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## **Preface**

This monthly statistical release provides information on South African residents and foreign travellers who entered or left South Africa in May 2013. Specific focus is on foreign tourists who entered the country during this month. The tourists are classified by region and country of residence. Details of their mode of travel; purpose of visit; and age and sex distribution are also provided.

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## 1. Key findings

### 1.1 Travellers

#### 1.1.1 Number of travellers

The routine data collected by the Department of Home Affairs' (DHA) immigration officers at the ports of entry into South Africa show that a total of 2 896 534 travellers (arrivals and departures) passed through South African ports of entry in May 2013. As presented in Table 1 on page 8, these travellers were made up of 749 569 South African residents and 2 146 965 foreign travellers. A further breakdown of the figures for South African residents indicates that there were 368 172 arrivals and 381 397 departures. The corresponding volumes for foreign arrivals and departures were 1 133 427 and 1 013 538, respectively.

A comparison between the movements in April 2013 and May 2013 indicates that the volumes of arrivals and departures decreased for both South African residents and foreign travellers. The volume of arrivals for South African residents decreased by 15,7% (from 436 896 in April 2013 to 368 172 in May 2013) and the volume of departures for South African residents decreased by 2,3% (from 390 292 in April 2013 to 381 397 in May 2013). Foreign arrivals decreased by 11,3% (from 1 278 502 in April 2013 to 1 133 427 in May 2013) while foreign departures decreased by 5,9% (from 1 077 538 in April 2013 to 1 013 538 in May 2013).

A comparison between the movements in May 2012 and May 2013 indicates that the volumes of arrivals decreased for South African residents but increased for foreign travellers while the volumes of departures increased for both South African residents and foreign travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals decreased by 2,2% (from 376 540 in May 2012 to 368 172 in May 2013) and the volume of departures increased by 6,6% (from 357 713 in May 2012 to 381 397 in May 2013). The volume of arrivals for foreign travellers increased by 6,2% (from 1 067 556 in May 2012 to 1 133 427 in May 2013) and the volume of departures increased by 15,4% (from 877 997 in May 2012 to 1 013 538 in May 2013).

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

As presented in Table 1, in May 2013, 61 015 (5,4%) foreign arrivals were classified as non-visitors while 1 072 412 (94,6%) were classified as visitors. The visitors were categorised into three groups:

- i. arrivals only – comprising of visitors who entered the country in May 2013 but did not depart in May 2013 [322 517 (30,1%)];
- ii. single trips – visitors who came once in May 2013 and left in May 2013 [408 873 (38,1%)];
- iii. multiple trips – visitors who came and left more than once in May 2013 [341 022 (31,8%)].

Visitors were further grouped as same-day visitors and overnight visitors (tourists). In May 2013, there were 372 754 (34,8%) same-day visitors and 699 658 (65,2%) tourists. Between April 2013 and May 2013, the volume of same-day visitors decreased by 5,7% (from 395 135 in April 2013 to 372 754 in May 2013) and tourists decreased by 12,9% (from 803 475 in April 2013 to 699 658 in May 2013). Conversely, between May 2012 and May 2013, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 18,5% (from 314 654 in May 2012 to 372 754 in May 2013) while the volume of tourists increased by 1,1% (from 692 046 in May 2012 to 699 658 in May 2013).

#### 1.1.2 Mode of travel

Travellers who cross South Africa's borders rarely use trains since they are mainly used for transporting goods. Data presented in Table 2 on page 9 show that in May 2013, road transport was the most common mode of travel used by 2 137 969 (73,8%) out of the 2 896 534 travellers. The total number of travellers who used air transport was 752 207 (26,0%). The arrivals data on South African residents show that 140 254 (38,1%) came by air and 227 747 (61,9%) came by road. For departures, 141 615 (37,1%) and 239 567 (62,8%) used air and road transport respectively.

In the case of foreign travellers, 252 189 (22,3%) arrived by air while those who came by road were 877 943 (77,5%). When departing South Africa, 218 149 (21,5%) foreign travellers left by air whilst 792 712 (78,2%) left by road. Table 2 further shows that an overwhelming majority [354 441 (95,1%)] of same-day visitors arrived in the country by road. Only 18 029 (4,8%) same-day visitors flew into the country. Data on tourists show that, 491 372 (70,2%) used road transport but 207 801 (29,7%) came by air.

## 1.2 Tourists

### 1.2.1 Mode of travel

The country of residence of tourists is used to categorise them into their respective countries and regions. Information on the specific region and country of residence of the tourists and the mode of travel used to enter South Africa is provided in Table 3 on page 10. In May 2013, 151 476 (89,4%) overseas tourists arrived in the country by air whilst 17 454 (10,3%) came in by road. This is in contrast to the number of tourists from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries who came into South Africa predominantly by road [471 855 (92,3%)]. Only 39 272 (7,7%) tourists from the SADC countries came in by air. The number of tourists who came into South Africa by air from 'other' African countries was 16 081 (91,3%); with 1 505 (8,5%) using road transport.

### 1.2.2 Regional and national distribution

In May 2013, the distribution of overseas tourists was as follows; Europe, 76 784 (45,3%); Asia, 36 694 (21,7%); North America, 35 114 (20,7%); Australasia, 9 671 (5,7%); Central and South America, 8 594 (5,1%) and Middle East, 2 519 (1,5%). Virtually all tourists from Africa came from the SADC countries, [511 131 (96,7%)]. The distribution of the remaining tourists from Africa is as follows: West Africa, 10 408 (2,0%); East and Central Africa, 6 073 (1,1%) and North Africa 1 138 (0,2%).

Data presented in Figure 1 on page 6 indicate that United States of America (USA), 30 580 (18,1%); United Kingdom (UK), 23 507 (13,9%); Germany, 14 178 (8,4%); India 13 492 (8,0%); China 10 912 (6,4%); France, 8 408 (5,0%); Australia, 8 161 (4,8%); Brazil, 5 547 (3,3%); The Netherlands, 5 400 (3,2%) and Canada, 4 534 (2,7%) were the ten leading overseas countries visiting South Africa in May 2013. Tourists from these ten countries constituted 73,6% of all tourists from overseas countries. A comparison between movements in May 2012 and May 2013 shows that the number of tourists increased in five of these countries (China, Germany, France, India and USA) and decreased in the remaining five (The Netherlands, Canada, Australia, Brazil and UK). China had the highest increase of 11,3% (from 9 802 tourists in May 2012 to 10 912 tourists in May 2013) while The Netherlands had the largest decrease of 9,7% (from 5 978 tourists in May 2012 to 5 400 tourists in May 2013).

The ten leading SADC countries in the number of tourists visiting South Africa in May 2013 were Zimbabwe, 150 203 (29,4%); Lesotho, 113 723 (22,2%); Mozambique, 83 208 (16,3%); Swaziland, 66 418 (13,0%); Botswana, 39 390 (7,7%); Namibia, 18 857 (3,7%); Zambia, 14 200 (2,8%); Malawi, 14 041 (2,7%); Angola, 4 076 (0,8%) and Tanzania, 2 808 (0,5%) (see Figure 2 on page 6). Tourists from these ten countries constituted 99,2% of all tourists from the SADC countries. A comparison between movements in May 2012 and May 2013 shows that the number of tourists increased in seven of these countries (Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Namibia, Swaziland, Zimbabwe and Zambia) and decreased in three of them (Lesotho, Mozambique and Tanzania). Angola had the highest increase of 33,8% (from 3 046 tourists in May 2012 to 4 076 tourists in May 2013) while Lesotho had the largest decrease of 12,8% (from 130 441 tourists in May 2012 to 113 723 tourists in May 2013).

