

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL & TOURISM

Year 2008

Introduction

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism and hotel statistics. A brief on the compilation of these statistics is given at Annex I while Annex II contains a glossary of terms used.

2. Passenger Traffic

2.1 Total Passenger Traffic

Passenger traffic for the year 2008 totalled 2,433,177 made up of 1,226,428 arrivals and 1,206,749 departures. Compared to the year 2007, these figures represent increases of 4.2% in arrivals and 2.6% in departures. Movements by sea accounted for 3.4% in both arrivals and departures. Further details on monthly figures are given in Table 1.

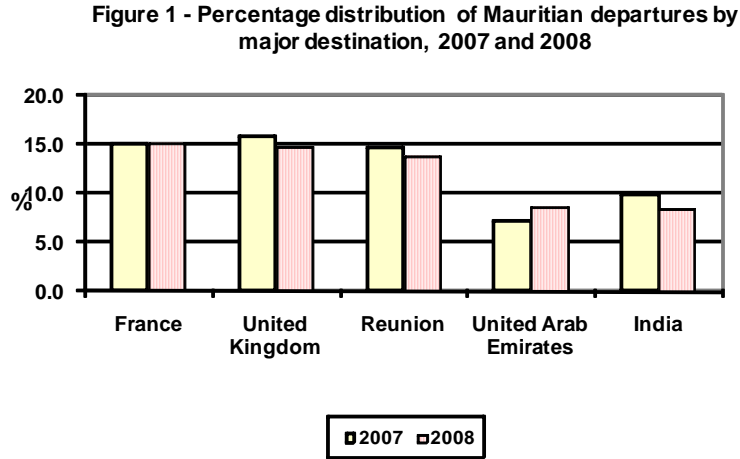
2.2 Excursionists

Total arrivals by air included 17,783 "excursionists", i.e. visitors arriving and leaving on the same day. Of these excursionists, 5,279 (29.7%) came from Reunion Island and 4,496 (25.3%), from France. Total arrivals by sea included 26,388 "cruise excursionists" (17,037 passengers and 9,351 crews) aboard 28 cruise ships, which visited our port in 2008.

2.3 Mauritian Residents

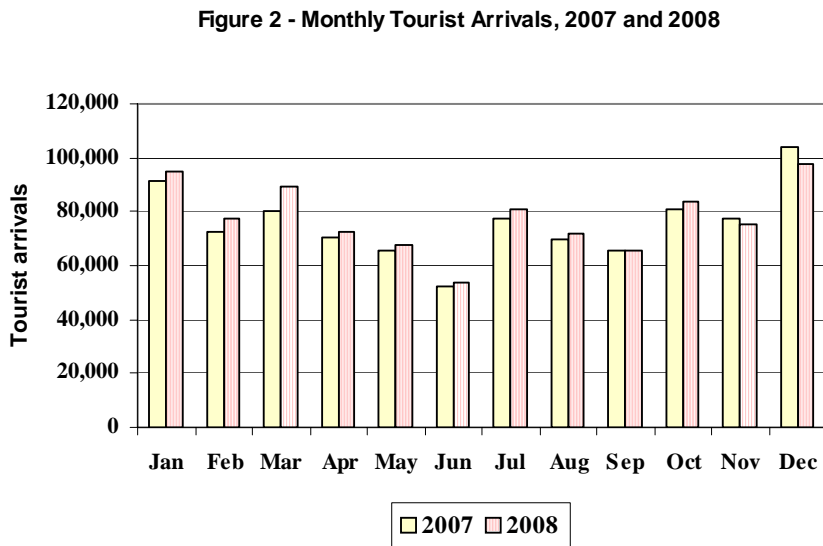
During the period under review, the number of Mauritian residents travelling abroad stood at 225,867 which is an increase of 6.0% compared to 213,169 for 2007 and accounted for 18.7% of total departures (Table 2). The following changes were observed in the number of Mauritians visiting the major destinations: France (+6.9%), United Kingdom (-1.1%), Reunion Island (+0.6%), United Arab Emirates (+29.2%), India (-9.3%), Republic of South Africa (+16.6%), Australia (+33.4%), Hong Kong (-0.9%), Singapore (+4.4%), Malagasy Republic (-4.5%) and Seychelles (+12.1%).

