INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

1st Semester 2020

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first semester of 2020. A brief on the compilation of these statistics is given at Annex I and a glossary of terms at Annex II.

It is to be noted that following the outbreak of COVID-19 worldwide, the national borders of Mauritius were closed down as from 20 March 2020 to date.

2. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Passenger traffic, 1st Semester 2019 and 2020

	1 st Semester 2019	1 st Semester 2020 ¹	% Change
Arrivals by			
Air	838,277	380,855	- 54.6
Sea	49,510	43,272	- 12.6
of which Cruise travellers	47,277	41,582	- 12.0
Total	887,787	424,127	- 52.2
Departures by			
Air	872,658	433,263	- 50.4
Sea	53,138	41,487	- 21.9
Total	925,796	474,750	- 48.7

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2.1 Arrivals in 1st Semester 2020

Compared to 1st Semester 2019:

- total arrivals decreased by 52.2% from 887,787 to 424,127, of which arrivals in Rodrigues direct from Reunion Island amounted to 429;
- total tourist arrivals decreased by 53.1% from 650,082 to 304,881; those arriving by air decreased by 56.0% from 625,694 to 275,445, while those arriving by sea increased by 20.7% from 24,388 to 29,436 (Table 6b). Among those arriving by sea, 28,497 were cruise tourists compared to 22,794, representing a growth of 25.0%;
- the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) decreased by 68.7% from 21,204 to 6,627.

In the first semester of 2020, 20 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 41,582 cruise travellers which include 28,497 tourists, 1,113 excursionists, 530 Mauritian residents and 11,442 crew members.

2.2 Departures in 1st Semester 2020

Compared to 1st Semester 2019:

- total departures decreased by 48.7% from 925,796 to 474,750, of which departures from Rodrigues direct to Reunion Island amounted to 503; and
- departures of Mauritian residents decreased by 59.2% from 144,554 to 59,045 (Table 2).

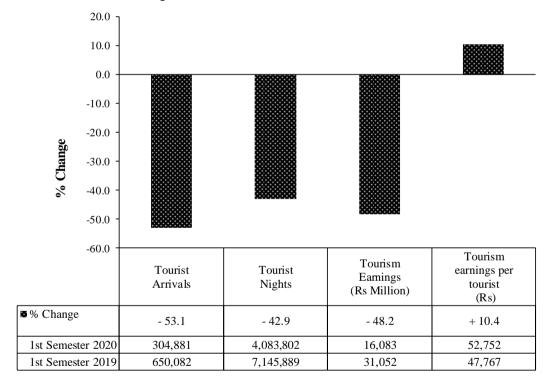
Comparative figures for the first Semesters of 2020 and 2019 for Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the 1st Semester of 2020, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (12,948 or 21.9%), Reunion Island (7,559 or 12.8%), India (6,819 or 11.5%), Republic of South Africa (6,794 or 11.5%), France (6,215 or 10.5%) and United Kingdom (4,728 or 8.0%).

35 Number of departures (000) 30 ■ 1st Semester 2019 □ 1st Semester 2020 25 20 15 10 5 United Arab Reunion Island India South Africa. France United Kingdom Emirates Rep. of Country of disembarkation

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 1st Semester of 2019 and 1st Semester of 2020

3. TOURISM

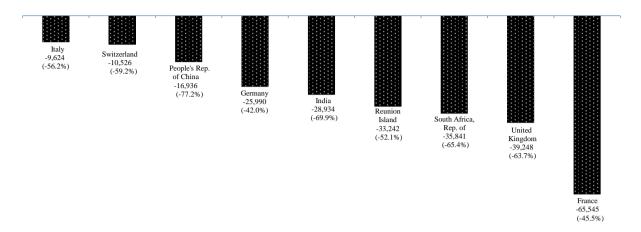
Figure 2 - Percentage change in main tourism indicators, 1st Semester 2020 compared to 1st Semester 2019



3.1 Tourist Arrivals

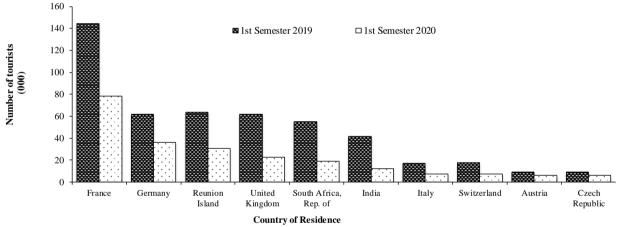
Compared to 1st Semester 2019, tourist arrivals decreased by 345,201 or 53.1% to reach 304,881 in 1st Semester 2020 as a result of main changes shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3 - Main changes, number and % change over previous period, in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, 1st Semester 2020 compared to 1st Semester 2019



