

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

YEAR 2020

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the year 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 30 September 2020. As from 01 October 2020 onwards, travel to and from certain destinations are allowed.

2. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Passenger traffic, 2019 and 2020

	2019	2020 ¹	% Change
Arrivals by			
Air	1,792,763	399,220	-77.7
Sea	83,973	43,529	-48.2
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	79,225	41,582	-47.5
Total	1,876,736	442,749	-76.4
Departures by			
Air	1,794,624	450,220	-74.9
Sea	87,741	41,629	-52.6
Total	1,882,365	491,849	-73.9

¹ Provisional

2.1 Arrivals in 2020

Compared to 2019:

- (i) total arrivals decreased by 76.4% from 1,876,736 to 442,749, of which arrivals in Rodrigues direct from Reunion Island numbered 429;
- (ii) total tourist arrivals decreased by 77.7% from 1,383,488, to 308,980; those arriving by air decreased by 79.1% from 1,338,235 to 279,325, while those arriving by sea decreased by 34.5% from 45,253 to 29,655 (Table 6b). Among those arriving by sea, 28,497 were cruise tourists compared to 41,829, representing a decrease of 31.9%;
- (iii) the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) decreased by 80.9% from 34,808 to 6,656.

In 2020, 20 cruise ships arrived in the country compared to 37 in 2019 and carried some 41,582 cruise travellers comprising 28,497 tourists, 1,113 excursionists, 530 Mauritian residents and 11,442 crew members.

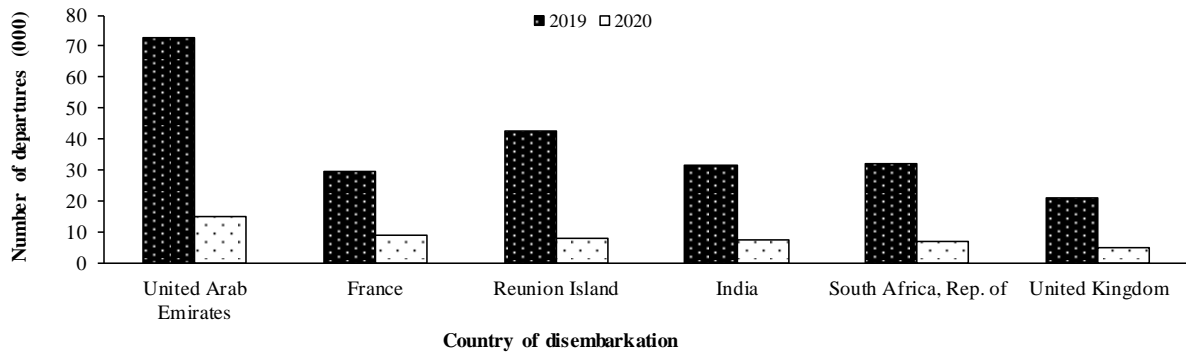
2.2 Departures in 2020

Compared to 2019:

- (i) total departures decreased by 73.9% from 1,882,365 to 491,849, of which departures from Rodrigues direct to Reunion Island numbered 503; and
- (ii) departures of Mauritian residents decreased by 79.6% from 320,178 to 65,469 (Table 2).

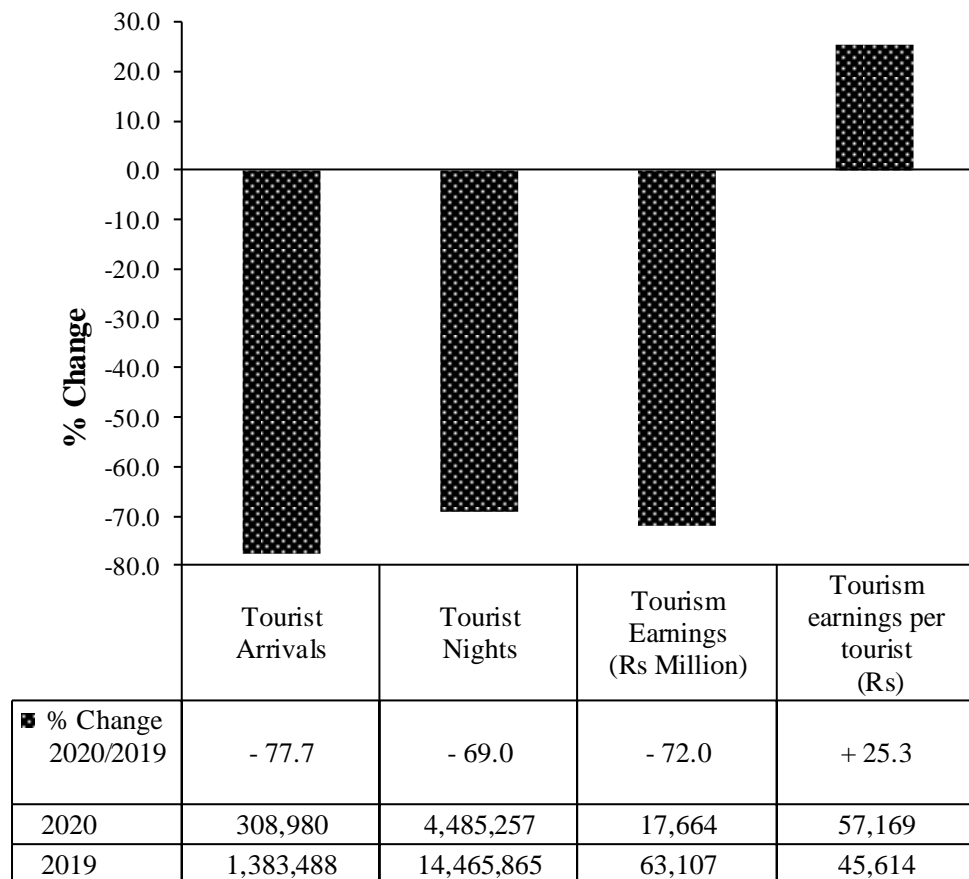
Comparative figures for 2020 and 2019 for Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In 2020, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (14,973 or 22.9%), France (8,814 or 13.5%), Reunion Island (7,842 or 12.0%), India (7,320 or 11.2%), Republic of South Africa (6,971 or 10.6%) and United Kingdom (4,997 or 7.6%).

