INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

1st Semester 2016

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first semester of 2016. It is to be noted that passenger traffic, tourist arrivals, tourist nights and tourist departures for year 2013, 2014 and 2015 have been revised in this issue. Revision has been done following discussion with Passport and Immigration Office in connection with data relating to cruise passengers. 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 2015 and 2016

	2015 1	2016 ²	% change
Arrivals by			
Air	685,912	747,882	+ 9.0
Sea	28,120	33,690	+ 19.8
of which Cruise travellers	24,915	31,205	+ 25.2
Total	714,032	781,572	+ 9.5
Departures by			
Air	722,161	784,338	+ 8.6
Sea	27,041	32,551	+20.4
Total	749,202	816,889	+ 9.0

¹ Revised

2.1 Arrivals in 1st Semester 2016

Compared to 1st semester 2015:

- total arrivals increased by 9.5% to 781,572, of which arrivals in Rodrigues direct from Reunion Island amounted to 574;
- tourist arrivals increased by 9.9% to 586,464; and
- the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased by 47.5% to 19.677.

In the first semester of 2016, 18 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 31,205 cruise travellers which include 11,087 tourists, 10,156 excursionists, 265 Mauritian residents and 9,697 crew members.

2.2 Departures in 1st Semester 2016

Compared to 1st Semester 2015:

- total departures increased by 9.0% to 816,889, of which departures from Rodrigues direct to Reunion Island amounted to 702;
- departures of Mauritian residents increased by 3.6% to 115,957.

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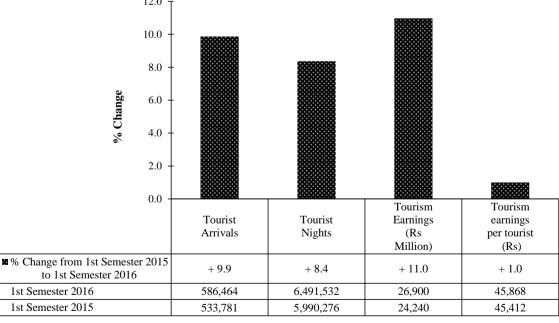
In the first semester of 2016, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (29,427 or 25.4%), Reunion Island (15,751 or 13.6%), France (13,894 or 12.0%), Republic of South Africa (12,957 or 11.2%), India (9,511 or 8.2%) and United Kingdom (7,454 or 6.4%).

35 Number of departures (000) 30 ■ 1st Semester 2015 25 □ 1st Semester 2016 20 15 10 5 France UAE Reunion South India UK Country of disembarkation

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 1st Semester 2015 and 1st Semester 2016

3. TOURISM

Figure 2 - % Change in main tourism indicators, 1st Semester 2016 compared to 1st Semester 2015

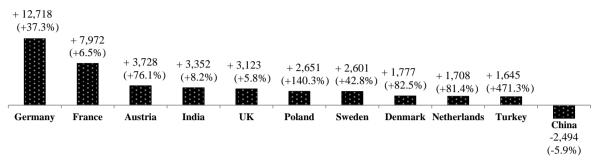


 $Note: Tourism\ earnings\ for\ the\ first\ semester\ 2016\ is\ an\ estimate.$

3.1 Tourist Arrivals

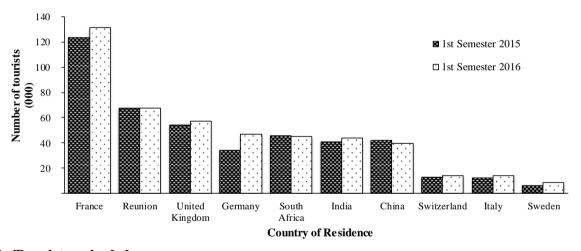
Compared to 1st Semester 2015, the number of tourist arrivals increased by 52,683 or 9.9% to 586,464 in 1st Semester 2016 as a result of main changes shown in figure 3.

Figure 3 - Main changes, number and % change over previous semester, in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, 1st Semester 2015 to 1st Semester 2016



In the first semester of 2016, France, our top tourist generating country, registered a growth of 6.5%. It is worth noting that compared to 1st Semester 2015, tourist arrivals from Turkey and Poland increased by 471.3% and 140.3% respectively as a result of direct flights. However, a decline of 5.9% is noted for China and this may be explained by a decrease in seat capacity.

Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals from main and emerging markets, 1st Semester 2015 and 1st Semester 2016



3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the first semester of 2016, 85,357 or 14.6% of tourists who visited Mauritius were aged 60 years and above. Among those who arrived by sea, the proportion was much higher at 43%.

Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age, 1st Semester 2016 140 50 Number of tourists 120 40 100 30 80 60 20 40 10 20 0 1 - 19 20 - 29 30 - 39 40 - 49 50 - 59 60 and above Total **→** Sea Age group

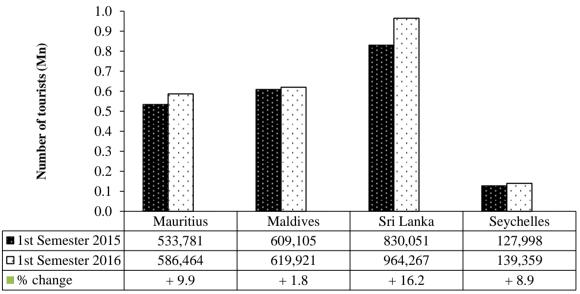
3.3 Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets

From table 7, it is observed that during the 1st Semester 2016, a high proportion of tourists arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence except for Russia and Switzerland where there were no direct connections. Tourists from these countries travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates which is the most used transiting port. For the 1st Semester 2016, the proportion of tourists who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates from Russia and Switzerland were 77.6% and 48.1% respectively. It is also worth noting that for 1st semester 2016, less than half of the tourists from Germany, Italy and United Kingdom travelled on direct flights. The remaining used mostly United Arab Emirates as transiting port.

3.4 Tourist arrivals in Mauritius compared to selected tourist destinations

During the 1st Semester 2016, tourist arrivals in Mauritius increased by 9.9%. This compares favorably with Maldives and Seychelles where growths of 1.8% and 8.9% were observed respectively. However, Sri Lanka registered a higher growth of 16.2%.

Figure 6 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 1st Semester 2015 and 1st Semester 2016



Source: Maldives Statistics section - Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture; Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority; Seychelles National Bureau of Statistics

3.5 Tourist Nights

Compared to 1st Semester 2015:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during the first semester 2016 increased by 8.4% from 5,990,276 to 6,491,532; but
- the average length of stay decreased from 10.6 to 10.5 nights.

3.6 Employment

Employment data for the tourism sector as obtained from the Survey of Employment and Earnings relate to employment in food service, hotels and travel and tourism establishments with 10 or more workers. Latest available data for March 2015 indicate

that employment in these establishments increased by 1.2% to 29,123 as compared to 28,772 for March 2014.

3.7 Accommodation

Licensed hotels in the island of Mauritius

As at end of June 2016, there were 116 licensed hotels of which 111 were in operation and 5 were temporarily closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of these 111 hotels was 13,092 with 27,523 bed places.

During the 1st Semester 2016,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 70%, up from 67% in the 1st Semester 2015; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 62%, same as in the first semester 2015.

'Large' hotels in the island of Mauritius

At the end of June 2016, 54 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) were in operation; they had a total room capacity of 9,963 with 21,105 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 49% of all licensed hotels in operation but make up 76% of total room capacity and 77% of total bed places.

During the 1st Semester 2016,

- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 73% up from 69% in the 1st Semester 2015:
- the bed occupancy rate was 66%, higher than the 64% in the 1st Semester 2015.

3.8 Forecast for Year 2016

Based on latest available data on tourist arrivals and information gathered from stakeholders, the forecast of tourist arrivals for the year 2016 is revised upwards from 1,240,000 to 1,250,000. This represents an increase of 8.6% over the figure of 1,151,252 in 2015.

As a result of the revised forecast of tourist arrivals and based on trends for the first semester of 2016, the Bank of Mauritius is expecting tourism earnings for the year 2016 to reach Rs 56 billion instead of Rs 55 billion forecasted earlier. This revised figure represents an increase of 11.6% over the Rs 50.2 billion for 2015.

