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Preface

This monthly statistical release provides information on South African residents and foreign travellers who entered or left South Africa in August 2024. Specific focus is on foreign tourists who entered the country in August 2024. Tourists are classified by region and country of residence. Details of their mode of travel; purpose of visit; age and sex distribution are also provided.

The March, June, September and December releases include summaries of the number of tourists for the current quarter and comparisons with previous periods.

NB: Users are advised that some of the ports of entry/exit are missing data (such as Maseru Bridge, King Shaka International Airport, etc.) this could be due to data capturing system changes being introduced by the Departments of Home Affairs. Stats SA is currently in constant communication with the department and it may be necessary to revise the data once the matter is concluded in the future.

1. Highlights of the results

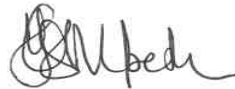
In August 2024, 2 376 711 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) entered and exited South Africa. They were made up of 642 448 (27,0%) South African residents and 1 734 263 (73,0%) foreign travellers. Foreign arrivals were made up of 21 643 (2,3%) non-visitors and 902 468 (97,7%) visitors. Visitors consisted of 183 960 (20,4%) same-day visitors and 718 508 (79,6%) overnight visitors (tourists).

Tourists

Overseas tourists constituted 21,4% (153 913) of all tourists. United States of America (USA) (30 597), United Kingdom (UK) (20 455) and Italy (10 636) contributed 40,1% to overseas tourists. Tourists from Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries constituted 76,4% (549 220) of all tourists. Zimbabwe (187 979), Mozambique (141 277) and Eswatini (80 313) contributed 74,6% to SADC tourists. 'Other' African countries (non-SADC) tourists were 2,0% (14 538) of all tourists. Kenya (3 992), Ghana (3 567) and Nigeria (1 807) contributed 64,4% to 'other' African tourists. The country of residence of 837 (0,1%) tourists was classified as unspecified.

Purpose of visit

'Holiday'¹ continues to be the main purpose of visit. About 97,0% of all the tourists were in South Africa for holiday purposes.



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¹ The holiday category includes tourists who came for vacation, visiting friends and relatives, shopping and other personal reasons such as attending weddings.

2. Key findings

2.1 Travellers

2.1.1 Number of travellers

The routine data collected by the Department of Home Affairs’ (DHA) immigration officers at the ports of entry into and out of South Africa shows that a total of 2 376 711 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) passed through South African ports in August 2024. As presented in Table 1 below, these travellers were made up of 642 448 South African residents and 1 734 263 foreign travellers. A further breakdown of the figures for South African residents indicates that there were 306 442 arrivals, 335 433 departures and 573 travellers in transit. The corresponding volume for foreign arrivals, departures and travellers in transit was 924 111, 757 052 and 53 100 respectively.

A comparison between the movements in July 2024 and August 2024 indicates that the volume of arrivals decreased for South African residents but increased for foreign travellers. The volume of departures and transits increased for both groups of travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals decreased by 19,4% (from 380 393 in July 2024 to 306 442 in August 2024). Departures increased by 4,4% (from 321 285 in July 2024 to 335 433 in August 2024) and transits increased by 8,7% (from 527 in July 2024 to 573 in August 2024). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 0,2% (from 922 151 in July 2024 to 924 111 in August 2024), departures increased by 3,9% (from 728 642 in July 2024 to 757 052 in August 2024), and transits increased by 24,0% (from 42 817 in July 2024 to 53 100 in August 2024).

A comparison between the movements in August 2023 and August 2024 indicates that the volume of arrivals and departures decreased for both South African residents and foreign travellers, but the volume of transits increased for both groups of travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals decreased by 7,6% (from 331 749 in August 2023 to 306 442 in August 2024), departures decreased by 6,3% (from 357 882 in August 2023 to 335 433 in August 2024) whereas transits increased by 15,8% (from 495 in August 2023 to 573 in August 2024). For foreign travellers, arrivals decreased by 6,3% (from 985 800 in August 2023 to 924 111 in August 2024), departures decreased by 11,6% (from 856 149 in August 2023 to 757 052 in August 2024) and transits increased by 16,3% (from 45 649 in August 2023 to 53 100 in August 2024).

Table 1 – Number of South African residents and foreign travellers by travel direction

Travel Direction	August 2023	July 2024	August 2024	% Change Jul 2024 – Aug 2024	% Change Aug 2023 – Aug 2024
Total	2 577 724	2 395 815	2 376 711	-0,8%	-7,8%
South African residents	690 126	702 205	642 448	-8,5%	-6,9%
Arrivals	331 749	380 393	306 442	-19,4%	-7,6%
Departures	357 882	321 285	335 433	4,4%	-6,3%
Transits	495	527	573	8,7%	15,8%
Foreign travellers	1 887 598	1 693 610	1 734 263	2,4%	-8,1%
Arrivals	985 800	922 151	924 111	0,2%	-6,3%
Departures	856 149	728 642	757 052	3,9%	-11,6%
Transits	45 649	42 817	53 100	24,0%	16,3%

2.1.2 Mode of travel of travellers

Information presented in Table 2 below shows the number of South African residents and foreign travellers by travel direction and mode of travel. In August 2024, road was the most common mode of travel used by 1 546 941 (65,1%) of the 2 376 711 travellers. The total number of air travellers was 827 225 (34,8%). Compared to air and road, a smaller number of travellers, 2 545 (0,1%) used sea into and out of South Africa. Information on arrivals of South African residents shows that 133 851 (43,7%) came by air, 172 550 (56,3%) came by road and 41 (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea. For departures, 150 291 (44,8%) used air, 185 043 (55,2%) used road and 99 (less than 0,1%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 573 (100,0%) used air.

In the case of foreign travellers, 228 456 (24,7%) arrived by air, 694 504 (75,2%) came by road and 1 151 (0,1%) arrived by sea. When departing South Africa, 260 954 (34,5%) foreign travellers left by air, 494 844 (65,4%) left by road and 1 254 (0,2%) left by sea. Of all travellers in transit, 53 100 (100,0%) used air.

Table 2 – Number of South African residents and foreign travellers by travel direction and mode of travel

Travel direction	Total	Air ²				Road	Sea
		Cape Town	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Total	2 376 711	178 258	647 270	1 697	827 225	1 546 941	2 545
South African residents	642 448	54 172	229 446	1 097	284 715	357 593	140
Arrivals	306 442	23 467	109 785	599	133 851	172 550	41
Departures	335 433	30 694	119 099	498	150 291	185 043	99
Transit	573	11	562	-	573	-	-
Foreign travellers	1 734 263	124 086	417 824	600	542 510	1 189 348	2 405
Arrivals	924 111	49 322	178 790	344	228 456	694 504	1 151
Departures	757 052	73 637	187 061	256	260 954	494 844	1 254
Transit	53 100	1 127	51 973	-	53 100	-	-
Visitors	902 468	47 686	174 002	262	221 950	680 515	3
Same-day	183 960	1 551	22 756	56	24 363	159 596	1
Tourist	718 508	46 135	151 246	206	197 587	520 919	2

2.2 Visitors

Detailed information on the departure of travellers is not available in the movement control system. Data on the purpose of travel and the number of days South African residents intend to spend or spent abroad are not collected by the DHA. It is therefore not possible to categorise South African residents as tourists or non-tourists. However, some data are available on foreign arrivals for this categorisation.

As presented in Table 3 on page 4, in August 2024, 21 643 (2,3%) of foreign arrivals were classified as non-visitors, while 902 468 (97,7%) were classified as visitors. Visitors were categorised into three groups:

- i. Arrivals only – comprising visitors who entered the country in August 2024 but did not depart in August 2024 [359 349 (39,8%)];
- ii. Single trips – visitors who came to South Africa once in August 2024 and left in August 2024 [289 401 (32,1%)]; and
- iii. Multiple trips – visitors who came to and left South Africa more than once in August 2024 [253 718 (28,1%)].

² Note that the August 2024 data for King Shaka International Airport was not received.

