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# INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2024

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first semester of 2024. 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, 2023 and 2024

	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2023	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2024 <sup>1</sup>
Arrivals by		
Air	789,529	851,384
Sea	24,261	...
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	21,986	...
<b>Total</b>	<b>813,790</b>	<b>...</b>
Departures by		
Air	824,102	880,786
Sea	23,825	...
<b>Total</b>	<b>847,927</b>	<b>...</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional  
...not available

### 2.1 Arrivals by air in 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2024

Compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2023:

- (i) passenger arrivals by air increased from 789,529 to 851,384;
- (ii) tourist arrivals by air increased from 589,305 to 624,896 (Table 5).
- (iii) the number of excursionists by air (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased from 3,936 to 6,526.

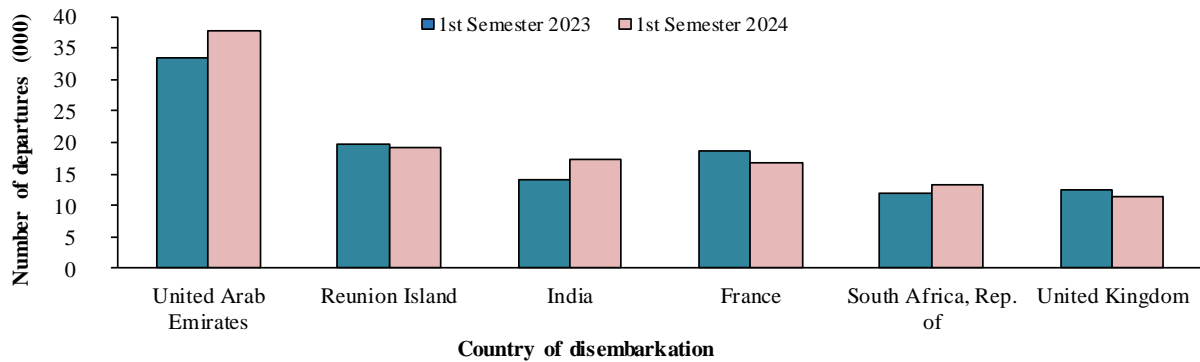
### 2.2 Departures by air in 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2024

Compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2023:

- (i) passenger departures by air increased from 824,102 to 880,786; and
- (ii) departures of Mauritian residents by air rose from 145,258 to 156,432 (Table 2).

Comparative figures for the first semesters of 2023 and 2024 for Mauritian departures by air and by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the first semester of 2024, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (37,788 or 24.2%), Reunion Island (19,204 or 12.3%), India (17,318 or 11.1%), France (16,661 or 10.7%), Republic of South Africa (13,285 or 8.5%) and United Kingdom (11,414 or 7.3%).

**Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by air and by main country of disembarkation, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2023 and 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2024**



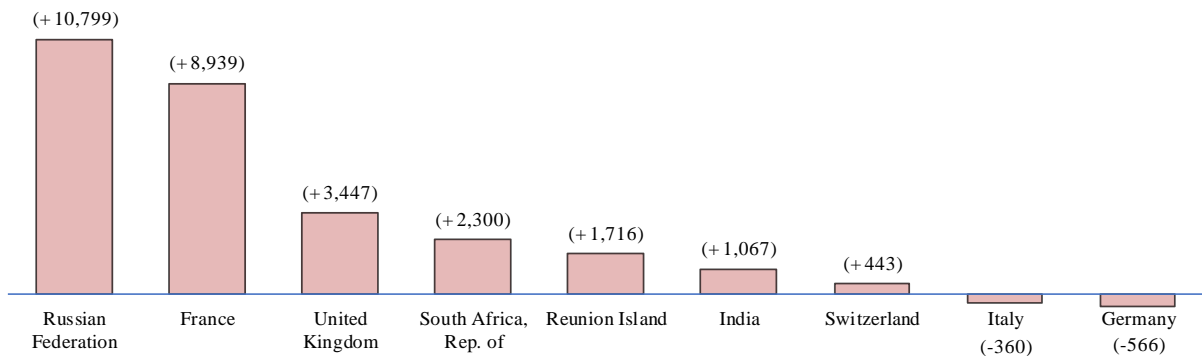
### 3. TOURISM

#### 3.1 Tourist arrivals by air in 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2024

Tourist arrivals by air from selected markets were as follows:

France (155,937), United Kingdom (66,551), Reunion Island (64,155), Germany (51,244), Republic of South Africa (47,916), India (28,451), Russian Federation (18,901), Switzerland (14,455) and Italy (12,428) (Table 5).

