

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

YEAR 2015

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the year 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, 2014 and 2015

	2014	2015	% change
Arrivals by			
Air	1,362,442	1,482,669	+ 8.8
Sea	26,794	40,527	+ 51.3
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	<i>24,105</i>	<i>34,711</i>	<i>+ 44.0</i>
Total	1,389,236	1,523,196	+ 9.6
Departures by			
Air	1,357,892	1,481,607	+ 9.1
Sea	27,251	38,553	+ 41.5
Total	1,385,143	1,520,160	+ 9.7

2.1 Arrivals in 2015

Compared to 2014:

- total arrivals increased by 9.6% to 1,523,196;
- tourist arrivals increased by 10.9% to 1,151,723; and
- the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) decreased by 17.6% to 22,614.

In 2015, 23 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 34,711 cruise travellers which include 16,235 tourists, 6,534 excursionists, 533 Mauritian residents and 11,409 crew members.

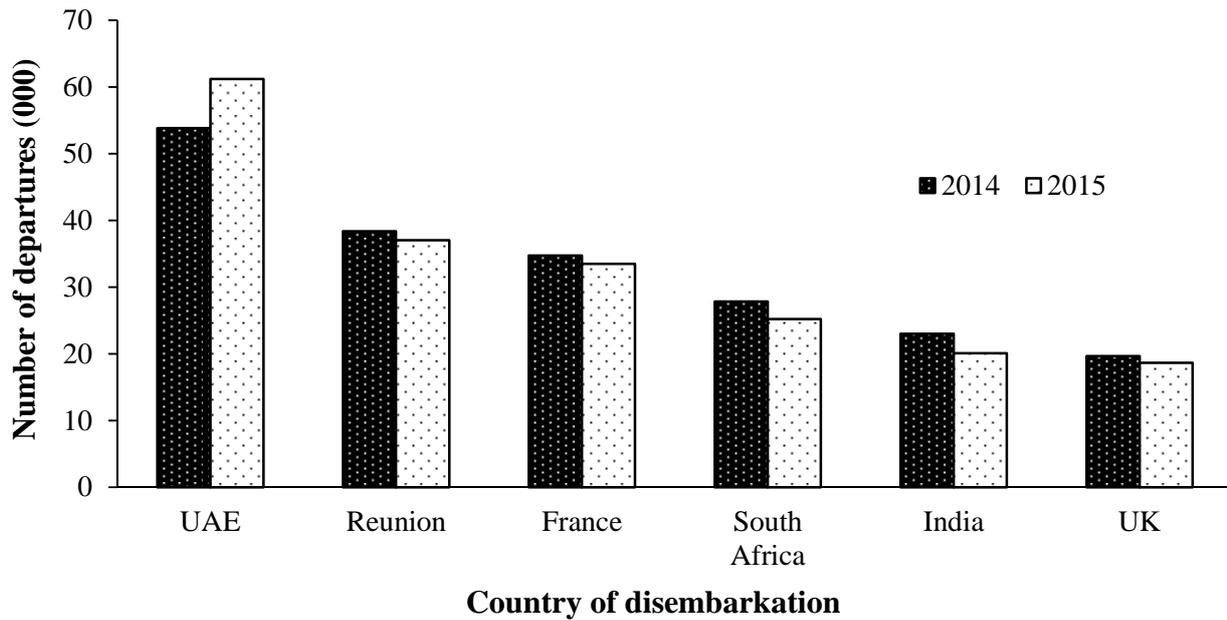
2.2 Departures in 2015

Compared to 2014:

- total departures increased by 9.7% to 1,520,160;
- departures of Mauritian residents decreased by 1.3% to 253,668.

