived by sea. Tourists from the SADC countries, on the other hand, came predominantly by road, 578 659 (90,4%), whilst 60 104 (9,4%) came by air and 1 053 (0,2%) arrived by sea. The number of tourists who came into South Africa by air from 'other' African countries was 14 171 (88,8%); while 1 758 (11,0%) used road transport and 22 (0,1%) preferred sea.

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



### 2.3.5 Quarterly and annual trends

Figures 7, 8, and 9 on pages 11 and 12 show monthly and yearly changes in number of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries, respectively. Figure 7 on page 11, shows that the number of overseas tourists who come to South Africa is generally highest in quarter one (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. Between quarters three and four of 2023 (Annexure E, pages 29 to 30), the number of tourists from overseas increased by 21,7% (from 485 488 in quarter three to 591 011 in quarter four). A year-on-year comparison between 2022 and 2023 for quarter four (Annexure F, pages 33 to 34) shows that the number of overseas tourists increased by 17,8% (from 501 627 in quarter four of 2022 to 591 011 in quarter four of 2023).

**Figure 7 – Number of tourists from overseas countries by month: 2019 – 2023**

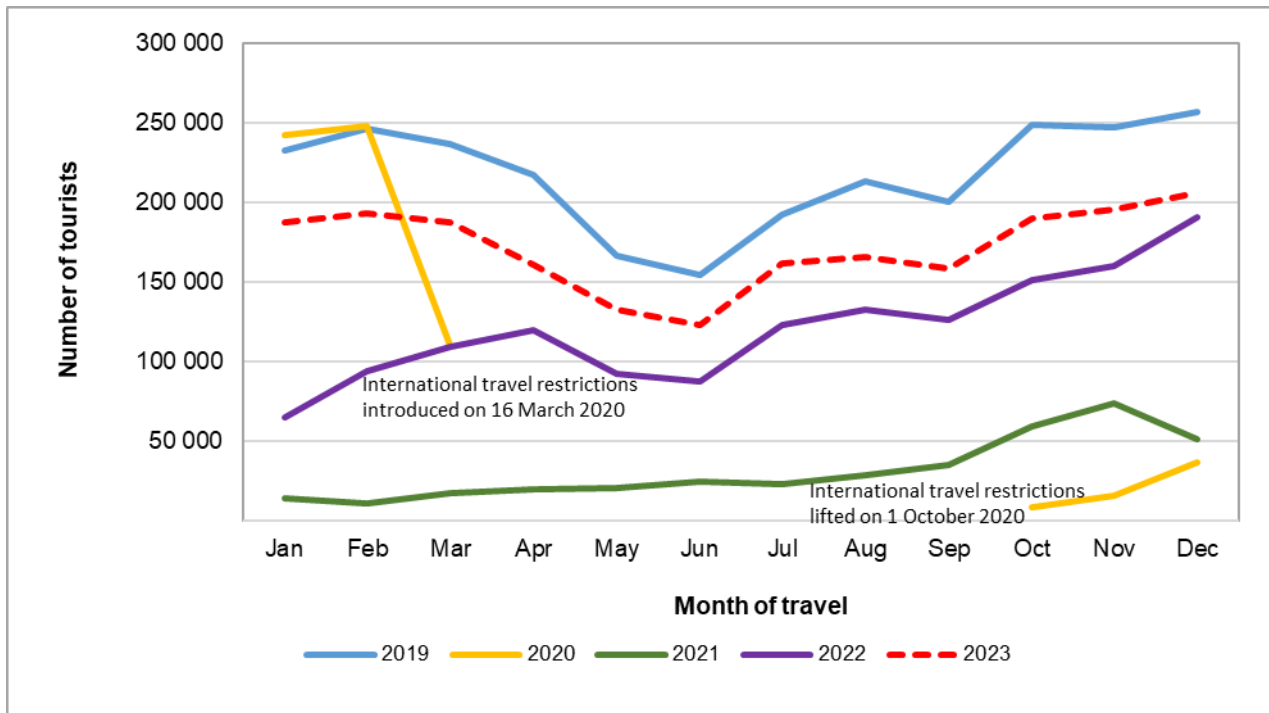


Figure 8 below, shows the patterns for SADC countries. A distinct peak is observed in December due to the Christmas holiday break and a smaller peak in March/April, depending on the month where the Easter holiday falls. These periods are characterised by high volumes of travellers between South Africa and neighbouring SADC countries. Between quarters three and four of 2023, the number of tourists increased by 7,9% (from 1 564 315 in the third quarter to 1 687 754 in the fourth quarter) (see Annexure E on pages 30 to 31). Comparisons between the fourth quarters of 2022 and 2023 show that the number of SADC tourists increased by 32,5% (from 1 273 947 in quarter four of 2022 to 1 687 754 in quarter four of 2023) (see Annexure F on pages 34 to 35).

**Figure 8 – Number of tourists from SADC countries by month: 2019 – 2023**

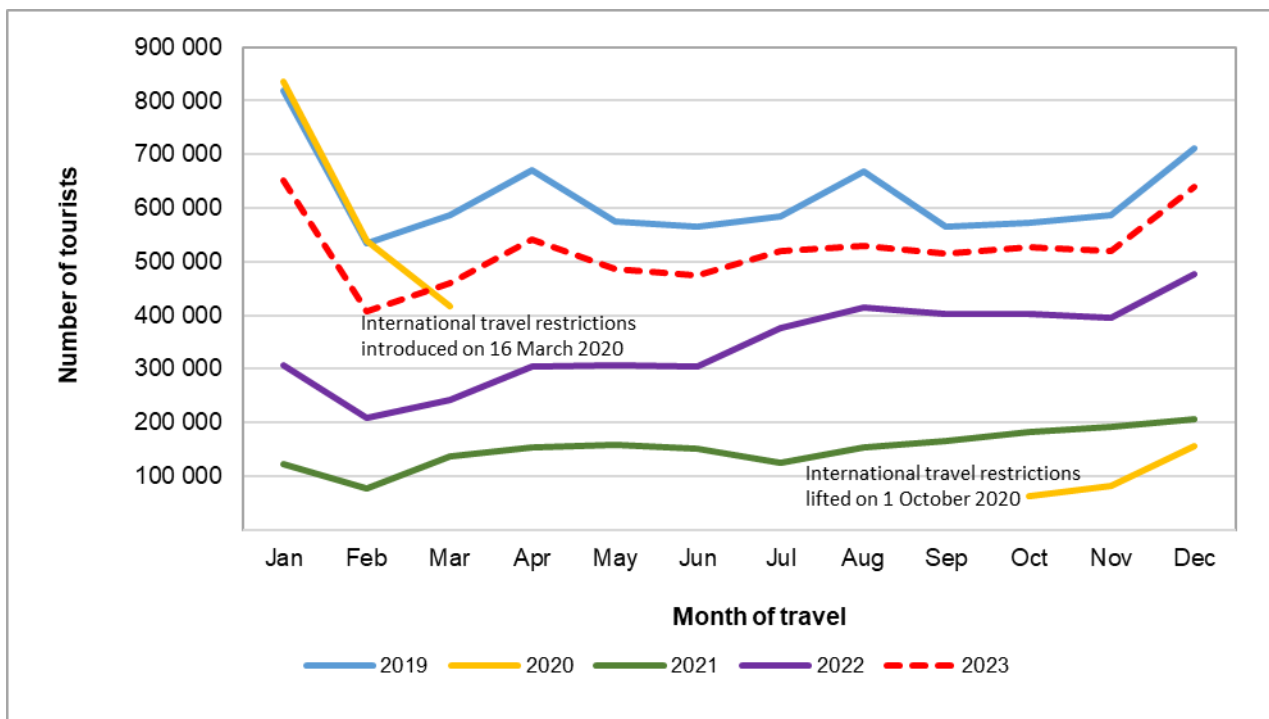
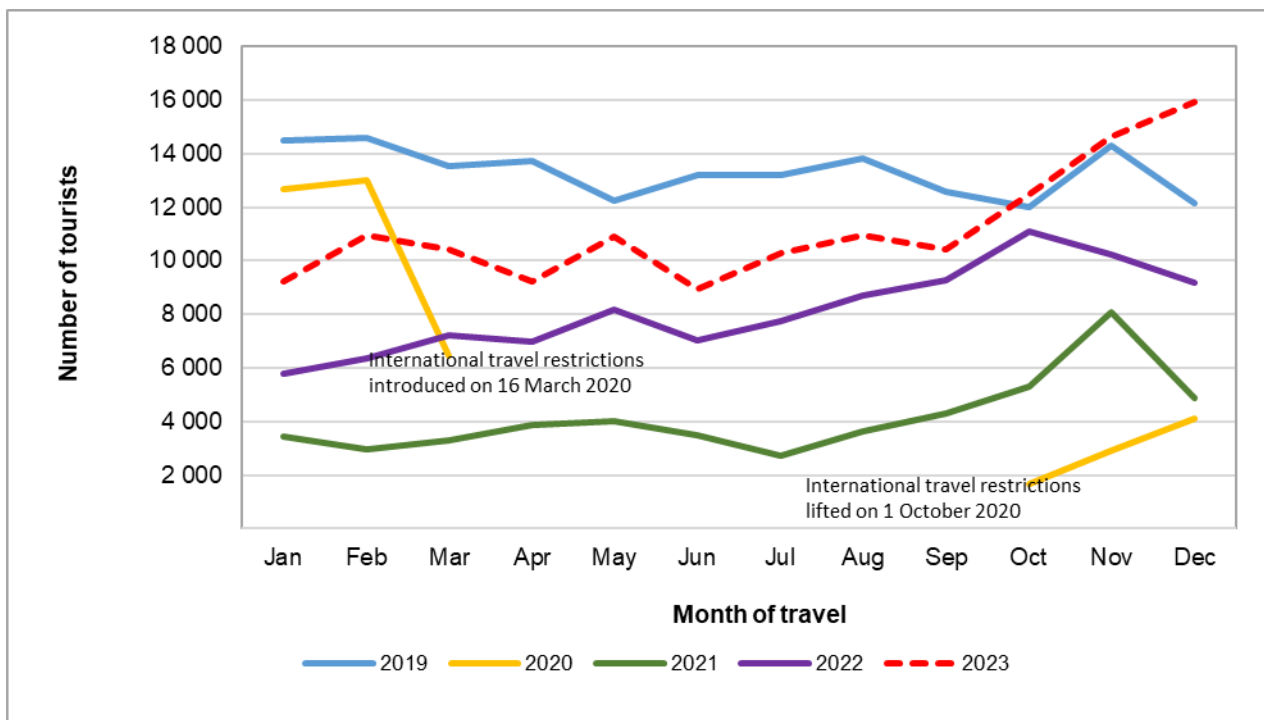


