

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

YEAR 2017

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the year 2017. 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, 2016 and 2017

	2016	2017 ¹	% Change
Arrivals by			
Air	1,628,763	1,727,316	+ 6.1
Sea	57,596	53,705	- 6.8
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	52,862	49,355	- 6.6
Total	1,686,359	1,781,021	+ 5.6
Departures by			
Air	1,628,813	1,725,057	+ 5.9
Sea	52,436	52,238	- 0.4
Total	1,681,249	1,777,295	+ 5.7

¹ *Provisional*

2.1 Arrivals in 2017

Compared to 2016:

- total arrivals increased by 5.6% to 1,781,021, of which arrivals in Rodrigues direct from Reunion Island amounted to 1,197;
- tourist arrivals increased by 5.2% to 1,341,860; and
- the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) decreased by 6.4% from 31,646 to 29,615.

In 2017, 30 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 49,355 cruise travellers which include 26,124 tourists, 7,188 excursionists, 662 Mauritian residents and 15,381 crew members.

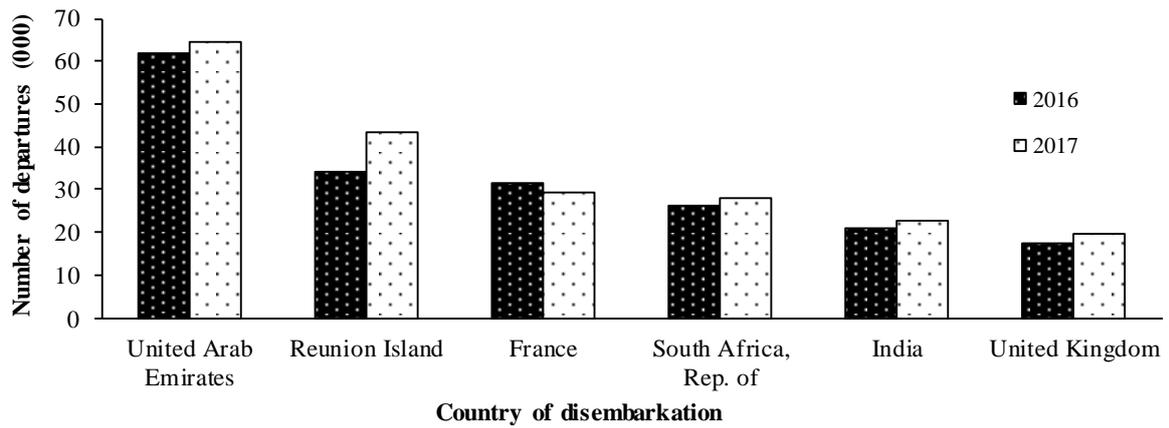
2.2 Departures in 2017

Compared to 2016:

- total departures increased by 5.7% to 1,777,295, of which departures from Rodrigues direct to Reunion Island amounted to 1,301; and
- departures of Mauritian residents increased by 8.6% to 282,764.

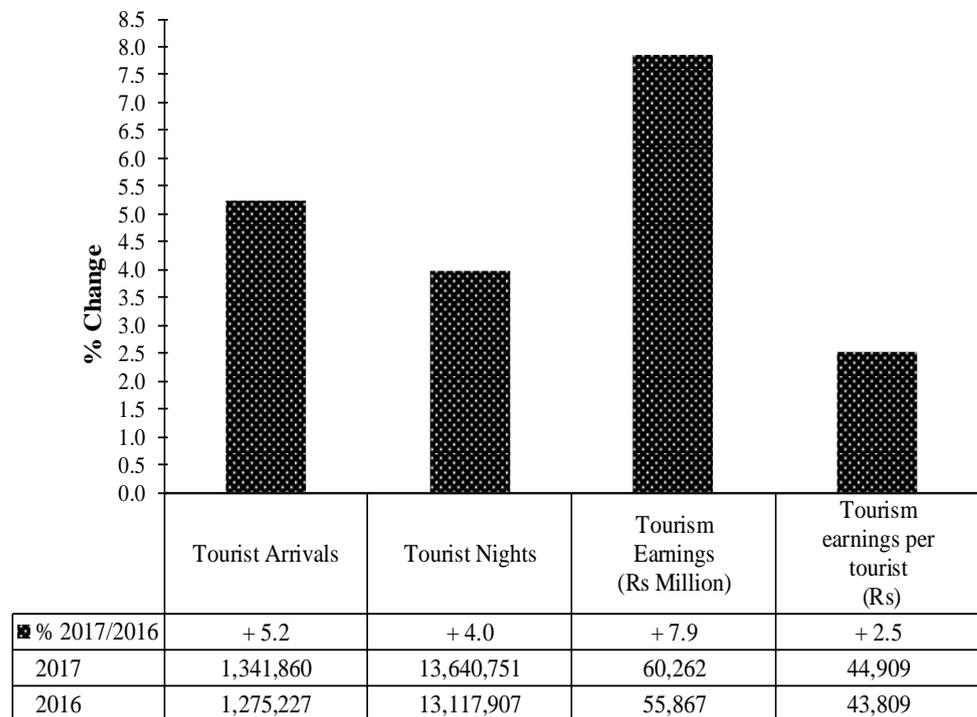
Comparative figures for 2017 and 2016 for Mauritian Departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In 2017, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (64,558 or 22.8%), Reunion Island (43,561 or 15.4%), France (29,268 or 10.4%), South Africa, Rep. of (27,751 or 9.8%), India (22,493 or 8.0%) and United Kingdom (19,423 or 6.9%).

