

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

YEAR 2016

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the year 2016. 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, 2015 and 2016

	2015 ¹	2016 ²	% change
Arrivals by			
Air	1,482,323	1,628,763	+ 9.9
Sea	40,898	57,596	+ 40.8
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	<i>34,711</i>	<i>52,862</i>	<i>+ 52.3</i>
Total	1,523,221	1,686,359	+ 10.7
Departures by			
Air	1,480,789	1,628,813	+ 10.0
Sea	39,373	52,436	+ 33.2
Total	1,520,162	1,681,249	+ 10.6

¹ Revised

² Provisional

2.1 Arrivals in 2016

Compared to 2015:

- total arrivals increased by 10.7% to 1,686,359, of which arrivals in Rodrigues direct from Reunion Island amounted to 1,524;
- tourist arrivals increased by 10.8% to 1,275,227; and
- the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased by 39.8% to 31,646.

In 2016, 29 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 52,862 cruise travellers which include 24,930 tourists, 11,228 excursionists, 647 Mauritian residents and 16,057 crew members.

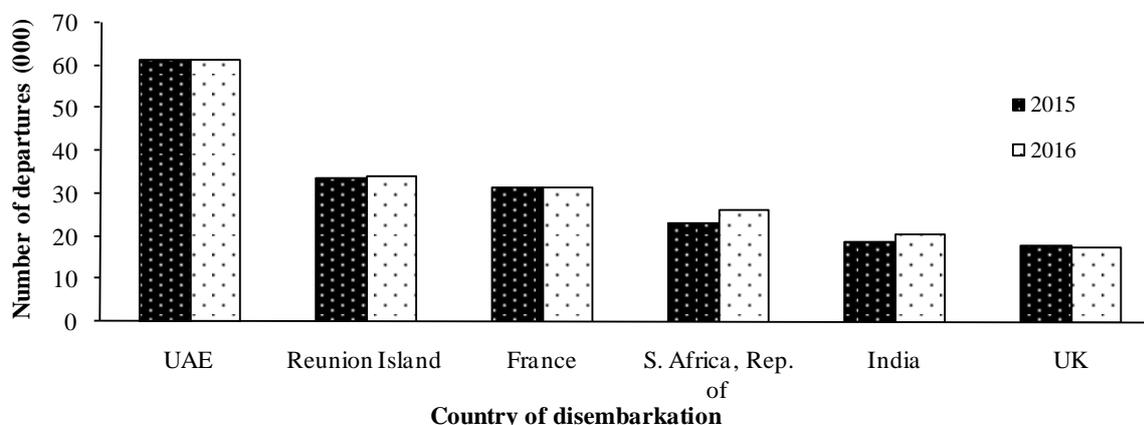
2.2 Departures in 2016

Compared to 2015:

- total departures increased by 10.6% to 1,681,249, of which departures from Rodrigues direct to Reunion Island amounted to 1,497; and
- departures of Mauritian residents increased by 7.4% to 260,467.

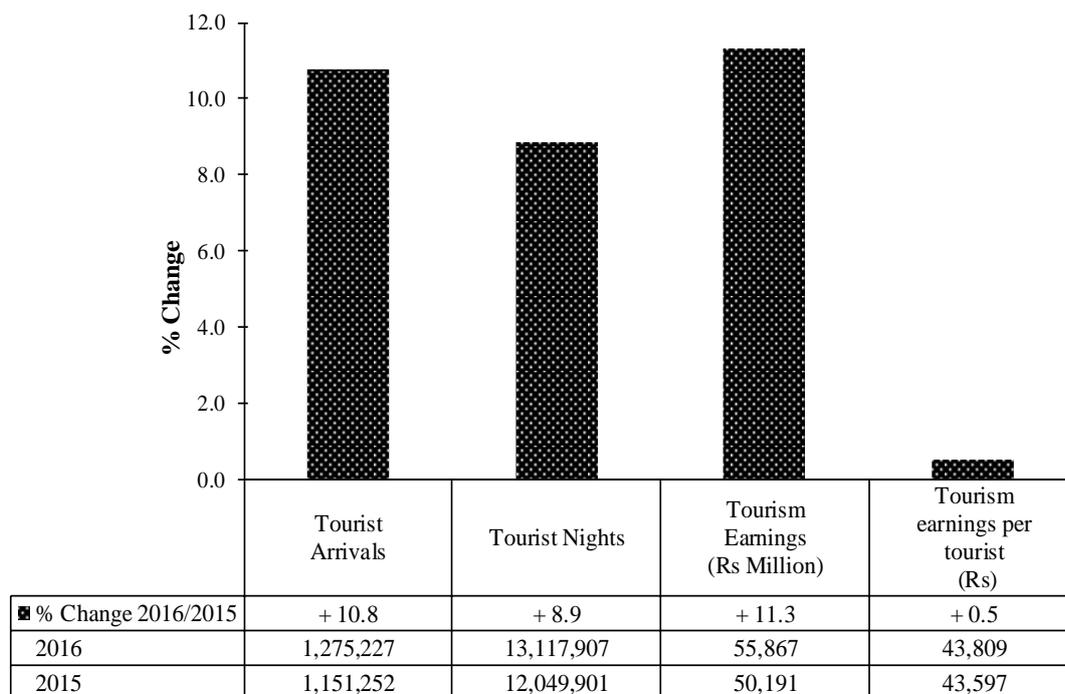
In 2016, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (61,765 or 23.7%), Reunion Island (34,228 or 13.1%), France (31,546 or 12.1%), South Africa, Rep. of (26,411 or 10.1%), India (20,848 or 8.0%) and United Kingdom (17,414 or 6.7%).

