

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL & TOURISM

Year 2001

1. Passenger Traffic

(i) *Total Passenger Traffic*

Total passenger traffic for the year 2001 amounted to 1,708,480 made of 858,180 arrivals and 850,300 departures. Compared to 2000, these figures represent a slight decrease of 0.8% in arrivals and a marginal increase of 0.5% in departures. Table 1 shows monthly details of passenger traffic.

Total arrivals by air included 8,520 “excursionists”, i.e. passengers arriving and leaving on the same day. Of these excursionists, 2,490 (29.2%) came from Reunion Island and 1,630 (19.1%) from France. Total arrivals by sea also included 5,780 cruise “excursionists” (3,270 passengers and 2,510 crews) aboard 10 cruise ships which visited our port in 2001.

(ii) *Departures of Mauritian Residents*

The number of Mauritian residents travelling abroad went down by 1.4% from 163,350 in 2000 to 161,000 in 2001, and constituted 18.9% of total departures. The following changes were noted in the number of Mauritians visiting the major destinations: United Kingdom (+10.6%), India (+5.6%), Malagasy Republic (+5.3%), Reunion Island (+0.6%), France (+0.2%), Australia (-3.6%), Malaysia (-5.9%) and Singapore (-27.8%). A more elaborate distribution of countries visited is given in Table 2.

(iii) *Tourist Arrivals*

Tourist arrivals for the year 2001 attained 660,320 against 656,450 in 2000, representing a marginal increase of 0.6%. Details are given in Tables 3 to 6.

Around 92% of the tourists came mainly for holidays while 4% were on business/conference trips and another 3% were in transit (Table 4).

Arrivals from Europe, which constituted 66.2% of total tourist arrivals, went down by

0.6% to 437,300 during the year 2001 against 439,990 for the preceding year. Arrivals from France, our leading market, representing 29.9% of total tourist arrivals and 45.2% of the European market, dropped by 0.4% to reach 197,590 in 2001. Arrivals from United Kingdom progressed by 4.6% from 74,490 to 77,890 while those from Germany and Italy decreased by 3.8% and 4.2% respectively. Decreases were registered from the emerging European markets as follows: Spain (-2.3%), Austria (-2.0%), Belgium (-5.5%), Sweden (-8.9%) and Switzerland (-10.0%) (Table 5).

In 2001, arrivals from Africa, with a share of 25.5% of total tourist arrivals, recorded an increase of 2.8% compared to the previous year. Arrivals from Reunion Island, the major generating country of the region, registered an increase of 4.8%, while those from the Republic of South Africa dropped by 1.6%. Changes in arrivals from other African countries were as follows: Seychelles (+15.8%), Zimbabwe, (+12.4%), Kenya (-3.7%), Malagasy Republic (-5.4%) and Comoros (-9.0%).

Tourist arrivals from the Asian market grew by 5.6% for the period under review and accounted for 5.6% of total tourist arrivals. Arrivals from India, the largest market of the continent, went up by 9.6% to attain 18,890. The following changes were noted from the other Asian countries: People's Republic of China (+47.0%), Malaysia (+37.1%), Hong Kong (+21.3%), Singapore (-16.4%) and Japan (-33.5%).

Arrivals from Oceania decreased by 0.2%, being the combined effect of a 0.2% growth in arrivals from Australia and a 5.5% drop in those from other Oceanian countries.

An increase of 5.1% was noted in arrivals from America. This was the result of growths from USA (+5.9%), Canada (+1.8%) and other American countries (+6.6%).

2. Tourist Nights

Total tourist nights spent in the country in 2001 were almost at the same level as that of last year, i.e. 6.5 million (Table 6).

3. Hotel Statistics

At the end of December 2001, there were a total of 95 registered hotels in operation. The total room capacity for these registered hotels was 9,020 with 18,350 bedplaces (Table 7). The room occupancy rate for all hotels for the year 2001 averaged 66% monthly while the bed occupancy rate was 58%.