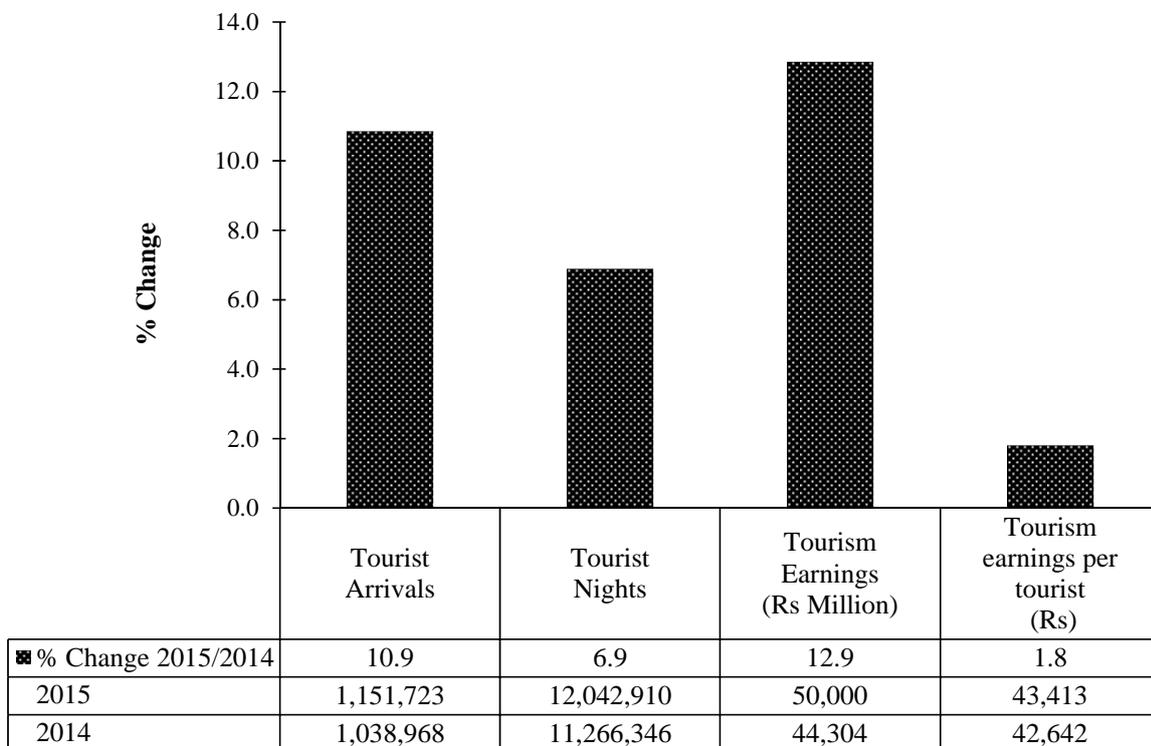
In 2015, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (61,191 or 24.1%), Reunion Island (37,054 or 14.6%), France (33,496 or 13.2%), Republic of South Africa (25,227 or 9.9%), India (20,090 or 7.9%) and United Kingdom (18,671 or 7.4%).

Figure 1 – Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 2014 and 2015



3. TOURISM

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

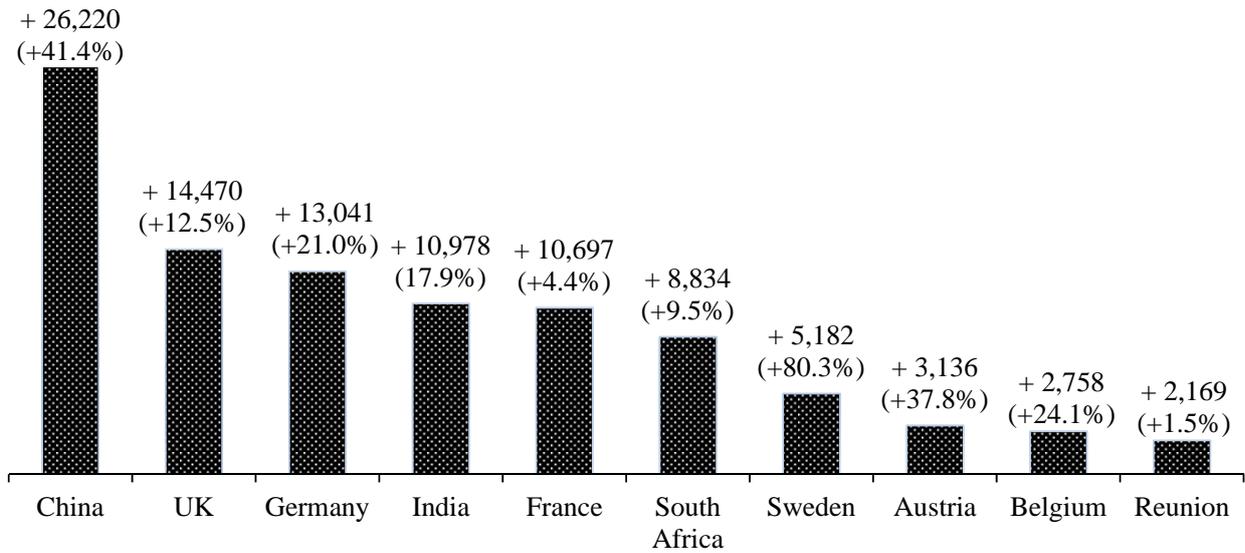


Note: Tourism earnings for year 2015 is estimated to be around Rs 50 billion. Figures for the fourth quarter of 2015 have not yet been published by the Bank of Mauritius.

