

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

1st Quarter 2015

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first quarter of 2015. 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, 1st Quarter 2014 and 2015

	2014	2015	% change
Arrivals by			
Air	336,265	363,946	+8.2
Sea	18,022	22,123	+22.8
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	<i>17,148</i>	<i>20,469</i>	<i>+19.4</i>
Total	354,287	386,069	+9.0
Departures by			
Air	366,244	393,747	+7.5
Sea	18,434	20,612	+11.8
Total	384,678	414,359	+7.7

2.1 Arrivals in 1st Quarter 2015

Compared to 1st Quarter 2014:

- total arrivals increased by 9.0% to 386,069;
- tourist arrivals increased by 10.6% to 291,329; and
- the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) decreased by 38.5% to 7,876.

In the first Quarter of 2015, 15 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 20,469 cruise travellers made up of 10,300 tourists, 3,303 excursionists, 206 Mauritian residents and 6,660 crew members.

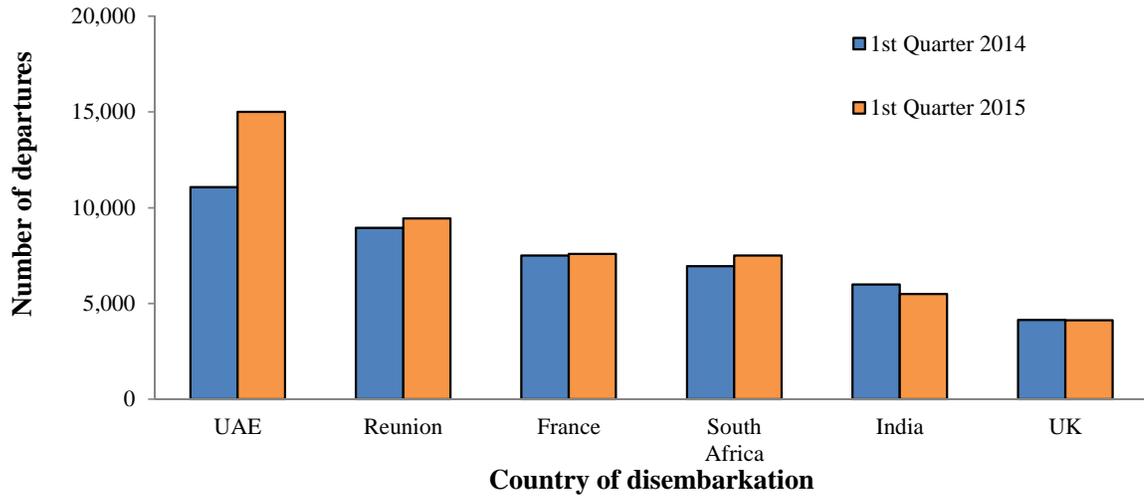
2.2 Departures in 1st Quarter 2015

Compared to 1st Quarter 2014:

- total departures increased by 7.7% to 414,359;
- departures of Mauritian residents increased by 8.7% to 64,331.

