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Preface

The report provides information on South African residents and foreign travellers who passed through all South African ports of entry/exit (air, land and sea ports) in 2024. It summarises data published in the monthly statistical releases on *International tourism* (statistical release P0350) in 2024, highlighting annual numbers of travellers and tourists. The report provides details on the mode of travel; seasonal travel patterns; purpose of visit; full duration of stay of visit; and demographic characteristics of tourists who visited South Africa in 2024.

NB: Users are advised that some of the ports of entry/exit are missing data due to a lack of network coverage at those ports; however, the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) is addressing this problem. Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) is constantly in communication with the department and more ports of entry/exit will have data, thus improving coverage.



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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Administrative records regulating the flow of people across international boundaries, specifically border statistics, are an important source of statistical data on temporary population movements in many countries. Generally, countries routinely collect data from both residents and non-residents who pass through the demarcated air, land and sea ports on arrival into and departing from the country. The method, the kind of collected data, the quality of data and the dissemination and availability of processed data differ widely among countries since there is no international standard template for the recording of information on travellers. Besides the impact of the level of infrastructure development, the national differences are largely shaped by the immigration policies and regulations of individual countries.

Data collection methods can be electronic, manual or both. Travel documents could be scanned and/or travellers are expected to complete an arrival and departure form/card. The amount of documentation and the information collected from travellers are often influenced by the citizenship/nationality of the travel document and the purpose of entry.

Data obtained from foreigners or non-residents are used to categorise them into visitors and non-visitors. Usually, the data given on the form/card regarding the purpose of visit and/or length of stay is further used to categorise travellers into visitors and migrants. In addition, some countries issue special cards for registered immigrants that they could use to cross into and out of the country of residence. Thus, the information from the visa, permit and the card/form are used to classify non-visitors into migratory categories such as short-term and long-term migrants; temporary migrants; permanent migrants; labour migrants, asylum seekers, students, etc., according to a country's specifications.

Because border statistics are derived from arrival data, they are the most suitable data source for the direct measurement of the *flow* of immigrants. The data are available at any given time because they are routinely collected as travellers pass through the immigration checkpoints at the ports of entry. It is crucial to note that, unlike data from census or sample surveys that count individual persons, border statistics, by their nature, measure events, i.e. movements of persons rather than the physical persons. The reason is that the same person can cross the border several times during a specified time, and his or her information is recorded every time he or she passes through the border.

The management of population movements across South African borders and immigration into South Africa falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Home Affairs (DHA). The jurisdiction of this responsibility is enshrined in the various immigration acts, amendments, laws and regulations. Currently, with respect to the collection of data on population movements in and out of South Africa, the DHA operates under the Immigration Act 2002 (Act No. 13 of 2002), its amendments and associated regulations.

At the ports of entry/exit (see Appendix I on page 20 for the distribution of all South African ports), the immigration officers of the DHA collect information on South African residents and foreign travellers arriving into or departing from South Africa. This information is used to produce statistical releases on all travellers, with emphasis on tourists, and an annual report aggregating the results of one calendar year.

1.2 Objectives of this report

The report forms part of a regular annual series of publications on tourism statistics. The main aim of the report is to present information on population movements into and out of South Africa in 2024. Specifically, the report provides:

- Information on arrivals, departures and transits of South African residents and foreign travellers.
- A detailed analysis of the movements of tourists and their demographic characteristics over the 12 - month period.

1.3 Scope of this report

This report is based on information on population movements across South Africa's ports of entry/exit covering the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024. It covers data on arrivals and departures of South African residents and foreign travellers. A detailed analysis of the data on foreign tourists with respect to: mode of travel, purpose of visit, sex and age distribution is covered. The report also describes trends in the overall number of travellers and tourists from 2015 to 2024.

2. Data and methods

2.1 Data source

Data routinely collected by immigration officers at all ports of entry/exit (land, air and sea ports) (see Appendix I on page 20) on all travellers (South African residents and foreign travellers) arriving into or departing from South Africa are captured into the Department of Home Affairs' (DHA) population Movement Control System (MCS). The data provide the best national coverage (in terms of both space and time) on the population movements of South African residents and foreign travellers. Among other uses, the data can also be used to:

- estimate, monitor and understand salient characteristics of South African residents and foreign travellers travelling into and out of South Africa.
- estimate the number and some characteristics of same-day visitors and tourists that visit South Africa.
- provide information for marketing tourism by identifying niche, emerging and declining markets (both at country and regional levels) and
- provide information that can be used for monitoring the effects of major international and national events (positive or negative) on the arrival of visitors into the country.

Generally, the data are collected directly from travel documents by scanning them or by capturing information from the travel documents onto the port's electronic database. Individual ports regularly transmit the data to the national database i.e. the MCS at the head office of the DHA.

2.2 Data processing and analysis

Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) downloads the data covering a particular calendar month from the DHA. The Statistical Analysis System (SAS) and Ms Excel are used for data processing and analysis. Descriptive analyses (frequencies, cross-tabulations, percentage distributions and median ages) are used to summarise the data. The results are presented in table and graph formats. These are undertaken every month to publish information on international tourism in the monthly International tourism (Statistical release P0350) to meet users' immediate needs. The cumulative data for 12 months are published in the Tourism report (Report No. 03-51-02) on an annual basis.

2.3 Limitations of data

The information on the total number of arrivals, departures and travellers in transit for South African residents is collected from the scanning of passports. However, data are not collected from passengers on country visited; 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.

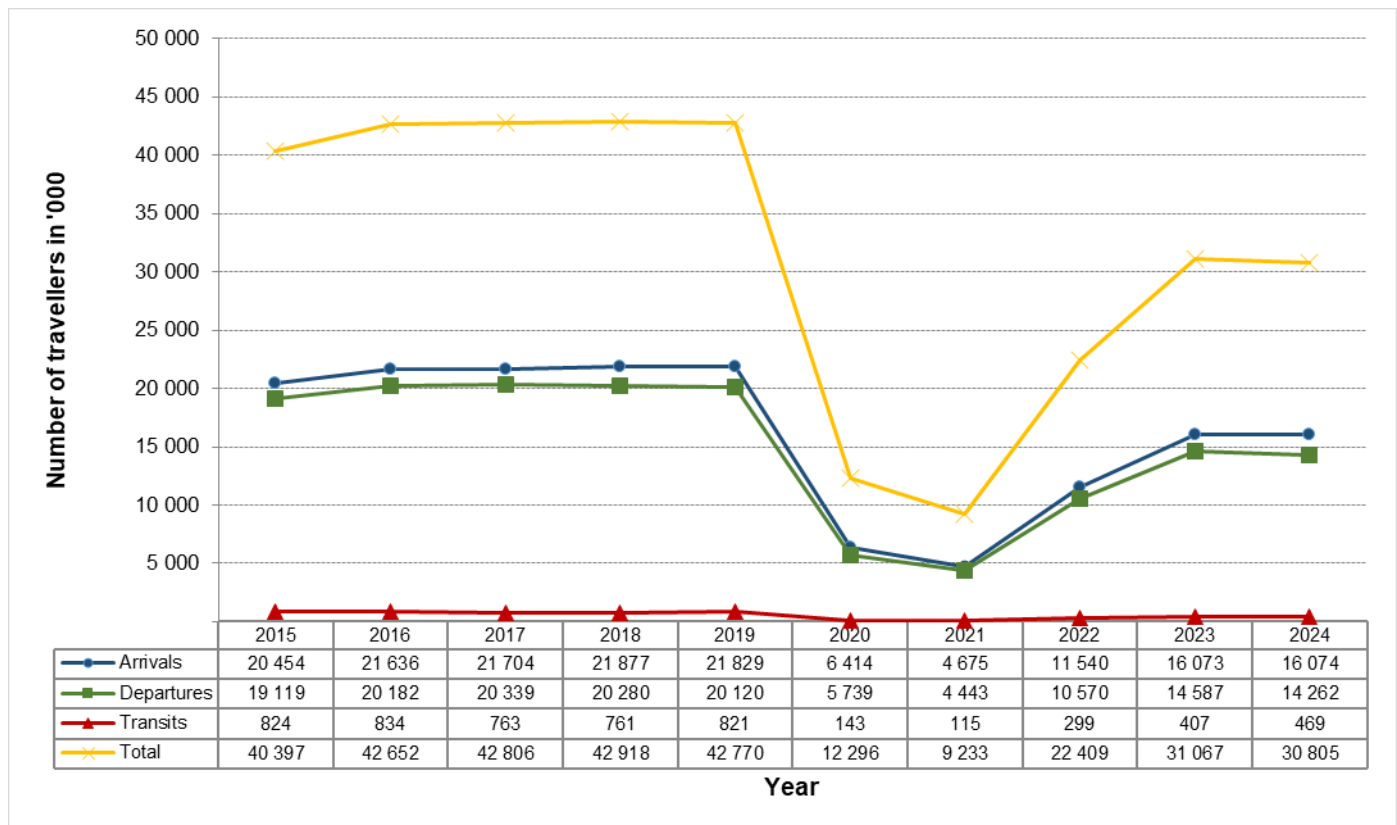
3. All travellers

3.1 Number of travellers

The results present detailed information derived from the data published monthly (January to December 2024) in the International tourism statistical release (P0350). In addition to the 2024 data, where relevant, data from 2023 and earlier are presented to provide some comparison in observed trends and patterns (see Appendix II on page 21).

Travellers consist of travellers in transit, arrivals into and departures from South Africa regardless of residency status. According to data presented in Figure 3.1 below, approximately 30 805 000 travellers were recorded in 2024 compared to 40 397 000 recorded in 2015, indicating that the overall number of travellers decreased by 23,7% over this ten-year period. Similarly, there were 16 074 000 arrivals, 14 262 000 departures and 469 000 transits in 2024 compared to 20 454 000 arrivals, 19 119 000 departures and 824 000 transits in 2015. Furthermore, the number of travellers had a steady increase from 2015 to 2018, followed by a slight decline in 2019 and two drastic declines in 2020 and 2021. An enormous increase was observed between 2021 and 2023. A drop of 0,8% was observed between 2023 and 2024. Arrivals increased by less than 0,1%, while departures decreased by 2,2% and transits increased by 15,2% between 2023 and 2024.

Figure 3.1 – Number of arrivals, departures and travellers in transit by year of travel, 2015 – 2024

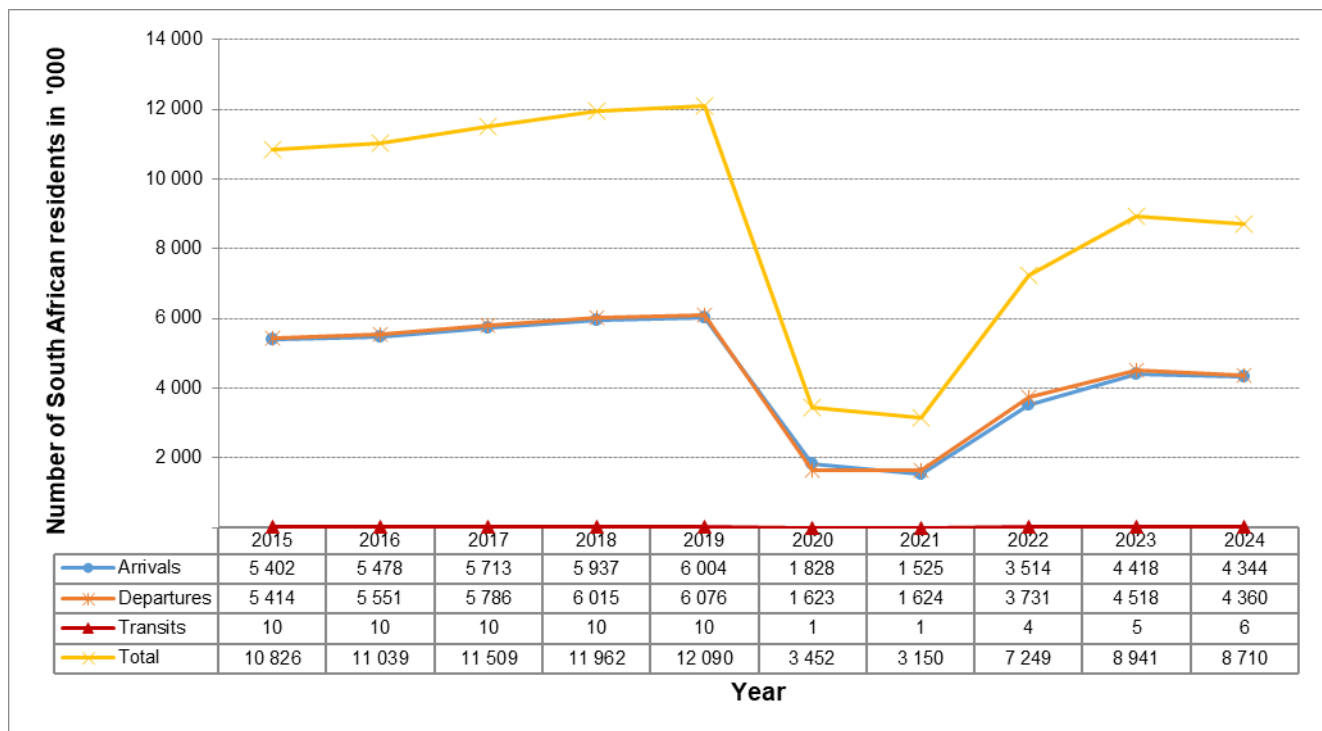


3.1.1 South African residents

In 2024, approximately 8 710 000 South African resident travellers were recorded compared to 8 941 000 in 2023, representing a decline of 2,6%. As shown in Figure 3.2 below, the 2024 volume was made up of 4 344 000 arrivals, 4 360 000 departures and 6 000 transits.

The figure further shows that the annual volumes of arrivals, departures and transits for South African residents generally increased between 2015 and 2019. The figure shows two drastic drops in 2020 and 2021. A vast increase was observed between 2021 and 2023. A drop of 2,6% was observed between 2023 and 2024. There were nearly as many arrivals as departures over the years.

Figure 3.2 – Number of arrivals, departures and transits of South African residents by year of travel, 2015 – 2024



Mode of travel

Table 3.1 below shows that the mode of travel for South African residents entering the country in 2024 was largely the same as for those leaving the country. Most South African residents (52,2%) arrived and (51,6%) departed the country using road transport. Air transport was the second most popular mode of travel used by 45,5% of arrivals and 46,1% of departures. Sea transport was used by 2,2% of arrivals and departures, making it the least used mode of travel. All passengers in transit used air transport (6 044).

Table 3.1 – Number of arrivals, departures and travellers in transit of South African residents by mode of travel, 2024

Mode of travel	Arrivals		Departures		Transits	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Air	1 977 975	45,5%	2 010 559	46,1%	6 044	100,0%
Road	2 268 852	52,2%	2 251 351	51,6%	-	-
Sea	97 614	2,2%	97 949	2,2%	-	-
Total	4 344 441	100,0%	4 359 859	100,0%	6 044	100,0%

Detailed information on ports used by South African residents to leave, enter or transit the country by mode of travel is provided in Table 3.2 below (absolute numbers are provided in Appendix III on page 22). Due to the large number of land ports as shown in Appendix I (on page 20), border countries are used in the table instead of the specific land ports names. That is, data for all ports found on the border within a particular country are combined and the country name is used.

Amongst road users, 74% of South African residents used Lesotho, Mozambique and Eswatini ports of entry. For arrivals, 28,8% entered the country through Mozambique, 23,6% through Eswatini and 21,4% through Lesotho. Similarly, for departures, most road users left through Mozambique (27,3%), Eswatini (25,0%) and Lesotho (21,2%) ports. Out of the total number of residents using air as their mode of travel, the majority (76,0%) arrived and (75,3%) departed through OR Tambo International Airport while 20,0% arrived and 20,6% left through Cape Town International Airport. Less than 4,0% arrived (3,6%) or departed (3,7%) the country using King Shaka International Airport and 0,4% arrived and left through other airports. Out of those who arrived by sea, most (82,4%) arrived or (82,3%) left through the Durban harbour.

Detailed information on the mode of travel by place and month of arrival and departure for South African residents for 2024 is presented in Appendix IV on page 23 and Appendix V on page 24.

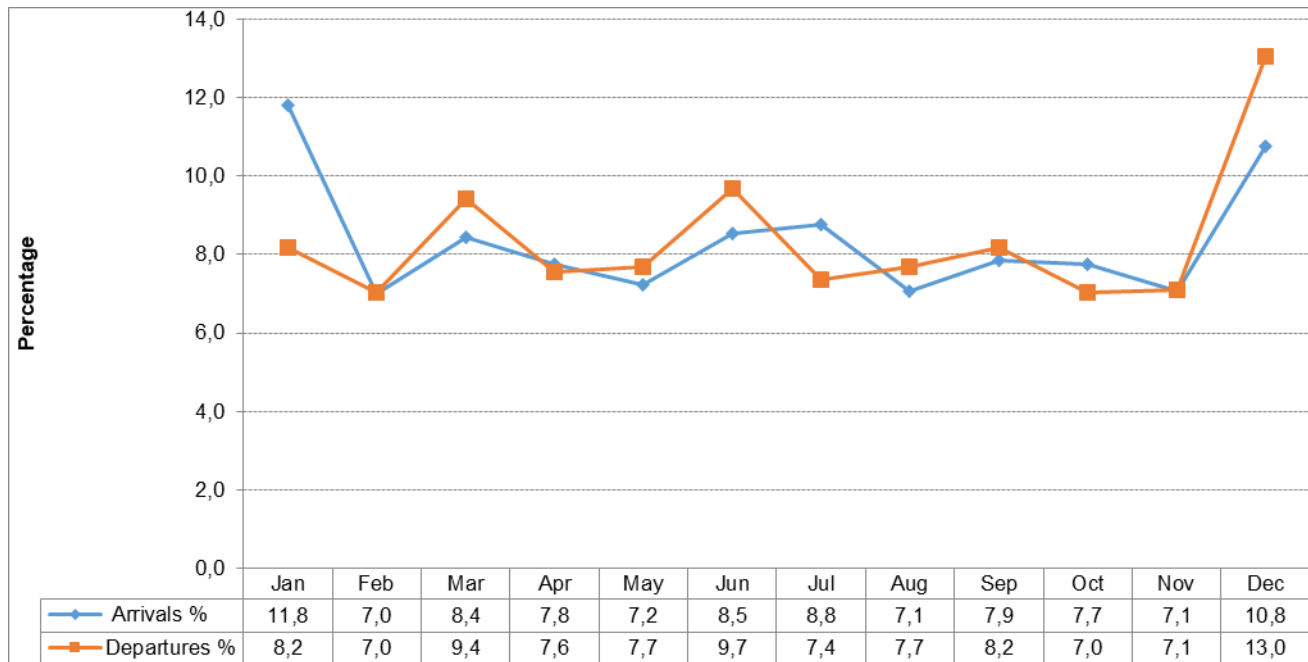
Table 3.2 – Percentage distribution of South African residents by mode of travel and place of arrival or departure, 2024*

Mode of travel and place of arrival, departure or transit	% Arrivals	% Departures	% Transit
Air	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
Cape Town International Airport	20,0%	20,6%	1,6%
King Shaka International Airport	3,6%	3,7%	-
OR Tambo International Airport	76,0%	75,3%	98,4%
Other Airports	0,4%	0,4%	-
Road	100,0%	100,0%	-
Botswana	16,0%	16,0%	-
Eswatini	23,6%	25,0%	-
Lesotho	21,4%	21,2%	-
Mozambique	28,8%	27,3%	-
Namibia	4,5%	4,6%	-
Zimbabwe	5,8%	6,0%	-
Sea	100,0%	100,0%	-
Cape Town Harbour	17,6%	17,7%	-
Durban Harbour	82,4%	82,3%	-

* Percentages might not add up to 100 due to rounding off.

