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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 December 2024. Specific focus is on foreign tourists who entered the country in December 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 due to lack of network coverage at those ports; however, the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) is addressing this problem. Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) is constantly in communication with the department and more ports of entry/exit will have data and thus improve coverage.

1. Highlights of the results

In December 2024, 3 437 376 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) entered and exited South Africa. They were made up of 1 036 366 (30,1%) South African residents and 2 401 010 (69,9%) foreign travellers. Foreign arrivals were made up of 27 473 (2,3%) non-visitors and 1 187 777 (97,7%) visitors. Visitors consisted of 267 630 (22,5%) same-day visitors and 920 147 (77,5%) overnight visitors (tourists).

Tourists

Overseas tourists constituted 24,1% (222 163) of all tourists. United Kingdom (UK) (43 018), United States of America (USA) (36 361) and Germany (26 703) contributed 47,7% to overseas tourists. Tourists from Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries constituted 73,8% (679 406) of all tourists. Zimbabwe (192 779), Mozambique (144 824) and Lesotho (134 116) contributed 69,4% to SADC tourists. 'Other' African countries (non-SADC) tourists were 1,9% (17 460) of all tourists. Kenya (5 626), Ghana (3 534) and Nigeria (2 086) contributed 64,4% to 'other' African tourists. The country of residence of 1 118 (0,1%) tourists was classified as unspecified.

Purpose of visit

'Holiday'¹ continues to be the main purpose of visit. About 97,9% 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 DHA immigration officers at the ports of entry into and out of South Africa shows that a total of 3 437 376 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) passed through South African ports in December 2024. As presented in Table 1 below, these travellers were made up of 1 036 366 South African residents and 2 401 010 foreign travellers. A further breakdown of the figures for South African residents indicates that there were 467 578 arrivals, 568 257 departures and 531 travellers in transit. The corresponding volume for foreign arrivals, departures and travellers in transit was 1 215 250, 1 152 618 and 33 142 respectively.

A comparison between the movements in November 2024 and December 2024 indicates that the volume of arrivals and departures increased for both South African residents and foreign travellers, whereas transits decreased for both groups of travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals increased by 52,3% (from 307 019 in November 2024 to 467 578 in December 2024). Departures increased by 83,5% (from 309 611 in November 2024 to 568 257 in December 2024) and transits decreased by 3,3% (from 549 in November 2024 to 531 in December 2024). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 21,2% (from 1 002 928 in November 2024 to 1 215 250 in December 2024), departures increased by 38,1% (from 834 756 in November 2024 to 1 152 618 in December 2024), and transits decreased by 19,3% (from 41 093 in November 2024 to 33 142 in December 2024).

A comparison between the movements in December 2023 and December 2024 indicates that the volume of arrivals decreased for South African residents but increased for foreign travellers whereas that of departures decreased for both groups of travellers. The volume of transits increased for South African residents but decreased for foreign travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals decreased by 1,2% (from 473 131 in December 2023 to 467 578 in December 2024), departures decreased by 8,4% (from 620 598 in December 2023 to 568 257 in December 2024) and transits increased by 18,8% (from 447 in December 2023 to 531 in December 2024). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 2,7% (from 1 183 035 in December 2023 to 1 215 250 in December 2024), departures decreased by 1,3% (from 1 167 550 in December 2023 to 1 152 618 in December 2024) and transits decreased by 2,6% (from 34 022 in December 2023 to 33 142 in December 2024).

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

Travel Direction	December 2023	November 2024	December 2024	% Change Nov 2024 – Dec 2024	% Change Dec 2023 – Dec 2024
Total	3 478 783	2 495 956	3 437 376	37,7%	-1,2%
South African residents	1 094 176	617 179	1 036 366	67,9%	-5,3%
Arrivals	473 131	307 019	467 578	52,3%	-1,2%
Departures	620 598	309 611	568 257	83,5%	-8,4%
Transits	447	549	531	-3,3%	18,8%
Foreign travellers	2 384 607	1 878 777	2 401 010	27,8%	0,7%
Arrivals	1 183 035	1 002 928	1 215 250	21,2%	2,7%
Departures	1 167 550	834 756	1 152 618	38,1%	-1,3%
Transits	34 022	41 093	33 142	-19,3%	-2,6%

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 December 2024, road was the most common mode of travel used by 2 259 967 (65,7%) of the 3 437 376 travellers. The total number of air travellers was 1 116 088 (32,5%). Compared to air and road, a smaller number of travellers, 61 321 (1,8%) used sea into and out of South Africa. Information on arrivals of South African residents shows that 220 033 (47,1%) came by air, 226 869 (48,5%) came by road and 20 676 (4,4%) arrived by sea. For departures, 252 261 (44,4%) used air, 295 783 (52,1%) used road and 20 213 (3,6%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 531 (100,0%) used air.

In the case of foreign travellers, 317 572 (26,1%) arrived by air, 883 235 (72,7%) came by road and 14 443 (1,2%) arrived by sea. When departing South Africa, 292 549 (25,4%) foreign travellers left by air, 854 080 (74,1%) left by road and 5 989 (0,5%) left by sea. Of all travellers in transit, 33 142 (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				Road	Sea	
		Cape Town	King Shaka	O.R. Tambo	Other			Total
Total	3 437 376	310 282	32 495	771 374	1 937	1 116 088	2 259 967	61 321
South African residents	1 036 366	88 336	23 099	360 199	1 191	472 825	522 652	40 889
Arrivals	467 578	44 992	10 063	164 408	570	220 033	226 869	20 676
Departures	568 257	43 335	13 036	195 269	621	252 261	295 783	20 213
Transit	531	9	-	522	-	531	-	-
Foreign travellers	2 401 010	221 946	9 396	411 175	746	643 263	1 737 315	20 432
Arrivals	1 215 250	116 624	4 923	195 662	363	317 572	883 235	14 443
Departures	1 152 618	104 689	4 469	183 008	383	292 549	854 080	5 989
Transit	33 142	633	4	32 505	-	33 142	-	-
Visitors	1 187 777	113 931	4 312	191 492	254	309 989	869 112	8 676
Same-day	267 630	1 397	16	15 870	61	17 344	249 254	1 032
Overnight/ (Tourists)	920 147	112 534	4 296	175 622	193	292 645	619 858	7 644

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 December 2024, 27 473 (2,3%) of foreign arrivals were classified as non-visitors, while 1 187 777 (97,7%) were classified as visitors. Visitors were categorised into three groups:

- Arrivals only – comprising visitors who entered the country in December 2024 but did not depart in December 2024 [439 816 (37,0%)].
- Single trips – visitors who came to South Africa once in December 2024 and left in December 2024 [403 137 (33,9%)].
- Multiple trips – visitors who came to and left South Africa more than once in December 2024 [344 824 (29,0%)].

Visitors were further grouped as same-day visitors and overnight visitors/ (tourists). In December 2024, there were 267 630 (22,5%) same-day visitors and 920 147 (77,5%) tourists. Between November 2024 and December 2024, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 29,2% (from 207 215 in November 2024 to 267 630 in December 2024) and that of tourists increased by 19,8% (from 767 927 in November 2024 to 920 147 in December 2024). Between December 2023 and December 2024, the volume of same-day visitors decreased by 10,1% (from 297 585 in December 2023 to 267 630 in December 2024) whereas that of tourists increased by 6,7% (from 862 460 in December 2023 to 920 147 in December 2024).

Table 2 on page 3 further shows that of the 267 630 same-day visitors, a majority, 249 254 (93,1%) arrived in the country by road, 17 344 (6,5%) arrived by air and 1 032 (0,4%) arrived by sea. Information on tourists shows that 619 858 (67,4%) came by road, 292 645 (31,8%) used air and 7 644 (0,8%) used sea.

Table 3 – Number of visitors by type of visitor

Travel Direction	December 2023	November 2024	December 2024	% Change Nov 2024 – Dec 2024	% Change Dec 2023 – Dec 2024
Foreign arrivals	1 183 035	1 002 928	1 215 250	21,2%	2,7%
Non-visitors	22 990	27 786	27 473	-1,1%	19,5%
Visitors	1 160 045	975 142	1 187 777	21,8%	2,4%
Visitors	1 160 045	975 142	1 187 777	21,8%	2,4%
Arrivals only	378 171	380 544	439 816	15,6%	16,3%
Single trips	407 369	326 824	403 137	23,3%	-1,0%
Multiple trips	374 505	267 774	344 824	28,8%	-7,9%
Visitors	1 160 045	975 142	1 187 777	21,8%	2,4%
Same-day	297 585	207 215	267 630	29,2%	-10,1%
Overnight/ (Tourists)	862 460	767 927	920 147	19,8%	6,7%

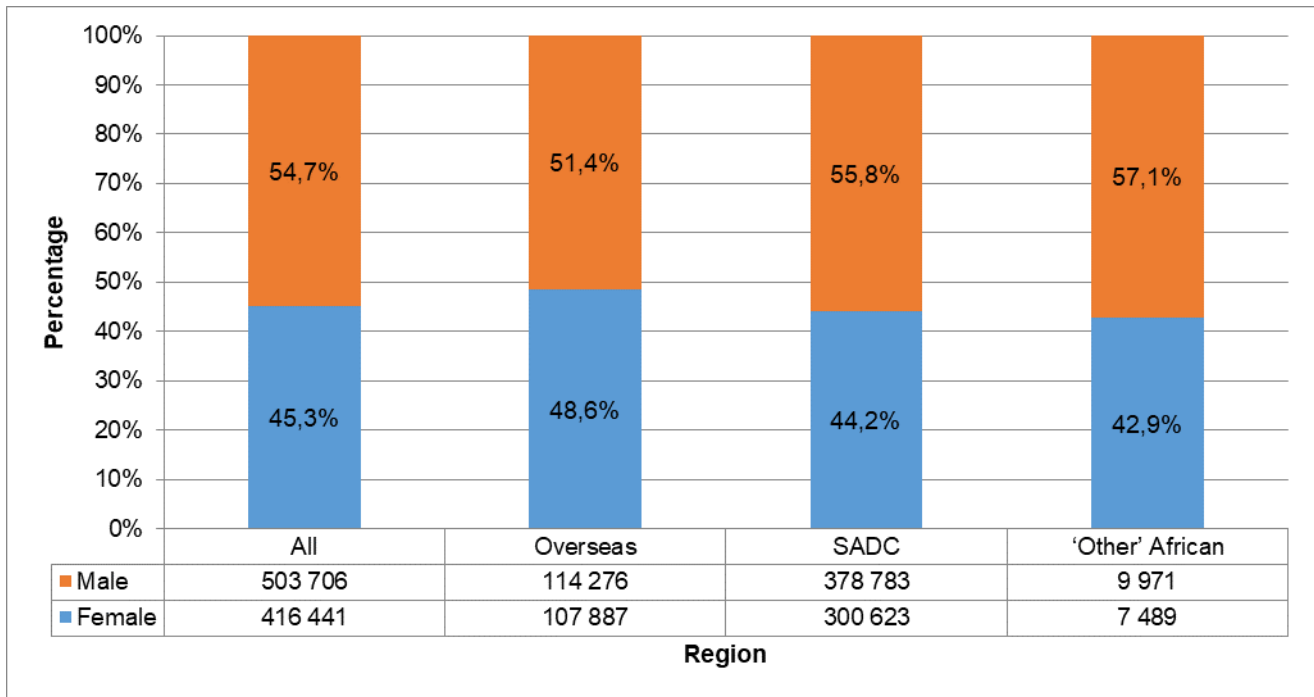
2.3 Tourists

2.3.1 Sex and age distribution of tourists

Sex

Figure 1 on page 5 shows that there were more male [503 706 (54,7%)] than female [416 441 (45,3%)] tourists. Male tourists constituted the majority of tourists for all three regions, SADC countries [378 783 (55,8%)], overseas countries [114 276 (51,4%)] and 'other' African countries [9 971 (57,1%)]. Similarly, the largest portion of female tourists was from SADC countries [300 623 (44,2%)], followed by overseas countries [107 887 (48,6%)] and 'other' African countries [7 489 (42,9%)].