The ten leading countries in the number of tourists visiting South Africa in May 2013 from 'other' African countries, as shown in Figure 3 on page 7, were Nigeria, 7 026 (39,9%); Kenya, 2 575 (14,6%); Ghana, 1 969 (11,2%); Uganda, 1 292 (7,3%); Ethiopia, 634 (3,6%); Egypt, 548 (3,1%); Cameroon, 449 (2,5%); Gabon, 403 (2,3%); Senegal, 306 (1,7%) and Congo, 258 (1,5%). Tourists from these ten countries constituted 87,7% of all tourists from 'other' African countries. A comparison between movements in May 2012 and May 2013 shows that the number of tourists increased in six of these countries (Nigeria, Ghana, Ethiopia, Uganda, Gabon and Kenya) and decreased for (Egypt, Congo, Cameroon and Senegal). Nigeria had the highest increase of 31,6% (from 5 340

tourists in May 2012 to 7 026 tourists in May 2013). Egypt showed the largest decrease of 8,4% (from 598 tourists in May 2012 to 548 tourists in May 2013).

### 1.2.3 Purpose of visit

As observed from data given in Table 4 on page 14, in May 2013, a majority [639 598 (91,4%)] of tourists were in South Africa for holidays compared to only 39 683 (5,7%), 16 718 (2,4%), and 3 659 (0,5%) of tourists who were in South Africa in transit; for business and for study purposes respectively. A detailed analysis reveals that of all the tourists from each of the overseas regions, at least 63,0% came to South Africa for holidays. A total of 8 337 (86,2%) tourists from Australasia; 29 666 (84,5%) from North America; 2 100 (83,4%) from Middle East; 58 834 (76,6%) from Europe, 27 332 (74,5%) from Asia and 5 481 (63,8%) from Central and South America were in South Africa for holidays. Middle East had a higher proportion (8,0%) of their tourists in South Africa for business compared to other overseas regions while Central and South America (34,1%) had higher proportions of their tourists in transit in South Africa.

The majority of African tourists [506 597 (95,8%)] came to South Africa for holidays. However, there were differences between tourists from the SADC countries and 'other' African countries namely:

- Whereas 492 500 (96,4%) of tourists from the SADC countries were on holidays; 14 097 (80,0%) of tourists from 'other' African countries came for the same purpose. Data on the regions of 'other' African countries show that tourists on holidays constituted 81,3% (8 460); 79,5% (4 827) and 71,2% (810) for West Africa; East and Central Africa; and North Africa, respectively.
- Business persons constituted 5,8% (1 027) of tourists from 'other' African countries and 1,3% (6 841) from the SADC countries. North Africa had the highest proportion of 13,4% (153) of its tourists in South Africa for business.
- Students made up 2,2% (381) of tourists from 'other' African countries compared with 0,5% (2 711) from the SADC countries. There were higher proportions of students among tourists from North Africa [2,8% (32)] and East and Central Africa [2,7% (183)] than among tourists from West Africa [1,8% (183)].
- The proportion of tourists in transit was higher for those from 'other' African countries [12,0% (2 114)] compared to those from SADC countries [1,8% (9 079)]. West Africa [12,7% (1 321)] and North Africa [12,6% (143)] had higher proportions of their tourists in transit than tourists from East and Central Africa [10,7% (650)].

### 1.2.4 Sex and age distribution

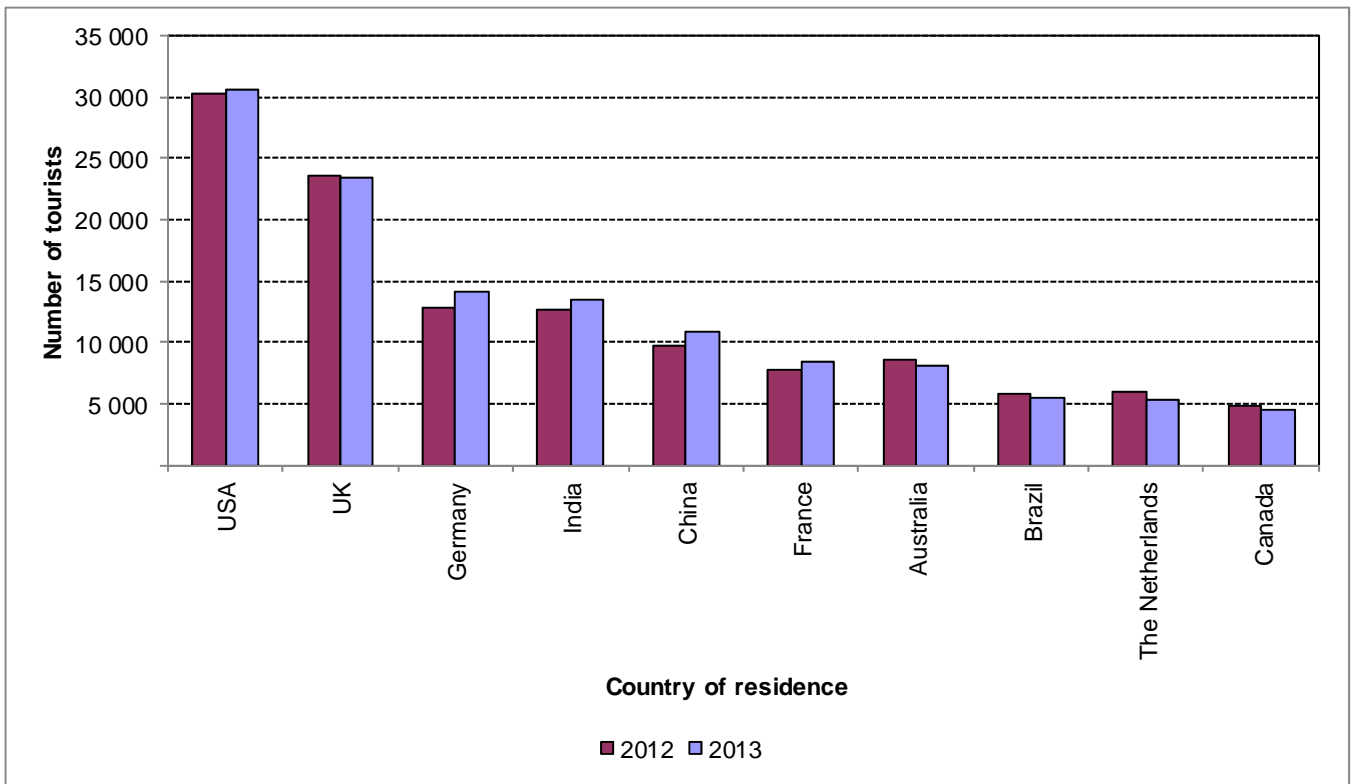
Table 5 on page 18 shows that, in May 2013, there were 396 734 (56,7%) male and 302 144 (43,2%) female tourists. Overseas tourists were made up of 101 230 (59,8%) male tourists and 67 971 (40,1%) female tourists. There were 281 890 (55,2%) male and 228 644 (44,7%) female tourists from the SADC countries. The tourists from 'other' African countries were made up of 12 573 (71,4%) males and 5 038 (28,6%) females.

The ages of the tourists were categorised into three broad groups namely; those younger than 15 years, 15 to 64 years, and 65 years and older. The overall results presented in Table 5 show that 639 968 (91,5%) of tourists were aged between 15 and 64 years; 29 113 (4,2%) were aged 65 years and older and 30 041 (4,3%) were aged less than 15 years. Taking the regions of residence into consideration, the results further show that 144 606 (85,4%) of overseas tourists were aged between 15 and 64 years compared with 477 142 (93,4%) and 16 720 (94,9%) of tourists in the same age range from the SADC countries and 'other' African countries respectively.