Visitors were further grouped as same-day visitors and overnight visitors (tourists). In August 2024, there were 183 960 (20,4%) same-day visitors and 718 508 (79,6%) tourists. Between July 2024 and August 2024, the volume of same-day visitors decreased by 7,6% (from 199 106 in July 2024 to 183 960 in August 2024) and that of tourists increased by 2,7% (from 699 566 in July 2024 to 718 508 in August 2024). Between August 2023 and August 2024, the volume of same-day visitors decreased by 25,9% (from 248 316 in August 2023 to 183 960 in August 2024) whereas that of tourists increased by 1,5% (from 708 159 in August 2023 to 718 508 in August 2024).

Table 2 on page 3 further shows that of the 183 960 same-day visitors, a majority, 159 596 (86,8%) arrived in the country by road, 24 363 (13,2%) arrived by air and one (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea. Information on tourists shows that 520 919 (72,5%) came by road, 197 587 (27,5%) used air and two (less than 0,1%) used sea.

Table 3 – Number of visitors by type of visitor

Travel Direction	August 2023	July 2024	August 2024	% Change Jul 2024 – Aug 2024	% Change Aug 2023 – Aug 2024
Foreign arrivals	985 800	922 151	924 111	0,2%	-6,3%
Non-visitors	29 325	23 479	21 643	-7,8%	-26,2%
Visitors	956 475	898 672	902 468	0,4%	-5,6%
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Arrivals only	315 883	358 578	359 349	0,2%	13,8%
Single trips	308 792	272 026	289 401	6,4%	-6,3%
Multiple trips	331 800	268 068	253 718	-5,4%	-23,5%
Visitors	956 475	898 672	902 468	0,4%	-5,6%
Same-day	248 316	199 106	183 960	-7,6%	-25,9%
Overnight (Tourists)	708 159	699 566	718 508	2,7%	1,5%

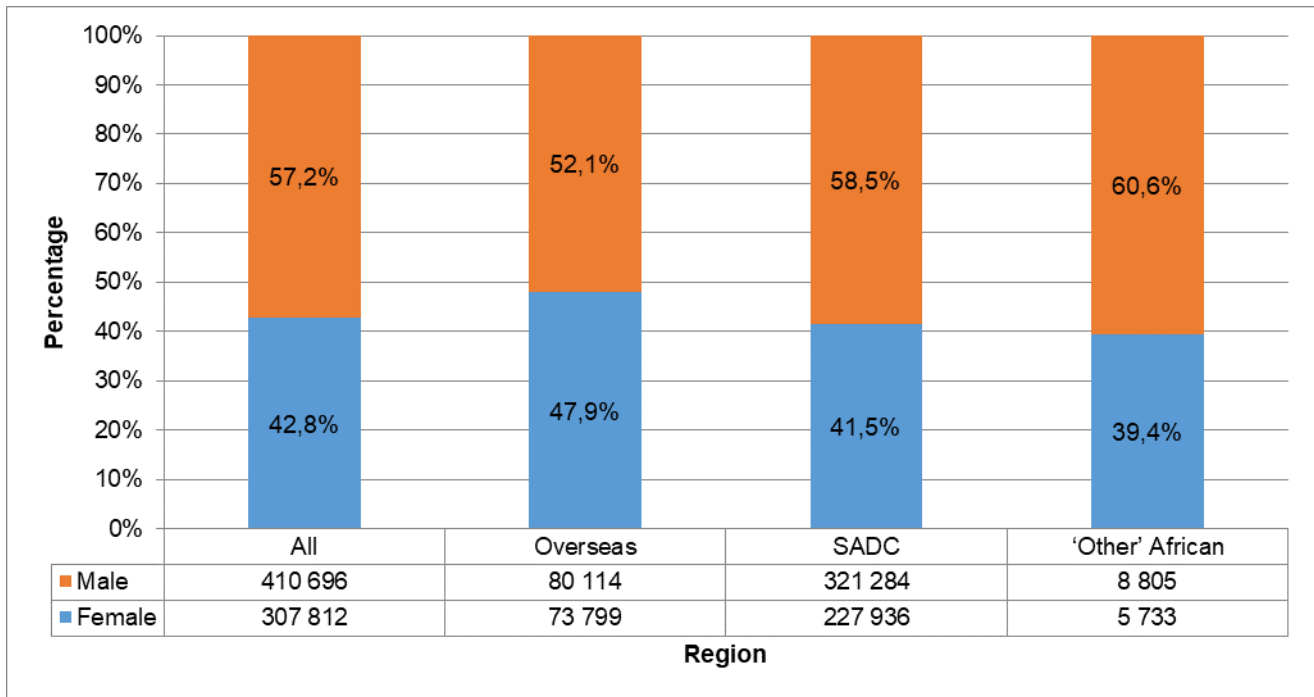
2.3 Tourists

2.3.1 Sex and age distribution of tourists

Sex

Figure 1 on page 5 shows that there were more male [410 696 (57,2%)] than female [307 812 (42,8%)] tourists. Male tourists constituted the majority of tourists for all three regions, SADC countries [321 284 (58,5%)], overseas countries [80 114 (52,1%)] and ‘other’ African countries [8 805 (60,6%)]. Similarly, the largest portion of female tourists was from SADC countries [227 936 (41,5%)], followed by overseas countries 73 799 (47,9%) and ‘other’ African countries 5 733 (39,4%).

Figure 1 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and sex, August 2024

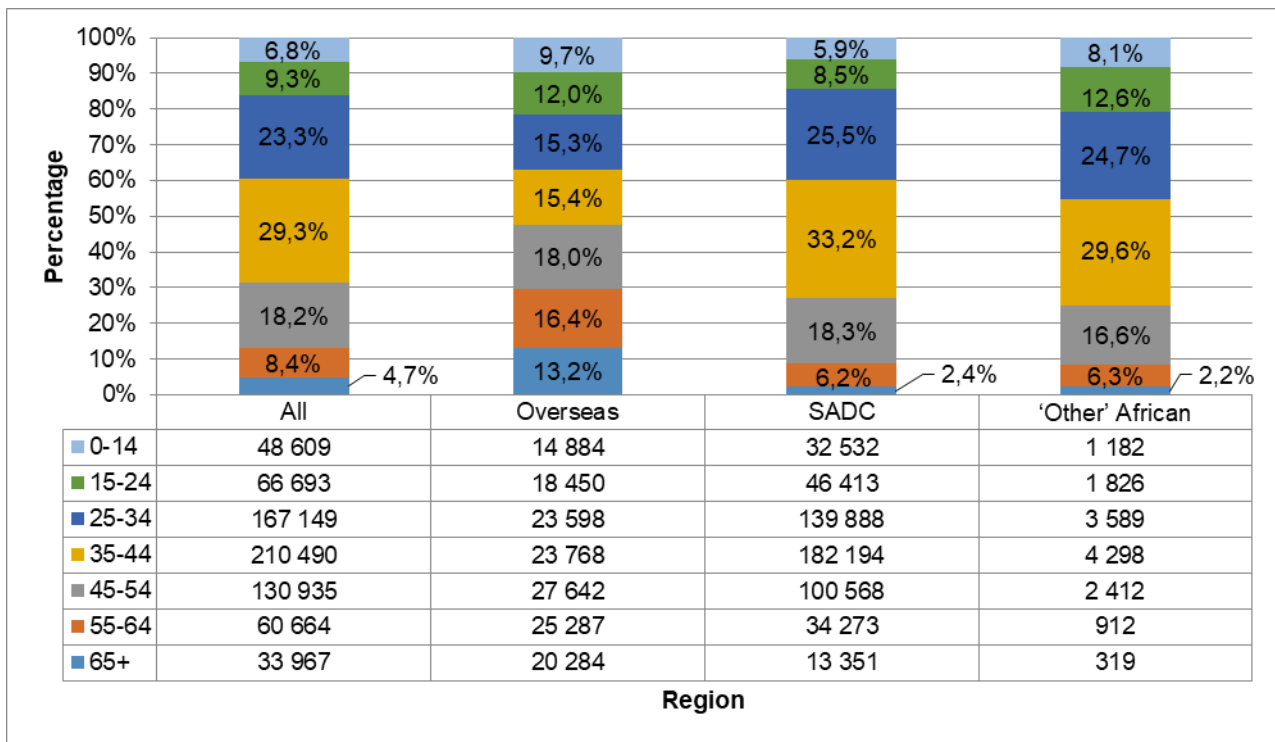


Age

The age distribution indicates that out of all tourists, [48 609 (6,8%)] were aged younger than 15 years; [66 693 (9,3%)] were aged between 15 and 24 years; [167 149 (23,3%)] were aged between 25 and 34 years; [210 490 (29,3%)] were aged between 35 and 44 years; [130 935 (18,2%)] were aged between 45 and 54 years; 60 664 (8,4%) were aged between 55 and 64 years; [33 967 (4,7%)] were aged 65 years and older (see Figure 2 on page 6).

