

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

1st Semester 2022

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first semester of 2022. 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 in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, from 01 January to 09 March, travel to and from certain destinations were allowed. The national borders were once more closed down from 10 March to 14 July. Afterwards, as from 15 July to 30 September, travel to and from certain destinations were allowed. However, as from 01 October 2021, Mauritius reopened its borders to all visitors.

2. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Passenger traffic, 1st Semester, 2021 and 2022

	1 st Semester 2021	1 st Semester 2022 ¹
Arrivals by		
Air	11,849	491,655
Sea	178	1,798
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	0	353
Total	12,027	493,453
Departures by		
Air	20,700	504,741
Sea	189	2,003
Total	20,889	506,744

¹ Provisional

2.1 Arrivals in 1st Semester 2022

Compared to 1st Semester 2021:

- (i) total passenger arrivals increased from 12,027 to 493,453;
- (ii) total tourist arrivals increased from 3,225 to 376,556; those arriving by air rose from 3,047 to 375,246, while those arriving by sea increased from 178 to 1,310 (Table 6b).
- (iii) the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased from 1 to 1,134.

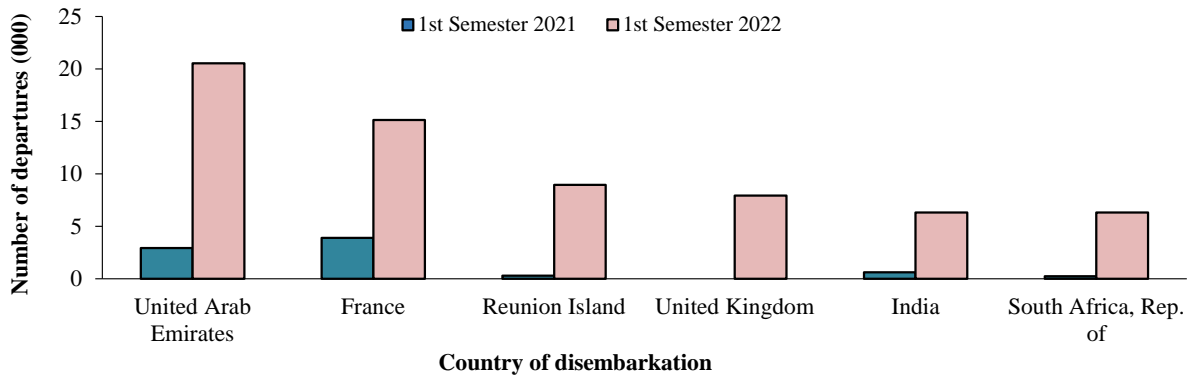
2.2 Departures in 1st Semester 2022

Compared to 1st Semester 2021:

- (i) total passenger departures increased from 20,889 to 506,744; and
- (ii) departures of Mauritian residents increased from 8,298 to 80,168 (Table 2).

Comparative figures for the first semesters of 2021 and 2022 for Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the first semester of 2022, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (20,556 or 25.6%), France (15,149 or 18.9%), Reunion Island (8,967 or 11.2%), United Kingdom (7,931 or 9.9%), India (6,332 or 7.9%) and Republic of South Africa (6,312 or 7.9%).

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 1st Semester of 2021 and 1st Semester of 2022



3. TOURISM

3.1 Tourist arrivals

Tourist arrivals in the first semester of 2022 from main markets were as follows:

France (93,446), United Kingdom (55,717), Republic of South Africa (42,022), Germany (39,834), Reunion Island (16,490), India (15,059), Switzerland (9,130) and Italy (6,854).

Figure 2 – Main changes in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, 1st Semester 2022 compared to 1st Semester 2021



