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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 March 2023. Specific focus is on foreign tourists who entered the country in the month of March 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 the 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

There were 2 445 237 (arrivals, departures and transits) travellers that entered and exited South Africa in March 2023. They were made up of 699 326 South African residents and 1 745 911 foreign travellers. Foreign arrivals, 905 627 were made up of 28 856 non-visitors and 876 771 visitors. The visitors consisted of 218 067 same-day visitors and 658 704 overnight visitors (tourists).

Tourists

Overseas tourists were 187 631 or 28,5% of all tourists. UK (36 811), USA (30 196) and Germany (28 382) contributed 50,8% to overseas tourists. SADC tourists were 459 534 or 69,8% of all tourists. Zimbabwe (145 360), Mozambique (98 025) and Lesotho (86 691) contributed 71,8% to SADC tourists. 'Other' African countries (non-SADC) tourists were 10 407 or 1,6% of all tourists. Kenya (3 377), Nigeria (1 385) and Uganda (1 080) contributed 56,1% to 'other' African tourists. The country of residence of 1 132 (0,2%) tourists was classified as unspecified.

Purpose of visit

'Holiday'¹ continues to be the main purpose of visit. About 96,0% of all the tourists were in South Africa for holiday purposes.

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

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 2 445 237 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) passed through South African ports of entry/exit in March 2023. As presented in Table 1 below, these travellers were made up of 699 326 South African residents and 1 745 911 foreign travellers. A further breakdown of the figures for South African residents indicates that there were 330 727 arrivals, 368 211 departures and 388 travellers in transit. The corresponding volume for foreign arrivals, departures and travellers in transit was 905 627, 813 003 and 27 281 respectively.

A comparison between the movements in February 2023 and March 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 22,8% (from 269 301 in February 2023 to 330 727 in March 2023). Departures increased by 30,5% (from 282 063 in February 2023 to 368 211 in March 2023) and transits increased by 16,2% (from 334 in February 2023 to 388 in March 2023). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 9,8% (from 824 868 in February 2023 to 905 627 in March 2023), departures increased by 14,9% (from 707 396 in February 2023 to 813 003 in March 2023), and transits increased by 18,8% (from 22 961 in February 2023 to 27 281 in March 2023).

A comparison between the movements in March 2022 and March 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 40,8% (from 234 833 in March 2022 to 330 727 in March 2023), departures increased by 37,2% (from 268 358 in March 2022 to 368 211 in March 2023) and transits increased by 39,6% (from 278 in March 2022 to 388 in March 2023). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 93,2% (from 468 636 in March 2022 to 905 627 in March 2023), departures increased by 93,9% (from 419 270 in March 2022 to 813 003 in March 2023) and transits increased by 42,9% (from 19 090 in March 2022 to 27 281 in March 2023).

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

Travel Direction	March 2022	February 2023	March 2023	% Change Feb 2023 – Mar 2023	% Change Mar 2022 – Mar 2023
Total	1 410 465	2 106 923	2 445 237	16,1%	73,4%
South African residents	503 469	551 698	699 326	26,8%	38,9%
Arrivals	234 833	269 301	330 727	22,8%	40,8%
Departures	268 358	282 063	368 211	30,5%	37,2%
Transits	278	334	388	16,2%	39,6%
Foreign travellers	906 996	1 555 225	1 745 911	12,3%	92,5%
Arrivals	468 636	824 868	905 627	9,8%	93,2%
Departures	419 270	707 396	813 003	14,9%	93,9%
Transits	19 090	22 961	27 281	18,8%	42,9%

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 March 2023, road was the most common mode of travel used by 1 546 620 (63,3%) of the 2 445 237 travellers. Total number of travellers who used air was 842 352 (34,4%). Compared to air and land, a smaller number of travellers, 56 265 (2,3%) used sea into and out of South Africa. Information on arrivals of South African residents shows that 136 551 (41,3%) came by air, 172 265 (52,1%) came by road and 21 911 (6,6%) arrived by sea. For departures, 162 008 (44,0%) used air, 187 593 (50,9%) used road and 18 610 (5,1%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 388 (100,0%) used air.

In the case of foreign travellers, 245 263 (27,1%) arrived by air, 653 664 (72,2%) came by road and 6 700 (0,7%) arrived by sea. When departing South Africa, 270 861 (33,3%) foreign travellers left by air, 533 098 (65,6%) left by road and 9 044 (1,1%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 27 281 (100,0%) used air.

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

Travel direction	Total	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Total	2 445 237	263 606	22 225	553 445	3 076	842 352	1 546 620	56 265
South African residents	699 326	61 514	14 344	221 459	1 630	298 947	359 858	40 521
Arrivals	330 727	27 622	6 401	101 661	867	136 551	172 265	21 911
Departures	368 211	33 889	7 943	119 413	763	162 008	187 593	18 610
Transit	388	3	-	385	-	388	-	-
Foreign travellers	1 745 911	202 092	7 881	331 986	1 446	543 405	1 186 762	15 744
Arrivals	905 627	93 710	3 797	147 079	677	245 263	653 664	6 700
Departures	813 003	108 263	4 084	157 745	769	270 861	533 098	9 044
Transit	27 281	119	-	27 162	-	27 281	-	-
Visitors	876 771	91 206	2 992	142 198	408	236 804	637 572	2 395
Same-day	218 067	1 339	17	13 891	48	15 295	202 513	259
Overnight (Tourists)	658 704	89 867	2 975	128 307	360	221 509	435 059	2 136

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 5, in March 2023, 28 856 (3,2%) of foreign arrivals were classified as non-visitors, while 876 771 (96,8%) were classified as visitors. Visitors were categorised into three groups:

- i. Arrivals only – comprising visitors who entered the country in March 2023 but did not depart in March 2023 [289 749 (33,0%)];
- ii. Single trips – visitors who came to South Africa once in March 2023 and left in March 2023 [287 159 (32,8%)];
and
- iii. Multiple trips – visitors who came to and left South Africa more than once in March 2023 [299 863 (34,2%)].

Visitors were further grouped as same-day visitors and overnight visitors (tourists). In March 2023, there were 218 067 (24,9%) same-day visitors and 658 704 (75,1%) tourists. Between February 2023 and March 2023, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 17,5% (from 185 650 in February 2023 to 218 067 in March 2023) and that of tourists increased by 7,4% (from 613 432 in February 2023 to 658 704 in March 2023). Between March 2022 and March 2023, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 232,9% (from 65 499 in March 2022 to 218 067 in March 2023) and that of tourists increased by 83,1% (from 359 734 in March 2022 to 658 704 in March 2023).

Table 2 on page 4 further shows that of the 218 067 same-day visitors, a majority, 202 513 (92,9%) arrived in the country by road, 15 295 (7,0%) flew into the country and 259 (0,1%) arrived by sea. Information on tourists shows that 435 059 (66,0%) used road, 221 509 (33,6%) came by air and 2 136 (0,3%) arrived by sea.

Table 3 – Number of visitors by type of visitor

Travel Direction	March 2022	February 2023	March 2023	% Change Feb 2023 – Mar 2023	% Change Mar 2022 – Mar 2023
Foreign arrivals	468 636	824 868	905 627	9,8%	93,2%
Non-visitors	43 403	25 786	28 856	11,9%	-33,5%
Visitors	425 233	799 082	876 771	9,7%	106,2%
Visitors	425 233	799 082	876 771	9,7%	106,2%
Arrivals only	146 125	292 680	289 749	-1,0%	98,3%
Single trips	153 283	265 148	287 159	8,3%	87,3%
Multiple trips	125 825	241 254	299 863	24,3%	138,3%
Visitors	425 233	799 082	876 771	9,7%	106,2%
Same-day	65 499	185 650	218 067	17,5%	232,9%
Overnight (Tourists)	359 734	613 432	658 704	7,4%	83,1%

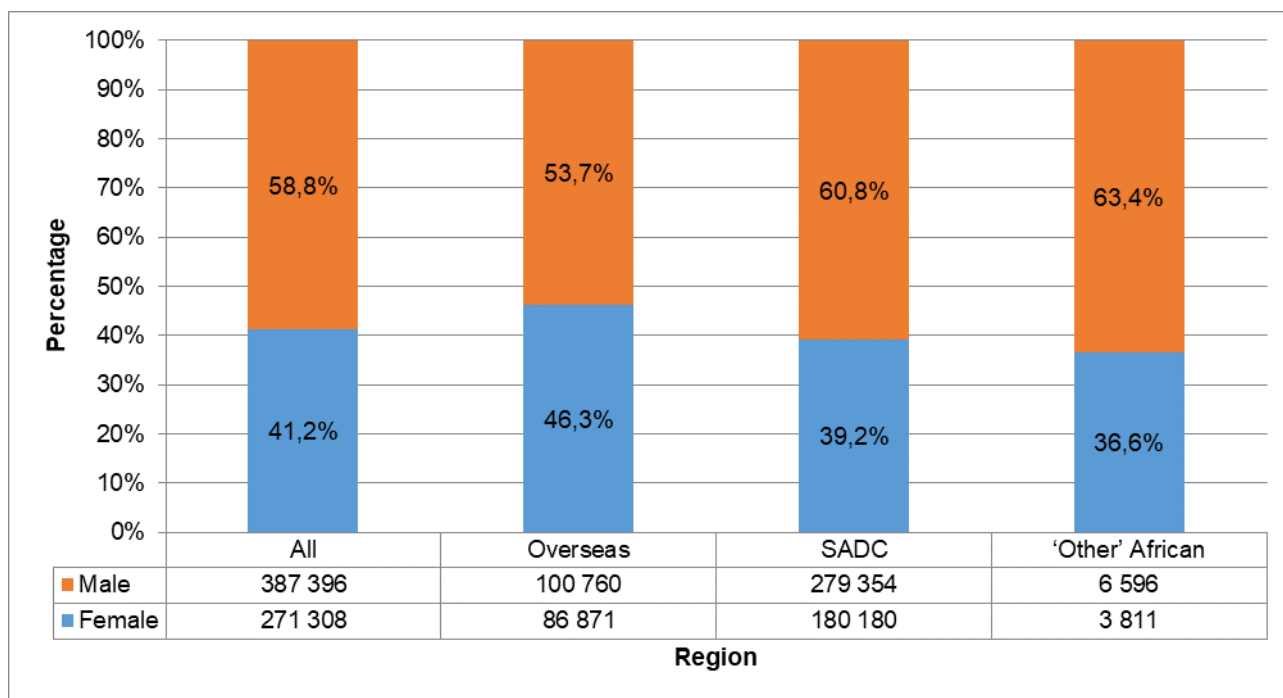
2.3 Tourists

2.3.1 Sex and age distribution of tourists

Sex

Figure 1 on page 6 shows that there were more male [387 396 (58,8%)] than female [271 308 (41,2%)] tourists. Male tourists constituted the majority of tourists for all three regions, SADC countries [279 354 (60,8%)], overseas countries [100 760 (53,7%)] and 'other' African countries [6 596 (63,4%)]. Similarly, the largest portion of female tourists was from SADC countries [180 180 (39,2%)], followed by overseas countries [86 871 (46,3%)] and the lowest from 'other' African countries [3 811 (36,6%)].