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 2016 and 2017



3. TOURISM

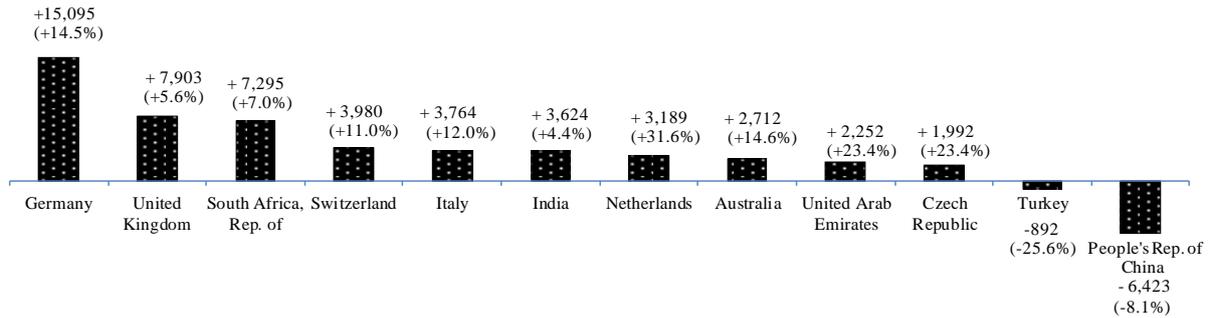
Figure 2 - % Change in main tourism indicators, 2017 compared to 2016



3.1 Tourist Arrivals

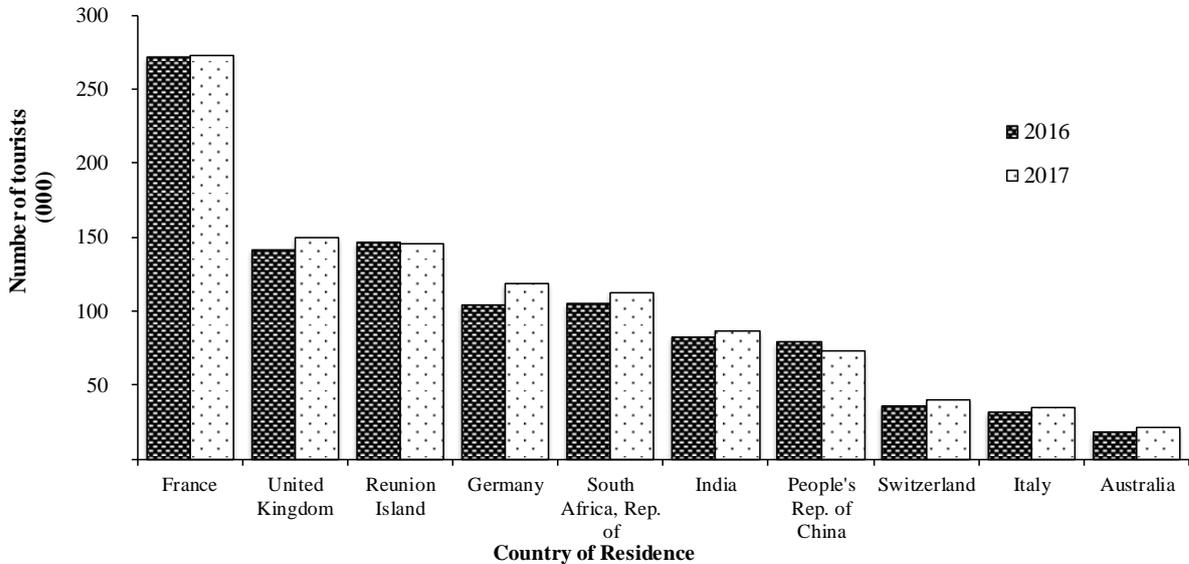
Compared to 2016, tourist arrivals increased by 66,633 or 5.2% to reach 1,341,860 in 2017 as a result of main changes shown in figure 3.

Figure 3 - Main changes, number and % change over previous period, in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, 2017 compared to 2016



In 2017, France, our top tourist generating country, registered an increase of 0.5%. It is worth noting that compared to 2016, tourist arrivals from Netherlands increased by 31.6% as a result of direct flights. Among the emerging markets, India posted an increase of 4.4% whereas People’s Republic of China witnessed a decrease of 8.1%.

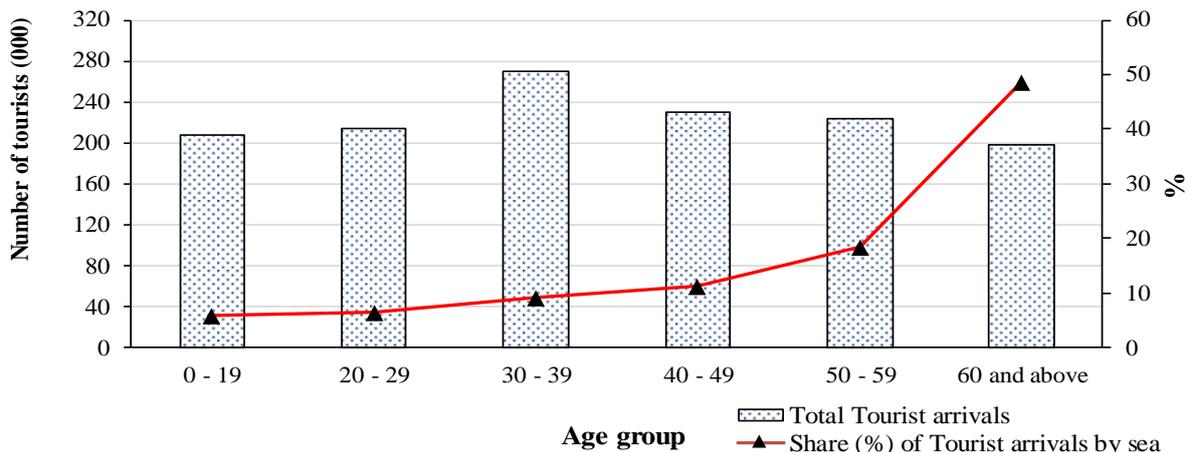
Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals from main and emerging markets, 2016 and 2017



3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the period under review, 198,370 or 14.8% of tourists who visited Mauritius were aged 60 years and above. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 49%.

Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age, 2017



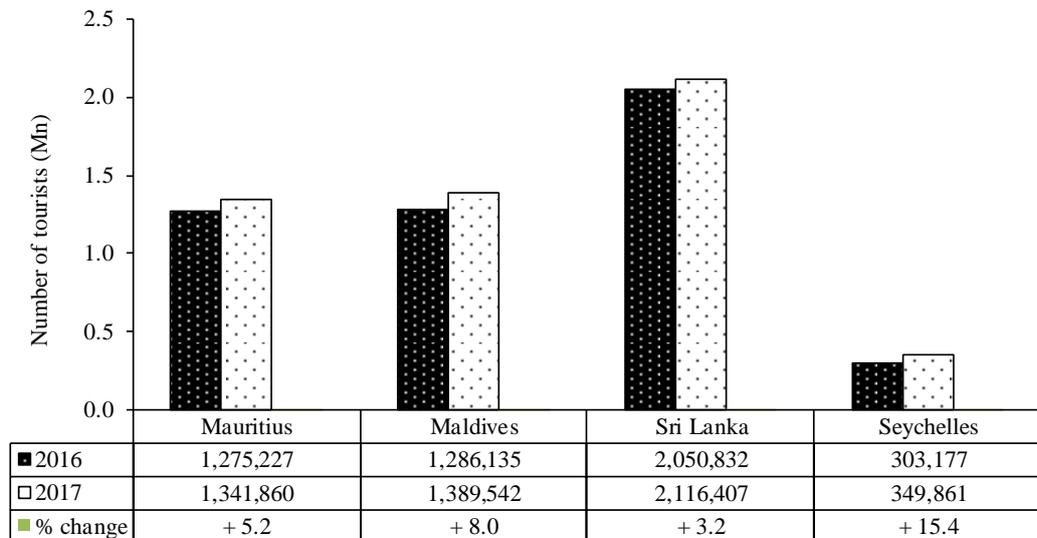
3.3 Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets

From table 7, it is observed that during 2017, 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 2017, the proportion of tourists who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates from Russian Federation was 61.6%. It is also worth noting that during the period under review, 27.8% and 26.2% of tourists from Switzerland and Italy respectively travelled on direct flights. The remaining used mainly United Arab Emirates as transiting port.

3.4 Tourist arrivals in Mauritius compared to selected tourist destinations

During 2017, tourist arrivals in Mauritius increased by 5.2%. This compares favorably with Sri Lanka where a growth of 3.2% was observed. However, Seychelles and Maldives registered higher growths of 15.4% and 8.0% respectively.

Figure 6 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 2016 and 2017



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 2016:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during 2017 increased by 4.0% from 13,117,907 to 13,640,751; and
- the average length of stay decreased marginally from 10.4 to 10.3 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 2017 (Table 11) indicate that employment in these establishments increased by 0.5% to 30,974 as compared to 30,806 for March 2016.

3.7 Accommodation

Licensed hotels in the island of Mauritius

As at end of December 2017, there were 112 licensed hotels of which 111 were in operation and 1 was temporarily closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of these 111 hotels was 13,511 with 29,650 bed places.

During the year 2017,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 77%, up from 73% in 2016; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 68%, higher than the recorded 65% for 2016.

'Large' hotels in the island of Mauritius

At the end of December 2017, 57 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) were in operation; they had a total room capacity of 10,570 with 23,579 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 51% of all licensed hotels in operation but make up 78% of total room capacity and 80% of total bed places.

During the year 2017,

- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 79% up from 76% in 2016;
- the bed occupancy rate was 70%, higher than the 68% recorded in 2016.

3.8 Forecast for Year 2018

Based on latest available data on tourist arrivals and information gathered from stakeholders, the forecast of tourist arrivals for the year 2018 is revised downwards from 1,425,000 to 1,410,000. This represents an increase of 5.1% over the figure of 1,341,860 in 2017.

The Bank of Mauritius has revised the forecast of tourism earnings for the year 2018 upwards from Rs 61.6 billion to Rs 62.5 billion. This revised figure represents an increase of 3.7% compared to Rs 60.3 billion recorded in 2017.