**Figure 2 – Main changes in tourist arrivals by air and selected country of residence, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2024 compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2023**



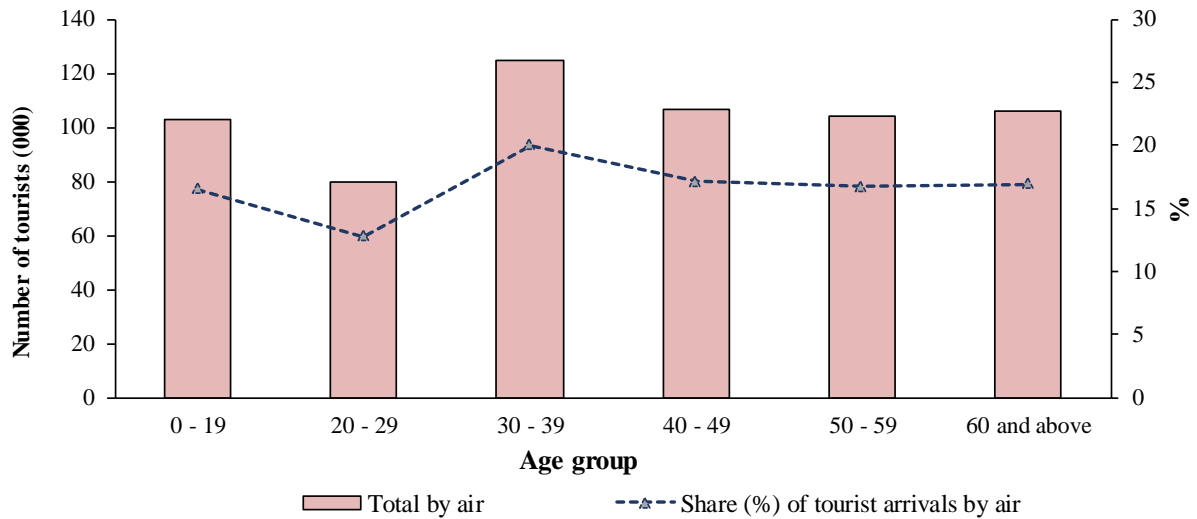
Compared to first semester of 2023, tourist arrivals by air from France, our top tourist generating country, increased by 8,939 from 146,998 to 155,937. Increases in tourist arrivals were also observed in the other selected markets as follows:

Russian Federation (+10,799), United Kingdom (+3,447), Republic of South Africa (+2,300), Reunion Island (+1,716), India (+1,067) and Switzerland (+443).

### 3.2 Tourist arrivals by air and age group

During the period under review, the number of tourists aged 60 years and above was 105,874 representing 16.9% of tourist arrivals by air (Table 6b).

