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## KEY FINDINGS

### 1. Number of travellers

The April 2008 data collected by the Department of Home Affairs' (DHA) immigration officers at the ports of entry into South Africa show that a total of 2 193 174 travellers (arrivals and departures) passed through the ports of entry. As presented in Table 1, these travellers are made up of 734 375 South African residents and 1 458 799 foreign travellers. A further breakdown of the figures indicates that 358 969 and 375 406 South African resident arrivals and departures respectively were recorded. The corresponding volume for foreign arrivals and departures are 769 545 and 689 254 respectively. A comparison between the movements in March 2008 and April 2008 indicates that there was a decline in all movements. There were more movements recorded in March than in April probably due to the fact that Easter Holidays, which usually attract more visitors in the country, fell in March. The April 2008 figure (358 969) for South African resident, arrivals shows a decrease of 15,2% compared to the April 2007 figure of 423 311. Similarly, there was a decline of 3,3% for foreign arrivals from 795 901 in April 2007 to 769 545 in April 2008.

### 2. Mode of travel

It is observed from Table 2 that road transport was the most common (65,5%) mode of travel used by 1 437 240 out of the 2 193 174 travellers. The arrival data on South African residents show that 43,2% came by air and 56,5% by road. For their departure, 31,7% and 68,2% used air and road transport respectively. When taking into consideration the countries of residence of travellers, it was found that for foreign arrivals, overseas travellers generally used air (88,3%) compared to road transport (11,4%) whereas travellers from Africa used road (89,8%) more than air transport (8,2%). Information on specific countries from which travellers came from and the mode of travel used is provided in Table 3.

### 3. Foreign arrivals

The data on travellers received from the DHA do not provide detailed information on departures; neither do they provide any information other than total numbers, travel direction and mode of travel of South African residents. Therefore the following findings pertain to foreign arrivals:

Data presented in Table 3 show that more than two thirds (76,7%) of foreign arrivals were from Africa whilst less than a quarter (22,5%) were from overseas countries. Information on the country of residence was not available on 0,8% of the travellers. A comparison of the changes between April 2007 and April 2008 indicates that the number of overseas arrivals increased by 4,2% from 166 051 in 2007 to 173 101 in 2008. Arrivals from Africa decreased by 5,6% from 625 180 in April 2007 to 590 204 in April 2008.

#### 3.1 Gender and age distribution

The travellers from Africa comprised of 320 829 males, 268 282 females and 1 093 with unspecified gender. The data on overseas travellers had 101 569 males, 71 350 females and gender was not specified in 182 cases. Overall, more males than females from African (males: 54,4%; females: 45,5%) and overseas countries (males: 58,7%; females: 41,2%) came to South Africa. The age distribution of foreign arrivals presented in Figure 1 shows that travellers from Africa are generally younger compared to those from overseas. The bulk (82,6%) of African travellers is clustered between ages 20-54, peaking at age group 25-29. However, the age distribution of overseas travellers is widely spread. Thus 86,9% of overseas travellers is between ages 20 to 69 years. The percentage of older persons (65 years and older) from overseas countries was significantly higher (9,1%) compared to that among persons from Africa (2,5%).

#### 3.2 Regional and national distribution

Overseas travellers came mainly from Europe (63,4%), followed by North America (14,2%), Asia (10,7%), Australasia (6,3%), Central and South America (3,0%) and Middle East (2,4%). Virtually all arrivals (97,6%) from Africa came from the SADC countries. The distribution of the remaining arrivals from Africa is as follows: East and Central Africa (1,2%), West Africa (1,0%) and North Africa (0,2%). April data for the past five years (See Figure 2) reveal that, arrivals from 'other' African countries have been quite stable (around 11 218) unlike SADC countries that have been escalating since 2005 with a moderate drop in 2008. The number of travellers from overseas countries remained fairly stable since 2006 through to 2008.

Data presented in Figure 3 show the eight leading overseas source countries. These are UK, USA, Germany, France, Netherlands, Australia, India and Canada. Travellers from these eight countries constitute 67,1% of all travellers from overseas. A comparison of figures from overseas for April 2007 and April 2008 shows that there were increases in the number of travellers arriving from USA (4,1% up from 19 300 to 20 088);

France (8,5% up from 10 625 to 11 529); Netherlands (32,3% up from 7 397 to 9 783); Australia (15,6% up from 7 651 to 8 841); India (9,7% up from 4 731 to 5 191) and Canada (12,8% up from 4 012 to 4 527). However, there was a decline in the number of arrivals from UK (1,9% down from 38 808 to 38 068) and Germany (0,9% down from 18 373 to 18 205).

The eight leading source countries from SADC were Lesotho, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Malawi. Figure 4 shows that travellers from these eight SADC countries made up 96,0% of all arrivals from Africa. When comparing arrival figures from the SADC countries for April 2007 and April 2008, there were increases in the number of travellers arriving from Mozambique (14,3% up from 90 605 to 103 541) Zimbabwe (25,2% up from 80 982 to 101 355); Zambia (18,5% up from 14 774 to 17 500); and Malawi (2,6% up from 12 094 to 12 411). However, there was a decline in the number of arrivals from Lesotho (23,5% down from 202 424 to 154 944); Botswana (22,5% down from 90 158 to 69 896); Swaziland (7,0% from 92 323 to 85 731) and Namibia (1,9% down from 21 524 to 21 117).

The eight leading source countries from 'other' African countries, shown in Figure 5, are Nigeria, Kenya, Ghana, Uganda, Ethiopia, Somalia, Congo and Egypt. A comparison of arrivals for 'other' African countries for April 2007 and that of April 2008 indicates that there was an increase from Nigeria (5,4% up from 3 343 to 3 525); Kenya (2,2% up from 2 388 to 2 440); Ghana (20,2% up from 1 000 to 1 202); Uganda (5,8 up from 1 028 to 1 088); Somalia (124,9% up from 249 to 560) and Egypt (7,8% up from 450 to 485) increased. However, there was a decline in the number of arrivals from Ethiopia (5,2% down from 808 to 776) and Congo (3,8% down from 574 to 552).

### 3.3 Purpose of travel

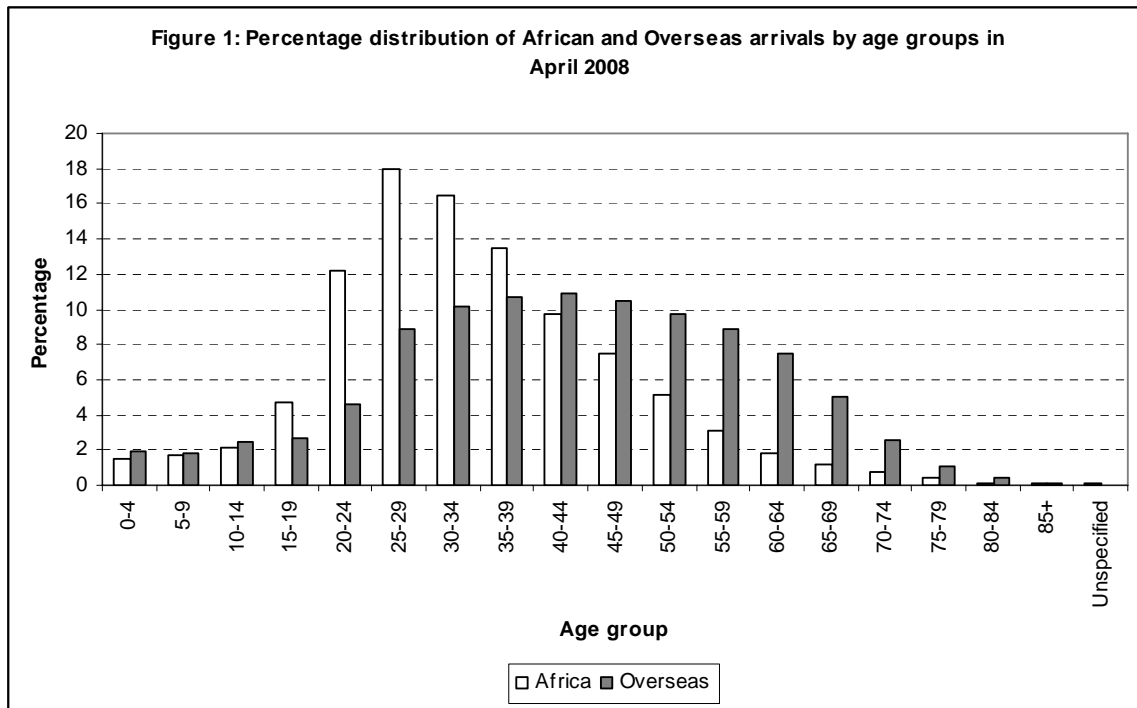
As observed from data given in Table 4, an overwhelming majority (93,3%) of foreign arrivals was admitted into South Africa on visitors' temporary residence permit. These visitors are mainly made up of same-day travellers as well as tourists. This is in vast contrast to those on business (2,1%), those who have come for work (1,4%) and those who have come to study (1,0%).