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic ¹ by month, 2015 - 2017

Month	2015		2016		2017 ²	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	139,076	164,024	157,574	182,555	166,017	193,128
February	116,453	114,890	133,906	136,073	138,288	141,162
March	130,539	135,445	142,232	142,346	146,494	150,720
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>386,068</u>	<u>414,359</u>	<u>433,712</u>	<u>460,974</u>	<u>450,799</u>	<u>485,010</u>
April	123,409	122,212	126,517	132,081	150,261	150,344
May	113,225	124,533	122,611	128,915	126,064	132,489
June	91,330	88,098	98,732	94,919	105,955	105,143
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>327,964</u>	<u>334,843</u>	<u>347,860</u>	<u>355,915</u>	<u>382,280</u>	<u>387,976</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>714,032</i>	<i>749,202</i>	<i>781,572</i>	<i>816,889</i>	<i>833,079</i>	<i>872,986</i>
July	128,120	114,026	143,129	127,740	150,429	136,886
August	124,102	135,486	129,965	143,246	137,706	146,592
September	111,049	110,025	120,119	119,467	127,553	125,285
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>363,271</u>	<u>359,537</u>	<u>393,213</u>	<u>390,453</u>	<u>415,688</u>	<u>408,763</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>1,077,303</i>	<i>1,108,739</i>	<i>1,174,785</i>	<i>1,207,342</i>	<i>1,248,767</i>	<i>1,281,749</i>
October	137,559	132,869	163,535	154,367	163,994	157,071
November	135,816	133,874	151,934	156,444	159,898	161,905
December	172,543	144,680	196,105	163,096	208,362	176,570
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>445,918</u>	<u>411,423</u>	<u>511,574</u>	<u>473,907</u>	<u>532,254</u>	<u>495,546</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>809,189</i>	<i>770,960</i>	<i>904,787</i>	<i>864,360</i>	<i>947,942</i>	<i>904,309</i>
Whole Year	1,523,221	1,520,162	1,686,359	1,681,249	1,781,021	1,777,295

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, 2016 and 2017

Country of disembarkation	2016	2017 ²	% Change
EUROPE	55,652	61,370	+ 10.3
Austria	81	222	+ 174.1
France	31,546	29,268	- 7.2
Germany	2,440	3,334	+ 36.6
Italy	1,365	1,873	+ 37.2
Switzerland	118	675	+ 472.0
Turkey	2,675	6,390	+ 138.9
United Kingdom	17,414	19,423	+ 11.5
Other European	13	185	+ 1323.1
AFRICA	83,394	93,638	+ 12.3
Kenya	2,776	2,514	- 9.4
Malagasy Republic	9,378	8,418	- 10.2
Mozambique	211	341	+ 61.6
Reunion Island	34,228	43,561	+ 27.3
Seychelles	10,383	10,703	+ 3.1
South Africa, Rep. of	26,411	27,751	+ 5.1
Other African	7	350	+ 4900.0
ASIA	113,389	119,339	+ 5.2
People's Rep. of China	3,708	5,731	+ 54.6
Hong Kong SAR ³	4,596	4,807	+ 4.6
India	20,848	22,493	+ 7.9
Malaysia	12,912	5,281	- 59.1
Saudi Arabia	0	1,468	-
Singapore	9,537	14,974	+ 57.0
United Arab Emirates	61,765	64,558	+ 4.5
Other Asian	23	27	+ 17.4
OCEANIA	8,019	8,411	+ 4.9
Australia	8,019	8,411	+ 4.9
NOT STATED	13	6	- 53.8
All Countries	260,467	282,764	+ 8.6

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, 2015 - 2017

Month	2015	2016	2017 ¹
January	103,556	118,426	124,362
February	91,066	100,706	105,049
March	96,425	108,704	110,271
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>291,047</u>	<u>327,836</u>	<u>339,682</u>
April	90,221	91,992	111,432
May	87,054	94,830	96,557
June	65,459	71,806	78,188
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>242,734</u>	<u>258,628</u>	<u>286,177</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>533,781</i>	<i>586,464</i>	<i>625,859</i>
July	95,694	108,122	112,347
August	89,422	94,920	100,191
September	84,456	91,384	96,282
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>269,572</u>	<u>294,426</u>	<u>308,820</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>803,353</i>	<i>880,890</i>	<i>934,679</i>
October	109,014	130,421	130,070
November	106,204	115,782	121,496
December	132,681	148,134	155,615
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>347,899</u>	<u>394,337</u>	<u>407,181</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>617,471</i>	<i>688,763</i>	<i>716,001</i>
Whole Year	1,151,252	1,275,227	1,341,860

¹ Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 2016 and 2017**

Purpose of visit	2016	2017 ¹	% Change
Holiday	1,200,047	1,260,231	+ 5.0
Business	44,133	46,856	+ 6.2
Transit	21,302	25,134	+ 18.0
Conference	6,264	5,700	-9.0
Sports	2,120	2,592	+ 22.3
Other	1,361	1,347	-1.0
Total	1,275,227	1,341,860	+ 5.2

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Table 5: - Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 2016 and 2017

