

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

YEAR 2019

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the year 2019. 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, 2018 and 2019

	2018	2019 ¹	% Change
Arrivals by			
Air	1,790,292	1,792,763	+ 0.1
Sea	71,997	83,973	+ 16.6
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	67,515	79,225	+ 17.3
Total	1,862,289	1,876,736	+ 0.8
Departures by			
Air	1,789,398	1,794,624	+ 0.3
Sea	70,299	87,741	+ 24.8
Total	1,859,697	1,882,365	+ 1.2

¹ *Provisional*

2.1 Arrivals in 2019

Compared to 2018:

- total arrivals increased by 0.8% from 1,862,289 to 1,876,736, of which arrivals in Rodrigues direct from Reunion Island amounted to 1,968;
- total tourist arrivals decreased by 1.1% from 1,399,408 to 1,383,488; those arriving by air decreased by 1.6% from 1,359,688 to 1,338,235, while those arriving by sea increased by 13.9% from 39,720 to 45,253. Among those arriving by sea, 41,829 were cruise tourists compared to 36,796, representing a growth of 13.7%;
- the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) increased by 9.8% from 31,709 to 34,808.

In 2019, 37 cruise ships arrived in the country compared to 42 in 2018 and carried some 79,225 cruise travellers which include 41,829 tourists, 13,218 excursionists, 1,186 Mauritian residents and 22,992 crew members.

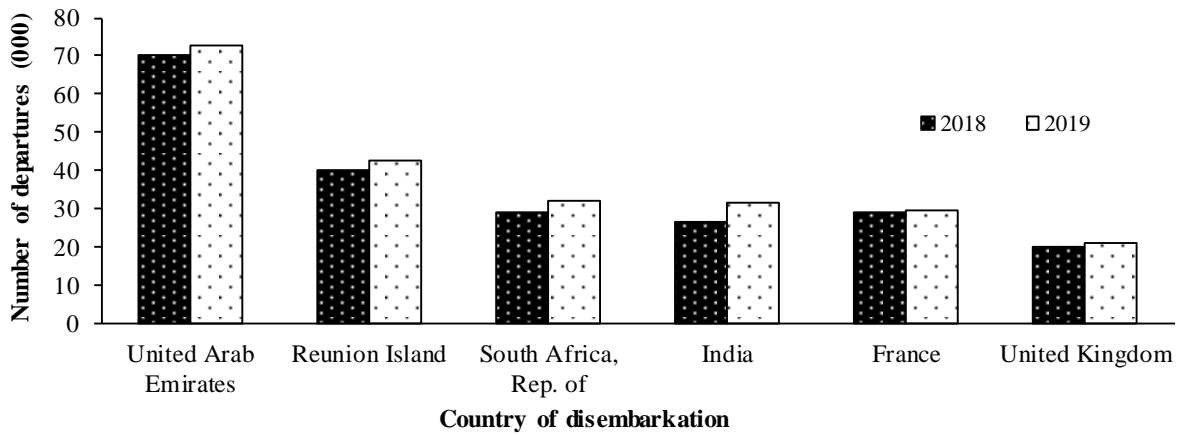
2.2 Departures in 2019

Compared to 2018:

- total departures increased by 1.2% from 1,859,697 to 1,882,365, of which departures from Rodrigues direct to Reunion Island amounted to 1,987; and
- departures of Mauritian residents increased by 8.1% from 296,083 to 320,178.

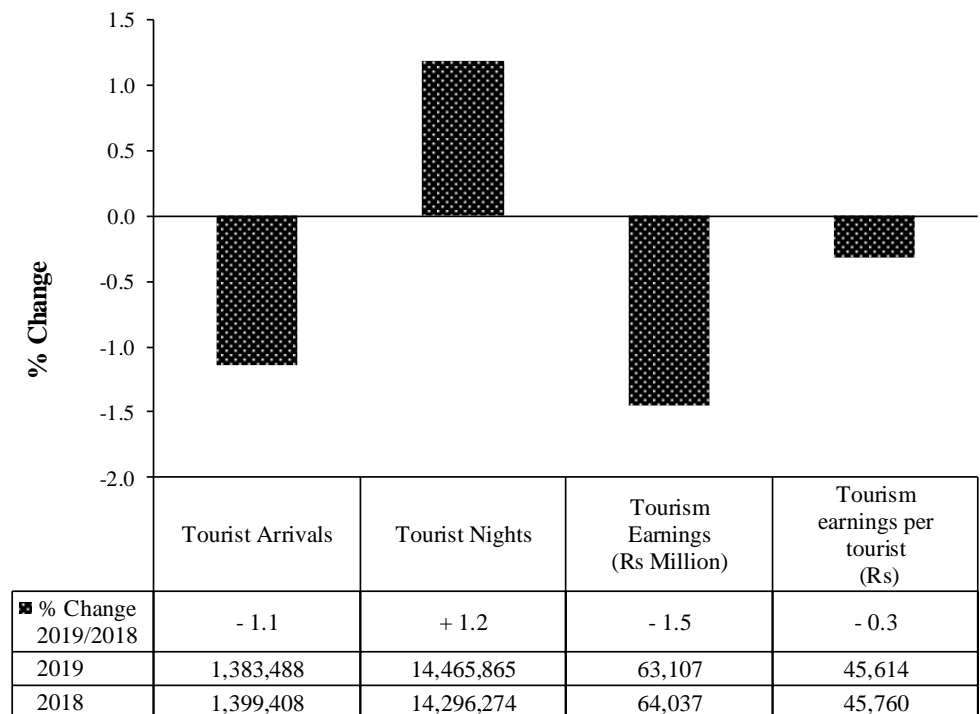
Comparative figures for 2019 and 2018 for Mauritian Departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In 2019, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (72,857 or 22.8%), Reunion Island (42,719 or 13.3%), Republic of South Africa (32,155 or 10.0%), India (31,232 or 9.8%), France (29,683 or 9.3%) and United Kingdom (20,704 or 6.5%).