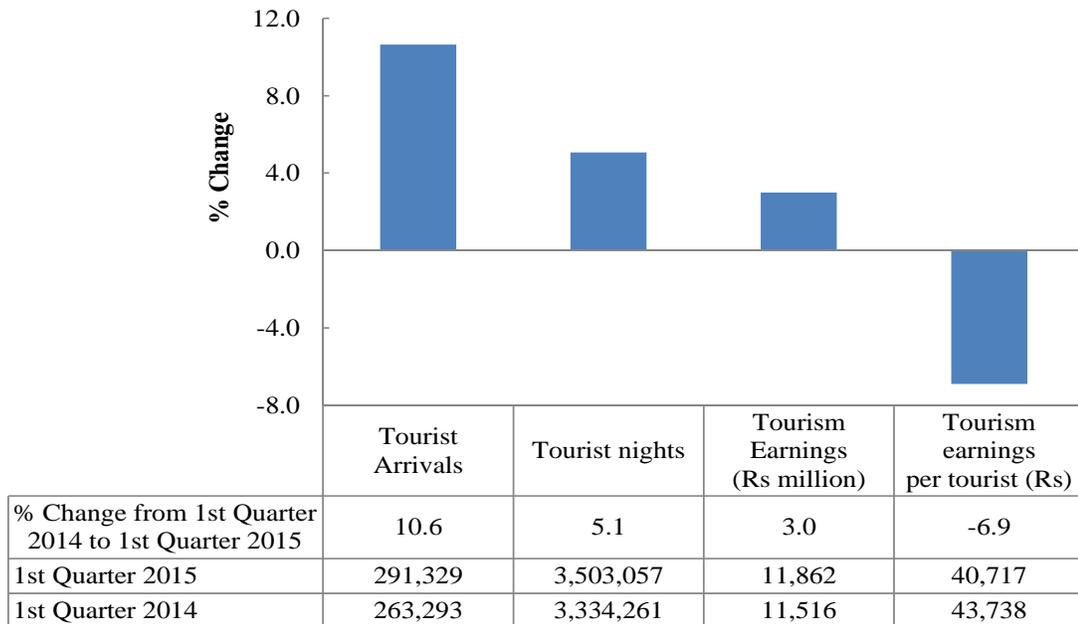
In the first Quarter of 2015, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (15,005 or 23.3%), Reunion Island (9,446 or 14.7%), France (7,585 or 11.8%), Republic of South Africa (7,504 or 11.7%), India (5,496 or 8.5%) and United Kingdom (4,131 or 6.4%).

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 1st Quarter 2014 and 1st Quarter 2015



3. TOURISM

Figure 2 - % Change in main tourism indicators, 1st Quarter 2014 compared to 1st Quarter 2015

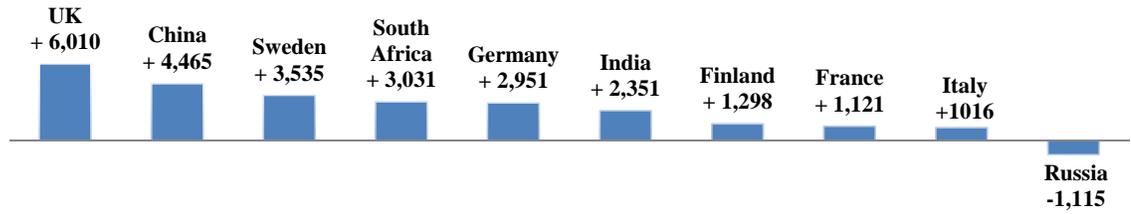


Note: Henceforth tourist nights for a reference period will refer to nights spent by tourists departing in the reference period

3.1 Tourist Arrivals

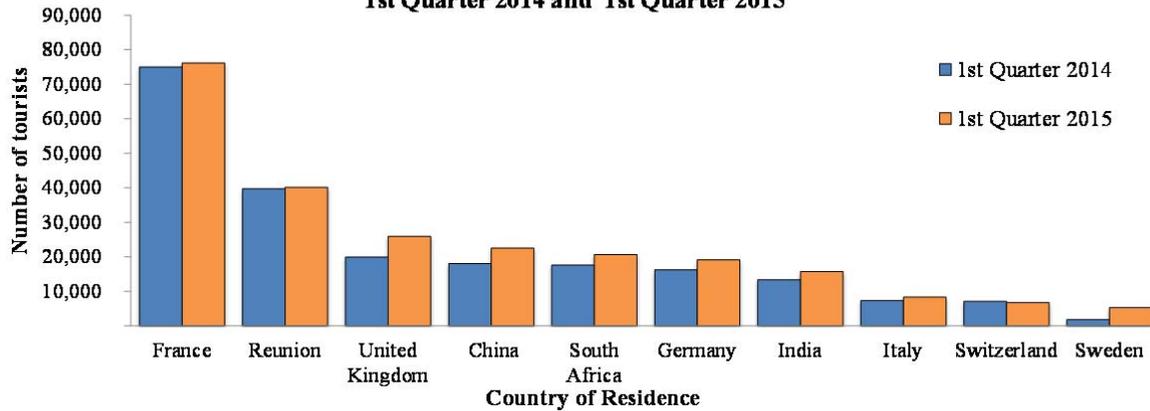
Compared to 1st Quarter 2014, the number of tourist arrivals increased by 28,036 or 10.6% to 291,329 in 1st Quarter 2015 as a result of main changes shown below.

