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## Preface

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

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

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



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## 1. Highlights of the results

In November 2023, 2 582 023 (arrivals, departures and transits) travellers entered and exited South Africa. They were made up of 25,1% South African residents and 74,9% foreign travellers. Foreign arrivals, 1 015 584 were made up of 2,6% non-visitors and 97,4% visitors. The visitors, 988 868 consisted of 26,0% same-day visitors and 74,0% overnight visitors (tourists).

### Tourists

Overseas tourists were 26,7% (195 549) of all tourists. United Kingdom (UK) (32 561), Germany (30 191) and United States of America (USA) (27 526) contributed 46,2% to overseas tourists. Southern African Development Community (SADC) tourists were 71,1% (520 322) of all tourists. Zimbabwe (170 082), Mozambique (119 328) and Lesotho (83 982) contributed 71,8% to SADC tourists. 'Other' African countries (non-SADC) tourists were 2,0% (14 647) of all tourists. Kenya (4 396), Ghana (2 987) and Nigeria (1 679) contributed 61,9% to 'other' African tourists. The country of residence of 1 159 (0,2%) tourists was classified as unspecified.

### Purpose of visit

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

## 2. Key findings

### 2.1 Travellers

#### 2.1.1 Number of travellers

The routine data collected by the Department of Home Affairs’ (DHA) immigration officers at the ports of entry into and out of South Africa shows that a total of 2 582 023 travellers (arrivals, departures, and transits) passed through South African ports of entry/exit in November 2023. As presented in Table 1 below, these travellers were made up of 647 542 South African residents and 1 934 481 foreign travellers. A further breakdown of the figures for South African residents indicates that there were 323 797 arrivals, 323 263 departures and 482 travellers in transit. The corresponding volume for foreign arrivals, departures and travellers in transit was 1 015 584, 880 886 and 38 011, respectively.

A comparison between the movements in October 2023 and November 2023 indicates that the volume of arrivals and departures decreased for South African residents but increased for foreign travellers. The volume of transits increased for both groups of travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals decreased by 20,1% (from 405 388 in October 2023 to 323 797 in November 2023) whereas departures decreased by 9,8% (from 358 439 in October 2023 to 323 263 in November 2023). Travellers in transits increased by 2,8% (from 469 in October 2023 to 482 in November 2023). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 1,5% (from 1 000 462 in October 2023 to 1 015 584 in November 2023), departures increased by 4,0% (from 846 895 in October 2023 to 880 886 in November 2023) and transits increased by 3,5% (from 36 739 in October 2023 to 38 011 in November 2023).

A comparison between the movements in November 2022 and November 2023 indicates that the volume of arrivals, departures and travellers in transit increased for both groups of travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals increased by 14,1% (from 283 731 in November 2022 to 323 797 in November 2023), departures increased by 14,7% (from 281 862 in November 2022 to 323 263 in November 2023) and transits increased by 10,0% (from 438 in November 2022 to 482 in November 2023). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 24,2% (from 818 002 in November 2022 to 1 015 584 in November 2023), departures increased by 29,7% (from 678 982 in November 2022 to 880 886 in November 2023) and transits increased by 27,3% (from 29 867 in November 2022 to 38 011 in November 2023).

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

Travel Direction	November 2022	October 2023	November 2023	% Change Oct 2023 – Nov 2023	% Change Nov 2022 – Nov 2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 092 882</b>	<b>2 648 392</b>	<b>2 582 023</b>	<b>-2,5%</b>	<b>23,4%</b>
<b>South African residents</b>	<b>566 031</b>	<b>764 296</b>	<b>647 542</b>	<b>-15,3%</b>	<b>14,4%</b>
Arrivals	283 731	405 388	323 797	-20,1%	14,1%
Departures	281 862	358 439	323 263	-9,8%	14,7%
Transits	438	469	482	2,8%	10,0%
<b>Foreign travellers</b>	<b>1 526 851</b>	<b>1 884 096</b>	<b>1 934 481</b>	<b>2,7%</b>	<b>26,7%</b>
Arrivals	818 002	1 000 462	1 015 584	1,5%	24,2%
Departures	678 982	846 895	880 886	4,0%	29,7%
Transits	29 867	36 739	38 011	3,5%	27,3%

## 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 November 2023, road was the most common mode of travel used by 1 694 176 (65,6%) of the 2 582 023 travellers. Total number of travellers who used air was 873 981 (33,8%). Compared to air and land, a smaller number of travellers, 13 866 (0,5%) used sea into and out of South Africa. Information on arrivals of South African residents shows that 147 179 (45,5%) came by air, 176 236 (54,4%) came by road and 382 (0,1%) arrived by sea. For departures, 139 291 (43,1%) used air, 180 750 (55,9%) used road and 3 222 (0,1%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 482 (100,0%) used air.

In the case of foreign travellers, 267 437 (26,3%) arrived by air, 744 628 (73,3%) came by road and 3 519 (0,3%) arrived by sea. When departing South Africa, 281 581 (32,0%) foreign travellers left by air, 592 562 (67,3%) left by road and 6 743 (0,8%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 38 011 (100,0%) used air.

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

Travel direction	Total	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 582 023</b>	<b>269 722</b>	<b>21 544</b>	<b>580 058</b>	<b>2 657</b>	<b>873 981</b>	<b>1 694 176</b>	<b>13 866</b>
<b>South African residents</b>	<b>647 542</b>	<b>58 204</b>	<b>13 144</b>	<b>214 344</b>	<b>1 260</b>	<b>286 952</b>	<b>356 986</b>	<b>3 604</b>
Arrivals	323 797	30 825	6 566	109 121	667	147 179	176 236	382
Departures	323 263	27 371	6 578	104 749	593	139 291	180 750	3 222
Transit	482	8	-	474	-	482	-	-
<b>Foreign travellers</b>	<b>1 934 481</b>	<b>211 518</b>	<b>8 400</b>	<b>365 714</b>	<b>1 397</b>	<b>587 029</b>	<b>1 337 190</b>	<b>10 262</b>
Arrivals	1 015 584	105 827	3 727	157 310	573	267 437	744 628	3 519
Departures	880 886	105 208	4 673	170 876	824	281 581	592 562	6 743
Transit	38 011	483	-	37 528	-	38 011	-	-
<b>Visitors</b>	<b>988 868</b>	<b>103 036</b>	<b>3 042</b>	<b>152 821</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>259 326</b>	<b>728 388</b>	<b>1 154</b>
Same-day	257 191	1 582	49	17 100	41	18 772	238 403	16
Tourist	731 677	101 454	2 993	135 721	386	240 554	489 985	1 138

## 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 November 2023, 26 716 (2,6%) of foreign arrivals were classified as non-visitors, while 988 868 (97,4%) were classified as visitors. Visitors were categorised into three groups:

- Arrivals only – comprising visitors who entered the country in November 2023 but did not depart in November 2023 [325 517 (32,9%)];
- Single trips – visitors who came to South Africa once in November 2023 and left in November 2023 [336 663 (34,0%)];
- Multiple trips – visitors who came to and left South Africa more than once in November 2023 [326 688 (33,0%)].

Visitors were further grouped as same-day visitors and overnight visitors (tourists). In November 2023, there were 257 191 (26,0%) same-day visitors and 731 677 (74,0%) tourists. Between October 2023 and November 2023, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 7,8% (from 238 483 in October 2023 to 257 191 in November 2023) whereas that of tourists increased by 0,1% (from 731 108 in October 2023 to 731 677 in November 2023). Between November 2022 and November 2023, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 45,7% (from 176 480 in November 2022 to 257 191 in November 2023) and that of tourists increased by 29,3% (from 565 758 in November 2022 to 731 677 in November 2023).

Table 2 on page 3 further shows that of the 257 191 same-day visitors, a majority, 238 403 (92,7%) arrived in the country by road, 18 772 (7,3%) arrived by air and 16 (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea. Information on tourists shows that 489 985 (67,0%) used road, 240 554 (32,9%) came by air and 1 138 (0,2%) arrived by sea.

