

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

YEAR 2014

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the year 2014. A brief on the compilation of these statistics is given at Annex I and a glossary of terms at Annex II.

2. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Passenger traffic, 2013 and 2014

	2013	2014	% change
Arrivals by			
Air	1,288,602	1,362,442	+5.7
Sea	32,845	26,794	-18.4
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	<i>23,180</i>	<i>24,105</i>	<i>+4.0</i>
Total	1,321,447	1,389,236	+5.1
Departures by			
Air	1,286,195	1,357,892	+5.6
Sea	34,510	27,251	-21.0
Total	1,320,705	1,385,143	+4.9

2.1 Arrivals in 2014

Compared to 2013:

- total arrivals increased by 5.1% to 1,389,236;
- tourist arrivals increased by 4.6% to 1,038,968; and
- the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) rose by 23.7% to 27,432.

In 2014, 18 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 24,105 cruise travellers made up of 2,496 tourists, 13,165 excursionists and 8,444 crew members.

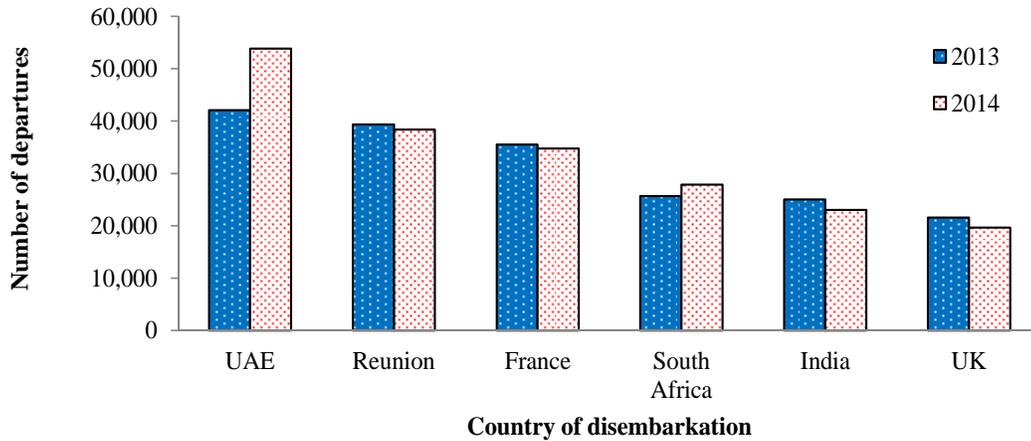
2.2 Departures in 2014

Compared to 2013:

- total departures increased by 4.9% to 1,385,143;
- departures of Mauritian residents increased by 2.8% to 257,068.

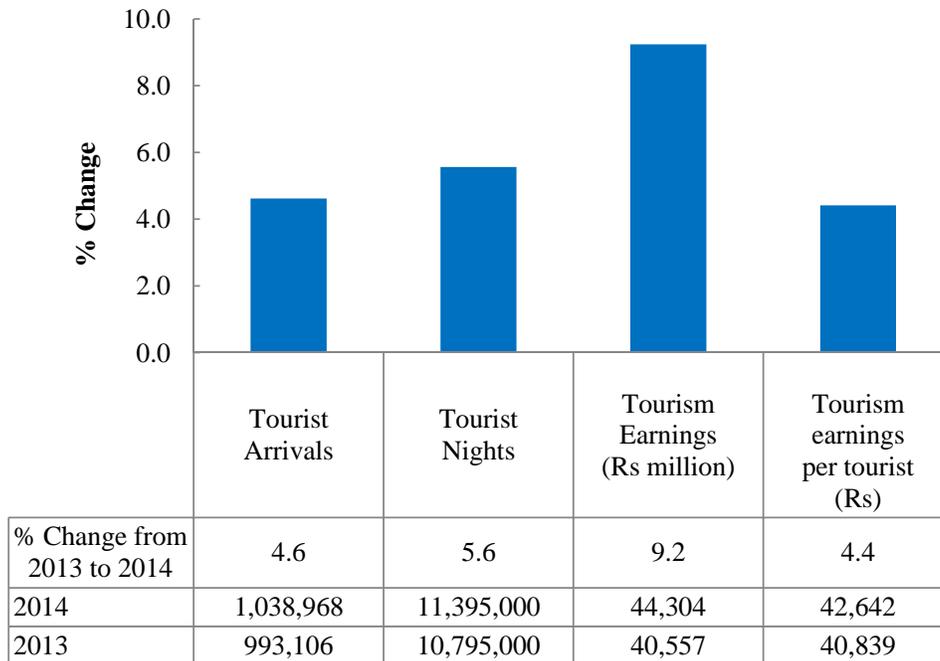
In 2014, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (53,833 or 20.9%), Reunion Island (38,375 or 14.9%), France (34,743 or 13.5%), Republic of South Africa (27,838 or 10.8%), India (23,019 or 9.0%) and United Kingdom (19,669 or 7.7%).