Figure 9 below, shows the number of tourists from 'other' African countries. Between quarters three and quarter four of 2023 (see Annexure E on pages 31 to 32), the number of tourists from 'other' African countries increased by 36,2% (from 31 647 in quarter three to 43 093 in quarter four). West Africa increased by 50,0% (from 10 460 in quarter three to 15 686 in quarter four), East and Central Africa increased by 29,6% (from 18 327 in quarter three to 23 749 in quarter four) and North Africa increased by 27,9% (from 2 860 in quarter three to 3 658 in quarter four). It is worth noting that the number of tourists overtook pre-pandemic levels in quarter four of 2023, showing that the 'other' African countries region has completely recovered from the impact of covid-19 pandemic. A year-on-year comparison for quarter four (see Annexure F on pages 35 to 36) shows that the number of tourists from 'other' African countries increased by 41,1% (from 30 536 in quarter four of 2022 to 43 093 in quarter four of 2023). East and Central Africa had the largest increase of 51,2% (from 15 704 in quarter four of 2022 to 23 749 in quarter four of 2023), followed by West Africa which increased by 36,5% (from 11 491 in quarter four of 2022 to 15 686 in quarter four of 2023) and North Africa which increased by 9,5% (from 3 341 in quarter four of 2022 to 3 658 in quarter four of 2023).

**Figure 9 – Number of tourists from 'other' African countries by month: 2019 – 2023**





### 3. Annexures

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

Country of residence	December 2022	December 2023	Difference between December 2022 and December 2023	% change between December 2022 and December 2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>677 838</b>	<b>862 460</b>	<b>184 622</b>	<b>27,2%</b>
<b>Overseas</b>	<b>190 667</b>	<b>205 684</b>	<b>15 017</b>	<b>7,9%</b>
<b>Europe</b>	<b>122 481</b>	<b>130 584</b>	<b>8 103</b>	<b>6,6%</b>
Austria	1 984	2 396	412	20,8%
Belgium	4 292	4 324	32	0,7%
Denmark	1 520	1 629	109	7,2%
France	8 529	10 315	1 786	20,9%
Germany	24 454	25 288	834	3,4%
Ireland	3 233	3 110	-123	-3,8%
Italy	3 962	4 639	677	17,1%
Portugal	1 788	1 773	-15	-0,8%
Russian Federation	2 574	3 241	667	25,9%
Spain	2 147	2 420	273	12,7%
Sweden	3 766	3 960	194	5,2%
Switzerland	4 276	4 758	482	11,3%
The Netherlands	10 800	13 423	2 623	24,3%
UK	41 424	41 106	-318	-0,8%
Other	7 732	8 202	470	6,1%
<b>North America</b>	<b>37 517</b>	<b>38 517</b>	<b>1 000</b>	<b>2,7%</b>
Canada	5 421	5 490	69	1,3%
USA	32 096	33 027	931	2,9%
<b>Central and South America</b>	<b>3 237</b>	<b>6 130</b>	<b>2 893</b>	<b>89,4%</b>
Argentina	234	407	173	73,9%
Brazil	1 709	4 258	2 549	149,2%
Mexico	438	393	-45	-10,3%
Other	856	1 072	216	25,2%

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

Country of residence	December 2022	December 2023	Difference between December 2022 and December 2023	% change between December 2022 and December 2023
<b>Australasia</b>	<b>12 355</b>	<b>11 082</b>	<b>-1 273</b>	<b>-10,3%</b>
Australia	9 793	8 627	-1 166	-11,9%
New Zealand	2 511	2 399	-112	-4,5%
Other	51	56	5	9,8%
<b>Middle East</b>	<b>2 958</b>	<b>2 560</b>	<b>-398</b>	<b>-13,5%</b>
Israel	1 687	648	-1 039	-61,6%
Jordan	147	258	111	75,5%
Saudi Arabia	455	844	389	85,5%
Other	669	810	141	21,1%
<b>Asia</b>	<b>12 119</b>	<b>16 811</b>	<b>4 692</b>	<b>38,7%</b>
Bangladesh	539	584	45	8,3%
China	1 206	2 495	1 289	106,9%
India	5 597	6 737	1 140	20,4%
Japan	827	1 277	450	54,4%
Malaysia	305	456	151	49,5%
Pakistan	923	961	38	4,1%
Philippines	480	568	88	18,3%
Singapore	450	794	344	76,4%
South Korea	726	1 308	582	80,2%
Thailand	285	383	98	34,4%
Other	781	1 248	467	59,8%
<b>Africa</b>	<b>486 112</b>	<b>655 767</b>	<b>169 655</b>	<b>34,9%</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>476 932</b>	<b>639 816</b>	<b>162 884</b>	<b>34,2%</b>
Angola	3 339	3 454	115	3,4%
Botswana	38 628	54 649	16 021	41,5%
DRC	1 979	4 085	2 106	106,4%
Eswatini	34 079	77 467	43 388	127,3%

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

Country of residence	December 2022	December 2023	Difference between December 2022 and December 2023	% change between December 2022 and December 2023
Lesotho	88 882	106 786	17 904	20,1%
Madagascar	147	352	205	139,5%
Malawi	10 885	13 682	2 797	25,7%
Mauritius	1 341	1 846	505	37,7%
Mozambique	99 084	128 478	29 394	29,7%
Namibia	18 435	19 755	1 320	7,2%
Seychelles	396	606	210	53,0%
Tanzania	3 102	4 037	935	30,1%
Zambia	12 097	15 815	3 718	30,7%
Zimbabwe	164 538	208 804	44 266	26,9%
<b>'Other' African</b>	<b>9 180</b>	<b>15 951</b>	<b>6 771</b>	<b>73,8%</b>
<b>East and Central Africa</b>	<b>5 067</b>	<b>8 758</b>	<b>3 691</b>	<b>72,8%</b>
Burundi	112	77	-35	-31,3%
Cameroon	451	298	-153	-33,9%
Central African Republic	25	4	-21	-84,0%
Chad	15	27	12	80,0%
Comoros	13	13	-	0,0%
Congo	185	154	-31	-16,8%
Djibouti	4	8	4	100,0%
Equatorial Guinea	19	12	-7	-36,8%
Eritrea	37	47	10	27,0%
Ethiopia	434	682	248	57,1%
Gabon	443	444	1	0,2%
Kenya	2 042	4 989	2 947	144,3%
Réunion	-	1	1	-
Rwanda	60	97	37	61,7%
São Tomé and Príncipe	5	6	1	20,0%
Somalia	67	74	7	10,4%
Uganda	1 155	1 825	670	58,0%