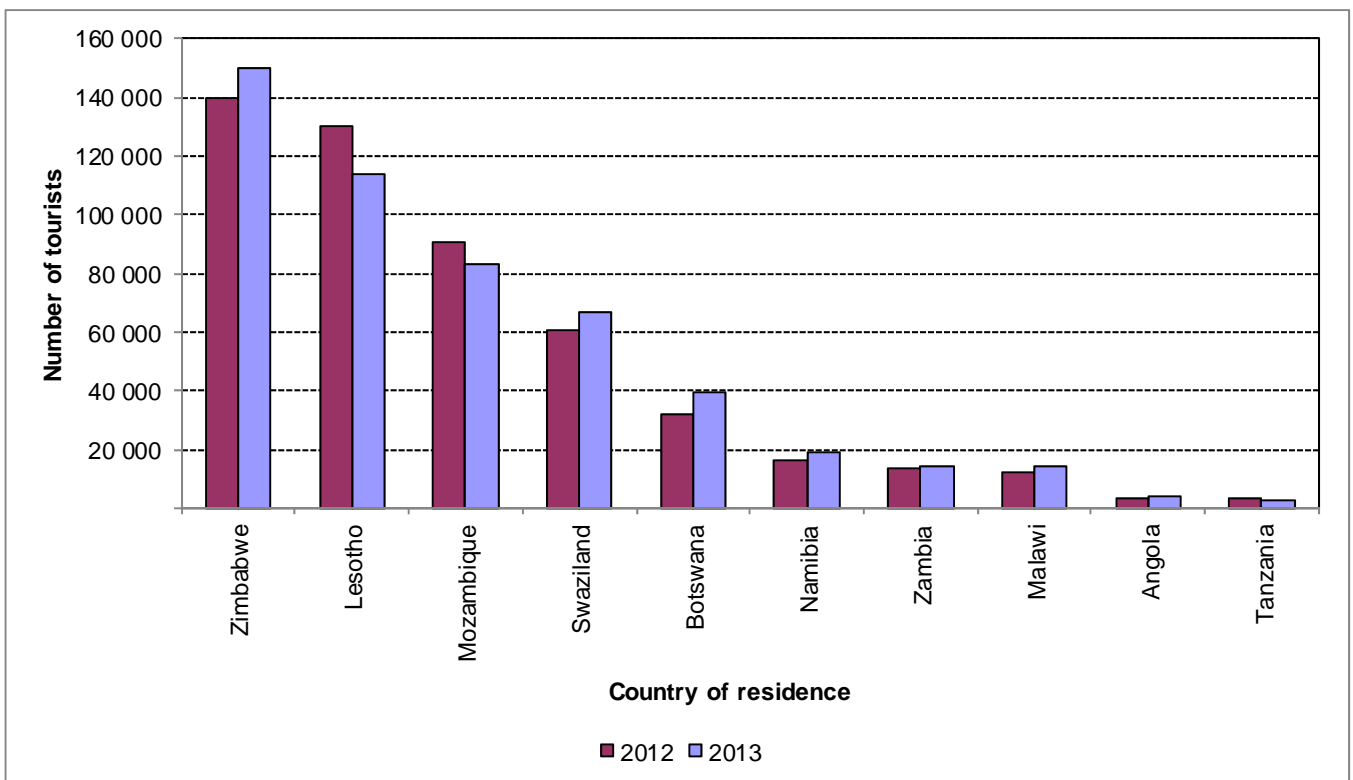
The proportion of tourists aged less than 15 years was higher among tourists from overseas [4,8% (8 176)] and those from the SADC countries [4,2% (21 288)] than among tourists from 'other' African countries [3,2% (567)]. There was a higher proportion of young female tourists in comparison to young male tourists for all the three regions. A comparison of the three regions shows relatively high proportions of the elderly among both male [9,1% (9 204)] and female [10,7% (7 261)] tourists from overseas. This is in contrast to the pattern observed among tourists from the other two regions. Thus, 2,0% (5 674) of male and 2,9% (6 526) of female tourists from the SADC countries were aged 65 years and older. Likewise 1,8% (230) of male and 1,9% (96) of female tourists from 'other' African countries were aged 65 years and older.

## 2. Figures

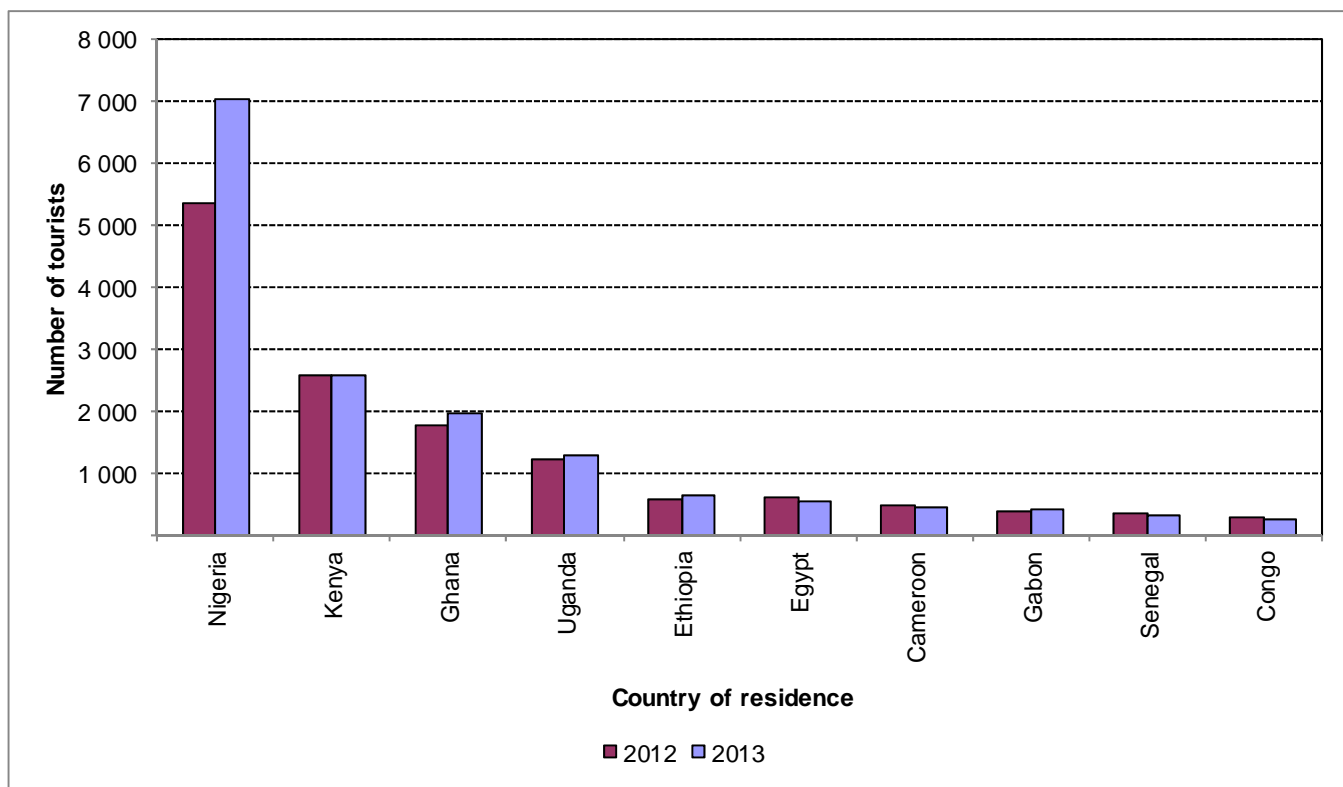
**Figure 1. Number of tourists from the ten leading overseas countries in May 2013 compared to May 2012**



**Figure 2. Number of tourists from the ten leading Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries in May 2013 compared to May 2012**