Overall, 91,9% of overseas travellers came to South Africa to visit. A detailed analysis reveals that all the overseas regions had more than 78,0% travellers coming to South Africa for holidays. Travellers from Australasia (96,4%), Europe (93,4%), North America (94,3%), Central and South America (92,7%), the Middle East (88,2%) and Asia (78,1%) were admitted into South Africa as visitors. Travellers from Asia were more diverse in their purpose, for instance, 12,3% of travellers came into the country for work, 7,0% for business and 0,9% for study.

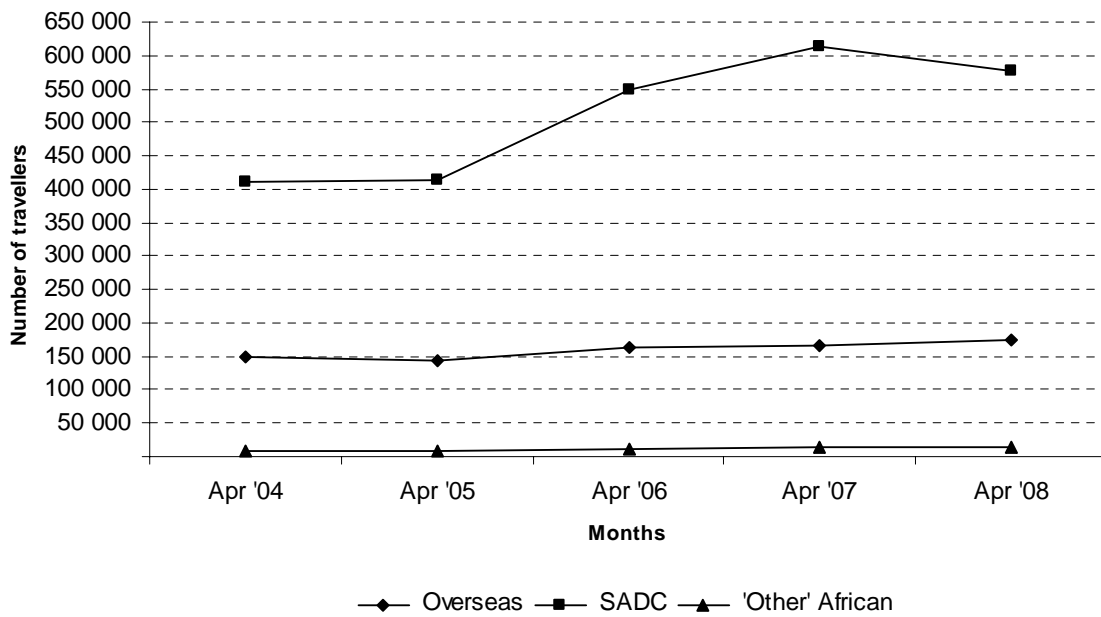
Although the majority (94,4%) of African travellers came into the country on visitors' permits, there is a significant difference between travellers from SADC countries and 'other' African countries, namely:

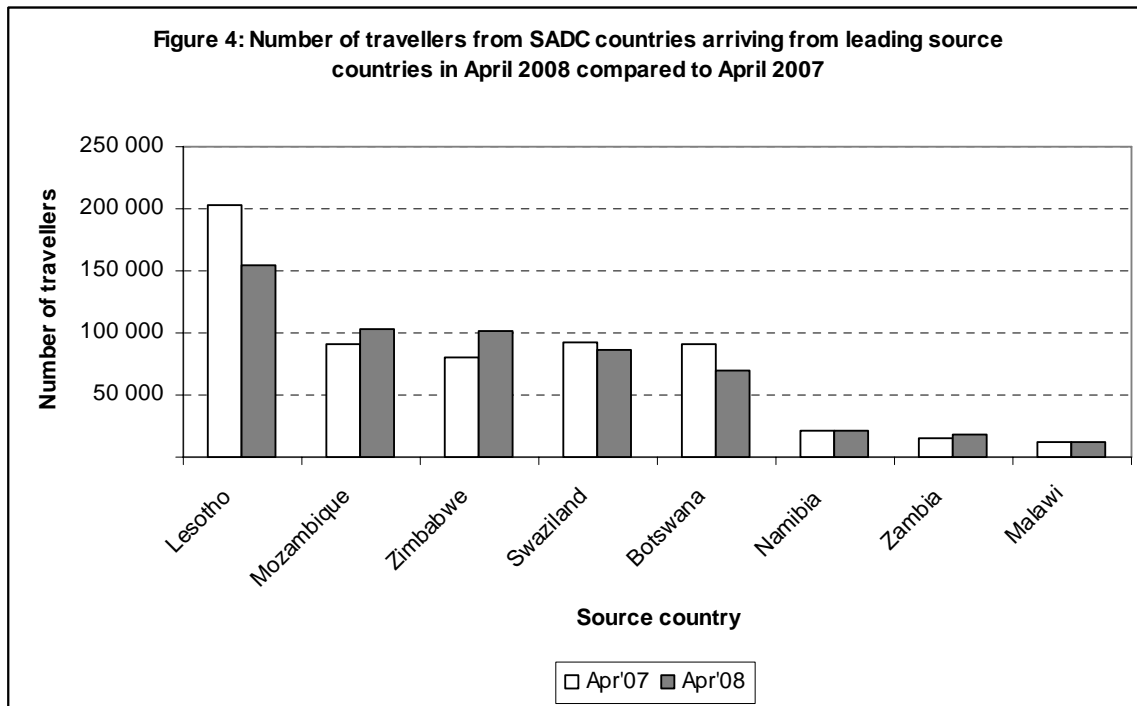
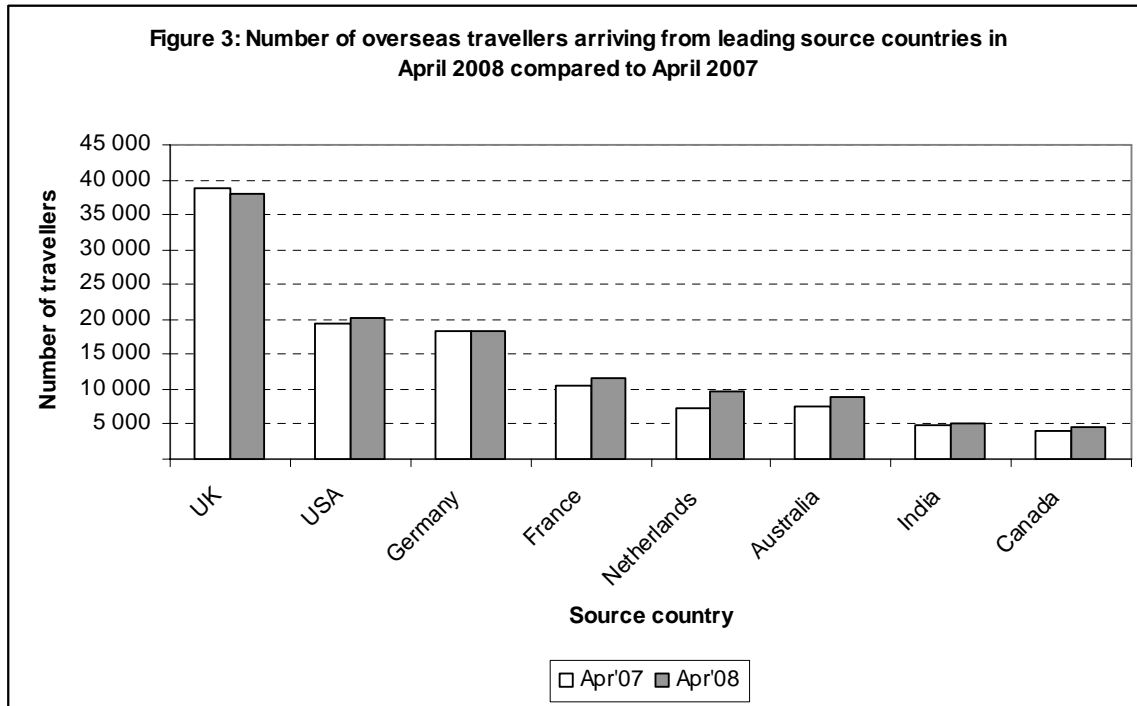
- Whereas 94,7% of travellers from the SADC countries were recorded as on holiday, 82,8% of travellers from 'other' African countries were admitted on visitor's permit. Proportionally, the lowest percentage (77,1%) of visitors came from North Africa, a region where, a large percentage of travellers were in South Africa for business (13,4%).
- A relatively higher percentage of 'other' African than SADC travellers were here to study, work or for business.
- Overall, North Africa, West Africa and East and Central Africa had 7,1% ,6,3% and 5,8% respectively of travellers who were in South Africa for work as compared to only 0,5% among the SADC travellers.