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 2018 and 2019



3. TOURISM

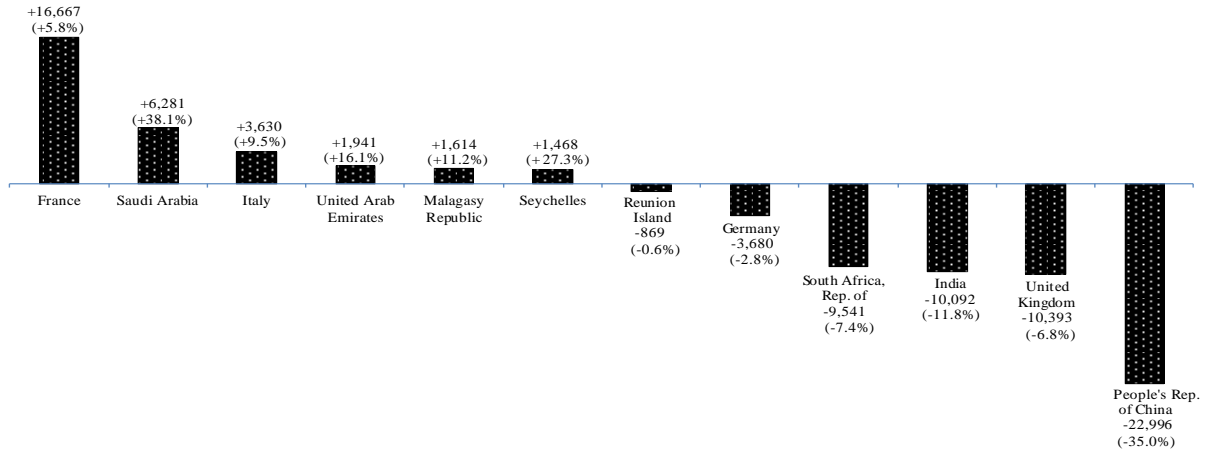
Figure 2 - Percentage Change in main tourism indicators, 2019 compared to 2018



3.1 Tourist Arrivals

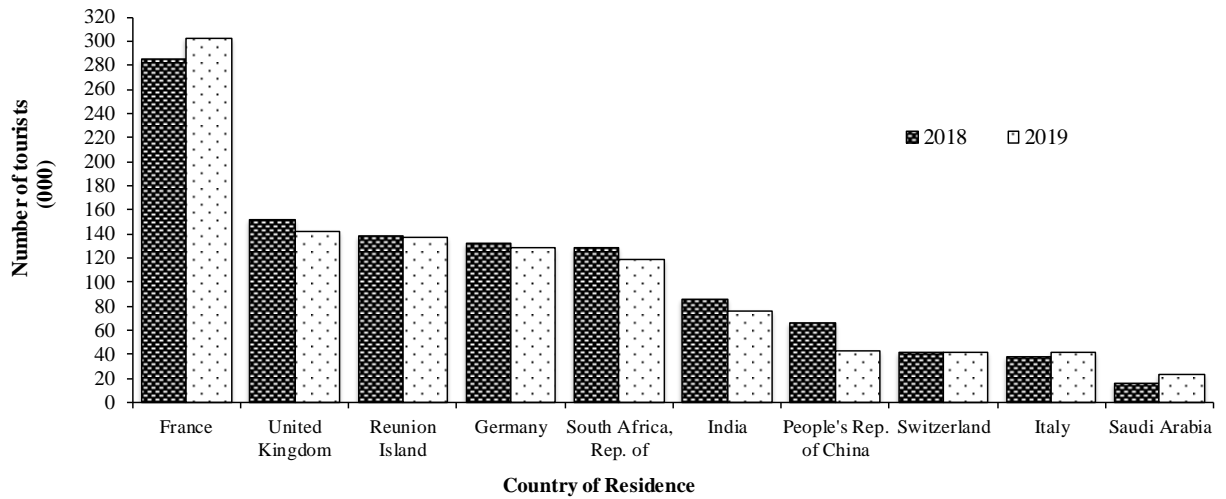
Compared to 2018, tourist arrivals decreased by 15,920 or 1.1% to reach 1,383,488 in 2019 as a result of main changes shown in figure 3.

Figure 3 - Main changes, number and % change over previous period, in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, 2019 compared to 2018



In 2019, France, our top tourist generating country, registered an increase of 5.8% while United Kingdom decreased by 6.8%. Among the other main markets, Reunion Island, India and People’s Republic of China witnessed decreases of 0.6%, 11.8%, and 35.0% respectively.

