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Note: The information on the total number of arrivals and departures of South African citizens and permanent residents is collected from the scanning of passports. However, data on country of final destination and purpose of visit will be available when the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) re-introduces the completion of departure forms by South African citizens and permanent residents at the three international airports (OR Tambo, Cape Town and Durban).

The release provides information on travellers. Due to unavailability of data from DHA, information on documented immigrants is not included in this release. The December 2006 documented immigration information will be provided as soon as it is made available to Stats SA.

It is important to note that travellers include (a) same day visitors and tourists and (b) other travellers such as migrant workers from other countries paid in South Africa.

KEY FINDINGS

1. Foreign travellers

The total number of foreign travellers who visited South Africa through all its ports of entry during December from overseas, mainland Africa as well as those who did not specify their country of residence was 844 665. The December 2006 figure represents an increase of 13,6% when compared with the December 2005 figure of 743 515 (see Table 1.1.1). The number of foreign travellers who departed from South Africa in December 2006 was 789 115, which increased by 15,6% from 682 896 recorded in December 2005.

During December 2006, the most common mode of travel used by foreign travellers arriving in South Africa was road, involving 550 884 (65,2%) of all travellers. There were 238 516 (28,3%) travellers who came to South Africa by air (see Table 1.1.2). Of the total number of foreign travellers arriving by air, 172 704 (72,4%) arrived through OR Tambo International Airport while 64 299 (27,0%) arrived through Cape Town International Airport, 505 (0,2%) arrived through Durban International Airport and the rest, 1 008 (0,4%), arrived through other airports (see Table 1.1.2). Those arriving by rail, sea and unspecified modes of travel were 55 265 (6,5%).

Among the total number of foreign travellers departing from South Africa, road was the most common mode of travel (554 247 representing 70,2%), followed by air (189 893 representing 24,1%). Of the total number of foreign travellers departing by air, 138 547 (73,0%) departed from OR Tambo International Airport, 50 123 (26,4%) departed from Cape Town International Airport, 280 (0,1%) used Durban International Airport and the rest, 943 (0,5%), departed through other airports (see Table 1.1.2). Those departing by rail, sea and unspecified modes of travel were 44 975 (5,7%). Figures 1a and 1b show the breakdown of air arrivals and departures for foreign travellers, respectively, according to the airport used. It is observed that the distribution of air arrivals by port of entry and air departures by port of exit are almost the same.

2. Ports of entry and modes of travel used by overseas and mainland Africa travellers

2.1 Overseas travellers

Table 1.2.1 shows that during December 2006, 221 557 overseas travellers visited South Africa. This represents a 13,1% increase in the volume of overseas travellers as compared to December 2005 when there were 195 980 overseas travellers.

It is further observed that in December 2006, there were 197 986 air arrivals from overseas, which accounts for 89,4% of all overseas arrivals. Of these overseas air arrivals, 134 561 (68,0%) arrived through OR Tambo International Airport; 62 419 (31,5%) arrived through Cape Town International Airport; 440 (0,2%) arrived through Durban International Airport and the rest, 566 (0,3%), arrived through other airports.

The number of overseas travellers arriving by road during December 2006 was 21 594 (9,7%). The number of those arriving by rail, sea and unspecified mode of travel was 1 977 (0,9%). (An excel spreadsheet on the mode of travel for all countries of origin is available on request).

2.2 Mainland Africa travellers

Table 1.2.1 further shows that the total number of travellers who arrived in South Africa from mainland Africa during December 2006 was 619 632, as compared to the December 2005 figure of 544 907, representing an increase of 13,7%. Of these travellers from mainland Africa, the number arriving by road was 528 194 (85,2%).

In December 2006, there were 39 679 (6,4%) air travellers arriving from mainland Africa. Of these air arrivals, 37 385 (94,2%) arrived through OR Tambo International Airport, 1 822 (4,6%) arrived through Cape Town International Airport, 65 (0,2%) arrived through Durban International Airport while the rest, 407 (1,0%), arrived through other airports. The number of travellers from mainland Africa arriving by rail, sea and unspecified mode of travel was 51 759, which constituted 8,4% of all travellers from Mainland Africa.

3. Purpose of visit

Overseas travellers: Of the 221 557 overseas travellers visiting South Africa during December 2006, 208 725 (94,2%) stated that they were in South Africa for holidays, while 5 985 (2,7%) stated that they were on business trips (see Table 1.2.2). Overseas travellers arriving for work purpose were 4 630 (2,1%), those on transit were 1 189 (0,5%), those who are here to study were 814 (0,4%) and 211 (0,1%) travellers who acquired their border traffic concessions in December 2006. (An excel spreadsheet on the purpose of visit for all countries of origin is available on request.)

Mainland Africa travellers: Of the 619 632 travellers from mainland Africa visiting South Africa during December 2006, the majority 591 215 (95,4%) stated that they were in South Africa for holidays, while 8 127 (1,3%) stated that they were on business trips. A further breakdown of travellers from mainland Africa is as follows: those visiting for the purpose of study were 5 536 (0,9%), those arriving for work purpose were 2 393 (0,4%), those with border traffic concession were 8 952 (1,4%) and travellers on transit were 3 225 (0,5%), as shown in Table 1.2.2.

