

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL & TOURISM

Year 2007

Introduction

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism and hotel statistics. A brief on the compilation of these statistics is given at Annex I while Annex II contains a glossary of terms used.

2. Passenger Traffic

2.1 Total Passenger Traffic

Passenger traffic for the year 2007 totalled 2,353,361, made up of 1,177,231 arrivals and 1,176,130 departures. Compared to the year 2006, these figures represent increases of 15.8% in arrivals and 17.1% in departures. Movements by sea accounted for 2.2% of arrivals and 2.1% of departures. Further details on monthly figures are given in Table 1.

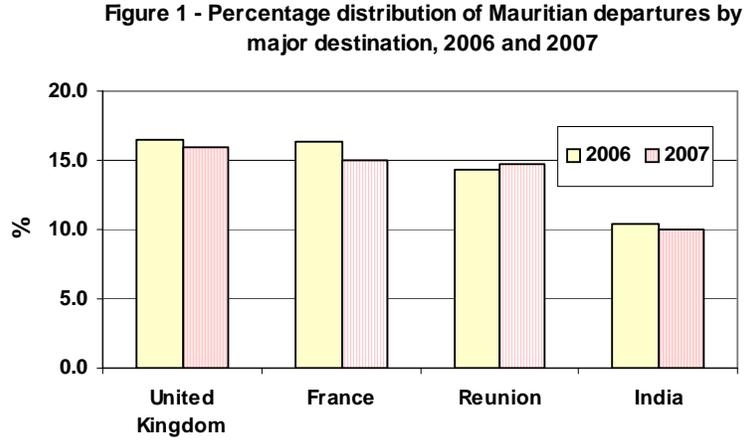
2.2 Excursionists

Total arrivals by air included 16,877 "excursionists", i.e. visitors arriving and leaving on the same day. Of these excursionists, 4,938 (29.3%) came from Reunion Island and 3,886 (23.0%), from France. Total arrivals by sea included 9,747 "cruise excursionists" (6,225 passengers and 3,522 crews) aboard 13 cruise ships, which visited our port in 2007.

2.3 Mauritian Residents

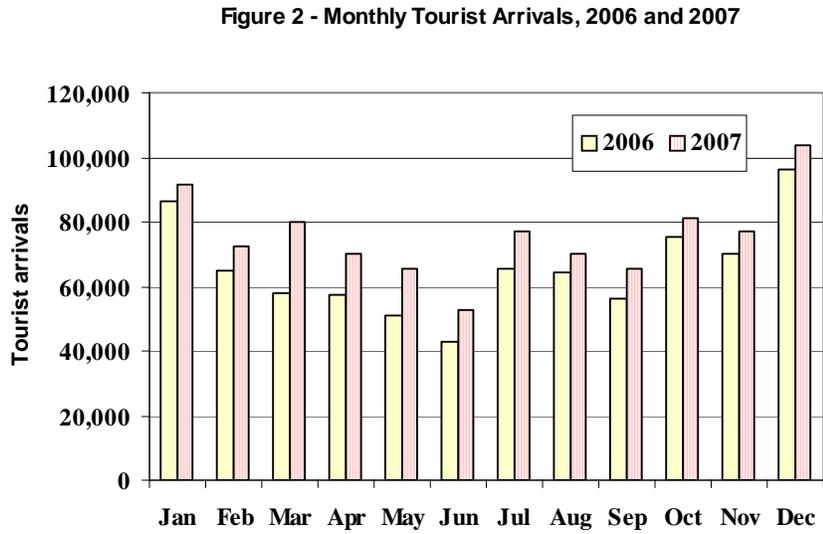
During the period under review, the number of Mauritian residents travelling abroad went up by 14.7% to 213,169 compared to 185,770 for 2006 (Table 2). The following changes were observed in the number of Mauritians visiting the major destinations: United Kingdom (+10.4%), France (+6.0%), Reunion Island (+17.4%), India (+9.7%), Republic of South Africa (+23.8%), United Arab Emirates (+19.4%), Hong Kong (+14.4%), Australia (+26.3%), Singapore (-0.1%), Malagasy Republic (+32.8%) and Seychelles (+17.3%).