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



3. TOURISM

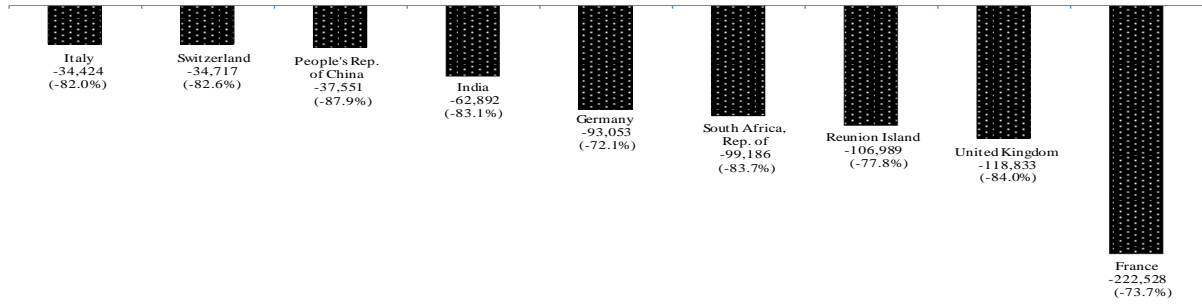
Figure 2 - Percentage change in main tourism indicators, 2020 compared to 2019



3.1 Tourist Arrivals

Compared to 2019, tourist arrivals decreased by 1,074,508 or 77.7% to reach 308,980 in 2020 as a result of main changes shown in Figure 3.

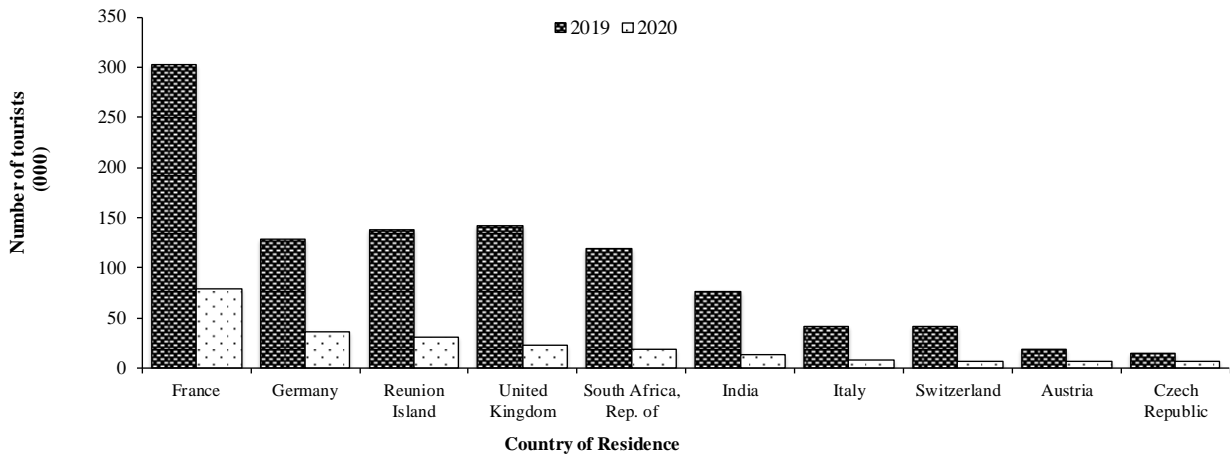
Figure 3 - Main changes in tourist arrivals by selected country of residence, 2020 compared to 2019



In 2020, France, our top tourist generating country, registered a decrease of 73.7%. Decreases among the other main markets are as follows:

People’s Republic of China (-87.9%), United Kingdom (-84.0%), Republic of South Africa (-83.7%), India (-83.1%), Reunion Island (-77.8%) and Germany (-72.1%) (Table 5).