4. Leading source countries of overseas and mainland Africa travellers

Overseas travellers: Figure 2a indicates that during December 2006, the number of travellers from the UK visiting South Africa was 58 277 (26,3%), making it the leading country of origin of overseas travellers. This was followed by travellers from Germany, 23 951 (10,8%) and the USA, 22 669 (10,2%). Other main countries of origin of overseas travellers were: the Netherlands, 13 063 (5,9%); Australia, 9 475 (4,3%); France, 9 437 (4,3%); Sweden, 5 846 (2,6%) and Canada, 5 742 (2,6%). Upon comparing the figures of December 2006 with those of December 2005 (see Figure 2b), the highest increase in the number of arrivals from these leading source countries was for France, (21,0% increase from 7 801 in 2005 to 9 437 in 2006).

Travellers from mainland Africa: During December 2006, the top eight countries (Figure 3a) in mainland Africa from which travellers arriving in South Africa came were: Lesotho, 182 070 (29,4%); Swaziland, 102 064 (16,5%); Botswana, 90 936 (14,7%); Zimbabwe, 86 633 (14,0%); Mozambique, 83 736 (13,5%); Namibia, 28 426 (4,6%); Zambia, 16 377 (2,6%) and Malawi, 11 091 (1,8%). When comparing arrival figures from the leading source countries from mainland Africa, (see Figure 3b) for December 2005 and December 2006, the highest increase in the number of travellers was from Zambia, (24,9% increase from 13 109 in 2005 to 16 377 in 2006).

5. Historical trends in travel

In total, there were 8 508 806 million foreign travellers who came to South Africa in 2006 (January to December), indicating an average of 709 067 foreign travellers per month. For the departures, there were 7 501 755 million foreigners who left South Africa during the same period, with an average of 625 146 departures per month. With respect to South African residents, 4 317 475 arrived in South Africa in 2006 (average of 359 790 per month), while 4 338 914 million left the country (average of 361 576 per month). It should be borne in mind that there is often a substantial month-to-month variation in travelling figures, and one needs to look at a longer period of several months to be able to detect any trends and patterns. The trend regarding the number of overseas travellers arriving in South Africa since 2002 is shown in Figure 4. Although the figure shows evidence of seasonal fluctuations, the level of overseas travel over the period has shown an upward trend since 2002.

6. South African residents

During December 2006, the most common mode of travel used by South African residents arriving in South Africa was road, involving 268 684 (60,8%) travellers, followed by air, 158 507 (35,8%) and those arriving by rail, sea and unspecified modes of travel, 14 958 (3,4%). The most common mode of travel for South African residents departing was road, involving 396 603 (66,2%) travellers, followed by air, 186 161 (31,0%) and those departing by rail, sea and unspecified modes of travel, 16 599 (2,8%) as shown in Table 1.1.2.

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Fig 1a: Air arrivals by port of entry, South Africa, December 2006

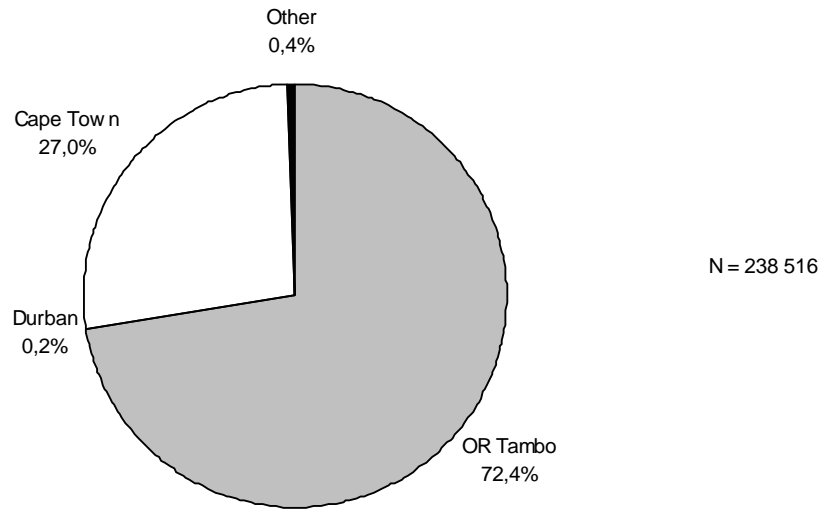


Fig 1b: Air departures by port of exit, South Africa, December 2006

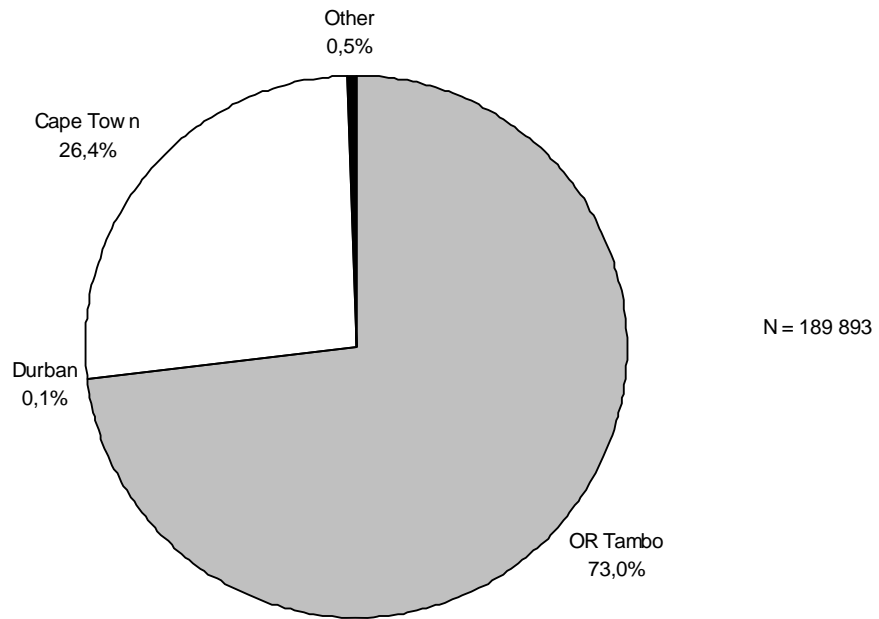


Fig. 2a: The number of overseas travellers arriving from leading source countries in December 2005 and December 2006