Figure 3 - Main changes in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, 1st Quarter 2014 to 1st Quarter 2015



In the first quarter of 2015, Russia registered a decline of 21.2% while France, our top tourist generating country, registered a growth of 1.5%. Sweden and Finland registered high growth of 198.2% and 128% respectively as a result of direct flights from Stockholm and Helsinki.

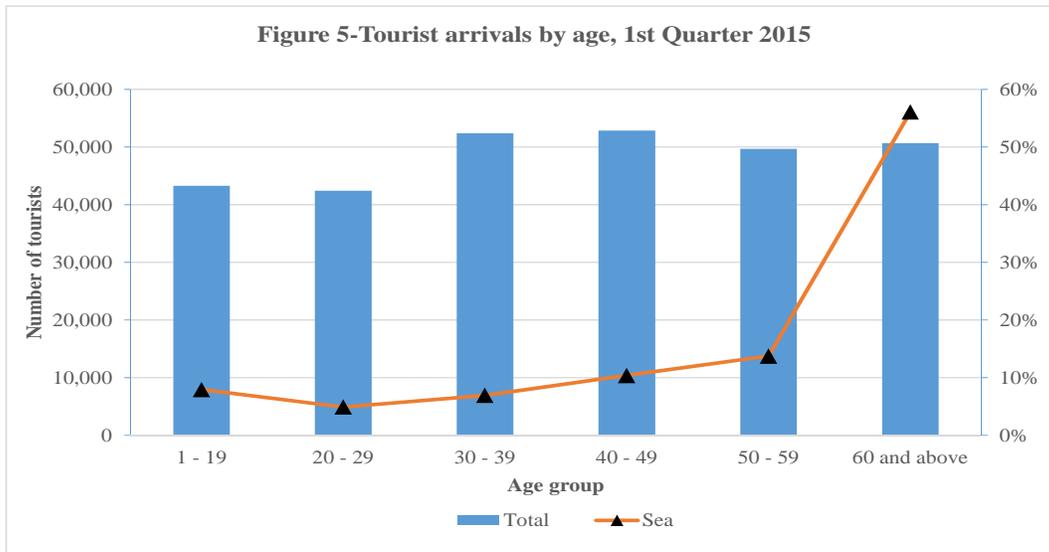
Figure 4 - Tourist Arrivals from main and emerging markets, 1st Quarter 2014 and 1st Quarter 2015



3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the first quarter of 2015, 17% of tourists who visited Mauritius were aged 60 years and above. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 56%.

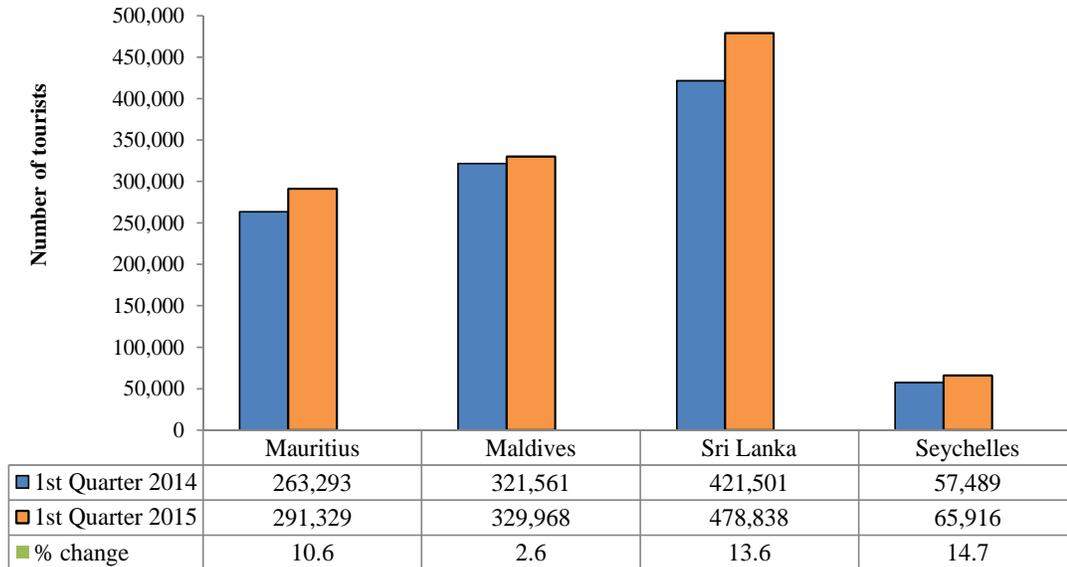
Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age, 1st Quarter 2015