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 2015 and 2016



3. TOURISM

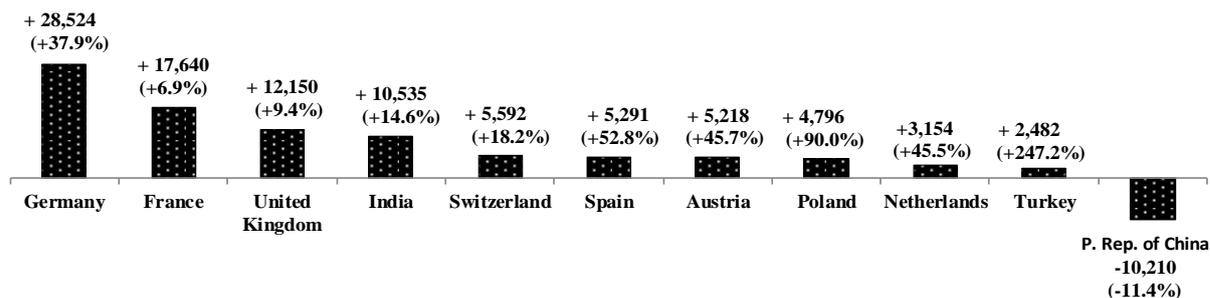
Figure 2 - % Change in main tourism indicators, 2016 compared to 2015



3.1 Tourist Arrivals

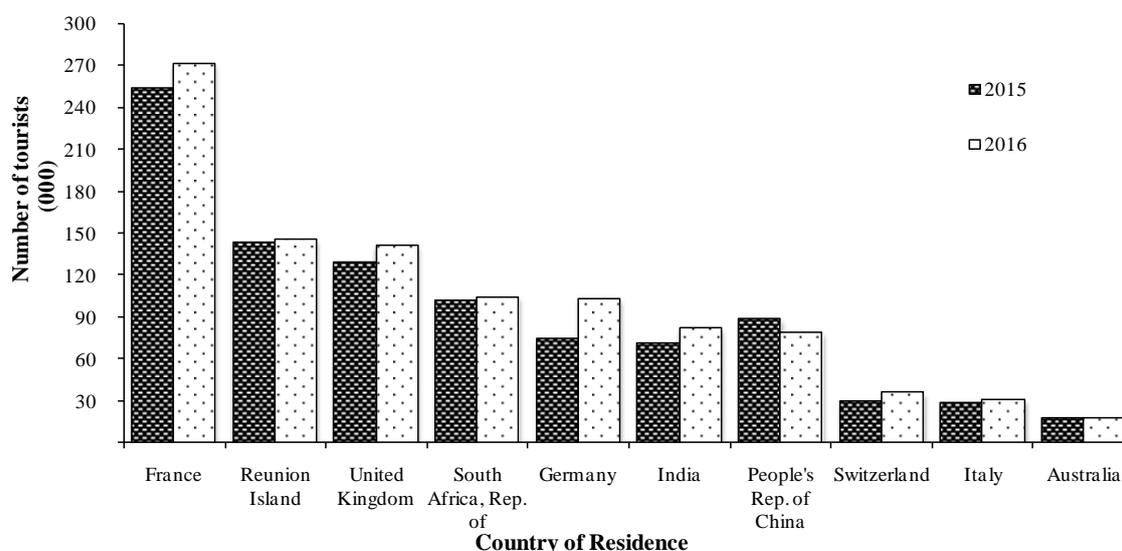
Compared to 2015, the number of tourist arrivals increased by 123,975 or 10.8% to 1,275,227 in 2016 as a result of main changes shown in figure 3.

Figure 3 - Main changes, number and % change over previous period, in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, 2016 compared to 2015



In 2016, France, our top tourist generating country, registered a growth of 6.9%. It is worth noting that compared to 2015, tourist arrivals from Turkey increased by 247.2% as a result of direct flights. Among the emerging markets, India posted an increase of 14.6% whereas People's Rep. of China witnessed a decrease of 11.4%.

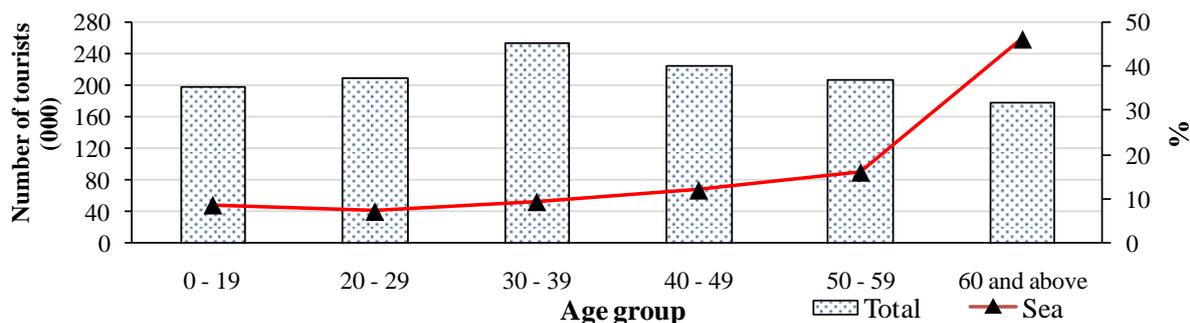
Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals from main and emerging markets, 2015 and 2016



