

# INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL & TOURISM

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## 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 first nine months of 2010 totalled 1,795,259, made up of 879,833 arrivals and 915,426 departures. Compared to the same period of 2009, these figures represent increases of 7.3% in arrivals and 7.9% in departures (Table 1). Total passenger arrivals included 842,659 (95.8%) by air and 37,174 (4.2%) by sea, while total passenger departures consisted of 870,132 (95.1%) by air and 45,294 (4.9%) by sea. Total arrivals by sea included 28,250 "cruise travellers" (around 11,175 tourists, 7,060 excursionists, 515 Mauritian residents and 9,500 crews) aboard 17 cruise ships, which visited our port during the first nine months of 2010.

### 2.2 Excursionists (*Same day visitors*)

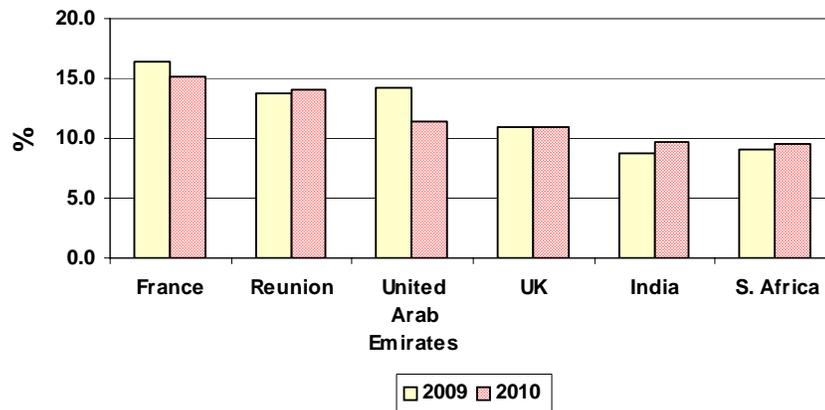
Total excursionists numbered 17,245, of which 10,051 (58.3%) arrived by air and 7,194 (41.7%) by sea. Excursionists arriving by air included 3,398 (33.8%) from France and 3,511 (34.9%) from Reunion Island. Excursionists by sea were mainly from: United Kingdom (2,940 or 40.9%), Australia (1,233 or 17.1%) and United States of America (1,061 or 14.7%).

### 2.3 Mauritian Residents

During the period under review, the number of Mauritian residents travelling abroad went up by 8.9% to 156,397 compared to 143,612 for the first nine months of 2009 and accounted for 17.1% of total departures (Table 2). The following changes were observed in the number of Mauritian departures by major country of disembarkation: Hong Kong (+41.0%), India (+21.2%), Malagasy Republic (+16.4%), Republic of South Africa (+15.1%), Reunion Island (+10.9%), United Kingdom (+9.0%), Seychelles (+7.7%), Singapore (+7.3%), France (+0.7%), Australia (-1.2%) and United Arab Emirates (-12.9%).

Figure 1 shows the percentage distribution of Mauritian departures by major country of disembarkation for the period January to September of 2009 and 2010.

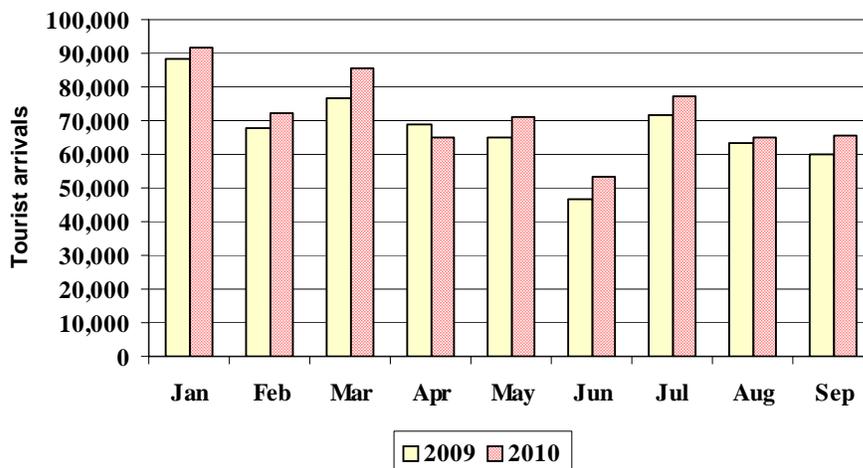
**Figure 1 - Percentage distribution of Mauritian departures by six major countries of disembarkation, January - September of 2009 and 2010**



