

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

1st Semester 2021

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the first semester of 2021. 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 the COVID-19 pandemic worldwide in 2020, the national borders of Mauritius were closed down as from 20 March 2020 to 30 September 2020. As from 01 October 2020 to 09 March 2021, travel to and from certain destinations were allowed. In 2021, following the second wave of the COVID-19 in the country, the national borders were once more closed down as from 10 March to 14 July 2021.

2. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Passenger traffic, 1st Semester, 2020 and 2021

	1 st Semester 2020	1 st Semester 2021 ¹
Arrivals by		
Air	380,855	11,849
Sea	43,272	178
<i>of which Cruise travellers</i>	41,582	0
Total	424,127	12,027
Departures by		
Air	433,263	20,700
Sea	41,487	189
Total	474,750	20,889

¹ Provisional

2.1 Arrivals in 1st Semester 2021

Compared to 1st Semester 2020:

- (i) total arrivals decreased from 424,127 to 12,027;
- (ii) total tourist arrivals dropped from 304,881 to 3,225; those arriving by air decreased from 275,445 to 3,047, while those arriving by sea declined from 29,436 to 178 (Table 6b).

In the first semester of 2021, there were no cruise ships that arrived in the country.

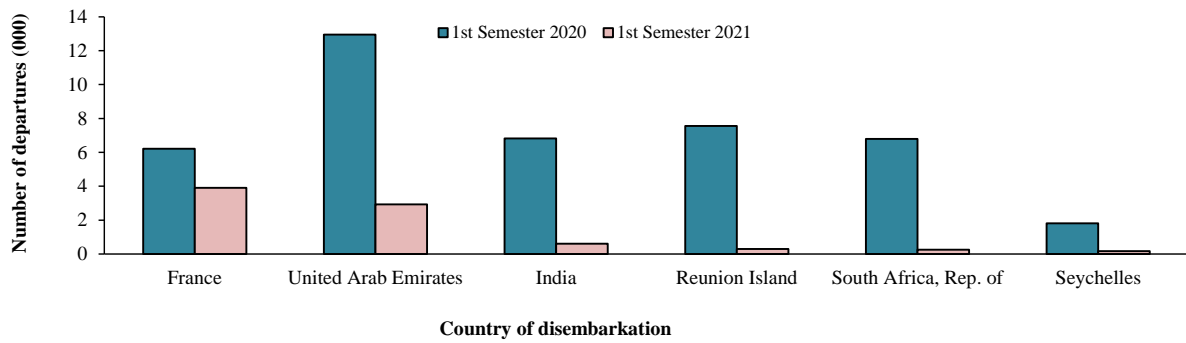
2.2 Departures in 1st Semester 2021

Compared to 1st Semester 2020:

- (i) total departures declined from 474,750 to 20,889; and
- (ii) departures of Mauritian residents decreased from 59,045 to 8,298 (Table 2).