3.3 Tourist arrivals in Mauritius compared to selected tourist destinations

During 1st Quarter 2015, tourist arrivals in Mauritius increased by 10.6%. This compares with a lower growth of 2.6% in Maldives and a higher growth of 14.7% in Seychelles and 13.6% in Sri Lanka.

Figure 6-Tourist Arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 1st Quarter 2014 and 1st Quarter 2015



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

3.4 Tourist Nights

Compared to 1st Quarter 2014:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during the first quarter of 2015 increased by 5.1% from 3,334,261 to 3,503,057;
- the average length of stay decreased from 11.4 to 11.1 nights.

3.5 Tourism Earnings

According to the Bank of Mauritius, the gross tourism earnings increased by 3.0% from Rs 11,516 million in the first quarter 2014 to Rs 11,862 million in the first quarter 2015. Tourism earnings per tourist however declined by 6.9% from Rs 43,738 to Rs 40,717.

3.6 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.

3.7 Accommodation

Licensed hotels in the island of Mauritius

As at end of March 2015, there were 116 licensed hotels of which 114 were in operation and 2 were not operating due to renovation works. The total room capacity of the 114 operating hotels was 13,100 with 26,776 bed places.

During the 1st Quarter 2015,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 73%, up from 68% in the first quarter 2014; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 67%, higher than 60% in the first quarter 2014.

'Large' hotels in the island of Mauritius

At the end of March 2015, 55 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) were in operation; they had a total room capacity of 9,906 with 20,378 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 48% of all licensed hotels in operation but make up 76% of total room capacity and 76% of total bed places.

During the 1st Quarter 2015,

- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 75% up from 70% in the first quarter 2014;
- the bed occupancy rate was 70%, higher than 61% in the first quarter 2014.

3.8 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, 2013 - 2015

Month	2013		2014		2015 ²	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	124,571	149,067	128,035	149,573	139,076	164,024
February	103,021	103,726	105,398	107,632	116,454	114,890
March	117,619	117,253	120,854	127,473	130,539	135,445
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>345,211</u>	<u>370,046</u>	<u>354,287</u>	<u>384,678</u>	<u>386,069</u>	<u>414,359</u>
April	105,561	109,657	117,371	112,588		
May	97,003	106,945	102,884	112,665		
June	79,653	76,918	86,684	86,225		
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>282,217</u>	<u>293,520</u>	<u>306,939</u>	<u>311,478</u>		
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>627,428</i>	<i>663,566</i>	<i>661,226</i>	<i>696,156</i>		
July	107,351	95,837	112,006	98,420		
August	103,559	111,560	110,101	120,442		
September	96,690	97,365	100,387	99,346		
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>307,600</u>	<u>304,762</u>	<u>322,494</u>	<u>318,208</u>		
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>935,028</i>	<i>968,328</i>	<i>983,720</i>	<i>1,014,364</i>		
October	118,395	112,555	127,731	119,230		
November	114,413	113,141	120,448	121,845		
December	153,611	126,681	157,337	129,704		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>386,419</u>	<u>352,377</u>	<u>405,516</u>	<u>370,779</u>		
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>694,019</i>	<i>657,139</i>	<i>728,010</i>	<i>688,987</i>		
Whole Year	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

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**Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation ¹,
1st Quarter of 2014 and 2015**