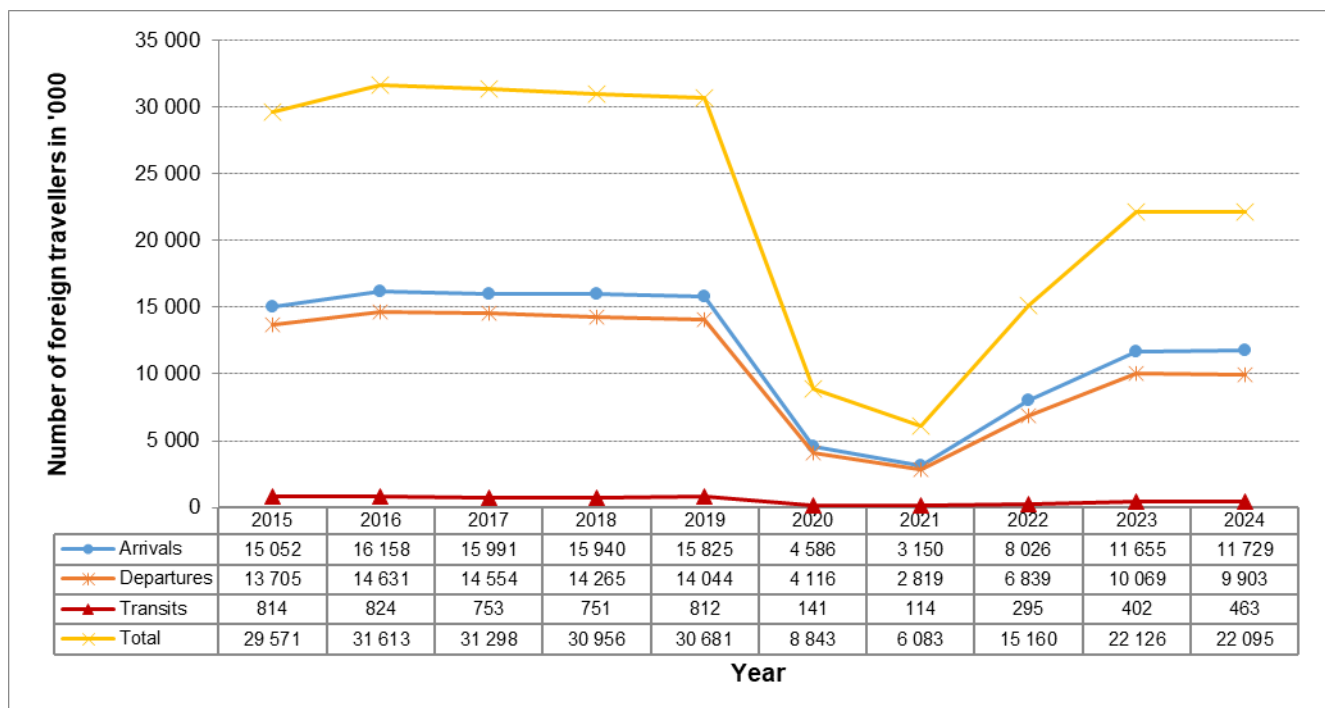
Month of travel

The distribution of South Africans arriving and departing the country classified by month of travel is provided in Figure 3.3 on page 6. The results show that of the 4 344 441 arrivals, the highest proportion was recorded in January (11,8%) followed by December (10,8%), while the lowest proportion was recorded in February (7,0%). Of the 4 359 859 departures, the highest percentage was recorded in December (13,0%) and the lowest in February (7,0%) and in October (7,0%).

Figure 3.3 – Percentage distribution of arrivals and departures of South African residents by month of travel, 2024

3.1.2 Foreign travellers

In 2024, approximately 22 095 000 foreign travellers were recorded compared to 22 126 000 in 2023. As shown in Appendix II on page 21, the 2024 volume was made up of 11 729 000 arrivals, 9 903 000 departures and 463 000 transits. It is observed from Figure 3.4 below (and Appendix II on page 21) that an increase was observed between 2015 and 2016 and the volumes generally declined between 2016 and 2019. Two drastic drops were observed between 2019 and 2021. A sharp increase was observed between 2021 and 2023. A slight increase of 0,1% was observed between 2023 and 2024. Unlike in the case of South African travellers, the volume of departures of foreign travellers has been lower than that of arrivals throughout the ten-year period.

Figure 3.4 – Number of arrivals, departures and transits of foreign travellers by year of travel, 2015 – 2024

Mode of travel

Table 3.3 below indicates a marginal difference in the mode of travel used by foreigners coming into South Africa or leaving the country in 2024. Most foreigners arrived (73,9%) and left (66,9%) the country by road. Air travel was used by 25,5% of foreign arrivals and 32,2% of foreign departures. Of the foreigners who came into the country, 0,6% arrived and 0,9% departed by sea transport.

Table 3.3 – Number of arrivals, departures and transits of foreign travellers by mode of travel and place of arrival or departure, 2024

Mode of travel	Arrivals		Departures		Transits	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Air	2 988 016	25,5%	3 189 639	32,2%	463 133	100,0%
Road	8 668 832	73,9%	6 622 118	66,9%	-	-
Sea	72 376	0,6%	90 875	0,9%	-	-
Total	11 729 224	100,0%	9 902 632	100,0%	463 133	100,0%

Most of the foreign travellers who arrived by road entered through Mozambique (25,3%), Zimbabwe (24,7%) and Lesotho (20,3%) ports of entry (see Table 3.4 below). For departures, most road users went through Mozambique (23,4%), Lesotho (21,4%) and Zimbabwe (21,3%) ports.

The majority of the foreigners who travelled by air arrived (66,0%) and left (64,8%) South Africa through OR Tambo International Airport (see Appendix VI on page 25 for absolute numbers). Almost all travellers in transit (98,5%) used OR Tambo International Airport. Cape Town International Airport was used by 32,7% foreigners to arrive in the country and 33,9% to leave the country. Less than 2,0% came (1,1%) or left (1,2%) the country using King Shaka International Airport and 0,2% came and 0,1% left through other airports. Those who travelled by sea mainly used Cape Town harbour by 87,9% to arrive and 82,8% to depart South Africa.

Table 3.4 – Percentage distribution of foreign arrivals, departures and transits by mode of travel and place of arrival or departure, 2024*

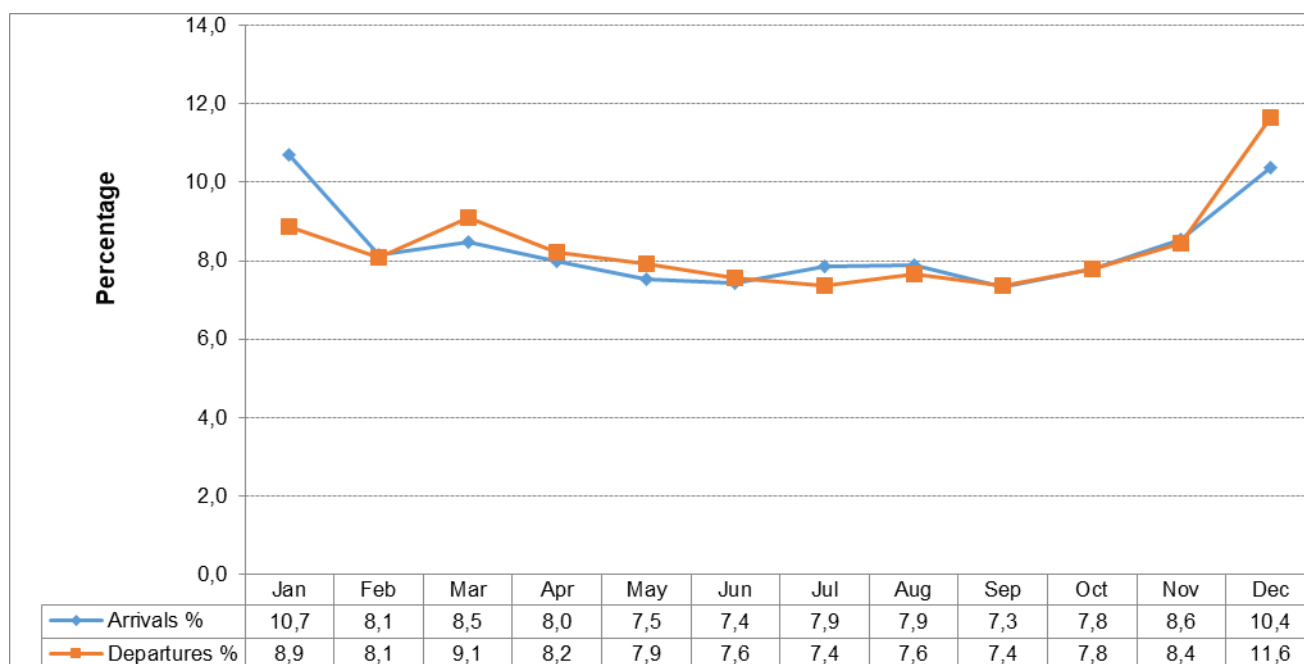
Mode of travel and place of arrival, departure or transit	% Arrivals	% Departures	% Transits
Air	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
Cape Town International Airport	32,7%	33,9%	1,5%
King Shaka International Airport	1,1%	1,2%	0,0%
OR Tambo International Airport	66,0%	64,8%	98,5%
Other Airports	0,2%	0,1%	-
Road	100,0%	100,0%	-
Botswana	11,6%	14,6%	-
Eswatini	16,6%	17,3%	-
Lesotho	20,3%	21,4%	-
Mozambique	25,3%	23,4%	-
Namibia	1,5%	2,0%	-
Zimbabwe	24,7%	21,3%	-
Sea	100,0%	100,0%	-
Cape Town Harbour	87,9%	82,8%	-
Durban Harbour	12,1%	17,2%	-

* Percentages might not add up to 100 due to rounding off.

Month of travel

The monthly distribution of foreign arrivals and departures by mode of travel and place of arrival and departure are provided in Appendices VII on page 26 and VIII on page 27 and summarised in Figure 3.5 below. The results indicate that most foreign arrivals were recorded in January (10,7%) and in December (10,4%) and the least in September (7,3%) while most departures were recorded in December (11,6%) and the least in July (7,0%) and in September (7,0%).

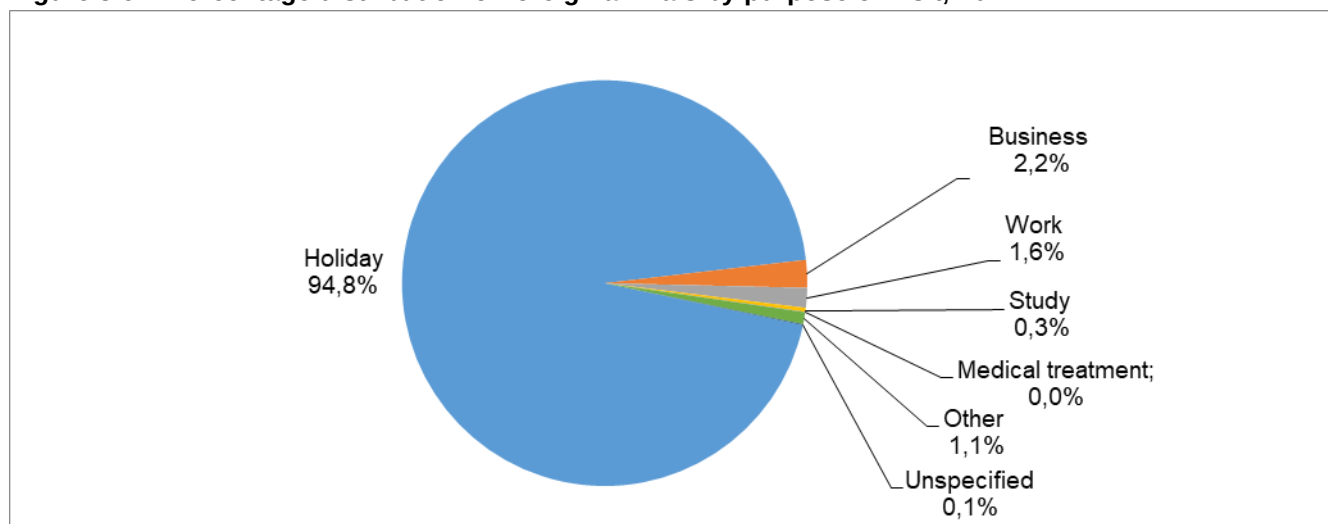
Figure 3.5 – Percentage distribution of foreign arrivals and departures by month of travel, 2024



Purpose of visit

Figure 3.6 below, shows that in 2024, the main purpose of visit for foreign arrivals was holidays (94,8%). Whereas 2,2% of the 2024 arrivals came for business; 1,6% came for work; 0,3% came to study and less than 0,1% came for medical treatment. A detailed distribution of the number of foreign arrivals by purpose of visit and month can be seen in Appendix IX on page 28. April (23 834) and March (23 084) had the highest number of foreign arrivals who came for business; while most tourists who came for holiday came in January (1 187 371) and in December (1 166 629); students came in January (6 797), February (5 248) and in July (5 116); workers came in January (21 548) and those who came for medical treatment came in March (334) and in July (309).

Figure 3.6 – Percentage distribution of foreign arrivals by purpose of visit, 2024

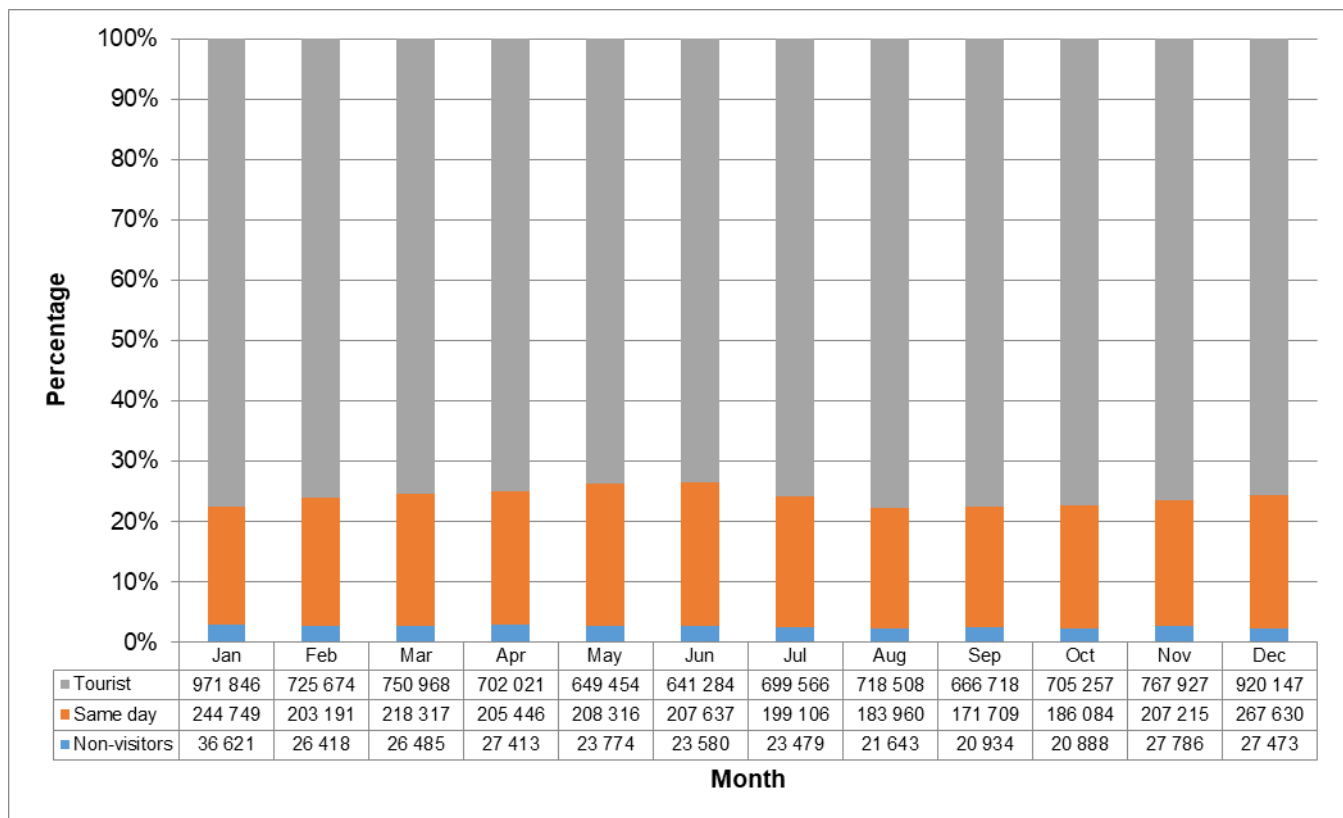


Type of visitors

Foreign arrivals can be classified as visitors and non-visitors depending on their purpose of visit. Furthermore, the visitors can be grouped as same-day visitors and tourists (overnight visitors). In 2024, there were 306 494 (2,6%) non-visitors and 11 422 730 (97,4%) visitors (see Appendix X on page 29). The visitors were made up of 2 503 360 (21,9%) same-day visitors and 8 919 370 (78,1%) overnight visitors or tourists.

It is observed from the monthly distribution of the data presented in Figure 3.7 below, that the volume of non-visitors was highest in January (36 621). In contrast, October recorded the lowest number of non-visitors (20 888). The monthly volume of same-day visitors ranged from 171 709 in September to 267 630 in December with a monthly average of 208 613 visitors.

Figure 3.7 – Distribution of foreign arrivals by type of visitor, 2024



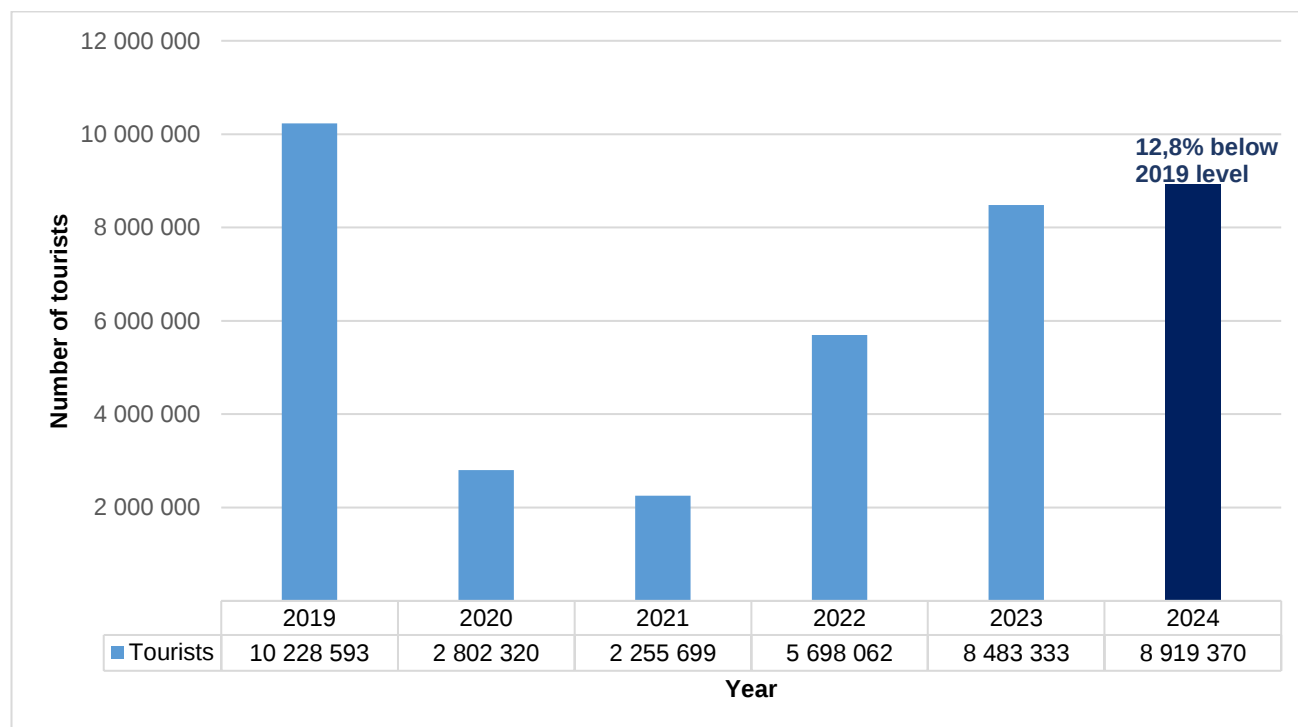
Further analysis on same-day visitors (see Appendix XI on page 30) indicates that a great majority of the same-day visitors [2 274 043 (90,8%)] came into the country by road; most of whom were from Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries [2 245 578 (98,7%)]. Virtually all same-day visitors [2 482 243 (99,2%)] came for holiday. The rest came for business [18 929 (0,8%)]; for study purposes [1 984 (0,1%)] and for medical treatment [204 (less than 0,1%)].

4. Tourists

4.1 Monthly, quarterly and annual trends

This section presents the number of tourists that visited South Africa in 2024, as well as their demographic characteristics (age and sex), their regions of residence, mode of travel, purpose of visit and duration of stay. Figure 4.1 below indicates that a total of 8 919 370 tourists came to South Africa in 2024, showing an increase of 5,1% from the 8 483 333 tourists recorded in 2023. In 2024 tourist arrivals were 12,8% below the pre-pandemic levels from 10 228 593 in 2019

Figure 4.1 – Number of tourists by year of travel, 2019 – 2024



Information presented in Figure 4.2 on page 11 indicates that the highest number of tourist arrivals [971 846 (10,9%)] was recorded in January 2024 followed by [920 147 (10,3%)] which was recorded in December 2024. The lowest number of tourist arrivals was recorded in June 2024 [641 284 (7,2%)]. Figure 4.2 further shows that the monthly tourist arrivals in 2024 were generally higher than those observed in 2023 except in April, September and October.

Appendix XIV (on page 33) further indicates some diversity in the monthly arrival patterns regarding the types of tourists. The highest numbers of tourists were recorded in January [944 919 (10,9%)] and in December [900 784 (10,4%)] for holiday; in April [21 998 (9,2%)] and in March [21 496 (9,0%)] for business, that of students was recorded in January [6 449 (17,8%)], and that of medical treatment was recorded in July [295 (9,7%)].