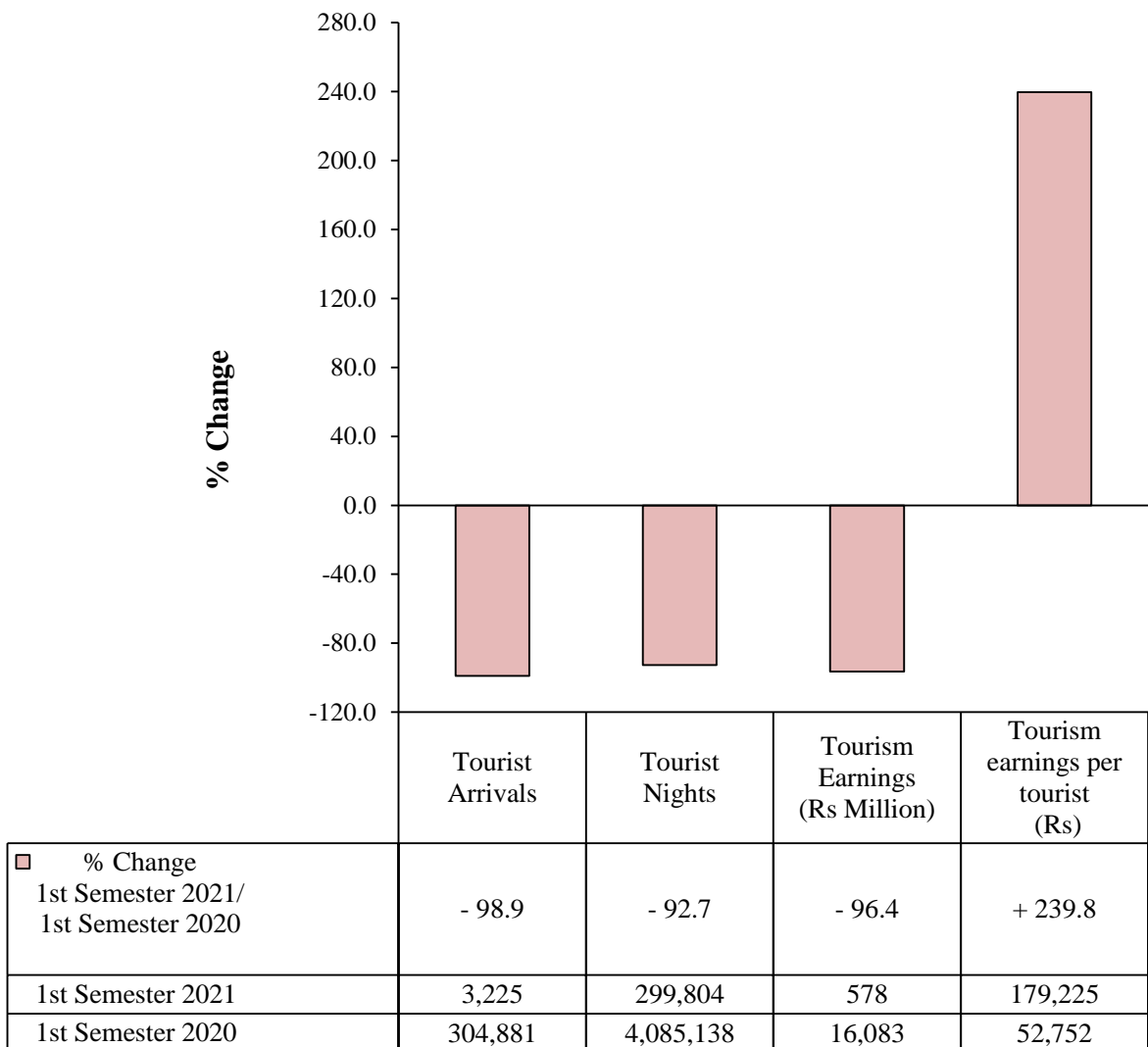
Comparative figures for the first semesters of 2020 and 2021 for Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation are given in Figure 1 and Table 2. In the 1st Semester of 2021, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were France (3,907 or 47.1%), United Arab Emirates (2,927 or 35.3%), India (616 or 7.4%), Reunion Island (298 or 3.6%), Republic of South Africa (253 or 3.0%) and Seychelles (173 or 2.1%).

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 1st Semester of 2020 and 1st Semester of 2021



3. TOURISM

Figure 2 - Percentage change in main tourism indicators, 1st Semester 2021 compared to 1st Semester 2020



3.1 Tourist Arrivals

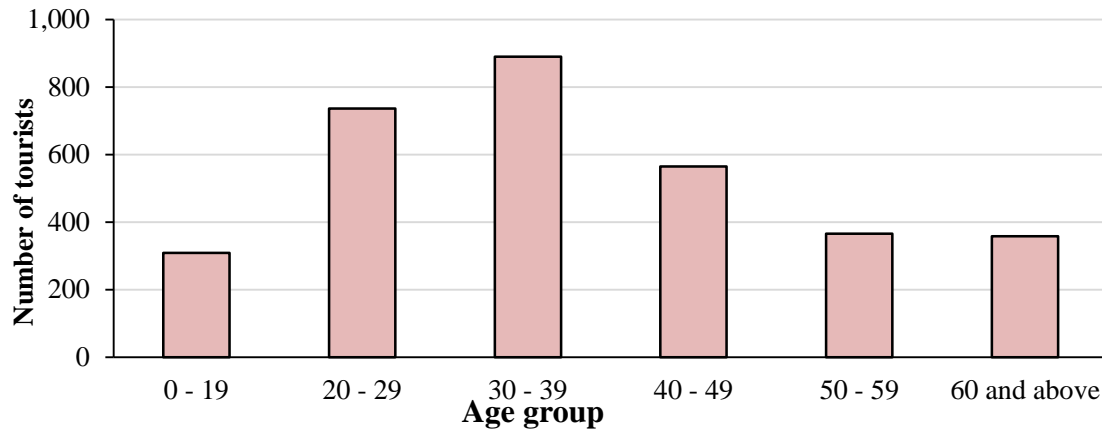
Tourist arrivals in the first semester of 2021 from main markets were as follows:

France (601 or 18.6%), India (397 or 12.3%), Republic of South Africa (137 or 4.2%), Germany (94 or 2.9%), United Kingdom (87 or 2.7%) Reunion Island (51 or 1.6%) and Italy (45 or 1.4%).

3.2 Tourist arrivals by age

During the first semester of 2021, the number of tourists aged 60 years and above was 358 representing 11.1% of tourist arrivals and of whom 3.4% arrived by sea (Tables 6a and 6b).

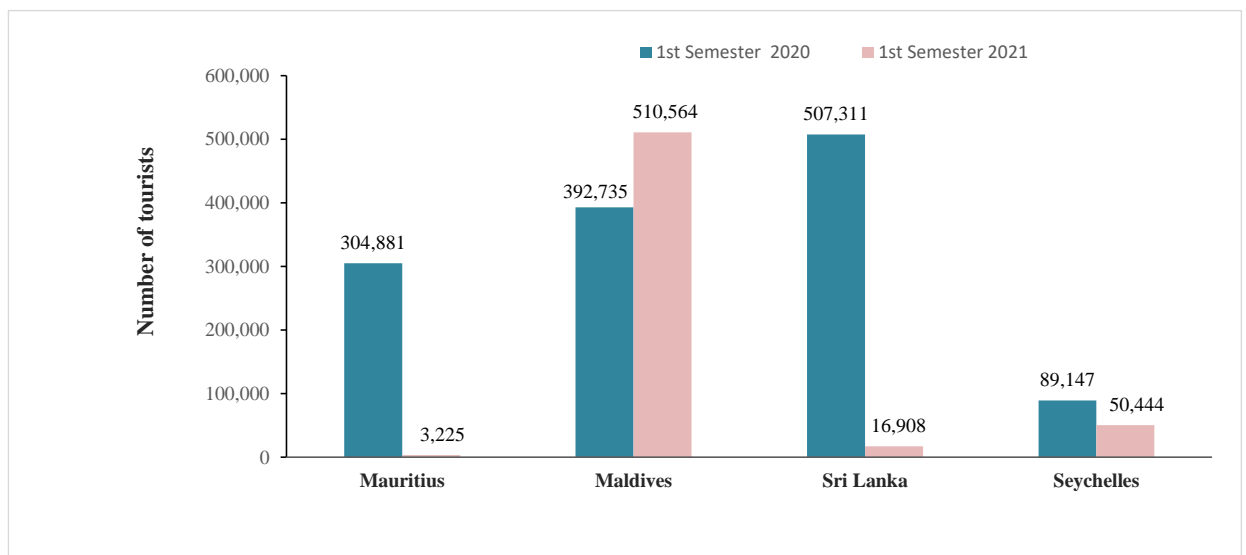
Figure 3 - Tourist arrivals by age, 1st Semester 2021



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

During 1st Semester of 2021, tourist arrivals in Mauritius dropped by 98.9% compared to 1st Semester of 2020. Decreases were also observed for Seychelles (-43.4%) and Sri Lanka (-96.7%) whereas Maldives witnessed an increase of 30.0% in tourist arrivals (Figure 4).

Figure 4- Tourist arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 1st Semester 2020 and 1st Semester 2021



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

3.4 Tourist Nights

Compared to 1st Semester 2020:

- the number of nights spent by tourists who departed during 1st Semester 2021 decreased from 4,085,138 to 299,804; and
- the average length of stay increased from 11.6 to 92.2 nights (Table 8).