3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During 2016, 179,468 or 14.1% 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, 2016



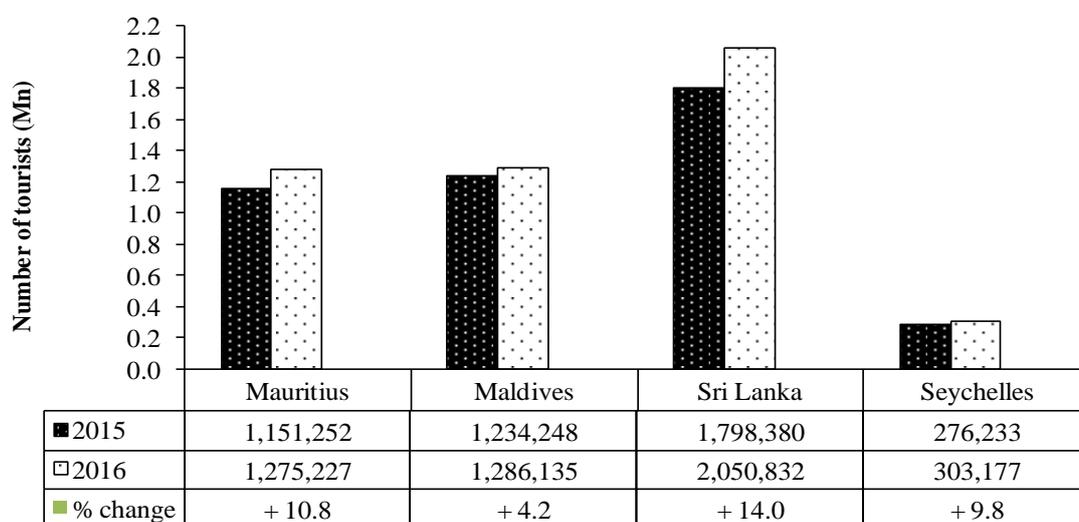
3.3 Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets

From table 7, it is observed that during 2016, a high proportion of tourists arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence except for Russian Federation, where there were no direct connections. Tourists from Russian Federation travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates, which is the most used transiting port. For 2016, the proportion of tourists who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates from Russia was 73.7%. It is also worth noting that for 2016, less than half of the tourists from Switzerland, Italy, Germany and United Kingdom travelled on direct flights. The remaining used mostly United Arab Emirates as transiting port.

3.4 Tourist arrivals in Mauritius compared to selected tourist destinations

During 2016, tourist arrivals in Mauritius increased by 10.8%. This compares favorably with Maldives and Seychelles where growths of 4.2% and 9.8% were observed respectively. However, Sri Lanka registered a higher growth of 14.0%.

Figure 6 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 2015 and 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 2015:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during 2016 increased by 8.9% from 12,049,901 to 13,117,907; but
- the average length of stay decreased from 10.6 to 10.4 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 other services establishments with 10 or more workers. Latest available data for March 2016 indicate that employment in these establishments increased by 3.5% to 30,454 compared to 29,437 for March 2015.

3.7 Accommodation

Licensed hotels in the island of Mauritius

As at end of December 2016, there were 113 licensed hotels of which 111 were in operation and 2 were temporarily closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of these 111 hotels was 13,547 with 29,139 bed places.

During the year 2016,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 73%, up from 70% in 2015; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 65%, higher than the 63% registered in 2015.

'Large' hotels in the island of Mauritius

At the end of December 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 10,480 with 22,839 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 50% of all licensed hotels in operation but make up 77.4% of total room capacity and 78.4% of total bed places.

During the year 2016,

- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 76% up from 72% in 2015;
- the bed occupancy rate was 68%, higher than the 67% recorded in 2015.

3.8 Forecast for Year 2017

Based on latest available data on tourist arrivals and information gathered from stakeholders, the forecast of tourist arrivals for the year 2017 is revised upwards from 1,320,000 to 1,340,000. This represents an increase of 5.1% over the figure of 1,275,227 in 2016.

The Bank of Mauritius is forecasting a slightly lower tourism earnings of Rs 58 billion instead of Rs 59 billion forecasted earlier. This revised figure represents an increase of 3.8% over the Rs 55.9 billion for 2016.

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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	105,394	107,630	116,453	114,890	133,906	136,073
March	120,850	127,471	130,539	135,445	142,232	142,346
<i>1st Quarter</i>	<u>354,279</u>	<u>384,674</u>	<u>386,068</u>	<u>414,359</u>	<u>433,712</u>	<u>460,974</u>
April	117,367	112,588	123,409	122,212	126,517	132,081
May	102,876	112,665	113,225	124,533	122,611	128,915
June	86,684	86,225	91,330	88,098	98,732	94,919
<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<u>306,927</u>	<u>311,478</u>	<u>327,964</u>	<u>334,843</u>	<u>347,860</u>	<u>355,915</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	661,206	696,152	714,032	749,202	781,572	816,889
July	112,006	98,420	128,120	114,026	143,129	127,740
August	110,100	120,441	124,102	135,486	129,965	143,246
September	100,387	99,346	111,049	110,025	120,119	119,467
<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<u>322,493</u>	<u>318,207</u>	<u>363,271</u>	<u>359,537</u>	<u>393,213</u>	<u>390,453</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	983,699	1,014,359	1,077,303	1,108,739	1,174,785	1,207,342
October	127,730	119,229	137,559	132,869	163,535	154,367
November	120,447	121,845	135,816	133,874	151,934	156,444
December	157,337	129,704	172,543	144,680	196,105	163,096
<i>4th Quarter</i>	<u>405,514</u>	<u>370,778</u>	<u>445,918</u>	<u>411,423</u>	<u>511,574</u>	<u>473,907</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	728,007	688,985	809,189	770,960	904,787	864,360
Whole Year	1,389,213	1,385,137	1,523,221	1,520,162	1,686,359	1,681,249

