INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

1st Semester 2019

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first semester of 2019. 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 2018 and 2019

	1st Semester 2018	1st Semester 2019 [1]	% Change
Arrivals by			
Air	834,271	838,277	+ 0.5
Sea	31,245	49,510	+ 58.5
of which Cruise travellers	*29,208*	*47,277*	*+ 61.9*
Total	**865,516**	**887,787**	**+ 2.6**
Departures by			
Air	872,708	872,658	0.0
Sea	33,564	53,138	+ 58.3
Total	**906,272**	**925,796**	**+ 2.2**

[1] *Provisional*

2.1 Arrivals in 1st Semester 2019

Compared to 1st semester 2018:

- total arrivals increased by 2.6% from 865,516 to 887,787, of which arrivals in Rodrigues direct from Reunion Island amounted to 752;
- total tourist arrivals increased by 0.5% from 646,865 to 650,082; those arriving by air decreased by 1.3% from 633,870 to 625,694, while those arriving by sea increased by 87.7% from 12,995 to 24,388. Among those arriving by sea, 22,794 were cruise tourists compared to 11,461, representing a growth of 98.9%;
- the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased by 6.7% from 19,866 to 21,204.

In the first semester 2019, 23 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 47,277 cruise travellers which include 22,794 tourists, 10,678 excursionists, 365 Mauritian residents and 13,440 crew members.

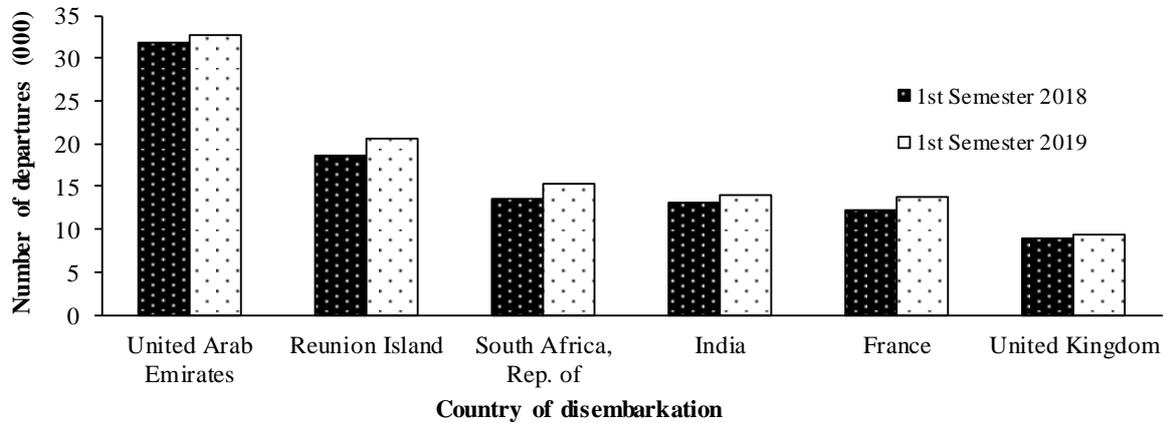### 2.2 Departures in 1st Semester 2019

Compared to 1st semester 2018:

- total departures increased by 2.2% from 906,272 to 925,796, of which departures from Rodrigues direct to Reunion Island amounted to 792; and
- departures of Mauritian residents increased by 8.1% from 133,665 to 144,554.

Comparative figures for the first semesters of 2019 and 2018 for Mauritian Departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the 1st semester of 2019, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (32,590 or 22.5%), Reunion Island (20,548 or 14.2%),
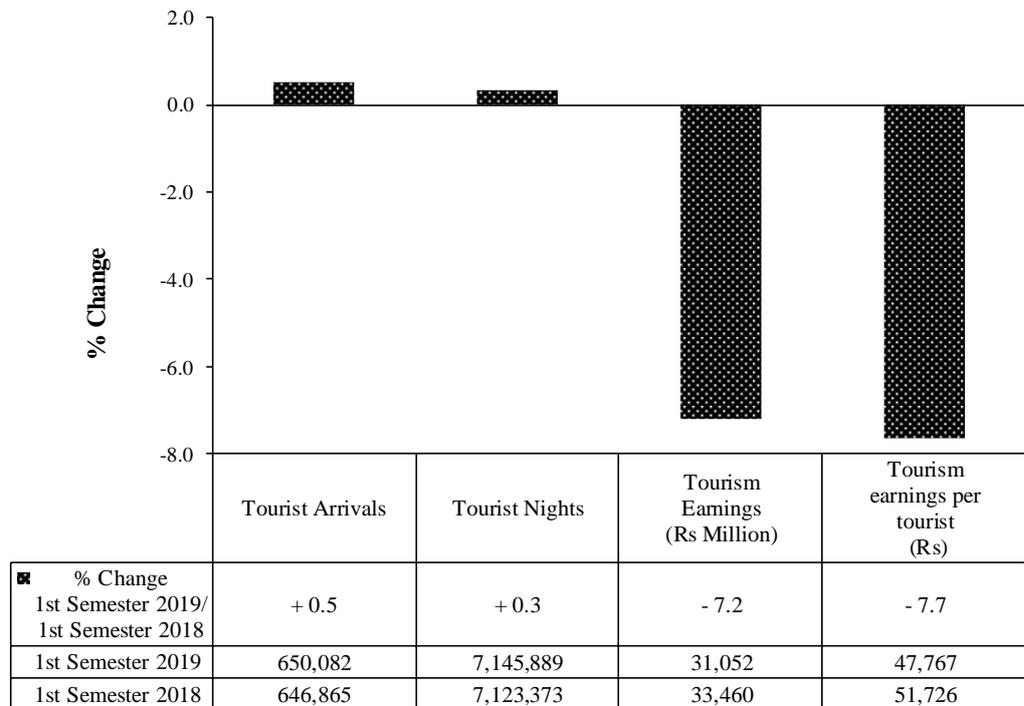
Republic of South Africa (15,224 or 10.5%), India (13,957 or 9.7%), France (13,676 or 9.5%) and United Kingdom (9,260 or 6.4%).