#### **2.4 Tourist Arrivals**

Tourist arrivals for the first nine months of 2010 rose by 6.2% to reach 646,656 compared to 608,885 for the same period of 2009. Figure 2 shows monthly tourist arrivals from January to September of 2009 and 2010. Except for April 2010, all the other eight months for the period January to September 2010 experienced increases in the number of tourist arrivals when compared to the corresponding months of 2009. Further details on tourist arrivals are given in Tables 3 to 6.

**Figure 2 - Monthly Tourist Arrivals, January - September of 2009 and 2010**



The distribution of tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit (Table 4) shows that during the first nine months of 2010, 92% came for holidays and another 4% came for business/conference purposes.

Tourist arrivals from Europe, which accounted for 64.1% of total tourist arrivals, increased by 2.8% to reach 414,787 during the first nine months of 2010 against 403,436 in the corresponding period of 2009. Arrivals from France, our leading market representing 31.0% of total tourist arrivals and 48.3% of the European market, rose by 7.8% to attain 200,151 during this period. The other major tourist generating countries of Europe registered the following performances in tourist arrivals: Germany (+0.6%), Italy (-1.2%) and United Kingdom (-3.1%). Among the remaining European countries, the following changes were recorded: Switzerland (+15.1%), Austria (+11.8%), Russian Federation (+7.8%), Belgium (-2.8%), Netherlands (-12.8%), Spain (-19.2%) and Sweden (-20.9%).

During the first nine months of 2010, arrivals from Africa, with a share of 24.5% of total tourist arrivals, increased by 11.1% to 158,223. Arrivals from Reunion Island, the major market of the region, grew by 7.9% to 81,052 and those from Republic of South Africa increased by 13.3% to 56,590. Increases were also noted in arrivals from Seychelles (+40.4%), Comoros (+23.5%), Malagasy Republic (+17.6%) and Kenya (+8.9%) while those coming from Zimbabwe decreased by 8.3%.

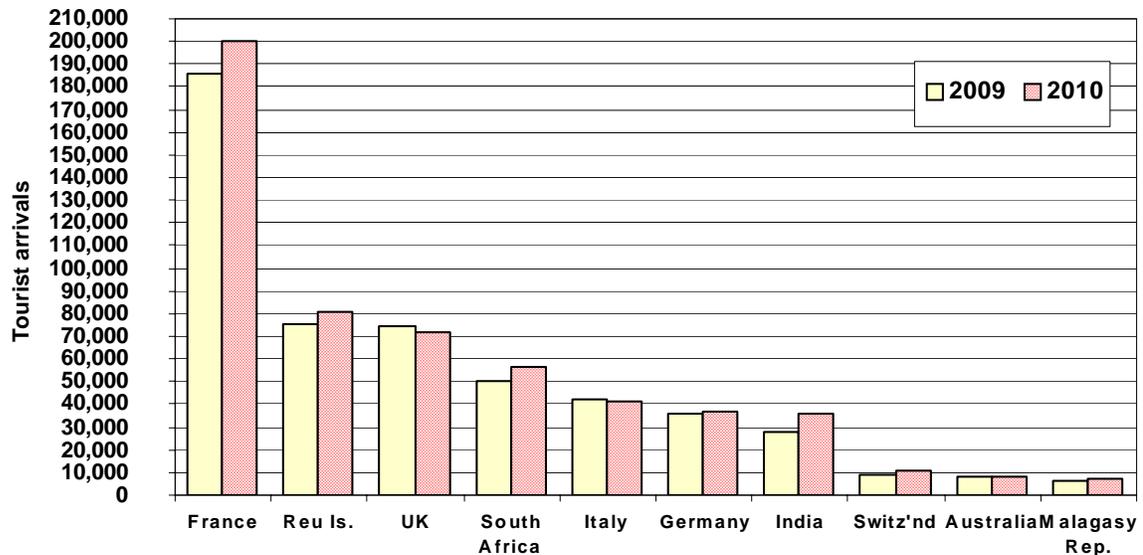
For the reference period, tourist arrivals from the Asian market, which represented 8.5% of total tourist arrivals, went up by 23.8% to reach 55,090. Arrivals from India, our major source on this continent, increased by 30.0% to reach 36,255. The performance in arrivals from other Asian countries was as follows: Singapore (+36.2%), Malaysia (+22.2%), People's Republic of China (+11.2%), Japan (+11.0%), United Arab Emirates (+6.9%) and Hong Kong (+3.8%).