¹ Excluding inter island traffic between the main island of Mauritius and the other constituent islands of the Republic of Mauritius and direct transit, but includes international traffic between Rodrigues and Reunion Island

² Provisional

Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation ¹, 2015 and 2016

Country of disembarkation	2015 ²	2016 ³	% Change
EUROPE	53,142	55,652	+ 4.7
Austria	20	81	+ 305.0
France	31,752	31,546	- 0.6
Germany	1,544	2,440	+ 58.0
Italy	1,595	1,365	- 14.4
Switzerland	0	118	-
Turkey	46	2,675	+ 5715.2
United Kingdom	18,175	17,414	- 4.2
Other European	10	13	+ 30.0
AFRICA	77,647	83,394	+ 7.4
Kenya	2,731	2,776	+ 1.6
Malagasy Republic	8,698	9,378	+ 7.8
Mozambique	0	211	-
Reunion Island	33,710	34,228	+ 1.5
Seychelles	9,135	10,383	+ 13.7
South Africa, Rep. of	23,361	26,411	+ 13.1
Other African	12	7	- 41.7
ASIA	103,613	113,389	+ 9.4
People's Rep. of China	3,376	3,708	+ 9.8
Hong Kong SAR ⁴	4,940	4,596	- 7.0
India	19,001	20,848	+ 9.7
Malaysia	12,983	12,912	- 0.5
Singapore	1,721	9,537	+ 454.2
United Arab Emirates	61,575	61,765	+ 0.3
Other Asian	17	23	+ 35.3
OCEANIA	8,040	8,019	- 0.3
Australia	8,040	8,019	- 0.3
NOT STATED	3	13	+ 333.3
All Countries	242,445	260,467	+ 7.4

¹ Country of disembarkation may either be the country of final destination or the transit country² Revised³ Provisional⁴ Special Administrative Region of China

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

Month	2014	2015	2016¹
January	96,285	103,556	118,426
February	78,899	91,066	100,706
March	87,876	96,425	108,704
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>263,060</u>	<u>291,047</u>	<u>327,836</u>
April	88,102	90,221	91,992
May	78,545	87,054	94,830
June	60,440	65,459	71,806
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>227,087</u>	<u>242,734</u>	<u>258,628</u>
1st Semester	490,147	533,781	586,464
July	81,934	95,694	108,122
August	78,466	89,422	94,920
September	74,508	84,456	91,384
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>234,908</u>	<u>269,572</u>	<u>294,426</u>
Jan. to Sep.	725,055	803,353	880,890
October	101,323	109,014	130,421
November	91,213	106,204	115,782
December	120,743	132,681	148,134
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>313,279</u>	<u>347,899</u>	<u>394,337</u>
2nd Semester	548,187	617,471	688,763
Whole Year	1,038,334	1,151,252	1,275,227

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

Purpose of visit	2015¹	2016²	% Change
Holiday	1,077,442	1,200,047	11.4
Business	42,028	44,133	5.0
Transit	21,569	21,302	-1.2
Conference	6,310	6,264	-0.7
Sports	2,408	2,120	-12.0
Other	1,495	1,361	-9.0
Total	1,151,252	1,275,227	10.8