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

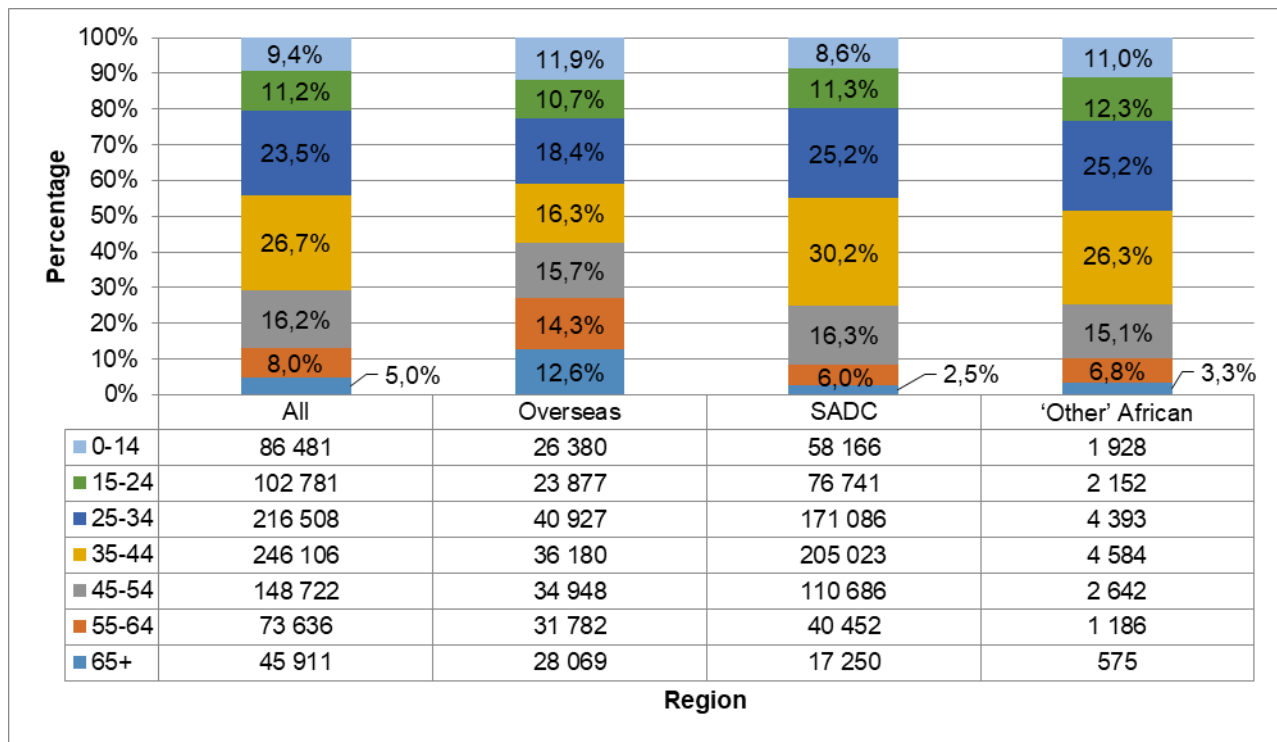


Age

The age distribution indicates that out of all tourists, [9,4% (86 481)] were aged younger than 15; [11,2% (102 781)] were aged between 15 and 24; [23,5% (216 508)] were aged between 25 and 34; [26,7% (246 106)] were aged between 35 and 44; [16,2% (148 722)] were aged between 45 and 54; [8,0% (73 636)] were aged between 55 and 64; [5,0% (45 911)] were aged 65 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 [30,2% (205 023)] and those from 'other' African countries [26,3% (4 584)] were aged between 35 and 44. In contrast, those from overseas countries [18,4% (40 927)] were aged between 25 and 34. The second highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [25,2% (171 086)] and those from 'other' African countries [25,2% (4 393)] were aged between 25 and 34, whereas those from overseas countries [16,3% (36 180)] were aged between 35 and 44. The proportion of tourists aged younger than 15 was higher among tourists from overseas countries, 11,9% (26 380) and those from 'other' African countries, 11,0% (1 928) compared to those from SADC countries, 8,6% (58 166). The median ages of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries were 40, 36 and 35 years, respectively.

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

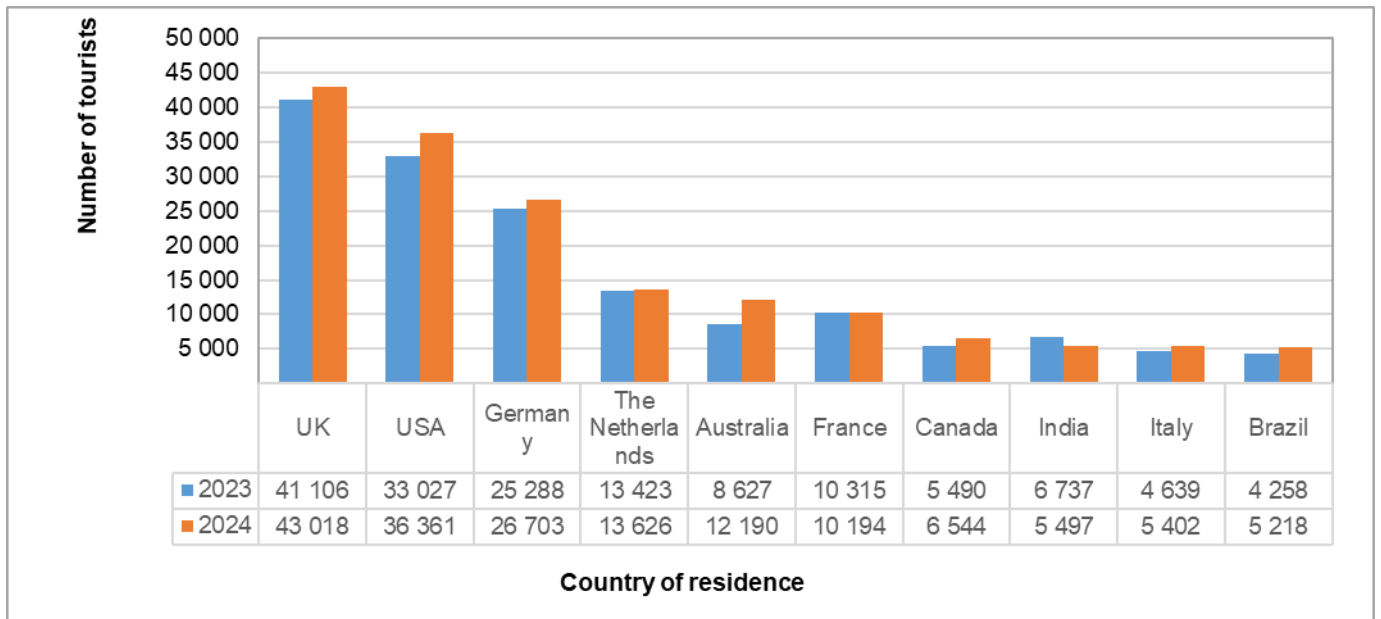


2.3.2 Regional and national distribution of tourists

In December 2024, the distribution of overseas tourists was as follows: Europe, 137 721 (62,0%); North America, 42 905 (19,3%); Asia, 16 858 (7,6%); Australasia, 15 180 (6,8%); Central and South America, 7 332 (3,3%) and Middle East, 2 167 (1,0%) (see Table 4 on page 9).

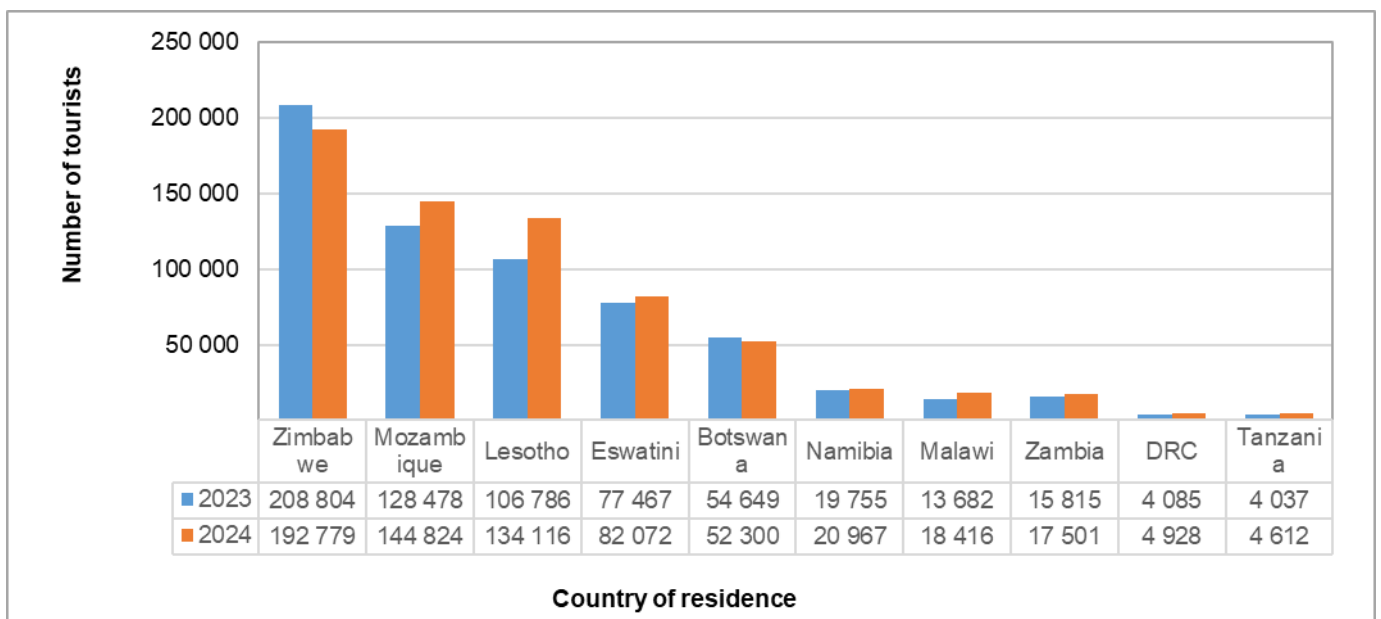
Figure 3 on page 7 indicates that the 10 leading overseas countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in December 2024 were: UK, 43 018 (19,4%); USA, 36 361 (16,4%); Germany, 26 703 (12,0%); The Netherlands, 13 626 (6,1%); Australia, 12 190 (5,5%); France, 10 194 (4,6%); Canada, 6 544 (2,9%); India, 5 497 (2,5%); Italy, 5 402 (2,4%) and Brazil, 5 218 (2,3%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 74,2% of all tourists from overseas countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between December 2023 and December 2024 shows that the number of tourists increased for 8 of 10 leading countries. Australia had the highest increase of 41,3% (from 8 627 tourists in December 2023 to 12 190 tourists in December 2024).

