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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 includes use of border statistics from National Department of Home Affairs.

This monthly statistical release provides information on South African residents and foreign travellers who entered or left South Africa in June 2023. Specific focus is on foreign tourists who entered the country in June 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.

This release comes at the backdrop of nearly three unprecedented and challenging years for the tourism economy. South African tourism was hit hard during the first and second year of the COVID-19 pandemic. Though the recovery of the sector has begun, it is highly uncertain. The shock has been a reminder of tourism's vital role as an economic and social force for change in the country.

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 June 2023, 2 311 573 (arrivals, departures and transits) travellers entered and exited South Africa. They were made up of 701 989 South African residents and 1 609 584 foreign travellers. Foreign arrivals, 851 647, were made up of 26 054 non-visitors and 825 593 visitors. The visitors consisted of 217 274 same-day visitors and 608 319 overnight visitors (tourists).

Tourists

Overseas tourists were 123 069 or 20,2% of all tourists. USA (36 032), UK (15 461) and India (8 495) contributed 48,7% to overseas tourists. Southern African Development Community (SADC) tourists were 475 358 or 78,1% of all tourists. Zimbabwe (156 700), Mozambique (104 152) and Lesotho (88 025) contributed 73,4% to SADC tourists. 'Other' African countries (non-SADC) tourists were 8 948 or 1,5% of all tourists. Kenya (2 844), Nigeria (1 380) and Ghana (954) contributed 57,9% to 'other' African tourists. The country of residence of 944 (0,2%) tourists was classified as unspecified.

Purpose of visit

'Holiday1' continues to be the main purpose of visit. About 96,3% of all the tourists were in South Africa for holiday purposes.

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

2. Key findings

2.1 Travellers

2.1.1 Number of travellers

The routine data collected by the Department of Home Affairs' (DHA) immigration officers at the ports of entry into and out of South Africa shows that a total of 2 311 573 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) passed through South African ports of entry/exit in June 2023. As presented in Table 1 below, these travellers were made up of 701 989 South African residents and 1 609 584 foreign travellers. A further breakdown of the figures for South African residents indicates that there were 316 628 arrivals, 384 972 departures and 389 travellers in transit. The corresponding volume for foreign arrivals, departures and travellers in transit was 851 647, 727 207 and 30 730 respectively.

A comparison between the movements in May 2023 and June 2023 indicates that the volume of arrivals and travellers in transit decreased for both groups of travellers, whereas the volume of departures increased for South African residents but decreased for foreign travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals decreased by 3,4% (from 327 811 in May 2023 to 316 628 in June 2023). Departures increased by 16,2% (from 331 346 in May 2023 to 384 972 in June 2023) and transits decreased by 19,3% (from 482 in May 2023 to 389 in June 2023). For foreign travellers, arrivals decreased by 4,9% (from 895 463 in May 2023 to 851 647 in June 2023), departures decreased by 7,9% (from 789 789 in May 2023 to 727 207 in June 2023), and transits decreased by 9,0% (from 33 779 in May 2023 to 30 730 in June 2023).

A comparison between the movements in June 2022 and June 2023 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 19,3% (from 265 364 in June 2022 to 316 628 in June 2023), departures increased by 16,5% (from 330 327 in June 2022 to 384 972 in June 2023) and transits increased by 27,5% (from 305 in June 2022 to 389 in June 2023). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 46,5% (from 581 375 in June 2022 to 851 647 in June 2023), departures increased by 44,3% (from 503 997 in June 2022 to 727 207 in June 2023) and transits increased by 24,8% (from 24 624 in June 2022 to 30 730 in June 2023).

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

Travel Direction	June	May	June	% Change	% Change
	2022	2023	2023	May 2023 – Jun 2023	Jun 2022 – Jun 2023
Total	1 705 992	2 378 670	2 311 573	-2,8%	35,5%
South African residents	595 996	659 639	701 989	6,4%	17,8%
Arrivals	265 364	327 811	316 628	-3,4%	19,3%
Departures	330 327	331 346	384 972	16,2%	16,5%
Transits	305	482	389	-19,3%	27,5%
Foreign travellers	1 109 996	1 719 031	1 609 584	-6,4%	45,0%
Arrivals	581 375	895 463	851 647	-4,9%	46,5%
Departures	503 997	789 789	727 207	-7,9%	44,3%
Transits	24 624	33 779	30 730	-9,0%	24,8%

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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 June 2023, road was the most common mode of travel used by 1 562 252 (67,6%) of the 2 311 573 travellers. Total number of travellers who used air was 743 821 (32,2%). Compared to air and land, a smaller number of travellers, 5 500 (0,2%) used sea into and out of South Africa. Information on arrivals of South African residents shows that 149 620 (47,3%) came by air, 166 932 (52,7%) came by road and 76 (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea. For departures, 189 593 (49,2%) used air, 195 245 (50,7%) used road and 134 (less than 0,1%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 389 (100,0%) used air.

In the case of foreign travellers, 182 898 (21,5%) arrived by air, 666 100 (78,2%) came by road and 2 649 (0,3%) arrived by sea. When departing South Africa, 190 591 (26,2%) foreign travellers left by air, 533 975 (73,4%) left by road and 2 641 (0,4%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 30 730 (100,0%) used air.

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

Travel	Total		Dood	Sea					
direction	Total	Cape Town	King Shaka	Shaka OR Tambo		Total	Road	Sea	
Total	2 311 573	167 533	22 693	546 919	6 676	743 821	1 562 252	5 500	
South African residents	701 989	77 845	15 711	242 926	3 120	339 602	362 177	210	
Arrivals	316 628	31 463	7 013	109 813	1 331	149 620	166 932	76	
Departures	384 972	46 378	8 698	132 728	1 789	189 593	195 245	134	
Transit	389	4	-	385	-	389	-	-	
Foreign travellers	1 609 584	89 688	6 982	303 993	3 556	404 219	1 200 075	5 290	
Arrivals	851 647	45 191	3 519	132 807	1 381	182 898	666 100	2 649	
Departures	727 207	44 354	3 463	140 599	2 175	190 591	533 975	2 641	
Transit	30 730	143	-	30 587	-	30 730	-	-	
Visitors	825 593	43 252	2 942	128 147	1 182	175 523	650 006	64	
Same-day	217 274	833	38	18 909	68	19 848	197 420	6	
Tourist	608 319	42 419	2 904	109 238	1 114	155 675	452 586	58	

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 June 2023, 26 054 (3,1%) of foreign arrivals were classified as non-visitors, while 825 593 (96,9%) were classified as visitors. Visitors were categorised into three groups:

- i. Arrivals only comprising visitors who entered the country in June 2023 but did not depart in June 2023 [283 141 (34,3%)];
- ii. Single trips visitors who came to South Africa once in June 2023 and left in June 2023 [256 518 (31,1%)]; and
- iii. Multiple trips visitors who came to and left South Africa more than once in June 2023 [285 934 (34,6%)].

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Visitors were further grouped as same-day visitors and overnight visitors (tourists). In June 2023, there were 217 274 (26,3%) same-day visitors and 608 319 (73,7%) tourists. Between May 2023 and June 2023, the volume of same-day visitors decreased by 8,3% (from 273 063 in May 2023 to 217 274 in June 2023) and that of tourists decreased by 3,5% (from 630 100 in May 2023 to 608 319 in June 2023). Between June 2022 and June 2023, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 63,0% (from 133 279 in June 2022 to 217 274 in June 2023) and that of tourists increased by 52,3% (from 399 550 in June 2022 to 608 319 in June 2023).

Table 2 on page 3 further shows that of the 217 274 same-day visitors, a majority, 197 420 (90,9%) arrived in the country by road, 19 848 (9,1%) flew into the country and six (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea. Information on tourists shows that 452 586 (74,4%) used road, 155 675 (25,6%) came by air and 58 (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea.

Table 3 - Number of visitors by type of visitor

Travel Direction	June	May	June	% Change	% Change
Travel Direction	2022	2023	2023	May 2023 – Jun 2023	Jun 2022 – Jun 2023
Foreign arrivals	581 375	895 463	851 647	-4,9%	46,5%
Non-visitors	48 546	28 300	26 054	- 7 ,9%	-46,3%
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Visitors	532 829	867 163	825 593	-4,8%	54,9%
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Arrivals only	163 984	274 324	283 141	3,2%	72,7%
Single trips	172 190	276 380	256 518	-7,2%	49,0%
Multiple trips	196 655	316 459	285 934	-9,6%	45,4%
Visitors	532 829	867 163	825 593	-4,8%	54,9%
Same-day	133 279	237 063	217 274	-8,3%	63,0%
Overnight (Tourists)	399 550	630 100	608 319	-3,5%	52,3%

2.3 Tourists

2.3.1 Sex and age distribution of tourists

Sex

Figure 1 on page 5 shows that there were more male [358 328 (58,9%)] than female [249 991 (41,1%)] tourists. Male tourists constituted the majority of tourists for all three regions, SADC countries [284 141 (59,8%)], overseas countries [67 981 (55,2%)] and 'other' African countries [5 665 (63,3%)]. Similarly, the largest portion of female tourists was from SADC countries [191 217 (40,2%)], followed by overseas countries [55 088 (44,8%)] and 'other' African countries [3 283 (36,7%)].