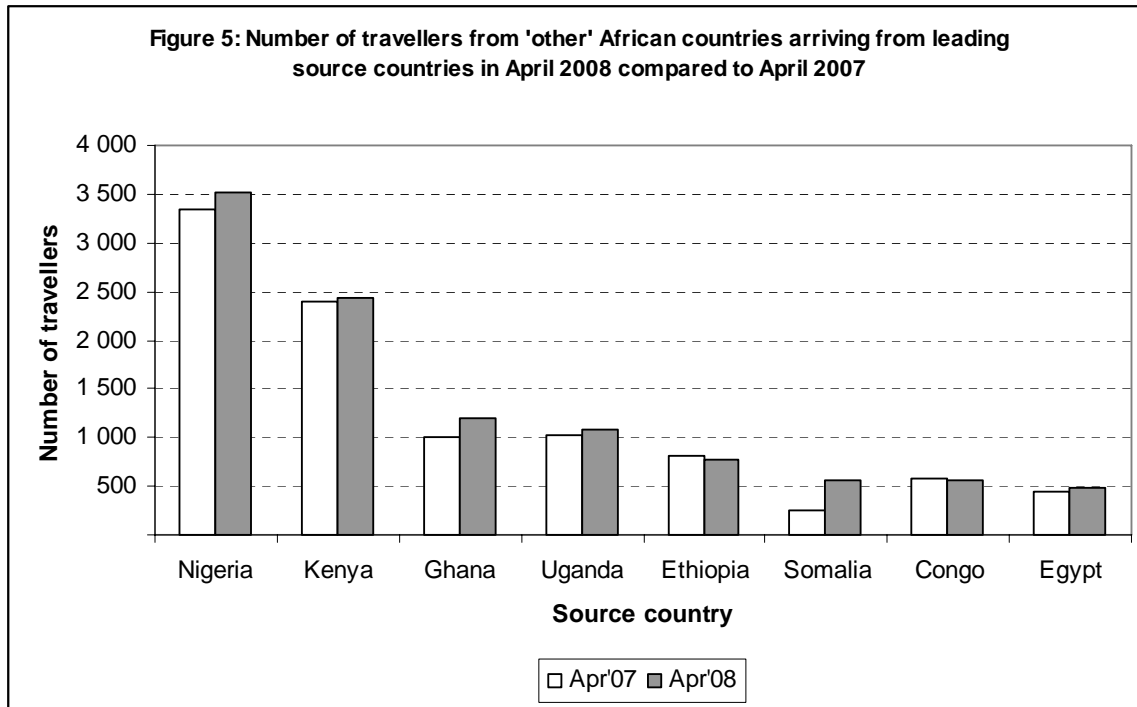
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**Figure 2: Number of April arrivals by region (2004 - 2008)**







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

| Travel direction               | April            | March            | April            | % change          | % change            |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|                                | 2007             | 2008             | 2008             | April 07–April 08 | March 08 – April 08 |
| <b>South African residents</b> |                  |                  |                  |                   |                     |
| Arrivals                       | 423 311          | 368 151          | 358 969          | -15,2             | -2,5                |
| Departures                     | 425 568          | 400 614          | 375 406          | -11,8             | -6,3                |
| <b>Foreign travellers</b>      |                  |                  |                  |                   |                     |
| Arrivals                       | 795 901          | 875 950          | 769 545          | -3,3              | -12,1               |
| Departures                     | 695 724          | 790 291          | 689 254          | -0,9              | -12,8               |
| <b>Grand Total</b>             | <b>2 340 504</b> | <b>2 435 006</b> | <b>2 193 174</b> | <b>-6,3</b>       | <b>-9,9</b>         |

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

| Travel direction        | Total            | Mode of travel (April 2008) |              |                |              |                |            |                  |            |               |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|------------|------------------|------------|---------------|
|                         |                  | Air                         |              |                |              |                | Rail       | Road             | Sea        | Unspec.       |
|                         |                  | (C/Town)                    | (Durban)     | (OR Tambo)     | (Other)      | Total          |            |                  |            |               |
| <b>Grand Total</b>      | <b>2 193 174</b> | <b>118 611</b>              | <b>3 281</b> | <b>607 820</b> | <b>9 086</b> | <b>738 798</b> | <b>337</b> | <b>1 437 240</b> | <b>767</b> | <b>16 032</b> |
| <b>Arrivals:</b>        | <b>1 128 514</b> | <b>55 914</b>               | <b>1 685</b> | <b>295 786</b> | <b>4 569</b> | <b>357 954</b> | <b>137</b> | <b>754 379</b>   | <b>463</b> | <b>15 581</b> |
| South African residents | 358 969          | 18 751                      | 1 212        | 132 069        | 3 190        | 155 222        | 18         | 202 666          | 192        | 871           |
| Foreign travellers      | 769 545          | 37 163                      | 473          | 163 717        | 1 379        | 202 732        | 119        | 551 713          | 271        | 14 710        |
| Overseas                | 173 101          | 34 603                      | 197          | 117 139        | 866          | 152 805        | 77         | 19 681           | 257        | 281           |
| Africa                  | 590 204          | 2 447                       | 275          | 45 141         | 509          | 48 372         | 42         | 529 912          | 12         | 11 866        |
| Unspecified             | 6 240            | 113                         | 1            | 1 437          | 4            | 1 555          | -          | 2 120            | 2          | 2 563         |
| <b>Departures:</b>      | <b>1 064 660</b> | <b>62 697</b>               | <b>1 596</b> | <b>312 034</b> | <b>4 517</b> | <b>380 844</b> | <b>200</b> | <b>682 861</b>   | <b>304</b> | <b>451</b>    |
| South African residents | 689 254          | 42 820                      | 391          | 174 159        | 1 134        | 218 504        | 103        | 470 092          | 168        | 387           |
| Foreign travellers      | 375 406          | 19 877                      | 1 205        | 137 875        | 3 383        | 162 340        | 97         | 212 769          | 136        | 64            |