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

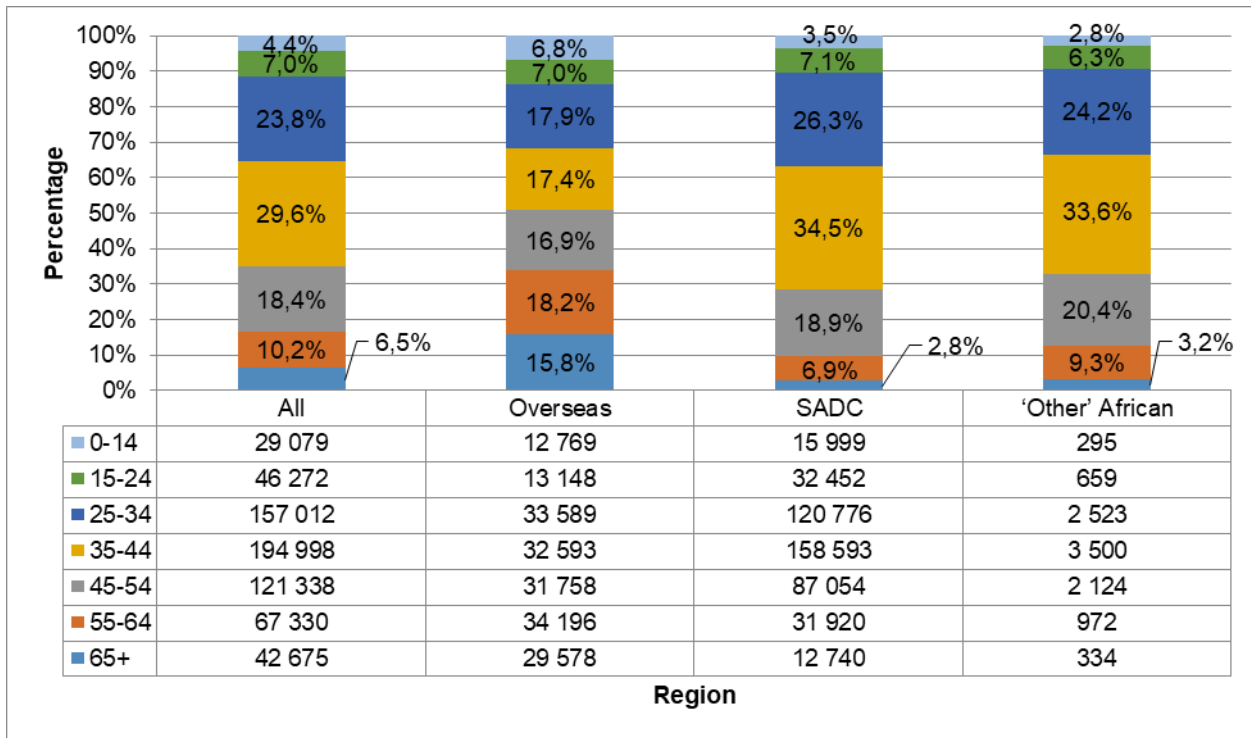


Age

The age distribution indicates that out of all tourists, [29 079 (4,4%)] were aged less than 15 years; [46 272 (7,0%)] were aged between 15 and 24 years; [157 012 (23,8%)] were aged between 25 and 34 years; [194 998 (29,6%)] were aged between 35 and 44 years; [121 338 (18,4%)] were aged between 45 and 54 years; [67 330 (10,2%)] were aged between 55 and 64 years; [42 675 (6,5%)] were aged 65 years and above. (see Figure 2 on page 7).

Taking the region of residence into consideration, the results show that the highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [158 593 (34,5%)] and those from 'other' African countries [3 500 (33,6%)] were aged between 35 and 44 years, whereas overseas countries [34 196 (18,2%)] were aged between 55 and 64 years. The second highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [120 776 (26,3%)], those from 'other' African countries [2 523 (24,2%)] and those from overseas countries [33 589 (17,9%)] were aged between 25 and 34 years. The median ages of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries were 45, 38 and 39 years respectively. The proportion of tourists aged less than 15 years was higher among tourists from overseas countries, 6,8% (12 769) compared to those from SADC countries, 3,5% (15 999) and to those from 'other' African countries, 2,8% (295).

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

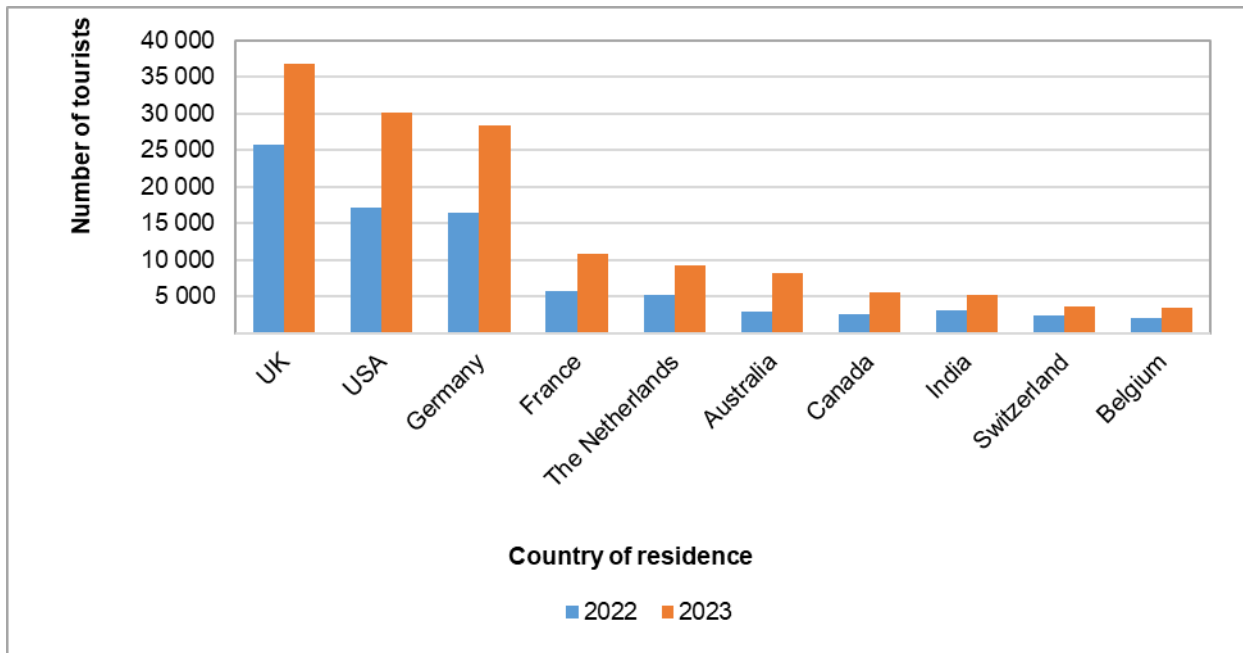


2.3.2 Regional and national distribution of tourists

In March 2023, the distribution of overseas tourists was as follows: Europe, 120 004 (64,0%); North America, 35 804 (19,1%); Asia, 14 053 (7,5%); Australasia, 9 961 (5,3%); The Middle East, 4 452 (2,4%) and Central and South America, 3 357 (1,8%).

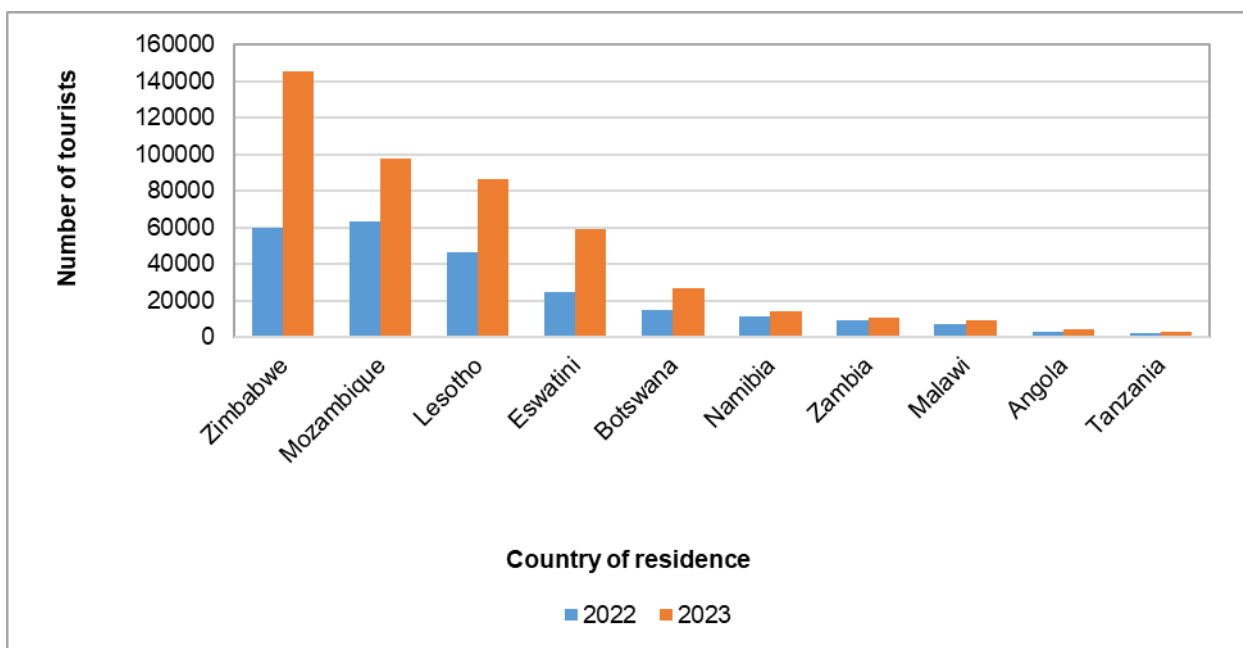
Figure 3 on page 8 indicates that the ten leading overseas countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in March 2023 were: United Kingdom (UK), 36 811 (19,6%); United States of America (USA), 30 196 (16,1%); Germany, 28 382 (15,1%); France, 10 862 (5,8%); The Netherlands, 9 247 (4,9%); Australia, 8 150 (4,3%); Canada, 5 608 (3,0%); India, 5 302 (2,8%); Switzerland, 3 632 (1,9%) and Belgium, 3 485 (1,9%). Tourists from these ten countries constituted 75,5% of all tourists from overseas countries. A comparison of movements in the ten leading countries between March 2022 and March 2023 shows that the number of tourists increased for all ten leading countries. Australia had the highest increase of 169,9% (from 3 020 tourists in March 2022 to 8 150 tourists in March 2023).