3.1 Tourist Arrivals

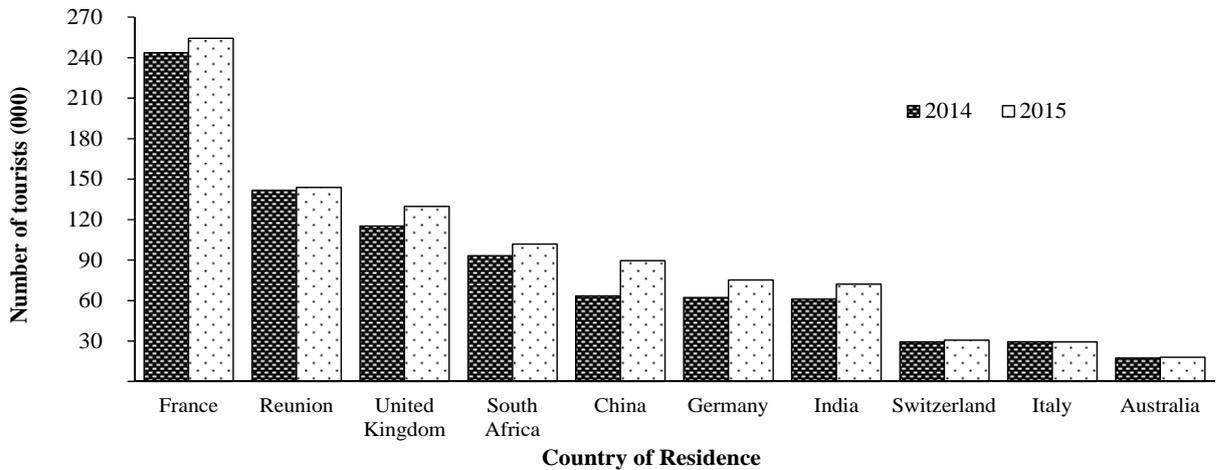
Compared to 2014, the number of tourist arrivals increased by 112,755 or 10.9% to 1,151,723 in 2015 as a result of main changes shown in figure 3.

Figure 3 – Main changes, number and % change over previous year, in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, 2014 to 2015



In 2015, France, our top tourist generating country, registered a growth of 4.4%. It is worth noting that compared to 2014, tourist arrivals from Sweden increased by 80.3% as a result of direct flights from Stockholm.

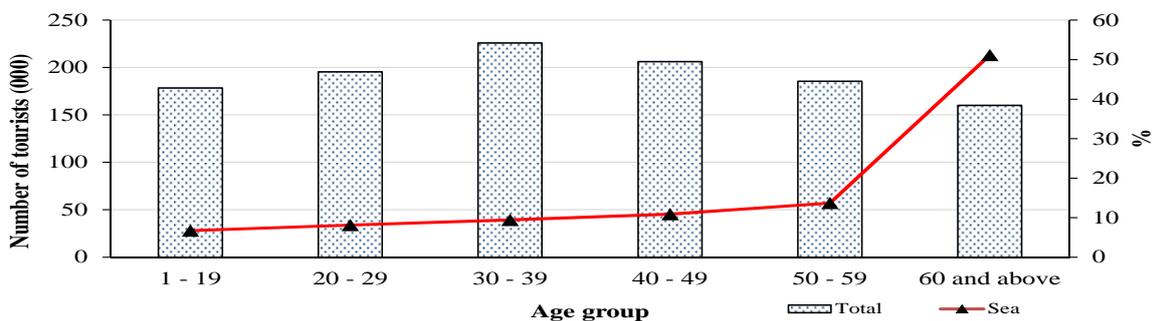
Figure 4 – Tourist arrivals from main and emerging markets, 2014 and 2015



3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During 2015, 160,143 or 13.9% of tourists who visited Mauritius were aged 60 years and above. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 51%.

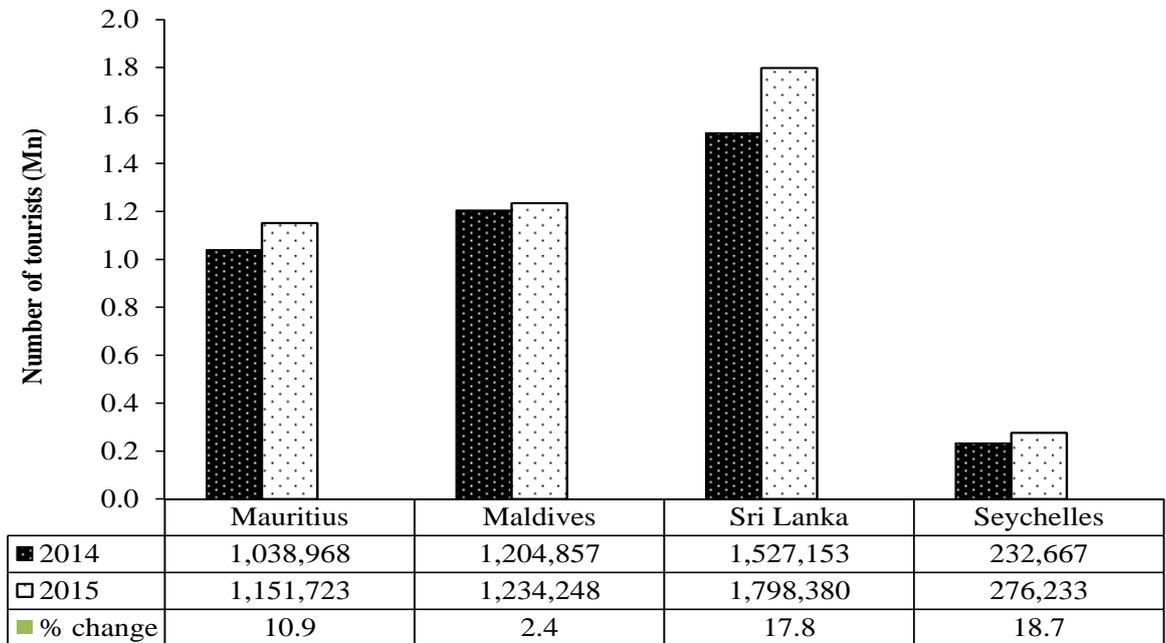
Figure 5 – Tourist arrivals by age, 2015