**Figure 3 - Tourist arrivals by air and age group, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2024**



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

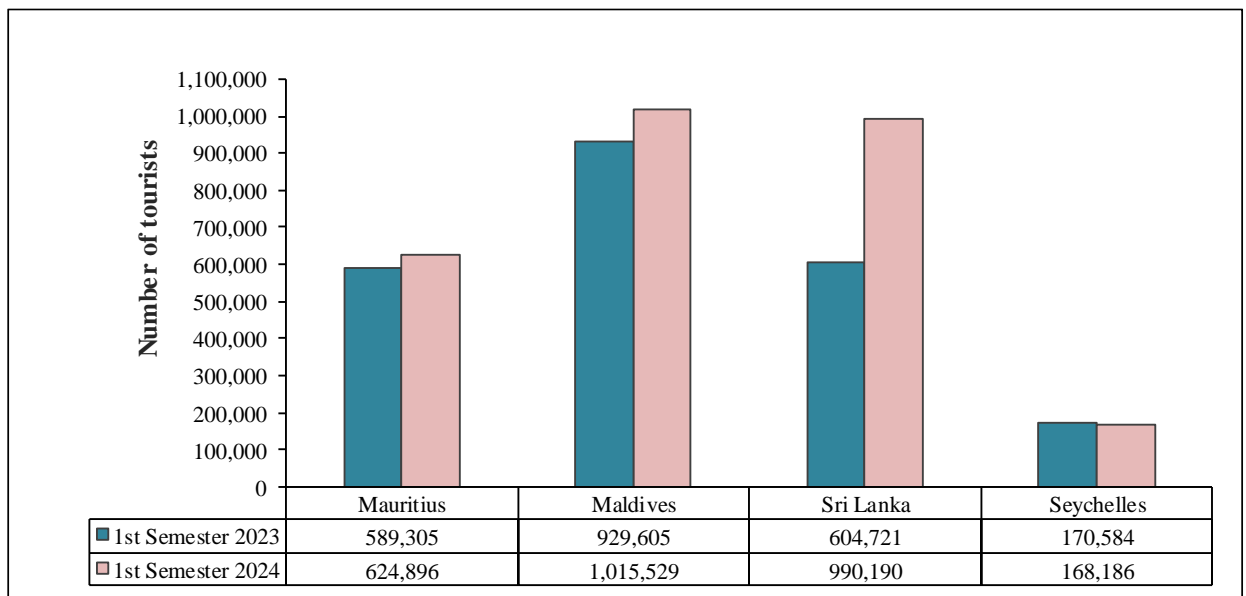
From Table 7, it is observed that during the first semester of 2024, tourists from United Kingdom (58.8%), France (57.1%), Russian Federation (52.2%), Switzerland (48.0%) and Germany (41.8%) arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence. Tourists from People's Republic of China and Netherlands travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates which was the most used transiting port. For the period under review, the proportion of tourists from People's Republic of China and Netherlands who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates were 62.1% and 48.2% respectively.

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

Compared to the first semester of 2023, increases in tourist arrivals by air were noted for the following tourist destinations in the Indian Ocean region during the first semester of 2024:

Maldives (from 929,605 to 1,015,529), Sri Lanka (from 604,721 to 990,190) and Mauritius (from 589,305 to 624,896). However, a decrease in tourist arrivals by air was observed for Seychelles from 170,584 to 168,186.

**Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals by air for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2023 and 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2024**



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

### 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 2023 indicate that employment in these establishments increased by 1.7% to 28,014 as compared to 27,539 for March 2022 (Table 11).

### 3.6 Accommodation

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

As at end of June 2024, there were 110 licensed hotels of which one was temporarily closed, 6 were closed due to renovation works and one is not yet operational. The total room capacity of the 102 hotels in operation was 13,011 with 29,382 bed places (Table 9).

During the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2024,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 69%, lower compared to 73% in 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2023; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 62%, lower compared to 65% in 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2023 (Table 10).

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

At the end of June 2024, there were 56 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) in operation. The total room capacity of these 56 'large' hotels was 10,441 with 23,903 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 55% of all licensed hotels in operation but comprise 80% of total room capacity and 81% of total bed places (Table 9).

During the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2024,

- the room occupancy rate of 'large' hotels was 71%, lower than the 75% registered in 1<sup>st</sup> Semester of 2023; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 65%, lower than the 68% recorded in 1<sup>st</sup> Semester of 2023 (Table 10).

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**Table 1:- Passenger traffic <sup>1</sup> by month, 2022 - 2024**

Month	2022		2023		2024 <sup>2</sup>	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	56,085	68,870	154,776	177,334	170,827	199,256
February	66,438	59,844	123,149	122,232	157,235 <sup>3</sup>	150,274 <sup>3</sup>
March	84,868	86,002	144,269	148,044	151,407 <sup>4</sup>	149,790 <sup>4</sup>
<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>207,391</b>	<b>214,716</b>	<b>422,194</b>	<b>447,610</b>	...	...
April	104,081	103,812	145,348	144,220	142,542 <sup>4</sup>	147,945 <sup>4</sup>
May	93,573	101,112	132,636	143,444	139,725 <sup>4</sup>	149,738 <sup>4</sup>
June	88,408	87,104	113,612	112,653	124,431	119,457
<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>286,062</b>	<b>292,028</b>	<b>391,596</b>	<b>400,317</b>	...	...
<b>1st Semester</b>	<b>493,453</b>	<b>506,744</b>	<b>813,790</b>	<b>847,927</b>	...	...
July	127,599	112,785	146,658	137,622		
August	121,112	129,635	138,424	144,304		
September	108,705	108,124	133,359	129,487		
<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>357,416</b>	<b>350,544</b>	<b>418,441</b>	<b>411,413</b>		
<b>Jan. to Sep.</b>	<b>850,869</b>	<b>857,288</b>	<b>1,232,231</b>	<b>1,259,340</b>		
October	149,070	137,924	161,611	151,942		
November	144,309	147,480	165,265	167,486		
December	183,134	160,276	203,070	174,206		
<b>4th Quarter</b>	<b>476,513</b>	<b>445,680</b>	<b>529,946</b>	<b>493,634</b>		
<b>2nd Semester</b>	<b>833,929</b>	<b>796,224</b>	<b>948,387</b>	<b>905,047</b>		
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>1,327,382</b>	<b>1,302,968</b>	<b>1,762,177</b>	<b>1,752,974</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 Islands of Rodrigues and Reunion.

