

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

1st Semester 2018

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first semester of 2018. 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 Semester 2017 and 2018

	1 st semester 2017	1 st semester 2018 ¹	% Change
Arrivals by			
Air	808,858	834,271	+ 3.1
Sea	24,221	31,245	+ 29.0
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	22,204	29,208	+31.5
Total	833,079	865,516	+ 3.9
Departures by			
Air	846,952	872,708	+ 3.0
Sea	26,034	33,564	+ 28.9
Total	872,986	906,272	+3.8

¹ Provisional

2.1 Arrivals in 1st Semester 2018

Compared to 1st semester 2017:

- total arrivals increased by 3.9% from 833,079 to 865,516, of which arrivals in Rodrigues direct from Reunion Island amounted to 119;
- tourist arrivals increased by 3.4% from 625,859 to 646,865; and
- the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased by 27.4% from 15,592 to 19,866.

In the first semester of 2018, 20 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 29,208 cruise travellers which include 11,461 tourists, 8,294 excursionists, 123 Mauritian residents and 9,330 crew members.

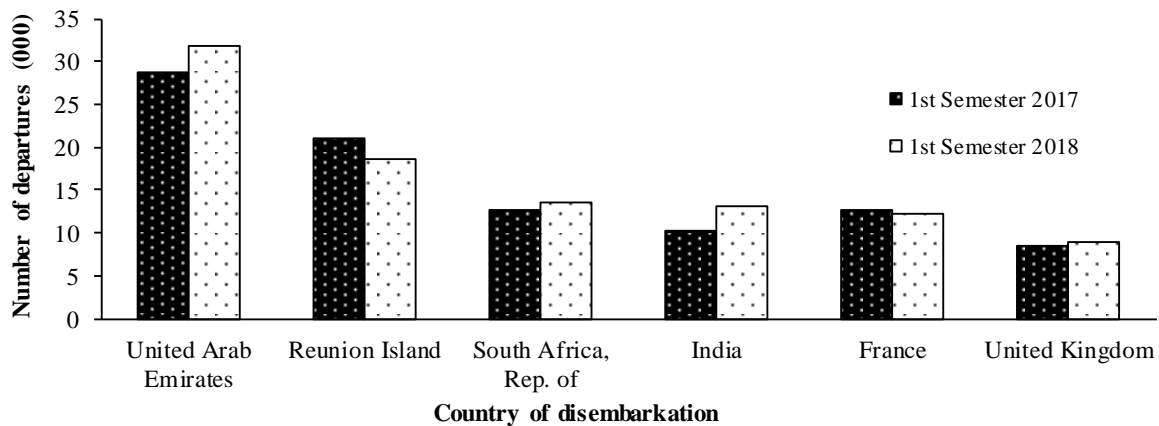
2.2 Departures in 1st Semester 2018

Compared to 1st semester 2017:

- total departures increased by 3.8% from 872,986 to 906,272, of which departures from Rodrigues direct to Reunion Island amounted to 176; and
- departures of Mauritian residents increased by 3.7% from 128,910 to 133,665.

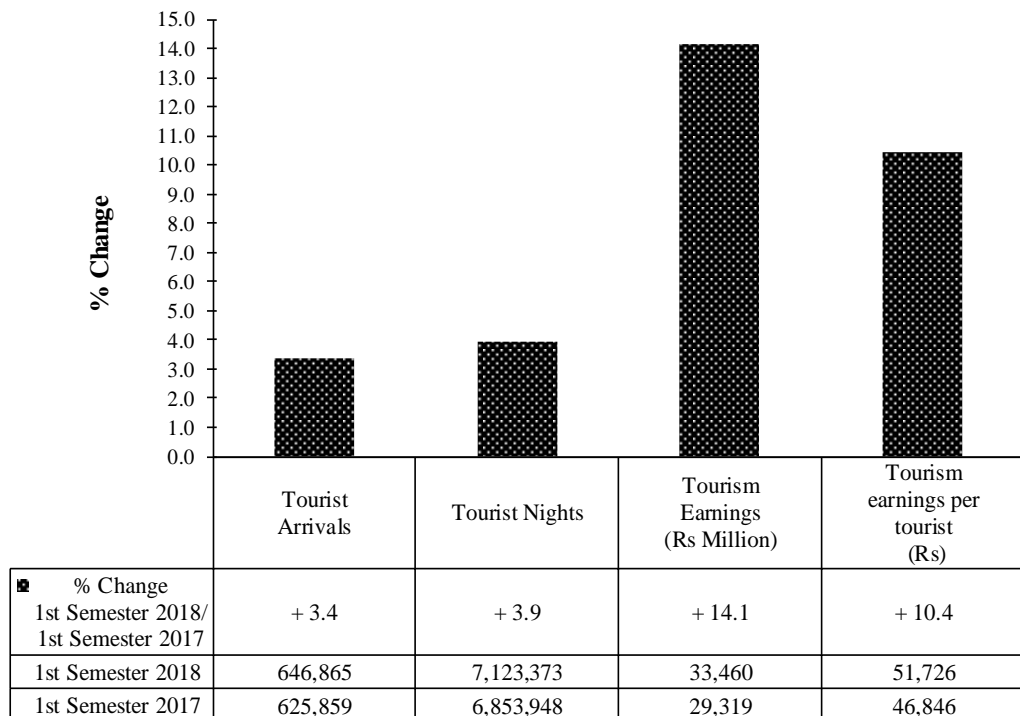
Comparative figures for the first semesters of 2018 and 2017 for Mauritian Departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the 1st semester of 2018, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (31,903 or 23.9%), Reunion Island (18,667 or 14.0%), South Africa, Rep. of (13,593 or 10.2%), India (13,178 or 9.9%), France (12,265 or 9.2%) and United Kingdom (8,997 or 6.7%).