**Table 3. Number of foreign arrivals by country and mode of travel**

| Country                          | Mode of travel (April 2008) |                |               |            |                |              |                |            |                |            |               |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|---------------|
|                                  | April                       |                | Air           |            |                |              |                | Rail       | Road           | Sea        | Unspec.       |
|                                  | 2007                        | 2008           | (C/Town)      | (Durban)   | (OR Tambo)     | (Other)      | Total          |            |                |            |               |
| <b>Grand Total</b>               | <b>795 901</b>              | <b>769 545</b> | <b>37 163</b> | <b>473</b> | <b>163 717</b> | <b>1 379</b> | <b>202 732</b> | <b>119</b> | <b>551 713</b> | <b>271</b> | <b>14 710</b> |
| <b>Overseas Total</b>            | <b>166 051</b>              | <b>173 101</b> | <b>34 603</b> | <b>197</b> | <b>117 139</b> | <b>866</b>   | <b>152 805</b> | <b>77</b>  | <b>19 681</b>  | <b>257</b> | <b>281</b>    |
| <b>Europe</b>                    | <b>107 128</b>              | <b>110 536</b> | <b>28 143</b> | <b>111</b> | <b>68 329</b>  | <b>510</b>   | <b>97 093</b>  | <b>46</b>  | <b>13 157</b>  | <b>130</b> | <b>110</b>    |
| Austria                          | 1 393                       | 1 659          | 551           | -          | 885            | 2            | 1 438          | 1          | 213            | 6          | 1             |
| Belgium                          | 3 359                       | 2 826          | 534           | 2          | 1 867          | 31           | 2 434          | -          | 385            | 5          | 2             |
| Denmark                          | 1 641                       | 1 754          | 337           | 4          | 1 160          | 12           | 1 513          | 1          | 227            | 8          | 5             |
| France                           | 10 625                      | 11 529         | 1 248         | 34         | 8 984          | 36           | 10 302         | 3          | 1 224          | -          | -             |
| Germany                          | 18 373                      | 18 205         | 5 994         | 3          | 9 298          | 45           | 15 340         | 8          | 2 825          | 18         | 14            |
| Ireland                          | 3 105                       | 2 438          | 750           | 2          | 1 333          | 20           | 2 105          | 2          | 326            | -          | 5             |
| Italy                            | 3 323                       | 4 233          | 848           | 3          | 3 072          | 10           | 3 933          | 5          | 293            | 1          | 1             |
| Netherlands                      | 7 397                       | 9 783          | 2 944         | 2          | 5 350          | 15           | 8 311          | -          | 1 467          | -          | 5             |
| Norway                           | 1 449                       | 1 319          | 363           | 3          | 772            | 4            | 1 142          | 1          | 171            | 4          | 1             |
| Portugal                         | 2 967                       | 2 763          | 170           | 14         | 1 424          | 20           | 1 628          | -          | 1 131          | -          | 4             |
| Spain                            | 2 477                       | 2 842          | 298           | 2          | 2 394          | 22           | 2 716          | 1          | 120            | 5          | -             |
| Sweden                           | 2 839                       | 2 436          | 563           | -          | 1 525          | 63           | 2 151          | 1          | 268            | 12         | 4             |
| Switzerland                      | 3 055                       | 3 105          | 674           | 4          | 1 940          | 15           | 2 633          | 8          | 461            | 2          | 1             |
| United Kingdom                   | 38 808                      | 38 068         | 10 852        | 33         | 23 511         | 148          | 34 544         | 8          | 3 443          | 20         | 53            |
| Other                            | 6 315                       | 7 576          | 2 017         | 5          | 4 814          | 67           | 6 903          | 7          | 603            | 49         | 14            |
| <b>North America</b>             | <b>23 321</b>               | <b>24 622</b>  | <b>2 602</b>  | <b>8</b>   | <b>19 366</b>  | <b>132</b>   | <b>22 108</b>  | <b>7</b>   | <b>2 461</b>   | <b>14</b>  | <b>32</b>     |
| Canada                           | 4 012                       | 4 527          | 736           | 3          | 3 206          | 28           | 3 973          | 6          | 539            | 3          | 6             |
| USA                              | 19 300                      | 20 088         | 1 865         | 5          | 16 154         | 104          | 18 128         | 1          | 1 922          | 11         | 26            |
| Other                            | 9                           | 7              | 1             | -          | 6              | -            | 7              | -          | -              | -          | -             |
| <b>Central and South America</b> | <b>4 656</b>                | <b>5 163</b>   | <b>512</b>    | <b>2</b>   | <b>4 160</b>   | <b>55</b>    | <b>4 729</b>   | <b>-</b>   | <b>429</b>     | <b>4</b>   | <b>1</b>      |
| Argentina                        | 633                         | 584            | 182           | 1          | 357            | 2            | 542            | -          | 42             | -          | -             |
| Brazil                           | 2 691                       | 3 000          | 47            | 1          | 2 706          | 17           | 2 771          | -          | 229            | -          | -             |
| Mexico                           | 269                         | 314            | 67            | -          | 220            | 7            | 294            | -          | 19             | 1          | -             |
| Other                            | 1 063                       | 1 265          | 216           | -          | 877            | 29           | 1 122          | -          | 139            | 3          | 1             |

**Table 3. Number of foreign arrivals by country and mode of travel (continued)**

| Country              | Mode of travel (April 2008) |                |              |            |               |            |               |           |                |           |               |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|---------------|
|                      | April                       |                | Air          |            |               |            |               | Rail      | Road           | Sea       | Unspec.       |
|                      | 2007                        | 2008           | (C/Town)     | (Durban)   | (OR Tambo)    | (Other)    | Total         |           |                |           |               |
| <b>Australasia</b>   | <b>9 339</b>                | <b>10 856</b>  | <b>753</b>   | <b>47</b>  | <b>9 119</b>  | <b>60</b>  | <b>9 979</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>827</b>     | <b>41</b> | <b>7</b>      |
| Australia            | 7 651                       | 8 841          | 583          | 47         | 7 445         | 54         | 8 129         | 1         | 669            | 36        | 6             |
| New Zealand          | 1 623                       | 1 924          | 163          | -          | 1 622         | 5          | 1 790         | 1         | 127            | 5         | 1             |
| Other                | 65                          | 91             | 7            | -          | 52            | 1          | 60            | -         | 31             | -         | -             |
| <b>Middle East</b>   | <b>2 276</b>                | <b>3 364</b>   | <b>473</b>   | <b>2</b>   | <b>2 614</b>  | <b>30</b>  | <b>3 119</b>  | <b>11</b> | <b>233</b>     | <b>-</b>  | <b>1</b>      |
| Israel               | 1 143                       | 1 749          | 82           | -          | 1 508         | 17         | 1 607         | 11        | 131            | -         | -             |
| Saudi Arabia         | 218                         | 344            | 56           | -          | 276           | -          | 332           | -         | 12             | -         | -             |
| United Arab Emirates | 129                         | 297            | 111          | -          | 180           | 6          | 297           | -         | -              | -         | -             |
| Other                | 786                         | 974            | 224          | 2          | 650           | 7          | 883           | -         | 90             | -         | 1             |
| <b>Asia</b>          | <b>19 331</b>               | <b>18 560</b>  | <b>2 120</b> | <b>27</b>  | <b>13 551</b> | <b>79</b>  | <b>15 777</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>2 574</b>   | <b>68</b> | <b>130</b>    |
| China                | 3 479                       | 3 248          | 204          | -          | 2 555         | 16         | 2 775         | -         | 439            | 1         | 33            |
| India                | 4 731                       | 5 191          | 583          | 20         | 3 683         | 22         | 4 308         | 7         | 827            | 23        | 26            |
| Japan                | 2 278                       | 1 911          | 161          | -          | 1 661         | 5          | 1 827         | -         | 80             | 4         | -             |
| Malaysia             | 951                         | 636            | 180          | 1          | 417           | 5          | 603           | -         | 33             | -         | -             |
| Pakistan             | 765                         | 950            | 65           | 3          | 635           | 7          | 710           | 4         | 224            | 2         | 10            |
| Philippines          | 878                         | 899            | 135          | -          | 632           | 3          | 770           | -         | 87             | 25        | 17            |
| Rep Of Korea         | 1 368                       | 1 679          | 127          | -          | 1 428         | 1          | 1 556         | -         | 123            | -         | -             |
| Taiwan               | 1 244                       | 901            | 191          | 3          | 389           | 3          | 586           | -         | 286            | 2         | 27            |
| Thailand             | 1 102                       | 798            | 66           | -          | 696           | -          | 762           | -         | 35             | -         | 1             |
| Other                | 2 535                       | 2 347          | 408          | -          | 1 455         | 17         | 1 880         | -         | 440            | 11        | 16            |
| <b>Africa Total</b>  | <b>625 180</b>              | <b>590 204</b> | <b>2 447</b> | <b>275</b> | <b>45 141</b> | <b>509</b> | <b>48 372</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>529 912</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>11 866</b> |
| <b>SADC</b>          | <b>612 415</b>              | <b>575 968</b> | <b>2 279</b> | <b>259</b> | <b>33 674</b> | <b>427</b> | <b>36 639</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>527 436</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>11 846</b> |
| Angola               | 2 705                       | 3 314          | 154          | -          | 2 939         | 81         | 3 174         | -         | 140            | -         | -             |
| Botswana             | 90 158                      | 69 896         | 13           | 6          | 2 433         | 174        | 2 626         | -         | 67 140         | 1         | 129           |
| DRC                  | 2 079                       | 3 118          | -            | -          | 2 228         | 18         | 2 246         | 8         | 864            | -         | -             |
| Lesotho              | 202 424                     | 154 944        | 1            | 6          | 589           | 5          | 601           | -         | 143 387        | -         | 10 956        |
| Madagascar           | 225                         | 290            | 3            | -          | 275           | -          | 278           | -         | 12             | -         | -             |
| Malawi               | 12 094                      | 12 411         | 3            | 3          | 2 148         | 4          | 2 158         | -         | 10 246         | -         | 7             |