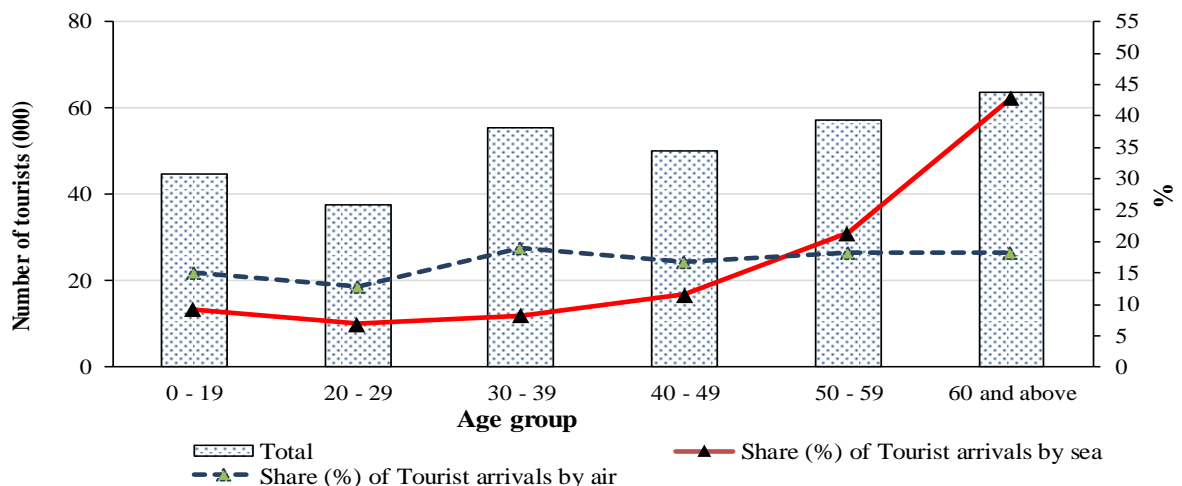
Figure 4 - Tourist arrivals from top ten markets, 2019 and 2020



3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the period under review, the number of tourists aged 60 years and above was 63,833 representing 20.7% of tourist arrivals and of whom 42.8% arrived by sea (Tables 6a and 6b).

Figure 5 - Tourist arrivals by age, 2020



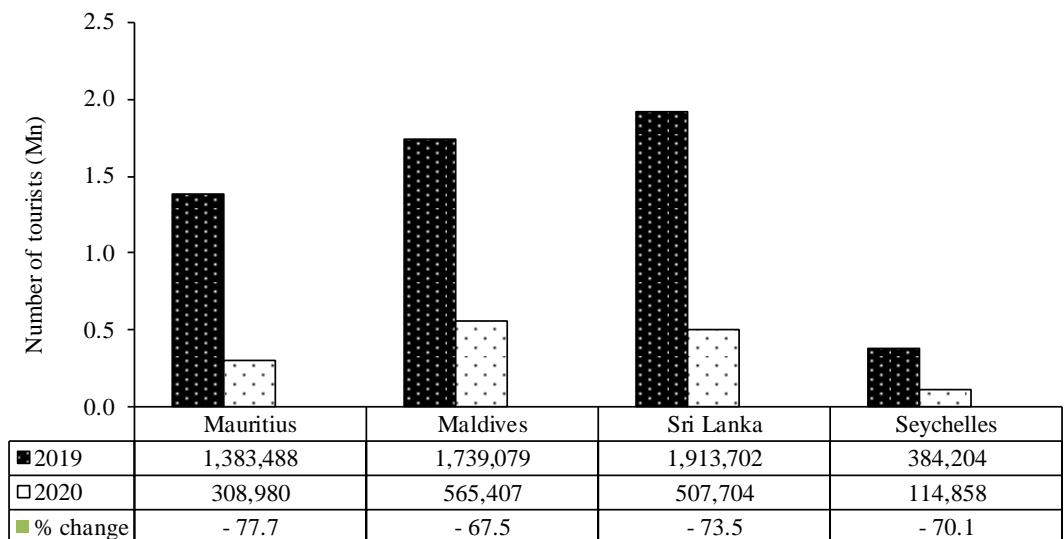
3.3 Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets

From Table 7, it is observed that during 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 country of transiting port. For 2020, the proportion of tourists from Netherlands and Russian Federation who travelled to Mauritius through United Arab Emirates were 63.5% and 54.1% respectively.

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

During 2020, tourist arrivals in Mauritius decreased by 77.7%. Maldives, Seychelles and Sri Lanka registered decreases of 67.5%, 70.1% and 73.5% respectively in tourist arrivals.

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



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

3.5 Tourist Nights

Compared to 2019:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during 2020 decreased by 69.0% from 14,465,865 to 4,485,257; and
- the average length of stay increased from 10.6 to 12.6 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 2020 (Table 11) indicate that employment in these establishments increased by 3.3% to 32,873 as compared to 31,827 for March 2019.

