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OVERSEAS ARRIVALS INCREASED BY 11,8% IN NOVEMBER 1998 AND RETURNING SOUTH AFRICAN RESIDENTS INCREASED BY 12,0% IN NOVEMBER 1998.

Total foreign travellers

The number of arriving foreign travellers increased by 10,6% in November 1998 as compared to November 1997.

The total number of foreign travellers from mainland Africa, overseas and unspecified countries who visited the RSA, arriving through the three international airports of Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban during the month of November 1998 was 141 841. The November 1998 figure represents an increase of 10,6% as compared with November 1997. Figure 1 shows the trend in arrivals of overseas travellers shown separately from that of arrivals from mainland Africa from January 1996 to November 1998.

Overseas foreign travellers: Purpose of visit

Most (75,6%) overseas travellers visited the RSA for the purpose of spending a holiday

For November 1998, the number of overseas travellers arriving at the RSA through the three International Airports, was 121 951. The November 1998 figures represent an increase of 11,8% over the number of overseas travellers arriving during November 1997. Regarding the purpose of visit, as stated by overseas travellers arriving during November 1998, the single largest category was holiday (75,6%) followed by business (17,6%) and transit (3,8%). Those overseas travellers visiting the RSA for either study or work purposes accounted for 3,0% in November 1998.

Overseas foreign travellers: Leading source countries

Of the total overseas travellers, 25,6% came from the UK making it the leading source country of overseas travellers.

For November 1998, the top six overseas countries from which most foreign travellers came (arriving through the three international airports) were as follows: the UK (25,6%), Germany (15,7%), the USA (9,6%), the Netherlands (5,9%), France (5,3%) and Australia (3,1%). Comparison of the November 1998 figures to those of November 1997 shows that there were increases in overseas travellers from the UK by 29,7%, the Netherlands by 21,0%, the USA by 19,7%, and a slight increase from Australia by 1,6%. There was a decrease in the number of arrivals from Germany by 0,5% as shown in Figure 2.

Travellers from mainland Africa: Purpose of visit

Slightly over half (51,2%) of all travellers from mainland Africa visited the RSA for the purpose of spending a holiday.

For November 1998, the number of travellers from mainland Africa, arriving at the RSA through the three International was 19 505. The November 1998 figures represent an increase of 3,9% over the number of travellers from mainland Africa arriving during November 1997. Regarding the purpose of visit as stated by travellers from mainland Africa arriving during November 1998, the largest category was holiday (51,2%) followed by business (35,3%) and transit (10,0%). Those travellers from mainland Africa visiting the RSA for either study or work purposes accounted for less than 4,0% in November 1998.

Travellers from mainland Africa: Leading source countries

Of the arriving travellers from mainland Africa, 20,2% came from Zimbabwe making it the leading source country of travellers from mainland Africa

For November 1998, the top seven mainland African countries from which most foreign travellers came (arriving through the three international airports) were as follows: Zimbabwe (20,2%), Namibia (12,5%), Kenya (7,0%), Botswana (6,8%), Mozambique (6,5%), Zambia (5,8%) and Malawi (5,2%). Comparison of the November 1998 figures to those of November 1997 shows that there were increases in the number

of travellers from Kenya (18,4%), Mozambique (17,3%), Botswana (23,0%) and Zimbabwe (13,6%). The number of arrivals from Malawi and Zambia decreased by 22,0% and 19,5% respectively as shown in Figure 3.

Returning South African residents and those temporarily departing

The number of returning South African residents increased by 12,0%.

The number of returning South African residents during November 1998 was 76 140. This November 1998 figure represents an increase of 12,0% as compared with November 1997. For the same month in 1998, the number of South African residents departing temporarily was 76 561, an increase of 9,8% over those temporarily departing during the same month in 1997.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Source of data and background

Legal movements across South African borders fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Home Affairs (DHA). The information in this release pertains to arrivals into and departures from the RSA, of both foreign travellers and South African residents, as recorded at the three international airports of Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban. Information on these arrivals and departures are captured by DHA and loaded onto the mainframe computer at Bureau Nucleus. Stats SA accesses this data remotely and processes the information to produce this report.

There is also another regular statistical release on tourism and migration (P0351), which contains data from all ports of entry to the RSA.

Comparison of air arrivals data as obtained from the three international airports, and as obtained from all airports.

Table A gives a comparison of air arrivals through the three international airports and air arrivals through all airports. This allows for a simple consistency check on the two sets of statistics.

Glossary of terms used in tourism statistics

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 s/he frequently visits.

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

Travellers refers to any person on a trip between two or more localities. **International travellers** refers to any person on a trip between two or more localities in different countries. **Domestic traveller** refers to any person on a trip between two or more localities in his/her country of residence.

Trip is used to describe tourism from the standpoint of the generating place or country (the origin) and covers the whole period that the person travels away from home.