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 1st Semester of 2017 and 1st Semester of 2018



3. TOURISM

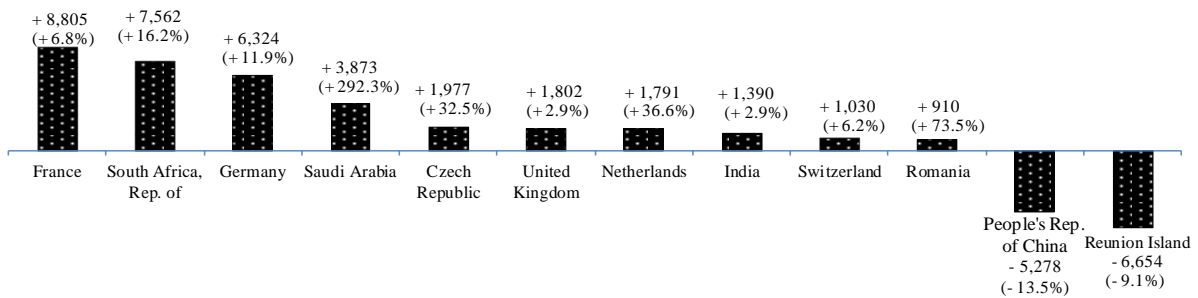
Figure 2 - % Change in main tourism indicators, 1st Semester 2018 compared to 1st Semester 2017



3.1 Tourist Arrivals

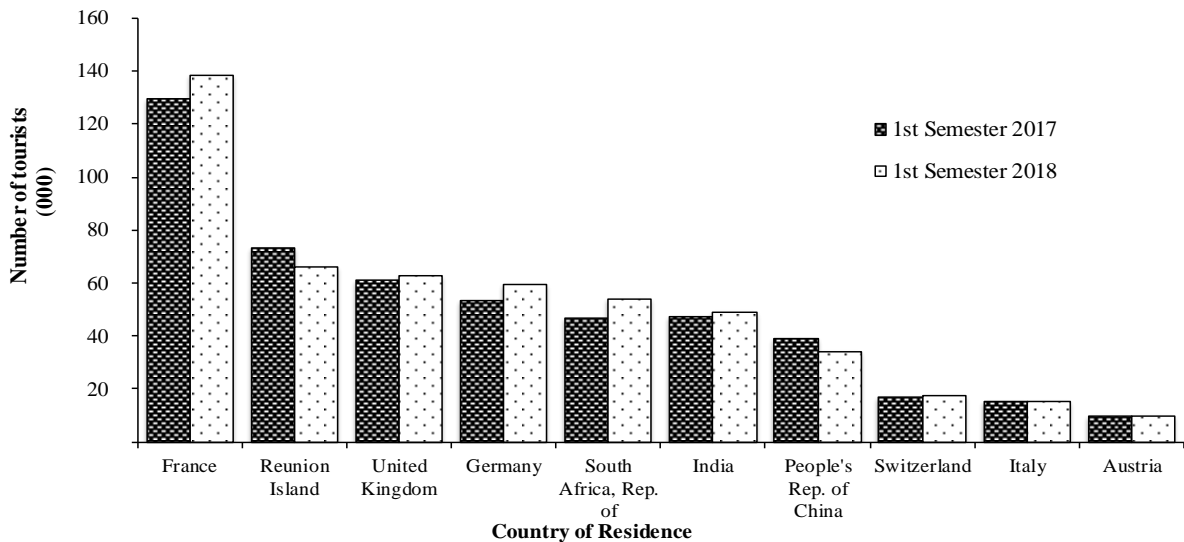
Compared to 1st semester 2017, tourist arrivals increased by 21,006 or 3.4% to reach 646,865 in 1st semester 2018 as a result of main changes shown in figure 3.