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 2013 and 2014



3. TOURISM

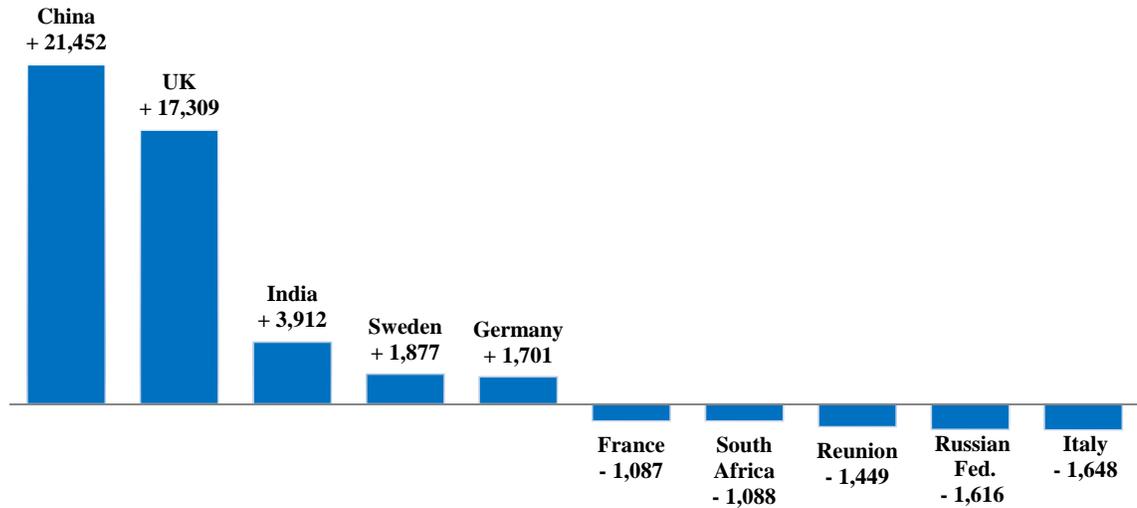
Figure 2 - % change in main tourism indicators, 2014 compared to 2013



