

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2020

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first nine months of 2020. A brief on the compilation of these statistics is given at Annex I and a glossary of terms at Annex II.

It is to be noted that following the outbreak of COVID-19 worldwide, the national borders of Mauritius were closed down as from 20 March 2020 to 30 September 2020.

2. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Passenger traffic, January-September 2019 and 2020

	January- September 2019	January- September 2020 ¹	% Change
Arrivals by			
Air	1,279,449	388,192	- 69.7
Sea	50,762	43,351	- 14.6
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	<i>47,277</i>	<i>41,582</i>	<i>- 12.0</i>
Total	1,330,211	431,543	- 67.6
Departures by			
Air	1,310,418	440,767	- 66.4
Sea	54,115	41,538	- 23.2
Total	1,364,533	482,305	- 64.7

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2.1 Arrivals in January to September 2020

Compared to the period January to September 2019:

- (i) total arrivals decreased by 67.6% from 1,330,211 to 431,543, of which arrivals in Rodrigues direct from Reunion Island numbered 429;
- (ii) total tourist arrivals decreased by 68.6% from 973,642 to 305,612; those arriving by air decreased by 70.9% from 948,261 to 276,130, while those arriving by sea increased by 16.2% from 25,381 to 29,482 (Table 6b). Among those arriving by sea, 28,497 were cruise tourists compared to 22,794, representing a growth of 25.0%, mostly explained by arrivals during the first quarter of 2020;
- (iii) the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) decreased by 73.3% from 24,884 to 6,641.

In the first nine months of 2020, 20 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 41,582 cruise travellers comprising 28,497 tourists, 1,113 excursionists, 530 Mauritian residents and 11,442 crew members.

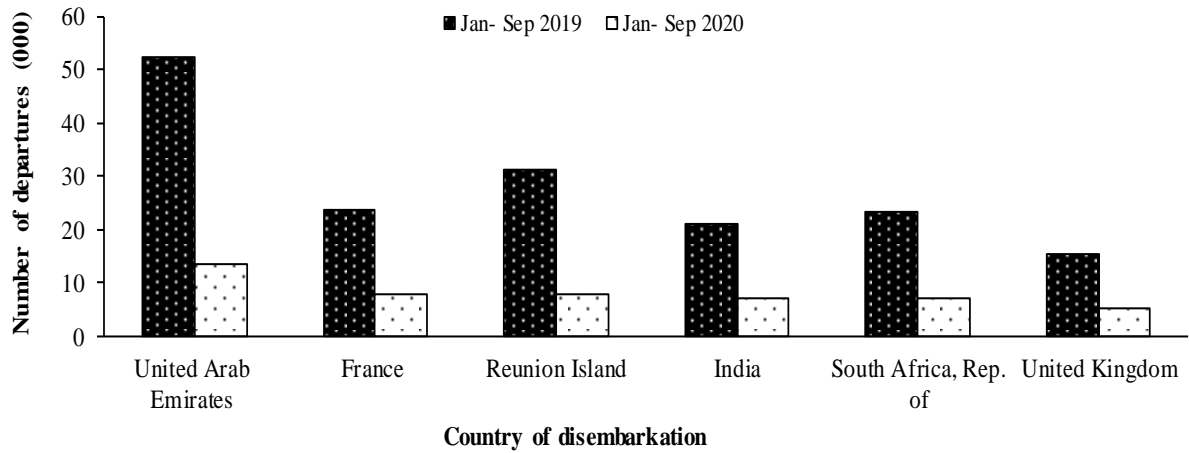
2.2 Departures in January to September 2020

Compared to the period January to September 2019:

- (i) total departures decreased by 64.7% from 1,364,533 to 482,305, of which departures from Rodrigues direct to Reunion Island numbered 503; and
- (ii) departures of Mauritian residents decreased by 72.9% from 229,855 to 62,308 (Table 2).

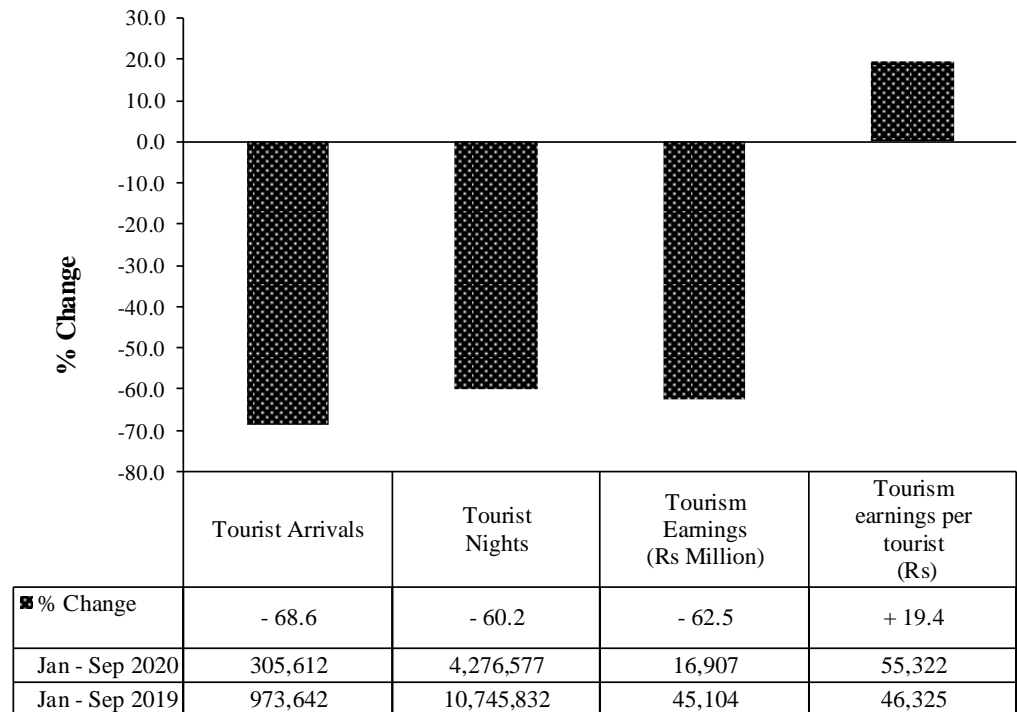
Comparative figures for the first nine months of 2020 and 2019 for Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the first nine months of 2020, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (13,397 or 21.5%), France (7,930 or 12.7%), Reunion Island (7,680 or 12.3%), India (7,031 or 11.3%), Republic of South Africa (6,851 or 11.0%) and United Kingdom (4,997 or 8.0%).