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

Country of residence	December 2022	December 2023	Difference between December 2022 and December 2023	% change between December 2022 and December 2023
<b>West Africa</b>	<b>3 286</b>	<b>6 060</b>	2 774	84,4%
Benin	136	158	22	16,2%
Burkina Faso	39	72	33	84,6%
Cape Verde Island	23	27	4	17,4%
Côte d'Ivoire	140	220	80	57,1%
Gambia	30	35	5	16,7%
Ghana	967	3 393	2 426	250,9%
Guinea	125	132	7	5,6%
Guinea-Bissau	3	1	-2	-66,7%
Liberia	71	41	-30	-42,3%
Mali	63	128	65	103,2%
Mauritania	3	8	5	166,7%
Niger	18	23	5	27,8%
Nigeria	1 501	1 637	136	9,1%
Saint Helena	2	3	1	50,0%
Senegal	90	89	-1	-1,1%
Sierra Leone	43	64	21	48,8%
Togo	32	29	-3	-9,4%
<b>North Africa</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>1 133</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>37,0%</b>
Algeria	40	74	34	85,0%
Egypt	365	603	238	65,2%
Libya	38	63	25	65,8%
Morocco	94	115	21	22,3%
South Sudan	105	83	-22	-21,0%
The Sudan	110	56	-54	-49,1%
Tunisia	74	138	64	86,5%
Western Sahara	1	1	-	0,0%
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>1 059</b>	<b>1 009</b>	<b>-50</b>	<b>-4,7%</b>

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

Country of residence	December 2023	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
<b>Total</b>	<b>862 460</b>	<b>113 473</b>	<b>3 631</b>	<b>150 443</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>267 737</b>	<b>591 968</b>	<b>2 755</b>
<b>Overseas</b>	<b>205 684</b>	<b>99 714</b>	<b>2 828</b>	<b>90 078</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>192 731</b>	<b>11 273</b>	<b>1 680</b>
<b>Europe</b>	<b>130 584</b>	<b>70 407</b>	<b>1 700</b>	<b>51 460</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>123 642</b>	<b>6 114</b>	<b>828</b>
Austria	2 396	1 423	42	761	-	2 226	149	21
Belgium	4 324	2 164	27	1 839	1	4 031	257	36
Denmark	1 629	600	45	921	-	1 566	54	9
France	10 315	3 606	25	5 777	7	9 415	892	8
Germany	25 288	16 771	154	7 241	3	24 169	1 037	82
Ireland	3 110	1 773	77	1 174	-	3 024	70	16
Italy	4 639	2 463	59	1 913	1	4 436	200	3
Portugal	1 773	508	17	746	4	1 275	493	5
Russian Federation	3 241	1 941	30	1 148	2	3 121	114	6
Spain	2 420	1 086	22	1 126	3	2 237	166	17
Sweden	3 960	2 319	37	1 475	2	3 833	106	21
Switzerland	4 758	2 680	18	1 808	3	4 509	236	13
The Netherlands	13 423	7 635	99	4 774	16	12 524	876	23
UK	41 106	21 288	872	17 449	29	39 638	954	514
Other	8 202	4 150	176	3 308	4	7 638	510	54
<b>North America</b>	<b>38 517</b>	<b>18 089</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>18 374</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>36 651</b>	<b>1 334</b>	<b>532</b>
Canada	5 490	2 321	40	2 778	5	5 144	268	78
USA	33 027	15 768	129	15 596	14	31 507	1 066	454
<b>Central and South America</b>	<b>6 130</b>	<b>1 994</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3 753</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5 767</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>37</b>
Argentina	407	169	4	213	-	386	18	3
Brazil	4 258	1 312	5	2 740	-	4 057	199	2
Mexico	393	168	-	190	2	360	11	22
Other	1 072	345	9	610	-	964	98	10

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

Country of residence	December 2023	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
<b>Australasia</b>	<b>11 082</b>	<b>3 278</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>6 975</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10 652</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>126</b>
Australia	8 627	2 381	254	5 673	-	8 308	224	95
New Zealand	2 399	851	144	1 295	-	2 290	78	31
Other	56	46	1	7	-	54	2	-
<b>Middle East</b>	<b>2 560</b>	<b>1 220</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1 241</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2 489</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>3</b>
Israel	648	156	8	463	-	627	19	2
Jordan	258	139	2	93	1	235	23	-
Saudi Arabia	844	555	7	279	-	841	2	1
Other	810	370	9	406	1	786	24	-
<b>Asia</b>	<b>16 811</b>	<b>4 726</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>8 275</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13 530</b>	<b>3 127</b>	<b>154</b>
Bangladesh	584	85	73	282	-	440	144	-
China	2 495	465	57	1 657	5	2 184	301	10
India	6 737	1 640	190	3 361	-	5 191	1 484	62
Japan	1 277	511	46	637	2	1 196	76	5
Malaysia	456	241	3	195	-	439	16	1
Pakistan	961	66	43	354	4	467	493	1
Philippines	568	156	42	254	-	452	63	53
Singapore	794	382	7	381	-	770	24	-
South Korea	1 308	603	20	481	-	1 104	204	-
Thailand	383	161	10	196	-	367	15	1
Other	1 248	416	25	477	2	920	307	21
<b>Africa</b>	<b>655 767</b>	<b>13 662</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>59 733</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>74 275</b>	<b>580 417</b>	<b>1 075</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>639 816</b>	<b>9 825</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>49 449</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>60 104</b>	<b>578 659</b>	<b>1 053</b>
Angola	3 454	1 061	-	1 522	8	2 591	858	5
Botswana	54 649	572	6	2 619	20	3 217	50 991	441
DRC	4 085	159	-	3 405	8	3 572	513	-
Eswatini	77 467	231	73	786	-	1 090	76 337	40

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

Country of residence	December 2023	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Lesotho	106 786	27	2	518	1	548	106 152	86
Madagascar	352	20	-	282	1	303	48	1
Malawi	13 682	47	3	1 968	3	2 021	11 626	35
Mauritius	1 846	760	6	972	-	1 738	102	6
Mozambique	128 478	1 051	4	4 027	3	5 085	123 371	22
Namibia	19 755	2 203	5	2 763	-	4 971	14 661	123
Seychelles	606	28	1	535	-	564	38	4
Tanzania	4 037	519	1	2 141	4	2 665	1 336	36
Zambia	15 815	286	107	6 358	2	6 753	9 024	38
Zimbabwe	208 804	2 861	554	21 553	18	24 986	183 602	216
<b>'Other' African</b>	<b>15 951</b>	<b>3 837</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>10 284</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14 171</b>	<b>1 758</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>East and Central Africa</b>	<b>8 758</b>	<b>2 680</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5 101</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7 786</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>13</b>
Burundi	77	20	-	52	-	72	5	-
Cameroon	298	64	-	190	-	254	43	1
Central African Republic	4	-	-	4	-	4	-	-
Chad	27	10	-	17	-	27	-	-
Comoros	13	2	-	11	-	13	-	-
Congo	154	40	-	105	-	145	9	-
Djibouti	8	1	-	7	-	8	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	12	4	-	6	-	10	2	-
Eritrea	47	8	-	29	-	37	10	-
Ethiopia	682	174	-	428	1	603	79	-
Gabon	444	76	-	359	-	435	9	-
Kenya	4 989	1 890	1	2 459	2	4 352	625	12
Réunion	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Rwanda	97	22	-	60	-	82	15	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	6	1	-	4	-	5	1	-
Somalia	74	8	-	21	-	29	45	-
Uganda	1 825	359	-	1 349	1	1 709	116	-

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

Country of residence	December 2023	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
<b>West Africa</b>	<b>6 060</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4 430</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5 326</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>9</b>
Benin	158	31	1	112	1	145	13	-
Burkina Faso	72	9	-	62	-	71	1	-
Cape Verde Island	27	3	-	11	-	14	13	-
Côte d'Ivoire	220	25	-	185	-	210	10	-
Gambia	35	5	-	28	-	33	2	-
Ghana	3 393	393	-	2 680	1	3 074	317	2
Guinea	132	8	-	33	-	41	91	-
Guinea-Bissau	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Liberia	41	9	-	29	-	38	3	-
Mali	128	16	2	69	1	88	40	-
Mauritania	8	3	-	4	-	7	1	-
Niger	23	3	-	20	-	23	-	-
Nigeria	1 637	337	3	1 061	4	1 405	225	7
Saint Helena	3	-	-	3	-	3	-	-
Senegal	89	25	1	62	-	88	1	-
Sierra Leone	64	10	-	46	-	56	8	-
Togo	29	4	-	25	-	29	-	-
<b>North Africa</b>	<b>1 133</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1 059</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>-</b>
Algeria	74	9	2	55	-	66	8	-
Egypt	603	123	24	425	-	572	31	-
Libya	63	9	-	36	-	45	18	-
Morocco	115	44	3	67	-	114	1	-
South Sudan	83	24	-	58	-	82	1	-
The Sudan	56	14	-	28	-	42	14	-
Tunisia	138	52	2	83	-	137	1	-
Western Sahara	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>1 009</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>-</b>