Figure 3 – Number of tourists from the ten leading overseas countries in March 2022 and March 2023



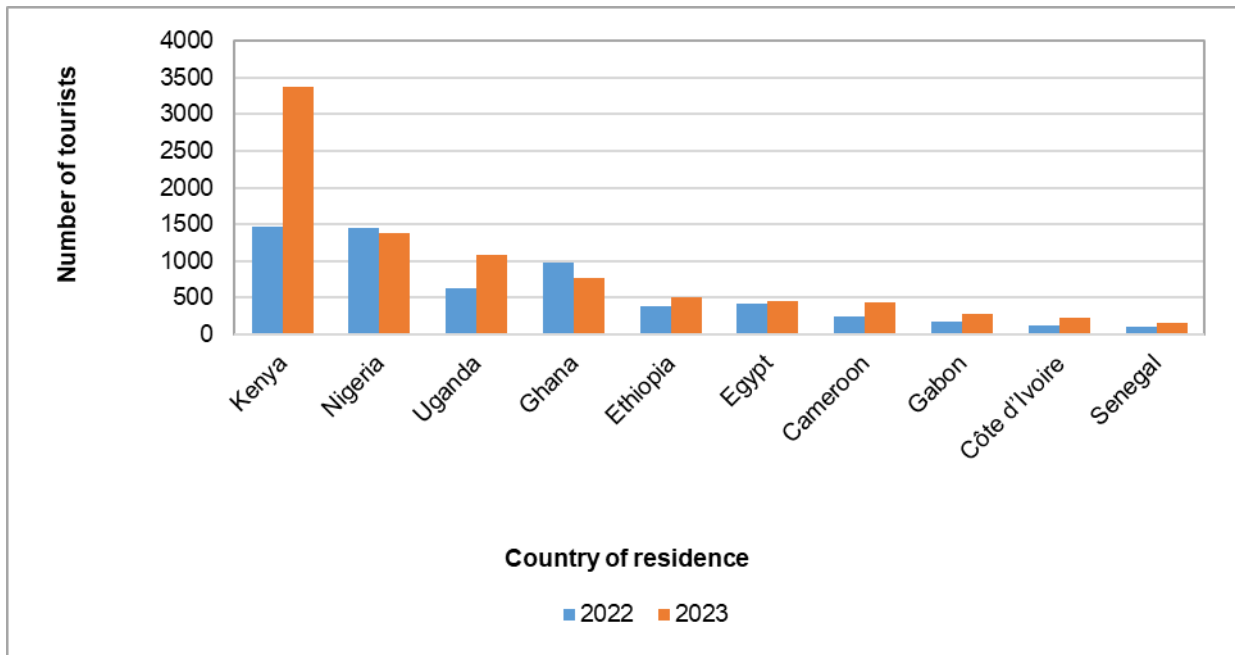
Virtually, most tourists from Africa, 459 534 (97,8%), came from SADC countries. The distribution of the remaining tourists from Africa was as follows: East and Central Africa, 6 155 (1,3%); West Africa, 3 278 (0,7%) and North Africa 974 (0,2%). Ten leading SADC countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in March 2023 were: Zimbabwe, 145 360 (31,6%); Mozambique, 98 025 (21,3%); Lesotho, 86 691 (18,9%); Eswatini, 58 850 (12,8%); Botswana, 26 493 (5,8%); Namibia, 13 848 (3,0%); Zambia, 10 699 (2,3%); Malawi, 9 297 (2,0%); Angola, 3 898 (0,8%) and Tanzania, 2 827 (0,6%) (see Figure 4 below). Tourists from these ten countries constituted 99,2% of all tourists from the SADC countries. A comparison of movements in the ten leading countries between March 2022 and March 2023 shows that the number of tourists increased for all ten leading countries. Zimbabwe showed the highest increase of 142,9% (from 59 852 tourists in March 2022 to 145 360 tourists in March 2023) followed by Eswatini with an increase of 141,1% (from 24 410 tourists in March 2022 to 58 850 tourists in March 2023).

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



The ten leading countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in March 2023 from 'other' African countries, as shown in Figure 5 below, were: Kenya, 3 377 (32,4%); Nigeria, 1 385 (13,3%); Uganda, 1 080 (10,4%); Ghana, 769 (7,4%); Ethiopia, 505 (4,9%); Egypt, 455 (4,4%); Cameroon, 433 (4,2%); Gabon, 274 (2,6%); Côte d'Ivoire, 223 (2,1%) and Senegal, 153 (1,5%). Tourists from these ten countries constituted 83,2% of all tourists from 'other' African countries. A comparison between movements in March 2022 and March 2023 shows that the number of tourists increased for eight of ten leading countries. Kenya showed the highest increase of 130,0% (from 1 468 tourists in March 2022 to 3 377 tourists in March 2023).

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



2.3.3 Purpose of visit of tourists

Table 4 on page 10, 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 22 to 25. It is observed that in March 2023, the majority of tourists, 632 385 (96,0%), were in South Africa for holiday compared to 22 732 (3,5%); 3 259 (0,5%) and 328 (less than 0,1%) who were in South Africa for business, study and medical treatment respectively.

Within the overseas regions, Australasia, 98,9% (9 854) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for holiday followed by North America, 98,4% (35 217); Europe, 97,6% (117 178); The Middle East, 96,9% (4 313); Central and South America, 95,4% (3 203) and Asia, 92,4% (12 980).

Asia, 6,6% (925) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business, followed by Central and South America, 3,9% (132); The Middle East, 2,3% (104); Europe, 2,1% (2 575); North America, 1,5% (521) and Australasia, 1,0% (102).

Asia, 1,0% (139) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to study, followed by The Middle East, 0,8% (34); Central and South America, 0,6% (21); Europe, 0,2% (217); North America, 0,2% (62) and Australasia, less than 0,1% (3).

Asia had (9) 0,1% of tourists who came for medical treatment. Europe (34), North America (4), Australasia (2) Central and South America (1) and The Middle East (1) had less than 0,1% of medical treatment tourists.

Majority of African tourists, 448 572 (95,5%) came to South Africa for holiday. However, the following differences in terms of reasons for travel were observed between tourists from the SADC countries and 'other' African countries, namely:

- Holiday makers constituted 95,6% (439 343) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 88,7% (9 229) from 'other' African countries. Information on the regions of 'other' African countries shows that 90,0% (5 541) of tourists from East and Central Africa were on holiday, followed by tourists from North Africa, 86,9% (846) and those from West Africa, 86,7% (2 842).
- Business persons constituted 3,8% (17 506) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 7,7% (805) from 'other' African countries. West Africa, 8,8% (288) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business purposes, followed by North Africa, 8,5% (83) and East and Central Africa, 7,1% (434).
- Students constituted 0,5% (2 459) of tourists from SADC countries compared with 3,1% (324) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 4,5% (44) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for study purposes, followed by West Africa, 3,9% (127) and East and Central Africa, 2,5% (153).
- Tourists who came for medical treatment constituted less than 0,1% (226) of tourists from SADC countries, while those from 'other' African countries constituted 0,5% (49). West Africa, 0,6% (21) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for medical treatment, followed by East and Central Africa, 0,4% (27) and North Africa, 0,1% (1).

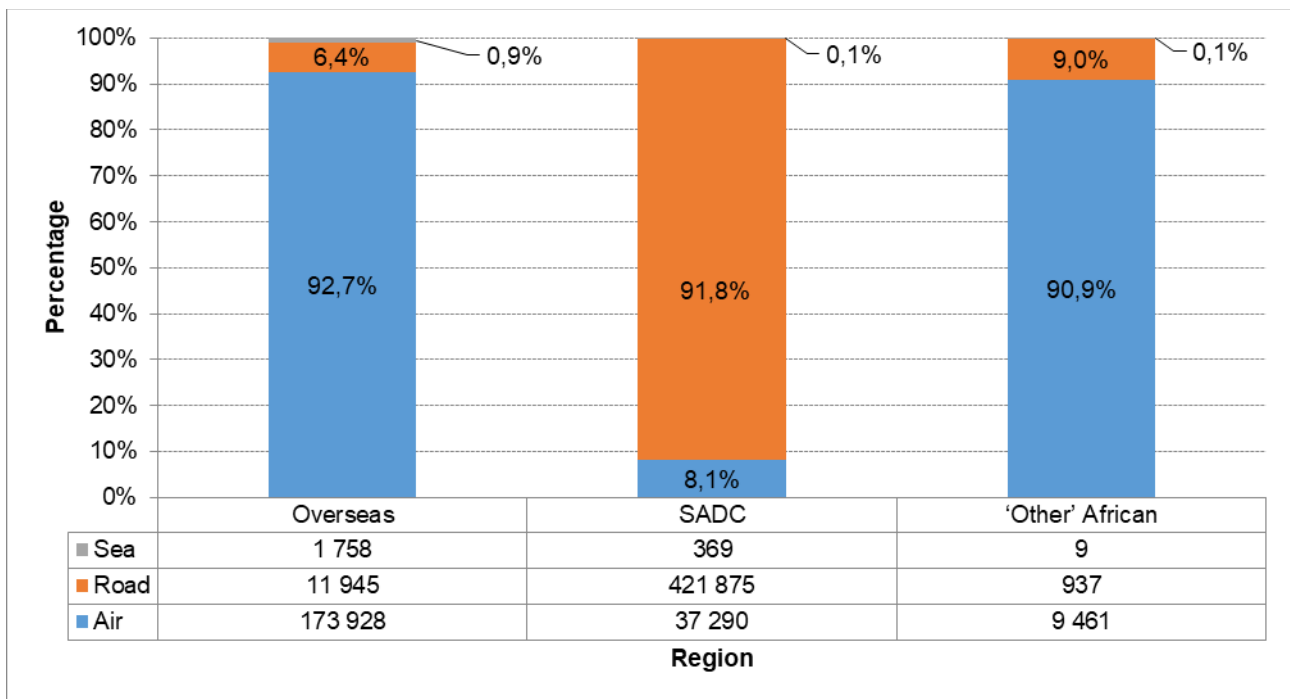
Table 4 – Number of tourists by region of residence and purpose of visit

Region of residence	March 2023	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Total	658 704	22 732	632 385	3 259	328
Overseas	187 631	4 359	182 745	476	51
Europe	120 004	2 575	117 178	217	34
North America	35 804	521	35 217	62	4
Central and South America	3 357	132	3 203	21	1
Australasia	9 961	102	9 854	3	2
Middle East	4 452	104	4 313	34	1
Asia	14 053	925	12 980	139	9
Africa	469 941	18 311	448 572	2 783	275
SADC	459 534	17 506	439 343	2 459	226
Other' African	10 407	805	9 229	324	49
East and Central Africa	6 155	434	5 541	153	27
West Africa	3 278	288	2 842	127	21
North Africa	974	83	846	44	1
Unspecified	1 132	62	1 068	-	2

2.3.4 Mode of travel of tourists

Tourists are categorised by their countries of residence and regions. Information on the specific region and country of residence of tourists and the mode of travel used to enter South Africa is provided in Annexure B on pages 18 to 21. As shown in Figure 6 below, 173 928 (92,7%) overseas tourists arrived in the country by air, whilst 11 945 (6,4%) came in by road and 1 758 (0,9%) arrived by sea. Tourists from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries, on the other hand, came predominantly by road, 421 875 (91,8%), whilst 37 290 (8,1%) came by air and 369 (0,1%) arrived by sea. The number of tourists who came into South Africa by air from 'other' African countries was 9 461 (90,9%); while 937 (9,0%) used road transport and 9 (0,1%) used sea.

