

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

1st Quarter 2016

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first quarter of 2016. It is to be noted that at the request of users, a table on tourist arrivals by air and by main port of embarkation is given for the first time. 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 2015 and 2016

	2015	2016	% change
Arrivals by			
Air	363,946	403,947	+ 11.0
Sea	22,123	29,765	+ 34.5
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	20,469	28,404	+ 38.8
Total	386,069	433,712	+ 12.3
Departures by			
Air	393,747	432,595	+ 9.9
Sea	20,612	28,379	+ 37.7
Total	414,359	460,974	+ 11.2

2.1 Arrivals in 1st Quarter 2016

Compared to 1st Quarter 2015:

- total arrivals increased by 12.3% to 433,712;
- tourist arrivals increased by 12.5% to 327,836; and
- the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased by 82.5% to 14,375.

In the first Quarter of 2016, 17 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 28,404 cruise travellers which include 11,037 tourists, 8,397 excursionists, 262 Mauritian residents and 8,708 crew members.

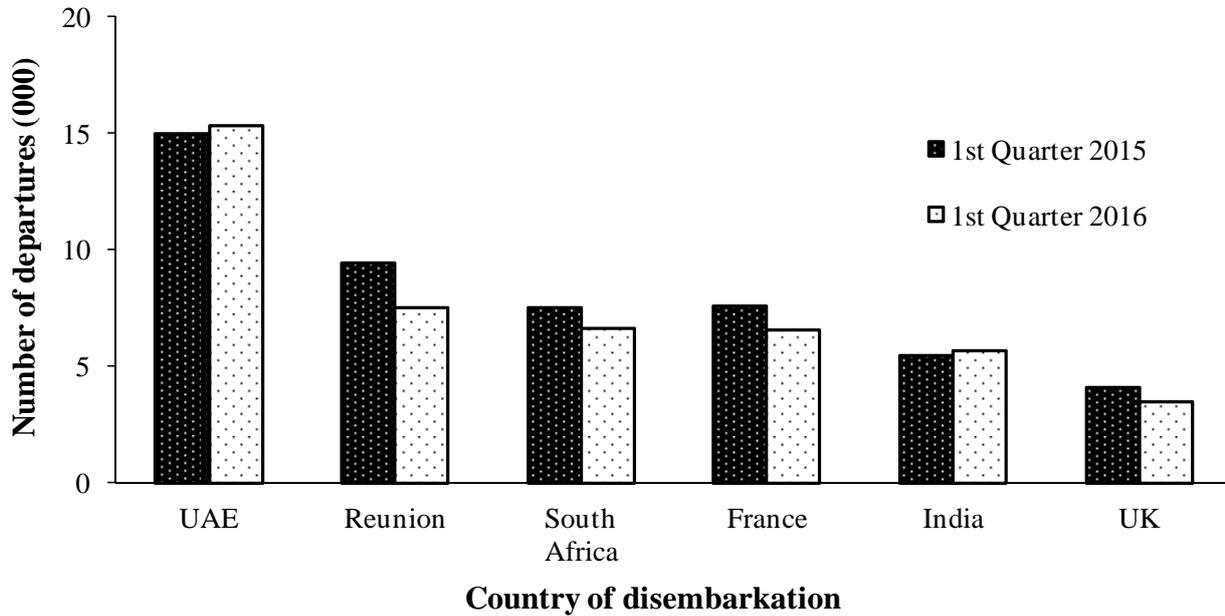
2.2 Departures in 1st Quarter 2016

Compared to 1st Quarter 2015:

- total departures increased by 11.2% to 460,974;
- departures of Mauritian residents decreased by 8.4% to 58,904.