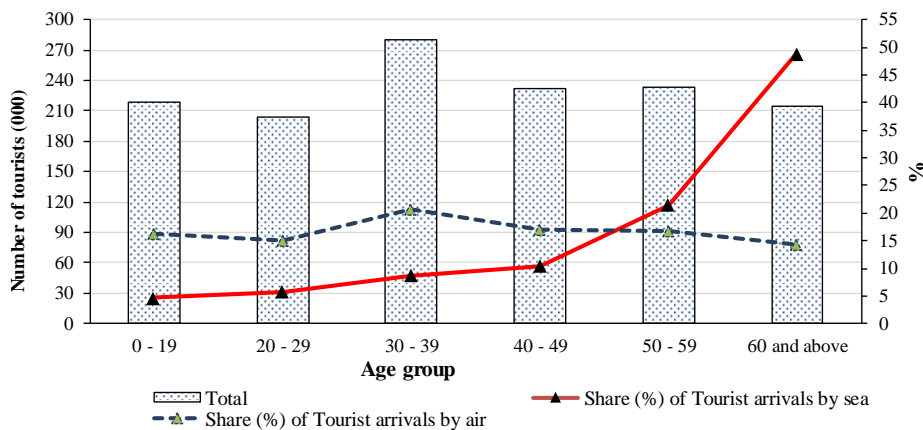
Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals from top ten markets, 2018 and 2019



3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the period under review, the number of tourists aged 60 years and above was 214,210 representing 15.5% of tourist arrivals and of whom 48.8% arrived by sea.

Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age, 2019



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

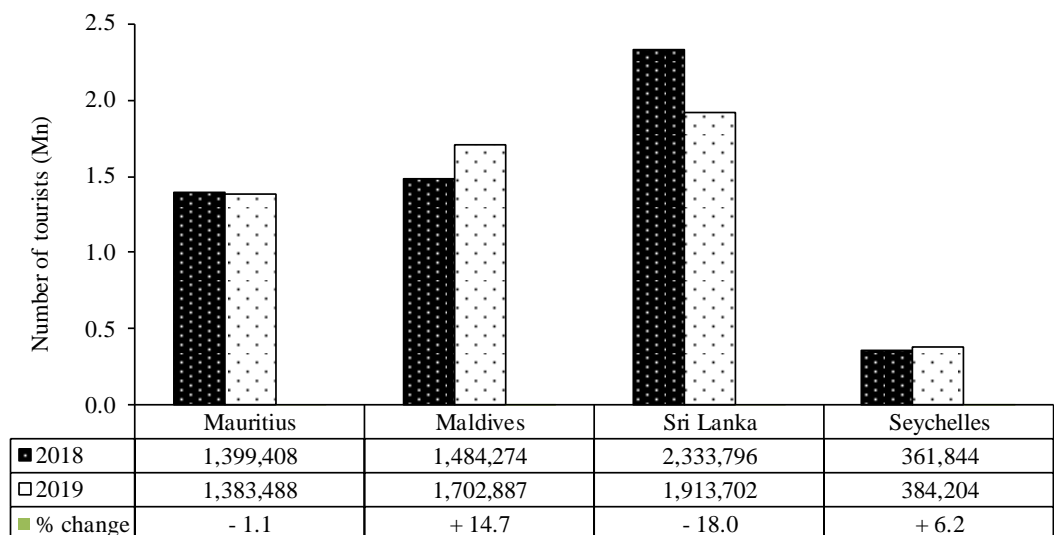
From Table 7, it is observed that during 2019, a high proportion of tourists arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence except for Russian Federation, where there were no direct connections. Tourists from Russian Federation travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates which is the most used country of transiting port. For 2019, the proportion of tourists who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates from Russian Federation was 50.1%.

Among the selected markets, having direct flights to Mauritius, the proportions of tourists with country of residence as Netherlands, Germany and People's Republic of China using direct flights were 34.6%, 38.3% and 38.8% respectively while the proportions transiting through United Arab Emirates were 29.5%, 27.3% and 24.3% respectively.

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

During 2019, while tourist arrivals in Mauritius decreased by 1.1%, higher growths were observed for Maldives (+14.7%) and Seychelles (+6.2%). On the other hand, Sri Lanka experienced a decline of 18.0%.

Figure 6 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 2018 and 2019



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 2018:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during 2019 increased by 1.2% from 14,296,274 to 14,465,865; and
- the average length of stay increased from 10.4 to 10.6 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 other services establishments with 10 or more workers. Latest available data for March 2019 (Table 11) indicate that employment in these establishments increased by 0.9% to 31,239 as compared to 30,947 for March 2018.

3.7 Accommodation

(i) Licensed hotels in the Island of Mauritius

As at end of December 2019, there were 114 licensed hotels of which 112 were in operation and 2 were temporarily closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of these 112 hotels was 13,489 with 31,024 bed places.

During the year 2019,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 73%, lower compared to 75% in 2018; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 64%, lower than the recorded 67% in 2018.

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

At the end of December 2019, 58 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) were in operation; they had a total room capacity of 10,539 with 24,743 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 52% of all licensed hotels in operation but make up 78% of total room capacity and 80% of total bed places.

During the year 2019,

- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 74% lower than the 77% registered in 2018;
- the bed occupancy rate was 66%, lower than the 70% recorded in 2018.

3.8 Forecast for Year 2020

In the absence of visibility on the impact of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), an optimistic forecast of tourist arrivals for the year 2020 would be around 1,385,000.

The Bank of Mauritius has revised the forecast of tourism earnings for the year 2020 downwards from Rs 65.0 billion to Rs 63.0 billion, representing a decrease of 0.2% compared to Rs 63.1 billion recorded in 2019.