Country of disembarkation	2014	2015 ²	% Change
EUROPE	12,513	12,381	-1.1
France	7,509	7,585	1.0
Germany	386	314	-18.7
Italy	394	341	-13.5
United Kingdom	4,147	4,131	-0.4
Other European	77	10	-87.0
AFRICA	20,435	22,286	9.1
Malagasy Republic	2,589	2,448	-5.4
Reunion	8,943	9,446	5.6
Seychelles	1,165	2,146	84.2
South Africa	6,956	7,504	7.9
Other African	782	742	-5.1
ASIA	23,602	27,012	14.4
P. Rep. of China	972	1,454	49.6
Hong Kong SAR ³	2,125	1,663	-21.7
India	5,992	5,496	-8.3
Malaysia	2,976	2,593	-12.9
Singapore	469	791	68.7
United Arab Emirates	11,067	15,005	35.6
Other Asian	1	10	900.0
OCEANIA	2,617	2,649	1.2
Australia	2,617	2,649	1.2
NOT STATED	-	3	-
All Countries	59,167	64,331	8.7

¹ Country of disembarkation may either be the country of final destination or the transit country

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³ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2013 - 2015

Month	2013	2014	2015 ¹
January	92,894	96,332	103,606
February	81,185	78,984	91,128
March	91,759	87,977	96,595
<i>1st Quarter</i>	<u>265,838</u>	<u>263,293</u>	<u>291,329</u>
April	76,223	88,404	
May	74,596	78,555	
June	55,007	60,445	
<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<u>205,826</u>	<u>227,404</u>	
<i>1st Semester</i>	471,664	490,697	
July	77,374	81,935	
August	73,454	78,475	
September	71,951	74,516	
<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<u>222,779</u>	<u>234,926</u>	
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	694,443	725,623	
October	92,520	101,327	
November	89,057	91,234	
December	117,086	120,784	
<i>4th Quarter</i>	<u>298,663</u>	<u>313,345</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	521,442	548,271	
Whole Year	993,106	1,038,968	

¹ Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 1st Quarter 2014 and 2015**

Purpose of visit	2014	2015 ¹	% Change
Holiday	246,539	274,167	11.2
Business	8,728	9,744	11.6
Transit	6,361	5,751	-9.6
Conference	952	1,042	9.5
Sports	210	312	48.6
Other	503	313	-37.8
Total	263,293	291,329	10.6

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Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1st Quarter of 2014 and 2015

Country of residence	1 st Quarter 2014	2015 ¹				% Change Q1 2015/ Q1 2014
		Jan	Feb	Mar	1 st Quarter	
EUROPE	151,695	56,563	56,770	55,796	169,129	11.5
Austria	3,111	1,237	1,248	1,169	3,654	17.5
Belarus	155	55	24	57	136	-12.3
Belgium	1,826	690	663	701	2,054	12.5
Bulgaria	302	121	111	89	321	6.3
Czech Republic	2,819	858	1,203	977	3,038	7.8
Croatia	126	67	31	37	135	7.1
Denmark	1,142	471	603	586	1,660	45.4
Estonia	116	50	51	29	130	12.1
Finland	1,014	878	908	526	2,312	128.0
France	75,028	25,572	28,081	22,496	76,149	1.5
Germany	16,209	5,092	5,732	8,336	19,160	18.2
Greece	168	74	40	62	176	4.8
Hungary	459	321	218	111	650	41.6
Ireland	404	152	106	157	415	2.7
Italy	7,341	3,282	2,379	2,696	8,357	13.8
Kazakhstan	104	41	18	26	85	-18.3
Lithuania	114	51	35	57	143	25.4
Luxemburg	194	58	85	76	219	12.9
Netherlands	791	274	241	261	776	-1.9
Norway	732	361	400	406	1,167	59.4
Poland	1,207	459	330	312	1,101	-8.8
Portugal	362	111	134	261	506	39.8
Romania	343	119	175	115	409	19.2
Russian Federation	5,257	2,019	751	1,372	4,142	-21.2
Slovakia	913	251	308	257	816	-10.6
Slovenia	235	92	109	54	255	8.5
Spain	975	551	434	779	1,764	80.9
Sweden	1,784	2,431	1,964	924	5,319	198.2
Switzerland	7,108	2,343	2,134	2,257	6,734	-5.3
Turkey	159	68	74	50	192	20.8
Ukraine	772	319	166	148	633	-18.0
United Kingdom	19,947	7,904	7,855	10,198	25,957	30.1
Other European	478	191	159	214	564	18.0
AFRICA	65,215	32,595	12,229	23,613	68,437	4.9
<i>IOC² countries</i>	<i>44,416</i>	<i>22,932</i>	<i>6,123</i>	<i>14,943</i>	<i>43,998</i>	<i>-0.9</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>222</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>196</i>	<i>-11.7</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>2,941</i>	<i>840</i>	<i>772</i>	<i>953</i>	<i>2,565</i>	<i>-12.8</i>
<i>Reunion</i>	<i>39,757</i>	<i>21,611</i>	<i>4,974</i>	<i>13,528</i>	<i>40,113</i>	<i>0.9</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>1,496</i>	<i>437</i>	<i>301</i>	<i>386</i>	<i>1,124</i>	<i>-24.9</i>
Kenya	601	175	180	284	639	6.3
Mayotte	166	53	58	116	227	36.7
Mozambique	176	170	108	40	318	80.7
Namibia	178	97	40	69	206	15.7
South Africa, Rep. of	17,634	8,578	4,927	7,160	20,665	17.2
Zimbabwe	235	65	88	109	262	11.5
Other African	1,809	525	705	892	2,122	17.3