3.1 Tourist Arrivals

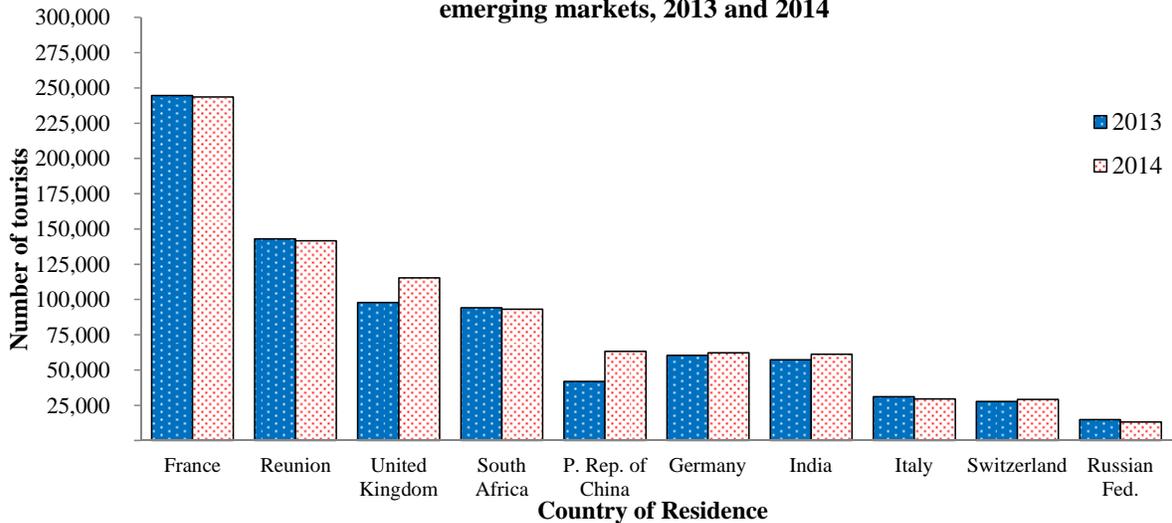
Compared to 2013, the number of tourist arrivals increased by 45,862 or 4.6% to 1,038,968 in 2014 as a result of main changes shown below.

Figure 3 - Main changes in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, 2013 to 2014



In spite of a decrease of 0.4%, France remained the top tourist generating country and contributed 23.5% of all tourist arrivals in 2014.

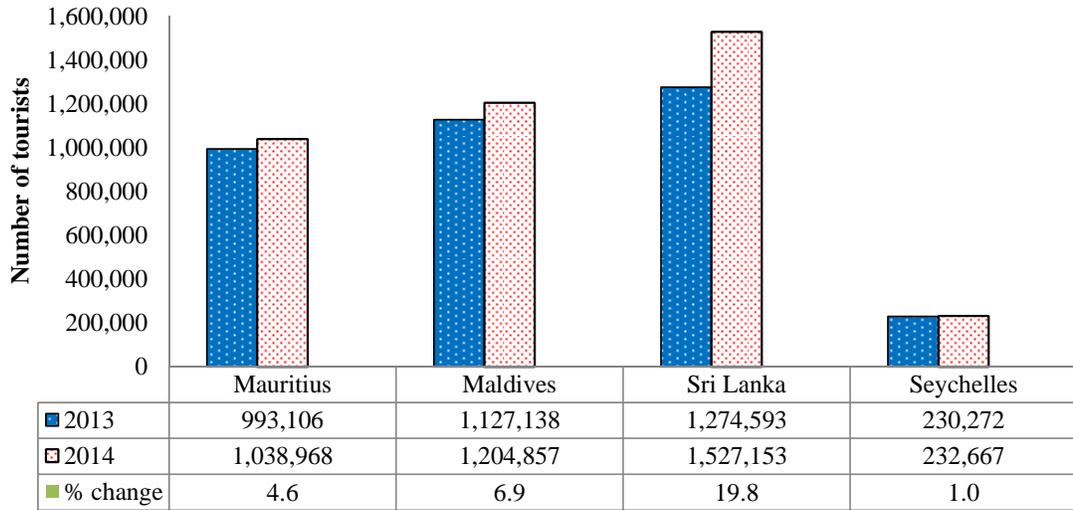
Figure 4 - Tourist Arrivals from main and emerging markets, 2013 and 2014



3.2 Tourist arrivals in Mauritius compared to selected tourist destinations

During 2014, tourist arrivals in Mauritius increased by 4.6% compared to 6.9% in Maldives and a high growth of 19.8% in Sri Lanka. Seychelles, on the other hand, experienced a low growth of 1.0%.

Figure 5 -Tourist Arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 2013 & 2014



Source :Maldives Statistics section - Ministry of Tourism Arts & Culture; Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority; Seychelles National Bureau of Statistics

3.3 Tourist Nights

Compared to 2013:

- the number of nights spent by tourists increased by 5.6% from 10,795,000 to 11,395,000;
- the average length of stay increased from 10.9 to 11.0 nights.