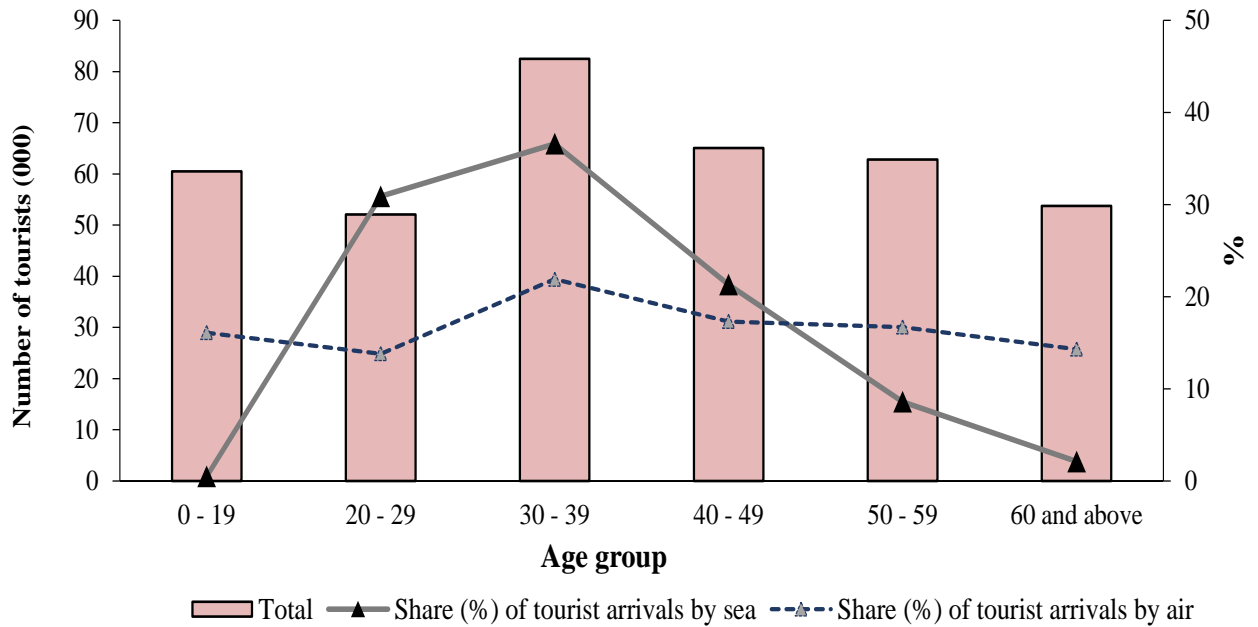
In the first semester of 2022, France, our top tourist generating country, registered an increase of 92,845 tourist arrivals compared to first semester of 2021. Increases in tourist arrivals were also observed in the other main markets as follows:

United Kingdom (+55,630), Republic of South Africa (+41,885), Germany (+39,740), Reunion Island (+16,439), India (+14,662), Switzerland (+9,072) and Italy (+6,809).

3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the period under review, the number of tourists in age group 20-49 years was 199,558 representing 53.0% of tourist arrivals (Tables 6a).

Figure 3 - Tourist arrivals by age group, 1st Semester 2022



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

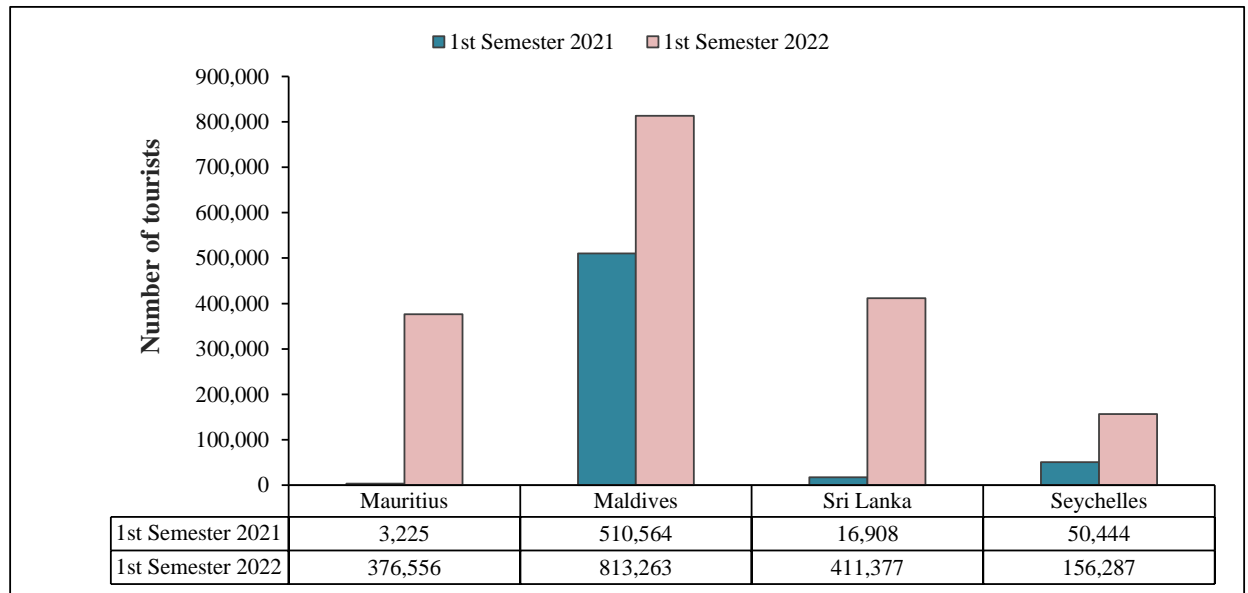
From Table 7, it is observed that during the first semester of 2022, tourists from France (71.2%), United Kingdom (57.5%), Germany (51.5%) and Switzerland (44.1%) arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence. Tourists from Italy, Netherlands and Russian Federation travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates which was the most used transiting port. For the period under review, the proportion of tourists from Russian Federation, Netherlands and Italy who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates were 56.8%, 39.6% and 32.1% respectively.