Country of residence	Year 2016	2017 ¹													% Change 2017/2016
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year	
EUROPE	734,506	70,434	72,102	66,340	67,536	44,763	34,523	57,026	54,982	54,373	81,263	87,319	89,548	780,209	6.2
Austria	16,643	2,289	2,708	2,090	1,427	603	402	774	625	776	1,485	2,254	2,163	17,596	5.7
Belgium	15,675	886	912	1,058	1,647	870	940	2,278	1,156	1,281	1,754	1,692	1,946	16,420	4.8
Bulgaria	1,707	150	175	90	137	46	55	57	55	64	102	166	289	1,386	-18.8
Czech Republic	8,503	1,236	1,805	1,497	878	388	272	413	207	481	646	1,340	1,332	10,495	23.4
Croatia	449	83	40	45	44	36	35	57	37	44	53	89	112	675	50.3
Denmark	6,817	1,013	1,227	869	612	170	195	625	170	289	794	410	597	6,971	2.3
Estonia	489	115	64	73	32	16	8	12	5	19	64	96	304	808	65.2
Finland	4,415	899	926	505	100	83	89	82	58	104	255	373	987	4,461	1.0
France	271,963	26,687	29,362	24,070	24,488	16,382	8,662	19,955	19,138	12,186	29,588	30,672	32,229	273,419	0.5
Germany	103,761	8,664	8,472	10,865	10,006	7,882	7,322	6,315	7,250	11,667	13,142	15,733	11,538	118,856	14.5
Greece	1,122	82	80	85	85	79	67	95	107	104	70	74	106	1,034	-7.8
Hungary	2,432	534	505	325	187	143	77	98	52	73	224	232	379	2,829	16.3
Ireland	3,441	269	124	257	381	294	407	435	368	405	392	338	350	4,020	16.8
Italy	31,337	3,989	2,782	2,432	2,971	1,814	1,540	1,995	3,404	2,903	3,181	3,323	4,767	35,101	12.0
Latvia	589	67	75	65	34	17	14	37	14	131	67	81	70	672	14.1
Lithuania	792	171	223	93	109	37	24	44	30	79	67	65	104	1,046	32.1
Luxemburg	1,534	98	96	103	248	73	63	97	298	161	160	170	235	1,802	17.5
Netherlands	10,080	719	730	686	1,083	775	903	1,634	1,402	1,069	1,108	1,589	1,571	13,269	31.6
Norway	4,589	334	536	295	390	114	398	930	177	261	437	507	626	5,005	9.1
Poland	10,126	2,389	2,148	1,283	312	201	351	502	385	508	469	1,444	1,326	11,318	11.8
Portugal	4,222	142	245	246	342	408	298	496	640	528	317	284	308	4,254	0.8
Romania	2,813	287	250	245	157	112	187	124	151	252	172	331	423	2,691	-4.3
Serbia	455	66	85	33	32	38	40	26	25	35	47	63	115	605	33.0
Slovakia	2,934	457	853	476	363	147	85	66	39	112	222	363	552	3,735	27.3
Slovenia	916	126	165	126	124	50	60	90	44	101	123	105	198	1,312	43.2
Spain	15,304	525	420	585	699	864	996	2,116	2,899	2,279	1,603	935	1,331	15,252	-0.3
Sweden	14,551	3,142	2,974	2,058	451	260	376	487	174	345	1,240	1,166	2,843	15,516	6.6
Switzerland	36,272	2,811	3,250	2,823	5,121	1,608	1,109	2,879	1,115	2,837	6,147	5,563	4,989	40,252	11.0
Turkey	3,486	590	223	286	192	153	170	160	165	191	117	170	177	2,594	-25.6
United Kingdom	141,904	8,791	9,135	10,987	13,255	10,181	8,811	13,237	14,061	14,009	15,796	16,392	15,152	149,807	5.6
<i>CIS² countries</i>	<i>13,624</i>	<i>2,693</i>	<i>1,372</i>	<i>1,570</i>	<i>1,447</i>	<i>843</i>	<i>484</i>	<i>745</i>	<i>592</i>	<i>933</i>	<i>1,227</i>	<i>1,122</i>	<i>2,198</i>	<i>15,226</i>	<i>11.8</i>
<i>of which:</i>															
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>422</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>480</i>	<i>13.7</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>355</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>402</i>	<i>13.2</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>9,295</i>	<i>1,898</i>	<i>993</i>	<i>1,136</i>	<i>1,049</i>	<i>620</i>	<i>340</i>	<i>534</i>	<i>415</i>	<i>693</i>	<i>970</i>	<i>851</i>	<i>1,654</i>	<i>11,153</i>	<i>20.0</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>3,230</i>	<i>596</i>	<i>258</i>	<i>279</i>	<i>296</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>89</i>	<i>130</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>179</i>	<i>206</i>	<i>362</i>	<i>2,854</i>	<i>-11.6</i>
<i>Other CIS</i>	<i>322</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>337</i>	<i>4.7</i>
Other European	1,561	130	140	119	182	76	83	165	139	146	194	177	231	1,782	14.2