3.7 Accommodation

(i) Licensed hotels in the Island of Mauritius

As at end of December 2020, there were 113 licensed hotels of which 7 were temporarily closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of the remaining 106 hotels was 12,171 with 28,104 bed places (Table 9). Among the 106 hotels, 90 were receiving clients (out of which 28 were used for quarantine purposes) and the remaining ones were temporarily closed till complete opening of borders.

During the year 2020,

- the room occupancy rate was 24% compared to 73% in 2019; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 20% compared to 64% in 2019 (Table 10).

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

At the end of December 2020, there were 59 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) of which 6 were temporarily closed due to renovation works. The total room capacity of the remaining 53 large hotels was 9,290 with 21,905 bed places (Table 9). Among the 53 large hotels, 46 were receiving clients (out of which 16 were used for quarantine purposes) and the remaining ones were temporarily closed till complete opening of borders.

During the year 2020,

- the room occupancy rate of large hotels was 24% lower than the 74% registered in 2019;
- the bed occupancy rate was 20% lower than the 66% recorded in 2019 (Table 10).

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

Month	2018		2019		2020 ²	
	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
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>475,175</u>	<u>503,879</u>	<u>480,875</u>	<u>519,741</u>	<u>421,732</u>	<u>469,483</u>
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
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>390,341</u>	<u>402,393</u>	<u>406,912</u>	<u>406,055</u>	<u>2,395</u>	<u>5,267</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>865,516</i>	<i>906,272</i>	<i>887,787</i>	<i>925,796</i>	<i>424,127</i>	<i>474,750</i>
July	156,110	143,654	156,090	146,256	1,623	2,689
August	148,643	156,601	151,291	157,037	2,569	1,914
September	137,101	135,666	135,043	135,444	3,224	2,952
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>441,854</u>	<u>435,921</u>	<u>442,424</u>	<u>438,737</u>	<u>7,416</u>	<u>7,555</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>1,307,370</i>	<i>1,342,193</i>	<i>1,330,211</i>	<i>1,364,533</i>	<i>431,543</i>	<i>482,305</i>
October	169,570	158,783	164,647	156,298	3,964	2,640
November	173,830	179,434	176,223	181,227	3,648	2,786
December	211,519	179,287	205,655	180,307	3,594	4,118
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>554,919</u>	<u>517,504</u>	<u>546,525</u>	<u>517,832</u>	<u>11,206</u>	<u>9,544</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>996,773</i>	<i>953,425</i>	<i>988,949</i>	<i>956,569</i>	<i>18,622</i>	<i>17,099</i>
Whole Year	1,862,289	1,859,697	1,876,736	1,882,365	442,749	491,849

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, 2019 and 2020

Country of disembarkation	2019	2020 ²	% Change
EUROPE	72,088	17,555	- 75.6
Austria	337	149	- 55.8
France	29,683	8,814	- 70.3
Germany	3,265	647	- 80.2
Italy	890	576	- 35.3
Netherlands	1,603	0	- 100.0
Switzerland	1,912	744	- 61.1
Turkey	13,639	1,624	- 88.1
United Kingdom	20,704	4,997	- 75.9
Other European countries	55	4	- 92.7
AFRICA	103,914	20,791	- 80.0
Kenya	8,807	1,491	- 83.1
Malagasy Republic	10,701	2,441	- 77.2
Reunion Island	42,719	7,842	- 81.6
Seychelles	8,770	1,941	- 77.9
South Africa, Rep. of	32,155	6,971	- 78.3
Other African countries	762	105	- 86.2
ASIA	135,776	25,079	- 81.5
People's Rep. of China	2,155	144	- 93.3
Hong Kong SAR ³	5,874	307	- 94.8
India	31,232	7,320	- 76.6
Malaysia	2,323	354	- 84.8
Saudi Arabia	5,362	548	- 89.8
Singapore	15,973	1,430	- 91.0
United Arab Emirates	72,857	14,973	- 79.4
Other Asian countries	0	3	-
OCEANIA	8,362	2,042	- 75.6
Australia	8,362	2,042	- 75.6
NOT STATED	38	2	- 94.7
All Countries	320,178	65,469	- 79.6

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, 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
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<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
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>290,450</u>	<u>297,777</u>	<u>39</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>646,865</i>	<i>650,082</i>	<i>304,881</i>
July	115,881	115,448	45
August	109,471	107,275	317
September	102,849	100,837	369
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>328,201</u>	<u>323,560</u>	<u>731</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>975,066</i>	<i>973,642</i>	<i>305,612</i>
October	134,052	129,018	1,149
November	132,247	128,730	1,177
December	158,043	152,098	1,042
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>424,342</u>	<u>409,846</u>	<u>3,368</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>752,543</i>	<i>733,406</i>	<i>4,099</i>
Whole Year	1,399,408	1,383,488	308,980

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

Purpose of visit	2019	2020 ¹	% Change
Holiday	1,294,160	289,175	-77.7
Business	50,543	10,187	-79.8
Transit	28,387	8,599	-69.7
Conference	5,507	510	-90.7
Sports	3,736	166	-95.6
Other purposes	1,155	343	-70.3
Total	1,383,488	308,980	-77.7

