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# 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2025

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first semester of 2025. A brief on the compilation of these statistics is given at Annex I and a glossary of terms at Annex II.

#### 2. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

#### Passenger traffic, 1st Semester, 2024 and 2025

	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2024	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2025 <sup>1</sup>	% Change
Arrivals by			
Air	851,386	890,051	+ 4.5
Sea	61,821	63,964	+ 3.5
of which cruise travellers	57,583	60,805	+ 5.6
Total	913,207	954,015	+ 4.5
Departures by			
Air	880,788	914,475	+ 3.8
Sea	61,507	62,903	+ 2.3
Total	942,295	977,378	+ 3.7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Provisional

#### 2.1 Arrivals in 1st Semester 2025

Compared to 1st Semester 2024:

- (i) total passenger arrivals increased by 4.5% from 913,207 to 954,015;
- (ii) total tourist arrivals increased by 2.1% from 645,549 to 658,909; those arriving by air increased by 3.1% from 624,672 to 643,930 and those arriving by sea decreased by 28.3% from 20,877 to 14,979 (Table 6b). Among those arriving by sea, 12,359 were cruise tourists compared to 18,552, representing a decline of 33.4%.
- (iii) the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased by 38.6% from 26,325 to 36,474.

In the first semester of 2025, 28 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 60,805 cruise travellers comprising 12,359 tourists, 28,508 excursionists, 205 Mauritian residents and 19,733 crew members.

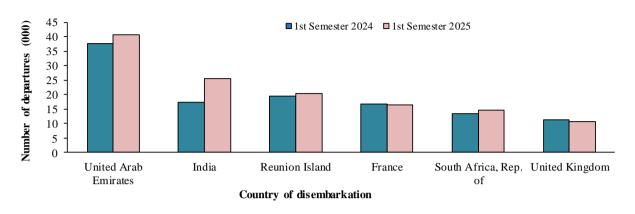
# 2.2 Departures in 1st Semester 2025

Compared to 1st Semester 2024:

- (i) total passenger departures increased by 3.7% from 942,295 to 977,378 and
- (ii) departures of Mauritian residents rose by 8.9% from 156,617 to 170,507 (Table 2).

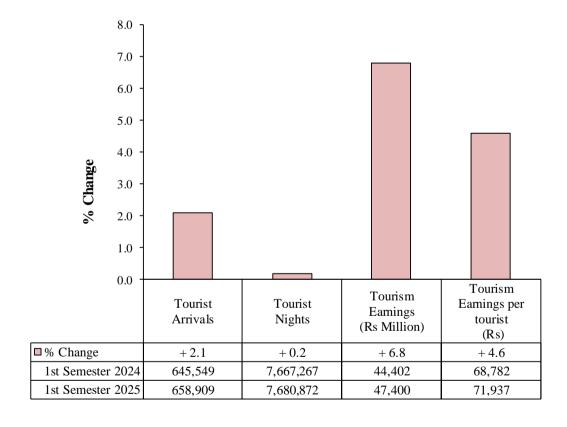
Comparative figures for the first semesters of 2024 and 2025 for Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the first semester of 2025, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (40,676 or 23.9%), India (25,498 or 15.0%), Reunion Island (20,273 or 11.9%), France (16,539 or 9.7%), Republic of South Africa (14,502 or 8.5%) and United Kingdom (10,756 or 6.3%).

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2024 and 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2025



#### 3. TOURISM

Figure 2 – Main tourism indicators, 1st Semester 2024 and 1st Semester 2025



# 3.1 Tourist arrivals in 1st Semester 2025

Compared to the first semester of 2024, tourist arrivals increased by 13,360 (+2.1%) to reach 658,909 in first semester 2025 as a result of main changes in tourist arrivals from selected markets as shown in Figure 3.

+ 8,760 (+30.5%) +2 737 +2,479 +2,598 (+19.8%) $(\pm 4.3\%)$ (+3.8%) +398 (+0.8%) India Reunion Island United Kingdom Italy South Africa, Rep. of Russian Federation France (-14.2%)(-2.8%)Germany -8.595 (-13.9%)

Figure 3 – Main changes in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2025 compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2024

Compared to the first semester of 2024, tourist arrivals from France, our top tourist generating country, decreased by 4,338 from 156,135 to 151,797. Among the main markets, increases were observed for India (+8,760 or +30.5%), Reunion Island (+2,737 or +4.3%), United Kingdom (+2,598 or +3.8%), Italy (+2,479 or +19.8%) and Republic of South Africa (+398 or +0.8%) while decreases were observed in the other selected markets as follows:

Russian Federation (-2,696 or -14.2%) and Germany (-8,595 or -13.9%).