¹ Provisional² Indian Ocean Commission

Table 5 (cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1st Quarter of 2014 and 2015

Country of residence	1 st Quarter 2014	2015 ¹				% Change Q1 2015/ Q1 2014
		Jan	Feb	Mar	1 st Quarter	
ASIA	38,812	11,332	20,168	14,449	45,949	18.4
Afghanistan	155	68	67	52	187	20.6
Bangladesh	123	33	41	64	138	12.2
Hong Kong SAR ³	315	79	108	97	284	-9.8
India	13,381	4,470	6,142	5,120	15,732	17.6
Indonesia	470	119	101	383	603	28.3
Israel	124	36	45	44	125	0.8
Japan	341	50	114	122	286	-16.1
Korea Republic	724	192	154	254	600	-17.1
Malaysia	633	130	117	135	382	-39.7
Pakistan	220	92	47	50	189	-14.1
People's Rep. of China	18,033	4,924	12,074	5,500	22,498	24.8
Philippines	460	83	115	226	424	-7.8
Singapore	304	65	93	105	263	-13.5
Sri Lanka	83	20	16	18	54	-34.9
Taiwan	332	98	92	151	341	2.7
Thailand	72	11	23	22	56	-22.2
Vietnam	154	27	41	128	196	27.3
<i>MIDDLE EAST Countries</i>	<i>2,798</i>	<i>798</i>	<i>747</i>	<i>1,924</i>	<i>3,469</i>	<i>24.0</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Bahrein</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>71.4</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>414</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>599</i>	<i>642</i>	<i>55.1</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>-36.4</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>-9.8</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>3.3</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>-10.0</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>62.7</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>603</i>	<i>267</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>299</i>	<i>683</i>	<i>13.3</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>1,493</i>	<i>410</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>919</i>	<i>1,829</i>	<i>22.5</i>
<i>Other Middle East</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11.1</i>
Other Asian	90	37	31	54	122	35.6
OCEANIA	2,957	1,357	778	1,196	3,331	12.6
Australia	2,737	1,278	705	1,139	3,122	14.1
New Zealand	122	51	41	44	136	11.5
Other Oceanian	98	28	32	13	73	-25.5
AMERICA	4,422	1,672	1,069	1,436	4,177	-5.5
Brazil	790	254	128	161	543	-31.3
Canada	1,057	439	332	429	1,200	13.5
USA	1,628	758	424	721	1,903	16.9
Other American	947	221	185	125	531	-43.9
Others & not stated	192	87	114	105	306	59.4
All countries	263,293	103,606	91,128	96,595	291,329	10.6

¹ Provisional³ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 6(i):- Tourist arrivals by age and sex, 1st Quarter of 2014 and 2015