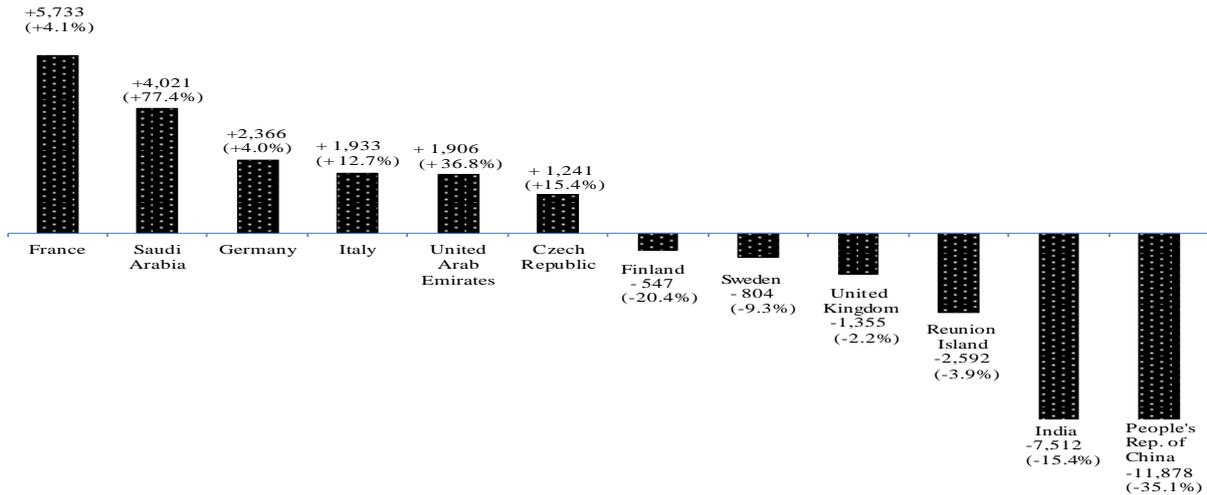**Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 1st Semester of 2018 and 1st Semester of 2019**

3. TOURISM

Figure 2 - % Change in main tourism indicators, 1st Semester 2019 compared to 1st Semester 2018

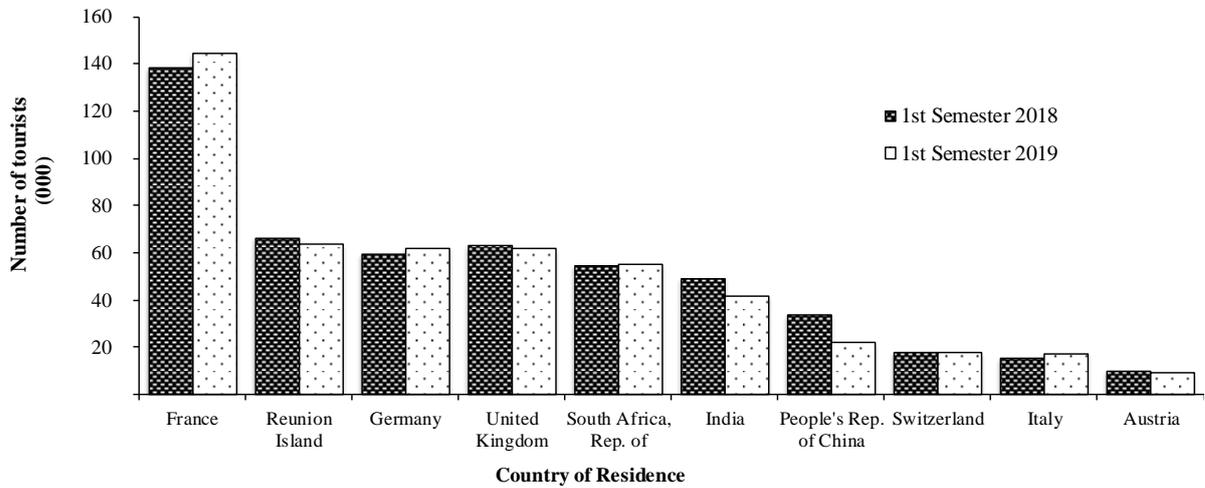|	Tourist Arrivals	Tourist Nights	Tourism Earnings (Rs Million)	Tourism earnings per tourist (Rs)
% Change 1st Semester 2019/ 1st Semester 2018	+ 0.5	+ 0.3	- 7.2	- 7.7
1st Semester 2019	650,082	7,145,889	31,052	47,767
1st Semester 2018	646,865	7,123,373	33,460	51,726

3.1 Tourist Arrivals

Compared to 1st semester 2018, tourist arrivals increased by 3,217 or 0.5% to reach 650,082 in 1st semester 2019 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 2019 compared to 1st Semester 2018