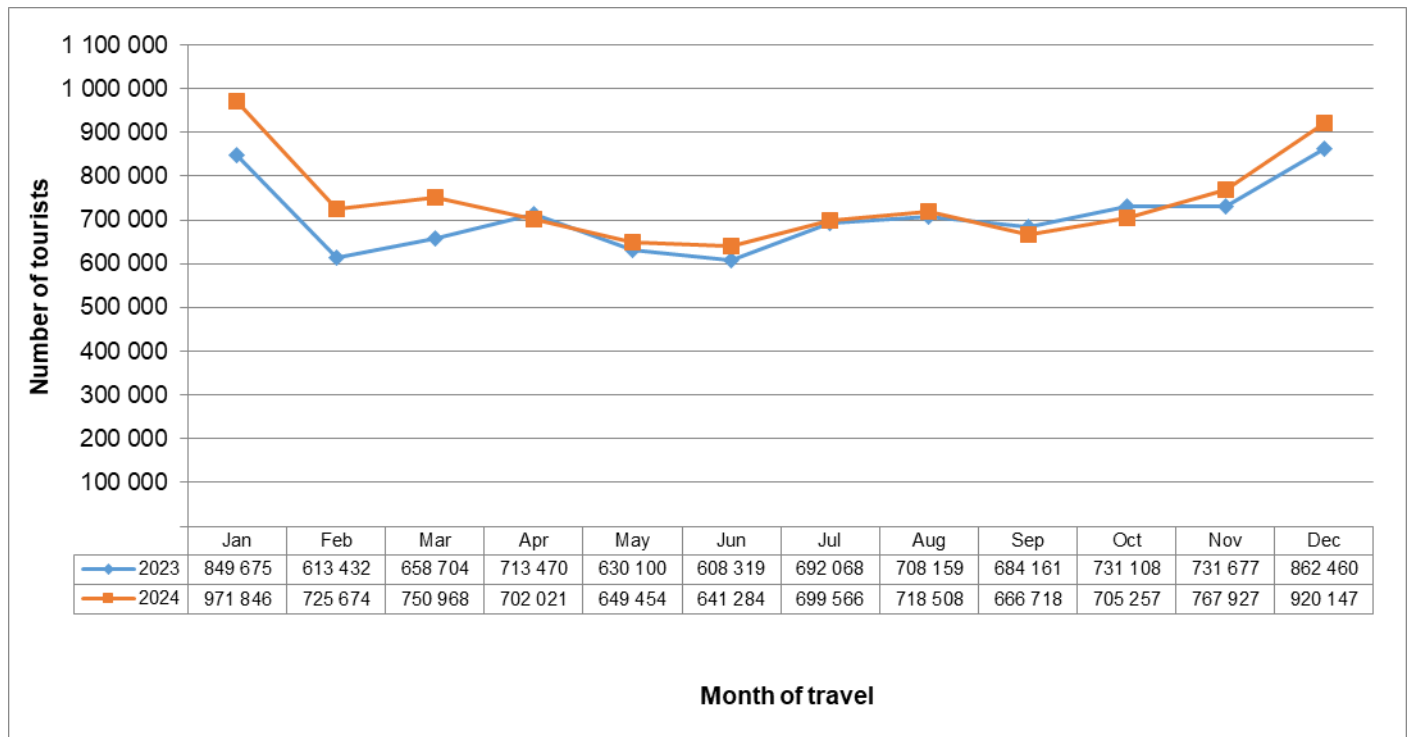
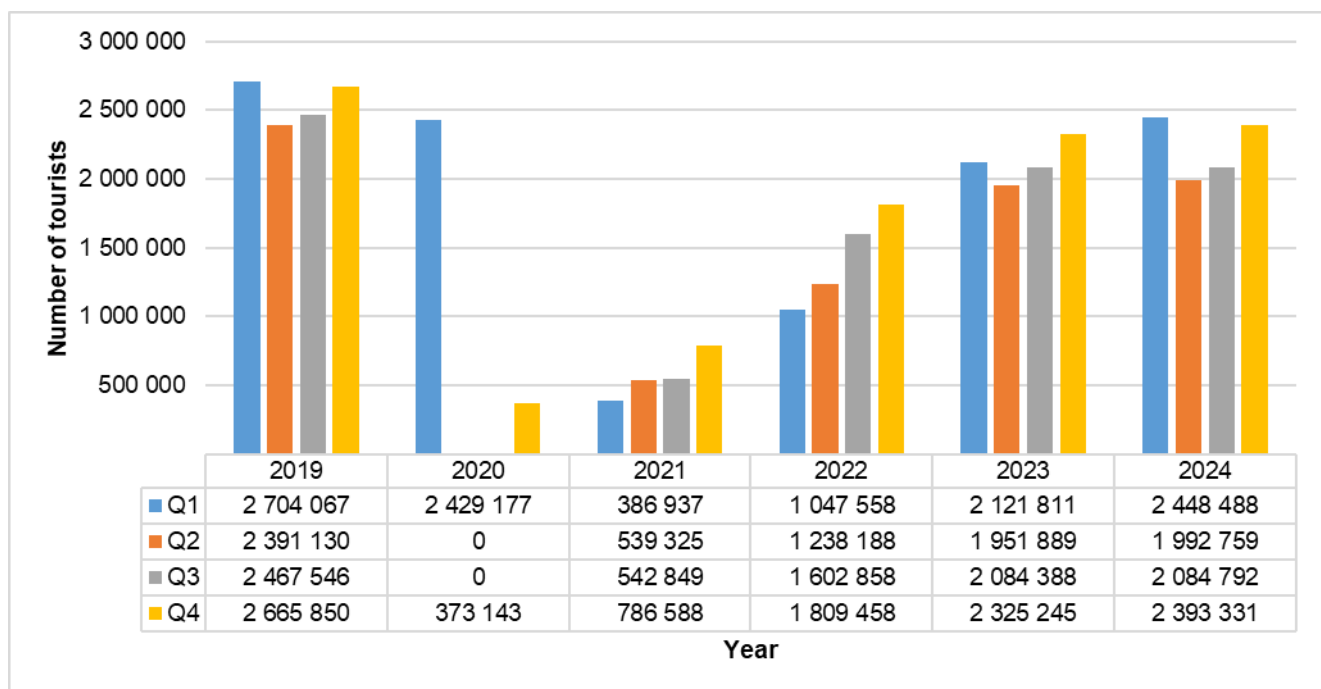
Figure 4.2 – Number of tourists by month and year of travel, 2023 and 2024

Figure 4.3 below shows that the number of tourists who came to South Africa was highest in quarter one (2 448 488) and in quarter four (2 393 331) in 2024. This is the same trend that was observed in 2023 and 2019 though quarter one was lower than quarter four in 2023. Quarter two of 2024 was characterised by a large decrease of 18,6% (from 2 448 488 tourists in quarter one to 1 992 759 tourists in quarter two).

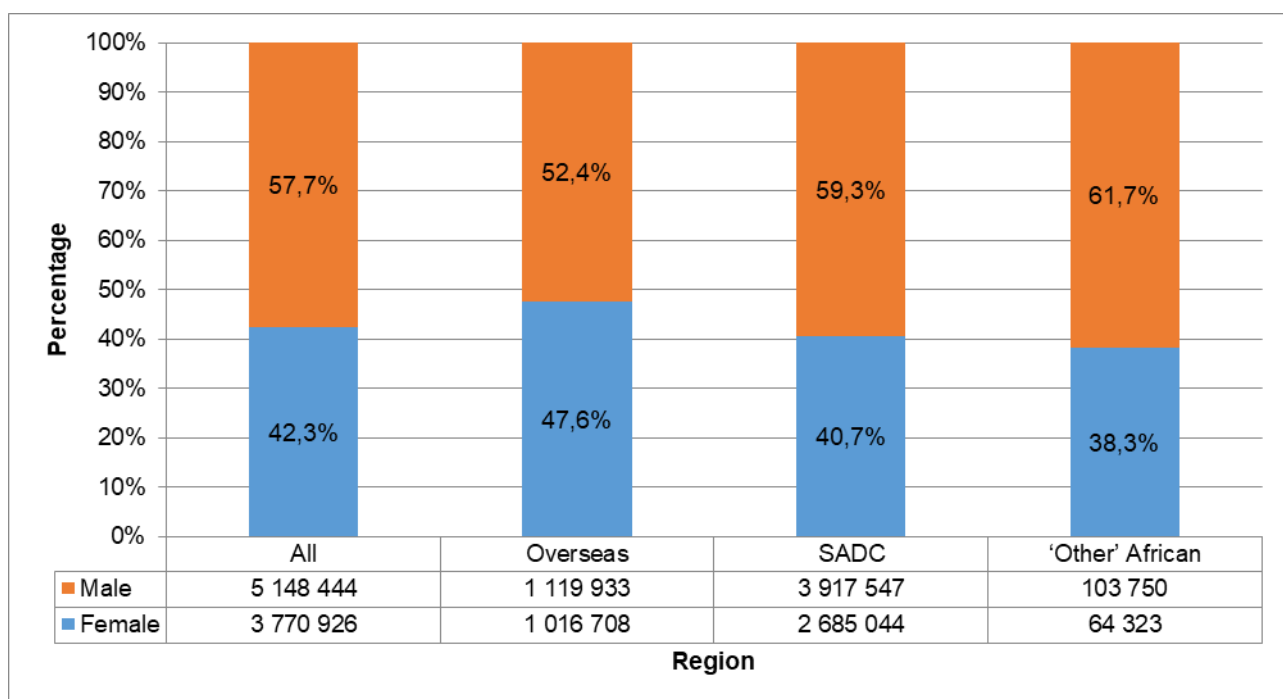
Figure 4.3 – Quarterly changes of tourists' arrivals, Quarter 1 – Quarter 4, 2019 – 2024

4.2 Sex and age distribution

Sex

In 2024, as shown in Figure 4.4 below, there were more male [5 148 444 (57,7%)] than female [3 770 926 (42,3%)] tourists. Male tourists constituted the majority of tourists for all three regions, SADC [3 917 547 (59,3%)], overseas countries [1 119 933 (52,4%)] and 'other' African countries [103 750 (61,7%)]. Similarly, the largest portion of female tourists was from SADC countries [2 685 044 (40,7%)], followed by overseas countries [1 016 708 (47,6%)] and the lowest from 'other' African countries [64 323 (38,3%)]. Detailed information on the number of tourists by sex, age and region of residence are shown in Appendix XII on page 31 while the same distribution by month of arrival is shown in Appendix XIII on page 32.

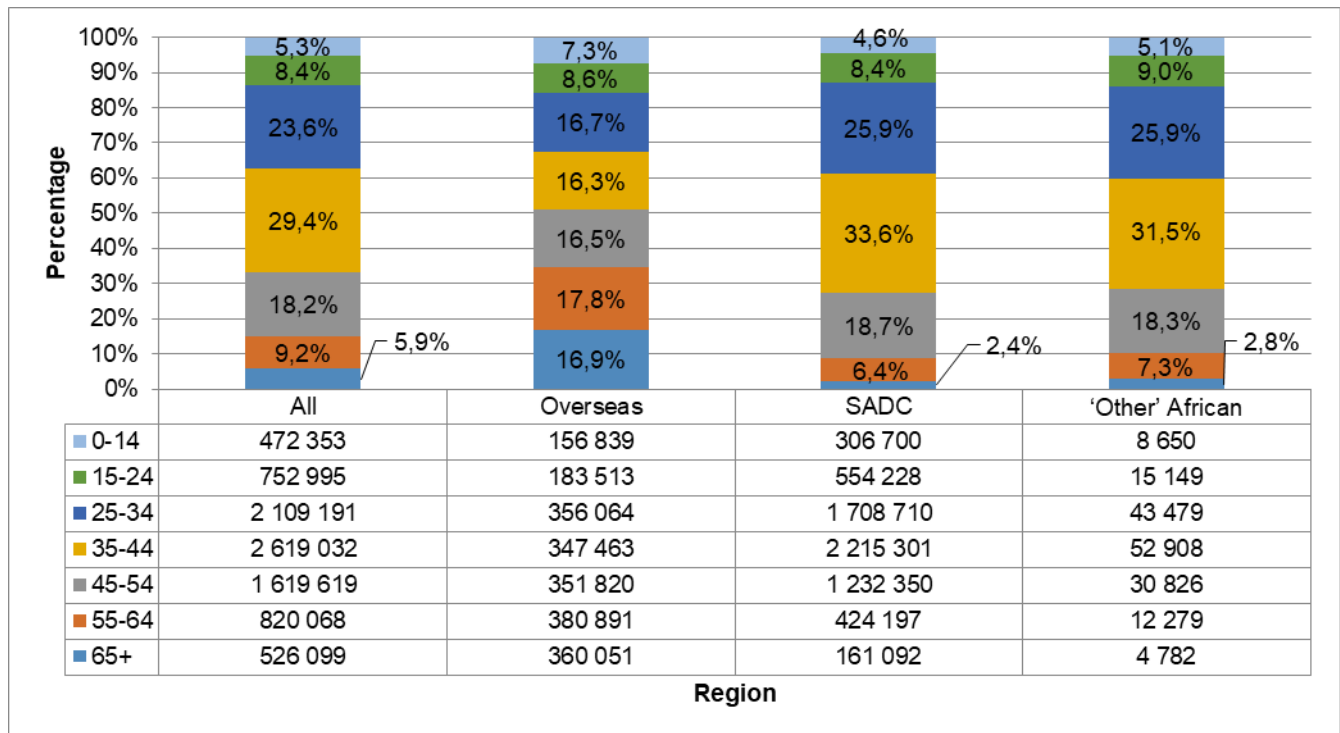
Figure 4.4 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and sex, 2024



Age

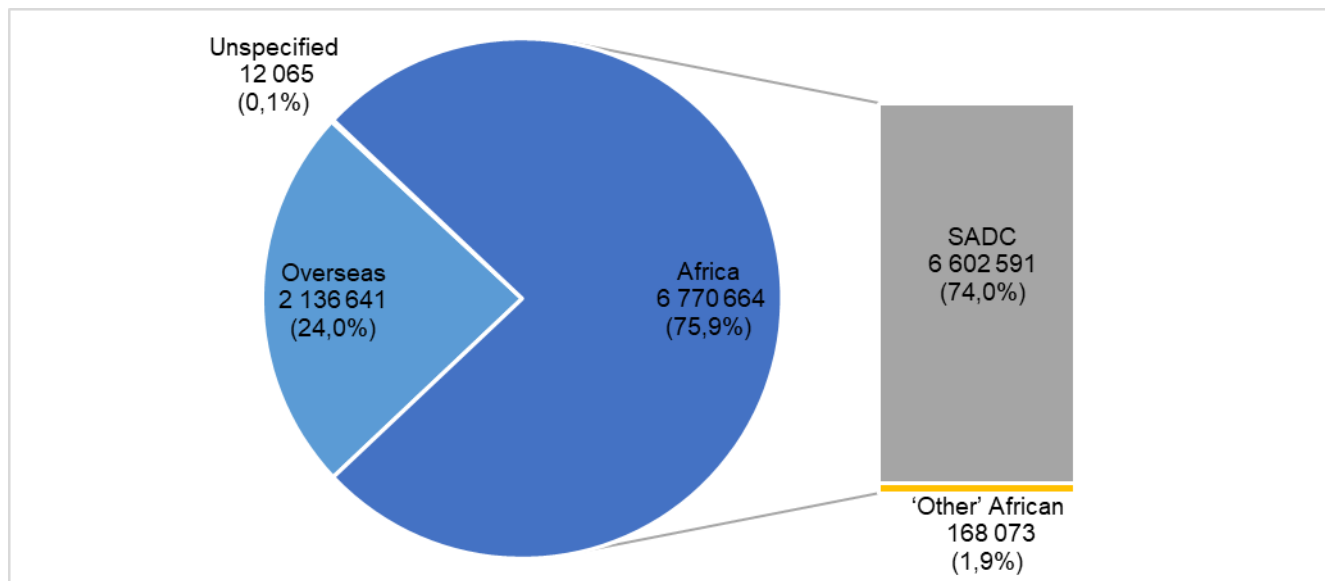
The age distribution indicates that out of all tourists, [472 353 (5,3%)] were aged younger than 15; [752 995 (8,4%)] were aged between 15 and 24; [2 109 191 (23,6%)] were aged between 25 and 34 years; [2 619 032 (29,4%)] were aged between 35 and 44; [1 619 619 (18,2%)] were aged between 45 and 54; [820 068 (9,2%)] were aged between 55 and 64 and [526 099 (5,9%)] were aged 65 and older. Tourists who had unspecified ages were excluded from this figure. (see Figure 4.5 on page 13).

Taking the region of residence into consideration, the results show that the highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [2 215 301 (33,6%)] and those from 'other' African countries [52 908 (31,5%)] were aged between 35 and 44, whereas overseas countries [380 891 (17,8%)] were aged between 55 and 64. The second highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [1 708 710 (25,9%)] and those from 'other' African countries [43 479 (25,9%)] were aged between 25 and 34, whereas those from overseas countries [360 051 (16,9%)] were aged 65 and older. The median ages of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries were 45, 38 and 38 years respectively. The proportion of tourists aged younger than 15 was higher among tourists from overseas countries, 7,3% (156 839) compared to those from 'other' African countries, 5,1% (8 650) and those from SADC countries, 4,6% (306 700). Detailed information on the number of tourists by sex, age and region of residence are shown in Appendix XII on page 31 while the same distribution by month of arrival is shown in Appendix XIII on page 32.

Figure 4.5 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and age, 2024

4.3 Region of residence

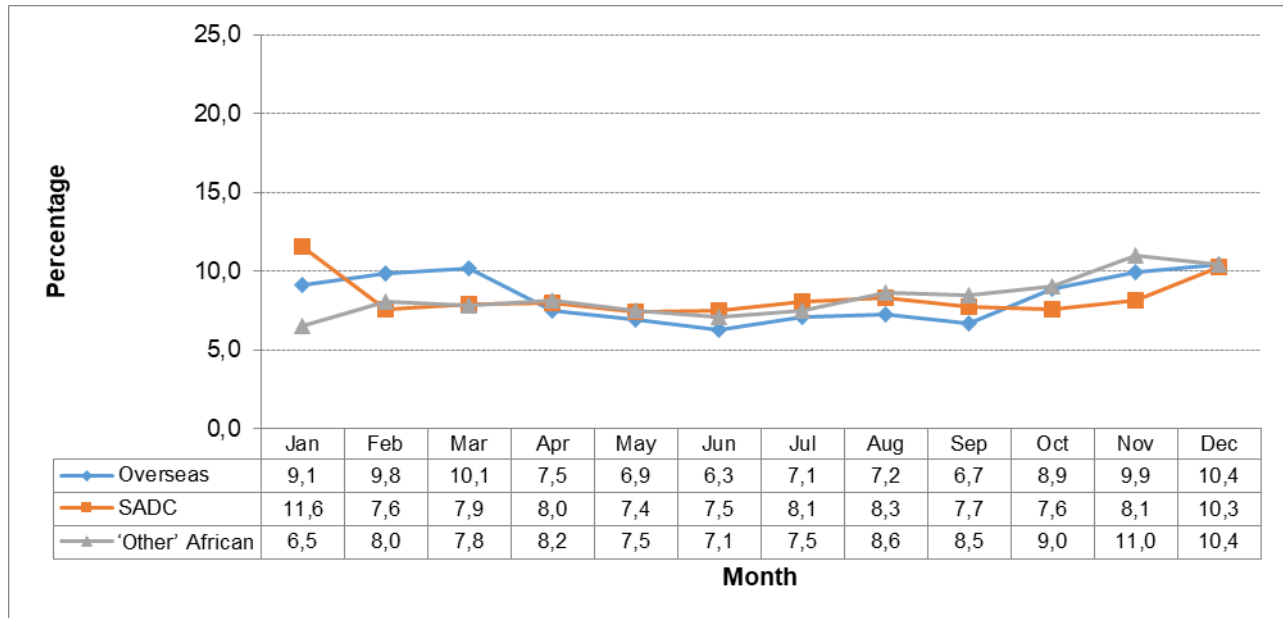
The breakdown of the number of tourists by region provided in Figure 4.6 below indicates that 74,0% of the tourists who arrived in South Africa in 2024 were residents of SADC countries and 1,9% were from 'other' African countries. These two sub-regions made up 75,9% of tourists from Africa in total. Residents of overseas countries made up 24,0% of the tourists.

Figure 4.6 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence, 2024

Detailed information on the number of tourists by region and sub-region of residence and the month of arrival is provided in Appendix XV on page 34 and the percentage distribution at the regional level is shown in Figure 4.7 on page 14. It is observed that there are regional differences in the monthly arrivals of tourists. Thus in 2024, the highest proportion of overseas tourists was recorded in December (10,4%) and the lowest proportion in June (6,3%).

The highest proportion of tourist arrivals from the SADC region was recorded in January (11,6%) and in December (10,3%), the lowest was recorded in May (7,4%). Furthermore, for tourists from the 'other' African region, the highest proportion of tourist arrivals was recorded in November (11,0%) and in December (10,4%), the lowest proportion was recorded in January (6,5%).

