

# INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first quarter of 2021. 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. As from 01 October 2020 to 09 March 2021, travel to and from certain destinations were allowed. Following the second wave in the outbreak of COVID-19 in the country, the national borders were once more closed down as from 10 March 2021.

### 2. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

#### Passenger traffic, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 and 2021

	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 <sup>1</sup>
Arrivals by		
Air	378,473	7,832
Sea	43,259	124
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	41,582	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>421,732</b>	<b>7,956</b>
Departures by		
Air	428,009	10,008
Sea	41,474	169
<b>Total</b>	<b>469,483</b>	<b>10,177</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

#### 2.1 Arrivals in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021

Compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020:

- (i) total arrivals decreased from 421,732 to 7,956;
- (ii) total tourist arrivals decreased from 304,842, to 2,772; those arriving by air decreased from 275,418 to 2,648, while those arriving by sea decreased from 29,424 to 124 (Table 6b).

In the first quarter of 2021, there were no cruise ships that arrived in the country.

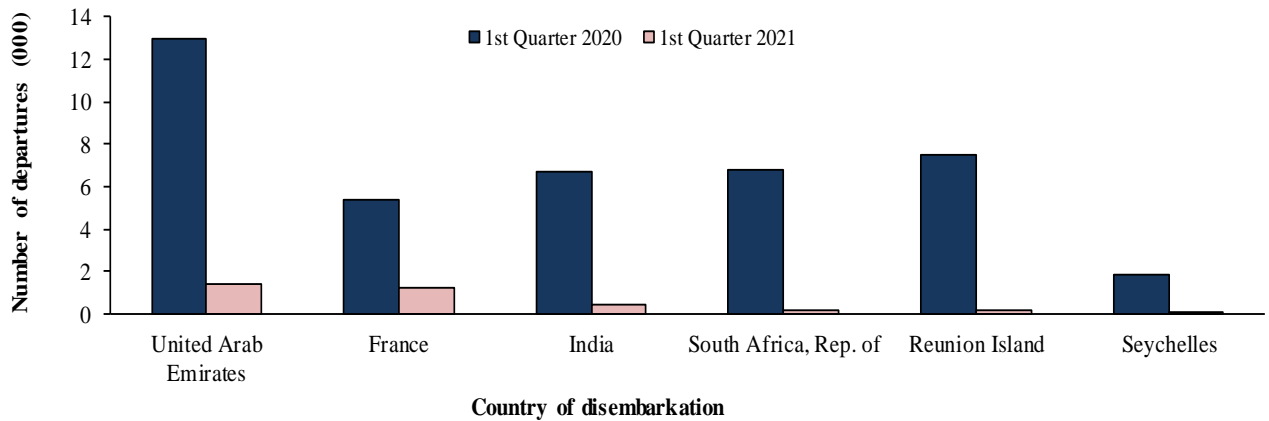
#### 2.2 Departures in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021

Compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020:

- (i) total departures declined from 469,483 to 10,177; and
- (ii) departures of Mauritian residents decreased from 57,756 to 3,567 (Table 2).