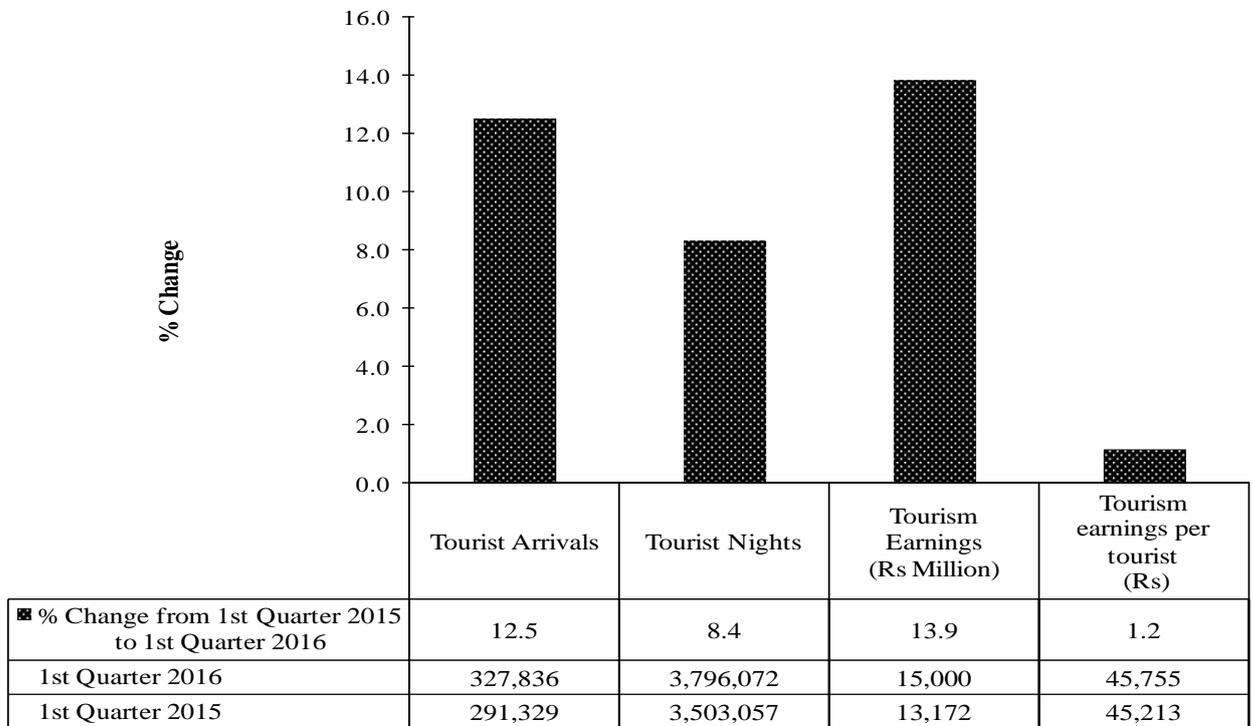
In the first Quarter of 2016, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (15,361 or 26.1%), Reunion Island (7,504 or 12.7%), Republic of South Africa (6,625 or 11.2%), France (6,560 or 11.1%), India (5,655 or 9.6%) and United Kingdom (3,479 or 5.9%).

Figure 1 – Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 1st Quarter 2015 and 1st Quarter 2016



3. TOURISM

Figure 2 - % Change in main tourism indicators, 1st Quarter 2016 compared to 1st Quarter 2015

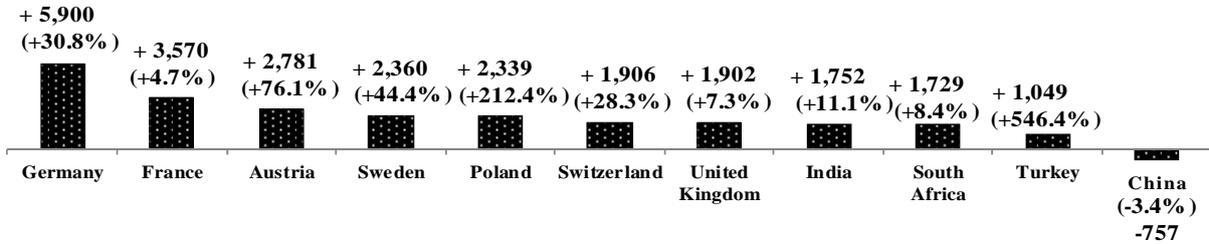


Note: Tourism earnings for the first quarter 2016 is an estimate.

3.1 Tourist Arrivals

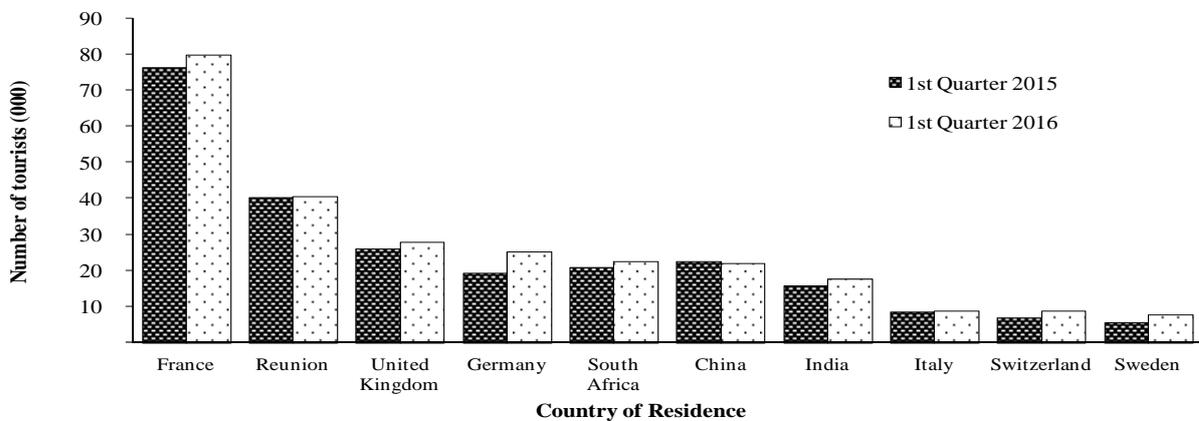
Compared to 1st Quarter 2015, the number of tourist arrivals increased by 36,507 or 12.5% to 327,836 in 1st Quarter 2016 as a result of main changes shown in figure 3.