Visit is the word used to describe tourism from the standpoint of the receiving place or country (the destination). "Duration of stay" refers to the time spent in this place or country. The word "stay" is used only in relation to duration.

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

International visitor refers to any person travelling to a country other than the one in which s/he has his/her usual residence, but outside his/her usual environment, for less than 12 consecutive months and whose main purpose of trip is other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited.

Domestic visitor refers to any person residing in a country, who travels to a place within a country other than the one in which s/he has his/her usual environment, for less than 12 consecutive months and whose main purpose of trip is other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited.

Table A: Comparison of foreign travellers and overseas travellers arriving in the RSA as recorded at the three international airports (reported in P0351.1) and at all airports (reported in P0351), 1998

Month	Overseas travellers			Foreign travellers		
	Arriving through the three international airports (P0351.1)	Arriving through all airports (P0351)	%	Arriving through the three international airports (P0351.1)	Arriving through all airports (P0351)	%

Jan	103 383	104 417	99,0	121 656	123 178	98,8
Feb	112 988	113 548	99,5	130 913	132 031	99,2
Mar	111 869	112 763	99,2	130 564	132 002	98,9
Apr	93 669	94 495	99,1	114 022	115 307	98,9
May	76 037	76 621	99,2	95 832	97 108	98,7
Jun	63 379	64 052	98,9	79 524	81 063	98,1
Jul	86 231	87 045	99,1	106 558	108 354	98,3
Aug	97 999*	98 826	99,2	119 893*	121 617	98,6
Sep	94 853	95 667	99,1	114 722	116 647	98,3
Oct	125 320	126 207	99,3	145 503	147 272	98,8
Nov	121 951	122 713	99,4	141 841	143 153	99,1
Dec

* Revised figure

1. TOURISM - JOHANNESBURG, CAPE TOWN AND DURBAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS
1.1 Arrivals and departures of foreign travellers and South African residents
1.1.1 Purpose of visit

Purpose of visit	November		January - November Cum.Total		Year
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997
(a) ARRIVALS: GRAND TOTAL	196 176	217 981	1 994 372	2 256 224	2 210 212
(i) Foreign travellers					
. Total	128 209	141 841	1 176 374	1 301 037	1 312 206
. Business	23 426	28 354	226 048	257 765	237 822
. Holiday	94 963	102 340	817 495	900 371	932 799
. Study	516	436	16 081	18 626	16 718
. Work	3 637	4 069	44 369	50 519	47 410

. Contract workers	-	-	-	-	-
. Border traffic concession	-	-	-	-	-
. Transit	5 603	6 627	71 248	73 135	76 264
. Unspecified	64	15	1 133	621	1 193
(ii) South African residents returning	67 967	76 140	817 998	955 187	898 006
(b) DEPARTURES: GRAND TOTAL	195 390	220 023	1 873 545	2 203 002	2 096 592
(i) Foreign travellers	125 653	143 462	1 066 960	1 255 871	1 175 963
(ii) South African residents departing temporarily	69 737	76 561	806 585	947 131	917 629

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1.2 Foreign travellers

1.2.1 Arrivals by country of residence and purpose of visit

Country	Foreign travellers											
	November		Purpose of visit								Jan.-Nov.Cum.Total	
	1997	1998	Business	Holiday	Study	Work	Transit	Contract worker	Border traffic	Unspec.	1998	1997
	November 1998											
GRAND TOTAL	128 209	141 841	28 354	102 340	436	4 069	6 627	-	-	15	1 301 037	1 176 374
OVERSEAS TOTAL	109 121	121 951	21 403	92 222	258	3 435	4 624	-	-	9	1 087 681	976 175
EUROPE	77 098	88 491	13 781	70 281	129	2 015	2 282	-	-	3	705 148	627 915
Austria	2 791	2 748	222	2 434	3	36	53	-	-	-	19 386	17 743
Belgium	2 876	3 109	416	2 578	7	56	52	-	-	-	25 936	21 274
Denmark	1 070	1 239	229	917	9	27	57	-	-	-	11 119	9 744
France	5 534	6 496	1 259	4 872	4	198	163	-	-	-	54 668	48 767
Germany	19 197	19 103	2 141	16 301	47	313	298	-	-	3	144 117	139 816
Greece	404	473	82	305	-	26	60	-	-	-	4 412	3 900
Ireland	1 154	1 451	234	1 132	3	51	31	-	-	-	13 625	10 541
Italy	2 780	2 860	539	2 076	2	51	192	-	-	-	27 631	24 580
Netherlands	5 942	7 191	769	6 167	11	137	107	-	-	-	54 496	46 297
Norway	527	793	208	502	2	22	59	-	-	-	6 996	5 615
Portugal	1 184	1 274	182	943	2	19	128	-	-	-	11 842	8 830
Spain	819	1 331	205	980	-	25	121	-	-	-	11 974	7 853
Sweden	1 750	2 212	566	1 496	1	51	98	-	-	-	14 681	12 823
Switzerland	4 251	4 205	416	3 652	6	66	65	-	-	-	28 034	25 506
UK	24 054	31 199	5 718	24 148	21	822	490	-	-	-	252 391	222 615
Other	2 765	2 807	595	1 778	11	115	308	-	-	-	23 840	22 011
NORTH AMERICA	11 931	14 087	2 946	9 860	52	650	579	-	-	-	159 097	129 641
Canada	2 157	2 385	451	1 721	7	108	98	-	-	-	20 618	18 781
USA	9 774	11 702	2 495	8 139	45	542	481	-	-	-	138 479	110 860
CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA	2 639	3 210	412	2 412	4	67	315	-	-	-	36 315	33 432
Argentina	1 080	751	53	670	-	4	24	-	-	-	12 593	12 019