3.3 Tourist arrivals in Mauritius compared to selected tourist destinations

During 2015, tourist arrivals in Mauritius increased by 10.9%. This compares with a lower growth of 2.4% in Maldives and higher growths of 18.7% in Seychelles and 17.8% in Sri Lanka.

Figure 6 – Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 2014 and 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 2014:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during year 2015 increased by 6.9% from 11,266,346 to 12,042,910;
- the average length of stay decreased from 10.9 to 10.6 nights.

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 2015 indicate that employment in these establishments increased by 1.2% to 29,123 as compared to 28,772 for March 2014.

3.6 Accommodation

Licensed hotels in the island of Mauritius

As at end of December 2015, all licensed hotels were in operation. The total room capacity of these 115 hotels was 13,617 with 28,732 bed places.

During the year 2015,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 70%, up from 65% in the year 2014; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 63%, higher than the 58% in the year 2014.

'Large' hotels in the island of Mauritius

At the end of December 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 10,378 with 22,096 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 48% of all licensed hotels in operation but make up 76% of total room capacity and 77% of total bed places.

During the year 2015,

- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 72% up from 67% in the year 2014;
- the bed occupancy rate was 67%, higher than the 60% in the year 2014.

3.7 Forecast for Year 2016

Based on latest available data on tourist arrivals and information gathered from stakeholders, the forecast of tourist arrivals for the year 2016 is revised upwards from 1,200,000 to 1,230,000. This represents an increase of 6.8% over the figure of 1,151,723 in 2015.

The Bank of Mauritius has revised its forecast of tourism earnings for the year 2016 upwards from Rs 52 billion to Rs 54 billion, representing an increase of 8% when compared to the Rs 50 billion estimated for 2015.

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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	123,409	122,212
May	97,003	106,945	102,884	112,665	113,225	124,533
June	79,653	76,918	86,684	86,225	91,330	88,098
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>282,217</u>	<u>293,520</u>	<u>306,939</u>	<u>311,478</u>	<u>327,964</u>	<u>334,843</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>627,428</i>	<i>663,566</i>	<i>661,226</i>	<i>696,156</i>	<i>714,033</i>	<i>749,202</i>
July	107,351	95,837	112,006	98,420	128,120	114,026
August	103,559	111,560	110,101	120,442	124,102	135,486
September	96,690	97,365	100,387	99,346	111,049	110,025
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>307,600</u>	<u>304,762</u>	<u>322,494</u>	<u>318,208</u>	<u>363,271</u>	<u>359,537</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>935,028</i>	<i>968,328</i>	<i>983,720</i>	<i>1,014,364</i>	<i>1,077,304</i>	<i>1,108,739</i>
October	118,395	112,555	127,731	119,230	137,559	132,869
November	114,413	113,141	120,448	121,845	135,819	133,873
December	153,611	126,681	157,337	129,704	172,514	144,679
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>386,419</u>	<u>352,377</u>	<u>405,516</u>	<u>370,779</u>	<u>445,892</u>	<u>411,421</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>694,019</i>	<i>657,139</i>	<i>728,010</i>	<i>688,987</i>	<i>809,163</i>	<i>770,958</i>
Whole Year	1,321,447	1,320,705	1,389,236	1,385,143	1,523,196	1,520,160

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

² Provisional

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

Country of disembarkation	2014	2015 ²	% Change
EUROPE	58,498	55,382	-5.3
France	34,743	33,496	-3.6
Germany	1,622	1,544	-4.8
Italy	2,357	1,595	-32.3
United Kingdom	19,669	18,671	-5.1
Other European	107	76	-29.0
AFRICA	85,720	83,602	-2.5
Malagasy Republic	10,547	9,229	-12.5
Reunion	38,375	37,054	-3.4
Seychelles	5,632	9,145	62.4
South Africa	27,838	25,227	-9.4
Other African	3,328	2,947	-11.4
ASIA	104,189	106,213	1.9
P. Rep. of China	5,524	4,267	-22.8
Hong Kong SAR ³	6,684	5,342	-20.1
India	23,019	20,090	-12.7
Malaysia	11,969	13,431	12.2
Singapore	3,159	1,874	-40.7
United Arab Emirates	53,833	61,191	13.7
Other Asian	1	18	1,700.0
OCEANIA	8,651	8,467	-2.1
Australia	8,651	8,467	-2.1
NOT STATED	10	4	-60.0
All Countries	257,068	253,668	-1.3