Figure 1 shows the percentage distribution of Mauritian departures by major destination for 2007 and 2008.



2.4 Tourist Arrivals

Tourist arrivals for the year 2008 increased by 2.6% to reach 930,456 compared to 906,971 for 2007. Figure 2 shows monthly tourist arrivals for 2007 and 2008. Further details on tourist arrivals are given in Tables 3 to 6.



Around 88% of the tourists came for holidays while 4.0% were on business/conference trips and another 4.6% were in transit (Table 4).

Arrivals from Europe, which accounted for 65.4% of total tourist arrivals, were up by 2.1% to reach 608,358 in 2008 against 595,653 for 2007. Arrivals from France, our leading market representing 27.9% of total tourist arrivals and 42.7% of the European market, rose by 8.3% to attain 260,054 in 2008. The performance of the other three major generating countries of Europe was: United Kingdom (+0.6%), Italy (-4.4%) and Germany (-5.6%). Among the remaining European countries, the following trend was observed: Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) (+13.7%), Spain (+8.2%), Belgium (+7.8%), Netherlands (-4.4%), Switzerland (-8.6%), Sweden (-16.0%) and Austria (-18.2%).

In 2008, arrivals from Africa, with a share of 23.0% of total tourist arrivals, increased by 1.4% to 213,868. Arrivals from Reunion Island and Republic of South Africa, the two major markets of the region, rose by 0.4% and 3.3% respectively. Changes in arrivals from other African countries were as follows: Malagasy Republic (+23.3%), Kenya (+11.6%), Zimbabwe (+8.4%), Comoros (-3.0%) and Seychelles (-25.7%).

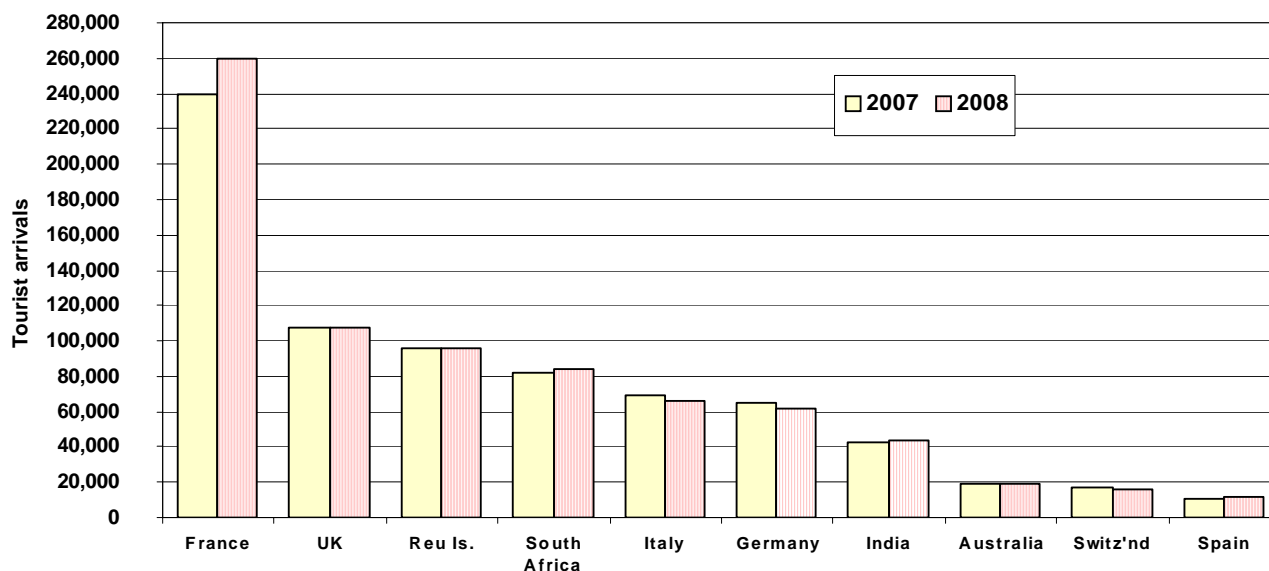
For the period under review, tourist arrivals from the Asian market, which represented 7.8% of total tourist arrivals, registered a growth of 6.3% to attain 72,771. Arrivals from India, our major source on this continent, grew by 2.2% to reach 43,911. The performance of other Asian countries was as follows: United Arab Emirates (+108.5%), People's Republic of China (+8.9%), Japan (+1.2%), Hong Kong (-1.2%), Singapore (-13.0%) and Malaysia (-19.1%).