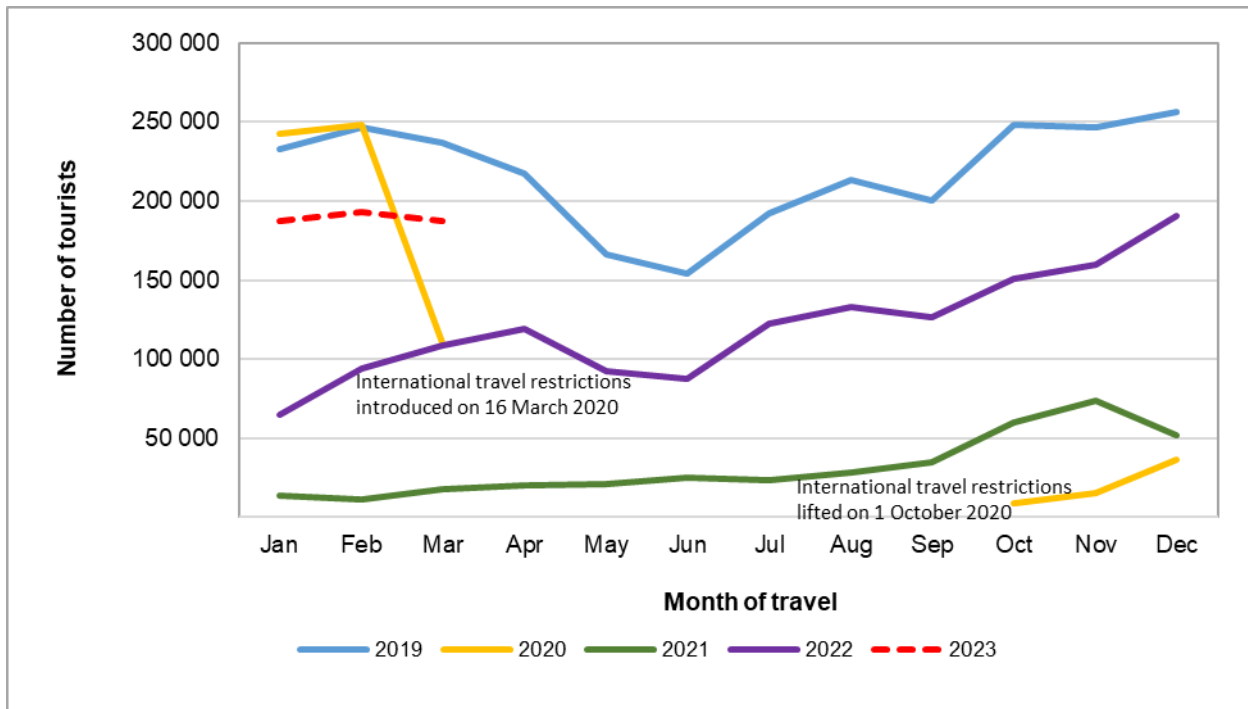
Figure 6 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and mode of travel, March 2023



2.3.5 Quarterly and annual trends

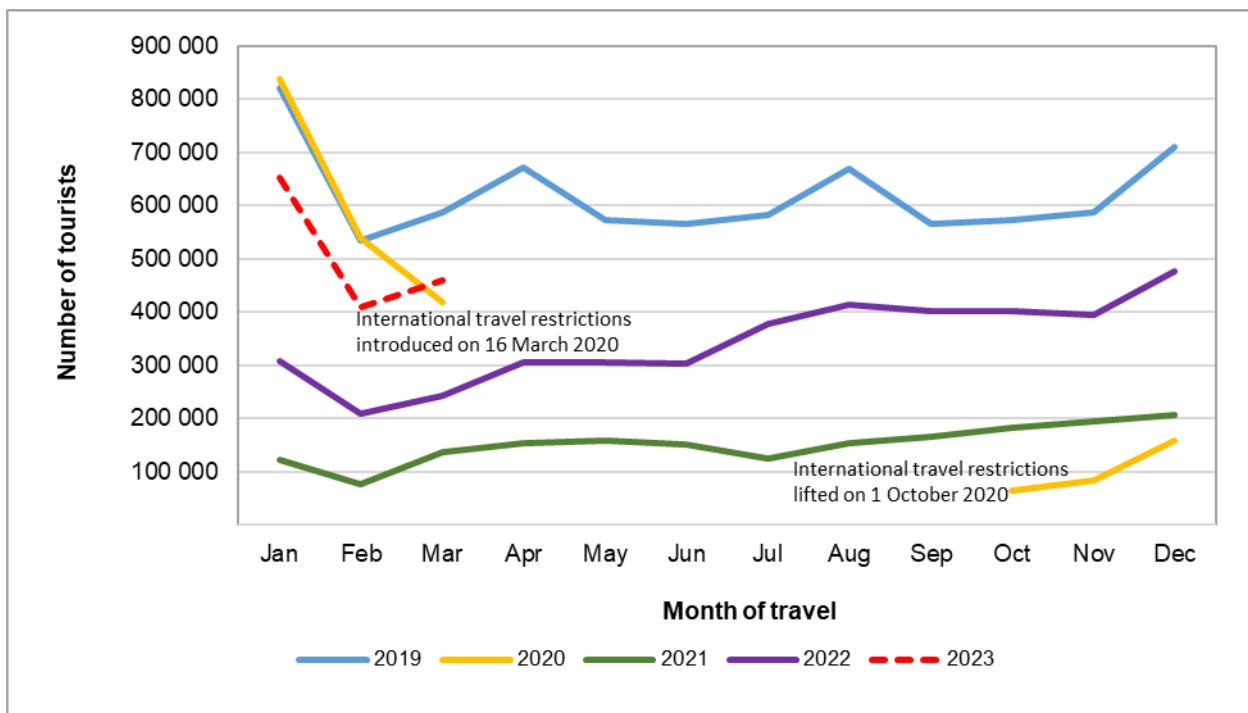
Figures 7, 8, and 9 on pages 12 and 13 show monthly and yearly changes in number of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries, respectively. A different pattern was observed in quarter two, three and four of 2020 and this came as a result of international travel restrictions that were introduced due to the Covid-19 pandemic. For overseas countries (Figure 7 on page 12), the number of tourists who come to South Africa is generally highest in quarter one (January to March) and quarter four (October to December) of each year. Quarter two (April to June) is characterised by a large decrease in the number of tourists, reaching its lowest in June, followed by a gradual increase into quarter three. Though there was sharp increase in quarter one of 2022, the numbers were still very low compared with quarter one of the pre-pandemic years. Quarter one of 2023 is showing that recovery from the pandemic has begun. Between quarter four of 2022 and quarter one of 2023 (Annexure E, pages 30 to 31) the number of tourists from overseas increased by 13,2% (from 501 627 in quarter four of 2022 to 567 655 in quarter one of 2023). A year-on-year comparison between 2022 and 2023 for quarter one (Annexure F, pages 34 to 35) shows that the number of overseas tourists increased by 112,1% (from 267 587 in quarter one of 2022 to 567 655 in quarter one of 2023).

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



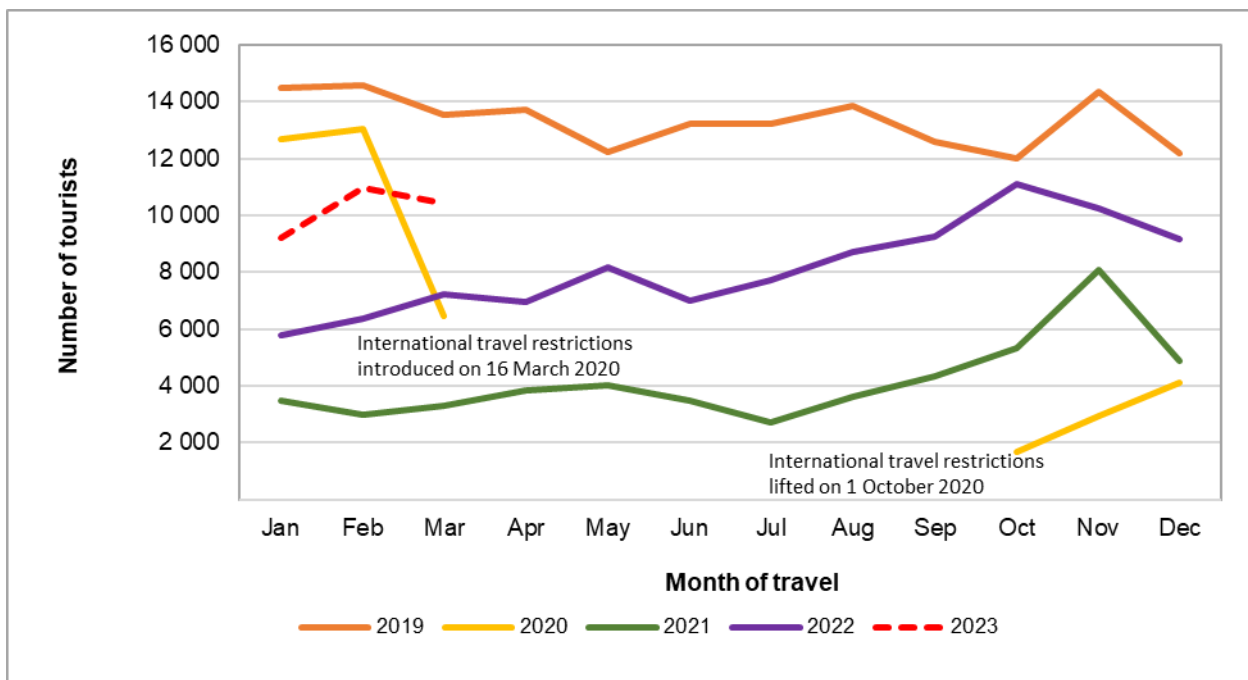
For the SADC countries (see Figure 8 below), the month of January of each year (with an exception of year 2021 and 2022) has the highest number of tourists. Furthermore, there is a distinct peak in December due to Christmas holiday break and a smaller peak in March/April, depending on the month where Easter holiday falls. These periods are characterised by high volumes of travellers between South Africa and neighbouring SADC countries. Although the number of tourists is gradually increasing, the 2022 trend is still far below the trends in pre-covid years. Between quarter four of 2022 and quarter one of 2023, the number of tourists increased by 19,4% (from 1 273 947 in the fourth quarter of 2022 to 1 520 557 in the first quarter of 2023) (see Annexure E on pages 31 to 32). Comparisons between the first quarter of 2022 and 2023 show that the number of SADC tourists increased by 100,4% (from 758 926 in quarter one of 2022 to 1 520 557 in quarter one of 2023) (see Annexure F on pages 35 to 36).