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

Travel Direction	November 2022	October 2023	November 2023	% Change Oct 2023 – Nov 2023	% Change Nov 2022 – Nov 2023
<b>Foreign arrivals</b>	<b>818 002</b>	<b>1 000 462</b>	<b>1 015 584</b>	<b>1,5%</b>	<b>24,2%</b>
Non-visitors	75 764	30 871	26 716	-13,5%	-64,7%
Visitors	742 238	969 591	988 868	2,0%	33,2%
<b>Visitors</b>	<b>742 238</b>	<b>969 591</b>	<b>988 868</b>	<b>2,0%</b>	<b>33,2%</b>
Arrivals only	240 334	328 794	325 517	-1,0%	35,4%
Single trips	263 654	317 711	336 663	6,0%	27,7%
Multiple trips	238 250	323 086	326 688	1,1%	37,1%
<b>Visitors</b>	<b>742 238</b>	<b>969 591</b>	<b>988 868</b>	<b>2,0%</b>	<b>33,2%</b>
Same-day	176 480	238 483	257 191	7,8%	45,7%
Overnight (Tourists)	565 758	731 108	731 677	0,1%	29,3%

## 2.3 Tourists

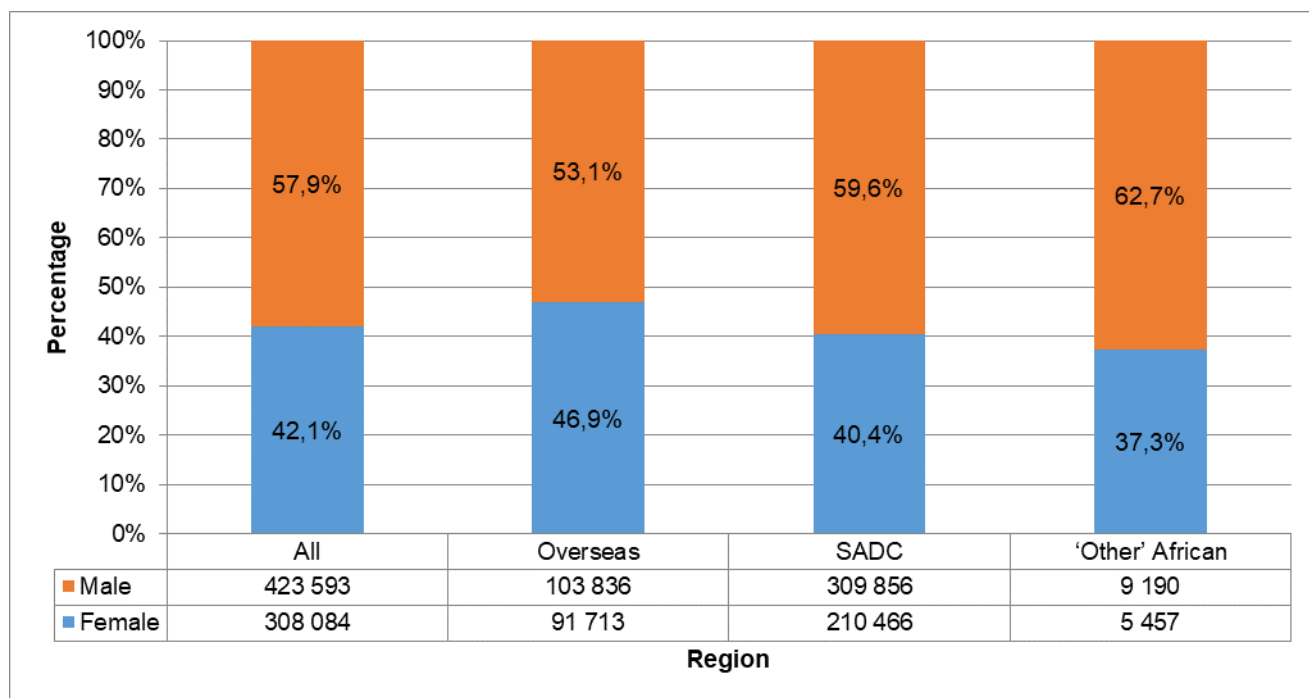
### 2.3.1 Sex and age distribution of tourists

#### Sex

Figure 1 on page 5 shows that there were more male [423 593 (57,9%)] than female [308 084 (42,1%)] tourists. Male tourists constituted the majority of tourists for all three regions, SADC countries [309 856 (59,6%)], overseas countries [103 836 (53,1%)] and 'other' African countries [9 190 (62,7%)]. Similarly, the largest portion of female tourists was from SADC countries 210 466 (40,4%), followed by overseas countries [91 713 (46,9%)] and 'other' African countries [5 457 (37,3%)].



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

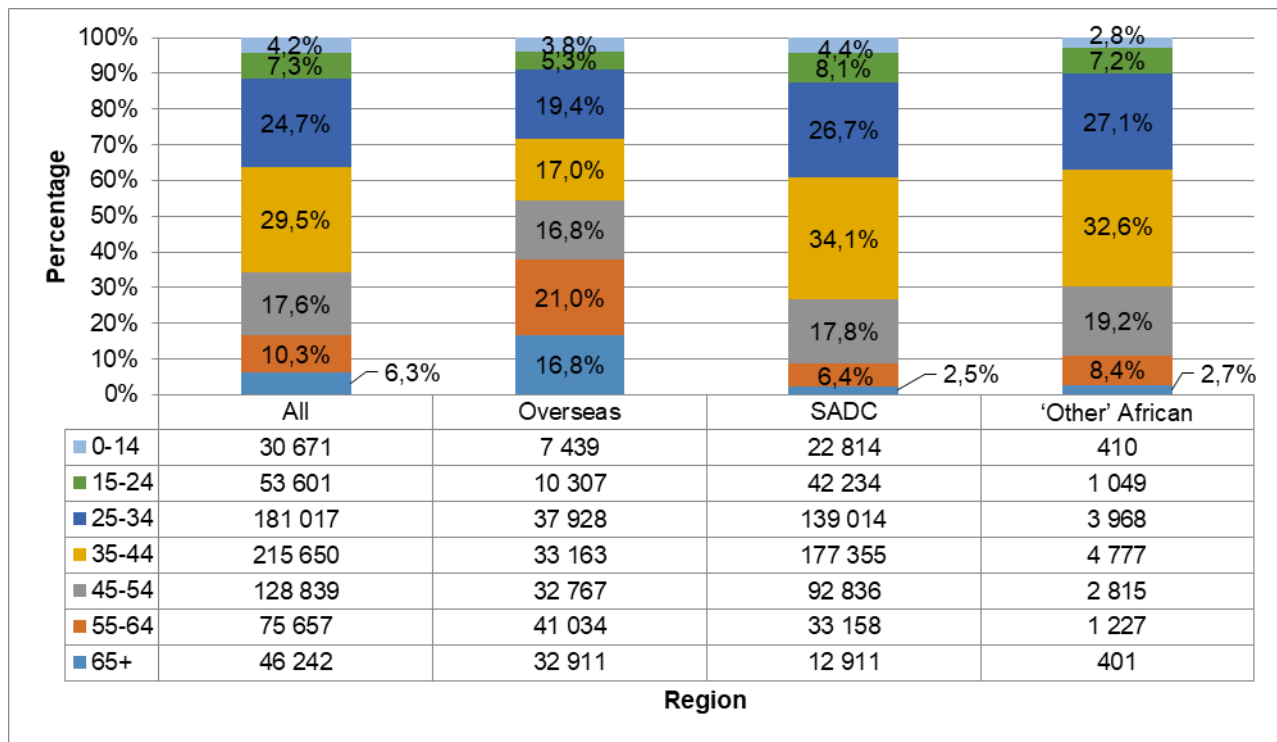


**Age**

The age distribution indicates that out of all tourists, [30 671 (4,2%)] were aged younger than 15 years; [53 601 (7,3%)] were aged between 15 and 24 years; [181 017 (24,7%)] were aged between 25 and 34 years; [215 650 (29,5%)] were aged between 35 and 44 years; [128 839 (17,6%)] were aged between 45 and 54 years; [75 657 (10,3%)] were aged between 55 and 64 years and [46 242 (6,3%)] were aged 65 years and above (see Figure 2 on page 6).