**Figure 3. Number of tourists from the ten leading 'other' African countries in May 2013 compared to May 2012**





### 3. Tables

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

| Travel direction               | 2012             | 2013             |                  | % change            |                       |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
|                                | May              | April            | May              | May 2012 - May 2013 | April 2013 - May 2013 |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>2 679 806</b> | <b>3 183 228</b> | <b>2 896 534</b> | <b>8,1</b>          | <b>-9,0</b>           |
| <b>South African residents</b> | <b>734 253</b>   | <b>827 188</b>   | <b>749 569</b>   | <b>2,1</b>          | <b>-9,4</b>           |
| Arrivals                       | 376 540          | 436 896          | 368 172          | -2,2                | -15,7                 |
| Departures                     | 357 713          | 390 292          | 381 397          | 6,6                 | -2,3                  |
| <b>Foreign travelers</b>       | <b>1 945 553</b> | <b>2 356 040</b> | <b>2 146 965</b> | <b>10,4</b>         | <b>-8,9</b>           |
| Arrivals                       | 1 067 556        | 1 278 502        | 1 133 427        | 6,2                 | -11,3                 |
| Departures                     | 877 997          | 1 077 538        | 1 013 538        | 15,4                | -5,9                  |
| <b>Foreign arrivals</b>        | <b>1 067 556</b> | <b>1 278 502</b> | <b>1 133 427</b> | <b>6,2</b>          | <b>-11,3</b>          |
| Non-visitors                   | 60 856           | 79 892           | 61 015           | 0,3                 | -23,6                 |
| Visitors                       | 1 006 700        | 1 198 610        | 1 072 412        | 6,5                 | -10,5                 |
| <b>Visitors</b>                | <b>1 006 700</b> | <b>1 198 610</b> | <b>1 072 412</b> | <b>6,5</b>          | <b>-10,5</b>          |
| Arrivals only                  | 364 551          | 411 906          | 322 517          | -11,5               | -21,7                 |
| Single trips                   | 345 494          | 432 478          | 408 873          | 18,3                | -5,5                  |
| Multiple trips                 | 296 655          | 354 226          | 341 022          | 15,0                | -3,7                  |
| <b>Visitor</b>                 | <b>1 006 700</b> | <b>1 198 610</b> | <b>1 072 412</b> | <b>6,5</b>          | <b>-10,5</b>          |
| Same-day                       | 314 654          | 395 135          | 372 754          | 18,5                | -5,7                  |
| Overnight (Tourists)           | 692 046          | 803 475          | 699 658          | 1,1                 | -12,9                 |

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

| Travel Direction               | May              |                  | Mode of travel (May 2013) |               |                |              |                |                  |              |             |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|
|                                |                  |                  | Air                       |               |                |              |                | Road             | Sea          | Unspecified |
|                                | 2012             | 2013             | Cape Town                 | K Shaka       | OR Tambo       | Other        | Total          |                  |              |             |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>2 679 806</b> | <b>2 896 534</b> | <b>86 276</b>             | <b>19 849</b> | <b>637 275</b> | <b>8 807</b> | <b>752 207</b> | <b>2 137 969</b> | <b>6 340</b> | <b>18</b>   |
| <b>South African residents</b> | <b>734 253</b>   | <b>749 569</b>   | <b>33 339</b>             | <b>11 870</b> | <b>230 769</b> | <b>5 891</b> | <b>281 869</b> | <b>467 314</b>   | <b>386</b>   | <b>-</b>    |
| Arrivals                       | 376 540          | 368 172          | 15 814                    | 5 686         | 115 753        | 3 001        | 140 254        | 227 747          | 171          | -           |
| Departures                     | 357 713          | 381 397          | 17 525                    | 6 184         | 115 016        | 2 890        | 141 615        | 239 567          | 215          | -           |
| <b>Foreign travellers</b>      | <b>1 945 553</b> | <b>2 146 965</b> | <b>52 937</b>             | <b>7 979</b>  | <b>406 506</b> | <b>2 916</b> | <b>470 338</b> | <b>1 670 655</b> | <b>5 954</b> | <b>18</b>   |
| Arrivals                       | 1 067 556        | 1 133 427        | 25 313                    | 3 899         | 221 544        | 1 433        | 252 189        | 877 943          | 3 278        | 17          |
| Departures                     | 877 997          | 1 013 538        | 27 624                    | 4 080         | 184 962        | 1 483        | 218 149        | 792 712          | 2 676        | 1           |
| <b>Visitors</b>                | <b>1 006 700</b> | <b>1 072 412</b> | <b>21 595</b>             | <b>2 709</b>  | <b>200 504</b> | <b>1 022</b> | <b>225 830</b> | <b>845 813</b>   | <b>757</b>   | <b>12</b>   |
| Same-day                       | 314 654          | 372 754          | 358                       | 17            | 17 527         | 127          | 18 029         | 354 441          | 284          | -           |
| Overnight (Tourists)           | 692 046          | 699 658          | 21 237                    | 2 692         | 182 977        | 895          | 207 801        | 491 372          | 473          | 12          |

**Table 3. Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel**

| Country of residence             | May            |                | Mode of travel (May 2013) |              |                |            |                |                |            |             |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|----------------|----------------|------------|-------------|
|                                  | 2012           | 2013           | Air                       |              |                |            |                | Road           | Sea        | Unspecified |
|                                  |                |                | Cape Town                 | K Shaka      | OR Tambo       | Other      | Total          |                |            |             |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>692 046</b> | <b>699 658</b> | <b>21 237</b>             | <b>2 692</b> | <b>182 977</b> | <b>895</b> | <b>207 801</b> | <b>491 372</b> | <b>473</b> | <b>12</b>   |
| <b>Overseas</b>                  | <b>168 796</b> | <b>169 376</b> | <b>18 268</b>             | <b>2 216</b> | <b>130 306</b> | <b>686</b> | <b>151 476</b> | <b>17 454</b>  | <b>441</b> | <b>5</b>    |
| <b>Europe</b>                    | <b>75 967</b>  | <b>76 784</b>  | <b>9 475</b>              | <b>1 332</b> | <b>55 640</b>  | <b>241</b> | <b>66 688</b>  | <b>9 972</b>   | <b>124</b> | <b>-</b>    |
| Austria                          | 1 093          | 1 127          | 95                        | 12           | 893            | 1          | 1 001          | 126            | -          | -           |
| Belgium                          | 2 219          | 1 942          | 244                       | 18           | 1 421          | 25         | 1 708          | 232            | 2          | -           |
| Denmark                          | 1 253          | 1 186          | 158                       | 6            | 884            | 1          | 1 049          | 137            | -          | -           |
| France                           | 7 815          | 8 408          | 1 037                     | 52           | 6 202          | 15         | 7 306          | 1 097          | 5          | -           |
| Germany                          | 12 928         | 14 178         | 1 094                     | 133          | 11 015         | 19         | 12 261         | 1 917          | -          | -           |
| Ireland                          | 1 695          | 1 537          | 196                       | 49           | 1 091          | 1          | 1 337          | 200            | -          | -           |
| Italy                            | 3 707          | 3 348          | 471                       | 86           | 2 505          | 4          | 3 066          | 268            | 14         | -           |
| Portugal                         | 3 398          | 3 512          | 290                       | 25           | 1 871          | 12         | 2 198          | 1 313          | 1          | -           |
| Russian Federation               | 806            | 970            | 174                       | 15           | 664            | 10         | 863            | 90             | 17         | -           |
| Spain                            | 1 780          | 1 959          | 331                       | 11           | 1 468          | 12         | 1 822          | 131            | 6          | -           |
| Sweden                           | 1 636          | 1 784          | 198                       | 4            | 1 419          | 4          | 1 625          | 159            | -          | -           |
| Switzerland                      | 2 465          | 2 516          | 237                       | 26           | 1 978          | 29         | 2 270          | 246            | -          | -           |
| The Netherlands                  | 5 978          | 5 400          | 1 048                     | 62           | 3 046          | 8          | 4 164          | 1 223          | 13         | -           |
| UK                               | 23 677         | 23 507         | 3 214                     | 772          | 17 164         | 74         | 21 224         | 2 258          | 25         | -           |
| Other                            | 5 517          | 5 410          | 688                       | 61           | 4 019          | 26         | 4 794          | 575            | 41         | -           |
| <b>North America</b>             | <b>35 151</b>  | <b>35 114</b>  | <b>3 585</b>              | <b>225</b>   | <b>28 107</b>  | <b>300</b> | <b>32 217</b>  | <b>2 872</b>   | <b>25</b>  | <b>-</b>    |
| Canada                           | 4 865          | 4 534          | 682                       | 82           | 3 232          | 21         | 4 017          | 516            | 1          | -           |
| USA                              | 30 286         | 30 580         | 2 903                     | 143          | 24 875         | 279        | 28 200         | 2 356          | 24         | -           |
| <b>Central and South America</b> | <b>9 011</b>   | <b>8 594</b>   | <b>209</b>                | <b>14</b>    | <b>7 812</b>   | <b>28</b>  | <b>8 063</b>   | <b>530</b>     | <b>1</b>   | <b>-</b>    |
| Argentina                        | 1 240          | 1 126          | 9                         | 1            | 1 077          | -          | 1 087          | 39             | -          | -           |
| Brazil                           | 5 841          | 5 547          | 88                        | 4            | 5 056          | 6          | 5 154          | 393            | -          | -           |
| Mexico                           | 272            | 271            | 38                        | -            | 222            | 6          | 266            | 5              | -          | -           |
| Other                            | 1 658          | 1 650          | 74                        | 9            | 1 457          | 16         | 1 556          | 93             | 1          | -           |