Figure 4.7 –Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and month of arrival, 2024

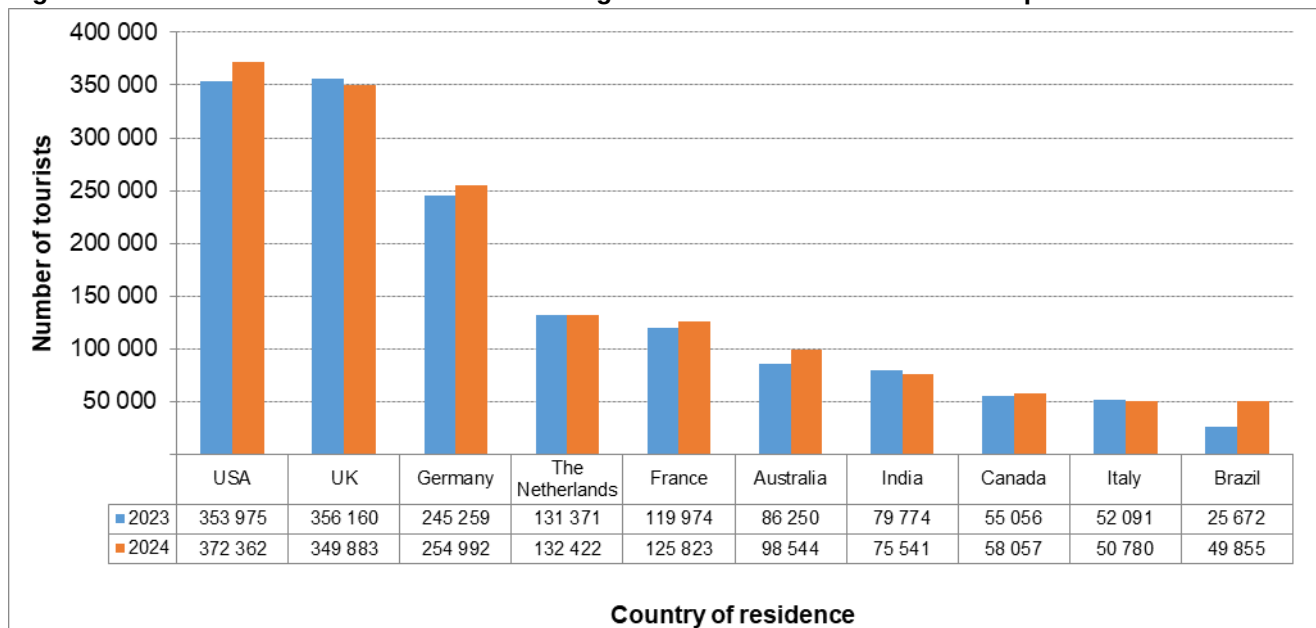


4.4 Ten leading countries

Overseas

As presented in Figure 4.8 below (and Appendix XVII on page 36 – 40), the ten leading countries for overseas tourists in 2024 were: United States of America (USA), 372 362 (17,4%); The United Kingdom (UK), 349 883 (16,4%); Germany, 254 992 (11,9%); The Netherlands, 132 422 (6,2%); France, 125 823 (5,9%); Australia, 98 544 (4,6%); India, 75 541 (3,5%); Canada, 58 057 (2,7%); Italy, 50 780 (2,4%) and Brazil, 49 855 (2,3%). A comparison of the 2023 and 2024 volumes indicates that the number of tourists increased in 7 of the 10 leading overseas countries. Brazil had the largest increase of 94,2%.

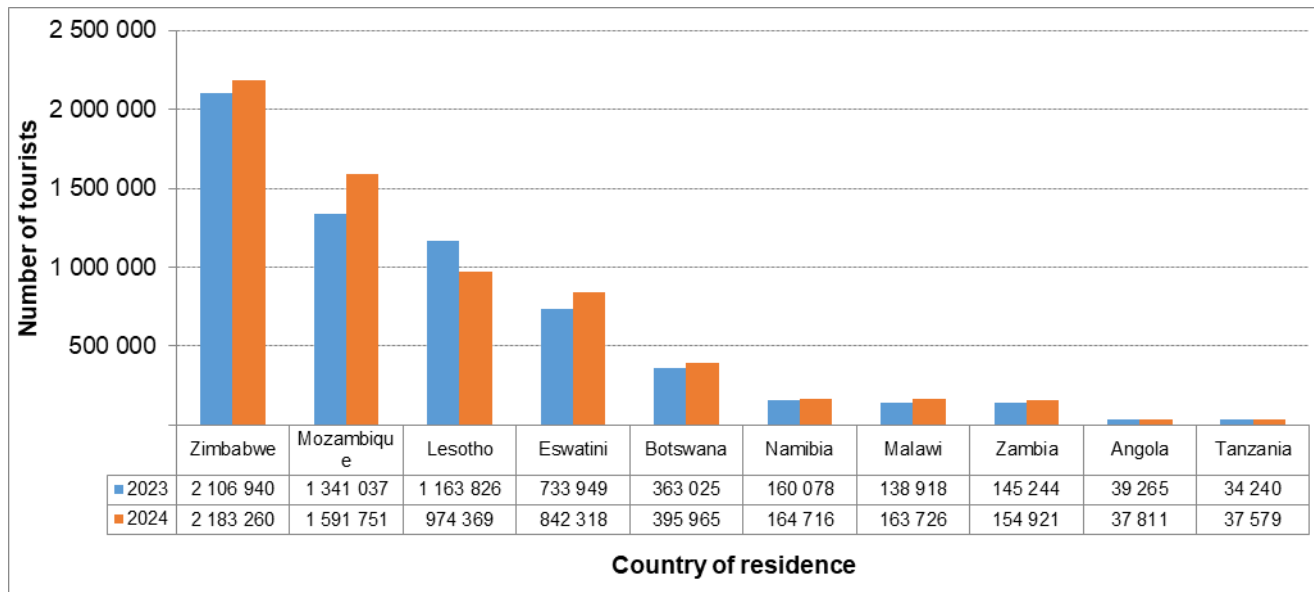
Figure 4.8 –Number of tourists from ten leading overseas countries in 2024 compared to 2023



SADC

Figure 4.9 below and Appendix XVII on page 41 shows the ten leading countries for tourists from the SADC region in 2024. These were: Zimbabwe, 2 183 260 (33,1%); Mozambique, 1 591 751 (24,1%); Lesotho, 974 369 (14,8%); Eswatini, 842 318 (12,8%); Botswana, 395 965 (6,0%); Namibia, 164 716 (2,5%); Malawi, 163 726 (2,5%); Zambia, 154 921 (2,3%); Angola, 37 811 (0,6%) and Tanzania, 37 579 (0,6%). A comparison of the 2023 and 2024 volumes indicates that the number of tourists increased in 8 of the 10 leading SADC countries. Mozambique had the largest increase of 18,7%.

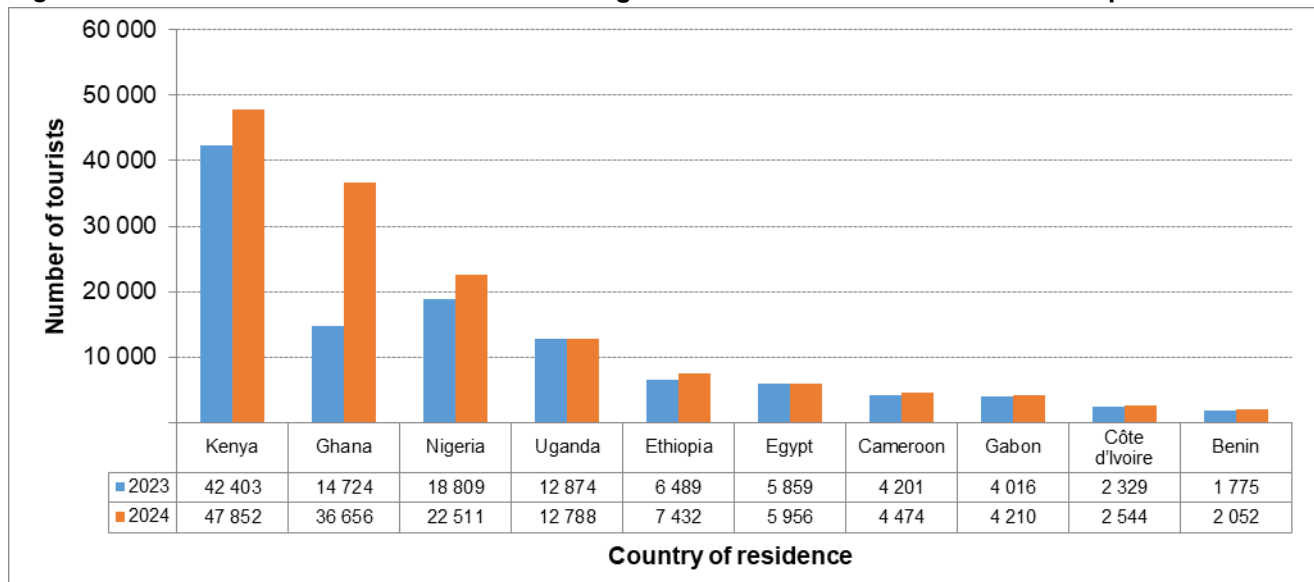
Figure 4.9 – Number of tourists from ten leading SADC countries in 2024 compared to 2023



'Other' African

As presented in Figure 4.10 below and Appendix XVII on page 41– 42, the 10 leading countries for tourists from 'other' African countries in 2024 were: Kenya, 47 852 (28,5%); Ghana, 36 656 (21,8%); Nigeria, 22 511 (13,4%); Uganda, 12 788 (7,6%); Ethiopia, 7 432 (4,4%); Egypt, 5 956 (3,5%); Cameroon, 4 474 (2,7%); Gabon, 4 210 (2,5%); Côte d'Ivoire, 2 544 (1,5%) and Benin, 2 052 (1,2%). A comparison between the 2023 and 2024 volumes indicates that the number of tourists increased in 9 of the 10 leading countries. Ghana had the largest increase of 149,0%.

Figure 4.10 – Number of tourists from ten leading 'other' African countries in 2024 compared to 2023



4.5 Mode of travel

Place of arrival

Table 4.1 below provides information on the number of tourists by mode of travel and place of arrival. A large number of tourists who came to South Africa in 2024 used road [6 215 330 (69,7%)]; followed by those who came by air [2 673 555 (30,0%)]; and those who arrived by sea [30 485 (0,3%)].

The results further show that the road users mainly came in through the Zimbabwe (27,9%) and Mozambique (27,5%) ports of entry. Namibia (1,8%) had the lowest number of tourists using its ports of entry.

Out of the 2 673 555 tourists that arrived by air, the largest proportion (64,0%) used OR Tambo International Airport. Cape Town International Airport was used by 34,9% of tourists. Most of the tourists that arrived by sea came in through the Cape Town harbour (82,4%).

The highest volume of tourists that passed through Zimbabwe port of entry were recorded in January (247 404) whereas the lowest volumes were recorded in November (125 137). Meanwhile, the highest volume of tourists that entered South Africa through the OR Tambo International Airport were recorded in December (175 622) whereas the lowest were recorded in January (120 939). A detailed table including month of travel is shown in Appendix XVI on page 35.

Table 4.1 – Distribution of tourists by mode of travel and place of arrival, 2024*

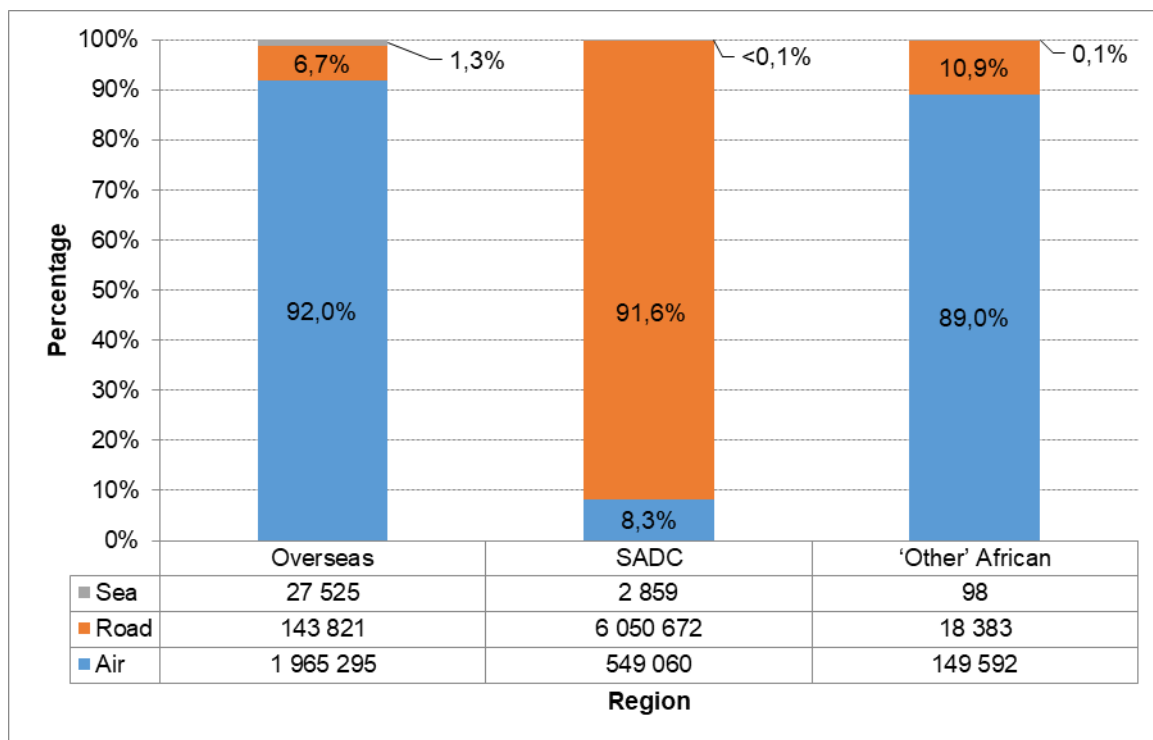
Mode of travel and place of arrival	Total	%
Total	8 919 370	100,0%
Air	2 673 555	100,0%
Cape Town International Airport	932 831	34,9%
King Shaka International Airport	28 154	1,1%
OR Tambo International Airport	1 709 961	64,0%
Other Airports	2 609	0,1%
Road	6 215 330	100,0%
Botswana	664 808	10,7%
Eswatini	1 031 027	16,6%
Lesotho	967 529	15,6%
Mozambique	1 707 075	27,5%
Namibia	110 587	1,8%
Zimbabwe	1 734 304	27,9%
Sea	30 485	100,0%
Cape Town Harbour	25 125	82,4%
Durban Harbour	5 360	17,6%

* Percentages might not add up to 100 due to rounding off.

Region of residence

As observed from Figure 4.11 below and Appendix XX on pages 57– 58, a large proportion of overseas tourists [92,0% (1 965 295)] came into South Africa by air compared to [6,7% (143 821)] who came in by road and [1,3% (27 525)] who came by sea. Similarly, tourists from 'other' African countries generally entered the country by air [89,0% (149 592)] compared to [10,9% (18 383)] who came by road or sea [0,1% (98)]. However, the mode of travel used by most tourists from SADC countries was road [91,6% (6 050 672)] compared to air [8,3% (549 060)] and sea [less than 0,1% (2 859)]. Additionally, most tourists who came by road came through Beit Bridge port (1 734 304) and Lebombo (1 613 869). Most tourists who came by air entered through OR Tambo International Airport (1 709 961), followed by Cape Town International Airport (932 831). Tourists who arrived by sea came through Cape Town Harbour (25 125), followed by Durban Harbour (5 360). Detailed data on sub-region and country of residence and mode of travel is presented in Appendix XVII on page 36.

Figure 4.11 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and mode of travel, 2024

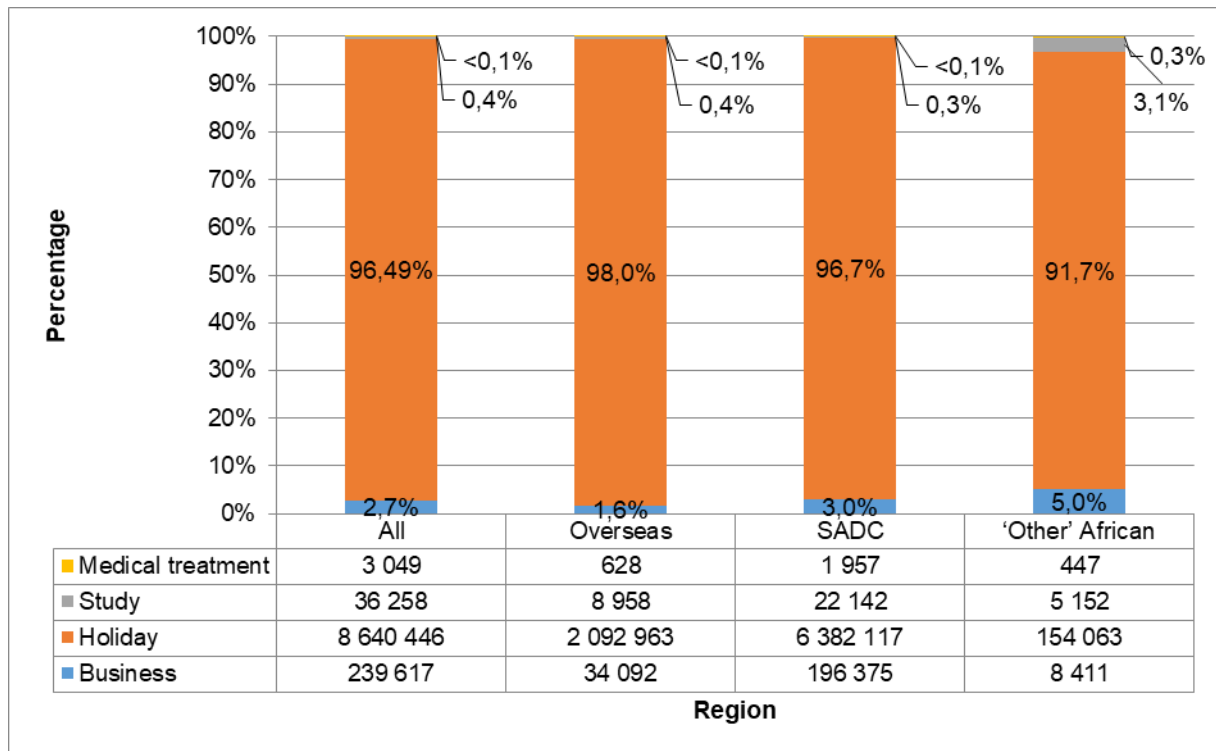


4.6 Purpose of visit

Region of residence

Besides the information in Figure 4.12 on page 18, reference has been made to data on the main types of tourists that visit South Africa (see Appendix XIX on pages 50 – 56) using the purpose of visit to identify them. In 2024, most tourists came to South Africa for holidays [8 640 446 (96,9%)]. The remaining tourists came for business [239 617 (2,7%)], study purposes [36 258 (0,4%)] and medical treatment [3 049 (less than 0,1%)].

The 2024 data showed some regional and country differentials concerning the purpose of visit. For example, [8 411 (65,0%)] tourists from 'other' African countries came for business compared to [196 375 (3,0%)] tourists from SADC countries and [34 092 (1,6%)] from overseas countries. In addition, students made up [5 152 (3,1%)] of tourists from 'other' African countries compared to [22 142 (0,3%)] of tourists from SADC countries and [8 958 (0,4%)] of overseas tourists. The Lowest numbers were observed for tourists who came for medical treatment, wherein SADC countries had [1 957 (less than 0,1%)] of tourists who came for medical treatment, followed by overseas countries [628 (less than 0,1%)] and 'other' African countries [447 (0,3%)]. Detailed data on the country of residence and purpose of visit is presented in Appendix XIX on pages 50 – 56.

Figure 4.12 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region and purpose of visit, 2024

4.7 Duration of stay

The number of days tourists spent in South Africa is based on the total of 5 250 856 tourists who arrived and left in 2024. Figure 4.13 below shows that 33,9% of overseas tourists spent 8 to 14 days in the country, followed by 23,6% who spent 4 to 7 days, 12,6% who spent 15 to 21 days. The lowest proportion, 0,3% spent 115 to 144 and 0,3% spent 145 to 175 days. Most tourists from SADC (20,0%) spent two to three days and those from 'other' African countries (39,9%) spent 4 to 7 days.