¹ Revised² Provisional

Table 5 - Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 2015 and 2016

Country of residence	Year 2015 ¹	2016 ²													% Change 2016/2015
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year	
EUROPE	631,627	67,016	67,461	65,048	56,892	46,159	33,162	54,548	52,310	51,565	79,415	79,305	81,625	734,506	16.3
Austria	11,425	2,528	2,204	1,703	1,069	743	383	678	547	682	1,473	2,388	2,245	16,643	45.7
Belgium	14,223	891	855	1,543	885	963	783	1,942	1,124	1,299	2,061	1,602	1,727	15,675	10.2
Bulgaria	901	360	321	153	135	47	35	30	45	51	66	119	345	1,707	89.5
Czech Republic	7,265	941	1,224	1,129	790	375	253	292	177	516	687	1,172	947	8,503	17.0
Croatia	446	64	44	47	25	26	24	22	31	18	44	51	53	449	0.7
Denmark	4,600	874	1,186	1,226	236	201	209	696	138	232	778	464	577	6,817	48.2
Estonia	332	69	77	51	30	24	4	7	9	22	31	60	105	489	47.3
Finland	3,895	1,167	718	618	90	68	75	83	43	93	216	289	955	4,415	13.4
France	254,323	27,280	30,068	22,371	26,506	16,037	9,017	18,249	16,295	12,282	29,654	30,763	33,441	271,963	6.9
Germany	75,237	7,936	7,572	9,552	6,772	8,939	6,083	6,091	7,255	10,485	11,652	13,139	8,285	103,761	37.9
Greece	954	82	63	92	99	128	94	103	106	97	93	68	97	1,122	17.6
Hungary	1,509	494	403	356	110	87	69	94	45	72	222	203	277	2,432	61.2
Ireland	2,479	138	105	326	225	227	324	329	369	378	393	255	372	3,441	38.8
Italy	29,185	3,686	2,542	2,534	2,079	1,522	1,353	1,735	3,010	2,646	2,927	2,998	4,305	31,337	7.4
Latvia	344	75	49	74	38	30	14	20	19	22	67	101	80	589	71.2
Lithuania	429	75	99	74	52	25	32	42	26	68	95	84	120	792	84.6
Luxemburg	1,612	74	84	207	89	86	51	136	271	121	102	145	168	1,534	-4.8
Netherlands	6,926	501	570	537	765	710	724	1,221	1,102	1,070	1,084	875	921	10,080	45.5
Norway	4,135	493	560	582	111	222	356	728	163	222	356	390	406	4,589	11.0
Poland	5,330	1,335	1,236	869	440	318	343	398	316	478	321	2,011	2,061	10,126	90.0
Portugal	2,212	169	158	412	319	355	340	394	603	488	339	340	305	4,222	90.9
Romania	1,645	536	315	195	195	163	150	169	174	201	135	302	278	2,813	71.0
Serbia	301	74	65	29	33	21	26	18	9	47	39	41	53	455	51.2
Slovakia	2,090	413	576	395	269	163	70	60	57	134	137	284	376	2,934	40.4
Slovenia	807	140	166	42	94	43	34	50	32	38	109	80	88	916	13.5
Spain	10,013	487	449	930	525	943	1,515	2,039	2,761	2,245	1,406	861	1,143	15,304	52.8
Sweden	11,634	2,726	2,883	2,070	376	268	353	497	186	235	1,244	1,090	2,623	14,551	25.1
Switzerland	30,680	2,617	2,604	3,419	2,722	1,628	1,075	2,807	1,128	2,084	6,601	5,217	4,370	36,272	18.2
Turkey	1,004	548	375	318	294	307	152	233	147	395	175	264	278	3,486	247.2
United Kingdom	129,754	7,536	8,524	11,799	10,198	10,516	8,698	14,631	15,493	14,070	15,537	12,406	12,496	141,904	9.4
<i>CIS³ countries</i>	<i>14,489</i>	<i>2,572</i>	<i>1,252</i>	<i>1,275</i>	<i>1,192</i>	<i>876</i>	<i>431</i>	<i>580</i>	<i>533</i>	<i>646</i>	<i>1,214</i>	<i>1,098</i>	<i>1,955</i>	<i>13,624</i>	<i>-6.0</i>
<i>of which:</i>															
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>463</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>422</i>	<i>-8.9</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>320</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>123</i>	<i>355</i>	<i>10.9</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>11,406</i>	<i>1,680</i>	<i>759</i>	<i>781</i>	<i>902</i>	<i>624</i>	<i>282</i>	<i>377</i>	<i>369</i>	<i>461</i>	<i>913</i>	<i>776</i>	<i>1,371</i>	<i>9,295</i>	<i>-18.5</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>2,024</i>	<i>731</i>	<i>414</i>	<i>354</i>	<i>220</i>	<i>225</i>	<i>108</i>	<i>134</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>216</i>	<i>235</i>	<i>351</i>	<i>3,230</i>	<i>59.6</i>
<i>Other CIS</i>	<i>276</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>322</i>	<i>16.7</i>
Other European	1,448	135	114	120	129	98	92	174	96	128	157	145	173	1,561	7.8