**Table 3. Number of foreign arrivals by country and mode of travel (continued)**

| Country                        | Mode of travel (April 2008) |              |           |           |              |           |              |          |              |          |          |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|----------|
|                                | April                       |              | Air       |           |              |           |              | Rail     | Road         | Sea      | Unspec.  |
|                                | 2007                        | 2008         | (C/Town)  | (Durban)  | (OR Tambo)   | (Other)   | Total        |          |              |          |          |
| Mauritius                      | 1 410                       | 1 557        | 284       | 142       | 974          | 3         | 1 403        | -        | 151          | -        | 3        |
| Mozambique                     | 90 605                      | 103 541      | 110       | 80        | 2 552        | 13        | 2 755        | 4        | 100 601      | 7        | 174      |
| Namibia                        | 21 524                      | 21 117       | 1 652     | 2         | 2 839        | 44        | 4 537        | -        | 16 572       | 2        | 6        |
| Swaziland                      | 92 323                      | 85 731       | 4         | -         | 844          | 3         | 851          | 7        | 84 779       | 1        | 93       |
| Tanzania                       | 1 112                       | 1 194        | 12        | -         | 866          | 3         | 881          | -        | 312          | -        | 1        |
| Zambia                         | 14 774                      | 17 500       | 7         | -         | 6 558        | 23        | 6 588        | 4        | 10 894       | -        | 14       |
| Zimbabwe                       | 80 982                      | 101 355      | 36        | 20        | 8 429        | 56        | 8 541        | 13       | 92 338       | -        | 463      |
| <b>East and Central Africa</b> | <b>6 369</b>                | <b>6 945</b> | <b>44</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>5 319</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>5 404</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>1 532</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>5</b> |
| Burundi                        | 92                          | 106          | -         | -         | 86           | -         | 86           | -        | 20           | -        | -        |
| Cameroon                       | 342                         | 463          | 8         | -         | 419          | 1         | 428          | -        | 35           | -        | -        |
| Central African Rep            | 7                           | 15           | -         | -         | 15           | -         | 15           | -        | -            | -        | -        |
| Chad                           | 13                          | 22           | -         | -         | 22           | -         | 22           | -        | -            | -        | -        |
| Comoros                        | 20                          | 19           | -         | -         | 19           | -         | 19           | -        | -            | -        | -        |
| Congo                          | 574                         | 552          | 10        | -         | 411          | 8         | 429          | 2        | 121          | -        | -        |
| Djibouti                       | 10                          | 7            | -         | -         | 4            | 1         | 5            | -        | 2            | -        | -        |
| Equat Guinea                   | 45                          | 21           | 1         | -         | 9            | -         | 10           | -        | 11           | -        | -        |
| Eritrea                        | 52                          | 37           | -         | -         | 27           | -         | 27           | -        | 10           | -        | -        |
| Ethiopia                       | 808                         | 776          | 5         | 1         | 536          | 3         | 545          | -        | 231          | -        | -        |
| Gabon                          | 193                         | 291          | 2         | -         | 285          | 2         | 289          | 1        | 1            | -        | -        |
| Kenya                          | 2 388                       | 2 440        | 9         | 1         | 2 126        | 11        | 2 147        | -        | 292          | -        | 1        |
| Reunion                        | 30                          | 55           | 3         | -         | 52           | -         | 55           | -        | -            | -        | -        |
| Rwanda                         | 304                         | 272          | -         | -         | 255          | -         | 255          | -        | 17           | -        | -        |
| Sao Tome and Principe          | 16                          | 21           | 1         | -         | 15           | -         | 16           | -        | 5            | -        | -        |
| Seychelles                     | 197                         | 200          | 1         | 11        | 178          | 1         | 191          | -        | 9            | -        | -        |
| Somalia                        | 249                         | 560          | -         | -         | 11           | -         | 11           | -        | 549          | -        | -        |
| Tristan Da Cunha               | 1                           | -            | -         | -         | -            | -         | -            | -        | -            | -        | -        |
| Uganda                         | 1 028                       | 1 088        | 4         | -         | 849          | 1         | 854          | 1        | 229          | -        | 4        |

**Table 3. Number of foreign arrivals by country and mode of travel (concluded)**

| Country             | Mode of travel (April 2008) |              |            |          |              |           |              |          |              |          |              |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|
|                     | April                       |              | Air        |          |              |           |              | Rail     | Road         | Sea      | Unspec.      |
|                     | 2007                        | 2008         | (C/Town)   | (Durban) | (OR Tambo)   | (Other)   | Total        |          |              |          |              |
| <b>West Africa</b>  | <b>5 401</b>                | <b>6 123</b> | <b>41</b>  | <b>2</b> | <b>5 271</b> | <b>50</b> | <b>5 364</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>747</b>   | -        | <b>11</b>    |
| Ascension           | 1                           | 5            | 1          | -        | 3            | -         | 4            | -        | 1            | -        | -            |
| Benin               | 100                         | 156          | 3          | -        | 137          | -         | 140          | -        | 16           | -        | -            |
| Burkina Faso        | 35                          | 79           | -          | -        | 78           | -         | 78           | -        | 1            | -        | -            |
| Canary Isles        | -                           | 4            | -          | -        | -            | -         | -            | -        | 4            | -        | -            |
| Cape Verde Island   | 54                          | 61           | -          | -        | 47           | -         | 47           | -        | 14           | -        | -            |
| Cote D'Ivoire       | 171                         | 155          | 3          | -        | 151          | -         | 154          | -        | 1            | -        | -            |
| Gambia              | 52                          | 81           | 1          | -        | 72           | -         | 73           | -        | 6            | -        | 2            |
| Ghana               | 1 000                       | 1 202        | 7          | 1        | 1 041        | 4         | 1 053        | -        | 144          | -        | 5            |
| Guinea              | 95                          | 144          | 1          | -        | 86           | -         | 87           | -        | 57           | -        | -            |
| Guinea-Bissau       | 15                          | 33           | -          | -        | 18           | -         | 18           | -        | 15           | -        | -            |
| Liberia             | 46                          | 61           | 1          | -        | 55           | 1         | 57           | -        | 4            | -        | -            |
| Madeira Island      | 9                           | 15           | 5          | -        | 3            | -         | 8            | -        | 7            | -        | -            |
| Mali                | 82                          | 87           | -          | -        | 73           | -         | 73           | -        | 14           | -        | -            |
| Mauritania          | 16                          | 18           | -          | -        | 18           | -         | 18           | -        | -            | -        | -            |
| Niger               | 25                          | 38           | -          | -        | 36           | -         | 36           | -        | 2            | -        | -            |
| Nigeria             | 3 343                       | 3 525        | 14         | -        | 3 045        | 38        | 3 097        | 1        | 424          | -        | 3            |
| Saint Helena        | 6                           | 4            | -          | 1        | 2            | -         | 3            | -        | 1            | -        | -            |
| Senegal             | 239                         | 314          | 2          | -        | 289          | 7         | 298          | -        | 15           | -        | 1            |
| Sierra Leone        | 86                          | 77           | 2          | -        | 60           | -         | 62           | -        | 15           | -        | -            |
| Togo                | 26                          | 64           | 1          | -        | 57           | -         | 58           | -        | 6            | -        | -            |
| <b>North Africa</b> | <b>995</b>                  | <b>1 168</b> | <b>83</b>  | <b>1</b> | <b>877</b>   | <b>4</b>  | <b>965</b>   | <b>1</b> | <b>197</b>   | <b>1</b> | <b>4</b>     |
| Algeria             | 145                         | 226          | 5          | -        | 90           | -         | 95           | -        | 131          | -        | -            |
| Egypt               | 450                         | 485          | 42         | -        | 411          | 4         | 457          | 1        | 25           | 1        | 1            |
| Libya               | 63                          | 57           | -          | -        | 34           | -         | 34           | -        | 22           | -        | 1            |
| Morocco             | 58                          | 119          | 21         | -        | 83           | -         | 104          | -        | 13           | -        | 2            |
| Sudan               | 168                         | 178          | 6          | 1        | 165          | -         | 172          | -        | 6            | -        | -            |
| Tunisia             | 111                         | 103          | 9          | -        | 94           | -         | 103          | -        | -            | -        | -            |
| <b>Unspecified</b>  | <b>4 670</b>                | <b>6 240</b> | <b>113</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>1 437</b> | <b>4</b>  | <b>1 555</b> | -        | <b>2 120</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2 563</b> |