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, 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
1 st Quarter	<u>265,838</u>	<u>263,293</u>	<u>291,329</u>
April	76,223	88,404	90,327
May	74,596	78,555	87,067
June	55,007	60,445	65,459
2 nd Quarter	<u>205,826</u>	<u>227,404</u>	<u>242,853</u>
1 st Semester	471,664	490,697	534,182
July	77,374	81,935	95,695
August	73,454	78,475	89,422
September	71,951	74,516	84,456
3 rd Quarter	<u>222,779</u>	<u>234,926</u>	<u>269,573</u>
Jan. to Sep.	694,443	725,623	803,755
October	92,520	101,327	109,015
November	89,057	91,234	106,218
December	117,086	120,784	132,735
4 th Quarter	<u>298,663</u>	<u>313,345</u>	<u>347,968</u>
2 nd Semester	521,442	548,271	617,541
Whole Year	993,106	1,038,968	1,151,723

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

Purpose of visit	2014	2015 ¹	% Change
Holiday	969,524	1,077,739	11.2
Business	37,715	42,028	11.4
Transit	21,012	21,741	3.5
Conference	7,072	6,311	-10.8
Sports	1,797	2,408	34.0
Other	1,848	1,496	-19.0
Total	1,038,968	1,151,723	10.9

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

Country of residence	Year 2014	2015 ¹												% Change 2015/2014	
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		Year 2015
EUROPE	570,548	56,563	56,770	55,796	52,875	39,385	26,985	45,366	45,102	45,003	63,642	70,810	73,486	631,783	10.7
Austria	8,303	1,237	1,248	1,169	542	430	281	432	506	607	1,161	2,099	1,727	11,439	37.8
Belarus	483	55	24	57	44	17	35	26	37	30	39	48	51	463	-4.1
Belgium	11,465	690	663	701	1,433	738	799	1,533	928	1,202	1,689	2,161	1,686	14,223	24.1
Bulgaria	701	121	111	89	89	49	21	10	39	56	44	38	238	905	29.1
Czech Republic	6,852	858	1,203	977	643	380	237	212	176	344	603	866	768	7,267	6.1
Croatia	320	67	31	37	30	27	16	28	28	16	31	56	80	447	39.7
Denmark	3,446	471	603	586	222	156	118	567	124	264	640	373	477	4,601	33.5
Estonia	282	50	51	29	26	16	6	6	5	9	13	30	91	332	17.7
Finland	2,618	878	908	526	66	45	72	48	63	111	169	266	743	3,895	48.8
France	243,665	25,572	28,081	22,496	23,409	15,862	7,930	17,722	15,496	11,255	25,787	29,721	31,031	254,362	4.4
Germany	62,231	5,092	5,732	8,336	5,610	5,877	3,503	3,738	5,319	7,473	8,168	9,681	6,743	75,272	21.0
Greece	755	74	40	62	89	81	64	65	100	96	78	85	120	954	26.4
Hungary	1,022	321	218	111	73	42	42	28	40	82	103	130	320	1,510	47.7
Ireland	2,285	152	106	157	185	181	180	278	271	317	214	210	228	2,479	8.5
Italy	29,557	3,282	2,379	2,696	2,032	1,097	998	1,598	2,883	2,803	2,423	2,804	4,255	29,250	-1.0
Kazakhstan	241	41	18	26	24	24	14	15	11	6	19	19	107	324	34.4
Lithuania	354	51	35	57	24	24	26	18	25	27	36	39	67	429	21.2
Luxemburg	1,227	58	85	76	284	79	109	91	221	147	112	161	189	1,612	31.4
Netherlands	4,796	274	241	261	387	470	471	937	698	872	798	799	727	6,935	44.6
Norway	3,021	361	400	406	132	110	327	656	258	307	234	359	585	4,135	36.9