3.5 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.

3.6 Accommodation

(i) Licensed hotels in the Island of Mauritius

As at end of June 2021, there were 111 licensed hotels of which 6 were temporarily closed due to renovation works and 24 hotels were used as quarantine centres. The total room capacity of the remaining 81 hotels was 9,358 with 20,663 bed places (Table 9).

During 1st Semester 2021,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 9%, lower compared to 34% in 1st Semester 2020; and
- the bed occupancy rate was 7% lower compared to 30% in 1st Semester 2020 (Table 10).

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

At the end of June 2021, there were 60 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) of which 6 were temporarily closed due to renovation works and 15 hotels were used as quarantine centres. The total room capacity of the remaining 39 'large' hotels was 7,057 with 15,761 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 48% of all licensed hotels in operation but comprise 75% of total room capacity and 76% of total bed places (Table 9).

During 1st Semester 2021,

- the room occupancy rate of 'large' hotels was 9% lower than the 35% registered in 1st Semester 2020;
- the bed occupancy rate was 7% lower than the 31% recorded in 1st Semester 2020 (Table 10).

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic ¹ by month, 2019 - 2021

Month	2019		2020		2021 ²	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	172,994	205,730	191,197	212,224	3,512	3,570
February	151,189	146,918	148,144	151,092	3,225	3,006
March	156,692	167,093	82,391	106,167	1,219	3,601
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>480,875</u>	<u>519,741</u>	<u>421,732</u>	<u>469,483</u>	<u>7,956</u>	<u>10,177</u>
April	150,580	145,505	260	932	1,163	3,145
May	130,455	135,632	647	1,702	1,064	3,339
June	125,877	124,918	1,488	2,633	1,844	4,228
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>406,912</u>	<u>406,055</u>	<u>2,395</u>	<u>5,267</u>	<u>4,071</u>	<u>10,712</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>887,787</i>	<i>925,796</i>	<i>424,127</i>	<i>474,750</i>	<i>12,027</i>	<i>20,889</i>
July	156,090	146,256	1,623	2,689		
August	151,291	157,037	2,569	1,914		
September	135,043	135,444	3,224	2,952		
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>442,424</u>	<u>438,737</u>	<u>7,416</u>	<u>7,555</u>		
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>1,330,211</i>	<i>1,364,533</i>	<i>431,543</i>	<i>482,305</i>		
October	164,647	156,298	3,964	2,640		
November	176,223	181,227	3,648	2,786		
December	205,655	180,307	3,594	4,118		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>546,525</u>	<u>517,832</u>	<u>11,206</u>	<u>9,544</u>		
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>988,949</i>	<i>956,569</i>	<i>18,622</i>	<i>17,099</i>		
Whole Year	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

² Provisional

Table 2:- Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation¹, 1st Semester, 2020 and 2021

Country of disembarkation	1 st Semester 2020	1 st Semester 2021 ²
EUROPE	14,461	3,907
Austria	149	0
France	6,215	3,907
Germany	647	0
Italy	353	0
Netherlands	0	0
Switzerland	744	0
Turkey	1,624	0
United Kingdom	4,728	0
Other European countries	1	0
AFRICA	19,997	805
Kenya	1,482	1
Malagasy Republic	2,252	72
Reunion Island	7,559	298
Seychelles	1,811	173
South Africa, Rep. of	6,794	253
Other African countries	99	8
ASIA	22,552	3,586
People's Rep. of China	144	43
Hong Kong SAR ³	307	0
India	6,819	616
Malaysia	354	0
Saudi Arabia	547	0
Singapore	1,430	0
United Arab Emirates	12,948	2,927
Other Asian countries	3	0
OCEANIA	2,035	0
Australia	2,035	0
NOT STATED	0	0
All Countries	59,045	8,298