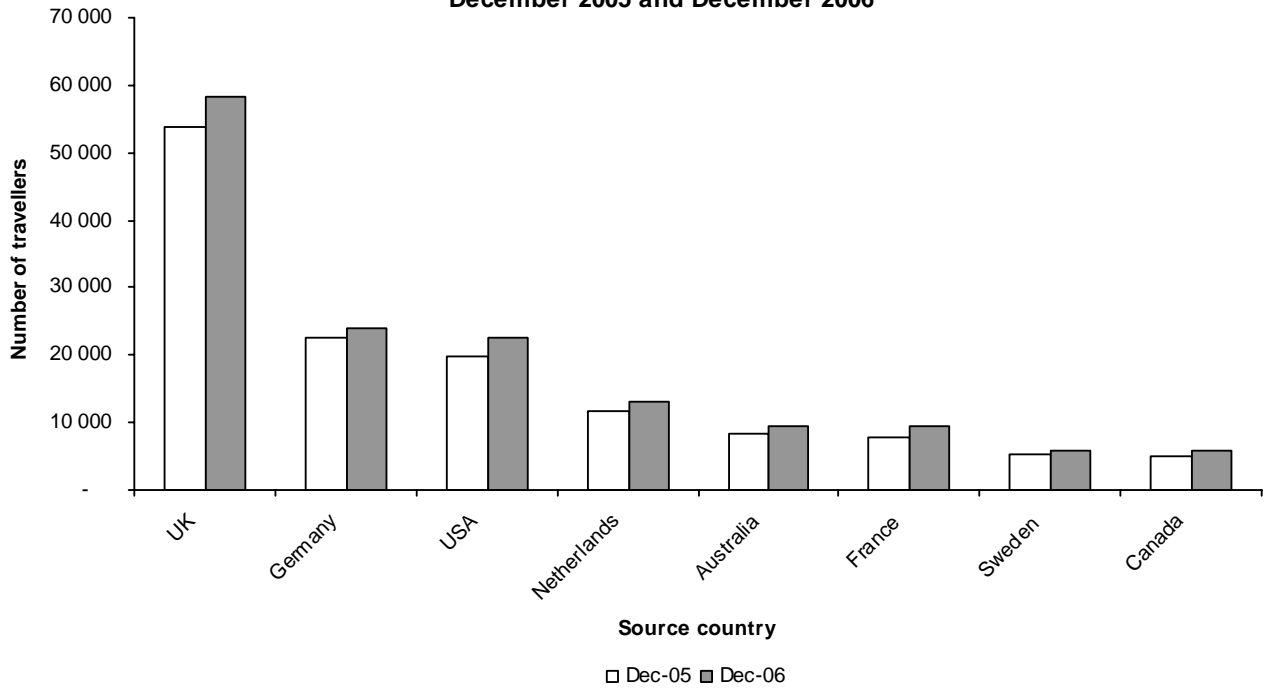


Fig. 2b: Percentage change in number of overseas travellers arriving from leading source countries in December 2006 compared with December 2005

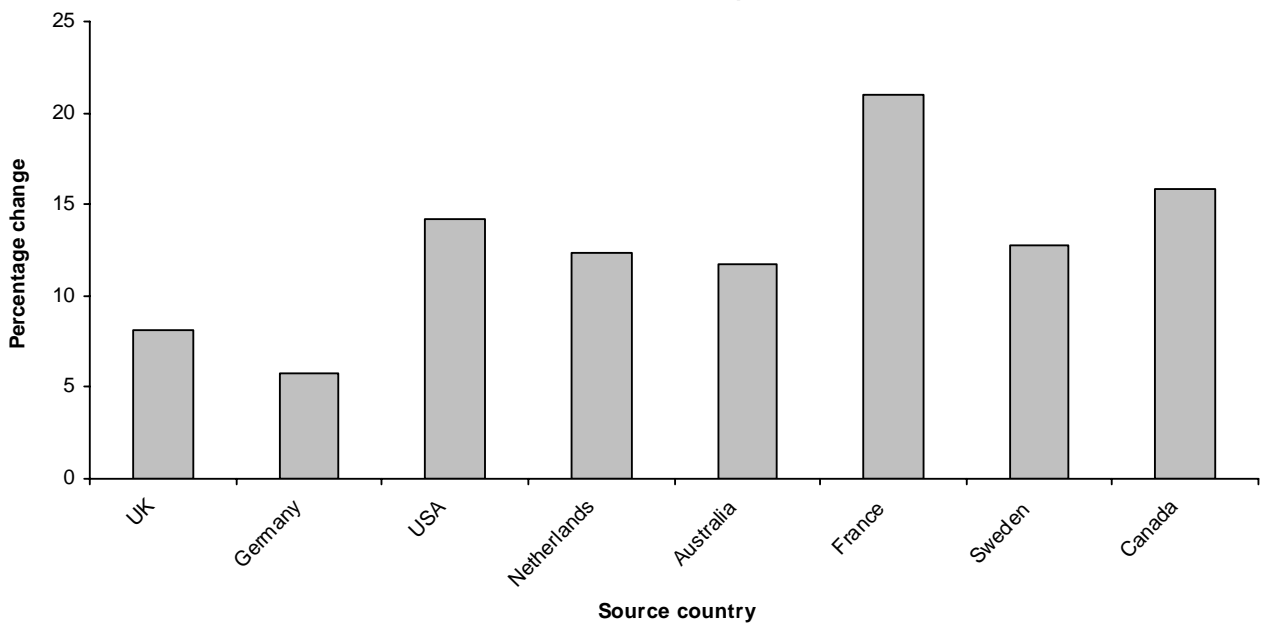


Fig. 3a: The number of travellers from mainland African countries arriving from leading source countries in December 2005 and December 2006