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

Country of residence	December 2023	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
<b>Total</b>	<b>862 460</b>	<b>16 362</b>	<b>844 059</b>	<b>1 832</b>	<b>207</b>
<b>Overseas</b>	<b>205 684</b>	<b>1 802</b>	<b>203 351</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Europe</b>	<b>130 584</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>129 422</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>30</b>
Austria	2 396	9	2 385	2	-
Belgium	4 324	16	4 298	10	-
Denmark	1 629	7	1 614	8	-
France	10 315	95	10 182	34	4
Germany	25 288	135	25 064	88	1
Ireland	3 110	17	3 090	3	-
Italy	4 639	51	4 586	1	1
Portugal	1 773	19	1 748	3	3
Russian Federation	3 241	30	3 207	2	2
Spain	2 420	15	2 401	4	-
Sweden	3 960	14	3 940	6	-
Switzerland	4 758	13	4 733	11	1
The Netherlands	13 423	55	13 350	16	2
UK	41 106	272	40 790	31	13
Other	8 202	145	8 034	20	3
<b>North America</b>	<b>38 517</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>38 184</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>11</b>
Canada	5 490	36	5 447	3	4
USA	33 027	231	32 737	52	7
<b>Central and South America</b>	<b>6 130</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>6 033</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-</b>
Argentina	407	4	403	-	-
Brazil	4 258	37	4 218	3	-
Mexico	393	11	382	-	-
Other	1 072	33	1 030	9	-

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

Country of residence	December 2023	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
<b>Australasia</b>	<b>11 082</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>11 035</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>
Australia	8 627	38	8 585	4	-
New Zealand	2 399	5	2 394	-	-
Other	56	-	56	-	-
<b>Middle East</b>	<b>2 560</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2 476</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>-</b>
Israel	648	9	637	2	-
Jordan	258	9	246	3	-
Saudi Arabia	844	6	829	9	-
Other	810	18	764	28	-
<b>Asia</b>	<b>16 811</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>16 201</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>10</b>
Bangladesh	584	13	569	2	-
China	2 495	138	2 336	16	5
India	6 737	174	6 504	58	1
Japan	1 277	44	1 222	9	2
Malaysia	456	7	449	-	-
Pakistan	961	13	940	8	-
Philippines	568	14	550	3	1
Singapore	794	9	784	1	-
South Korea	1 308	19	1 275	14	-
Thailand	383	2	372	9	-
Other	1 248	39	1 200	8	1
<b>Africa</b>	<b>655 767</b>	<b>14 510</b>	<b>639 750</b>	<b>1 351</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>639 816</b>	<b>13 966</b>	<b>624 626</b>	<b>1 105</b>	<b>119</b>
Angola	3 454	35	3 360	46	13
Botswana	54 649	558	53 946	124	21
DRC	4 085	43	3 909	107	26
Eswatini	77 467	2 410	74 971	82	4

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

Country of residence	December 2023	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Lesotho	106 786	539	106 048	190	9
Madagascar	352	1	346	3	2
Malawi	13 682	287	13 358	33	4
Mauritius	1 846	13	1 820	11	2
Mozambique	128 478	1 777	126 667	29	5
Namibia	19 755	2 272	17 397	80	6
Seychelles	606	3	603	-	-
Tanzania	4 037	84	3 930	16	7
Zambia	15 815	3 165	12 618	27	5
Zimbabwe	208 804	2 779	205 653	357	15
<b>'Other' African</b>	<b>15 951</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>15 124</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>East and Central Africa</b>	<b>8 758</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>8 350</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>16</b>
Burundi	77	1	76	-	-
Cameroon	298	18	262	15	3
Central African Republic	4	-	4	-	-
Chad	27	5	20	2	-
Comoros	13	3	9	-	1
Congo	154	6	140	8	-
Djibouti	8	-	8	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	12	-	10	2	-
Eritrea	47	-	46	1	-
Ethiopia	682	41	626	10	5
Gabon	444	4	427	13	-
Kenya	4 989	133	4 826	25	5
Réunion	1	-	1	-	-
Rwanda	97	4	93	-	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	6	-	6	-	-
Somalia	74	18	55	1	-
Uganda	1 825	67	1 741	15	2

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

Country of residence	December 2023	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
<b>West Africa</b>	<b>6 060</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>5 742</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>18</b>
Benin	158	6	151	-	1
Burkina Faso	72	9	62	1	-
Cape Verde Island	27	-	27	-	-
Côte d'Ivoire	220	22	193	4	1
Gambia	35	3	31	1	-
Ghana	3 393	43	3 328	16	6
Guinea	132	3	125	4	-
Guinea-Bissau	1	-	1	-	-
Liberia	41	2	37	2	-
Mali	128	12	114	-	2
Mauritania	8	-	6	-	2
Niger	23	2	20	-	1
Nigeria	1 637	47	1 494	91	5
Saint Helena	3	-	3	-	-
Senegal	89	16	73	-	-
Sierra Leone	64	11	53	-	-
Togo	29	4	24	1	-
<b>North Africa</b>	<b>1 133</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>1 032</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>
Algeria	74	4	68	2	-
Egypt	603	34	559	10	-
Libya	63	1	55	7	-
Morocco	115	11	101	3	-
South Sudan	83	8	70	2	3
The Sudan	56	2	45	9	-
Tunisia	138	4	133	1	-
Western Sahara	1	-	1	-	-
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>1 009</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>

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

Country of residence	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	Difference between Jan – Dec 2022 and Jan – Dec 2023	% change between Jan – Dec 2022 and Jan – Dec 2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 698 062</b>	<b>8 483 333</b>	<b>2 785 271</b>	<b>48,9%</b>
<b>Overseas</b>	<b>1 450 671</b>	<b>2 060 313</b>	<b>609 642</b>	<b>42,0%</b>
<b>Europe</b>	<b>900 703</b>	<b>1 244 877</b>	<b>344 174</b>	<b>38,2%</b>
Austria	14 043	20 894	6 851	48,8%
Belgium	34 826	46 348	11 522	33,1%
Denmark	14 240	17 995	3 755	26,4%
France	76 077	119 974	43 897	57,7%
Germany	173 146	245 259	72 113	41,6%
Ireland	20 817	27 282	6 465	31,1%
Italy	32 357	52 091	19 734	61,0%
Portugal	16 092	19 285	3 193	19,8%
Russian Federation	16 234	28 357	12 123	74,7%
Spain	23 304	32 020	8 716	37,4%
Sweden	17 381	24 543	7 162	41,2%
Switzerland	33 257	42 654	9 397	28,3%
The Netherlands	90 289	131 371	41 082	45,5%
UK	283 031	356 160	73 129	25,8%
Other	55 609	80 644	25 035	45,0%
<b>North America</b>	<b>297 684</b>	<b>409 031</b>	<b>111 347</b>	<b>37,4%</b>
Canada	35 501	55 056	19 555	55,1%
USA	262 183	353 975	91 792	35,0%
<b>Central and South America</b>	<b>28 516</b>	<b>46 870</b>	<b>18 354</b>	<b>64,4%</b>
Argentina	2 381	3 805	1 424	59,8%
Brazil	14 727	25 672	10 945	74,3%
Mexico	3 582	4 511	929	25,9%
Other	7 826	12 882	5 056	64,6%