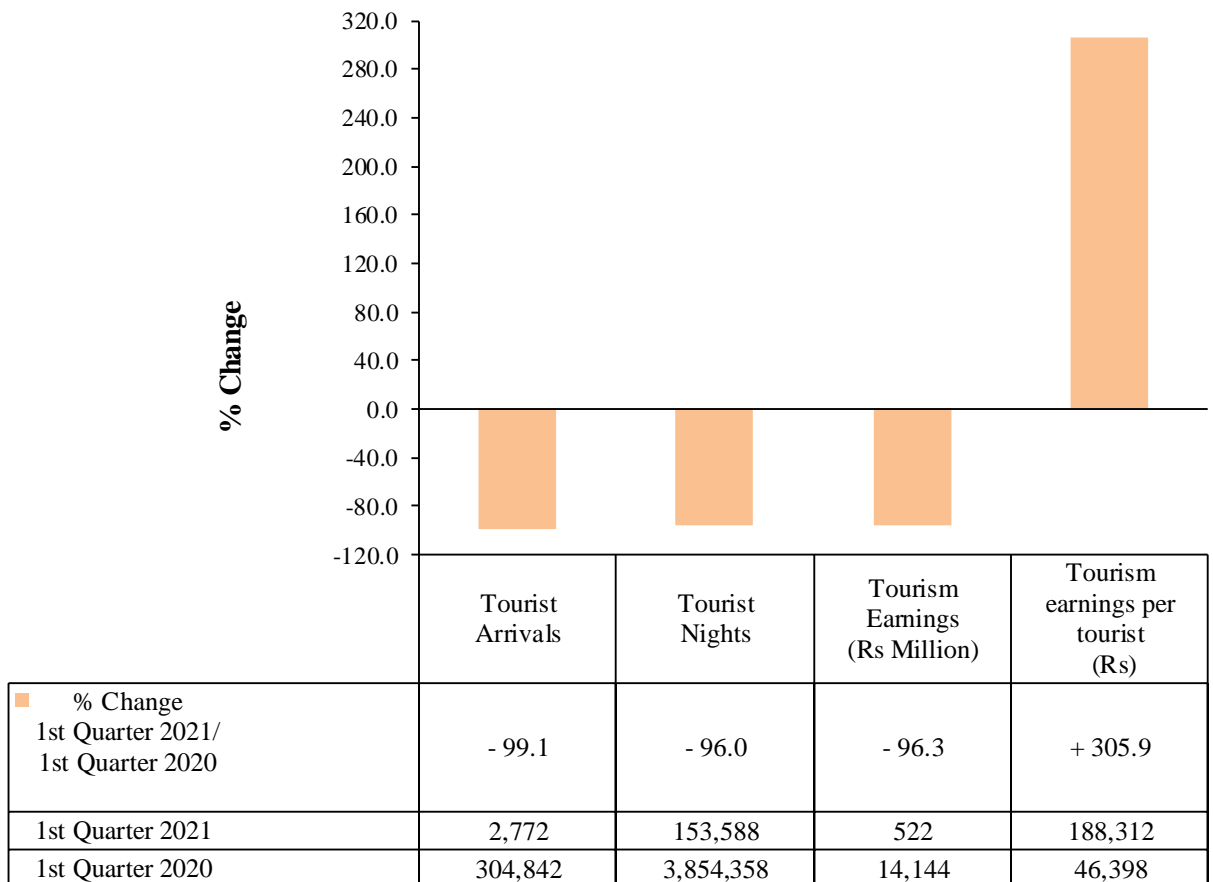
Comparative figures for the first quarters of 2020 and 2021 for Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2021, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (1,393 or 39.1%), France (1,218 or 34.1%), India (422 or 11.8%), Republic of South Africa (172 or 4.8%), Reunion Island (161 or 4.5%) and Seychelles (84 or 2.4%).

**Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2020 and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2021**



### 3. TOURISM

**Figure 2 - Percentage change in main tourism indicators, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020**



#### 3.1 Tourist Arrivals

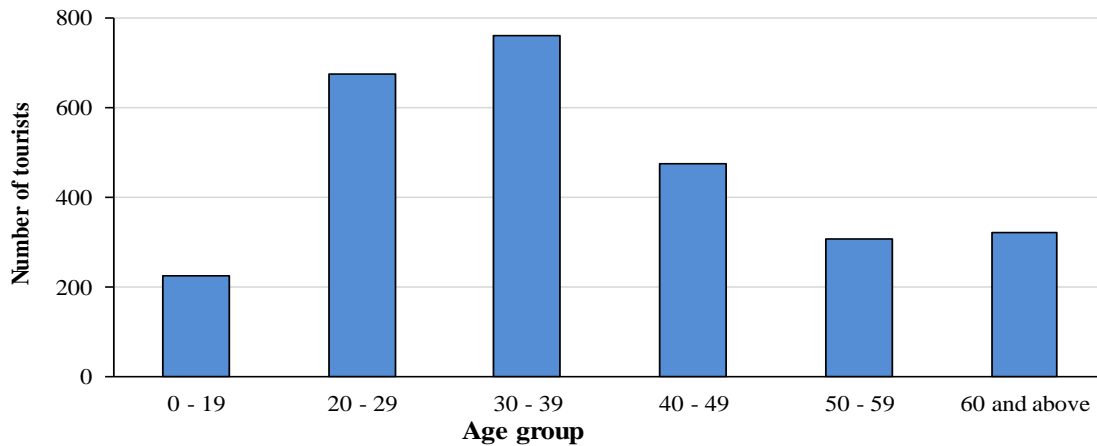
Tourist arrivals in the first quarter 2021 from main markets were as follows:

France (531), India (335), Germany (86), Republic of South Africa (54), Reunion Island (46), United Kingdom (39) and Italy (38).