In the first semester of 2019, France, our top tourist generating country, registered an increase of 4.1% while Reunion Island decreased by 3.9%. Among the main markets, Germany recorded growth of 4.0% whereas United Kingdom, India and People's Republic of China witnessed decreases of 2.2%, 15.4% and 35.1% respectively.
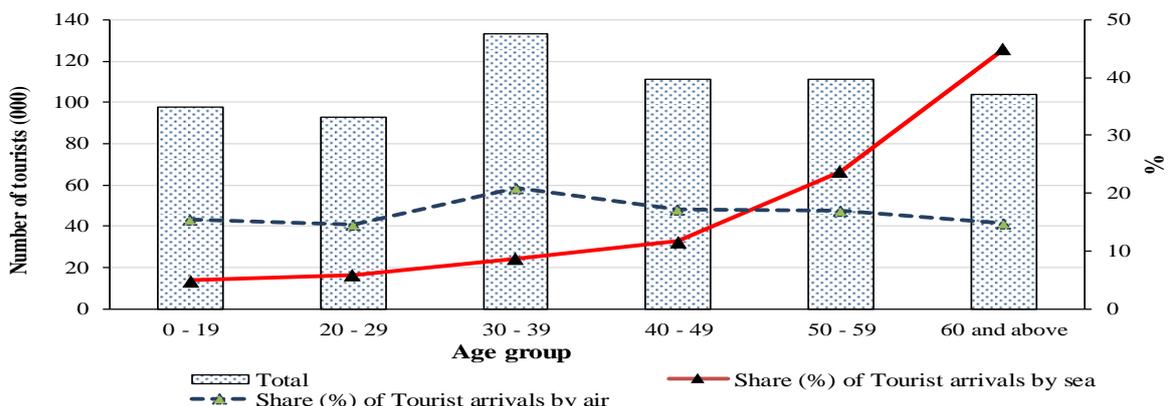
Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals from top ten markets, 1st Semester 2018 and 1st Semester 2019

3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the period under review, 103,836 or 16.0% of tourists who visited Mauritius were aged 60 years and above. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 45.1%.

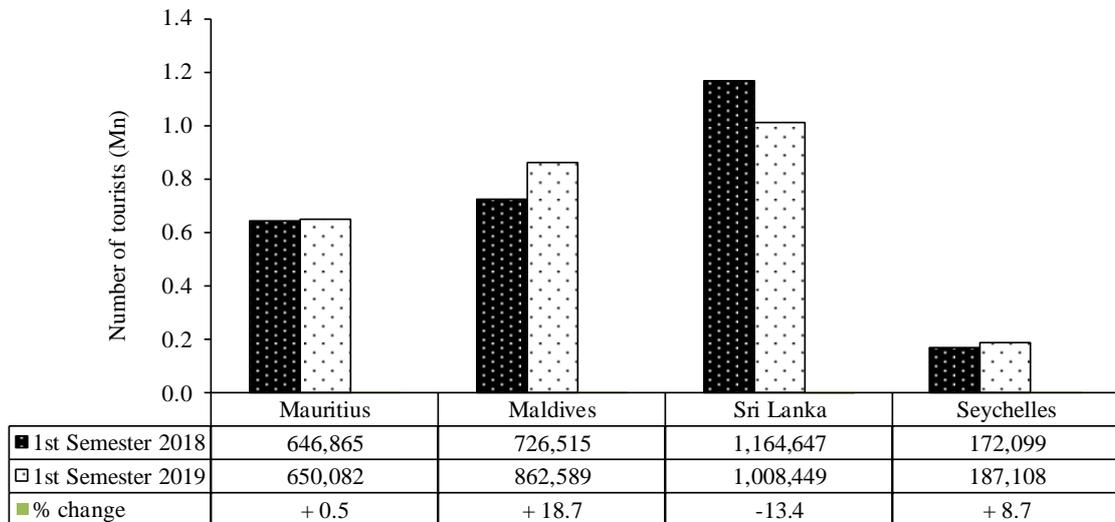**Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age, 1st Semester 2019**

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

From Table 7, it is observed that during the 1st semester 2019, 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 the 1st semester 2019, the proportion of tourists who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates from Russian Federation was 48.4%. It is also worth noting that during the period under review, some 37% of tourists from People's Republic of China travelled on direct flights. The remaining used mainly United Arab Emirates as transiting port.

3.4 Tourist arrivals - Selected tourist destinations

During the 1st semester 2019, while tourist arrivals in Mauritius increased by 0.5%, higher growths were observed for Maldives (+18.7%) and Seychelles (+8.7%). Sri Lanka, on the other hand, experienced a decline of 13.4%.

Figure 6 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 1st Semester 2018 and 1st Semester 2019

	Mauritius	Maldives	Sri Lanka	Seychelles
■ 1st Semester 2018	646,865	726,515	1,164,647	172,099
□ 1st Semester 2019	650,082	862,589	1,008,449	187,108
■ % change	+ 0.5	+ 18.7	-13.4	+ 8.7

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 2018:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during 1st semester 2019 increased by 0.3% from 7,123,373 to 7,145,889; and
- the average length of stay increased from 10.4 to 10.6 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 2018 (Table 11) indicate that employment in these establishments increased marginally by 0.3% to 30,939 as compared to 30,861 for March 2017.

3.7 Accommodation

<u>Licensed hotels in the island of Mauritius</u>

As at end of June 2019, there were 113 licensed hotels of which 110 were in operation and 3 were temporarily closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of these 110 hotels was 13,361 with 30,123 bed places.

During the 1st semester 2019,
- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 69%, lower compared to 73% in 1st semester 2018; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 62%, lower than the recorded 66% in 1st semester 2018.

<u>'Large' hotels in the island of Mauritius</u>

At the end of June 2019, 58 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) were in operation; they had a total room capacity of 10,533 with 24,192 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 53% of all licensed hotels in operation but make up 79% of total room capacity and 80% of total bed places.