3.4 Tourism Earnings

According to the Bank of Mauritius, the gross tourism earnings increased by 9.2% from Rs 40,557 million in 2013 to Rs 44,304 million in 2014. Tourism earnings per tourist increased by 4.4% from Rs 40,839 to Rs 42,642 mainly due to an increase of 4.6% in the number of tourists.

3.5 Employment

Employment data for the tourism sector as obtained from the Survey of Employment and Earnings relate to employment in restaurants, hotels and, travel and tourism establishments with 10 or more workers. Latest available data for March 2014 indicate that employment in these establishments increased slightly by 1.1% to 28,718.

3.6 Accommodation

Licensed hotels in the island of Mauritius

As at end of December 2014, there were 115 licensed hotels of which 112 were in operation and 3 were not operating due to renovation works. The total room capacity of the 112 operating hotels was 12,799 with 26,174 bed places.

During the year 2014,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 65%, up from 63% in the year 2013; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 58%, higher than 55% in the year 2013.

'Large' hotels in the island of Mauritius

At the end of December 2014, 53 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) were in operation; they had a total room capacity of 9,605 with 19,776 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 47% of all licensed hotels in operation but make up 75% of total room capacity and 76% of total bed places.

During the year 2014,

- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 67% up from 65% in the year 2013;
- the bed occupancy rate was 60%, higher than 57% in the year 2013.

3.7 Forecast Year 2015

Based on latest available data on tourist arrivals and information gathered from stakeholders, the forecast of 1,100,000 tourist arrivals for the year 2015 is maintained. This represents an increase of 5.9% over the figure of 1,038,968 in 2014.

According to the Bank of Mauritius, tourism earnings for the year 2015 will be around Rs 48,500 million (+9.5%) compared to Rs 44,304 million in 2014.

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic ¹ by month, 2012 - 2014

Month	2012		2013		2014 ²	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	132,789	154,685	124,571	149,067	128,035	149,573
February	105,802	106,969	103,021	103,726	105,398	107,632
March	106,939	111,605	117,619	117,253	120,854	127,473
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>345,530</u>	<u>373,259</u>	<u>345,211</u>	<u>370,046</u>	<u>354,287</u>	<u>384,678</u>
April	109,760	110,366	105,561	109,657	117,371	112,588
May	92,684	100,829	97,003	106,945	102,884	112,665
June	77,955	75,456	79,653	76,918	86,684	86,225
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>280,399</u>	<u>286,651</u>	<u>282,217</u>	<u>293,520</u>	<u>306,939</u>	<u>311,478</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>625,929</i>	<i>659,910</i>	<i>627,428</i>	<i>663,566</i>	<i>661,226</i>	<i>696,156</i>
July	105,542	94,119	107,351	95,837	112,006	98,420
August	93,502	102,936	103,559	111,560	110,101	120,442
September	89,426	90,724	96,690	97,365	100,387	99,346
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>288,470</u>	<u>287,779</u>	<u>307,600</u>	<u>304,762</u>	<u>322,494</u>	<u>318,208</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>914,399</i>	<i>947,689</i>	<i>935,028</i>	<i>968,328</i>	<i>983,720</i>	<i>1,014,364</i>
October	113,613	106,643	118,395	112,555	127,731	119,230
November	110,477	110,296	114,413	113,141	120,448	121,845
December	148,355	121,463	153,611	126,681	157,337	129,704
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>372,445</u>	<u>338,402</u>	<u>386,419</u>	<u>352,377</u>	<u>405,516</u>	<u>370,779</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>660,915</i>	<i>626,181</i>	<i>694,019</i>	<i>657,139</i>	<i>728,010</i>	<i>688,987</i>
Whole Year	1,286,844	1,286,091	1,321,447	1,320,705	1,389,236	1,385,143

¹ Excluding inter island traffic between the main island of Mauritius and the other constituent islands of the Republic of Mauritius