### 3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the first quarter of 2021, the number of tourists aged 60 years and above was 324 representing 11.7% of tourist arrivals and of whom 4.0% arrived by sea (Tables 6a and 6b).

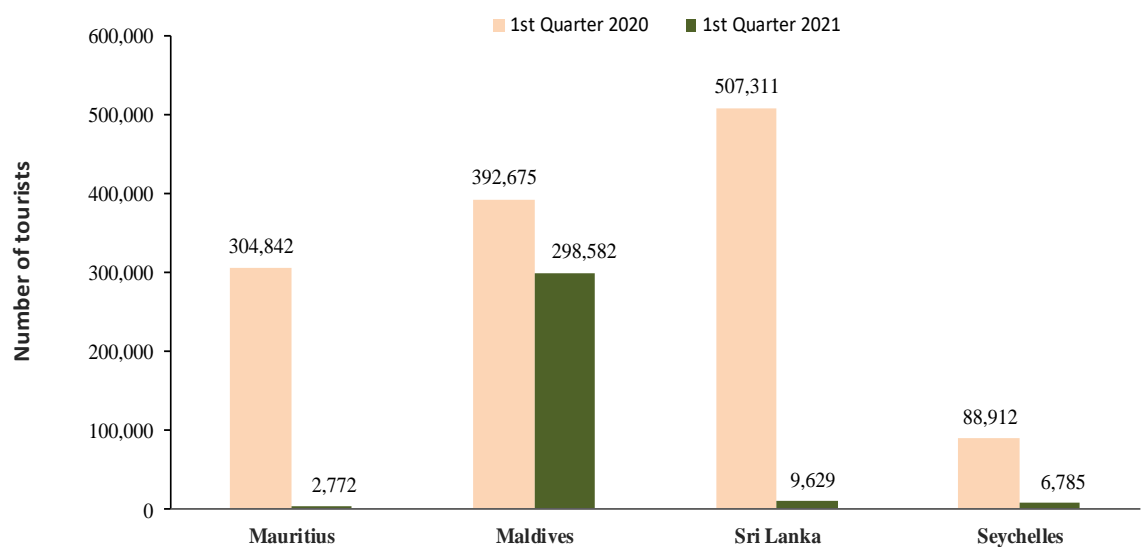
**Figure 3 - Tourist arrivals by age, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021**



### 3.3 Tourist arrivals - Selected tourist destinations in the Indian Ocean region

During 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021, tourist arrivals in Mauritius decreased by 99.1%. Maldives, Seychelles and Sri Lanka registered decreases of 24.0%, 92.4% and 98.1% respectively in tourist arrivals (Figure 4).

**Figure 4- Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021**



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

### 3.4 Tourist Nights

Compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 decreased from 3,854,358 to 153,588; and
- the average length of stay increased from 11.0 to 77.2 nights (Table 8).

### 3.5 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.

### 3.6 Accommodation

#### (i) Licensed hotels in the Island of Mauritius

As at end of March 2021, there were 113 licensed hotels of which 5 were temporarily closed due to renovation works and 15 hotels were used as quarantine centres. The total room capacity of the remaining 93 hotels was 10,837 with 24,895 bed places (Table 9).

During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 14%, lower compared to 63% in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 11% lower compared to 54% in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 (Table 10).

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

At the end of March 2021, there were 60 'large' hotels (i.e., well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) of which 5 were temporarily closed due to renovation works and 6 hotels were used as quarantine centres. The total room capacity of the remaining 49 large hotels was 8,470 with 19,730 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 53% of all licensed hotels in operation but make 78% of total room capacity and 79% of total bed places (Table 9).

During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021,

- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 14% lower than the 64% registered in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020;
- the bed occupancy rate was 11% lower than the 56% recorded in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 (Table 10).