In the first semester of 2020, France, our top tourist generating country, registered a decrease of 45.5%. Among the main markets, People's Republic of China recorded a high decrease of 77.2% representing a decrease of 16,936 tourist arrivals. Decreases were also observed for India (-69.9%), Republic of South Africa (-65.4%), United Kingdom (-63.7%) and Reunion Island (-52.1%) (Table 5).

Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals from top ten markets, 1st Semester 2019 and 1st Semester 2020



3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the period under review, the number of tourists aged 60 years and above was 63,360 representing 20.8% of tourist arrivals and of whom 43.1% arrived by sea (Tables 6a and 6b).

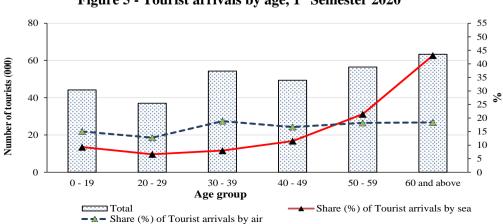


Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age, 1st Semester 2020

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 of 2020, a high proportion of tourists arrived mainly by direct flights from their own country of residence except for Russian Federation and Netherlands, where there were no direct connections. Tourists from Russian Federation and Netherlands travelled mainly through United Arab Emirates which is the most used transiting port. For the 1st Semester of 2020, the proportion of tourists from Netherlands and Russian Federation who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates were 64.1% and 54.1% respectively.

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

During the 1st Semester of 2020, tourist arrivals in Mauritius decreased by 53.1%. Decreases were also observed for Sri Lanka (-49.7%), Seychelles (-52.4%) and Maldives (-54.5%).

1.2 1.0 Number of tourists (Mn) 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 0.0 Mauritius Maldives Sri Lanka Seychelles ■ 1st Semester 2019 650,082 862,589 1,008,449 187,108 □ 1st Semester 2020 304,881 392,675 507,311 89,147 ■% change - 53.1 - 54.5 - 49.7 - 52.4

Figure 6 - Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 1st Semester 2019 and 1st Semester 2020

Source: Maldives National Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of National Planning, Housing & Infrastructure; Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority; Seychelles National Bureau of Statistics

3.5 Tourist Nights

Compared to 1st Semester 2019:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during 1st Semester 2020 decreased by 42.9% from 7,145,889 to 4,083,802; and
- the average length of stay increased from 10.6 to 11.6 nights.

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 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 June 2020, there were 114 licensed hotels of which 5 were temporarily closed due to renovation works and 18 hotels were used as quarantine centres. The total room capacity of the remaining 91 hotels was 10,537 with 24,214 bed places (Table 9). However, among the 91 hotels, only 19 were receiving clients and the remaining ones were temporarily closed pending opening of borders.

During the 1st Semester 2020,

- the room occupancy rate was 34%, lower compared to 69% in 1st Semester 2019; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 30%, lower compared to 62% in 1st Semester 2019 (Table 10).

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

At the end of June 2020, there were 59 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) of which 4 were temporarily closed due to renovation works and 11 hotels were used as quarantine centres. The total room capacity of the remaining 44 large hotels was 7,972 with 18,801 bed places (Table 9). However, among the 44 large hotels, only 4 were receiving clients and the remaining ones were temporarily closed pending opening of borders.

During the 1st Semester 2020,

- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 35%, lower than the 71% registered in the 1st Semester of 2019;
- the bed occupancy rate was 31%, lower than the 63% recorded in 1st Semester 2019 (Table 10).