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, 2019 - 2021

Month	2019	2020	2021 ¹
January	122,273	137,419	1,232
February	115,613	111,560	1,229
March	114,419	55,863	311
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>352,305</u>	<u>304,842</u>	<u>2,772</u>
April	108,565	10	58
May	96,814	20	115
June	92,398	9	280
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>297,777</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>453</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	650,082	304,881	3,225
July	115,448	45	
August	107,275	317	
September	100,837	369	
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>323,560</u>	<u>731</u>	
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	973,642	305,612	
October	129,018	1,149	
November	128,730	1,177	
December	152,098	1,042	
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>409,846</u>	<u>3,368</u>	
<i>2nd Semester</i>	733,406	4,099	
Whole Year	1,383,488	308,980	

¹ Provisional**Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 1st Semester, 2020 and 2021**

Purpose of visit	1 st Semester 2020	1 st Semester 2021 ¹
Holiday	287,019	1,448
Business	8,974	771
Transit	8,043	913
Conference	510	0
Sports	91	0
Other purposes	244	93
Total	304,881	3,225

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Table 5:- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 1st Semester, 2020 and 2021

Country of residence	1 st Semester 2020			1 st Semester 2021 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
EUROPE	182,493	23,203	205,696	1,255	18	1,273
Austria	5,601	723	6,324	20	0	20
Belgium	2,144	103	2,247	32	0	32
Bulgaria	690	117	807	0	0	0
Czech Republic	5,864	183	6,047	26	0	26
Croatia	301	51	352	1	0	1
Denmark	2,313	118	2,431	0	0	0
Estonia	414	3	417	0	0	0
Finland	1,520	36	1,556	3	0	3
France	74,501	4,143	78,644	598	3	601
Germany	23,575	12,336	35,911	92	2	94
Greece	199	42	241	13	0	13
Hungary	1,759	242	2,001	3	0	3
Ireland	590	18	608	16	0	16
Italy	6,592	919	7,511	44	1	45
Latvia	221	10	231	4	0	4
Lithuania	363	19	382	2	0	2
Luxembourg	280	61	341	4	0	4
Netherlands	2,070	111	2,181	12	0	12
Norway	1,036	135	1,171	3	0	3
Poland	3,581	551	4,132	25	1	26
Portugal	673	138	811	22	0	22
Romania	2,205	440	2,645	10	1	11
Serbia	348	55	403	1	0	1
Slovakia	2,093	208	2,301	3	0	3
Slovenia	603	26	629	6	0	6
Spain	1,289	132	1,421	57	6	63
Sweden	5,481	247	5,728	2	0	2
Switzerland	6,561	697	7,258	58	0	58
Turkey	889	81	970	11	1	12
United Kingdom	21,826	533	22,359	86	1	87
<i>CIS ² countries</i>	<i>6,451</i>	<i>708</i>	<i>7,159</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>97</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>257</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	<i>146</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Russian Federation</i>	<i>4,621</i>	<i>507</i>	<i>5,128</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>65</i>
<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>1,317</i>	<i>187</i>	<i>1,504</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Other CIS countries</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Other European countries	460	17	477	6	0	6
AFRICA	54,978	3,187	58,165	392	16	408
<i>IOC ³ countries</i>	<i>34,061</i>	<i>207</i>	<i>34,268</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>102</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>166</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>166</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Malagasy Republic</i>	<i>2,505</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>2,520</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>46</i>
<i>Reunion Island</i>	<i>30,316</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>30,505</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>51</i>
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i>1,074</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1,077</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>
Algeria	70	0	70	0	0	0
Angola	112	12	124	0	1	1
Benin	17	0	17	0	0	0
Botswana	174	4	178	0	0	0
Burundi	13	0	13	1	0	1
Cameroon	91	2	93	9	0	9
Congo	112	0	112	3	0	3
Egypt	190	0	190	7	0	7
Ethiopia	49	0	49	1	0	1
Gabon	30	1	31	1	0	1
Ghana	120	3	123	7	3	10
Ivory Coast	56	3	59	0	4	4
Kenya	708	2	710	25	2	27
Lesotho	34	15	49	0	0	0
Malawi	61	0	61	0	0	0

¹ Provisional² Commonwealth of Independent States³ Indian Ocean Commission

Table 5 (Cont'd):- Tourist arrivals by country of residence and by mode of travel, 1st Semester, 2020 and 2021