**Table 4. Number of foreign arrivals by purpose of travel**

| Region                    | Total          | Purpose of travel (April 2008) |                |              |               |              |             |                | Border Traffic Concession |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|
|                           |                | Business                       | Holiday        | Study        | Work          | Transit      | Unspecified | Total          |                           |
| <b>Grand Total</b>        | <b>769 545</b> | <b>16 371</b>                  | <b>717 635</b> | <b>7 818</b> | <b>10 624</b> | <b>2 430</b> | <b>62</b>   | <b>754 940</b> | <b>14 605</b>             |
| <b>Overseas Total</b>     | <b>173 101</b> | <b>6 288</b>                   | <b>159 081</b> | <b>911</b>   | <b>6 040</b>  | <b>582</b>   | <b>8</b>    | <b>172 910</b> | <b>191</b>                |
| Europe                    | 109 715        | 3 690                          | 102 429        | 521          | 2 764         | 254          | 1           | 109 659        | 56                        |
| North America             | 24 622         | 657                            | 23 213         | 124          | 536           | 72           | -           | 24 602         | 20                        |
| Central and South America | 5 163          | 147                            | 4 786          | 18           | 173           | 38           | -           | 5 162          | 1                         |
| Australasia               | 10 856         | 220                            | 10 462         | 27           | 123           | 17           | -           | 10 849         | 7                         |
| Middle East               | 4 185          | 267                            | 3 692          | 47           | 164           | 14           | -           | 4 184          | 1                         |
| Asia                      | 18 560         | 1 307                          | 14 499         | 174          | 2 280         | 187          | 7           | 18 454         | 106                       |
| <b>Africa Total</b>       | <b>590 204</b> | <b>10 029</b>                  | <b>556 979</b> | <b>5 932</b> | <b>3 513</b>  | <b>1 843</b> | <b>54</b>   | <b>578 350</b> | <b>11 854</b>             |
| SADC                      | 575 968        | 9 113                          | 545 195        | 5 428        | 2 637         | 1 727        | 34          | 564 134        | 11 834                    |
| East and Central Africa   | 6 945          | 437                            | 5 761          | 261          | 405           | 56           | 20          | 6 940          | 5                         |
| West Africa               | 6 123          | 323                            | 5 122          | 221          | 388           | 58           | -           | 6 112          | 11                        |
| North Africa              | 1 168          | 156                            | 901            | 22           | 83            | 2            | -           | 1 164          | 4                         |
| <b>Unspecified</b>        | <b>6 240</b>   | <b>54</b>                      | <b>1 575</b>   | <b>975</b>   | <b>1 071</b>  | <b>5</b>     | <b>-</b>    | <b>3 680</b>   | <b>2 560</b>              |

**Table 5. Number of foreign arrivals by country and purpose of travel**

| Country                          | April          |                | Purpose of travel (April 2008) |                |              |               |              |             |                | Border Traffic Concession |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|
|                                  | 2007           | 2008           | Business                       | Holiday        | Study        | Work          | Transit      | Unspecified | Total          |                           |
|                                  |                |                |                                |                |              |               |              |             |                |                           |
| <b>Grand Total</b>               | <b>795 901</b> | <b>769 545</b> | <b>16 371</b>                  | <b>717 635</b> | <b>7 818</b> | <b>10 624</b> | <b>2 430</b> | <b>62</b>   | <b>754 940</b> | <b>14 605</b>             |
| <b>Overseas Total</b>            | <b>166 051</b> | <b>173 101</b> | <b>6 288</b>                   | <b>159 081</b> | <b>911</b>   | <b>6 040</b>  | <b>582</b>   | <b>8</b>    | <b>172 910</b> | <b>191</b>                |
| <b>Europe</b>                    | <b>107 128</b> | <b>110 536</b> | <b>3 747</b>                   | <b>103 152</b> | <b>529</b>   | <b>2 794</b>  | <b>257</b>   | <b>1</b>    | <b>110 480</b> | <b>56</b>                 |
| Austria                          | 1 393          | 1 659          | 59                             | 1 571          | 4            | 21            | 4            | -           | 1 659          | -                         |
| Belgium                          | 3 359          | 2 826          | 133                            | 2 593          | 16           | 75            | 7            | -           | 2 824          | 2                         |
| Denmark                          | 1 641          | 1 754          | 57                             | 1 626          | 2            | 62            | 2            | -           | 1 749          | 5                         |
| France                           | 10 625         | 11 529         | 281                            | 10 891         | 50           | 276           | 31           | -           | 11 529         | -                         |
| Germany                          | 18 373         | 18 205         | 612                            | 17 069         | 113          | 377           | 26           | -           | 18 197         | 8                         |
| Ireland                          | 3 105          | 2 438          | 53                             | 2 331          | 5            | 43            | 1            | -           | 2 433          | 5                         |
| Italy                            | 3 323          | 4 233          | 163                            | 3 963          | 16           | 83            | 8            | -           | 4 233          | -                         |
| Netherlands                      | 7 397          | 9 783          | 254                            | 9 334          | 40           | 136           | 14           | -           | 9 778          | 5                         |
| Norway                           | 1 449          | 1 319          | 60                             | 1 205          | 4            | 42            | 7            | -           | 1 318          | 1                         |
| Portugal                         | 2 967          | 2 763          | 54                             | 2 659          | 8            | 29            | 9            | -           | 2 759          | 4                         |
| Spain                            | 2 477          | 2 842          | 62                             | 2 724          | 4            | 43            | 9            | -           | 2 842          | -                         |
| Sweden                           | 2 839          | 2 436          | 123                            | 2 198          | 7            | 95            | 9            | -           | 2 432          | 4                         |
| Switzerland                      | 3 055          | 3 105          | 102                            | 2 943          | 10           | 49            | 1            | -           | 3 105          | -                         |
| United Kingdom                   | 38 808         | 38 068         | 1 176                          | 35 906         | 218          | 677           | 71           | 1           | 38 049         | 19                        |
| Other                            | 6 315          | 7 576          | 558                            | 6 139          | 32           | 786           | 58           | -           | 7 573          | 3                         |
| <b>North America</b>             | <b>23 321</b>  | <b>24 622</b>  | <b>657</b>                     | <b>23 213</b>  | <b>124</b>   | <b>536</b>    | <b>72</b>    | <b>-</b>    | <b>24 602</b>  | <b>20</b>                 |
| Canada                           | 4 012          | 4 527          | 102                            | 4 265          | 33           | 114           | 11           | -           | 4 525          | 2                         |
| USA                              | 19 300         | 20 088         | 555                            | 18 941         | 91           | 422           | 61           | -           | 20 070         | 18                        |
| Other                            | 9              | 7              | -                              | 7              | -            | -             | -            | -           | 7              | -                         |
| <b>Central and South America</b> | <b>4 656</b>   | <b>5 163</b>   | <b>147</b>                     | <b>4 786</b>   | <b>18</b>    | <b>173</b>    | <b>38</b>    | <b>-</b>    | <b>5 162</b>   | <b>1</b>                  |
| Argentina                        | 633            | 584            | 26                             | 547            | 3            | 7             | 1            | -           | 584            | -                         |
| Brazil                           | 2 691          | 3 000          | 28                             | 2 873          | 10           | 68            | 21           | -           | 3 000          | -                         |
| Mexico                           | 269            | 314            | 23                             | 277            | -            | 13            | 1            | -           | 314            | -                         |
| Other                            | 1 063          | 1 265          | 70                             | 1 089          | 5            | 85            | 15           | -           | 1 264          | 1                         |