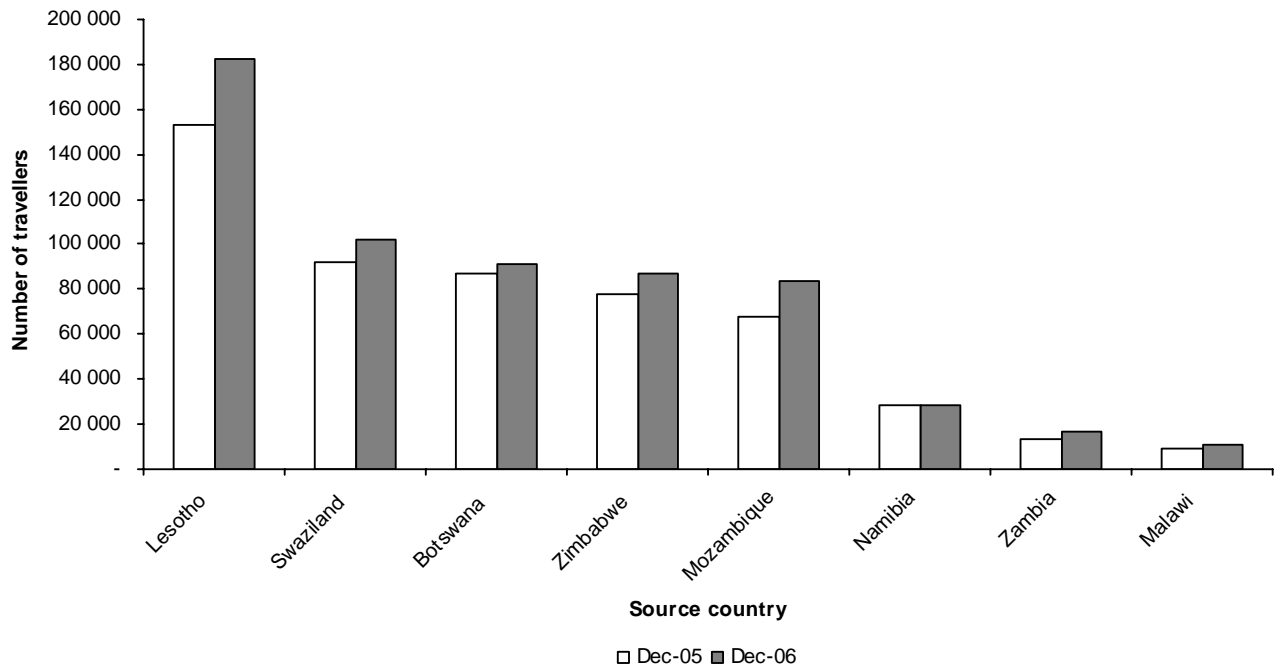


Fig. 3b: Percentage change in the number of travellers from mainland African countries arriving from leading source countries in December 2006 compared with December 2005