**Table 3. Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel (continued)**

| Country of residence | May            |                | Mode of travel (May 2013) |            |               |            |               |                |            |             |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|----------------|------------|-------------|
|                      | 2012           | 2013           | Air                       |            |               |            |               | Road           | Sea        | Unspecified |
|                      |                |                | Cape Town                 | K Shaka    | OR Tambo      | Other      | Total         |                |            |             |
| <b>Australasia</b>   | <b>10 042</b>  | <b>9 671</b>   | <b>505</b>                | <b>69</b>  | <b>8 124</b>  | <b>44</b>  | <b>8 742</b>  | <b>924</b>     | <b>5</b>   | <b>-</b>    |
| Australia            | 8 597          | 8 161          | 418                       | 53         | 6 885         | 41         | 7 397         | 759            | 5          | -           |
| New Zealand          | 1 344          | 1 478          | 87                        | 16         | 1 208         | 3          | 1 314         | 164            | -          | -           |
| Other                | 101            | 32             | -                         | -          | 31            | -          | 31            | 1              | -          | -           |
| <b>Middle East</b>   | <b>2 718</b>   | <b>2 519</b>   | <b>268</b>                | <b>25</b>  | <b>2 085</b>  | <b>14</b>  | <b>2 392</b>  | <b>126</b>     | <b>1</b>   | <b>-</b>    |
| Israel               | 1 418          | 1 194          | 52                        | 1          | 1 055         | 3          | 1 111         | 83             | -          | -           |
| Lebanon              | 276            | 258            | 30                        | 4          | 208           | -          | 242           | 15             | 1          | -           |
| Saudi Arabia         | 294            | 363            | 52                        | 7          | 303           | -          | 362           | 1              | -          | -           |
| Other                | 730            | 704            | 134                       | 13         | 519           | 11         | 677           | 27             | -          | -           |
| <b>Asia</b>          | <b>35 907</b>  | <b>36 694</b>  | <b>4 226</b>              | <b>551</b> | <b>28 538</b> | <b>59</b>  | <b>33 374</b> | <b>3 030</b>   | <b>285</b> | <b>5</b>    |
| China                | 9 802          | 10 912         | 1 383                     | 172        | 8 565         | 1          | 10 121        | 761            | 30         | -           |
| India                | 12 641         | 13 492         | 1 711                     | 221        | 10 406        | 20         | 12 358        | 1 087          | 47         | -           |
| Japan                | 2 815          | 2 736          | 151                       | 32         | 2 435         | 5          | 2 623         | 112            | 1          | -           |
| Malaysia             | 832            | 812            | 174                       | 25         | 572           | 12         | 783           | 28             | 1          | -           |
| Pakistan             | 1 962          | 1 773          | 116                       | 39         | 1 185         | -          | 1 340         | 428            | 4          | 1           |
| Philippines          | 1 575          | 1 344          | 101                       | 11         | 1 011         | 15         | 1 138         | 101            | 105        | -           |
| South Korea          | 1 151          | 1 274          | 93                        | 17         | 1 032         | -          | 1 142         | 124            | 7          | 1           |
| Taiwan               | 778            | 774            | 53                        | 3          | 603           | -          | 659           | 109            | 5          | 1           |
| Thailand             | 664            | 975            | 112                       | 5          | 829           | -          | 946           | 22             | 7          | -           |
| Other                | 3 687          | 2 602          | 332                       | 26         | 1 900         | 6          | 2 264         | 258            | 78         | 2           |
| <b>Africa</b>        | <b>520 930</b> | <b>528 750</b> | <b>2 934</b>              | <b>472</b> | <b>51 744</b> | <b>203</b> | <b>55 353</b> | <b>473 360</b> | <b>30</b>  | <b>7</b>    |
| <b>SADC</b>          | <b>505 027</b> | <b>511 131</b> | <b>2 555</b>              | <b>438</b> | <b>36 136</b> | <b>143</b> | <b>39 272</b> | <b>471 855</b> | <b>3</b>   | <b>1</b>    |
| Angola               | 3 046          | 4 076          | 525                       | 1          | 3 448         | 8          | 3 982         | 94             | -          | -           |
| Botswana             | 31 978         | 39 390         | 150                       | -          | 3 312         | 45         | 3 507         | 35 883         | -          | -           |
| DRC                  | 1 947          | 2 165          | 8                         | 1          | 1 632         | 11         | 1 652         | 513            | -          | -           |
| Lesotho              | 130 441        | 113 723        | -                         | 3          | 691           | 2          | 696           | 113 027        | -          | -           |
| Madagascar           | 439            | 477            | 4                         | -          | 462           | 1          | 467           | 9              | 1          | -           |