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic ¹ by month, 2017 - 2019

Month	2017		2018		2019 ²	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	166,017	193,128	167,277	197,507	172,994	205,730
February	138,288	141,162	151,682	148,811	151,189	146,918
March	146,494	150,720	156,216	157,561	156,692	167,093
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>450,799</u>	<u>485,010</u>	<u>475,175</u>	<u>503,879</u>	<u>480,875</u>	<u>519,741</u>
April	150,261	150,344	146,421	150,938	150,580	145,505
May	126,064	132,489	130,231	139,992	130,455	135,632
June	105,955	105,143	113,689	111,463	125,877	124,918
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>382,280</u>	<u>387,976</u>	<u>390,341</u>	<u>402,393</u>	<u>406,912</u>	<u>406,055</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>833,079</i>	<i>872,986</i>	<i>865,516</i>	<i>906,272</i>	<i>887,787</i>	<i>925,796</i>
July	150,429	136,886	156,110	143,654	156,090	146,256
August	137,706	146,592	148,643	156,601	151,291	157,037
September	127,553	125,285	137,101	135,666	135,043	135,444
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>415,688</u>	<u>408,763</u>	<u>441,854</u>	<u>435,921</u>	<u>442,424</u>	<u>438,737</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>1,248,767</i>	<i>1,281,749</i>	<i>1,307,370</i>	<i>1,342,193</i>	<i>1,330,211</i>	<i>1,364,533</i>
October	163,994	157,071	169,570	158,783	164,647	156,298
November	159,898	161,905	173,830	179,434	176,223	181,227
December	208,362	176,570	211,519	179,287	205,655	180,307
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>532,254</u>	<u>495,546</u>	<u>554,919</u>	<u>517,504</u>	<u>546,525</u>	<u>517,832</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>947,942</i>	<i>904,309</i>	<i>996,773</i>	<i>953,425</i>	<i>988,949</i>	<i>956,569</i>
Whole Year	1,781,021	1,777,295	1,862,289	1,859,697	1,876,736	1,882,365

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 Provisional

Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation¹, 2018 and 2019

Country of disembarkation	2018	2019 ²	% Change
EUROPE	67,450	72,088	+ 6.9
Austria	228	337	+ 47.8
France	28,925	29,683	+ 2.6
Germany	3,904	3,265	- 16.4
Italy	856	890	+ 4.0
Netherlands	1,812	1,603	- 11.5
Switzerland	1,166	1,912	+ 64.0
Turkey	10,813	13,639	+ 26.1
United Kingdom	19,698	20,704	+ 5.1
Other European	48	55	+ 14.6
AFRICA	92,531	103,914	+ 12.3
Kenya	4,205	8,807	+ 109.4
Malagasy Republic	8,833	10,701	+ 21.1
Reunion Island	40,081	42,719	+ 6.6
Seychelles	9,509	8,770	- 7.8
South Africa, Rep. of	29,002	32,155	+ 10.9
Other African	901	762	- 15.4
ASIA	127,253	135,776	+ 6.7
People's Rep. of China	2,503	2,155	- 13.9
Hong Kong SAR ³	5,090	5,874	+ 15.4
India	26,607	31,232	+ 17.4
Malaysia	1,670	2,323	+ 39.1
Saudi Arabia	5,472	5,362	- 2.0
Singapore	15,714	15,973	+ 1.6
United Arab Emirates	70,193	72,857	+ 3.8
Other Asian	4	0	- 100.0
OCEANIA	8,848	8,362	- 5.5
Australia	8,848	8,362	- 5.5
NOT STATED	1	38	+ 3700.0
All Countries	296,083	320,178	+ 8.1

¹ Country of disembarkation may either be the country of final destination or the transit country² Provisional³ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2017 - 2019

Month	2017	2018	2019¹
January	124,362	120,974	122,273
February	105,049	115,600	115,613
March	110,271	119,841	114,419
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>339,682</u>	<u>356,415</u>	<u>352,305</u>
April	111,432	104,967	108,565
May	96,557	101,138	96,814
June	78,188	84,345	92,398
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>286,177</u>	<u>290,450</u>	<u>297,777</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>625,859</i>	<i>646,865</i>	<i>650,082</i>
July	112,347	115,881	115,448
August	100,191	109,471	107,275
September	96,282	102,849	100,837
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>308,820</u>	<u>328,201</u>	<u>323,560</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>934,679</i>	<i>975,066</i>	<i>973,642</i>
October	130,070	134,052	129,018
November	121,496	132,247	128,730
December	155,615	158,043	152,098
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>407,181</u>	<u>424,342</u>	<u>409,846</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>716,001</i>	<i>752,543</i>	<i>733,406</i>
Whole Year	1,341,860	1,399,408	1,383,488

¹ Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 2018 and 2019**

Purpose of visit	2018	2019¹	% Change
Holiday	1,307,653	1,294,160	- 1.0
Business	50,463	50,543	+ 0.2
Transit	29,908	28,387	- 5.1
Conference	8,010	5,507	- 31.2
Sports	2,137	3,736	+ 74.8
Other	1,237	1,155	- 6.6
Total	1,399,408	1,383,488	- 1.1