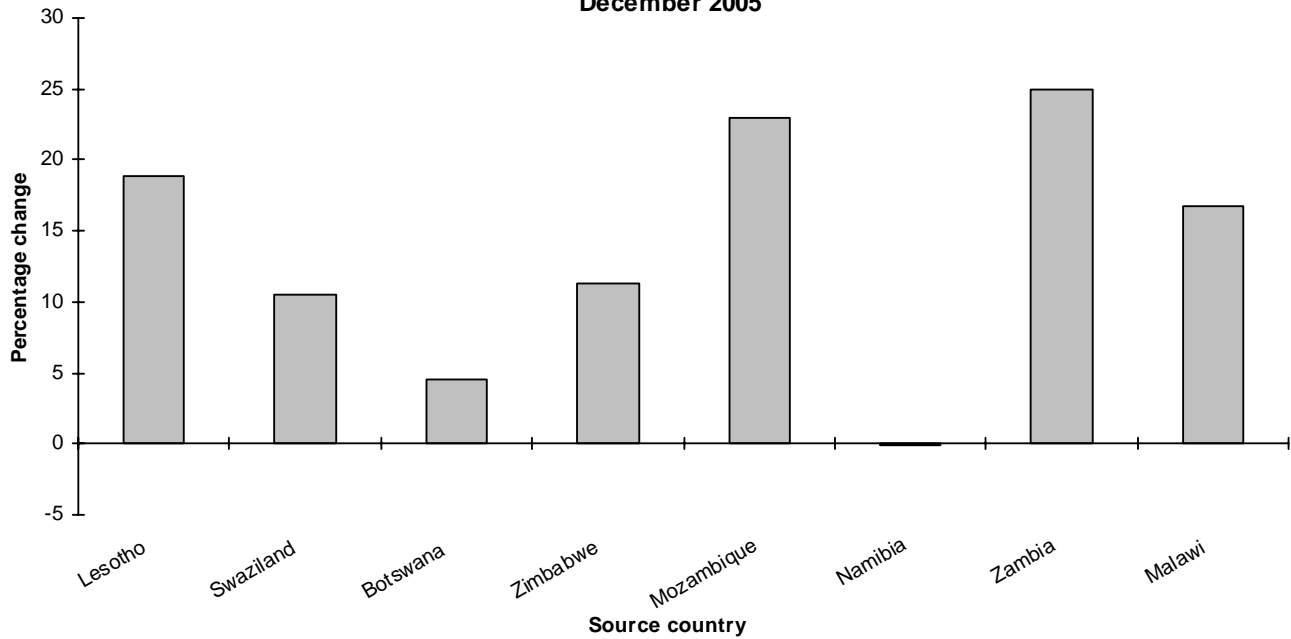
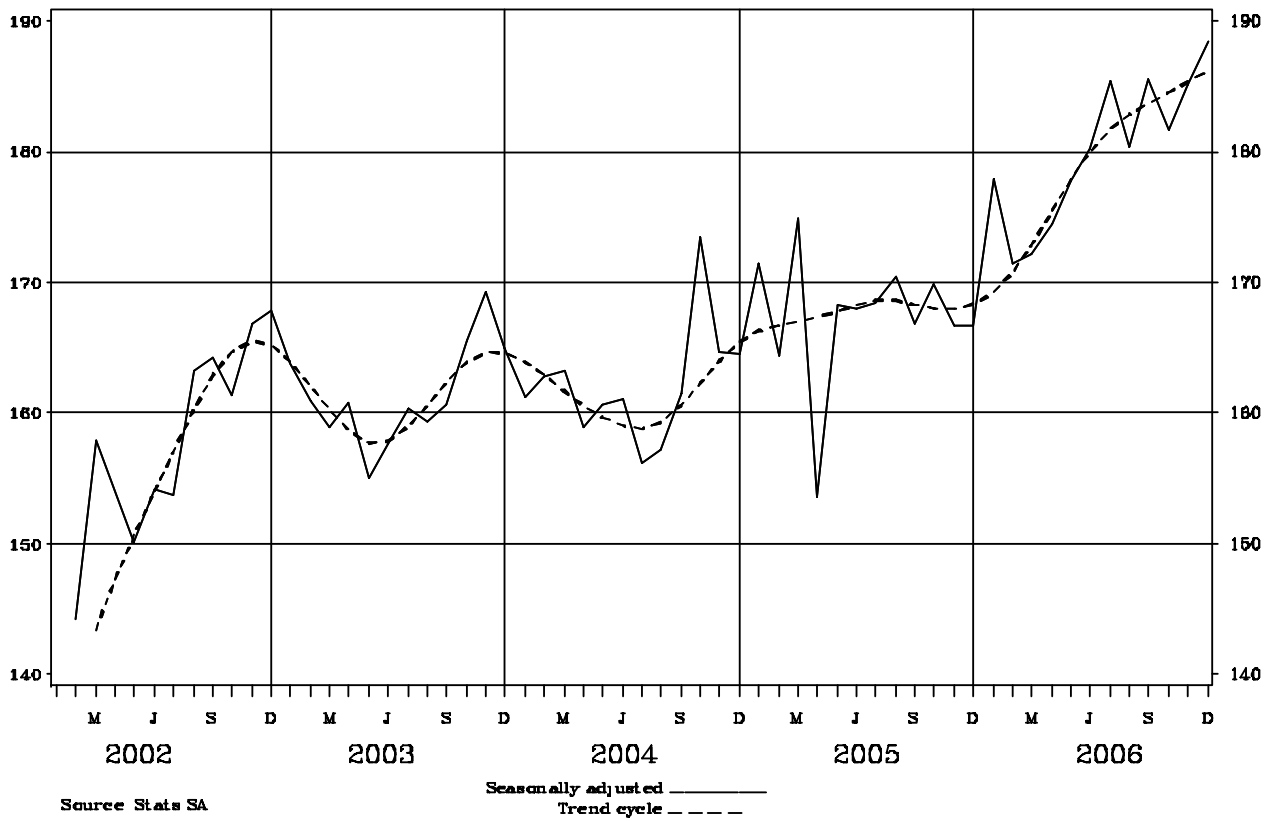


Fig 4: Overseas Travellers - Arrivals
Thousands



1. TRAVELLERS

1.1 Arrivals and departures of foreign travellers and South African residents

1.1.1 Purpose of visit

Purpose of visit	December		Year		
	2005	2006	2006	2005	2004
(a) ARRIVALS:					
1. Foreign travellers					
. Actual data	743 515	844 665	8 508 806	7 518 320	6 815 202
. Seasonally adjusted data	638 058	725 196
. Business	13 113	14 163	196 951	201 522	223 607
. Holiday	694 749	801 070	7 858 714	6 811 647	6 080 970
. Study	7 263	6 615	127 247	133 041	136 908
. Work	8 254	7 561	104 946	94 679	83 264
. Contract workers	2 998		8 027	54 899	54 094
. Border traffic concession	11 335	10 641	157 699	164 087	168 315
. Transit	5 516	4 425	51 553	55 886	63 123
. Unspecified	287	190	3 669	2 559	4 921
2. South African residents	-	442 149	4 317 475	-	-
(b) DEPARTURES:					
1. Foreign travellers	682 896	789 115	7 501 755	6 728 742	6 093 317
2. South Africans residents	-	599 363	4 338 914	-	-