**Table 5. Number of foreign arrivals by country and purpose of travel (continued)**

| Country              | April          |                | Purpose of travel (April 2008) |                |              |              |              |             |                | Border Traffic Concession |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|
|                      |                |                | Business                       | Holiday        | Study        | Work         | Transit      | Unspecified | Total          |                           |
|                      | 2007           | 2008           |                                |                |              |              |              |             |                |                           |
| <b>Australasia</b>   | <b>9 339</b>   | <b>10 856</b>  | <b>220</b>                     | <b>10 462</b>  | <b>27</b>    | <b>123</b>   | <b>17</b>    | -           | <b>10 849</b>  | <b>7</b>                  |
| Australia            | 7 651          | 8 841          | 187                            | 8 511          | 22           | 99           | 16           | -           | 8 835          | 6                         |
| New Zealand          | 1 623          | 1 924          | 26                             | 1 877          | 4            | 15           | 1            | -           | 1 923          | 1                         |
| Other                | 65             | 91             | 7                              | 74             | 1            | 9            | -            | -           | 91             | -                         |
| <b>Middle East</b>   | <b>2 276</b>   | <b>3 364</b>   | <b>210</b>                     | <b>2 969</b>   | <b>39</b>    | <b>134</b>   | <b>11</b>    | -           | <b>3 363</b>   | <b>1</b>                  |
| Israel               | 1 143          | 1 749          | 36                             | 1 653          | 4            | 48           | 8            | -           | 1 749          | -                         |
| Saudi Arabia         | 218            | 344            | 15                             | 312            | 3            | 14           | -            | -           | 344            | -                         |
| United Arab Emirates | 129            | 297            | 41                             | 227            | 23           | 6            | -            | -           | 297            | -                         |
| Other                | 786            | 974            | 118                            | 777            | 9            | 66           | 3            | -           | 973            | 1                         |
| <b>Asia</b>          | <b>19 331</b>  | <b>18 560</b>  | <b>1 307</b>                   | <b>14 499</b>  | <b>174</b>   | <b>2 280</b> | <b>187</b>   | <b>7</b>    | <b>18 454</b>  | <b>106</b>                |
| China                | 3 479          | 3 248          | 260                            | 2 405          | 30           | 515          | 5            | -           | 3 215          | 33                        |
| India                | 4 731          | 5 191          | 547                            | 3 949          | 41           | 577          | 57           | -           | 5 171          | 20                        |
| Japan                | 2 278          | 1 911          | 64                             | 1 727          | 10           | 104          | 6            | -           | 1 911          | -                         |
| Malaysia             | 951            | 636            | 29                             | 566            | 6            | 35           | -            | -           | 636            | -                         |
| Pakistan             | 765            | 950            | 66                             | 736            | 9            | 114          | 11           | 4           | 940            | 10                        |
| Philippines          | 878            | 899            | 48                             | 342            | 2            | 440          | 62           | -           | 894            | 5                         |
| Rep Of Korea         | 1 368          | 1 679          | 21                             | 1 545          | 46           | 63           | 4            | -           | 1 679          | -                         |
| Taiwan               | 1 244          | 901            | 54                             | 726            | 10           | 78           | 8            | 3           | 879            | 22                        |
| Thailand             | 1 102          | 798            | 4                              | 730            | 4            | 53           | 7            | -           | 798            | -                         |
| Other                | 2 535          | 2 347          | 214                            | 1 773          | 16           | 301          | 27           | -           | 2 331          | 16                        |
| <b>Africa Total</b>  | <b>625 180</b> | <b>590 204</b> | <b>10 029</b>                  | <b>556 979</b> | <b>5 932</b> | <b>3 513</b> | <b>1 843</b> | <b>54</b>   | <b>578 350</b> | <b>11 854</b>             |
| <b>SADC</b>          | <b>612 415</b> | <b>575 968</b> | <b>9 113</b>                   | <b>545 195</b> | <b>5 428</b> | <b>2 637</b> | <b>1 727</b> | <b>34</b>   | <b>564 134</b> | <b>11 834</b>             |
| Angola               | 2 705          | 3 314          | 73                             | 2 945          | 164          | 117          | 15           | -           | 3 314          | -                         |
| Botswana             | 90 158         | 69 896         | 97                             | 67 949         | 1 301        | 168          | 255          | -           | 69 770         | 126                       |
| DRC                  | 2 079          | 3 118          | 121                            | 2 775          | 67           | 94           | 39           | 22          | 3 118          | -                         |
| Lesotho              | 202 424        | 154 944        | 854                            | 141 884        | 655          | 143          | 460          | -           | 143 996        | 10 948                    |
| Madagascar           | 225            | 290            | 22                             | 208            | 3            | 45           | 12           | -           | 290            | -                         |
| Malawi               | 12 094         | 12 411         | 544                            | 11 723         | 61           | 54           | 22           | -           | 12 404         | 7                         |

**Table 5. Number of foreign arrivals by country and purpose of travel (continued)**

| Country                        | April        |              | Purpose of travel (April 2008) |              |            |            |           |             |              | Border traffic concession |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------|
|                                | 2007         | 2008         | Business                       | Holiday      | Study      | Work       | Transit   | Unspecified | Total        |                           |
|                                |              |              |                                |              |            |            |           |             |              |                           |
| Mauritius                      | 1 410        | 1 557        | 26                             | 1 462        | 33         | 23         | 10        | -           | 1 554        | 3                         |
| Mozambique                     | 90 605       | 103 541      | 483                            | 102 434      | 248        | 153        | 49        | -           | 103 367      | 174                       |
| Namibia                        | 21 524       | 21 117       | 1 908                          | 17 537       | 1 042      | 74         | 550       | -           | 21 111       | 6                         |
| Swaziland                      | 92 323       | 85 731       | 338                            | 84 076       | 986        | 124        | 114       | -           | 85 638       | 93                        |
| Tanzania                       | 1 112        | 1 194        | 114                            | 948          | 68         | 44         | 19        | -           | 1 193        | 1                         |
| Zambia                         | 14 774       | 17 500       | 2 171                          | 15 007       | 151        | 138        | 20        | -           | 17 487       | 13                        |
| Zimbabwe                       | 80 982       | 101 355      | 2 362                          | 96 247       | 649        | 1 460      | 162       | 12          | 100 892      | 463                       |
| <b>East and Central Africa</b> | <b>6 369</b> | <b>6 945</b> | <b>437</b>                     | <b>5 761</b> | <b>261</b> | <b>405</b> | <b>56</b> | <b>20</b>   | <b>6 940</b> | <b>5</b>                  |
| Burundi                        | 92           | 106          | 5                              | 86           | 5          | 2          | 2         | 6           | 106          | -                         |
| Cameroon                       | 342          | 463          | 48                             | 330          | 26         | 56         | 3         | -           | 463          | -                         |
| Central African Rep            | 7            | 15           | -                              | 15           | -          | -          | -         | -           | 15           | -                         |
| Chad                           | 13           | 22           | 1                              | 17           | -          | 3          | 1         | -           | 22           | -                         |
| Comoros                        | 20           | 19           | 1                              | 16           | -          | 1          | 1         | -           | 19           | -                         |
| Congo                          | 574          | 552          | 38                             | 480          | 11         | 20         | 3         | -           | 552          | -                         |
| Djibouti                       | 10           | 7            | -                              | 7            | -          | -          | -         | -           | 7            | -                         |
| Equat Guinea                   | 45           | 21           | 1                              | 17           | 1          | 2          | -         | -           | 21           | -                         |
| Eritrea                        | 52           | 37           | -                              | 30           | 1          | 6          | -         | -           | 37           | -                         |
| Ethiopia                       | 808          | 776          | 55                             | 660          | 11         | 36         | 2         | 12          | 776          | -                         |
| Gabon                          | 193          | 291          | 2                              | 256          | 25         | 7          | 1         | -           | 291          | -                         |
| Kenya                          | 2 388        | 2 440        | 191                            | 1 923        | 104        | 192        | 29        | -           | 2 439        | 1                         |
| Reunion                        | 30           | 55           | -                              | 47           | 7          | 1          | -         | -           | 55           | -                         |
| Rwanda                         | 304          | 272          | 14                             | 214          | 26         | 12         | 6         | -           | 272          | -                         |
| Sao Tome and Principe          | 16           | 21           | -                              | 17           | -          | 4          | -         | -           | 21           | -                         |
| Seychelles                     | 197          | 200          | 1                              | 194          | 4          | 1          | -         | -           | 200          | -                         |
| Somalia                        | 249          | 560          | -                              | 557          | -          | 1          | -         | 2           | 560          | -                         |
| Tristan Da Cunha               | 1            | -            | -                              | -            | -          | -          | -         | -           | -            | -                         |
| Uganda                         | 1 028        | 1 088        | 80                             | 895          | 40         | 61         | 8         | -           | 1 084        | 4                         |