¹ Provisional

Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 2018 and 2019

Country of residence	2018			2019 ¹			% Change 2019 / 2018		
	Air	Ship	Total	Air	Ship	Total	Air	Ship	Total
EUROPE	793,905	30,429	824,334	797,743	38,203	835,946	0.5	25.5	1.4
Austria	17,734	838	18,572	17,129	1,261	18,390	-3.4	50.5	-1.0
Belgium	15,577	150	15,727	16,735	224	16,959	7.4	49.3	7.8
Bulgaria	1,740	173	1,913	1,803	237	2,040	3.6	37.0	6.6
Czech Republic	14,134	120	14,254	14,486	243	14,729	2.5	102.5	3.3
Croatia	739	84	823	919	73	992	24.4	-13.1	20.5
Denmark	7,240	178	7,418	7,150	238	7,388	-1.2	33.7	-0.4
Estonia	1,040	9	1,049	1,294	19	1,313	24.4	111.1	25.2
Finland	4,928	21	4,949	4,007	44	4,051	-18.7	109.5	-18.1
France	281,280	4,091	285,371	294,131	7,907	302,038	4.6	93.3	5.8
Germany	118,032	14,748	132,780	110,759	18,341	129,100	-6.2	24.4	-2.8
Greece	824	113	937	953	133	1,086	15.7	17.7	15.9
Hungary	3,161	116	3,277	3,782	279	4,061	19.6	140.5	23.9
Ireland	3,960	44	4,004	3,907	32	3,939	-1.3	-27.3	-1.6
Italy	37,029	1,332	38,361	40,269	1,722	41,991	8.7	29.3	9.5
Latvia	756	44	800	612	19	631	-19.0	-56.8	-21.1
Lithuania	813	16	829	1,274	64	1,338	56.7	300.0	61.4
Luxembourg	1,895	29	1,924	1,946	84	2,030	2.7	189.7	5.5
Netherlands	16,172	247	16,419	16,535	279	16,814	2.2	13.0	2.4
Norway	5,088	244	5,332	5,434	269	5,703	6.8	10.2	7.0
Poland	10,591	215	10,806	10,850	561	11,411	2.4	160.9	5.6
Portugal	4,789	123	4,912	5,121	115	5,236	6.9	-6.5	6.6
Romania	4,036	332	4,368	4,305	512	4,817	6.7	54.2	10.3
Serbia	620	36	656	769	47	816	24.0	30.6	24.4
Slovakia	4,188	49	4,237	4,143	91	4,234	-1.1	85.7	-0.1
Slovenia	1,700	41	1,741	2,087	124	2,211	22.8	202.4	27.0
Spain	14,694	369	15,063	13,867	440	14,307	-5.6	19.2	-5.0
Sweden	15,257	282	15,539	12,832	383	13,215	-15.9	35.8	-15.0
Switzerland	39,717	1,363	41,080	40,335	1,710	42,045	1.6	25.5	2.3
Turkey	2,381	219	2,600	2,905	106	3,011	22.0	-51.6	15.8
United Kingdom	147,950	3,963	151,913	139,958	1,562	141,520	-5.4	-60.6	-6.8
<i>CIS ² countries</i>	<i>14,114</i>	<i>806</i>	<i>14,920</i>	<i>15,227</i>	<i>1,015</i>	<i>16,242</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>25.9</i>	<i>8.9</i>
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>475</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>509</i>	<i>696</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>725</i>	<i>46.5</i>	<i>-14.7</i>	<i>42.4</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>306</i>	<i>295</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>316</i>	<i>-1.7</i>	<i>250.0</i>	<i>3.3</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>10,424</i>	<i>583</i>	<i>11,007</i>	<i>10,562</i>	<i>629</i>	<i>11,191</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>1.7</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>2,591</i>	<i>174</i>	<i>2,765</i>	<i>3,292</i>	<i>330</i>	<i>3,622</i>	<i>27.1</i>	<i>89.7</i>	<i>31.0</i>
<i>Other CIS</i>	<i>324</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>333</i>	<i>382</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>388</i>	<i>17.9</i>	<i>-33.3</i>	<i>16.5</i>
<i>Other European</i>	<i>1,726</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>1,760</i>	<i>2,219</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>2,288</i>	<i>28.6</i>	<i>102.9</i>	<i>30.0</i>
AFRICA	308,335	4,283	312,618	309,626	1,302	310,928	0.4	-69.6	-0.5
<i>IOC ³ countries</i>	<i>158,364</i>	<i>766</i>	<i>159,130</i>	<i>161,084</i>	<i>608</i>	<i>161,692</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>-20.6</i>	<i>1.6</i>
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>956</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>956</i>	<i>1,304</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1,305</i>	<i>36.4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>36.5</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>14,343</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>14,365</i>	<i>15,950</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>15,979</i>	<i>11.2</i>	<i>31.8</i>	<i>11.2</i>
<i>Reunion Island</i>	<i>137,702</i>	<i>737</i>	<i>138,439</i>	<i>136,995</i>	<i>575</i>	<i>137,570</i>	<i>-0.5</i>	<i>-22.0</i>	<i>-0.6</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>5,363</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>5,370</i>	<i>6,835</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>6,838</i>	<i>27.4</i>	<i>-57.1</i>	<i>27.3</i>
Algeria	302	1	303	348	4	352	15.2	300.0	16.2
Angola	634	3	637	610	17	627	-3.8	466.7	-1.6
Benin	116	3	119	91	4	95	-21.6	33.3	-20.2
Botswana	1,057	13	1,070	1,513	1	1,514	43.1	-92.3	41.5
Burundi	84	0	84	110	0	110	31.0	-	31.0
Cameroon	443	2	445	473	0	473	6.8	-100.0	6.3
Congo	603	0	603	753	0	753	24.9	-	24.9
Egypt	761	4	765	825	5	830	8.4	25.0	8.5
Ethiopia	308	1	309	317	1	318	2.9	0.0	2.9
Gabon	160	0	160	205	0	205	28.1	-	28.1
Ghana	993	18	1,011	1,021	15	1,036	2.8	-16.7	2.5
Ivory Coast	478	16	494	535	22	557	11.9	37.5	12.8
Kenya	4,030	5	4,035	4,883	4	4,887	21.2	-20.0	21.1
Lesotho	323	14	337	240	0	240	-25.7	-100.0	-28.8
Malawi	420	0	420	468	1	469	11.4	-	11.7