² Provisional

Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation ¹, 2013 and 2014

Country of disembarkation	2013	2014 ²	% Change
EUROPE	61,638	58,498	-5.1
France	35,518	34,743	-2.2
Germany	1,904	1,622	-14.8
Italy	2,507	2,357	-6.0
United Kingdom	21,580	19,669	-8.9
Other European	129	107	-17.1
AFRICA	83,874	85,720	2.2
Malagasy Republic	10,461	10,547	0.8
Reunion	39,359	38,375	-2.5
Seychelles	4,888	5,632	15.2
South Africa	25,693	27,838	8.3
Other African	3,473	3,328	-4.2
ASIA	95,554	104,189	9.0
P. Rep. of China	3,328	5,524	66.0
Hong Kong SAR ³	8,353	6,684	-20.0
India	25,028	23,019	-8.0
Malaysia	8,688	11,969	37.8
Singapore	7,916	3,159	-60.1
United Arab Emirates	42,099	53,833	27.9
Other Asian	142	1	-99.3
OCEANIA	9,045	8,651	-4.4
Australia	9,045	8,651	-4.4
NOT STATED	27	10	-63.0
All Countries	250,138	257,068	2.8

¹ Country of disembarkation may either be the country of final destination or the transit country² Provisional³ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2012 - 2014

Month	2012	2013	2014 ¹
January	98,837	92,894	96,332
February	79,331	81,185	78,984
March	83,827	91,759	87,977
<i>1st Quarter</i>	<u>261,995</u>	<u>265,838</u>	<u>263,293</u>
April	79,137	76,223	88,404
May	71,396	74,596	78,555
June	54,625	55,007	60,445
<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<u>205,158</u>	<u>205,826</u>	<u>227,404</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	467,153	471,664	490,697
July	76,166	77,374	81,935
August	65,896	73,454	78,475
September	66,369	71,951	74,516
<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<u>208,431</u>	<u>222,779</u>	<u>234,926</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	675,584	694,443	725,623
October	89,994	92,520	101,327
November	84,398	89,057	91,234
December	115,465	117,086	120,784
<i>4th Quarter</i>	<u>289,857</u>	<u>298,663</u>	<u>313,345</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	498,288	521,442	548,271
Whole Year	965,441	993,106	1,038,968

¹ Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 2013 and 2014**

Purpose of visit	2013	2014 ¹	% Change
Holiday	923,247	969,524	5.0
Business	36,616	37,715	3.0
Transit	22,684	21,012	-7.4
Conference	6,866	7,072	3.0
Sports	1,920	1,797	-6.4
Other	1,773	1,848	4.2
Total	993,106	1,038,968	4.6

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Table 5 :- Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, 2013 and 2014