Taking the region of residence into consideration, the results show that the highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [182 194 (33,2%)] and those from 'other' African countries [4 298 (29,6%)] were aged between 35 and 44 years, whereas those from overseas countries [27 642 (18,0%)] were aged between 45 and 54 years. The second highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [139 888 (25,5%)] and those from 'other' African countries [3 589 (24,7%)] were aged between 25 and 34 years, whereas those from overseas countries [25 287 (16,4%)] were aged between 55 and 64 years. The proportion of tourists aged younger than 15 years was higher among tourists from overseas countries, 9,7% (14 884) compared to those from 'other' African countries, 8,1% (1 182) and those from SADC countries, 5,9% (32 532). The median ages of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries were 43, 38 and 36 years, respectively.

Figure 2 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and age, August 2024

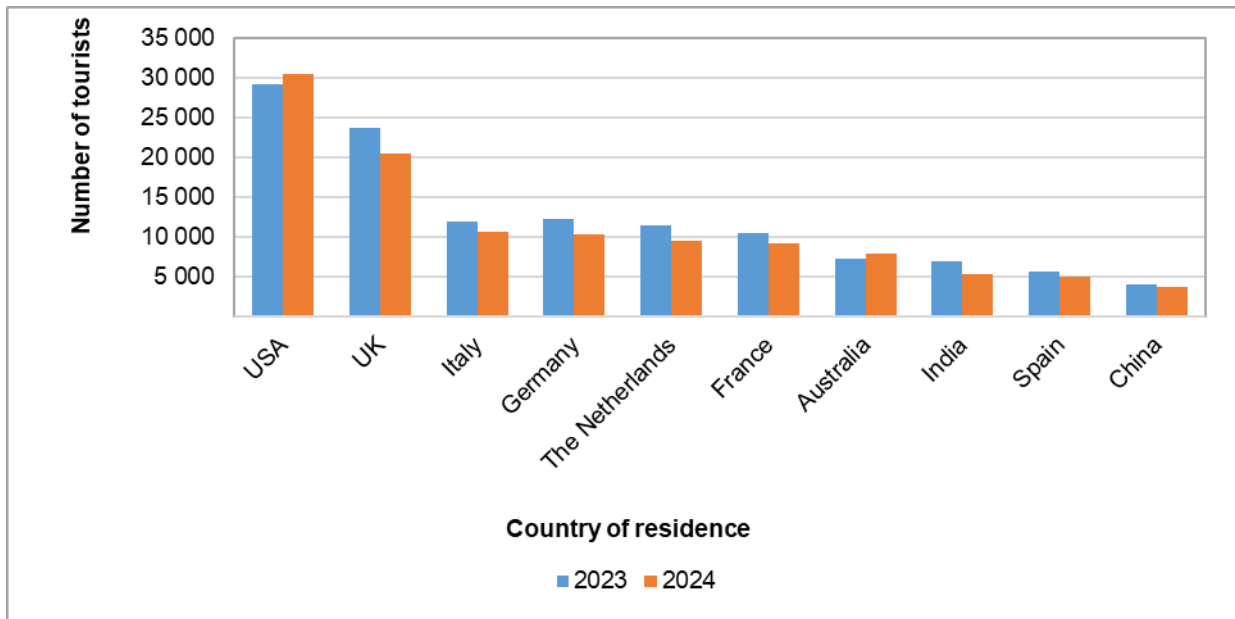


2.3.2 Regional and national distribution of tourists

In August 2024, the distribution of overseas tourists was as follows: Europe, 81 302 (52,8%); North America, 34 285 (22,3%); Asia, 17 042 (11,1%); Australasia, 9 769 (6,3%); Middle East, 6 353 (4,1%) and Central and South America, 5 162 (3,4%) (see Table 4 on page 9).

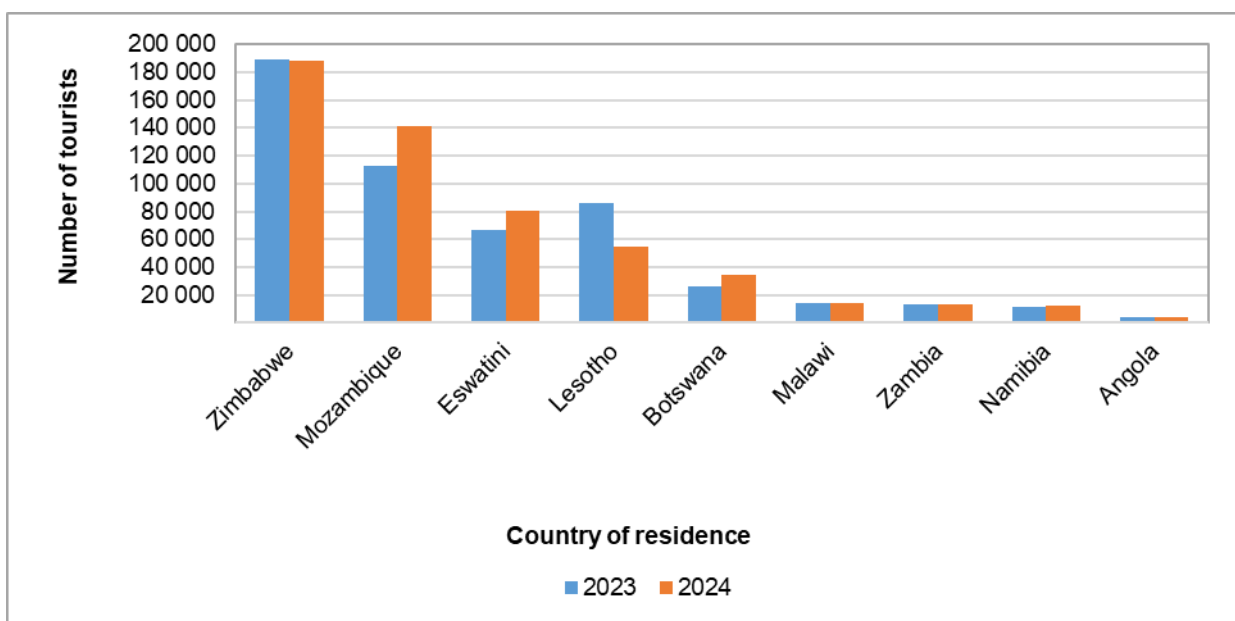
Figure 3 on page 7 indicates that the 10 leading overseas countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in August 2024 were: USA, 30 597 (19,9%); UK, 20 455 (13,3%); Italy, 10 636 (6,9%); Germany, 10 289 (6,7%); The Netherlands, 9 602 (6,2%); France, 9 256 (6,0%); Australia, 7 898 (5,1%); India, 5 406 (3,5%); Spain, 4 972 (3,2%) and China, 3 702 (2,4%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 73,3% of all tourists from overseas countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between August 2023 and August 2024 shows that the number of tourists decreased for 8 of 10 leading countries. India had the highest decrease of 22,3% (from 6 962 tourists in August 2023 to 5 406 tourists in August 2024).