**Table 5. Number of foreign arrivals by country and purpose of travel (concluded)**

| Country             | April        |              | Purpose of travel (April 2008) |              |            |              |           |             |              | Border traffic concession |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------|
|                     | 2007         | 2008         | Business                       | Holiday      | Study      | Work         | Transit   | Unspecified | Total        |                           |
|                     |              |              |                                |              |            |              |           |             |              |                           |
| <b>West Africa</b>  | <b>5 401</b> | <b>6 123</b> | <b>323</b>                     | <b>5 122</b> | <b>221</b> | <b>388</b>   | <b>58</b> | -           | <b>6 112</b> | <b>11</b>                 |
| Ascension           | 1            | 5            | 2                              | 3            | -          | -            | -         | -           | 5            | -                         |
| Benin               | 100          | 156          | 7                              | 140          | 4          | 5            | -         | -           | 156          | -                         |
| Burkina Faso        | 35           | 79           | 10                             | 62           | -          | 7            | -         | -           | 79           | -                         |
| Canary Isles        | -            | 4            | -                              | 4            | -          | -            | -         | -           | 4            | -                         |
| Cape Verde Island   | 54           | 61           | 1                              | 57           | -          | 3            | -         | -           | 61           | -                         |
| Cote D'Ivoire       | 171          | 155          | 23                             | 102          | 3          | 25           | 2         | -           | 155          | -                         |
| Gambia              | 52           | 81           | 10                             | 61           | 2          | 1            | 5         | -           | 79           | 2                         |
| Ghana               | 1 000        | 1 202        | 28                             | 1 085        | 7          | 70           | 7         | -           | 1 197        | 5                         |
| Guinea              | 95           | 144          | 6                              | 122          | 3          | 5            | 8         | -           | 144          | -                         |
| Guinea-Bissau       | 15           | 33           | 1                              | 23           | -          | -            | 9         | -           | 33           | -                         |
| Liberia             | 46           | 61           | 4                              | 50           | -          | 5            | 2         | -           | 61           | -                         |
| Madeira Island      | 9            | 15           | -                              | 15           | -          | -            | -         | -           | 15           | -                         |
| Mali                | 82           | 87           | 13                             | 65           | 3          | 1            | 5         | -           | 87           | -                         |
| Mauritania          | 16           | 18           | 1                              | 14           | -          | -            | 3         | -           | 18           | -                         |
| Niger               | 25           | 38           | 4                              | 30           | -          | 3            | 1         | -           | 38           | -                         |
| Nigeria             | 3 343        | 3 525        | 155                            | 2 947        | 194        | 222          | 4         | -           | 3 522        | 3                         |
| Saint Helena        | 6            | 4            | -                              | 4            | -          | -            | -         | -           | 4            | -                         |
| Senegal             | 239          | 314          | 48                             | 217          | 2          | 35           | 11        | -           | 313          | 1                         |
| Sierra Leone        | 86           | 77           | 3                              | 69           | 2          | 3            | -         | -           | 77           | -                         |
| Togo                | 26           | 64           | 7                              | 52           | 1          | 3            | 1         | -           | 64           | -                         |
| <b>North Africa</b> | <b>995</b>   | <b>1 168</b> | <b>156</b>                     | <b>901</b>   | <b>22</b>  | <b>83</b>    | <b>2</b>  | -           | <b>1 164</b> | <b>4</b>                  |
| Algeria             | 145          | 226          | 12                             | 189          | 10         | 15           | -         | -           | 226          | -                         |
| Egypt               | 450          | 485          | 62                             | 389          | 1          | 30           | 2         | -           | 484          | 1                         |
| Libya               | 63           | 57           | 3                              | 46           | 2          | 5            | -         | -           | 56           | 1                         |
| Morocco             | 58           | 119          | 18                             | 86           | 1          | 12           | -         | -           | 117          | 2                         |
| Sudan               | 168          | 178          | 26                             | 137          | 8          | 7            | -         | -           | 178          | -                         |
| Tunisia             | 111          | 103          | 35                             | 54           | -          | 14           | -         | -           | 103          | -                         |
| <b>Unspecified</b>  | <b>4 670</b> | <b>6 240</b> | <b>54</b>                      | <b>1 575</b> | <b>975</b> | <b>1 071</b> | <b>5</b>  | -           | <b>3 680</b> | <b>2 560</b>              |

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### 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). Statistics South Africa then processes 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 (both in terms of space and time) of the population movements of South African residents and foreign travellers. The data -

- can be used to estimate, monitor and understand salient characteristics of foreign travellers and volumes of South African residents travelling outside South Africa;
- can, in the absence of information on foreign tourists, be further analysed to provide some indication of international tourism; and
- 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 demand for local tourism services by foreign travellers.

The information on documented migrants provides crucial information on receiving countries of South African emigrants which could be targeted in initiatives geared towards attracting back migrants into the country. In addition, the data on permanent residents are valuable in assessing not only the demographic and economic profiles of immigrants but also their contribution to national social and economic programmes.

### 2. Purpose of the statistical release

This release reports on arrivals and departures of foreign and South African travellers. Travellers include (a) same-day visitors and tourists and (b) other travellers such as migrant workers from other countries paid in South Africa.

### 3. Scope and coverage

This release covers all the data as received from the DHA. The arrivals of foreign travellers are more detailed than departures as they are reported by mode of travel, gender, age and purpose of visit whereas statistics on South African residents are reported by mode of travel. Statistics on documented migration, i.e. self-declared emigrants and documented immigrants, are currently not reported due to the unavailability of data from the DHA.

### 4. Data

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

- Department of Home Affairs' (DHA) database on population Movement Control System (MCS): Data routinely collected by immigration officers at all land, 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 system. Generally the data are collected directly from travel documents either by scanning or capturing onto the port's electronic database. Individual ports regularly transmit data onto the national database at the head office of the DHA. Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) downloads the data covering a particular calendar month from the mainframe of the State Information Technology Agency (SITA), where the DHA stores its data.
- DHA departure forms: the DHA departure forms are specifically designed for the collection of data from South African residents departing South Africa. The completed forms from OR Tambo, Cape Town and Durban international airports covering a particular calendar month are processed and analysed accordingly by Stats SA.
- The database for applicants for South African permanent residence: a printout of data on the successful applicants covering a particular calendar month is issued to Stats SA.

## 5. Limitations

The main limitation of the published information is its inability to directly measure the volume of tourists. The main aspects of the United Nations World Tourism Organisation's (UNWTO) definition of a tourist are duration of stay and whether individuals are remunerated in the place being visited. Although the intended duration of stay can be inferred from the expiry date of the temporary residence permit, this does not necessarily translate into actual duration of stay. In addition, the data do not provide information on the remuneration status of travellers in South Africa.

The information on the total number of arrivals and departures of South African residents is collected from the scanning of passports. However, data on country of final destination and purpose of visit will be available when the re-introduction of the departure forms is in full operational at the three international airports (OR Tambo, Cape Town and Durban). Processing of available departure forms from the three international airports is currently underway.

Due to unavailability of data from the DHA, information on documented immigrants is not included in this current publication. The documented immigration information will be provided as soon as it is made available to Stats SA.

## 6. Glossary of terms

**Key terms used in this release are defined as follows:**

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

**Border traffic concession** is granted to a person who crosses the border on a frequent basis. The concession is granted for a maximum period of six months after which it can be renewed if necessary.

**Country** refers to individual countries within a region. Note that not all the lists of countries available in the data are reported in the release owing to the few monthly arrivals from those countries. Data on these countries will be made available to individuals on request.

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

**'Other' African countries** refers to all African non SADC member countries.

**Overseas** refers to all other countries outside Africa.

**Region** refers to the following country classification: Europe, North America, Central and South America, Australasia, the Middle East, Asia and Africa.

**SADC** refers to the thirteen countries, excluding South Africa, that belong to the Southern African Development Community.

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

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

**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 not related to the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited. The usual environment of a person consists of a certain area around his/her place of residence plus all other places he/she frequently visits. *Even though the data from the DHA used in this release do not provide information on duration of stay and remuneration status of the travellers, activities of most of these travellers will comprise tourism.*

**Tourist** (overnight visitor) is a visitor who stays at least one night in collective or private accommodation in the place visited. An international tourist is an international visitor who stays at least one night in collective or private accommodation in the country visited.

**Traveller** is any person on a trip between two or more localities (e.g. countries). Travellers can include Visitors (same-day and overnight) and other travellers such as workers paid in the country visited, migrants, refugees, diplomats and others within the usual environment.

**Visitor** is 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. However, in this release, the concept visitor is used to indicate an individual that entered the country on visitor's temporary permit.

## 7. Symbols and abbreviations used

- = nil  
Unspec. = unspecified

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