During the 1st semester 2019,
- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 71% lower than the 74% registered in the 1st semester of 2018;
- the bed occupancy rate was 63%, lower than the 68% recorded in 1st semester 2018.

3.8 Forecast for Year 2019

Based on latest available data on tourist arrivals and information gathered from stakeholders, the forecast of tourist arrivals for 2019 is revised downwards from 1,435,000 to 1,425,000, representing an increase of 1.8% over the figure of 1,399,408 in 2018.

The Bank of Mauritius has revised the forecast of tourism earnings for the year 2019 downwards from Rs 66.0 billion to Rs 64.7 billion, representing an increase of 1.0% compared to Rs 64.0 billion recorded in 2018.

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic [1] by month, 2017 - 2019

Month	2017		2018		2019 [2]	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	166,017	193,128	167,277	197,507	172,994	205,730
February	138,288	141,162	151,682	148,811	151,189	146,918
March	146,494	150,720	156,216	157,561	156,692	167,093
1st Quarter	450,799	485,010	475,175	503,879	480,875	519,741
April	150,261	150,344	146,421	150,938	150,580	145,505
May	126,064	132,489	130,231	139,992	130,455	135,632
June	105,955	105,143	113,689	111,463	125,877	124,918
2nd Quarter	382,280	387,976	390,341	402,393	406,912	406,055
1st Semester	*833,079*	*872,986*	*865,516*	*906,272*	*887,787*	*925,796*
July	150,429	136,886	156,110	143,654		
August	137,706	146,592	148,643	156,601		
September	127,553	125,285	137,101	135,666		
3rd Quarter	415,688	408,763	441,854	435,921		
Jan. to Sep.	*1,248,767*	*1,281,749*	*1,307,370*	*1,342,193*		
October	163,994	157,071	169,570	158,783		
November	159,898	161,905	173,830	179,434		
December	208,362	176,570	211,519	179,287		
4th Quarter	532,254	495,546	554,919	517,504		
2nd Semester	*947,942*	*904,309*	*996,773*	*953,425*		
Whole Year	**1,781,021**	**1,777,295**	**1,862,289**	**1,859,697**		

[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], 1st Semester 2018 and 2019

Country of disembarkation	1st Semester 2018	1st Semester 2019 [2]	% Change
EUROPE	**28,949**	**32,818**	**+ 13.4**
Austria	89	222	+ 149.4
France	12,265	13,676	+ 11.5
Germany	1,568	1,694	+ 8.0
Italy	516	380	- 26.4
Netherlands	715	829	+ 15.9
Switzerland	532	581	+ 9.2
Turkey	4,238	6,153	+ 45.2
United Kingdom	8,997	9,260	+ 2.9
Other European	29	23	- 20.7
AFRICA	**42,475**	**48,567**	**+ 14.3**
Kenya	1,263	3,633	+ 187.6
Malagasy Republic	4,253	5,130	+ 20.6
Reunion Island	18,667	20,548	+ 10.1
Seychelles	4,212	3,663	- 13.0
South Africa, Rep. of	13,593	15,224	+ 12.0
Other African	487	369	- 24.2
ASIA	**58,118**	**59,280**	**+ 2.0**
People's Rep. of China	1,904	1,039	- 45.4
Hong Kong SAR [3]	2,119	2,987	+ 41.0
India	13,178	13,957	+ 5.9
Malaysia	864	858	- 0.7
Saudi Arabia	1,907	1,291	- 32.3
Singapore	6,239	6,558	+ 5.1
United Arab Emirates	31,903	32,590	+ 2.2
Other Asian	4	0	- 100.0
OCEANIA	**4,123**	**3,851**	**- 6.6**
Australia	4,123	3,851	- 6.6
NOT STATED	**0**	**38**	-
All Countries	**133,665**	**144,554**	**+ 8.1**

[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, 2017 - 2019

Month	2017	2018	2019 [1]
January	124,362	120,974	122,273
February	105,049	115,600	115,613
March	110,271	119,841	114,419
1st Quarter	339,682	356,415	352,305
April	111,432	104,967	108,565
May	96,557	101,138	96,814
June	78,188	84,345	92,398
2nd Quarter	286,177	290,450	297,777
1st Semester	*625,859*	*646,865*	*650,082*
July	112,347	115,881	
August	100,191	109,471	
September	96,282	102,849	
3rd Quarter	308,820	328,201	
Jan. to Sep.	*934,679*	*975,066*	
October	130,070	134,052	
November	121,496	132,247	
December	155,615	158,043	
4th Quarter	407,181	424,342	
2nd Semester	*716,001*	*752,543*	
Whole Year	**1,341,860**	**1,399,408**	

[1] *Provisional*

Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 1st Semester 2018 and 2019

Purpose of visit	1st Semester 2018	1st Semester 2019 [1]	% Change
Holiday	603,153	606,176	+ 0.5
Business	24,861	25,566	+ 2.8
Transit	14,130	14,396	+ 1.9
Conference	3,370	2,997	- 11.1
Sports	725	373	- 48.6
Other	626	574	- 8.3
Total	**646,865**	**650,082**	**+ 0.5**