Poland	3,550	459	330	312	280	196	316	280	211	320	257	1,193	1,179	5,333	50.2
Portugal	2,096	111	134	261	156	142	135	161	230	236	209	145	293	2,213	5.6
Romania	1,077	119	175	115	102	65	100	82	99	158	111	116	377	1,619	50.3
Russian Federation	13,289	2,019	751	1,372	1,309	752	372	383	616	583	786	832	1,669	11,444	-13.9
Slovakia	2,065	251	308	257	191	106	45	52	41	84	159	270	330	2,094	1.4
Slovenia	698	92	109	54	57	18	30	74	40	61	67	96	109	807	15.6
Spain	8,633	551	434	779	560	1,178	706	915	1,331	1,300	866	659	751	10,030	16.2
Sweden	6,454	2,431	1,964	924	377	185	196	317	151	201	1,058	835	2,997	11,636	80.3
Switzerland	29,285	2,343	2,134	2,257	3,706	1,441	962	2,424	920	2,216	4,348	4,233	3,713	30,697	4.8
Turkey	723	68	74	50	66	32	59	40	63	145	38	88	281	1,004	38.9
Ukraine	1,984	319	166	148	209	143	88	98	120	136	161	122	316	2,026	2.1
United Kingdom	115,326	7,904	7,855	10,198	10,304	9,303	8,626	12,360	13,886	13,404	12,993	12,038	10,925	129,796	12.5
Other European	1,744	191	159	214	214	119	101	172	166	135	228	238	313	2,250	29.0
AFRICA	274,156	32,595	12,229	23,613	20,196	25,999	15,863	28,019	23,757	18,280	28,398	17,135	38,544	284,628	3.8
<i>IOC² countries</i>	<i>162,568</i>	<i>22,932</i>	<i>6,123</i>	<i>14,943</i>	<i>8,446</i>	<i>16,817</i>	<i>6,750</i>	<i>18,819</i>	<i>13,178</i>	<i>7,200</i>	<i>18,949</i>	<i>8,155</i>	<i>20,147</i>	<i>162,459</i>	<i>-0.1</i>
<i>of which:</i>															
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>938</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>97</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>758</i>	<i>-19.2</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>13,039</i>	<i>840</i>	<i>772</i>	<i>953</i>	<i>1,267</i>	<i>833</i>	<i>882</i>	<i>1,139</i>	<i>1,537</i>	<i>828</i>	<i>1,027</i>	<i>898</i>	<i>1,239</i>	<i>12,215</i>	<i>-6.3</i>
<i>Reunion</i>	<i>141,665</i>	<i>21,611</i>	<i>4,974</i>	<i>13,528</i>	<i>6,586</i>	<i>15,374</i>	<i>5,361</i>	<i>17,258</i>	<i>10,953</i>	<i>5,930</i>	<i>17,448</i>	<i>6,699</i>	<i>18,112</i>	<i>143,834</i>	<i>1.5</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>6,926</i>	<i>437</i>	<i>301</i>	<i>386</i>	<i>531</i>	<i>518</i>	<i>438</i>	<i>393</i>	<i>636</i>	<i>385</i>	<i>377</i>	<i>484</i>	<i>766</i>	<i>5,652</i>	<i>-18.4</i>
Kenya	3,266	175	180	284	322	270	193	255	396	302	295	309	395	3,376	3.4
Mayotte	1,042	53	58	116	101	137	58	112	58	25	131	51	124	1,024	-1.7
Mozambique	806	170	108	40	87	45	36	40	60	90	70	69	112	927	15.0
Namibia	1,393	97	40	69	135	242	59	53	169	111	89	110	300	1,474	5.8
South Africa, Rep. of	93,120	8,578	4,927	7,160	9,863	7,147	7,978	7,694	8,430	9,471	7,486	7,195	16,025	101,954	9.5
Zimbabwe	1,735	65	88	109	237	173	120	108	298	95	150	120	321	1,884	8.6
Other African	10,226	525	705	892	1,005	1,168	669	938	1,168	986	1,228	1,126	1,120	11,530	12.8