1. TRAVELLERS

1.1 Arrivals and departures of foreign travellers and South African residents

1.1.2 Mode of travel

Arrivals and departures	Total	Mode of travel (December 2006)								
		AIR					RAIL	ROAD	SEA	UNSPEC.
		(C/Town)	(Durban)	(OR Tambo)	(Other)	Total				
(a) ARRIVALS:										
1. Foreign travellers	844 665	64 299	505	172 704	1 008	238 516	21	550 884	118	55 126
2. South African residents	442 149	19 907	1 122	135 122	2 356	158 507	-	268 684	10	14 948
(b) DEPARTURES:										
1. Foreign travellers	789 115	50 123	280	138 547	943	189 893	24	554 247	69	44 882
2. South African residents	599 363	21 341	1 537	160 993	2 290	186 161	1	396 603	49	16 549

1. TRAVELLERS
1.2 Foreign travellers
1.2.1 Arrivals by country of residence and mode of travel

Country	Foreign travellers												
	Mode of travel (December 2006)												
	December		AIR					RAIL	ROAD	SEA	UNSPEC.	Jan-Dec. Cum. Total	
	2005	2006	(C/Town)	(Durban)	(OR Tambo)	(Other)	Total					2006	2005
GRAND TOTAL	743 515	844 665	64 299	505	172 704	1 008	238 516	21	550 884	118	55 126	8 508 806	7 518 320
OVERSEAS TOTAL	195 980	221 557	62 419	440	134 561	566	197 986	3	21 594	111	1 863	2 160 781	2 010 527
EUROPE	136 010	150 781	53 241	101	81 108	326	134 776	3	15 146	62	794	1 412 653	1 334 225
Austria	1 980	2 126	783	-	1 116	2	1 901	-	224	-	1	22 052	20 935
Belgium	3 504	3 869	1 067	2	2 178	26	3 273	-	586	2	8	40 959	39 385
Denmark	1 828	2 339	646	-	1 450	-	2 096	-	224	2	17	25 324	21 450
France	7 801	9 437	948	41	7 432	9	8 430	-	965	-	42	108 713	103 674
Germany	22 653	23 951	10 840	5	9 527	47	20 419	-	3 408	-	124	263 225	253 471
Greece	1 069	1 515	214	-	1 133	2	1 349	-	137	-	29	9 372	8 541
Ireland	4 732	5 543	2 906	-	2 276	5	5 187	1	338	-	17	38 692	36 799
Italy	4 881	5 499	1 684	7	3 420	8	5 119	-	371	-	9	54 214	52 172
Netherlands	11 623	13 063	4 761	3	6 055	9	10 828	-	2 161	18	56	126 327	117 855
Portugal	3 207	3 403	206	5	1 909	9	2 129	-	1 268	-	6	28 978	30 277
Spain	1 977	2 544	268	-	2 101	7	2 376	-	161	1	6	31 659	27 587
Sweden	5 183	5 846	2 382	3	2 854	4	5 243	1	568	9	25	40 106	36 408
Switzerland	4 431	4 154	887	1	2 652	15	3 555	1	573	13	12	41 853	39 591
UK	53 908	58 277	22 539	30	31 886	145	54 600	-	3 355	8	314	495 532	476 770
Other	7 233	9 215	3 110	4	5 119	38	8 271	-	807	9	128	85 647	69 310
NORTH AMERICA	24 817	28 421	4 446	63	21 025	158	25 692	-	2 445	5	279	309 697	280 808
Canada	4 955	5 742	1 225	10	3 924	24	5 183	-	522	4	33	49 963	41 827
USA	19 853	22 669	3 221	53	17 093	134	20 501	-	1 921	1	246	259 676	238 935
Other	9	10	-	-	8	-	8	-	2	-	-	58	46
CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA	4 437	5 391	589	-	4 345	18	4 952	-	413	-	26	56 023	49 417
Argentina	658	621	155	-	419	-	574	-	40	-	7	8 957	9 108
Brazil	2 434	3 044	95	-	2 729	9	2 833	-	201	-	10	30 424	24 090
Chile	191	306	38	-	235	1	274	-	32	-	-	3 155	2 673
Other	1 154	1 420	301	-	962	8	1 271	-	140	-	9	13 487	13 546

1. TRAVELLERS

1.2 Foreign travellers

1.2.1 Arrivals by country of residence and mode of travel (continued)

Country	Foreign travellers												
	Mode of travel (December 2006)												
	December		AIR					RAIL	ROAD	SEA	UNSPEC.	Jan-Dec. Cum. Total	
	2005	2006	(C/Town)	(Durban)	(OR Tambo)	(Other)	Total					2006	2005
AUSTRALASIA	11 141	12 088	1 242	87	9 804	23	11 156	-	892	5	35	109 754	97 083
Australia	8 481	9 475	1 070	85	7 630	20	8 805	-	642	4	24	90 419	78 233
New Zealand	2 568	2 521	168	2	2 116	3	2 289	-	226	1	5	18 547	18 039
Other	92	92	4	-	58	-	62	-	24	-	6	788	811
MIDDLE EAST	2 846	3 567	407	-	2 916	5	3 328	-	212	1	26	38 209	34 913
Israel	1 268	1 581	54	-	1 441	-	1 495	-	85	-	1	15 634	15 864
Saudi Arabia	184	312	38	-	258	1	297	-	15	-	-	4 243	4 835
Turkey	319	654	209	-	385	-	594	-	44	-	16	6 022	4 151
Other	1 075	1 020	106	-	832	4	942	-	68	1	9	12 310	10 063
ASIA	15 196	19 685	2 192	38	14 369	35	16 634	-	2 331	38	682	217 398	196 702
China	3 313	3 428	161	-	2 894	-	3 055	-	256	-	117	40 327	41 704
Hong Kong	637	826	48	-	767	-	815	-	10	-	1	7 543	7 671
India	3 121	4 704	139	15	3 328	7	3 489	-	960	29	226	49 674	39 906
Japan	1 687	1 899	151	-	1 683	-	1 834	-	63	-	2	33 500	28 861
Malaysia	881	1 136	501	-	587	-	1 088	-	36	-	12	9 331	10 285
Philippines	642	885	86	-	539	5	630	-	85	8	162	7 654	6 526
Rep of China (Taiwan)	891	1 231	94	1	825	15	935	-	195	-	101	15 591	13 579
Rep of Korea	1 101	1 578	116	-	1 309	-	1 425	-	140	-	13	17 405	15 391
Singapore	764	867	285	11	531	-	827	-	38	1	1	6 762	6 137
Other	2 159	3 131	611	11	1 906	8	2 536	-	548	-	47	29 611	26 642