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



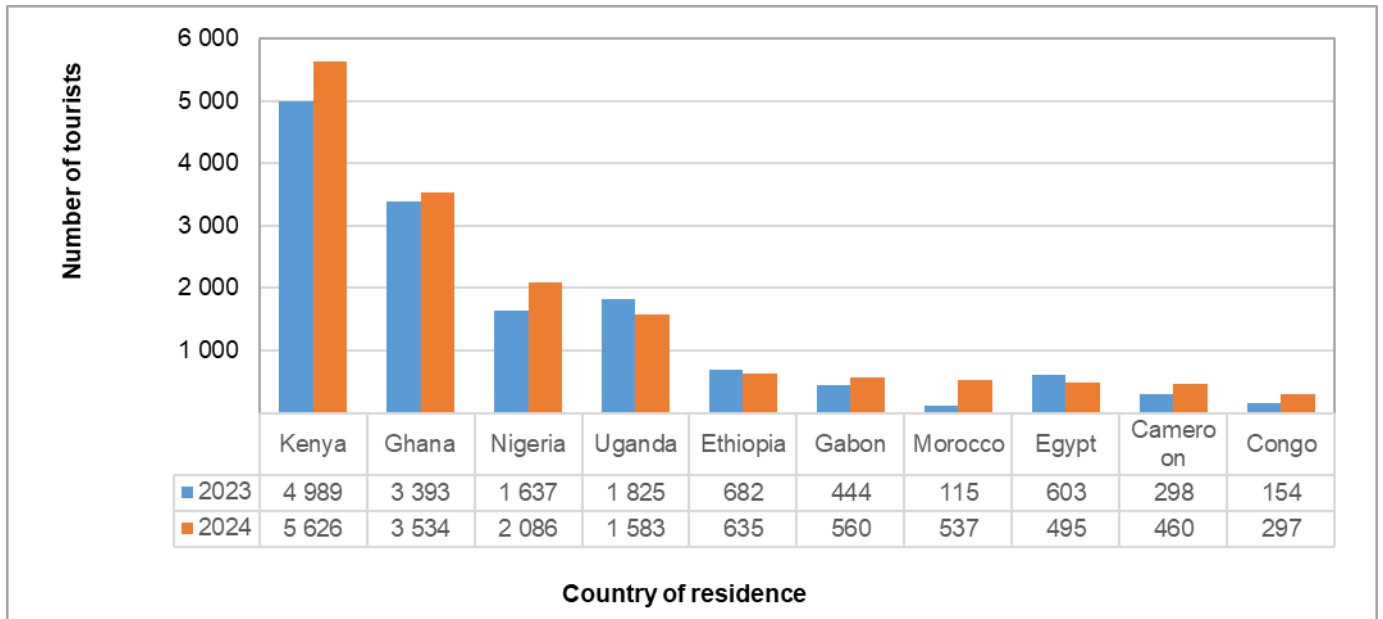
Virtually, most tourists from Africa, 679 406 (97,5%), came from SADC countries. The distribution of the remaining tourists from Africa was as follows: East and Central Africa, 9 586 (1,4%); West Africa, 6 478 (0,9%) and North Africa 1 396 (0,2%). Ten leading SADC countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in December 2024 were: Zimbabwe, 192 779 (28,4%); Mozambique, 144 824 (21,3%); Lesotho, 134 116 (19,7%); Eswatini, 82 072 (12,1%); Botswana, 52 300 (7,7%); Namibia, 20 967 (3,1%); Malawi, 18 416 (2,7%); Zambia, 17 501 (2,6%); Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), 4 928 (0,7%) and Tanzania, 4 612 (0,7%) (see Figure 4 below). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 99,0% of all tourists from the SADC countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between December 2023 and December 2024 shows that the number of tourists increased for 8 of the 10 leading countries. Malawi showed the highest increase of 34,6% (from 13 682 tourists in December 2023 to 18 416 tourists in December 2024).

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



The 10 leading countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in December 2024 from 'other' African countries, as shown in Figure 5 below, were: Kenya, 5 626 (32,2%); Ghana, 3 534 (20,2%); Nigeria, 2 086 (11,9%); Uganda, 1 583 (9,1%); Ethiopia, 635 (3,6%); Gabon, 560 (3,2%); Morocco, 537 (3,1%); Egypt, 495 (2,8%); Cameroon, 460 (2,6%) and Congo, 297 (1,7%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 90,6% of all tourists from 'other' African countries. A comparison between movements in December 2023 and December 2024 shows that the number of tourists increased for 7 of 10 leading countries. Morocco showed the highest increase of 367,0% (from 115 tourists in December 2023 to 537 tourists in December 2024).

Figure 5 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading 'other' African countries in December 2023 and December 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 21 to 24. It is observed that in December 2024, the majority of tourists, 900 784 (97,9%), were in South Africa for holiday compared to 17 201 (1,9%); 1 904 (0,2%) and 258 (less than 0,1%) who were in South Africa for business, study and medical treatment respectively.

Within the overseas regions, Australasia, 99,8% (15 153) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for holiday followed by North America, 99,3% (42 605); Europe, 99,2% (136 615); Central and South America, 99,0% (7 258); Middle East, 96,7% (2 095) and Asia, 95,2% (16 041).

Asia, 3,8% (639) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business, followed by Middle East, 2,4% (52); Central and South America, 0,7% (50); Europe, 0,6% (838); North America, 0,6% (256) and Australasia, 0,1% (20).

Asia, 1,0% (170) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to study, followed by Middle East, 0,9% (20); Central and South America, 0,3% (24); Europe, 0,2% (246); North America, 0,1% (42) and Australasia, less than 0,1% (5).

Europe (22), Asia (8), Australasia (2) and North America (2) had less than 0,1% of medical treatment tourists, whereas Central and South America and Middle East had none.

Majority of African tourists, 679 984 (97,6%) 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 97,6% (663 171) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 96,3% (16 813) from 'other' African countries. Information on the regions of 'other' African countries shows that 96,8% (9 283) of tourists from East and Central Africa were on holiday, followed by tourists from West Africa, 96,1% (6 225) and those from North Africa, 93,5% (1 305).
- Business persons constituted 2,2% (14 876) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 2,2% (388) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 4,9% (69) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business purposes, followed by West Africa, 2,2% (143) and East and Central Africa, 1,8% (176).
- Students constituted 0,2% (1 174) of tourists from SADC countries compared with 1,3% (223) from 'other' African countries. West Africa, 1,5% (94) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for study purposes, followed by North Africa, 1,4% (20) and East and Central Africa, 1,1% (109).
- Tourists who came for medical treatment constituted less than 0,1% (185) of tourists from SADC countries, while those from 'other' African countries constituted 0,2% (36). East and Central Africa, 0,2% (18) and West Africa, 0,2% (16) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for medical treatment, followed by North Africa, 0,1% (2).

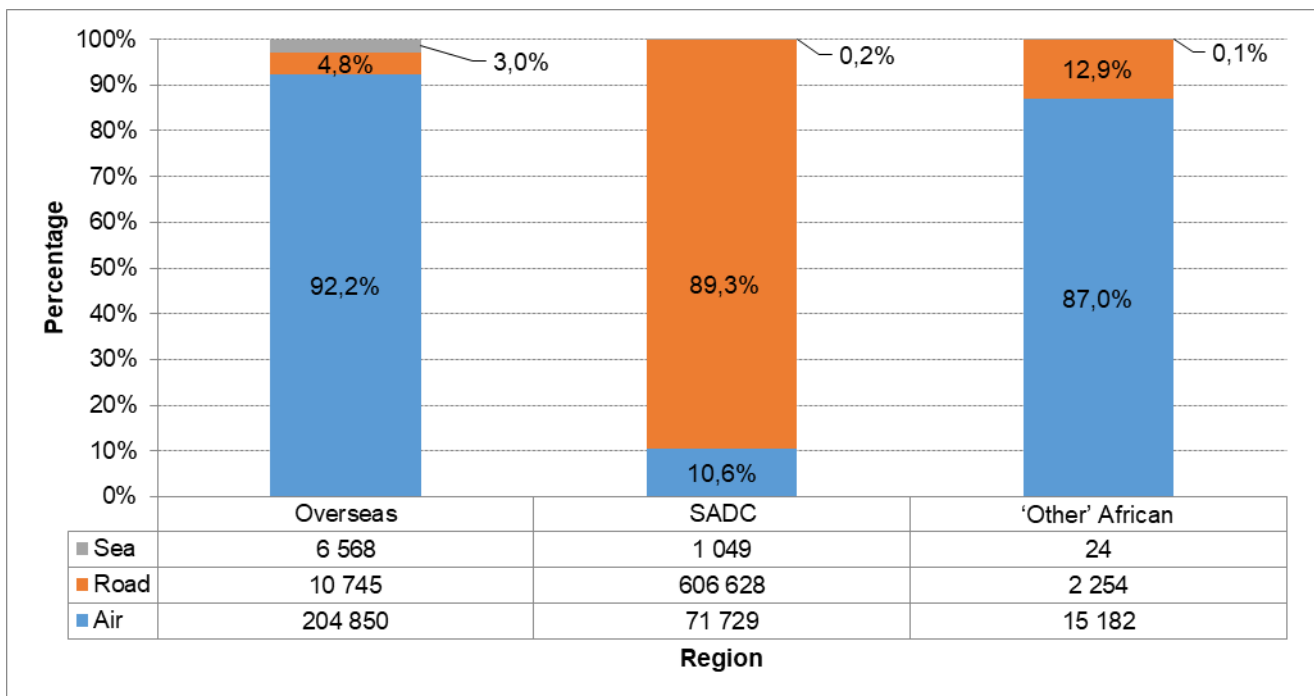
Table 4 – Number of tourists by region of residence and purpose of visit

Region of residence	December 2024	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Total	920 147	17 201	900 784	1 904	258
Overseas	222 163	1 855	219 767	507	34
Europe	137 721	838	136 615	246	22
North America	42 905	256	42 605	42	2
Central and South America	7 332	50	7 258	24	-
Australasia	15 180	20	15 153	5	2
Middle East	2 167	52	2 095	20	-
Asia	16 858	639	16 041	170	8
Africa	696 866	15 264	679 984	1 397	221
SADC	679 406	14 876	663 171	1 174	185
'Other' African	17 460	388	16 813	223	36
East and Central Africa	9 586	176	9 283	109	18
West Africa	6 478	143	6 225	94	16
North Africa	1 396	69	1 305	20	2
Unspecified	1 118	82	1 033	-	3

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 17 to 20, whereas the port of entry used by tourists is provided in Annexure G on page 37. As shown in Figure 6 below, 204 850 (92,2%) overseas tourists arrived in the country by air, whilst 10 745 (4,8%) came in by road and 6 568 (3,0%) arrived by sea. Tourists from the SADC countries, on the other hand, came predominantly by road, 606 628 (89,3%), 71 729 (10,6%) came by air and 1 049 (0,2%) arrived by sea. The number of tourists who came into South Africa by air from 'other' African countries was 15 182 (87,0%); while 2 254 (12,9%) used road transport and 24 (0,1%) preferred sea. Most tourists who arrived by road came through Beit Bridge port (150 599) and Lebombo port (135 087). The majority of tourists who came by air entered through O.R. Tambo International Airport (175 622) and Cape Town International Airport (112 534). Tourists who arrived by sea came through Cape Town Harbour (5 811) and Durban Harbour (1 833).

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



2.3.5 Quarterly and annual trends

Figures 7, 8, and 9 on pages 11 and 12 show quarterly changes in the number of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries, respectively. Figure 7 on page 11, shows that the number of overseas tourists who come to South Africa is generally highest in quarters one and four of each year except the period between 2020 and 2022 where they were highest in quarter one for 2020 and quarter four for 2021 and 2022. Between quarters three and four of 2024 (Annexure E, pages 29 to 30), the number of tourists from overseas increased by 39,1% (from 448 505 in quarter three to 624 073 in quarter four). A year-on-year comparison between 2023 and 2024 for quarter four (Annexure F, pages 33 to 34) shows that the number of overseas tourists increased by 5,6% (from 591 011 in quarter four of 2023 to 624 073 in quarter four of 2024).