[1] *Provisional*

Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 1st Semester 2018 and 2019

Country of residence	1st Semester 2018			1st Semester 2019 [1]			% Change S1 2019 / S1 2018		
	Air	Ship	Total	Air	Ship	Total	Air	Ship	Total
EUROPE	**367,368**	**10,172**	**377,540**	**371,218**	**20,902**	**392,120**	**1.0**	**105.5**	**3.9**
Austria	9,286	261	9,547	8,616	720	9,336	-7.2	175.9	-2.2
Belgium	5,982	65	6,047	6,401	90	6,491	7.0	38.5	7.3
Bulgaria	1,053	91	1,144	1,121	159	1,280	6.5	74.7	11.9
Czech Republic	7,995	58	8,053	9,083	211	9,294	13.6	263.8	15.4
Croatia	380	23	403	483	29	512	27.1	26.1	27.0
Denmark	4,010	59	4,069	3,734	106	3,840	-6.9	79.7	-5.6
Estonia	514	4	518	816	12	828	58.8	200.0	59.8
Finland	2,676	5	2,681	2,105	29	2,134	-21.3	480.0	-20.4
France	136,979	1,477	138,456	140,395	3,794	144,189	2.5	156.9	4.1
Germany	54,059	5,476	59,535	51,159	10,742	61,901	-5.4	96.2	4.0
Greece	334	54	388	440	63	503	31.7	16.7	29.6
Hungary	1,906	19	1,925	2,410	199	2,609	26.4	947.4	35.5
Ireland	1,692	7	1,699	1,721	11	1,732	1.7	57.1	1.9
Italy	14,634	568	15,202	16,171	964	17,135	10.5	69.7	12.7
Latvia	373	33	406	317	3	320	-15.0	-90.9	-21.2
Lithuania	461	2	463	761	33	794	65.1	1,550.0	71.5
Luxembourg	847	8	855	823	65	888	-2.8	712.5	3.9
Netherlands	6,607	80	6,687	7,065	91	7,156	6.9	13.8	7.0
Norway	2,328	114	2,442	2,890	150	3,040	24.1	31.6	24.5
Poland	5,294	67	5,361	5,805	246	6,051	9.7	267.2	12.9
Portugal	1,933	26	1,959	2,347	60	2,407	21.4	130.8	22.9
Romania	1,939	209	2,148	2,440	290	2,730	25.8	38.8	27.1
Serbia	347	9	356	388	22	410	11.8	144.4	15.2
Slovakia	2,783	19	2,802	2,698	58	2,756	-3.1	205.3	-1.6
Slovenia	852	12	864	984	91	1,075	15.5	658.3	24.4
Spain	3,928	151	4,079	3,639	219	3,858	-7.4	45.0	-5.4
Sweden	8,514	125	8,639	7,559	276	7,835	-11.2	120.8	-9.3
Switzerland	17,407	345	17,752	17,009	775	17,784	-2.3	124.6	0.2
Turkey	1,427	25	1,452	1,536	56	1,592	7.6	124.0	9.6
United Kingdom	62,407	555	62,962	60,869	738	61,607	-2.5	33.0	-2.2
CIS [2] countries	*7,726*	*208*	*7,934*	*8,546*	*564*	*9,110*	*10.6*	*171.2*	*14.8*
of which:									
Belarus	*241*	*1*	*242*	*408*	*14*	*422*	*69.3*	*1,300.0*	*74.4*
Kazakhstan	*153*	*0*	*153*	*135*	*2*	*137*	*-11.8*	*-*	*-10.5*
Russian Federation	*5,713*	*145*	*5,858*	*6,005*	*381*	*6,386*	*5.1*	*162.8*	*9.0*
Ukraine	*1,475*	*60*	*1,535*	*1,814*	*164*	*1,978*	*23.0*	*173.3*	*28.9*
Other CIS	*144*	*2*	*146*	*184*	*3*	*187*	*27.8*	*50.0*	*28.1*
Other European	695	17	712	887	36	923	27.6	111.8	29.6
AFRICA	**138,852**	**569**	**139,421**	**140,067**	**658**	**140,725**	**0.9**	**15.6**	**0.9**
IOC [3] countries	*74,396*	*434*	*74,830*	*72,427*	*335*	*72,762*	*-2.6*	*-22.8*	*-2.8*
of which:									
Comoros	*469*	*0*	*469*	*488*	*0*	*488*	*4.1*	*-*	*4.1*
Malagasy Republic	*5,699*	*14*	*5,713*	*6,246*	*15*	*6,261*	*9.6*	*7.1*	*9.6*
Reunion Island	*65,925*	*414*	*66,339*	*63,429*	*318*	*63,747*	*-3.8*	*-23.2*	*-3.9*
Seychelles	*2,303*	*6*	*2,309*	*2,264*	*2*	*2,266*	*-1.7*	*-66.7*	*-1.9*
Algeria	116	0	116	122	1	123	5.2	-	6.0
Angola	286	0	286	301	1	302	5.2	-	5.6
Benin	56	1	57	42	3	45	-25.0	200.0	-21.1
Botswana	394	0	394	482	0	482	22.3	-	22.3
Burundi	39	0	39	49	0	49	25.6	-	25.6
Cameroon	153	2	155	184	0	184	20.3	-100.0	18.7
Congo	291	0	291	290	0	290	-0.3	-	-0.3
Egypt	311	2	313	395	3	398	27.0	50.0	27.2
Ethiopia	174	0	174	159	1	160	-8.6	-	-8.0
Gabon	79	0	79	105	0	105	32.9	-	32.9
Ghana	408	10	418	402	7	409	-1.5	-30.0	-2.2
Ivory Coast	212	11	223	237	21	258	11.8	90.9	15.7
Kenya	1,540	0	1,540	2,361	3	2,364	53.3	-	53.5
Lesotho	114	0	114	101	0	101	-11.4	-	-11.4
Malawi	153	0	153	167	0	167	9.2	-	9.2

[1] *Provisional*   [2] *Commonwealth of Independent States*   [3] *Indian Ocean Commission*

Table 5 (Cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 1st Semester 2018 and 2019