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

Country of residence	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	Difference between Jan – Dec 2022 and Jan – Dec 2023	% change between Jan – Dec 2022 and Jan – Dec 2023
<b>Australasia</b>	<b>65 288</b>	<b>105 888</b>	<b>40 600</b>	<b>62,2%</b>
Australia	53 769	86 250	32 481	60,4%
New Zealand	11 290	19 349	8 059	71,4%
Other	229	289	60	26,2%
<b>Middle East</b>	<b>40 628</b>	<b>54 339</b>	<b>13 711</b>	<b>33,7%</b>
Israel	17 427	19 942	2 515	14,4%
Saudi Arabia	11 464	16 351	4 887	42,6%
United Arab Emirates	3 100	6 511	3 411	110,0%
Other	8 637	11 535	2 898	33,6%
<b>Asia</b>	<b>117 852</b>	<b>199 308</b>	<b>81 456</b>	<b>69,1%</b>
Bangladesh	7 363	7 849	486	6,6%
China	12 187	37 164	24 977	204,9%
India	55 506	79 774	24 268	43,7%
Japan	5 513	13 176	7 663	139,0%
Malaysia	2 764	5 659	2 895	104,7%
Pakistan	12 470	12 718	248	2,0%
Philippines	4 329	6 487	2 158	49,8%
Singapore	2 821	7 292	4 471	158,5%
South Korea	5 103	10 436	5 333	104,5%
Thailand	2 798	4 864	2 066	73,8%
Other	6 998	13 889	6 891	98,5%
<b>Africa</b>	<b>4 237 261</b>	<b>6 410 392</b>	<b>2 173 131</b>	<b>51,3%</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>4 139 457</b>	<b>6 276 019</b>	<b>2 136 562</b>	<b>51,6%</b>
Angola	32 194	39 265	7 071	22,0%
Botswana	262 232	363 025	100 793	38,4%
DRC	17 571	23 211	5 640	32,1%
Eswatini	403 762	733 949	330 187	81,8%

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

Country of residence	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	Difference between Jan – Dec 2022 and Jan – Dec 2023	% change between Jan – Dec 2022 and Jan – Dec 2023
Lesotho	835 921	1 163 826	327 905	39,2%
Madagascar	1 716	3 727	2 011	117,2%
Malawi	114 352	138 918	24 566	21,5%
Mauritius	11 094	17 879	6 785	61,2%
Mozambique	944 308	1 341 037	396 729	42,0%
Namibia	137 388	160 078	22 690	16,5%
Seychelles	2 785	4 680	1 895	68,0%
Tanzania	26 268	34 240	7 972	30,3%
Zambia	116 076	145 244	29 168	25,1%
Zimbabwe	1 233 790	2 106 940	873 150	70,8%
<b>'Other' African</b>	<b>97 804</b>	<b>134 373</b>	<b>36 569</b>	<b>37,4%</b>
<b>East and Central Africa</b>	<b>47 897</b>	<b>76 367</b>	<b>28 470</b>	<b>59,4%</b>
Burundi	818	1 091	273	33,4%
Cameroon	3 629	4 201	572	15,8%
Central African Republic	127	191	64	50,4%
Chad	306	442	136	44,4%
Comoros	316	428	112	35,4%
Congo	1 598	1 617	19	1,2%
Djibouti	73	109	36	49,3%
Equatorial Guinea	250	326	76	30,4%
Eritrea	419	411	-8	-1,9%
Ethiopia	5 001	6 489	1 488	29,8%
Gabon	2 975	4 016	1 041	35,0%
Kenya	21 308	42 403	21 095	99,0%
Réunion	-	24	24	-
Rwanda	708	983	275	38,8%
São Tomé and Príncipe	52	89	37	71,2%
Somalia	1 023	673	-350	-34,2%
Uganda	9 294	12 874	3 580	38,5%

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

Country of residence	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	Difference between Jan – Dec 2022 and Jan – Dec 2023	% change between Jan – Dec 2022 and Jan – Dec 2023
<b>West Africa</b>	<b>39 494</b>	<b>45 300</b>	<b>5 806</b>	<b>14,7%</b>
Benin	1 190	1 775	585	49,2%
Burkina Faso	568	730	162	28,5%
Cape Verde Island	250	304	54	21,6%
Côte d'Ivoire	1 874	2 329	455	24,3%
Gambia	340	444	104	30,6%
Ghana	14 381	14 724	343	2,4%
Guinea	1 055	1 380	325	30,8%
Guinea-Bissau	46	85	39	84,8%
Liberia	463	602	139	30,0%
Mali	748	1 069	321	42,9%
Mauritania	124	209	85	68,5%
Niger	218	294	76	34,9%
Nigeria	16 104	18 809	2 705	16,8%
Saint Helena	58	51	-7	-12,1%
Senegal	1 281	1 493	212	16,5%
Sierra Leone	462	537	75	16,2%
Togo	332	465	133	40,1%
<b>North Africa</b>	<b>10 413</b>	<b>12 706</b>	<b>2 293</b>	<b>22,0%</b>
Algeria	942	1 113	171	18,2%
Egypt	4 754	5 859	1 105	23,2%
Libya	610	652	42	6,9%
Morocco	1 202	1 662	460	38,3%
South Sudan	696	1 020	324	46,6%
The Sudan	1 339	1 012	-327	-24,4%
Tunisia	862	1 375	513	59,5%
Western Sahara	8	13	5	62,5%
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>10 130</b>	<b>12 628</b>	<b>2 498</b>	<b>24,7%</b>



## 3.5 Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2023 – Quarter 4, 2023 changes by country of residence and month of travel

Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2023 – Quarter 4, 2023								% change Qtr 3, 2023 – Qtr 4, 2023
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2023	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2023	
<b>Total</b>	<b>692 068</b>	<b>708 159</b>	<b>684 161</b>	<b>2 084 388</b>	<b>731 108</b>	<b>731 677</b>	<b>862 460</b>	<b>2 325 245</b>	<b>11,6%</b>
<b>Overseas</b>	<b>161 376</b>	<b>165 705</b>	<b>158 407</b>	<b>485 488</b>	<b>189 778</b>	<b>195 549</b>	<b>205 684</b>	<b>591 011</b>	<b>21,7%</b>
<b>Europe</b>	<b>88 440</b>	<b>93 602</b>	<b>86 228</b>	<b>268 270</b>	<b>122 599</b>	<b>129 036</b>	<b>130 584</b>	<b>382 219</b>	<b>42,5%</b>
Austria	1 034	1 258	1 102	<b>3 394</b>	2 239	2 786	2 396	<b>7 421</b>	118,7%
Belgium	5 796	3 691	3 787	<b>13 274</b>	5 017	4 646	4 324	<b>13 987</b>	5,4%
Denmark	1 192	730	1 130	<b>3 052</b>	1 903	1 724	1 629	<b>5 256</b>	72,2%
France	10 587	10 498	7 579	<b>28 664</b>	12 940	11 642	10 315	<b>34 897</b>	21,7%
Germany	9 505	12 358	17 608	<b>39 471</b>	27 512	30 191	25 288	<b>82 991</b>	110,3%
Ireland	1 836	1 635	1 679	<b>5 150</b>	2 137	2 643	3 110	<b>7 890</b>	53,2%
Italy	4 915	11 933	3 988	<b>20 836</b>	4 246	3 690	4 639	<b>12 575</b>	-39,6%
Portugal	1 214	1 475	1 362	<b>4 051</b>	1 475	1 796	1 773	<b>5 044</b>	24,5%
Russian Federation	1 373	1 878	1 671	<b>4 922</b>	2 949	3 439	3 241	<b>9 629</b>	95,6%
Spain	3 446	5 711	3 005	<b>12 162</b>	2 944	2 696	2 420	<b>8 060</b>	-33,7%
Sweden	806	633	1 160	<b>2 599</b>	2 552	2 772	3 960	<b>9 284</b>	257,2%
Switzerland	2 666	1 744	3 113	<b>7 523</b>	5 038	5 503	4 758	<b>15 299</b>	103,4%
The Netherlands	14 338	11 455	10 763	<b>36 556</b>	14 417	12 892	13 423	<b>40 732</b>	11,4%
UK	25 192	23 804	23 380	<b>72 376</b>	30 424	32 561	41 106	<b>104 091</b>	43,8%
Other	4 540	4 799	4 901	<b>14 240</b>	6 806	10 055	8 202	<b>25 063</b>	76,0%
<b>North America</b>	<b>35 029</b>	<b>32 933</b>	<b>34 513</b>	<b>102 475</b>	<b>33 631</b>	<b>33 022</b>	<b>38 517</b>	<b>105 170</b>	<b>2,6%</b>
Canada	3 417	3 633	4 417	<b>11 467</b>	5 620	5 496	5 490	<b>16 606</b>	44,8%
USA	31 612	29 300	30 096	<b>91 008</b>	28 011	27 526	33 027	<b>88 564</b>	-2,7%
<b>Central and South America</b>	<b>3 601</b>	<b>2 697</b>	<b>4 947</b>	<b>11 245</b>	<b>4 980</b>	<b>5 450</b>	<b>6 130</b>	<b>16 560</b>	<b>47,3%</b>
Argentina	311	148	396	<b>855</b>	330	336	407	<b>1 073</b>	25,5%
Brazil	1 759	1 423	2 828	<b>6 010</b>	2 878	3 408	4 258	<b>10 544</b>	75,4%
Mexico	549	312	372	<b>1 233</b>	351	342	393	<b>1 086</b>	-11,9%
Other	982	814	1 351	<b>3 147</b>	1 421	1 364	1 072	<b>3 857</b>	22,6%

**Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2023 – Quarter 4, 2023 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)**

Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2023 – Quarter 4, 2023								% change Qtr 3, 2023 – Qtr 4, 2023
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2023	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2023	
<b>Australasia</b>	<b>8 140</b>	<b>8 702</b>	<b>10 437</b>	<b>27 279</b>	<b>8 446</b>	<b>8 199</b>	<b>11 082</b>	<b>27 727</b>	<b>1,6%</b>
Australia	6 609	7 226	8 494	<b>22 329</b>	6 879	6 795	8 627	<b>22 301</b>	-0,1%
New Zealand	1 503	1 461	1 933	<b>4 897</b>	1 538	1 395	2 399	<b>5 332</b>	8,9%
Other	28	15	10	<b>53</b>	29	9	56	<b>94</b>	77,4%
<b>Middle East</b>	<b>9 519</b>	<b>8 941</b>	<b>5 218</b>	<b>23 678</b>	<b>2 835</b>	<b>2 769</b>	<b>2 560</b>	<b>8 164</b>	<b>-65,5%</b>
Israel	2 037	2 859	2 737	<b>7 633</b>	1 165	434	648	<b>2 247</b>	-70,6%
Lebanon	144	128	155	<b>427</b>	173	226	223	<b>622</b>	45,7%
Saudi Arabia	3 932	2 775	1 218	<b>7 925</b>	786	1 303	844	<b>2 933</b>	-63,0%
Other	3 406	3 179	1 108	<b>7 693</b>	711	806	845	<b>2 362</b>	-69,3%
<b>Asia</b>	<b>16 647</b>	<b>18 830</b>	<b>17 064</b>	<b>52 541</b>	<b>17 287</b>	<b>17 073</b>	<b>16 811</b>	<b>51 171</b>	<b>-2,6%</b>
Bangladesh	759	660	580	<b>1 999</b>	620	651	584	<b>1 855</b>	-7,2%
China	3 472	3 996	4 650	<b>12 118</b>	3 046	3 290	2 495	<b>8 831</b>	-27,1%
India	6 237	6 962	5 529	<b>18 728</b>	5 601	7 040	6 737	<b>19 378</b>	3,5%
Japan	955	1 597	1 136	<b>3 688</b>	1 870	985	1 277	<b>4 132</b>	12,0%
Malaysia	460	681	647	<b>1 788</b>	601	355	456	<b>1 412</b>	-21,0%
Pakistan	1 192	1 144	1 094	<b>3 430</b>	997	1 018	961	<b>2 976</b>	-13,2%
Philippines	697	529	430	<b>1 656</b>	943	524	568	<b>2 035</b>	22,9%
Singapore	559	666	585	<b>1 810</b>	514	758	794	<b>2 066</b>	14,1%
South Korea	782	1 119	670	<b>2 571</b>	891	947	1 308	<b>3 146</b>	22,4%
Thailand	384	338	519	<b>1 241</b>	571	322	383	<b>1 276</b>	2,8%
Other	1 150	1 138	1 224	<b>3 512</b>	1 633	1 183	1 248	<b>4 064</b>	15,7%
<b>Africa</b>	<b>529 712</b>	<b>541 567</b>	<b>524 683</b>	<b>1 595 962</b>	<b>540 111</b>	<b>534 969</b>	<b>655 767</b>	<b>1 730 847</b>	<b>8,5%</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>519 422</b>	<b>530 625</b>	<b>514 268</b>	<b>1 564 315</b>	<b>527 616</b>	<b>520 322</b>	<b>639 816</b>	<b>1 687 754</b>	<b>7,9%</b>
Angola	3 399	3 616	2 947	<b>9 962</b>	3 124	3 125	3 454	<b>9 703</b>	-2,6%
Botswana	26 651	26 167	34 890	<b>87 708</b>	30 680	32 181	54 649	<b>117 510</b>	34,0%
DRC	1 760	2 213	1 793	<b>5 766</b>	2 164	1 960	4 085	<b>8 209</b>	42,4%
Eswatini	61 476	66 951	65 659	<b>194 086</b>	65 314	63 438	77 467	<b>206 219</b>	6,3%

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Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2023 – Quarter 4, 2023								% change Qtr 3, 2023 – Qtr 4, 2023
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2023	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2023	
Lesotho	101 030	86 438	86 821	<b>274 289</b>	89 226	83 982	106 786	<b>279 994</b>	2,1%
Madagascar	296	288	416	<b>1 000</b>	370	395	352	<b>1 117</b>	11,7%
Malawi	12 635	13 780	13 186	<b>39 601</b>	13 144	14 250	13 682	<b>41 076</b>	3,7%
Mauritius	1 527	1 351	1 267	<b>4 145</b>	1 790	2 299	1 846	<b>5 935</b>	43,2%
Mozambique	107 318	113 161	107 496	<b>327 975</b>	107 426	119 328	128 478	<b>355 232</b>	8,3%
Namibia	13 114	11 758	13 745	<b>38 617</b>	13 576	12 126	19 755	<b>45 457</b>	17,7%
Seychelles	249	291	319	<b>859</b>	424	594	606	<b>1 624</b>	89,1%
Tanzania	2 549	2 693	2 625	<b>7 867</b>	3 208	3 215	4 037	<b>10 460</b>	33,0%
Zambia	11 833	12 990	12 024	<b>36 847</b>	13 478	13 347	15 815	<b>42 640</b>	15,7%
Zimbabwe	175 585	188 928	171 080	<b>535 593</b>	183 692	170 082	208 804	<b>562 578</b>	5,0%
<b>'Other' African</b>	<b>10 290</b>	<b>10 942</b>	<b>10 415</b>	<b>31 647</b>	<b>12 495</b>	<b>14 647</b>	<b>15 951</b>	<b>43 093</b>	<b>36,2%</b>
<b>East and Central Africa</b>	<b>5 630</b>	<b>6 309</b>	<b>6 388</b>	<b>18 327</b>	<b>7 629</b>	<b>7 362</b>	<b>8 758</b>	<b>23 749</b>	<b>29,6%</b>
Burundi	103	98	144	<b>345</b>	92	122	77	<b>291</b>	-15,7%
Cameroon	393	400	394	<b>1 187</b>	365	319	298	<b>982</b>	-17,3%
Central African Republic	3	30	10	<b>43</b>	26	14	4	<b>44</b>	2,3%
Chad	36	52	43	<b>131</b>	45	50	27	<b>122</b>	-6,9%
Comoros	54	68	19	<b>141</b>	71	61	13	<b>145</b>	2,8%
Congo	175	159	116	<b>450</b>	120	165	154	<b>439</b>	-2,4%
Djibouti	2	27	2	<b>31</b>	8	14	8	<b>30</b>	-3,2%
Equatorial Guinea	67	47	11	<b>125</b>	68	26	12	<b>106</b>	-15,2%
Eritrea	27	46	48	<b>121</b>	30	37	47	<b>114</b>	-5,8%
Ethiopia	434	509	661	<b>1 604</b>	724	651	682	<b>2 057</b>	28,2%
Gabon	489	700	253	<b>1 442</b>	287	239	444	<b>970</b>	-32,7%
Kenya	2 756	3 151	3 552	<b>9 459</b>	4 464	4 396	4 989	<b>13 849</b>	46,4%
Réunion	7	-	2	<b>9</b>	-	1	1	<b>2</b>	-77,8%
Rwanda	93	52	76	<b>221</b>	105	94	97	<b>296</b>	33,9%
São Tomé and Príncipe	9	4	5	<b>18</b>	13	12	6	<b>31</b>	72,2%
Somalia	48	49	49	<b>146</b>	56	76	74	<b>206</b>	41,1%
Uganda	934	917	1 003	<b>2 854</b>	1 155	1 085	1 825	<b>4 065</b>	42,4%

**Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2023 – Quarter 4, 2023 changes by country of residence and month of travel (concluded)**

Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2023 – Quarter 4, 2023								% change Qtr 3, 2023 – Qtr 4, 2023
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2023	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2023	
<b>West Africa</b>	<b>3 700</b>	<b>3 686</b>	<b>3 074</b>	<b>10 460</b>	<b>3 695</b>	<b>5 931</b>	<b>6 060</b>	<b>15 686</b>	<b>50,0%</b>
Benin	166	168	139	473	156	221	158	535	13,1%
Burkina Faso	72	48	59	179	68	63	72	203	13,4%
Cape Verde Island	11	23	16	50	29	31	27	87	74,0%
Côte d'Ivoire	210	251	173	634	209	247	220	676	6,6%
Gambia	28	37	33	98	44	67	35	146	49,0%
Ghana	1 110	834	577	2 521	772	2 987	3 393	7 152	183,7%
Guinea	101	112	121	334	108	139	132	379	13,5%
Guinea-Bissau	4	8	13	25	11	6	1	18	-28,0%
Liberia	63	71	24	158	41	65	41	147	-7,0%
Mali	94	71	67	232	70	91	128	289	24,6%
Mauritania	13	9	5	27	30	43	8	81	200,0%
Niger	21	3	14	38	28	35	23	86	126,3%
Nigeria	1 548	1 827	1 652	5 027	1 875	1 679	1 637	5 191	3,3%
Saint Helena	4	7	2	13	2	5	3	10	-23,1%
Senegal	175	124	104	403	159	152	89	400	-0,7%
Sierra Leone	45	38	38	121	52	53	64	169	39,7%
Togo	35	55	37	127	41	47	29	117	-7,9%
<b>North Africa</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>2 860</b>	<b>1 171</b>	<b>1 354</b>	<b>1 133</b>	<b>3 658</b>	<b>27,9%</b>
Algeria	53	179	83	315	79	116	74	269	-14,6%
Egypt	503	387	390	1 280	527	530	603	1 660	29,7%
Libya	55	53	50	158	36	89	63	188	19,0%
Morocco	112	98	141	351	150	267	115	532	51,6%
South Sudan	72	87	133	292	133	119	83	335	14,7%
The Sudan	94	48	57	199	48	79	56	183	-8,0%
Tunisia	70	93	98	261	197	154	138	489	87,4%
Western Sahara	1	2	1	4	1	-	1	2	-50,0%
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>1 071</b>	<b>2 938</b>	<b>1 219</b>	<b>1 159</b>	<b>1 009</b>	<b>3 387</b>	<b>15,3%</b>

## 3.6 Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2022 – Quarter 4, 2023 changes by country of residence and month of travel

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2022 – Quarter 4, 2023								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2022	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2023	% change 2022 – 2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>565 862</b>	<b>565 758</b>	<b>677 838</b>	<b>1 809 458</b>	<b>731 108</b>	<b>731 677</b>	<b>862 460</b>	<b>2 325 245</b>	<b>28,5%</b>
<b>Overseas</b>	<b>151 189</b>	<b>159 771</b>	<b>190 667</b>	<b>501 627</b>	<b>189 778</b>	<b>195 549</b>	<b>205 684</b>	<b>591 011</b>	<b>17,8%</b>
<b>Europe</b>	<b>99 207</b>	<b>107 479</b>	<b>122 481</b>	<b>329 167</b>	<b>122 599</b>	<b>129 036</b>	<b>130 584</b>	<b>382 219</b>	<b>16,1%</b>
Austria	1 646	2 179	1 984	<b>5 809</b>	2 239	2 786	2 396	<b>7 421</b>	27,8%
Belgium	4 454	3 393	4 292	<b>12 139</b>	5 017	4 646	4 324	<b>13 987</b>	15,2%
Denmark	1 907	1 623	1 520	<b>5 050</b>	1 903	1 724	1 629	<b>5 256</b>	4,1%
France	9 435	8 234	8 529	<b>26 198</b>	12 940	11 642	10 315	<b>34 897</b>	33,2%
Germany	22 752	25 954	24 454	<b>73 160</b>	27 512	30 191	25 288	<b>82 991</b>	13,4%
Ireland	1 791	2 178	3 233	<b>7 202</b>	2 137	2 643	3 110	<b>7 890</b>	9,6%
Italy	2 923	2 996	3 962	<b>9 881</b>	4 246	3 690	4 639	<b>12 575</b>	27,3%
Portugal	1 321	1 745	1 788	<b>4 854</b>	1 475	1 796	1 773	<b>5 044</b>	3,9%
Russian Federation	2 117	2 607	2 574	<b>7 298</b>	2 949	3 439	3 241	<b>9 629</b>	31,9%
Spain	1 898	2 334	2 147	<b>6 379</b>	2 944	2 696	2 420	<b>8 060</b>	26,4%
Sweden	2 116	2 566	3 766	<b>8 448</b>	2 552	2 772	3 960	<b>9 284</b>	9,9%
Switzerland	4 514	4 613	4 276	<b>13 403</b>	5 038	5 503	4 758	<b>15 299</b>	14,1%
The Netherlands	9 801	10 374	10 800	<b>30 975</b>	14 417	12 892	13 423	<b>40 732</b>	31,5%
UK	26 928	28 730	41 424	<b>97 082</b>	30 424	32 561	41 106	<b>104 091</b>	7,2%
Other	5 604	7 953	7 732	<b>21 289</b>	6 806	10 055	8 202	<b>25 063</b>	17,7%
<b>North America</b>	<b>26 922</b>	<b>26 690</b>	<b>37 517</b>	<b>91 129</b>	<b>33 631</b>	<b>33 022</b>	<b>38 517</b>	<b>105 170</b>	<b>15,4%</b>
Canada	3 832	4 023	5 421	<b>13 276</b>	5 620	5 496	5 490	<b>16 606</b>	25,1%
USA	23 090	22 667	32 096	<b>77 853</b>	28 011	27 526	33 027	<b>88 564</b>	13,8%
<b>Central and South America</b>	<b>2 957</b>	<b>2 830</b>	<b>3 237</b>	<b>9 024</b>	<b>4 980</b>	<b>5 450</b>	<b>6 130</b>	<b>16 560</b>	<b>83,5%</b>
Argentina	191	233	234	<b>658</b>	330	336	407	<b>1 073</b>	63,1%
Brazil	1 484	1 452	1 709	<b>4 645</b>	2 878	3 408	4 258	<b>10 544</b>	127,0%
Mexico	432	306	438	<b>1 176</b>	351	342	393	<b>1 086</b>	-7,7%
Other	850	839	856	<b>2 545</b>	1 421	1 364	1 072	<b>3 857</b>	51,6%

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Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2022 – Quarter 4, 2023								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2022	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2023	% change 2022 – 2023
<b>Australasia</b>	<b>6 456</b>	<b>7 284</b>	<b>12 355</b>	<b>26 095</b>	<b>8 446</b>	<b>8 199</b>	<b>11 082</b>	<b>27 727</b>	<b>6,3%</b>
Australia	5 202	6 042	9 793	<b>21 037</b>	6 879	6 795	8 627	<b>22 301</b>	6,0%
New Zealand	1 240	1 228	2 511	<b>4 979</b>	1 538	1 395	2 399	<b>5 332</b>	7,1%
Other	14	14	51	<b>79</b>	29	9	56	<b>94</b>	19,0%
<b>Middle East</b>	<b>3 123</b>	<b>3 417</b>	<b>2 958</b>	<b>9 498</b>	<b>2 835</b>	<b>2 769</b>	<b>2 560</b>	<b>8 164</b>	<b>-14,0%</b>
Israel	1 734	1 392	1 687	<b>4 813</b>	1 165	434	648	<b>2 247</b>	-53,3%
Lebanon	153	223	162	<b>538</b>	173	226	223	<b>622</b>	15,6%
Saudi Arabia	661	1 031	455	<b>2 147</b>	786	1 303	844	<b>2 933</b>	36,6%
Other	575	771	654	<b>2 000</b>	711	806	845	<b>2 362</b>	18,1%
<b>Asia</b>	<b>12 524</b>	<b>12 071</b>	<b>12 119</b>	<b>36 714</b>	<b>17 287</b>	<b>17 073</b>	<b>16 811</b>	<b>51 171</b>	<b>39,4%</b>
Bangladesh	733	612	539	<b>1 884</b>	620	651	584	<b>1 855</b>	-1,5%
China	1 316	1 510	1 206	<b>4 032</b>	3 046	3 290	2 495	<b>8 831</b>	119,0%
India	6 120	5 370	5 597	<b>17 087</b>	5 601	7 040	6 737	<b>19 378</b>	13,4%
Japan	532	617	827	<b>1 976</b>	1 870	985	1 277	<b>4 132</b>	109,1%
Malaysia	297	323	305	<b>925</b>	601	355	456	<b>1 412</b>	52,6%
Pakistan	1 050	1 153	923	<b>3 126</b>	997	1 018	961	<b>2 976</b>	-4,8%
Philippines	452	361	480	<b>1 293</b>	943	524	568	<b>2 035</b>	57,4%
Singapore	335	467	450	<b>1 252</b>	514	758	794	<b>2 066</b>	65,0%
South Korea	427	573	726	<b>1 726</b>	891	947	1 308	<b>3 146</b>	82,3%
Thailand	263	260	285	<b>808</b>	571	322	383	<b>1 276</b>	57,9%
Other	999	825	781	<b>2 605</b>	1 633	1 183	1 248	<b>4 064</b>	56,0%
<b>Africa</b>	<b>413 481</b>	<b>404 890</b>	<b>486 112</b>	<b>1 304 483</b>	<b>540 111</b>	<b>534 969</b>	<b>655 767</b>	<b>1 730 847</b>	<b>32,7%</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>402 365</b>	<b>394 650</b>	<b>476 932</b>	<b>1 273 947</b>	<b>527 616</b>	<b>520 322</b>	<b>639 816</b>	<b>1 687 754</b>	<b>32,5%</b>
Angola	3 002	3 138	3 339	<b>9 479</b>	3 124	3 125	3 454	<b>9 703</b>	2,4%
Botswana	24 834	26 017	38 628	<b>89 479</b>	30 680	32 181	54 649	<b>117 510</b>	31,3%
DRC	1 208	1 227	1 979	<b>4 414</b>	2 164	1 960	4 085	<b>8 209</b>	86,0%
Eswatini	44 130	29 911	34 079	<b>108 120</b>	65 314	63 438	77 467	<b>206 219</b>	90,7%