Figure 7 – Number of tourists from overseas countries by quarter: 2016 – 2024

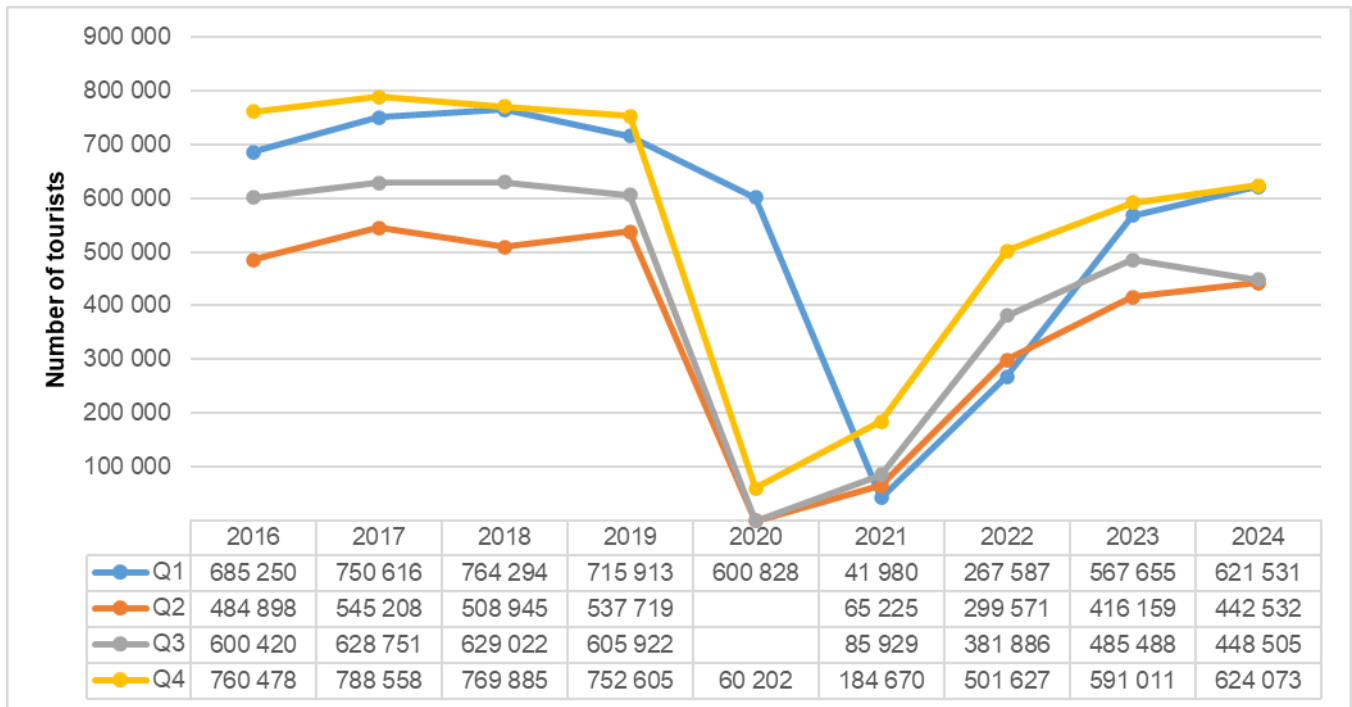


Figure 8 below, shows that the number of SADC tourists were highest in quarter one between 2016 and 2020 except in 2017 and the period between 2021 and 2023 where they were highest in quarter four. The quarter two movement pattern is slightly different between 2021 and 2022 where quarter one is the lowest. Between quarters three and four of 2024, the number of tourists increased by 7,7% (from 1 592 322 in quarter three to 1 714 659 in quarter four) (see Annexure E on pages 30 to 31). Comparisons between the fourth quarters of 2023 and 2024 show that the number of SADC tourists increased by 1,6% (from 1 687 754 in quarter four of 2023 to 1 714 659 in quarter four of 2024) (see Annexure F on pages 34 to 35).

Figure 8 – Number of tourists from SADC countries by quarter: 2016 – 2024

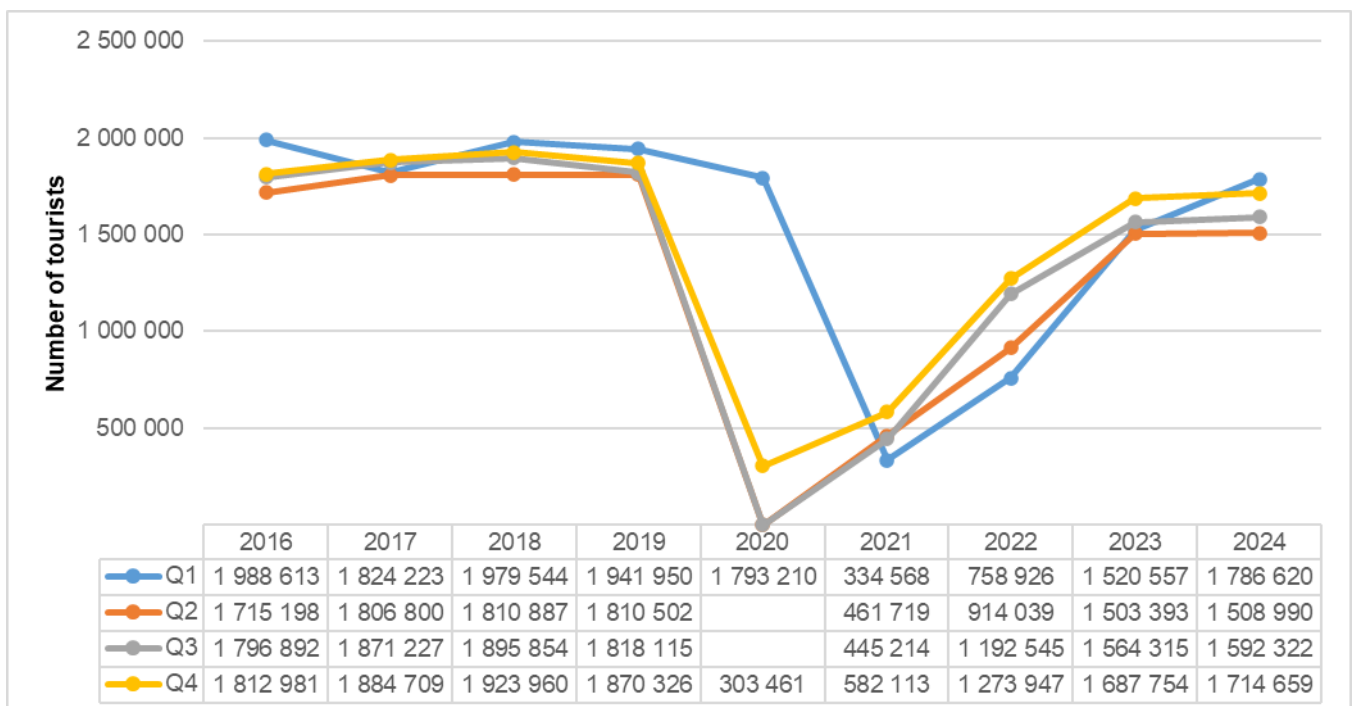
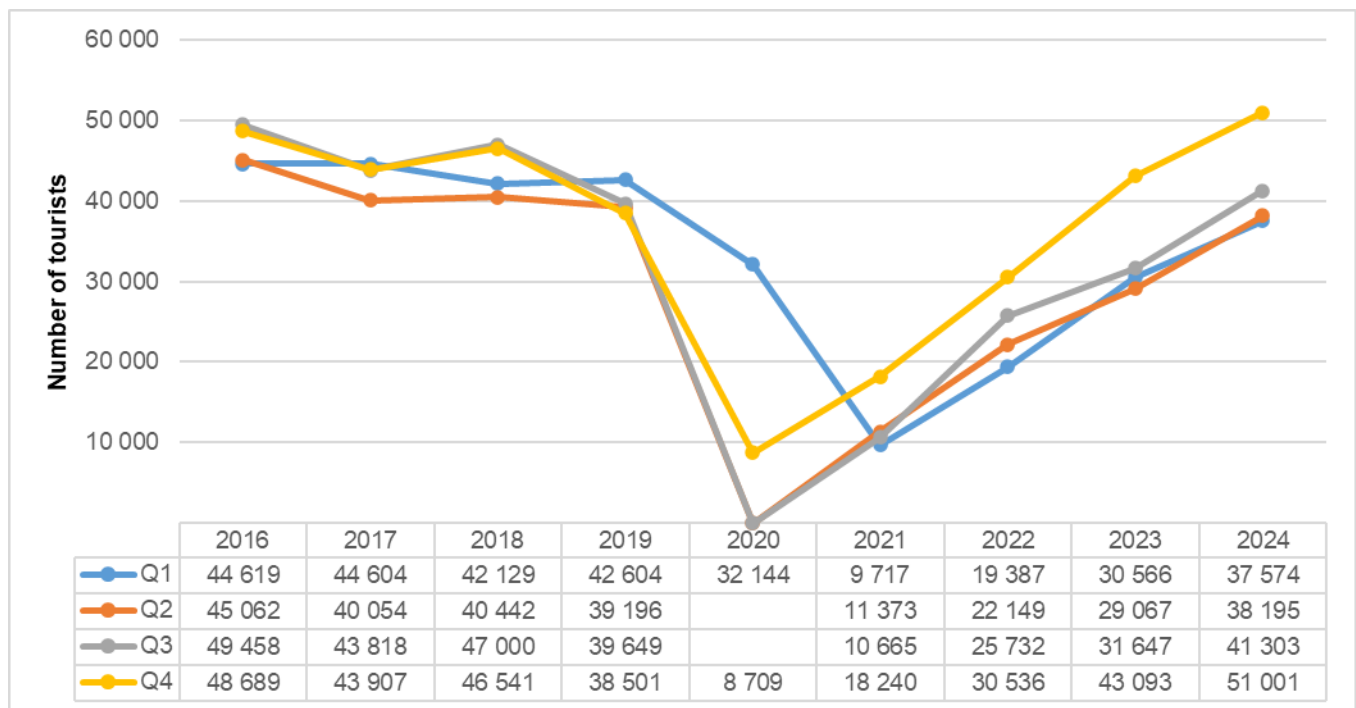


Figure 9 below, shows that the number of tourists from 'other' African countries is highest in quarter four overtime except in 2016, 2017 and 2019 where they were highest in quarter three in 2016 and highest in quarter one in year 2017 and 2019. The quarter-two movement pattern is generally the lowest across all years except in 2016 and 2022. Between quarters three and four of 2024 (see Annexure E on pages 31 to 32), the number of tourists from 'other' African countries increased by 23,5% (from 41 303 in quarter three to 51 001 in quarter four). North Africa increased by 30,0% (from 2 861 in quarter three to 3 720 in quarter four) followed by East and Central Africa which increased by 29,6% (from 20 135 in quarter three to 26 087 in quarter four) and West Africa which increased by 15,8% (from 18 307 in quarter three to 21 194 in quarter four). A year-on-year comparison for quarter four (see Annexure F on pages 35 to 36) shows that the number of tourists from 'other' African countries increased by 18,4% (from 43 093 in quarter four of 2023 to 51 001 in quarter four of 2024). West Africa had the largest increase of 35,1% (from 15 686 in quarter four of 2023 to 21 194 in quarter four of 2024), followed by East and Central Africa which increased by 9,8% (from 23 749 in quarter four of 2023 to 26 087 in quarter four of 2024) and North Africa which increased by 1,7% (from 3 658 in quarter four of 2023 to 3 720 in quarter four of 2024).