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

Age

The age distribution indicates that out of all tourists, [27 564 (4,5%)] were aged less than 15 years; [52 296 (8,6%)] were aged between 15 and 24 years; [147 573 (24,3%)] were aged between 25 and 34 years; [188 911 (31,1%)] were aged between 35 and 44 years; [113 136 (18,6%)] were aged between 45 and 54 years; [51 759 (8,5%)] were aged between 55 and 64 years; [27 079 (4,5%)] 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 [164 011 (34,5%)] and those from 'other' African countries [2 983 (33,3%)] were aged between 35 and 44 years, whereas overseas countries [22 917 (18,6%)] were aged between 45 and 54 years. The second highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [125 104 (26,3%)] and those from 'other' African countries [2 121 (23,7%)] were aged between 25 and 34 years, whereas those from overseas countries [21 619 (17,6%)] were aged between 35 and 44 years. The median ages of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries were 42, 38 and 39 years, respectively. The proportion of tourists aged less than 15 years was higher among tourists from overseas countries, 7,1% (8 745) compared to those from 'other' African countries, 4,1% (364) and to those from SADC countries, 3,9% (18 443).

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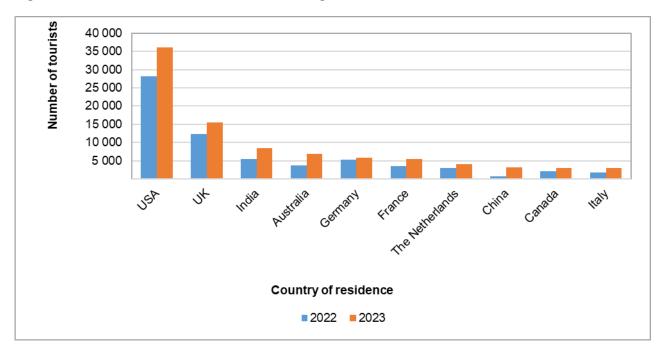
Figure 2 - Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and age, June 2023

2.3.2 Regional and national distribution of tourists

In June 2023, the distribution of overseas tourists was as follows: Europe, 48 894 (39,7%); North America, 39 101 (31,8%); Asia, 18 412 (15,0%); Australasia, 8 422 (6,8%); The Middle East, 5 388 (4,4%) and Central and South America, 2 852 (2,3%).

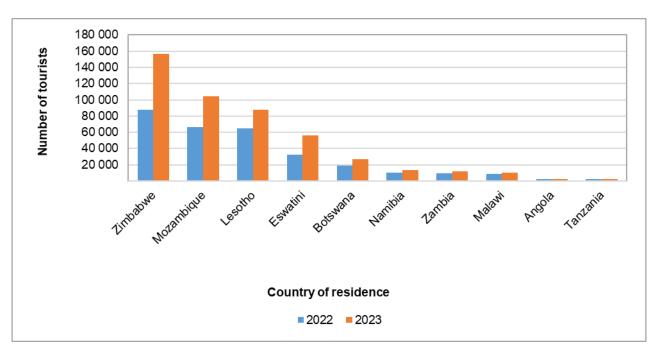
Figure 3 on page 7 indicates that the 10 leading overseas countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in June 2023 were: United States of America (USA), 36 032 (29,3%); United Kingdom (UK), 15 461 (12,6%); India, 8 495 (6,9%); Australia, 6 926 (5,6%); Germany, 5 895 (4,8%); France, 5 450 (4,4%); The Netherlands, 4 031 (3,3%); China, 3 281 (2,7%); Canada, 3 069 (2,5%) and Italy, 2 956 (2,4%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 74,4% of all tourists from overseas countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between June 2022 and June 2023 shows that the number of tourists increased for all 10 leading countries. China had the highest increase of 304,6% (from 811 tourists in June 2022 to 3 281 tourists in June 2023).

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



Virtually, most tourists from Africa, 475 358 (98,2%), came from SADC countries. The distribution of the remaining tourists from Africa was as follows: East and Central Africa, 4 928 (1,0%); West Africa, 3 057 (0,6%) and North Africa 963 (0,2%). Ten leading SADC countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in June 2023 were: Zimbabwe, 156 700 (33,0%); Mozambique, 104 152 (21,9%); Lesotho, 88 025 (18,5%); Eswatini, 56 512 (11,9%); Botswana, 26 686 (5,6%); Namibia, 13 328 (2,8%); Zambia, 11 616 (2,4%); Malawi, 10 502 (2,2%); Angola, 2 454 (0,5%) and Tanzania, 2 444 (0,5%) (see Figure 4 below). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 99,4% of all tourists from the SADC countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between June 2022 and June 2023 shows that the number of tourists increased for all 10 leading countries. Zimbabwe showed the highest increase of 78,6% (from 87 756 tourists in June 2022 to 156 700 tourists in June 2023) followed by Eswatini with an increase of 75,4% (from 32 216 tourists in June 2022 to 56 512 tourists in June 2023).

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



The 10 leading countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in June 2023 from 'other' African countries, as shown in Figure 5 below, were: Kenya, 2 844 (31,8%); Nigeria, 1 380 (15,4%); Ghana, 954 (10,7%); Uganda, 755 (8,4%); Egypt, 505 (5,6%); Ethiopia, 442 (4,9%); Cameroon, 285 (3,2%); Gabon, 205 (2,3%); Morocco, 171 (1,9%) and Côte d'Ivoire, 132 (1,5%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 85,8% of all tourists from 'other' African countries. A comparison between movements in June 2022 and June 2023 shows that the number of tourists increased for eight of ten leading countries. Kenya showed the highest increase of 105,6% (from 1 383 tourists in June 2022 to 2 844 tourists in June 2023).

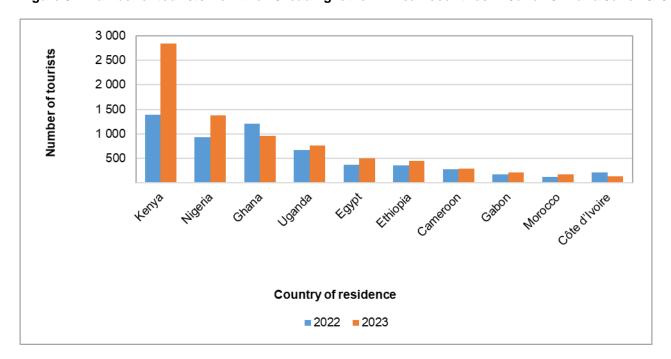


Figure 5 - Number of tourists from the 10 leading 'other' African countries in June 2022 and June 2023

2.3.3 Purpose of visit of tourists

Table 4 on page 9, shows the number of tourists by region and sub-region. Detailed data on country of residence and purpose of visit is presented in Annexure C on pages 21 to 24. It is observed that in June 2023, the majority of tourists, 585 871 (96,3%), were in South Africa for holiday compared to 19 863 (3,3%); 2 325 (0,4%) and 260 (less than 0,1%) who were in South Africa for business, study and medical treatment respectively.

Within the overseas regions, Australasia, 99,4% (8 370) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for holiday followed by North America, 99,1% (38 738); The Middle East, 96,8% (5 213); Europe, 96,5% (47 165); Central and South America, 95,7% (2 729) and Asia, 94,1% (17 330).

Asia, 5,0% (927) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business, followed by Central and South America, 3,5% (101); Europe, 3,0% (1 452); The Middle East, 2,3% (122); North America, 0,8% (308) and Australasia, 0,6% (48).

The Middle East, 0,9% (49) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to study, followed by Asia, 0,8% (142); Central and South America, 0,7% (19); Europe, 0,5% (237); North America, 0,1% (47) and Australasia, less than 0,1% (3).

Asia (13), Central and South America (3), Europe (40) and The Middle East (4) had 0,1% of tourists who came for medical treatment. Australasia (1) and North America (8) had less than 0,1% of medical treatment tourists.

Majority of African tourists, 465 441 (96,1%) came to South Africa for holiday. However, the following differences in terms of reasons for travel were observed between tourists from the SADC countries and 'other' African countries, namely:

- Holiday makers constituted 96,2% (457 291) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 91,1% (8 150) from 'other' African countries. Information on the regions of 'other' African countries shows that 92,0% (4 535) of tourists from East and Central Africa were on holiday, followed by tourists from West Africa, 90,7% (2 772) and those from North Africa, 87,5% (843).
- Business persons constituted 3,4% (16 338) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 5,7% (509) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 8,6% (83) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business purposes, followed by East and Central Africa, 5,4% (268) and West Africa, 5,2% (158).
- Students constituted 0,3% (1 576) of tourists from SADC countries compared with 2,8% (252) from 'other' African countries. West Africa, 3,9% (120) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for study purposes, followed by North Africa, 3,5% (34) and East and Central Africa, 2,0% (98).
- Tourists who came for medical treatment constituted less than 0,1% (153) of tourists from SADC countries, while those from 'other' African countries constituted 0,4% (37). East and Central Africa, 0,5% (27) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for medical treatment, followed by North Africa, 0,3% (3) and West Africa, 0,2% (7).