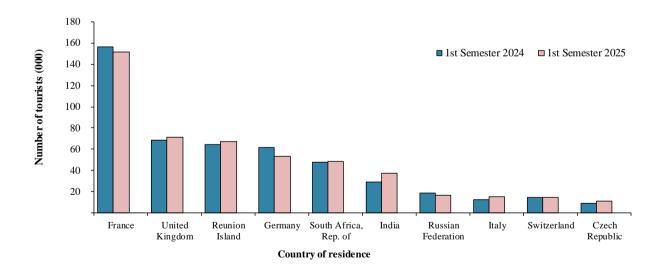


Figure 4 – Tourist arrivals from top ten markets, 1st Semester 2024 and 1st Semester 2025

# 3.2 Tourist arrivals by age group

During the period under review, the number of tourists aged 60 years and above was 118,868 representing 18.0% of tourist arrivals. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 42.1% (Table 6b).

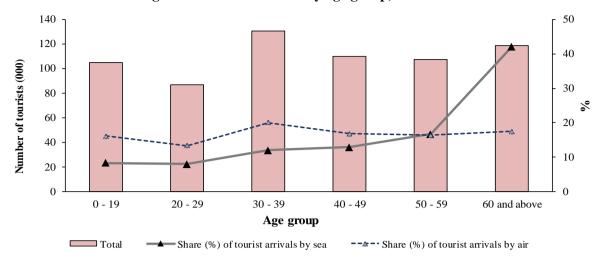


Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age group, 1st Semester 2025

#### 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 2025, tourists from United Kingdom (59.9%), France (57.4%), Austria (48.7%), Germany (43.8%) and Switzerland (43.2%) arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence. Tourists from Russian Federation, 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 Russian Federation, People's Republic of China and Netherlands who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates were 83.9%, 52.9% and 50.8% respectively.

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

Compared to the first semester of 2024, increases in tourist arrivals were noted for the following tourist destinations in the Indian Ocean region during the first semester of 2025:

Sri Lanka (from 1,010,249 to 1,168,044 or +15.6%), Maldives (from 1,015,529 to 1,108,132 or +9.1%), Mauritius (from 645,549 to 658,909 or +2.1%) and Seychelles (from 176,168 to 192,407 or +9.2%).

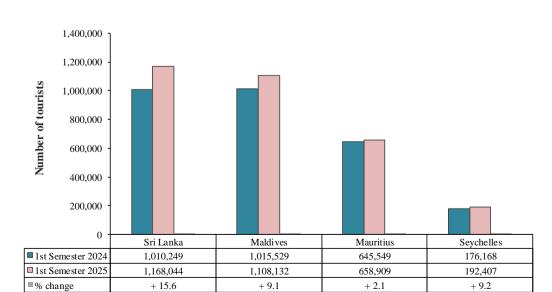


Figure 6 - Tourist arrivals for Sri Lanka, Maldives, Mauritius & Seychelles, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2024 and 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2025

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

#### 3.5 Tourist Nights

Compared to 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2024:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during the first semester of 2025 increased by 0.2% from 7,667,267 to 7,680,872; and
- the average length of stay decreased from 11.6 to 11.3 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 2024 indicate that employment in these establishments increased by 1.5% to 28,445 as compared to 28,014 for March 2023 (Table 11).

#### 3.7 Accommodation

#### (i) <u>Licensed hotels in the Island of Mauritius</u>

As at end of June 2025, there were 111 licensed hotels of which one was temporarily closed and five were closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of the 105 hotels in operation was 13,470 with 30,043 bed places (Table 9).

During the 1st Semester 2025,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 70%, higher compared to 69% in first semester 2024; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 63%, higher compared to 62% in first semester 2024 (Table 10).

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

At the end of June 2025, there were 59 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) in operation. The total room capacity of these 59 'large' hotels was 10,876 with 24,554 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 56% of all licensed hotels in operation but comprise 81% of total room capacity and 82% of total bed places (Table 9).

During the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2025,

- the room occupancy rate of 'large' hotels was 72%, higher than the 71% registered in first Semester 2024; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 66% higher than the 65% recorded in first semester 2024 (Table 10).