Figure 9 – Number of tourists from 'other' African countries by quarter: 2016 – 2024



3. Annexures

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

Country of residence	December 2023	December 2024	Difference between December 2023 and December 2024	% change between December 2023 and December 2024
Total	862 460	920 147	57 687	6,7%
Overseas	205 684	222 163	16 479	8,0%
Europe	130 584	137 721	7 137	5,5%
Austria	2 396	2 723	327	13,6%
Belgium	4 324	4 534	210	4,9%
Denmark	1 629	1 793	164	10,1%
France	10 315	10 194	-121	-1,2%
Germany	25 288	26 703	1 415	5,6%
Ireland	3 110	3 376	266	8,6%
Italy	4 639	5 402	763	16,4%
Portugal	1 773	1 879	106	6,0%
Russian Federation	3 241	3 842	601	18,5%
Spain	2 420	2 319	-101	-4,2%
Sweden	3 960	4 267	307	7,8%
Switzerland	4 758	4 762	4	0,1%
The Netherlands	13 423	13 626	203	1,5%
UK	41 106	43 018	1 912	4,7%
Other	8 202	9 283	1 081	13,2%
North America	38 517	42 905	4 388	11,4%
Canada	5 490	6 544	1 054	19,2%
USA	33 027	36 361	3 334	10,1%
Central and South America	6 130	7 332	1 202	19,6%
Argentina	407	446	39	9,6%
Brazil	4 258	5 218	960	22,5%
Mexico	393	383	-10	-2,5%
Other	1 072	1 285	213	19,9%

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

Country of residence	December 2023	December 2024	Difference between December 2023 and December 2024	% change between December 2023 and December 2024
Australasia	11 082	15 180	4 098	37,0%
Australia	8 627	12 190	3 563	41,3%
New Zealand	2 399	2 936	537	22,4%
Other	56	54	-2	-3,6%
Middle East	2 560	2 167	-393	-15,4%
Israel	648	633	-15	-2,3%
Jordan	258	193	-65	-25,2%
Saudi Arabia	844	607	-237	-28,1%
Other	810	734	-76	-9,4%
Asia	16 811	16 858	47	0,3%
Bangladesh	584	454	-130	-22,3%
China	2 495	2 993	498	20,0%
India	6 737	5 497	-1 240	-18,4%
Japan	1 277	1 413	136	10,6%
Malaysia	456	807	351	77,0%
Pakistan	961	1 223	262	27,3%
Philippines	568	589	21	3,7%
Singapore	794	911	117	14,7%
South Korea	1 308	1 299	-9	-0,7%
Taiwan	323	460	137	42,4%
Other	1 308	1 212	-96	-7,3%
Africa	655 767	696 866	41 099	6,3%
SADC	639 816	679 406	39 590	6,2%
Angola	3 454	3 690	236	6,8%
Botswana	54 649	52 300	-2 349	-4,3%
DRC	4 085	4 928	843	20,6%
Eswatini	77 467	82 072	4 605	5,9%

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

Country of residence	December 2023	December 2024	Difference between December 2023 and December 2024	% change between December 2023 and December 2024
Lesotho	106 786	134 116	27 330	25,6%
Madagascar	352	445	93	26,4%
Malawi	13 682	18 416	4 734	34,6%
Mauritius	1 846	2 172	326	17,7%
Mozambique	128 478	144 824	16 346	12,7%
Namibia	19 755	20 967	1 212	6,1%
Seychelles	606	584	-22	-3,6%
Tanzania	4 037	4 612	575	14,2%
Zambia	15 815	17 501	1 686	10,7%
Zimbabwe	208 804	192 779	-16 025	-7,7%
'Other' African	15 951	17 460	1 509	9,5%
East and Central Africa	8 758	9 586	828	9,5%
Burundi	77	101	24	31,2%
Cameroon	298	460	162	54,4%
Central African Republic	4	8	4	100,0%
Chad	27	26	-1	-3,7%
Comoros	13	49	36	276,9%
Congo	154	297	143	92,9%
Djibouti	8	4	-4	-50,0%
Equatorial Guinea	12	24	12	100,0%
Eritrea	47	36	-11	-23,4%
Ethiopia	682	635	-47	-6,9%
Gabon	444	560	116	26,1%
Kenya	4 989	5 626	637	12,8%
Réunion	1	17	16	1600,0%
Rwanda	97	94	-3	-3,1%
São Tomé and Príncipe	6	4	-2	-33,3%
Somalia	74	62	-12	-16,2%
Uganda	1 825	1 583	-242	-13,3%

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

Country of residence	December 2023	December 2024	Difference between December 2023 and December 2024	% change between December 2023 and December 2024
West Africa	6 060	6 478	418	6,9%
Benin	158	176	18	11,4%
Burkina Faso	72	34	-38	-52,8%
Cape Verde Island	27	17	-10	-37,0%
Côte d'Ivoire	220	133	-87	-39,5%
Gambia	35	29	-6	-17,1%
Ghana	3 393	3 534	141	4,2%
Guinea	132	86	-46	-34,8%
Guinea-Bissau	1	7	6	600,0%
Liberia	41	79	38	92,7%
Mali	128	71	-57	-44,5%
Mauritania	8	11	3	37,5%
Niger	23	20	-3	-13,0%
Nigeria	1 637	2 086	449	27,4%
Saint Helena	3	10	7	233,3%
Senegal	89	101	12	13,5%
Sierra Leone	64	49	-15	-23,4%
Togo	29	35	6	20,7%
North Africa	1 133	1 396	263	23,2%
Algeria	74	76	2	2,7%
Egypt	603	495	-108	-17,9%
Libya	63	59	-4	-6,3%
Morocco	115	537	422	367,0%
South Sudan	83	48	-35	-42,2%
The Sudan	56	62	6	10,7%
Tunisia	138	116	-22	-15,9%
Western Sahara	1	3	2	200,0%
Unspecified	1 009	1 118	109	10,8%

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

Country of residence	December 2024	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	O.R. Tambo	Other	Total		
Total	920 147	112 534	4 296	175 622	193	292 645	619 858	7 644
Overseas	222 163	99 834	2 890	102 026	100	204 850	10 745	6 568
Europe	137 721	70 307	1 947	55 940	59	128 253	5 792	3 676
Austria	2 723	1 606	52	822	1	2 481	144	98
Belgium	4 534	2 220	38	1 920	2	4 180	236	118
Denmark	1 793	662	28	991	1	1 682	82	29
France	10 194	3 380	29	5 742	6	9 157	736	301
Germany	26 703	16 391	186	8 341	10	24 928	1 155	620
Ireland	3 376	1 809	100	1 319	3	3 231	83	62
Italy	5 402	2 482	59	2 154	4	4 699	184	519
Portugal	1 879	565	33	1 006	-	1 604	210	65
Russian Federation	3 842	2 128	80	1 379	1	3 588	137	117
Spain	2 319	913	21	1 107	-	2 041	133	145
Sweden	4 267	2 466	44	1 600	-	4 110	124	33
Switzerland	4 762	2 579	44	1 770	1	4 394	194	174
The Netherlands	13 626	7 273	105	4 907	4	12 289	954	383
UK	43 018	21 654	875	18 830	25	41 384	850	784
Other	9 283	4 179	253	4 052	1	8 485	570	228
North America	42 905	18 805	244	20 388	18	39 455	1 299	2 151
Canada	6 544	2 665	51	3 030	1	5 747	286	511
USA	36 361	16 140	193	17 358	17	33 708	1 013	1 640
Central and South America	7 332	1 713	20	5 206	1	6 940	283	109
Argentina	446	159	4	235	-	398	28	20
Brazil	5 218	1 063	4	3 913	-	4 980	193	45
Mexico	383	144	2	214	-	360	5	18
Other	1 285	347	10	844	1	1 202	57	26

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

Country of residence	December 2024	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	O.R. Tambo	Other	Total		
Australasia	15 180	2 944	318	11 162	7	14 431	386	363
Australia	12 190	2 116	182	9 259	6	11 563	320	307
New Zealand	2 936	792	136	1 888	-	2 816	64	56
Other	54	36	-	15	1	52	2	-
Middle East	2 167	1 119	8	933	-	2 060	96	11
Israel	633	219	2	382	-	603	26	4
Jordan	193	77	1	90	-	168	21	4
Saudi Arabia	607	481	-	120	-	601	5	1
Other	734	342	5	341	-	688	44	2
Asia	16 858	4 946	353	8 397	15	13 711	2 889	258
Bangladesh	454	78	23	205	-	306	147	1
China	2 993	778	18	1 875	10	2 681	246	66
India	5 497	1 160	76	2 824	2	4 062	1 380	55
Japan	1 413	527	79	707	-	1 313	78	22
Malaysia	807	510	11	240	-	761	30	16
Pakistan	1 223	148	59	450	-	657	564	2
Philippines	589	212	23	254	1	490	54	45
Singapore	911	405	1	482	-	888	8	15
South Korea	1 299	539	5	592	-	1 136	156	7
Taiwan	460	218	2	176	-	396	56	8
Other	1 212	371	56	592	2	1 021	170	21
Africa	696 866	12 591	1 406	72 822	92	86 911	608 882	1 073
SADC	679 406	9 716	1 338	60 591	84	71 729	606 628	1 049
Angola	3 690	1 377	33	1 432	11	2 853	828	9
Botswana	52 300	561	263	3 078	30	3 932	48 071	297
DRC	4 928	103	4	4 329	4	4 440	486	2
Eswatini	82 072	219	138	1 157	-	1 514	80 501	57

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

Country of residence	December 2024	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	O.R. Tambo	Other	Total		
Lesotho	134 116	6	2	786	-	794	133 185	137
Madagascar	445	14	-	423	-	437	7	1
Malawi	18 416	36	5	2 986	1	3 028	15 363	25
Mauritius	2 172	777	3	1 343	-	2 123	48	1
Mozambique	144 824	777	14	5 452	17	6 260	138 545	19
Namibia	20 967	3 024	2	3 476	-	6 502	14 384	81
Seychelles	584	33	-	536	2	571	13	-
Tanzania	4 612	265	2	2 990	-	3 257	1 309	46
Zambia	17 501	242	133	6 948	2	7 325	10 142	34
Zimbabwe	192 779	2 282	739	25 655	17	28 693	163 746	340
'Other' African	17 460	2 875	68	12 231	8	15 182	2 254	24
East and Central Africa	9 586	1 894	14	6 369	1	8 278	1 294	14
Burundi	101	21	-	73	-	94	7	-
Cameroon	460	64	1	357	-	422	38	-
Central African Republic	8	1	-	7	-	8	-	-
Chad	26	4	-	22	-	26	-	-
Comoros	49	1	-	45	-	46	3	-
Congo	297	20	-	262	-	282	15	-
Djibouti	4	1	-	3	-	4	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	24	7	-	16	-	23	1	-
Eritrea	36	4	3	27	-	34	2	-
Ethiopia	635	89	-	429	-	518	116	1
Gabon	560	107	-	449	-	556	4	-
Kenya	5 626	1 322	5	3 321	1	4 649	966	11
Réunion	17	17	-	-	-	17	-	-
Rwanda	94	9	-	73	-	82	12	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	4	-	-	4	-	4	-	-
Somalia	62	6	-	31	-	37	25	-
Uganda	1 583	221	5	1 250	-	1 476	105	2