Taking the region of residence into consideration, the results show that the highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [177 355 (34,1%)] and those from 'other' African countries [4 777 (32,6%)] were aged between 35 and 44 years whereas those from overseas countries 41 034 (21,0%) were aged between 55 and 64 years. The second highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [139 014 (26,7%)], those from 'other' African countries [3 968 (27,1%)] and those from overseas countries [37 928 (19,4%)] were aged between 25 and 34 years. The median ages of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries were 48, 38 and 38 years, respectively. The proportion of tourists aged younger than 15 years was higher among tourists from SADC countries, 4,4% (22 814) compared to those from overseas countries, 3,8% (7 439) and those from 'other' African countries, 2,8% (410).

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

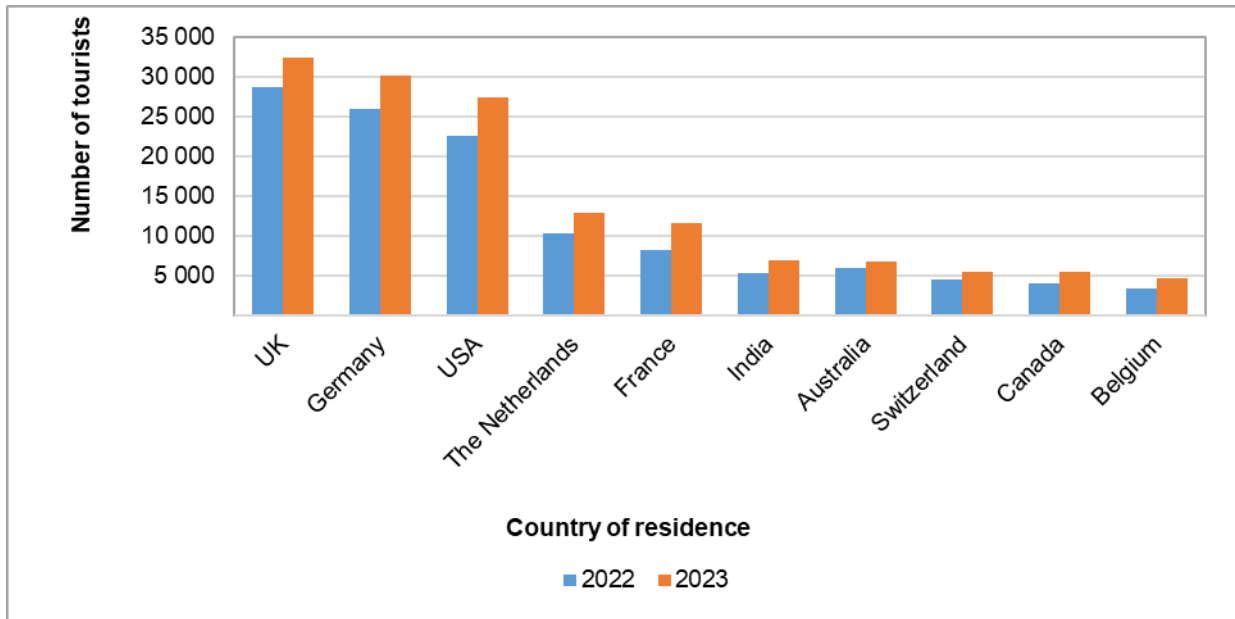


**2.3.2 Regional and national distribution of tourists**

In November 2023, the distribution of overseas tourists was as follows: Europe, 129 036 (66,0%); North America, 33 022 (16,9%); Asia, 17 073 (8,7%); Australasia, 8 199 (4,2%); Central and South America, 5 450 (2,8%) and The Middle East, 2 769 (1,4%).

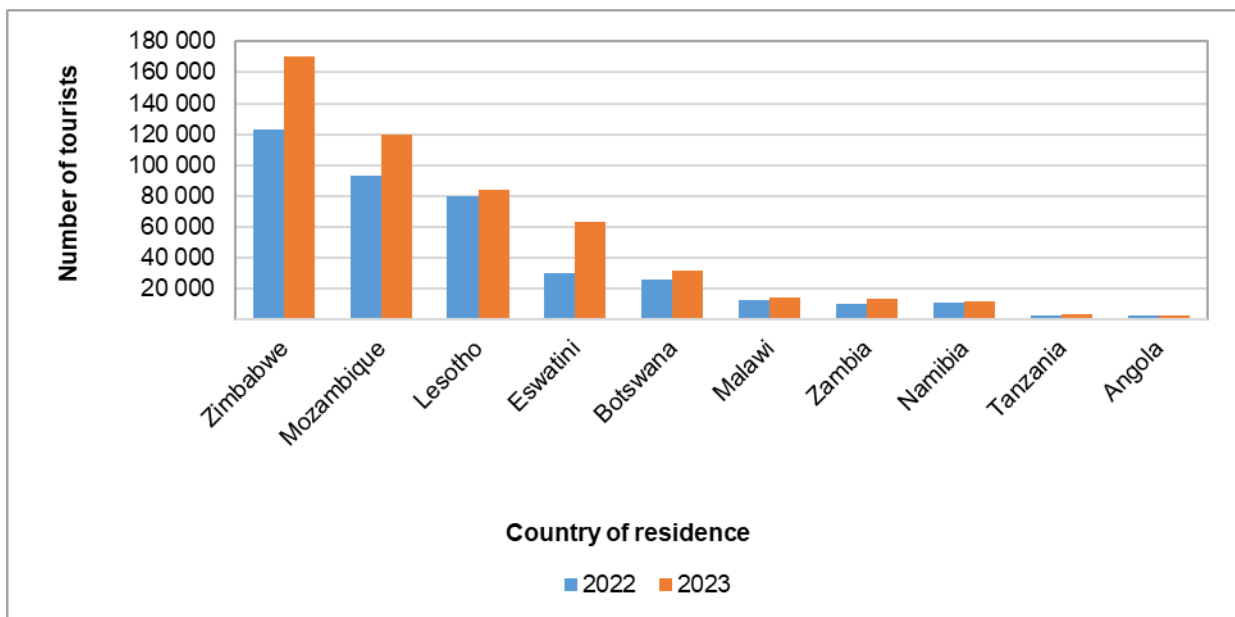
Figure 3 on page 7 indicates that the 10 leading overseas countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in November 2023 were: UK, 32 561 (16,7%); Germany, 30 191 (15,4%); USA, 27 526 (14,1%); The Netherlands, 12 892 (6,6%); France, 11 642 (6,0%); India, 7 040 (3,6%); Australia, 6 795 (3,5%); Switzerland, 5 503 (2,8%); Canada, 5 496 (2,8%) and Belgium, 4 646 (2,4%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 73,8% of all tourists from overseas countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between November 2022 and November 2023 shows that the number of tourists increased for all 10 leading countries. France (41,4%) showed the highest year-on-year increase.