Figure 3 – Main changes, number and % change over previous quarter, in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, 1st Quarter 2015 to 1st Quarter 2016



In the first quarter of 2016, France, our top tourist generating country, registered a growth of 4.7%. It is worth noting that compared to 1st Quarter 2015, tourist arrivals from Turkey and Poland increased by 546.4% and 212.4% respectively as a result of direct flights. A decline of 3.4% is noted for China and this may be explained by a decrease in seat capacity.

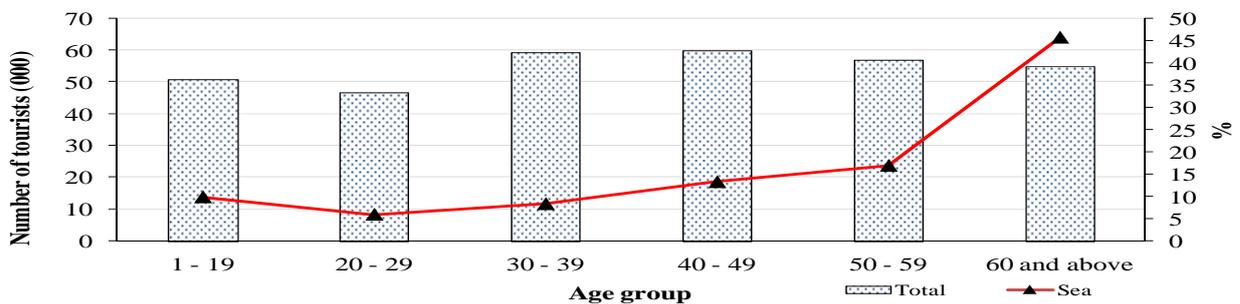
Figure 4 – Tourist arrivals from main and emerging markets, 1st Quarter 2015 and 1st Quarter 2016



3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the first quarter of 2016, 54,788 or 16.7% of tourists who visited Mauritius were aged 60 years and above. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 46%.

Figure 5 – Tourist arrivals by age, 1st Quarter 2016



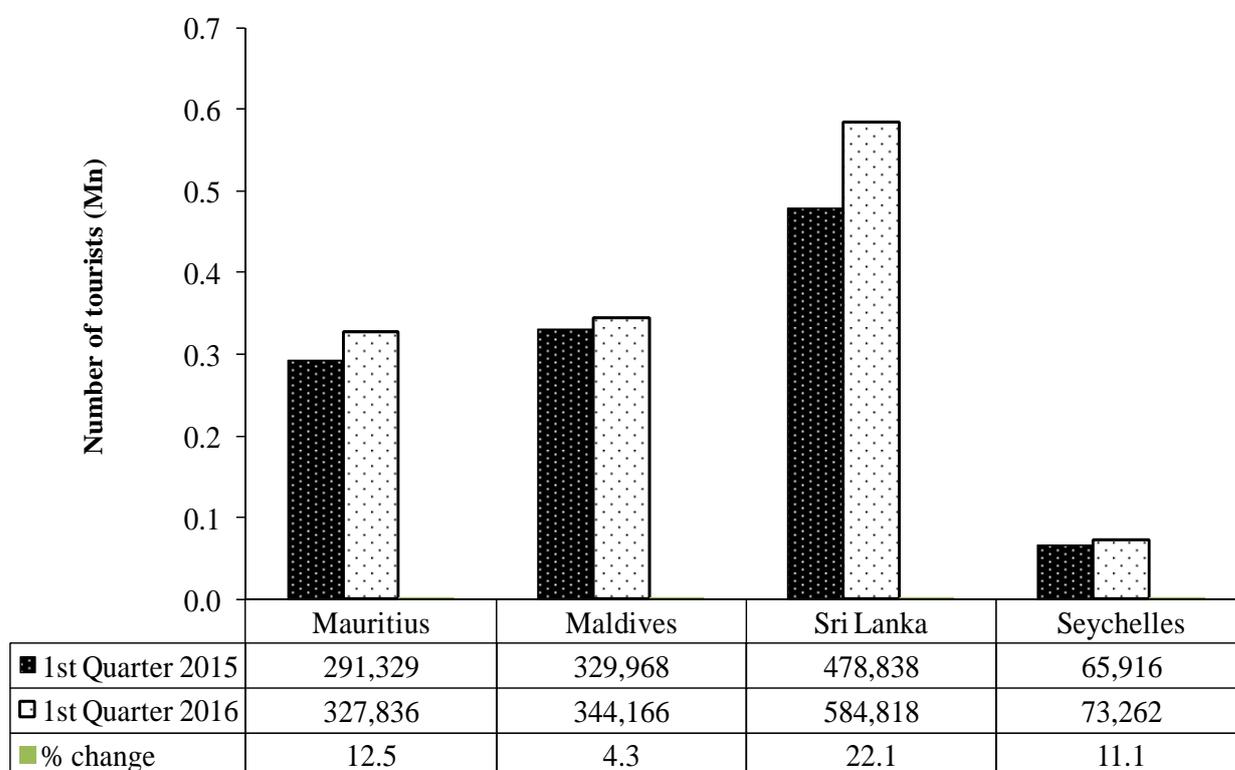
3.3 Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets