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, January-September 2019 and January-September of 2020



3. TOURISM

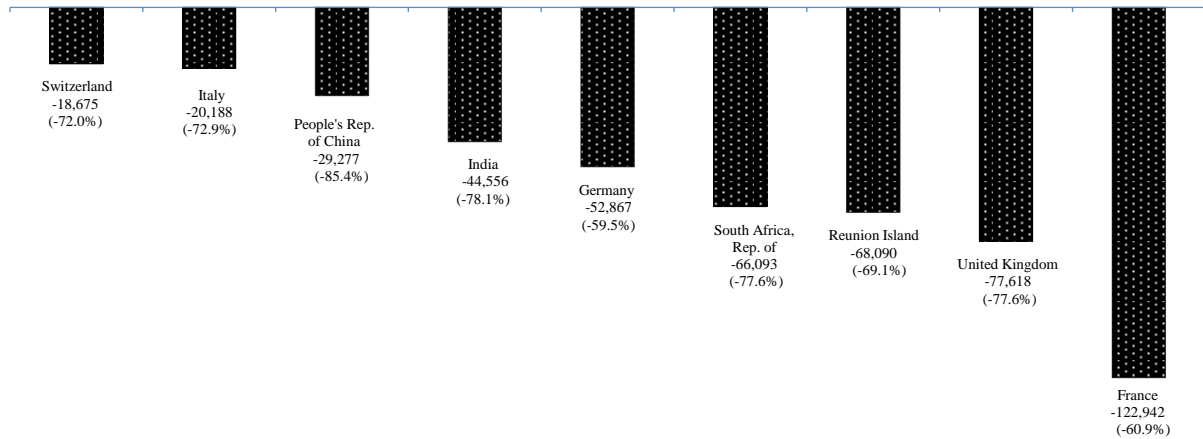
Figure 2 - Percentage change in main tourism indicators, January-September 2020 compared to January-September 2019



3.1 Tourist Arrivals

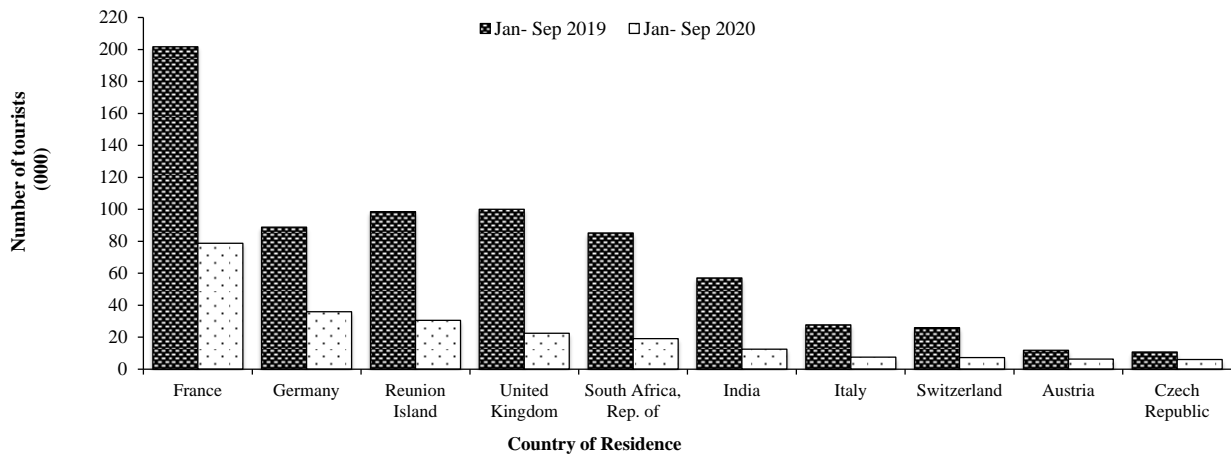
Compared to the first nine months of 2019, tourist arrivals decreased by 668,030 or 68.6% to reach 305,612 for the corresponding period of 2020 as a result of main changes shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3 - Main changes in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, January-September 2020 compared to January-September 2019



In the first nine months of 2020, France, our top tourist generating country, registered a decrease of 60.9%, representing a drop of 122,942 tourist arrivals. Decreases were also observed among the main markets as follows: People's Republic of China (-85.4%), India (-78.1%), Republic of South Africa (-77.6%), United Kingdom (-77.6%), Reunion Island (-69.1%) and Germany (-59.5%) (Table 5).