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> Revised

<sup>4</sup> Figures on passenger traffic by sea for March to May 2024 are not yet available.

... not available

**Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by air and by country of disembarkation<sup>1</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, 2023 and 2024**

Country of disembarkation	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2023	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2024 <sup>2</sup>
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>39,656</b>	<b>39,069</b>
Austria	420	492
France	18,686	16,661
Germany	1,914	3,078
Italy	244	85
Netherlands	0	0
Switzerland	659	1,610
Turkey	4,445	5,562
United Kingdom	12,438	11,414
Other European countries	850	167
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>42,101</b>	<b>43,677</b>
Kenya	3,867	3,682
Malagasy Republic	4,480	5,427
Reunion Island	19,771	19,204
Seychelles	2,039	2,065
South Africa, Rep. of	11,931	13,285
Other African countries	13	14
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>58,874</b>	<b>69,797</b>
People's Rep. of China	0	0
Hong Kong SAR <sup>3</sup>	0	0
India	14,044	17,318
Malaysia	6,608	7,298
Saudi Arabia	4,752	7,390
Singapore	0	0
United Arab Emirates	33,468	37,788
Other Asian countries	2	3
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>4,627</b>	<b>3,888</b>
Australia	4,627	3,888
<b>NOT STATED</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>All countries</b>	<b>145,258</b>	<b>156,432</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, 2022 - 2024**

Month	2022	2023	2024 <sup>1</sup>
January	40,028	107,684	119,305
February	52,724	91,850	109,266 <sup>2</sup>
March	66,066	105,663	116,384 <sup>3</sup>
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>158,818</u>	<u>305,197</u>	...
April	84,268	109,031	104,114 <sup>3</sup>
May	70,462	100,030	104,240 <sup>3</sup>
June	63,008	82,208	88,416
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>217,738</u>	<u>291,269</u>	...
<b><i>1st Semester</i></b>	<b><i>376,556</i></b>	<b><i>596,466</i></b>	...
July	94,084	107,832	
August	86,605	98,990	
September	81,087	97,838	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>261,776</u>	<u>304,660</u>	
<b><i>Jan. to Sep.</i></b>	<b><i>638,332</i></b>	<b><i>901,126</i></b>	
October	117,323	125,645	
November	106,905	119,494	
December	134,730	149,145	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>358,958</u>	<u>394,284</u>	
<b><i>2nd Semester</i></b>	<b><i>620,734</i></b>	<b><i>698,944</i></b>	
<b>Whole Year</b>	<b>997,290</b>	<b>1,295,410</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Provisional<sup>2</sup> Revised<sup>3</sup> Figures on tourist arrivals by sea for March to May 2024 are not yet available.

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**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main purpose of visit, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, 2023 and 2024**

Purpose of visit	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2023	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2024 <sup>1</sup>
Holiday	561,988	592,304
Business	16,666	17,378
Transit	8,226	12,889
Conference	654	1,163
Sports	1,115	570
Other purposes	656	592
<b>Total</b>	<b>589,305</b>	<b>624,896</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, 2023 and 2024