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Table 1:- Passenger traffic <sup>1</sup> by month, 2023 - 2025

Month	20	23	20	)24	20	25 <sup>2</sup>
Month	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	154,776	177,334	170,827	199,256	180,139	202,802
February	123,149	122,232	157,235	150,274	132,101	126,512
March	144,269	148,044	160,987	158,739	174,344	176,039
1st Quarter	422,194	447,610	489,049	508,269	486,584	505,353
April	145,348	144,220	154,231	158,407	166,265	166,849
May	132,636	143,444	145,496	156,162	162,351	170,129
June	113,612	112,653	124,431	119,457	138,815	135,047
2nd Quarter	391,596	400,317	424,158	434,026	467,431	472,025
1st Semester	813,790	847,927	913,207	942,295	954,015	977,378
July	146,658	137,622	157,832	145,039		
August	138,424	144,304	151,326	158,879		
September	133,359	129,487	142,702	138,887		
3rd Quarter	418,441	411,413	451,860	442,805		
Jan. to Sep.	1,232,231	1,259,340	1,365,067	1,385,100		
October	161,611	151,942	172,377	159,393		
November	165,265	167,486	171,237	177,491		
December	203,070	174,206	219,318	194,509		
4th Quarter	529,946	493,634	562,932	531,393		
2nd Semester	948,387	905,047	1,014,792	974,198		
Year	1,762,177	1,752,974	1,927,999	1,916,493		

<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Provisional

Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation<sup>1</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, 2024 and 2025

Country of disembarkation	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2024	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2025 <sup>2</sup>	% Change
EUROPE	39,052	38,352	- 1.8
Austria	492	588	+ 19.5
France	16,664	16,539	- 0.8
Germany	3,077	2,622	- 14.8
Italy	85	153	+ 80.0
Switzerland	1,609	1,428	- 11.2
Turkey	5,544	6,236	+ 12.5
United Kingdom	11,414	10,756	- 5.8
Other European countries	167	30	- 82.0
AFRICA	43,970	46,905	+ 6.7
Kenya	3,683	3,513	- 4.6
Malagasy Republic	5,428	6,303	+ 16.1
Reunion Island	19,472	20,273	+ 4.1
Seychelles	2,066	2,306	+ 11.6
South Africa, Rep. of	13,287	14,502	+ 9.1
Other African countries	34	8	- 76.5
ASIA	69,705	80,921	+ 16.1
People's Rep. of China	n.ap	n.ap	n.ap
Hong Kong SAR <sup>3</sup>	n.ap	n.ap	n.ap
India	17,317	25,498	+ 47.2
Malaysia	7,277	8,235	+ 13.2
Saudi Arabia	7,389	6,509	- 11.9
United Arab Emirates	37,716	40,676	+ 7.8
Other Asian countries	6	3	- 50.0
OCEANIA	3,887	4,323	+ 11.2
Australia	3,887	4,323	+ 11.2
NOT STATED	3	6	+ 100.0
All countries	156,617	170,507	+ 8.9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Country of disembarkation may either be the country of final destination or the transit country

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Special Administrative Region of China

Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2023 - 2025

Month	2023	2024	2025 1
January	107,684	119,305	116,926
February	91,850	109,266	95,991
March	105,663	117,991	113,472
1st Quarter	<u>305,197</u>	<u>346,562</u>	<u>326,389</u>
April	109,031	105,619	120,157
May	100,030	104,952	115,090
June	82,208	88,416	97,273
2nd Quarter	<u>291,269</u>	<u>298,987</u>	<u>332,520</u>
1st Semester	596,466	645,549	658,909
July	107,832	117,224	
August	98,990	106,574	
September	97,838	102,453	
3rd Quarter	<u>304,660</u>	<u>326,251</u>	
Jan. to Sep.	901,126	971,800	
October	125,645	133,065	
November	119,494	123,104	
December	149,145	154,208	
4th Quarter	<u>394,284</u>	<u>410,377</u>	
2nd Semester	698,944	736,628	
Year	1,295,410	1,382,177	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 1st Semester, 2024 and 2025

Purpose of visit	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2024	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2025 <sup>1</sup>	% Change
Holiday	608,758	625,300	+ 2.7
Business	17,379	18,068	+ 4.0
Transit	17,087	13,189	- 22.8
Conference	1,163	917	- 21.2
Sports	570	792	+ 38.9
Other purposes	592	643	+ 8.6
Total	645,549	658,909	+ 2.1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 1st Semester, 2024 and 2025