Arrivals from Oceania decreased by 1.1% from 8,329 to 8,236 due to declines in arrivals of 1.0% from Australia and 2.3% from the other Oceanian countries.

Arrivals from the continent of America were up by 0.8%. Increases were registered in arrivals from USA (+0.1%) and other American countries (+11.4%). A decline of 5.3% was however noted in tourist arrivals from Canada.

Tourist arrivals from top ten markets accounted for 84.9% of tourist arrivals during the first nine months of 2010 compared to 84.4% for the same period in 2009. Tourist arrivals from top ten markets for the period January to September of 2009 and 2010 are given in Figure 3.

**Figure 3 - Tourist Arrivals from Top Ten Markets, January - September of 2009 and 2010**



### 3. Tourist Nights

Total tourist nights spent in the country during the first nine months of 2010 is estimated at 6.2 million, representing an increase of 6.0% over the same period of the preceding year (Table 6). The average nights spent per tourist in 2010 is estimated to be 9.6 nights.

### 4. Hotel Statistics

At the end of September 2010, there was a total of 104 registered hotels in operation. Owing to renovation works, seven hotels were not operational. The total room capacity for these registered hotels was 11,383 with 23,296 bedplaces (Table 7). For the first nine months of 2010, the room occupancy rate for all hotels averaged 63% compared to 58% in 2009 while the bed occupancy rate was 55% against 52% for 2009 (Table 8).

“Large” hotels, i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms, numbered 46 (44% of all registered hotels in operation). These hotels had a room capacity of 8,558 with 17,646 bedplaces, representing 75% of total room capacity and 76% of total bedplaces. The average room occupancy rate

for these hotels for the first nine months of 2010 was 63% and bed occupancy rate averaged 56% compared to 59% and 52% respectively for the same period in 2009 (Table 8).

## **5. Gross Tourism Receipts**

Data from the Bank of Mauritius indicate that gross tourism receipts for the first nine months of 2010 were Rs 28,167 million, i.e. an increase of 9.7% compared to Rs 25,685 million for the same period of 2009 (Table 6).

## **6. Employment**

According to the Survey of Employment and Earnings conducted by the Central Statistics Office, direct employment in hotels, restaurants and travel and tourism establishments employing 10 persons or more stood at 27,161 at the end of March 2010 showing an increase of 0.6% over the figure of 27,002 for March 2009. Of this number, 20,847 or 76.8% were engaged in hotels (Table 9).

## **7. Forecast Year 2010 and 2011**

Based on data available on tourist arrivals and information gathered from stakeholders, forecast of tourist arrivals for the year 2010 has been revised upwards to 920,000. This represents an increase of 5.6% over the figure of 871,356 in 2009. Tourist arrivals in 2011 is forecasted to be around 950,000 representing an increase of 3.3% over 2010.