**Table 3. Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel (continued)**

| Country of residence           | May           |               | Mode of travel (May 2013) |           |               |           |               |              |           |             |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
|                                |               |               | Air                       |           |               |           |               | Road         | Sea       | Unspecified |
|                                | 2012          | 2013          | Cape Town                 | K Shaka   | OR Tambo      | Other     | Total         |              |           |             |
| Malawi                         | 11 892        | 14 041        | 15                        | 3         | 1 697         | 5         | 1 720         | 12 321       | -         | -           |
| Mauritius                      | 1 317         | 1 263         | 151                       | 6         | 945           | 2         | 1 104         | 158          | 1         | -           |
| Mozambique                     | 90 281        | 83 208        | 72                        | 88        | 4 095         | 12        | 4 267         | 78 941       | -         | -           |
| Namibia                        | 16 315        | 18 857        | 1 522                     | 3         | 4 866         | 15        | 6 406         | 12 451       | -         | -           |
| Seychelles                     | 181           | 302           | -                         | 6         | 275           | -         | 281           | 21           | -         | -           |
| Swaziland                      | 60 610        | 66 418        | 30                        | 2         | 828           | 2         | 862           | 65 556       | -         | -           |
| Tanzania                       | 3 030         | 2 808         | 18                        | 3         | 1 593         | 2         | 1 616         | 1 192        | -         | -           |
| Zambia                         | 13 739        | 14 200        | 15                        | 152       | 4 171         | 6         | 4 344         | 9 855        | 1         | -           |
| Zimbabwe                       | 139 811       | 150 203       | 45                        | 170       | 8 121         | 32        | 8 368         | 141 834      | -         | 1           |
| <b>'Other' Africa</b>          | <b>15 903</b> | <b>17 619</b> | <b>379</b>                | <b>34</b> | <b>15 608</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>16 081</b> | <b>1 505</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>6</b>    |
| <b>East and Central Africa</b> | <b>6 100</b>  | <b>6 073</b>  | <b>66</b>                 | <b>14</b> | <b>5 292</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>5 378</b>  | <b>673</b>   | <b>17</b> | <b>5</b>    |
| Burundi                        | 102           | 115           | 2                         | -         | 104           | -         | 106           | 9            | -         | -           |
| Cameroon                       | 477           | 449           | 4                         | 1         | 409           | -         | 414           | 27           | 6         | 2           |
| Central African Republic       | 24            | 7             | -                         | -         | 7             | -         | 7             | -            | -         | -           |
| Chad                           | 43            | 28            | 1                         | -         | 27            | -         | 28            | -            | -         | -           |
| Comoros                        | 37            | 10            | -                         | 1         | 9             | -         | 10            | -            | -         | -           |
| Congo                          | 275           | 258           | 3                         | -         | 234           | 4         | 241           | 6            | 8         | 3           |
| Djibouti                       | 12            | 6             | -                         | -         | 6             | -         | 6             | -            | -         | -           |
| Equatorial Guinea              | 30            | 17            | -                         | -         | 17            | -         | 17            | -            | -         | -           |
| Eritrea                        | 65            | 41            | -                         | -         | 40            | -         | 40            | 1            | -         | -           |
| Ethiopia                       | 578           | 634           | 7                         | 8         | 543           | -         | 558           | 76           | -         | -           |
| Gabon                          | 383           | 403           | 4                         | -         | 399           | -         | 403           | -            | -         | -           |
| Kenya                          | 2 564         | 2 575         | 40                        | 1         | 2 176         | 2         | 2 219         | 354          | 2         | -           |
| Rwanda                         | 270           | 215           | 2                         | 1         | 199           | -         | 202           | 13           | -         | -           |
| Sao Tome and Principe          | 14            | 16            | 1                         | -         | 14            | -         | 15            | 1            | -         | -           |
| Somalia                        | 14            | 7             | -                         | -         | 6             | -         | 6             | 1            | -         | -           |
| Uganda                         | 1 212         | 1 292         | 2                         | 2         | 1 102         | -         | 1 106         | 185          | 1         | -           |

**Table 3. Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel (concluded)**

| Country of residence | May          |               | Mode of travel (May 2013) |           |              |           |              |            |           |             |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
|                      |              |               | Air                       |           |              |           |              | Road       | Sea       | Unspecified |
|                      | 2012         | 2013          | Cape Town                 | K Shaka   | OR Tambo     | Other     | Total        |            |           |             |
| <b>West Africa</b>   | <b>8 634</b> | <b>10 408</b> | <b>188</b>                | <b>6</b>  | <b>9 359</b> | <b>53</b> | <b>9 606</b> | <b>792</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>-</b>    |
| Benin                | 114          | 169           | 10                        | -         | 145          | -         | 155          | 14         | -         | -           |
| Burkina Faso         | 75           | 74            | 3                         | -         | 69           | -         | 72           | 2          | -         | -           |
| Cape Verde Island    | 54           | 53            | 3                         | -         | 44           | 1         | 48           | 5          | -         | -           |
| Côte D'Ivoire        | 159          | 167           | 8                         | -         | 156          | -         | 164          | 3          | -         | -           |
| Gambia               | 123          | 74            | -                         | -         | 70           | -         | 70           | 4          | -         | -           |
| Ghana                | 1 773        | 1 969         | 31                        | 1         | 1 792        | 16        | 1 840        | 127        | 2         | -           |
| Guinea               | 264          | 211           | -                         | -         | 100          | -         | 100          | 111        | -         | -           |
| Guinea-Bissau        | 15           | 8             | 1                         | -         | 7            | -         | 8            | -          | -         | -           |
| Liberia              | 64           | 50            | 1                         | -         | 48           | -         | 49           | 1          | -         | -           |
| Mali                 | 107          | 79            | -                         | -         | 61           | -         | 61           | 18         | -         | -           |
| Mauritania           | 25           | 57            | -                         | -         | 56           | -         | 56           | 1          | -         | -           |
| Niger                | 37           | 26            | 3                         | -         | 23           | -         | 26           | -          | -         | -           |
| Nigeria              | 5 340        | 7 026         | 113                       | 5         | 6 377        | 36        | 6 531        | 491        | 4         | -           |
| Saint Helena         | 14           | -             | -                         | -         | -            | -         | -            | -          | -         | -           |
| Senegal              | 325          | 306           | 1                         | -         | 295          | -         | 296          | 6          | 4         | -           |
| Sierra Leone         | 74           | 80            | 3                         | -         | 68           | -         | 71           | 9          | -         | -           |
| Togo                 | 71           | 59            | 11                        | -         | 48           | -         | 59           | -          | -         | -           |
| <b>North Africa</b>  | <b>1 169</b> | <b>1 138</b>  | <b>125</b>                | <b>14</b> | <b>957</b>   | <b>1</b>  | <b>1 097</b> | <b>40</b>  | <b>-</b>  | <b>1</b>    |
| Algeria              | 113          | 107           | 19                        | -         | 83           | 1         | 103          | 4          | -         | -           |
| Egypt                | 598          | 548           | 39                        | 3         | 488          | -         | 530          | 18         | -         | -           |
| Libya                | 70           | 78            | 20                        | -         | 54           | -         | 74           | 3          | -         | 1           |
| Morocco              | 136          | 125           | 19                        | 7         | 89           | -         | 115          | 10         | -         | -           |
| South Sudan          | -            | 70            | -                         | -         | 70           | -         | 70           | -          | -         | -           |
| The Sudan            | 167          | 124           | 10                        | -         | 111          | -         | 121          | 3          | -         | -           |
| Tunisia              | 83           | 83            | 18                        | 4         | 59           | -         | 81           | 2          | -         | -           |
| Western Sahara       | 2            | 3             | -                         | -         | 3            | -         | 3            | -          | -         | -           |
| <b>Unspecified</b>   | <b>2 320</b> | <b>1 532</b>  | <b>35</b>                 | <b>4</b>  | <b>927</b>   | <b>6</b>  | <b>972</b>   | <b>558</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>-</b>    |