Country of residence	1 <sup>st</sup> S	emester 202	24	1 <sup>st</sup> S	emester 202	5 ¹	% Change 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2025 / 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2024			
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	
EUROPE	403,468	15,163	418,631	411,005	7,137	418,142	1.9	-52.9	-0.1	
Austria	8,686	377	9,063	9,054	92	9,146	4.2	-75.6	0.9	
Belgium	7,360	22	7,382	6,840	28	6,868	-7.1	27.3	-7.0	
Bulgaria	1,895	193	2,088	1,715	81	1,796	-9.5	-58.0	-14.0	
Czech Republic	8,635	40	8,675	11,127	17	11,144	28.9	-57.5	28.5	
Croatia	526	35	561	848	20	868	61.2	-42.9	54.7	
Denmark	4,384	28	4,412	4,637	24	4,661	5.8	-14.3	5.6	
Estonia	872	2	874	611	1	612	-29.9	-50.0	-30.0	
Finland	1,804	12	1,816	1,753	22	1,775	-2.8	83.3	-2.3	
France	155,937	198	156,135	151,673	124	151,797	-2.7	-37.4	-2.8	
Germany	51,244	10,468	61,712 526	50,198 444	2,919	53,117	-2.0 -9.4	-72.1 58.3	-13.9 -4.8	
Greece	490	36	2,573		57 32	501 2,968	17.2	-52.2	15.4	
Hungary Ireland	2,506 1,669	67 49	1,718	2,936 2,042	70	2,968	22.3	42.9	22.9	
Italy	1,009	89	12,517	14,898	98	14,996	19.9	10.1	19.8	
Latvia	588	8	596	577	98	586	-1.9	12.5	-1.7	
Lithuania	1,075	18	1,093	1,262	10	1,272	17.4	-44.4	16.4	
Luxembourg	870	44	914	872	11	883	0.2	-75.0	-3.4	
Netherlands	4,460	213	4,673	4,970	136	5,106	11.4	-36.2	9.3	
Norway	2,150	51	2,201	2,362	66	2,428	9.9	29.4	10.3	
Poland	7,814	165	7,979	10,422	99	10,521	33.4	-40.0	31.9	
Portugal	2,712	32	2,744	2,551	50	2,601	-5.9	56.3	-5.2	
Romania	3,778	53	3,831	3,868	184	4,052	2.4	247.2	5.8	
Serbia	692	19	711	1,083	14	1,097	56.5	-26.3	54.3	
Slovakia	3,170	39	3,209	4,235	5	4,240	33.6	-87.2	32.1	
Slovenia	984	2	986	991	9	1,000	0.7	350.0	1.4	
Spain	4,365	123	4,488	4,382	110	4,492	0.4	-10.6	0.1	
Sweden	5,005	44	5,049	5,955	110	6,065	19.0	150.0	20.1	
Switzerland	14,455	226	14,681	14,345	183	14,528	-0.8	-19.0	-1.0	
Turkey	3,318	29	3,347	3,460	51	3,511	4.3	75.9	4.9	
United Kingdom	66,542	2,242	68,784	69,401	1,981	71,382	4.3	-11.6	3.8	
CIS <sup>2</sup> countries	21,920	213	22,133	20,317	493	20,810	-7.3	131.5	-6.0	
of which:										
Belarus	539	2	541	520	2	522	-3.5	0.0	-3.5	
Kazakhstan	325	1	326	490	129	619	50.8	12,800.0	89.9	
Russian Federation	18,901	102	19,003	16,143	164	16,307	-14.6	60.8	-14.2	
Ukraine	1,599	108	1,707	2,484	184	2,668	55.3	70.4	56.3	
Other CIS countries	556	0	556	680	14	694	22.3	n.ap	24.8	
Other European countries	1,134	26	1,160	1,176	31	1,207	3.7	19.2	4.1	
AFRICA	137,661	260	137,921	140,002	2,969	142,971	1.7	1,041.9	3.7	
IOC <sup>3</sup> countries	75,821	11	75,832	79,131	10	79,141	4.4	-9.1	4.4	
of which:										
Comoros	383	0	383	378	0	<i>37</i> 8	-1.3	n.ap	-1.3	
Malagasy Republic	9,132	8	9,140	9,458	8	9,466	3.6	0.0	3.6	
Reunion Island	64,155	0	64,155	66,892	0	66,892	4.3	n.ap	4.3	
Seychelles	2,151	3	2,154	2,403	2	2,405	11.7	-33.3	11.7	
Algeria	195	0	195	176	1	177	-9.7	n.ap	-9.2	
Angola	192	2	194	196	3	199	2.1	50.0	2.6	
Benin	74 380	1	75 380	68 393	0	68 407	-8.1 3.4	-100.0	-9.3 7.1	
Botswana Burundi	71	0	71	78	14	78	9.9	n.ap	9.9	
Cameroon	255	0	255	300	0	300	17.6	n.ap	17.6	
Congo	233	0	211	294	0	294	39.3	n.ap n.ap	39.3	
Egypt	385	7	392	377	18	395	-2.1	157.1	0.8	
Ethiopia Ethiopia	160	5	165	137	10	147	-14.4	100.0	-10.9	
Gabon	52	0	52	53	0	53	1.9	n.ap	1.9	
Ghana	695	11	706	518	26	544	-25.5	136.4	-22.9	
Ivory Coast	286	8	294	284	7	291	-0.7	-12.5	-1.0	
Kenya	1,581	5	1,586	1,901	10	1,911	20.2	100.0	20.5	
Lesotho	94	0	94	109	9	118	16.0	n.ap	25.5	
Malawi	186	1	187	236	0	236	26.9	-100.0	26.2	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Commonwealth of Independent States