Country of residence	Year 2013	2014 ¹												Year 2014	% Change 2014/2013
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
EUROPE	547,046	50,548	51,339	49,808	53,809	35,420	25,371	38,110	39,201	41,440	58,689	62,256	64,557	570,548	4.3
Austria	7,937	1,132	1,172	807	664	421	322	329	298	491	586	1,170	911	8,303	4.6
Belarus	428	36	36	83	56	30	32	22	36	26	29	34	63	483	12.9
Belgium	11,566	640	458	728	1,249	790	671	1,255	706	927	1,299	1,271	1,471	11,465	-0.9
Bulgaria	597	85	139	78	49	11	14	21	25	40	34	54	151	701	17.4
Czech Republic	5,543	706	1,177	936	702	335	163	142	187	440	509	836	719	6,852	23.6
Denmark	3,282	293	659	190	341	128	121	272	156	162	502	322	300	3,446	5.0
Finland	1,866	358	422	234	203	44	79	61	36	87	203	227	664	2,618	40.3
France	244,752	24,274	26,149	24,605	22,012	14,295	7,517	14,822	14,643	10,920	25,046	29,267	30,115	243,665	-0.4
Germany	60,530	4,871	5,147	6,191	5,908	4,177	3,384	2,943	4,270	6,600	6,813	7,139	4,788	62,231	2.8
Greece	835	51	59	58	39	29	59	75	61	93	74	76	81	755	-9.6
Hungary	820	186	191	82	66	29	38	32	32	52	56	109	149	1,022	24.6
Ireland	1,807	121	132	151	232	167	162	262	234	245	212	186	181	2,285	26.5
Italy	31,205	2,891	2,204	2,246	3,570	1,413	1,566	1,645	2,586	2,863	2,398	2,385	3,790	29,557	-5.3
Kazakhstan	207	43	16	45	22	20	3	15	8	7	5	9	48	241	16.4
Luxemburg	1,008	51	71	72	227	55	54	110	168	92	113	95	119	1,227	21.7
Netherlands	4,499	327	257	207	406	300	307	707	483	417	500	436	449	4,796	6.6
Norway	3,086	201	332	199	242	98	227	429	140	249	214	191	499	3,021	-2.1
Poland	2,998	412	534	261	248	205	152	221	224	226	196	493	378	3,550	18.4
Portugal	1,620	86	133	143	230	149	154	224	224	208	168	118	259	2,096	29.4
Romania	1,221	146	83	114	70	53	74	92	89	70	58	113	115	1,077	-11.8
Russian Federation	14,905	2,744	998	1,515	1,263	713	318	382	532	719	1,138	1,119	1,848	13,289	-10.8
Slovakia	1,580	214	308	391	223	99	83	36	50	120	150	198	193	2,065	30.7
Slovenia	688	103	86	46	66	48	43	45	17	45	63	55	81	698	1.5
Spain	8,441	305	310	360	763	861	701	1,000	1,143	1,253	728	545	664	8,633	2.3
Sweden	4,577	700	663	421	412	174	151	167	116	141	712	705	2,092	6,454	41.0
Switzerland	27,756	2,571	2,399	2,138	3,594	1,310	860	2,050	901	2,042	4,310	3,892	3,218	29,285	5.5
Turkey	706	56	37	66	75	82	101	32	33	43	82	56	60	723	2.4
Ukraine	1,876	368	169	235	168	201	172	101	71	74	118	102	205	1,984	5.8
United Kingdom	98,017	6,271	6,751	6,925	10,471	9,019	7,705	10,432	11,587	12,600	12,155	10,811	10,599	115,326	17.7
Other European	2,693	306	247	281	238	164	138	186	145	188	218	242	347	2,700	0.3
AFRICA	277,773	29,504	11,819	23,892	19,728	24,790	16,883	26,354	23,434	17,436	26,429	16,198	37,689	274,156	-1.3
IOC ² countries of which:	165,391	22,395	6,689	15,332	8,837	16,640	8,260	17,392	13,466	7,511	17,444	8,718	19,884	162,568	-1.7
<i>Comoros</i>	1,147	88	48	86	90	86	123	44	60	79	76	90	68	938	-18.2
<i>Reunion</i>	143,114	20,817	5,094	13,846	7,039	15,005	6,589	15,880	11,129	5,847	15,692	7,111	17,616	141,665	-1.0
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	13,943	967	1,064	910	1,160	922	883	1,014	1,667	1,020	1,107	1,059	1,266	13,039	-6.5
<i>Seychelles</i>	7,187	523	483	490	548	627	665	454	610	565	569	458	934	6,926	-3.6
Kenya	2,865	161	152	288	341	252	260	263	410	232	219	277	411	3,266	14.0
South Africa, Rep. of	94,208	6,160	4,188	7,286	9,068	6,460	6,840	7,689	7,831	8,739	7,789	5,989	15,081	93,120	-1.2
Zimbabwe	1,526	77	70	88	235	129	95	97	329	149	76	121	269	1,735	13.7
Other African	13,783	711	720	898	1,247	1,309	1,428	913	1,398	805	901	1,093	2,044	13,467	-2.3

¹ Provisional

² Commonwealth of Independent States (Ex Soviet Union Countries)

Table 5 (cont'd.) :- Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, 2013 and 2014