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

Compared to the first semester of 2021, increases in tourist arrivals were noted for the following tourist destinations in the Indian Ocean region during the first semester of 2022:

Maldives (from 510,564 to 813,263), Sri Lanka (from 16,908 to 411,377), Mauritius (from 3,225 to 376,556) and Seychelles (from 50,444 to 156,287).

Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 1st Semester 2021 and 1st Semester 2022



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

3.5 Tourist Nights

Compared to 1st Semester 2021:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during 1st Semester 2022 increased from 299,804 to 4,719,867; and
- the average length of stay decreased from 92.2 to 12.4 nights (Table 8).

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 2021 (Table 11) indicate that employment in these establishments decreased by 13.6% to 27,858 as compared to 32,253 for March 2020.

3.7 Accommodation

(i) Licensed hotels in the Island of Mauritius

As at end of June 2022, there were 113 licensed hotels of which 3 were temporarily closed, 3 were closed due to renovation works and one new hotel not yet in operation. The total room capacity of the 106 hotels in operation was 13,649 with 31,745 bed places (Table 9).

During the 1st Semester 2022,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 51%, higher compared to 9% in 1st Semester 2021; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 45%, higher compared to 7% in 1st Semester 2021 (Table 10).

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

At the end of June 2022, there were 58 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) in operation. The total room capacity of these 58 'large' hotels was 10,965 with 25,928 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 55% of all licensed hotels in operation but comprise 80% of total room capacity and 82% of total bed places (Table 9).

During the 1st Semester 2022,

- the room occupancy rate of 'large' hotels was 54%, higher than the 9% registered in 1st Semester of 2021;
- the bed occupancy rate was 47%, higher than the 7% recorded in 1st Semester of 2021 (Table 10).

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic ¹ by month, 2020 - 2022

Month	2020		2021		2022 ²	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	191,197	212,224	3,512	3,570	56,085	68,870
February	148,144	151,092	3,225	3,006	66,438	59,844
March	82,391	106,167	1,219	3,601	84,868	86,002
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>421,732</u>	<u>469,483</u>	<u>7,956</u>	<u>10,177</u>	<u>207,391</u>	<u>214,716</u>
April	260	932	1,163	3,145	104,081	103,812
May	647	1,702	1,064	3,339	93,573	101,112
June	1,488	2,633	1,844	4,228	88,408	87,104
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>2,395</u>	<u>5,267</u>	<u>4,071</u>	<u>10,712</u>	<u>286,062</u>	<u>292,028</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>424,127</i>	<i>474,750</i>	<i>12,027</i>	<i>20,889</i>	<i>493,453</i>	<i>506,744</i>
July	1,623	2,689	3,740	4,751		
August	2,569	1,914	6,575	7,417		
September	3,224	2,952	4,586	7,458		
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>7,416</u>	<u>7,555</u>	<u>14,901</u>	<u>19,626</u>		
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>431,543</i>	<i>482,305</i>	<i>26,928</i>	<i>40,515</i>		
October	3,964	2,640	70,979	44,584		
November	3,648	2,786	81,884	81,215		
December	3,594	4,118	66,469	61,230		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>11,206</u>	<u>9,544</u>	<u>219,332</u>	<u>187,029</u>		
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>18,622</i>	<i>17,099</i>	<i>234,233</i>	<i>206,655</i>		
Whole Year	442,749	491,849	246,260	227,544		

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 Islands of Rodrigues and Reunion.