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Indian Ocean Commission

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Table 5 (Cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 1st Semester, 2024 and 2025

Country of residence	1 <sup>st</sup> S	Semester 20	24	1 <sup>st</sup> S	emester 202	25 <sup>1</sup>	% Change 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2025 / 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2024			
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	
Mayotte	465	0	465	824	0	824	77.2	n.ap	77.2	
Morocco	324	0	324	438	4	442	35.2	n.ap	36.4	
Mozambique	335	2	337	408	65	473	21.8	3,150.0	40.4	
Namibia	705	4	709	828	9	837	17.4	125.0	18.1	
Niger	1.026	0	1.046	36	0	36	-43.8	n.ap	-43.8	
Nigeria Rwanda	1,936 164	10	1,946 164	1,278 254	30	1,308 254	-34.0 54.9	200.0	-32.8 54.9	
Senegal	140	6	146	155	9	164	10.7	n.ap 50.0	12.3	
South Africa, Rep. of	47,916	122	48,038	45,744	2,692	48,436	-4.5	2,106.6	0.8	
Sudan	18	0	18	9	0	9	-50.0	n.ap	-50.0	
Kingdom of Eswatini	219	0	219	192	2	194	-12.3	n.ap	-11.4	
Tanzania	471	6	477	459	0	459	-2.5	-100.0	-3.8	
Togo	81	0	81	44	1	45	-45.7	n.ap	-44.4	
Tunisia	268	1	269	303	0	303	13.1	-100.0	12.6	
Uganda	399	2	401	423	1	424	6.0	-50.0	5.7	
Zimbabwe	1,320	7	1,327	1,461	44	1,505	10.7	528.6	13.4	
Zambia	386	0	386	594	2	596	53.9	n.ap	54.4	
Other African countries	1,812	49	1,861	2,301	2	2,303	27.0	-95.9	23.8	
ASIA	61,035	2,085	63,120	71,006	2,371	73,377	16.3	13.7	16.3	
Afghanistan	107	7	114	90	2	92	-15.9	-71.4	-19.3	
Bangladesh	533	19	552	239	17	256	-55.2	-10.5	-53.6	
Hong Kong SAR 4	265	15	280	218	0	218	-17.7	-100.0	-22.1	
India	28,451	290	28,741	37,135	366	37,501	30.5	26.2	30.5	
Indonesia	1,060	511	1,571	888	555	1,443	-16.2	8.6	-8.1	
Israel	980	6	986	1,955	37	1,992	99.5	516.7	102.0	
Japan	549	73	622	553	25	578	0.7	-65.8	-7.1	
Korea Republic	1,933	58	1,991	2,299	67	2,366	18.9	15.5	18.8	
Malaysia	534	43	577	500	11	511	-6.4	-74.4	-11.4	
Maldives	28	0	28	23	0	23	-17.9	n.ap	-17.9	
Nepal	899	4	903	539	2	541	-40.0	-50.0	-40.1	
Pakistan	271	9	280	180	4	184	-33.6	-55.6	-34.3	
People's Rep. of China	5,650	197	5,847	5,935	501	6,436	5.0	154.3	10.1	
Philippines	1,340	696	2,036	1,562	624	2,186	16.6	-10.3	7.4	
Singapore	611 331	13 24	624 355	613 266	7	620 275	0.3	-46.2 -62.5	-0.6 -22.5	
Sri Lanka	509	43	552	506	22	528	-19.6	-62.5 -48.8		
Taiwan, China Thailand	223	43	227		11	231	-0.6 -1.3	175.0	-4.3 1.8	
Vietnam	191	24	215	117	79	196	-38.7	229.2	-8.8	
MIDDLE EAST countries	16,476	21	16,497	17,000	8	17.008	3.2	-61.9	3.1	
of which:	10,770	21	10,777	17,000	Ü	17,000	3.2	01.7	3.1	
Bahrain	110	0	110	86	1	87	-21.8	n.ap	-20.9	
Iran	198	0	198	109	0	109	-44.9	n.ap	-44.9	
Jordan	129	0	129	154	2	156	19.4	n.ap	20.9	
Kuwait	271	5	276	381	0	381	40.6	-100.0	38.0	
Lebanon	182	1	183	165	0	165	-9.3	-100.0	-9.8	
Oman	91	3	94	87	1	88	-4.4	-66.7	-6.4	
Qatar	139	0	139	127	0	127	-8.6	n.ap	-8.6	
Saudi Arabia	9,610	0	9,610	9,672	3	9,675	0.6	n.ap	0.7	
United Arab Emirates	5,716	10	5,726	6,203	0	6,203	8.5	-100.0	8.3	
Other Middle East countries	30	2	32	16	1	17	-46.7	-50.0	-46.9	
Other Asian countries	94	28	122	168	24	192	78.7	-14.3	57.4	
OCEANIA	10,177	682	10,859	8,106	343	8,449	-20.3	-49.7	-22.2	
Australia	9,405 499	472 103	9,877 602	7,333 496	278	7,611 554	-22.0 -0.6	-41.1	-22.9	
New Zealand Other Oceanian countries	273	103	380	277	58 7	284	1.5	-43.7 -93.5	-8.0 -25.3	
AMERICA	12,008	2,632	14,640	13,478	2,154	15,632	1.5	-93.3 - <b>18.2</b>	-25.3 <b>6.8</b>	
Brazil	1,218	162	1,380	1,227	198	1,425	0.7	22.2	3.3	
Canada	3,988	723	4,711	4,493	540	5,033	12.7	-25.3	6.8	
USA	5,695	1,639	7,334	6,472	1,224	7,696	13.6	-25.3	4.9	
Other American countries	1,107	108	1,215	1,286	192	1,478	16.2	77.8	21.6	
Others & not stated	323	55	378	333	5	338	3.1	-90.9	-10.6	
	624,672		645,549							