¹ Provisional² Commonwealth of Independent States³ Indian Ocean Commission

Table 5 (Cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 2018 and 2019

Country of residence	2018			2019 ¹			% Change 2019 / 2018		
	Air	Ship	Total	Air	Ship	Total	Air	Ship	Total
Mayotte	1,355	0	1,355	1,597	0	1,597	17.9	-	17.9
Morocco	891	10	901	1,040	13	1,053	16.7	30.0	16.9
Mozambique	796	13	809	1,143	8	1,151	43.6	-38.5	42.3
Namibia	1,330	28	1,358	1,358	7	1,365	2.1	-75.0	0.5
Niger	159	1	160	216	1	217	35.8	0.0	35.6
Nigeria	2,145	12	2,157	3,563	51	3,614	66.1	325.0	67.5
Rwanda	217	0	217	297	0	297	36.9	-	36.9
Senegal	263	12	275	245	15	260	-6.8	25.0	-5.5
South Africa, Rep. of	124,821	3,276	128,097	118,086	470	118,556	-5.4	-85.7	-7.4
Sudan	91	0	91	97	0	97	6.6	-	6.6
Kingdom of Eswatini ⁴	420	4	424	432	3	435	2.9	-25.0	2.6
Tanzania	796	1	797	1,070	4	1,074	34.4	300.0	34.8
Togo	68	0	68	78	2	80	14.7	-	17.6
Tunisia	411	9	420	506	1	507	23.1	-88.9	20.7
Uganda	676	0	676	823	1	824	21.7	-	21.9
Zimbabwe	2,494	2	2,496	3,017	4	3,021	21.0	100.0	21.0
Zambia	1,118	6	1,124	1,171	0	1,171	4.7	-100.0	4.2
Other African	1,208	63	1,271	1,411	40	1,451	16.8	-36.5	14.2
ASIA	210,913	2,509	213,422	186,336	3,513	189,849	-11.7	40.0	-11.0
Afghanistan	722	21	743	786	29	815	8.9	38.1	9.7
Bangladesh	1,192	3	1,195	932	3	935	-21.8	0.0	-21.8
Hong Kong SAR ⁵	1,505	14	1,519	1,425	7	1,432	-5.3	-50.0	-5.7
India	85,469	296	85,765	75,379	294	75,673	-11.8	-0.7	-11.8
Indonesia	2,097	422	2,519	2,201	533	2,734	5.0	26.3	8.5
Israel	1,917	248	2,165	2,540	542	3,082	32.5	118.5	42.4
Japan	2,020	26	2,046	2,072	162	2,234	2.6	523.1	9.2
Korea Republic	7,105	99	7,204	6,985	87	7,072	-1.7	-12.1	-1.8
Malaysia	2,233	31	2,264	2,018	27	2,045	-9.6	-12.9	-9.7
Maldives	51	0	51	311	1	312	509.8	-	511.8
Nepal	550	7	557	330	6	336	-40.0	-14.3	-39.7
Pakistan	1,197	10	1,207	904	28	932	-24.5	180.0	-22.8
People's Rep. of China	65,241	495	65,736	41,940	800	42,740	-35.7	61.6	-35.0
Philippines	2,240	632	2,872	2,621	678	3,299	17.0	7.3	14.9
Singapore	2,804	5	2,809	2,779	15	2,794	-0.9	200.0	-0.5
Sri Lanka	505	30	535	464	47	511	-8.1	56.7	-4.5
Taiwan, China	1,691	76	1,767	1,747	125	1,872	3.3	64.5	5.9
Thailand	477	9	486	554	7	561	16.1	-22.2	15.4
Vietnam	684	56	740	590	62	652	-13.7	10.7	-11.9
MIDDLE EAST Countries	30,937	11	30,948	39,460	12	39,472	27.5	9.1	27.5
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>214</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>215</i>	<i>172</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>172</i>	<i>-19.6</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>-20.0</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>257</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>258</i>	<i>136</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>136</i>	<i>-47.1</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>-47.3</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>151</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>152</i>	<i>253</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>253</i>	<i>67.5</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>66.4</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>661</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>661</i>	<i>817</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>817</i>	<i>23.6</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>23.6</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>497</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>499</i>	<i>565</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>565</i>	<i>13.7</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>13.2</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>253</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>253</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>5.4</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>249</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>360</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>360</i>	<i>44.6</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>44.0</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>16,506</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>16,507</i>	<i>22,786</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>22,788</i>	<i>38.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>38.1</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>12,055</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>12,058</i>	<i>13,994</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>13,999</i>	<i>16.1</i>	<i>66.7</i>	<i>16.1</i>
<i>Other Middle East</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>108</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>15.9</i>	<i>400.0</i>	<i>19.4</i>
Other Asian	276	18	294	298	48	346	8.0	166.7	17.7
OCEANIA	21,850	754	22,604	19,956	848	20,804	-8.7	12.5	-8.0
Australia	20,309	640	20,949	18,295	702	18,997	-9.9	9.7	-9.3
New Zealand	912	90	1,002	936	123	1,059	2.6	36.7	5.7
Other Oceanian	629	24	653	725	23	748	15.3	-4.2	14.5
AMERICA	24,202	1,710	25,912	24,011	1,368	25,379	-0.8	-20.0	-2.1
Brazil	3,652	91	3,743	3,288	233	3,521	-10.0	156.0	-5.9
Canada	7,284	463	7,747	7,666	345	8,011	5.2	-25.5	3.4
USA	9,592	933	10,525	9,896	511	10,407	3.2	-45.2	-1.1
Other American	3,674	223	3,897	3,161	279	3,440	-14.0	25.1	-11.7
Others & not stated	483	35	518	563	19	582	16.6	-45.7	12.4
All countries	1,359,688	39,720	1,399,408	1,338,235	45,253	1,383,488	-1.6	13.9	-1.1