¹ Provisional

² Indian Ocean Commission

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

Country of residence	Year 2014	2015 ¹													% Change 2015/2014
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan - Dec	
ASIA	158,361	11,332	20,168	14,449	13,883	18,902	19,743	18,503	17,766	17,588	14,153	15,143	16,135	197,765	24.9
Afghanistan	688	68	67	52	58	72	50	66	46	59	54	59	90	741	7.7
Bangladesh	563	33	41	64	66	76	17	52	85	197	75	80	42	828	47.1
Hong Kong SAR ⁵	1,455	79	108	97	97	65	105	155	145	113	78	108	177	1,327	-8.8
India	61,167	4,470	6,142	5,120	5,602	10,325	9,061	5,077	3,897	4,533	3,928	6,237	7,753	72,145	17.9
Indonesia	1,937	119	101	383	266	135	152	96	169	322	226	133	170	2,272	17.3
Israel	617	36	45	44	49	37	35	66	82	151	74	38	107	764	23.8
Japan	1,659	50	114	122	143	101	92	83	162	152	82	145	169	1,415	-14.7
Korea Republic	3,182	192	154	254	247	209	276	197	182	267	442	651	423	3,494	9.8
Malaysia	2,970	130	117	135	147	214	189	242	115	453	147	346	322	2,557	-13.9
Pakistan	1,291	92	47	50	73	93	146	167	94	85	90	65	91	1,093	-15.3
People's Rep. of China	63,365	4,924	12,074	5,500	5,600	6,052	7,958	9,666	10,411	8,855	7,722	5,981	4,842	89,585	41.4
Philippines	1,687	83	115	226	170	188	133	129	153	257	201	163	206	2,024	20.0
Singapore	1,849	65	93	105	113	135	198	209	166	184	106	152	253	1,779	-3.8
Sri Lanka	388	20	16	18	27	33	43	22	19	24	33	35	33	323	-16.8
Taiwan	1,380	98	92	151	109	65	107	56	83	181	145	91	81	1,259	-8.8
Thailand	300	11	23	22	41	68	24	24	19	44	25	38	38	377	25.7
Vietnam	480	27	41	128	22	15	19	32	24	60	41	32	18	459	-4.4
<i>MIDDLE EAST Countries</i>	<i>12,784</i>	<i>798</i>	<i>747</i>	<i>1,924</i>	<i>993</i>	<i>938</i>	<i>1,087</i>	<i>2,113</i>	<i>1,827</i>	<i>1,602</i>	<i>601</i>	<i>753</i>	<i>1,265</i>	<i>14,648</i>	<i>14.6</i>
<i>of which:</i>															
<i>Bahrein</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>25.0</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>545</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>599</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>800</i>	<i>46.8</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>166</i>	<i>-1.2</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>517</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>527</i>	<i>1.9</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>358</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>403</i>	<i>12.6</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>222</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>228</i>	<i>2.7</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>399</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>101</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>416</i>	<i>4.3</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>2,390</i>	<i>267</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>299</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>528</i>	<i>476</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>89</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>193</i>	<i>2,854</i>	<i>19.4</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>8,001</i>	<i>410</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>919</i>	<i>689</i>	<i>639</i>	<i>758</i>	<i>1,339</i>	<i>1,035</i>	<i>885</i>	<i>420</i>	<i>533</i>	<i>923</i>	<i>9,050</i>	<i>13.1</i>
<i>Other Middle East</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>-13.2</i>
Other Asian	599	37	31	54	60	81	51	51	87	49	83	36	55	675	12.7
OCEANIA	18,656	1,357	778	1,196	1,899	1,412	1,338	2,092	1,512	2,113	1,401	1,502	2,497	19,097	2.4
Australia	17,529	1,278	705	1,139	1,795	1,314	1,246	1,962	1,428	2,009	1,304	1,348	2,372	17,900	2.1
New Zealand	731	51	41	44	65	47	50	70	52	66	47	105	63	701	-4.1
Other Oceanian	396	32	32	13	39	51	42	60	32	38	50	49	62	496	25.3
AMERICA	16,548	1,672	1,069	1,436	1,463	1,354	1,517	1,705	1,276	1,467	1,404	1,614	1,968	17,945	8.4
Brazil	2,456	254	128	161	193	134	92	97	97	186	235	162	210	1,949	-20.6
Canada	4,710	439	332	429	374	446	650	604	418	386	349	474	714	5,615	19.2
USA	7,308	758	424	721	758	650	680	860	661	762	652	781	879	8,586	17.5
Other American	2,074	221	185	125	138	124	95	144	100	133	168	197	165	1,795	-13.5
Others & not stated	699	87	114	105	11	15	13	10	9	5	17	14	105	505	-27.8
All countries	1,038,968	103,606	91,128	96,595	90,327	87,067	65,459	95,695	89,422	84,456	109,015	106,218	132,735	1,151,723	10.9

¹ Provisional

³ Special Administrative Region of China

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

Age group (years)	2014			2015 ¹		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	20,041	19,620	39,661	21,747	21,059	42,806
5 - 9	22,811	21,898	44,709	25,210	24,405	49,615
10 - 14	21,854	21,365	43,219	24,017	23,617	47,634
15 - 19	16,132	17,953	34,085	18,118	20,302	38,420
20 - 24	18,164	30,054	48,218	20,839	33,258	54,097
25 - 29	54,686	66,318	121,004	64,250	77,162	141,412
30 - 34	57,576	55,939	113,515	63,408	60,552	123,960
35 - 39	48,996	45,154	94,150	53,197	48,692	101,889
40 - 44	50,579	45,566	96,145	53,602	48,683	102,285
45 - 49	49,641	46,565	96,206	53,220	50,672	103,892
50 - 54	47,932	45,319	93,251	52,950	50,106	103,056
55 - 59	38,815	36,204	75,019	42,427	40,087	82,514
60 - 64	31,684	28,754	60,438	34,404	32,155	66,559
65 - 69	22,330	19,229	41,559	25,515	22,809	48,324
70 & over	20,234	17,555	37,789	24,408	20,852	45,260
Total	521,475	517,493	1,038,968	577,312	574,411	1,151,723

¹ Provisional**Table6(ii):- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of arrival, 2014 and 2015**

Age group (years)	2014			2015 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	127,216	373	127,589	139,192	863	140,055
15 - 59	769,853	1,740	771,593	842,710	8,815	851,525
60 & over	138,011	1,775	139,786	150,024	10,119	160,143
Total	1,035,080	3,888	1,038,968	1,131,926	19,797	1,151,723