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic 1 by month, 2018 - 2020

Month	20	18	20	19	202	20 ²
Month	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	167,277	197,507	172,994	205,730	191,197	212,224
February	151,682	148,811	151,189	146,918	148,144	151,092
March	156,216	157,561	156,692	167,093	82,391	106,167
1st Quarter	475,175	503,879	480,875	519,741	421,732	469,483
April	146,421	150,938	150,580	145,505	260	932
May	130,231	139,992	130,455	135,632	647	1,702
June	113,689	111,463	125,877	124,918	1,488	2,633
2nd Quarter	390,341	402,393	406,912	406,055	2,395	<u>5,267</u>
1st Semester	865,516	906,272	887,787	925,796	424,127	474,750
July	156,110	143,654	156,090	146,256		
August	148,643	156,601	151,291	157,037		
September	137,101	135,666	135,043	135,444		
3rd Quarter	441,854	435,921	442,424	438,737		
Jan. to Sep.	1,307,370	1,342,193	1,330,211	1,364,533		
October	169,570	158,783	164,647	156,298		
November	173,830	179,434	176,223	181,227		
December	211,519	179,287	205,655	180,307		
4th Quarter	554,919	517,504	546,525	517,832		
2nd Semester	996,773	953,425	988,949	956,569		
Whole Year	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

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Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation¹, 1st Semester 2019 and 2020

Country of disembarkation	1 st Semester 2019	1 st Semester 2020 ²	% Change
EUROPE	32,818	14,461	- 55.9
Austria	222	149	- 32.9
France	13,676	6,215	- 54.6
Germany	1,694	647	- 61.8
Italy	380	353	- 7.1
Netherlands	829	0	- 100.0
Switzerland	581	744	+ 28.1
Turkey	6,153	1,624	- 73.6
United Kingdom	9,260	4,728	- 48.9
Other European countries	23	1	- 95.7
AFRICA	48,567	19,997	- 58.8
Kenya	3,633	1,482	- 59.2
Malagasy Republic	5,130	2,252	- 56.1
Reunion Island	20,548	7,559	- 63.2
Seychelles	3,663	1,811	- 50.6
South Africa, Rep. of	15,224	6,794	- 55.4
Other African countries	369	99	- 73.2
ASIA	59,280	22,552	- 62.0
People's Rep. of China	1,039	144	- 86.1
Hong Kong SAR ³	2,987	307	- 89.7
India	13,957	6,819	- 51.1
Malaysia	858	354	- 58.7
Saudi Arabia	1,291	547	- 57.6
Singapore	6,558	1,430	- 78.2
United Arab Emirates	32,590	12,948	- 60.3
Other Asian countries	0	3	-
OCEANIA	3,851	2,035	- 47.2
Australia	3,851	2,035	- 47.2
NOT STATED	38	0	- 100.0
All Countries	144,554	59,045	- 59.2

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

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³ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2018 - 2020

Month	2018	2019	2020 1
January	120,974	122,273	137,419
February	115,600	115,613	111,560
March	119,841	114,419	55,863
1st Quarter	<u>356,415</u>	<u>352,305</u>	<u>304,842</u>
April	104,967	108,565	10
May	101,138	96,814	20
June	84,345	92,398	9
2nd Quarter	<u>290,450</u>	<u>297,777</u>	<u>39</u>
1st Semester	646,865	650,082	304,881
July	115,881	115,448	
August	109,471	107,275	
September	102,849	100,837	
3rd Quarter	<u>328,201</u>	<u>323,560</u>	
Jan. to Sep.	975,066	973,642	
October	134,052	129,018	
November	132,247	128,730	
December	158,043	152,098	
4th Quarter	<u>424,342</u>	<u>409,846</u>	
2nd Semester	752,543	733,406	
Whole Year	1,399,408	1,383,488	

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Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 1st Semester 2019 and 2020

Purpose of visit	1 st Semester 2019	1 st Semester 2020 ¹	% Change
Holiday	606,176	287,019	- 52.7
Business	25,566	8,974	- 64.9
Transit	14,396	8,043	- 44.1
Conference	2,997	510	- 83.0
Sports	373	91	- 75.6
Other purposes	574	244	- 57.5
Total	650,082	304,881	- 53.1

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Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 1st Semester 2019 and 2020