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

Region of residence	June 2023	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Total	608 319	19 863	585 871	2 325	260
Overseas	123 069	2 958	119 545	497	69
Europe	48 894	1 452	47 165	237	40
North America	39 101	308	38 738	47	8
Central and South America	2 852	101	2 729	19	3
Australasia	8 422	48	8 370	3	1
Middle East	5 388	122	5 213	49	4
Asia	18 412	927	17 330	142	13
Africa	484 306	16 847	465 441	1 828	190
SADC	475 358	16 338	457 291	1 576	153
Other' African	8 948	509	8 150	252	37
East and Central Africa	4 928	268	4 535	98	27
West Africa	3 057	158	2 772	120	7
North Africa	963	83	843	34	3
Unspecified	944	58	885	-	1

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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, 114 778 (93,3%) overseas tourists arrived in the country by air, whilst 8 235 (6,7%) came in by road and 56 (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea. Tourists from the SADC countries, on the other hand, came predominantly by road, 443 214 (93,2%), whilst 32 142 (6,8%) came by air and two (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea. The number of tourists who came into South Africa by air from 'other' African countries was 8 043 (89,9%); while 905 (10,1%) used road transport and none preferred sea.

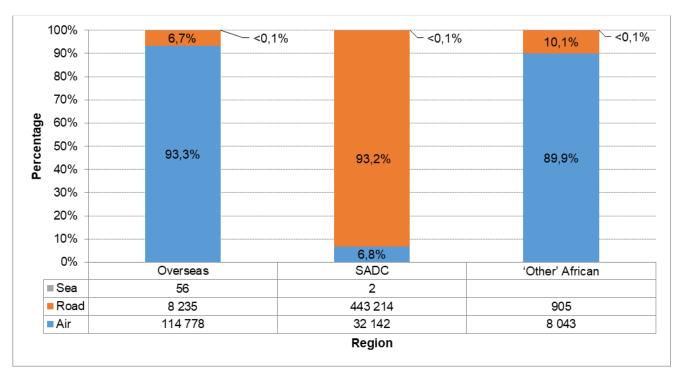


Figure 6 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and mode of travel, June 2023

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. The number of arrivals for quarters one and two of 2023 is higher than those of covid years 2020–2022, this proves that recovery from the pandemic has begun. Quarter two (April to June) is characterised by a large decrease in the number of tourists, reaching its lowest in June. Between quarter one and two of 2023 (Annexure E, pages 29 to 30) the number of tourists from overseas decreased by 26,7% (from 567 655 in quarter one to 416 159 in quarter two). A year-on-year comparison between 2022 and 2023 for quarter two (Annexure F, pages 33 to 34) shows that the number of overseas tourists increased by 38,9% (from 299 571 in quarter two of 2022 to 416 159 in quarter two of 2023).

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

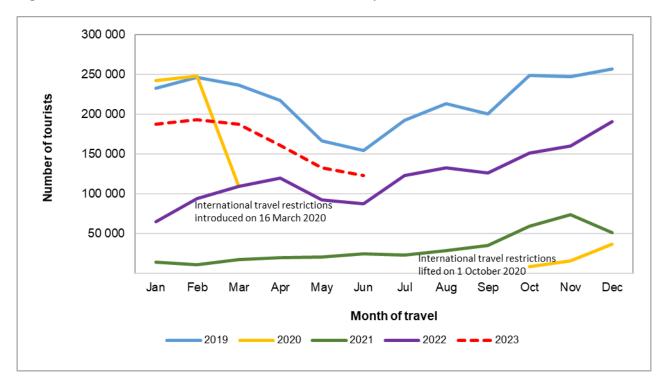


Figure 8 below, shows the patterns for SADC countries. A distinct peak is observed in December due to Christmas holiday break and a smaller peak in March/April, depending on the month where Easter holiday falls. These periods are characterised by high volumes of travellers between South Africa and neighbouring SADC countries. Although the number of tourists is gradually increasing, the 2023 trend is still below the trends in pre-covid years. Between quarters one and two of 2023, the number of tourists decreased by 1,1% (from 1 520 557 in the first quarter to 1 503 393 in the second quarter) (see Annexure E on pages 30 to 31). Comparisons between the second quarter of 2022 and 2023 show that the number of SADC tourists increased by 64,5% (from 914 039 in quarter two of 2022 to 1 503 393 in quarter two of 2023) (see Annexure F on pages 34 to 35).

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

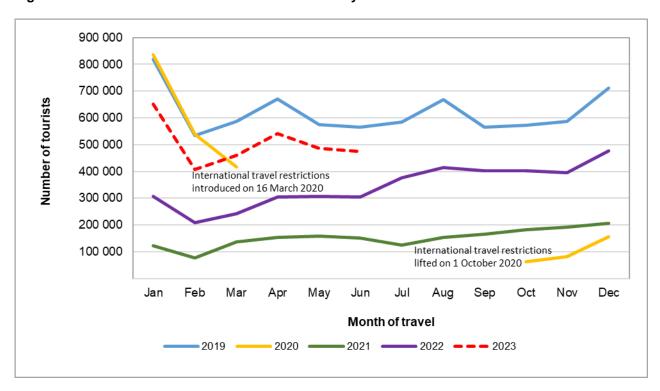
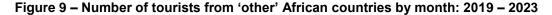
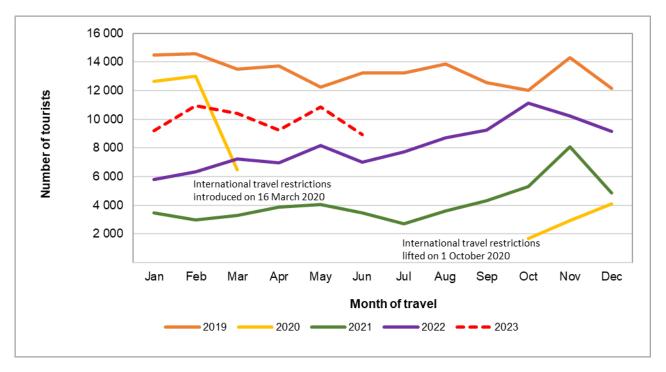


Figure 9 below, shows the number of tourists from 'other' African countries. Between quarters one and quarter two of 2023 (see Annexure E on pages 31 to 32), the number of tourists from 'other' African countries decreased by 4,9% (from 30 566 in quarter one to 29 067 in quarter two). North Africa decreased by 8,4% (from 3 229 in quarter one to 2 959 in quarter two), East and Central Africa decreased by 6,6% (from 17 728 in quarter one to 16 563 in quarter two) and West Africa decreased by 0,7% (from 9 609 in quarter one to 9 545 in quarter two). A year-on-year comparison for quarter two (see Annexure F on pages 35 to 36) shows that the number of tourists from 'other' African countries increased by 31,2% (from 22 149 in quarter two of 2022 to 29 067 in quarter two of 2023). East and Central Africa had the largest increase of 55,0% (from 10 689 in quarter two of 2022 to 16 563 in quarter two of 2023), followed by North Africa which increased by 28,6% (from 2 301 in quarter two of 2022 to 2 959 in quarter two of 2023) and West Africa which increased by 4,2% (from 9 159 in quarter two of 2022 to 9 545 in quarter two of 2023).