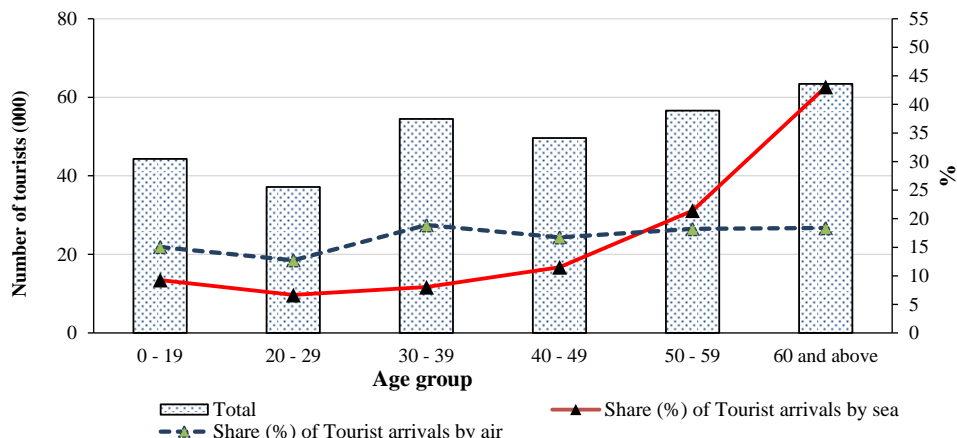
Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals from top ten markets, January-September 2019 and January-September 2020



3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the period under review, the number of tourists aged 60 years and above was 63,411 representing 20.7% of tourist arrivals and of whom 43.1% arrived by sea (Tables 6a and 6b).

Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age, January-September 2020



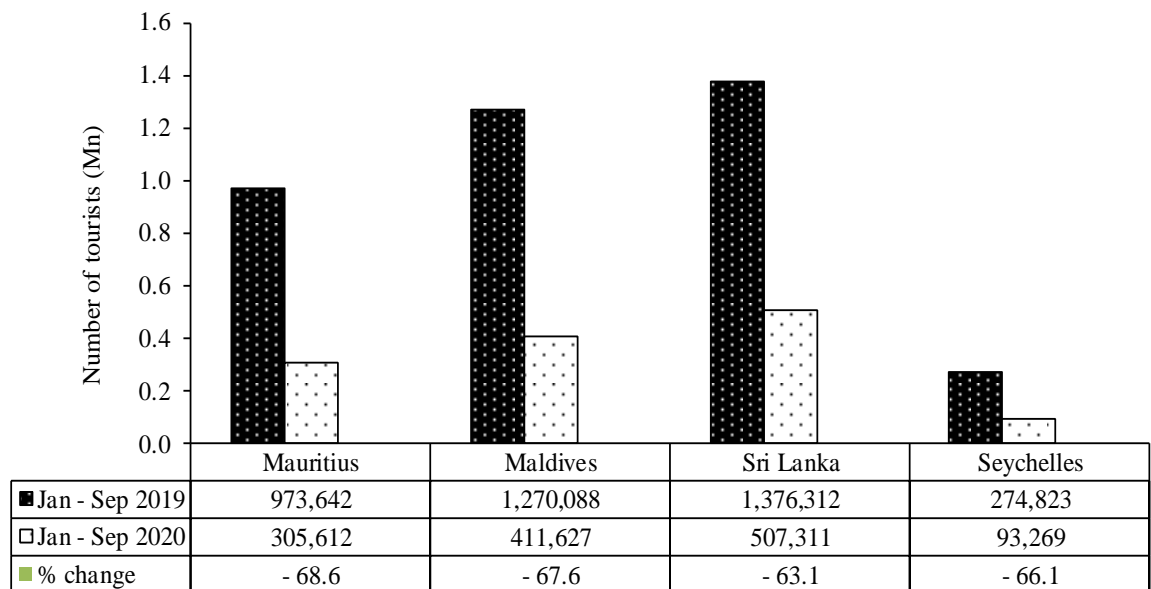
3.3 Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets

From Table 7, it is observed that during the first nine months of 2020, a high proportion of tourists arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence except for Russian Federation and Netherlands, where there were no direct connections. Tourists from Russian Federation and Netherlands travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates which is the most used transiting port. For the first nine months of 2020, the proportion of tourists from Netherlands and Russian Federation who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates were 64.0% and 54.1% respectively.

3.4 Tourist arrivals - Selected tourist destinations in the Indian Ocean region

During the first nine months of 2020, tourist arrivals in Mauritius decreased by 68.6%. Decreases were also observed for Sri Lanka (-63.1%), Seychelles (-66.1%) and Maldives (-67.6%).

Figure 6 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, January-September 2019 and January-September 2020



Source: Ministry of Tourism, Republic of Maldives; Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority; Seychelles National Bureau of Statistics

3.5 Tourist Nights

Compared to January to September 2019:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during January to September 2020 decreased by 60.2% from 10,745,832 to 4,276,577; and
- the average length of stay increased from 10.8 to 12.1 nights.

3.6 Employment

Employment data for the tourism sector 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 2020 (Table 11) indicate that employment in these establishments increased by 3.3% to 32,873 as compared to 31,827 for March 2019.