From table 7, it is observed that during the 1st Quarter 2016, a high proportion of tourists arrived mainly from direct flights from their own country of residence except for Russia and Switzerland where there were no direct connections. Tourists from these countries travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates which is the most used transiting port. For the 1st Quarter 2016, the proportion of tourists who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates from Russia and Switzerland were 76.1 % and 44.3 % respectively.

3.4 Tourist arrivals in Mauritius compared to selected tourist destinations

During the 1st Quarter 2016, tourist arrivals in Mauritius increased by 12.5%. This compares with lower growths of 4.3% in Maldives and 11.1% in Seychelles and higher growth of 22.1% in Sri Lanka.

Figure 6 – Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 1st Quarter 2015 and 1st Quarter 2016



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

3.5 Tourist Nights

Compared to 1st Quarter 2015:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during the first quarter 2016 increased by 8.4% from 3,503,057 to 3,796,072;
- the average length of stay decreased from 11.1 to 10.8 nights.

3.6 Employment

Employment data for the tourism sector as obtained from the Survey of Employment and Earnings relate to employment in food service, 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.

3.7 Accommodation

Licensed hotels in the island of Mauritius

As at end of March 2016, all licensed hotels were in operation. The total room capacity of these 116 hotels was 13,710 with 28,940 bed places.

During the 1st Quarter 2016,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 76%, up from 73% in the 1st Quarter 2015; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 68%, higher than the 67% in the first quarter 2015.

'Large' hotels in the island of Mauritius

At the end of March 2016, 56 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) were in operation; they had a total room capacity of 10,454 with 22,247 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 1st Quarter 2016,

- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 80% up from 75% in the 1st Quarter 2015;
- the bed occupancy rate was 71%, higher than the 70% in the 1st Quarter 2015.

3.8 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 1,230,000 to 1,240,000. This represents an increase of 7.7% over the figure of 1,151,723 in 2015.

As a result of the revised forecast of tourist arrivals and based on trends for the first quarter of 2016, the Bank of Mauritius is expecting tourism earnings for the year 2016 to reach Rs 55 billion instead of Rs 54 billion forecasted earlier. This revised figure represents an increase of 9.6% over the Rs 50.2 billion for 2015.

Statistics Mauritius

Ministry of Finance and Economic Development

Port Louis

20 May 2016

Contact persons

Mrs T. Joomun, Acting Statistician
 Mr. E. Romjon, Senior Statistical Officer
 Ministry of Tourism and External Communications
 3rd Floor, Victoria House, Port Louis
 Tel: (230) 211-9043, Fax: (230) 210-3901
 Email: sm-tourism@govmu.org

LIST OF TABLES

Table	Description	Page
1	Passenger Traffic by month, 2014 - 2016	7
2	Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation, 1st Quarter 2015 and 2016	8
3	Tourist arrivals by month, 2014 - 2016	9
4	Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 1st Quarter 2015 and 2016	9
5	Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1st Quarter 2015 and 2016	10
6(i)	Tourist arrivals by age and sex, 1st Quarter 2015 and 2016	12
6(ii)	Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of arrival, 1st Quarter 2015 and 2016	12
7	Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 1st Quarter 2016	13
8	Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and earnings, 2013 - 2016	14
9	Hotels, rooms and bedplaces, 2013 - 2016	14
10	Monthly occupancy rates (%) for All hotels and "Large" hotels, 2014 - 2016	15
11	Employment in the tourism industry as at end of March, 2011 - 2015	15