**Table 4. Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit**

| Country of residence             | May            |                | Purpose of visit (May 2013) |                |              |               |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
|                                  | 2012           | 2013           | Business                    | Holiday        | Study        | Transit       |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>692 046</b> | <b>699 658</b> | <b>16 718</b>               | <b>639 598</b> | <b>3 659</b> | <b>39 683</b> |
| <b>Overseas</b>                  | <b>168 796</b> | <b>169 376</b> | <b>8 795</b>                | <b>131 750</b> | <b>564</b>   | <b>28 267</b> |
| <b>Europe</b>                    | <b>75 967</b>  | <b>76 784</b>  | <b>4 917</b>                | <b>58 834</b>  | <b>309</b>   | <b>12 724</b> |
| Austria                          | 1 093          | 1 127          | 65                          | 750            | 9            | 303           |
| Belgium                          | 2 219          | 1 942          | 148                         | 1 518          | 14           | 262           |
| Denmark                          | 1 253          | 1 186          | 60                          | 947            | 9            | 170           |
| France                           | 7 815          | 8 408          | 471                         | 6 279          | 63           | 1 595         |
| Germany                          | 12 928         | 14 178         | 602                         | 10 089         | 36           | 3 451         |
| Ireland                          | 1 695          | 1 537          | 115                         | 1 277          | 7            | 138           |
| Italy                            | 3 707          | 3 348          | 286                         | 2 485          | 7            | 570           |
| Portugal                         | 3 398          | 3 512          | 113                         | 2 900          | 11           | 488           |
| Russian Federation               | 806            | 970            | 45                          | 699            | 6            | 220           |
| Spain                            | 1 780          | 1 959          | 186                         | 1 383          | 15           | 375           |
| Sweden                           | 1 636          | 1 784          | 194                         | 1 345          | 3            | 242           |
| Switzerland                      | 2 465          | 2 516          | 132                         | 1 560          | 12           | 812           |
| The Netherlands                  | 5 978          | 5 400          | 293                         | 4 668          | 18           | 421           |
| UK                               | 23 677         | 23 507         | 1 795                       | 19 115         | 74           | 2 523         |
| Other                            | 5 517          | 5 410          | 412                         | 3 819          | 25           | 1 154         |
| <b>North America</b>             | <b>35 151</b>  | <b>35 114</b>  | <b>1 207</b>                | <b>29 666</b>  | <b>91</b>    | <b>4 150</b>  |
| Canada                           | 4 865          | 4 534          | 228                         | 3 788          | 9            | 509           |
| USA                              | 30 286         | 30 580         | 979                         | 25 878         | 82           | 3 641         |
| <b>Central and South America</b> | <b>9 011</b>   | <b>8 594</b>   | <b>162</b>                  | <b>5 481</b>   | <b>20</b>    | <b>2 931</b>  |
| Argentina                        | 1 240          | 1 126          | 19                          | 685            | 1            | 421           |
| Brazil                           | 5 841          | 5 547          | 79                          | 3 428          | 8            | 2 032         |
| Mexico                           | 272            | 271            | 11                          | 232            | 1            | 27            |
| Other                            | 1 658          | 1 650          | 53                          | 1 136          | 10           | 451           |

**Table 4. Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit (continued)**

| Country of residence | May            |                | Purpose of visit (May 2013) |                |              |               |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
|                      | 2012           | 2013           | Business                    | Holiday        | Study        | Transit       |
| <b>Australasia</b>   | <b>10 042</b>  | <b>9 671</b>   | <b>287</b>                  | <b>8 337</b>   | <b>8</b>     | <b>1 039</b>  |
| Australia            | 8 597          | 8 161          | 244                         | 7 026          | 6            | 885           |
| New Zealand          | 1 344          | 1 478          | 43                          | 1 281          | 2            | 152           |
| Other                | 101            | 32             | -                           | 30             | -            | 2             |
| <b>Middle East</b>   | <b>2 718</b>   | <b>2 519</b>   | <b>201</b>                  | <b>2 100</b>   | <b>14</b>    | <b>204</b>    |
| Israel               | 1 418          | 1 194          | 72                          | 1 006          | -            | 116           |
| Lebanon              | 276            | 258            | 31                          | 184            | -            | 43            |
| Saudi Arabia         | 294            | 363            | 26                          | 328            | 5            | 4             |
| Other                | 730            | 704            | 72                          | 582            | 9            | 41            |
| <b>Asia</b>          | <b>35 907</b>  | <b>36 694</b>  | <b>2 021</b>                | <b>27 332</b>  | <b>122</b>   | <b>7 219</b>  |
| China                | 9 802          | 10 912         | 591                         | 7 520          | 44           | 2 757         |
| India                | 12 641         | 13 492         | 768                         | 11 387         | 36           | 1 301         |
| Japan                | 2 815          | 2 736          | 167                         | 1 827          | -            | 742           |
| Malaysia             | 832            | 812            | 48                          | 675            | 1            | 88            |
| Pakistan             | 1 962          | 1 773          | 118                         | 1 493          | 11           | 151           |
| Philippines          | 1 575          | 1 344          | 19                          | 600            | 2            | 723           |
| South Korea          | 1 151          | 1 274          | 90                          | 910            | 10           | 264           |
| Taiwan               | 778            | 774            | 44                          | 541            | 3            | 186           |
| Thailand             | 664            | 975            | 42                          | 865            | 3            | 65            |
| Other                | 3 687          | 2 602          | 134                         | 1 514          | 12           | 942           |
| <b>Africa</b>        | <b>520 930</b> | <b>528 750</b> | <b>7 868</b>                | <b>506 597</b> | <b>3 092</b> | <b>11 193</b> |
| <b>SADC</b>          | <b>505 027</b> | <b>511 131</b> | <b>6 841</b>                | <b>492 500</b> | <b>2 711</b> | <b>9 079</b>  |
| Angola               | 3 046          | 4 076          | 88                          | 3 127          | 148          | 713           |
| Botswana             | 31 978         | 39 390         | 430                         | 37 306         | 431          | 1 223         |
| DRC                  | 1 947          | 2 165          | 66                          | 1 937          | 58           | 104           |
| Lesotho              | 130 441        | 113 723        | 105                         | 112 724        | 631          | 263           |
| Madagascar           | 439            | 477            | 7                           | 184            | 6            | 280           |



**Table 4. Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit (continued)**

| Country of residence           | May           |               | Purpose of visit (May 2013) |               |            |              |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
|                                | 2012          | 2013          | Business                    | Holiday       | Study      | Transit      |
| Malawi                         | 11 892        | 14 041        | 280                         | 13 354        | 25         | 382          |
| Mauritius                      | 1 317         | 1 263         | 83                          | 955           | 12         | 213          |
| Mozambique                     | 90 281        | 83 208        | 694                         | 81 021        | 50         | 1 443        |
| Namibia                        | 16 315        | 18 857        | 2 220                       | 14 617        | 362        | 1 658        |
| Seychelles                     | 181           | 302           | 13                          | 258           | -          | 31           |
| Swaziland                      | 60 610        | 66 418        | 172                         | 65 329        | 568        | 349          |
| Tanzania                       | 3 030         | 2 808         | 101                         | 2 367         | 23         | 317          |
| Zambia                         | 13 739        | 14 200        | 1 185                       | 12 266        | 71         | 678          |
| Zimbabwe                       | 139 811       | 150 203       | 1 397                       | 147 055       | 326        | 1 425        |
| <b>'Other' Africa</b>          | <b>15 903</b> | <b>17 619</b> | <b>1 027</b>                | <b>14 097</b> | <b>381</b> | <b>2 114</b> |
| <b>East and Central Africa</b> | <b>6 100</b>  | <b>6 073</b>  | <b>430</b>                  | <b>4 827</b>  | <b>166</b> | <b>650</b>   |
| Burundi                        | 102           | 115           | 4                           | 71            | 2          | 38           |
| Cameroon                       | 477           | 449           | 37                          | 312           | 23         | 77           |
| Central African Republic       | 24            | 7             | -                           | 7             | -          | -            |
| Chad                           | 43            | 28            | 1                           | 21            | 4          | 2            |
| Comoros                        | 37            | 10            | 3                           | 6             | -          | 1            |
| Congo                          | 275           | 258           | 10                          | 220           | 13         | 15           |
| Djibouti                       | 12            | 6             | -                           | 6             | -          | -            |
| Equatorial Guinea              | 30            | 17            | 1                           | 14            | 2          | -            |
| Eritrea                        | 65            | 41            | 1                           | 27            | -          | 13           |
| Ethiopia                       | 578           | 634           | 26                          | 552           | 5          | 51           |
| Gabon                          | 383           | 403           | 9                           | 344           | 23         | 27           |
| Kenya                          | 2 564         | 2 575         | 235                         | 2 046         | 55         | 239          |
| Rwanda                         | 270           | 215           | 24                          | 151           | 9          | 31           |
| Sao Tome and Principe          | 14            | 16            | 1                           | 11            | 1          | 3            |
| Somalia                        | 14            | 7             | 1                           | 4             | 1          | 1            |
| Uganda                         | 1 212         | 1 292         | 77                          | 1 035         | 28         | 152          |