Figure 3 - Main changes, number and % change over previous period, in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, 1st Semester 2018 compared to 1st Semester 2017



In the first semester of 2018, France, our top tourist generating country, registered an increase of 6.8% while Reunion Island decreased by 9.1%. It is worth noting that compared to 1st semester 2017, tourist arrivals from Saudi Arabia and Netherlands increased by 292.3% and 36.6% respectively as a result of direct flights. Among the main markets, Republic of South Africa and Germany recorded growths of 16.2% and 11.9% respectively whereas People’s Republic of China witnessed a decrease of 13.5%.

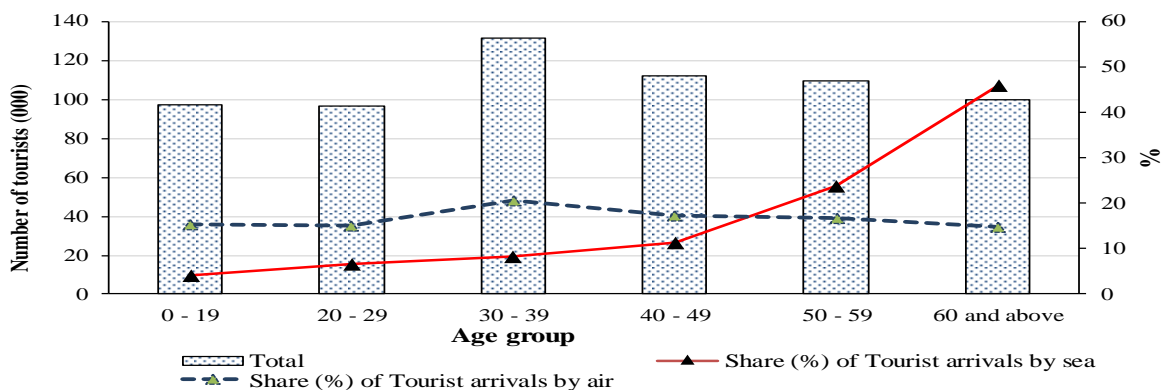
Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals from main and emerging markets, 1st Semester 2017 and 1st Semester 2018



3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the period under review, 99,755 or 15.4% of tourists who visited Mauritius were aged 60 years and above. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was 46%.

Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age, 1st Semester 2018



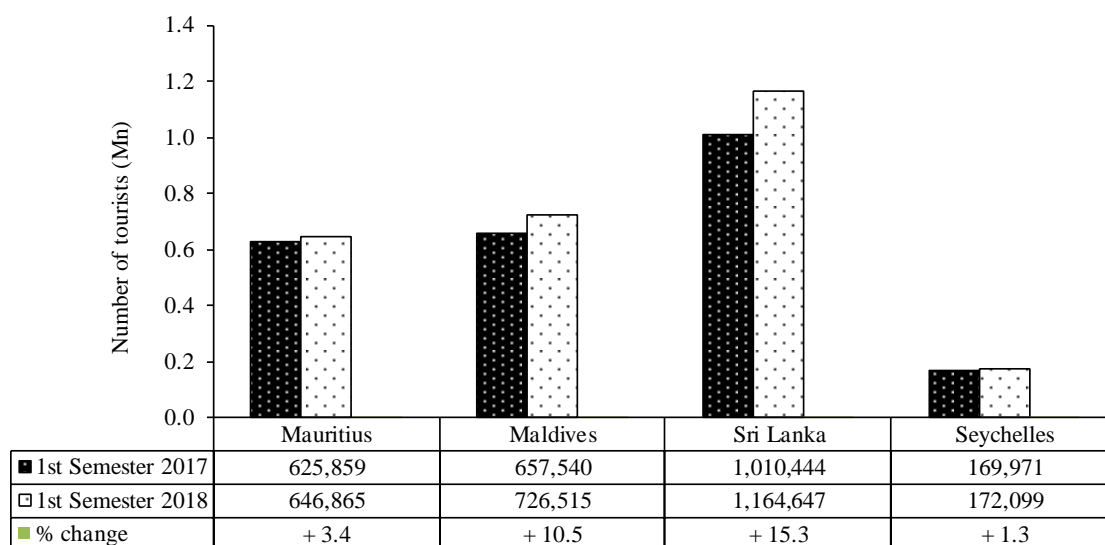
3.3 Tourist arrivals by air – Main port of last embarkation

From table 7, it is observed that during the 1st semester 2018, 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 flights. Tourists from Russian Federation travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates which is the most used transiting port. For the 1st semester 2018, the proportion of tourists who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates from Russian Federation was 58.5%. It is also worth noting that during the period under review, 21.1% of tourists from Italy travelled on direct flights from their own country of residence and most of the remaining travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates.

3.4 Tourist arrivals - Selected tourist destinations

During the 1st semester 2018, tourist arrivals in Mauritius increased by 3.4%. This compares favourably with Seychelles where a growth of 1.3% was observed. However, Sri Lanka and Maldives registered higher growths of 15.3% and 10.5% respectively.