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic <sup>1</sup> by month, 2019 - 2021

Month	2019		2020		2021 <sup>2</sup>	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	172,994	205,730	191,197	212,224	3,512	3,570
February	151,189	146,918	148,144	151,092	3,225	3,006
March	156,692	167,093	82,391	106,167	1,219	3,601
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>480,875</u>	<u>519,741</u>	<u>421,732</u>	<u>469,483</u>	<u>7,956</u>	<u>10,177</u>
April	150,580	145,505	260	932		
May	130,455	135,632	647	1,702		
June	125,877	124,918	1,488	2,633		
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>406,912</u>	<u>406,055</u>	<u>2,395</u>	<u>5,267</u>		
<b><i>1st Semester</i></b>	<b><i>887,787</i></b>	<b><i>925,796</i></b>	<b><i>424,127</i></b>	<b><i>474,750</i></b>		
July	156,090	146,256	1,623	2,689		
August	151,291	157,037	2,569	1,914		
September	135,043	135,444	3,224	2,952		
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>442,424</u>	<u>438,737</u>	<u>7,416</u>	<u>7,555</u>		
<b><i>Jan. to Sep.</i></b>	<b><i>1,330,211</i></b>	<b><i>1,364,533</i></b>	<b><i>431,543</i></b>	<b><i>482,305</i></b>		
October	164,647	156,298	3,964	2,640		
November	176,223	181,227	3,648	2,786		
December	205,655	180,307	3,594	4,118		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>546,525</u>	<u>517,832</u>	<u>11,206</u>	<u>9,544</u>		
<b><i>2nd Semester</i></b>	<b><i>988,949</i></b>	<b><i>956,569</i></b>	<b><i>18,622</i></b>	<b><i>17,099</i></b>		
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>1,876,736</b>	<b>1,882,365</b>	<b>442,749</b>	<b>491,849</b>		

<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation<sup>1</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 and 2021

Country of disembarkation	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 <sup>2</sup>
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>13,464</b>	<b>1,218</b>
Austria	149	0
France	5,414	1,218
Germany	647	0
Italy	353	0
Netherlands	0	0
Switzerland	744	0
Turkey	1,621	0
United Kingdom	4,535	0
Other European countries	1	0
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>19,861</b>	<b>493</b>
Kenya	1,482	0
Malagasy Republic	2,236	72
Reunion Island	7,464	161
Seychelles	1,808	84
South Africa, Rep. of	6,773	172
Other African countries	98	4
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>22,423</b>	<b>1,856</b>
People's Rep. of China	110	41
Hong Kong SAR <sup>3</sup>	307	0
India	6,725	422
Malaysia	354	0
Saudi Arabia	547	0
Singapore	1,430	0
United Arab Emirates	12,948	1,393
Other Asian countries	2	0
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>2,008</b>	<b>0</b>
Australia	2,008	0
<b>NOT STATED</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>All Countries</b>	<b>57,756</b>	<b>3,567</b>

<sup>1</sup> Country of disembarkation may either be the country of final destination or the transit country<sup>2</sup> Provisional<sup>3</sup> Special Administrative Region of China

**Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2019 - 2021**

Month	2019	2020	2021 <sup>1</sup>
January	122,273	137,419	1,232
February	115,613	111,560	1,229
March	114,419	55,863	311
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>352,305</u>	<u>304,842</u>	<u>2,772</u>
April	108,565	10	
May	96,814	20	
June	92,398	9	
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>297,777</u>	<u>39</u>	
<b><i>1st Semester</i></b>	<b><i>650,082</i></b>	<b><i>304,881</i></b>	
July	115,448	45	
August	107,275	317	
September	100,837	369	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>323,560</u>	<u>731</u>	
<b><i>Jan. to Sep.</i></b>	<b><i>973,642</i></b>	<b><i>305,612</i></b>	
October	129,018	1,149	
November	128,730	1,177	
December	152,098	1,042	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>409,846</u>	<u>3,368</u>	
<b><i>2nd Semester</i></b>	<b><i>733,406</i></b>	<b><i>4,099</i></b>	
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>1,383,488</b>	<b>308,980</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 and 2021**