Figure 1 shows the percentage distribution of Mauritian departures by major destination for 2006 and 2007.



2.4 Tourist Arrivals

Tourist arrivals for the year 2007 increased by 15.1% to reach 906,971 compared to 788,276 for 2006. Figure 2 shows monthly tourist arrivals for 2006 and 2007. Further details on tourist arrivals are given in Tables 3 to 6.



Around 90% of the tourists came for holidays while 3.8% were on business/conference trips and another 3.9% were in transit (Table 4).

Arrivals from Europe, which accounted for 65.7% of total tourist arrivals, went up by 16.7% to reach 595,653 in 2007 against 510,479 for 2006. Arrivals from France, our leading market representing 26.5% of total tourist arrivals and 40.3% of the European market, rose by 31.7% to attain 240,028 in 2007. Likewise, arrivals were up for the other major generating countries of Europe: Germany (+13.8%), United Kingdom (+4.9%) and Italy (+0.1%). Among the remaining European countries, the following trend was observed: Sweden (+55.2%), Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) (+23.6%), Belgium (+18.8%), Netherlands (+14.6%), Switzerland (+8.6%), Austria (+4.6%) and Spain (+0.7%).

In 2007, arrivals from Africa, with a share of 23.3% of total tourist arrivals, increased by 11.3% to 210,952. Arrivals from Reunion Island and Republic of South Africa, the two major markets of the region, rose by 7.5% and 15.4% respectively. Changes in arrivals from other African countries were as follows: Malagasy Republic (+22.1%), Seychelles (+18.7%), Kenya (+5.7%), Zimbabwe (+5.2%) and Comoros (-17.6%).

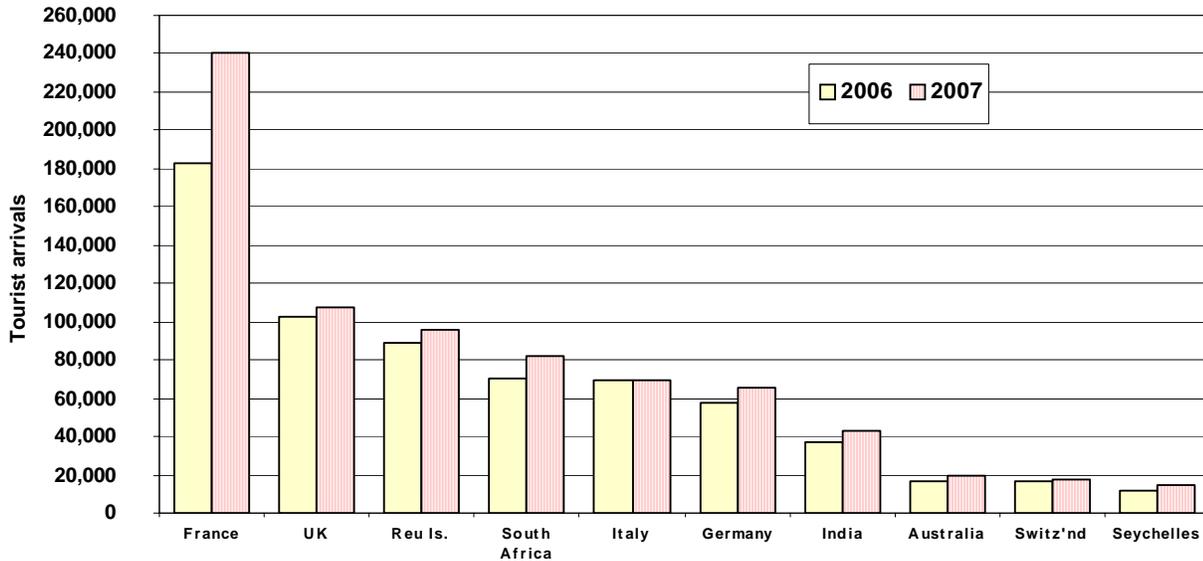
For the period under review, tourist arrivals from the Asian market, which represented 7.5% of total tourist arrivals, went up by 13.9% to attain 68,449. Arrivals from India, our major source on this continent, grew by 14.6% to reach 42,974. The performance of other Asian countries was as follows: People's Republic of China (+58.7%), Hong Kong (+25.0%), Singapore (+8.5%), United Arab Emirates (+4.0%), Japan (+2.1%) and Malaysia (-24.6%).