Figure 3 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading overseas countries in August 2023 and August 2024



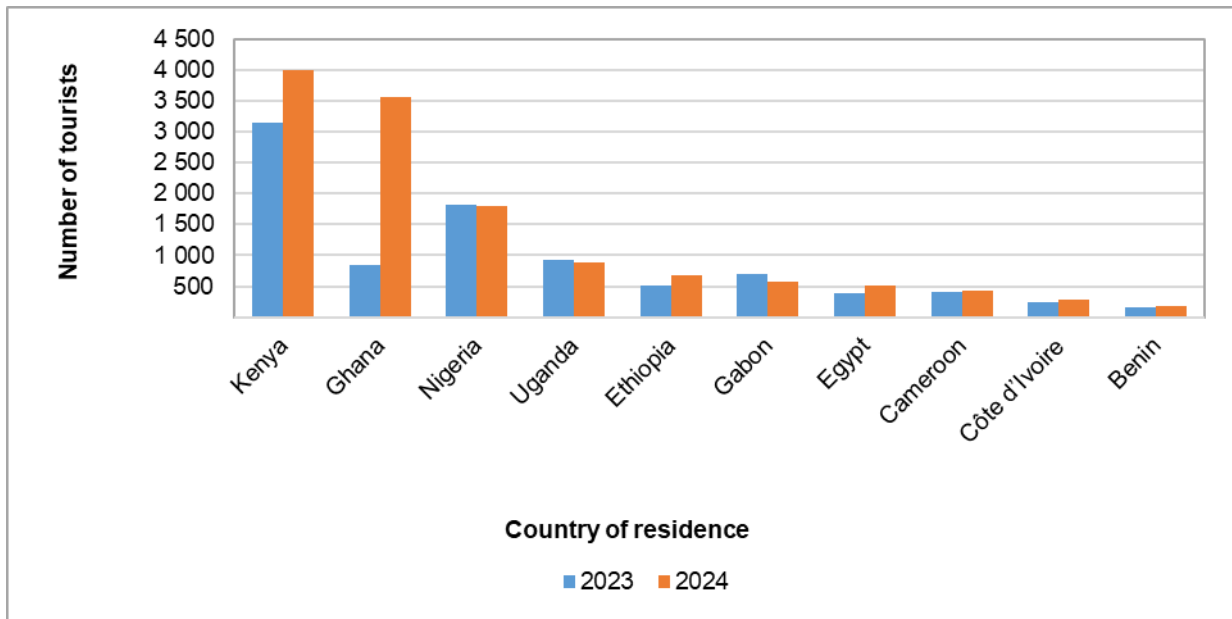
Virtually, most tourists from Africa, 549 220 (97,4%), came from SADC countries. The distribution of the remaining tourists from Africa was as follows: East and Central Africa, 7 082 (1,3%); West Africa, 6 470 (1,1%) and North Africa 986 (0,2%). Ten leading SADC countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in August 2024 were: Zimbabwe, 187 979 (34,2%); Mozambique, 141 277 (25,7%); Eswatini, 80 313 (14,6%); Lesotho, 55 034 (10,0%); Botswana, 34 216 (6,2%); Malawi, 14 319 (2,6%); Zambia, 13 168 (2,4%); Namibia, 12 096 (2,2%); Angola, 3 661 (0,7%) and Tanzania, 2 771 (0,5%) (see Figure 4 below). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 99,2% of all tourists from the SADC countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between August 2023 and August 2024 shows that the number of tourists increased for 8 of the 10 leading countries. Botswana showed the highest increase of 30,8% (from 26 167 tourists in August 2023 to 34 216 tourists in August 2024).

Figure 4 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading SADC countries in August 2023 and August 2024



The 10 leading countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in August 2024 from 'other' African countries, as shown in Figure 5 below, were: Kenya, 3 992 (27,5%); Ghana, 3 567 (24,5%); Nigeria, 1 807 (12,4%); Uganda, 880 (6,1%); Ethiopia, 684 (4,7%); Gabon, 582 (4,0%); Egypt, 503 (3,5%); Cameroon, 431 (3,0%); Côte d'Ivoire, 293 (2,0%) and Benin, 186 (1,3%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 88,9% of all tourists from 'other' African countries. A comparison between movements in August 2023 and August 2024 shows that the number of tourists increased for 7 of 10 leading countries. Ghana showed the highest increase of 327,7% (from 834 tourists in August 2023 to 3 567 tourists in August 2024).

Figure 5 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading 'other' African countries in August 2023 and August 2024



2.3.3 Purpose of visit of tourists

Table 4 on page 9, shows the number of tourists by region and sub-region. Detailed data on the country of residence and purpose of visit is presented in Annexure C on pages 19 to 22. It is observed that in August 2024, the majority of tourists, 696 625 (97,0%), were in South Africa for holiday compared to 19 431 (2,7%); 2 235 (0,3%) and 217 (less than 0,1%) who were in South Africa for business, study and medical treatment respectively.

Within the overseas regions, Australasia, 99,5% (9 725) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for holiday followed by North America, 98,8% (33 888); Europe, 98,7% (80 250); Middle East, 98,6% (6 262); Central and South America, 97,6% (5 036) and Asia, 95,0 % (16 198).

Asia, 3,9% (670) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business, followed by Central and South America, 1,8% (91); North America, 0,9% (300); Europe, 0,8% (691); Middle East, 0,7% (44) and Australasia, 0,4% (35).

Asia, 1,0% (169) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to study, followed by Middle East, 0,7% (46); Central and South America, 0,7% (34); Europe, 0,4% (330); North America, 0,2% (84) and Australasia, 0,1% (5).

Europe (31), North America (13), Asia (5), Australasia (4), Middle East (1) and Central and South America (1) had less than 0,1% of medical treatment tourists.

Majority of African tourists, 544 457 (96,6%) came to South Africa for holiday. However, the following differences in terms of reasons for travel were observed between tourists from the SADC countries and 'other' African countries, namely:

- Holiday makers constituted 96,6% (530 773) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 94,1% (13 684) from 'other' African countries. Information on the regions of 'other' African countries shows that 95,1% (6 156) of tourists from West Africa were on holiday, followed by tourists from East and Central Africa, 94,3% (6 676) and those from North Africa, 86,4% (852).
- Business persons constituted 3,1% (17 151) of tourists from SADC countries and 2,9% (422) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 7,3% (72) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business purposes, followed by East and Central Africa, 3,1% (217) and West Africa, 2,1% (133).
- Students constituted 0,2% (1 165) of tourists from SADC countries compared with 2,8% (402) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 6,2% (61) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for study purposes, followed by West Africa, 2,7% (172) and East and Central Africa, 2,4% (169).
- Tourists who came for medical treatment constituted less than 0,1% (131) of tourists from SADC countries, while those from 'other' African countries constituted 0,2% (30). East and Central Africa, 0,3% (20) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for medical treatment, followed by West Africa, 0,1% (9) and North Africa, 0,1% (1).

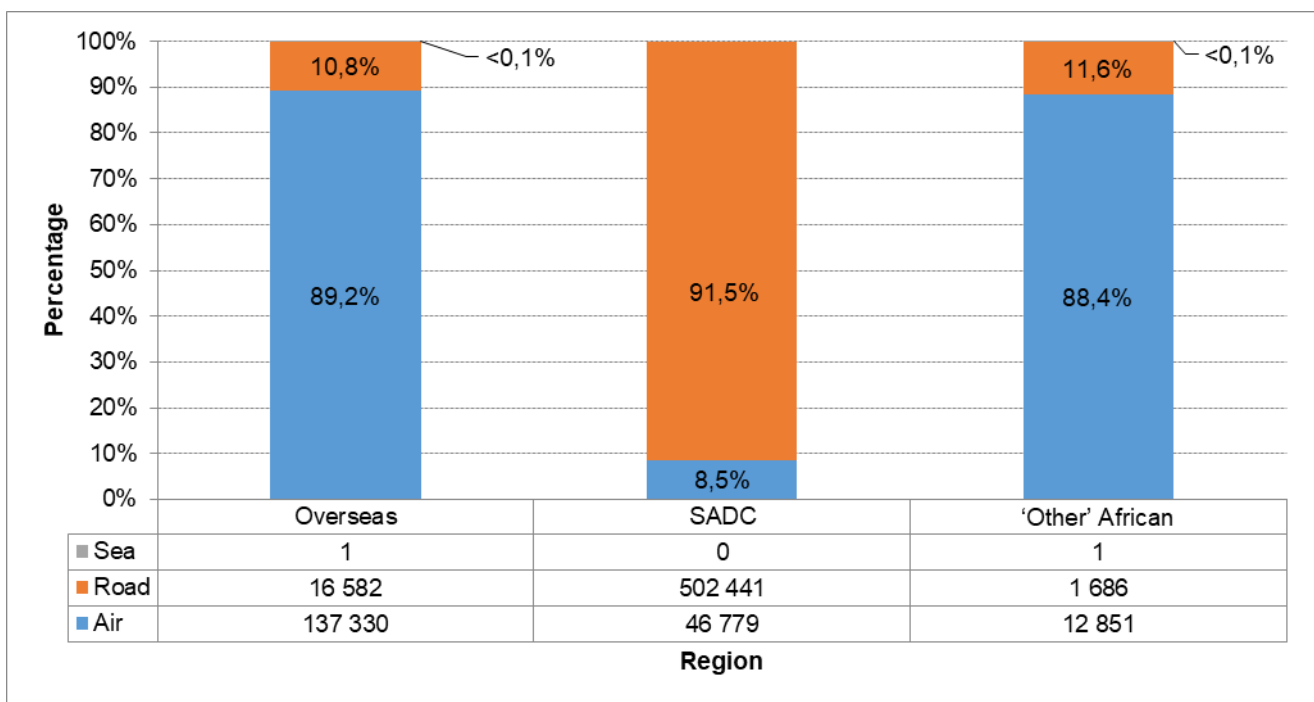
Table 4 – Number of tourists by region of residence and purpose of visit