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

Country of residence	2019			2020 ¹			% Change 2020 / 2019		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
EUROPE	797,743	38,203	835,946	184,406	23,235	207,641	-76.9	-39.2	-75.2
Austria	17,129	1,261	18,390	5,620	723	6,343	-67.2	-42.7	-65.5
Belgium	16,735	224	16,959	2,207	103	2,310	-86.8	-54.0	-86.4
Bulgaria	1,803	237	2,040	694	117	811	-61.5	-50.6	-60.2
Czech Republic	14,486	243	14,729	5,883	183	6,066	-59.4	-24.7	-58.8
Croatia	919	73	992	303	51	354	-67.0	-30.1	-64.3
Denmark	7,150	238	7,388	2,316	118	2,434	-67.6	-50.4	-67.1
Estonia	1,294	19	1,313	417	3	420	-67.8	-84.2	-68.0
Finland	4,007	44	4,051	1,523	36	1,559	-62.0	-18.2	-61.5
France	294,131	7,907	302,038	75,357	4,153	79,510	-74.4	-47.5	-73.7
Germany	110,759	18,341	129,100	23,711	12,336	36,047	-78.6	-32.7	-72.1
Greece	953	133	1,086	234	43	277	-75.4	-67.7	-74.5
Hungary	3,782	279	4,061	1,762	242	2,004	-53.4	-13.3	-50.7
Ireland	3,907	32	3,939	611	18	629	-84.4	-43.8	-84.0
Italy	40,269	1,722	41,991	6,648	919	7,567	-83.5	-46.6	-82.0
Latvia	612	19	631	225	10	235	-63.2	-47.4	-62.8
Lithuania	1,274	64	1,338	366	19	385	-71.3	-70.3	-71.2
Luxembourg	1,946	84	2,030	284	61	345	-85.4	-27.4	-83.0
Netherlands	16,535	279	16,814	2,093	113	2,206	-87.3	-59.5	-86.9
Norway	5,434	269	5,703	1,044	135	1,179	-80.8	-49.8	-79.3
Poland	10,850	561	11,411	3,595	551	4,146	-66.9	-1.8	-63.7
Portugal	5,121	115	5,236	682	138	820	-86.7	20.0	-84.3
Romania	4,305	512	4,817	2,217	440	2,657	-48.5	-14.1	-44.8
Serbia	769	47	816	350	55	405	-54.5	17.0	-50.4
Slovakia	4,143	91	4,234	2,093	208	2,301	-49.5	128.6	-45.7
Slovenia	2,087	124	2,211	605	26	631	-71.0	-79.0	-71.5
Spain	13,867	440	14,307	1,382	141	1,523	-90.0	-68.0	-89.4
Sweden	12,832	383	13,215	5,484	248	5,732	-57.3	-35.2	-56.6
Switzerland	40,335	1,710	42,045	6,631	697	7,328	-83.6	-59.2	-82.6
Turkey	2,905	106	3,011	899	81	980	-69.1	-23.6	-67.5
United Kingdom	139,958	1,562	141,520	22,154	533	22,687	-84.2	-65.9	-84.0
<i>CIS ² countries</i>	<i>15,227</i>	<i>1,015</i>	<i>16,242</i>	<i>6,546</i>	<i>717</i>	<i>7,263</i>	<i>-57.0</i>	<i>-29.4</i>	<i>-55.3</i>
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>696</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>725</i>	<i>254</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>261</i>	<i>-63.5</i>	<i>-75.9</i>	<i>-64.0</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>295</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>316</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>151</i>	<i>-49.5</i>	<i>-90.5</i>	<i>-52.2</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>10,562</i>	<i>629</i>	<i>11,191</i>	<i>4,677</i>	<i>514</i>	<i>5,191</i>	<i>-55.7</i>	<i>-18.3</i>	<i>-53.6</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>3,292</i>	<i>330</i>	<i>3,622</i>	<i>1,344</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>1,533</i>	<i>-59.2</i>	<i>-42.7</i>	<i>-57.7</i>
<i>Other CIS countries</i>	<i>382</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>388</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>-68.1</i>	<i>-16.7</i>	<i>-67.3</i>
Other European countries	2,219	69	2,288	470	17	487	-78.8	-75.4	-78.7
AFRICA	309,626	1,302	310,928	55,714	3,203	58,917	-82.0	146.0	-81.1
<i>IOC ³ countries</i>	<i>161,084</i>	<i>608</i>	<i>161,692</i>	<i>34,189</i>	<i>207</i>	<i>34,396</i>	<i>-78.8</i>	<i>-66.0</i>	<i>-78.7</i>
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>1,304</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1,305</i>	<i>169</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>169</i>	<i>-87.0</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>-87.0</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>15,950</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>15,979</i>	<i>2,538</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>2,553</i>	<i>-84.1</i>	<i>-48.3</i>	<i>-84.0</i>
<i>Reunion Island</i>	<i>136,995</i>	<i>575</i>	<i>137,570</i>	<i>30,392</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>30,581</i>	<i>-77.8</i>	<i>-67.1</i>	<i>-77.8</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>6,835</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>6,838</i>	<i>1,090</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1,093</i>	<i>-84.1</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>-84.0</i>
Algeria	348	4	352	75	0	75	-78.4	-100.0	-78.7
Angola	610	17	627	115	12	127	-81.1	-29.4	-79.7
Benin	91	4	95	17	1	18	-81.3	-75.0	-81.1
Botswana	1,513	1	1,514	176	4	180	-88.4	300.0	-88.1
Burundi	110	0	110	14	0	14	-87.3	-	-87.3
Cameroon	473	0	473	98	2	100	-79.3	-	-78.9
Congo	753	0	753	116	0	116	-84.6	-	-84.6
Egypt	825	5	830	210	0	210	-74.5	-100.0	-74.7
Ethiopia	317	1	318	51	0	51	-83.9	-100.0	-84.0
Gabon	205	0	205	30	1	31	-85.4	-	-84.9
Ghana	1,021	15	1,036	138	5	143	-86.5	-66.7	-86.2
Ivory Coast	535	22	557	58	9	67	-89.2	-59.1	-88.0
Kenya	4,883	4	4,887	743	3	746	-84.8	-25.0	-84.7
Lesotho	240	0	240	34	15	49	-85.8	-	-79.6
Malawi	468	1	469	62	0	62	-86.8	-100.0	-86.8