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Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2022 – Quarter 4, 2023								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2022	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2023	% change 2022 – 2023
Lesotho	73 357	79 703	88 882	<b>241 942</b>	89 226	83 982	106 786	<b>279 994</b>	15,7%
Madagascar	267	212	147	<b>626</b>	370	395	352	<b>1 117</b>	78,4%
Malawi	13 920	12 504	10 885	<b>37 309</b>	13 144	14 250	13 682	<b>41 076</b>	10,1%
Mauritius	1 071	1 534	1 341	<b>3 946</b>	1 790	2 299	1 846	<b>5 935</b>	50,4%
Mozambique	84 072	92 796	99 084	<b>275 952</b>	107 426	119 328	128 478	<b>355 232</b>	28,7%
Namibia	12 013	11 177	18 435	<b>41 625</b>	13 576	12 126	19 755	<b>45 457</b>	9,2%
Seychelles	339	510	396	<b>1 245</b>	424	594	606	<b>1 624</b>	30,4%
Tanzania	2 556	2 510	3 102	<b>8 168</b>	3 208	3 215	4 037	<b>10 460</b>	28,1%
Zambia	10 714	10 657	12 097	<b>33 468</b>	13 478	13 347	15 815	<b>42 640</b>	27,4%
Zimbabwe	130 882	122 754	164 538	<b>418 174</b>	183 692	170 082	208 804	<b>562 578</b>	34,5%
<b>'Other' African</b>	<b>11 116</b>	<b>10 240</b>	<b>9 180</b>	<b>30 536</b>	<b>12 495</b>	<b>14 647</b>	<b>15 951</b>	<b>43 093</b>	<b>41,1%</b>
<b>East and Central Africa</b>	<b>5 625</b>	<b>5 012</b>	<b>5 067</b>	<b>15 704</b>	<b>7 629</b>	<b>7 362</b>	<b>8 758</b>	<b>23 749</b>	<b>51,2%</b>
Burundi	89	126	112	<b>327</b>	92	122	77	<b>291</b>	-11,0%
Cameroon	389	340	451	<b>1 180</b>	365	319	298	<b>982</b>	-16,8%
Central African Republic	19	8	25	<b>52</b>	26	14	4	<b>44</b>	-15,4%
Chad	38	37	15	<b>90</b>	45	50	27	<b>122</b>	35,6%
Comoros	21	35	13	<b>69</b>	71	61	13	<b>145</b>	110,1%
Congo	168	160	185	<b>513</b>	120	165	154	<b>439</b>	-14,4%
Djibouti	7	19	4	<b>30</b>	8	14	8	<b>30</b>	0,0%
Equatorial Guinea	75	9	19	<b>103</b>	68	26	12	<b>106</b>	2,9%
Eritrea	37	30	37	<b>104</b>	30	37	47	<b>114</b>	9,6%
Ethiopia	542	453	434	<b>1 429</b>	724	651	682	<b>2 057</b>	43,9%
Gabon	302	273	443	<b>1 018</b>	287	239	444	<b>970</b>	-4,7%
Kenya	2 733	2 290	2 042	<b>7 065</b>	4 464	4 396	4 989	<b>13 849</b>	96,0%
Réunion	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	<b>2</b>	-
Rwanda	87	81	60	<b>228</b>	105	94	97	<b>296</b>	29,8%
São Tomé and Príncipe	10	4	5	<b>19</b>	13	12	6	<b>31</b>	63,2%
Somalia	133	44	67	<b>244</b>	56	76	74	<b>206</b>	-15,6%
Uganda	975	1 103	1 155	<b>3 233</b>	1 155	1 085	1 825	<b>4 065</b>	25,7%

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Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2022 – Quarter 4, 2023								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2022	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2023	% change 2022 – 2023
<b>West Africa</b>	<b>4 260</b>	<b>3 945</b>	<b>3 286</b>	<b>11 491</b>	<b>3 695</b>	<b>5 931</b>	<b>6 060</b>	<b>15 686</b>	<b>36,5%</b>
Benin	136	129	136	<b>401</b>	156	221	158	<b>535</b>	33,4%
Burkina Faso	82	66	39	<b>187</b>	68	63	72	<b>203</b>	8,6%
Cape Verde Island	28	32	23	<b>83</b>	29	31	27	<b>87</b>	4,8%
Côte d'Ivoire	221	230	140	<b>591</b>	209	247	220	<b>676</b>	14,4%
Gambia	62	50	30	<b>142</b>	44	67	35	<b>146</b>	2,8%
Ghana	1 438	1 229	967	<b>3 634</b>	772	2 987	3 393	<b>7 152</b>	96,8%
Guinea	133	184	125	<b>442</b>	108	139	132	<b>379</b>	-14,3%
Guinea-Bissau	6	4	3	<b>13</b>	11	6	1	<b>18</b>	38,5%
Liberia	102	42	71	<b>215</b>	41	65	41	<b>147</b>	-31,6%
Mali	86	106	63	<b>255</b>	70	91	128	<b>289</b>	13,3%
Mauritania	22	15	3	<b>40</b>	30	43	8	<b>81</b>	102,5%
Niger	43	35	18	<b>96</b>	28	35	23	<b>86</b>	-10,4%
Nigeria	1 585	1 559	1 501	<b>4 645</b>	1 875	1 679	1 637	<b>5 191</b>	11,8%
Saint Helena	5	7	2	<b>14</b>	2	5	3	<b>10</b>	-28,6%
Senegal	190	169	90	<b>449</b>	159	152	89	<b>400</b>	-10,9%
Sierra Leone	54	50	43	<b>147</b>	52	53	64	<b>169</b>	15,0%
Togo	67	38	32	<b>137</b>	41	47	29	<b>117</b>	-14,6%
<b>North Africa</b>	<b>1 231</b>	<b>1 283</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>3 341</b>	<b>1 171</b>	<b>1 354</b>	<b>1 133</b>	<b>3 658</b>	<b>9,5%</b>
Algeria	138	126	40	<b>304</b>	79	116	74	<b>269</b>	-11,5%
Egypt	537	506	365	<b>1 408</b>	527	530	603	<b>1 660</b>	17,9%
Libya	52	91	38	<b>181</b>	36	89	63	<b>188</b>	3,9%
Morocco	133	196	94	<b>423</b>	150	267	115	<b>532</b>	25,8%
South Sudan	102	72	105	<b>279</b>	133	119	83	<b>335</b>	20,1%
The Sudan	180	151	110	<b>441</b>	48	79	56	<b>183</b>	-58,5%
Tunisia	88	140	74	<b>302</b>	197	154	138	<b>489</b>	61,9%
Western Sahara	1	1	1	<b>3</b>	1	-	1	<b>2</b>	-33,3%
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>1 192</b>	<b>1 097</b>	<b>1 059</b>	<b>3 348</b>	<b>1 219</b>	<b>1 159</b>	<b>1 009</b>	<b>3 387</b>	<b>1,2%</b>



## 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 December 2023, the DHA data was 3,3% 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 fourteen countries, excluding South Africa, which belong to the Southern African Development Community.

**'Other' African** refers to all non-SADC African countries.

**Overseas** refers to all countries outside Africa.

**Trip** refers to the arrival and departure of a visitor in a specified month.

## 4.7 Symbols used

- = nil

< = less than

## 4.8 Rounding off

Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

## 5. General information

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