3.7 Accommodation

(i) Licensed hotels in the Island of Mauritius

As at end of September 2020, there were 114 licensed hotels of which 10 were temporarily closed due to renovation works and 30 hotels were used as quarantine centres. The total room capacity of the remaining 74 hotels was 8,171 with 19,091 bed places (Table 9). However, among the 74 hotels, only 45 were receiving clients and the remaining ones were temporarily closed till opening of borders.

During the first nine months of 2020,

- the room occupancy rate was 26% compared to 70% in the first nine months of 2019; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 22% compared to 62% in the first nine months of 2019 (Table 10).

(ii) 'Large' hotels in the Island of Mauritius

At the end of September 2020, there were 59 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) of which 7 were temporarily closed due to renovation works and 20 hotels were used as quarantine centres. The total room capacity of the remaining 32 large hotels was 5,898 with 14,283 bed places (Table 9). However, among the 32 large hotels, only 19 were receiving clients and the remaining ones were temporarily closed till opening of borders.

During the first nine months of 2020,

- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 26%, lower than the 72% registered in the first nine months of 2019;
- the bed occupancy rate was 23%, lower than the 65% recorded in the first nine months 2019 (Table 10).

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic ¹ by month, 2018 - 2020

Month	2018		2019		2020 ²	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	167,277	197,507	172,994	205,730	191,197	212,224
February	151,682	148,811	151,189	146,918	148,144	151,092
March	156,216	157,561	156,692	167,093	82,391	106,167
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>475,175</u>	<u>503,879</u>	<u>480,875</u>	<u>519,741</u>	<u>421,732</u>	<u>469,483</u>
April	146,421	150,938	150,580	145,505	260	932
May	130,231	139,992	130,455	135,632	647	1,702
June	113,689	111,463	125,877	124,918	1,488	2,633
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>390,341</u>	<u>402,393</u>	<u>406,912</u>	<u>406,055</u>	<u>2,395</u>	<u>5,267</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>865,516</i>	<i>906,272</i>	<i>887,787</i>	<i>925,796</i>	<i>424,127</i>	<i>474,750</i>
July	156,110	143,654	156,090	146,256	1,623	2,689
August	148,643	156,601	151,291	157,037	2,569	1,914
September	137,101	135,666	135,043	135,444	3,224	2,952
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>441,854</u>	<u>435,921</u>	<u>442,424</u>	<u>438,737</u>	<u>7,416</u>	<u>7,555</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>1,307,370</i>	<i>1,342,193</i>	<i>1,330,211</i>	<i>1,364,533</i>	<i>431,543</i>	<i>482,305</i>
October	169,570	158,783	164,647	156,298		
November	173,830	179,434	176,223	181,227		
December	211,519	179,287	205,655	180,307		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>554,919</u>	<u>517,504</u>	<u>546,525</u>	<u>517,832</u>		
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>996,773</i>	<i>953,425</i>	<i>988,949</i>	<i>956,569</i>		
Whole Year	1,862,289	1,859,697	1,876,736	1,882,365		

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

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Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation¹, January-September 2019 and 2020

Country of disembarkation	January-September 2019	January-September 2020 ²	% Change
EUROPE	53,961	16,668	- 69.1
Austria	222	149	- 32.9
France	23,411	7,930	- 66.1
Germany	2,267	647	- 71.5
Italy	380	576	+ 51.6
Netherlands	1,514	0	- 100.0
Switzerland	1,025	744	- 27.4
Turkey	9,927	1,624	- 83.6
United Kingdom	15,172	4,997	- 67.1
Other European countries	43	1	- 97.7
AFRICA	74,874	20,384	- 72.8
Kenya	6,215	1,491	- 76.0
Malagasy Republic	7,751	2,330	- 69.9
Reunion Island	31,487	7,680	- 75.6
Seychelles	5,673	1,933	- 65.9
South Africa, Rep. of	23,174	6,851	- 70.4
Other African countries	574	99	- 82.8
ASIA	95,189	23,214	- 75.6
People's Rep. of China	1,671	144	- 91.4
Hong Kong SAR ³	4,620	307	- 93.4
India	20,964	7,031	- 66.5
Malaysia	1,900	354	- 81.4
Saudi Arabia	3,551	548	- 84.6
Singapore	10,359	1,430	- 86.2
United Arab Emirates	52,124	13,397	- 74.3
Other Asian countries	0	3	-
OCEANIA	5,793	2,042	- 64.8
Australia	5,793	2,042	- 64.8
NOT STATED	38	0	- 100.0
All Countries	229,855	62,308	- 72.9

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, 2018 - 2020

Month	2018	2019	2020 ¹
January	120,974	122,273	137,419
February	115,600	115,613	111,560
March	119,841	114,419	55,863
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>356,415</u>	<u>352,305</u>	<u>304,842</u>
April	104,967	108,565	10
May	101,138	96,814	20
June	84,345	92,398	9
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>290,450</u>	<u>297,777</u>	<u>39</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>646,865</i>	<i>650,082</i>	<i>304,881</i>
July	115,881	115,448	45
August	109,471	107,275	317
September	102,849	100,837	369
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>328,201</u>	<u>323,560</u>	<u>731</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>975,066</i>	<i>973,642</i>	<i>305,612</i>
October	134,052	129,018	
November	132,247	128,730	
December	158,043	152,098	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>424,342</u>	<u>409,846</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>752,543</i>	<i>733,406</i>	
Whole Year	1,399,408	1,383,488	

¹ Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, January-September 2019 and 2020**