Purpose of visit	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 <sup>1</sup>
Holiday	287,018	1,223
Business	8,956	626
Transit	8,024	835
Conference	510	0
Sports	91	0
Other purposes	243	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>304,842</b>	<b>2,772</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional



Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 and 2021

Country of residence	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 <sup>1</sup>		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>182,491</b>	<b>23,196</b>	<b>205,687</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,117</b>
Austria	5,601	723	6,324	20	0	20
Belgium	2,144	103	2,247	30	0	30
Bulgaria	690	117	807	0	0	0
Czech Republic	5,864	183	6,047	24	0	24
Croatia	301	51	352	1	0	1
Denmark	2,313	118	2,431	0	0	0
Estonia	414	3	417	0	0	0
Finland	1,520	36	1,556	3	0	3
France	74,501	4,137	78,638	531	0	531
Germany	23,575	12,336	35,911	84	2	86
Greece	199	42	241	12	0	12
Hungary	1,759	242	2,001	3	0	3
Ireland	590	18	608	16	0	16
Italy	6,592	919	7,511	37	1	38
Latvia	221	10	231	4	0	4
Lithuania	363	19	382	2	0	2
Luxembourg	280	61	341	1	0	1
Netherlands	2,070	111	2,181	12	0	12
Norway	1,036	135	1,171	2	0	2
Poland	3,581	551	4,132	22	1	23
Portugal	673	138	811	22	0	22
Romania	2,205	440	2,645	9	1	10
Serbia	348	55	403	1	0	1
Slovakia	2,093	208	2,301	3	0	3
Slovenia	603	26	629	6	0	6
Spain	1,289	131	1,420	54	3	57
Sweden	5,481	247	5,728	2	0	2
Switzerland	6,561	697	7,258	56	0	56
Turkey	889	81	970	11	1	12
United Kingdom	21,824	533	22,357	38	1	39
<i>CIS <sup>2</sup> countries</i>	<i>6,451</i>	<i>708</i>	<i>7,159</i>	<i>93</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>95</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>257</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>146</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>4,621</i>	<i>507</i>	<i>5,128</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>65</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>1,317</i>	<i>187</i>	<i>1,504</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Other CIS countries</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Other European countries</i>	<i>460</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>477</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>6</i>
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>54,978</b>	<b>3,186</b>	<b>58,164</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>292</b>
<i>IOC <sup>3</sup> countries</i>	<i>34,061</i>	<i>206</i>	<i>34,267</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>90</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>166</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>166</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>2,505</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>2,519</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>39</i>
<i>Reunion Island</i>	<i>30,316</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>30,505</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>46</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>1,074</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1,077</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>
Algeria	70	0	70	0	0	0
Angola	112	12	124	0	1	1
Benin	17	0	17	0	0	0
Botswana	174	4	178	0	0	0
Burundi	13	0	13	0	0	0
Cameroon	91	2	93	9	0	9
Congo	112	0	112	3	0	3
Egypt	190	0	190	7	0	7
Ethiopia	49	0	49	1	0	1
Gabon	30	1	31	1	0	1
Ghana	120	3	123	7	3	10
Ivory Coast	56	3	59	0	4	4
Kenya	708	2	710	18	2	20
Lesotho	34	15	49	0	0	0
Malawi	61	0	61	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Provisional<sup>2</sup> Commonwealth of Independent States<sup>3</sup> Indian Ocean Commission

Table 5 (Cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel,1st Quarter 2020 and 2021