“Large” hotels, i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms, numbered 37 (38.9% of all registered hotels). These "Large" hotels had a room capacity of 6,670 with 13,460 bedplaces, representing 73.9% of total room capacity and 73.4% of total bedplaces. The average room occupancy rate for these hotels for 2001 was of the order of 70% while bed occupancy rate averaged 62% (Table 8).

4. Gross Tourism Receipts

Data from the Bank of Mauritius indicate that gross tourism receipts for the year 2001 totalled Rs 18,166 million, which is 27.6% higher than the figure of Rs 14,234 million registered for the year 2000. The average receipts per tourist during that period therefore work out to Rs 27,510 against Rs 21,680 in 2000 (Table 6).

5. Employment

According to the Survey of Employment and Earnings, direct employment in travel and tourism establishments employing 10 persons or more, stood at 19,940 at the end of March 2001, that is 12.0% higher than last year. Of this number, 75.3% or 15,020 were engaged in hotels (Table 9).

6. Forecast Year 2002

Because of the uncertainties in the world travel market following the 11th September

2001 event, it is difficult to forecast the number of tourist arrivals for 2002 at this time of the year. However, on the basis of expectations of stakeholders in the tourism industry, tourist arrivals will most likely grow by around 4% to reach 685,000 in 2002.

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Explanatory Notes

1. Tourist

A tourist is defined as a non-resident staying for more than 24 hours but less than a year, who is not involved in any gainful occupation in the country during his/her stay.

2. Transit

A transit passenger is one who stops over in the country for flight connections to other destinations. There are two types of transit passengers:

Type I : Passengers who do not leave the transit area of the airport or the harbour.

Type II : Passengers who do leave the airport or harbour and stay in the country for more than 24 hours but only for flight connection purposes.

Only Type II transit passengers, as defined above, are included in the definition of "Tourists".

3. Excursionist or Same-day Visitor

Excursionists are non-resident visitors, other than those who do not leave the airport, who stay in the country for less than 24 hours. They also include passengers as well as crews of *cruise ships*.

4. Tourist Nights

"Tourist nights" means the total number of nights spent in the country by tourists, as defined above, during the period under review.

5. Large Hotels

Large hotels are well established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms.

6. CIS

CIS denotes the **Commonwealth of Independent States**, which consists of the states of the former Soviet Union.

Table 1:- Passenger Traffic by month 1999 - 2001

Month	1999		2000		2001	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	77,871	88,105	81,209	88,227	83,006	96,568
February	57,371	59,233	66,835	68,718	62,662	63,034
March	65,278	62,785	71,630	71,610	73,365	74,278
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>200,520</u>	<u>210,123</u>	<u>219,674</u>	<u>228,555</u>	<u>219,033</u>	<u>233,880</u>
April	58,456	63,173	74,386	72,319	70,185	68,642
May	54,703	52,609	65,261	64,174	65,600	69,705
June	51,604	51,034	55,850	57,364	54,696	51,854
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>164,763</u>	<u>166,816</u>	<u>195,497</u>	<u>193,857</u>	<u>190,481</u>	<u>190,201</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>365,283</i>	<i>376,939</i>	<i>415,171</i>	<i>422,412</i>	<i>409,514</i>	<i>424,081</i>
July	61,520	51,412	72,579	58,928	77,552	63,875
August	76,587	80,516	80,378	88,587	72,980	83,574
September	55,333	55,202	62,100	64,646	63,876	66,230
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>193,440</u>	<u>187,130</u>	<u>215,057</u>	<u>212,161</u>	<u>214,408</u>	<u>213,679</u>
October	70,698	63,990	76,488	66,158	73,660	70,007
November	73,541	73,674	73,915	78,612	72,147	70,362
December	74,969	62,383	84,591	66,696	88,453	72,167
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>219,208</u>	<u>200,047</u>	<u>234,994</u>	<u>211,466</u>	<u>234,260</u>	<u>212,536</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>412,648</i>	<i>387,177</i>	<i>450,051</i>	<i>423,627</i>	<i>448,668</i>	<i>426,215</i>
Whole Year	777,931	764,116	865,222	846,039	858,182	850,296