According to the Bank of Mauritius, tourism receipts for the year 2010 would be around Rs 39,000 million (+9.3%) compared to Rs 35,693 million in 2009. Tourism receipts for 2011 would be around Rs 41,900 million representing an increase of 7.4% over 2010.

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic <sup>1</sup> by month, 2008 - 2010

Month	2008		2009		2010 <sup>2</sup>	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	125,228	144,490	117,415	138,314	119,807	145,268
February	98,424	99,897	90,042	90,246	91,943	92,398
March	115,987	122,014	99,673	103,146	123,358	128,101
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>339,639</u>	<u>366,401</u>	<u>307,130</u>	<u>331,706</u>	<u>335,108</u>	<u>365,767</u>
April	96,210	97,364	91,269	91,483	87,878	94,542
May	87,375	96,647	83,609	89,204	91,329	95,350
June	76,627	63,360	70,662	70,071	76,838	75,521
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>260,212</u>	<u>257,371</u>	<u>245,540</u>	<u>250,758</u>	<u>256,045</u>	<u>265,413</u>
<b><i>1st Semester</i></b>	<b><i>599,851</i></b>	<b><i>623,772</i></b>	<b><i>552,670</i></b>	<b><i>582,464</i></b>	<b><i>591,153</i></b>	<b><i>631,180</i></b>
July	112,508	91,931	98,683	84,366	107,678	93,775
August	98,044	113,039	89,460	102,778	93,893	103,907
September	84,194	83,868	78,928	78,452	87,109	86,564
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>294,746</u>	<u>288,838</u>	<u>267,071</u>	<u>265,596</u>	<u>288,680</u>	<u>284,246</u>
<b><i>Jan. to Sep.</i></b>	<b><i>894,597</i></b>	<b><i>912,610</i></b>	<b><i>819,741</i></b>	<b><i>848,060</i></b>	<b><i>879,833</i></b>	<b><i>915,426</i></b>
October	104,069	101,959	100,677	98,938		
November	98,663	93,176	101,626	98,919		
December	129,099	99,004	134,535	107,652		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>331,831</u>	<u>294,139</u>	<u>336,838</u>	<u>305,509</u>		
<b><i>2nd Semester</i></b>	<b><i>626,577</i></b>	<b><i>582,977</i></b>	<b><i>603,909</i></b>	<b><i>571,105</i></b>		
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>1,226,428</b>	<b>1,206,749</b>	<b>1,156,579</b>	<b>1,153,569</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Excluding inter islands traffic<sup>2</sup> Provisional

**Table 2: - Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation,  
January - September of 2009 and 2010**

Country of disembarkation	Jan - Sep 2009	Jan - Sep 2010	% Change
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>45,799</b>	<b>48,986</b>	<b>7.0</b>
France	23,534	23,701	0.7
Germany	1,624	1,848	13.8
Italy	3,884	4,866	25.3
Switzerland	1,072	1,485	38.5
United Kingdom	15,681	17,086	9.0
Other European	4	0	-100.0
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>43,166</b>	<b>48,704</b>	<b>12.8</b>
Malagasy Republic	4,934	5,743	16.4
Reunion	19,670	21,819	10.9
Seychelles	4,496	4,844	7.7
S. Africa, Rep. of	13,066	15,043	15.1
Zimbabwe	-	-	-
Other African	1,000	1,255	25.5
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>48,246</b>	<b>52,314</b>	<b>8.4</b>
Hong Kong SAR <sup>1</sup>	7,704	10,862	41.0
India	12,515	15,165	21.2
Malaysia	1,362	1,899	39.4
Singapore	6,149	6,598	7.3
Saudi Arabia	1	0	-100.0
United Arab Emirates	20,425	17,782	-12.9
Other Asian	90	8	-91.1
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>6,293</b>	<b>6,217</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
Australia	6,293	6,217	-1.2
Other Oceanian	-	-	-
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>260.0</b>
U.S.A	-	-	-
Canada	2	0	-100.0
Other American	3	18	500.0
<b>NOT STATED</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>53.4</b>
<b>All Countries</b>	<b>143,612</b>	<b>156,397</b>	<b>8.9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Special Administrative Region of China

**Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2008 - 2010**

Month	Number		
	2008	2009	2010 <sup>1</sup>
January	94,579	88,591	91,857
February	77,763	67,892	72,366
March	89,152	76,425	85,748
<i>1st Quarter</i>	<u>261,494</u>	<u>232,908</u>	<u>249,971</u>
April	72,837	68,969	64,797
May	67,705	64,761	71,055
June	53,722	46,866	53,327
<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<u>194,264</u>	<u>180,596</u>	<u>189,179</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<b>455,758</b>	<b>413,504</b>	<b>439,150</b>
July	81,169	71,872	77,009
August	71,605	63,365	65,093
September	65,632	60,144	65,404
<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<u>218,406</u>	<u>195,381</u>	<u>207,506</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<b>674,164</b>	<b>608,885</b>	<b>646,656</b>
October	83,524	80,197	
November	75,380	78,544	
December	97,388	103,730	
<i>4th Quarter</i>	<u>256,292</u>	<u>262,471</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<b>474,698</b>	<b>457,852</b>	
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>930,456</b>	<b>871,356</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit,  
January - September of 2009 and 2010**

Purpose of visit	Jan - Sep 2009	Jan - Sep 2010 <sup>1</sup>	% Change
Holiday	570,557	596,707	4.6
Business	18,653	23,680	27.0
Transit	5,206	4,047	-22.3
Conference	1,967	2,372	20.6
Sports	1,265	1,311	3.6
Other & Not Stated	11,237	18,539	65.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>608,885</b>	<b>646,656</b>	<b>6.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 5 : - Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, January - September of 2009 and 2010

Country of residence	Jan - Sep 2009	2010 <sup>1</sup>										% Change Jan-Sep 2009 to Jan-Sep 2010
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jan - Sep <sup>4</sup>	
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>403,436</b>	<b>58,639</b>	<b>56,010</b>	<b>57,879</b>	<b>43,774</b>	<b>42,117</b>	<b>27,999</b>	<b>45,606</b>	<b>40,973</b>	<b>41,790</b>	<b>414,787</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Austria	5,525	1,232	1,290	915	624	447	290	459	402	518	6,177	11.8
Belgium	6,877	853	689	710	820	628	642	1,032	537	773	6,684	-2.8
France	185,627	29,914	27,909	27,216	22,400	21,841	12,750	24,727	17,502	15,892	200,151	7.8
Germany	36,328	4,361	4,534	6,039	3,773	3,999	2,373	3,033	3,427	4,996	36,535	0.6
Italy	41,845	8,118	6,621	6,431	3,589	2,821	2,611	2,449	4,774	3,913	41,327	-1.2
Netherlands	4,140	302	267	318	394	514	337	597	355	528	3,612	-12.8
Spain	7,577	473	403	575	333	624	609	870	1,177	1,059	6,123	-19.2
Sweden	3,380	707	560	441	219	127	140	196	122	162	2,674	-20.9
Switzerland	9,060	1,556	1,690	1,484	1,515	916	470	1,087	513	1,201	10,432	15.1
United Kingdom	74,557	6,291	7,155	8,805	7,478	7,712	5,962	8,737	10,016	10,063	72,219	-3.1
CIS <sup>2</sup>	6,490	1,340	717	1,037	831	782	347	414	387	414	6,269	-3.4
<i>of which:</i>												
<i>Russian Federation</i>	3,885	918	405	627	606	601	205	256	266	303	4,187	7.8
Other European	22,030	3,492	4,175	3,908	1,798	1,706	1,468	2,005	1,761	2,271	22,584	2.5
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>142,420</b>	<b>26,753</b>	<b>9,283</b>	<b>20,758</b>	<b>14,205</b>	<b>18,754</b>	<b>14,662</b>	<b>21,704</b>	<b>16,983</b>	<b>15,121</b>	<b>158,223</b>	<b>11.1</b>
Comoros	434	88	35	38	42	91	55	37	117	33	536	23.5
Kenya	966	92	74	101	138	183	69	129	131	135	1,052	8.9
Malagasy Rep.	5,921	662	724	770	785	731	676	970	993	654	6,965	17.6
Reunion	75,136	19,359	3,588	10,447	4,805	11,247	3,836	14,700	8,620	4,450	81,052	7.9
Seychelles	4,806	486	617	656	878	676	901	777	1,008	749	6,748	40.4
S. Africa, Rep. of	49,969	5,446	3,887	8,259	6,770	4,944	8,715	4,514	5,424	8,631	56,590	13.3
Zimbabwe	866	64	35	87	158	82	65	73	159	71	794	-8.3
Other African	4,322	556	323	400	629	800	345	504	531	398	4,486	3.8