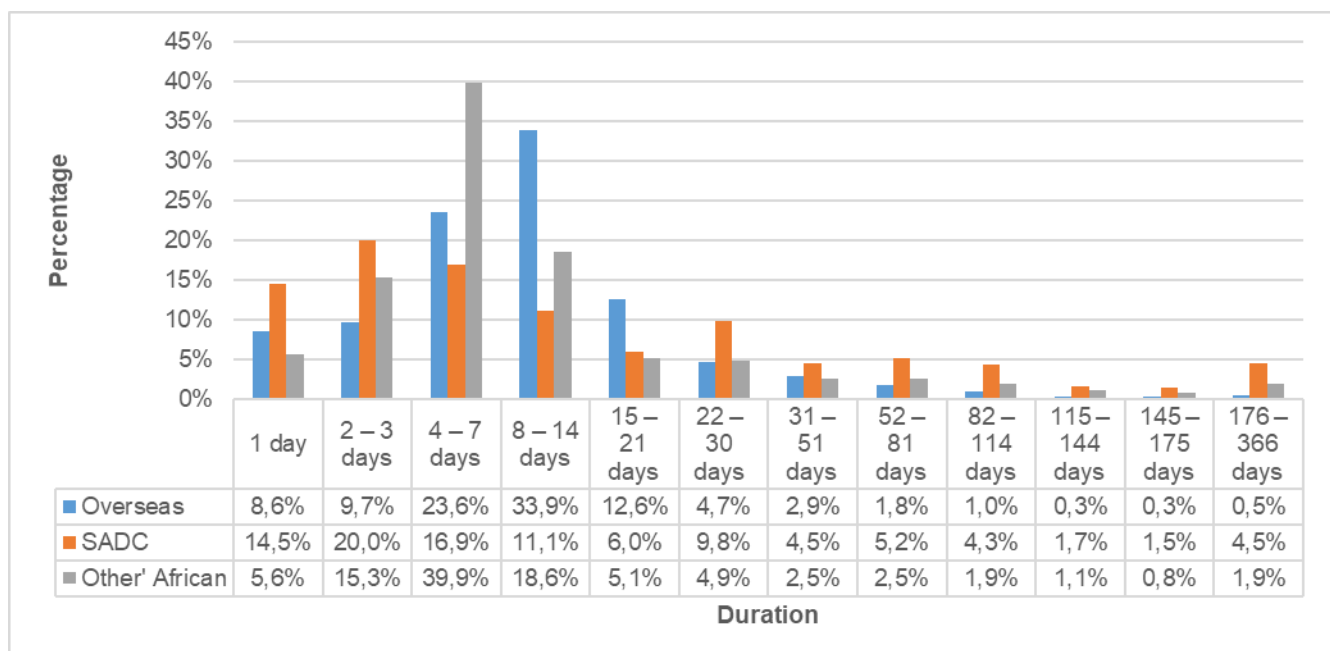
Figure 4.13 – Total number of days tourists spent by region, 2024

Table 4.2 below indicates that a total of 5 250 856 tourists who entered and left South Africa in 2024 on average spent about 65 days. Tourists from SADC, on average, spent more days (32) in the country in 2024, compared to tourists from overseas and 'other' African countries who on average spent fewer days (about 14 to 19 days in the year).

Table 4.2 – Average duration of tourists by region, 2024

Regions	Total tourists (excluding unspecified)	Tourists who came and left in 2024	Proportion of tourists who came and left in 2024 (%)	Average number of days spent by tourists
Total	8 907 305	5 250 856	58,9%	65
Overseas	2 136 641	1 813 430	84,9%	14
SADC	6 602 591	3 304 221	50,0%	32
'Other' African	168 073	133 205	79,3%	19

5. Summary

This report provides information collected by DHA immigration officers on South African residents and foreign travellers that passed through South African air, land and sea ports in 2024. The report also presents detailed information on the mode of travel, purpose of visit, length of stay and demographic characteristics of tourists (foreigners). About 30 805 000 travellers entered or departed South Africa in 2024 showing a decline of 0,8% from the 2023 volume of 31 067 000.

South African resident arrivals decreased by 1,7% from 4 418 000 in 2023 to 4 344 000 in 2024 and departures decreased by 3,5% from 4 518 000 in 2023 to 4 360 000 in 2024. Foreign arrivals increased by 0,6% from 11 655 000 in 2023 to 11 729 000 in 2024 and departures decreased by 1,6% from 10 069 000 in 2023 to 9 903 000 in 2024. Due to limited data on South African residents, information on tourists is available only from foreign travellers. In 2024, foreign arrivals comprised 2,6% non-visitors and 97,4% visitors. The visitors were further categorised into same-day visitors (21,9%) and overnight visitors or tourists (78,1%).

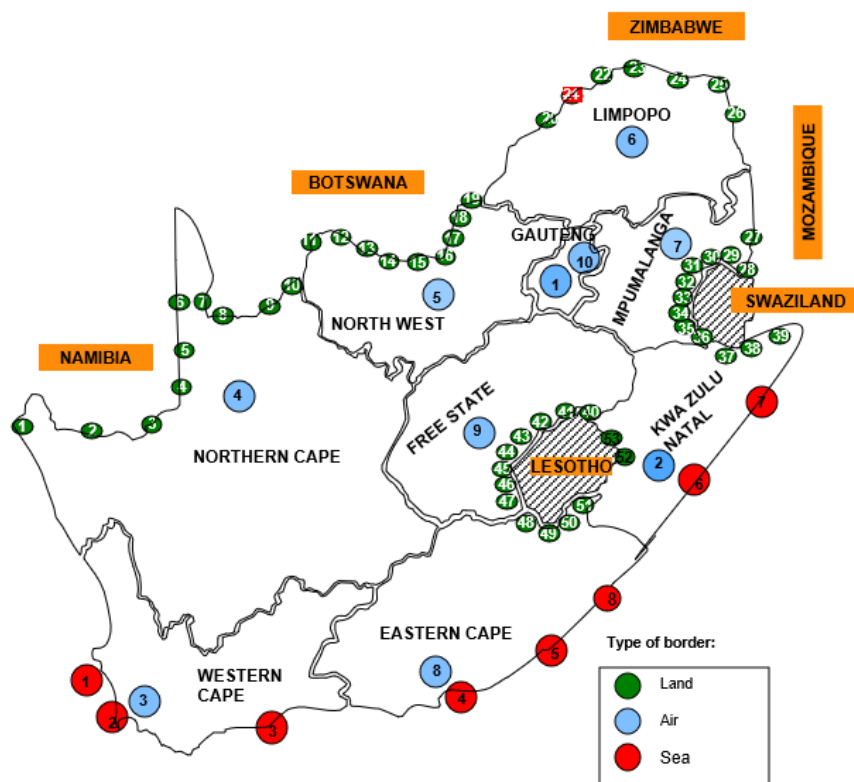
The volume of tourists increased by 5,1% from 8 483 333 in 2023 to 8 919 370 in 2024. The distribution of tourists by region of residence shows that 74,0% of the tourists who arrived in South Africa in 2024 were residents of SADC countries and 1,9% were from 'other' African countries. These two sub-regions made up 75,9% of tourists from Africa in total. Residents of overseas countries made up 24,0% of the tourists.

The 2024 patterns of mode of travel and purpose of visit did not differ greatly from what was observed in 2023 and earlier years. Generally, overseas (92,0%) and 'other' African (89,0%) tourists arrived by air whereas tourists from SADC countries came in by road (91,6%). Holiday continued to be the main reason for visiting South Africa. A large majority (96,9%) of tourists came for holidays whilst business, students and medical treatment constituted 2,7%, 0,4% and less than 0,1% respectively of the 2024 tourists.

Tourists from SADC, on average, spent more days (32) in the country in 2024, compared to tourists from overseas and 'other' African countries who on average spent fewer days (about 14 to 19 days in the year). Tourists continued to be predominantly male (57,7%).

6. Appendices

Appendix I – Ports of entry/exit to South Africa by type



LAND PoE:

- 1.ALEXANDER BAY
- 2.VIOOLSDRIFT
- 3.ONSEEPKANS
- 4.NAKOP
- 5.SENDELINGSDRIFT
- 6.RIETFontein
- 7.TWEE RIVIEREN
- 8.GEMSBOK
- 9.MIDDELPUTS
- 10.McCARTHY'S REST
- 11.MAKOPONG
- 12.BRAY
- 13.MAKGOBISTAD
- 14.RAMATLABAMA
- 15.SKILPADS GATE
- 16.SWARTKOPFontein
- 17.KOPFontein
- 18.DERDEPOORT
- 19.STOCKPORT
- 20.GROBLER'S BRIDGE
- 21.ZANZIBAR
- 22.PLATJAN
- 23.PONTDRIFT
- 24.BEIT BRIDGE
- 25.PAFURI
- 26.GIRIYONDO
- 27.LEBOMBO
- 28.MANANGA
- 29.JEPPE'S REEF
- 30.JOSEFSDAL
- 31.OSHOEK
- 32.WAVERLEY
- 33.NERSTON
- 34.EMHALATINHI
- 35.BOTHASHOOP
- 36.MAHAMBA
- 37.ONVERWACHT
- 38.GOLELA
- 39.KOSI BAY
- 40.MONANTSA PASS
- 41.CALEDONSPPOORT
- 42.FICKSBURG
- BRIDGE
- 43.PEKA BRIDGE
- 44.MASERUBRIDGE
- 45.VAN ROOYEN'S GATE
- 46.SEPAPUS GATE
- 47.MAKHALEEN BRIDGE
- 48.TELLE BRIDGE
- 49.ONGELUKSNEK
- 50.QUACHA'S NEK
- 51.RAMATSELISO GATE
- 52.BOESMANSNEK
- 53.SANI PASS

AIR PoE:

1. O R TAMBO INTERNATIONAL
2. KING SHAKA INTERNATIONAL
3. CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL
4. UPINGTON INTERNATIONAL
5. PILANESBERG INTERNATIONAL
6. POLOKWANE INTERNATIONAL
7. KRUGER MPUMALANGA INTERNATIONAL
8. DAVID STUURMAN INTERNATIONAL
9. BRAM FISCHER INTERNATIONAL
10. LANSERIA INTERNATIONAL

SEA PoE:

1. SALDANHA BAY
2. CAPE TOWN
3. MOSSEL BAY
4. GQEBERHA
5. EAST LONDON
6. DURBAN
7. RICHARDS BAY
8. NQURA

Source: National Department of Home Affairs

Appendix II – Number of foreign travellers and South African residents by year of travel, 2015 – 2024

Year	All travellers				South African residents				Foreign travellers			
	Arrivals	Departures	Transits	Total	Arrivals	Departures	Transits	Total	Arrivals	Departures	Transits	Total
2015	20 453 522	19 119 232	823 597	40 396 351	5 401 696	5 414 362	9 760	10 825 818	15 051 826	13 704 870	813 837	29 570 533
2016	21 636 026	20 181 907	833 829	42 651 762	5 477 607	5 550 904	9 855	11 038 366	16 158 419	14 631 003	823 974	31 613 396
2017	21 703 731	20 339 239	763 050	42 806 020	5 713 133	5 785 699	9 617	11 508 449	15 990 598	14 553 540	753 433	31 297 571
2018	21 876 833	20 279 614	760 708	42 917 155	5 936 978	6 014 912	9 511	11 961 401	15 939 855	14 264 702	751 197	30 955 754
2019	21 828 864	20 119 863	821 440	42 770 167	6 003 568	6 076 274	9 777	12 089 619	15 825 296	14 043 589	811 663	30 680 548
2020	6 414 436	5 739 537	142 827	12 296 800	1 828 049	1 623 702	1 956	3 453 707	4 586 387	4 115 835	140 871	8 843 093
2021	4 675 004	4 442 805	115 104	9 232 913	1 524 997	1 624 136	1 392	3 150 525	3 150 007	2 818 669	113 712	6 082 388
2022	11 540 047	10 570 275	299 146	22 409 468	3 513 638	3 730 874	4 131	7 248 643	8 026 409	6 839 401	295 015	15 160 825
2023	16 072 609	14 587 249	407 394	31 067 252	4 417 526	4 517 834	5 115	8 940 475	11 655 083	10 069 415	402 279	22 126 777
2024	16 073 665	14 262 491	469 177	30 805 333	4 344 441	4 359 859	6 044	8 710 344	11 729 224	9 902 632	463 133	22 094 989

Appendix III – Number of arrivals and departures of South African residents by mode of travel and place of arrival or departure, 2024

Mode of travel and place of arrival or departure	Arrivals	Departures	Transits	% Arrivals	% Departures	% Transits
Total	4 344 441	4 359 859	6 044	-	-	-
Air	1 977 975	2 010 559	6 044	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
Cape Town International Airport	395 562	413 706	97	20,0%	20,6%	1,6%
King Shaka International Airport	71 486	75 062	-	3,6%	3,7%	-
OR Tambo International Airport	1 503 191	1 514 341	5 947	76,0%	75,3%	98,4%
Other Airports	7 736	7 450	-	0,4%	0,4%	-
Road	2 268 852	2 251 351	-	100,0%	100,0%	-
Botswana	362 697	359 904	-	16,0%	16,0%	-
Eswatini	534 917	562 250	-	23,6%	25,0%	-
Lesotho	484 758	477 321	-	21,4%	21,2%	-
Mozambique	652 677	614 814	-	28,8%	27,3%	-
Namibia	101 593	102 779	-	4,5%	4,6%	-
Zimbabwe	132 210	134 283	-	5,8%	6,0%	-
Sea	97 614	97 949	-	100,0%	100,0%	-
Cape Town Harbour	17 174	17 292	-	17,6%	17,7%	-
Durban Harbour	80 440	80 657	-	82,4%	82,3%	-

Appendix IV – Number of South African residents by mode of travel, place and month of arrival, 2024

Mode of travel and place of arrival	Total	Month of arrival											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total	4 344 441	513 276	303 987	366 237	337 454	313 600	370 442	380 393	306 442	341 582	336 431	307 019	467 578
Air	1 977 975	202 258	121 315	153 546	154 371	151 664	173 959	188 099	133 851	152 867	170 665	155 347	220 033
Cape Town	395 562	43 154	24 733	32 078	29 063	29 573	40 756	40 906	23 467	25 674	31 025	30 141	44 992
King Shaka	71 486	9 876	5 538	7 314	7 699	7 636	8 811	4 337	-	-	3 604	6 608	10 063
OR Tambo	1 503 191	148 645	90 399	113 552	116 935	113 754	123 570	142 193	109 785	126 599	135 384	117 967	164 408
Other Airports	7 736	583	645	602	674	701	822	663	599	594	652	631	570
Road	2 268 852	289 621	161 265	188 090	178 786	161 773	196 445	192 287	172 550	188 666	165 730	146 770	226 869
Botswana	362 697	35 726	21 850	27 681	29 028	27 684	29 947	32 897	31 276	34 272	26 408	27 917	38 011
Eswatini	534 917	49 115	35 146	44 903	42 495	38 384	54 405	43 862	40 524	47 889	43 163	36 923	58 108
Lesotho	484 758	74 643	44 408	39 681	30 711	26 634	32 861	34 380	30 831	29 066	29 291	37 663	74 589
Mozambique	652 677	97 414	46 655	58 078	56 922	52 601	57 620	59 570	51 664	59 212	51 699	29 558	31 684
Namibia	101 593	11 280	5 392	7 978	7 808	6 698	10 801	10 535	7 274	8 847	6 658	7 206	11 116
Zimbabwe	132 210	21 443	7 814	9 769	11 822	9 772	10 811	11 043	10 981	9 380	8 511	7 503	13 361
Sea	97 614	21 397	21 407	24 601	4 297	163	38	7	41	49	36	4 902	20 676
Cape Town	17 174	105	224	12 326	3 907	157	38	7	41	49	36	132	152
Durban	80 440	21 292	21 183	12 275	390	6	-	-	-	-	-	4 770	20 524

Appendix V – Number of South African residents by mode of travel, place and month of departure, 2024

Mode of travel and place of departure	Total	Month of departure											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total	4 359 859	357 249	307 099	410 217	329 436	335 511	422 734	321 285	335 433	356 924	306 103	309 611	568 257
Air	2 010 559	155 960	126 431	171 360	169 532	159 998	214 693	148 624	150 291	173 028	144 575	143 806	252 261
Cape Town	413 706	34 331	25 121	36 195	33 591	34 875	55 323	34 713	30 694	36 469	26 988	22 071	43 335
King Shaka	75 062	7 985	6 429	8 284	8 479	8 278	10 145	2 813	-	-	2 699	6 914	13 036
OR Tambo	1 514 341	113 096	94 359	126 278	126 835	116 097	148 508	110 404	119 099	136 002	114 222	114 172	195 269
Other Airports	7 450	548	522	603	627	748	717	694	498	557	666	649	621
Road	2 251 351	181 002	160 294	210 926	158 745	175 235	207 969	172 631	185 043	183 764	161 490	158 469	295 783
Botswana	359 904	23 767	21 828	30 522	26 298	28 017	31 922	29 726	32 496	33 060	25 099	29 620	47 549
Eswatini	562 250	39 892	36 118	52 234	37 678	51 381	50 407	42 412	48 637	47 551	43 902	40 924	71 114
Lesotho	477 321	50 354	43 528	42 598	27 233	27 993	34 005	31 770	32 774	27 661	28 527	40 423	90 455
Mozambique	614 814	51 624	45 624	64 437	50 619	51 355	64 038	52 339	52 281	56 422	48 804	30 897	46 374
Namibia	102 779	6 763	5 521	9 107	6 952	6 809	13 880	7 188	7 300	9 191	6 634	7 760	15 674
Zimbabwe	134 283	8 602	7 675	12 028	9 965	9 680	13 717	9 196	11 555	9 879	8 524	8 845	24 617
Sea	97 949	20 287	20 374	27 931	1 159	278	72	30	99	132	38	7 336	20 213
Cape Town	17 292	125	78	15 333	855	278	72	30	99	132	38	64	188
Durban	80 657	20 162	20 296	12 598	304	-	-	-	-	-	-	7 272	20 025

Appendix VI – Number of foreign arrivals and departures by mode of travel and place of arrival or departure, 2024

Mode of travel and place of arrival or departure	Arrivals	Departures	Transits	% of arrivals	% of departures	% of transits
Total	11 729 224	9 902 632	463 133	-	-	-
Air	2 988 016	3 189 639	463 133	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
Cape Town International Airport	978 246	1 079 963	6 727	32,7%	33,9%	1,5%
King Shaka International Airport	33 751	37 895	9	1,1%	1,2%	0,0%
OR Tambo International Airport	1 970 897	2 067 945	456 397	66,0%	64,8%	98,5%
Other Airports	5 122	3 836	-	0,2%	0,1%	-
Road	8 668 832	6 622 118	-	100,0%	100,0%	-
Botswana	1 003 491	969 172	-	11,6%	14,6%	-
Eswatini	1 435 923	1 147 142	-	16,6%	17,3%	-
Lesotho	1 763 915	1 415 766	-	20,3%	21,4%	-
Mozambique	2 193 638	1 547 897	-	25,3%	23,4%	-
Namibia	127 488	131 440	-	1,5%	2,0%	-
Zimbabwe	2 144 377	1 410 701	-	24,7%	21,3%	-
Sea	72 376	90 875	-	100,0%	100,0%	-
Cape Town Harbour	63 595	75 248	-	87,9%	82,8%	-
Durban Harbour	8 781	15 627	-	12,1%	17,2%	-

Appendix VII –Number of foreign arrivals by mode of travel, place and month of arrival, 2024

Mode of travel and place of arrival	Total	Month of arrival											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total	11 729 224	1 253 216	955 283	995 770	934 880	881 544	872 501	922 151	924 111	859 361	912 229	1 002 928	1 215 250
Air	2 988 016	257 320	270 853	283 285	235 655	216 958	203 536	220 749	228 456	209 993	257 406	286 233	317 572
Cape Town	978 246	114 885	118 851	115 408	72 493	58 208	50 025	48 593	49 322	45 269	76 162	112 406	116 624
King Shaka	33 751	3 357	3 504	4 053	3 688	3 587	4 086	1 231	-	-	1 471	3 851	4 923
OR Tambo	1 970 897	138 597	148 096	163 387	158 917	154 759	148 703	170 554	178 790	164 396	179 425	169 611	195 662
Other Airports	5 122	481	402	437	557	404	722	371	344	328	348	365	363
Road	8 668 832	990 406	673 518	702 432	695 964	659 517	666 184	700 417	694 504	647 817	652 155	702 683	883 235
Botswana	1 003 491	84 754	67 515	86 046	78 806	79 242	77 464	80 964	85 495	86 814	73 929	86 606	115 856
Eswatini	1 435 923	111 063	95 837	117 998	120 708	113 444	108 425	126 055	132 729	123 836	123 209	125 821	136 798
Lesotho	1 763 915	270 085	170 391	145 795	108 069	104 848	111 772	121 270	105 216	107 062	119 159	160 728	239 520
Mozambique	2 193 638	218 957	166 950	166 478	177 352	182 391	179 496	196 181	195 853	176 518	177 713	163 671	192 078
Namibia	127 488	10 466	10 039	11 335	9 254	9 111	9 921	9 671	9 870	11 818	10 017	10 127	15 859
Zimbabwe	2 144 377	295 081	162 786	174 780	201 775	170 481	179 106	166 276	165 341	141 769	148 128	155 730	183 124
Sea	72 376	5 490	10 912	10 053	3 261	5 069	2 781	985	1 151	1 551	2 668	14 012	14 443
Cape Town	63 595	3 541	7 908	9 591	3 040	5 059	2 781	985	1 151	1 551	2 668	13 658	11 662
Durban	8 781	1 949	3 004	462	221	10	-	-	-	-	-	354	2 781