¹ Provisional

² Commonwealth of Independent States

Table 5 (cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 2016 and 2017

Country of residence	Year 2016	2017 ¹													% Change 2017/2016
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year	
AFRICA	291,890	31,580	12,808	24,630	26,136	26,375	16,690	31,766	23,588	20,648	28,181	17,251	42,245	301,898	3.4
<i>IOC³ countries</i>	165,136	23,778	6,541	15,271	10,448	17,669	7,629	19,081	12,643	7,703	18,373	8,257	18,521	165,914	0.5
<i>of which:</i>															
<i>Comoros</i>	800	86	73	73	119	51	41	57	55	99	80	81	71	886	10.8
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	11,740	918	889	806	1,086	713	616	1,332	1,587	1,009	1,251	999	1,524	12,730	8.4
<i>Reunion Island</i>	146,203	22,417	5,201	14,028	8,501	16,476	6,370	17,288	10,467	6,140	16,656	6,629	15,867	146,040	-0.1
<i>Seychelles</i>	6,393	357	378	364	742	429	602	404	534	455	386	548	1,059	6,258	-2.1
Algeria	310	12	16	27	29	63	11	74	56	32	31	26	27	404	30.3
Angola	505	20	62	43	55	42	34	44	25	21	55	42	106	549	8.7
Benin	66	4	5	4	19	19	5	9	4	11	13	11	4	108	63.6
Botswana	1,088	56	39	65	84	70	71	145	100	54	71	79	238	1,072	-1.5
Burundi	93	4	2	2	10	10	6	21	15	10	13	8	7	108	16.1
Cameroon	321	42	19	29	29	26	24	37	30	30	36	38	31	371	15.6
Congo	724	56	63	69	61	64	39	55	68	61	52	47	68	703	-2.9
Egypt	607	43	30	89	45	37	45	116	64	87	50	43	79	728	19.9
Ethiopia	272	11	26	53	23	8	18	36	38	81	34	31	33	392	44.1
Gabon	215	5	24	19	14	14	1	9	19	9	11	7	17	149	-30.7
Ghana	889	36	60	114	53	54	54	84	97	119	83	62	81	897	0.9
Ivory Coast	350	31	40	20	28	39	37	60	33	50	69	56	33	496	41.7
Kenya	3,185	210	227	202	286	279	252	304	409	273	267	291	422	3,422	7.4
Lesotho	223	12	6	19	19	18	32	11	15	18	20	23	43	236	5.8
Malawi	402	10	17	42	28	23	31	61	37	24	21	42	27	363	-9.7
Mayotte	1,189	37	129	134	223	94	26	135	43	49	136	117	217	1,340	12.7
Morocco	674	39	84	65	41	49	44	113	70	59	72	58	77	771	14.4
Mozambique	1,144	94	49	96	66	52	49	94	77	60	85	68	86	876	-23.4
Namibia	1,715	67	54	61	183	287	82	66	152	103	101	65	284	1,505	-12.2
Niger	164	10	15	14	11	13	8	19	9	21	13	16	10	159	-3.0
Nigeria	1,372	58	95	91	65	94	71	90	175	125	145	217	105	1,331	-3.0
Rwanda	183	8	18	8	16	17	6	45	25	21	17	25	15	221	20.8
Senegal	201	21	11	9	21	17	11	45	31	45	42	26	19	298	48.3
South Africa, Rep. of	104,834	6,522	4,754	7,456	13,348	6,988	7,558	10,277	8,619	10,926	7,786	7,057	20,838	112,129	7.0
Sudan	79	6	2	55	5	3	34	7	9	25	10	14	5	175	121.5
Swaziland	370	32	20	54	54	23	24	70	41	50	22	24	37	451	21.9
Tanzania	625	38	55	90	75	27	61	66	58	71	53	55	48	697	11.5
Togo	78	4	3	6	4	3	5	18	5	15	7	7	7	84	7.7
Tunisia	382	32	46	36	127	23	26	88	49	36	47	34	33	577	51.0
Uganda	469	16	24	58	44	31	43	57	50	80	53	57	42	555	18.3
Zimbabwe	2,047	121	138	176	364	130	197	174	343	189	194	154	373	2,553	24.7
Zambia	999	46	53	78	118	47	58	102	79	79	99	73	162	994	-0.5
Other African	979	99	81	75	140	42	98	153	100	111	100	121	150	1,270	29.7

¹ Provisional

³ Indian Ocean Commission

Table 5 (cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 2016 and 2017

Country of residence	Year 2016	2017 ¹													% Change 2017/2016
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year	
ASIA	208,233	18,239	17,411	16,020	13,836	22,024	23,368	19,000	18,078	16,955	16,386	13,096	16,967	211,380	1.5
Afghanistan	787	56	50	62	62	67	52	64	62	63	58	76	92	764	-2.9
Bangladesh	844	102	57	134	68	79	62	68	36	136	120	76	219	1,157	37.1
Hong Kong SAR ⁴	1,342	109	84	94	233	95	99	174	116	108	105	87	208	1,512	12.7
India	82,670	5,136	6,991	5,122	5,547	12,221	12,491	6,637	5,681	5,441	6,086	5,384	9,557	86,294	4.4
Indonesia	2,375	139	269	571	111	165	176	69	252	420	230	90	178	2,670	12.4
Israel	1,161	124	186	132	92	127	72	118	135	147	196	100	269	1,698	46.3
Japan	2,655	187	156	239	232	148	189	141	248	188	231	157	199	2,315	-12.8
Korea Republic	6,025	462	496	552	657	589	519	278	277	705	607	1,049	667	6,858	13.8
Malaysia	4,628	436	476	627	244	421	495	207	434	234	201	247	330	4,352	-6.0
Maldives	54	1	3	11	2	3	17	5	2	2	3	3	6	58	7.4
Nepal	587	40	27	24	17	17	20	42	12	59	57	14	45	374	-36.3
Pakistan	1,610	78	58	83	53	120	86	134	73	107	124	70	102	1,088	-32.4
People's Rep. of China	79,374	9,928	6,749	5,122	4,701	6,392	6,209	7,373	7,319	6,539	6,112	3,895	2,612	72,951	-8.1
Philippines	2,488	179	369	346	130	185	190	185	255	298	247	131	227	2,742	10.2
Singapore	2,840	187	203	237	227	241	462	253	231	187	256	218	528	3,230	13.7
Sri Lanka	379	21	42	42	36	21	30	40	36	75	86	60	28	517	36.4
Taiwan	1,457	113	215	143	78	118	93	106	151	274	131	74	96	1,592	9.3
Thailand	466	36	66	59	41	56	29	90	48	37	123	49	48	682	46.4
Vietnam	729	39	78	105	19	21	86	40	35	48	87	60	89	707	-3.0
MIDDLE EAST Countries	15,466	850	822	2,293	1,252	877	1,962	2,932	2,636	1,860	1,308	1,247	1,432	19,471	25.9
<i>of which:</i>															
<i>Bahrain</i>	165	3	6	2	22	7	11	31	30	13	10	11	25	171	3.6
<i>Iran</i>	837	4	2	449	4	13	8	13	12	48	22	16	16	607	-27.5
<i>Jordan</i>	154	10	4	19	10	4	18	29	27	21	15	14	13	184	19.5
<i>Kuwait</i>	461	44	32	30	36	17	39	99	109	73	18	24	27	548	18.9
<i>Lebanon</i>	380	13	23	42	62	38	41	24	45	34	37	40	48	447	17.6
<i>Oman</i>	245	11	3	25	19	5	33	35	26	10	12	13	15	207	-15.5
<i>Qatar</i>	385	25	10	18	51	23	18	22	16	12	16	9	17	237	-38.4
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	3,164	267	165	303	257	99	234	696	726	942	669	450	334	5,142	62.5
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	9,614	470	576	1,401	782	668	1,547	1,977	1,636	703	504	666	936	11,866	23.4
<i>Other Middle East</i>	61	3	1	4	9	3	13	6	9	4	5	4	1	62	1.6
<i>Other Asian</i>	296	16	14	22	34	61	29	44	39	27	18	9	35	348	17.6
OCEANIA	20,071	1,670	967	1,232	2,116	1,565	1,702	2,120	1,793	2,543	2,116	1,690	3,384	22,898	14.1
Australia	18,559	1,567	857	1,131	2,007	1,427	1,569	1,944	1,664	2,408	1,951	1,604	3,142	21,271	14.6
New Zealand	939	57	55	66	62	89	87	120	93	101	108	47	167	1,052	12.0
Other Oceanian	573	46	55	35	47	49	46	56	36	34	57	39	75	575	0.3
AMERICA	19,766	2,393	1,712	2,000	1,728	1,764	1,859	2,367	1,707	1,716	2,078	2,077	3,394	24,795	25.4
Brazil	2,912	531	214	375	360	431	319	304	215	466	598	442	404	4,659	60.0
Canada	6,060	528	412	530	421	482	537	868	571	407	488	498	1,166	6,908	14.0
USA	8,524	797	668	676	598	638	859	846	781	659	688	858	1,587	9,655	13.3
Other American	2,270	537	418	419	349	213	144	349	140	184	304	279	237	3,573	57.4
Others & not stated	761	46	49	49	80	66	46	68	43	47	46	63	77	680	-10.6
All countries	1,275,227	124,362	105,049	110,271	111,432	96,557	78,188	112,347	100,191	96,282	130,070	121,496	155,615	1,341,860	5.2