3. Annexures

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

Country of residence	June 2022	June 2023	Difference between June 2022 and June 2023	% change between June 2022 and June 2023
Total	399 550	608 319	208 769	52,3%
Overseas	87 685	123 069	35 384	40,4%
Europe	37 307	48 894	11 587	31,1%
Belgium	1 177	1 481	304	25,8%
Denmark	535	637	102 1 847	19,1%
France	3 603	5 450 5 895	510	51,3%
Germany Ireland	5 385 1 191	5 695 1 643	452	9,5%
	1 859	2 956	1 097	38,0%
Italy Portugal	1 073	2 956 1 334	261	59,0% 24,3%
Russian Federation	687	1 469	782	113,8%
Spain	1 652	2 093	441	26,7%
Sweden	648	806	158	24,4%
Switzerland	1 043	1 158	115	11,0%
The Netherlands	2 956	4 031	1 075	36,4%
Turkey	586	967	381	65,0%
UK	12 301	15 461	3 160	25,7%
Other	2 611	3 513	902	34,5%
North America	30 388	39 101	8 713	28,7%
Canada	2 181	3 069	888	40,7%
USA	28 207	36 032	7 825	27,7%
Central and South America	2 070	2 852	782	37,8%
Argentina	133	251	118	88,7%
Brazil	1 102	1 433	331	30,0%
Mexico	299	335	36	12,0%
Other	536	833	297	55,4%

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

Australasia 4 452 8 422 3 970 Australia 3 791 6 926 3 135 New Zealand 659 1 454 795 Other 2 42 40 Middle East 2 861 5 388 2 527 Israel 777 1 065 288 Saudi Arabia 1 029 2 555 1 526 United Arab Emirates 219 733 514 Other 836 1 035 199	89,2% 82,7% 120,6% 2000,0% 88,3%
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Other 836 1035 100	234,7%
000 1000	23,8%
Asia 10 607 18 412 7 805	73,6%
Bangladesh 641 531 -110	-17,2%
China 811 3 281 2 470	304,6%
India 5 568 8 495 2 927	52,6%
Japan 490 1 033 543	110,8%
Malaysia 257 541 284	110,5%
Pakistan	-10,8%
Philippines	81,8%
Singapore 322 969 647	200,9%
South Korea 395 735 340	86,1%
Thailand 214 387 173	80,8%
Other 508 885 377	74,2%
Africa 311 031 484 306 173 275	55,7%
SADC 304 016 475 358 171 342	56,4%
Angola 2 074 2 454 380	18,3%
Botswana 18 591 26 686 8 095	43,5%
DRC 1 238 1 425 187	45 40/
Eswatini 32 216 56 512 24 296	15,1%

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

Country of residence	June 2022	June 2023	Difference between June 2022 and June 2023	% change between June 2022 and June 2023
Lesotho	64 545	88 025	23 480	36,4%
Madagascar	120	241	121	100,8%
Malawi	8 609	10 502	1 893	22,0%
Mauritius	683	1 088	405	59,3%
Mozambique	66 371	104 152	37 781	56,9%
Namibia	10 430	13 328	2 898	27,8%
Seychelles	141	185	44	31,2%
Tanzania	1 994	2 444	450	22,6%
Zambia	9 248	11 616	2 368	25,6%
Zimbabwe	87 756	156 700	68 944	78,6%
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'Other' African	7 015	8 948	1 933	27,6%
East and Central Africa	3 288	4 928	1 640	49,9%
Burundi	90	60	-30	-33,3%
Cameroon	274	285	11	4,0%
Central African Republic	10	10	-	0,0%
Chad	21	21	-	0,0%
Comoros	24	22	-2	-8,3%
Congo	88	99	11	12,5%
Djibouti	7	3	-4	-57,1%
Equatorial Guinea	18	8	-10	-55,6%
Eritrea	40	28	-12	-30,0%
Ethiopia	357	442	85	23,8%
Gabon	167	205	38	22,8%
Kenya	1 383	2 844	1 461	105,6%
Réunion	-	5	-	-
Rwanda	42	74	32	76,2%
São Tomé and Príncipe	4	5	1	25,0%
Somalia	96	62	-34	-35,4%
Uganda	667	755	88	13,2%

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

Country of residence	June 2022	June 2023	Difference between June 2022 and June 2023	% change between June 2022 and June 2023
West Africa	2 922	3 057	135	4,6%
Benin	113	115	2	1,8%
Burkina Faso	80	33	-47	-58,8%
Cape Verde Island	18	12	-6	-33,3%
Côte d'Ivoire	207	132	-75	-36,2%
Gambia	31	16	-15	-48,4%
Ghana	1 203	954	-249	-20,7%
Guinea	85	102	17	20,0%
Guinea-Bissau	3	5	2	66,7%
Liberia	33	37	4	12,1%
Mali	51	68	17	33,3%
Mauritania	11	13	2	18,2%
Niger	16	16	-	0,0%
Nigeria	926	1 380	454	49,0%
Saint Helena	3	5	2	66,7%
Senegal	87	74	-13	-14,9%
Sierra Leone	19	33	14	73,7%
Togo	36	62	26	72,2%
North Africa	805	963	158	19,6%
Algeria	69	56	-13	-18,8%
Egypt	369	505	136	36,9%
Libya	46	40	-6	-13,0%
Morocco	123	171	48	39,0%
South Sudan	48	60	12	25,0%
The Sudan	103	46	-57	-55,3%
Tunisia	45	85	40	88,9%
Western Sahara	2	-	-	-
Unspecified	834	944	110	13,2%

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

0	June			Air			Danil	C
Country of residence	2023	Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total	Road	Sea
Total	608 319	42 419	2 904	109 238	1 114	155 675	452 586	58
Overseas	123 069	37 217	2 394	74 127	1 040	114 778	8 235	56
Europe	48 894	13 737	1 137	29 754	163	44 791	4 050	53
Belgium	1 481	332	26	962	11	1 331	150	-
Denmark	637	134	11	475	-	620	17	-
France	5 450	1 279	67	3 608	15	4 969	479	2
Germany	5 895	1 786	106	3 331	15	5 238	657	-
Ireland	1 643	688	75	826	2	1 591	52	-
Italy	2 956	1 128	44	1 580	12	2 764	192	-
Portugal	1 334	233	19	566	2	820	465	49
Russian Federation	1 469	426	64	888	6	1 384	83	2
Spain	2 093	559	21	1 364	10	1 954	139	-
Sweden	806	230	8	509	2	749	57	-
Switzerland	1 158	310	31	700	5	1 046	112	-
The Netherlands	4 031	1 170	53	2 216	8	3 447	584	-
Turkey	967	431	35	423	1	890	77	-
UK	15 461	3 940	473	10 219	46	14 678	783	-
Other	3 513	1 091	104	2 087	28	3 310	203	-
North America	39 101	13 395	237	23 246	553	37 431	1 670	-
Canada	3 069	971	19	1 870	23	2 883	186	-
USA	36 032	12 424	218	21 376	530	34 548	1 484	-
Central and South America	2 852	921	45	1 638	22	2 626	226	-
Argentina	251	164	2	79	-	245	6	-
Brazil	1 433	417	27	832	-	1 276	157	-
Mexico	335	103	2	213	12	330	5	-
Other	833	237	14	514	10	775	58	-

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

Country of residence	June			Air			Road	Sea
Country of residence	2023	Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total	Noau	Sea
Australasia	8 422	1 241	163	6 647	44	8 095	327	-
Australia	6 926	915	109	5 586	32	6 642	284	-
New Zealand	1 454	296	54	1 049	12	1 411	43	-
Other	42	30	-	12	-	42	-	-
Middle East	5 388	3 185	27	1 939	158	5 309	79	_
Israel	1 065	213	6	809	7	1 035	30	-
Saudi Arabia	2 555	1 930	4	470	149	2 553	2	-
United Arab Emirates	733	564	1	164	-	729	4	-
Other	1 035	478	16	496	2	992	43	-
Asia	18 412	4 738	785	10 903	100	16 526	1 883	3
Bangladesh	531	92	80	275	-	447	84	-
China	3 281	578	58	2 420	6	3 062	219	-
India	8 495	2 250	434	4 931	45	7 660	832	3
Japan	1 033	330	45	602	1	978	55	-
Malaysia	541	181	17	317	3	518	23	-
Pakistan	955	97	81	442	1	621	334	-
Philippines	600	169	26	350	2	547	53	-
Singapore	969	397	7	517	36	957	12	-
South Korea	735	279	2	349	4	634	101	-
Thailand	387	111	10	246	2	369	18	-
Other	885	254	25	454	-	733	152	-
Africa	484 306	5 118	506	34 487	74	40 185	444 119	2
SADC	475 358	3 836	460	27 783	63	32 142	443 214	2
Angola	2 454	810	-	1 151	8	1 969	485	-
Botswana	26 686	216	4	1 862	11	2 093	24 593	-
DRC	1 425	52	4	1 159	5	1 220	205	_
Eswatini	56 512	95	80	736	-	911	55 601	-