¹ Provisional

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

Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights ¹	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings ² (Rs million)	
2012	1st Semester	467,153	490,874	5,105,738	10.4	23,548
	2nd Semester	498,288	461,620	4,937,945	10.7	20,830
	Year	965,441	952,494	10,043,683	10.5	44,378
2013	1st Semester	471,664	502,486	5,436,550	10.8	22,055
	2nd Semester	521,442	484,897	5,230,521	10.8	18,502
	Year	993,106	987,383	10,667,071	10.8	40,557
2014	1st Semester	490,697	522,623	5,771,672	11.0	22,577
	2nd Semester	548,271	507,792	5,494,674	10.8	21,727
	Year	1,038,968	1,030,415	11,266,346	10.9	44,304
2015 ³	1st Quarter	291,329	314,710	3,503,057	11.1	13,172
	2nd Quarter	242,853	247,923	2,484,039	10.0	11,068
	3rd Quarter	269,573	262,524	2,935,693	11.2	10,929
	4th Quarter	347,968	312,228	3,120,121	10.0	14,831 ⁴
	Year	1,151,723	1,137,385	12,042,910	10.6	50,000

¹ Tourist nights for a reference period refer to nights spent by tourists departing in that reference period

² Source: Bank of Mauritius

³ Provisional

⁴ Estimated by Statistics Mauritius. Figures for 4th quarter of 2015 have not yet been published by the Bank of Mauritius.

Table 8:- Hotels¹, rooms and bedplaces, 2012 - 2015

Year	Number as at end of period						
	All Hotels			"Large" Hotels			
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	
2012	1st Qr.	110	12,027	24,446	48	8,863	18,153
	2nd Qr.	107	11,822	24,089	47	8,613	17,667
	3rd Qr.	105	11,715	23,899	47	8,613	17,695
	4th Qr.	117	12,527	25,496	52	9,293	19,041
2013	1st Qr.	117	12,676	25,887	52	9,460	19,395
	2nd Qr.	109	11,977	24,438	49	8,962	18,336
	3rd Qr.	106	11,866	24,085	48	8,818	17,970
	4th Qr.	107	12,376	25,105	50	9,239	18,799
2014	1st Qr.	109	12,653	25,652	51	9,478	19,308
	2nd Qr.	105	12,307	25,308	51	9,310	19,308
	3rd Qr.	108	12,481	25,620	52	9,425	19,498
	4th Qr.	112	12,799	26,174	53	9,605	19,776
2015 ²	1st Qr.	114	13,100	26,776	55	9,906	20,378
	2nd Qr.	107	12,264	25,085	51	9,267	19,020
	3rd Qr.	112	12,944	26,618	53	9,769	20,254
	4th Qr.	115 ³	13,617	28,732	55	10,378	22,096

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

² Provisional

³ Two large hotels have merged.

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
1 st 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	68	63	63	56	69	60	71	66
May	58	51	59	52	66	60	61	53	62	54	68	63
June	42	36	46	41	51	46	42	37	47	41	52	48
2 nd Quarter	<u>54</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>59</u>
1 st Semester	60	52	62	55	67	62	61	54	64	56	69	64
July	53	47	54	49	61	58	54	48	57	52	65	62
August	60	53	62	57	66	63	62	55	67	62	70	67
September	65	57	64	58	70	64	67	60	68	61	74	68
3 rd Quarter	<u>59</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>66</u>
Jan. to Sep.	59	52	62	55	67	62	61	54	64	57	70	65
October	71	63	71	65	74	65	72	64	75	68	77	69
November	74	65	76	67	79	68	75	67	78	70	82	72
December	73	65	74	68	78	71	74	66	76	71	81	74
4 th Quarter	<u>73</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>
2 nd Semester	66	58	67	61	72	65	68	60	70	64	75	69
Year	63	55	65	58	70	63	65	57	67	60	72	67

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Table 10:- Employment in large¹ establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2011 - 2015

Year \ Establishments	2011	2012	2013 ²	2014 ²	2015 ²
Food Service	2,157	2,339	2,395	2,506	2,674
Hotels	21,830	22,216	22,336	22,544	22,749
Travel and Tourism ³	4,056	3,900	3,787	3,722	3,700
Total	28,043	28,455	28,518	28,772	29,123

¹ Large establishments are those employing 10 or more persons.

² Revised

³ Travel and tourism include air transport services, tour operators, travel agencies and car rental.

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 External Communication within fifteen days. Additional data on cruises are obtained from the Mauritius Ports Authority.

Tourism earnings

The Bank of Mauritius (BoM) is responsible for the estimation of tourism earnings based on monthly statements of Inward and Outward Remittances of Commercial Banks. As from 2015, BoM is also including data culled from Money changers and Foreign exchange dealers.

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 at latest 10 working days after reference 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 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.

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