¹ Provisional ⁴ Kingdom of Eswatini was formerly known as Swaziland⁵ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 6(i):- Tourist arrivals by age and gender, 2018 and 2019

Age group (years)	2018			2019 ¹			% Change		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	26,718	26,198	52,916	27,004	26,673	53,677	1.1	1.8	1.4
5 - 9	30,301	29,706	60,007	30,115	29,274	59,389	-0.6	-1.5	-1.0
10 - 14	29,239	28,907	58,146	29,322	29,201	58,523	0.3	1.0	0.6
15 - 19	21,887	25,333	47,220	21,652	25,717	47,369	-1.1	1.5	0.3
20 - 24	24,161	37,525	61,686	24,333	37,144	61,477	0.7	-1.0	-0.3
25 - 29	67,827	84,805	152,632	62,862	79,632	142,494	-7.3	-6.1	-6.6
30 - 34	78,343	75,788	154,131	77,042	75,229	152,271	-1.7	-0.7	-1.2
35 - 39	67,097	61,812	128,909	66,342	62,292	128,634	-1.1	0.8	-0.2
40 - 44	59,786	55,116	114,902	59,020	54,250	113,270	-1.3	-1.6	-1.4
45 - 49	61,501	59,156	120,657	60,723	58,051	118,774	-1.3	-1.9	-1.6
50 - 54	62,862	61,657	124,519	62,496	61,310	123,806	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
55 - 59	54,662	52,941	107,603	56,208	53,386	109,594	2.8	0.8	1.9
60 - 64	43,630	41,802	85,432	43,412	41,947	85,359	-0.5	0.3	-0.1
65 - 69	32,210	30,257	62,467	31,720	30,108	61,828	-1.5	-0.5	-1.0
70 & over	36,469	31,712	68,181	35,764	31,259	67,023	-1.9	-1.4	-1.7
Total	696,693	702,715	1,399,408	688,015	695,473	1,383,488	-1.2	-1.0	-1.1

¹ Provisional**Table 6(ii):- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of travel, 2018 and 2019**

Age group (years)	2018			2019 ¹			% Change		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	169,635	1,434	171,069	169,952	1,637	171,589	0.2	14.2	0.3
15 - 59	994,506	17,753	1,012,259	976,161	21,528	997,689	-1.8	21.3	-1.4
60 & over	195,547	20,533	216,080	192,122	22,088	214,210	-1.8	7.6	-0.9
Total	1,359,688	39,720	1,399,408	1,338,235	45,253	1,383,488	-1.6	13.9	-1.1

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Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 2019 ¹

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
EUROPE	479,815	173,037	68,180	15,873	8,793	25,139	2,410	81,525	4,492	254	275	162	277	587
<i>of which:</i> France	205,181	150,789	9,864	4,163	1,913	4,540	19	3,789	1,376	188	62	41	72	197
Germany	61,348	5,088	42,455	874	369	757	23	454	232	6	19	13	23	42
Italy	11,514	1,643	131	7,605	19	151	0	292	675	19	2	1	6	2
Netherlands	21,503	3,549	3,025	654	5,727	730	8	975	221	14	15	14	13	22
Switzerland	32,827	4,078	4,970	723	280	17,662	5	574	352	7	19	5	9	20
Turkey	34,160	5,546	4,794	1,127	186	581	2,350	1,015	1,169	19	40	20	83	62
United Kingdom	82,171	1,589	386	455	199	240	2	74,202	88	17	119	67	61	140
AFRICA	460,340	85,714	11,830	3,729	2,784	4,470	191	11,448	628	133,980	112,234	9,415	4,062	2,867
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	22,058	2,318	267	358	195	486	19	1,230	98	114	1,026	1,415	504	215
Malagasy Republic	20,904	1,471	306	125	343	194	102	392	138	301	247	714	980	278
Reunion Island	236,959	79,873	4,443	376	460	2,328	21	1,117	121	133,166	1,824	1,656	1,210	296
Seychelles	15,457	468	293	107	44	99	21	431	86	49	132	4,904	213	158
South Africa, Rep. of	164,577	1,577	6,516	2,763	1,742	1,353	28	8,277	185	350	109,002	726	1,121	1,920
ASIA	383,610	35,095	30,718	20,647	4,944	10,694	304	46,698	5,442	2,481	4,603	65,788	37,585	3,173
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR ²	13,973	99	10	22	2	10	0	106	23	104	70	16	9,962	101
India	63,315	149	56	23	27	24	6	386	16	137	3,701	56,602	60	103
Malaysia	4,151	219	20	17	6	8	1	81	8	343	51	62	216	470
People's Rep. of China	16,648	31	13	1	0	3	0	16	7	14	10	3	16,279	8
Saudi Arabia	20,234	1,136	275	189	17	52	103	284	48	51	36	248	54	24
Singapore	11,304	686	64	36	21	24	1	175	46	1,214	256	134	824	1,061
United Arab Emirates	253,733	32,750	30,280	20,359	4,871	10,573	193	45,649	5,294	618	479	8,719	10,183	1,405
OCEANIA	14,467	285	31	20	14	32	0	287	0	280	974	14	16	11,668
<i>of which:</i> Australia	14,467	285	31	20	14	32	0	287	0	280	974	14	16	11,668
AMERICA	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>of which:</i> USA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total arrivals by air	1,338,235	294,131	110,759	40,269	16,535	40,335	2,905	139,958	10,562	136,995	118,086	75,379	41,940	18,295
<i>of which:</i>		France	Germany	Italy	Netherlands	Switzerland	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
Direct from own country of residence		51.3%	38.3%	18.9%	34.6%	43.8%	80.9%	53.0%	Napp	97.2%	92.3%	75.1%	38.8%	63.8%
From United Arab Emirates		11.1%	27.3%	50.6%	29.5%	26.2%	6.6%	32.6%	50.1%	0.5%	0.4%	11.6%	24.3%	7.7%
From Turkey		1.9%	4.3%	2.8%	1.1%	1.4%		0.7%	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%
From France			8.9%	10.3%	11.6%	11.3%	0.7%	2.7%	13.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	1.1%
From Reunion Island		27.2%	4.0%	0.9%	2.8%	5.8%	0.7%	0.8%	1.1%		1.5%	2.2%	2.9%	1.6%
From Netherlands		1.2%	2.7%	1.6%		1.8%	0.3%	0.7%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
From South Africa, Rep. of		0.5%	5.9%	6.9%	10.5%	3.4%	1.0%	5.9%	1.8%	0.3%		1.0%	2.7%	10.5%