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

0	June		Danie	0				
Country of residence	2023	Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total	Road	Sea
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Lesotho	88 025	7	5	555	-	567	87 458	-
Madagascar	241	15	-	208	_	223	18	-
Malawi	10 502	25	2	1 648	5	1 680	8 822	-
Mauritius	1 088	230	2	815	-	1 047	41	-
Mozambique	104 152	154	6	2 287	8	2 455	101 695	2
Namibia	13 328	1 191	1	2 156	5	3 353	9 975	-
Seychelles	185	2	1	155	-	158	27	-
Tanzania	2 444	169	-	1 226	1	1 396	1 048	-
Zambia	11 616	32	76	3 239	3	3 350	8 266	-
Zimbabwe	156 700	838	279	10 586	17	11 720	144 980	-
'Other' African	8 948	1 282	46	6 704	11	8 043	905	-
East and Central Africa	4 928	754	12	3 656	5	4 427	501	-
Burundi	60	15	-	38	-	53	7	-
Cameroon	285	22	-	242	-	264	21	-
Central African Republic	10	-	-	9	1	10	-	-
Chad	21	1	-	19	-	20	1	-
Comoros	22	4	-	18	-	22	-	-
Congo	99	14	-	78	-	92	7	-
Djibouti	3	1	-	2	-	3	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	8	3	-	5	-	8	-	-
Eritrea	28	4	-	24	-	28	-	-
Ethiopia	442	64	-	344	-	408	34	-
Gabon	205	19	1	179	_	199	6	-
Kenya	2 844	489	7	2 028	4	2 528	316	-
Réunion	5	5	-	-	_	5	-	-
Rwanda	74	13	-	43	-	56	18	_
São Tomé and Príncipe	5	-	-	4	-	4	1	_
Somalia	62	5	_	35	-	40	22	_
Uganda	755	95	4	588	-	687	68	-

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

Cape Town 401	King Shaka	OR Tambo	041			
401			Other	Total	Road	Sea
401						
	10	2 290	2	2 703	354	-
10	1	95	-	106	9	-
2	-	30	-	32	1	-
5	-	4	-	9	3	-
13	-	110	-	123	9	-
6	1	8	-	15	1	-
80	1	801	-	882	72	-
8	4	30	-	42	60	-
-	-	5	-	5	-	-
11	-	26	-	37	-	-
6	-	43	-	49	19	-
6	-	7	-	13	-	-
1	-	15	-	16	-	-
232	2	975	1	1 210	170	-
-	-	5	-	5	-	-
16	-	56	1	73	1	-
3	1	21	-	25	8	-
2	-	59	-	61	1	-
127	24	758	4	913	50	-
3	2	39	-	44	12	-
43	15	430	3	491	14	-
7	-	12	-	19	21	-
27	3	139	-	169	2	-
5	-	55	-	60	-	_
12	1	31	1	45	1	_
30	3	52	-	85	-	-
84	4	624	-	712	232	-
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3.3 Annexure C - Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, June 2023

Country of regidence	June		Pur	oose of visit	
Country of residence	2023	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Total	608 319	19 863	585 871	2 325	260
Overseas	123 069	2 958	119 545	497	69
Europe	48 894	1 452	47 165	237	40
Belgium	1 481	35	1 439	6	1
Denmark	637	27	610	-	-
France	5 450	149	5 196	102	3
Germany	5 895	155	5 690	48	2
Ireland	1 643	38	1 599	5	1
Italy	2 956	93	2 859	4	-
Portugal	1 334	38	1 291	1	4
Russian Federation	1 469	26	1 439	2	2
Spain	2 093	72	2 019	2	-
Sweden	806	22	779	4	1
Switzerland	1 158	28	1 125	3	2
The Netherlands	4 031	119	3 892	6	14
Turkey	967	91	867	9	-
UK	15 461	422	15 004	25	10
Other	3 513	137	3 356	20	-
North America	39 101	308	38 738	47	8
Canada	3 069	49	3 016	2	2
USA	36 032	259	35 722	45	6
Central and South America	2 852	101	2 729	19	3
Argentina	251	22	227	2	-
Brazil	1 433	41	1 384	8	-
Mexico	335	11	320	2	2
Other	833	27	798	7	1

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

Country of residence	2023	l	Purpose of visit						
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment				
Australasia	8 422	48	8 370	3	1				
Australia	6 926	44	6 879	3	-				
New Zealand	1 454	4	1 449	-	1				
Other	42	-	42	-	-				
Middle East	5 388	122	5 213	49	4				
Israel	1 065	17	1 043	4	1				
Saudi Arabia	2 555	7	2 522	25	1				
United Arab Emirates	733	10	722	1	-				
Other	1 035	88	926	19	2				
Asia	18 412	927	17 330	142	13				
Bangladesh	531	6	522	3	-				
China	3 281	313	2 945	18	5				
India	8 495	412	8 026	52	5				
Japan	1 033	62	969	1	1				
Malaysia	541	13	519	9	-				
Pakistan	955	26	916	13	-				
Philippines	600	14	585	1	-				
Singapore	969	11	958	-	-				
South Korea	735	15	713	7	-				
Thailand	387	11	359	15	2				
Other	885	44	818	23	-				
Africa	484 306	16 847	465 441	1 828	190				
SADC	475 358	16 338	457 291	1 576	153				
Angola	2 454	58	2 327	44	25				
Botswana	26 686	808	25 726	126	26				
DRC	1 425	30	1 315	56	24				
Eswatini	56 512	1 452	54 946	113	1				

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

Country of residence	June		Purp	ose of visit	
Country of residence	2023	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Lesotho	88 025	459	86 813	740	13
Madagascar	241	4	234	3	-
Malawi	10 502	308	10 172	21	1
Mauritius	1 088	27	1 054	7	-
Mozambique	104 152	2 283	101 839	21	9
Namibia	13 328	3 886	9 310	119	13
Seychelles	185	7	177	1	-
Tanzania	2 444	80	2 331	27	6
Zambia	11 616	3 552	8 015	39	10
Zimbabwe	156 700	3 384	153 032	259	25
'Other' African	8 948	509	8 150	252	37
East and Central Africa	4 928	268	4 535	98	27
Burundi	60	3	56	1	-
Cameroon	285	8	258	10	9
Central African Republic	10	1	7	-	2
Chad	21	2	16	3	-
Comoros	22	-	22	-	-
Congo	99	1	83	12	3
Djibouti	3	1	2	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	8	1	5	2	-
Eritrea	28	1	25	2	-
Ethiopia	442	35	394	13	-
Gabon	205	3	197	5	-
Kenya	2 844	143	2 668	27	6
Réunion	5	-	5	-	-
Rwanda	74	7	63	2	2
São Tomé and Príncipe	5	-	5	-	-
Somalia	62	13	48	1	-
Uganda	755	49	681	20	5
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Annexure C - Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, June 2023 (concluded)

Country of residence	June		Purpo	ose of visit	
Country of residence	2023	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
West Africa	3 057	158	2 772	120	7
Benin	115	6	103	5	1
Burkina Faso	33	3	27	2	1
Cape Verde Island	12	1	11	-	-
Côte d'Ivoire	132	3	125	4	-
Gambia	16	4	11	1	-
Ghana	954	50	879	23	2
Guinea	102	4	93	5	-
Guinea-Bissau	5	-	5	-	-
Liberia	37	3	32	2	-
Mali	68	5	62	1	-
Mauritania	13	1	12	-	-
Niger	16	1	15	-	-
Nigeria	1 380	64	1 240	73	3
Saint Helena	5	-	5	-	-
Senegal	74	8	65	1	-
Sierra Leone	33	2	31	-	-
Togo	62	3	56	3	-
North Africa	963	83	843	34	3
Algeria	56	2	49	5	-
Egypt	505	54	441	9	1
Libya	40	1	33	6	-
Morocco	171	19	151	1	-
South Sudan	60	1	56	1	2
The Sudan	46	2	32	12	-
Tunisia	85	4	81	-	-
Unspecified	944	58	885	-	1

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

Country of residence	Jan – Jun 2022	Jan – Jun 2023	Difference between Jan – Jun 2022 and Jan – Jun 2023	% change between Jan – Jun 2022 and Jan – Jun 2023	
Total	2 285 746	4 073 700	1 787 954	78,2%	
Overseas	567 158	983 814	416 656	73,5%	
Europe	356 352	594 388	238 036	66,8%	
Austria	5 573	10 079	4 506	80,9%	
Belgium	11 896	19 087	7 191	60,4%	
Denmark	6 325	9 687	3 362	53,2%	
France	29 504	56 413	26 909	91,2%	
Germany	68 433	122 797	54 364	79,4%	
Ireland	8 803	14 242	5 439	61,8%	
Italy	9 200	18 680	9 480	103,0%	
Portugal	7 218	10 190	2 972	41,2%	
Russian Federation	5 606	13 806	8 200	146,3%	
Spain	7 428	11 798	4 370	58,8%	
Sweden	6 685	12 660	5 975	89,4%	
Switzerland	13 617	19 832	6 215	45,6%	
The Netherlands	31 779	54 083	22 304	70,2%	
UK	121 673	179 693	58 020	47,7%	
Other	22 612	41 341	18 729	82,8%	
North America	118 059	201 386	83 327	70,6%	
Canada	12 858	26 983	14 125	109,9%	
USA	105 201	174 403	69 202	65,8%	
Central and South America	10 932	19 065	8 133	74,4%	
Argentina	916	1 877	961	104,9%	
Brazil	5 688	9 118	3 430	60,3%	
Mexico	1 238	2 192	954	77,1%	
Other	3 090	5 878	2 788	90,2%	