Region of residence	August 2024	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Total	718 508	19 431	696 625	2 235	217
Overseas	153 913	1 831	151 359	668	55
Europe	81 302	691	80 250	330	31
North America	34 285	300	33 888	84	13
Central and South America	5 162	91	5 036	34	1
Australasia	9 769	35	9 725	5	4
Middle East	6 353	44	6 262	46	1
Asia	17 042	670	16 198	169	5
Africa	563 758	17 573	544 457	1 567	161
SADC	549 220	17 151	530 773	1 165	131
'Other' African	14 538	422	13 684	402	30
East and Central Africa	7 082	217	6 676	169	20
West Africa	6 470	133	6 156	172	9
North Africa	986	72	852	61	1
Unspecified	837	27	809	-	1

2.3.4 Mode of travel of tourists

Tourists are categorised by their countries of residence and regions. Information on the specific region and country of residence of tourists and the mode of travel used to enter South Africa is provided in Annexure B on pages 15 to 18, whereas the port of entry used by tourists is provided in Annexure E on page 27. As shown in Figure 6 below, 137 330 (89,2%) overseas tourists arrived in the country by air, whilst 16 582 (10,8%) came in by road and one (less than 0,1%) arrived by sea. Tourists from the SADC countries, on the other hand, came predominantly by road, 502 441 (91,5%), 46 779 (8,5%) came by air and none arrived by sea. The number of tourists who came into South Africa by air from 'other' African countries was 12 851 (88,4%); while 1 686 (11,6%) used road transport and one (less than 0,1%) preferred sea. Most tourists who arrived by road came through Lebombo port (146 894) and Beit Bridge port (146 734). The majority of tourists who came by air entered through OR Tambo International Airport (151 246). Tourists who arrived by sea came through Cape Town Harbour (2).

Figure 6 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and mode of travel, August 2024



3. Annexures

3.1 Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between August 2023 and August 2024 by country of residence

Country of residence	August 2023	August 2024	Difference between August 2023 and August 2024	% change between August 2023 and August 2024
Total	708 159	718 508	10 349	1,5%
Overseas	165 705	153 913	-11 792	-7,1%
Europe	93 602	81 302	-12 300	-13,1%
Austria	1 258	1 060	-198	-15,7%
Belgium	3 691	3 079	-612	-16,6%
France	10 498	9 256	-1 242	-11,8%
Germany	12 358	10 289	-2 069	-16,7%
Ireland	1 635	1 485	-150	-9,2%
Italy	11 933	10 636	-1 297	-10,9%
Poland	656	727	71	10,8%
Portugal	1 475	1 564	89	6,0%
Russian Federation	1 878	1 481	-397	-21,1%
Spain	5 711	4 972	-739	-12,9%
Sweden	633	740	107	16,9%
Switzerland	1 744	1 566	-178	-10,2%
The Netherlands	11 455	9 602	-1 853	-16,2%
UK	23 804	20 455	-3 349	-14,1%
Other	4 873	4 390	-483	-9,9%
North America	32 933	34 285	1 352	4,1%
Canada	3 633	3 688	55	1,5%
USA	29 300	30 597	1 297	4,4%
Central and South America	2 697	5 162	2 465	91,4%
Argentina	148	325	177	119,6%
Brazil	1 423	3 345	1 922	135,1%
Mexico	312	321	9	2,9%
Other	814	1 171	357	43,9%

Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between August 2023 and August 2024 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	August 2023	August 2024	Difference between August 2023 and August 2024	% change between August 2023 and August 2024
Australasia	8 702	9 769	1 067	12,3%
Australia	7 226	7 898	672	9,3%
New Zealand	1 461	1 862	401	27,4%
Other	15	9	-6	-40,0%
Middle East	8 941	6 353	-2 588	-28,9%
Israel	2 859	708	-2 151	-75,2%
Saudi Arabia	2 775	2 083	-692	-24,9%
United Arab Emirates	1 879	1 783	-96	-5,1%
Other	1 428	1 779	351	24,6%
Asia	18 830	17 042	-1 788	-9,5%
Bangladesh	660	367	-293	-44,4%
China	3 996	3 702	-294	-7,4%
India	6 962	5 406	-1 556	-22,3%
Japan	1 597	1 818	221	13,8%
Malaysia	681	627	-54	-7,9%
Pakistan	1 144	1 204	60	5,2%
Philippines	529	552	23	4,3%
Singapore	666	699	33	5,0%
South Korea	1 119	1 163	44	3,9%
Thailand	338	615	277	82,0%
Other	1 138	889	-249	-21,9%
Africa	541 567	563 758	22 191	4,1%
SADC	530 625	549 220	18 595	3,5%
Angola	3 616	3 661	45	1,2%
Botswana	26 167	34 216	8 049	30,8%
DRC	2 213	2 332	119	5,4%
Eswatini	66 951	80 313	13 362	20,0%

Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between August 2023 and August 2024 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	August 2023	August 2024	Difference between August 2023 and August 2024	% change between August 2023 and August 2024
Lesotho	86 438	55 034	-31 404	-36,3%
Madagascar	288	384	96	33,3%
Malawi	13 780	14 319	539	3,9%
Mauritius	1 351	1 312	-39	-2,9%
Mozambique	113 161	141 277	28 116	24,8%
Namibia	11 758	12 096	338	2,9%
Seychelles	291	358	67	23,0%
Tanzania	2 693	2 771	78	2,9%
Zambia	12 990	13 168	178	1,4%
Zimbabwe	188 928	187 979	-949	-0,5%
'Other' African	10 942	14 538	3 596	32,9%
East and Central Africa	6 309	7 082	773	12,3%
Burundi	98	90	-8	-8,2%
Cameroon	400	431	31	7,8%
Central African Republic	30	5	-25	-83,3%
Chad	52	33	-19	-36,5%
Comoros	68	21	-47	-69,1%
Congo	159	149	-10	-6,3%
Djibouti	27	10	-17	-63,0%
Equatorial Guinea	47	19	-28	-59,6%
Eritrea	46	32	-14	-30,4%
Ethiopia	509	684	175	34,4%
Gabon	700	582	-118	-16,9%
Kenya	3 151	3 992	841	26,7%
Rwanda	52	93	41	78,8%
São Tomé and Príncipe	4	6	2	50,0%
Somalia	49	55	6	12,2%
Uganda	917	880	-37	-4,0%

Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between August 2023 and August 2024 by country of residence (concluded)