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

Country of residence	December 2024	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	O.R. Tambo	Other	Total		
West Africa	6 478	735	14	4 809	7	5 565	907	6
Benin	176	20	-	139	-	159	17	-
Burkina Faso	34	9	1	19	-	29	5	-
Cape Verde Island	17	3	-	11	-	14	3	-
Côte d'Ivoire	133	12	-	120	-	132	1	-
Gambia	29	4	-	24	-	28	1	-
Ghana	3 534	266	2	2 672	1	2 941	590	3
Guinea	86	6	-	54	-	60	26	-
Guinea-Bissau	7	1	-	3	-	4	3	-
Liberia	79	15	-	60	-	75	4	-
Mali	71	7	1	40	1	49	22	-
Mauritania	11	-	-	11	-	11	-	-
Niger	20	4	-	16	-	20	-	-
Nigeria	2 086	353	3	1 506	-	1 862	221	3
Saint Helena	10	9	-	-	1	10	-	-
Senegal	101	12	7	79	-	98	3	-
Sierra Leone	49	5	-	29	4	38	11	-
Togo	35	9	-	26	-	35	-	-
North Africa	1 396	246	40	1 053	-	1 339	53	4
Algeria	76	15	-	61	-	76	-	-
Egypt	495	90	3	387	-	480	15	-
Libya	59	2	-	30	-	32	27	-
Morocco	537	55	33	440	-	528	5	4
South Sudan	48	10	-	36	-	46	2	-
The Sudan	62	21	-	38	-	59	3	-
Tunisia	116	52	4	59	-	115	1	-
Western Sahara	3	1	-	2	-	3	-	-
Unspecified	1 118	109	-	774	1	884	231	3

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

Country of residence	December 2024	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Total	920 147	17 201	900 784	1 904	258
Overseas	222 163	1 855	219 767	507	34
Europe	137 721	838	136 615	246	22
Austria	2 723	5	2 717	1	-
Belgium	4 534	19	4 504	11	-
Denmark	1 793	17	1 774	2	-
France	10 194	91	10 064	37	2
Germany	26 703	127	26 496	80	-
Ireland	3 376	22	3 353	-	1
Italy	5 402	44	5 347	11	-
Portugal	1 879	8	1 867	4	-
Russian Federation	3 842	25	3 816	1	-
Spain	2 319	30	2 289	-	-
Sweden	4 267	21	4 245	1	-
Switzerland	4 762	20	4 737	5	-
The Netherlands	13 626	51	13 547	17	11
UK	43 018	257	42 713	40	8
Other	9 283	101	9 146	36	-
North America	42 905	256	42 605	42	2
Canada	6 544	50	6 488	5	1
USA	36 361	206	36 117	37	1
Central and South America	7 332	50	7 258	24	-
Argentina	446	4	441	1	-
Brazil	5 218	17	5 193	8	-
Mexico	383	4	378	1	-
Other	1 285	25	1 246	14	-

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

Country of residence	December 2024	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Australasia	15 180	20	15 153	5	2
Australia	12 190	13	12 173	3	1
New Zealand	2 936	5	2 929	2	-
Other	54	2	51	-	1
Middle East	2 167	52	2 095	20	-
Israel	633	5	627	1	-
Jordan	193	13	180	-	-
Saudi Arabia	607	10	587	10	-
Other	734	24	701	9	-
Asia	16 858	639	16 041	170	8
Bangladesh	454	11	431	10	2
China	2 993	187	2 793	11	2
India	5 497	180	5 236	78	3
Japan	1 413	63	1 334	16	-
Malaysia	807	48	756	3	-
Pakistan	1 223	32	1 172	19	-
Philippines	589	4	581	3	1
Singapore	911	12	899	-	-
South Korea	1 299	20	1 269	10	-
Taiwan	460	28	431	1	-
Other	1 212	54	1 139	19	-
Africa	696 866	15 264	679 984	1 397	221
SADC	679 406	14 876	663 171	1 174	185
Angola	3 690	47	3 602	31	10
Botswana	52 300	299	51 857	140	4
DRC	4 928	26	4 701	112	89
Eswatini	82 072	2 562	79 407	83	20

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

Country of residence	December 2024	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Lesotho	134 116	686	133 194	216	20
Madagascar	445	5	436	4	-
Malawi	18 416	265	18 128	20	3
Mauritius	2 172	12	2 153	7	-
Mozambique	144 824	2 028	142 752	35	9
Namibia	20 967	2 542	18 319	96	10
Seychelles	584	3	578	1	2
Tanzania	4 612	78	4 518	16	-
Zambia	17 501	2 972	14 489	35	5
Zimbabwe	192 779	3 351	189 037	378	13
'Other' African	17 460	388	16 813	223	36
East and Central Africa	9 586	176	9 283	109	18
Burundi	101	7	89	4	1
Cameroon	460	29	413	16	2
Central African Republic	8	1	7	-	-
Chad	26	1	22	2	1
Comoros	49	3	46	-	-
Congo	297	4	277	12	4
Djibouti	4	-	4	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	24	-	23	1	-
Eritrea	36	3	32	1	-
Ethiopia	635	19	602	11	3
Gabon	560	2	544	14	-
Kenya	5 626	64	5 535	25	2
Réunion	17	-	17	-	-
Rwanda	94	4	88	-	2
São Tomé and Príncipe	4	-	4	-	-
Somalia	62	9	52	1	-
Uganda	1 583	30	1 528	22	3

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

Country of residence	December 2024	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
West Africa	6 478	143	6 225	94	16
Benin	176	2	171	2	1
Burkina Faso	34	5	28	1	-
Cape Verde Island	17	1	16	-	-
Côte d'Ivoire	133	8	123	-	2
Gambia	29	3	24	2	-
Ghana	3 534	43	3 476	12	3
Guinea	86	2	81	3	-
Guinea-Bissau	7	-	7	-	-
Liberia	79	6	72	1	-
Mali	71	3	65	1	2
Mauritania	11	-	11	-	-
Niger	20	3	17	-	-
Nigeria	2 086	53	1 968	64	1
Saint Helena	10	-	8	-	2
Senegal	101	8	93	-	-
Sierra Leone	49	1	40	3	5
Togo	35	5	25	5	-
North Africa	1 396	69	1 305	20	2
Algeria	76	9	67	-	-
Egypt	495	29	461	5	-
Libya	59	-	53	6	-
Morocco	537	13	522	2	-
South Sudan	48	3	42	1	2
The Sudan	62	6	51	5	-
Tunisia	116	8	107	1	-
Western Sahara	3	1	2	-	-
Unspecified	1 118	82	1 033	-	3

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

Country of residence	Jan – Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2024	Difference between Jan – Dec 2023 and Jan – Dec 2024	% change between Jan – Dec 2023 and Jan – Dec 2024
Total	8 483 333	8 919 370	436 037	5,1%
Overseas	2 060 313	2 136 641	76 328	3,7%
Europe	1 244 877	1 258 706	13 829	1,1%
Austria	20 894	21 313	419	2,0%
Belgium	46 348	45 225	-1 123	-2,4%
Denmark	17 995	17 874	-121	-0,7%
France	119 974	125 823	5 849	4,9%
Germany	245 259	254 992	9 733	4,0%
Ireland	27 282	28 343	1 061	3,9%
Italy	52 091	50 780	-1 311	-2,5%
Portugal	19 285	20 105	820	4,3%
Russian Federation	28 357	30 734	2 377	8,4%
Spain	32 020	31 166	-854	-2,7%
Sweden	24 543	24 562	19	0,1%
Switzerland	42 654	42 255	-399	-0,9%
The Netherlands	131 371	132 422	1 051	0,8%
UK	356 160	349 883	-6 277	-1,8%
Other	80 644	83 229	2 585	3,2%
North America	409 031	430 419	21 388	5,2%
Canada	55 056	58 057	3 001	5,5%
USA	353 975	372 362	18 387	5,2%
Central and South America	46 870	75 160	28 290	60,4%
Argentina	3 805	5 422	1 617	42,5%
Brazil	25 672	49 855	24 183	94,2%
Mexico	4 511	4 819	308	6,8%
Other	12 882	15 064	2 182	16,9%

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

Country of residence	Jan – Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2024	Difference between Jan – Dec 2023 and Jan – Dec 2024	% change between Jan – Dec 2023 and Jan – Dec 2024
Australasia	105 888	119 036	13 148	12,4%
Australia	86 250	98 544	12 294	14,3%
New Zealand	19 349	20 138	789	4,1%
Other	289	354	65	22,5%
Middle East	54 339	45 602	-8 737	-16,1%
Israel	19 942	7 402	-12 540	-62,9%
Saudi Arabia	16 351	18 333	1 982	12,1%
United Arab Emirates	6 511	6 717	206	3,2%
Other	11 535	13 150	1 615	14,0%
Asia	199 308	207 718	8 410	4,2%
Bangladesh	7 849	5 743	-2 106	-26,8%
China	37 164	41 418	4 254	11,4%
India	79 774	75 541	-4 233	-5,3%
Japan	13 176	17 370	4 194	31,8%
Malaysia	5 659	6 629	970	17,1%
Pakistan	12 718	13 557	839	6,6%
Philippines	6 487	6 355	-132	-2,0%
Singapore	7 292	9 390	2 098	28,8%
South Korea	10 436	12 811	2 375	22,8%
Thailand	4 864	5 426	562	11,6%
Other	13 889	13 478	-411	-3,0%
Africa	6 410 392	6 770 664	360 272	5,6%
SADC	6 276 019	6 602 591	326 572	5,2%
Angola	39 265	37 811	-1 454	-3,7%
Botswana	363 025	395 965	32 940	9,1%
DRC	23 211	28 940	5 729	24,7%
Eswatini	733 949	842 318	108 369	14,8%

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

Country of residence	Jan – Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2024	Difference between Jan – Dec 2023 and Jan – Dec 2024	% change between Jan – Dec 2023 and Jan – Dec 2024
Lesotho	1 163 826	974 369	-189 457	-16,3%
Madagascar	3 727	4 429	702	18,8%
Malawi	138 918	163 726	24 808	17,9%
Mauritius	17 879	18 301	422	2,4%
Mozambique	1 341 037	1 591 751	250 714	18,7%
Namibia	160 078	164 716	4 638	2,9%
Seychelles	4 680	4 505	-175	-3,7%
Tanzania	34 240	37 579	3 339	9,8%
Zambia	145 244	154 921	9 677	6,7%
Zimbabwe	2 106 940	2 183 260	76 320	3,6%
'Other' African	134 373	168 073	33 700	25,1%
East and Central Africa	76 367	83 727	7 360	9,6%
Burundi	1 091	1 223	132	12,1%
Cameroon	4 201	4 474	273	6,5%
Central African Republic	191	198	7	3,7%
Chad	442	438	-4	-0,9%
Comoros	428	323	-105	-24,5%
Congo	1 617	1 811	194	12,0%
Djibouti	109	97	-12	-11,0%
Equatorial Guinea	326	310	-16	-4,9%
Eritrea	411	436	25	6,1%
Ethiopia	6 489	7 432	943	14,5%
Gabon	4 016	4 210	194	4,8%
Kenya	42 403	47 852	5 449	12,9%
Réunion	24	71	47	195,8%
Rwanda	983	1 102	119	12,1%
São Tomé and Príncipe	89	105	16	18,0%
Somalia	673	857	184	27,3%
Uganda	12 874	12 788	-86	-0,7%