¹ Provisional⁴ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 6(i):- Tourist arrivals by age and gender, 2016 and 2017

Age group (years)	2016			2017 ¹		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	23,947	23,344	47,291	24,996	24,763	49,759
5 - 9	27,637	27,032	54,669	28,618	28,163	56,781
10 - 14	26,415	26,749	53,164	27,455	27,729	55,184
15 - 19	20,177	23,026	43,203	21,015	24,225	45,240
20 - 24	22,775	36,007	58,782	23,491	36,960	60,451
25 - 29	67,919	82,650	150,569	68,416	84,388	152,804
30 - 34	71,298	68,422	139,720	74,593	72,614	147,207
35 - 39	59,391	55,137	114,528	63,308	58,661	121,969
40 - 44	57,557	52,685	110,242	57,837	53,592	111,429
45 - 49	58,705	56,150	114,855	60,566	58,213	118,779
50 - 54	58,835	56,722	115,557	62,320	60,335	122,655
55 - 59	47,671	45,508	93,179	51,698	49,534	101,232
60 - 64	38,034	35,835	73,869	40,917	38,975	79,892
65 - 69	28,344	25,540	53,884	30,108	27,798	57,906
70 & over	27,694	24,021	51,715	32,329	28,243	60,572
Total	636,399	638,828	1,275,227	667,667	674,193	1,341,860

¹ Provisional**Table 6(ii):- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of arrival, 2016 and 2017**

Age group (years)	2016			2017 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	153,394	1,730	155,124	160,498	1,226	161,724
15 - 59	927,131	13,504	940,635	967,835	13,931	981,766
60 & over	166,337	13,131	179,468	183,962	14,408	198,370
Total	1,246,862	28,365	1,275,227	1,312,295	29,565	1,341,860