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic 1 by month, 2014 - 2016

February March 1st Quarte April May June 2nd Quarte 1st Semester July August September 3rd Quarte	202	14 ²	201	15 ²	201	16 ³
Month	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	128,035	149,573	139,076	164,024	157,574	182,555
February	105,394	107,630	116,453	114,890	133,906	136,073
March	120,850	127,471	130,539	135,445	142,232	142,346
1st Quarter	354,279	384,674	386,068	414,359	433,712	460,974
April	117,367	112,588	123,409	122,212	126,517	132,081
May	102,876	112,665	113,225	124,533	122,611	128,915
June	86,684	86,225	91,330	88,098	98,732	94,919
2nd Quarter	306,927	311,478	327,964	334,843	347,860	355,915
1st Semester	661,206	696,152	714,032	749,202	781,572	816,889
July	112,006	98,420	128,120	114,026		
August	110,100	120,441	124,102	135,486		
September	100,387	99,346	111,049	110,025		
3rd Quarter	322,493	318,207	363,271	359,537		
Jan. to Sep.	983,699	1,014,359	1,077,303	1,108,739		
October	127,730	119,229	137,559	132,869		
November	120,447	121,845	135,816	133,874		
December	157,337	129,704	172,543	144,680		
4th Quarter	405,514	370,778	445,918	411,423		
2nd Semester	728,007	688,985	809,189	770,960		
Whole Year	1,389,213	1,385,137	1,523,221	1,520,162		

¹ Excluding inter island traffic between the main island of Mauritius and the other constituent islands of the Republic of Mauritius and direct transit, but includes international traffic between Rodrigues and Reunion Island

² Revised

³ Provisional

Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation ¹, 1st Semester of 2015 and 2016

Country of disembarkation	2015 ²	2016 ³	% Change
EUROPE	23,570	24,225	+ 2.8
France	13,781	13,894	+ 0.8
Germany	644	1,044	+ 62.1
Italy	527	729	+ 38.3
Turkey	-	1,070	-
United Kingdom	8,608	7,454	- 13.4
Other European	10	34	+ 240.0
AFRICA	35,900	39,079	+ 8.9
Malagasy Republic	4,179	4,458	+ 6.7
Reunion	14,937	15,751	+ 5.4
Seychelles	4,346	4,575	+ 5.3
South Africa	11,287	12,957	+ 14.8
Other African	1,151	1,338	+ 16.2
ASIA	48,707	48,918	+ 0.4
P. Rep. of China	1,577	944	- 40.1
Hong Kong SAR ⁴	2,654	2,074	- 21.9
India	8,593	9,511	+ 10.7
Malaysia	5,055	4,218	- 16.6
Singapore	1,083	2,711	+ 150.3
United Arab Emirates	29,736	29,427	- 1.0
Other Asian	9	33	+ 266.7
OCEANIA	3,789	3,724	- 1.7
Australia	3,789	3,724	- 1.7
NOT STATED	3	11	+ 266.7
All Countries	111,969	115,957	+ 3.6

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

² Revised

³ Provisional

⁴ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2014 - 2016

Mo	onth	2014 1	2015 1	2016 ²
January		96,285	103,556	118,426
February		78,899	91,066	100,706
March		87,876	96,425	108,704
	1st Quarter	<u>263,060</u>	<u>291,047</u>	<u>327,836</u>
April		88,102	90,221	91,992
May		78,545	87,054	94,830
June		60,440	65,459	71,806
	2nd Quarter	227,087	<u>242,734</u>	<u>258,628</u>
	1st Semester	490,147	533,781	586,464
July		81,934	95,694	
August		78,466	89,422	
September		74,508	84,456	
	3rd Quarter	234,908	<u>269,572</u>	
	Jan. to Sep.	725,055	803,353	
October		101,323	109,014	
November		91,213	106,204	
December		120,743	132,681	
	4th Quarter	<u>313,279</u>	<u>347,899</u>	
	2nd Semester	548,187	617,471	
Whol	e Year	1,038,334	1,151,252	

¹ Revised

Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 1st Semester 2015 and 2016

Purpose of visit	2015 1	2016 ²	% Change		
Holiday	498,098	550,162	+ 10.5		
Business	20,375	21,526	+ 5.6		
Transit	10,284	10,344	+ 0.6		
Conference	2,985	2,778	- 6.9		
Sports	1,241	978	- 21.2		
Other	798	676	- 15.3		
Total	533,781	586,464	+ 9.9		