Country of residence	1 st Semester 2020			1 st Semester 2021 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Mayotte	227	0	227	1	0	1
Morocco	161	3	164	10	0	10
Mozambique	253	104	357	1	0	1
Namibia	177	18	195	6	0	6
Niger	25	4	29	0	0	0
Nigeria	593	10	603	10	0	10
Rwanda	50	0	50	5	0	5
Senegal	43	2	45	1	1	2
South Africa, Rep. of	16,184	2,757	18,941	133	4	137
Sudan	16	0	16	0	0	0
Kingdom of Eswatini ⁴	43	4	47	0	0	0
Tanzania	175	0	175	12	1	13
Togo	13	0	13	0	0	0
Tunisia	115	2	117	14	0	14
Uganda	150	0	150	13	0	13
Zimbabwe	322	18	340	18	0	18
Zambia	155	5	160	0	0	0
Other African countries	378	11	389	12	0	12
ASIA	29,881	1,321	31,202	1,226	132	1,358
Afghanistan	164	11	175	1	0	1
Bangladesh	231	1	232	12	0	12
Hong Kong SAR ⁵	103	2	105	4	0	4
India	12,249	203	12,452	394	3	397
Indonesia	818	116	934	362	95	457
Israel	1,234	501	1,735	7	0	7
Japan	304	9	313	14	0	14
Korea Republic	762	13	775	13	0	13
Malaysia	282	4	286	4	0	4
Maldives	8	0	8	0	0	0
Nepal	97	0	97	2	2	4
Pakistan	163	7	170	8	0	8
People's Rep. of China	4,841	168	5,009	102	1	103
Philippines	795	201	996	206	20	226
Singapore	250	1	251	8	0	8
Sri Lanka	116	11	127	2	8	10
Taiwan, China	236	23	259	25	3	28
Thailand	76	6	82	0	0	0
Vietnam	160	20	180	29	0	29
<i>MIDDLE EAST countries</i>	<i>6,916</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>6,934</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>33</i>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Iran</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Kuwait</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>176</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Oman</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Qatar</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>4,960</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4,960</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	<i>1,542</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1,548</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>Other Middle East countries</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Other Asian countries	76	6	82	0	0	0
OCEANIA	3,211	232	3,443	28	9	37
Australia	2,889	147	3,036	12	4	16
New Zealand	164	29	193	14	5	19
Other Oceanian countries	158	56	214	2	0	2
AMERICA	4,742	1,451	6,193	137	3	140
Brazil	766	100	866	6	0	6
Canada	1,445	301	1,746	36	1	37
USA	1,630	934	2,564	61	0	61
Other American countries	901	116	1,017	34	2	36
Others & not stated	140	42	182	9	0	9
All countries	275,445	29,436	304,881	3,047	178	3,225

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

Table 6a:- Tourist arrivals by age and sex, 1st Semester, 2020 and 2021

Age group (years)	1 st Semester 2020			1 st Semester 2021 ¹		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	5,867	5,742	11,609	71	50	121
5 - 9	6,216	6,155	12,371	41	33	74
10 - 14	5,594	5,911	11,505	16	27	43
15 - 19	3,912	4,809	8,721	38	33	71
20 - 24	4,785	7,488	12,273	204	93	297
25 - 29	11,103	13,686	24,789	338	102	440
30 - 34	13,835	14,246	28,081	386	117	503
35 - 39	13,203	13,053	26,256	298	89	387
40 - 44	12,398	11,488	23,886	238	91	329
45 - 49	12,915	12,622	25,537	161	75	236
50 - 54	13,919	14,510	28,429	133	70	203
55 - 59	13,836	14,228	28,064	100	63	163
60 - 64	11,611	11,828	23,439	89	63	152
65 - 69	9,370	9,119	18,489	59	52	111
70 & over	11,599	9,833	21,432	56	39	95
Total	150,163	154,718	304,881	2,228	997	3,225

¹ Provisional**Table 6b:- Tourist arrivals by broad age group and mode of arrival, 1st Semester, 2020 and 2021**