ANNEX

- I Compilation of passenger traffic statistics
- II Glossary of terms

Table 1:- Passenger Traffic ¹ by month, 2014 - 2016

Month	2014		2015		2016 ²	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	128,035	149,573	139,076	164,024	157,574	182,555
February	105,398	107,632	116,454	114,890	133,906	136,073
March	120,854	127,473	130,539	135,445	142,232	142,346
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>354,287</u>	<u>384,678</u>	<u>386,069</u>	<u>414,359</u>	<u>433,712</u>	<u>460,974</u>
April	117,371	112,588	123,409	122,212		
May	102,884	112,665	113,225	124,533		
June	86,684	86,225	91,330	88,098		
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>306,939</u>	<u>311,478</u>	<u>327,964</u>	<u>334,843</u>		
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>661,226</i>	<i>696,156</i>	<i>714,033</i>	<i>749,202</i>		
July	112,006	98,420	128,120	114,026		
August	110,101	120,442	124,102	135,486		
September	100,387	99,346	111,049	110,025		
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>322,494</u>	<u>318,208</u>	<u>363,271</u>	<u>359,537</u>		
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>983,720</i>	<i>1,014,364</i>	<i>1,077,304</i>	<i>1,108,739</i>		
October	127,731	119,230	137,559	132,869		
November	120,448	121,845	135,819	133,873		
December	157,337	129,704	172,514	144,679		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>405,516</u>	<u>370,779</u>	<u>445,892</u>	<u>411,421</u>		
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>728,010</i>	<i>688,987</i>	<i>809,163</i>	<i>770,958</i>		
Whole Year	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,
1st Quarter of 2015 and 2016**

Country of disembarkation	2015	2016 ²	% Change
EUROPE	12,381	11,412	-7.8
France	7,585	6,560	-13.5
Germany	314	538	71.3
Italy	341	318	-6.7
Turkey	-	483	-
United Kingdom	4,131	3,479	-15.8
Other European	10	34	240.0
AFRICA	22,286	19,144	-14.1
Malagasy Republic	2,448	2,125	-13.2
Reunion	9,446	7,504	-20.6
Seychelles	2,146	2,238	4.3
South Africa	7,504	6,625	-11.7
Other African	742	652	-12.1
ASIA	27,012	26,003	-3.7
P. Rep. of China	1,454	424	-70.8
Hong Kong SAR ³	1,663	956	-42.5
India	5,496	5,655	2.9
Malaysia	2,593	3,224	24.3
Singapore	791	360	-54.5
United Arab Emirates	15,005	15,361	2.4
Other Asian	10	23	130.0
OCEANIA	2,649	2,344	-11.5
Australia	2,649	2,344	-11.5
NOT STATED	3	1	-66.7
All Countries	64,331	58,904	-8.4

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

² Provisional

³ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2014 - 2016

Month	2014	2015	2016¹
January	96,332	103,606	118,426
February	78,984	91,128	100,706
March	87,977	96,595	108,704
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>263,293</u>	<u>291,329</u>	<u>327,836</u>
April	88,404	90,327	
May	78,555	87,067	
June	60,445	65,459	
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>227,404</u>	<u>242,853</u>	
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>490,697</i>	<i>534,182</i>	
July	81,935	95,695	
August	78,475	89,422	
September	74,516	84,456	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>234,926</u>	<u>269,573</u>	
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>725,623</i>	<i>803,755</i>	
October	101,327	109,015	
November	91,234	106,218	
December	120,784	132,735	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>313,345</u>	<u>347,968</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>548,271</i>	<i>617,541</i>	
Whole Year	1,038,968	1,151,723	

¹ Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 1st Quarter 2015 and 2016**

Purpose of visit	2015	2016¹	% Change
Holiday	274,167	309,587	12.9
Business	9,744	10,310	5.8
Transit	5,751	6,592	14.6
Conference	1,042	774	-25.7
Sports	312	268	-14.1
Other	313	305	-2.6
Total	291,329	327,836	12.5