Country of residence	1st Semester 2018			1st Semester 2019 [1]			% Change S1 2019 / S1 2018		
	Air	Ship	Total	Air	Ship	Total	Air	Ship	Total
Mayotte	602	0	602	572	0	572	**-5.0**	-	**-5.0**
Morocco	412	4	416	436	11	447	5.8	175.0	7.5
Mozambique	327	0	327	537	2	539	64.2	-	64.8
Namibia	657	8	665	624	1	625	-5.0	-87.5	-6.0
Niger	79	0	79	90	1	91	13.9	-	15.2
Nigeria	1,001	5	1,006	1,371	14	1,385	37.0	180.0	37.7
Rwanda	74	0	74	134	0	134	81.1	-	81.1
Senegal	110	10	120	128	11	139	16.4	10.0	15.8
South Africa, Rep. of	54,122	66	54,188	54,562	220	54,782	0.8	233.3	1.1
Sudan	41	0	41	36	0	36	-12.2	-	-12.2
Kingdom of Eswatini [4]	161	0	161	238	2	240	47.8	-	49.1
Tanzania	284	1	285	483	4	487	70.1	300.0	70.9
Togo	30	0	30	31	2	33	3.3	-	10.0
Tunisia	171	8	179	227	1	228	32.7	-87.5	27.4
Uganda	252	0	252	354	1	355	40.5	-	40.9
Zimbabwe	914	0	914	1,313	1	1,314	43.7	-	43.8
Zambia	391	1	392	445	0	445	13.8	-100.0	13.5
Other African	502	6	508	662	12	674	31.9	100.0	32.7
ASIA	**107,222**	**1,138**	**108,360**	**93,835**	**1,666**	**95,501**	**-12.5**	**46.4**	**-11.9**
Afghanistan	345	7	352	314	13	327	-9.0	85.7	-7.1
Bangladesh	503	2	505	419	1	420	-16.7	-50.0	-16.8
Hong Kong SAR [5]	588	1	589	516	5	521	-12.2	400.0	-11.5
India	48,754	144	48,898	41,239	147	41,386	-15.4	2.1	-15.4
Indonesia	1,135	180	1,315	1,173	267	1,440	3.3	48.3	9.5
Israel	794	85	879	764	285	1,049	-3.8	235.3	19.3
Japan	964	19	983	908	116	1,024	-5.8	510.5	4.2
Korea Republic	3,014	63	3,077	3,257	56	3,313	8.1	-11.1	7.7
Malaysia	1,124	22	1,146	1,005	12	1,017	-10.6	-45.5	-11.3
Maldives	31	0	31	50	1	51	61.3	-	64.5
Nepal	309	4	313	141	2	143	-54.4	-50.0	-54.3
Pakistan	677	7	684	503	16	519	-25.7	128.6	-24.1
People's Rep. of China	33,648	175	33,823	21,700	245	21,945	-35.5	40.0	-35.1
Philippines	1,102	331	1,433	1,264	326	1,590	14.7	-1.5	11.0
Singapore	1,156	4	1,160	1,227	3	1,230	6.1	-25.0	6.0
Sri Lanka	244	12	256	243	23	266	-0.4	91.7	3.9
Taiwan, China	795	36	831	907	85	992	14.1	136.1	19.4
Thailand	191	5	196	245	3	248	28.3	-40.0	26.5
Vietnam	288	29	317	282	25	307	-2.1	-13.8	-3.2
MIDDLE EAST Countries	*11,458*	*6*	*11,464*	*17,519*	*10*	*17,529*	*52.9*	*66.7*	*52.9*
of which:									
Bahrain	*75*	*1*	*76*	*61*	*0*	*61*	*-18.7*	*-100.0*	*-19.7*
Iran	*178*	*1*	*179*	*110*	*0*	*110*	*-38.2*	*-100.0*	*-38.5*
Jordan	*52*	*1*	*53*	*122*	*0*	*122*	*134.6*	*-100.0*	*130.2*
Kuwait	*302*	*0*	*302*	*315*	*0*	*315*	*4.3*	*-*	*4.3*
Lebanon	*217*	*0*	*217*	*266*	*0*	*266*	*22.6*	*-*	*22.6*
Oman	*84*	*0*	*84*	*115*	*0*	*115*	*36.9*	*-*	*36.9*
Qatar	*129*	*0*	*129*	*175*	*0*	*175*	*35.7*	*-*	*35.7*
Saudi Arabia	*5,197*	*1*	*5,198*	*9,217*	*2*	*9,219*	*77.4*	*100.0*	*77.4*
United Arab Emirates	*5,180*	*1*	*5,181*	*7,083*	*4*	*7,087*	*36.7*	*300.0*	*36.8*
Other Middle East	*44*	*1*	*45*	*55*	*4*	*59*	*25.0*	*300.0*	*31.1*
Other Asian	102	6	108	159	25	184	55.9	316.7	70.4
OCEANIA	**9,053**	**330**	**9,383**	**8,670**	**279**	**8,949**	**-4.2**	**-15.5**	**-4.6**
Australia	8,358	283	8,641	7,921	223	8,144	-5.2	-21.2	-5.8
New Zealand	394	32	426	445	44	489	12.9	37.5	14.8
Other Oceanian	301	15	316	304	12	316	1.0	-20.0	0.0
AMERICA	**11,149**	**771**	**11,920**	**11,622**	**869**	**12,491**	**4.2**	**12.7**	**4.8**
Brazil	1,769	17	1,786	1,586	116	1,702	-10.3	582.4	-4.7
Canada	2,961	144	3,105	3,729	225	3,954	25.9	56.3	27.3
USA	4,268	564	4,832	4,397	382	4,779	3.0	-32.3	-1.1
Other American	2,151	46	2,197	1,910	146	2,056	-11.2	217.4	-6.4
Others & not stated	**226**	**15**	**241**	**282**	**14**	**296**	**24.8**	**-6.7**	**22.8**
All countries	**633,870**	**12,995**	**646,865**	**625,694**	**24,388**	**650,082**	**-1.3**	**87.7**	**0.5**