¹ Revised

² Provisional

³ Commonwealth of Independent States

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

Country of residence	Year 2015 ¹	2016 ²													% Change 2016 / 2015
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year	
AFRICA	284,682	33,518	11,839	25,714	17,795	25,930	15,966	29,149	22,563	19,120	29,888	16,549	43,859	291,890	2.5
<i>IOC ⁴ countries</i>	162,470	23,477	6,627	14,372	7,469	17,127	6,732	19,479	12,467	7,606	19,442	8,835	21,503	165,136	1.6
<i>of which:</i>															
<i>Comoros</i>	758	57	51	76	66	101	58	65	44	84	59	61	78	800	5.5
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	12,215	843	937	1,031	777	951	629	1,038	1,401	869	1,014	860	1,390	11,740	-3.9
<i>Reunion Island</i>	143,845	22,141	5,233	12,931	6,081	15,548	5,609	17,887	10,481	6,132	17,888	7,310	18,962	146,203	1.6
<i>Seychelles</i>	5,652	436	406	334	545	527	436	489	541	521	481	604	1,073	6,393	13.1
Algeria	430	13	34	9	19	32	4	22	69	20	19	35	34	310	-27.9
Angola	434	34	27	47	85	35	17	20	55	27	65	38	55	505	16.4
Benin	79	2	0	1	9	9	7	1	7	11	5	9	5	66	-16.5
Botswana	817	61	62	93	139	108	39	79	102	92	57	73	183	1,088	33.2
Burundi	115	3	6	9	9	8	1	8	6	3	13	17	10	93	-19.1
Cameroon	215	15	10	14	27	36	20	24	41	21	37	47	29	321	49.3
Congo	697	46	54	48	92	65	41	56	61	43	68	61	89	724	3.9
Egypt	517	50	27	54	54	93	25	48	30	62	69	77	18	607	17.4
Ethiopia	308	8	5	20	26	27	11	14	17	32	33	38	41	272	-11.7
Gabon	178	10	23	18	13	14	8	15	9	53	13	12	27	215	20.8
Ghana	680	55	38	68	52	132	129	88	84	49	62	69	63	889	30.7
Ivory Coast	360	12	19	19	36	28	32	37	23	36	36	43	29	350	-2.8
Kenya	3,376	169	159	236	288	242	210	298	332	210	250	293	498	3,185	-5.7
Lesotho	177	5	10	25	9	16	14	32	21	8	24	17	42	223	26.0
Malawi	338	12	10	25	36	30	11	73	40	27	35	56	47	402	18.9
Mayotte	1,024	31	68	57	111	138	41	97	66	224	80	65	211	1,189	16.1
Morocco	597	58	72	46	65	45	22	74	53	66	61	56	56	674	12.9
Mozambique	927	213	55	101	85	98	36	91	105	63	68	91	138	1,144	23.4
Namibia	1,474	99	47	81	232	366	48	85	162	103	125	80	287	1,715	16.4
Niger	147	4	14	12	17	18	11	19	23	7	11	14	14	164	11.6
Nigeria	1,217	72	81	128	92	137	77	119	234	100	106	120	106	1,372	12.7
Rwanda	117	9	5	80	13	11	3	3	6	19	3	13	18	183	56.4
Senegal	210	6	17	13	18	21	12	16	32	9	18	25	14	201	-4.3
South Africa, Rep. of	101,943	8,717	3,952	9,725	8,190	6,584	8,143	7,801	7,812	9,825	8,643	5,833	19,609	104,834	2.8
Sudan	107	6	1	3	2	18	1	9	2	8	5	7	17	79	-26.2
Swaziland	303	27	27	30	25	34	14	23	53	16	29	47	45	370	22.1
Tanzania	604	22	88	46	32	72	29	68	55	53	63	50	47	625	3.5
Togo	103	3	4	3	14	5	3	7	18	4	7	9	1	78	-24.3
Tunisia	383	37	23	37	28	25	11	37	31	35	48	29	41	382	-0.3
Uganda	529	17	32	39	46	38	32	40	44	32	60	50	39	469	-11.3
Zimbabwe	1,892	148	110	140	264	175	82	116	254	132	116	144	366	2,047	8.2
Zambia	867	38	59	66	109	52	49	116	145	58	98	94	115	999	15.2
Other African	1,047	39	73	49	89	91	51	134	104	66	119	102	62	979	-6.5

¹ Revised² Provisional⁴ Indian Ocean Commission

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

Country of residence	Year 2015 ¹	2016 ²													% Change 2016 / 2015
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year	
ASIA	197,735	14,629	19,384	15,276	14,173	19,732	19,608	20,444	17,185	17,263	17,435	16,413	16,691	208,233	5.3
Afghanistan	739	61	70	79	48	59	36	59	60	76	74	62	103	787	6.5
Bangladesh	828	28	58	67	57	40	54	125	52	93	87	108	75	844	1.9
Hong Kong SAR ⁵	1,327	60	112	129	87	106	129	158	152	52	101	77	179	1,342	1.1
India	72,135	5,401	6,718	5,365	5,945	10,543	10,093	7,277	5,606	5,067	5,562	6,768	8,325	82,670	14.6
Indonesia	2,270	113	143	448	114	128	133	83	247	365	232	175	194	2,375	4.6
Israel	762	68	75	104	126	74	35	82	82	110	236	70	99	1,161	52.4
Japan	1,415	245	165	206	205	182	171	194	299	238	258	166	326	2,655	87.6
Korea Republic	3,494	381	331	478	546	538	438	243	299	482	796	924	569	6,025	72.4
Malaysia	2,557	120	314	163	170	281	243	198	252	274	710	828	1,075	4,628	81.0
Maldives	82	6	6	8	4	4	3	7	3	5	2	1	5	54	-34.1
Nepal	385	32	35	29	68	61	61	81	25	22	103	9	61	587	52.5
Pakistan	1,093	76	104	257	122	123	132	223	105	93	199	106	70	1,610	47.3
People's Rep. of China	89,584	6,520	9,959	5,262	5,179	5,908	6,785	7,886	7,620	7,572	7,560	5,595	3,528	79,374	-11.4
Philippines	2,017	289	173	222	144	151	106	356	239	265	232	159	152	2,488	23.4
Singapore	1,779	77	133	166	201	165	287	271	198	235	272	257	578	2,840	59.6
Sri Lanka	322	31	26	22	21	25	14	61	39	19	41	41	39	379	17.7
Taiwan	1,257	123	147	179	86	103	89	103	96	261	159	39	72	1,457	15.9
Thailand	377	14	24	32	52	41	22	41	20	37	88	31	64	466	23.6
Vietnam	457	15	39	84	39	14	37	38	26	143	120	113	61	729	59.5
MIDDLE EAST Countries	14,647	951	744	1,939	949	1,166	732	2,923	1,749	1,808	547	856	1,102	15,466	5.6
<i>of which:</i>															
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>165</i>	<i>13.8</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>800</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>651</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>837</i>	<i>4.6</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>166</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>154</i>	<i>-7.2</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>527</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>461</i>	<i>-12.5</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>403</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>380</i>	<i>-5.7</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>228</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>245</i>	<i>7.5</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>416</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>385</i>	<i>-7.5</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>2,854</i>	<i>409</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>289</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>197</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>759</i>	<i>509</i>	<i>317</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>212</i>	<i>108</i>	<i>3,164</i>	<i>10.9</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>9,049</i>	<i>419</i>	<i>543</i>	<i>878</i>	<i>701</i>	<i>756</i>	<i>588</i>	<i>1,823</i>	<i>995</i>	<i>1,222</i>	<i>374</i>	<i>511</i>	<i>804</i>	<i>9,614</i>	<i>6.2</i>
<i>Other Middle East</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>3.4</i>
<i>Other Asian</i>	<i>208</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>296</i>	<i>42.3</i>
OCEANIA	19,084	1,630	734	1,232	1,601	1,408	1,605	1,933	1,534	1,939	1,659	1,453	3,343	20,071	5.2
Australia	17,835	1,482	666	1,128	1,483	1,316	1,492	1,781	1,425	1,824	1,530	1,316	3,116	18,559	4.1
New Zealand	696	68	33	43	90	60	70	95	62	77	97	72	172	939	34.9
Other Oceanian	553	80	35	61	28	32	43	57	47	38	32	65	55	573	3.6
AMERICA	17,891	1,569	1,251	1,375	1,473	1,548	1,379	1,956	1,281	1,434	1,957	2,015	2,528	19,766	10.5
Brazil	1,947	245	133	110	229	220	126	147	172	292	466	432	340	2,912	49.6
Canada	5,608	517	386	397	334	473	497	836	409	352	444	500	915	6,060	8.1
USA	8,546	538	482	683	733	711	653	827	604	612	789	811	1,081	8,524	-0.3
Other American	1,790	269	250	185	177	144	103	146	96	178	258	272	192	2,270	26.8
Others & not stated	233	64	37	59	58	53	86	92	47	63	67	47	88	761	226.6
All countries	1,151,252	118,426	100,706	108,704	91,992	94,830	71,806	108,122	94,920	91,384	130,421	115,782	148,134	1,275,227	10.8