¹ Provisional² Commonwealth of Independent States³ Indian Ocean Commission

Table 5 (Cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 2019 and 2020

Country of residence	2019			2020 ¹			% Change 2020 /2019		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Mayotte	1,597	0	1,597	228	0	228	-85.7	-	-85.7
Morocco	1,040	13	1,053	172	4	176	-83.5	-69.2	-83.3
Mozambique	1,143	8	1,151	254	104	358	-77.8	1200.0	-68.9
Namibia	1,358	7	1,365	178	18	196	-86.9	157.1	-85.6
Niger	216	1	217	25	4	29	-88.4	300.0	-86.6
Nigeria	3,563	51	3,614	597	10	607	-83.2	-80.4	-83.2
Rwanda	297	0	297	52	0	52	-82.5	-	-82.5
Senegal	245	15	260	50	4	54	-79.6	-73.3	-79.2
South Africa, Rep. of	118,086	470	118,556	16,611	2,759	19,370	-85.9	487.0	-83.7
Sudan	97	0	97	16	1	17	-83.5	-	-82.5
Kingdom of Eswatini ⁴	432	3	435	43	4	47	-90.0	33.3	-89.2
Tanzania	1,070	4	1,074	180	0	180	-83.2	-100.0	-83.2
Togo	78	2	80	13	0	13	-83.3	-100.0	-83.8
Tunisia	506	1	507	128	2	130	-74.7	100.0	-74.4
Uganda	823	1	824	153	0	153	-81.4	-100.0	-81.4
Zimbabwe	3,017	4	3,021	337	18	355	-88.8	350.0	-88.2
Zambia	1,171	0	1,171	164	5	169	-86.0	-	-85.6
Other African countries	1,411	40	1,451	387	11	398	-72.6	-72.5	-72.6
ASIA	186,336	3,513	189,849	30,868	1,471	32,339	-83.4	-58.1	-83.0
Afghanistan	786	29	815	167	11	178	-78.8	-62.1	-78.2
Bangladesh	932	3	935	257	1	258	-72.4	-66.7	-72.4
Hong Kong SAR ⁵	1,425	7	1,432	114	2	116	-92.0	-71.4	-91.9
India	75,379	294	75,673	12,572	209	12,781	-83.3	-28.9	-83.1
Indonesia	2,201	533	2,734	883	198	1,081	-59.9	-62.9	-60.5
Israel	2,540	542	3,082	1,240	501	1,741	-51.2	-7.6	-43.5
Japan	2,072	162	2,234	417	12	429	-79.9	-92.6	-80.8
Korea Republic	6,985	87	7,072	763	13	776	-89.1	-85.1	-89.0
Malaysia	2,018	27	2,045	283	4	287	-86.0	-85.2	-86.0
Maldives	311	1	312	8	0	8	-97.4	-100.0	-97.4
Nepal	330	6	336	101	0	101	-69.4	-100.0	-69.9
Pakistan	904	28	932	180	7	187	-80.1	-75.0	-79.9
People's Rep. of China	41,940	800	42,740	5,019	170	5,189	-88.0	-78.8	-87.9
Philippines	2,621	678	3,299	909	249	1,158	-65.3	-63.3	-64.9
Singapore	2,779	15	2,794	257	1	258	-90.8	-93.3	-90.8
Sri Lanka	464	47	511	126	11	137	-72.8	-76.6	-73.2
Taiwan, China	1,747	125	1,872	255	32	287	-85.4	-74.4	-84.7
Thailand	554	7	561	80	6	86	-85.6	-14.3	-84.7
Vietnam	590	62	652	168	20	188	-71.5	-67.7	-71.2
MIDDLE EAST countries	39,460	12	39,472	6,993	18	7,011	-82.3	50.0	-82.2
<i>of which:</i>									
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>172</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>172</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>-89.5</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-89.5</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>136</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>136</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>-86.8</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-85.3</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>253</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>253</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>-79.4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-79.4</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>817</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>817</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>177</i>	<i>-79.4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-78.3</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>565</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>565</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>-86.7</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-86.7</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>253</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>253</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>-87.7</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-87.4</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>360</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>360</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>-90.3</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-90.3</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>22,786</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>22,788</i>	<i>4,982</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4,982</i>	<i>-78.1</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>-78.1</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>13,994</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>13,999</i>	<i>1,581</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1,587</i>	<i>-88.7</i>	<i>20.0</i>	<i>-88.7</i>
<i>Other Middle East countries</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>-73.4</i>	<i>-100.0</i>	<i>-74.4</i>
Other Asian countries	298	48	346	76	6	82	-74.5	-87.5	-76.3
OCEANIA	19,956	848	20,804	3,266	234	3,500	-83.6	-72.4	-83.2
Australia	18,295	702	18,997	2,926	147	3,073	-84.0	-79.1	-83.8
New Zealand	936	123	1,059	166	30	196	-82.3	-75.6	-81.5
Other Oceanian countries	725	23	748	174	57	231	-76.0	147.8	-69.1
AMERICA	24,011	1,368	25,379	4,922	1,470	6,392	-79.5	7.5	-74.8
Brazil	3,288	233	3,521	768	100	868	-76.6	-57.1	-75.3
Canada	7,666	345	8,011	1,503	301	1,804	-80.4	-12.8	-77.5
USA	9,896	511	10,407	1,717	934	2,651	-82.6	82.8	-74.5
Other American countries	3,161	279	3,440	934	135	1,069	-70.5	-51.6	-68.9
Others & not stated	563	19	582	149	42	191	-73.5	121.1	-67.2
All countries	1,338,235	45,253	1,383,488	279,325	29,655	308,980	-79.1	-34.5	-77.7