[1] *Provisional*   [4] *Kingdom of Eswatini was formerly known as Swaziland*   [5] *Special Administrative Region of China*

Table 6(i):- Tourist arrivals by age and gender, 1st Semester 2018 and 2019

Age group (years)	1st Semester 2018			1st Semester 2019 [1]			% Change		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	12,915	12,582	25,497	13,343	13,172	26,515	3.3	4.7	4.0
5 - 9	14,054	13,692	27,746	13,975	13,581	27,556	-0.6	-0.8	-0.7
10 - 14	12,522	12,546	25,068	12,393	12,867	25,260	-1.0	2.6	0.8
15 - 19	8,670	10,203	18,873	8,378	10,255	18,633	-3.4	0.5	-1.3
20 - 24	10,589	16,814	27,403	10,434	16,681	27,115	-1.5	-0.8	-1.1
25 - 29	31,082	38,367	69,449	29,079	36,576	65,655	-6.4	-4.7	-5.5
30 - 34	35,340	34,585	69,925	35,476	35,248	70,724	0.4	1.9	1.1
35 - 39	31,864	29,688	61,552	31,940	30,370	62,310	0.2	2.3	1.2
40 - 44	28,688	26,188	54,876	28,382	26,050	54,432	-1.1	-0.5	-0.8
45 - 49	29,259	27,810	57,069	29,196	27,391	56,587	-0.2	-1.5	-0.8
50 - 54	29,788	29,235	59,023	29,870	29,324	59,194	0.3	0.3	0.3
55 - 59	25,754	24,875	50,629	26,798	25,467	52,265	4.1	2.4	3.2
60 - 64	20,777	19,560	40,337	20,947	20,135	41,082	0.8	2.9	1.8
65 - 69	15,258	14,020	29,278	15,619	14,676	30,295	2.4	4.7	3.5
70 & over	16,457	13,683	30,140	17,515	14,944	32,459	6.4	9.2	7.7
Total	**323,017**	**323,848**	**646,865**	**323,345**	**326,737**	**650,082**	**0.1**	**0.9**	**0.5**

[1] *Provisional*

Table6(ii):- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of travel, 1st Semester 2018 and 2019

Age group (years)	1st Semester 2018			1st Semester 2019 [1]			% Change		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	77,928	383	78,311	78,429	902	79,331	0.6	135.5	1.3
15 - 59	462,148	6,651	468,799	454,418	12,497	466,915	-1.7	87.9	-0.4
60 & over	93,794	5,961	99,755	92,847	10,989	103,836	-1.0	84.3	4.1
Total	**633,870**	**12,995**	**646,865**	**625,694**	**24,388**	**650,082**	**-1.3**	**87.7**	**0.5**

[1] *Provisional*

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 1ˢᵗ Semester 2019 [1]

Country of last embarkation	Total tourist arrivals	of which, arrivals from selected country of residence												
		France	Germany	Italy	Nether-lands	Switzer-land	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
EUROPE	**248,222**	**91,532**	**35,846**	**8,253**	**4,843**	**11,488**	**1,289**	**37,557**	**2,715**	**134**	**121**	**75**	**135**	**284**
of which: France	104,823	79,688	4,629	1,996	592	1,864	9	1,721	823	94	25	18	34	86
Germany	37,268	3,041	24,524	621	170	503	14	321	180	3	13	7	13	23
Italy	5,791	1,057	42	3,911	4	52	0	129	249	1	0	1	2	1
Netherlands	14,310	2,354	1,909	444	3,746	408	6	632	151	9	9	12	6	11
Switzerland	14,131	1,258	1,729	348	127	7,968	2	326	239	3	11	1	4	9
Turkey	16,356	2,875	1,605	489	65	309	1,255	513	690	12	16	10	43	31
United Kingdom	37,329	707	163	214	86	78	1	33,732	43	11	47	26	28	67
AFRICA	**201,266**	**36,211**	**4,506**	**957**	**676**	**1,441**	**93**	**4,475**	**311**	**61,549**	**50,886**	**5,466**	**1,902**	**1,381**
of which: Kenya	8,537	428	96	51	58	65	9	353	42	77	312	926	199	102
Malagasy Republic	8,271	601	122	35	71	58	47	132	68	137	46	318	481	119
Reunion Island	104,499	34,314	1,397	130	171	711	9	433	56	61,127	682	861	595	139
Seychelles	6,688	202	120	41	22	29	13	166	29	18	58	2,929	97	76
South Africa, Rep. of	73,186	664	2,768	700	354	571	15	3,391	116	190	49,788	432	496	945
ASIA	**169,507**	**12,500**	**10,786**	**6,948**	**1,537**	**4,061**	**154**	**18,675**	**2,979**	**1,541**	**2,897**	**35,692**	**19,655**	**1,281**
of which: Hong Kong SAR [2]	6,709	39	6	7	0	1	0	50	17	64	40	10	5,075	34
India	33,887	81	17	5	5	13	2	191	10	103	2,488	29,996	12	47
Malaysia	1,571	54	12	4	6	6	1	19	3	98	27	21	105	120
People's Rep. of China	8,254	12	1	0	0	0	0	7	3	0	3	2	8,104	2
Saudi Arabia	8,537	218	83	75	10	18	67	68	19	50	17	82	35	20
Singapore	5,512	410	43	14	4	17	0	66	20	874	97	66	250	373
United Arab Emirates	104,999	11,680	10,624	6,843	1,512	4,006	84	18,273	2,907	352	225	5,515	6,073	684
OCEANIA	**6,696**	**152**	**21**	**13**	**9**	**19**	**0**	**162**	**0**	**205**	**658**	**6**	**8**	**4,975**
of which: Australia	6,696	152	21	13	9	19	0	162	0	205	658	6	8	4,975
AMERICA	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
of which: USA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total arrivals by air	**625,694**	**140,395**	**51,159**	**16,171**	**7,065**	**17,009**	**1,536**	**60,869**	**6,005**	**63,429**	**54,562**	**41,239**	**21,700**	**7,921**