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Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1st Semester 2015 and 2016

	1 st				2016 ²				% Change
Country of residence	Semester 2015 ¹	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	1 st Semester	S1 2016/ SI 2015
EUROPE	288,284	67,016	67,461	65,048	56,892	46,159	33,162	335,738	16.5
Austria	4,902	2,528	2,204	1,703	1,069	743	383	8,630	76.1
Belarus	232	45	31	50	27	18	14	185	-20.3
Belgium	5,024	891	855	1,543	885	963	783	5,920	17.8
Bulgaria	476	360	321	153	135	47	35	1,051	120.8
Czech Republic	4,296	941	1,224	1,129	790	375	253	4,712	9.7
Croatia	207	64	44	47	25	26	24	230	11.1
Denmark	2,155	874	1,186	1,226	236	201	209	3,932	82.5
Estonia	178	69	77	51	30	24	4	255	43.3
Finland	2,495	1,167	718	618	90	68	75	2,736	9.7
France	123,307	27,280	30,068	22,371	26,506	16,037	9,017	131,279	6.5
Germany	34,136	7,936	7,572	9,552	6,772	8,939	6,083	46,854	37.3
Greece	410	82	63	92	99	128	94	558	36.1
Hungary	807	494	403	356	110	87	69	1,519	88.2
Ireland	961	138	105	326	225	227	324	1,345	40.0
Italy	12,431	3,686	2,542	2,534	2,079	1,522	1,353	13,716	10.3
Kazakhstan	143	64	28	52	15	4	3	166	16.1
Latvia	192	75	49	74	38	30	14	280	45.8
Lithuania	217	75	99	74	52	25	32	357	64.5
Luxemburg	691	74	84	207	89	86	51	591	-14.5
Netherlands	2,099	501	570	537	765	710	724	3,807	81.4
Norway	1,736	493	560	582	111	222	356	2,324	33.9
Poland	1,890	1,335	1,236	869	440	318	343	4,541	140.3
Portugal	938	169	158	412	319	355	340	1,753	86.9
Romania	702	536	315	195	195	163	150	1,554	121.4
Russian Federation	6,551	1,680	759	781	902	624	282	5,028	-23.2
Serbia	161	74	65	29	33	21	26	248	54.0
Slovakia	1,154	413	576	395	269	163	70	1,886	63.4
Slovenia	360	140	166	42	94	43	34	519	44.2
Spain	4,191	487	449	930	525	943	1,515	4,849	15.7
Sweden	6,075	2,726	2,883	2,070	376	268	353	8,676	42.8
Switzerland	12,833	2,617	2,604	3,419	2,722	1,628	1,075	14,065	9.6
Turkey	349	548	375	318	294	307	152	1,994	471.3
Ukraine	1,073	731	414	354	220	225	108	2,052	91.2
United Kingdom	54,148	7,536	8,524	11,799	10,198	10,516	8,698	57,271	5.8
Other European	764	187	134	158	157	103	116	855	11.9
AFRICA	130,531	33,518	11,839	25,714	17,795	25,930	15,966	130,762	0.2
IOC ³ countries	76,003	23,477	6,627	14,372	7,469	17,127	6,732	75,804	-0.3
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Comoros	419	57	51	76	66	101	58	409	-2.4
Malagasy Republic	5,547	843	937	1,031	777	951	629	5,168	-6.8
Reunion	67,426	22,141	5,233	12,931	6,081	15,548	5,609	67,543	0.2
Seychelles	2,611	436	406	334	545	527	436	2,684	2.8

¹ Revised

² Provisional

³ Indian Ocean Commission

Table 5 (cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 1st Semester 2015 and 2016