¹ Provisional

Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1st Quarter 2015 and 2016

Country of residence	1 st Quarter 2015	2016 ¹				% Change Q1 2016/ Q1 2015
		Jan	Feb	Mar	1 st Quarter	
EUROPE	169,129	67,016	67,461	65,048	199,525	18.0
Austria	3,654	2,528	2,204	1,703	6,435	76.1
Belarus	136	45	31	50	126	-7.4
Belgium	2,054	891	855	1,543	3,289	60.1
Bulgaria	321	360	321	153	834	159.8
Czech Republic	3,038	941	1,224	1,129	3,294	8.4
Croatia	135	64	44	47	155	14.8
Denmark	1,660	874	1,186	1,226	3,286	98.0
Estonia	130	69	77	51	197	51.5
Finland	2,312	1,167	718	618	2,503	8.3
France	76,149	27,280	30,068	22,371	79,719	4.7
Germany	19,160	7,936	7,572	9,552	25,060	30.8
Greece	176	82	63	92	237	34.7
Hungary	650	494	403	356	1,253	92.8
Ireland	415	138	105	326	569	37.1
Italy	8,357	3,686	2,542	2,534	8,762	4.8
Kazakhstan	85	64	28	52	144	69.4
Lithuania	143	75	99	74	248	73.4
Luxemburg	219	74	84	207	365	66.7
Netherlands	776	501	570	537	1,608	107.2
Norway	1,167	493	560	582	1,635	40.1
Poland	1,101	1,335	1,236	869	3,440	212.4
Portugal	506	169	158	412	739	46.0
Romania	409	536	315	195	1,046	155.7
Russian Federation	4,142	1,680	759	781	3,220	-22.3
Slovakia	816	413	576	395	1,384	69.6
Slovenia	255	140	166	42	348	36.5
Spain	1,764	487	449	930	1,866	5.8
Sweden	5,319	2,726	2,883	2,070	7,679	44.4
Switzerland	6,734	2,617	2,604	3,419	8,640	28.3
Turkey	192	548	375	318	1,241	546.4
Ukraine	633	731	414	354	1,499	136.8
United Kingdom	25,957	7,536	8,524	11,799	27,859	7.3
Other European	564	336	248	261	845	49.8
AFRICA	68,437	33,518	11,839	25,714	71,071	3.8
<i>IOC² countries</i>	<i>43,998</i>	<i>23,477</i>	<i>6,627</i>	<i>14,372</i>	<i>44,476</i>	<i>1.1</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>196</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>184</i>	<i>-6.1</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>2,565</i>	<i>843</i>	<i>937</i>	<i>1,031</i>	<i>2,811</i>	<i>9.6</i>
<i>Reunion</i>	<i>40,113</i>	<i>22,141</i>	<i>5,233</i>	<i>12,931</i>	<i>40,305</i>	<i>0.5</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>1,124</i>	<i>436</i>	<i>406</i>	<i>334</i>	<i>1,176</i>	<i>4.6</i>
Kenya	639	169	159	236	564	-11.7
Mayotte	227	31	68	57	156	-31.3
Mozambique	318	213	55	101	369	16.0
Namibia	206	99	47	81	227	10.2
South Africa, Rep. of	20,665	8,717	3,952	9,725	22,394	8.4
Zimbabwe	262	148	110	140	398	51.9
Other African	2,122	664	821	1,002	2,487	17.2

¹ Provisional² Indian Ocean Commission

Table 5 (cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1st Quarter 2015 and 2016

Country of residence	1 st Quarter 2015	2016 ¹				% Change Q1 2016/ Q1 2015
		Jan	Feb	Mar	1 st Quarter	
ASIA	45,949	14,629	19,384	15,276	49,289	7.3
Afghanistan	187	61	70	79	210	12.3
Bangladesh	138	28	58	67	153	10.9
Hong Kong SAR ³	284	60	112	129	301	6.0
India	15,732	5,401	6,718	5,365	17,484	11.1
Indonesia	603	113	143	448	704	16.7
Israel	125	68	75	104	247	97.6
Japan	286	245	165	206	616	115.4
Korea Republic	600	381	331	478	1,190	98.3
Malaysia	382	120	314	163	597	56.3
Pakistan	189	76	104	257	437	131.2
People's Rep. of China	22,498	6,520	9,959	5,262	21,741	-3.4
Philippines	424	289	173	222	684	61.3
Singapore	263	77	133	166	376	43.0
Sri Lanka	54	31	26	22	79	46.3
Taiwan	341	123	147	179	449	31.7
Thailand	56	14	24	32	70	25.0
Vietnam	196	15	39	84	138	-29.6
MIDDLE EAST Countries	3,469	951	744	1,939	3,634	4.8
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Bahrein</i>	24	10	10	17	37	54.2
<i>Iran</i>	642	11	10	651	672	4.7
<i>Jordan</i>	21	18	4	9	31	47.6
<i>Kuwait</i>	74	29	17	20	66	-10.8
<i>Lebanon</i>	63	9	18	26	53	-15.9
<i>Oman</i>	27	16	9	19	44	63.0
<i>Qatar</i>	96	24	14	18	56	-41.7
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	683	409	117	289	815	19.3
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	1,829	419	543	878	1,840	0.6
<i>Other Middle East</i>	10	6	2	12	20	100.0
Other Asian	122	56	49	74	179	46.7
OCEANIA	3,331	1,630	734	1,232	3,596	8.0
Australia	3,122	1,482	666	1,128	3,276	4.9
New Zealand	136	68	33	43	144	5.9
Other Oceanian	73	80	35	61	176	141.1
AMERICA	4,177	1,569	1,251	1,375	4,195	0.4
Brazil	543	245	133	110	488	-10.1
Canada	1,200	517	386	397	1,300	8.3
USA	1,903	538	482	683	1,703	-10.5
Other American	531	269	250	185	704	32.6
Others & not stated	306	64	37	59	160	-47.7
All countries	291,329	118,426	100,706	108,704	327,836	12.5