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Special Administrative Region of China

Table 6a:- Tourist arrivals by age group and sex, 1st Semester, 2024 and 2025

Age group	1 <sup>st</sup>	Semester 202	24	1 <sup>st</sup>	Semester 202	25 <sup>1</sup>		% Change	;
(years)	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	13,024	13,311	26,335	13,787	13,834	27,621	+ 5.9	+ 3.9	+ 4.9
5 - 9	14,459	14,358	28,817	14,341	14,327	28,668	- 0.8	- 0.2	- 0.5
10 - 14	13,667	13,768	27,435	13,229	13,496	26,725	- 3.2	- 2.0	- 2.6
15 - 19	9,553	11,467	21,020	10,148	11,810	21,958	+ 6.2	+ 3.0	+ 4.5
20 - 24	11,452	16,273	27,725	12,628	17,646	30,274	+ 10.3	+ 8.4	+ 9.2
25 - 29	23,363	30,155	53,518	24,602	32,037	56,639	+ 5.3	+ 6.2	+ 5.8
30 - 34	31,097	33,652	64,749	31,536	34,733	66,269	+ 1.4	+ 3.2	+ 2.3
35 - 39	31,122	30,935	62,057	32,142	32,259	64,401	+ 3.3	+ 4.3	+ 3.8
40 - 44	28,829	27,785	56,614	29,334	28,425	57,759	+ 1.8	+ 2.3	+ 2.0
45 - 49	26,023	25,872	51,895	26,162	26,052	52,214	+ 0.5	+ 0.7	+ 0.6
50 - 54	27,133	27,146	54,279	26,815	27,338	54,153	- 1.2	+ 0.7	- 0.2
55 - 59	26,566	27,325	53,891	26,302	27,058	53,360	- 1.0	- 1.0	- 1.0
60 - 64	23,387	22,705	46,092	23,829	23,668	47,497	+ 1.9	+ 4.2	+ 3.0
65 - 69	16,677	16,100	32,777	17,280	16,416	33,696	+ 3.6	+ 2.0	+ 2.8
70 & over	20,107	18,238	38,345	19,784	17,891	37,675	- 1.6	- 1.9	- 1.7
Total	316,459	329,090	645,549	321,919	336,990	658,909	+ 1.7	+ 2.4	+ 2.1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 6b:- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of travel, 1st Semester, 2024 and 2025