~	1 st				2016 2				% Change
Country of residence	Semester 2015 ¹	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	1 st Semester	S1 2016/ SI 2015
Algeria	119	13	34	9	19	32	4	111	-6.7
Angola	233	34	27	47	85	35	17	245	5.2
Benin	33	2	0	1	9	9	7	28	-15.2
Botswana	337	61	62	93	139	108	39	502	49.0
Burundi	70	3	6	9	9	8	1	36	-48.6
Cameroon	95	15	10	14	27	36	20	122	28.4
Congo	367	46	54	48	92	65	41	346	-5.7
Egypt	246	50	27	54	54	93	25	303	23.2
Ethiopia	101	8	5	20	26	27	11	97	-4.0
Gabon	103	10	23	18	13	14	8	86	-16.5
Ghana	253	55	38	68	52	132	129	474	87.4
Ivory Coast	131	12	19	19	36	28	32	146	11.5
Kenya	1,424	169	159	236	288	242	210	1,304	-8.4
Lesotho	60	5	10	25	9	16	14	79	31.7
Malawi	90	12	10	25	36	30	11	124	37.8
Mayotte	523	31	68	57	111	138	41	446	-14.7
Morocco	310	58	72	46	65	45	22	308	-0.6
Mozambique	486	213	55	101	85	98	36	588	21.0
Namibia	642	99	47	81	232	366	48	873	36.0
Niger	63	4	14	12	17	18	11	76	20.6
Nigeria	444	72	81	128	92	137	77	587	32.2
Rwanda	40	9	5	80	13	11	3	121	202.5
Senegal	93	6	17	13	18	21	12	87	-6.5
South Africa, Rep. of	45,643	8,717	3,952	9,725	8,190	6,584	8,143	45,311	-0.7
Sudan	47	6	1	3	2	18	1	31	-34.0
Swaziland	133	27	27	30	25	34	14	157	18.0
Tanzania	278	22	88	46	32	72	29	289	4.0
Togo	56	3	4	3	14	5	3	32	-42.9
Tunisia	169	37	23	37	28	25	11	161	-4.7
Uganda	262	17	32	39	46	38	32	204	-22.1
Zimbabwe	800	148	110	140	264	175	82	919	14.9
Zambia	312	38	59	66	109	52	49	373	19.6
Other African	565	39	73	49	89	91	51	392	-30.6
SIA	98,455	14,629	19,384	15,276	14,173	19,732	19,608	102,802	4.4
Afghanistan	366	61	70	79	48	59	36	353	-3.6
Bangladesh	297	28	58	67	57	40	54	304	2.4
Hong Kong SAR 4	551	60	112	129	87	106	129	623	13.1
India	40,713	5,401	6,718	5,365	5,945	10,543	10,093	44,065	8.2
Indonesia	1,154	113	143	448	114	128	133	1,079	-6.5
Israel	246	68	75	104	126	74	35	482	95.9
Japan	622	245	165	206	205	182	171	1,174	88.7
Korea Republic	1,332	381	331	478	546	538	438	2,712	103.6
Malaysia	932	120	314	163	170	281	243	1,291	38.5

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	1 st				2016 2				% Change
Country of residence	Semester 2015 ¹	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	1st Semester	S1 2016/ SI 2015
Nepal	178	32	35	29	68	61	61	286	60.7
Pakistan	501	76	104	257	122	123	132	814	62.5
People's Rep. of China	42,107	6,520	9,959	5,262	5,179	5,908	6,785	39,613	-5.9
Philippines	909	289	173	222	144	151	106	1,085	19.4
Singapore	709	77	133	166	201	165	287	1,029	45.1
Sri Lanka	157	31	26	22	21	25	14	139	-11.5
Taiwan	620	123	147	179	86	103	89	727	17.3
Thailand	189	14	24	32	52	41	22	185	-2.1
Vietnam	250	15	39	84	39	14	37	228	-8.8
MIDDLE EAST Countries	6,486	951	744	1,939	949	1,166	732	6,481	-0.1
of which:									
Bahrein	76	10	10	17	9	11	7	64	-15.8
Iran	687	11	10	651	6	7	14	699	1.7
Jordan	54	18	4	9	13	26	4	74	37.0
Kuwait	199	29	17	20	17	30	4	117	-41.2
Lebanon	233	9	18	26	41	86	17	197	-15.5
Oman	87	16	9	19	4	18	16	82	-5.7
Qatar	161	24	14	18	31	31	21	139	-13.7
Saudi Arabia	1,054	409	117	289	122	197	57	1,191	13.0
United Arab Emirates	3,914	419	543	878	701	756	588	3,885	-0.7
Other Middle East	21	6	2	12	5	4	4	33	57.1
Other Asian	136	24	14	45	14	24	11	132	-2.9
OCEANIA	7,967	1,630	734	1,232	1,601	1,408	1,605	8,210	3.1
Australia	7,412	1,482	666	1,128	1,483	1,316	1,492	7,567	2.1
New Zealand	293	68	33	43	90	60	70	364	24.2
Other Oceanian	262	80	35	61	28	32	43	279	6.5
AMERICA	8,471	1,569	1,251	1,375	1,473	1,548	1,379	8,595	1.5
Brazil	962	245	133	110	229	220	126	1,063	10.5
Canada	2,667	517	386	397	334	473	497	2,604	-2.4
USA	3,958	538	482	683	733	711	653	3,800	-4.0
Other American	884	269	250	185	177	144	103	1,128	27.6
Others & not stated	73	64	37	59	58	53	86	357	389.0
All countries	533,781	118,426	100,706	108,704	91,992	94,830	71,806	586,464	9.9