Purpose of visit	January-September 2019	January-September 2020 ¹	% Change
Holiday	905,889	287,172	-68.3
Business	38,044	9,459	-75.1
Transit	21,641	8,092	-62.6
Conference	4,441	510	-88.5
Sports	2,766	91	-96.7
Other purposes	861	288	-66.6
Total	973,642	305,612	-68.6

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Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, January-September 2019 and 2020

Country of residence	January-September 2019			January-September 2020 ¹			% Change Jan-Sep 2020 / Jan-Sep 2019		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
EUROPE	548,932	21,153	570,085	182,795	23,215	206,010	-66.7	9.7	-63.9
Austria	11,127	720	11,847	5,602	723	6,325	-49.7	0.4	-46.6
Belgium	11,510	91	11,601	2,147	103	2,250	-81.3	13.2	-80.6
Bulgaria	1,290	160	1,450	690	117	807	-46.5	-26.9	-44.3
Czech Republic	10,553	211	10,764	5,864	183	6,047	-44.4	-13.3	-43.8
Croatia	578	45	623	302	51	353	-47.8	13.3	-43.3
Denmark	5,191	107	5,298	2,314	118	2,432	-55.4	10.3	-54.1
Estonia	873	12	885	414	3	417	-52.6	-75.0	-52.9
Finland	2,429	31	2,460	1,520	36	1,556	-37.4	16.1	-36.7
France	197,911	3,806	201,717	74,623	4,152	78,775	-62.3	9.1	-60.9
Germany	78,049	10,747	88,796	23,593	12,336	35,929	-69.8	14.8	-59.5
Greece	649	102	751	223	43	266	-65.6	-57.8	-64.6
Hungary	2,713	199	2,912	1,759	242	2,001	-35.2	21.6	-31.3
Ireland	2,872	11	2,883	590	18	608	-79.5	63.6	-78.9
Italy	26,740	965	27,705	6,598	919	7,517	-75.3	-4.8	-72.9
Latvia	371	7	378	221	10	231	-40.4	42.9	-38.9
Lithuania	918	42	960	363	19	382	-60.5	-54.8	-60.2
Luxembourg	1,391	65	1,456	280	61	341	-79.9	-6.2	-76.6
Netherlands	12,864	96	12,960	2,073	112	2,185	-83.9	16.7	-83.1
Norway	4,143	153	4,296	1,036	135	1,171	-75.0	-11.8	-72.7
Poland	7,519	265	7,784	3,582	551	4,133	-52.4	107.9	-46.9
Portugal	3,887	61	3,948	673	138	811	-82.7	126.2	-79.5
Romania	3,023	299	3,322	2,207	440	2,647	-27.0	47.2	-20.3
Serbia	542	33	575	348	55	403	-35.8	66.7	-29.9
Slovakia	3,015	58	3,073	2,093	208	2,301	-30.6	258.6	-25.1
Slovenia	1,290	91	1,381	603	26	629	-53.3	-71.4	-54.5
Spain	10,593	224	10,817	1,316	133	1,449	-87.6	-40.6	-86.6
Sweden	8,262	278	8,540	5,481	247	5,728	-33.7	-11.2	-32.9
Switzerland	25,158	776	25,934	6,562	697	7,259	-73.9	-10.2	-72.0
Turkey	2,163	58	2,221	891	81	972	-58.8	39.7	-56.2
United Kingdom	99,297	754	100,051	21,900	533	22,433	-77.9	-29.3	-77.6
<i>CIS ² countries</i>	<i>10,574</i>	<i>647</i>	<i>11,221</i>	<i>6,467</i>	<i>708</i>	<i>7,175</i>	<i>-38.8</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>-36.1</i>
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>492</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>506</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>257</i>	<i>-49.2</i>	<i>-50.0</i>	<i>-49.2</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>184</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>186</i>	<i>146</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>-20.7</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>-20.4</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>7,235</i>	<i>412</i>	<i>7,647</i>	<i>4,626</i>	<i>507</i>	<i>5,133</i>	<i>-36.1</i>	<i>23.1</i>	<i>-32.9</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>2,386</i>	<i>216</i>	<i>2,602</i>	<i>1,328</i>	<i>187</i>	<i>1,515</i>	<i>-44.3</i>	<i>-13.4</i>	<i>-41.8</i>
<i>Other CIS countries</i>	<i>277</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>280</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>-57.8</i>	<i>66.7</i>	<i>-56.4</i>
Other European countries	1,437	39	1,476	460	17	477	-68.0	-56.4	-67.7
AFRICA	222,195	712	222,907	55,192	3,195	58,387	-75.2	348.7	-73.8
<i>IOC ³ countries</i>	<i>115,340</i>	<i>345</i>	<i>115,685</i>	<i>34,090</i>	<i>207</i>	<i>34,297</i>	<i>-70.4</i>	<i>-40.0</i>	<i>-70.4</i>
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>989</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>989</i>	<i>166</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>166</i>	<i>-83.2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-83.2</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>11,615</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>11,640</i>	<i>2,522</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>2,537</i>	<i>-78.3</i>	<i>-40.0</i>	<i>-78.2</i>
<i>Reunion Island</i>	<i>98,289</i>	<i>318</i>	<i>98,607</i>	<i>30,328</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>30,517</i>	<i>-69.1</i>	<i>-40.6</i>	<i>-69.1</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>4,447</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4,449</i>	<i>1,074</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1,077</i>	<i>-75.8</i>	<i>50.0</i>	<i>-75.8</i>
Algeria	239	1	240	70	0	70	-70.7	-100.0	-70.8
Angola	447	13	460	112	12	124	-74.9	-7.7	-73.0
Benin	71	3	74	17	1	18	-76.1	-66.7	-75.7
Botswana	1,149	0	1,149	174	4	178	-84.9	-	-84.5
Burundi	84	0	84	13	0	13	-84.5	-	-84.5
Cameroon	331	0	331	92	2	94	-72.2	-	-71.6
Congo	563	0	563	112	0	112	-80.1	-	-80.1
Egypt	614	5	619	190	0	190	-69.1	-100.0	-69.3
Ethiopia	240	1	241	49	0	49	-79.6	-100.0	-79.7
Gabon	164	0	164	30	1	31	-81.7	-	-81.1
Ghana	717	7	724	120	4	124	-83.3	-42.9	-82.9
Ivory Coast	384	21	405	56	7	63	-85.4	-66.7	-84.4
Kenya	3,641	3	3,644	724	2	726	-80.1	-33.3	-80.1
Lesotho	172	0	172	34	15	49	-80.2	-	-71.5
Malawi	309	0	309	61	0	61	-80.3	-	-80.3