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



In the case of the 'other' African countries (see Figure 9 below), the number of tourists arrivals are indicating that a recovery from covid-19 impact has begun, as shown by improvements since quarter one of 2021 to quarter one of 2023. Between quarter four of 2022 and quarter one of 2023 (see Annexure E on pages 32 to 33), the number of tourists from 'other' African countries increased by 0,1% (from 30 536 in quarter four of 2022 to 30 566 in quarter one of 2023). East and Central Africa increased by 12,9% (from 15 704 in quarter four of 2022 to 17 728 in quarter one of 2023). West Africa decreased by 16,4% (from 11 491 in quarter four of 2022 to 9 609 in quarter one of 2023) and North Africa decreased by 3,4% (from 3 341 in quarter four of 2022 to 3 229 in quarter one of 2023). A year-on-year comparison for quarter one (see Annexure F on pages 36 to 37) shows that the number of tourists from 'other' African countries increased by 57,7% (from 19 387 in quarter one of 2022 to 30 566 in quarter one of 2023). East and Central Africa had the largest increase of 101,2% (from 8 812 in quarter one of 2022 to 17 728 in quarter one of 2023), followed by North Africa which increased by 62,9% (from 1 982 in quarter one of 2022 to 3 229 in quarter one of 2023) and West Africa which increased by 11,8% (from 8 593 in quarter one of 2022 to 9 609 in quarter one 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 March 2022 and March 2023 by country of residence

Country of residence	March 2022	March 2023	Difference between March 2022 and March 2023	% change between March 2022 and March 2023
Total	359 734	658 704	298 970	83,1%
Overseas	108 974	187 631	78 657	72,2%
Europe	73 847	120 004	46 157	62,5%
Austria	1 165	2 093	928	79,7%
Belgium	2 127	3 485	1 358	63,8%
Denmark	1 360	2 002	642	47,2%
France	5 679	10 862	5 183	91,3%
Germany	16 362	28 382	12 020	73,5%
Ireland	1 870	2 877	1 007	53,9%
Italy	1 689	2 900	1 211	71,7%
Portugal	1 292	1 766	474	36,7%
Russian Federation	1 038	2 780	1 742	167,8%
Spain	1 329	2 126	797	60,0%
Sweden	1 401	2 279	878	62,7%
Switzerland	2 455	3 632	1 177	47,9%
The Netherlands	5 272	9 247	3 975	75,4%
UK	25 785	36 811	11 026	42,8%
Other	5 023	8 762	3 739	74,4%
North America	19 733	35 804	16 071	81,4%
Canada	2 641	5 608	2 967	112,3%
USA	17 092	30 196	13 104	76,7%
Central and South America	2 044	3 357	1 313	64,2%
Argentina	191	273	82	42,9%
Brazil	939	1 581	642	68,4%
Mexico	201	392	191	95,0%
Other	713	1 111	398	55,8%

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

Country of residence	March 2022	March 2023	Difference between March 2022 and March 2023	% change between March 2022 and March 2023
Australasia	3 485	9 961	6 476	185,8%
Australia	3 020	8 150	5 130	169,9%
New Zealand	454	1 798	1 344	296,0%
Other	11	13	2	18,2%
Middle East	2 563	4 452	1 889	73,7%
Iran	349	720	371	106,3%
Israel	1 266	2 322	1 056	83,4%
Saudi Arabia	376	637	261	69,4%
Other	572	773	201	35,1%
Asia	7 302	14 053	6 751	92,5%
Bangladesh	615	719	104	16,9%
China	793	2 740	1 947	245,5%
India	3 108	5 302	2 194	70,6%
Japan	268	846	578	215,7%
Malaysia	157	301	144	91,7%
Pakistan	1 055	1 077	22	2,1%
Philippines	349	400	51	14,6%
Singapore	70	517	447	638,6%
South Korea	349	692	343	98,3%
Thailand	202	356	154	76,2%
Other	336	1 103	767	228,3%
Africa	250 113	469 941	219 828	87,9%
SADC	242 869	459 534	216 665	89,2%
Angola	2 615	3 898	1 283	49,1%
Botswana	15 005	26 493	11 488	76,6%
DRC	1 374	1 488	114	8,3%
Eswatini	24 410	58 850	34 440	141,1%

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

Country of residence	March 2022	March 2023	Difference between March 2022 and March 2023	% change between March 2022 and March 2023
Lesotho	46 233	86 691	40 458	87,5%
Madagascar	59	300	241	408,5%
Malawi	7 115	9 297	2 182	30,7%
Mauritius	778	1 368	590	75,8%
Mozambique	62 983	98 025	35 042	55,6%
Namibia	11 279	13 848	2 569	22,8%
Seychelles	259	390	131	50,6%
Tanzania	2 087	2 827	740	35,5%
Zambia	8 820	10 699	1 879	21,3%
Zimbabwe	59 852	145 360	85 508	142,9%
'Other' African	7 244	10 407	3 163	43,7%
East and Central Africa	3 271	6 155	2 884	88,2%
Burundi	40	67	27	67,5%
Cameroon	239	433	194	81,2%
Central African Republic	5	18	13	260,0%
Chad	35	40	5	14,3%
Comoros	27	29	2	7,4%
Congo	100	135	35	35,0%
Djibouti	1	10	9	900,0%
Equatorial Guinea	21	11	-10	-47,6%
Eritrea	26	22	-4	-15,4%
Ethiopia	389	505	116	29,8%
Gabon	171	274	103	60,2%
Kenya	1 468	3 377	1 909	130,0%
Réunion	-	2	-	-
Rwanda	37	86	49	132,4%
São Tomé and Príncipe	2	5	3	150,0%
Somalia	87	61	-26	-29,9%
Uganda	623	1 080	457	73,4%

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

Country of residence	March 2022	March 2023	Difference between March 2022 and March 2023	% change between March 2022 and March 2023
West Africa	3 055	3 278	223	7,3%
Benin	104	133	29	27,9%
Burkina Faso	37	80	43	116,2%
Cape Verde Island	12	32	20	166,7%
Côte d'Ivoire	117	223	106	90,6%
Gambia	21	47	26	123,8%
Ghana	974	769	-205	-21,0%
Guinea	41	106	65	158,5%
Guinea-Bissau	4	10	6	150,0%
Liberia	29	89	60	206,9%
Mali	42	69	27	64,3%
Mauritania	35	21	-14	-40,0%
Niger	12	44	32	266,7%
Nigeria	1 456	1 385	-71	-4,9%
Saint Helena	8	4	-4	-50,0%
Senegal	112	153	41	36,6%
Sierra Leone	30	50	20	66,7%
Togo	21	63	42	200,0%
North Africa	918	974	56	6,1%
Algeria	65	127	62	95,4%
Egypt	428	455	27	6,3%
Libya	114	40	-74	-64,9%
Morocco	116	121	5	4,3%
South Sudan	33	40	7	21,2%
The Sudan	81	109	28	34,6%
Tunisia	81	82	1	1,2%
Unspecified	647	1 132	485	75,0%

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

Country of residence	March 2023	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Total	658 704	89 867	2 975	128 307	360	221 509	435 059	2 136
Overseas	187 631	81 607	2 699	89 335	287	173 928	11 945	1 758
Europe	120 004	57 979	1 679	51 172	126	110 956	7 632	1 416
Austria	2 093	1 232	30	709	3	1 974	91	28
Belgium	3 485	1 524	35	1 581	43	3 183	290	12
Denmark	2 002	614	88	1 215	-	1 917	85	-
France	10 862	3 359	43	6 153	2	9 557	1 270	35
Germany	28 382	16 059	265	9 031	2	25 357	1 976	1 049
Ireland	2 877	1 502	134	1 171	1	2 808	67	2
Italy	2 900	1 288	62	1 302	2	2 654	225	21
Portugal	1 766	536	14	756	4	1 310	449	7
Russian Federation	2 780	1 311	22	1 300	6	2 639	121	20
Spain	2 126	920	54	989	2	1 965	143	18
Sweden	2 279	1 078	20	1 058	1	2 157	114	8
Switzerland	3 632	2 058	36	1 242	3	3 339	271	22
The Netherlands	9 247	4 659	58	3 458	11	8 186	1 037	24
UK	36 811	17 527	682	17 445	41	35 695	1 000	116
Other	8 762	4 312	136	3 762	5	8 215	493	54
North America	35 804	14 901	223	18 512	103	33 739	1 884	181
Canada	5 608	2 292	48	2 789	12	5 141	431	36
USA	30 196	12 609	175	15 723	91	28 598	1 453	145
Central and South America	3 357	1 500	25	1 502	1	3 028	286	43
Argentina	273	120	4	132	-	256	15	2
Brazil	1 581	778	15	581	1	1 375	174	32
Mexico	392	128	3	251	-	382	9	1
Other	1 111	474	3	538	-	1 015	88	8

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

Country of residence	March 2023	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Australasia	9 961	2 302	290	7 070	41	9 703	199	59
Australia	8 150	1 748	196	5 954	40	7 938	158	54
New Zealand	1 798	552	93	1 106	1	1 752	41	5
Other	13	2	1	10	-	13	-	-
Middle East	4 452	1 706	32	2 597	3	4 338	113	1
Iran	720	243	2	471	-	716	4	-
Israel	2 322	610	15	1 638	2	2 265	57	-
Saudi Arabia	637	525	3	106	-	634	2	1
Other	773	328	12	382	1	723	50	-
Asia	14 053	3 219	450	8 482	13	12 164	1 831	58
Bangladesh	719	146	69	384	-	599	119	1
China	2 740	464	60	1 953	2	2 479	257	4
India	5 302	1 033	177	3 359	6	4 575	699	28
Japan	846	213	35	545	1	794	50	2
Malaysia	301	113	4	162	-	279	19	3
Pakistan	1 077	137	47	561	-	745	330	2
Philippines	400	136	7	206	1	350	39	11
Singapore	517	212	4	274	1	491	25	1
South Korea	692	253	21	357	1	632	60	-
Thailand	356	167	10	155	-	332	23	1
Other	1 103	345	16	526	1	888	210	5
Africa	469 941	8167	275	38 238	71	46 751	422 812	378
SADC	459 534	5984	249	31 003	54	37 290	421 875	369
Angola	3 898	1 603	-	1 829	6	3 438	453	7
Botswana	26 493	365	-	2 196	6	2 567	23 887	39
DRC	1 488	62	-	1 244	5	1 311	177	-
Eswatini	58 850	2	1	555	-	558	58 278	14