Arrivals from Oceania increased by 16.7% from 17,704 in 2006 to 20,656 in 2007 as a result of a rise of 17.9% in arrivals from Australia, partly offset by a fall of 2.2% in arrivals from the other Oceanian countries.

Arrivals from the continent of America went up by 7.0% to 10,473, due to increases of 12.7% in arrivals from Canada, 7.2% from "Other American" countries and 4.4% from USA.

Tourist arrivals from top ten markets for the year 2006 and 2007 are given in Figure 3.

Figure 3 - Tourist Arrivals from Top Ten Markets, 2006 and 2007



3. Tourist Nights

Total tourist nights spent in the country in 2007 is estimated at 9.2 million, representing an increase of 18.0% over the preceding year (Table 6).

4. Hotel Statistics

At the end of December 2007, there was a total of 97 registered hotels in operation. Owing to renovation, five hotels were not operational. The total room capacity for these registered hotels was 10,857 with 21,788 bedplaces (Table 7). For the year 2007, the room occupancy rate for all hotels averaged 76% compared to 66% in 2006 while the bed occupancy rate was 68% against 59% for 2006 (Table 8).

“Large” hotels, i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms, numbered 43 (44% of all registered hotels). These hotels had a room capacity of 8,386 with 16,825 bedplaces, representing 77.2% of both total room capacity and total bedplaces. The average room occupancy rate for these hotels for the year 2007 was 78% and bed occupancy rate averaged 70% compared to 69% and 62% respectively a year ago (Table 8).

5. Gross Tourism Receipts

Data from the Bank of Mauritius indicate that gross tourism receipts for the year 2007 amounted to Rs 40,687 million, i.e. an increase of 27.4% compared to Rs 31,942 million for 2006 (Table 6).

6. Employment

According to the Survey of Employment and Earnings, direct employment in hotels, restaurants and travel and tourism establishments employing 10 persons or more stood at 26,322 at the end of March 2007 showing an increase of 2.0% over the figure of 25,798 for March 2006. Of this number, 20,233 or 76.9% were engaged in hotels (Table 9).

7. Forecast Year 2008

Based on past trends and taking into consideration market diversification, the air access policy and increase in seat capacity, it is expected that tourist arrivals for the year 2008 will be around 975,000, representing a growth of 7.5%.

According to the Bank of Mauritius, tourism receipts for the year 2008 will be around Rs 48,000 million (+ 18.0 %) compared to Rs 40,687 million in 2007.