**Table 2 : - Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation,
2000 / 2001**

Country of disembarkation	2000	2001	% Change
EUROPE	52,025	52,470	0.9
Belgium	1,923	613	-68.1
France	24,103	24,159	0.2
Germany	2,172	2,198	1.2
Italy	3,395	3,057	-10.0
Switzerland	2,069	2,221	7.3
United Kingdom	18,029	19,942	10.6
Other European	334	280	-16.2
AFRICA	66,051	65,577	-0.7
Kenya	970	530	-45.4
Malagasy Republic	6,187	6,518	5.3
Reunion	42,096	42,331	0.6
Seychelles	3,461	3,117	-9.9
S. Africa, Rep. of	11,279	11,302	0.2
Zimbabwe	1,117	1,093	-2.1
Other African	941	686	-27.1
ASIA	39,725	37,173	-6.4
Hong Kong SAR*	3,966	5,624	41.8
India	14,376	15,181	5.6
Malaysia	3,782	3,558	-5.9
Singapore	14,999	10,824	-27.8
Saudi Arabia	2,572	1,934	-24.8
Other Asian	30	52	73.3
OCEANIA	4,696	4,526	-3.6
Australia	4,696	4,525	-3.6
Other Oceanian	-	1	-
AMERICA	132	83	-37.1
U.S.A	19	19	0.0
Canada	111	64	-42.3
Other American	2	0	-
NOT STATED	720	1,172	62.8
All Countries	163,349	161,001	-1.4

* *Special Administrative Region of China*

Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 1999 - 2001

Month	Number		
	1999	2000	2001*
January	59,680	62,355	65,122
February	41,859	50,466	49,464
March	50,707	54,872	55,944
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>152,246</u>	<u>167,693</u>	<u>170,530</u>
April	41,536	56,353	54,794
May	42,254	49,960	51,969
June	35,910	39,885	38,496
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>119,700</u>	<u>146,198</u>	<u>145,259</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>271,946</i>	<i>313,891</i>	<i>315,789</i>
July	42,862	51,577	57,274
August	57,321	59,731	52,923
September	41,383	47,634	48,953
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>141,566</u>	<u>158,942</u>	<u>159,150</u>
October	55,128	61,526	59,325
November	56,584	57,334	57,326
December	52,861	64,760	68,728
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>164,573</u>	<u>183,620</u>	<u>185,379</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>306,139</i>	<i>342,562</i>	<i>344,529</i>
Whole Year	578,085	656,453	660,318

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**Table 4 :- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit,
2000 / 2001**

Purpose of visit	2000	2001	% Change
Holiday	602,606	606,545	0.7
Business	23,022	22,879	-0.6
Transit	16,965	18,962	11.8
Conference	3,982	3,644	-8.5
Sports	779	1,101	41.3
Other & Not Stated	9,099	7,187	-21.0
Total	656,453	660,318	0.6