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

Country of residence	March 2023	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Lesotho	86 691	2	5	466	1	474	86 119	98
Madagascar	300	18	-	264	-	282	18	-
Malawi	9 297	19	1	1 788	-	1 808	7 486	3
Mauritius	1 368	231	3	1 026	-	1 260	107	1
Mozambique	98 025	183	10	2 711	1	2 905	95 080	40
Namibia	13 848	1 684	1	2 643	11	4 339	9 411	98
Seychelles	390	3	-	356	-	359	31	-
Tanzania	2 827	224	-	1 443	3	1 670	1 151	6
Zambia	10 699	35	2	3 147	10	3 194	7 502	3
Zimbabwe	145 360	1 553	226	11 335	11	13 125	132 175	60
'Other' African	10 407	2 183	26	7 235	17	9 461	937	9
East and Central Africa	6 155	1 504	7	4 071	9	5 591	563	1
Burundi	67	20	-	42	-	62	5	-
Cameroon	433	57	-	357	-	414	19	-
Central African Republic	18	2	-	16	-	18	-	-
Chad	40	5	-	35	-	40	-	-
Comoros	29	5	-	24	-	29	-	-
Congo	135	26	-	105	-	131	4	-
Djibouti	10	5	-	5	-	10	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	11	1	-	10	-	11	-	-
Eritrea	22	3	-	16	-	19	3	-
Ethiopia	505	72	1	362	-	435	70	-
Gabon	274	44	-	226	-	270	4	-
Kenya	3 377	1 034	6	1 999	5	3 044	332	1
Réunion	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
Rwanda	86	13	-	62	-	75	11	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	5	-	-	5	-	5	-	-
Somalia	61	15	-	23	-	38	23	-
Uganda	1 080	200	-	784	4	988	92	-

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

Country of residence	March 2023	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
West Africa	3 278	454	7	2 462	8	2 931	339	8
Benin	133	24	-	104	-	128	5	-
Burkina Faso	80	17	-	61	2	80	-	-
Cape Verde Island	32	5	-	19	1	25	7	-
Côte d'Ivoire	223	43	-	176	-	219	4	-
Gambia	47	6	-	38	-	44	3	-
Ghana	769	74	4	650	-	728	37	4
Guinea	106	4	-	54	-	58	48	-
Guinea-Bissau	10	-	-	8	-	8	2	-
Liberia	89	4	1	79	3	87	2	-
Mali	69	14	-	34	-	48	21	-
Mauritania	21	8	-	12	-	20	1	-
Niger	44	17	-	27	-	44	-	-
Nigeria	1 385	181	1	1 003	1	1 186	195	4
Saint Helena	4	-	-	4	-	4	-	-
Senegal	153	38	1	108	1	148	5	-
Sierra Leone	50	7	-	34	-	41	9	-
Togo	63	12	-	51	-	63	-	-
North Africa	974	225	12	702	-	939	35	-
Algeria	127	15	3	99	-	117	10	-
Egypt	455	90	3	347	-	440	15	-
Libya	40	10	-	26	-	36	4	-
Morocco	121	41	1	77	-	119	2	-
South Sudan	40	12	-	28	-	40	-	-
The Sudan	109	38	4	65	-	107	2	-
Tunisia	82	19	1	60	-	80	2	-
Unspecified	1 132	93	1	734	2	830	302	-

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

Country of residence	March 2023	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Total	658 704	22 732	632 385	3 259	328
Overseas	187 631	4 359	182 745	476	51
Europe	120 004	2 575	117 178	217	34
Austria	2 093	32	2 057	4	-
Belgium	3 485	53	3 424	8	-
Denmark	2 002	41	1 953	7	1
France	10 862	219	10 610	32	1
Germany	28 382	361	27 967	52	2
Ireland	2 877	74	2 802	1	-
Italy	2 900	115	2 771	13	1
Portugal	1 766	46	1 716	4	-
Russian Federation	2 780	35	2 744	1	-
Spain	2 126	86	2 036	2	2
Sweden	2 279	83	2 192	4	-
Switzerland	3 632	65	3 550	17	-
The Netherlands	9 247	162	9 059	15	11
UK	36 811	934	35 838	24	15
Other	8 762	269	8 459	33	1
North America	35 804	521	35 217	62	4
Canada	5 608	78	5 523	5	2
USA	30 196	443	29 694	57	2
Central and South America	3 357	132	3 203	21	1
Argentina	273	13	258	2	-
Brazil	1 581	62	1 513	6	-
Mexico	392	11	379	1	1
Other	1 111	46	1 053	12	-

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

Country of residence	March 2023	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Australasia	9 961	102	9 854	3	2
Australia	8 150	87	8 059	2	2
New Zealand	1 798	15	1 782	1	-
Other	13	-	13	-	-
Middle East	4 452	104	4 313	34	1
Iran	720	7	708	5	-
Israel	2 322	19	2 302	1	-
Saudi Arabia	637	23	606	8	-
Other	773	55	697	20	1
Asia	14 053	925	12 980	139	9
Bangladesh	719	19	697	3	-
China	2 740	308	2 409	21	2
India	5 302	378	4 868	51	5
Japan	846	51	782	13	-
Malaysia	301	8	289	4	-
Pakistan	1 077	32	1 030	15	-
Philippines	400	15	384	1	-
Singapore	517	17	498	2	-
South Korea	692	31	657	4	-
Thailand	356	8	345	3	-
Other	1 103	58	1 021	22	2
Africa	469 941	18 311	448 572	2 783	275
SADC	459 534	17 506	439 343	2 459	226
Angola	3 898	58	3 718	89	33
Botswana	26 493	742	25 551	160	40
DRC	1 488	50	1 311	81	46
Eswatini	58 850	2 433	56 257	142	18

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

Country of residence	March 2023	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Lesotho	86 691	627	84 749	1 309	6
Madagascar	300	11	283	6	-
Malawi	9 297	310	8 941	35	11
Mauritius	1 368	33	1 326	7	2
Mozambique	98 025	3 387	94 590	41	7
Namibia	13 848	3 360	10 334	139	15
Seychelles	390	6	381	2	1
Tanzania	2 827	102	2 686	32	7
Zambia	10 699	3 294	7 345	52	8
Zimbabwe	145 360	3 093	141 871	364	32
'Other' African	10 407	805	9 229	324	49
East and Central Africa	6 155	434	5 541	153	27
Burundi	67	7	54	5	1
Cameroon	433	35	366	21	11
Central African Republic	18	2	16	-	-
Chad	40	2	35	3	-
Comoros	29	4	21	3	1
Congo	135	4	119	10	2
Djibouti	10	1	9	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	11	-	7	4	-
Eritrea	22	-	22	-	-
Ethiopia	505	53	436	13	3
Gabon	274	8	246	19	1
Kenya	3 377	194	3 137	42	4
Réunion	2	-	2	-	-
Rwanda	86	5	80	1	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	5	-	5	-	-
Somalia	61	14	46	1	-
Uganda	1 080	105	940	31	4

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

Country of residence	March 2023	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
West Africa	3 278	288	2 842	127	21
Benin	133	8	120	5	-
Burkina Faso	80	14	63	-	3
Cape Verde Island	32	-	31	-	1
Côte d'Ivoire	223	27	192	4	-
Gambia	47	6	41	-	-
Ghana	769	80	674	12	3
Guinea	106	4	92	9	1
Guinea-Bissau	10	-	10	-	-
Liberia	89	2	83	1	3
Mali	69	9	59	1	-
Mauritania	21	6	13	2	-
Niger	44	10	33	-	1
Nigeria	1 385	83	1 205	90	7
Saint Helena	4	-	4	-	-
Senegal	153	26	125	2	-
Sierra Leone	50	6	42	-	2
Togo	63	7	55	1	-
North Africa	974	83	846	44	1
Algeria	127	18	107	2	-
Egypt	455	34	407	13	1
Libya	40	2	30	8	-
Morocco	121	14	103	4	-
South Sudan	40	4	34	2	-
The Sudan	109	6	88	15	-
Tunisia	82	5	77	-	-
Unspecified	1 132	62	1 068	-	2

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

Country of residence	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	Difference between Jan – Mar 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023	% change between Jan – Mar 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023
Total	1 047 558	2 121 811	1 074 253	102,5%
Overseas	267 587	567 655	300 068	112,1%
Europe	192 949	387 296	194 347	100,7%
Austria	3 362	7 482	4 120	122,5%
Belgium	5 898	11 747	5 849	99,2%
Denmark	3 485	6 971	3 486	100,0%
France	13 492	31 423	17 931	132,9%
Germany	42 528	90 081	47 553	111,8%
Ireland	4 448	8 080	3 632	81,7%
Italy	3 688	9 846	6 158	167,0%
Portugal	3 197	5 336	2 139	66,9%
Russian Federation	3 266	8 513	5 247	160,7%
Spain	2 792	5 700	2 908	104,2%
Sweden	3 861	9 399	5 538	143,4%
Switzerland	7 732	12 907	5 175	66,9%
The Netherlands	17 363	34 169	16 806	96,8%
UK	65 958	119 118	53 160	80,6%
Other	11 879	26 524	14 645	123,3%
North America	40 256	94 795	54 539	135,5%
Canada	5 375	15 746	10 371	192,9%
USA	34 881	79 049	44 168	126,6%
Central and South America	4 344	10 195	5 851	134,7%
Argentina	401	1 198	797	198,8%
Brazil	2 212	4 943	2 731	123,5%
Mexico	369	961	592	160,4%
Other	1 362	3 093	1 731	127,1%

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

Country of residence	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	Difference between Jan – Mar 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023	% change between Jan – Mar 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023
Australasia	7 152	24 623	17 471	244,3%
Australia	6 293	20 382	14 089	223,9%
New Zealand	844	4 207	3 363	398,5%
Other	15	34	19	126,7%
Middle East	4 976	11 075	6 099	122,6%
Iran	456	998	542	118,9%
Israel	2 620	6 054	3 434	131,1%
Saudi Arabia	742	1 812	1 070	144,2%
Other	1 158	2 211	1 053	90,9%
Asia	17 910	39 671	21 761	121,5%
Bangladesh	1 727	2 040	313	18,1%
China	1 835	6 021	4 186	228,1%
India	7 761	16 355	8 594	110,7%
Japan	542	2 299	1 757	324,2%
Malaysia	296	849	553	186,8%
Pakistan	2 655	3 108	453	17,1%
Philippines	706	1 188	482	68,3%
Singapore	135	1 080	945	700,0%
South Korea	804	2 620	1 816	225,9%
Taiwan	232	893	661	284,9%
Other	1 217	3 218	2 001	164,4%
Africa	778 313	1 551 123	772 810	99,3%
SADC	758 926	1 520 557	761 631	100,4%
Angola	5 690	10 653	4 963	87,2%
Botswana	38 660	73 457	34 797	90,0%
DRC	3 740	4 534	794	21,2%
Eswatini	67 495	153 902	86 407	128,0%

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

Country of residence	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	Difference between Jan – Mar 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023	% change between Jan – Mar 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023
Lesotho	172 960	319 009	146 049	84,4%
Madagascar	108	721	613	567,6%
Malawi	21 704	29 921	8 217	37,9%
Mauritius	1 768	3 670	1 902	107,6%
Mozambique	219 887	344 596	124 709	56,7%
Namibia	28 498	36 192	7 694	27,0%
Seychelles	415	1 352	937	225,8%
Tanzania	5 197	7 834	2 637	50,7%
Zambia	23 773	30 696	6 923	29,1%
Zimbabwe	169 031	504 020	334 989	198,2%
'Other' African	19 387	30 566	11 179	57,7%
East and Central Africa	8 812	17 728	8 916	101,2%
Burundi	121	226	105	86,8%
Cameroon	744	1 067	323	43,4%
Central African Republic	13	52	39	300,0%
Chad	75	94	19	25,3%
Comoros	42	72	30	71,4%
Congo	298	345	47	15,8%
Djibouti	13	24	11	84,6%
Equatorial Guinea	36	50	14	38,9%
Eritrea	91	98	7	7,7%
Ethiopia	1 047	1 426	379	36,2%
Gabon	454	867	413	91,0%
Kenya	3 848	9 628	5 780	150,2%
Réunion	-	8	8	-
Rwanda	119	251	132	110,9%
São Tomé and Príncipe	6	22	16	266,7%
Somalia	157	159	2	1,3%
Uganda	1 748	3 339	1 591	91,0%