Country of residence	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2023			1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2024 <sup>1</sup>		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>384,160</b>	<b>3,993</b>	<b>388,153</b>	<b>403,480</b>	...	...
Austria	9,881	110	9,991	8,688	...	...
Belgium	7,633	35	7,668	7,360	...	...
Bulgaria	2,012	13	2,025	1,895	...	...
Czech Republic	10,123	8	10,131	8,635	...	...
Croatia	532	14	546	526	...	...
Denmark	4,788	38	4,826	4,384	...	...
Estonia	825	0	825	872	...	...
Finland	1,966	18	1,984	1,804	...	...
France	146,998	327	147,325	155,937	...	...
Germany	51,810	2,275	54,085	51,244	...	...
Greece	435	40	475	490	...	...
Hungary	2,918	2	2,920	2,506	...	...
Ireland	1,476	6	1,482	1,670	...	...
Italy	12,788	144	12,932	12,428	...	...
Latvia	456	7	463	588	...	...
Lithuania	1,000	1	1,001	1,075	...	...
Luxembourg	1,095	9	1,104	870	...	...
Netherlands	4,781	181	4,962	4,460	...	...
Norway	2,118	24	2,142	2,150	...	...
Poland	7,667	21	7,688	7,814	...	...
Portugal	2,485	18	2,503	2,712	...	...
Romania	3,876	36	3,912	3,778	...	...
Serbia	734	5	739	692	...	...
Slovakia	3,693	8	3,701	3,170	...	...
Slovenia	1,336	3	1,339	984	...	...
Spain	4,443	74	4,517	4,365	...	...
Sweden	5,024	14	5,038	5,005	...	...
Switzerland	14,012	98	14,110	14,455	...	...
Turkey	2,614	21	2,635	3,318	...	...
United Kingdom	63,104	320	63,424	66,551	...	...
<i>CIS <sup>2</sup> countries</i>	<i>10,314</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>10,428</i>	<i>21,920</i>	...	...
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>382</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>383</i>	<i>539</i>	...	...
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>327</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>329</i>	<i>325</i>	...	...
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>8,102</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>8,157</i>	<i>18,901</i>	...	...
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>1,077</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>1,132</i>	<i>1,599</i>	...	...
<i>Other CIS countries</i>	<i>426</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>427</i>	<i>556</i>	...	...
<i>Other European countries</i>	<i>1,223</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>1,232</i>	<i>1,134</i>	...	...
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>129,103</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>129,507</b>	<b>137,661</b>	...	...
<i>IOC <sup>3</sup> countries</i>	<i>71,383</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>71,400</i>	<i>75,821</i>	...	...
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>412</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>414</i>	<i>383</i>	...	...
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>6,381</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>6,395</i>	<i>9,132</i>	...	...
<i>Reunion Island</i>	<i>62,439</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>62,440</i>	<i>64,155</i>	...	...
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>2,151</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2,151</i>	<i>2,151</i>	...	...
Algeria	141	0	141	195	...	...
Angola	157	8	165	192	...	...
Benin	19	0	19	74	...	...
Botswana	418	0	418	380	...	...
Burundi	58	0	58	71	...	...
Cameroon	238	0	238	255	...	...
Congo	116	0	116	211	...	...
Egypt	361	1	362	385	...	...
Ethiopia	104	1	105	160	...	...
Gabon	38	0	38	52	...	...
Ghana	515	12	527	695	...	...
Ivory Coast	203	10	213	286	...	...
Kenya	1,404	3	1,407	1,582	...	...
Lesotho	90	0	90	94	...	...
Malawi	215	0	215	186	...	...

<sup>1</sup> Provisional    <sup>2</sup> Commonwealth of Independent States    <sup>3</sup> Indian Ocean Commission    ... not available

Note: Figures on tourist arrivals by sea for 1st Semester 2024 are not yet available.