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Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation¹, 1st Semester, 2021 and 2022

Country of disembarkation	1 st Semester 2021	1 st Semester 2022 ²
EUROPE	3,907	31,097
Austria	0	282
France	3,907	15,149
Germany	0	1,179
Italy	0	0
Netherlands	0	0
Switzerland	0	682
Turkey	0	4,883
United Kingdom	0	7,931
Other European countries	0	991
AFRICA	805	21,293
Kenya	1	2,671
Malagasy Republic	72	2,182
Reunion Island	298	8,967
Seychelles	173	1,142
South Africa, Rep. of	253	6,312
Other African countries	8	19
ASIA	3,586	27,778
People's Rep. of China	43	0
Hong Kong SAR ³	0	0
India	616	6,332
Malaysia	0	0
Saudi Arabia	0	887
Singapore	0	1
United Arab Emirates	2,927	20,556
Other Asian countries	0	2
OCEANIA	0	0
Australia	0	0
NOT STATED	0	0
All countries	8,298	80,168

¹ Country of disembarkation may either be the country of final destination or the transit country

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³ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2020 - 2022

Month	2020	2021	2022 ¹
January	137,419	1,232	40,028
February	111,560	1,229	52,724
March	55,863	311	66,066
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>304,842</u>	<u>2,772</u>	<u>158,818</u>
April	10	58	84,268
May	20	115	70,462
June	9	280	63,008
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>453</u>	<u>217,738</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>304,881</i>	<i>3,225</i>	<i>376,556</i>
July	45	1,242	
August	317	2,499	
September	369	2,494	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>731</u>	<u>6,235</u>	
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>305,612</i>	<i>9,460</i>	
October	1,149	54,434	
November	1,177	65,922	
December	1,042	49,964	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>3,368</u>	<u>170,320</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>4,099</i>	<i>176,555</i>	
Whole Year	308,980	179,780	

¹ Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 1st Semester, 2021 and 2022**

Purpose of visit	1 st Semester 2021	1 st Semester 2022 ¹
Holiday	1,448	356,073
Business	771	12,095
Transit	913	6,382
Conference	0	372
Sports	0	1,041
Other purposes	93	593
Total	3,225	376,556

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Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 1st Semester, 2021 and 2022

Country of residence	1 st Semester 2021			1 st Semester 2022 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
EUROPE	1,255	18	1,273	267,022	215	267,237
Austria	20	0	20	7,161	0	7,161
Belgium	32	0	32	5,765	0	5,765
Bulgaria	0	0	0	1,080	1	1,081
Czech Republic	26	0	26	7,492	0	7,492
Croatia	1	0	1	199	4	203
Denmark	0	0	0	3,591	0	3,591
Estonia	0	0	0	815	0	815
Finland	3	0	3	750	0	750
France	598	3	601	93,413	33	93,446
Germany	92	2	94	39,834	0	39,834
Greece	13	0	13	271	17	288
Hungary	3	0	3	1,486	0	1,486
Ireland	16	0	16	1,157	0	1,157
Italy	44	1	45	6,854	0	6,854
Latvia	4	0	4	327	2	329
Lithuania	2	0	2	582	7	589
Luxembourg	4	0	4	704	0	704
Netherlands	12	0	12	2,863	0	2,863
Norway	3	0	3	1,874	4	1,878
Poland	25	1	26	3,100	6	3,106
Portugal	22	0	22	2,025	4	2,029
Romania	10	1	11	3,380	5	3,385
Serbia	1	0	1	470	0	470
Slovakia	3	0	3	2,184	0	2,184
Slovenia	6	0	6	550	1	551
Spain	57	6	63	2,813	25	2,838
Sweden	2	0	2	2,437	0	2,437
Switzerland	58	0	58	9,130	0	9,130
Turkey	11	1	12	1,738	6	1,744
United Kingdom	86	1	87	55,709	8	55,717
<i>CIS ² countries</i>	95	2	97	6,523	90	6,613
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Belarus</i>	2	0	2	267	2	269
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	0	0	0	96	0	96
<i>Russian Federation</i>	64	1	65	4,400	53	4,453
<i>Ukraine</i>	27	1	28	1,465	33	1,498
<i>Other CIS countries</i>	2	0	2	295	2	297
<i>Other European countries</i>	6	0	6	745	2	747
AFRICA	392	16	408	70,675	85	70,760
<i>IOC ³ countries</i>	102	0	102	20,532	41	20,573
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Comoros</i>	2	0	2	202	0	202
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	46	0	46	2,869	38	2,907
<i>Reunion Island</i>	51	0	51	16,490	0	16,490
<i>Seychelles</i>	3	0	3	971	3	974
Algeria	0	0	0	71	0	71
Angola	0	1	1	59	0	59
Benin	0	0	0	36	1	37
Botswana	0	0	0	305	0	305
Burundi	1	0	1	18	0	18
Cameroon	9	0	9	209	1	210
Congo	3	0	3	121	0	121
Egypt	7	0	7	333	1	334
Ethiopia	1	0	1	132	0	132
Gabon	1	0	1	23	0	23
Ghana	7	3	10	273	1	274
Ivory Coast	0	4	4	148	8	156
Kenya	25	2	27	1,098	4	1,102
Lesotho	0	0	0	50	0	50
Malawi	0	0	0	104	0	104