Figure 6 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 1st Semester 2017 and 1st Semester 2018



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 semester 2017:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during 1st semester 2018 increased by 3.9% from 6,853,948 to 7,123,373; and
- the average length of stay remained the same at 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 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 June 2018, there were 115 licensed hotels of which 107 were in operation and 8 were temporarily closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of these 107 hotels was 12,850 with 28,414 bed places.

During the 1st semester 2018,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 73%, slightly lower compared to 74% in 1st semester 2017; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 66%, same as in 1st semester 2017.

'Large' hotels in the island of Mauritius

At the end of June 2018, 55 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) were in operation; they had a total room capacity of 10,075 with 22,638 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 1st semester 2018,

- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 74% lower than the 76% registered in the 1st semester of 2017;
- the bed occupancy rate was 68%, same as in 1st semester 2017.

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 2018 is maintained at 1,395,000, representing an increase of 4.0% over the figure of 1,341,860 in 2017.

The Bank of Mauritius has revised the forecast of tourism earnings for 2018 upwards from Rs 62.5 billion to Rs 64 billion. This figure represents an increase of 6.2% compared to Rs 60.3 billion recorded in 2017.

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic ¹ by month, 2016 - 2018

Month	2016		2017		2018 ²	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	157,574	182,555	166,017	193,128	167,277	197,507
February	133,906	136,073	138,288	141,162	151,682	148,811
March	142,232	142,346	146,494	150,720	156,216	157,561
<i>1st Quarter</i>	<u>433,712</u>	<u>460,974</u>	<u>450,799</u>	<u>485,010</u>	<u>475,175</u>	<u>503,879</u>
April	126,517	132,081	150,261	150,344	146,421	150,938
May	122,611	128,915	126,064	132,489	130,231	139,992
June	98,732	94,919	105,955	105,143	113,689	111,463
<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<u>347,860</u>	<u>355,915</u>	<u>382,280</u>	<u>387,976</u>	<u>390,341</u>	<u>402,393</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	781,572	816,889	833,079	872,986	865,516	906,272
July	143,129	127,740	150,429	136,886		
August	129,965	143,246	137,706	146,592		
September	120,119	119,467	127,553	125,285		
<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<u>393,213</u>	<u>390,453</u>	<u>415,688</u>	<u>408,763</u>		
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	1,174,785	1,207,342	1,248,767	1,281,749		
October	163,535	154,367	163,994	157,071		
November	151,934	156,444	159,898	161,905		
December	196,105	163,096	208,362	176,570		
<i>4th Quarter</i>	<u>511,574</u>	<u>473,907</u>	<u>532,254</u>	<u>495,546</u>		
<i>2nd Semester</i>	904,787	864,360	947,942	904,309		
Whole Year	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 disembarkation¹, 1st Semester 2017 and 2018

Country of disembarkation	1st Semester 2017	1st Semester 2018²	% Change
EUROPE	26,050	28,949	+ 11.1
Austria	146	89	- 39.0
France	12,747	12,265	- 3.8
Germany	1,412	1,568	+ 11.0
Italy	752	516	- 31.4
Netherlands	0	715	-
Switzerland	188	532	+ 183.0
Turkey	2,293	4,238	+ 84.8
United Kingdom	8,509	8,997	+ 5.7
Other European	3	29	+ 866.7
AFRICA	44,455	42,475	- 4.5
Kenya	1,372	1,263	- 7.9
Malagasy Republic	4,603	4,253	- 7.6
Reunion Island	20,967	18,667	- 11.0
Seychelles	4,478	4,212	- 5.9
South Africa, Rep. of	12,625	13,593	+ 7.7
Other African	410	487	+ 18.8
ASIA	54,609	58,118	+ 6.4
People's Rep. of China	3,158	1,904	- 39.7
Hong Kong SAR ³	2,143	2,119	- 1.1
India	10,234	13,178	+ 28.8
Malaysia	4,151	864	- 79.2
Saudi Arabia	0	1,907	-
Singapore	6,184	6,239	+ 0.9
United Arab Emirates	28,720	31,903	+ 11.1
Other Asian	19	4	- 78.9
OCEANIA	3,796	4,123	+ 8.6
Australia	3,796	4,123	+ 8.6
NOT STATED	0	0	-
All Countries	128,910	133,665	+ 3.7

¹ Country of disembarkation may either be the country of final destination or the transit country² Provisional³ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2016 - 2018

Month	2016	2017	2018 ¹
January	118,426	124,362	120,974
February	100,706	105,049	115,600
March	108,704	110,271	119,841
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>327,836</u>	<u>339,682</u>	<u>356,415</u>
April	91,992	111,432	104,967
May	94,830	96,557	101,138
June	71,806	78,188	84,345
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>258,628</u>	<u>286,177</u>	<u>290,450</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>586,464</i>	<i>625,859</i>	<i>646,865</i>
July	108,122	112,347	
August	94,920	100,191	
September	91,384	96,282	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>294,426</u>	<u>308,820</u>	
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>880,890</i>	<i>934,679</i>	
October	130,421	130,070	
November	115,782	121,496	
December	148,134	155,615	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>394,337</u>	<u>407,181</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>688,763</i>	<i>716,001</i>	
Whole Year	1,275,227	1,341,860	