Table 5 (Cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, 2023 and 2024

Country of residence	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2023			1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2024 <sup>1</sup>		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Mayotte	572	0	572	465	...	...
Morocco	382	0	382	324	...	...
Mozambique	328	1	329	335	...	...
Namibia	689	1	690	705	...	...
Niger	26	2	28	64	...	...
Nigeria	1,810	27	1,837	1,936	...	...
Rwanda	135	0	135	164	...	...
Senegal	108	12	120	140	...	...
South Africa, Rep. of	45,616	292	45,908	47,916	...	...
Sudan	29	0	29	18	...	...
Kingdom of Eswatini <sup>4</sup>	155	0	155	219	...	...
Tanzania	331	4	335	471	...	...
Togo	23	0	23	81	...	...
Tunisia	188	3	191	267	...	...
Uganda	373	0	373	399	...	...
Zimbabwe	1,125	1	1,126	1,320	...	...
Zambia	515	0	515	386	...	...
Other African countries	1,238	9	1,247	1,812	...	...
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>57,857</b>	<b>1,621</b>	<b>59,478</b>	<b>61,041</b>	...	...
Afghanistan	87	0	87	107	...	...
Bangladesh	257	3	260	533	...	...
Hong Kong SAR <sup>5</sup>	225	3	228	265	...	...
India	27,384	138	27,522	28,451	...	...
Indonesia	818	405	1,223	1,061	...	...
Israel	2,054	3	2,057	980	...	...
Japan	384	254	638	549	...	...
Korea Republic	1,547	79	1,626	1,933	...	...
Malaysia	527	10	537	534	...	...
Maldives	24	0	24	28	...	...
Nepal	212	4	216	903	...	...
Pakistan	301	9	310	271	...	...
People's Rep. of China	2,617	89	2,706	5,650	...	...
Philippines	957	489	1,446	1,340	...	...
Singapore	629	1	630	611	...	...
Sri Lanka	359	26	385	332	...	...
Taiwan, China	441	33	474	509	...	...
Thailand	200	4	204	223	...	...
Vietnam	166	53	219	191	...	...
<i>MIDDLE EAST countries</i>	<i>18,583</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>18,585</i>	<i>16,476</i>	...	...
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>154</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>154</i>	<i>110</i>	...	...
<i>Iran</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>198</i>	...	...
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>139</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>139</i>	<i>129</i>	...	...
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>324</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>324</i>	<i>271</i>	...	...
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>161</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>161</i>	<i>182</i>	...	...
<i>Oman</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>91</i>	...	...
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>166</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>166</i>	<i>139</i>	...	...
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>9,419</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>9,420</i>	<i>9,610</i>	...	...
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>7,932</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>7,932</i>	<i>5,716</i>	...	...
<i>Other Middle East countries</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>30</i>	...	...
Other Asian countries	85	16	101	94	...	...
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>8,036</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>8,739</b>	<b>10,215</b>	...	...
Australia	7,545	549	8,094	9,414	...	...
New Zealand	327	143	470	503	...	...
Other Oceanian countries	164	11	175	298	...	...
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>9,910</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>10,345</b>	<b>12,169</b>	...	...
Brazil	354	104	458	1,219	...	...
Canada	3,630	59	3,689	3,994	...	...
USA	5,063	222	5,285	5,849	...	...
Other American countries	863	50	913	1,107	...	...
<b>Others &amp; not stated</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>330</b>	...	...
<b>All countries</b>	<b>589,305</b>	<b>7,161</b>	<b>596,466</b>	<b>624,896</b>	...	...

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

Note: Figures on tourist arrivals by sea for 1st Semester 2024 are not yet available.

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**Table 6a:- Tourist arrivals by air, age group and sex, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, 2023 and 2024**

Age group (years)	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2023			1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2024 <sup>1</sup>		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	12,728	12,589	25,317	12,961	13,251	26,212
5 - 9	13,121	13,079	26,200	14,400	14,292	28,692
10 - 14	12,566	12,617	25,183	13,597	13,721	27,318
15 - 19	8,706	10,480	19,186	9,498	11,389	20,887
20 - 24	9,696	14,591	24,287	11,198	16,116	27,314
25 - 29	21,202	29,214	50,416	22,743	29,906	52,649
30 - 34	29,768	33,214	62,982	30,429	33,360	63,789
35 - 39	28,628	28,859	57,487	30,474	30,665	61,139
40 - 44	26,716	26,205	52,921	28,238	27,504	55,742
45 - 49	24,488	24,245	48,733	25,452	25,456	50,908
50 - 54	25,642	25,977	51,619	26,382	26,341	52,723
55 - 59	24,857	24,734	49,591	25,525	26,124	51,649
60 - 64	20,257	19,269	39,526	21,978	21,091	43,069
65 - 69	13,662	13,009	26,671	15,193	14,460	29,653
70 & over	15,678	13,508	29,186	17,390	15,762	33,152
<b>Total</b>	<b>287,715</b>	<b>301,590</b>	<b>589,305</b>	<b>305,458</b>	<b>319,438</b>	<b>624,896</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional**Table 6b:- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of travel, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, 2023 and 2024**

Age group (years)	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2023			1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2024 <sup>1</sup>		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	76,700	59	76,759	82,222	...	...
15 - 59	417,222	2,776	419,998	436,800	...	...
60 & over	95,383	4,326	99,709	105,874	...	...
<b>Total</b>	<b>589,305</b>	<b>7,161</b>	<b>596,466</b>	<b>624,896</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

... not available

Note: Figures on tourist arrivals by sea for 1st Semester 2024 are not yet available.