¹ Provisional² Commonwealth of Independent States³ Indian Ocean Commission

Table 5 (Cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 1st Semester, 2021 and 2022

Country of residence	1 st Semester 2021			1 st Semester 2022 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Mayotte	1	0	1	243	0	243
Morocco	10	0	10	251	0	251
Mozambique	1	0	1	179	0	179
Namibia	6	0	6	600	1	601
Niger	0	0	0	42	0	42
Nigeria	10	0	10	881	6	887
Rwanda	5	0	5	114	0	114
Senegal	1	1	2	90	10	100
South Africa, Rep. of	133	4	137	42,014	8	42,022
Sudan	0	0	0	25	0	25
Kingdom of Eswatini ⁴	0	0	0	95	0	95
Tanzania	12	1	13	228	3	231
Togo	0	0	0	19	0	19
Tunisia	14	0	14	204	0	204
Uganda	13	0	13	245	0	245
Zimbabwe	18	0	18	734	0	734
Zambia	0	0	0	319	0	319
Other African countries	12	0	12	880	0	880
ASIA	1,226	132	1,358	30,094	967	31,061
Afghanistan	1	0	1	117	0	117
Bangladesh	12	0	12	271	0	271
Hong Kong SAR ⁵	4	0	4	87	0	87
India	394	3	397	15,024	35	15,059
Indonesia	362	95	457	990	408	1,398
Israel	7	0	7	1,239	0	1,239
Japan	14	0	14	131	0	131
Korea Republic	13	0	13	191	16	207
Malaysia	4	0	4	123	7	130
Maldives	0	0	0	29	1	30
Nepal	2	2	4	95	1	96
Pakistan	8	0	8	249	1	250
People's Rep. of China	102	1	103	593	1	594
Philippines	206	20	226	986	398	1,384
Singapore	8	0	8	244	0	244
Sri Lanka	2	8	10	168	10	178
Taiwan, China	25	3	28	133	19	152
Thailand	0	0	0	77	0	77
Vietnam	29	0	29	147	51	198
<i>MIDDLE EAST countries</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>9,182</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9,182</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>99</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>69</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>54</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>271</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>271</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>91</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>70</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>88</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4,013</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4,013</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>4,398</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4,398</i>
<i>Other Middle East countries</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>29</i>
Other Asian countries	0	0	0	18	19	37
OCEANIA	28	9	37	1,695	27	1,722
Australia	12	4	16	1,452	13	1,465
New Zealand	14	5	19	109	14	123
Other Oceanian countries	2	0	2	134	0	134
AMERICA	137	3	140	5,569	14	5,583
Brazil	6	0	6	212	0	212
Canada	36	1	37	2,084	5	2,089
USA	61	0	61	2,865	2	2,867
Other American countries	34	2	36	408	7	415
Others & not stated	9	0	9	191	2	193
All countries	3,047	178	3,225	375,246	1,310	376,556