¹ Revised

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Table 6(i):- Tourist arrivals by age and sex, 1st Semester 2015 and 2016

A so swarm (vecame)	1 st	Semester 201	5 ¹	1 st	Semester 201	6 ²
Age group (years)	Male	Female	le Total Male Female		Female	Total
Under 5	10,400	10,177	20,577	11,336	10,938	22,274
5 - 9	11,184	10,957	22,141	12,444	12,388	24,832
10 - 14	10,109	10,136	20,245	11,002	11,336	22,338
15 - 19	7,144	8,290	15,434	7,645	9,347	16,992
20 - 24	9,227	15,350	24,577	9,726	16,112	25,838
25 - 29	29,546	34,802	64,348	30,300	36,743	67,043
30 - 34	28,913	27,734	56,647	31,990	30,913	62,903
35 - 39	24,996	22,906	47,902	27,698	25,946	53,644
40 - 44	25,393	22,896	48,289	27,462	25,216	52,678
45 - 49	24,808	23,847	48,655	27,874	26,342	54,216
50 - 54	24,781	23,258	48,039	27,616	26,517	54,133
55 - 59	20,162	18,832	38,994	22,539	21,677	44,216
60 - 64	16,426	15,440	31,866	18,152	17,004	35,156
65 - 69	12,595	11,239	23,834	13,868	12,261	26,129
70 & over	12,189	10,044	22,233	13,066	11,006	24,072
Total	267,873	265,908	533,781	292,718	293,746	586,464

¹ Revised

Table6(ii):- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of arrival, 1st Semester 2015 and 2016

Age group (years)	1 st	Semester 201	5 ¹	1 st Semester 2016 ²				
Age group (years)	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total		
Under 15	62,399	564	62,963	68,637	807	69,444		
15 - 59	387,990	4,895	392,885	425,223	6,440	431,663		
60 & over	71,793	6,140	77,933	79,835	5,522	85,357		
Total	522,182	11,599	533,781	573,695	12,769	586,464		