Country of residence	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 <sup>1</sup>		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Mayotte	227	0	227	1	0	1
Morocco	161	3	164	9	0	9
Mozambique	253	104	357	1	0	1
Namibia	177	18	195	4	0	4
Niger	25	4	29	0	0	0
Nigeria	593	10	603	10	0	10
Rwanda	50	0	50	5	0	5
Senegal	43	2	45	1	0	1
South Africa, Rep. of	16,184	2,757	18,941	53	1	54
Sudan	16	0	16	0	0	0
Kingdom of Eswatini <sup>4</sup>	43	4	47	0	0	0
Tanzania	175	0	175	12	1	13
Togo	13	0	13	0	0	0
Tunisia	115	2	117	8	0	8
Uganda	150	0	150	10	0	10
Zimbabwe	322	18	340	18	0	18
Zambia	155	5	160	0	0	0
Other African countries	378	11	389	12	0	12
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>29,866</b>	<b>1,317</b>	<b>31,183</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1,203</b>
Afghanistan	164	11	175	1	0	1
Bangladesh	231	1	232	12	0	12
Hong Kong SAR <sup>5</sup>	103	2	105	4	0	4
India	12,244	203	12,447	332	3	335
Indonesia	816	115	931	353	75	428
Israel	1,234	501	1,735	2	0	2
Japan	304	9	313	11	0	11
Korea Republic	762	13	775	13	0	13
Malaysia	282	4	286	3	0	3
Maldives	8	0	8	0	0	0
Nepal	97	0	97	2	0	2
Pakistan	163	7	170	8	0	8
People's Rep. of China	4,841	168	5,009	81	1	82
Philippines	795	200	995	205	7	212
Singapore	248	1	249	3	0	3
Sri Lanka	116	11	127	2	3	5
Taiwan, China	236	21	257	24	3	27
Thailand	76	6	82	0	0	0
Vietnam	160	20	180	29	0	29
<i>MIDDLE EAST countries</i>	<i>6,910</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>6,928</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>176</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>4,960</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4,960</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>1,536</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1,542</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>Other Middle East countries</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Other Asian countries	76	6	82	0	0	0
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>3,202</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>3,434</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>
Australia	2,887	147	3,034	9	4	13
New Zealand	157	29	186	5	1	6
Other Oceanian countries	158	56	214	2	0	2
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>4,742</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>6,193</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>132</b>
Brazil	766	100	866	6	0	6
Canada	1,445	301	1,746	34	1	35
USA	1,630	934	2,564	55	0	55
Other American countries	901	116	1,017	34	2	36
<b>Others &amp; not stated</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>All countries</b>	<b>275,418</b>	<b>29,424</b>	<b>304,842</b>	<b>2,648</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>2,772</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional <sup>4</sup> Kingdom of Eswatini was formerly known as Swaziland<sup>5</sup> Special Administrative Region of China

**Table 6a:- Tourist arrivals by age and sex, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 and 2021**

Age group (years)	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 <sup>1</sup>		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	5,867	5,742	11,609	48	32	80
5 - 9	6,216	6,155	12,371	30	25	55
10 - 14	5,594	5,911	11,505	12	19	31
15 - 19	3,912	4,809	8,721	31	28	59
20 - 24	4,784	7,487	12,271	193	85	278
25 - 29	11,098	13,685	24,783	310	88	398
30 - 34	13,831	14,244	28,075	340	96	436
35 - 39	13,200	13,053	26,253	257	70	327
40 - 44	12,395	11,488	23,883	199	78	277
45 - 49	12,908	12,622	25,530	131	68	199
50 - 54	13,913	14,509	28,422	109	59	168
55 - 59	13,834	14,228	28,062	85	55	140
60 - 64	11,608	11,828	23,436	78	60	138
65 - 69	9,370	9,119	18,489	50	47	97
70 & over	11,599	9,833	21,432	53	36	89
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,129</b>	<b>154,713</b>	<b>304,842</b>	<b>1,926</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>2,772</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional**Table 6b:- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of arrival, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 and 2021**

Age group (years)	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 <sup>1</sup>		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	33,524	1,961	35,485	166	0	166
15 - 59	191,233	14,767	206,000	2,163	119	2,282
60 & over	50,661	12,696	63,357	319	5	324
<b>Total</b>	<b>275,418</b>	<b>29,424</b>	<b>304,842</b>	<b>2,648</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>2,772</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 <sup>1</sup>

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
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>1,017</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>
<i>from:</i> France	1,017	439	61	24	12	28	1	5	34	0	1	11	6	1
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>of which:</i> Reunion Island	90	40	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0
Seychelles	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	0
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>1,394</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>8</b>
<i>of which:</i> India	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	0
United Arab Emirates	1,336	51	23	12	0	26	10	33	30	0	42	188	72	8
<b>Total arrivals by air</b>	<b>2,648</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and tourism earnings, 2018 - 2021**