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

Country of residence	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	Difference between Jan – Mar 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023	% change between Jan – Mar 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023
West Africa	8 593	9 609	1 016	11,8%
Benin	233	375	142	60,9%
Burkina Faso	68	213	145	213,2%
Cape Verde Island	32	101	69	215,6%
Côte d'Ivoire	244	566	322	132,0%
Gambia	44	99	55	125,0%
Ghana	2 667	2 262	-405	-15,2%
Guinea	162	358	196	121,0%
Guinea-Bissau	7	29	22	314,3%
Liberia	66	152	86	130,3%
Mali	108	316	208	192,6%
Mauritania	38	58	20	52,6%
Niger	26	95	69	265,4%
Nigeria	4 572	4 350	-222	-4,9%
Saint Helena	10	8	-2	-20,0%
Senegal	209	391	182	87,1%
Sierra Leone	72	128	56	77,8%
Togo	35	108	73	208,6%
North Africa	1 982	3 229	1 247	62,9%
Algeria	216	278	62	28,7%
Egypt	942	1 460	518	55,0%
Libya	161	175	14	8,7%
Morocco	185	349	164	88,6%
South Sudan	92	186	94	102,2%
The Sudan	202	471	269	133,2%
Tunisia	184	308	124	67,4%
Western Sahara	-	2	2	-
Unspecified	1 658	3 033	1 375	82,9%

3.5 Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2022 – Quarter 1, 2023 changes by country of residence and month of travel

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2022 – Quarter 1, 2023								% change Qtr 4, 2022 – Qtr 1, 2023
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2022	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2023	
Total	565 862	565 758	677 838	1 809 458	849 675	613 432	658 704	2 121 811	17,3%
Overseas	151 189	159 771	190 667	501 627	187 189	192 835	187 631	567 655	13,2%
Europe	99 207	107 479	122 481	329 167	128 898	138 394	120 004	387 296	17,7%
Austria	1 646	2 179	1 984	5 809	2 572	2 817	2 093	7 482	28,8%
Belgium	4 454	3 393	4 292	12 139	3 418	4 844	3 485	11 747	-3,2%
Denmark	1 907	1 623	1 520	5 050	2 242	2 727	2 002	6 971	38,0%
France	9 435	8 234	8 529	26 198	9 016	11 545	10 862	31 423	19,9%
Germany	22 752	25 954	24 454	73 160	29 363	32 336	28 382	90 081	23,1%
Ireland	1 791	2 178	3 233	7 202	2 667	2 536	2 877	8 080	12,2%
Italy	2 923	2 996	3 962	9 881	3 677	3 269	2 900	9 846	-0,4%
Portugal	1 321	1 745	1 788	4 854	1 771	1 799	1 766	5 336	9,9%
Russian Federation	2 117	2 607	2 574	7 298	2 947	2 786	2 780	8 513	16,6%
Spain	1 898	2 334	2 147	6 379	1 804	1 770	2 126	5 700	-10,6%
Sweden	2 116	2 566	3 766	8 448	3 445	3 675	2 279	9 399	11,3%
Switzerland	4 514	4 613	4 276	13 403	4 386	4 889	3 632	12 907	-3,7%
The Netherlands	9 801	10 374	10 800	30 975	12 930	11 992	9 247	34 169	10,3%
UK	26 928	28 730	41 424	97 082	40 044	42 263	36 811	119 118	22,7%
Other	5 604	7 953	7 732	21 289	8 616	9 146	8 762	26 524	24,6%
North America	26 922	26 690	37 517	91 129	31 421	27 570	35 804	94 795	4,0%
Canada	3 832	4 023	5 421	13 276	5 243	4 895	5 608	15 746	18,6%
USA	23 090	22 667	32 096	77 853	26 178	22 675	30 196	79 049	1,5%
Central and South America	2 957	2 830	3 237	9 024	3 689	3 149	3 357	10 195	13,0%
Argentina	191	233	234	658	536	389	273	1 198	82,1%
Brazil	1 484	1 452	1 709	4 645	1 847	1 515	1 581	4 943	6,4%
Mexico	432	306	438	1 176	310	259	392	961	-18,3%
Other	850	839	856	2 545	996	986	1 111	3 093	21,5%

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2022 – Quarter 1, 2023 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2022 – Quarter 1, 2023								% change Qtr 4, 2022 – Qtr 1, 2023
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2022	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2023	
Australasia	6 456	7 284	12 355	26 095	7 452	7 210	9 961	24 623	-5,6%
Australia	5 202	6 042	9 793	21 037	6 145	6 087	8 150	20 382	-3,1%
New Zealand	1 240	1 228	2 511	4 979	1 301	1 108	1 798	4 207	-15,5%
Other	14	14	51	79	6	15	13	34	-57,0%
Middle East	3 123	3 417	2 958	9 498	3 262	3 361	4 452	11 075	16,6%
Iran	86	214	183	483	105	173	720	998	106,6%
Israel	1 734	1 392	1 687	4 813	1 862	1 870	2 322	6 054	25,8%
Saudi Arabia	661	1 031	455	2 147	652	523	637	1 812	-15,6%
Other	642	780	633	2 055	643	795	773	2 211	7,6%
Asia	12 524	12 071	12 119	36 714	12 467	13 151	14 053	39 671	8,1%
Bangladesh	733	612	539	1 884	703	618	719	2 040	8,3%
China	1 316	1 510	1 206	4 032	1 174	2 107	2 740	6 021	49,3%
India	6 120	5 370	5 597	17 087	5 565	5 488	5 302	16 355	-4,3%
Japan	532	617	827	1 976	653	800	846	2 299	16,3%
Malaysia	297	323	305	925	259	289	301	849	-8,2%
Pakistan	1 050	1 153	923	3 126	1 024	1 007	1 077	3 108	-0,6%
Philippines	452	361	480	1 293	418	370	400	1 188	-8,1%
Singapore	335	467	450	1 252	275	288	517	1 080	-13,7%
South Korea	427	573	726	1 726	987	941	692	2 620	51,8%
Taiwan	159	152	134	445	363	279	251	893	100,7%
Other	1 103	933	932	2 968	1 046	964	1 208	3 218	8,4%
Africa	413 481	404 890	486 112	1 304 483	661 606	419 576	469 941	1 551 123	18,9%
SADC	402 365	394 650	476 932	1 273 947	652 392	408 631	459 534	1 520 557	19,4%
Angola	3 002	3 138	3 339	9 479	3 151	3 604	3 898	10 653	12,4%
Botswana	24 834	26 017	38 628	89 479	24 273	22 691	26 493	73 457	-17,9%
DRC	1 208	1 227	1 979	4 414	1 340	1 706	1 488	4 534	2,7%
Eswatini	44 130	29 911	34 079	108 120	48 766	46 286	58 850	153 902	42,3%

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2022 – Quarter 1, 2023 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2022 – Quarter 1, 2023								% change Qtr 4, 2022 – Qtr 1, 2023
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2022	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2023	
Lesotho	73 357	79 703	88 882	241 942	155 187	77 131	86 691	319 009	31,9%
Madagascar	267	212	147	626	197	224	300	721	15,2%
Malawi	13 920	12 504	10 885	37 309	11 671	8 953	9 297	29 921	-19,8%
Mauritius	1 071	1 534	1 341	3 946	1 108	1 194	1 368	3 670	-7,0%
Mozambique	84 072	92 796	99 084	275 952	153 476	93 095	98 025	344 596	24,9%
Namibia	12 013	11 177	18 435	41 625	11 482	10 862	13 848	36 192	-13,1%
Seychelles	339	510	396	1 245	361	601	390	1 352	8,6%
Tanzania	2 556	2 510	3 102	8 168	2 446	2 561	2 827	7 834	-4,1%
Zambia	10 714	10 657	12 097	33 468	10 300	9 697	10 699	30 696	-8,3%
Zimbabwe	130 882	122 754	164 538	418 174	228 634	130 026	145 360	504 020	20,5%
'Other' African	11 116	10 240	9 180	30 536	9 214	10 945	10 407	30 566	0,1%
East and Central Africa	5 625	5 012	5 067	15 704	5 469	6 104	6 155	17 728	12,9%
Burundi	89	126	112	327	84	75	67	226	-30,9%
Cameroon	389	340	451	1 180	297	337	433	1 067	-9,6%
Central African Republic	19	8	25	52	16	18	18	52	0,0%
Chad	38	37	15	90	24	30	40	94	4,4%
Comoros	21	35	13	69	24	19	29	72	4,3%
Congo	168	160	185	513	120	90	135	345	-32,7%
Djibouti	7	19	4	30	10	4	10	24	-20,0%
Equatorial Guinea	75	9	19	103	19	20	11	50	-51,5%
Eritrea	37	30	37	104	40	36	22	98	-5,8%
Ethiopia	542	453	434	1 429	417	504	505	1 426	-0,2%
Gabon	302	273	443	1 018	279	314	274	867	-14,8%
Kenya	2 733	2 290	2 042	7 065	2 943	3 308	3 377	9 628	36,3%
Réunion	-	-	-	-	6	-	2	8	-
Rwanda	87	81	60	228	88	77	86	251	10,1%
São Tomé and Príncipe	10	4	5	19	11	6	5	22	15,8%
Somalia	133	44	67	244	59	39	61	159	-34,8%
Uganda	975	1 103	1 155	3 233	1 032	1 227	1 080	3 339	3,3%

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2022 – Quarter 1, 2023 changes by country of residence and month of travel (concluded)