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



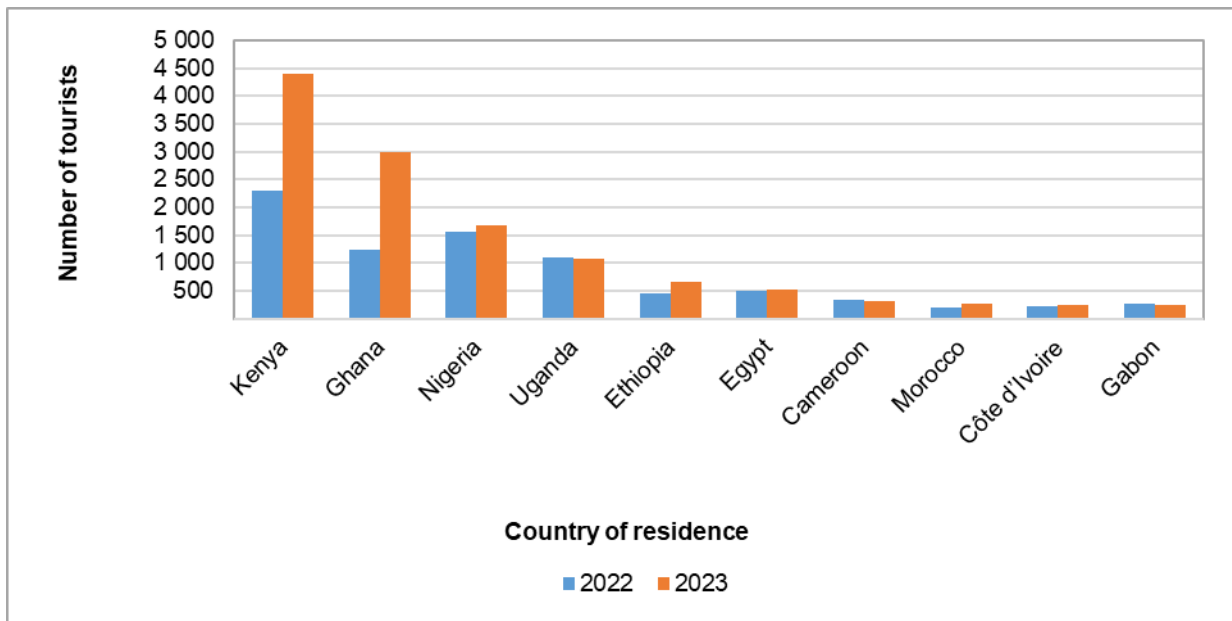
Virtually, most tourists from Africa, 520 322 (97,3%), came from SADC countries. The distribution of the remaining tourists from Africa was as follows: East and Central Africa, 7 362 (1,4%); West Africa, 5 931 (1,1%) and North Africa 1 354 (0,3%). Ten leading SADC countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in November 2023 were: Zimbabwe, 170 082 (32,7%); Mozambique, 119 328 (22,9%); Lesotho, 83 982 (16,1%); Eswatini, 63 438 (12,2%); Botswana, 32 181 (6,2%); Malawi, 14 250 (2,7%); Zambia, 13 347 (2,6%); Namibia, 12 126 (2,3%); Tanzania, 3 215 (0,6%) and Angola, 3 125 (0,6%) (see Figure 4 below). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 99,0% of all tourists from the SADC countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between November 2022 and November 2023 shows that the number of tourists increased for nine of the ten leading countries. Eswatini (112,1%) showed the highest year-on-year increase.

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



The 10 leading countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in November 2023 from 'other' African countries, as shown in Figure 5 below, were: Kenya, 4 396 (30,0%); Ghana, 2 987 (20,4%); Nigeria, 1 679 (11,5%); Uganda, 1 085 (7,4%); Ethiopia, 651 (4,4%); Egypt, 530 (3,6%); Cameroon, 319 (2,2%); Morocco, 267 (1,8%); Côte d'Ivoire, 247 (1,7%) and Gabon, 239 (1,6%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 84,7% of all tourists from 'other' African countries. A comparison between movements in November 2022 and November 2023 shows that the number of tourists increased for seven of the ten leading countries. Ghana (143,0%) showed the highest year-on-year increase.

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



**2.3.3 Purpose of visit of tourists**

Table 4 on page 9, shows the number of tourists by region and sub-region. Detailed data on the country of residence and purpose of visit is presented in Annexure C on pages 17 to 19. It is observed that in November 2023, the majority of tourists, 704 910 (96,3%), were in South Africa for holiday compared to 24 211 (3,3%); 2 304 (0,3%) and 252 (less than 0,1%) who were in South Africa for business, study and medical treatment respectively.

Within the overseas regions, Australasia, 98,7% (8 090) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for holiday followed by Europe 97,8% (126 211); North America, 97,6% (32 215); Central and South America, 96,5% (5 259); The Middle East, 94,1% (2 607) and Asia, 91,5% (15 624).

Asia, 7,8% (1 330) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business, followed by The Middle East, 4,4% (121); Central and South America, 3,1% (168); North America, 2,3% (754); Europe, 2,0% (2 614) and Australasia, 1,2% (102).

The Middle East, 1,5% (41) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to study, followed by Asia, 0,7% (113); Central and South America, 0,3% (19); North America, 0,1% (47); Europe, 0,1% (169) and Australasia, 0,1% (6).

Central and South America (4) had 0,1% of medical treatment tourists. Europe (42), Asia (6), North America (6), and Australasia (1) had less than 0,1% of medical treatment tourists whereas The Middle East had none.

Majority of African tourists, 513 848 (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% (500 650) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 90,1% (13 198) from 'other' African countries. Information on the regions of 'other' African countries shows that 91,3% (5 416) of tourists from West Africa were on holiday, followed by tourists from East and Central Africa, 90,2% (6 637) and those from North Africa, 84,6% (1 145).
- Business persons constituted 3,4% (17 863) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 7,9% (1 159) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 12,3% (167) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business purposes, followed by East and Central Africa, 8,1% (595) and West Africa, 6,7% (397).
- Students constituted 0,3% (1 656) of tourists from SADC countries compared with 1,7% (251) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 3,1% (42) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for study purposes, followed by West Africa, 1,8% (106) and East and Central Africa, 1,4% (103).
- Tourists who came for medical treatment constituted less than 0,1% (153) of tourists from SADC countries, while those from 'other' African countries constituted 0,3% (39). East and Central Africa, 0,4% (27) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for medical treatment, followed by West Africa, 0,2% (12) and North Africa, had no medical treatment tourists.

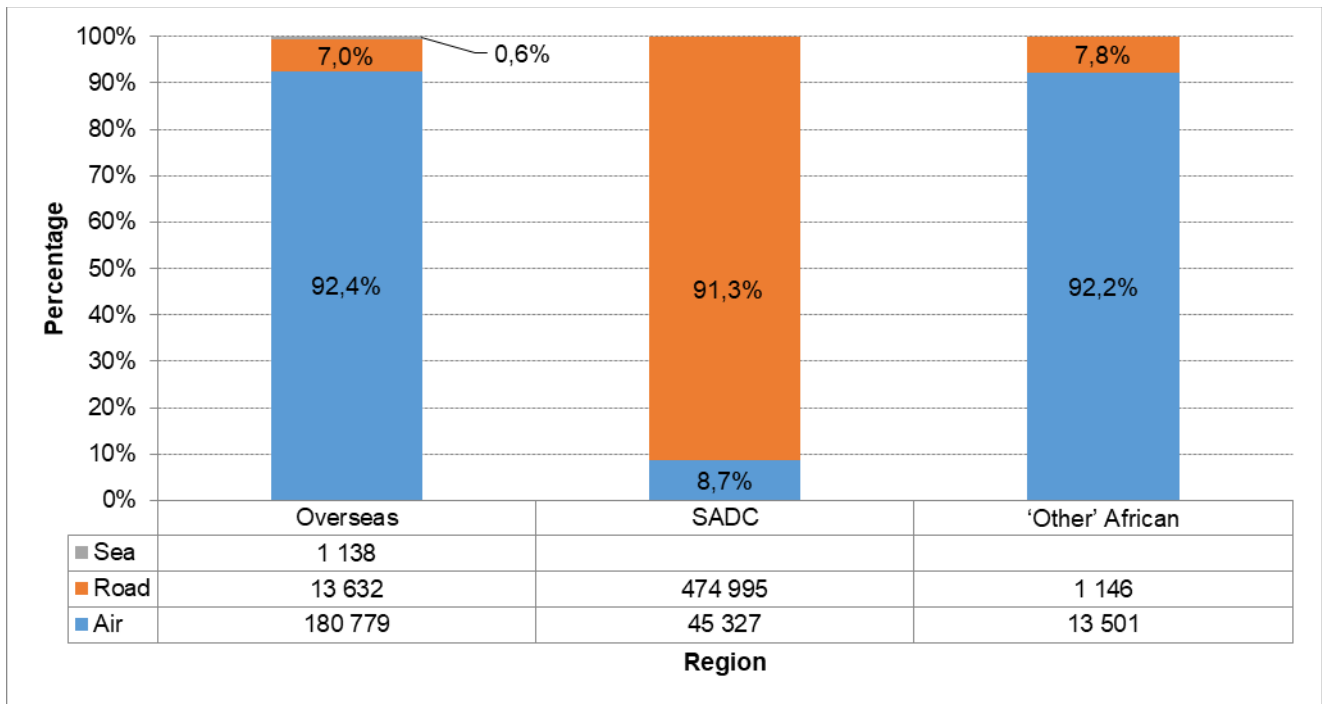
**Table 4 – Number of tourists by region of residence and purpose of visit**