¹ Provisional² Commonwealth of Independent States³ Indian Ocean Commission

Table 5 (Cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, January-September 2019 and 2020

Country of residence	January-September 2019			January-September 2020 ¹			% Change Jan-Sep 2020 / Jan-Sep 2019		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Mayotte	1,058	0	1,058	227	0	227	-78.5	-	-78.5
Morocco	785	11	796	161	3	164	-79.5	-72.7	-79.4
Mozambique	814	2	816	253	104	357	-68.9	5,100.0	-56.3
Namibia	920	4	924	177	18	195	-80.8	350.0	-78.9
Niger	145	1	146	25	4	29	-82.8	300.0	-80.1
Nigeria	2,416	22	2,438	593	10	603	-75.5	-54.5	-75.3
Rwanda	234	0	234	52	0	52	-77.8	-	-77.8
Senegal	184	11	195	43	2	45	-76.6	-81.8	-76.9
South Africa, Rep. of	84,955	239	85,194	16,342	2,759	19,101	-80.8	1,054.4	-77.6
Sudan	71	0	71	16	0	16	-77.5	-	-77.5
Kingdom of Eswatini ⁴	338	2	340	43	4	47	-87.3	100.0	-86.2
Tanzania	809	4	813	175	0	175	-78.4	-100.0	-78.5
Togo	55	2	57	13	0	13	-76.4	-100.0	-77.2
Tunisia	359	1	360	119	2	121	-66.9	100.0	-66.4
Uganda	598	1	599	151	0	151	-74.7	-100.0	-74.8
Zimbabwe	2,134	1	2,135	323	18	341	-84.9	1,700.0	-84.0
Zambia	816	0	816	156	5	161	-80.9	-	-80.3
Other African countries	1,039	12	1,051	379	11	390	-63.5	-8.3	-62.9
ASIA	144,887	2,317	147,204	30,020	1,346	31,366	-79.3	-41.9	-78.7
Afghanistan	513	13	526	164	11	175	-68.0	-15.4	-66.7
Bangladesh	621	3	624	231	1	232	-62.8	-66.7	-62.8
Hong Kong SAR ⁵	1,021	5	1,026	103	2	105	-89.9	-60.0	-89.8
India	56,818	236	57,054	12,294	204	12,498	-78.4	-13.6	-78.1
Indonesia	1,676	429	2,105	818	135	953	-51.2	-68.5	-54.7
Israel	1,475	285	1,760	1,234	501	1,735	-16.3	75.8	-1.4
Japan	1,486	127	1,613	367	10	377	-75.3	-92.1	-76.6
Korea Republic	4,367	75	4,442	762	13	775	-82.6	-82.7	-82.6
Malaysia	1,581	21	1,602	282	4	286	-82.2	-81.0	-82.1
Maldives	298	1	299	8	0	8	-97.3	-100.0	-97.3
Nepal	265	2	267	98	0	98	-63.0	-100.0	-63.3
Pakistan	686	26	712	163	7	170	-76.2	-73.1	-76.1
People's Rep. of China	33,981	313	34,294	4,849	168	5,017	-85.7	-46.3	-85.4
Philippines	2,006	526	2,532	795	201	996	-60.4	-61.8	-60.7
Singapore	1,932	12	1,944	251	1	252	-87.0	-91.7	-87.0
Sri Lanka	358	37	395	117	11	128	-67.3	-70.3	-67.6
Taiwan, China	1,440	118	1,558	236	27	263	-83.6	-77.1	-83.1
Thailand	410	3	413	76	6	82	-81.5	100.0	-80.1
Vietnam	435	38	473	160	20	180	-63.2	-47.4	-61.9
MIDDLE EAST countries	33,293	11	33,304	6,936	18	6,954	-79.2	63.6	-79.1
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>-83.8</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-83.8</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>-85.5</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-83.9</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>198</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>198</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>-73.7</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-73.7</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>663</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>663</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>176</i>	<i>-74.8</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-73.5</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>408</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>408</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>-83.6</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-83.6</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>209</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>209</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>-87.1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-86.6</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>280</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>280</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>-87.5</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-87.5</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>19,777</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>19,779</i>	<i>4,978</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4,978</i>	<i>-74.8</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>-74.8</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>11,431</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>11,435</i>	<i>1,543</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1,549</i>	<i>-86.5</i>	<i>50.0</i>	<i>-86.5</i>
<i>Other Middle East countries</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>97</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>-66.3</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>-68.0</i>
Other Asian countries	225	36	261	76	6	82	-66.2	-83.3	-68.6
OCEANIA	14,260	301	14,561	3,219	233	3,452	-77.4	-22.6	-76.3
Australia	13,110	228	13,338	2,897	147	3,044	-77.9	-35.5	-77.2
New Zealand	703	59	762	164	30	194	-76.7	-49.2	-74.5
Other Oceanian countries	447	14	461	158	56	214	-64.7	300.0	-53.6
AMERICA	17,549	883	18,432	4,760	1,451	6,211	-72.9	64.3	-66.3
Brazil	2,300	123	2,423	766	100	866	-66.7	-18.7	-64.3
Canada	5,680	225	5,905	1,452	301	1,753	-74.4	33.8	-70.3
USA	7,107	383	7,490	1,638	934	2,572	-77.0	143.9	-65.7
Other American countries	2,462	152	2,614	904	116	1,020	-63.3	-23.7	-61.0
Others & not stated	438	15	453	144	42	186	-67.1	180.0	-58.9
All countries	948,261	25,381	973,642	276,130	29,482	305,612	-70.9	16.2	-68.6