¹ Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 1st Semester 2017 and 2018**

Purpose of visit	1 st Semester 2017	1 st Semester 2018 ¹	% Change
Holiday	587,500	603,153	+ 2.7
Business	22,797	24,861	+ 9.1
Transit	11,952	14,130	+ 18.2
Conference	2,177	3,370	+ 54.8
Sports	759	725	- 4.5
Other	674	626	- 7.1
Total	625,859	646,865	+ 3.4

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Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1st Semester 2017 and 2018

Country of residence	1 st Semester 2017	2018 ¹							% Change S1 2018 / S1 2017
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	1 st Semester	
EUROPE	355,698	73,352	79,404	73,469	66,349	49,030	35,936	377,540	6.1
Austria	9,519	2,334	2,726	2,177	1,047	789	474	9,547	0.3
Belgium	6,313	818	778	1,066	1,623	819	943	6,047	-4.2
Bulgaria	653	338	314	262	126	55	49	1,144	75.2
Czech Republic	6,076	1,352	2,333	2,281	1,190	502	395	8,053	32.5
Croatia	283	117	70	91	67	20	38	403	42.4
Denmark	4,086	882	1,505	1,108	259	201	114	4,069	-0.4
Estonia	308	172	183	118	12	10	23	518	68.2
Finland	2,602	792	851	777	79	103	79	2,681	3.0
France	129,651	28,222	30,547	24,014	28,000	17,978	9,695	138,456	6.8
Germany	53,211	10,127	12,343	12,312	8,006	10,271	6,476	59,535	11.9
Greece	478	63	72	48	63	58	84	388	-18.8
Hungary	1,771	639	548	412	157	90	79	1,925	8.7
Ireland	1,732	269	173	331	225	276	425	1,699	-1.9
Italy	15,528	3,463	2,821	2,830	2,995	1,371	1,722	15,202	-2.1
Latvia	272	127	79	81	54	38	27	406	49.3
Lithuania	657	122	104	94	47	57	39	463	-29.5
Luxembourg	681	90	119	202	311	88	45	855	25.6
Netherlands	4,896	1,056	1,237	1,021	1,263	1,027	1,083	6,687	36.6
Norway	2,067	458	647	637	155	108	437	2,442	18.1
Poland	6,684	1,681	1,350	759	694	380	497	5,361	-19.8
Portugal	1,681	255	239	413	307	457	288	1,959	16.5
Romania	1,238	524	629	325	268	220	182	2,148	73.5
Serbia	294	102	107	63	28	23	33	356	21.1
Slovakia	2,381	574	731	823	396	172	106	2,802	17.7
Slovenia	651	151	235	118	195	84	81	864	32.7
Spain	4,089	565	550	964	578	697	725	4,079	-0.2
Sweden	9,261	2,831	2,901	2,071	279	205	352	8,639	-6.7
Switzerland	16,722	3,165	3,445	3,823	4,618	1,599	1,102	17,752	6.2
Turkey	1,614	457	283	216	190	140	166	1,452	-10.0
United Kingdom	61,160	8,971	10,041	12,384	11,629	10,270	9,667	62,962	2.9
<i>CIS² countries</i>	8,409	2,501	1,319	1,479	1,351	850	434	7,934	-5.6
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Belarus</i>	250	64	34	62	39	22	21	242	-3.2
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	266	41	24	60	7	10	11	153	-42.5
<i>Russian Federation</i>	6,036	1,872	969	1,067	1,070	612	268	5,858	-2.9
<i>Ukraine</i>	1,688	494	264	247	223	188	119	1,535	-9.1
<i>Other CIS</i>	169	30	28	43	12	18	15	146	-13.6
<i>Other European</i>	730	134	124	169	137	72	76	712	-2.5
AFRICA	138,219	30,349	13,493	27,406	21,310	26,046	20,817	139,421	0.9
<i>IOC³ countries</i>	81,336	21,985	6,036	15,284	7,765	16,344	7,416	74,830	-8.0
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Comoros</i>	443	56	95	81	93	86	58	469	5.9
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	5,028	603	809	1,104	1,227	1,070	900	5,713	13.6
<i>Reunion Island</i>	72,993	20,996	4,832	13,725	5,998	14,705	6,083	66,339	-9.1
<i>Seychelles</i>	2,872	330	300	374	447	483	375	2,309	-19.6
Algeria	158	18	19	21	16	20	22	116	-26.6
Angola	256	27	53	67	71	23	45	286	11.7
Benin	56	5	4	11	9	10	18	57	1.8
Botswana	385	35	57	71	71	104	56	394	2.3
Burundi	34	4	5	10	8	6	6	39	14.7
Cameroon	169	19	21	16	30	31	38	155	-8.3
Congo	352	37	42	41	82	52	37	291	-17.3
Egypt	289	35	48	50	52	64	64	313	8.3
Ethiopia	139	12	14	18	21	80	29	174	25.2
Gabon	77	6	10	12	17	13	21	79	2.6
Ghana	371	57	49	58	81	57	116	418	12.7
Ivory Coast	195	23	40	26	48	25	61	223	14.4
Kenya	1,456	177	160	265	250	236	452	1,540	5.8
Lesotho	106	26	23	18	5	25	17	114	7.5
Malawi	151	30	15	19	22	51	16	153	1.3