Appendix VIII – Number of foreign departures by mode of travel, place and month of departure, 2024

Mode of travel and place of departure	Total	Month of arrival											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total	9 902 632	879 052	800 664	902 238	814 587	783 999	749 398	728 642	757 052	729 710	769 916	834 756	1 152 618
Air	3 189 639	287 624	281 241	307 292	271 641	244 607	212 723	217 105	260 954	237 621	266 993	309 289	292 549
Cape Town	1 079 963	119 425	122 978	127 437	87 222	69 640	49 290	54 971	73 637	67 369	84 367	118 938	104 689
King Shaka	37 895	4 891	4 052	4 306	4 908	3 945	3 899	1 203	-	-	1 997	4 225	4 469
OR Tambo	2 067 945	163 088	153 940	175 226	179 161	170 685	158 935	160 598	187 061	170 020	180 405	185 818	183 008
Other Airports	3 836	220	271	323	350	337	599	333	256	232	224	308	383
Road	6 622 118	580 353	508 709	581 649	523 100	524 846	533 051	510 753	494 844	488 641	499 712	522 380	854 080
Botswana	969 172	77 916	64 708	81 306	79 771	76 480	76 192	79 408	77 428	83 045	73 655	80 754	118 509
Eswatini	1 147 142	88 841	75 994	101 389	91 788	95 688	86 304	95 751	99 679	100 145	98 303	97 046	116 214
Lesotho	1 415 766	165 014	140 854	126 578	87 052	87 744	91 179	91 756	87 777	86 731	99 478	121 572	230 031
Mozambique	1 547 897	107 558	110 584	128 223	122 434	128 245	135 921	133 081	132 688	119 756	128 201	105 968	195 238
Namibia	131 440	13 029	9 947	11 303	10 027	9 989	10 184	10 385	9 626	12 506	10 529	10 467	13 448
Zimbabwe	1 410 701	127 995	106 622	132 850	132 028	126 700	133 271	100 372	87 646	86 458	89 546	106 573	180 640
Sea	90 875	11 075	10 714	13 297	19 846	14 546	3 624	784	1 254	3 448	3 211	3 087	5 989
Cape Town	75 248	7 871	6 109	10 219	19 370	14 546	3 624	784	1 254	3 448	3 211	1 829	2 983
Durban	15 627	3 204	4 605	3 078	476	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 258	3 006

Appendix IX – Number of foreign arrivals by purpose of visit and month of arrival, 2024

Purpose of visit	Total	Month of arrival											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total	11 729 224	1 253 216	955 283	995 770	934 880	881 544	872 501	922 151	924 111	859 361	912 229	1 002 928	1 215 250
Business	258 546	22 165	22 973	23 084	23 834	22 889	20 409	20 387	20 965	19 755	20 615	22 708	18 762
Holiday	11 122 689	1 187 371	900 348	943 161	879 623	832 634	826 276	872 860	878 926	816 236	868 258	950 367	1 166 629
Study	38 242	6 797	5 248	2 706	3 720	2 000	1 968	5 116	2 355	2 236	2 215	1 776	2 105
Medical treatment	3 253	262	296	334	290	247	268	309	222	200	253	291	281
Work	184 755	21 548	16 713	17 068	17 643	15 061	15 112	13 291	12 543	11 757	11 166	16 443	16 410
Other	111 730	14 103	8 729	8 617	9 102	7 739	7 906	9 330	7 792	8 362	9 347	10 358	10 345
Unspecified	10 009	970	976	800	668	974	562	858	1 308	815	375	985	718

Appendix X – Number of foreign arrivals by type of visitor and month of arrival, 2024

Type of visitor	Total	Month of arrival											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total	11 729 224	1 253 216	955 283	995 770	934 880	881 544	872 501	922 151	924 111	859 361	912 229	1 002 928	1 215 250
Non-visitors	306 494	36 621	26 418	26 485	27 413	23 774	23 580	23 479	21 643	20 934	20 888	27 786	27 473
Visitors	11 422 730	1 216 595	928 865	969 285	907 467	857 770	848 921	898 672	902 468	838 427	891 341	975 142	1 187 777
Same-day	2 503 360	244 749	203 191	218 317	205 446	208 316	207 637	199 106	183 960	171 709	186 084	207 215	267 630
Overnight/tourists	8 919 370	971 846	725 674	750 968	702 021	649 454	641 284	699 566	718 508	666 718	705 257	767 927	920 147

Appendix XI – Number of same day visitors by mode of travel, region of residence and purpose of visit, 2024

Mode of travel and region of residence	Total	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Total	2 503 360	18 929	2 482 243	1 984	204
Air	222 996	707	222 052	187	50
Overseas	135 762	315	135 408	33	6
SADC	78 896	306	78 418	130	42
'Other' African	7 199	52	7 121	24	2
Unspecified	1 139	34	1 105	-	-
Road	2 274 043	18 221	2 253 879	1 794	149
Overseas	23 880	26	23 757	97	-
SADC	2 245 578	18 189	2 225 551	1 691	147
'Other' African	3 863	6	3 849	6	2
Unspecified	722	-	722	-	-
Sea	6 320	1	6 311	3	5
Overseas	5 131	1	5 125	-	5
SADC	1 182	-	1 179	3	-
'Other' African	7	-	7	-	-

Appendix XII – Number of tourists by sex, age group and region of residence, 2024

Sex and age group	Total	Region of residence			
		Overseas	SADC	'Other' African	Unspecified
All	8 919 370	2 136 641	6 602 591	168 073	12 065
0-14	472 353	156 839	306 700	8 650	164
15-24	752 995	183 513	554 228	15 149	105
25-34	2 109 191	356 064	1 708 710	43 479	938
35-44	2 619 032	347 463	2 215 301	52 908	3 360
45-54	1 619 619	351 820	1 232 350	30 826	4 623
55-64	820 068	380 891	424 197	12 279	2 701
65+	526 099	360 051	161 092	4 782	174
Unspecified	13	-	13	-	-
Male	5 148 444	1 119 933	3 917 547	103 750	7 214
0-14	237 186	81 357	151 464	4 298	67
15-24	403 011	89 436	305 015	8 518	42
25-34	1 179 502	174 707	979 449	24 854	492
35-44	1 609 048	195 961	1 376 982	34 124	1 981
45-54	1 001 685	195 441	782 642	20 962	2 640
55-64	454 085	198 789	245 252	8 159	1 885
65+	263 918	184 242	76 734	2 835	107
Unspecified	9	-	9	-	-
Female	3 770 926	1 016 708	2 685 044	64 323	4 851
0-14	235 167	75 482	155 236	4 352	97
15-24	349 984	94 077	249 213	6 631	63
25-34	929 689	181 357	729 261	18 625	446
35-44	1 009 984	151 502	838 319	18 784	1 379
45-54	617 934	156 379	449 708	9 864	1 983
55-64	365 983	182 102	178 945	4 120	816
65+	262 181	175 809	84 358	1 947	67
Unspecified	4	-	4	-	-

Appendix XIII – Number of tourists by sex, age group and month of arrival, 2024

Sex and age group	Total	Month of arrival											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
All	8 919 370	971 846	725 674	750 968	702 021	649 454	641 284	699 566	718 508	666 718	705 257	767 927	920 147
0-14	472 353	52 180	29 377	39 136	37 980	23 820	27 363	39 973	48 609	24 510	32 586	30 338	86 481
15-24	752 995	77 341	54 893	57 737	51 789	48 740	56 408	74 855	66 693	50 437	51 721	59 600	102 781
25-34	2 109 191	231 284	170 113	173 499	165 263	155 904	152 890	161 807	167 149	162 754	167 134	184 886	216 508
35-44	2 619 032	293 642	210 591	215 475	212 919	199 029	197 987	207 884	210 490	200 206	205 631	219 072	246 106
45-54	1 619 619	177 291	132 587	138 526	131 554	121 976	120 791	131 353	130 935	121 785	127 621	136 478	148 722
55-64	820 068	83 627	75 175	75 081	63 820	60 416	55 079	55 879	60 664	64 509	71 389	80 793	73 636
65+	526 099	56 480	52 938	51 514	38 695	39 567	30 764	27 813	33 967	42 517	49 174	56 759	45 911
Unspecified	13	1	-	-	1	2	2	2	1	-	1	1	2
Male	5 148 444	554 882	425 220	432 652	410 694	383 318	381 689	406 250	410 696	388 305	408 185	442 847	503 706
0-14	237 186	25 858	14 980	20 075	19 115	12 114	13 937	20 158	24 257	12 248	16 266	15 155	43 023
15-24	403 011	42 555	29 709	31 129	28 408	26 253	30 336	39 536	35 320	27 304	28 099	31 975	52 387
25-34	1 179 502	127 710	95 618	96 672	92 998	88 912	88 366	91 947	93 272	92 146	94 254	102 570	115 037
35-44	1 609 048	174 467	131 581	132 751	131 549	125 000	124 635	128 318	128 493	124 954	127 861	135 659	143 780
45-54	1 001 685	108 725	83 931	85 448	82 617	77 552	76 730	80 140	79 203	75 933	79 067	84 751	87 588
55-64	454 085	46 769	42 129	41 000	36 258	33 817	31 799	32 016	33 442	35 021	38 291	43 831	39 712
65+	263 918	28 797	27 272	25 577	19 748	19 668	15 885	14 135	16 708	20 699	24 346	28 905	22 178
Unspecified	9	1	-	-	1	2	1	-	1	-	1	1	1
Female	3 770 922	416 964	300 454	318 316	291 327	266 136	259 594	293 314	307 812	278 413	297 072	325 080	416 440
0-14	235 167	26 322	14 397	19 061	18 865	11 706	13 426	19 815	24 352	12 262	16 320	15 183	43 458
15-24	349 984	34 786	25 184	26 608	23 381	22 487	26 072	35 319	31 373	23 133	23 622	27 625	50 394
25-34	929 689	103 574	74 495	76 827	72 265	66 992	64 524	69 860	73 877	70 608	72 880	82 316	101 471
35-44	1 009 984	119 175	79 010	82 724	81 370	74 029	73 352	79 566	81 997	75 252	77 770	83 413	102 326
45-54	617 934	68 566	48 656	53 078	48 937	44 424	44 061	51 213	51 732	45 852	48 554	51 727	61 134
55-64	365 983	36 858	33 046	34 081	27 562	26 599	23 280	23 863	27 222	29 488	33 098	36 962	33 924
65+	262 181	27 683	25 666	25 937	18 947	19 899	14 879	13 678	17 259	21 818	24 828	27 854	23 733
Unspecified	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	1

Appendix XIV – Number of tourist arrivals by purpose of visit and month of arrival, 2024

Purpose of visit	Total	Month of arrival											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total	8 919 370	971 846	725 674	750 968	702 021	649 454	641 284	699 566	718 508	666 718	705 257	767 927	920 147
Business	239 617	20 241	21 311	21 496	21 998	21 037	18 794	18 728	19 431	18 590	19 486	21 304	17 201
Holiday	8 640 446	944 919	699 135	726 784	676 179	626 267	620 382	675 568	696 625	645 764	683 387	744 652	900 784
Study	36 258	6 449	4 948	2 416	3 559	1 907	1 853	4 975	2 235	2 169	2 151	1 692	1 904
Medical treatment	3 049	237	280	272	285	243	255	295	217	195	233	279	258

Appendix XV – Number of tourists by region of residence and month of arrival, 2024

Region	Total	Month of arrival											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total	8 919 370	971 846	725 674	750 968	702 021	649 454	641 284	699 566	718 508	666 718	705 257	767 927	920 147
Overseas	2 136 641	195 423	209 545	216 563	160 708	147 428	134 396	152 082	153 913	142 510	189 575	212 335	222 163
Europe	1 258 706	135 368	145 532	139 827	93 213	64 045	49 749	75 990	81 302	73 140	120 385	142 434	137 721
North America	430 419	27 250	30 462	41 519	32 649	40 860	43 815	36 189	34 285	33 007	34 158	33 320	42 905
Central and South America	75 160	7 149	5 738	6 076	5 464	5 944	6 328	7 309	5 162	6 208	6 404	6 046	7 332
Australasia	119 036	7 994	7 064	9 649	9 841	10 697	9 586	9 084	9 769	10 696	9 828	9 648	15 180
Middle East	45 602	2 441	2 971	2 750	3 089	2 815	6 621	8 367	6 353	2 695	2 195	3 138	2 167
Asia	207 718	15 221	17 778	16 742	16 452	23 067	18 297	15 143	17 042	16 764	16 605	17 749	16 858
Africa	6 770 664	775 651	515 245	533 298	540 388	500 928	505 869	546 623	563 758	523 244	514 578	554 216	696 866
SADC	6 602 591	764 702	501 743	520 175	526 685	488 299	494 006	534 085	549 220	509 017	499 446	535 807	679 406
'Other' African	168 073	10 949	13 502	13 123	13 703	12 629	11 863	12 538	14 538	14 227	15 132	18 409	17 460
East and Central Africa	83 727	5 446	6 305	6 620	7 037	5 995	6 102	6 178	7 082	6 875	7 511	8 990	9 586
West Africa	71 337	4 581	5 924	5 698	5 444	5 490	4 699	5 490	6 470	6 347	6 563	8 153	6 478
North Africa	13 009	922	1 273	805	1 222	1 144	1 062	870	986	1 005	1 058	1 266	1 396
Unspecified	12 065	772	884	1 107	925	1 098	1 019	861	837	964	1 104	1 376	1 118

Appendix XVI – Number of tourists by mode of travel, place and month of arrival, 2024

Mode of travel and place of arrival	Total	Month of arrival											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total	8 919 370	971 846	725 674	750 968	702 021	649 454	641 284	699 566	718 508	666 718	705 257	767 927	920 147
Air	2 673 555	233 801	249 810	257 765	210 378	188 410	176 346	192 634	197 587	184 601	231 445	258 133	292 645
Cape Town	932 831	109 933	114 897	111 438	68 753	54 481	46 635	45 332	46 135	42 462	72 863	107 368	112 534
King Shaka	28 154	2 699	2 933	3 447	3 064	2 919	3 467	1 120	-	-	1 234	2 975	4 296
OR Tambo	1 709 961	120 939	131 776	142 664	138 299	130 803	125 931	145 996	151 246	141 930	157 150	147 605	175 622
Other Airports	2 609	230	204	216	262	207	313	186	206	209	198	185	193
Road	6 215 330	735 459	471 567	489 361	491 384	459 208	464 376	506 928	520 919	482 115	472 675	501 480	619 858
Botswana	664 808	55 644	43 979	59 114	51 773	51 803	51 112	51 240	57 989	59 794	47 817	56 383	78 160
Eswatini	1 031 027	75 040	68 950	85 601	86 908	79 499	77 017	90 844	99 227	90 567	88 418	91 361	97 595
Lesotho	967 529	166 697	92 442	72 868	57 418	54 219	59 867	68 702	53 838	56 313	59 428	89 994	135 743
Mozambique	1 707 075	182 231	132 165	127 627	131 935	138 061	134 318	150 828	154 563	141 743	140 419	129 803	143 382
Namibia	110 587	8 443	8 158	9 877	8 066	7 814	8 542	8 433	8 568	10 695	8 810	8 802	14 379
Zimbabwe	1 734 304	247 404	125 873	134 274	155 284	127 812	133 520	136 881	146 734	123 003	127 783	125 137	150 599
Sea	30 485	2 586	4 297	3 842	259	1 836	562	4	2	2	1 137	8 314	7 644
Cape Town	25 125	1 463	2 441	3 612	229	1 827	562	4	2	2	1 137	8 035	5 811
Durban	5 360	1 123	1 856	230	30	9	-	-	-	-	-	279	1 833

Appendix XVII – Number of tourists by country of residence and month of arrival, 2024

Country of residence	Total	Month of arrival											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total	8 919 370	971 846	725 674	750 968	702 021	649 454	641 284	699 566	718 508	666 718	705 257	767 927	920 147
Overseas	2 136 641	195 423	209 545	216 563	160 708	147 428	134 396	152 082	153 913	142 510	189 575	212 335	222 163
Europe	1 258 706	135 368	145 532	139 827	93 213	64 045	49 749	75 990	81 302	73 140	120 385	142 434	137 721
Albania	97	6	3	7	13	4	3	5	3	6	11	21	15
Andorra	72	3	7	7	8	19	1	-	12	3	3	4	5
Austria	21 313	2 571	3 053	2 256	1 224	844	559	1 018	1 060	881	2 047	3 077	2 723
Belgium	45 225	3 799	5 100	4 812	3 150	1 934	1 677	4 706	3 079	2 969	4 450	5 015	4 534
Bosnia-Herzegovina	187	23	12	14	8	9	4	13	37	26	8	15	18
Bulgaria	2 072	252	310	206	164	97	61	49	69	168	133	204	359
Croatia	810	85	114	88	69	42	38	36	39	61	63	92	83
Cyprus	1 320	165	99	147	152	107	66	51	86	73	93	107	174
Czech Republic	6 418	746	972	808	441	321	248	307	376	377	527	745	550
Denmark	17 874	2 212	2 721	2 262	1 175	747	546	1 098	666	1 086	1 782	1 786	1 793
Estonia	1 252	233	342	99	85	28	28	20	42	44	48	172	111
Finland	6 216	817	810	628	518	264	267	160	214	239	522	834	943
France	125 823	10 070	12 803	11 915	12 378	10 023	5 649	10 012	9 256	7 481	13 473	12 569	10 194
Georgia	273	19	13	31	21	9	60	12	41	6	18	22	21
Germany	254 992	31 072	32 168	35 714	14 131	9 620	6 282	8 135	10 289	13 964	27 120	39 794	26 703
Gibraltar	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Greece	5 796	493	633	626	475	406	298	253	494	250	438	666	764
Hungary	3 672	405	353	429	351	212	137	245	217	172	395	377	379
Iceland	745	65	57	102	84	40	18	14	10	61	83	135	76
Ireland	28 343	3 108	2 872	3 502	2 282	1 470	1 685	2 129	1 485	1 485	2 259	2 690	3 376
Italy	50 780	3 475	3 644	3 609	3 647	2 595	3 021	4 062	10 636	3 150	3 818	3 721	5 402
Latvia	669	116	80	89	45	41	18	16	14	32	75	97	46
Liechtenstein	206	17	22	28	25	11	8	1	6	4	23	18	43
Lithuania	956	105	107	166	61	57	57	29	39	45	89	121	80
Luxembourg	1 503	159	120	203	156	66	25	74	180	79	137	131	173
Macedonia	135	10	12	10	6	6	4	1	13	18	9	27	19
Malta	1 025	65	55	106	44	48	36	47	244	125	84	60	111
Moldova	73	9	5	8	3	4	12	3	4	8	3	6	8
Monaco	58	11	4	6	12	2	3	3	6	3	2	3	3

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Country of residence	Total	Month of arrival											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Montenegro	125	3	5	19	11	9	4	4	18	16	3	9	24
Norway	13 600	1 442	2 139	1 910	742	693	504	535	387	511	1 204	1 740	1 793
Poland	13 611	1 708	1 802	1 306	1 012	658	601	566	727	634	1 101	1 967	1 529
Portugal	20 105	1 634	2 007	2 410	1 911	1 582	1 261	1 266	1 564	1 412	1 591	1 588	1 879
Republic of Belarus	491	25	49	69	44	33	57	20	23	22	46	76	27
Romania	1 643	150	151	132	161	147	124	75	88	96	180	175	164
Russian Federation	30 734	2 884	3 013	3 432	2 776	1 815	1 404	1 170	1 481	1 686	3 298	3 933	3 842
San Marino	9	-	2	-	1	2	-	3	-	-	1	-	-
Serbia	1 071	107	105	82	88	76	60	42	102	97	84	96	132
Slovakia	2 014	219	237	322	178	175	42	92	81	165	167	209	127
Slovenia	1 225	150	140	88	109	56	41	51	89	56	212	132	101
Spain	31 166	1 712	2 108	2 816	2 198	1 922	2 175	3 090	4 972	2 714	2 531	2 609	2 319
Sweden	24 562	3 591	3 897	2 366	1 332	1 247	691	615	740	856	2 331	2 629	4 267
Switzerland	42 255	4 363	5 356	4 181	3 485	1 717	1 225	2 238	1 566	2 689	4 885	5 788	4 762
The Netherlands	132 422	14 564	13 393	9 591	11 500	5 832	4 029	13 547	9 602	9 698	14 029	13 011	13 626
Turkey	14 353	2 045	1 444	1 153	1 826	960	1 018	615	707	703	940	1 707	1 235
UK	349 883	40 517	43 007	41 896	24 991	17 983	15 601	19 496	20 455	18 868	29 919	34 132	43 018
Ukraine	1 514	143	184	175	118	109	101	65	81	101	150	120	167
Vatican	12	-	2	1	1	2	-	1	1	-	-	2	2
Yugoslavia	4	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
North America	430 419	27 250	30 462	41 519	32 649	40 860	43 815	36 189	34 285	33 007	34 158	33 320	42 905
Canada	58 057	4 803	5 647	6 217	4 785	4 194	3 218	2 890	3 688	4 290	6 083	5 698	6 544
USA	372 362	22 447	24 815	35 302	27 864	36 666	40 597	33 299	30 597	28 717	28 075	27 622	36 361
Central and South America	75 160	7 149	5 738	6 076	5 464	5 944	6 328	7 309	5 162	6 208	6 404	6 046	7 332
Antigua and Barbuda	316	15	29	15	32	27	35	24	26	16	35	34	28
Argentina	5 422	723	493	497	370	402	487	369	325	485	485	340	446
Bahamas	303	17	15	23	15	29	28	22	27	31	43	29	24
Barbados	287	28	7	18	21	9	83	12	16	16	25	28	24
Belize	75	3	4	5	10	7	7	5	8	7	7	8	4
Bermuda	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	2
Bolivia	266	26	17	24	9	22	21	27	26	14	27	29	24