Age group	1 <sup>st</sup>	Semester 20	24	1 <sup>st</sup>	Semester 202	25 ¹	% Change			
(years)	Air	Air Sea To		Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	
Under 15	82,222	365	82,587	82,189	825	83,014	0.0	+ 126.0	+ 0.5	
15 - 59	436,778	8,970	445,748	449,183	7,844	457,027	+ 2.8	- 12.6	+ 2.5	
60 & over	105,672	11,542	117,214	112,558	6,310	118,868	+ 6.5	- 45.3	+ 1.4	
Total	624,672	20,877	645,549	643,930	14,979	658,909	+ 3.1	- 28.3	+ 2.1	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 1st Semester 2025

								of	which, arr	ivals from	selected co	ountry of resid	lence				
Countr	y of last embarkation	Total tourist arrivals	Austria	France	Germany	Italy	Nether- lands	Spain	Switzer- land	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
EUROPE		262,914	6,169	96,540	33,317	10,267	1,746	2,581	10,328	2,964	45,400	1,603	120	233	76	199	293
of which:	Austria	14,111	4,413	725	2,297	151	37	25	240	7	159	15	0	0	0	8	69
	France	112,390	269	87,021	2,316	2,750	1,046	848	1,966	19	1,421	51	88	31	20	41	69
	Germany	29,708	369	2,522	21,997	382	172	48	974	33	115	32	0	10	9	12	19
	Italy	5,198	0	9	3	3,850	1	10	41	0	10	3	0	0	0	0	0
	Spain	1,104	0	2	4	3	7	895	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	1	0
	Switzerland	14,039	282	2,808	2,307	180	66	52	6,201	10	165	17	8	6	3	6	17
	Turkey	38,430	814	2,983	4,296	2,762	341	573	794	2,893	1,950	1,453	16	135	16	99	32
	United Kingdom	46,228	22	467	93	185	76	130	112	2	41,574	31	8	51	28	32	87
AFRICA		198,247	427	39,903	3,164	665	646	662	1,044	162	3,986	800	65,156	44,607	1,166	1,524	1,284
of which:	Kenya	8,669	15	1,667	111	37	107	97	27	4	353	43	77	93	256	240	81
	Malagasy Republic	11,866	17	613	95	23	32	45	46	7	101	176	241	51	330	291	76
	Reunion Island	107,947	184	36,654	903	124	110	162	508	13	332	54	64,275	237	205	558	157
	Seychelles	4,677	18	228	116	15	20	24	25	29	140	135	72	23	69	108	84
A GV A	South Africa, Rep. of	64,995	193	737	1,938	465	376	333	438	109	3,058	392	491	44,203	306	326	881
ASIA	×	176,894	2,436	15,076	13,681	3,957	2,570	1,134	2,953	334	19,760	13,739	1,417	738	35,887	4,208	1,100
of which:	India	37,183 3,927	9	191 356	99 37	17	12	14	18	4	271 57	129	174 728	367	33,239	312	137 123
	Malaysia	3,927	0	336	0	0	0	13	7 0	0	0	30	0	76 0	0	681	0
	People's Rep. of China Saudi Arabia	8,230	2	1.099	126	295	29	295	23	25	305	40	80	4	72	72	3
	United Arab Emirates	127,529	2,423	13,429	13,418	3,643	2,526	811	2,905	304	19,124	13,540	435	291	2,564	3,139	837
OCEANIA		5,865	2,423	15,429	36	3,043 <b>9</b>	8	5	2,903	0	255	15,540	199	166	2,304	3,139	4,651
of which:	Australia	5,865	22	154	36	9	8	5	20	0	255	1	199	166	6	4	4,651
AMERICA		10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Total arri		643,930	9,054	151,673	50,198	14,898	4,970	4,382	14,345	3,460	69,401	16,143	66,892	45,744	37,135	5,935	7,333
of wh	ich:		Austria	France	Germany	Italy	Nether- lands	Spain	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	48.7%	57.4%	43.8%	25.8%	0.0%	20.4%	43.2%	83.6%	59.9%	0.0%	96.1%	96.6%	89.5%	0.0%	63.4%
	From United Arab Emira	ates	26.8%	8.9%	26.7%	24.5%	50.8%	18.5%	20.3%	8.8%	27.6%	83.9%	0.7%	0.6%	6.9%	52.9%	11.4%
	From Turkey		9.0%	2.0%	8.6%	18.5%	6.9%	13.1%	5.5%		2.8%	9.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	1.7%	0.4%
	From France		3.0%		4.6%	18.5%	21.0%	19.4%	13.7%	0.5%	2.0%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.7%	0.9%
	From Reunion Island		2.0%	24.2%	1.8%	0.8%	2.2%	3.7%	3.5%	0.4%	0.5%	0.3%		0.5%	0.6%	9.4%	2.1%
	From South Africa, Rep.	of	2.1%	0.5%	3.9%	3.1%	7.6%	7.6%	3.1%	3.2%	4.4%	2.4%	0.7%		0.8%	5.5%	12.0%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Provisional