**Table 5 (contd.) : - Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, January - September of 2009 and 2010**

Country of residence	Jan - Sep 2009	2010 <sup>1</sup>										% Change Jan-Sep 2009 to Jan-Sep 2010
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jan - Sep <sup>4</sup>	
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>44,491</b>	<b>4,439</b>	<b>5,584</b>	<b>4,226</b>	<b>4,866</b>	<b>8,399</b>	<b>8,668</b>	<b>7,300</b>	<b>5,162</b>	<b>6,446</b>	<b>55,090</b>	<b>23.8</b>
Hong Kong SAR <sup>3</sup>	287	24	53	33	16	28	55	35	26	28	298	3.8
India	27,886	2,695	3,183	2,295	2,987	6,711	6,893	4,475	3,346	3,670	36,255	30.0
Japan	952	121	127	100	78	95	133	102	143	158	1,057	11.0
Malaysia	821	55	108	93	92	143	118	108	98	188	1,003	22.2
P. Rep. of China	5,224	523	1,270	607	655	424	471	639	451	769	5,809	11.2
Singapore	951	80	129	114	124	176	226	127	117	202	1,295	36.2
United Arab Emirates	2,314	209	127	134	191	206	237	684	376	310	2,474	6.9
Other Asian	6,056	732	587	850	723	616	535	1,130	605	1,121	6,899	13.9
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>8,329</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>1,060</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>8,236</b>	<b>-1.1</b>
Australia	7,775	692	455	811	861	679	887	1,079	1,003	1,228	7,695	-1.0
Other Oceanian	554	49	45	77	52	87	57	66	57	51	541	-2.3
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>9,365</b>	<b>1,241</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>1,934</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>1,091</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>9,444</b>	<b>0.8</b>
USA	4,916	450	399	1,333	616	444	467	460	405	348	4,922	0.1
Canada	2,600	288	299	340	220	240	262	458	183	173	2,463	-5.3
Other American	1,849	503	262	261	143	256	157	173	146	158	2,059	11.4
<b>OTHER &amp; N.STATED</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>All Countries</b>	<b>608,885</b>	<b>91,857</b>	<b>72,366</b>	<b>85,748</b>	<b>64,797</b>	<b>71,055</b>	<b>53,327</b>	<b>77,009</b>	<b>65,093</b>	<b>65,404</b>	<b>646,656</b>	<b>6.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

<sup>2</sup> Commonwealth of Independent States (Ex Soviet Union Countries)