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

Table 6a:- Tourist arrivals by age and sex, 1st Semester, 2021 and 2022

Age group (years)	1 st Semester 2021			1 st Semester 2022 ¹		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	71	50	121	8,632	8,272	16,904
5 - 9	41	33	74	8,392	8,243	16,635
10 - 14	16	27	43	7,769	7,726	15,495
15 - 19	38	33	71	5,228	6,213	11,441
20 - 24	204	93	297	6,343	9,492	15,835
25 - 29	338	102	440	15,558	20,648	36,206
30 - 34	386	117	503	21,584	22,910	44,494
35 - 39	298	89	387	19,576	18,412	37,988
40 - 44	238	91	329	17,604	16,042	33,646
45 - 49	161	75	236	16,207	15,182	31,389
50 - 54	133	70	203	16,581	16,142	32,723
55 - 59	100	63	163	15,409	14,680	30,089
60 - 64	89	63	152	11,862	10,887	22,749
65 - 69	59	52	111	7,990	7,069	15,059
70 & over	56	39	95	8,713	7,190	15,903
Total	2,228	997	3,225	187,448	189,108	376,556

¹ Provisional**Table 6b:- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of travel, 1st Semester, 2021 and 2022**

Age group (years)	1 st Semester 2021			1 st Semester 2022 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	238	0	238	49,034	0	49,034
15 - 59	2,457	172	2,629	272,528	1,283	273,811
60 & over	352	6	358	53,684	27	53,711
Total	3,047	178	3,225	375,246	1,310	376,556

¹ Provisional

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 1st Semester 2022 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	207,066	71,691	33,370	4,380	1,507	6,764	1,614	39,955	1,684	38	129	101	134	114
<i>of which:</i> France	99,020	66,541	7,712	1,845	937	1,592	5	5,415	384	28	41	25	76	24
Germany	27,860	1,950	20,498	242	93	494	10	435	54	1	7	18	4	14
Italy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	9,142	1,010	1,057	142	34	4,030	0	300	47	0	14	5	2	9
Turkey	18,843	1,009	2,091	1,989	135	313	1,593	1,266	877	9	18	17	22	7
United Kingdom	34,142	270	67	67	31	42	0	32,027	20	0	46	33	29	20
AFRICA	96,813	18,725	1,376	274	216	475	26	1,818	192	16,337	41,724	865	216	179
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	5,444	668	56	29	28	27	4	277	51	12	418	123	100	9
Malagasy Republic	3,827	248	26	9	4	9	9	22	17	396	150	158	20	7
Reunion Island	38,061	17,519	734	52	50	265	3	205	10	15,885	1,182	338	9	18
Seychelles	2,119	97	47	18	10	15	3	77	79	4	30	33	25	9
South Africa, Rep. of	47,174	188	500	166	124	159	7	1,237	35	40	39,944	209	62	136
ASIA	71,359	2,997	5,088	2,200	1,140	1,891	98	13,936	2,516	115	161	14,058	243	1,159
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR ²	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
India	11,820	18	4	3	6	5	1	30	2	27	10	11,468	0	23
Malaysia	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
People's Rep. of China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	1,627	15	19	0	0	1	7	4	4	0	3	14	0	3
Singapore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
United Arab Emirates	57,881	2,964	5,065	2,197	1,134	1,885	90	13,901	2,497	88	145	2,576	243	1,133
OCEANIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AMERICA	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
Total arrivals by air	375,246	93,413	39,834	6,854	2,863	9,130	1,738	55,709	4,400	16,490	42,014	15,024	593	1,452
<i>of which:</i>		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		71.2%	51.5%	Napp	Napp	44.1%	91.7%	57.5%	Napp	96.3%	95.1%	76.3%	Napp	Napp
From United Arab Emirates		3.2%	12.7%	32.1%	39.6%	20.6%	5.2%	25.0%	56.8%	0.5%	0.3%	17.1%	41.0%	78.0%
From Turkey		1.1%	5.2%	29.0%	4.7%	3.4%		2.3%	19.9%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	3.7%	0.5%
From France			19.4%	26.9%	32.7%	17.4%	0.3%	9.7%	8.7%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	12.8%	1.7%
From Reunion Island		18.8%	1.8%	0.8%	1.7%	2.9%	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%		2.8%	2.2%	1.5%	1.2%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.2%	1.3%	2.4%	4.3%	1.7%	0.4%	2.2%	0.8%	0.2%		1.4%	10.5%	9.4%

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² Special Administrative Region of China

Napp: Not Applicable

Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and tourism earnings, 2019 - 2022

Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights ¹	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings ² (Rs Mn)	
2019	1 st Semester	650,082	676,309	7,145,889	10.6	31,052
	2 nd Semester	733,406	683,997	7,319,976	10.7	32,055
	Year	1,383,488	1,360,306	14,465,865	10.6	63,107
2020	1 st Semester	304,881	352,225	4,085,138	11.6	16,083
	2 nd Semester	4,099	3,065	400,119	130.5	1,581
	Year	308,980	355,290	4,485,257	12.6	17,664
2021	1 st Semester	3,225	3,253	299,804	92.2	907
	2 nd Semester	176,555	144,190	1,868,437	13.0	14,346
	Year	179,780	147,443	2,168,241	14.7	15,253
2022 ³	1 st Semester	376,556	380,694	4,719,867	12.4	25,272

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, 2019 - 2022

Year	Number as at end of period						
	All Hotels			"Large" Hotels			
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	
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	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
	4th Qr.	106	12,171	28,104	53	9,290	21,905
2021	1st Qr.	93 ³	10,837	24,895	49 ³	8,470	19,730
	2nd Qr.	81 ³	9,358	20,663	39 ³	7,057	15,761
	3rd Qr.	92 ³	10,810	24,824	45 ³	8,243	19,311
	4th Qr.	111	13,902	32,157	61	11,178	26,261
2022 ²	1st Qr.	111	13,917	32,244	61	11,171	26,295
	2nd Qr.	106	13,649	31,745	58	10,965	25,928

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

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³ Excluding hotels used as quarantine centres

Table 10:- Monthly Occupancy Rates ¹ (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2020 - 2022

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2020		2021		2022 ²		2020		2021		2022 ²	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	73	64	18	15	42	37	75	65	18	15	44	38
February	70	61	15	11	44	39	72	63	14	11	46	41
March	42	34	8	6	50	44	43	35	9	6	52	45
1st Quarter	<u>63</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>41</u>
April	1	0	2	1	63	57	0	0	1	1	67	61
May	0	0	3	2	58	50	0	0	3	2	61	52
June	1	1	6	4	51	44	1	1	6	4	53	45
2nd Quarter	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>53</u>
1st Semester	34	30	9	7	51	45	35	31	9	7	54	47
July	2	2	8	6			1	1	8	6		
August	5	5	16	13			5	4	16	13		
September	9	9	12	9			8	8	11	9		
3rd Quarter	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>			<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>		
Jan. to Sep.	26	22	10	8			26	23	10	8		
October	16	12	37	33			16	12	38	33		
November	17	12	57	48			17	12	59	49		
December	21	17	40	36			21	17	42	36		
4th Quarter	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>39</u>			<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>39</u>		
2nd Semester	12	10	31	26			12	9	32	27		
Year	24	20	21	17			24	20	21	18		

¹ For the periods March 2020 to end of September 2020 and March 2021 to end of December 2021, occupancy rate excludes number of nights spent in hotels which were used as quarantine centres

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Table 11:- Employment in large ¹ establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2017 - 2021

Activities	Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 ²
	Food Service		3,238	3,351	3,526	3,662
Hotels		24,183	24,412	24,510	25,039	21,693
Travel and Other Services ³		3,664	3,604	3,514	3,552	2,702
Total		31,085	31,367	31,550	32,253	27,858

¹ Large establishments are those employing 10 or more persons

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³ Travel and other services include air transport services, tour operators, travel agencies and car rental

Source: Survey of Employment and Earnings in large Establishments

COMPILATION OF PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Sources of data

The main source of data for the compilation of passenger traffic statistics is the Passport and Immigration Office, which maintains a database of all travellers entering and leaving the country. The data are collected from the passport of travellers, disembarkation cards filled in by non-residents and questions put to non-residents entering the country. At the end of every month, the electronic database of passenger traffic for that particular month is downloaded and supplied to the statistics unit of the Ministry of Tourism within ten days. Additional data on cruises are obtained from the Mauritius Ports Authority.

Tourism earnings

The Bank of Mauritius (BoM) is responsible for the estimation of tourism earnings based on monthly statements of Inward and Outward Remittances of Commercial Banks. As from 2015, BoM is also including data culled from Money changers and Foreign exchange dealers.

Monthly Occupancy Rates

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
- (ii) Quarterly Economic and Social Indicators on International Travel and Tourism (with a lag of seven weeks)
- (iii) Yearly Digest of International Travel and Tourism
- (iv) Yearly Handbook of statistical data on tourism
- (v) Report of the Survey of Inbound Tourism (last publication- Year 2018)

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.

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