1. TRAVELLERS

1.2 Foreign travellers

1.2.1 Arrivals by country of residence and mode of travel (concluded)

Country	Foreign travellers												
	Mode of travel (December 2006)												
	December		AIR					RAIL	ROAD	SEA	UNSPEC.	Jan-Dec. Cum. Total	
	2005	2006	(C/Town)	(Durban)	(OR Tambo)	(Other)	Total					2006	2005
INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS	1 533	1 624	302	151	994	1	1 448	-	155	-	21	17 047	17 379
Mauritius	1 154	1 297	298	140	687	1	1 126	-	154	-	17	14 233	14 103
Other	379	327	4	11	307	-	322	-	1	-	4	2 814	3 276
MAINLAND AFRICA	544 907	619 632	1 822	65	37 385	407	39 679	18	528 194	7	51 734	6 308 636	5 446 062
Angola	2 056	2 292	121	-	1 996	29	2 146	1	145	-	-	29 005	28 515
Botswana	86 953	90 936	81	8	2 137	124	2 350	-	88 314	-	272	765 705	798 455
Kenya	2 193	2 403	12	2	2 017	2	2 033	-	339	-	31	24 209	22 389
Lesotho	153 225	182 070	4	-	520	8	532	7	131 706	-	49 825	1 919 889	1 668 826
Malawi	9 504	11 091	5	-	1 641	4	1 650	1	9 339	-	101	124 914	107 258
Mozambique	68 103	83 736	81	43	1 730	19	1 873	-	81 743	1	119	926 496	648 526
Namibia	28 467	28 426	1 292	1	2 139	19	3 451	1	24 951	2	21	225 020	220 045
Nigeria	2 812	3 779	18	-	3 197	33	3 248	-	403	-	128	36 635	30 248
Swaziland	92 301	102 064	2	5	561	15	583	-	101 176	-	305	993 030	911 990
Zambia	13 109	16 377	11	-	6 573	9	6 593	1	9 626	-	157	160 984	128 390
Zimbabwe	77 827	86 633	38	3	7 928	84	8 053	4	77 955	4	617	989 614	783 100
Other	8 357	9 825	157	3	6 946	61	7 167	3	2 497	-	158	113 135	98 320
UNSPECIFIED	2 628	3 476	58	-	758	35	851	-	1 096	-	1 529	39 389	61 731

1. TRAVELLERS
1.2 Foreign travellers
1.2.2 Arrivals by country of residence and purpose of visit

Country	Foreign travellers											
	December		Purpose of visit (December 2006)								Contract worker	Border traffic concession
			Visitors/tourists*									
	2005	2006	Business	Holiday	Study	Work	Transit	Unspec.	Total			
GRAND TOTAL	743 515	844 665	14 163	801 070	6 615	7 561	4 425	190	834 024	-	10 641	
OVERSEAS TOTAL	195 980	221 557	5 985	208 725	814	4 630	1 189	3	221 346	-	211	
EUROPE	136 010	150 781	3 583	144 017	460	2 155	519	-	150 734	-	47	
Austria	1 980	2 126	34	2 068	3	18	3	-	2 126	-	-	
Belgium	3 504	3 869	96	3 695	19	50	9	-	3 869	-	-	
Denmark	1 828	2 339	105	2 197	3	24	6	-	2 335	-	4	
France	7 801	9 437	219	8 950	30	189	48	-	9 436	-	1	
Germany	22 653	23 951	660	22 799	149	316	27	-	23 951	-	-	
Greece	1 069	1 515	61	1 384		34	36	-	1 515	-	-	
Ireland	4 732	5 543	79	5 400	10	39	14	-	5 542	-	1	
Italy	4 881	5 499	225	5 207	7	43	16	-	5 498	-	1	
Netherlands	11 623	13 063	200	12 668	62	111	22	-	13 063	-	-	
Portugal	3 207	3 403	34	3 324	9	25	7	-	3 399	-	4	
Spain	1 977	2 544	38	2 437	1	46	22	-	2 544	-	-	
Sweden	5 183	5 846	168	5 592	11	59	9	-	5 839	-	7	
Switzerland	4 431	4 154	58	4 012	13	47	19	-	4 149	-	5	
UK	53 908	58 277	1 048	56 478	97	492	141	-	58 256	-	21	
Other	7 233	9 215	558	7 806	46	662	140	-	9 212	-	3	
NORTH AMERICA	24 817	28 421	509	27 248	105	405	125	-	28 392	-	29	
Canada	4 955	5 742	98	5 532	15	71	23	-	5 739	-	3	
USA	19 853	22 669	411	21 706	90	334	102	-	22 643	-	26	
Other	9	10	-	10	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	
CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA	4 437	5 391	206	4 985	21	101	70	-	5 383	-	8	
Argentina	658	621	17	570	2	18	9	-	616	-	5	
Brazil	2 434	3 044	32	2 941	9	27	33	-	3 042	-	2	
Chile	191	306	11	268	1	20	6	-	306	-	-	
Other	1 154	1 420	146	1 206	9	36	22	-	1 419	-	1	

*Purpose of visit in this case is not linked to duration of stay therefore these individuals can be either visitors or tourists.