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic ¹ by month, 2005 - 2007

Month	2005		2006		2007	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	93,809	110,249	108,932	124,313	114,503	133,861
February	71,350	69,084	80,202	80,796	86,655	86,343
March	85,353	85,395	74,574	83,160	99,841	103,396
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>250,512</u>	<u>264,728</u>	<u>263,708</u>	<u>288,269</u>	<u>300,999</u>	<u>323,600</u>
April	71,302	73,753	74,092	72,052	92,982	94,269
May	73,111	75,814	65,979	69,023	83,963	86,831
June	61,487	55,736	60,396	56,460	74,534	69,782
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>205,900</u>	<u>205,303</u>	<u>200,467</u>	<u>197,535</u>	<u>251,479</u>	<u>250,882</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>456,412</i>	<i>470,031</i>	<i>464,175</i>	<i>485,804</i>	<i>552,478</i>	<i>574,482</i>
July	88,752	73,586	90,862	76,408	106,670	90,663
August	83,314	94,535	86,128	94,927	96,148	105,680
September	70,784	74,767	73,157	75,222	85,315	87,007
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>242,850</u>	<u>242,888</u>	<u>250,147</u>	<u>246,557</u>	<u>288,133</u>	<u>283,350</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>699,262</i>	<i>712,919</i>	<i>714,322</i>	<i>732,361</i>	<i>840,611</i>	<i>857,832</i>
October	87,365	84,467	91,891	85,930	101,362	101,361
November	88,491	85,783	89,668	88,779	99,885	102,522
December	114,795	92,963	120,983	97,636	135,373	114,415
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>290,651</u>	<u>263,213</u>	<u>302,542</u>	<u>272,345</u>	<u>336,620</u>	<u>318,298</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>533,501</i>	<i>506,101</i>	<i>552,689</i>	<i>518,902</i>	<i>624,753</i>	<i>601,648</i>
Whole Year	989,913	976,132	1,016,864	1,004,706	1,177,231	1,176,130

¹ Excluding inter islands traffic

**Table 2 :- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation,
2006 - 2007**

Country of disembarkation	2006	2007	% Change
EUROPE	68,962	76,131	10.4
France	30,299	32,118	6.0
Germany	2,151	2,888	34.3
Italy	3,464	4,404	27.1
Switzerland	2,255	2,522	11.8
United Kingdom	30,715	33,913	10.4
Other European	78	286	266.7
AFRICA	54,210	65,878	21.5
Kenya	1,188	1,724	45.1
Malagasy Republic	7,154	9,499	32.8
Reunion	26,661	31,311	17.4
Seychelles	5,939	6,968	17.3
S. Africa, Rep. of	13,167	16,301	23.8
Zimbabwe	81	26	-67.9
Other African	20	49	145.0
ASIA	54,447	60,878	11.8
Hong Kong SAR ¹	10,379	11,875	14.4
India	19,321	21,190	9.7
Malaysia	951	1,447	52.2
Singapore	9,584	9,571	-0.1
Saudi Arabia	1,383	1,379	-0.3
United Arab Emirates	12,813	15,295	19.4
Other Asian	16	121	656.3
OCEANIA	7,904	9,980	26.3
Australia	7,904	9,980	26.3
Other Oceanian	-	-	-
AMERICA	37	30	-18.9
U.S.A	13	14	7.7
Canada	24	14	-41.7
Other American	-	2	-
NOT STATED	210	272	29.5
All Countries	185,770	213,169	14.7

¹ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 3 :- Tourist arrivals by month, 2005 - 2007

Month	Number		
	2005	2006	2007 ¹
January	73,053	86,218	91,628
February	56,367	64,894	72,338
March	67,931	58,136	79,965
<i>1st Quarter</i>	<u>197,351</u>	<u>209,248</u>	<u>243,931</u>
April	52,971	57,361	70,297
May	55,995	50,773	65,301
June	42,994	42,755	52,584
<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<u>151,960</u>	<u>150,889</u>	<u>188,182</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	349,311	360,137	432,113
July	65,462	65,540	77,225
August	60,746	64,307	69,941
September	53,233	56,138	65,542
<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<u>179,441</u>	<u>185,985</u>	<u>212,708</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	528,752	546,122	644,821
October	70,999	75,451	81,244
November	70,793	70,394	77,236
December	90,519	96,309	103,670
<i>4th Quarter</i>	<u>232,311</u>	<u>242,154</u>	<u>262,150</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	411,752	428,139	474,858
Whole Year	761,063	788,276	906,971

¹ Provisional**Table 4 :- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 2006 - 2007**

Purpose of visit	2006	2007 ¹	% Change
Holiday	712,620	818,714	14.9
Business	27,097	30,186	11.4
Transit	29,590	35,375	19.6
Conference	5,414	4,447	-17.9
Sports	2,515	834	-66.8
Other & Not Stated	11,040	17,415	57.7
Total	788,276	906,971	15.1