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2022 – Quarter 1, 2023								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2022	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2023	% change Qtr 4, 2022 – Qtr 1, 2023
West Africa	4 260	3 945	3 286	11 491	2 869	3 462	3 278	9 609	-16,4%
Benin	136	129	136	401	122	120	133	375	-6,5%
Burkina Faso	82	66	39	187	41	92	80	213	13,9%
Cape Verde Island	28	32	23	83	31	38	32	101	21,7%
Côte d'Ivoire	221	230	140	591	117	226	223	566	-4,2%
Gambia	62	50	30	142	30	22	47	99	-30,3%
Ghana	1 438	1 229	967	3 634	691	802	769	2 262	-37,8%
Guinea	133	184	125	442	114	138	106	358	-19,0%
Guinea-Bissau	6	4	3	13	10	9	10	29	123,1%
Liberia	102	42	71	215	24	39	89	152	-29,3%
Mali	86	106	63	255	45	202	69	316	23,9%
Mauritania	22	15	3	40	7	30	21	58	45,0%
Niger	43	35	18	96	17	34	44	95	-1,0%
Nigeria	1 585	1 559	1 501	4 645	1 473	1 492	1 385	4 350	-6,4%
Saint Helena	5	7	2	14	1	3	4	8	-42,9%
Senegal	190	169	90	449	89	149	153	391	-12,9%
Sierra Leone	54	50	43	147	35	43	50	128	-12,9%
Togo	67	38	32	137	22	23	63	108	-21,2%
North Africa	1 231	1 283	827	3 341	876	1 379	974	3 229	-3,4%
Algeria	138	126	40	304	61	90	127	278	-8,6%
Egypt	537	506	365	1 408	407	598	455	1 460	3,7%
Libya	52	91	38	181	53	82	40	175	-3,3%
Morocco	133	196	94	423	87	141	121	349	-17,5%
South Sudan	102	72	105	279	55	91	40	186	-33,3%
The Sudan	180	151	110	441	129	233	109	471	6,8%
Tunisia	88	140	74	302	84	142	82	308	2,0%
Western Sahara	1	1	1	3	-	2	-	2	-33,3%
Unspecified	1 192	1 097	1 059	3 348	880	1 021	1 132	3 033	-9,4%

3.6 Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 1, 2022 – Quarter 1, 2023 changes by country of residence and month of travel

Country of residence	Quarter 1, 2022 – Quarter 1, 2023								
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2022	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2023	% change 2022 – 2023
Total	377 651	310 173	359 734	1 047 558	849 675	613 432	658 704	2 121 811	102,5%
Overseas	64 714	93 899	108 974	267 587	187 189	192 835	187 631	567 655	112,1%
Europe	47 528	71 574	73 847	192 949	128 898	138 394	120 004	387 296	100,7%
Austria	799	1 398	1 165	3 362	2 572	2 817	2 093	7 482	122,5%
Belgium	1 393	2 378	2 127	5 898	3 418	4 844	3 485	11 747	99,2%
Denmark	774	1 351	1 360	3 485	2 242	2 727	2 002	6 971	100,0%
France	2 314	5 499	5 679	13 492	9 016	11 545	10 862	31 423	132,9%
Germany	10 136	16 030	16 362	42 528	29 363	32 336	28 382	90 081	111,8%
Ireland	1 080	1 498	1 870	4 448	2 667	2 536	2 877	8 080	81,7%
Italy	821	1 178	1 689	3 688	3 677	3 269	2 900	9 846	167,0%
Portugal	843	1 062	1 292	3 197	1 771	1 799	1 766	5 336	66,9%
Russian Federation	1 026	1 202	1 038	3 266	2 947	2 786	2 780	8 513	160,7%
Spain	615	848	1 329	2 792	1 804	1 770	2 126	5 700	104,2%
Sweden	968	1 492	1 401	3 861	3 445	3 675	2 279	9 399	143,4%
Switzerland	2 289	2 988	2 455	7 732	4 386	4 889	3 632	12 907	66,9%
The Netherlands	5 608	6 483	5 272	17 363	12 930	11 992	9 247	34 169	96,8%
UK	16 086	24 087	25 785	65 958	40 044	42 263	36 811	119 118	80,6%
Other	2 776	4 080	5 023	11 879	8 616	9 146	8 762	26 524	123,3%
North America	8 939	11 584	19 733	40 256	31 421	27 570	35 804	94 795	135,5%
Canada	1 078	1 656	2 641	5 375	5 243	4 895	5 608	15 746	192,9%
USA	7 861	9 928	17 092	34 881	26 178	22 675	30 196	79 049	126,6%
Central and South America	1 065	1 235	2 044	4 344	3 689	3 149	3 357	10 195	134,7%
Argentina	100	110	191	401	536	389	273	1 198	198,8%
Brazil	584	689	939	2 212	1 847	1 515	1 581	4 943	123,5%
Mexico	73	95	201	369	310	259	392	961	160,4%
Other	308	341	713	1 362	996	986	1 111	3 093	127,1%

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 1, 2022 – Quarter 1, 2023 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 1, 2022 – Quarter 1, 2023								
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2022	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2023	% change 2022 – 2023
Australasia	1 621	2 046	3 485	7 152	7 452	7 210	9 961	24 623	244,3%
Australia	1 459	1 814	3 020	6 293	6 145	6 087	8 150	20 382	223,9%
New Zealand	161	229	454	844	1 301	1 108	1 798	4 207	398,5%
Other	1	3	11	15	6	15	13	34	126,7%
Middle East	823	1 590	2 563	4 976	3 262	3 361	4 452	11 075	122,6%
Iran	54	53	349	456	105	173	720	998	118,9%
Israel	391	963	1 266	2 620	1 862	1 870	2 322	6 054	131,1%
Saudi Arabia	153	213	376	742	652	523	637	1 812	144,2%
Other	225	361	572	1 158	643	795	773	2 211	90,9%
Asia	4 738	5 870	7 302	17 910	12 467	13 151	14 053	39 671	121,5%
Bangladesh	612	500	615	1 727	703	618	719	2 040	18,1%
China	410	632	793	1 835	1 174	2 107	2 740	6 021	228,1%
India	1 863	2 790	3 108	7 761	5 565	5 488	5 302	16 355	110,7%
Japan	144	130	268	542	653	800	846	2 299	324,2%
Malaysia	51	88	157	296	259	289	301	849	186,8%
Pakistan	769	831	1 055	2 655	1 024	1 007	1 077	3 108	17,1%
Philippines	127	230	349	706	418	370	400	1 188	68,3%
Singapore	21	44	70	135	275	288	517	1 080	700,0%
South Korea	255	200	349	804	987	941	692	2 620	225,9%
Taiwan	71	76	85	232	363	279	251	893	284,9%
Other	415	349	453	1 217	1 046	964	1 208	3 218	164,4%
Africa	312 440	215 760	250 113	778 313	661 606	419 576	469 941	1 551 123	99,3%
SADC	306 645	209 412	242 869	758 926	652 392	408 631	459 534	1 520 557	100,4%
Angola	1 315	1 760	2 615	5 690	3 151	3 604	3 898	10 653	87,2%
Botswana	11 834	11 821	15 005	38 660	24 273	22 691	26 493	73 457	90,0%
DRC	1 188	1 178	1 374	3 740	1 340	1 706	1 488	4 534	21,2%
Eswatini	21 854	21 231	24 410	67 495	48 766	46 286	58 850	153 902	128,0%

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 1, 2022 – Quarter 1, 2023 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 1, 2022 – Quarter 1, 2023								% change 2022 – 2023
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2022	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2023	
Lesotho	84 960	41 767	46 233	172 960	155 187	77 131	86 691	319 009	84,4%
Madagascar	17	32	59	108	197	224	300	721	567,6%
Malawi	8 216	6 373	7 115	21 704	11 671	8 953	9 297	29 921	37,9%
Mauritius	335	655	778	1 768	1 108	1 194	1 368	3 670	107,6%
Mozambique	96 511	60 393	62 983	219 887	153 476	93 095	98 025	344 596	56,7%
Namibia	8 376	8 843	11 279	28 498	11 482	10 862	13 848	36 192	27,0%
Seychelles	36	120	259	415	361	601	390	1 352	225,8%
Tanzania	1 556	1 554	2 087	5 197	2 446	2 561	2 827	7 834	50,7%
Zambia	7 638	7 315	8 820	23 773	10 300	9 697	10 699	30 696	29,1%
Zimbabwe	62 809	46 370	59 852	169 031	228 634	130 026	145 360	504 020	198,2%
'Other' African	5 795	6 348	7 244	19 387	9 214	10 945	10 407	30 566	57,7%
East and Central Africa	2 601	2 940	3 271	8 812	5 469	6 104	6 155	17 728	101,2%
Burundi	45	36	40	121	84	75	67	226	86,8%
Cameroon	226	279	239	744	297	337	433	1 067	43,4%
Central African Republic	3	5	5	13	16	18	18	52	300,0%
Chad	21	19	35	75	24	30	40	94	25,3%
Comoros	9	6	27	42	24	19	29	72	71,4%
Congo	102	96	100	298	120	90	135	345	15,8%
Djibouti	3	9	1	13	10	4	10	24	84,6%
Equatorial Guinea	8	7	21	36	19	20	11	50	38,9%
Eritrea	14	51	26	91	40	36	22	98	7,7%
Ethiopia	335	323	389	1 047	417	504	505	1 426	36,2%
Gabon	102	181	171	454	279	314	274	867	91,0%
Kenya	1 031	1 349	1 468	3 848	2 943	3 308	3 377	9 628	150,2%
Réunion	-	-	-	-	6	-	2	8	-
Rwanda	41	41	37	119	88	77	86	251	110,9%
São Tomé and Príncipe	2	2	2	6	11	6	5	22	266,7%
Somalia	38	32	87	157	59	39	61	159	1,3%
Uganda	621	504	623	1 748	1 032	1 227	1 080	3 339	91,0%

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 1, 2022 – Quarter 1, 2023 changes by country of residence and month of travel (concluded)

Country of residence	Quarter 1, 2022 – Quarter 1, 2023								
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2022	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2023	% change 2022 – 2023
West Africa	2 772	2 766	3 055	8 593	2 869	3 462	3 278	9 609	11,8%
Benin	55	74	104	233	122	120	133	375	60,9%
Burkina Faso	16	15	37	68	41	92	80	213	213,2%
Cape Verde Island	4	16	12	32	31	38	32	101	215,6%
Côte d'Ivoire	51	76	117	244	117	226	223	566	132,0%
Gambia	10	13	21	44	30	22	47	99	125,0%
Ghana	886	807	974	2 667	691	802	769	2 262	-15,2%
Guinea	49	72	41	162	114	138	106	358	121,0%
Guinea-Bissau	2	1	4	7	10	9	10	29	314,3%
Liberia	24	13	29	66	24	39	89	152	130,3%
Mali	32	34	42	108	45	202	69	316	192,6%
Mauritania	1	2	35	38	7	30	21	58	52,6%
Niger	10	4	12	26	17	34	44	95	265,4%
Nigeria	1 548	1 568	1 456	4 572	1 473	1 492	1 385	4 350	-4,9%
Saint Helena	-	2	8	10	1	3	4	8	-20,0%
Senegal	46	51	112	209	89	149	153	391	87,1%
Sierra Leone	31	11	30	72	35	43	50	128	77,8%
Togo	7	7	21	35	22	23	63	108	208,6%
North Africa	422	642	918	1 982	876	1 379	974	3 229	62,9%
Algeria	30	121	65	216	61	90	127	278	28,7%
Egypt	209	305	428	942	407	598	455	1 460	55,0%
Libya	23	24	114	161	53	82	40	175	8,7%
Morocco	17	52	116	185	87	141	121	349	88,6%
South Sudan	25	34	33	92	55	91	40	186	102,2%
The Sudan	67	54	81	202	129	233	109	471	133,2%
Tunisia	51	52	81	184	84	142	82	308	67,4%
Western Sahara	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
Unspecified	497	514	647	1 658	880	1 021	1 132	3 033	82,9%

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 March 2023, the DHA data was 1,1% 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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