Year		Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights <sup>1</sup>	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings <sup>2</sup> (Rs Mn)
<b>2018</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	356,415	380,086	4,127,448	10.9	18,483
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	290,450	301,773	2,995,925	9.9	14,977
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	328,201	321,555	3,481,916	10.8	12,797
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	424,342	373,564	3,690,985	9.9	17,781
	<b>Year</b>	<b>1,399,408</b>	<b>1,376,978</b>	<b>14,296,274</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>64,037</b>
<b>2019</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	352,305	380,228	4,117,859	10.8	16,518
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	297,777	296,081	3,028,030	10.2	14,534
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	323,560	318,879	3,599,943	11.3	14,052
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	409,846	365,118	3,720,033	10.2	18,003
	<b>Year</b>	<b>1,383,488</b>	<b>1,360,306</b>	<b>14,465,865</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>63,107</b>
<b>2020</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	304,842	350,035	3,854,358	11.0	14,144
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	39	2,190	230,780	105.4	1,939
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	731	1,310	191,439	146.1	824
	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	3,368	1,755	208,680	118.9	757
	<b>Year</b>	<b>308,980</b>	<b>355,290</b>	<b>4,485,257</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>17,664</b>
<b>2021<sup>3</sup></b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	2,772	1,989	153,588	77.2	522

<sup>1</sup> Tourist nights for a reference period refer to nights spent by tourists departing in that reference period

<sup>2</sup> Source: Bank of Mauritius

<sup>3</sup> Provisional

**Table 9:- Hotels<sup>1</sup>, rooms and bedplaces, 2018 - 2021**

Year		Number as at end of period					
		All Hotels			"Large" Hotels		
		Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces
<b>2018</b>	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
<b>2019</b>	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
<b>2020</b>	1st Qr.	111	13,297	30,664	57	10,352	24,336
	2nd Qr.	91 <sup>3</sup>	10,537	24,214	44 <sup>3</sup>	7,972	18,801
	3rd Qr.	74 <sup>3</sup>	8,171	19,091	32 <sup>3</sup>	5,898	14,283
	4th Qr.	106	12,171	28,104	53	9,290	21,905
<b>2021<sup>2</sup></b>	1st Qr.	93 <sup>3</sup>	10,837	24,895	49 <sup>3</sup>	8,470	19,730

<sup>1</sup> Refers to hotels in the island of Mauritius which were operational and excluding hotels not operational because of renovation works

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> Excluding hotels used as quarantine centres

**Table 10:- Monthly Occupancy Rates <sup>2</sup> (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2019 - 2021**

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2019		2020		2021 <sup>1</sup>		2019		2020		2021 <sup>1</sup>	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	72	64	73	64	18	15	74	66	75	65	18	15
February	76	67	70	61	15	11	77	69	72	63	14	11
March	71	62	42	34	8	6	72	64	43	35	9	6
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>
April	69	64	1	0			71	67	0	0		
May	66	57	0	0			67	58	0	0		
June	64	55	1	1			65	57	1	1		
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>68</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>			<b>71</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>31</b>		
July	69	62	2	2			70	64	1	1		
August	73	66	5	5			75	69	5	4		
September	75	63	9	9			77	65	8	8		
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>			<u>74</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>		
<b>Jan. to Sep.</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>			<b>72</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>		
October	75	66	16	12			76	68	16	12		
November	84	69	17	12			85	70	17	12		
December	78	68	21	17			79	70	21	17		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>			<u>80</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>			<b>77</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>			<b>74</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

<sup>2</sup> For period March 2020 to end of September 2020 and in March 2021, occupancy rate excludes number of nights spent in hotels which were used as quarantine centres

**Table 11:- Employment in large <sup>1</sup> establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2016 - 2020**

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Activities</b>					
Food Service	3,546	3,416	3,539	3,714	3,850
Hotels	23,639	24,194	24,312	24,599	25,472
Travel and Other Services <sup>3</sup>	3,755	3,664	3,604	3,514	3,551
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,940</b>	<b>31,274</b>	<b>31,455</b>	<b>31,827</b>	<b>32,873</b>

<sup>1</sup> Large establishments are those employing 10 or more persons

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> 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

Survey questionnaires are emailed to all hotels at the end of every month to collect data on room/bed nights available and rented during the month for the calculation of room and bed occupancy rates. Non-responses are contacted by phone.

### 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.

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