Table 5 : - Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, 2000 and 2001

Country of residence	2000 Year	2001 ¹													% Change 2000/2001
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year	
EUROPE	439,989	40,151	38,192	39,388	37,494	31,572	24,183	33,488	31,204	33,954	40,567	44,362	42,750	437,305	-0.6
Austria	8,874	710	693	1,106	738	816	446	593	507	539	755	1,030	763	8,696	-2.0
Belgium	10,998	805	928	943	840	709	778	821	575	965	1,196	850	988	10,398	-5.5
France	198,423	19,921	18,081	18,314	17,845	15,029	9,535	14,171	12,414	11,385	17,938	22,338	20,624	197,595	-0.4
Germany	52,869	4,694	4,643	4,937	4,302	3,146	3,153	3,128	2,986	4,730	4,129	6,062	4,956	50,866	-3.8
Italy	39,000	5,369	4,171	3,963	3,088	1,995	1,552	1,995	4,210	2,852	3,087	2,137	2,924	37,343	-4.2
Netherlands	4,925	295	405	448	289	310	341	642	409	495	513	463	303	4,913	-0.2
Spain	7,226	276	254	472	541	603	578	678	947	933	656	539	581	7,058	-2.3
Sweden	5,694	783	811	484	295	166	226	222	134	189	692	577	607	5,186	-8.9
Switzerland	20,473	1,669	1,820	1,398	1,956	946	781	1,468	588	1,655	2,081	2,170	1,895	18,427	-10.0
United Kingdom	74,488	3,734	4,572	5,527	6,230	6,795	5,564	8,330	7,306	8,595	8,058	6,230	6,947	77,888	4.6
CIS	2,083	563	161	149	178	157	84	91	160	111	180	280	345	2,459	18.1
Other European	14,936	1,332	1,653	1,647	1,192	900	1,145	1,349	968	1,505	1,282	1,686	1,817	16,476	10.3
AFRICA	163,921	20,952	7,157	12,539	12,691	14,567	9,124	18,897	17,353	10,152	14,661	9,618	20,811	168,522	2.8
Comoros	945	61	67	52	61	84	99	116	92	50	42	92	44	860	-9.0
Kenya	1,801	65	124	118	139	87	104	182	235	130	149	118	283	1,734	-3.7
Malagasy Rep.	7,057	465	475	486	647	620	437	634	756	418	564	583	589	6,674	-5.4
Reunion	86,945	15,631	2,650	6,795	4,269	9,085	3,882	12,366	10,647	3,312	8,351	3,802	10,350	91,140	4.8
Seychelles	9,229	475	488	687	831	693	696	639	990	764	1,074	1,486	1,864	10,687	15.8
S/ Africa Rep. of	48,683	3,645	2,839	3,868	5,505	3,184	3,439	4,265	3,436	4,692	3,708	2,868	6,433	47,882	-1.6
Zimbabwe	3,435	209	148	194	716	253	127	170	440	341	315	309	638	3,860	12.4
Other African	5,826	401	366	339	523	561	340	525	757	445	458	360	610	5,685	-2.4

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Table 5 (contd.) : - Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, 2000 and 2001

Country of residence	2000 Year	2001 ¹													% Change 2000/2001
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year	
ASIA	34,907	2,435	2,847	2,697	3,066	4,489	3,813	2,994	3,031	3,283	2,751	2,171	3,278	36,855	5.6
Hong Kong SAR ²	1,227	243	94	97	174	113	82	111	113	96	143	90	132	1,488	21.3
India	17,241	894	1,439	1,213	1,460	2,793	2,299	1,721	1,594	1,563	1,199	1,017	1,698	18,890	9.6
Japan	2,389	187	96	123	129	100	150	141	170	125	74	61	233	1,589	-33.5
Malaysia	1,616	100	320	255	189	195	170	123	137	247	145	115	219	2,215	37.1
P. Rep. of China	2,459	227	230	297	397	489	181	211	245	358	382	362	236	3,615	47.0
Singapore	4,104	321	208	182	301	351	485	269	230	310	269	236	269	3,431	-16.4
Other Asian	5,871	463	460	530	416	448	446	418	542	584	539	290	491	5,627	-4.2
OCEANIA	9,460	684	566	668	847	737	623	1,022	680	1,154	880	534	1,046	9,441	-0.2
Australia	8,771	618	531	632	796	715	540	950	601	1,105	814	509	979	8,790	0.2
Other Oceanian	689	66	35	36	51	22	83	72	79	49	66	25	67	651	-5.5
AMERICA	7,680	888	688	646	694	592	745	864	641	402	453	629	833	8,075	5.1
USA	3,704	264	336	336	375	339	385	436	341	201	211	286	413	3,923	5.9
Canada	1,812	183	111	132	122	110	227	252	151	82	113	121	241	1,845	1.8
Other American	2,164	441	241	178	197	143	133	176	149	119	129	222	179	2,307	6.6
OTHER & N.STATED	496	12	14	6	2	12	8	9	14	8	13	12	10	120	-75.8
All Countries	656,453	65,122	49,464	55,944	54,794	51,969	38,496	57,274	52,923	48,953	59,325	57,326	68,728	660,318	0.6

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² Special Administrative Region of China