Age group (years)	1 st Semester 2020			1 st Semester 2021 ¹		
	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
Under 15	33,524	1,961	35,485	238	0	238
15 - 59	191,257	14,779	206,036	2,457	172	2,629
60 & over	50,664	12,696	63,360	352	6	358
Total	275,445	29,436	304,881	3,047	178	3,225

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Table 7:- Tourist arrivals¹ by air and by main port of last embarkation for selected markets, 1st Semester 2021

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	1,198	497	69	31	12	30	1	50	34	0	2	12	9	2
<i>of which:</i> France	1,130	474	69	28	12	30	1	22	34	0	2	12	8	2
United Kingdom	68	23	0	3	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	1	0
AFRICA	323	47	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	51	75	78	0	0
<i>of which:</i> Kenya	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malagasy Republic	40	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reunion Island	98	43	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0
Seychelles	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	0
South Africa, Rep. of	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0
ASIA	1,526	54	23	12	0	26	10	35	30	0	56	304	93	10
<i>of which:</i> India	104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	102	0	0
United Arab Emirates	1,391	54	23	12	0	26	10	35	30	0	54	191	75	10
Total arrivals by air	3,047	598	92	44	12	58	11	86	64	51	133	394	102	12

¹ Provisional

Table 8:- Tourist arrivals, tourist departures, tourist nights, average length of stay and tourism earnings, 2018 - 2021

Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist departures (Number)	Tourist Nights ¹	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings ² (Rs Mn)	
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	1st Semester	304,881	352,225	4,085,138	11.6	16,083
	2nd Semester	4,099	3,065	400,119	130.5	1,581
	Year	308,980	355,290	4,485,257	12.6	17,664
2021 ³	1st Semester	3,225	3,253	299,804	92.2	578

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:- Hotels ¹, rooms and bedplaces, 2018 - 2021

Year	Number as at end of period						
	All Hotels			"Large" Hotels			
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	
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	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
2021 ²	1st Qr.	93 ³	10,837	24,895	49 ³	8,470	19,730
	2nd Qr.	81 ³	9,358	20,663	39 ³	7,057	15,761

¹ Refers to hotels in the island of Mauritius which were operational and excluding hotels not operational because of renovation works

² Provisional

³ Excluding hotels used as quarantine centres

Table 10:- Monthly Occupancy Rates ² (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2019 - 2021

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2019		2020		2021 ¹		2019		2020		2021 ¹	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	72	64	73	64	18	15	74	66	75	65	18	15
February	76	67	70	61	15	11	77	69	72	63	14	11
March	71	62	42	34	8	6	72	64	43	35	9	6
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>
April	69	64	1	0	2	1	71	67	0	0	1	1
May	66	57	0	0	3	2	67	58	0	0	3	2
June	64	55	1	1	6	4	65	57	1	1	6	4
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
1st Semester	69	62	34	30	9	7	71	63	35	31	9	7
July	69	62	2	2			70	64	1	1		
August	73	66	5	5			75	69	5	4		
September	75	63	9	9			77	65	8	8		
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>			<u>74</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>		
Jan. to Sep.	70	62	26	22			72	65	26	23		
October	75	66	16	12			76	68	16	12		
November	84	69	17	12			85	70	17	12		
December	78	68	21	17			79	70	21	17		
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>			<u>80</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>		
2nd Semester	76	66	12	10			77	68	12	9		
Year	73	64	24	20			74	66	24	20		

¹ Provisional

² For the periods March 2020 to end of September 2020 and March 2021 to June 2021, occupancy rate excludes number of nights spent in hotels which were used as quarantine centres

Table 11:- Employment in large ¹ establishments of the Tourism Industry as at end of March, 2016 - 2020

Year \ Activities	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 ²
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 ³	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

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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

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

Short-term projections of tourist arrivals

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

Publications

The regular publications of the unit are:

- (i) Monthly tourist arrivals uploaded on Statistics Mauritius website
- (ii) Quarterly Economic and Social Indicators on International Travel and Tourism (with a lag of seven weeks)
- (iii) Yearly Digest of International Travel and Tourism
- (iv) Yearly Handbook of statistical data on tourism
- (v) Report of the Survey of Inbound Tourism (last publication- Year 2018)

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.

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