Region of residence	November 2023	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
<b>Total</b>	<b>731 677</b>	<b>24 211</b>	<b>704 910</b>	<b>2 304</b>	<b>252</b>
<b>Overseas</b>	<b>195 549</b>	<b>5 089</b>	<b>190 006</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>59</b>
Europe	129 036	2 614	126 211	169	42
North America	33 022	754	32 215	47	6
Central and South America	5 450	168	5 259	19	4
Australasia	8 199	102	8 090	6	1
Middle East	2 769	121	2 607	41	-
Asia	17 073	1 330	15 624	113	6
<b>Africa</b>	<b>534 969</b>	<b>19 022</b>	<b>513 848</b>	<b>1 907</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>520 322</b>	<b>17 863</b>	<b>500 650</b>	<b>1 656</b>	<b>153</b>
<b>'Other' African</b>	<b>14 647</b>	<b>1 159</b>	<b>13 198</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>39</b>
East and Central Africa	7 362	595	6 637	103	27
West Africa	5 931	397	5 416	106	12
North Africa	1 354	167	1 145	42	-
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>1 159</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1 056</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

**2.3.4 Mode of travel of tourists**

Tourists are categorised by their countries of residence and regions. Information on the specific region and country of residence of tourists and the mode of travel used to enter South Africa is provided in Annexure B on pages 14 to 16. As shown in Figure 6 below, 180 779 (92,4%) overseas tourists arrived in the country by air, whilst 13 632 (7,0%) came in by road and 1 138 (0,6%) arrived by sea. Tourists from the SADC countries, on the other hand, came predominantly by road, 474 995 (91,3%), whilst 45 327 (8,7%) came by air and none arrived by sea. The number of tourists who came into South Africa by air from 'other' African countries was 13 501 (92,2%); while 1 146 (7,8%) used road transport and none preferred sea.

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



### 3. Annexures

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

Country of residence	November 2022	November 2023	Difference between November 2022 and November 2023	% change between November 2022 and November 2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>565 758</b>	<b>731 677</b>	<b>165 919</b>	<b>29,3%</b>
<b>Overseas</b>	<b>159 771</b>	<b>195 549</b>	<b>35 778</b>	<b>22,4%</b>
<b>Europe</b>	<b>107 479</b>	<b>129 036</b>	<b>21 557</b>	<b>20,1%</b>
Austria	2 179	2 786	607	27,9%
Belgium	3 393	4 646	1 253	36,9%
France	8 234	11 642	3 408	41,4%
Germany	25 954	30 191	4 237	16,3%
Ireland	2 178	2 643	465	21,3%
Italy	2 996	3 690	694	23,2%
Poland	1 062	1 769	707	66,6%
Portugal	1 745	1 796	51	2,9%
Russian Federation	2 607	3 439	832	31,9%
Spain	2 334	2 696	362	15,5%
Sweden	2 566	2 772	206	8,0%
Switzerland	4 613	5 503	890	19,3%
The Netherlands	10 374	12 892	2 518	24,3%
UK	28 730	32 561	3 831	13,3%
Other	8 514	10 010	1 496	17,6%
<b>North America</b>	<b>26 690</b>	<b>33 022</b>	<b>6 332</b>	<b>23,7%</b>
Canada	4 023	5 496	1 473	36,6%
USA	22 667	27 526	4 859	21,4%
<b>Central and South America</b>	<b>2 830</b>	<b>5 450</b>	<b>2 620</b>	<b>92,6%</b>
Argentina	233	336	103	44,2%
Brazil	1 452	3 408	1 956	134,7%
Mexico	306	342	36	11,8%
Other	839	1 364	525	62,6%
<b>Australasia</b>	<b>7 284</b>	<b>8 199</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>12,6%</b>
Australia	6 042	6 795	753	12,5%
New Zealand	1 228	1 395	167	13,6%
Other	14	9	-5	-35,7%
<b>Middle East</b>	<b>3 417</b>	<b>2 769</b>	<b>-648</b>	<b>-19,0%</b>
Israel	1 392	434	-958	-68,8%
Lebanon	223	226	3	1,3%
Saudi Arabia	1 031	1 303	272	26,4%
Other	771	806	35	4,5%
<b>Asia</b>	<b>12 071</b>	<b>17 073</b>	<b>5 002</b>	<b>41,4%</b>
Bangladesh	612	651	39	6,4%
China	1 510	3 290	1 780	117,9%
India	5 370	7 040	1 670	31,1%
Japan	617	985	368	59,6%
Malaysia	323	355	32	9,9%
Pakistan	1 153	1 018	-135	-11,7%
Philippines	361	524	163	45,2%
Singapore	467	758	291	62,3%

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

Country of residence	November 2022	November 2023	Difference between November 2022 and November 2023	% change between November 2022 and November 2023
South Korea	573	947	374	65,3%
Vietnam	185	359	174	94,1%
Other	900	1 146	246	27,3%
<b>Africa</b>	<b>404 890</b>	<b>534 969</b>	<b>130 079</b>	<b>32,1%</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>394 650</b>	<b>520 322</b>	<b>125 672</b>	<b>31,8%</b>
Angola	3 138	3 125	-13	-0,4%
Botswana	26 017	32 181	6 164	23,7%
DRC	1 227	1 960	733	59,7%
Eswatini	29 911	63 438	33 527	112,1%
Lesotho	79 703	83 982	4 279	5,4%
Madagascar	212	395	183	86,3%
Malawi	12 504	14 250	1 746	14,0%
Mauritius	1 534	2 299	765	49,9%
Mozambique	92 796	119 328	26 532	28,6%
Namibia	11 177	12 126	949	8,5%
Seychelles	510	594	84	16,5%
Tanzania	2 510	3 215	705	28,1%
Zambia	10 657	13 347	2 690	25,2%
Zimbabwe	122 754	170 082	47 328	38,6%
<b>'Other' African</b>	<b>10 240</b>	<b>14 647</b>	<b>4 407</b>	<b>43,0%</b>
<b>East and Central Africa</b>	<b>5 012</b>	<b>7 362</b>	<b>2 350</b>	<b>46,9%</b>
Burundi	126	122	-4	-3,2%
Cameroon	340	319	-21	-6,2%
Central African Republic	8	14	6	75,0%
Chad	37	50	13	35,1%
Comoros	35	61	26	74,3%
Congo	160	165	5	3,1%
Djibouti	19	14	-5	-26,3%
Equatorial Guinea	9	26	17	188,9%
Eritrea	30	37	7	23,3%
Ethiopia	453	651	198	43,7%
Gabon	273	239	-34	-12,5%
Kenya	2 290	4 396	2 106	92,0%
Réunion		1	1	
Rwanda	81	94	13	16,0%
São Tomé and Príncipe	4	12	8	200,0%
Somalia	44	76	32	72,7%
Uganda	1 103	1 085	-18	-1,6%
<b>West Africa</b>	<b>3 945</b>	<b>5 931</b>	<b>1 986</b>	<b>50,3%</b>
Benin	129	221	92	71,3%
Burkina Faso	66	63	-3	-4,5%
Cape Verde Island	32	31	-1	-3,1%
Côte d'Ivoire	230	247	17	7,4%
Gambia	50	67	17	34,0%
Ghana	1 229	2 987	1 758	143,0%
Guinea	184	139	-45	-24,5%
Guinea-Bissau	4	6	2	50,0%
Liberia	42	65	23	54,8%



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

Country of residence	November 2022	November 2023	Difference between November 2022 and November 2023	% change between November 2022 and November 2023
Mali	106	91	-15	-14,2%
Mauritania	15	43	28	186,7%
Niger	35	35	-	0,0%
Nigeria	1 559	1 679	120	7,7%
Saint Helena	7	5	-2	-28,6%
Senegal	169	152	-17	-10,1%
Sierra Leone	50	53	3	6,0%
Togo	38	47	9	23,7%
<b>North Africa</b>	<b>1 283</b>	<b>1 354</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>5,5%</b>
Algeria	126	116	-10	-7,9%
Egypt	506	530	24	4,7%
Libya	91	89	-2	-2,2%
Morocco	196	267	71	36,2%
South Sudan	72	119	47	65,3%
The Sudan	151	79	-72	-47,7%
Tunisia	140	154	14	10,0%
Western Sahara	1	-	-1	-100,0%
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>1 097</b>	<b>1 159</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>5,7%</b>