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2024 <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>259,585</b>	<b>98,945</b>	<b>31,260</b>	<b>8,663</b>	<b>1,605</b>	<b>10,694</b>	<b>2,784</b>	<b>41,911</b>	<b>10,781</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>431</b>
<i>of which:</i> France	113,976	88,998	2,757	1,869	953	1,928	13	1,121	79	100	32	19	48	197
Germany	30,055	2,729	21,416	336	199	840	25	281	47	1	6	7	9	14
Italy	3,145	6	6	3,047	1	44	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	15,552	2,960	1,631	328	124	6,937	3	184	32	2	5	4	1	9
Turkey	31,275	3,418	3,248	2,846	171	691	2,731	1,009	718	24	38	13	89	31
United Kingdom	43,651	504	115	173	102	69	10	39,155	30	17	62	39	40	134
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>200,869</b>	<b>43,765</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>1,140</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>4,381</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>62,268</b>	<b>46,094</b>	<b>1,492</b>	<b>1,251</b>	<b>1,544</b>
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	11,760	2,327	163	60	171	29	12	741	57	63	287	310	287	165
Malagasy Republic	11,211	733	105	40	59	61	24	82	165	208	50	340	227	70
Reunion Island	108,327	39,684	1,111	135	93	564	15	420	60	61,446	412	199	338	168
Seychelles	3,784	170	153	29	11	35	8	94	107	39	22	71	104	106
South Africa, Rep. of	65,506	848	1,968	553	333	451	98	3,043	357	512	45,316	572	295	1,035
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>155,471</b>	<b>12,999</b>	<b>16,408</b>	<b>2,933</b>	<b>2,181</b>	<b>2,597</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>19,833</b>	<b>7,373</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>26,860</b>	<b>4,206</b>	<b>976</b>
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
India	27,693	164	43	11	19	17	1	245	54	166	262	24,337	34	82
Malaysia	3,972	407	27	6	5	18	1	50	38	674	48	17	628	106
People's Rep. of China	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Saudi Arabia	6,990	394	129	27	6	8	19	96	18	204	5	72	32	12
Singapore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
United Arab Emirates	116,784	12,033	16,209	2,889	2,151	2,554	356	19,442	7,259	564	299	2,434	3,507	776
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>8,971</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>1,061</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6,463</b>
<i>of which:</i> Australia	8,966	228	76	15	7	24	0	426	1	135	1,061	12	3	6,462
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total arrivals by air</b>	<b>624,896</b>	<b>155,937</b>	<b>51,244</b>	<b>12,428</b>	<b>4,460</b>	<b>14,455</b>	<b>3,318</b>	<b>66,551</b>	<b>18,901</b>	<b>64,155</b>	<b>47,916</b>	<b>28,451</b>	<b>5,650</b>	<b>9,414</b>
<i>of which:</i>		<b>France</b>	<b>Germany</b>	<b>Italy</b>	<b>Netherlands</b>	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>Turkey</b>	<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>Russian Federation</b>	<b>Reunion Island</b>	<b>South Africa, Rep. of</b>	<b>India</b>	<b>People's Rep. of China</b>	<b>Australia</b>
Direct from own country of residence		57.1%	41.8%	24.5%	n.ap	48.0%	82.3%	58.8%	52.2%	95.8%	94.6%	85.5%	0.1%	68.6%
From United Arab Emirates		7.7%	31.6%	23.2%	48.2%	17.7%	10.7%	29.2%	38.4%	0.9%	0.6%	8.6%	62.1%	8.2%
From Turkey		2.2%	6.3%	22.9%	3.8%	4.8%		1.5%	3.8%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	1.6%	0.3%
From France			5.4%	15.0%	21.4%	13.3%	0.4%	1.7%	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.8%	2.1%
From Reunion Island		25.4%	2.2%	1.1%	2.1%	3.9%	0.5%	0.6%	0.3%		0.9%	0.7%	6.0%	1.8%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.5%	3.8%	4.4%	7.5%	3.1%	3.0%	4.6%	1.9%	0.8%		2.0%	5.2%	11.0%