¹ Provisional² Commonwealth of Independent States³ Indian Ocean Commission

Table 5 (Cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1st Semester 2017 and 2018

Country of residence	1 st Semester 2017	2018 ¹							% Change S1 2018 / S1 2017
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	1 st Semester	
Mayotte	643	34	155	83	148	143	39	602	-6.4
Morocco	322	54	79	71	78	64	70	416	29.2
Mozambique	406	71	52	64	48	44	48	327	-19.5
Namibia	734	82	56	102	183	184	58	665	-9.4
Niger	71	6	5	13	9	7	39	79	11.3
Nigeria	474	71	114	227	123	137	334	1,006	112.2
Rwanda	73	12	19	5	5	9	24	74	1.4
Senegal	90	10	15	14	23	14	44	120	33.3
South Africa, Rep. of	46,626	7,196	6,076	10,382	11,482	7,830	11,222	54,188	16.2
Sudan	105	4	8	1	9	3	16	41	-61.0
Kingdom of Eswatini ⁴	207	32	17	28	17	41	26	161	-22.2
Tanzania	346	16	30	73	58	45	63	285	-17.6
Togo	25	1	2	12	1	4	10	30	20.0
Tunisia	290	38	33	29	29	24	26	179	-38.3
Uganda	216	32	23	46	36	58	57	252	16.7
Zimbabwe	1,126	108	96	134	285	166	125	914	-18.8
Zambia	400	42	61	63	76	66	84	392	-2.0
Other African	535	44	56	72	152	66	118	508	-5.0
ASIA	110,898	12,795	19,477	15,230	13,790	23,002	24,066	108,360	-2.3
Afghanistan	349	62	69	80	50	50	41	352	0.9
Bangladesh	502	224	58	45	49	61	68	505	0.6
Hong Kong SAR ⁵	714	59	98	158	81	75	118	589	-17.5
India	47,508	5,057	6,248	5,905	5,967	13,825	11,896	48,898	2.9
Indonesia	1,431	111	296	545	110	117	136	1,315	-8.1
Israel	733	125	170	115	77	314	78	879	19.9
Japan	1,151	97	168	242	186	155	135	983	-14.6
Korea Republic	3,275	422	350	511	655	610	529	3,077	-6.0
Malaysia	2,699	87	165	207	219	159	309	1,146	-57.5
Maldives	37	0	2	7	1	6	15	31	-16.2
Nepal	145	98	24	42	38	41	70	313	115.9
Pakistan	478	110	122	100	127	145	80	684	43.1
People's Rep. of China	39,101	4,115	9,806	4,107	4,166	5,622	6,007	33,823	-13.5
Philippines	1,399	201	298	383	187	202	162	1,433	2.4
Singapore	1,557	91	182	251	223	141	272	1,160	-25.5
Sri Lanka	192	31	30	40	55	62	38	256	33.3
Taiwan	760	143	214	214	89	97	74	831	9.3
Thailand	287	14	23	44	56	28	31	196	-31.7
Vietnam	348	25	131	88	19	23	31	317	-8.9
MIDDLE EAST Countries	8,056	1,720	1,002	2,129	1,404	1,258	3,951	11,464	42.3
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>49.0</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>480</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>179</i>	<i>-62.7</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>-18.5</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>198</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>123</i>	<i>302</i>	<i>52.5</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>219</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>217</i>	<i>-0.9</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>84</i>	<i>-12.5</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>-11.0</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>1,325</i>	<i>1,233</i>	<i>305</i>	<i>518</i>	<i>550</i>	<i>356</i>	<i>2,236</i>	<i>5,198</i>	<i>292.3</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>5,444</i>	<i>398</i>	<i>551</i>	<i>1,294</i>	<i>730</i>	<i>778</i>	<i>1,430</i>	<i>5,181</i>	<i>-4.8</i>
<i>Other Middle East</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>36.4</i>
Other Asian	176	3	21	17	31	11	25	108	-38.6
OCEANIA	9,252	1,796	1,163	1,537	1,918	1,280	1,689	9,383	1.4
Australia	8,558	1,685	1,039	1,382	1,830	1,147	1,558	8,641	1.0
New Zealand	416	53	70	88	54	81	80	426	2.4
Other Oceanian	278	58	54	67	34	52	51	316	13.7
AMERICA	11,456	2,653	2,035	2,138	1,550	1,738	1,806	11,920	4.1
Brazil	2,230	499	208	243	285	374	177	1,786	-19.9
Canada	2,910	533	538	585	389	458	602	3,105	6.7
USA	4,236	972	757	895	635	677	896	4,832	14.1
Other American	2,080	649	532	415	241	229	131	2,197	5.6
Others & not stated	336	29	28	61	50	42	31	241	-28.3
All countries	625,859	120,974	115,600	119,841	104,967	101,138	84,345	646,865	3.4