Age group (years)	1 st Quarter 2014			1 st Quarter 2015 ¹		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	5,328	5,271	10,599	5,719	5,600	11,319
5 - 9	5,487	5,344	10,831	6,205	6,117	12,322
10 - 14	4,788	4,980	9,768	5,671	5,719	11,390
15 - 19	3,223	3,810	7,033	3,756	4,518	8,274
20 - 24	4,253	7,350	11,603	4,579	7,771	12,350
25 - 29	12,394	14,697	27,091	13,838	16,224	30,062
30 - 34	13,010	13,214	26,224	13,718	13,825	27,543
35 - 39	11,925	11,568	23,493	12,707	12,121	24,828
40 - 44	12,811	11,893	24,704	13,280	12,500	25,780
45 - 49	12,923	12,300	25,223	13,493	13,579	27,072
50 - 54	12,401	12,095	24,496	13,867	13,366	27,233
55 - 59	10,483	10,040	20,523	11,435	11,020	22,455
60 - 64	9,057	8,270	17,327	9,807	9,678	19,485
65 - 69	6,785	6,025	12,810	8,258	7,636	15,894
70 & over	6,334	5,234	11,568	8,475	6,847	15,322
Total	131,202	132,091	263,293	144,808	146,521	291,329

¹ Provisional**Table 6(ii):- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of arrival, 1st Quarter of 2014 and 2015**

Age group (years)	1 st Quarter 2014			1 st Quarter 2015 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	30,953	245	31,198	34,467	564	35,031
15 - 59	189,482	908	190,390	201,370	4,227	205,597
60 & over	40,758	947	41,705	44,587	6,114	50,701
Total	261,193	2,100	263,293	280,424	10,905	291,329

¹ Provisional

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals, average length of stay and earnings, 2012 - 2015

Year		Tourist arrivals (Number)	Average length of stay ¹	Tourism earnings ³ (Rs million)
2012	1st Quarter	261,995	10.8	13,768
	2nd Quarter	205,158	9.9	9,780
	3rd Quarter	208,431	11.6	8,406
	4th Quarter	289,857	10.0	12,424
	Year	965,441	10.6	44,378
2013	1st Quarter	265,838	11.1	12,064
	2nd Quarter	205,826	10.4	9,991
	3rd Quarter	222,779	11.5	7,050
	4th Quarter	298,663	10.1	11,452
	Year	993,106	10.8	40,557
2014	1st Quarter	263,293	11.4	11,516
	2nd Quarter	227,404	10.5	11,061
	3rd Quarter	234,926	11.5	9,655
	4th Quarter	313,345	10.3	12,072
	Year	1,038,968	10.9	44,304
2015 ²	1st Quarter	291,329	11.1	11,862

¹ Revised; henceforth the length of stay for a period P refers to tourists departing in period P instead of tourists arriving in period P as previously computed

² Provisional

³ Source: Bank of Mauritius

Table 8:- Hotels, rooms and bedplaces, 2012 - 2015

Year		Number as at end of period		
		Hotels ¹	Rooms	Bedplaces
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	1st Qr.	109	12,653	25,652
	2nd Qr.	105	12,307	25,308
	3rd Qr.	108	12,481	25,620
	4th Qr.	112	12,799	26,174
2015 ²	1st Qr.	114 ³	13,100	26,776

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

² Provisional

³ Excluding two hotels not operational because of renovation works

Table 9:- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2013 - 2015

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2013		2014		2015 ¹		2013		2014		2015 ¹	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	67	59	72	64	75	69	69	61	74	66	77	72
February	66	57	67	59	75	69	67	59	69	61	79	73
March	63	56	64	56	68	62	66	58	65	57	70	65
1st Quarter	<u>65</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>70</u>
April	60	53	65	57			63	56	69	60		
May	58	51	59	52			61	53	62	54		
June	42	36	46	41			42	37	47	41		
2nd Quarter	<u>54</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>50</u>			<u>55</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>52</u>		
1 st Semester	60	52	62	55			61	54	64	56		
July	53	47	54	49			54	48	57	52		
August	60	53	62	57			62	55	67	62		
September	65	57	64	58			67	60	68	61		
3rd Quarter	<u>59</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>54</u>			<u>61</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>58</u>		
October	71	63	71	65			72	64	75	68		
November	74	65	76	67			75	67	78	70		
December	73	65	74	68			74	66	76	71		
4th Quarter	<u>73</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>67</u>			<u>74</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>70</u>		
2 nd Semester	66	58	67	61			68	60	70	64		
Year	63	55	65	58			65	57	67	60		

¹ Provisional

Table 10:- Employment in large¹ establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2010 - 2014

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
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.

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 who departed 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.