<sup>3</sup> Special Administrative Region of China

<sup>4</sup> Estimates based on nationality

**Table 6:- Tourist arrivals, nights and receipts, 2007 - 2010**

Year		Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist nights (000)	Tourism receipts <sup>1</sup> (Rs million)
	2007	906,971	8,987	40,687
	2008	930,456	9,218	41,213
	2009	871,356	8,600	35,693
<b>2008</b>	1st Qr.	261,494	2,491	11,951
	2nd Qr.	194,264	1,709	10,219
	<b>1st Semester</b>	<b>455,758</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>22,170</b>
	3rd Qr.	218,406	2,249	8,631
	4th Qr.	256,292	2,769	10,412
<b>2009</b>	<b>2nd Semester</b>	<b>474,698</b>	<b>5,018</b>	<b>19,043</b>
	1st Qr.	232,908	2,275	10,265
	2nd Qr.	180,596	1,625	7,984
	<b>1st Semester</b>	<b>413,504</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>18,249</b>
	3rd Qr.	195,381	1,950	7,436
<b>2010</b> <sup>2</sup>	4th Qr.	262,471	2,750	10,008
	<b>2nd Semester</b>	<b>457,852</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>17,444</b>
	1st Qr.	249,971	2,400	11,021
	2nd Qr.	189,179	1,700	8,788
	<b>1st Semester</b>	<b>439,150</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>19,809</b>
	3rd Qr.	207,506	2,100	8,358

<sup>1</sup> Source: Bank of Mauritius<sup>2</sup> Provisional**Table 7:- Hotels, rooms and bedplaces, 2007 - 2010**

Year	Number as at end of period			
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	
2007	97	10,857	21,788	
2008	102	11,488	23,095	
2009	102	11,456	23,235	
<b>2008</b>	1st Qr.	96	10,796	21,649
	2nd Qr.	94	10,503	21,063
	3rd Qr.	99	10,933	21,939
	4th Qr.	102	11,488	23,095
<b>2009</b>	1st Qr.	102	11,444	23,148
	2nd Qr.	97	10,486	21,362
	3rd Qr.	100	11,102	22,530
	4th Qr.	102	11,456	23,235
<b>2010</b> <sup>1</sup>	1st Qr.	105	11,564	23,547
	2nd Qr.	104	11,362	23,168
	3rd Qr.	104 <sup>2</sup>	11,383	23,296

<sup>1</sup> Provisional<sup>2</sup> Excluding seven hotels not operational because of renovation works

**Table 8:- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2008 - 2010**

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2008		2009		2010 <sup>1</sup>		2008		2009		2010 <sup>1</sup>	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	82	73	69	62	72	64	82	74	69	62	74	66
February	78	70	60	53	67	58	80	72	60	54	67	60
March	77	69	59	52	64	56	78	70	59	53	65	58
<i>1st Quarter</i>	<u>79</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>61</u>
April	72	65	59	53	61	54	75	67	61	54	64	56
May	66	60	58	52	61	53	68	61	59	52	63	55
June	49	43	45	39	47	41	49	44	44	39	48	43
<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<u>62</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>51</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<b>71</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>56</b>
July	61	55	51	45	54	47	62	56	52	46	55	48
August	65	58	59	52	60	52	67	60	61	54	62	54
September	65	58	62	55	65	57	68	61	64	56	67	58
<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<u>64</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>54</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<b>68</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>56</b>
October	71	64	65	58			73	65	67	59		
November	69	62	69	61			71	63	71	63		
December	69	62	70	62			70	63	73	64		
<i>4th Quarter</i>	<u>71</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>61</u>			<u>72</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>62</u>		
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<b>67</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>56</b>			<b>68</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>57</b>		
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>54</b>			<b>70</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>55</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 9:- Employment in the tourist industry as at end of March, 2006 - 2010**

<b>Year</b> <b>Establishments</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Restaurants	1,805	2,012	2,251	2,431	2,464
Hotels	19,536	20,233	22,314	20,478	20,847
Travel and Tourism	4,457	4,296	4,188	4,093	3,850
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,798</b>	<b>26,541</b>	<b>28,753</b>	<b>27,002</b>	<b>27,161</b>

*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 travellers entering and leaving the country. The data are collected from the passport of travellers, disembarkation cards filled in by non-residents and questions put to non-residents entering the country. 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 and Leisure 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 and Leisure. 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 overnight but less than a year, and who has no employer-employee relationship with a resident.

### 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 overnight 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 depart on the same day they arrived.

### 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.