Country of residence	1 st 5	Semester 20	19	1 st S	Semester 202	20 1	S1	19	
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EUROPE	371,218	20,902	392,120	182,493	23,203	205,696	-50.8	11.0	-47.5
Austria	8,616	720	9,336	5,601	723	6,324	-35.0	0.4	-32.3
Belgium	6,401	90	6,491	2,144	103	2,247	-66.5	14.4	-65.4
Bulgaria	1,121	159	1,280	690	117	807	-38.4	-26.4	-37.0
Czech Republic	9,083	211	9,294	5,864	183	6,047	-35.4	-13.3	-34.9
Croatia	483	29	512	301	51	352	-37.7	75.9	-31.3
Denmark	3,734	106	3,840	2,313	118	2,431	-38.1	11.3	-36.7
Estonia	816	12	828	414	3	417	-49.3	-75.0	-49.6
Finland	2,105	29	2,134	1,520	36	1,556	-27.8	24.1	-27.1
France	140,395	3,794	144,189	74,501	4,143	78,644	-46.9	9.2	-45.5
Germany	51,159	10,742	61,901	23,575	12,336	35,911	-53.9	14.8	-42.0
Greece	440	63	503	199	42	241	-54.8	-33.3	-52.1
Hungary	2,410	199	2,609	1,759	242	2,001	-27.0	21.6	-23.3
Ireland	1,721	11	1,732	590	18	608	-65.7	63.6	-64.9
Italy	16,171	964	17,135	6,592	919	7,511	-59.2	-4.7	-56.2
Latvia	317	3	320	221	10	231	-30.3	233.3	-27.8
Lithuania	761	33	794	363	19	382	-52.3	-42.4	-51.9
Luxembourg	823	65	888	280	61	341	-66.0	-6.2	-61.6
Netherlands	7,065	91	7,156	2,070	111	2,181	-70.7	22.0	-69.5
Norway	2,890	150	3,040	1,036	135	1,171	-64.2	-10.0	-61.5
Poland	5,805	246	6,051	3,581	551	4,132	-38.3	124.0	-31.7
Portugal	2,347	60	2,407	673	138	811	-71.3	130.0	-66.3
Romania	2,440	290	2,730	2,205	440	2,645	-9.6	51.7	-3.1
Serbia	388	22	410	348	55	403	-10.3	150.0	-1.7
Slovakia	2,698	58	2,756	2,093	208	2,301	-22.4	258.6	-16.5
Slovenia	984	91	1,075	603	26	629	-38.7	-71.4	-41.5
Spain	3,639	219	3,858	1,289	132	1,421	-64.6	-39.7	-63.2
Sweden	7,559	276	7,835	5,481	247	5,728	-27.5	-10.5	-26.9
Switzerland	17,009	775	17,784	6,561	697	7,258	-61.4	-10.1	-59.2
Turkey	1,536	56	1,592	889	81	970	-42.1	44.6	-39.1
United Kingdom	60,869	738	61,607	21,826	533	22,359	-64.1	-27.8	-63.7
CIS ² countries	8,546	564	9,110	6,451	708	7,159	-24.5	25.5	-21.4
of which:						.,			
Belarus	408	14	422	250	7	257	-38.7	-50.0	-39.1
Kazakhstan	135	2	137	146	2	148	8.1	0.0	8.0
Russian Federation	6,005	381	6,386	4,621	507	5,128	-23.0	33.1	-19.7
Ukraine	1,814	164	1,978	1,317	187	1,504	-27.4	14.0	-24.0
Other CIS countries	184	3	187	117	5	122	-36.4	66.7	-34.8
Other European countries	887	36	923	460	17	477	-48.1	-52.8	-48.3
AFRICA	140,067	658	140,725	54,978	3,187	58,165	-60.7	384.3	-58.7
IOC ³ countries	72,427	335	72,762	34,061	207	34,268	-53.0	-38.2	-52.9
of which:	72,427	333	72,702	34,001	207	34,200	33.0	50.2	32.7
Comoros	488	0	488	166	0	166	-66.0	_	-66.0
Malagasy Republic	6,246	15	6,261	2,505	15	2,520	-59.9	0.0	-59.8
Reunion Island	63,429	318	63,747	30,316	189	30,505	-52.2	-40.6	-52.1
Seychelles	2,264	2	2,266	1,074	3	1,077	-52.6	50.0	-52.5
Algeria	122	1	123	70	0	70	-42.6	-100.0	-43.1
Angola	301	1	302	112	12	124	-62.8	1100.0	-58.9
Benin	42	3	45	17	0	17	-59.5	-100.0	-62.2
Botswana	482	0	482	174	4	178	-63.9	-	-63.1
Burundi	49	0	49	13	0	13	-73.5	_	-73.5
Cameroon	184	0	184	91	2	93	-50.5	_	-49.5
Congo	290	0	290	112	0	112	-61.4	-	-61.4
Egypt	395	3	398	190	0	190	-51.9	-100.0	-52.3
Ethiopia Ethiopia	159	1	160	49	0	49	-69.2	-100.0	-69.4
Gabon	105	0	105	30	1	31	-71.4	-100.0	-70.5
Gaoon	402	7	409	120	3	123	-71.4	-57.1	-69.9
Ivory Coast	237	21	258	56	3	59	-70.1 -76.4	-37.1 -85.7	-09.9
		3		708	2	710	-70.4	-83.7	-77.1
Kenya Lesotho	2,361	0	2,364	34	15		-70.0 -66.3		-70.0 -51.5
Malawi	101 167	0	101 167	61	0	49 61	-63.5	-	-51.5 -63.5
Maiawi	107	U	10/	01	U	01	-05.5	-	-05.5