Chart 1 - Monthly Distribution of Tourist Arrivals, 2000 and 2001

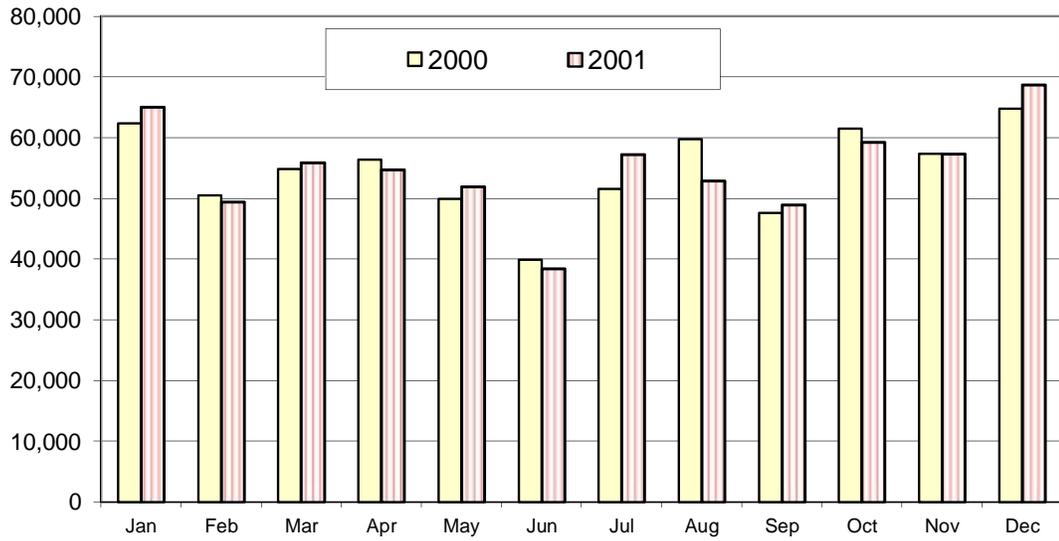


Chart 2 - Tourist Arrivals from Top Ten Markets, 2000 and 2001

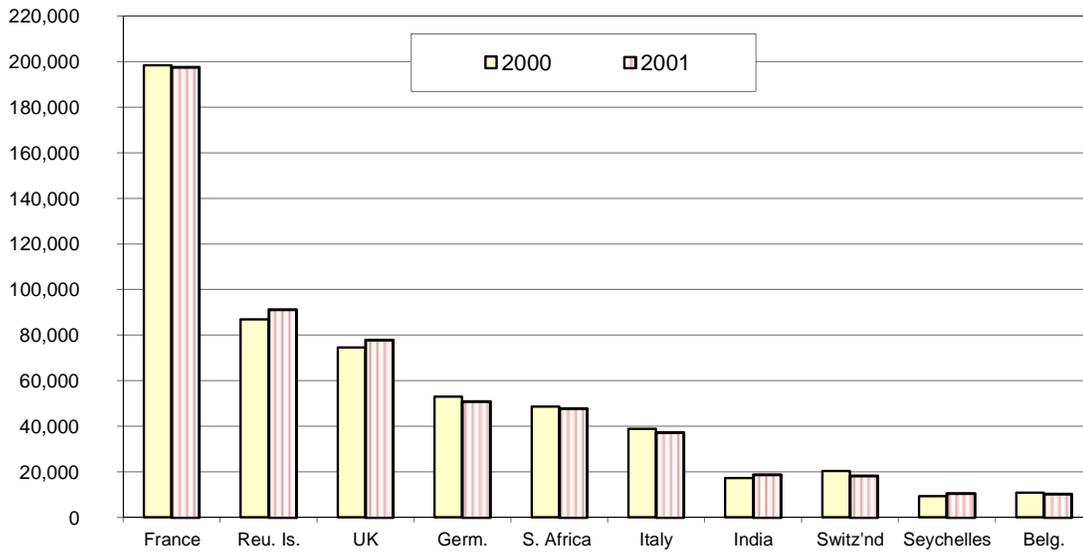


Table 6 :- Selected Tourism Statistics, 1998 - 2001

Year		Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist nights (000)	Tourism receipts ¹ (Rs million)
	1998	558,195	5,568	11,890
	1999	578,085	5,729	13,668
	2000	656,453	6,500	14,234
	2001	660,318	6,520	18,166
1999	1st Qr.	152,246	1,510	3,543
	2nd Qr.	119,700	1,190	2,898
	1st Semester	271,946	2,700	6,441
	3rd Qr.	141,566	1,400	3,300
	4th Qr.	164,573	1,629	3,927
2000	2nd Semester	306,139	3,029	7,227
	1st Qr.	167,693	1,650	3,985
	2nd Qr.	146,198	1,450	3,132
	1st Semester	313,891	3,100	7,117
	3rd Qr.	158,942	1,580	3,085
2001*	4th Qr.	183,620	1,820	4,032
	2nd Semester	342,562	3,400	7,117
	1st Qr.	170,530	1,680	4,584
	2nd Qr.	145,259	1,440	3,825
	1st Semester	315,789	3,120	8,409
2001*	3rd Qr.	159,150	1,570	4,460
	4th Qr.	185,379	1,830	5,297
	2nd Semester	344,529	3,400	9,757

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¹ Source: Bank of Mauritius**Table 7:- Hotels, rooms and bedplaces, 1998 - 2001**

Year	Number as at end of period			
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	
1998	90	7,267	14,995	
1999	92	8,255	16,947	
2000	95	8,657	17,776	
2001	95	9,024	18,350	
1999	1st Qr.	90	7,426	15,289
	2nd Qr.	89	7,365	15,167
	3rd Qr.	91	7,903	16,243
	4th Qr.	92	8,255	16,947
2000	1st Qr.	92	8,269	16,975
	2nd Qr.	92	8,307	17,048
	3rd Qr.	93	8,388	17,238
	4th Qr.	95	8,657	17,776
2001*	1st Qr.	95	8,667	17,796
	2nd Qr.	95	8,715	17,972
	3rd Qr.	95	8,640	17,718
	4th Qr.	95	9,024	18,350

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Table 8 :- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 1999 - 2001