¹ Provisional

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 2017 ¹

Country of last embarkation	Total tourist arrivals	of which, arrivals from selected country of residence											
		France	Germany	Italy	Turkey	Switzerland	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
EUROPE	454,125	155,546	72,654	16,974	2,108	21,392	85,522	3,361	286	249	161	322	790
<i>of which:</i> France	200,629	143,546	9,526	4,391	16	6,399	6,595	1,601	222	92	52	116	367
Germany	76,090	5,009	55,492	673	42	2,017	1,379	161	11	19	8	31	85
Italy	9,264	118	20	8,678	0	129	16	13	10	2	1	12	11
Switzerland	15,656	1,377	1,079	243	0	10,860	323	207	7	5	0	9	6
Turkey	28,647	1,915	4,336	2,030	2,037	936	899	1,058	16	20	31	87	24
United Kingdom	85,679	2,052	460	492	9	436	75,743	85	15	102	64	64	226
AFRICA	444,216	80,127	11,407	2,928	167	4,678	10,933	516	142,269	106,425	8,312	4,304	3,216
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	6,199	141	66	32	11	75	405	22	63	85	145	384	150
Malagasy Republic	17,885	1,085	194	103	64	129	334	98	179	223	460	1,022	287
Reunion Island	232,921	69,751	4,188	358	25	2,431	1,405	98	141,381	1,389	820	1,294	426
Seychelles	25,807	7,600	901	126	22	381	686	89	51	333	6,318	221	171
South Africa, Rep. of	160,342	1,534	6,048	2,308	45	1,640	8,077	209	591	103,768	563	1,356	2,166
ASIA	396,657	32,507	26,760	13,240	291	13,035	50,545	6,965	2,497	2,092	77,522	68,010	2,707
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR ²	13,106	112	27	26	0	10	115	40	45	24	15	10,094	112
India	71,885	179	71	36	1	22	348	21	220	1,311	66,842	66	126
Malaysia	11,863	422	94	23	1	31	199	93	961	134	212	3,137	737
People's Rep. of China	43,774	55	6	1	0	1	16	18	55	29	9	42,826	12
Singapore	8,857	432	58	30	1	29	173	57	851	160	122	289	587
United Arab Emirates	243,629	31,054	26,404	12,917	271	12,929	49,639	6,679	364	429	10,276	11,587	1,132
OCEANIA	17,297	322	51	23	0	14	308	2	385	858	15	27	14,389
<i>of which:</i> Australia	17,297	322	51	23	0	14	308	2	385	858	15	27	14,389
AMERICA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>of which:</i> USA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total arrivals by air	1,312,295	268,502	110,872	33,165	2,566	39,119	147,308	10,844	145,437	109,624	86,010	72,663	21,102
<i>of which:</i>		France	Germany	Italy	Turkey	Switzerland	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
Direct from own country of residence		53.5%	50.1%	26.2%	79.4%	27.8%	51.4%	Nap	97.2%	94.7%	77.7%	58.9%	68.2%
From United Arab Emirates		11.6%	23.8%	38.9%	10.6%	33.1%	33.7%	61.6%	0.3%	0.4%	11.9%	15.9%	5.4%
From Turkey		0.7%	3.9%	6.1%		2.4%	0.6%	9.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
From France			8.6%	13.2%	0.6%	16.4%	4.5%	14.8%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	1.7%
From Reunion Island		26.0%	3.8%	1.1%	1.0%	6.2%	1.0%	0.9%		1.3%	1.0%	1.8%	2.0%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.6%	5.5%	7.0%	1.8%	4.2%	5.5%	1.9%	0.4%		0.7%	1.9%	10.3%

¹ Provisional

² Special Administrative Region of China

Nap: not applicable

Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and tourism earnings, 2014 - 2017

Year		Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights ¹	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings ² (Rs Mn)
2014	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	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 ⁴
2016	1 st Semester	586,464	618,615	6,491,532	10.5	27,188
	2 nd Semester	688,763	641,510	6,626,375	10.3	28,679
	Year	1,275,227	1,260,125	13,117,907	10.4	55,867
2017 ³	1 st Quarter	339,682	367,720	3,963,664	10.8	16,086
	2 nd Quarter	286,177	291,523	2,890,284	9.9	13,233
	3 rd Quarter	308,820	300,429	3,295,083	11.0	12,777
	4 th Quarter	407,181	361,468	3,491,720	9.7	18,166
	Year	1,341,860	1,321,140	13,640,751	10.3	60,262

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

Table 9:- Hotels ¹, rooms and bedplaces, 2014 - 2017

Year		Number as at end of period					
		All Hotels			"Large" Hotels		
		Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces
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	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
2017 ²	1st Qr.	106	13,293	28,667	55	10,327	22,554
	2nd Qr.	98	12,308	26,850	52	9,637	21,235
	3rd Qr.	108	12,875	28,252	54	9,983	22,251
	4th Qr.	111 ³	13,511	29,650	57	10,570	23,579

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

² Provisional

³ Excluding 1 hotel not operational because of renovation works

Table 10:- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2015 - 2017

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2015		2016		2017 ¹		2015		2016		2017 ¹	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	75	69	78	71	81	73	77	72	81	74	83	74
February	75	69	76	68	81	72	79	73	80	72	82	74
March	68	62	74	64	76	67	70	65	78	67	77	68
1st Quarter	<u>73</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>72</u>
April	68	63	69	62	78	68	71	66	73	67	80	71
May	66	60	67	60	68	61	68	63	69	62	69	64
June	51	46	54	48	60	52	52	48	56	51	61	55
2nd Quarter	<u>62</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>
1 st Semester	67	62	70	62	74	66	69	64	73	66	76	68
July	61	58	65	60	73	66	65	62	68	64	76	69
August	66	63	70	64	75	67	70	67	74	68	79	71
September	70	64	75	65	77	67	74	68	78	68	79	69
3rd Quarter	<u>66</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>70</u>
Jan. to Sep.	67	62	70	63	74	66	70	65	73	66	76	68
October	74	65	81	72	85	75	77	69	84	75	87	78
November	79	68	85	74	86	74	82	72	87	75	87	75
December	78	71	81	73	81	72	81	74	82	75	82	73
4th Quarter	<u>77</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>75</u>
2 nd Semester	72	65	76	68	79	70	75	69	79	71	82	73
Year	70	63	73	65	77	68	72	67	76	68	79	70

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Table 11:- Employment in large¹ establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2013 - 2017

Year \ Establishments	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 ²
Food Service	3,027	3,167	3,249	3,348	3,142
Hotels	22,432	22,593	22,630	23,669	24,134
Travel and Other Services ³	3,865	3,817	3,804	3,789	3,698
Total	29,324	29,577	29,683	30,806	30,974

¹ Large establishments are those employing 10 or more persons

² Revised

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 within ten 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) 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.

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