¹ Revised² Provisional⁵ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 6(i):- Tourist arrivals by age and gender, 2015 and 2016

Age group (years)	2015 ¹			2016 ²		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	21,749	21,061	42,810	23,947	23,344	47,291
5 - 9	25,208	24,404	49,612	27,637	27,032	54,669
10 - 14	24,017	23,619	47,636	26,415	26,749	53,164
15 - 19	18,117	20,298	38,415	20,177	23,026	43,203
20 - 24	20,827	33,253	54,080	22,775	36,007	58,782
25 - 29	64,236	77,162	141,398	67,919	82,650	150,569
30 - 34	63,398	60,546	123,944	71,298	68,422	139,720
35 - 39	53,188	48,679	101,867	59,391	55,137	114,528
40 - 44	53,585	48,675	102,260	57,557	52,685	110,242
45 - 49	53,206	50,660	103,866	58,705	56,150	114,855
50 - 54	52,931	50,085	103,016	58,835	56,722	115,557
55 - 59	42,414	40,066	82,480	47,671	45,508	93,179
60 - 64	34,375	32,131	66,506	38,034	35,835	73,869
65 - 69	25,479	22,761	48,240	28,344	25,540	53,884
70 & over	24,330	20,792	45,122	27,694	24,021	51,715
Total	577,060	574,192	1,151,252	636,399	638,828	1,275,227

¹ Revised² Provisional**Table6(ii):- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of arrival, 2015 and 2016**

Age group (years)	2015 ¹			2016 ²		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	139,199	859	140,058	153,394	1,730	155,124
15 - 59	842,663	8,663	851,326	927,131	13,504	940,635
60 & over	149,965	9,903	159,868	166,337	13,131	179,468
Total	1,131,827	19,425	1,151,252	1,246,862	28,365	1,275,227