Brazil	866	1 386	138	1 115	2	16	115	-	-	-	13 621	12 067
Chile	219	327	67	124	2	22	112	-	-	-	2 989	3 842
Other	474	746	154	503	-	25	64	-	-	-	7 112	5 504
AUSTRALASIA	4 591	4 544	848	3 284	5	137	270	-	-	-	52 763	48 473
Australia	3 757	3 818	717	2 753	2	117	229	-	-	-	43 889	40 736
New Zealand	805	695	119	518	3	18	37	-	-	-	8 487	7 325
Other	29	31	12	13	-	2	4	-	-	-	387	412

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1.2 Foreign travellers

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

Country	Foreign travellers											Jan.-Nov.Cum.Total	
	November		Purpose of visit								1998	1997	
	1997	1998	Business	Holiday	Study	Work	Transit	Contract worker	Border traffic	Unspec.			
	November 1998												
MIDDLE EAST	1 704	1 835	580	1 123	2	54	73	-	-	3	23 249	20 240	
Israel	907	911	255	599	1	22	34	-	-	-	12 211	10 887	
Other	797	924	325	524	1	32	39	-	-	3	11 038	9 353	
ASIA	10 191	8 699	2 599	4 558	62	503	974	-	-	3	99 891	106 609	
Hong Kong	1 294	1 046	117	915	1	6	7	-	-	-	13 062	15 553	
India	1 330	1 105	415	412	1	142	133	-	-	2	14 619	14 964	
Japan	2 058	1 467	418	849	3	110	87	-	-	-	19 520	19 382	
Malaysia	810	577	170	345	1	25	36	-	-	-	6 376	9 868	
Philippines	313	365	26	48	-	19	272	-	-	-	3 448	2 980	
Rep of China (Taiwan)	1 332	1 092	123	797	14	34	124	-	-	-	14 533	14 330	
Rep of Korea	442	308	141	111	8	25	23	-	-	-	4 157	4 947	
Singapore	762	528	124	386	1	7	10	-	-	-	5 320	6 842	
Thailand	145	303	43	232	-	10	18	-	-	-	2 803	3 426	
Other	1 705	1 908	1 022	463	33	125	264	-	-	1	16 053	14 317	
INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS	967	1 085	237	704	4	9	131	-	-	-	11 218	9 865	
Mauritius	728	927	196	604	4	4	119	-	-	-	9 118	7 824	
Other	239	158	41	100	-	5	12	-	-	-	2 100	2 041	
AFRICA	18 777	19 505	6 879	9 990	170	520	1 941	-	-	5	209 233	195 319	
Botswana	1 072	1 319	525	552	14	25	203	-	-	-	13 359	10 832	
Egypt	180	289	112	131	1	16	29	-	-	-	2 799	2 442	
Kenya	1 155	1 367	577	664	7	38	81	-	-	-	11 896	10 217	
Lesotho	448	427	112	164	1	6	144	-	-	-	4 944	4 488	
Malawi	1 303	1 016	457	411	3	15	130	-	-	-	11 137	12 350	
Mozambique	1 088	1 276	238	791	12	26	209	-	-	-	13 116	11 055	
Namibia	2 389	2 441	921	1 192	12	24	292	-	-	-	27 455	25 412	
Swaziland	353	388	115	166	4	7	96	-	-	-	5 014	4 405	
Zaire	313	160	65	59	2	19	15	-	-	-	2 791	4 180	

Zambia	1 412	1 137	470	476	12	30	149	-	-	-	13 923	14 694
Zimbabwe	3 476	3 947	1 163	2 507	36	94	146	-	-	1	40 469	39 348
Other	5 588	5 738	2 124	2 877	66	220	447	-	-	4	62 330	55 896
UNSPECIFIED	311	385	72	128	8	114	62	-	-	1	4 123	4 880

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