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

Country of residence	Jan – Jun 2022	Jan – Jun 2023	Difference between Jan – Jun 2022 and Jan – Jun 2023	% change between Jan – Jun 2022 and Jan – Jun 2023
Australasia	21 108	50 882	29 774	141,1%
Australia	18 194	41 620	23 426	128,8%
New Zealand	2 884	9 120	6 236	216,2%
Other	30	142	112	373,3%
Middle East	12 795	22 497	9 702	75,8%
Israel	5 957	10 062	4 105	68,9%
Saudi Arabia	2 841	5 493	2 652	93,3%
United Arab Emirates	636	1 692	1 056	166,0%
Other	3 361	5 250	1 889	56,2%
Asia	47 912	95 596	47 684	99,5%
Bangladesh	3 525	3 995	470	13,3%
China	4 441	16 215	11 774	265,1%
India	22 835	41 668	18 833	82,5%
Japan	1 961	5 356	3 395	173,1%
Malaysia	1 026	2 459	1 433	139,7%
Pakistan	6 045	6 312	267	4,4%
Philippines	1 816	2 796	980	54,0%
Singapore	831	3 416	2 585	311,1%
South Korea	1 853	4 719	2 866	154,7%
Thailand	1 157	2 347	1 190	102,9%
Other	2 422	6 313	3 891	160,7%
Africa	1 714 501	3 083 583	1 369 082	79,9%
SADC	1 672 965	3 023 950	1 350 985	80,8%
Angola	13 437	19 600	6 163	45,9%
Botswana	99 070	157 807	58 737	59,3%
DRC	8 294	9 236	942	11,4%
Eswatini	161 561	333 644	172 083	106,5%

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

Country of residence	Jan – Jun 2022	Jan – Jun 2023	Difference between Jan – Jun 2022 and Jan – Jun 2023	% change between Jan – Jun 2022 and Jan – Jun 2023
Lesotho	363 564	609 543	245 979	67,7%
Madagascar	552	1 610	1 058	191,7%
Malawi	46 025	58 241	12 216	26,5%
Mauritius	4 189	7 799	3 610	86,2%
Mozambique	415 299	657 830	242 531	58,4%
Namibia	61 173	76 004	14 831	24,2%
Seychelles	942	2 197	1 255	133,2%
Tanzania	11 307	15 913	4 606	40,7%
Zambia	51 359	65 757	14 398	28,0%
Zimbabwe	436 193	1 008 769	572 576	131,3%
'Other' African	41 536	59 633	18 097	43,6%
East and Central Africa	19 501	34 291	14 790	75,8%
Burundi	313	455	142	45,4%
Cameroon	1 513	2 032	519	34,3%
Central African Republic	41	104	63	153,7%
Chad	136	189	53	39,0%
Comoros	93	142	49	52,7%
Congo	622	728	106	17,0%
Djibouti	31	48	17	54,8%
Equatorial Guinea	86	95	9	10,5%
Eritrea	196	176	-20	-10,2%
Ethiopia	2 237	2 828	591	26,4%
Gabon	973	1 604	631	64,9%
Kenya	8 755	19 095	10 340	118,1%
Réunion		13	13	
Rwanda	305	466	161	52,8%
São Tomé and Príncipe	21	40	19	90,5%
Somalia	389	321	-68	-17,5%
Uganda	3 790	5 955	2 165	57,1%

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

Country of residence	Jan – Jun 2022	Jan – Jun 2023	Difference between Jan – Jun 2022 and Jan – Jun 2023	% change between Jan – Jun 2022 and Jan – Jun 2023
West Africa	17 752	19 154	1 402	7,9%
Benin	492	767	275	55,9%
Burkina Faso	237	348	111	46,8%
Cape Verde Island	87	167	80	92,0%
Côte d'Ivoire	702	1 019	317	45,2%
Gambia	106	200	94	88,7%
Ghana	6 453	5 051	-1 402	-21,7%
Guinea	360	667	307	85,3%
Guinea-Bissau	22	42	20	90,9%
Liberia	155	297	142	91,6%
Mali	299	548	249	83,3%
Mauritania	61	101	40	65,6%
Niger	66	170	104	157,6%
Nigeria	7 938	8 591	653	8,2%
Saint Helena	25	28	3	12,0%
Senegal	467	690	223	47,8%
Sierra Leone	172	247	75	43,6%
Togo	110	221	111	100,9%
North Africa	4 283	6 188	1 905	44,5%
Algeria	426	529	103	24,2%
Egypt	2 000	2 919	919	46,0%
Libya	302	306	4	1,3%
Morocco	467	779	312	66,8%
South Sudan	257	393	136	52,9%
The Sudan	469	630	161	34,3%
Tunisia	360	625	265	73,6%
Western Sahara	2	7	5	250,0%
Unspecified	4 087	6 303	2 216	54,2%

3.5 Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 1, 2023 – Quarter 2, 2023 changes by country of residence and month of travel

	Quarter 1, 2023 – Quarter 2, 2023								
Country of residence	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2023	Apr	May	Jun	Qtr 2 2023	% change Qtr 1, 2023 – Qtr 2, 2023
Total	849 675	613 432	658 704	2 121 811	713 470	630 100	608 319	1 951 889	-8,0%
Overseas	187 189	192 835	187 631	567 655	160 647	132 443	123 069	416 159	-26,7%
Europe	128 898	138 394	120 004	387 296	97 243	60 955	48 894	207 092	-46,5%
Belgium	3 418	4 844	3 485	11 747	3 811	2 048	1 481	7 340	-37,5%
Denmark	2 242	2 727	2 002	6 971	1 315	764	637	2 716	-61,0%
France	9 016	11 545	10 862	31 423	11 792	7 748	5 450	24 990	-20,5%
Germany	29 363	32 336	28 382	90 081	17 802	9 019	5 895	32 716	-63,7%
Ireland	2 667	2 536	2 877	8 080	2 488	2 031	1 643	6 162	-23,7%
Italy	3 677	3 269	2 900	9 846	3 253	2 625	2 956	8 834	-10,3%
Portugal	1 771	1 799	1 766	5 336	2 130	1 390	1 334	4 854	-9,0%
Russian Federation	2 947	2 786	2 780	8 513	2 103	1 721	1 469	5 293	-37,8%
Spain	1 804	1 770	2 126	5 700	2 123	1 882	2 093	6 098	7,0%
Sweden	3 445	3 675	2 279	9 399	1 406	1 049	806	3 261	-65,3%
Switzerland	4 386	4 889	3 632	12 907	3 929	1 838	1 158	6 925	-46,3%
The Netherlands	12 930	11 992	9 247	34 169	10 707	5 176	4 031	19 914	-41,7%
Turkey	1 682	1 105	1 238	4 025	1 058	1 068	967	3 093	-23,2%
UK	40 044	42 263	36 811	119 118	27 125	17 989	15 461	60 575	-49,1%
Other	9 506	10 858	9 617	29 981	6 201	4 607	3 513	14 321	-52,2%
North America	31 421	27 570	35 804	94 795	31 029	36 461	39 101	106 591	12,4%
Canada	5 243	4 895	5 608	15 746	4 179	3 989	3 069	11 237	-28,6%
USA	26 178	22 675	30 196	79 049	26 850	32 472	36 032	95 354	20,6%
Central and South America	3 689	3 149	3 357	10 195	3 188	2 830	2 852	8 870	-13,0%
Argentina	536	389	273	1 198	255	173	251	679	-43,3%
Brazil	1 847	1 515	1 581	4 943	1 487	1 255	1 433	4 175	-15,5%
Mexico	310	259	392	961	540	356	335	1 231	28,1%
Other	996	986	1 111	3 093	906	1 046	833	2 785	-10,0%

Annexure E - Number of tourists: Quarter 1, 2023 - Quarter 2, 2023 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