Country of residence	August 2023	August 2024	Difference between August 2023 and August 2024	% change between August 2023 and August 2024
West Africa	3 686	6 470	2 784	75,5%
Benin	168	186	18	10,7%
Burkina Faso	48	47	-1	-2,1%
Cape Verde Island	23	25	2	8,7%
Côte d'Ivoire	251	293	42	16,7%
Gambia	37	34	-3	-8,1%
Ghana	834	3 567	2 733	327,7%
Guinea	112	84	-28	-25,0%
Guinea-Bissau	8	9	1	12,5%
Liberia	71	31	-40	-56,3%
Mali	71	130	59	83,1%
Mauritania	9	33	24	266,7%
Niger	3	23	20	666,7%
Nigeria	1 827	1 807	-20	-1,1%
Saint Helena	7	1	-6	-85,7%
Senegal	124	132	8	6,5%
Sierra Leone	38	43	5	13,2%
Togo	55	25	-30	-54,5%
North Africa	947	986	39	4,1%
Algeria	179	65	-114	-63,7%
Egypt	387	503	116	30,0%
Libya	53	53	-	0,0%
Morocco	98	133	35	35,7%
South Sudan	87	42	-45	-51,7%
The Sudan	48	70	22	45,8%
Tunisia	93	119	26	28,0%
Western Sahara	2	1	-1	-50,0%
Unspecified	887	837	-50	-5,6%

3.2 Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, August 2024

Country of residence	August 2024	Air ³				Road	Sea
		Cape Town	OR Tambo	Other	Air Total		
Total	718 508	46 135	151 246	206	197 587	520 919	2
Overseas	153 913	39 377	97 809	144	137 330	16 582	1
Europe	81 302	19 760	49 708	60	69 528	11 773	1
Austria	1 060	281	631	-	912	148	-
Belgium	3 079	542	1 861	1	2 404	675	-
France	9 256	1 454	6 186	4	7 644	1 611	1
Germany	10 289	2 870	6 069	8	8 947	1 342	-
Ireland	1 485	562	830	-	1 392	93	-
Italy	10 636	3 838	5 568	13	9 419	1 217	-
Poland	727	225	423	1	649	78	-
Portugal	1 564	197	619	1	817	747	-
Russian Federation	1 481	524	844	1	1 369	112	-
Spain	4 972	1 121	3 116	2	4 239	733	-
Sweden	740	118	560	-	678	62	-
Switzerland	1 566	342	1 025	1	1 368	198	-
The Netherlands	9 602	2 045	4 511	10	6 566	3 036	-
UK	20 455	4 479	14 659	12	19 150	1 305	-
Other	4 390	1 162	2 806	6	3 974	416	-
North America	34 285	9 323	23 387	52	32 762	1 523	-
Canada	3 688	1 019	2 433	6	3 458	230	-
USA	30 597	8 304	20 954	46	29 304	1 293	-
Central and South America	5 162	899	3 893	4	4 796	366	-
Argentina	325	99	209	-	308	17	-
Brazil	3 345	490	2 603	4	3 097	248	-
Mexico	321	105	208	-	313	8	-
Other	1 171	205	873	-	1 078	93	-

³ Note that the August 2024 data for King Shaka International Airport was not received.

Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, August 2024 (continued)

Country of residence	August 2024	Air				Road	Sea
		Cape Town	OR Tambo	Other	Air Total		
Australasia	9 769	1 314	7 938	11	9 263	506	-
Australia	7 898	1 079	6 417	8	7 504	394	-
New Zealand	1 862	234	1 514	3	1 751	111	-
Other	9	1	7	-	8	1	-
Middle East	6 353	4 143	2 096	7	6 246	107	-
Israel	708	117	574	-	691	17	-
Saudi Arabia	2 083	1 622	433	-	2 055	28	-
United Arab Emirates	1 783	1 470	305	6	1 781	2	-
Other	1 779	934	784	1	1 719	60	-
Asia	17 042	3 938	10 787	10	14 735	2 307	-
Bangladesh	367	37	237	-	274	93	-
China	3 702	716	2 742	-	3 458	244	-
India	5 406	1 085	3 330	8	4 423	983	-
Japan	1 818	450	1 273	-	1 723	95	-
Malaysia	627	233	354	-	587	40	-
Pakistan	1 204	148	572	-	720	484	-
Philippines	552	151	371	-	522	30	-
Singapore	699	227	454	2	683	16	-
South Korea	1 163	356	590	-	946	217	-
Thailand	615	285	315	-	600	15	-
Other	889	250	549	-	799	90	-
Africa	563 758	6 723	52 845	62	59 630	504 127	1
SADC	549 220	5 058	41 669	52	46 779	502 441	-
Angola	3 661	1 280	1 480	-	2 760	901	-
Botswana	34 216	199	2 304	10	2 513	31 703	-
DRC	2 332	94	1 917	2	2 013	319	-
Eswatini	80 313	109	1 032	3	1 144	79 169	-

Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, August 2024 (continued)

Country of residence	August 2024	Air				Road	Sea
		Cape Town	OR Tambo	Other	Air Total		
Lesotho	55 034	8	660	-	668	54 366	-
Madagascar	384	2	371	3	376	8	-
Malawi	14 319	33	2 164	2	2 199	12 120	-
Mauritius	1 312	198	1 061	-	1 259	53	-
Mozambique	141 277	473	3 728	2	4 203	137 074	-
Namibia	12 096	1 041	2 368	2	3 411	8 685	-
Seychelles	358	4	352	-	356	2	-
Tanzania	2 771	153	1 337	2	1 492	1 279	-
Zambia	13 168	100	3 996	8	4 104	9 064	-
Zimbabwe	187 979	1 364	18 899	18	20 281	167 698	-
'Other' African	14 538	1 665	11 176	10	12 851	1 686	1
East and Central Africa	7 082	911	5 311	5	6 227	855	-
Burundi	90	9	69	-	78	12	-
Cameroon	431	43	364	-	407	24	-
Central African Republic	5	-	5	-	5	-	-
Chad	33	3	30	-	33	-	-
Comoros	21	3	18	-	21	-	-
Congo	149	14	119	2	135	14	-
Djibouti	10	2	8	-	10	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	19	2	16	-	18	1	-
Eritrea	32	-	31	-	31	1	-
Ethiopia	684	96	524	-	620	64	-
Gabon	582	62	516	-	578	4	-
Kenya	3 992	563	2 786	3	3 352	640	-
Rwanda	93	2	79	-	81	12	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	6	1	5	-	6	-	-
Somalia	55	9	38	-	47	8	-
Uganda	880	102	703	-	805	75	-

Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, August 2024 (concluded)

Country of residence	August 2024	Air				Road	Sea
		Cape Town	OR Tambo	Other	Air Total		
West Africa	6 470	619	5 067	5	5 691	778	1
Benin	186	22	156	1	179	7	-
Burkina Faso	47	6	41	-	47	-	-
Cape Verde Island	25	2	13	-	15	10	-
Côte d'Ivoire	293	22	258	-	280	13	-
Gambia	34	1	31	-	32	2	-
Ghana	3 567	272	2 796	-	3 068	499	-
Guinea	84	1	51	-	52	32	-
Guinea-Bissau	9	1	6	-	7	2	-
Liberia	31	5	26	-	31	-	-
Mali	130	3	101	2	106	24	-
Mauritania	33	1	32	-	33	-	-
Niger	23	1	21	-	22	1	-
Nigeria	1 807	262	1 358	2	1 622	184	1
Saint Helena	1	-	1	-	1	-	-
Senegal	132	15	115	-	130	2	-
Sierra Leone	43	4	37	-	41	2	-
Togo	25	1	24	-	25	-	-
North Africa	986	135	798	-	933	53	-
Algeria	65	11	51	-	62	3	-
Egypt	503	62	426	-	488	15	-
Libya	53	5	34	-	39	14	-
Morocco	133	22	111	-	133	-	-
South Sudan	42	4	38	-	42	-	-
The Sudan	70	16	34	-	50	20	-
Tunisia	119	15	103	-	118	1	-
Western Sahara	1	-	1	-	1	-	-
Unspecified	837	35	592	-	627	210	-