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

Table 6a:- Tourist arrivals by age and sex, 2019 and 2020

Age group (years)	2019			2020 ¹			% Change		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	27,004	26,673	53,677	5,967	5,846	11,813	-77.9	-78.1	-78.0
5 - 9	30,115	29,274	59,389	6,296	6,226	12,522	-79.1	-78.7	-78.9
10 - 14	29,322	29,201	58,523	5,644	5,967	11,611	-80.8	-79.6	-80.2
15 - 19	21,652	25,717	47,369	3,962	4,863	8,825	-81.7	-81.1	-81.4
20 - 24	24,333	37,144	61,477	4,931	7,593	12,524	-79.7	-79.6	-79.6
25 - 29	62,862	79,632	142,494	11,389	13,838	25,227	-81.9	-82.6	-82.3
30 - 34	77,042	75,229	152,271	14,192	14,405	28,597	-81.6	-80.9	-81.2
35 - 39	66,342	62,292	128,634	13,566	13,188	26,754	-79.6	-78.8	-79.2
40 - 44	59,020	54,250	113,270	12,698	11,597	24,295	-78.5	-78.6	-78.6
45 - 49	60,723	58,051	118,774	13,180	12,721	25,901	-78.3	-78.1	-78.2
50 - 54	62,496	61,310	123,806	14,154	14,612	28,766	-77.4	-76.2	-76.8
55 - 59	56,208	53,386	109,594	14,010	14,302	28,312	-75.1	-73.2	-74.2
60 - 64	43,412	41,947	85,359	11,733	11,897	23,630	-73.0	-71.6	-72.3
65 - 69	31,720	30,108	61,828	9,455	9,176	18,631	-70.2	-69.5	-69.9
70 & over	35,764	31,259	67,023	11,682	9,890	21,572	-67.3	-68.4	-67.8
Total	688,015	695,473	1,383,488	152,859	156,121	308,980	-77.8	-77.6	-77.7

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

Age group (years)	2019			2020 ¹			% Change		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	169,952	1,637	171,589	33,985	1,961	35,946	-80.0	19.8	-79.1
15 - 59	976,161	21,528	997,689	194,209	14,992	209,201	-80.1	-30.4	-79.0
60 & over	192,122	22,088	214,210	51,131	12,702	63,833	-73.4	-42.5	-70.2
Total	1,338,235	45,253	1,383,488	279,325	29,655	308,980	-79.1	-34.5	-77.7