of which:	France	Germany	Italy	Nether-lands	Switzer-land	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
Direct from own country of residence	56.8%	47.9%	24.2%	53.0%	46.8%	81.7%	55.4%	Napp	96.4%	91.3%	72.7%	37.3%	62.8%
From United Arab Emirates	8.3%	20.8%	42.3%	21.4%	23.6%	5.5%	30.0%	48.4%	0.6%	0.4%	13.4%	28.0%	8.6%
From Turkey	2.0%	3.1%	3.0%	0.9%	1.8%		0.8%	11.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%
From France		9.0%	12.3%	8.4%	11.0%	0.6%	2.8%	13.7%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	1.1%
From Reunion Island	24.4%	2.7%	0.8%	2.4%	4.2%	0.6%	0.7%	0.9%		1.2%	2.1%	2.7%	1.8%
From Netherlands	1.7%	3.7%	2.7%		2.4%	0.4%	1.0%	2.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
From South Africa, Rep. of	0.5%	5.4%	4.3%	5.0%	3.4%	1.0%	5.6%	1.9%	0.3%		1.0%	2.3%	11.9%

[1] *Provisional*

[2] *Special Administrative Region of China*

Napp: not applicable

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Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and tourism earnings, 2016 - 2019

Year		Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights [1]	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings [2] (Rs Mn)
2016	1st Semester	586,464	618,615	6,491,532	10.5	27,188
	2nd 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	1st Semester	625,859	659,243	6,853,948	10.4	29,319
	2nd 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	1st Semester	646,865	681,859	7,123,373	10.4	33,460
	2nd Semester	752,543	695,119	7,172,901	10.3	30,578
	Year	**1,399,408**	**1,376,978**	**14,296,274**	**10.4**	**64,037**
2019 [3]	1st Semester	650,082	676,309	7,145,889	10.6	31,052

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

[2] *Source: Bank of Mauritius (figures also include data culled from Money changers and Foreign exchange dealers)*

[3] *Provisional*

Table 9:- Hotels [1], rooms and bedplaces, 2016 - 2019

Year		Number as at end of period					
		All Hotels			"Large" Hotels		
		Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces
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	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	13,511	29,650	57	10,570	23,579
2018	1st Qr.	113	13,588	29,656	57	10,573	23,413
	2nd Qr.	107	12,850	28,414	55	10,075	22,638
	3rd Qr.	108	12,867	28,481	55	10,075	22,676
	4th Qr. [3]	113	13,574	30,427	57	10,585	24,218
2019 [2]	1st Qr. [3]	111	13,481	30,284	57	10,564	24,200
	2nd Qr.	110 [4]	13,361	30,123	58	10,533	24,192

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

[2] *Provisional*   [3] *Revised*

[4] *Excluding three hotels not operational because of renovation works*

Table 10:- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2017 - 2019

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2017		2018		2019 [1]		2017		2018		2019 [1]	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	81	73	77	70	72	64 [2]	83	74	78	72	74	66
February	81	72	79	71	75 [2]	67 [2]	82	74	81	74	77	69 [2]
March	76	67	76	69	71	62 [2]	77	68	78	72	72	64
1st Quarter	79	70	77	70	73	65	80	72	79	73	74	66 [2]
April	78	68	73	67	69	64	80	71	75	70	71	67
May	68	61	70	63	66	57	69	64	72	65	67	58
June	60	52	60	53	64	55	61	55	62	56	65	57
2nd Quarter	69	61	68	61	66	59	70	63	70	64	68	61
1st Semester	74	66	73	66	69	62	76	68	74	68	71	63
July	73	66	68	63			76	69	71	66		
August	75	67	76	70			79	71	79	74		
September	77	67	79	69			79	69	82	72		
3rd Quarter	75	67	74	68			78	70	77	71		
Jan. to Sep.	74	66	73	66			76	68	75	69		
October	85	75	81	72			87	78	83	75		
November	86	74	83	71			87	75	84	72		
December	81	72	76	69			82	73	77 [2]	70 [2]		
4th Quarter	84	73	80	71			85	75	81 [2]	72 [2]		
2nd Semester	79	70	77	69			82	73	79	72		
Year	77	68	75	67			79	70	77	70		

[1] Provisional   [2] Revised

Table 11:- Employment in large [1] establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2014 - 2018

Year / Establishments	2014 [2]	2015 [2]	2016 [2]	2017 [2]	2018 [3]
Food Service	3,109	3,203	3,313	3,110	3,198
Hotels	22,544	22,568	23,624	24,087	24,137
Travel and Other Services [4]	3,806	3,793	3,755	3,664	3,604
Total	**29,459**	**29,564**	**30,692**	**30,861**	**30,939**

[1] Large establishments are those employing 10 or more persons

[2] Revised   [3] Provisional

[4] 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.

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