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² Special Administrative Region of China

Napp: not applicable

Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and tourism earnings, 2016 - 2019

Year		Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights ¹	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings ² (Rs Mn)
2016	1 st Semester	586,464	618,615	6,491,532	10.5	27,188
	2 nd Semester	688,763	641,510	6,626,375	10.3	28,679
	Year	1,275,227	1,260,125	13,117,907	10.4	55,867
2017	1 st Semester	625,859	659,243	6,853,948	10.4	29,319
	2 nd Semester	716,001	661,897	6,786,803	10.3	30,943
	Year	1,341,860	1,321,140	13,640,751	10.3	60,262
2018	1 st Semester	646,865	681,859	7,123,373	10.4	33,460
	2 nd Semester	752,543	695,119	7,172,901	10.3	30,578
	Year	1,399,408	1,376,978	14,296,274	10.4	64,037
2019 ³	1 st Quarter	352,305	380,228	4,117,859	10.8	16,518
	2 nd Quarter	297,777	296,081	3,028,030	10.2	14,534
	3 rd Quarter	323,560	318,879	3,599,943	11.3	14,052
	4 th Quarter	409,846	365,118	3,720,033	10.2	18,003
	Year	1,383,488	1,360,306	14,465,865	10.6	63,107

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

² Source: Bank of Mauritius

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Table 9:- Hotels ¹, rooms and bedplaces, 2016 - 2019

Year	Number as at end of period						
	All Hotels			"Large" Hotels			
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	
2016	1 st Qr.	116	13,710	28,940	56	10,454	22,247
	2 nd Qr.	111	13,092	27,523	54	9,963	21,105
	3 rd Qr.	111	13,330	28,650	55	10,267	22,370
	4 th Qr.	111	13,547	29,139	56	10,480	22,839
2017	1 st Qr.	106	13,293	28,667	55	10,327	22,554
	2 nd Qr.	98	12,308	26,850	52	9,637	21,235
	3 rd Qr.	108	12,875	28,252	54	9,983	22,251
	4 th Qr.	111	13,511	29,650	57	10,570	23,579
2018	1 st Qr.	113	13,588	29,656	57	10,573	23,413
	2 nd Qr.	107	12,850	28,414	55	10,075	22,638
	3 rd Qr.	108	12,867	28,481	55	10,075	22,676
	4 th Qr.	113	13,574	30,427	57	10,585	24,218
2019 ²	1 st Qr.	110	13,456	30,228	57	10,564	24,200
	2 nd Qr.	109	13,336	30,068	58	10,533	24,192
	3 rd Qr.	110	13,248	30,623	57	10,370	24,437
	4 th Qr.	112 ³	13,489	31,024	58	10,539	24,743

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

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³ Excluding two hotels not operational because of renovation works

Table 10:- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2017 - 2019

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2017		2018		2019 ¹		2017		2018		2019 ¹	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	81	73	77	70	72	64	83	74	78	72	74	66
February	81	72	79	71	76	67	82	74	81	74	77	69
March	76	67	76	69	71	62	77	68	78	72	72	64
<i>1st Quarter</i>	<u>79</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>66</u>
April	78	68	73	67	69	64	80	71	75	70	71	67
May	68	61	70	63	66	57	69	64	72	65	67	58
June	60	52	60	53	64	55	61	55	62	56	65	57
<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<u>69</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>61</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	74	66	73	66	69	62	76	68	74	68	71	63
July	73	66	68	63	69	62	76	69	71	66	70	64
August	75	67	76	70	73	66	79	71	79	74	75	69
September	77	67	79	69	75	63	79	69	82	72	77	65
<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<u>75</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>66</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	74	66	73	66	70	62	76	68	75	69	72	65
October	85	75	81	72	75	66	87	78	83	75	76	68
November	86	74	83	71	84	69	87	75	84	72	85	70
December	81	72	76	69	78	68	82	73	77	70	79	70
<i>4th Quarter</i>	<u>84</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>69</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	79	70	77	69	76	66	82	73	79	72	77	68
Year	77	68	75	67	73	64	79	70	77	70	74	66

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Table 11:- Employment in large¹ establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2015 - 2019

Year \ Establishments	2015	2016	2017 ²	2018 ²	2019 ²
Food Service	3,203	3,313	3,110	3,198	3,282
Hotels	22,568	23,624	24,093	24,145	24,443
Travel and Other Services ³	3,793	3,755	3,664	3,604	3,514
Total	29,564	30,692	30,867	30,947	31,239

¹ Large establishments are those employing 10 or more persons

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

Source: Survey of Employment and Earnings in large Establishments

COMPILATION OF PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Sources of data

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

Tourism earnings

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

Monthly Occupancy Rates

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.

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