¹ Provisional ⁴ Kingdom of Eswatini was formerly known as Swaziland⁵ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 6a:- Tourist arrivals by age and gender, January-September 2019 and 2020

Age group (years)	January-September 2019			January-September 2020 ¹			% Change		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	19,196	19,026	38,222	5,876	5,753	11,629	-69.4	-69.8	-69.6
5 - 9	21,783	21,204	42,987	6,229	6,168	12,397	-71.4	-70.9	-71.2
10 - 14	21,059	21,337	42,396	5,608	5,922	11,530	-73.4	-72.2	-72.8
15 - 19	15,800	19,020	34,820	3,917	4,817	8,734	-75.2	-74.7	-74.9
20 - 24	17,975	27,849	45,824	4,805	7,499	12,304	-73.3	-73.1	-73.1
25 - 29	45,784	57,267	103,051	11,144	13,700	24,844	-75.7	-76.1	-75.9
30 - 34	54,722	53,289	108,011	13,903	14,269	28,172	-74.6	-73.2	-73.9
35 - 39	47,621	44,474	92,095	13,270	13,070	26,340	-72.1	-70.6	-71.4
40 - 44	42,360	38,817	81,177	12,481	11,518	23,999	-70.5	-70.3	-70.4
45 - 49	43,709	41,375	85,084	12,985	12,641	25,626	-70.3	-69.4	-69.9
50 - 54	44,240	42,871	87,111	13,987	14,530	28,517	-68.4	-66.1	-67.3
55 - 59	38,747	36,144	74,891	13,870	14,239	28,109	-64.2	-60.6	-62.5
60 - 64	28,783	27,299	56,082	11,630	11,834	23,464	-59.6	-56.7	-58.2
65 - 69	20,483	19,374	39,857	9,382	9,125	18,507	-54.2	-52.9	-53.6
70 & over	22,420	19,614	42,034	11,605	9,835	21,440	-48.2	-49.9	-49.0
Total	484,682	488,960	973,642	150,692	154,920	305,612	-68.9	-68.3	-68.6

¹ Provisional**Table 6b:- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of arrival, January-September 2019 and 2020**

Age group (years)	January-September 2019			January-September 2020 ¹			% Change		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	122,702	903	123,605	33,595	1,961	35,556	-72.6	117.2	-71.2
15 - 59	698,605	13,459	712,064	191,822	14,823	206,645	-72.5	10.1	-71.0
60 & over	126,954	11,019	137,973	50,713	12,698	63,411	-60.1	15.2	-54.0
Total	948,261	25,381	973,642	276,130	29,482	305,612	-70.9	16.2	-68.6