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Table 5 :- Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, 2006 - 2007

Country of residence	Year 2006	2007 ¹													% Change 2007/2006
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year	
EUROPE	510,479	59,365	56,288	55,903	47,638	38,015	29,720	46,132	42,213	42,505	55,604	56,982	65,288	595,653	16.7
Austria	10,483	1,521	1,878	1,524	797	539	278	498	368	535	926	1,050	1,055	10,969	4.6
Belgium	9,216	726	698	674	886	664	748	1,047	653	1,247	1,299	954	1,349	10,945	18.8
France	182,295	25,686	21,582	21,154	18,424	14,440	10,291	20,961	17,651	12,712	22,468	26,154	28,505	240,028	31.7
Germany	57,251	5,570	6,359	7,183	5,673	5,942	4,297	3,826	3,639	5,811	5,253	5,833	5,779	65,165	13.8
Italy	69,407	10,079	8,346	7,586	6,136	3,515	3,142	3,317	5,291	4,491	5,332	3,864	8,411	69,510	0.1
Netherlands	5,525	386	573	418	632	463	353	743	425	659	670	464	545	6,331	14.6
Spain	11,012	392	536	747	742	953	1,005	1,143	1,441	1,462	1,269	682	720	11,092	0.7
Sweden	6,374	1,515	1,697	1,439	396	190	176	168	142	194	885	1,325	1,764	9,891	55.2
Switzerland	16,161	1,416	1,544	1,303	1,540	1,021	718	1,068	714	1,691	2,360	2,163	2,008	17,546	8.6
United Kingdom	102,333	5,595	6,895	9,003	8,894	8,060	6,572	10,405	9,466	10,565	11,492	10,419	9,931	107,297	4.9
CIS ²	7,219	1,601	634	965	901	505	323	340	374	429	700	799	1,349	8,920	23.6
Other European	33,203	4,878	5,546	3,907	2,617	1,723	1,817	2,616	2,049	2,709	2,950	3,275	3,872	37,959	14.3
AFRICA	189,458	26,177	9,095	17,659	15,450	16,224	12,803	21,396	19,389	14,373	17,757	11,416	29,213	210,952	11.3
Comoros	819	34	47	53	51	66	60	73	47	51	72	55	66	675	-17.6
Kenya	1,694	82	126	137	120	126	183	187	187	125	136	129	252	1,790	5.7
Malagasy Rep.	7,239	564	541	612	658	733	750	966	974	603	807	727	907	8,842	22.1
Reunion	89,127	17,983	2,866	8,169	4,592	8,252	3,153	12,158	9,210	3,681	9,503	4,071	12,185	95,823	7.5
Seychelles	12,023	844	743	1,102	1,080	592	1,401	1,192	1,664	1,134	1,141	1,400	1,982	14,275	18.7
S. Africa, Rep. of	70,796	6,196	4,338	6,917	8,294	5,653	6,617	6,162	6,550	8,231	5,427	4,525	12,823	81,733	15.4
Zimbabwe	1,587	74	101	137	274	137	89	114	221	91	90	80	261	1,669	5.2
Other African	6,173	400	333	532	381	665	550	544	536	457	581	429	737	6,145	-0.5

¹ Provisional

² Commonwealth of Independent States (Ex Soviet Union Countries)

Table 5 (contd.) :- Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, 2006 - 2007