1. TRAVELLERS

1.2 Foreign travellers

1.2.2 Arrivals by country of residence and purpose of visit (continued)

Country	Foreign travellers										
	December		Purpose of visit (December 2006)							Contract worker	Border traffic concession
			Visitors/tourists*								
	2005	2006	Business	Holiday	Study	Work	Transit	Unspec.	Total		
AUSTRALASIA	11 141	12 088	110	11 810	12	85	71	-	12 088	-	-
Australia	8 481	9 475	96	9 244	10	74	51	-	9 475	-	-
New Zealand	2 568	2 521	12	2 488	1	8	12	-	2 521	-	-
Other	92	92	2	78	1	3	8	-	92	-	-
MIDDLE EAST	2 846	3 567	200	3 227	25	88	26	-	3 566	-	1
Israel	1 268	1 581	46	1 496	9	26	4	-	1 581	-	-
Saudi Arabia	184	312	15	292	1	4	-	-	312	-	-
Turkey	319	654	78	530	4	26	16	-	654	-	-
Other	1 075	1 020	61	909	11	32	6	-	1 019	-	1
ASIA	15 196	19 685	1 354	15 893	177	1 768	367	3	19 562	-	123
China	3 313	3 428	305	2 652	44	360	27	-	3 388	-	40
Hong Kong	637	826	20	796	-	8	2	-	826	-	-
India	3 121	4 704	355	3 752	25	421	118	-	4 671	-	33
Japan	1 687	1 899	87	1 686	12	98	16	-	1 899	-	-
Malaysia	881	1 136	60	1 037	5	23	9	-	1 134	-	2
Philippines	642	885	56	399	-	305	113	-	873	-	12
Rep of China (Taiwan)	891	1 231	112	903	11	140	39	1	1 206	-	25
Rep of Korea	1 101	1 578	46	1 429	51	43	8	-	1 577	-	1
Singapore	764	867	25	823	-	16	3	-	867	-	-
Other	2 159	3 131	288	2 416	29	354	32	2	3 121	-	10

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1. TRAVELLERS

1.2 Foreign travellers

1.2.2 Arrivals by country of residence and purpose of visit (concluded)

Country	Foreign travellers											
	December		Purpose of visit (December 2006)								Contract worker	Border traffic concession
			Visitors/tourists*									
	2005	2006	Business	Holiday	Study	Work	Transit	Unspec.	Total			
INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS	1 533	1 624	23	1 545	14	28	11	-	1 621	-	3	
Mauritius	1 154	1 297	22	1 227	8	28	11	-	1 296	-	1	
Other	379	327	1	318	6	-	-	-	325	-	2	
MAINLAND AFRICA	544 907	619 632	8 127	591 215	5 536	2 393	3 225	184	610 680	-	8 952	
Angola	2 056	2 292	45	2 057	110	51	25	4	2 292	-	-	
Botswana	86 953	90 936	108	88 064	2 056	221	454	-	90 903	-	33	
Kenya	2 193	2 403	93	2 095	63	138	4	1	2 394	-	9	
Lesotho	153 225	182 070	463	171 216	904	212	828	-	173 623	-	8 447	
Malawi	9 504	11 091	522	10 432	40	50	31	11	11 086	-	5	
Mozambique	68 103	83 736	237	83 023	186	106	96	1	83 649	-	87	
Namibia	28 467	28 426	1 637	25 263	325	44	1 156	-	28 425	-	1	
Nigeria	2 812	3 779	121	3 361	114	151	12	5	3 764	-	15	
Swaziland	92 301	102 064	322	100 566	695	117	255	-	101 955	-	109	
Zambia	13 109	16 377	1 601	14 502	94	100	66	1	16 364	-	13	
Zimbabwe	77 827	86 633	2 435	82 225	752	763	212	57	86 444	-	189	
Other	8 357	9 825	543	8 411	197	440	86	104	9 781	-	44	
UNSPECIFIED	2 628	3 476	51	1 130	265	538	11	3	1 998	-	1 478	

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. Sources of data

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). Information on tourism and documented immigration is obtained from all ports of entry. Information on arrivals into and departures from South Africa is captured by DHA and loaded onto the mainframe at State Information Technology Agency (SITA). Stats SA accesses these data remotely, which is then used as part of the input data for this report. Information on legal immigrants to South Africa is sent to Stats SA on computer printout from DHA. The information on the printout is coded and captured by data capturing staff at Stats SA.

2. Glossary of terms

Key terms used in this release are defined as follows:

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 s/he frequently visits.

A 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. An **international traveller** refers to any person on a trip between two or more countries.

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 resident.

Mainland Africa refers to all the countries in Africa excluding the islands.

Overseas refers to all countries except countries from mainland Africa and from 'unspecified' countries.

3. Symbols and abbreviations used

- = nil

.. = not applicable

unspec = unspecified

cum = cumulative

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