**Table 4. Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit (concluded)**

| Country of residence | May          |               | Purpose of visit (May 2013) |              |            |              |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
|                      | 2012         | 2013          | Business                    | Holiday      | Study      | Transit      |
| <b>West Africa</b>   | <b>8 634</b> | <b>10 408</b> | <b>444</b>                  | <b>8 460</b> | <b>183</b> | <b>1 321</b> |
| Benin                | 114          | 169           | 19                          | 129          | 2          | 19           |
| Burkina Faso         | 75           | 74            | 11                          | 41           | -          | 22           |
| Cape Verde Island    | 54           | 53            | -                           | 46           | -          | 7            |
| Côte D'Ivoire        | 159          | 167           | 22                          | 112          | 9          | 24           |
| Gambia               | 123          | 74            | 1                           | 32           | -          | 41           |
| Ghana                | 1 773        | 1 969         | 110                         | 1 579        | 18         | 262          |
| Guinea               | 264          | 211           | 1                           | 157          | 3          | 50           |
| Guinea-Bissau        | 15           | 8             | 2                           | 2            | -          | 4            |
| Liberia              | 64           | 50            | 3                           | 38           | 1          | 8            |
| Mali                 | 107          | 79            | 1                           | 59           | -          | 19           |
| Mauritania           | 25           | 57            | 5                           | 44           | -          | 8            |
| Niger                | 37           | 26            | 6                           | 19           | 1          | -            |
| Nigeria              | 5 340        | 7 026         | 227                         | 5 915        | 145        | 739          |
| Saint Helena         | 14           | -             | -                           | -            | -          | -            |
| Senegal              | 325          | 306           | 19                          | 190          | 1          | 96           |
| Sierra Leone         | 74           | 80            | 2                           | 56           | 3          | 19           |
| Togo                 | 71           | 59            | 15                          | 41           | -          | 3            |
| <b>North Africa</b>  | <b>1 169</b> | <b>1 138</b>  | <b>153</b>                  | <b>810</b>   | <b>32</b>  | <b>143</b>   |
| Algeria              | 113          | 107           | 22                          | 73           | 2          | 10           |
| Egypt                | 598          | 548           | 72                          | 397          | 1          | 78           |
| Libya                | 70           | 78            | 4                           | 35           | 20         | 19           |
| Morocco              | 136          | 125           | 17                          | 101          | -          | 7            |
| South Sudan          | -            | 70            | 5                           | 61           | 2          | 2            |
| The Sudan            | 167          | 124           | 16                          | 85           | 7          | 16           |
| Tunisia              | 83           | 83            | 17                          | 55           | -          | 11           |
| Western Sahara       | 2            | 3             | -                           | 3            | -          | -            |
| <b>Unspecified</b>   | <b>2 320</b> | <b>1 532</b>  | <b>55</b>                   | <b>1 251</b> | <b>3</b>   | <b>223</b>   |

**Table 5. Number of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African regions by sex and age group**

| Sex                | Age group    | Total          | Region (May 2013) |                |                |              |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
|                    |              |                | Overseas          | SADC           | 'Other' Africa | Unspecified  |
| <b>All</b>         | <b>Total</b> | <b>699 658</b> | <b>169 376</b>    | <b>511 131</b> | <b>17 619</b>  | <b>1 532</b> |
|                    | <15          | 30 041         | 8 176             | 21 288         | 567            | 10           |
|                    | 15 - 64      | 639 968        | 144 606           | 477 142        | 16 720         | 1 500        |
|                    | 65+          | 29 113         | 16 506            | 12 258         | 327            | 22           |
|                    | Unspecified  | 536            | 88                | 443            | 5              | -            |
| <b>Male</b>        | <b>Total</b> | <b>396 734</b> | <b>101 230</b>    | <b>281 890</b> | <b>12 573</b>  | <b>1 041</b> |
|                    | <15          | 14 815         | 4 178             | 10 363         | 270            | 4            |
|                    | 15 - 64      | 366 499        | 87 792            | 265 619        | 12 070         | 1 018        |
|                    | 65+          | 15 127         | 9 204             | 5 674          | 230            | 19           |
|                    | Unspecified  | 293            | 56                | 234            | 3              | -            |
| <b>Female</b>      | <b>Total</b> | <b>302 144</b> | <b>67 971</b>     | <b>228 644</b> | <b>5 038</b>   | <b>491</b>   |
|                    | <15          | 15 226         | 3 998             | 10 925         | 297            | 6            |
|                    | 15 - 64      | 272 855        | 56 686            | 211 044        | 4 643          | 482          |
|                    | 65+          | 13 886         | 7 261             | 6 526          | 96             | 3            |
|                    | Unspecified  | 177            | 26                | 149            | 2              | -            |
| <b>Unspecified</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>780</b>     | <b>175</b>        | <b>597</b>     | <b>8</b>       | <b>-</b>     |
|                    | <15          | -              | -                 | -              | -              | -            |
|                    | 15 - 64      | 614            | 128               | 479            | 7              | -            |
|                    | 65+          | 100            | 41                | 58             | 1              | -            |
|                    | Unspecified  | 66             | 6                 | 60             | -              | -            |

## 4. Explanatory notes

### 4.1 Introduction

Legal movements across South African borders as well as legal immigration into South Africa fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Home Affairs (DHA). Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) 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; 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.

### 4.2 Purpose of the statistical release

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

### 4.3 Scope and coverage

The release covers data on arrivals and departures of South African residents and foreign travellers. A detailed analysis of the data on foreign tourists with respect to: mode of travel, purpose of visit, sex and age distribution is covered in the release. Statistics on documented migration, that is self-declared emigrants, are not reported due to the unavailability of data.

### 4.4 Data

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

- Data routinely collected by immigration officers at all road, air and sea entry ports on all travellers (South African residents and foreign travellers) arriving into or departing from South Africa are captured into the DHA's population Movement Control System (MCS). The counts/statistics relate to the number of individual movements, rather than to the number of people. Hence, the multiple movements of individual people during the calendar month are each counted separately. Generally the data are collected directly from travel documents either by scanning or capturing onto the port's electronic database. No forms or cards are used (except in rare occasions when the capturing system is down) to collect information from travellers. Individual ports regularly transmit data onto the national database at the head office of the DHA.
- Stats SA downloads the data covering a particular calendar month from the mainframe of the State Information Technology Agency (SITA), where the DHA stores its data.
- As part of data interrogation, data from the OR Tambo International Airport, which has the highest volume of travellers, are compared with passenger statistics from the Airport Company of South Africa (ACSA). As expected, in any specific month, an increase in the volume of passengers reported by ACSA has been

accompanied by an increase in the volume of travellers recorded by DHA. A similar pattern was also observed when the volume of travellers decreased. However, the volume of passengers recorded by ACSA is generally higher than that of the DHA because of, among other reasons, travellers who are in transit and those who boarded airplanes but were refused entry into the country. In May 2013, the DHA data was 7,7% lower than that of ACSA.

#### 4.5 Limitations

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

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.

#### 4.6 Definitions of terms

##### 4.6.1 Definitions used by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)

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

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

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

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

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

##### 4.6.2 Definitions used specifically in this release

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### 4.7 Symbols used

- = nil

< = less than

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