Country of residence	Year 2013	2014 ¹												% Change 2014/2013	
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		Year 2014
ASIA	132,554	13,096	13,940	11,776	11,391	15,456	15,534	14,154	13,404	12,601	12,782	10,411	13,816	158,361	19.5
Bangladesh	525	30	62	31	38	40	23	16	27	48	53	51	144	563	7.2
Hong Kong SAR ³	1,449	114	141	60	117	108	144	163	147	99	109	92	161	1,455	0.4
India	57,255	4,259	5,100	4,022	4,150	7,929	7,713	4,513	3,651	3,633	4,996	3,757	7,444	61,167	6.8
Indonesia	1,852	152	99	219	191	117	82	136	123	318	283	89	128	1,937	4.6
Israel	552	32	40	52	97	42	35	36	76	53	86	31	37	617	11.8
Japan	1,768	104	117	120	120	202	116	130	200	126	137	131	156	1,659	-6.2
Korea Republic	2,778	236	251	237	348	380	253	156	121	303	325	267	305	3,182	14.5
Malaysia	3,174	193	212	228	174	390	321	334	203	457	145	190	123	2,970	-6.4
Pakistan	994	63	97	60	115	113	176	127	149	88	109	64	130	1,291	29.9
People's Rep. of China	41,913	6,706	6,831	4,496	4,282	4,650	4,973	6,574	6,365	5,768	4,662	4,552	3,506	63,365	51.2
Philippines	1,821	141	93	226	169	120	103	94	141	216	177	96	111	1,687	-7.4
Singapore	2,112	83	87	134	119	179	174	137	171	195	146	184	240	1,849	-12.5
Sri Lanka	493	21	21	41	32	25	14	27	17	46	67	16	61	388	-21.3
Thailand	331	23	16	33	37	24	27	23	21	16	32	20	28	300	-9.4
MIDDLE EAST Countries	12,083	736	545	1,103	1,160	943	1,189	1,392	1,608	772	1,161	736	894	12,239	1.3
<i>of which:</i>															
<i>Kuwait</i>	279	21	32	29	29	44	52	59	74	20	94	16	47	517	85.3
<i>Lebanon</i>	441	16	18	27	61	21	21	18	18	38	22	47	51	358	-18.8
<i>Oman</i>	235	12	9	9	7	14	27	61	23	16	24	11	9	222	-5.5
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	2,136	267	70	266	137	141	261	113	469	220	214	107	125	2,390	11.9
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	8,161	385	382	726	868	686	743	1,062	924	409	714	501	601	8,001	-2.0
<i>Other Middle East</i>	831	35	34	46	58	37	85	79	100	69	93	54	61	751	-10
Other Asian	3,454	203	228	714	242	194	191	296	384	463	294	135	348	3,692	6.9
OCEANIA	19,360	1,323	744	890	2,119	1,191	1,458	2,011	1,555	1,921	1,847	1,112	2,485	18,656	-3.6
Australia	18,393	1,229	678	830	2,013	1,118	1,366	1,905	1,488	1,788	1,753	1,010	2,351	17,529	-4.7
New Zealand	668	62	31	29	79	31	58	73	53	99	59	70	87	731	9.4
Other Oceanian	299	32	35	31	27	42	34	33	14	34	35	32	47	396	32.4
AMERICA	15,473	1,772	1,092	1,558	1,298	1,640	1,149	1,262	840	1,068	1,535	1,192	2,142	16,548	6.9
Brazil	2,886	395	203	192	191	227	148	77	110	303	230	185	195	2,456	-14.9
Canada	4,435	407	300	350	380	454	378	550	237	257	370	379	648	4,710	6.2
USA	5,777	592	314	722	588	798	497	520	394	404	787	500	1,192	7,308	26.5
Other American	2,375	378	275	294	139	161	126	115	99	104	148	128	107	2,074	-12.7
OTHER & N.STATED	900	89	50	53	59	58	50	44	41	50	45	65	95	699	-22.3
All Countries	993,106	96,332	78,984	87,977	88,404	78,555	60,445	81,935	78,475	74,516	101,327	91,234	120,784	1,038,968	4.6

¹ Provisional

³ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 6:- Tourist arrivals, nights, average length of stay and earnings, 2011 - 2014