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Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and tourism earnings, 2022 - 2025

	Year	Tourist Tourist arrivals departur (Number) (Number)		Tourist Nights <sup>1</sup>	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings <sup>2</sup> (Rs Mn)
2022	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
	Year	997,290	960,146	11,363,042	11.8	64,845
2023	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
	Year	1,295,410	1,268,995	14,384,016	11.3	85,993
2024	1st Semester	645,549	661,051	7,667,267	11.6	44,402
	2nd Semester	736,628	685,827	7,752,963	11.3	49,172
	Year	1,382,177	1,346,878	15,420,230	11.4	93,574
2025 <sup>3</sup>	1st Semester	658,909	680,031	7,680,872	11.3	47,400

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

Table 9:- Hotels <sup>1</sup>, rooms and bedplaces, 2022 - 2025

				Number as at	end of period			
Year			All hotels		"Large" hotels			
		Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	
2022	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	
2023	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	
2024	1st Qr.	105	13,326	30,066	59	10,777	24,597	
	2nd Qr.	102	13,011	29,382	56	10,441	23,903	
	3rd Qr.	105	13,453	30,127	57	10,775	24,460	
	4th Qr.	109	14,059	31,484	61	11,427	25,916	
2025 <sup>2</sup>	1st Qr.	110	14,059	31,486	61	11,331	25,750	
	2nd Qr.	105	13,470	30,043	59	10,876	24,554	

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: Bank of Mauritius

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Provisional

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Provisional

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Table 10:- Monthly occupancy rates (%) for All hotels and "Large" hotels, 2023 - 2025

	All hotels					"Large" hotels						
Month	2023		2024		2025 1		2023		2024		2025 1	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	75	67	68	61	70	64	76	69	70	63	72	66
February	70	63	68	62	66	60	71	65	70	64	68	62
March	73	65	70	64	66	59	74	66	71	66	68	62
1st Quarter	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>
April	78	72	70	65	75	70	80	76	72	67	78	74
May	76	67	73	66	74	66	78	69	76	69	75	68
June	65	57	63	56	67	59	67	60	66	59	69	62
2nd Quarter	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>68</u>
1 st Semester	73	65	69	62	70	63	75	68	71	65	72	66
July	68	64	67	63			71	67	70	66		
August	72	67	72	68			75	70	75	72		
September	77	66	74	66			79	68	77	68		
3rd Quarter	<u>72</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>65</u>			<u>75</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>69</u>		
Jan. to Sep.	73	65	70	63			75	68	72	66		
October	77	69	77	70			79	71	79	72		
November	80	68	81	70			81	69	82	71		
December	73	65	75	69			75	67	77	71		
4th Quarter	<u>77</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>69</u>			<u>78</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>72</u>		
2 nd Semester	75	66	74	68			76	69	77	70		
Year	74	66	72	65			76	68	74	68		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Provisional

Table 11:- Employment in large <sup>1</sup> establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2020 - 2024

Year Activities	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 <sup>2</sup>
Food Service	3,583	3,369	2,992	2,932	3,007
Hotels	24,366	21,020	21,811	22,333	22,571
Travel and Other Services <sup>3</sup>	3,552	2,702	2,736	2,749	2,867
Total	31,501	27,091	27,539	28,014	28,445

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Large establishments are those employing 10 or more persons.

Source: Survey of Employment and Earnings in large establishments

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Travel and other services include air transport services, tour operators, travel agencies and car rental.

#### 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 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.

= Total number of room/bed nights rented x 100 Total number of room/bed nights available

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