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

Country of residence	November 2023	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
<b>Total</b>	<b>731 677</b>	<b>101 454</b>	<b>2 993</b>	<b>135 721</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>240 554</b>	<b>489 985</b>	<b>1 138</b>
<b>Overseas</b>	<b>195 549</b>	<b>91 676</b>	<b>2 546</b>	<b>86 261</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>180 779</b>	<b>13 632</b>	<b>1 138</b>
<b>Europe</b>	<b>129 036</b>	<b>66 121</b>	<b>1 476</b>	<b>51 092</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>118 849</b>	<b>9 693</b>	<b>494</b>
Austria	2 786	1 569	40	928	6	2 543	233	10
Belgium	4 646	2 149	23	1 970	2	4 144	500	2
France	11 642	3 925	52	6 173	27	10 177	1 457	8
Germany	30 191	18 165	158	9 362	18	27 703	2 158	330
Ireland	2 643	1 661	122	783	3	2 569	71	3
Italy	3 690	1 768	57	1 626	10	3 461	222	7
Poland	1 769	849	14	761	1	1 625	143	1
Portugal	1 796	502	12	762	2	1 278	515	3
Russian Federation	3 439	1 909	47	1 314	13	3 283	156	-
Spain	2 696	1 042	114	1 318	14	2 488	200	8
Sweden	2 772	1 395	57	1 169	1	2 622	144	6
Switzerland	5 503	3 006	25	2 085	4	5 120	373	10
The Netherlands	12 892	6 295	76	4 698	2	11 071	1 808	13
UK	32 561	17 332	460	13 573	47	31 412	1 071	78
Other	10 010	4 554	219	4 570	10	9 353	642	15
<b>North America</b>	<b>33 022</b>	<b>14 656</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>15 987</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>30 889</b>	<b>1 549</b>	<b>584</b>
Canada	5 496	2 661	27	2 392	4	5 084	391	21
USA	27 526	11 995	114	13 595	101	25 805	1 158	563
<b>Central and South America</b>	<b>5 450</b>	<b>1 709</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3 344</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5 086</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>17</b>
Argentina	336	70	1	259	-	330	3	3
Brazil	3 408	981	6	2 152	3	3 142	264	2
Mexico	342	189	1	145	-	335	4	3
Other	1 364	469	16	788	6	1 279	76	9
<b>Australasia</b>	<b>8 199</b>	<b>2 073</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>5 621</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7 966</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>14</b>
Australia	6 795	1 651	177	4 769	11	6 608	179	8
New Zealand	1 395	420	84	846	-	1 350	39	6
Other	9	2	-	6	-	8	1	-
<b>Middle East</b>	<b>2 769</b>	<b>1 802</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2 703</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>3</b>
Israel	434	54	2	350	1	407	26	1
Lebanon	226	105	3	110	-	218	8	-
Saudi Arabia	1 303	1 120	9	173	-	1 302	1	-
Other	806	523	18	235	-	776	28	2
<b>Asia</b>	<b>17 073</b>	<b>5 315</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>9 349</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15 286</b>	<b>1 761</b>	<b>26</b>
Bangladesh	651	93	60	381	-	534	117	-
China	3 290	894	51	2 086	5	3 036	242	12
India	7 040	2 116	205	3 979	-	6 300	736	4
Japan	985	341	53	547	2	943	40	2
Malaysia	355	168	15	157	-	340	13	2
Pakistan	1 018	113	103	465	1	682	336	-
Philippines	524	221	40	235	-	496	27	1
Singapore	758	355	4	394	-	753	5	-

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

Country of residence	November 2023	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
South Korea	947	406	20	428	1	855	89	3
Vietnam	359	154	20	185	-	359	-	-
Other	1 146	454	41	492	1	988	156	2
<b>Africa</b>	<b>534 969</b>	<b>9 631</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>48 661</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>58 828</b>	<b>476 141</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>520 322</b>	<b>6 276</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>38 618</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>45 327</b>	<b>474 995</b>	<b>-</b>
Angola	3 125	1 010	-	1 429	1	2 440	685	-
Botswana	32 181	324	4	2 444	6	2 778	29 403	-
DRC	1 960	109	-	1 576	4	1 689	271	-
Eswatini	63 438	171	49	846	2	1 068	62 370	-
Lesotho	83 982	7	7	641	2	657	83 325	-
Madagascar	395	10	-	374	-	384	11	-
Malawi	14 250	48	8	2 025	2	2 083	12 167	-
Mauritius	2 299	915	4	1 304	-	2 223	76	-
Mozambique	119 328	360	2	4 421	3	4 786	114 542	-
Namibia	12 126	1 555	-	2 262	-	3 817	8 309	-
Seychelles	594	11	2	562	-	575	19	-
Tanzania	3 215	359	-	1 573	-	1 932	1 283	-
Zambia	13 347	98	96	4 384	1	4 579	8 768	-
Zimbabwe	170 082	1 299	230	14 777	10	16 316	153 766	-
<b>'Other' African</b>	<b>14 647</b>	<b>3 355</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>10 043</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>13 501</b>	<b>1 146</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>East and Central Africa</b>	<b>7 362</b>	<b>1 994</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4 738</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6 752</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>-</b>
Burundi	122	33	-	85	-	118	4	-
Cameroon	319	86	-	213	-	299	20	-
Central African Republic	14	4	-	10	-	14	-	-
Chad	50	9	-	40	1	50	-	-
Comoros	61	4	-	57	-	61	-	-
Congo	165	57	-	103	-	160	5	-
Djibouti	14	4	-	10	-	14	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	26	6	-	16	-	22	4	-
Eritrea	37	7	-	26	-	33	4	-
Ethiopia	651	117	-	485	2	604	47	-
Gabon	239	23	-	213	-	236	3	-
Kenya	4 396	1 327	6	2 640	2	3 975	421	-
Réunion	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Rwanda	94	14	-	66	1	81	13	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	12	4	-	5	-	9	3	-
Somalia	76	16	1	38	-	55	21	-
Uganda	1 085	282	5	731	2	1 020	65	-
<b>West Africa</b>	<b>5 931</b>	<b>1 022</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4 393</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5 435</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>-</b>
Benin	221	34	2	174	-	210	11	-
Burkina Faso	63	18	-	45	-	63	-	-
Cape Verde Island	31	5	-	20	-	25	6	-
Côte d'Ivoire	247	43	-	193	5	241	6	-
Gambia	67	26	1	38	-	65	2	-
Ghana	2 987	446	4	2 387	-	2 837	150	-
Guinea	139	13	1	60	-	74	65	-
Guinea-Bissau	6	-	-	5	-	5	1	-

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

Country of residence	November 2023	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Liberia	65	24	-	38	-	62	3	-
Mali	91	14	-	48	-	62	29	-
Mauritania	43	3	2	38	-	43	-	-
Niger	35	9	-	26	-	35	-	-
Nigeria	1 679	322	3	1 139	-	1 464	215	-
Saint Helena	5	-	-	5	-	5	-	-
Senegal	152	42	1	107	-	150	2	-
Sierra Leone	53	14	-	32	1	47	6	-
Togo	47	9	-	38	-	47	-	-
<b>North Africa</b>	<b>1 354</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1 314</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-</b>
Algeria	116	18	4	93	1	116	-	-
Egypt	530	122	6	379	-	507	23	-
Libya	89	17	-	27	44	88	1	-
Morocco	267	50	3	210	-	263	4	-
South Sudan	119	19	-	99	-	118	1	-
The Sudan	79	28	2	40	-	70	9	-
Tunisia	154	85	3	64	-	152	2	-
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>1 159</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>-</b>