¹ Provisional³ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 6(i):- Tourist arrivals by age and sex, 1st Quarter 2015 and 2016

Age group (years)	1 st Quarter 2015			1 st Quarter 2016 ¹		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	5,719	5,600	11,319	6,417	6,290	12,707
5 - 9	6,205	6,117	12,322	7,431	7,345	14,776
10 - 14	5,671	5,719	11,390	6,487	6,918	13,405
15 - 19	3,756	4,518	8,274	4,397	5,488	9,885
20 - 24	4,579	7,771	12,350	5,096	8,549	13,645
25 - 29	13,838	16,224	30,062	15,163	17,882	33,045
30 - 34	13,718	13,825	27,543	15,459	15,521	30,980
35 - 39	12,707	12,121	24,828	14,164	14,013	28,177
40 - 44	13,280	12,500	25,780	14,764	14,123	28,887
45 - 49	13,493	13,579	27,072	15,570	15,181	30,751
50 - 54	13,867	13,366	27,233	15,592	15,341	30,933
55 - 59	11,435	11,020	22,455	12,969	12,888	25,857
60 - 64	9,807	9,678	19,485	10,990	10,529	21,519
65 - 69	8,258	7,636	15,894	8,923	8,091	17,014
70 & over	8,475	6,847	15,322	8,902	7,353	16,255
Total	144,808	146,521	291,329	162,324	165,512	327,836

¹ Provisional**Table 6(ii):- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of arrival, 1st Quarter 2015 and 2016**

Age group (years)	1 st Quarter 2015			1 st Quarter 2016 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	34,467	564	35,031	40,081	807	40,888
15 - 59	201,370	4,227	205,597	226,482	5,678	232,160
60 & over	44,587	6,114	50,701	49,336	5,452	54,788
Total	280,424	10,905	291,329	315,899	11,937	327,836