¹ Provisional⁴ Kingdom of Eswatini was formerly known as Swaziland⁵ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 6(i):- Tourist arrivals by age and gender, 1st Semester 2017 and 2018

Age group (years)	1 st Semester 2017			1 st Semester 2018 ¹		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	12,285	12,214	24,499	12,915	12,582	25,497
5 - 9	13,114	12,907	26,021	14,054	13,692	27,746
10 - 14	11,574	11,906	23,480	12,522	12,546	25,068
15 - 19	7,955	9,560	17,515	8,670	10,203	18,873
20 - 24	10,503	16,914	27,417	10,589	16,814	27,403
25 - 29	31,669	38,909	70,578	31,082	38,367	69,449
30 - 34	34,414	33,979	68,393	35,340	34,585	69,925
35 - 39	29,941	28,315	58,256	31,864	29,688	61,552
40 - 44	27,919	25,847	53,766	28,688	26,188	54,876
45 - 49	28,699	27,633	56,332	29,259	27,810	57,069
50 - 54	29,480	28,653	58,133	29,788	29,235	59,023
55 - 59	24,426	23,610	48,036	25,754	24,875	50,629
60 - 64	19,410	18,467	37,877	20,777	19,560	40,337
65 - 69	14,455	13,331	27,786	15,258	14,020	29,278
70 & over	14,983	12,787	27,770	16,457	13,683	30,140
Total	310,827	315,032	625,859	323,017	323,848	646,865

¹ Provisional**Table6(ii):- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of arrival, 1st Semester 2017 and 2018**

Age group (years)	1 st Semester 2017			1 st Semester 2018 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	73,578	422	74,000	77,928	383	78,311
15 - 59	453,094	5,332	458,426	462,148	6,651	468,799
60 & over	87,782	5,651	93,433	93,794	5,961	99,755
Total	614,454	11,405	625,859	633,870	12,995	646,865

¹ Provisional

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 1st Semester 2018 ¹

Country of last embarkation	Total tourist arrivals	of which, arrivals from selected country of residence												
		France	Germany	Italy	Netherlands	Switzerland	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
EUROPE	234,167	85,039	37,037	7,058	4,456	11,033	1,211	38,590	1,900	107	117	57	150	274
<i>of which:</i> France	98,476	74,162	3,873	1,943	551	2,200	5	2,809	721	73	24	22	27	118
Germany	37,224	2,441	27,060	406	179	920	16	538	111	3	8	6	26	31
Italy	3,302	35	13	3,086	1	67	0	7	3	0	0	0	0	1
Netherlands	14,854	2,095	2,010	447	3,304	481	2	780	124	7	14	2	12	14
Switzerland	10,063	1,165	981	96	40	6,828	4	147	36	3	2	2	6	3
Turkey	15,737	2,817	2,204	707	115	234	1,172	815	691	14	9	6	48	19
United Kingdom	39,409	2,072	294	307	243	140	2	33,363	71	7	58	19	30	60
AFRICA	201,304	38,224	4,682	937	573	1,714	86	4,386	370	63,604	50,472	4,203	1,669	1,533
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	3,000	99	25	14	20	29	3	167	5	104	71	120	103	71
Malagasy Republic	7,697	485	44	31	54	46	46	112	80	91	70	158	358	101
Reunion Island	106,425	34,943	1,427	159	106	787	10	503	63	62,891	616	558	376	161
Seychelles	9,363	1,836	140	43	16	161	7	164	77	19	63	3,048	97	70
South Africa, Rep. of	74,551	835	3,037	688	377	683	20	3,431	145	499	49,645	313	734	1,126
ASIA	190,934	13,487	12,315	6,632	1,564	4,648	130	19,253	3,442	1,873	2,971	44,478	31,819	938
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR ²	7,674	61	18	11	5	2	1	47	6	45	28	8	6,110	75
India	43,219	95	14	6	14	10	1	183	16	127	2,539	38,835	19	60
Malaysia	4,110	363	25	14	11	14	0	59	16	832	102	69	213	153
People's Rep. of China	17,020	14	5	2	0	0	0	9	2	56	11	3	16,677	6
Saudi Arabia	6,884	512	112	40	5	37	24	79	37	27	6	144	32	8
Singapore	2,951	221	16	6	4	6	0	62	21	437	115	50	133	102
United Arab Emirates	109,021	12,221	12,125	6,553	1,525	4,579	104	18,810	3,344	349	170	5,365	8,625	534
OCEANIA	7,462	229	25	7	14	12	0	178	1	341	562	16	10	5,613
<i>of which:</i> Australia	7,462	229	25	7	14	12	0	178	1	341	562	16	10	5,613
AMERICA	3	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	0
Total arrivals by air	633,870	136,979	54,059	14,634	6,607	17,407	1,427	62,407	5,713	65,925	54,122	48,754	33,648	8,358
<i>of which:</i>		France	Germany	Italy	Netherlands	Switzerland	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
Direct from own country of residence		54.1%	50.1%	21.1%	50.0%	39.2%	82.1%	53.5%	Napp	95.4%	91.7%	79.7%	49.6%	67.2%
From United Arab Emirates		8.9%	22.4%	44.8%	23.1%	26.3%	7.3%	30.1%	58.5%	0.5%	0.3%	11.0%	25.6%	6.4%
From Turkey		2.1%	4.1%	4.8%	1.7%	1.3%		1.3%	12.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%
From France			7.2%	13.3%	8.3%	12.6%	0.4%	4.5%	12.6%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	1.4%
From Reunion Island		25.5%	2.6%	1.1%	1.6%	4.5%	0.7%	0.8%	1.1%		1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	1.9%
From Netherlands		1.5%	3.7%	3.1%		2.8%	0.1%	1.2%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.6%	5.6%	4.7%	5.7%	3.9%	1.4%	5.5%	2.5%	0.8%		0.6%	2.2%	13.5%