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	1999		2000		2001*		1999		2000		2001*	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	79	69	73	64	74	65	83	74	75	67	78	69
February	73	64	73	64	67	59	77	68	77	68	70	63
March	71	62	71	62	68	60	76	67	72	64	72	64
<i>1st Quarter</i>	<u>75</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>66</u>
April	68	59	73	64	66	57	74	65	77	68	70	62
May	67	59	67	58	64	56	73	64	71	63	68	61
June	60	52	58	51	50	43	64	56	62	55	51	46
<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<u>65</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>57</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	70	61	69	61	66	58	75	66	72	64	70	62
July	65	57	61	53	55	48	70	62	64	57	57	51
August	73	63	71	62	62	55	74	66	73	65	65	58
September	73	64	73	64	68	60	77	68	76	67	74	66
<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<u>70</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>59</u>
October	77	68	77	67	70	62	83	73	79	70	76	67
November	83	73	80	70	73	64	88	78	83	74	78	70
December	61	54	69	60	69	61	62	55	71	63	72	64
<i>4th Quarter</i>	<u>74</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>67</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	72	63	72	63	66	58	75	67	74	66	70	63
Whole Year	71	62	70	62	66	58	75	67	73	65	70	62

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Table 9 :- Employment in the tourist industry as at end of March, 1997 - 2001

Year	1997	1998	1999 *	2000 *	2001
Establishments					
Restaurants	1,118	1,389	1,168	1,256	1,269
Hotels	10,575	11,177	11,835	13,239	15,023
Travel and Tourism	3,732	3,924	3,232	3,316	3,652
Total	15,425	16,490	16,235	17,811	19,944

** Revised in the light of new classification based on International Standard Industrial Classification Rev. 3*

Source: Survey of Employment and Earnings in large Establishments

Note: The above figures refer to large establishments only (i.e employing 10 or more persons)