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

Country of residence	Jan – Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2024	Difference between Jan – Dec 2023 and Jan – Dec 2024	% change between Jan – Dec 2023 and Jan – Dec 2024
West Africa	45 300	71 337	26 037	57,5%
Benin	1 775	2 052	277	15,6%
Burkina Faso	730	677	-53	-7,3%
Cape Verde Island	304	301	-3	-1,0%
Côte d'Ivoire	2 329	2 544	215	9,2%
Gambia	444	468	24	5,4%
Ghana	14 724	36 656	21 932	149,0%
Guinea	1 380	1 182	-198	-14,3%
Guinea-Bissau	85	103	18	21,2%
Liberia	602	658	56	9,3%
Mali	1 069	1 044	-25	-2,3%
Mauritania	209	242	33	15,8%
Niger	294	306	12	4,1%
Nigeria	18 809	22 511	3 702	19,7%
Saint Helena	51	31	-20	-39,2%
Senegal	1 493	1 499	6	0,4%
Sierra Leone	537	604	67	12,5%
Togo	465	459	-6	-1,3%
North Africa	12 706	13 009	303	2,4%
Algeria	1 113	796	-317	-28,5%
Egypt	5 859	5 956	97	1,7%
Libya	652	649	-3	-0,5%
Morocco	1 662	2 039	377	22,7%
South Sudan	1 020	791	-229	-22,5%
The Sudan	1 012	881	-131	-12,9%
Tunisia	1 375	1 874	499	36,3%
Western Sahara	13	23	10	76,9%
Unspecified	12 628	12 065	-563	-4,5%

3.5 Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2024 – Quarter 4, 2024 changes by country of residence and month of travel

Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2024 – Quarter 4, 2024								% change Qtr 3, 2024 – Qtr 4, 2024
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2024	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2024	
Total	699 566	718 508	666 718	2 084 792	705 257	767 927	920 147	2 393 331	14,8%
Overseas	152 082	153 913	142 510	448 505	189 575	212 335	222 163	624 073	39,1%
Europe	75 990	81 302	73 140	230 432	120 385	142 434	137 721	400 540	73,8%
Austria	1 018	1 060	881	2 959	2 047	3 077	2 723	7 847	165,2%
Belgium	4 706	3 079	2 969	10 754	4 450	5 015	4 534	13 999	30,2%
Denmark	1 098	666	1 086	2 850	1 782	1 786	1 793	5 361	88,1%
France	10 012	9 256	7 481	26 749	13 473	12 569	10 194	36 236	35,5%
Germany	8 135	10 289	13 964	32 388	27 120	39 794	26 703	93 617	189,0%
Ireland	2 129	1 485	1 485	5 099	2 259	2 690	3 376	8 325	63,3%
Italy	4 062	10 636	3 150	17 848	3 818	3 721	5 402	12 941	-27,5%
Portugal	1 266	1 564	1 412	4 242	1 591	1 588	1 879	5 058	19,2%
Russian Federation	1 170	1 481	1 686	4 337	3 298	3 933	3 842	11 073	155,3%
Spain	3 090	4 972	2 714	10 776	2 531	2 609	2 319	7 459	-30,8%
Sweden	615	740	856	2 211	2 331	2 629	4 267	9 227	317,3%
Switzerland	2 238	1 566	2 689	6 493	4 885	5 788	4 762	15 435	137,7%
The Netherlands	13 547	9 602	9 698	32 847	14 029	13 011	13 626	40 666	23,8%
UK	19 496	20 455	18 868	58 819	29 919	34 132	43 018	107 069	82,0%
Other	3 408	4 451	4 201	12 060	6 852	10 092	9 283	26 227	117,5%
North America	36 189	34 285	33 007	103 481	34 158	33 320	42 905	110 383	6,7%
Canada	2 890	3 688	4 290	10 868	6 083	5 698	6 544	18 325	68,6%
USA	33 299	30 597	28 717	92 613	28 075	27 622	36 361	92 058	-0,6%
Central and South America	7 309	5 162	6 208	18 679	6 404	6 046	7 332	19 782	5,9%
Argentina	369	325	485	1 179	485	340	446	1 271	7,8%
Brazil	5 192	3 345	4 078	12 615	4 116	3 937	5 218	13 271	5,2%
Mexico	630	321	328	1 279	377	466	383	1 226	-4,1%
Other	1 118	1 171	1 317	3 606	1 426	1 303	1 285	4 014	11,3%

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2024 – Quarter 4, 2024 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2024 – Quarter 4, 2024								% change Qtr 3, 2024 – Qtr 4, 2024
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2024	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2024	
Australasia	9 084	9 769	10 696	29 549	9 828	9 648	15 180	34 656	17,3%
Australia	7 633	7 898	8 968	24 499	8 163	8 130	12 190	28 483	16,3%
New Zealand	1 430	1 862	1 694	4 986	1 612	1 488	2 936	6 036	21,1%
Other	21	9	34	64	53	30	54	137	114,1%
Middle East	8 367	6 353	2 695	17 415	2 195	3 138	2 167	7 500	-56,9%
Israel	580	708	555	1 843	561	573	633	1 767	-4,1%
Lebanon	148	136	150	434	214	214	161	589	35,7%
Saudi Arabia	3 729	2 083	918	6 730	785	1 472	607	2 864	-57,4%
Other	3 910	3 426	1 072	8 408	635	879	766	2 280	-72,9%
Asia	15 143	17 042	16 764	48 949	16 605	17 749	16 858	51 212	4,6%
Bangladesh	381	367	510	1 258	475	525	454	1 454	15,6%
China	3 243	3 702	3 991	10 936	3 269	3 580	2 993	9 842	-10,0%
India	5 033	5 406	5 520	15 959	5 352	6 700	5 497	17 549	10,0%
Japan	1 011	1 818	1 192	4 021	1 748	1 310	1 413	4 471	11,2%
Malaysia	519	627	675	1 821	658	433	807	1 898	4,2%
Pakistan	1 065	1 204	1 145	3 414	1 089	1 363	1 223	3 675	7,6%
Philippines	701	552	407	1 660	442	550	589	1 581	-4,8%
Singapore	693	699	1 101	2 493	607	681	911	2 199	-11,8%
South Korea	1 072	1 163	751	2 986	844	912	1 299	3 055	2,3%
Thailand	429	615	429	1 473	545	349	402	1 296	-12,0%
Other	996	889	1 043	2 928	1 576	1 346	1 270	4 192	43,2%
Africa	546 623	563 758	523 244	1 633 625	514 578	554 216	696 866	1 765 660	8,1%
SADC	534 085	549 220	509 017	1 592 322	499 446	535 807	679 406	1 714 659	7,7%
Angola	3 093	3 661	2 870	9 624	2 660	3 330	3 690	9 680	0,6%
Botswana	28 213	34 216	36 932	99 361	30 535	34 878	52 300	117 713	18,5%
DRC	2 953	2 332	1 640	6 925	1 719	2 151	4 928	8 798	27,0%
Eswatini	72 368	80 313	75 373	228 054	70 213	71 818	82 072	224 103	-1,7%

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2024 – Quarter 4, 2024 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2024 – Quarter 4, 2024								% change Qtr 3, 2024 – Qtr 4, 2024
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2024	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2024	
Lesotho	70 633	55 034	57 851	183 518	60 221	90 065	134 116	284 402	55,0%
Madagascar	354	384	296	1 034	387	397	445	1 229	18,9%
Malawi	12 581	14 319	15 049	41 949	16 525	18 228	18 416	53 169	26,7%
Mauritius	1 412	1 312	1 054	3 778	1 630	2 230	2 172	6 032	59,7%
Mozambique	135 653	141 277	131 756	408 686	129 036	122 780	144 824	396 640	-2,9%
Namibia	12 594	12 096	15 007	39 697	13 392	13 229	20 967	47 588	19,9%
Seychelles	157	358	280	795	368	668	584	1 620	103,8%
Tanzania	3 068	2 771	2 851	8 690	3 428	3 415	4 612	11 455	31,8%
Zambia	12 310	13 168	12 597	38 075	10 579	13 330	17 501	41 410	8,8%
Zimbabwe	178 696	187 979	155 461	522 136	158 753	159 288	192 779	510 820	-2,2%
'Other' African	12 538	14 538	14 227	41 303	15 132	18 409	17 460	51 001	23,5%
East and Central Africa	6 178	7 082	6 875	20 135	7 511	8 990	9 586	26 087	29,6%
Burundi	82	90	93	265	112	121	101	334	26,0%
Cameroon	342	431	343	1 116	382	557	460	1 399	25,4%
Central African Republic	8	5	10	23	24	46	8	78	239,1%
Chad	30	33	50	113	52	52	26	130	15,0%
Comoros	14	21	21	56	38	26	49	113	101,8%
Congo	133	149	156	438	161	222	297	680	55,3%
Djibouti	3	10	9	22	7	17	4	28	27,3%
Equatorial Guinea	25	19	12	56	29	55	24	108	92,9%
Eritrea	29	32	24	85	41	34	36	111	30,6%
Ethiopia	570	684	561	1 815	717	722	635	2 074	14,3%
Gabon	470	582	291	1 343	304	317	560	1 181	-12,1%
Kenya	3 450	3 992	3 979	11 421	4 358	5 317	5 626	15 301	34,0%
Réunion	-	-	4	4	-	11	17	28	600,0%
Rwanda	67	93	95	255	97	108	94	299	17,3%
São Tomé and Príncipe	6	6	10	22	10	11	4	25	13,6%
Somalia	50	55	91	196	68	81	62	211	7,7%
Uganda	899	880	1 126	2 905	1 111	1 293	1 583	3 987	37,2%

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 3, 2024 – Quarter 4, 2024 changes by country of residence and month of travel (concluded)

Country of residence	Quarter 3, 2024 – Quarter 4, 2024								% change Qtr 3, 2024 – Qtr 4, 2024
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Qtr 3 2024	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2024	
West Africa	5 490	6 470	6 347	18 307	6 563	8 153	6 478	21 194	15,8%
Benin	169	186	195	550	217	223	176	616	12,0%
Burkina Faso	59	47	77	183	56	116	34	206	12,6%
Cape Verde Island	12	25	21	58	33	37	17	87	50,0%
Côte d'Ivoire	223	293	223	739	211	323	133	667	-9,7%
Gambia	37	34	35	106	71	86	29	186	75,5%
Ghana	2 922	3 567	3 323	9 812	3 555	4 081	3 534	11 170	13,8%
Guinea	87	84	100	271	108	120	86	314	15,9%
Guinea-Bissau	9	9	2	20	15	18	7	40	100,0%
Liberia	44	31	36	111	107	128	79	314	182,9%
Mali	82	130	115	327	70	105	71	246	-24,8%
Mauritania	6	33	43	82	26	26	11	63	-23,2%
Niger	12	23	24	59	27	55	20	102	72,9%
Nigeria	1 648	1 807	1 919	5 374	1 806	2 505	2 086	6 397	19,0%
Saint Helena	2	1	-	3	2	3	10	15	400,0%
Senegal	105	132	127	364	123	186	101	410	12,6%
Sierra Leone	37	43	58	138	72	68	49	189	37,0%
Togo	36	25	49	110	64	73	35	172	56,4%
North Africa	870	986	1 005	2 861	1 058	1 266	1 396	3 720	30,0%
Algeria	62	65	83	210	75	80	76	231	10,0%
Egypt	419	503	514	1 436	517	548	495	1 560	8,6%
Libya	53	53	61	167	46	43	59	148	-11,4%
Morocco	105	133	149	387	123	150	537	810	109,3%
South Sudan	78	42	41	161	83	110	48	241	49,7%
The Sudan	79	70	58	207	85	85	62	232	12,1%
Tunisia	72	119	98	289	129	247	116	492	70,2%
Western Sahara	2	1	1	4	-	3	3	6	50,0%
Unspecified	861	837	964	2 662	1 104	1 376	1 118	3 598	35,2%