Country of residence	Year 2006	2007 ¹												% Change 2007/2006	
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		Year
ASIA	60,121	3,915	5,135	4,299	4,665	8,382	7,468	6,449	5,271	5,355	4,934	6,718	5,858	68,449	13.9
Hong Kong SAR ³	519	57	69	35	55	54	73	71	56	56	30	46	47	649	25.0
India	37,498	2,457	3,180	2,582	2,788	6,246	4,976	3,852	2,782	3,063	2,843	4,714	3,491	42,974	14.6
Japan	1,695	119	185	103	120	114	101	129	159	231	112	168	189	1,730	2.1
Malaysia	2,472	78	166	124	168	255	174	146	197	107	108	148	194	1,865	-24.6
P. Rep. of China	4,875	378	683	441	589	723	936	658	625	782	738	592	594	7,739	58.7
Singapore	1,862	84	148	95	160	220	297	162	121	160	96	172	305	2,020	8.5
United Arab Emirates	1,896	119	96	187	101	147	207	310	268	79	145	117	195	1,971	4.0
Other Asian	9,304	623	608	732	684	623	704	1,121	1,063	877	862	761	843	9,501	2.1
OCEANIA	17,704	1,290	908	1,258	1,602	1,829	1,766	2,178	2,245	2,471	1,993	1,160	1,956	20,656	16.7
Australia	16,660	1,212	869	1,197	1,532	1,737	1,688	2,039	2,159	2,357	1,894	1,101	1,850	19,635	17.9
Other Oceanian	1,044	78	39	61	70	92	78	139	86	114	99	59	106	1,021	-2.2
AMERICA	9,787	857	843	784	873	786	776	972	783	806	899	833	1,261	10,473	7.0
USA	5,220	425	435	410	526	459	426	524	434	351	434	378	649	5,451	4.4
Canada	2,298	184	203	194	191	159	214	257	212	175	196	212	393	2,590	12.7
Other American	2,269	248	205	180	156	168	136	191	137	280	269	243	219	2,432	7.2
OTHER & N.STATED	727	24	69	62	69	65	51	98	40	32	57	127	94	788	8.4
All Countries	788,276	91,628	72,338	79,965	70,297	65,301	52,584	77,225	69,941	65,542	81,244	77,236	103,670	906,971	15.1

¹ Provisional

³ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 6 :- Tourist arrivals, nights and receipts, 2004 - 2007

Year		Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist nights (000)	Tourism receipts ¹ (Rs million)
	2004	718,861	7,119	23,448
	2005	761,063	7,498	25,704
	2006	788,276	7,761	31,942
	2007	906,971	9,160	40,687
2005	1st Qr.	197,351	2,052	7,076
	2nd Qr.	151,960	1,496	5,508
	1st Semester	349,311	3,548	12,584
	3rd Qr.	179,441	1,813	5,428
	4th Qr.	232,311	2,137	7,692
2006	2nd Semester	411,752	3,950	13,120
	1st Qr.	209,248	1,939	9,068
	2nd Qr.	150,889	1,327	6,383
	1st Semester	360,137	3,266	15,451
	3rd Qr.	185,985	1,904	6,607
2007 ²	4th Qr.	242,154	2,591	9,884
	2nd Semester	428,139	4,495	16,491
	1st Qr.	243,931	2,430	10,791
	2nd Qr.	188,182	1,900	8,961
	1st Semester	432,113	4,330	19,752
	3rd Qr.	212,708	2,180	8,652
	4th Qr.	262,150	2,650	12,283
	2nd Semester	474,858	4,830	20,935

¹ Source: Bank of Mauritius² Provisional**Table 7 :- Hotels, rooms and bedplaces, 2004 - 2007**

Year	Number as at end of period			
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	
2004	103	10,640	21,355	
2005	99	10,497	21,072	
2006	98	10,666	21,403	
2007	97	10,857	21,788	
2005	1st Qr.	100	10,571	21,239
	2nd Qr.	97	10,224	20,545
	3rd Qr.	98	10,447	20,973
	4th Qr.	99	10,497	21,072
2006	1st Qr.	99	10,629	21,341
	2nd Qr.	95	10,278	20,564
	3rd Qr.	94	10,108	20,281
	4th Qr.	98	10,666	21,403
2007 ¹	1st Qr.	97	10,683	21,509
	2nd Qr.	88	9,126	18,256
	3rd Qr.	93	10,201	20,454
	4th Qr.	97 ²	10,857	21,788

¹ Provisional² Excluding five hotels not operational because of renovation works.