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³ Indian Ocean Commission

Table 5 (Cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence, $\mathbf{1}^{st}$ Semester 2019 and 2020

Country of residence	1 st	Semester 20	19	1 st 5	Semester 202	20 ¹	S1	19	
Country of residence	Air	Ship	Total	Air	Ship	Total	Air	Ship	Total
Mayotte	572	0	572	227	0	227	-60.3	-	-60.3
Morocco	436	11	447	161	3	164	-63.1	-72.7	-63.3
Mozambique	537	2	539	253	104	357	-52.9	5100.0	-33.8
Namibia	624	1	625	177	18	195	-71.6	1700.0	-68.8
Niger	90	1	91	25	4	29	-72.2	300.0	-68.1
Nigeria	1,371	14	1,385	593	10	603	-56.7	-28.6	-56.5
Rwanda	134	0	134	50 43	0	50 45	-62.7 -66.4	-81.8	-62.7 -67.6
Senegal South Africa, Rep. of	128 54,562	220	139 54,782	16,184	2,757	18,941	-70.3	1153.2	-67.6 -65.4
Sudan	34,362	0	34,782	10,184	0	16,941	-55.6	1133.2	-55.6
Kingdom of Eswatini ⁴	238	2	240	43	4	47	-81.9	100.0	-80.4
Tanzania	483	4	487	175	0	175	-63.8	-100.0	-64.1
Togo	31	2	33	13	0	13	-58.1	-100.0	-60.6
Tunisia	227	1	228	115	2	117	-49.3	100.0	-48.7
Uganda	354	1	355	150	0	150	-57.6	-100.0	-57.7
Zimbabwe	1,313	1	1,314	322	18	340	-75.5	1700.0	-74.1
Zambia	445	0	445	155	5	160	-65.2	-	-64.0
Other African countries	662	12	674	378	11	389	-42.9	-8.3	-42.3
ASIA	93,835	1,666	95,501	29,881	1,321	31,202	-68.2	-20.7	-67.3
Afghanistan	314	13	327	164	11	175	-47.8	-15.4	-46.5
Bangladesh	419	1	420	231	1	232	-44.9	0.0	-44.8
Hong Kong SAR 5	516	5	521	103	2	105	-80.0	-60.0	-79.8
India	41,239	147	41,386	12,249	203	12,452	-70.3	38.1	-69.9
Indonesia	1,173	267	1,440	818	116	934	-30.3	-56.6	-35.1
Israel	764	285	1,049	1,234	501	1,735	61.5	75.8	65.4
Japan	908	116	1,024	304	9	313	-66.5	-92.2	-69.4
Korea Republic	3,257	56	3,313	762	13	775	-76.6	-76.8	-76.6
Malaysia	1,005	12	1,017	282	4	286	-71.9	-66.7	-71.9
Maldives	50 141	1 2	51 143	8 97	0	8 97	-84.0 -31.2	-100.0 -100.0	-84.3 -32.2
Nepal Pakistan	503	16	519	163	7	170	-31.2 -67.6	-56.3	-32.2 -67.2
People's Rep. of China	21,700	245	21,945	4,841	168	5,009	-77.7	-30.3	-77.2
Philippines	1,264	326	1,590	795	201	996	-37.1	-38.3	-37.4
Singapore	1,227	3	1,230	250	1	251	-79.6	-66.7	-79.6
Sri Lanka	243	23	266	116	11	127	-52.3	-52.2	-52.3
Taiwan, China	907	85	992	236	23	259	-74.0	-72.9	-73.9
Thailand	245	3	248	76	6	82	-69.0	100.0	-66.9
Vietnam	282	25	307	160	20	180	-43.3	-20.0	-41.4
MIDDLE EAST countries	17,519	10	17,529	6,916	18	6,934	-60.5	80.0	-60.4
of which:									
Bahrain	61	0	61	18	0	18	-70.5	-	-70.5
Iran	110	0	110	18	2	20	-83.6	-	-81.8
Jordan	122	0	122	51	0	51	-58.2	-	-58.2
Kuwait	315	0	315	167	9	176	-47.0	-	-44.1
Lebanon	266	0	266	67	0	67	-74.8	-	-74.8
Oman Qatar	115 175	0	115 175	27 35	1 0	28 35	-76.5 -80.0	-	-75.7 -80.0
Saudi Arabia	9,217	2	9,219	4,960	0	4,960	-46.2	-100.0	-46.2
United Arab Emirates	7,083	4	7,087	1,542	6	1,548	-78.2	50.0	-78.2
Other Middle East countries	55	4	59	31	0	31	-43.6	-100.0	-47.5
Other Asian countries	159	25	184	76	6	82	-52.2	-76.0	-55.4
OCEANIA	8,670	279	8,949	3,211	232	3,443	-63.0	-16.8	-61.5
Australia	7,921	223	8,144	2,889	147	3,036	-63.5	-34.1	-62.7
New Zealand	445	44	489	164	29	193	-63.1	-34.1	-60.5
Other Oceanian countries	304	12	316	158	56	214	-48.0	366.7	-32.3
AMERICA	11,622	869	12,491	4,742	1,451	6,193	-59.2	67.0	-50.4
Brazil	1,586	116	1,702	766	100	866	-51.7	-13.8	-49.1
Canada	3,729	225	3,954	1,445	301	1,746	-61.2	33.8	-55.8
USA	4,397	382	4,779	1,630	934	2,564	-62.9	144.5	-46.3
Other American countries	1,910	146	2,056	901	116	1,017	-52.8	-20.5	-50.5
Others & not stated	282	14	296	140	42	182	-50.4	200.0	-38.5
All countries	625,694	24,388	650,082	275,445	29,436	304,881	-56.0	20.7	-53.1