3.6 Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2023 – Quarter 4, 2024 changes by country of residence and month of travel

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2023 – Quarter 4, 2024								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2023	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2024	% change 2023 – 2024
Total	731 108	731 677	862 460	2 325 245	705 257	767 927	920 147	2 393 331	2,9%
Overseas	189 778	195 549	205 684	591 011	189 575	212 335	222 163	624 073	5,6%
Europe	122 599	129 036	130 584	382 219	120 385	142 434	137 721	400 540	4,8%
Austria	2 239	2 786	2 396	7 421	2 047	3 077	2 723	7 847	5,7%
Belgium	5 017	4 646	4 324	13 987	4 450	5 015	4 534	13 999	0,1%
Denmark	1 903	1 724	1 629	5 256	1 782	1 786	1 793	5 361	2,0%
France	12 940	11 642	10 315	34 897	13 473	12 569	10 194	36 236	3,8%
Germany	27 512	30 191	25 288	82 991	27 120	39 794	26 703	93 617	12,8%
Ireland	2 137	2 643	3 110	7 890	2 259	2 690	3 376	8 325	5,5%
Italy	4 246	3 690	4 639	12 575	3 818	3 721	5 402	12 941	2,9%
Portugal	1 475	1 796	1 773	5 044	1 591	1 588	1 879	5 058	0,3%
Russian Federation	2 949	3 439	3 241	9 629	3 298	3 933	3 842	11 073	15,0%
Spain	2 944	2 696	2 420	8 060	2 531	2 609	2 319	7 459	-7,5%
Sweden	2 552	2 772	3 960	9 284	2 331	2 629	4 267	9 227	-0,6%
Switzerland	5 038	5 503	4 758	15 299	4 885	5 788	4 762	15 435	0,9%
The Netherlands	14 417	12 892	13 423	40 732	14 029	13 011	13 626	40 666	-0,2%
UK	30 424	32 561	41 106	104 091	29 919	34 132	43 018	107 069	2,9%
Other	6 806	10 055	8 202	25 063	6 852	10 092	9 283	26 227	4,6%
North America	33 631	33 022	38 517	105 170	34 158	33 320	42 905	110 383	5,0%
Canada	5 620	5 496	5 490	16 606	6 083	5 698	6 544	18 325	10,4%
USA	28 011	27 526	33 027	88 564	28 075	27 622	36 361	92 058	3,9%
Central and South America	4 980	5 450	6 130	16 560	6 404	6 046	7 332	19 782	19,5%
Argentina	330	336	407	1 073	485	340	446	1 271	18,5%
Brazil	2 878	3 408	4 258	10 544	4 116	3 937	5 218	13 271	25,9%
Mexico	351	342	393	1 086	377	466	383	1 226	12,9%
Other	1 421	1 364	1 072	3 857	1 426	1 303	1 285	4 014	4,1%

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2023 – Quarter 4, 2024 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2023 – Quarter 4, 2024								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2023	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2024	% change 2023 – 2024
Australasia	8 446	8 199	11 082	27 727	9 828	9 648	15 180	34 656	25,0%
Australia	6 879	6 795	8 627	22 301	8 163	8 130	12 190	28 483	27,7%
New Zealand	1 538	1 395	2 399	5 332	1 612	1 488	2 936	6 036	13,2%
Other	29	9	56	94	53	30	54	137	45,7%
Middle East	2 835	2 769	2 560	8 164	2 195	3 138	2 167	7 500	-8,1%
Israel	1 165	434	648	2 247	561	573	633	1 767	-21,4%
Lebanon	173	226	223	622	214	214	161	589	-5,3%
Saudi Arabia	786	1 303	844	2 933	785	1 472	607	2 864	-2,4%
Other	711	806	845	2 362	635	879	766	2 280	-3,5%
Asia	17 287	17 073	16 811	51 171	16 605	17 749	16 858	51 212	0,1%
Bangladesh	620	651	584	1 855	475	525	454	1 454	-21,6%
China	3 046	3 290	2 495	8 831	3 269	3 580	2 993	9 842	11,4%
India	5 601	7 040	6 737	19 378	5 352	6 700	5 497	17 549	-9,4%
Japan	1 870	985	1 277	4 132	1 748	1 310	1 413	4 471	8,2%
Malaysia	601	355	456	1 412	658	433	807	1 898	34,4%
Pakistan	997	1 018	961	2 976	1 089	1 363	1 223	3 675	23,5%
Philippines	943	524	568	2 035	442	550	589	1 581	-22,3%
Singapore	514	758	794	2 066	607	681	911	2 199	6,4%
South Korea	891	947	1 308	3 146	844	912	1 299	3 055	-2,9%
Thailand	571	322	383	1 276	545	349	402	1 296	1,6%
Other	1 633	1 183	1 248	4 064	1 576	1 346	1 270	4 192	3,1%
Africa	540 111	534 969	655 767	1 730 847	514 578	554 216	696 866	1 765 660	2,0%
SADC	527 616	520 322	639 816	1 687 754	499 446	535 807	679 406	1 714 659	1,6%
Angola	3 124	3 125	3 454	9 703	2 660	3 330	3 690	9 680	-0,2%
Botswana	30 680	32 181	54 649	117 510	30 535	34 878	52 300	117 713	0,2%
DRC	2 164	1 960	4 085	8 209	1 719	2 151	4 928	8 798	7,2%
Eswatini	65 314	63 438	77 467	206 219	70 213	71 818	82 072	224 103	8,7%

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2023 – Quarter 4, 2024 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2023 – Quarter 4, 2024								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2023	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2024	% change 2023 – 2024
Lesotho	89 226	83 982	106 786	279 994	60 221	90 065	134 116	284 402	1,6%
Madagascar	370	395	352	1 117	387	397	445	1 229	10,0%
Malawi	13 144	14 250	13 682	41 076	16 525	18 228	18 416	53 169	29,4%
Mauritius	1 790	2 299	1 846	5 935	1 630	2 230	2 172	6 032	1,6%
Mozambique	107 426	119 328	128 478	355 232	129 036	122 780	144 824	396 640	11,7%
Namibia	13 576	12 126	19 755	45 457	13 392	13 229	20 967	47 588	4,7%
Seychelles	424	594	606	1 624	368	668	584	1 620	-0,2%
Tanzania	3 208	3 215	4 037	10 460	3 428	3 415	4 612	11 455	9,5%
Zambia	13 478	13 347	15 815	42 640	10 579	13 330	17 501	41 410	-2,9%
Zimbabwe	183 692	170 082	208 804	562 578	158 753	159 288	192 779	510 820	-9,2%
'Other' African	12 495	14 647	15 951	43 093	15 132	18 409	17 460	51 001	18,4%
East and Central Africa	7 629	7 362	8 758	23 749	7 511	8 990	9 586	26 087	9,8%
Burundi	92	122	77	291	112	121	101	334	14,8%
Cameroon	365	319	298	982	382	557	460	1 399	42,5%
Central African Republic	26	14	4	44	24	46	8	78	77,3%
Chad	45	50	27	122	52	52	26	130	6,6%
Comoros	71	61	13	145	38	26	49	113	-22,1%
Congo	120	165	154	439	161	222	297	680	54,9%
Djibouti	8	14	8	30	7	17	4	28	-6,7%
Equatorial Guinea	68	26	12	106	29	55	24	108	1,9%
Eritrea	30	37	47	114	41	34	36	111	-2,6%
Ethiopia	724	651	682	2 057	717	722	635	2 074	0,8%
Gabon	287	239	444	970	304	317	560	1 181	21,8%
Kenya	4 464	4 396	4 989	13 849	4 358	5 317	5 626	15 301	10,5%
Réunion	-	1	1	2	-	11	17	28	1300,0%
Rwanda	105	94	97	296	97	108	94	299	1,0%
São Tomé and Príncipe	13	12	6	31	10	11	4	25	-19,4%
Somalia	56	76	74	206	68	81	62	211	2,4%
Uganda	1 155	1 085	1 825	4 065	1 111	1 293	1 583	3 987	-1,9%

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2023 – Quarter 4, 2024 changes by country of residence and month of travel (concluded)

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2023 – Quarter 4, 2024								
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2023	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2024	% change 2023 – 2024
West Africa	3 695	5 931	6 060	15 686	6 563	8 153	6 478	21 194	35,1%
Benin	156	221	158	535	217	223	176	616	15,1%
Burkina Faso	68	63	72	203	56	116	34	206	1,5%
Cape Verde Island	29	31	27	87	33	37	17	87	0,0%
Côte d'Ivoire	209	247	220	676	211	323	133	667	-1,3%
Gambia	44	67	35	146	71	86	29	186	27,4%
Ghana	772	2 987	3 393	7 152	3 555	4 081	3 534	11 170	56,2%
Guinea	108	139	132	379	108	120	86	314	-17,2%
Guinea-Bissau	11	6	1	18	15	18	7	40	122,2%
Liberia	41	65	41	147	107	128	79	314	113,6%
Mali	70	91	128	289	70	105	71	246	-14,9%
Mauritania	30	43	8	81	26	26	11	63	-22,2%
Niger	28	35	23	86	27	55	20	102	18,6%
Nigeria	1 875	1 679	1 637	5 191	1 806	2 505	2 086	6 397	23,2%
Saint Helena	2	5	3	10	2	3	10	15	50,0%
Senegal	159	152	89	400	123	186	101	410	2,5%
Sierra Leone	52	53	64	169	72	68	49	189	11,8%
Togo	41	47	29	117	64	73	35	172	47,0%
North Africa	1 171	1 354	1 133	3 658	1 058	1 266	1 396	3 720	1,7%
Algeria	79	116	74	269	75	80	76	231	-14,1%
Egypt	527	530	603	1 660	517	548	495	1 560	-6,0%
Libya	36	89	63	188	46	43	59	148	-21,3%
Morocco	150	267	115	532	123	150	537	810	52,3%
South Sudan	133	119	83	335	83	110	48	241	-28,1%
The Sudan	48	79	56	183	85	85	62	232	26,8%
Tunisia	197	154	138	489	129	247	116	492	0,6%
Western Sahara	1	-	1	2	-	3	3	6	200,0%
Unspecified	1 219	1 159	1 009	3 387	1 104	1 376	1 118	3 598	6,2%

3.7 Annexure G – Number of tourists by port of entry and province, December 2024

Port name and province	December 2024
Total	920 147
Western Cape	118 345
Cape Town Harbour	5 811
Cape Town International Airport	112 534
Eastern Cape	6 152
Telle Bridge	6 152
Northern Cape	14 379
Nakop	5 798
Violsdrift	8 581
Free State	129 591
Caledonspoort	14 768
Ficksburg	48 954
Maseru Bridge	60 997
Van Rooyens Gate	4 872
KwaZulu Natal	29 226
Golela	14 802
King Shaka	4 296
Kosibay	8 295
Durban Harbour	1 833
North West	53 947
Kopfontein	29 123
Ramathlabama	12 582
Schilpad Gate	12 242
Gauteng	175 815
Lanseria International Airport	193
Oliver Tambo International Airport	175 622
Mpumalanga	217 880
Emahlatini	2 841
Jeppes Reef	14 734
Lebombo	135 087
Mahamba	8 131
Mananga	9 716
Nerston	774
Oshoek	46 597
Limpopo	174 812
Beit Bridge	150 599
Groblers Bridge	24 213

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 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 December 2024, the DHA data was 0,4% 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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