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Country of residence	Total	Month of arrival											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Brazil	49 855	4 997	3 717	3 644	3 705	3 935	3 971	5 192	3 345	4 078	4 116	3 937	5 218
Chile	3 171	272	490	232	184	245	291	206	231	306	273	243	198
Colombia	1 624	84	88	187	115	173	104	105	124	168	146	125	205
Costa Rica	664	77	29	68	65	27	43	44	60	69	56	75	51
Cuba	623	82	56	40	26	30	49	51	60	92	44	29	64
Dominica	122	14	8	6	16	13	18	8	8	7	7	9	8
Dominican Republic	122	10	5	10	6	14	6	7	17	20	15	10	2
Ecuador	654	53	63	95	66	47	39	42	52	40	46	69	42
El Salvador	98	4	8	7	5	14	9	8	14	-	7	16	6
Grenada	29	3	1	2	1	-	12	1	-	2	-	4	3
Guatemala	264	15	6	26	9	29	48	25	23	26	6	20	31
Guyana	223	16	21	7	12	14	22	11	14	21	29	33	23
Haiti	84	8	7	3	8	6	3	6	4	5	8	14	12
Honduras	112	16	8	7	10	8	7	9	5	8	12	17	5
Jamaica	1 017	66	66	65	58	66	207	57	59	47	169	73	84
Mexico	4 819	257	257	576	353	491	380	630	321	328	377	466	383
Nicaragua	37	10	2	3	4		1	4	1	4	2	4	2
Panama	434	28	25	44	40	24	35	67	36	27	31	35	42
Paraguay	340	25	17	34	21	22	26	23	24	23	33	47	45
Peru	1 859	128	141	184	122	137	168	187	197	155	157	143	140
Puerto Rico	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saint Barthélemy	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Saint Lucia	34	4	1	2	4	1	6	2	-	2	2	5	5
St Vincent And Grenadines	26	-	1	2	1	1	5	3	2	-	7	2	2
Suriname	14	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	5	4	2
Trinidad and Tobago	573	31	29	40	51	42	65	29	41	39	71	65	70
Uruguay	879	45	52	145	63	50	74	63	35	128	79	63	82
Venezuela	684	81	56	52	48	48	61	67	56	37	75	57	46
West Indies	121	9	18	12	13	10	17	3	5	6	9	10	9

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Country of residence	Total	Month of arrival											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Australasia	119 036	7 994	7 064	9 649	9 841	10 697	9 586	9 084	9 769	10 696	9 828	9 648	15 180
American Samoa	5	1	1							1			2
Australia	98 544	6 652	5 861	7 953	8 001	9 128	7 967	7 633	7 898	8 968	8 163	8 130	12 190
Federated States of Micronesia	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fiji	191	2	5	5	12	9	41	1	8	20	40	11	37
French Polynesia	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Kiribati	8	1	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	1	-	-
Marshall Islands	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nauru	16	-	-	-	-	-	4	9	-	-	3	-	-
New Zealand	20 138	1 330	1 181	1 687	1 822	1 555	1 541	1 430	1 862	1 694	1 612	1 488	2 936
Palau	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Papua New Guinea	57	7	11	1	-	1	6	3	1	9	5	6	7
Samoa	23	-	-	1	2	-	6	1	-	1	2	6	4
Solomon Islands	13	-	1	-	-	1	5	3	-	-	1	2	
Tonga	13	1	-	1	1	2	2	1	-	1	-	3	1
Tuvalu	5	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	-
Vanuatu	16	-	3	1	2	-	2	3	-	1	1	2	1
Middle East	45 602	2 441	2 971	2 750	3 089	2 815	6 621	8 367	6 353	2 695	2 195	3 138	2 167
Bahrain	317	4	16	11	11	5	52	61	86	6	42	6	17
Iran	2 833	119	177	1 199	73	116	101	68	178	363	77	181	181
Iraq	183	12	24	16	15	23	17	10	7	17	15	15	12
Israel	7 402	611	785	672	913	452	359	580	708	555	561	573	633
Jordan	2 354	190	284	165	229	197	199	180	172	161	165	219	193
Kuwait	1 671	36	37	30	86	100	198	396	638	64	25	35	26
Lebanon	2 255	148	219	207	239	245	174	148	136	150	214	214	161
Oman	248	13	7	3	21	11	43	30	44	44	9	13	10
Palestine	907	56	78	45	81	77	105	94	70	92	65	64	80
Qatar	1 238	17	32	12	86	54	202	355	322	35	44	28	51
Saudi Arabia	18 333	1 047	1 095	245	998	1 119	4 235	3 729	2 083	918	785	1 472	607
Syria	505	36	42	39	60	57	35	42	37	34	36	47	40
United Arab Emirates	6 717	95	138	88	218	315	829	2 597	1 783	193	105	228	128
Yemen	639	57	37	18	59	44	72	77	89	63	52	43	28

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Country of residence	Total	Month of arrival											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Asia	207 718	15 221	17 778	16 742	16 452	23 067	18 297	15 143	17 042	16 764	16 605	17 749	16 858
Afghanistan	140	13	12	12	18	13	8	16	11	6	12	8	11
Armenia	97	4	9	26	7	4	3	1	12	5	8	14	4
Azerbaijan	117	5	5	11	14	3	7	8	10	11	11	23	9
Bangladesh	5 743	520	489	481	448	718	375	381	367	510	475	525	454
Bhutan	19	1	1	-	3	5	-	-	-	5	-	2	2
Brunei Darussalam	24	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	1	8	8	-	3
Cambodia	61	-	6	9	9	3	1	2	3	4	13	3	8
China	41 418	2 780	3 819	4 340	3 006	3 196	3 499	3 243	3 702	3 991	3 269	3 580	2 993
Guam	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hong Kong	233	11	32	35	13	11	16	12	17	21	16	31	18
India	75 541	5 524	5 482	5 203	6 164	11 695	7 965	5 033	5 406	5 520	5 352	6 700	5 497
Indonesia	2 600	298	245	176	280	213	181	165	145	185	208	266	238
Japan	17 370	1 021	2 567	1 382	1 336	1 365	1 207	1 011	1 818	1 192	1 748	1 310	1 413
Kazakhstan	703	51	50	94	71	34	26	47	37	30	77	113	73
Kyrgyzstan	104	8	9	10	9	9	6	4	1	5	6	22	15
Laos	23	2	1	3	1	1	-	-	3	5	4	3	-
Macau	13	2	2	4	-	-	1	-	1	3	-	-	-
Malaysia	6 629	367	438	367	543	729	466	519	627	675	658	433	807
Maldives	83	11		7	11	9	8	2	7	4	11	8	5
Mongolia	149	21	27	14	5	16	4	3	8	12	9	8	22
Myanmar	194	17	25	19	15	18	4	21	5	7	24	13	26
Nepal	733	81	72	75	77	111	53	37	36	48	43	47	53
North Korea	54	2	-	9	4	9	1	2	3	8	11	4	1
Northern Mariana Islands	11	5	-	-	-	-	4	1	1	-	-	-	-
Pakistan	13 557	1 072	1 035	928	1 193	1 158	1 082	1 065	1 204	1 145	1 089	1 363	1 223
Philippines	6 355	458	423	547	455	641	590	701	552	407	442	550	589
Singapore	9 390	388	621	679	640	1 173	1 197	693	699	1 101	607	681	911
South Korea	12 811	1 662	1 267	1 277	864	922	778	1 072	1 163	751	844	912	1 299
Sri Lanka	1 717	139	142	142	129	125	122	130	113	135	149	196	195
Taiwan	3 950	271	506	297	198	230	217	364	344	331	433	299	460
Tajikistan	56	5	3	7	5	2	6	6	5	6	4	4	3
Thailand	5 426	330	298	428	732	509	360	429	615	429	545	349	402
Timor-Leste	7	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
Turkmenistan	51	1	1	28	-	2	2	-	4	-	5	3	5
Uzbekistan	111	26	8	9	3	3	9	7	6	9	12	5	14
Vietnam	2 227	123	183	122	199	138	99	165	116	195	512	274	101

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Country of residence	Total	Month of arrival											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Africa	6 770 664	775 651	515 245	533 298	540 388	500 928	505 869	546 623	563 758	523 244	514 578	554 216	696 866
SADC	6 602 591	764 702	501 743	520 175	526 685	488 299	494 006	534 085	549 220	509 017	499 446	535 807	679 406
Angola	37 811	2 847	3 457	3 583	3 442	2 670	2 508	3 093	3 661	2 870	2 660	3 330	3 690
Botswana	395 965	26 682	25 933	38 146	28 635	30 079	29 416	28 213	34 216	36 932	30 535	34 878	52 300
DRC	28 940	1 740	2 502	2 383	2 394	2 154	2 044	2 953	2 332	1 640	1 719	2 151	4 928
Eswatini	842 318	63 679	56 254	70 180	70 135	65 516	64 397	72 368	80 313	75 373	70 213	71 818	82 072
Lesotho	974 369	165 235	90 842	73 121	59 446	56 036	61 769	70 633	55 034	57 851	60 221	90 065	134 116
Madagascar	4 429	320	355	407	335	389	360	354	384	296	387	397	445
Malawi	163 726	16 038	11 708	11 453	9 184	9 818	10 407	12 581	14 319	15 049	16 525	18 228	18 416
Mauritius	18 301	1 246	1 594	1 376	2 078	1 190	1 007	1 412	1 312	1 054	1 630	2 230	2 172
Mozambique	1 591 751	176 100	122 060	116 882	121 854	125 882	123 647	135 653	141 277	131 756	129 036	122 780	144 824
Namibia	164 716	11 821	11 989	15 302	12 614	12 290	13 415	12 594	12 096	15 007	13 392	13 229	20 967
Seychelles	4 505	428	523	518	250	165	206	157	358	280	368	668	584
Tanzania	37 579	2 647	3 029	2 813	3 174	2 812	2 959	3 068	2 771	2 851	3 428	3 415	4 612
Zambia	154 921	11 950	12 370	13 432	12 891	12 412	12 381	12 310	13 168	12 597	10 579	13 330	17 501
Zimbabwe	2 183 260	283 969	159 127	170 579	200 253	166 886	169 490	178 696	187 979	155 461	158 753	159 288	192 779
'Other' African	168 073	10 949	13 502	13 123	13 703	12 629	11 863	12 538	14 538	14 227	15 132	18 409	17 460
East and Central Africa	83 727	5 446	6 305	6 620	7 037	5 995	6 102	6 178	7 082	6 875	7 511	8 990	9 586
Burundi	1 223	96	86	126	94	136	86	82	90	93	112	121	101
Cameroon	4 474	231	359	328	458	332	251	342	431	343	382	557	460
Central African Republic	198	10	24	15	10	29	9	8	5	10	24	46	8
Chad	438	31	27	35	29	37	36	30	33	50	52	52	26
Comoros	323	17	13	20	17	26	61	14	21	21	38	26	49
Congo	1 811	89	120	113	155	92	124	133	149	156	161	222	297
Djibouti	97	9	8	4	6	9	11	3	10	9	7	17	4
Equatorial Guinea	310	23	24	22	39	16	22	25	19	12	29	55	24
Eritrea	436	46	20	49	37	46	42	29	32	24	41	34	36
Ethiopia	7 432	464	593	568	631	687	600	570	684	561	717	722	635
Gabon	4 210	309	310	269	283	200	315	470	582	291	304	317	560
Kenya	47 852	3 001	3 441	3 787	4 044	3 334	3 523	3 450	3 992	3 979	4 358	5 317	5 626
Réunion	71	20	1	2	7	9	-	-	-	4	-	11	17
Rwanda	1 102	91	95	100	90	77	95	67	93	95	97	108	94
São Tomé and Príncipe	105	5	21	5	5	12	10	6	6	10	10	11	4
Somalia	857	56	81	104	65	92	52	50	55	91	68	81	62

Appendix XVII – Number of tourists by country of residence and month of arrival, 2024 (concluded)

Country of residence	Total	Month of arrival											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Uganda	12 788	948	1 082	1 073	1 067	861	865	899	880	1 126	1 111	1 293	1 583
West Africa	71 337	4 581	5 924	5 698	5 444	5 490	4 699	5 490	6 470	6 347	6 563	8 153	6 478
Benin	2 052	121	144	173	122	173	153	169	186	195	217	223	176
Burkina Faso	677	28	83	40	39	55	43	59	47	77	56	116	34
Cape Verde Island	301	14	23	34	40	21	24	12	25	21	33	37	17
Côte d'Ivoire	2 544	104	223	159	248	231	173	223	293	223	211	323	133
Gambia	468	28	41	34	26	24	23	37	34	35	71	86	29
Ghana	36 656	2 207	2 776	2 921	2 619	2 724	2 427	2 922	3 567	3 323	3 555	4 081	3 534
Guinea	1 182	101	132	76	100	103	85	87	84	100	108	120	86
Guinea-Bissau	103	6	8	5	10	10	4	9	9	2	15	18	7
Liberia	658	24	46	39	34	38	52	44	31	36	107	128	79
Mali	1 044	56	123	46	61	101	84	82	130	115	70	105	71
Mauritania	242	12	35	10	16	8	16	6	33	43	26	26	11
Niger	306	25	27	19	27	24	23	12	23	24	27	55	20
Nigeria	22 511	1 726	2 011	1 958	1 856	1 753	1 436	1 648	1 807	1 919	1 806	2 505	2 086
Saint Helena	31	5	2		1	3	2	2	1		2	3	10
Senegal	1 499	81	137	124	151	144	88	105	132	127	123	186	101
Sierra Leone	604	26	74	36	53	44	44	37	43	58	72	68	49
Togo	459	17	39	24	41	34	22	36	25	49	64	73	35
North Africa	13 009	922	1 273	805	1 222	1 144	1 062	870	986	1 005	1 058	1 266	1 396
Algeria	796	53	96	42	50	51	63	62	65	83	75	80	76
Egypt	5 956	444	614	296	429	659	518	419	503	514	517	548	495
Libya	649	70	43	27	103	51	40	53	53	61	46	43	59
Morocco	2 039	142	191	177	99	113	120	105	133	149	123	150	537
South Sudan	791	55	70	60	57	62	85	78	42	41	83	110	48
The Sudan	881	65	98	72	61	78	68	79	70	58	85	85	62
Tunisia	1 874	90	158	129	422	128	166	72	119	98	129	247	116
Western Sahara	23	3	3	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	-	3	3
Unspecified	12 065	772	884	1 107	925	1 098	1 019	861	837	964	1 104	1 376	1 118

Appendix XVIII – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, 2024

Country of residence	Total	Mode of travel		
		Air	Road	Sea
Total	8 919 370	2 673 555	6 215 330	30 485
Overseas	2 136 641	1 965 295	143 821	27 525
Europe	1 258 706	1 149 753	93 293	15 660
Albania	97	86	11	-
Andorra	72	70	-	2
Austria	21 313	19 461	1 537	315
Belgium	45 225	39 951	5 087	187
Bosnia-Herzegovina	187	182	5	-
Bulgaria	2 072	1 927	118	27
Croatia	810	767	33	10
Cyprus	1 320	1 224	93	3
Czech Republic	6 418	5 697	705	16
Denmark	17 874	17 051	778	45
Estonia	1 252	1 158	93	1
Finland	6 216	5 806	367	43
France	125 823	110 737	14 695	391
Georgia	273	264	9	-
Germany	254 992	229 628	16 303	9 061
Gibraltar	2	1	1	-
Greece	5 796	5 458	305	33
Hungary	3 672	3 502	137	33
Iceland	745	705	21	19
Ireland	28 343	27 132	1 047	164
Italy	50 780	46 591	3 593	596
Latvia	669	635	30	4
Liechtenstein	206	195	11	-
Lithuania	956	854	96	6
Luxembourg	1 503	1 386	102	15
Macedonia	135	130	4	1
Malta	1 025	917	104	4
Moldova	73	70	3	-
Monaco	58	56	2	-

Appendix XVIII – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, 2024 (continued)

Country of residence	Total	Mode of travel		
		Air	Road	Sea
Montenegro	125	100	23	2
Norway	13 600	12 913	632	55
Poland	13 611	12 346	1 164	101
Portugal	20 105	13 403	6 615	87
Republic of Belarus	491	463	28	-
Romania	1 643	1 554	67	22
Russian Federation	30 734	28 980	1 543	211
San Marino	9	8	1	-
Serbia	1 071	988	78	5
Slovakia	2 014	1 848	162	4
Slovenia	1 225	1 126	96	3
Spain	31 166	28 130	2 782	254
Sweden	24 562	23 399	1 105	58
Switzerland	42 255	39 054	2 704	497
The Netherlands	132 422	113 561	18 301	560
Turkey	14 353	13 338	952	63
UK	349 883	335 504	11 630	2 749
Ukraine	1 514	1 390	111	13
Vatican	12	7	5	-
Yugoslavia	4	-	4	-
North America	430 419	406 185	17 695	6 539
Canada	58 057	53 328	3 485	1 244
USA	372 362	352 857	14 210	5 295
Central and South America	75 160	71 227	3 610	323
Antigua and Barbuda	316	304	12	-
Argentina	5 422	5 137	243	42
Bahamas	303	235	55	13
Barbados	287	280	7	-
Belize	75	70	5	-
Bermuda	6	5	1	-
Bolivia	266	222	44	-
Brazil	49 855	47 387	2 337	131
Chile	3 171	3 011	149	11

Appendix XVIII – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, 2024 (continued)

Country of residence	Total	Mode of travel		
		Air	Road	Sea
Colombia	1 624	1 571	44	9
Costa Rica	664	629	30	5
Cuba	623	521	98	4
Dominica	122	90	32	-
Dominican Republic	122	113	9	-
Ecuador	654	589	62	3
El Salvador	98	93	4	1
Grenada	29	28	1	-
Guatemala	264	255	5	4
Guyana	223	199	24	-
Haiti	84	80	4	-
Honduras	112	107	2	3
Jamaica	1 017	950	63	4
Mexico	4 819	4 670	74	75
Nicaragua	37	36	1	-
Panama	434	426	3	5
Paraguay	340	318	21	1
Peru	1 859	1 760	92	7
Puerto Rico	1	1	-	-
Saint Barthélemy	2	2	-	-
Saint Lucia	34	33	1	-
St Vincent And Grenadines	26	26	-	-
Suriname	14	14	-	-
Trinidad and Tobago	573	550	21	2
Uruguay	879	861	16	2
Venezuela	684	535	148	1
West Indies	121	119	2	-

Appendix XVIII – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, 2024 (continued)

Country of residence	Total	Mode of travel		
		Air	Road	Sea
Australasia	119 036	112 067	4 471	2 498
American Samoa	5	3	2	-
Australia	98 544	92 752	3 651	2 141
Federated States of Micronesia	2	2	-	-
Fiji	191	187	4	-
French Polynesia	3	-	3	-
Kiribati	8	7	1	-
Marshall Islands	1	1	-	-
Nauru	16	16	-	-
New Zealand	20 138	18 972	809	357
Palau	1	1	-	-
Papua New Guinea	57	57	-	-
Samoa	23	22	1	-
Solomon Islands	13	13	-	-
Tonga	13	13	-	-
Tuvalu	5	5	-	-
Vanuatu	16	16	-	-
Middle East	45 602	44 559	988	55
Bahrain	317	315	-	2
Iran	2 833	2 723	85	25
Iraq	183	179	4	-
Israel	7 402	7 050	331	21
Jordan	2 354	2 158	192	4
Kuwait	1 671	1 663	8	-
Lebanon	2 255	2 083	171	1
Oman	248	244	4	-
Palestine	907	892	15	-
Qatar	1 238	1 229	9	-
Saudi Arabia	18 333	18 233	99	1
Syria	505	478	27	-
United Arab Emirates	6 717	6 710	6	1
Yemen	639	602	37	-

Appendix XVIII – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, 2024 (continued)