¹ Provisional ⁴ Kingdom of Eswatini was formerly known as Swaziland

⁵ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 6a:- Tourist arrivals by age and gender, 1st Semester 2019 and 2020

Age group	1 ^s	^t Semester 20	19	1 st	Semester 202	20 1	% Change			
(years)	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Under 5	13,343	13,172	26,515	5,867	5,742	11,609	-56.0	-56.4	-56.2	
5 - 9	13,975	13,581	27,556	6,216	6,155	12,371	-55.5	-54.7	-55.1	
10 - 14	12,393	12,867	25,260	5,594	5,911	11,505	-54.9	-54.1	-54.5	
15 - 19	8,378	10,255	18,633	3,912	4,809	8,721	-53.3	-53.1	-53.2	
20 - 24	10,434	16,681	27,115	4,785	7,488	12,273	-54.1	-55.1	-54.7	
25 - 29	29,079	36,576	65,655	11,103	13,686	24,789	-61.8	-62.6	-62.2	
30 - 34	35,476	35,248	70,724	13,835	14,246	28,081	-61.0	-59.6	-60.3	
35 - 39	31,940	30,370	62,310	13,203	13,053	26,256	-58.7	-57.0	-57.9	
40 - 44	28,382	26,050	54,432	12,398	11,488	23,886	-56.3	-55.9	-56.1	
45 - 49	29,196	27,391	56,587	12,915	12,622	25,537	-55.8	-53.9	-54.9	
50 - 54	29,870	29,324	59,194	13,919	14,510	28,429	-53.4	-50.5	-52.0	
55 - 59	26,798	25,467	52,265	13,836	14,228	28,064	-48.4	-44.1	-46.3	
60 - 64	20,947	20,135	41,082	11,611	11,828	23,439	-44.6	-41.3	-42.9	
65 - 69	15,619	14,676	30,295	9,370	9,119	18,489	-40.0	-37.9	-39.0	
70 & over	17,515	14,944	32,459	11,599	9,833	21,432	-33.8	-34.2	-34.0	
Total	323,345	326,737	650,082	150,163	154,718	304,881	-53.6	-52.6	-53.1	