	Quarter 1, 2023 – Quarter 2, 2023									
Country of residence	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2023	Apr	May	Jun	Qtr 2 2023	% change Qtr 1, 2023 – Qtr 2, 2023	
A	7.450	7.040	0.004	0.4.000	0.050	7.070	0.400	00.050	0.00/	
Australasia	7 452	7 210	9 961	24 623	9 959	7 878	8 422	26 259	6,6%	
Australia	6 145	6 087	8 150	20 382	7 877	6 435	6 926	21 238	4,2%	
New Zealand	1 301	1 108	1 798	4 207	2 025	1 434	1 454	4 913	16,8%	
Other	6	15	13	34	57	9	42	108	217,6%	
Middle East	3 262	3 361	4 452	11 075	3 318	2 716	5 388	11 422	3,1%	
Israel	1 862	1 870	2 322	6 054	1 972	971	1 065	4 008	-33,8%	
Saudi Arabia	652	523	637	1 812	474	652	2 555	3 681	103,1%	
United Arab Emirates	96	137	161	394	249	316	733	1 298	229,4%	
Other	652	831	1 332	2 815	623	777	1 035	2 435	-13,5%	
Asia	12 467	13 151	14 053	39 671	15 910	21 603	18 412	55 925	41,0%	
Bangladesh	703	618	719	2 040	612	812	531	1 955	-4,2%	
China	1 174	2 107	2 740	6 021	3 524	3 389	3 281	10 194	69,3%	
India	5 565	5 488	5 302	16 355	5 942	10 876	8 495	25 313	54,8%	
Japan	653	800	846	2 299	964	1 060	1 033	3 057	33,0%	
Malaysia	259	289	301	849	490	579	541	1 610	89,6%	
Pakistan	1 024	1 007	1 077	3 108	898	1 351	955	3 204	3,1%	
Philippines	418	370	400	1 188	452	556	600	1 608	35,4%	
Singapore	275	288	517	1 080	570	797	969	2 336	116,3%	
South Korea	987	941	692	2 620	681	683	735	2 099	-19,9%	
Thailand	250	235	356	841	632	487	387	1 506	79,1%	
Other	1 159	1 008	1 103	3 270	1 145	1 013	885	3 043	-6,9%	
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Africa	661 606	419 576	469 941	1 551 123	551 661	496 493	484 306	1 532 460	-1,2%	
SADC	652 392	408 631	459 534	1 520 557	542 427	485 608	475 358	1 503 393	-1,1%	
Angola	3 151	3 604	3 898	10 653	3 651	2 842	2 454	8 947	-16,0%	
Botswana	24 273	22 691	26 493	73 457	33 024	24 640	26 686	84 350	14,8%	
DRC	1 340	1 706	1 488	4 534	1 761	1 516	1 425	4 702	3,7%	
Eswatini	48 766	46 286	58 850	153 902	69 354	53 876	56 512	179 742	16,8%	

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 1, 2023 – Quarter 2, 2023 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

	Quarter 1, 2023 – Quarter 2, 2023											
Country of residence	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2023	Apr	May	Jun	Qtr 2 2023	% change Qtr 1, 2023 – Qtr 2, 2023			
Lesotho	155 187	77 131	86 691	319 009	107 924	94 585	88 025	290 534	-8,9%			
Madagascar	197	224	300	721	319	329	241	889	23,3%			
Malawi	11 671	8 953	9 297	29 921	8 101	9 717	10 502	28 320	-5,4%			
Mauritius	1 108	1 194	1 368	3 670	1 631	1 410	1 088	4 129	12,5%			
Mozambique	153 476	93 095	98 025	344 596	101 922	107 160	104 152	313 234	-9,1%			
Namibia	11 482	10 862	13 848	36 192	14 065	12 419	13 328	39 812	10,0%			
Seychelles	361	601	390	1 352	321	339	185	845	-37,5%			
Tanzania	2 446	2 561	2 827	7 834	2 593	3 042	2 444	8 079	3,1%			
Zambia	10 300	9 697	10 699	30 696	11 624	11 821	11 616	35 061	14,2%			
Zimbabwe	228 634	130 026	145 360	504 020	186 137	161 912	156 700	504 749	0,1%			
'Other' African	9 214	10 945	10 407	30 566	9 234	10 885	8 948	29 067	-4,9%			
East and Central Africa	5 469	6 104	6 155	17 728	5 616	6 019	4 928	16 563	-6,6%			
Burundi	84	75	67	226	71	98	60	229	1,3%			
Cameroon	297	337	433	1 067	340	340	285	965	-9,6%			
Central African Republic	16	18	18	52	12	30	10	52	0,0%			
Chad	24	30	40	94	32	42	21	95	1,1%			
Comoros	24	19	29	72	19	29	22	70	-2,8%			
Congo	120	90	135	345	159	125	99	383	11,0%			
Djibouti	10	4	10	24	3	18	3	24	0,0%			
Equatorial Guinea	19	20	11	50	13	24	8	45	-10,0%			
Eritrea	40	36	22	98	20	30	28	78	-20,4%			
Ethiopia	417	504	505	1 426	406	554	442	1 402	-1,7%			
Gabon	279	314	274	867	263	269	205	737	-15,0%			
Kenya	2 943	3 308	3 377	9 628	3 277	3 346	2 844	9 467	-1,7%			
Réunion	6	-	2	8	-	-	5	5	-37,5%			
Rwanda	88	77	86	251	61	80	74	215	-14,3%			
São Tomé and Príncipe	11	6	5	22	9	4	5	18	-18,2%			
Somalia	59	39	61	159	24	76	62	162	1,9%			
Uganda	1 032	1 227	1 080	3 339	907	954	755	2 616	-21,7%			

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 1, 2023 – Quarter 2, 2023 changes by country of residence and month of travel (concluded)

		Quarter 1, 2023 – Quarter 2, 2023											
Country of residence	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2023	Apr	May	Jun	Qtr 2 2023	% change Qtr 1, 2023 – Qtr 2, 2023				
West Africa	2 869	3 462	3 278	9 609	2 824	3 664	3 057	9 545	-0,7%				
Benin	122	120	133	375	126	151	115	392	4,5%				
Burkina Faso	41	92	80	213	35	67	33	135	-36,6%				
Cape Verde Island	31	38	32	101	21	33	12	66	-34,7%				
Côte d'Ivoire	117	226	223	566	104	217	132	453	-20,0%				
Gambia	30	22	47	99	49	36	16	101	2,0%				
Ghana	691	802	769	2 262	772	1 063	954	2 789	23,3%				
Guinea	114	138	106	358	105	102	102	309	-13,7%				
Guinea-Bissau	10	9	10	29	7	1	5	13	-55,2%				
Liberia	24	39	89	152	38	70	37	145	-4,6%				
Mali	45	202	69	316	56	108	68	232	-26,6%				
Mauritania	7	30	21	58	12	18	13	43	-25,9%				
Niger	17	34	44	95	23	36	16	75	-21,1%				
Nigeria	1 473	1 492	1 385	4 350	1 322	1 539	1 380	4 241	-2,5%				
Saint Helena	1	3	4	8	10	5	5	20	150,0%				
Senegal	89	149	153	391	76	149	74	299	-23,5%				
Sierra Leone	35	43	50	128	44	42	33	119	-7,0%				
Togo	22	23	63	108	24	27	62	113	4,6%				
North Africa	876	1 379	974	3 229	794	1 202	963	2 959	-8,4%				
Algeria	61	90	127	278	107	88	56	251	-9,7%				
Egypt	407	598	455	1 460	385	569	505	1 459	-0,1%				
Libya	53	82	40	175	39	52	40	131	-25,1%				
Morocco	87	141	121	349	57	202	171	430	23,2%				
South Sudan	55	91	40	186	58	89	60	207	11,3%				
The Sudan	129	233	109	471	56	57	46	159	-66,2%				
Tunisia	84	142	82	308	91	141	85	317	2,9%				
Western Sahara	-	2	-	2	1	4	-	5	150,0%				
Unspecified	880	1 021	1 132	3 033	1 162	1 164	944	3 270	7,8%				

3.6 Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 2, 2022 – Quarter 2, 2023 changes by country of residence and month of travel

	Quarter 2, 2022 – Quarter 2, 2023											
Country of residence	Apr	Мау	Jun	Qtr 2 2022	Apr	May	Jun	Qtr 2 2023	% change 2022 – 2023			
Total	431 376	407 262	399 550	1 238 188	713 470	630 100	608 319	1 951 889	57,6%			
Overseas	119 518	92 368	87 685	299 571	160 647	132 443	123 069	416 159	38,9%			
Europe	80 965	45 131	37 307	163 403	97 243	60 955	48 894	207 092	26,7%			
Austria	1 186	576	449	2 211	1 308	830	459	2 597	17,5%			
Belgium	3 404	1 417	1 177	5 998	3 811	2 048	1 481	7 340	22,4%			
Denmark	1 553	752	535	2 840	1 315	764	637	2 716	-4,4%			
France	6 950	5 459	3 603	16 012	11 792	7 748	5 450	24 990	56,1%			
Germany	14 251	6 269	5 385	25 905	17 802	9 019	5 895	32 716	26,3%			
Ireland	2 098	1 066	1 191	4 355	2 488	2 031	1 643	6 162	41,5%			
Italy	1 900	1 753	1 859	5 512	3 253	2 625	2 956	8 834	60,3%			
Portugal	1 741	1 207	1 073	4 021	2 130	1 390	1 334	4 854	20,7%			
Russian Federation	916	737	687	2 340	2 103	1 721	1 469	5 293	126,2%			
Spain	1 673	1 311	1 652	4 636	2 123	1 882	2 093	6 098	31,5%			
Sweden	1 311	865	648	2 824	1 406	1 049	806	3 261	15,5%			
Switzerland	3 433	1 409	1 043	5 885	3 929	1 838	1 158	6 925	17,7%			
The Netherlands	7 671	3 789	2 956	14 416	10 707	5 176	4 031	19 914	38,1%			
UK	28 299	15 115	12 301	55 715	27 125	17 989	15 461	60 575	8,7%			
Other	4 579	3 406	2 748	10 733	5 951	4 845	4 021	14 817	38,1%			
North America	20 899	26 516	30 388	77 803	31 029	36 461	39 101	106 591	37,0%			
Canada	2 575	2 727	2 181	7 483	4 179	3 989	3 069	11 237	50,2%			
USA	18 324	23 789	28 207	70 320	26 850	32 472	36 032	95 354	35,6%			
Central and South America	2 142	2 376	2 070	6 588	3 188	2 830	2 852	8 870	34,6%			
Argentina	198	184	133	515	255	173	251	679	31,8%			
Brazil	1 096	1 278	1 102	3 476	1 487	1 255	1 433	4 175	20,1%			
Mexico	289	281	299	869	540	356	335	1 231	41,7%			
Other	559	633	536	1 728	906	1 046	833	2 785	61,2%			