¹ Revised

² Provisional

² Provisional

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 1st Semester 2016

	T 4 14 14				of	which, arrival	s from selec	ted countr	y of residen	ce			
Country of last embarkation	Total tourist arrivals	France	Germany	Italy	Turkey	Switzerland	United Kingdom	Russia	Reunion	South Africa	India	China	Australia
EUROPE	197,484	83,437	28,476	6,229	1,674	5,595	31,580	749	82	64	45	119	289
of which: France	105,183	79,178	4,518	1,656	10	3,433	2,682	423	70	24	7	55	111
Germany	29,378	2,260	21,418	217	10	1,060	263	86	4	4	2	9	49
Italy	4,080	37	7	3,797	1	74	12	3	1	-	-	ı	4
Turkey	11,000	803	1,941	279	1,649	492	270	153	2	9	8	33	11
United Kingdom	33,718	1,091	390	254	2	416	28,333	52	5	27	28	21	61
AFRICA	179,713	31,117	3,295	843	125	1,361	3,724	249	65,225	42,203	4,156	1,683	1,308
of which: Kenya	2,166	41	26	17	5	15	122	2	34	28	60	152	53
Malagasy Republic	7,353	570	42	29	76	65	118	47	324	77	204	436	86
Reunion	98,847	27,613	1,281	131	16	766	478	48	64,532	169	147	392	194
Seychelles	9,813	2,256	101	42	2	48	117	74	32	55	3,525	181	56
South Africa, Rep. of	61,311	632	1,845	624	26	467	2,883	75	303	41,871	217	512	919
ASIA	190,024	14,150	12,992	5,769	160	6,494	21,502	3,750	1,444	358	39,766	37,620	861
of which: Hong Kong SAR ²	7,919	66	6	4	-	1	26	9	57	20	9	6,319	52
India	34,925	73	25	13	-	7	166	14	130	119	33,223	11	37
Malaysia	4,423	480	10	5	1	9	69	30	839	36	96	270	111
China	25,176	10	3	-	-	-	5	1	10	3	1	24,956	7
Singapore	1,458	76	2	5	-	-	24	8	124	11	38	67	44
United Arab Emirates	115,404	13,442	12,924	5,740	151	6,470	21,188	3,688	284	162	6,399	5,993	609
OCEANIA	6,454	219	25	10	•	11	174	3	221	305	11	5	5,024
of which: Australia	6,454	219	25	10	-	11	174	3	221	305	11	5	5,024
AMERICA	20	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	•	-
of which: USA	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total arrivals by air	573,695	128,927	44,788	12,851	1,959	13,461	56,980	4,751	66,972	42,930	43,978	39,427	7,482
of which:		France	Germany	Italy	Turkey	Switzerland	United Kingdom	Russia	Reunion	South Africa	India	China	Australia
Direct from own coun	try of residence	61.4%	47.8%	29.5%	84.2%	N/A	49.7%	N/A	96.4%	97.5%	75.5%	63.3%	67.1%
From United Arab Em	irates	10.4%	28.9%	44.7%	7.7%	48.1%	37.2%	77.6%	0.4%	0.4%	14.6%	15.2%	8.1%
From Turkey		0.6%	4.3%	2.2%		3.7%	0.5%	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
From France			10.1%	12.9%	0.5%	25.5%	4.7%	8.9%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	1.5%
From Reunion		21.4%	2.9%	1.0%	0.8%	5.7%	0.8%	1.0%		0.4%	0.3%	1.0%	2.6%
From South Africa		0.5%	4.1%	4.9%	1.3%	3.5%	5.1%	1.6%	0.5%		0.5%	1.3%	12.3%

¹ Provisional

² Special Administrative Region of China N/A: not applicable

Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and earnings, 2013 - 2016

	Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights ¹	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings ² (Rs million)
2013 ³	1st Semester	471,455	503,945	5,443,538	10.8	22,055
	2nd Semester	521,048	485,156	5,232,060	10.8	18,502
	Year	992,503	989,101	10,675,598	10.8	40,557
2014 ³	1st Semester	490,147	523,012	5,771,942	11.0	22,577
	2nd Semester	548,187	508,019	5,494,809	10.8	21,727
	Year	1,038,334	1,031,031	11,266,751	10.9	44,304
2015 ³	1st Semester	533,781	564,957	5,990,276	10.6	24,240
	2nd Semester	617,471	576,704	6,059,625	10.5	25,951
	Year	1,151,252	1,141,661	12,049,901	10.6	50,191
2016 4	1st Semester	586,464	618,615	6,491,532	10.5	26,900 ⁵

¹ Tourist nights for a reference period refer to nights spent by tourists departing in that reference period

Table 9:- Hotels ¹, rooms and bedplaces, 2013 - 2016

		Number as at end of period										
Year			All Hotels		"Large" Hotels							
		Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces					
2013	1st Qr.	117	12,676	25,887	52	9,460	19,395					
	2nd Qr.	109	11,977	24,438	49	8,962	18,336					
	3rd Qr.	106	11,866	24,085	48	8,818	17,970					
	4th Qr.	107	12,376	25,105	50	9,239	18,799					
2014	1st Qr.	109	12,653	25,652	51	9,478	19,308					
	2nd Qr.	105	12,307	25,308	51	9,310	19,308					
	3rd Qr.	108	12,481	25,620	52	9,425	19,498					
	4th Qr.	112	12,799	26,174	53	9,605	19,776					
2015	1st Qr.	114	13,100	26,776	55	9,906	20,378					
	2nd Qr.	107	12,264	25,085	51	9,267	19,020					
	3rd Qr.	112	12,944	26,618	53	9,769	20,254					
	4th Qr.	115	13,617	28,732	55	10,378	22,096					
2016 2	1st Qr.	116	13,710	28,940	56	10,454	22,247					
	2nd Qr.	111 3	13,092	27,523	54	9,963	21,105					