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Table 6b:- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of arrival, 1st Semester 2019 and 2020

Age group	1 ^s	t Semester 20	19	1 st	Semester 202	20 1	% Change			
(years)	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	
Under 15	78,429	902	79,331	33,524	1,961	35,485	-57.3	117.4	-55.3	
15 - 59	454,418	12,497	466,915	191,257	14,779	206,036	-57.9	18.3	-55.9	
60 & over	92,847	10,989	103,836	50,664	12,696	63,360	-45.4	15.5	-39.0	
Total	625,694	24,388	650,082	275,445	29,436	304,881	-56.0	20.7	-53.1	

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Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 1st Semester 2020

							of v	which, arr	ivals from s	selected countr	y of residen	ce			
Count	ry of last embarkation	Total tourist arrivals	France	Germany	Italy	Nether- lands	Switzer- land	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
EUROPE		122,527	48,331	16,849	4,250	576	4,265	810	14,925	1,799	80	53	32	38	121
of which:	France	55,481	41,721	1,941	905	322	471	8	535	863	55	10	10	8	31
	Germany	16,672	2,266	11,045	205	89	161	10	12	83	4	2	0	0	7
	Italy	4,322	681	37	2,718	7	37	0	40	247	0	0	0	0	1
	Netherlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Switzerland	6,968	1,634	915	177	29	3,260	5	84	77	3	3	2	1	4
	Turkey	9,014	854	1,159	104	27	59	785	134	334	13	9	3	5	7
	United Kingdom	16,874	957	100	102	70	96	1	14,084	19	3	27	15	21	17
AFRICA		82,114	17,910	1,820	379	160	617	28	1,593	289	28,982	14,823	1,488	619	489
of which:	Kenya	3,170	432	38	48	16	57	5	123	48	55	85	153	123	31
	Malagasy Republic	3,155	320	45	5	6	21	6	31	27	229	27	92	96	27
	Reunion Island	48,478	16,726	433	38	21	252	3	96	56	28,544	203	207	208	67
	Seychelles	2,873	106	68	10	4	18	1	75	41	28	20	933	23	38
	South Africa, Rep. of	24,399	324	1,234	276	113	268	9	1,267	111	126	14,481	103	169	326
ASIA		68,350	8,132	4,860	1,959	1,328	1,665	51	5,195	2,532	1,128	978	10,720	4,182	886
of which:	Hong Kong SAR ²	1,151	9	2	3	0	0	0	2	3	14	9	1	789	14
	India	10,739	56	16	7	0	6	4	83	4	110	792	9,117	18	25
	Malaysia	1,342	78	9	0	1	5	0	17	7	194	51	15	20	57
	People's Rep. of China	1,444	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	5	4	1	1,392	0
	Saudi Arabia	4,458	390	14	24	0	1	17	20	11	2	9	41	6	1
	Singapore	1,742	148	6	3	0	5	0	16	4	457	28	15	78	114
	United Arab Emirates	47,461	7,447	4,813	1,922	1,326	1,648	30	5,057	2,501	346	85	1,530	1,879	675
OCEANIA	1	2,454	128	46	4	6	14	0	113	1	126	330	9	2	1,393
of which:	Australia	2,454	128	46	4	6	14	0	113	1	126	330	9	2	1,393
AMERIC	A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
of which:	USA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total arriv	vals by air	275,445	74,501	23,575	6,592	2,070	6,561	889	21,826	4,621	30,316	16,184	12,249	4,841	2,889
of whi	ich:		France	Germany	Italy	Nether- lands	Switzer- land	Turkey	United Kingdom	Russian Federation	Reunion Island	South Africa, Rep. of	India	People's Rep. of China	Australia
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	Direct from own country		56.0%	46.9%	41.2%	Napp	49.7%	88.3%	64.5%	Napp	94.2%	89.5%	74.4%	28.8%	48.2%
	From United Arab Emira	tes	10.0%	20.4%	29.2%	64.1%	25.1%	3.4%	23.2%	54.1%	1.1%	0.5%	12.5%	38.8%	23.4%
	From Turkey		1.1%	4.9%	1.6%	1.3%	0.9%		0.6%	7.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%
	From France			8.2%	13.7%	15.6%	7.2%	0.9%	2.5%	18.7%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	1.1%
	From Reunion Island		22.5%	1.8%	0.6%	1.0%	3.8%	0.3%	0.4%	1.2%		1.3%	1.7%	4.3%	2.3%
	From Netherlands		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	From South Africa, Rep.	of	0.4%	5.2%	4.2%	5.5%	4.1%	1.0%	5.8%	2.4%	0.4%		0.8%	3.5%	11.3%