¹ Provisional

Table 7:- Tourist arrivals by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 2020 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	124,012	48,984	16,918	4,287	587	4,305	818	15,070	1,822	88	58	37	92	122
<i>of which:</i> France	56,928	42,374	2,006	941	333	511	16	659	886	63	15	15	61	32
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	16,912	957	104	103	70	96	1	14,105	19	3	27	15	22	17
AFRICA	82,867	18,019	1,830	383	168	622	28	1,637	292	29,050	15,098	1,493	621	489
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	3,184	432	43	48	16	58	5	124	48	55	85	153	123	31
Malagasy Republic	3,196	321	45	5	6	21	6	32	27	229	29	92	97	27
Reunion Island	48,848	16,832	438	42	29	256	3	137	56	28,612	204	212	208	67
Seychelles	2,890	106	68	10	4	18	1	75	41	28	20	933	23	38
South Africa, Rep. of	24,690	324	1,234	276	113	268	9	1,267	111	126	14,753	103	170	326
ASIA	69,990	8,226	4,917	1,974	1,332	1,690	53	5,334	2,562	1,128	1,125	11,033	4,304	920
<i>of which:</i> Hong Kong SAR ²	1,151	9	2	3	0	0	0	2	3	14	9	1	789	14
India	10,900	56	16	7	0	6	4	83	4	110	792	9,275	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	4,476	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	48,922	7,541	4,870	1,937	1,330	1,673	32	5,196	2,531	346	232	1,685	2,001	709
OCEANIA	2,456	128	46	4	6	14	0	113	1	126	330	9	2	1,395
<i>of which:</i> Australia	2,456	128	46	4	6	14	0	113	1	126	330	9	2	1,395
AMERICA	0	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	279,325	75,357	23,711	6,648	2,093	6,631	899	22,154	4,677	30,392	16,611	12,572	5,019	2,926
<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		56.2%	46.6%	40.9%	Napp	49.2%	87.3%	63.7%	Napp	94.1%	88.8%	73.8%	27.7%	47.7%
From United Arab Emirates		10.0%	20.5%	29.1%	63.5%	25.2%	3.6%	23.5%	54.1%	1.1%	1.4%	13.4%	39.9%	24.2%
From Turkey		1.1%	4.9%	1.6%	1.3%	0.9%		0.6%	7.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%
From France			8.5%	14.2%	15.9%	7.7%	1.8%	3.0%	18.9%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	1.2%	1.1%
From Reunion Island		22.3%	1.8%	0.6%	1.4%	3.9%	0.3%	0.6%	1.2%		1.2%	1.7%	4.1%	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%	5.4%	4.0%	1.0%	5.7%	2.4%	0.4%		0.8%	3.4%	11.1%

¹ Provisional

² Special Administrative Region of China

Napp: Not Applicable

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

Year		Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights ¹	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings ² (Rs Mn)
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	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
2020³	1 st Quarter	304,842	350,035	3,854,358	11.0	14,144
	2 nd Quarter	39	2,190	230,780	105.4	1,939
	3 rd Quarter	731	1,310	191,439	146.1	824
	4 th Quarter	3,368	1,755	208,680	118.9	757
	Year	308,980	355,290	4,485,257	12.6	17,664

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

² Source: Bank of Mauritius

³ Provisional

Table 9:- Hotels¹, rooms and bedplaces, 2017 - 2020

Year	Number as at end of period						
	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
2020²	1st Qr.	111	13,297	30,664	57	10,352	24,336
	2nd Qr.	91 ³	10,537	24,214	44 ³	7,972	18,801
	3rd Qr.	74 ³	8,171	19,091	32 ³	5,898	14,283
	4th Qr.	106	12,171	28,104	53	9,290	21,905

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

² Provisional

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

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

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2018		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	2	2	71	66	70	64	1	1
August	76	70	73	66	5	5	79	74	75	69	5	4
September	79	69	75	63	9	9	82	72	77	65	8	8
3rd Quarter	<u>74</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
Jan. to Sep.	73	66	70	62	26	22	75	69	72	65	26	23
October	81	72	75	66	16	12	83	75	76	68	16	12
November	83	71	84	69	17	12	84	72	85	70	17	12
December	76	69	78	68	21	17	77	70	79	70	21	17
4th Quarter	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>
2 nd Semester	77	69	76	66	12	10	79	72	77	68	12	9
Year	75	67	73	64	24	20	77	70	74	66	24	20

¹ Provisional

² For period March 2020 to end of September 2020, occupancy rate excludes number of nights spent in hotels which were used as quarantine centres

Table 11:- Employment in large¹ establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2016 - 2020

Year	2016 ²	2017	2018	2019	2020 ³
Food Service	3,546	3,416	3,539	3,714	3,850
Hotels	23,639	24,194	24,312	24,599	25,472
Travel and Other Services ⁴	3,755	3,664	3,604	3,514	3,551
Total	30,940	31,274	31,455	31,827	32,873

¹ Large establishments are those employing 10 or more persons

² Revised

³ Provisional

⁴ Travel and other services include air transport services, tour operators, travel agencies and car rental

Source: Survey of Employment and Earnings in large Establishments

COMPILATION OF PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Sources of data

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

Tourism earnings

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

Monthly Occupancy Rates

Survey questionnaires are emailed to all hotels at the end of every month to collect data on room/bed nights available and rented during the month for the calculation of room and bed occupancy rates. Non-responses are contacted by phone.

Short-term projections of tourist arrivals

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

Publications

The regular publications of the unit are:

- (i) Monthly tourist arrivals uploaded on Statistics Mauritius website 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.

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