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

² Source: Bank of Mauritius

³ Revised ⁴ Provisional

⁵ Estimate

² Provisional

³ Excluding 5 hotels not operational because of renovation works

Table 10:- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2014 - 2016

	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels						
Month	2014		20	2015		2016 1		2014		2015		2016 1	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	
January	72	64	75	69	78	71	74	66	77	72	81	74	
February	67	59	75	69	76	68	69	61	79	73	80	72	
March	64	56	68	62	74	64	65	57	70	65	78	67	
1st Quarter	<u>68</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>	
April	65	57	68	63	69	62	69	60	71	66	73	67	
May	59	52	66	60	67	60	62	54	68	63	69	62	
June	46	41	51	46	54	48	47	41	52	48	56	51	
2nd Quarter	<u>57</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>60</u>	
1 st Semester	62	55	67	62	70	62	64	56	69	64	73	66	
July	54	49	61	58			57	52	65	62			
August	62	57	66	63			67	62	70	67			
September	64	58	70	64			68	61	74	68			
3rd Quarter	<u>60</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>61</u>			<u>64</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>66</u>			
Jan. to Sep.	62	55	67	62			64	57	70	65			
October	71	65	74	65			75	68	77	69			
November	76	67	79	68			78	70	82	72			
December	74	68	78	71			76	71	81	74			
4th Quarter	<u>74</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>68</u>			<u>76</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>			
2 nd Semester	67	61	72	65			70	64	75	69			
Year	65	58	70	63			67	60	72	67			

¹ Provisional

Table 11:- Employment in large ¹ establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2011 - 2015

Year Establishments	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Food Service	2,157	2,339	2,395	2,506	2,674
Hotels	21,830	22,216	22,336	22,544	22,749
Travel and Tourism ²	4,056	3,900	3,787	3,722	3,700
Total	28,043	28,455	28,518	28,772	29,123

¹ Large establishments are those employing 10 or more persons.

² Travel and tourism 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 and External Communication within fifteen days. Additional data on cruises are obtained from the Mauritius Ports Authority.

Tourism earnings

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

Monthly Occupancy Rates

All hotels are contacted by phone at the end of every month for data on room/bed nights available and rented during the month for the calculation of room and bed occupancy rates.

Short-term projections of tourist arrivals

A Tourism Statistics Committee grouping various stakeholders of the tourism industry meet regularly under the chairmanship of Statistics Mauritius to discuss performance of the tourism sector and to provide information for short-term forecast of tourist arrivals.

Publications

The regular publications of the unit are:

- (i) Monthly tourist arrivals uploaded on Statistics Mauritius website at latest 10 working days after reference month
- (ii) Quarterly Economic and Social Indicators on International Travel and Tourism (with a lag of seven weeks)
- (iii) Tourism statistics (Pamphlet)
- (iv) Digest of International Travel and Tourism
- (v) Handbook of statistical data on tourism
- (vi) Report of the Survey of Inbound Tourism

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Tourist

A tourist is defined as a non-resident staying overnight but less than a year, and who has no employer-employee relationship with a resident.

2. Transit

A transit passenger is one who stops over in the country for flight connections to other destinations. There are two types of transit passengers:

Type I: Passengers who do not leave the transit area of the airport or the harbour.

Type II: Passengers who do leave the airport or harbour and stay in the country overnight but only for flight connection purposes.

Only Type II transit passengers, as defined above, are included in the definition of "Tourists".

3. Excursionist or Same-day Visitor

Excursionists are non-resident visitors, other than those who do not leave the airport, who depart on the same day they arrived.

4. Tourist Nights

"Tourist nights" for year Y refer to nights spent by tourists who departed in year Y.

5. Large Hotels

Large hotels are well established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms.

6. Occupancy rate

The room/bed occupancy rate is the ratio of room/bed nights rented to the total number of room/bed nights available.

= Total number of room/bed nights rented x 100

Total number of room/bed nights available