¹ Revised² Provisional

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 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 Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
EUROPE	415,169	165,533	60,960	11,035	2,851	16,510	76,214	1,735	218	163	96	217	774
<i>of which:</i> France	213,107	156,506	9,609	3,822	25	7,642	6,221	781	186	55	31	95	326
Germany	63,357	4,913	45,764	587	30	1,980	1,033	186	9	11	9	33	89
Italy	5,474	58	15	5,028	-	99	21	5	1	2	-	-	5
Switzerland	6,734	563	533	57	2	4,782	118	88	2	1	-	3	4
Turkey	22,805	1,460	4,050	1,052	2,787	885	712	453	4	22	16	48	29
United Kingdom	78,236	1,863	628	451	4	948	68,046	86	15	72	40	34	232
AFRICA	412,624	71,218	9,033	2,960	244	3,974	10,317	430	141,981	98,068	8,009	3,800	2,830
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	5,883	115	80	41	6	50	431	7	79	61	134	387	166
Malagasy Republic	17,413	1,237	140	101	143	125	398	102	427	154	380	1,134	213
Reunion Island	221,739	63,640	3,610	346	43	2,263	1,251	78	140,783	587	282	939	428
Seychelles	21,061	4,677	223	118	11	133	464	121	37	158	6,779	261	124
South Africa, Rep. of	146,149	1,541	4,978	2,353	41	1,396	7,765	119	655	97,018	431	1,068	1,897
ASIA	404,172	29,329	29,231	15,265	350	14,399	53,943	6,719	2,464	775	74,349	75,025	2,454
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR ²	14,469	110	10	9	-	3	79	27	93	25	16	11,521	64
India	66,015	158	50	36	1	10	372	32	170	287	62,210	32	99
Malaysia	13,188	689	62	25	2	23	216	86	1,188	69	364	2,363	840
People's Rep. of China	50,648	39	6	-	-	3	13	5	39	11	9	49,984	15
Singapore	5,108	322	10	11	-	14	98	16	547	47	85	250	221
United Arab Emirates	254,134	28,011	29,092	15,184	345	14,346	53,162	6,553	427	329	11,664	10,866	1,215
OCEANIA	14,873	315	48	25	-	30	329	3	302	570	17	24	12,371
<i>of which:</i> Australia	14,873	315	48	25	-	30	329	3	302	570	17	24	12,371
AMERICA	24	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
<i>of which:</i> USA	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total arrivals by air	1,246,862	266,399	99,272	29,285	3,445	34,913	140,803	8,887	144,965	99,576	82,471	79,066	18,433
<i>of which:</i>		France	Germany	Italy	Turkey	Switzerland	United Kingdom	Russia	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
Direct from own country of residence		58.7%	46.1%	17.2%	80.9%	13.7%	48.3%	N/A	97.1%	97.4%	75.4%	63.2%	67.1%
From United Arab Emirates		10.5%	29.3%	51.8%	10.0%	41.1%	37.8%	73.7%	0.3%	0.3%	14.1%	13.7%	6.6%
From Turkey		0.5%	4.1%	3.6%		2.5%	0.5%	5.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%
From France			9.7%	13.1%	0.7%	21.9%	4.4%	8.8%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	1.8%
From Reunion Island		23.9%	3.6%	1.2%	1.2%	6.5%	0.9%	0.9%		0.6%	0.3%	1.2%	2.3%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.6%	5.0%	8.0%	1.2%	4.0%	5.5%	1.3%	0.5%		0.5%	1.4%	10.3%

¹ Provisional

² Special Administrative Region of China

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 ³	1 st Semester	471,455	503,945	5,443,538	10.8	22,055
	2 nd Semester	521,048	485,156	5,232,060	10.8	18,502
	Year	992,503	989,101	10,675,598	10.8	40,557
2014 ³	1 st Semester	490,147	523,012	5,771,942	11.0	22,577
	2 nd Semester	548,187	508,019	5,494,809	10.8	21,727
	Year	1,038,334	1,031,031	11,266,751	10.9	44,304
2015 ³	1 st Semester	533,781	564,957	5,990,276	10.6	24,240
	2 nd Semester	617,471	576,704	6,059,625	10.5	25,951
	Year	1,151,252	1,141,661	12,049,901	10.6	50,191 ⁵
2016 ⁴	1 st Quarter	327,836	350,745	3,796,072	10.8	15,003
	2 nd Quarter	258,628	267,870	2,695,460	10.1	12,185
	3 rd Quarter	294,426	288,538	3,214,020	11.1	12,022
	4 th Quarter	394,337	352,972	3,412,355	9.7	16,657
	Year	1,275,227	1,260,125	13,117,907	10.4	55,867

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

² Source: Bank of Mauritius

³ Revised ⁴ Provisional

⁵ As from 2015, BoM is also including data culled from Money changers and Foreign exchange dealers.

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	13,710	28,940	56	10,454	22,247
	2nd Qr.	111	13,092	27,523	54	9,963	21,105
	3rd Qr.	111	13,330	28,650	55	10,267	22,370
	4th Qr.	111	13,547	29,139	56	10,480	22,839

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

² Provisional

³ Excluding 2 hotels not operational because of renovation works

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
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<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	62	69	60	71	66	73	67
May	59	52	66	60	67	60	62	54	68	63	69	62
June	46	41	51	46	54	48	47	41	52	48	56	51
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>60</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	62	55	67	62	70	62	64	56	69	64	73	66
July	54	49	61	58	65	60	57	52	65	62	68	64
August	62	57	66	63	70	64	67	62	70	67	74	68
September	64	58	70	64	75	65	68	61	74	68	78	68
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>67</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	62	55	67	62	70	63	64	57	70	65	73	66
October	71	65	74	65	81	72	75	68	77	69	84	75
November	76	67	79	68	85	74	78	70	82	72	87	75
December	74	68	78	71	81	73	76	71	81	74	82	75
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>75</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	67	61	72	65	76	68	70	64	75	69	79	71
Year	65	58	70	63	73	65	67	60	72	67	76	68

¹ Provisional

Table 11:- Employment in large¹ establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2012 - 2016

Year Establishments	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016²
Food Service	2,779	2,868	2,991	3,051	3,142
Hotels	22,210	22,382	22,544	22,582	23,523
Travel and Other Services ³	3,946	3,865	3,817	3,804	3,789
Total	28,935	29,115	29,352	29,437	30,454

¹ Large establishments are those employing 10 or more persons.

² Provisional

³ Travel and other services 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 Communications 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 uploaded on Statistics Mauritius website 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) Yearly Tourism statistics (Pamphlet);
- (iv) Digest of International Travel and Tourism;
- (v) Handbook of statistical data on tourism; and
- (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.

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