Country of residence	Total	Mode of travel		
		Air	Road	Sea
Asia	207 718	181 504	23 764	2 450
Afghanistan	140	88	52	-
Armenia	97	93	4	-
Azerbaijan	117	113	4	-
Bangladesh	5 743	4 610	1 131	2
Bhutan	19	18	1	-
Brunei Darussalam	24	24	-	-
Cambodia	61	59	1	1
China	41 418	38 613	2 310	495
Guam	1	-	1	-
Hong Kong	233	228	-	5
India	75 541	64 960	10 435	146
Indonesia	2 600	2 407	137	56
Japan	17 370	15 523	728	1 119
Kazakhstan	703	653	43	7
Kyrgystan	104	101	3	-
Laos	23	23	-	-
Macau	13	11	2	-
Malaysia	6 629	6 199	348	82
Maldives	83	78	5	-
Mongolia	149	149	-	-
Myanmar	194	187	3	4
Nepal	733	688	43	2
North Korea	54	35	19	-
Northern Mariana Islands	11	1	9	1
Pakistan	13 557	8 536	5 013	8
Philippines	6 355	5 888	311	156
Singapore	9 390	9 114	119	157
South Korea	12 811	11 241	1 513	57
Sri Lanka	1 717	1 067	645	5
Taiwan	3 950	3 187	644	119
Tajikistan	56	49	7	-
Thailand	5 426	5 234	171	21
Timor-Leste	7	5	2	-
Turkmenistan	51	49	2	-

Appendix XVIII – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, 2024 (continued)

Country of residence	Total	Mode of travel		
		Air	Road	Sea
Uzbekistan	111	111	-	-
Vietnam	2 227	2 162	58	7
Africa	6 770 664	698 652	6 069 055	2 957
SADC	6 602 591	549 060	6 050 672	2 859
Angola	37 811	29 670	8 075	66
Botswana	395 965	32 458	362 973	534
DRC	28 940	25 860	3 072	8
Eswatini	842 318	13 484	828 699	135
Lesotho	974 369	8 405	965 522	442
Madagascar	4 429	4 216	198	15
Malawi	163 726	24 069	139 610	47
Mauritius	18 301	17 623	651	27
Mozambique	1 591 751	55 324	1 536 057	370
Namibia	164 716	50 638	113 693	385
Seychelles	4 505	4 421	82	2
Tanzania	37 579	22 030	15 481	68
Zambia	154 921	47 690	107 141	90
Zimbabwe	2 183 260	213 172	1 969 418	670
'Other' African	168 073	149 592	18 383	98
East and Central Africa	83 727	74 050	9 641	36
Burundi	1 223	1 135	88	-
Cameroon	4 474	4 224	250	-
Central African Republic	198	196	2	-
Chad	438	436	2	-
Comoros	323	320	3	-
Congo	1 811	1 728	83	-
Djibouti	97	97	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	310	293	17	-
Eritrea	436	403	33	-
Ethiopia	7 432	6 624	805	3
Gabon	4 210	4 134	76	-
Kenya	47 852	40 755	7 075	22
Réunion	71	71	-	-

Appendix XVIII – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, 2024 (concluded)

Country of residence	Total	Mode of travel		
		Air	Road	Sea
Rwanda	1 102	957	145	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	105	98	4	3
Somalia	857	623	234	-
Uganda	12 788	11 956	824	8
West Africa	71 337	63 083	8 198	56
Benin	2 052	1 912	140	-
Burkina Faso	677	669	7	1
Cape Verde Island	301	246	55	-
Côte d'Ivoire	2 544	2 494	50	-
Gambia	468	443	24	1
Ghana	36 656	31 511	5 101	44
Guinea	1 182	711	471	-
Guinea-Bissau	103	83	20	-
Liberia	658	643	15	-
Mali	1 044	783	261	-
Mauritania	242	241	1	-
Niger	306	305	1	-
Nigeria	22 511	20 557	1 944	10
Saint Helena	31	31	-	-
Senegal	1 499	1 478	21	-
Sierra Leone	604	522	82	-
Togo	459	454	5	-
North Africa	13 009	12 459	544	6
Algeria	796	727	69	-
Egypt	5 956	5 774	181	1
Libya	649	548	101	-
Morocco	2 039	1 986	49	4
South Sudan	791	781	10	-
The Sudan	881	777	104	-
Tunisia	1 874	1 843	30	1
Western Sahara	23	23	-	-
Unspecified	12 065	9 608	2 454	3

Appendix XIX – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, 2024

Country of residence	Total	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Total	8 919 370	239 617	8 640 446	36 258	3 049
Overseas	2 136 641	34 092	2 092 963	8 958	628
Europe	1 258 706	17 275	1 236 499	4 539	393
Albania	97	6	86	5	-
Andorra	72	-	71	1	-
Austria	21 313	198	21 061	52	2
Belgium	45 225	516	44 512	185	12
Bosnia-Herzegovina	187	8	178	1	-
Bulgaria	2 072	67	1 998	7	-
Croatia	810	40	768	2	-
Cyprus	1 320	28	1 288	3	1
Czech Republic	6 418	105	6 290	21	2
Denmark	17 874	275	17 541	55	3
Estonia	1 252	22	1 228	2	-
Finland	6 216	134	6 047	33	2
France	125 823	1 608	123 165	1 034	16
Georgia	273	18	255	-	-
Germany	254 992	2 319	251 523	1 137	13
Gibraltar	2	-	2	-	-
Greece	5 796	176	5 600	16	4
Hungary	3 672	83	3 578	10	1
Iceland	745	19	725	1	-
Ireland	28 343	458	27 811	62	12
Italy	50 780	922	49 658	189	11
Latvia	669	7	657	5	-
Liechtenstein	206	3	202	1	-
Lithuania	956	23	926	6	1
Luxembourg	1 503	18	1 469	16	-
Macedonia	135	8	120	7	-
Malta	1 025	16	1 008	1	-
Moldova	73	2	70	1	-
Monaco	58	2	51	5	-

Appendix XIX – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, 2024 (continued)

Country of residence	Total	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Montenegro	125	1	122	1	1
Norway	13 600	285	13 177	137	1
Poland	13 611	271	13 302	36	2
Portugal	20 105	346	19 690	58	11
Republic of Belarus	491	30	461	-	-
Romania	1 643	58	1 572	13	-
Russian Federation	30 734	327	30 329	77	1
San Marino	9	1	8	-	-
Serbia	1 071	65	996	10	-
Slovakia	2 014	62	1 945	7	-
Slovenia	1 225	47	1 173	5	-
Spain	31 166	669	30 394	100	3
Sweden	24 562	435	24 046	78	3
Switzerland	42 255	343	41 765	140	7
The Netherlands	132 422	1 230	130 731	330	131
Turkey	14 353	459	13 788	106	-
UK	349 883	5 501	343 658	571	153
Ukraine	1 514	62	1 441	11	-
Vatican	12	1	11	-	-
Yugoslavia	4	1	2	1	-
North America	430 419	4 439	424 809	1 059	112
Canada	58 057	688	57 269	84	16
USA	372 362	3 751	367 540	975	96
Central and South America	75 160	1 085	73 755	311	9
Antigua and Barbuda	316	12	304	-	-
Argentina	5 422	93	5 309	19	1
Bahamas	303	6	295	2	-
Barbados	287	14	270	3	-
Belize	75	2	73	-	-
Bermuda	6	-	6	-	-
Bolivia	266	7	259	-	-

Appendix XIX – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, 2024 (continued)

Country of residence	Total	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Brazil	49 855	466	49 224	164	1
Chile	3 171	61	3 103	7	-
Colombia	1 624	73	1 523	26	2
Costa Rica	664	17	646	1	-
Cuba	623	8	602	12	1
Dominica	122	7	114	1	-
Dominican Republic	122	4	118	-	-
Ecuador	654	14	639	1	-
El Salvador	98	8	90	-	-
Grenada	29	4	25	-	-
Guatemala	264	13	250	1	-
Guyana	223	14	209	-	-
Haiti	84	1	80	3	-
Honduras	112	11	99	1	1
Jamaica	1 017	34	978	5	-
Mexico	4 819	86	4 715	18	-
Nicaragua	37	2	34	1	-
Panama	434	15	404	14	1
Paraguay	340	6	330	4	-
Peru	1 859	33	1 819	5	2
Puerto Rico	1	-	1	-	-
Saint Barthélemy	2	-	2	-	-
Saint Lucia	34	-	34	-	-
St Vincent And Grenadines	26	2	24	-	-
Suriname	14	-	14	-	-
Trinidad and Tobago	573	32	538	3	-
Uruguay	879	11	868	-	-
Venezuela	684	15	658	11	-
West Indies	121	14	98	9	-

Appendix XIX – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, 2024 (continued)

Country of residence	Total	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Australasia	119 036	745	118 159	99	33
American Samoa	5	-	5	-	-
Australia	98 544	603	97 826	84	31
Federated States of Micronesia	2	-	2	-	-
Fiji	191	20	166	4	1
French Polynesia	3	-	3	-	-
Kiribati	8	3	5	-	-
Marshall Islands	1	-	1	-	-
Nauru	16	2	14	-	-
New Zealand	20 138	103	20 027	8	-
Palau	1	-	1	-	-
Papua New Guinea	57	5	49	3	-
Samoa	23	2	21	-	-
Solomon Islands	13	5	8	-	-
Tonga	13	1	11	-	1
Tuvalu	5	-	5	-	-
Vanuatu	16	1	15	-	-
Middle East	45 602	835	44 316	445	6
Bahrain	317	5	312	-	-
Iran	2 833	66	2 732	33	2
Iraq	183	14	154	15	-
Israel	7 402	111	7 259	32	-
Jordan	2 354	113	2 225	16	-
Kuwait	1 671	14	1 655	2	-
Lebanon	2 255	181	2 040	33	1
Oman	248	19	226	3	-
Palestine	907	17	886	4	-
Qatar	1 238	17	1 218	3	-
Saudi Arabia	18 333	138	18 056	139	-
Syria	505	34	445	26	-
United Arab Emirates	6 717	91	6 608	17	1
Yemen	639	15	500	122	2
Asia	207 718	9 713	195 425	2 505	75
Afghanistan	140	5	133	1	1
Armenia	97	14	83	-	-

Appendix XIX – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, 2024 (continued)

Country of residence	Total	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Azerbaijan	117	18	98	1	-
Bangladesh	5 743	171	5 495	73	4
Bhutan	19	10	9	-	-
Brunei Darussalam	24	-	24	-	-
Cambodia	61	8	53	-	-
China	41 418	2 759	38 316	337	6
Guam	1	-	1	-	-
Hong Kong	233	22	211	-	-
India	75 541	4 048	70 329	1 136	28
Indonesia	2 600	173	2 385	41	1
Japan	17 370	607	16 639	122	2
Kazakhstan	703	44	648	10	1
Kyrgyzstan	104	4	92	8	-
Laos	23	6	16	1	-
Macau	13	-	13	-	-
Malaysia	6 629	169	6 371	89	-
Maldives	83	4	76	3	-
Mongolia	149	25	123	1	-
Myanmar	194	13	181	-	-
Nepal	733	65	642	26	-
North Korea	54	-	54	-	-
Northern Mariana Islands	11	-	11	-	-
Pakistan	13 557	362	12 917	272	6
Philippines	6 355	223	6 038	82	12
Singapore	9 390	204	9 178	5	3
South Korea	12 811	227	12 430	148	6
Sri Lanka	1 717	120	1 573	22	2
Taiwan	3 950	152	3 756	41	1
Tajikistan	56	2	54	-	-
Thailand	5 426	116	5 245	64	1
Timor-Leste	7	3	4	-	-
Turkmenistan	51	-	43	8	-
Uzbekistan	111	11	99	1	-
Vietnam	2 227	128	2 085	13	1

Appendix XIX – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, 2024 (continued)

Country of residence	Total	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Africa	6 770 664	204 786	6 536 180	27 294	2 404
SADC	6 602 591	196 375	6 382 117	22 142	1 957
Angola	37 811	714	35 877	985	235
Botswana	395 965	7 297	384 970	3 531	167
DRC	28 940	614	26 654	1 054	618
Eswatini	842 318	26 956	813 116	2 148	98
Lesotho	974 369	5 334	965 974	2 971	90
Madagascar	4 429	60	4 320	47	2
Malawi	163 726	3 180	159 932	555	59
Mauritius	18 301	212	17 883	192	14
Mozambique	1 591 751	34 167	1 556 602	842	140
Namibia	164 716	39 031	122 477	3 086	122
Seychelles	4 505	37	4 447	14	7
Tanzania	37 579	1 169	35 855	504	51
Zambia	154 921	39 135	114 882	809	95
Zimbabwe	2 183 260	38 469	2 139 128	5 404	259
'Other' African	168 073	8 411	154 063	5 152	447
East and Central Africa	83 727	4 166	76 850	2 423	288
Burundi	1 223	107	1 064	37	15
Cameroon	4 474	387	3 750	255	82
Central African Republic	198	11	178	-	9
Chad	438	42	355	37	4
Comoros	323	25	292	6	-
Congo	1 811	87	1 546	145	33
Djibouti	97	16	79	2	-
Equatorial Guinea	310	27	250	30	3
Eritrea	436	7	417	12	-
Ethiopia	7 432	568	6 592	241	31
Gabon	4 210	55	3 927	208	20
Kenya	47 852	1 702	45 269	844	37
Réunion	71	-	71	-	-
Rwanda	1 102	69	1 006	22	5
São Tomé and Príncipe	105	3	102	-	-
Somalia	857	107	726	19	5

Appendix XIX – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, 2024 (concluded)

Country of residence	Total	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Uganda	12 788	953	11 226	565	44
West Africa	71 337	3 122	65 930	2 139	146
Benin	2 052	64	1 936	42	10
Burkina Faso	677	124	537	11	5
Cape Verde Island	301	16	282	-	3
Côte d'Ivoire	2 544	241	2 238	59	6
Gambia	468	60	394	13	1
Ghana	36 656	845	35 549	228	34
Guinea	1 182	76	1 053	46	7
Guinea-Bissau	103	7	96	-	-
Liberia	658	60	569	20	9
Mali	1 044	113	904	17	10
Mauritania	242	45	185	12	-
Niger	306	56	240	9	1
Nigeria	22 511	1 071	19 774	1 623	43
Saint Helena	31	-	27	-	4
Senegal	1 499	233	1 245	19	2
Sierra Leone	604	43	523	30	8
Togo	459	68	378	10	3
North Africa	13 009	1 123	11 283	590	13
Algeria	796	76	695	25	-
Egypt	5 956	575	5 166	213	2
Libya	649	15	531	102	1
Morocco	2 039	213	1 791	35	-
South Sudan	791	72	660	49	10
The Sudan	881	52	691	138	-
Tunisia	1 874	117	1 729	28	-
Western Sahara	23	3	20	-	-
Unspecified	12 065	739	11 303	6	17

Appendix XX – Number of tourists by port of entry, 2024

Country of residence	Total	Month of travel											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total	8 919 370	971 846	725 674	750 968	702 021	649 454	641 284	699 566	718 508	666 718	705 257	767 927	920 147
Western Cape	957 956	111 396	117 338	115 050	68 982	56 308	47 197	45 336	46 137	42 464	74 000	115 403	118 345
Cape Town Harbour	25 125	1 463	2 441	3 612	229	1 827	562	4	2	2	1 137	8 035	5 811
Cape Town International Airport	932 831	109 933	114 897	111 438	68 753	54 481	46 635	45 332	46 135	42 462	72 863	107 368	112 534
Eastern Cape	45 846	5 774	2 826	3 042	3 100	2 930	3 822	5 023	3 160	3 005	3 520	3 492	6 152
Telle Bridge	45 846	5 774	2 826	3 042	3 100	2 930	3 822	5 023	3 160	3 005	3 520	3 492	6 152
Northern Cape	110 587	8 443	8 158	9 877	8 066	7 814	8 542	8 433	8 568	10 695	8 810	8 802	14 379
Alexander Bay	809	410	399	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nakop	54 665	3 476	3 785	4 789	4 056	4 302	4 805	4 691	4 372	5 141	4 758	4 692	5 798
Vioolsdrift	55 113	4 557	3 974	5 088	4 010	3 512	3 737	3 742	4 196	5 554	4 052	4 110	8 581
Free State	921 683	160 923	89 616	69 826	54 318	51 289	56 045	63 679	50 678	53 308	55 908	86 502	129 591
Caledonspoort	142 704	17 217	9 780	10 807	11 772	10 072	11 784	11 907	10 587	11 601	11 096	11 313	14 768
Ficksburg	519 754	76 125	35 278	30 603	37 245	35 760	40 086	47 207	40 091	41 707	44 520	42 178	48 954
Maseru Bridge	215 122	57 438	38 416	24 968	-	-	-	-	-	-	292	33 011	60 997
Van Rooyens Gate	44 103	10 143	6 142	3 448	5 301	5 457	4 175	4 565	-	-	-	-	4 872
KwaZulu Natal	289 087	28 423	23 319	24 667	23 145	20 696	19 268	22 847	26 031	21 415	24 661	25 389	29 226
Golela	162 367	11 680	10 265	14 060	13 161	11 062	10 256	13 899	18 362	13 795	15 637	15 388	14 802
Durban Harbour Passengers	5 360	1 123	1 856	230	30	9	-	-	-	-	-	279	1 833
King Shaka International Airport	28 154	2 699	2 933	3 447	3 064	2 919	3 467	1 120	-	-	1 234	2 975	4 296
Kosibay	93 206	12 921	8 265	6 930	6 890	6 706	5 545	7 828	7 669	7 620	7 790	6 747	8 295

Appendix XX – Number of tourists by port of entry, 2024 (concluded)

Country of residence	Total	Month of travel											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
North West	434 188	32 324	27 983	39 194	33 237	33 637	31 963	32 588	35 999	39 105	36 397	37 814	53 947
Kopfontein	251 879	18 261	16 681	21 687	20 458	19 630	18 796	19 922	20 568	23 223	21 561	21 969	29 123
Ramathlabama	81 765	5 795	4 864	7 532	5 644	6 190	5 787	5 549	6 474	7 496	6 407	7 445	12 582
Schilpad Gate	99 056	6 780	6 438	9 975	7 135	7 817	7 380	7 117	8 957	8 386	8 429	8 400	12 242
Swartkopfontein Gate	1 488	1 488	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gauteng	1 712 570	121 169	131 980	142 880	138 561	131 010	126 244	146 182	151 452	142 139	157 348	147 790	175 815
Lanseria International Airport	2 475	223	204	212	243	207	214	181	206	209	198	185	193
OR Tambo International Airport	1 709 961	120 939	131 776	142 664	138 299	130 803	125 931	145 996	151 246	141 930	157 150	147 605	175 622
Waterkloof Military Airbase	134	7	-	4	19	-	99	5	-	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	2 482 529	232 670	182 585	192 238	198 792	199 792	195 534	219 945	227 759	210 895	205 410	199 029	217 880
Emahlatini	47 774	3 639	2 655	3 913	3 754	3 987	3 762	3 901	4 531	4 607	4 494	5 690	2 841
Jeppes Reef	135 423	9 162	8 267	10 982	11 042	9 695	10 145	11 953	13 429	12 710	12 373	10 931	14 734
Lebombo	1 613 869	169 310	123 900	120 697	125 045	131 355	128 773	143 000	146 894	134 123	132 629	123 056	135 087
Mahamba	83 673	5 995	4 905	7 488	6 981	6 722	6 599	7 267	7 278	7 835	7 200	7 272	8 131
Mananga	129 251	9 118	10 792	11 168	12 303	11 789	11 691	14 538	11 957	9 123	8 496	8 560	9 716
Nerston	6 225	473	455	627	427	698	441	375	399	394	578	584	774
Oshoek	466 314	34 973	31 611	37 363	39 240	35 546	34 123	38 911	43 271	42 103	39 640	42 936	46 597
Limpopo	1 964 924	270 724	141 869	154 194	173 820	145 978	152 669	155 533	168 724	143 692	139 203	143 706	174 812
Beit Bridge	1 734 304	247 404	125 873	134 274	155 284	127 812	133 520	136 881	146 734	123 003	127 783	125 137	150 599
Groblers Bridge	230 620	23 320	15 996	19 920	18 536	18 166	19 149	18 652	21 990	20 689	11 420	18 569	24 213

7. Definition of terms

Definitions used by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)

- **Traveller** is someone who moves between different geographical locations for any purpose and any duration. Note: in this publication, the geographical locations are countries. Hence in this report, the term traveller refers to an international traveller.
- **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 for less than twelve months.
- **Tourism** comprises the activities of persons travelling to, and staying in places outside their usual environment, for not more than one uninterrupted 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 other places he/she frequently visits.

Definitions used specifically in this report

- **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.
- **Country** refers to individual countries within a region. (Note: The country of residence is used here and not the country from which the visitor travelled).
- **Region** refers to the following country classification: Overseas, SADC and 'Other' African. Overseas consists of Europe, North America, Central and South America, Australasia, the Middle East and Asia.
- **Overseas:** refers to all countries outside Africa.
- **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 countries in Africa that are not members of the SADC. They are grouped as: East and Central Africa, West Africa and North Africa.

Symbol used

- = Nil

Limitations

▪ 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, the duration of stay; 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.

▪ 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 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.

Related publications

Tourism statistics are also published in the monthly Statistical Release P0350: International tourism.

8. Other Stats SA reports

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