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

Country of residence	November 2023	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
<b>Total</b>	<b>731 677</b>	<b>24 211</b>	<b>704 910</b>	<b>2 304</b>	<b>252</b>
<b>Overseas</b>	<b>195 549</b>	<b>5 089</b>	<b>190 006</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Europe</b>	<b>129 036</b>	<b>2 614</b>	<b>126 211</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>42</b>
Austria	2 786	35	2 747	4	-
Belgium	4 646	79	4 561	4	2
France	11 642	202	11 387	48	5
Germany	30 191	415	29 737	39	-
Ireland	2 643	77	2 566	-	-
Italy	3 690	145	3 532	12	1
Poland	1 769	49	1 720	-	-
Portugal	1 796	39	1 754	1	2
Russian Federation	3 439	69	3 365	3	2
Spain	2 696	101	2 589	6	-
Sweden	2 772	71	2 695	5	1
Switzerland	5 503	34	5 462	6	1
The Netherlands	12 892	147	12 722	11	12
UK	32 561	768	31 763	14	16
Other	10 010	383	9 611	16	-
<b>North America</b>	<b>33 022</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>32 215</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>6</b>
Canada	5 496	151	5 342	3	-
USA	27 526	603	26 873	44	6
<b>Central and South America</b>	<b>5 450</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>5 259</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>
Argentina	336	14	321	1	-
Brazil	3 408	60	3 338	10	-
Mexico	342	26	314	1	1
Other	1 364	68	1 286	7	3
<b>Australasia</b>	<b>8 199</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>8 090</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>
Australia	6 795	88	6 700	6	1
New Zealand	1 395	13	1 382	-	-
Other	9	1	8	-	-
<b>Middle East</b>	<b>2 769</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>2 607</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>-</b>
Israel	434	14	419	1	-
Lebanon	226	26	199	1	-
Saudi Arabia	1 303	19	1 277	7	-
Other	806	62	712	32	-
<b>Asia</b>	<b>17 073</b>	<b>1 330</b>	<b>15 624</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>6</b>
Bangladesh	651	22	623	6	-
China	3 290	408	2 874	7	1
India	7 040	505	6 492	40	3
Japan	985	99	881	4	1
Malaysia	355	18	334	3	-
Pakistan	1 018	44	963	11	-
Philippines	524	34	485	5	-
Singapore	758	26	731	1	-

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

Country of residence	November 2023	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
South Korea	947	47	897	2	1
Vietnam	359	24	334	1	-
Other	1 146	103	1 010	33	-
<b>Africa</b>	<b>534 969</b>	<b>19 022</b>	<b>513 848</b>	<b>1 907</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>520 322</b>	<b>17 863</b>	<b>500 650</b>	<b>1 656</b>	<b>153</b>
Angola	3 125	77	2 970	53	25
Botswana	32 181	837	31 195	120	29
DRC	1 960	59	1 796	74	31
Eswatini	63 438	2 371	60 934	133	-
Lesotho	83 982	563	82 605	812	2
Madagascar	395	9	384	2	-
Malawi	14 250	329	13 896	21	4
Mauritius	2 299	27	2 262	10	-
Mozambique	119 328	2 451	116 830	36	11
Namibia	12 126	3 456	8 559	96	15
Seychelles	594	3	590	1	-
Tanzania	3 215	138	3 048	22	7
Zambia	13 347	4 014	9 288	36	9
Zimbabwe	170 082	3 529	166 293	240	20
<b>'Other' African</b>	<b>14 647</b>	<b>1 159</b>	<b>13 198</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>East and Central Africa</b>	<b>7 362</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>6 637</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>27</b>
Burundi	122	20	100	1	1
Cameroon	319	40	258	18	3
Central African Republic	14	1	13	-	-
Chad	50	6	40	3	1
Comoros	61	8	53	-	-
Congo	165	11	147	6	1
Djibouti	14	5	9	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	26	4	20	2	-
Eritrea	37	4	33	-	-
Ethiopia	651	72	564	10	5
Gabon	239	11	219	6	3
Kenya	4 396	258	4 095	37	6
Réunion	1	-	1	-	-
Rwanda	94	13	79	1	1
São Tomé and Príncipe	12	2	10	-	-
Somalia	76	20	52	2	2
Uganda	1 085	120	944	17	4
<b>West Africa</b>	<b>5 931</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>5 416</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>12</b>
Benin	221	16	203	2	-
Burkina Faso	63	10	51	2	-
Cape Verde Island	31	3	28	-	-
Côte d'Ivoire	247	33	213	1	-
Gambia	67	7	60	-	-
Ghana	2 987	161	2 807	15	4
Guinea	139	6	133	-	-
Guinea-Bissau	6	1	5	-	-

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

Country of residence	November 2023	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Liberia	65	6	59	-	-
Mali	91	9	80	-	2
Mauritania	43	2	41	-	-
Niger	35	3	32	-	-
Nigeria	1 679	102	1 488	84	5
Saint Helena	5	-	5	-	-
Senegal	152	24	127	1	-
Sierra Leone	53	2	50	-	1
Togo	47	12	34	1	-
<b>North Africa</b>	<b>1 354</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>1 145</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>-</b>
Algeria	116	12	103	1	-
Egypt	530	85	436	9	-
Libya	89	1	71	17	-
Morocco	267	26	240	1	-
South Sudan	119	15	101	3	-
The Sudan	79	7	62	10	-
Tunisia	154	21	132	1	-
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>1 159</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1 056</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

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

Country of residence	Jan – Nov 2022	Jan – Nov 2023	Difference between Jan – Nov 2022 and Jan – Nov 2023	% change between Jan – Nov 2022 and Jan – Nov 2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 020 224</b>	<b>7 620 873</b>	<b>2 600 649</b>	<b>51,8%</b>
<b>Overseas</b>	<b>1 260 004</b>	<b>1 854 629</b>	<b>594 625</b>	<b>47,2%</b>
<b>Europe</b>	<b>778 222</b>	<b>1 114 293</b>	<b>336 071</b>	<b>43,2%</b>
Austria	12 059	18 498	6 439	53,4%
Belgium	30 534	42 024	11 490	37,6%
Denmark	12 720	16 366	3 646	28,7%
France	67 548	109 659	42 111	62,3%
Germany	148 692	219 971	71 279	47,9%
Ireland	17 584	24 172	6 588	37,5%
Italy	28 395	47 452	19 057	67,1%
Portugal	14 304	17 512	3 208	22,4%
Russian Federation	13 660	25 116	11 456	83,9%
Spain	21 157	29 600	8 443	39,9%
Sweden	13 615	20 583	6 968	51,2%
Switzerland	28 981	37 896	8 915	30,8%
The Netherlands	79 489	117 948	38 459	48,4%
UK	241 607	315 054	73 447	30,4%
Other	47 877	72 442	24 565	51,3%
<b>North America</b>	<b>260 167</b>	<b>370 514</b>	<b>110 347</b>	<b>42,4%</b>
Canada	30 080	49 566	19 486	64,8%
USA	230 087	320 948	90 861	39,5%
<b>Central and South America</b>	<b>25 279</b>	<b>40 740</b>	<b>15 461</b>	<b>61,2%</b>
Argentina	2 147	3 398	1 251	58,3%
Brazil	13 018	21 414	8 396	64,5%
Mexico	3 144	4 118	974	31,0%
Other	6 970	11 810	4 840	69,4%
<b>Australasia</b>	<b>52 933</b>	<b>94 806</b>	<b>41 873</b>	<b>79,1%</b>
Australia	43 976	77 623	33 647	76,5%
New Zealand	8 779	16 950	8 171	93,1%
Other	178	233	55	30,9%
<b>Middle East</b>	<b>37 670</b>	<b>51 779</b>	<b>14 109</b>	<b>37,5%</b>
Israel	15 740	19 294	3 554	22,6%
Saudi Arabia	11 009	15 507	4 498	40,9%
United Arab Emirates	2 969	6 360	3 391	114,2%
Other	7 952	10 618	2 666	33,5%
<b>Asia</b>	<b>105 733</b>	<b>182 497</b>	<b>76 764</b>	<b>72,6%</b>
Bangladesh	6 824	7 265	441	6,5%
China	10 981	34 669	23 688	215,7%
India	49 909	73 037	23 128	46,3%
Japan	4 686	11 899	7 213	153,9%
Malaysia	2 459	5 203	2 744	111,6%
Pakistan	11 547	11 757	210	1,8%
Philippines	3 849	5 919	2 070	53,8%