Table 8 :- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2005 - 2007

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2005		2006		2007 ¹		2005		2006		2007 ¹	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	73	66	81	72	86	77	77	69	86	77	89	79
February	65	59	76	68	82	73	70	63	81	72	86	77
March	64	57	60	54	77	69	68	61	63	56	81	72
<i>1st Quarter</i>	<u>68</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>76</u>
April	56	50	58	52	75	67	59	53	61	55	80	72
May	55	49	51	46	71	64	58	52	54	48	74	67
June	45	40	45	41	59	53	45	41	47	42	62	56
<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<u>53</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	60	53	62	55	75	67	62	56	65	59	79	71
July	54	49	56	50	71	63	56	50	58	52	74	67
August	64	57	69	62	74	67	67	60	73	66	77	70
September	63	57	67	60	75	67	67	60	71	63	78	70
<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<u>61</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>69</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	60	54	63	56	75	67	62	56	66	59	78	70
October	68	61	73	65	78	70	73	65	76	68	81	72
November	78	70	78	70	83	74	83	74	81	73	85	77
December	74	66	79	71	80	72	78	70	81	73	80	72
<i>4th Quarter</i>	<u>73</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>74</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	67	60	70	63	77	69	71	63	73	66	78	70
Whole Year	63	57	66	59	76	68	66	59	69	62	78	70

¹ Provisional

Table 9 :- Employment in the tourist industry as at end of March, 2003 - 2007

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007 ¹
Establishments					
Restaurants	1,719	1,623	1,809	1,805	1,793
Hotels	16,096	16,853	19,226	19,536	20,233
Travel and Tourism	4,045	4,137	4,342	4,457	4,296
Total	21,860	22,613	25,377	25,798	26,322

¹ Revised

Source: Survey of Employment and Earnings in large Establishments (i.e employing 10 or more persons)

BRIEF ON COMPILATION OF PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Sources of data

The main source of data for the compilation of passenger traffic statistics is the Passport and Immigration Office, which maintains a database of all passengers entering and leaving the country. The data are extracted from the Embarkation/ Disembarkation cards filled in by all incoming and outgoing passengers. At the end of every month, passenger traffic for that particular month is downloaded and supplied to the statistics unit of the Ministry of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications within fifteen days. Additional data on cruises are supplied by the Mauritius Ports Authority.

To supplement the recurrent statistics a Survey of Outgoing Tourists (SOT) is conducted every two years since 1984 jointly by the Central Statistics Office and the Ministry of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications. This survey covers a representative sample of tourists at departure and provides qualitative and quantitative information on tourists. Results of the survey are published in the Survey of Outgoing Tourists report.

Tourism receipts

The Bank of Mauritius is responsible for the estimation of tourism receipts based on monthly statements of Inward and Outward Remittances of Commercial Banks.

Monthly Occupancy Rates

All hotels are contacted by phone at the end of every month for data on room/bed nights available and rented during the month for the calculation of room and bed occupancy rates.

Short-term projections of tourist arrivals

A Tourism Statistics Committee grouping various stakeholders of the tourism industry meet regularly under the chairmanship of the Director of the Central Statistics Office to discuss performance of the tourism sector and to provide information for short-term forecast of tourist arrivals.

Publications

The regular publications of the unit are:

- (i) Monthly tourist arrivals (by mid of each month)
- (ii) Quarterly Economic and Social Indicators on International Travel and Tourism (with a lag of seven weeks)
- (iii) Quarterly tourism statistics (Pamphlet)
- (iv) Digest of International Travel and Tourism (August)
- (v) Handbook of statistical data on tourism (August)
- (vi) Report of the Survey of Outgoing Tourists

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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. Occupancy rate

The room/bed occupancy rate is the ratio of room/bed nights rented to the total number of room/bed nights available.

$$= \frac{\text{Total number of room/bed nights rented}}{\text{Total number of room/bed nights available}} \times 100$$

7. CIS

CIS denotes the Commonwealth of Independent States. It consists of the States of the former Soviet Union.