¹ Provisional

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, January-September 2020 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	122,660	48,404	16,858	4,251	576	4,265	810	14,947	1,799	85	53	32	43	121	
<i>of which:</i> France	55,576	41,794	1,946	905	322	471	8	536	863	60	10	10	12	31	
Germany	16,672	2,266	11,045	205	89	161	10	12	83	4	2	0	0	7	
Italy	4,322	681	37	2,718	7	37	0	40	247	0	0	0	0	1	
Netherlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Switzerland	6,968	1,634	915	177	29	3,260	5	84	77	3	3	2	1	4	
Turkey	9,014	854	1,159	104	27	59	785	134	334	13	9	3	5	7	
United Kingdom	16,912	957	104	103	70	96	1	14,105	19	3	27	15	22	17	
AFRICA	82,535	17,947	1,827	383	163	618	28	1,635	292	28,989	14,981	1,493	620	489	
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	3,184	432	43	48	16	58	5	124	48	55	85	153	123	31	
Malagasy Republic	3,180	320	45	5	6	21	6	31	27	229	27	92	97	27	
Reunion Island	48,691	16,762	435	42	24	252	3	136	56	28,551	203	212	208	67	
Seychelles	2,873	106	68	10	4	18	1	75	41	28	20	933	23	38	
South Africa, Rep. of	24,559	324	1,234	276	113	268	9	1,267	111	126	14,639	103	169	326	
ASIA	68,479	8,144	4,862	1,960	1,328	1,665	53	5,205	2,534	1,128	978	10,760	4,184	892	
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR ²	1,151	9	2	3	0	0	0	2	3	14	9	1	789	14	
India	10,780	56	16	7	0	6	4	83	4	110	792	9,157	18	25	
Malaysia	1,342	78	9	0	1	5	0	17	7	194	51	15	20	57	
People's Rep. of China	1,444	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	5	4	1	1,392	0	
Saudi Arabia	4,476	390	14	24	0	1	17	20	11	2	9	41	6	1	
Singapore	1,742	148	6	3	0	5	0	16	4	457	28	15	78	114	
United Arab Emirates	47,531	7,459	4,815	1,923	1,326	1,648	32	5,067	2,503	346	85	1,530	1,881	681	
OCEANIA	2,456	128	46	4	6	14	0	113	1	126	330	9	2	1,395	
<i>of which:</i> Australia	2,456	128	46	4	6	14	0	113	1	126	330	9	2	1,395	
AMERICA	0	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	276,130	74,623	23,593	6,598	2,073	6,562	891	21,900	4,626	30,328	16,342	12,294	4,849	2,897	
<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		56.0%	46.8%	41.2%	Napp	49.7%	88.1%	64.4%	Napp	94.1%	89.6%	74.5%	28.7%	48.2%	
From United Arab Emirates		10.0%	20.4%	29.1%	64.0%	25.1%	3.6%	23.1%	54.1%	1.1%	0.5%	12.4%	38.8%	23.5%	
From Turkey		1.1%	4.9%	1.6%	1.3%	0.9%		0.6%	7.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	
From France			8.2%	13.7%	15.5%	7.2%	0.9%	2.4%	18.7%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	1.1%	
From Reunion Island		22.5%	1.8%	0.6%	1.2%	3.8%	0.3%	0.6%	1.2%		1.2%	1.7%	4.3%	2.3%	
From Netherlands		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.4%	5.2%	4.2%	5.5%	4.1%	1.0%	5.8%	2.4%	0.4%		0.8%	3.5%	11.3%	

¹ Provisional

² Special Administrative Region of China

Napp: Not Applicable

Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and tourism earnings, 2017 - 2020

Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights ¹	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings ² (Rs Mn)
2017 January-September	934,679	959,672	10,149,031	10.6	42,096
Year	1,341,860	1,321,140	13,640,751	10.3	60,262
2018 January-September	975,066	1,003,414	10,605,289	10.6	46,256
Year	1,399,408	1,376,978	14,296,274	10.4	64,037
2019 January-September	973,642	995,188	10,745,832	10.8	45,104
Year	1,383,488	1,360,306	14,465,865	10.6	63,107
2020 ³ January-September	305,612	353,535	4,276,577	12.1	16,907

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

Table 9:- Hotels ¹, rooms and bedplaces, 2017 - 2020

Year		Number as at end of period					
		All Hotels			"Large" Hotels		
		Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces
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.	113	13,574	30,427	57	10,585	24,218
2019	1st Qr.	110	13,456	30,228	57	10,564	24,200
	2nd Qr.	109	13,336	30,068	58	10,533	24,192
	3rd Qr.	110	13,248	30,623	57	10,370	24,437
	4th Qr.	112	13,489	31,024	58	10,539	24,743
2020 ²	1st Qr.	111	13,297	30,664	57	10,352	24,336
	2nd Qr.	91 ³	10,537	24,214	44 ³	7,972	18,801
	3rd Qr.	74 ³	8,171	19,091	32 ³	5,898	14,283

¹ Refers to hotels in the island of Mauritius which were operational and including temporary closed ones till opening of borders

² Provisional

³ Excluding hotels not operational because of renovation works and hotels used as quarantine centres

Table 10:- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2018 - 2020

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2018		2019		2020 ¹		2018		2019		2020 ¹	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	77	70	72	64	73	64	78	72	74	66	75	65
February	79	71	76	67	70	61	81	74	77	69	72	63
March	76	69	71	62	42 ²	34 ²	78	72	72	64	43 ²	35 ²
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>56</u>
April	73	67	69	64	1	0	75	70	71	67	0	0
May	70	63	66	57	0	0	72	65	67	58	0	0
June	60	53	64	55	1	1	62	56	65	57	1	1
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
1st Semester	73	66	69	62	34	30	74	68	71	63	35	31
July	68	63	69	62	2	2	71	66	70	64	1	1
August	76	70	73	66	5	5	79	74	75	69	5	4
September	79	69	75	63	9	9	82	72	77	65	8	8
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
Jan. to Sep.	73	66	70	62	26	22	75	69	72	65	26	23
October	81	72	75	66			83	75	76	68		
November	83	71	84	69			84	72	85	70		
December	76	69	78	68			77	70	79	70		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>68</u>			<u>81</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>69</u>		
2nd Semester	77	69	76	66			79	72	77	68		
Year	75	67	73	64			77	70	74	66		

¹ Provisional

² As from March 2020 to end of September 2020, occupancy rate excludes number of nights spent in hotels which were used as quarantine centres

Table 11:- Employment in large¹ establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2016 - 2020

Year \ Establishments	2016	2017 ²	2018 ²	2019 ²	2020 ³
Food Service	3,313	3,416	3,539	3,714	3,850
Hotels	23,624	24,194	24,312	24,599	25,472
Travel and Other Services ⁴	3,755	3,664	3,604	3,514	3,551
Total	30,692	31,274	31,455	31,827	32,873

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.

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