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Napp: Not Applicable

² Special Administrative Region of China

Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and tourism earnings, 2017 - 2020

	Year		Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights ¹	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings ² (Rs Mn)
2017	1st Semester	625,859	659,243	6,853,948	10.4	29,319
	2nd 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	1st Semester	646,865	681,859	7,123,373	10.4	33,460
	2nd 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	1st Semester	650,082	676,309	7,145,889	10.6	31,052
	2nd Semester	733,406	683,997	7,319,976	10.7	32,055
	Year	1,383,488	1,360,306	14,465,865	10.6	63,107
2020 3	1st Semester	304,881	352,210	4,083,802	11.6	16,083

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, 2017 - 2020

		Number as at end of period									
Year			All Hotels		"Large" Hotels						
		Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces				
2017	1st Qr.	106	13,293	28,667	55	10,327	22,554				
	2nd Qr.	98	12,308	26,850	52	9,637	21,235				
	3rd Qr.	108	12,875	28,252	54	9,983	22,251				
	4th Qr.	111	13,511	29,650	57	10,570	23,579				
2018	1st Qr.	113	13,588	29,656	57	10,573	23,413				
	2nd Qr.	107	12,850	28,414	55	10,075	22,638				
	3rd Qr.	108	12,867	28,481	55	10,075	22,676				
	4th Qr.	113	13,574	30,427	57	10,585	24,218				
2019	1st Qr.	110	13,456	30,228	57	10,564	24,200				
	2nd Qr.	109	13,336	30,068	58	10,533	24,192				
	3rd Qr.	110	13,248	30,623	57	10,370	24,437				
	4th Qr.	112	13,489	31,024	58	10,539	24,743				
2020 ²	1st Qr.	111	13,297	30,664	57	10,352	24,336				
	2nd Qr.	91 3	10,537	24,214	44 4	7,972	18,801				

¹ Refers to hotels in the island of Mauritius which were operational and including temporary closed ones pending opening of borders

² Source: Bank of Mauritius

³ Provisional

² Provisional

³ Excluding five hotels not operational because of renovation works and eighteen hotels used as quarantine centres

⁴ Excluding four hotels not operational because of renovation works and eleven hotels used as quarantine centres

Table 10:- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2018 - 2020

	All Hotels					"Large" Hotels							
Month	2018		20	2019		2020 1		2018		2019		2020 1	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	
January	77	70	72	64	73	64	78	72	74	66	75	65	
February	79	71	76	67	70	61	81	74	77	69	72	63	
March	76	69	71	62	42 2	34^{2}	78	72	72	64	43^{2}	35 ²	
1st Quarter	<u>77</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>56</u>	
April	73	67	69	64	1	0	75	70	71	67	0	0	
May	70	63	66	57	0	0	72	65	67	58	0	0	
June	60	53	64	55	1	1	62	56	65	57	1	1	
2nd Quarter	<u>68</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
1 st Semester	73	66	69	62	34	30	74	68	71	63	35	31	
July	68	63	69	62			71	66	70	64			
August	76	70	73	66			79	74	75	69			
September	79	69	75	63			82	72	77	65			
3rd Quarter	<u>74</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>64</u>			<u>77</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>66</u>			
Jan. to Sep.	73	66	70	62			75	69	72	65			
October	81	72	75	66			83	75	76	68			
November	83	71	84	69			84	72	85	70			
December	76	69	78	68			77	70	79	70			
4th Quarter	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>68</u>			<u>81</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>69</u>			
2 nd Semester	<i>77</i>	69	76	66			<i>79</i>	72	77	68			
Year	75	67	73	64			77	70	74	66			

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Table 11:- Employment in large ¹ establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2015 - 2019

Year Establishments	2015	2016	2017	2018	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

² As from March 2020 to end of June 2020, occupancy rate excludes number of nights spent in hotels which were used as quarantine centres

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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.

= Total number of room/bed nights rented x 100

Total number of room/bed nights available