¹ Provisional

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 1st Quarter 2016 ¹

Country of last embarkation	Total tourist arrivals	of which, arrivals from selected country of residence											
		France	Germany	Italy	Turkey	Switzerland	United Kingdom	Russia	Reunion	South Africa	India	China	Australia
EUROPE	124,745	52,347	16,965	4,347	1,098	3,701	16,247	501	55	25	18	67	182
<i>of which:</i> France	65,673	49,397	2,586	1,202	7	2,392	1,609	303	53	12	3	26	54
Germany	18,930	1,628	13,097	179	6	704	185	60	-	-	1	5	43
Italy	2,713	2	6	2,606	-	44	5	3	1	-	-	-	2
Turkey	6,627	501	830	171	1,080	205	192	69	1	7	1	25	5
United Kingdom	17,523	751	251	166	2	245	14,237	41	-	6	13	10	25
AFRICA	94,941	17,264	1,737	381	39	749	1,741	169	38,284	19,629	1,614	982	658
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	932	27	19	8	4	9	73	1	28	13	28	79	39
Madagascar	3,694	312	18	15	23	32	41	27	283	41	91	249	39
Reunion	56,469	15,363	576	76	-	422	237	36	37,705	99	67	221	96
Seychelles	4,456	1,224	63	28	2	29	68	53	22	26	1,352	86	22
South Africa	29,249	338	1,061	254	10	257	1,318	51	246	19,447	73	337	462
ASIA	93,308	7,612	4,289	3,165	71	3,576	9,508	2,305	1,212	197	15,802	20,579	388
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong	4,107	23	1	1	-	-	14	6	33	6	3	3,316	19
India	14,073	51	12	11	-	4	127	13	103	76	13,001	2	31
Malaysia	3,427	437	7	2	-	5	52	17	803	25	71	228	54
China	13,170	6	3	-	-	-	3	1	7	3	1	13,048	5
Singapore	228	19	1	-	-	-	-	2	40	3	6	6	4
United Arab Emirates	57,589	7,073	4,243	3,149	63	3,560	9,288	2,266	226	78	2,720	3,975	274
OCEANIA	2,905	167	14	7	-	11	110	1	183	187	5	4	1,992
<i>of which:</i> Australia	2,905	167	14	7	-	11	110	1	183	187	5	4	1,992
Total arrivals by air	315,899	77,390	23,005	7,900	1,208	8,037	27,606	2,976	39,734	20,038	17,439	21,632	3,220
<i>of which:</i>		France	Germany	Italy	Turkey	Switzerland	United Kingdom	Russia	Reunion	South Africa	India	China	Australia
Direct from own country of residence		63.8%	56.9%	33.0%	89.4%	N/A	51.6%	N/A	94.9%	97.1%	74.6%	60.3%	61.9%
From United Arab Emirates		9.1%	18.4%	39.9%	5.2%	44.3%	33.6%	76.1%	0.6%	0.4%	15.6%	18.4%	8.5%
From Turkey		0.6%	3.6%	2.2%		2.6%	0.7%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%
From France			11.2%	15.2%	0.6%	29.8%	5.8%	10.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	1.7%
From Reunion		19.9%	2.5%	1.0%	0.0%	5.3%	0.9%	1.2%		0.5%	0.4%	1.0%	3.0%
From South Africa		0.4%	4.6%	3.2%	0.8%	3.2%	4.8%	1.7%	0.6%		0.4%	1.6%	14.3%

¹ Provisional

N/A: not applicable

Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and earnings, 2013 - 2016

Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights ¹	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings ² (Rs million)
2013 1st Quarter	265,838	286,906	3,196,519	11.1	12,064
2nd Quarter	205,826	215,580	2,240,031	10.4	9,991
3rd Quarter	222,779	217,804	2,521,594	11.6	7,050
4th Quarter	298,663	267,093	2,708,927	10.1	11,452
Year	993,106	987,383	10,667,071	10.8	40,557
2014 1st Quarter	263,293	291,423	3,334,261	11.4	11,516
2nd Quarter	227,404	231,200	2,437,411	10.5	11,061
3rd Quarter	234,926	228,352	2,630,303	11.5	9,655
4th Quarter	313,345	279,440	2,864,371	10.3	12,072
Year	1,038,968	1,030,415	11,266,346	10.9	44,304
2015 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	15,022
Year	1,151,723	1,137,385	12,042,910	10.6	50,191
2016 ³ 1st Quarter	327,836	350,745	3,796,072	10.8	15,000 ⁴

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 Estimate

Table 9:- Hotels ¹, rooms and bedplaces, 2013 - 2016

Year	Number as at end of period					
	All Hotels			"Large" Hotels		
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces
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 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	13,617	28,732	55	10,378	22,096
2016 ² 1st Qr.	116 ³	13,710	28,940	56	10,454	22,247

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

² Provisional

³ One additional hotel in operation after renewal of its licence which was previously suspended

Table 10:- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2014 - 2016

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2014		2015		2016 ¹		2014		2015		2016 ¹	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	72	64	75	69	78	71	74	66	77	72	81	74
February	67	59	75	69	76	68	69	61	79	73	80	72
March	64	56	68	62	74	64	65	57	70	65	78	67
1st Quarter	<u>68</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>
April	65	57	68	63			69	60	71	66		
May	59	52	66	60			62	54	68	63		
June	46	41	51	46			47	41	52	48		
2nd Quarter	<u>57</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>56</u>			<u>59</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>59</u>		
1 st Semester	62	55	67	62			64	56	69	64		
July	54	49	61	58			57	52	65	62		
August	62	57	66	63			67	62	70	67		
September	64	58	70	64			68	61	74	68		
3rd Quarter	<u>60</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>61</u>			<u>64</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>66</u>		
Jan. to Sep.	62	55	67	62			64	57	70	65		
October	71	65	74	65			75	68	77	69		
November	76	67	79	68			78	70	82	72		
December	74	68	78	71			76	71	81	74		
4th Quarter	<u>74</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>68</u>			<u>76</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>		
2 nd Semester	67	61	72	65			70	64	75	69		
Year	65	58	70	63			67	60	72	67		

¹ Provisional

Table 11:- Employment in large ¹ establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2011 - 2015

Year \ Establishments	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
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 ²	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 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.

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