3.3 Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, August 2024

Country of residence	August 2024	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Total	718 508	19 431	696 625	2 235	217
Overseas	153 913	1 831	151 359	668	55
Europe	81 302	691	80 250	330	31
Austria	1 060	8	1 050	2	-
Belgium	3 079	18	3 041	19	1
France	9 256	46	9 105	105	-
Germany	10 289	90	10 156	43	-
Ireland	1 485	17	1 463	5	-
Italy	10 636	46	10 573	14	3
Poland	727	10	716	1	-
Portugal	1 564	22	1 538	4	-
Russian Federation	1 481	17	1 457	7	-
Spain	4 972	19	4 940	13	-
Sweden	740	22	708	10	-
Switzerland	1 566	12	1 546	8	-
The Netherlands	9 602	57	9 507	21	17
UK	20 455	177	20 225	44	9
Other	4 390	130	4 225	34	1
North America	34 285	300	33 888	84	13
Canada	3 688	33	3 643	10	2
USA	30 597	267	30 245	74	11
Central and South America	5 162	91	5 036	34	1
Argentina	325	4	320	1	-
Brazil	3 345	51	3 276	18	-
Mexico	321	5	314	2	-
Other	1 171	31	1 126	13	1

Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, August 2024 (continued)

Country of residence	August 2024	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Australasia	9 769	35	9 725	5	4
Australia	7 898	25	7 864	5	4
New Zealand	1 862	9	1 853	-	-
Other	9	1	8	-	-
Middle East	6 353	44	6 262	46	1
Israel	708	6	702	-	-
Saudi Arabia	2 083	6	2 065	12	-
United Arab Emirates	1 783	-	1 782	1	-
Other	1 779	32	1 713	33	1
Asia	17 042	670	16 198	169	5
Bangladesh	367	14	351	2	-
China	3 702	238	3 435	29	-
India	5 406	255	5 067	82	2
Japan	1 818	40	1 768	10	-
Malaysia	627	12	615	-	-
Pakistan	1 204	22	1 164	18	-
Philippines	552	14	536	2	-
Singapore	699	5	692	-	2
South Korea	1 163	22	1 122	19	-
Thailand	615	7	608	-	-
Other	889	41	840	7	1
Africa	563 758	17 573	544 457	1 567	161
SADC	549 220	17 151	530 773	1 165	131
Angola	3 661	40	3 548	62	11
Botswana	34 216	609	33 299	298	10
DRC	2 332	36	2 176	66	54
Eswatini	80 313	2 821	77 370	116	6

Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, August 2024 (continued)

Country of residence	August 2024	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Lesotho	55 034	293	54 700	41	-
Madagascar	384	4	379	1	-
Malawi	14 319	249	14 032	34	4
Mauritius	1 312	8	1 290	12	2
Mozambique	141 277	2 991	138 228	52	6
Namibia	12 096	3 285	8 676	122	13
Seychelles	358	-	358	-	-
Tanzania	2 771	67	2 668	35	1
Zambia	13 168	3 435	9 676	48	9
Zimbabwe	187 979	3 313	184 373	278	15
'Other' African	14 538	422	13 684	402	30
East and Central Africa	7 082	217	6 676	169	20
Burundi	90	3	85	2	-
Cameroon	431	14	396	16	5
Central African Republic	5	-	5	-	-
Chad	33	-	26	6	1
Comoros	21	-	21	-	-
Congo	149	5	138	2	4
Djibouti	10	1	9	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	19	-	18	1	-
Eritrea	32	2	30	-	-
Ethiopia	684	44	616	21	3
Gabon	582	1	570	11	-
Kenya	3 992	88	3 820	81	3
Rwanda	93	2	89	2	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	6	-	6	-	-
Somalia	55	3	50	1	1
Uganda	880	54	797	26	3

Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, August 2024 (concluded)

Country of residence	August 2024	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
West Africa	6 470	133	6 156	172	9
Benin	186	2	184	-	-
Burkina Faso	47	5	41	1	-
Cape Verde Island	25	1	24	-	-
Côte d'Ivoire	293	13	266	11	3
Gambia	34	2	32	-	-
Ghana	3 567	34	3 523	9	1
Guinea	84	1	81	2	-
Guinea-Bissau	9	1	8	-	-
Liberia	31	2	29	-	-
Mali	130	3	125	-	2
Mauritania	33	2	31	-	-
Niger	23	1	19	3	-
Nigeria	1 807	52	1 614	138	3
Saint Helena	1	-	1	-	-
Senegal	132	11	116	5	-
Sierra Leone	43	2	39	2	-
Togo	25	1	23	1	-
North Africa	986	72	852	61	1
Algeria	65	2	60	3	-
Egypt	503	46	435	22	-
Libya	53	-	43	10	-
Morocco	133	14	110	9	-
South Sudan	42	3	30	8	1
The Sudan	70	5	62	3	-
Tunisia	119	2	111	6	-
Western Sahara	1	-	1	-	-
Unspecified	837	27	809	-	1

3.4 Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024 by country of residence

Country of residence	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	Difference between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024	% change between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024
Total	5 473 927	5 859 321	385 394	7,0%
Overseas	1 310 895	1 370 058	59 163	4,5%
Europe	776 430	785 026	8 596	1,1%
Austria	12 371	12 585	214	1,7%
Belgium	28 574	28 257	-317	-1,1%
Denmark	11 609	11 427	-182	-1,6%
France	77 498	82 106	4 608	5,9%
Germany	144 660	147 411	2 751	1,9%
Ireland	17 713	18 533	820	4,6%
Italy	35 528	34 689	-839	-2,4%
Portugal	12 879	13 635	756	5,9%
Russian Federation	17 057	17 975	918	5,4%
Spain	20 955	20 993	38	0,2%
Sweden	14 099	14 479	380	2,7%
Switzerland	24 242	24 131	-111	-0,5%
The Netherlands	79 876	82 058	2 182	2,7%
UK	228 689	223 946	-4 743	-2,1%
Other	50 680	52 801	2 121	4,2%
North America	269 348	287 029	17 681	6,6%
Canada	34 033	35 442	1 409	4,1%
USA	235 315	251 587	16 272	6,9%
Central and South America	25 363	49 170	23 807	93,9%
Argentina	2 336	3 666	1 330	56,9%
Brazil	12 300	32 506	20 206	164,3%
Mexico	3 053	3 265	212	6,9%
Other	7 674	9 733	2 059	26,8%

Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	Difference between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024	% change between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024
Australasia	67 724	73 684	5 960	8,8%
Australia	55 455	61 093	5 638	10,2%
New Zealand	12 084	12 408	324	2,7%
Other	185	183	-2	-1,1%
Middle East	40 957	35 407	-5 550	-13,6%
Israel	14 958	5 080	-9 878	-66,0%
Saudi Arabia	12 200	14 551	2 351	19,3%
United Arab Emirates	5 802	6 063	261	4,5%
Other	7 997	9 713	1 716	21,5%
Asia	131 073	139 742	8 669	6,6%
Bangladesh	5 414	3 779	-1 635	-30,2%
China	23 683	27 585	3 902	16,5%
India	54 867	52 472	-2 395	-4,4%
Japan	7 908	11 707	3 799	48,0%
Malaysia	3 600	4 056	456	12,7%
Pakistan	8 648	8 737	89	1,0%
Philippines	4 022	4 367	345	8,6%
Singapore	4 641	6 090	1 449	31,2%
South Korea	6 620	9 005	2 385	36,0%
Thailand	3 069	3 701	632	20,6%
Other	8 601	8 243	-358	-4,2%
Africa	4 154 862	4 481 760	326 898	7,9%
SADC	4 073 997	4 378 915	304 918	7,5%
Angola	26 615	25 261	-1 354	-5,1%
Botswana	210 625	241 320	30 695	14,6%
DRC	13 209	18 502	5 293	40,1%
Eswatini	462 071	542 842	80 771	17,5%

Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	Difference between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024	% change between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024
Lesotho	797 011	632 116	-164 895	-20,7%
Madagascar	2 194	2 904	710	32,4%
Malawi	84 656	95 508	10 852	12,8%
Mauritius	10 677	11 215	538	5,0%
Mozambique	878 309	1 063 355	185 046	21,1%
Namibia	100 876	102 121	1 245	1,2%
Seychelles	2 737	2 605	-132	-4,8%
Tanzania	21 155	23 273	2 118	10,0%
Zambia	90 580	100 914	10 334	11,4%
Zimbabwe	1 373 282	1 516 979	143 697	10,5%
'Other' African	80 865	102 845	21 980	27,2%
East and Central Africa	46 230	50 765	4 535	9,8%
Burundi	656	796	140	21,3%
Cameroon	2 825	2 732	-93	-3,3%
Central African Republic	137	110	-27	-19,7%
Chad	277	258	-19	-6,9%
Comoros	264	189	-75	-28,4%
Congo	1 062	975	-87	-8,2%
Djibouti	77	60	-17	-22,1%
Equatorial Guinea	209	190	-19	-9,1%
Eritrea	249	301	52	20,9%
Ethiopia	3 771	4 797	1 026	27,2%
Gabon	2 793	2 738	-55	-2,0%
Kenya	25 002	28 572	3 570	14,3%
Réunion	20	39	19	95,0%
Rwanda	611	708	97	15,9%
São Tomé and Príncipe	53	70	17	32,1%
Somalia	418	555	137	32,8%
Uganda	7 806	7 675	-131	-1,7%

Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024 by country of residence (concluded)

Country of residence	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	Difference between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024	% change between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024
West Africa	26 540	43 796	17 256	65,0%
Benin	1 101	1 241	140	12,7%
Burkina Faso	468	394	-74	-15,8%
Cape Verde Island	201	193	-8	-4,0%
Côte d'Ivoire	1 480	1 654	174	11,8%
Gambia	265	247	-18	-6,8%
Ghana	6 995	22 163	15 168	216,8%
Guinea	880	768	-112	-12,7%
Guinea-Bissau	54	61	7	13,0%
Liberia	431	308	-123	-28,5%
Mali	713	683	-30	-4,2%
Mauritania	123	136	13	10,6%
Niger	194	180	-14	-7,2%
Nigeria	11 966	14 195	2 229	18,6%
Saint Helena	39	16	-23	-59,0%
Senegal	989	962	-27	-2,7%
Sierra Leone	330	357	27	8,2%
Togo	311	238	-73	-23,5%
North Africa	8 095	8 284	189	2,3%
Algeria	761	482	-279	-36,7%
Egypt	3 809	3 882	73	1,9%
Libya	414	440	26	6,3%
Morocco	989	1 080	91	9,2%
South Sudan	552	509	-43	-7,8%
The Sudan	772	591	-181	-23,4%
Tunisia	788	1 284	496	62,9%
Western Sahara	10	16	6	60,0%
Unspecified	8 170	7 503	-667	-8,2%

3.7 Annexure E – Number of tourists by port of entry and province, August 2024

PortName and province	Frequency
Total	718 508
Western Cape	46 137
Cape Town International Airport	46 135
Cape Town Harbour	2
Eastern Cape	3 160
Telle Bridge	3 160
Northern Cape	8 568
Violsdrift	4 196
Nakop	4 372
Free State	50 678
Ficksburg	40 091
Caledonspoort	10 587
KwaZulu Natal	26 031
Kosibay	7 669
Golela	18 362
North West	35 999
Kopfontein	20 568
Schilpad Gate	8 957
Ramathlabama	6 474
Gauteng	151 452
Oliver Tambo International Airport	151 246
Lanseria International Airport	206
Mpumalanga	227 759
Lebombo	146 894
Oshoek	43 271
Jeppes Reef	13 429
Mananga	11 957
Mahamba	7 278
Nerston	399
Emahlatini	4 531
Limpopo	168 724
Beit Bridge	146 734
Groblers Bridge	21 990

4. Explanatory notes

4.1 Introduction

Legal movements across South African borders, as well as legal immigration into South Africa, fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Home Affairs (DHA). Stats SA then processes, analyses and publishes this information.

Administrative data sources from the DHA, that is, information from all the country's ports of entry and applications for permanent residence, constitute the only comprehensive source of information on foreign arrivals and departures, documented immigrants and emigrants. The information from this source of data provides the best national coverage (in terms of both space and time) of the population movements of South African residents and foreign travellers. The data can be used for the following:

- To estimate, monitor and understand salient characteristics of foreign travellers and volumes of South African residents travelling outside South Africa.
- To provide information that can be used to (a) assess the extent of government's progress in strengthening bilateral political and economic relations by assessing the number of international tourist arrivals, and (b) benchmark surveys focusing on the demand for local tourism services by foreign travellers.

4.2 Purpose of the statistical release

This release reports on arrivals, departures and transit travellers of South African residents and foreign travellers. Detailed information on the age and sex distribution; mode of travel; national and regional distribution; and purpose of travel of overnight visitors or tourists are also provided.

4.3 Scope and coverage

The release covers data collected by DHA officials on travellers who departed from or entered the Republic of South Africa (RSA). It is crucial to note that unlike data from census or sample surveys that count individual persons, border statistics by their nature, measure events i.e. movements of persons rather than the physical persons. The reason is that the same person can cross the border several times during a specified time and his or her information is recorded every time he or she passes through the border.

4.4 Data

Information published in this release is based on data obtained from the following data sources within the DHA:

- Data routinely collected by immigration officers at all road, air and sea entry ports on all travellers (South African residents and foreign travellers) arriving into or departing from South Africa are captured into the DHA's population Movement Control System (MCS). The counts/statistics relate to the number of individual movements, rather than to the number of people. Hence, the multiple movements of individual people during the calendar month are each counted separately. Generally, the data are collected directly from travel documents either by scanning or capturing onto the ports' electronic database. No forms or cards are used (except on rare occasions when the capturing system is down) to collect information from travellers. Individual ports regularly transmit data onto the national database at the head office of the DHA.
- Stats SA receives downloaded data covering a particular calendar month from the DHA.
- As part of data interrogation, data from OR Tambo International Airport, which has the highest volume of travellers, are compared with passenger statistics from the Airports Company of South Africa (ACSA). As expected, in any specific month, an increase in the volume of passengers reported by ACSA is also reflected in an increase in the volume of travellers recorded by DHA. A similar pattern has also been observed when the volume of travellers decreased. **In August 2024, the DHA data was 5,7% lower than that of ACSA.**

4.5 Limitations

4.5.1 Outbound tourists

The information on the total number of arrivals and departures of South African residents is collected from the scanning of passports. However, data on the country visited are not collected from passengers; country of final destination; intended duration of stay and purpose of visit. With this limitation, it is impossible to identify the number of tourists from the data on South African residents.

4.6 Definition of terms

4.6.1 Definitions used by the United Nations Tourism (UN Tourism)

Traveller is someone who moves between different geographical locations for any purpose and any duration.

Visitor refers to any person travelling to a place other than that of his/her usual environment for less than 12 months and whose main purpose of the trip is other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited.

Same-Day visitor is a visitor who visits a place for less than one night.

Tourist (overnight visitor) is a visitor who stays at least one night in collective or private accommodation in the place visited.

Tourism comprises the activities of persons travelling to, and staying in places outside their usual environment, for not more than one consecutive year, for leisure, business and other purposes. The usual environment of a person consists of a certain area around his/her place of residence, plus all the other places he/she frequently visits.

4.6.2 Definitions used specifically in this release

South African resident refers to either a South African citizen or a non-South African citizen with a South African permanent residence permit.

Foreign traveller refers to a traveller who is not a South African citizen or permanent resident.

Region refers to the following country classification:

- Overseas: Europe, North America, Central and South America, Australasia, the Middle East and Asia.
- Africa: SADC and 'other' Africa (East and Central Africa, West Africa and North Africa).

Country refers to individual countries within a region. The country of residence is used. The country of residence should not be confused with the country from which the visitor travelled.

Africa refers to all the countries in Africa (both mainland and island countries).

SADC refers to the fourteen countries, excluding South Africa, which belong to the Southern African Development Community.

'Other' African refers to all non-SADC African countries.

Overseas refers to all countries outside Africa.

Trip refers to the arrival and departure of a visitor in a specified month.

4.7 Symbols used

- = nil

< = less than

4.8 Rounding off

Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

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