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 2, 2022 – Quarter 2, 2023 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

	Quarter 2, 2022 – Quarter 2, 2023										
Country of residence	Apr	Мау	Jun	Qtr 2 2022	Apr	May	Jun	Qtr 2 2023	% change 2022 – 2023		
Australasia	5 135	4 369	4 452	13 956	9 959	7 878	8 422	26 259	88,2%		
Australia	4 369	3 741	3 791	11 901	7 877	6 435	6 926	21 238	78,5%		
New Zealand	761	620	659	2 040	2 025	1 434	1 454	4 913	140,8%		
Other	5	8	2	15	57	9	42	108	620,0%		
Middle East	2 450	2 508	2 861	7 819	3 318	2 716	5 388	11 422	46,1%		
Israel	1 767	793	777	3 337	1 972	971	1 065	4 008	20,1%		
Saudi Arabia	197	873	1 029	2 099	474	652	2 555	3 681	75,4%		
United Arab Emirates	42	183	219	444	249	316	733	1 298	192,3%		
Other	444	659	836	1 939	623	777	1 035	2 435	25,6%		
Asia	7 927	11 468	10 607	30 002	15 910	21 603	18 412	55 925	86,4%		
Bangladesh	493	664	641	1 798	612	812	531	1 955	8,7%		
China	889	906	811	2 606	3 524	3 389	3 281	10 194	291,2%		
India	3 513	5 993	5 568	15 074	5 942	10 876	8 495	25 313	67,9%		
Japan	413	516	490	1 419	964	1 060	1 033	3 057	115,4%		
Malaysia	125	348	257	730	490	579	541	1 610	120,5%		
Pakistan	892	1 427	1 071	3 390	898	1 351	955	3 204	-5,5%		
Philippines	374	406	330	1 110	452	556	600	1 608	44,9%		
Singapore	138	236	322	696	570	797	969	2 336	235,6%		
South Korea	369	285	395	1 049	681	683	735	2 099	100,1%		
Thailand	233	211	214	658	632	487	387	1 506	128,9%		
Other	488	476	508	1 472	1 145	1 013	885	3 043	106,7%		
Africa	311 087	314 070	311 031	936 188	551 661	496 493	484 306	1 532 460	63,7%		
SADC	304 123	305 900	304 016	914 039	542 427	485 608	475 358	1 503 393	64,5%		
Angola	2 840	2 833	2 074	7 747	3 651	2 842	2 454	8 947	15,5%		
Botswana	21 554	20 265	18 591	60 410	33 024	24 640	26 686	84 350	39,6%		
DRC	1 578	1 738	1 238	4 554	1 761	1 516	1 425	4 702	3,2%		
Eswatini	30 649	31 201	32 216	94 066	69 354	53 876	56 512	179 742	91,1%		

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 2, 2022 – Quarter 2, 2023 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

	Quarter 2, 2022 – Quarter 2, 2023										
Country of residence	Apr	May	Jun	Qtr 2 2022	Apr	Мау	Jun	Qtr 2 2023	% change 2022 – 2023		
Lesotho	63 229	62 830	64 545	190 604	107 924	94 585	88 025	290 534	52,4%		
Madagascar	122	202	120	444	319	329	241	889	100,2%		
Malawi	7 329	8 383	8 609	24 321	8 101	9 717	10 502	28 320	16,4%		
Mauritius	792	946	683	2 421	1 631	1 410	1 088	4 129	70,5%		
Mozambique	62 650	66 391	66 371	195 412	101 922	107 160	104 152	313 234	60,3%		
Namibia	11 866	10 379	10 430	32 675	14 065	12 419	13 328	39 812	21,8%		
Seychelles	250	136	141	527	321	339	185	845	60,3%		
Tanzania	1 925	2 191	1 994	6 110	2 593	3 042	2 444	8 079	32,2%		
Zambia	8 764	9 574	9 248	27 586	11 624	11 821	11 616	35 061	27,1%		
Zimbabwe	90 575	88 831	87 756	267 162	186 137	161 912	156 700	504 749	88,9%		
'Other' African	6 964	8 170	7 015	22 149	9 234	10 885	8 948	29 067	31,2%		
East and Central Africa	3 528	3 873	3 288	10 689	5 616	6 019	4 928	16 563	55,0%		
Burundi	50	52	90	192	71	98	60	229	19,3%		
Cameroon	249	246	274	769	340	340	285	965	25,5%		
Central African Republic	8	10	10	28	12	30	10	52	85,7%		
Chad	17	23	21	61	32	42	21	95	55,7%		
Comoros	6	21	24	51	19	29	22	70	37,3%		
Congo	120	116	88	324	159	125	99	383	18,2%		
Djibouti	3	8	7	18	3	18	3	24	33,3%		
Equatorial Guinea	13	19	18	50	13	24	8	45	-10,0%		
Eritrea	31	34	40	105	20	30	28	78	-25,7%		
Ethiopia	368	465	357	1 190	406	554	442	1 402	17,8%		
Gabon	177	175	167	519	263	269	205	737	42,0%		
Kenya	1 702	1 822	1 383	4 907	3 277	3 346	2 844	9 467	92,9%		
Réunion	_	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-		
Rwanda	49	95	42	186	61	80	74	215	15,6%		
São Tomé and Príncipe	4	7	4	15	9	4	5	18	20,0%		
Somalia	55	81	96	232	24	76	62	162	-30,2%		
Uganda	676	699	667	2 042	907	954	755	2 616	28,1%		

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 2, 2022 – Quarter 2, 2023 changes by country of residence and month of travel (concluded)

	Quarter 2, 2022 – Quarter 2, 2023										
Country of residence	Apr	Мау	Jun	Qtr 2 2022	Apr	May	Jun	Qtr 2 2023	% change 2022 – 2023		
West Africa	2 910	3 327	2 922	9 159	2 824	3 664	3 057	9 545	4,2%		
Benin	64	82	113	259	126	151	115	392	51,4%		
Burkina Faso	23	66	80	169	35	67	33	135	-20,1%		
Cape Verde Island	21	16	18	55	21	33	12	66	20,0%		
Côte d'Ivoire	77	174	207	458	104	217	132	453	-1,1%		
Gambia	13	18	31	62	49	36	16	101	62,9%		
Ghana	1 206	1 377	1 203	3 786	772	1 063	954	2 789	-26,3%		
Guinea	28	85	85	198	105	102	102	309	56,1%		
Guinea-Bissau	6	6	3	15	7	1	5	13	-13,3%		
Liberia	25	31	33	89	38	70	37	145	62,9%		
Mali	40	100	51	191	56	108	68	232	21,5%		
Mauritania	3	9	11	23	12	18	13	43	87,0%		
Niger	5	19	16	40	23	36	16	75	87,5%		
Nigeria	1 276	1 164	926	3 366	1 322	1 539	1 380	4 241	26,0%		
Saint Helena	11	1	3	15	10	5	5	20	33,3%		
Senegal	73	98	87	258	76	149	74	299	15,9%		
Sierra Leone	33	48	19	100	44	42	33	119	19,0%		
Togo	6	33	36	75	24	27	62	113	50,7%		
North Africa	526	970	805	2 301	794	1 202	963	2 959	28,6%		
Algeria	65	76	69	210	107	88	56	251	19,5%		
Egypt	214	475	369	1 058	385	569	505	1 459	37,9%		
Libya	22	73	46	141	39	52	40	131	-7,1%		
Morocco	43	116	123	282	57	202	171	430	52,5%		
South Sudan	73	44	48	165	58	89	60	207	25,5%		
The Sudan	69	95	103	267	56	57	46	159	-40,4%		
Tunisia	40	91	45	176	91	141	85	317	80,1%		
Western Sahara	-	-	2	2	1	4	-	5	150,0%		
Unspecified	771	824	834	2 429	1 162	1 164	944	3 270	34,6%		

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 June 2023, the DHA data was 1,6% lower than that of ACSA.

4.5 Limitations

4.5.1 Outbound tourists

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

4.5.2 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.

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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