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

<sup>2</sup> Special Administrative Region of China

n.ap: not applicable

**Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and tourism earnings, 2021 - 2024**

Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights <sup>1</sup>	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings <sup>2</sup> (Rs Mn)
<b>2021</b> 1st Semester	3,225	3,253	299,804	92.2	907
2nd Semester	176,555	144,190	1,868,437	13.0	14,346
<b>Year</b>	<b>179,780</b>	<b>147,443</b>	<b>2,168,241</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>15,253</b>
<b>2022</b> 1st Semester	376,556	380,694	4,719,867	12.4	25,272
2nd Semester	620,734	579,452	6,643,175	11.5	39,573
<b>Year</b>	<b>997,290</b>	<b>960,146</b>	<b>11,363,042</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>64,845</b>
<b>2023</b> 1st Semester	596,466	620,304	7,089,989	11.4	41,701
2nd Semester	698,944	648,691	7,294,027	11.2	44,292
<b>Year</b>	<b>1,295,410</b>	<b>1,268,995</b>	<b>14,384,016</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>85,993</b>
<b>2024</b> <sup>3</sup> 1st Semester	...	...	...	...	44,402

<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

... not available

**Table 9:- Hotels <sup>1</sup>, rooms and bedplaces, 2021 - 2024**

Year	Number as at end of period					
	All hotels			"Large" hotels		
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces
<b>2021</b> 1st Qr.	93 <sup>3</sup>	10,837	24,895	49 <sup>3</sup>	8,470	19,730
2nd Qr.	81 <sup>3</sup>	9,358	20,663	39 <sup>3</sup>	7,057	15,761
3rd Qr.	92 <sup>3</sup>	10,810	24,824	45 <sup>3</sup>	8,243	19,311
4th Qr.	111	13,902	32,157	61	11,178	26,261
<b>2022</b> 1st Qr.	111	13,917	32,244	61	11,171	26,295
2nd Qr.	106	13,649	31,745	58	10,965	25,928
3rd Qr.	105	13,508	31,338	58	10,847	25,616
4th Qr.	105	13,017	30,145	56	10,326	24,408
<b>2023</b> 1st Qr.	105	13,022	29,591	56	10,338	23,836
2nd Qr.	101	12,426	28,416	53	9,735	22,563
3rd Qr.	102	12,502	28,450	56	9,961	23,014
4th Qr.	107	13,387	30,752	60	10,804	25,193
<b>2024</b> <sup>2</sup> 1st Qr.	105	13,326	30,066	59	10,777	24,597
2nd Qr.	102	13,011	29,382	56	10,441	23,903

<sup>1</sup> Refers to hotels in the Island of Mauritius which were operational

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

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



**Table 10:- Monthly occupancy rates <sup>1</sup> (%) for All hotels and "Large" hotels, 2022 - 2024**

Month	All hotels						"Large" hotels					
	2022		2023		2024 <sup>1</sup>		2022		2023		2024 <sup>1</sup>	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	42	37	75	67	68	61	44	38	76	69	70	63
February	44	39	70	63	68	62	46	41	71	65	70	64
March	50	44	73	65	70	64	52	45	74	66	71	66
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>64</u>
April	63	57	78	72	70	65	67	61	80	76	72	67
May	58	50	76	67	73	66	61	52	78	69	76	69
June	51	44	65	57	63	56	53	45	67	60	66	59
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>65</u>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>65</b>
July	63	58	68	64			67	61	71	67		
August	68	62	72	67			72	65	75	70		
September	71	60	77	66			75	63	79	68		
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>66</u>			<u>71</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>69</u>		
<b>Jan. to Sep.</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>65</b>			<b>60</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>68</b>		
October	78	69	77	69			81	71	79	71		
November	81	69	80	68			83	70	81	69		
December	78	70	73	65			80	71	75	67		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>67</u>			<u>81</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>69</u>		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>66</b>			<b>76</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>69</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>66</b>			<b>65</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>68</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

**Table 11:- Employment in large <sup>1</sup> establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2019 - 2023**

Year \ Activities	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 <sup>2</sup>
Food Service	3,526	3,583	3,369	2,992	2,932
Hotels	24,510	24,366	21,020	21,811	22,333
Travel and Other Services <sup>3</sup>	3,514	3,552	2,702	2,736	2,749
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,550</b>	<b>31,501</b>	<b>27,091</b>	<b>27,539</b>	<b>28,014</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
- (ii) Fortnightly tourist arrivals by air uploaded on Statistics Mauritius website
- (iii) Quarterly Economic and Social Indicators on International Travel and Tourism  
(with a lag of seven weeks)
- (iv) Yearly Digest of International Travel and Tourism
- (v) Yearly 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.

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

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