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

Country of residence	Jan – Nov 2022	Jan – Nov 2023	Difference between Jan – Nov 2022 and Jan – Nov 2023	% change between Jan – Nov 2022 and Jan – Nov 2023
Singapore	2 371	6 498	4 127	174,1%
South Korea	4 377	9 128	4 751	108,5%
Thailand	2 513	4 481	1 968	78,3%
Other	6 217	12 641	6 424	103,3%
<b>Africa</b>	<b>3 751 149</b>	<b>5 754 625</b>	<b>2 003 476</b>	<b>53,4%</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>3 662 525</b>	<b>5 636 203</b>	<b>1 973 678</b>	<b>53,9%</b>
Angola	28 855	35 811	6 956	24,1%
Botswana	223 604	308 376	84 772	37,9%
DRC	15 592	19 126	3 534	22,7%
Eswatini	369 683	656 482	286 799	77,6%
Lesotho	747 039	1 057 040	310 001	41,5%
Madagascar	1 569	3 375	1 806	115,1%
Malawi	103 467	125 236	21 769	21,0%
Mauritius	9 753	16 033	6 280	64,4%
Mozambique	845 224	1 212 559	367 335	43,5%
Namibia	118 953	140 323	21 370	18,0%
Seychelles	2 389	4 074	1 685	70,5%
Tanzania	23 166	30 203	7 037	30,4%
Zambia	103 979	129 429	25 450	24,5%
Zimbabwe	1 069 252	1 898 136	828 884	77,5%
<b>'Other' African</b>	<b>88 624</b>	<b>118 422</b>	<b>29 798</b>	<b>33,6%</b>
<b>East and Central Africa</b>	<b>42 830</b>	<b>67 609</b>	<b>24 779</b>	<b>57,9%</b>
Burundi	706	1 014	308	43,6%
Cameroon	3 178	3 903	725	22,8%
Central African Republic	102	187	85	83,3%
Chad	291	415	124	42,6%
Comoros	303	415	112	37,0%
Congo	1 413	1 463	50	3,5%
Djibouti	69	101	32	46,4%
Equatorial Guinea	231	314	83	35,9%
Eritrea	382	364	-18	-4,7%
Ethiopia	4 567	5 807	1 240	27,2%
Gabon	2 532	3 572	1 040	41,1%
Kenya	19 266	37 414	18 148	94,2%
Réunion	-	23	23	-
Rwanda	648	886	238	36,7%
São Tomé and Príncipe	47	83	36	76,6%
Somalia	956	599	-357	-37,3%
Uganda	8 139	11 049	2 910	35,8%
<b>West Africa</b>	<b>36 208</b>	<b>39 240</b>	<b>3 032</b>	<b>8,4%</b>
Benin	1 054	1 617	563	53,4%
Burkina Faso	529	658	129	24,4%
Cape Verde Island	227	277	50	22,0%
Côte d'Ivoire	1 734	2 109	375	21,6%

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

Country of residence	Jan – Nov 2022	Jan – Nov 2023	Difference between Jan – Nov 2022 and Jan – Nov 2023	% change between Jan – Nov 2022 and Jan – Nov 2023
Gambia	310	409	99	31,9%
Ghana	13 414	11 331	-2 083	-15,5%
Guinea	930	1 248	318	34,2%
Guinea-Bissau	43	84	41	95,3%
Liberia	392	561	169	43,1%
Mali	685	941	256	37,4%
Mauritania	121	201	80	66,1%
Niger	200	271	71	35,5%
Nigeria	14 603	17 172	2 569	17,6%
Saint Helena	56	48	-8	-14,3%
Senegal	1 191	1 404	213	17,9%
Sierra Leone	419	473	54	12,9%
Togo	300	436	136	45,3%
<b>North Africa</b>	<b>9 586</b>	<b>11 573</b>	<b>1 987</b>	<b>20,7%</b>
Algeria	902	1 039	137	15,2%
Egypt	4 389	5 256	867	19,8%
Libya	572	589	17	3,0%
Morocco	1 108	1 547	439	39,6%
South Sudan	591	937	346	58,5%
The Sudan	1 229	956	-273	-22,2%
Tunisia	788	1 237	449	57,0%
Western Sahara	7	12	5	71,4%
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>9 071</b>	<b>11 619</b>	<b>2 548</b>	<b>28,1%</b>

## 4. Explanatory notes

### 4.1 Introduction

Legal movements across South African borders, as well as legal immigration into South Africa, fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Home Affairs (DHA). Stats SA then processes, analyses and publishes this information.

Administrative data sources from the DHA, that is, information from all the country's ports of entry and applications for permanent residence, constitute the only comprehensive source of information on foreign arrivals and departures, documented immigrants and emigrants. The information from this source of data provides the best national coverage (in terms of both space and time) of the population movements of South African residents and foreign travellers. The data can be used for the following:

- To estimate, monitor and understand salient characteristics of foreign travellers and volumes of South African residents travelling outside South Africa.
- To provide information that can be used to (a) assess the extent of government's progress in strengthening bilateral political and economic relations by assessing the number of international tourist arrivals, and (b) benchmark surveys focusing on the demand for local tourism services by foreign travellers.

### 4.2 Purpose of the statistical release

This release reports on arrivals, departures and transit travellers of South African residents and foreign travellers. Detailed information on the age and sex distribution; mode of travel; national and regional distribution; and purpose of travel of overnight visitors or tourists are also provided.

### 4.3 Scope and coverage

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

### 4.4 Data

Information published in this release is based on data obtained from the following data sources within the DHA:

- Data routinely collected by immigration officers at all road, air and sea entry ports on all travellers (South African residents and foreign travellers) arriving into or departing from South Africa are captured into the DHA's population Movement Control System (MCS). The counts/statistics relate to the number of individual movements, rather than to the number of people. Hence, the multiple movements of individual people during the calendar month are each counted separately. Generally, the data are collected directly from travel documents either by scanning or capturing onto the ports' electronic database. No forms or cards are used (except on rare occasions when the capturing system is down) to collect information from travellers. Individual ports regularly transmit data onto the national database at the head office of the DHA.
- Stats SA receives downloaded data covering a particular calendar month from the DHA.
- As part of data interrogation, data from OR 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 November 2023, the DHA data was 4,0% lower than that of ACSA.

## 4.5 Limitations

### 4.5.1 Outbound tourists

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

## 4.6 Definition of terms

### 4.6.1 Definitions used by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

**Traveller** is someone who moves between different geographical locations for any purpose and any duration.

**Visitor** refers to any person travelling to a place other than that of his/her usual environment for less than 12 months and whose main purpose of the trip is other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited.

**Same-Day visitor** is a visitor who visits a place for less than one night.

**Tourist** (overnight visitor) is a visitor who stays at least one night in collective or private accommodation in the place visited.

**Tourism** comprises the activities of persons travelling to, and staying in places outside their usual environment, for not more than one consecutive year, for leisure, business and other purposes. The usual environment of a person consists of a certain area around his/her place of residence, plus all the other places he/she frequently visits.

### 4.6.2 Definitions used specifically in this release

**South African resident** refers to either a South African citizen or a non-South African citizen with a South African permanent residence permit.

**Foreign traveller** refers to a traveller who is not a South African citizen or permanent resident.

**Region** refers to the following country classification:

- Overseas: Europe, North America, Central and South America, Australasia, the Middle East and Asia.
- Africa: SADC and 'other' Africa (East and Central Africa, West Africa and North Africa).

**Country** refers to individual countries within a region. The country of residence is used. The country of residence should not be confused with the country from which the visitor travelled.

**Africa** refers to all the countries in Africa (both mainland and island countries).

**SADC** refers to the 14 countries, excluding South Africa, which belong to the Southern African Development Community.

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

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

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

## 4.7 Symbols used

- = nil

< = less than

## 4.8 Rounding off

Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

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