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² Special Administrative Region of China

Napp: not applicable

Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and tourism earnings, 2015 - 2018

Year		Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights ¹	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings ² (Rs Mn)
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	1 st Semester	625,859	659,243	6,853,948	10.4	29,319
	2 nd Semester	716,001	661,897	6,786,803	10.3	30,943
	Year	1,341,860	1,321,140	13,640,751	10.3	60,262
2018 ³	1 st Semester	646,865	681,859	7,123,373	10.4	33,460

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

² Source: Bank of Mauritius

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⁴ As from 2015, BoM is also including data culled from Money changers and Foreign exchange dealers.

Table 9:- Hotels ¹, rooms and bedplaces, 2015 - 2018

Year		Number as at end of period					
		All Hotels			"Large" Hotels		
		Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces
2015	1 st Qr.	114	13,100	26,776	55	9,906	20,378
	2 nd Qr.	107	12,264	25,085	51	9,267	19,020
	3 rd Qr.	112	12,944	26,618	53	9,769	20,254
	4 th Qr.	115	13,617	28,732	55	10,378	22,096
2016	1 st Qr.	116	13,710	28,940	56	10,454	22,247
	2 nd Qr.	111	13,092	27,523	54	9,963	21,105
	3 rd Qr.	111	13,330	28,650	55	10,267	22,370
	4 th Qr.	111	13,547	29,139	56	10,480	22,839
2017	1 st Qr.	106	13,293	28,667	55	10,327	22,554
	2 nd Qr.	98	12,308	26,850	52	9,637	21,235
	3 rd Qr.	108	12,875	28,252	54	9,983	22,251
	4 th Qr.	111	13,511	29,650	57	10,570	23,579
2018 ²	1 st Qr.	113	13,588	29,656	57	10,573	23,413
	2 nd Qr.	107 ³	12,850	28,414	55	10,075	22,638

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

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³ Excluding eight hotels not operational because of renovation works

Table 10:- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2016 - 2018

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2016		2017		2018 ¹		2016		2017		2018 ¹	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	78	71	81	73	77	70	81	74	83	74	78	72
February	76	68	81	72	79	71	80	72	82	74	81	74
March	74	64	76	67	76	69	78	67	77	68	78	72
1st Quarter	<u>76</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>73</u>
April	69	62	78	68	73	67	73	67	80	71	75	70
May	67	60	68	61	70	63	69	62	69	64	72	65
June	54	48	60	52	60	53	56	51	61	55	62	56
2nd Quarter	<u>63</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>64</u>
1st Semester	70	62	74	66	73	66	73	66	76	68	74	68
July	65	60	73	66			68	64	76	69		
August	70	64	75	67			74	68	79	71		
September	75	65	77	67			78	68	79	69		
3rd Quarter	<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>67</u>			<u>73</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>70</u>		
Jan. to Sep.	70	63	74	66			73	66	76	68		
October	81	72	85	75			84	75	87	78		
November	85	74	86	74			87	75	87	75		
December	81	73	81	72			82	75	82	73		
4th Quarter	<u>82</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>73</u>			<u>84</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>75</u>		
2nd Semester	76	68	79	70			79	71	82	73		
Year	73	65	77	68			76	68	79	70		

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Table 11:- Employment in large ¹ 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

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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.

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