Year		Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist nights (000)	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings ³ (Rs million)
2011	1 st Semester	464,604	4,517	9.7	21,304
	2 nd Semester	500,038	5,483	11.0	21,413
	Year	964,642	10,000	10.4	42,717
2012	1 st Semester	467,153	4,753	10.2	23,548
	2 nd Semester	498,288	5,708	11.5	20,830
	Year	965,441	10,461	10.8	44,378
2013 ¹	1 st Semester	471,664	4,827	10.2	22,055
	2 nd Semester	521,442	5,968	11.4	18,502
	Year	993,106	10,795	10.9	40,557
2014 ²	1 st Semester	490,697	5,101	10.4	22,577
	2 nd Semester	548,271	6,294	11.5	21,727
	Year	1,038,968	11,395	11.0	44,304

¹ Tourist nights and average length of stay have been revised

² Provisional

³ Source: Bank of Mauritius

Table 7:- Hotels, rooms and bedplaces, 2011 - 2014

Year		Number as at end of period		
		Hotels ¹	Rooms	Bedplaces
2011	1st Qr.	112	12,082	24,664
	2nd Qr.	111	11,999	24,493
	3rd Qr.	109	11,816	24,018
	4th Qr.	109	11,925	24,242
2012	1st Qr.	110	12,027	24,446
	2nd Qr.	107	11,822	24,089
	3rd Qr.	105	11,715	23,899
	4th Qr.	117	12,527	25,496
2013	1st Qr.	117	12,676	25,887
	2nd Qr.	109	11,977	24,438
	3rd Qr.	106	11,866	24,085
	4th Qr.	107	12,376	25,105
2014 ²	1st Qr.	109	12,653	25,652
	2nd Qr.	105	12,307	25,308
	3rd Qr.	108	12,481	25,620
	4th Qr.	112 ³	12,799	26,174

¹ Refers to hotels in the island of Mauritius which were operational

² Provisional

³ Excluding three hotels not operational because of renovation works

Table 8:- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2012 - 2014

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2012		2013		2014 ¹		2012		2013		2014 ¹	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	74	65	67	59	72	64	76	67	69	61	74	66
February	67	59	66	57	67	59	69	60	67	59	69	61
March	65	57	63	56	64	56	66	58	66	58	65	57
1st Quarter	<u>69</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>61</u>
April	62	55	60	53	65	57	66	58	63	56	69	60
May	59	52	58	51	59	52	61	54	61	53	62	54
June	45	39	42	36	46	41	46	41	42	37	47	41
2nd Quarter	<u>55</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>52</u>
1 st Semester	<u>62</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>56</u>
July	52	45	53	47	54	49	53	47	54	48	57	52
August	56	50	60	53	62	57	60	52	62	55	67	62
September	60	53	65	57	64	58	62	54	67	60	68	61
3rd Quarter	<u>56</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>58</u>
October	67	59	71	63	71	65	70	62	72	64	75	68
November	69	61	74	65	76	67	71	63	75	67	78	70
December	71	63	73	65	74	68	74	65	74	66	76	71
4th Quarter	<u>69</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>70</u>
2 nd Semester	<u>63</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>64</u>
Year	62	55	63	55	65	58	65	57	65	57	67	60

¹ Provisional

Table 9:- Employment in large¹ establishments of the tourism industry as at end of March, 2010 - 2014

Year \ Establishments	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 ²
Restaurants	2,337	2,262	2,340	2,388	2,544
Hotels	21,255	21,815	22,166	22,244	22,452
Travel and Tourism	3,850	4,052	3,896	3,787	3,722
Total	27,442	28,129	28,402	28,419	28,718

¹ Large establishments are those employing 10 or more persons.

² Revised

Source: Survey of Employment and Earnings in large Establishments

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, the electronic database of 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 obtained from the Mauritius Ports Authority.

Tourism earnings

The Bank of Mauritius is responsible for the estimation of tourism earnings 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 Statistics Mauritius 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
- (v) Handbook of statistical data on tourism
- (vi) Report of the Survey of Inbound and Outbound Tourism

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" for year Y refer to nights spent by tourists arriving in year Y.

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.