Arrivals from Oceania decreased by 2.4% from 20,656 in 2007 to 20,161 in 2008 as a result of a fall of 4.0% in arrivals from Australia, partly offset by a rise of 28.2% in arrivals from the other Oceanian countries.

Arrivals from the continent of America went up by 31.0% to 13,719, due to increases of 23.1% in arrivals from Canada, 30.0% from USA and 41.5% from "Other American" countries.

Tourist arrivals from top ten markets for the year 2007 and 2008 are given in Figure 3.

Figure 3 - Tourist Arrivals from Top Ten Markets, 2007 and 2008



3. Tourist Nights

Total tourist nights spent in the country in 2008 is estimated at 9.1 million, representing an increase of 1.3% over the preceding year (Table 6).

4. Hotel Statistics

At the end of December 2008, there was a total of 102 registered hotels in operation. Owing to renovation, three hotels were not operational. The total room capacity for these registered hotels was 11,488 with 23,095 bedplaces (Table 7). For the year 2008, the room occupancy rate for all hotels averaged 68% compared to 76% in 2007 while the bed occupancy rate was 61% against 68% for 2007 (Table 8).

“Large” hotels, i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms, numbered 46 (45% of all registered hotels). These hotels had a room capacity of 8,882 with 17,804 bedplaces, representing 77.3% of total room capacity and 77.1 of total bedplaces. The average room occupancy rate for these hotels for the year 2008 was 70% and bed occupancy rate averaged 62% compared to 78% and 70% respectively a year ago (Table 8).

5. Gross Tourism Receipts

Data from the Bank of Mauritius indicate that gross tourism receipts for the year 2008 amounted to Rs 41,213 million, i.e. an increase of 1.3% compared to Rs 40,687 million for 2007 (Table 6).

6. Employment

According to the Survey of Employment and Earnings, direct employment in hotels, restaurants and travel and tourism establishments employing 10 persons or more stood at 28,534 at the end of March 2008 showing an increase of 8.4% over the figure of 26,322 for March 2007. Of this number, 22,317 or 78.2% were engaged in hotels (Table 9).

7. Forecast Year 2009

A slowdown in the number of tourist arrivals is expected in 2009 due to economic downturn observed in our main markets. At this point in time, lack of visibility does not allow for a reasonable forecast.

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic ¹ by month, 2006 - 2008

Month	2006		2007		2008	
	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	108,932	124,313	114,503	133,861	125,228	144,490
February	80,202	80,796	86,655	86,343	98,424	99,897
March	74,574	83,160	99,841	103,396	115,987	122,014
<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>263,708</u>	<u>288,269</u>	<u>300,999</u>	<u>323,600</u>	<u>339,639</u>	<u>366,401</u>
April	74,092	72,052	92,982	94,269	96,210	97,364
May	65,979	69,023	83,963	86,831	87,375	96,647
June	60,396	56,460	74,534	69,782	76,627	63,360
<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>200,467</u>	<u>197,535</u>	<u>251,479</u>	<u>250,882</u>	<u>260,212</u>	<u>257,371</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>464,175</i>	<i>485,804</i>	<i>552,478</i>	<i>574,482</i>	<i>599,851</i>	<i>623,772</i>
July	90,862	76,408	106,670	90,663	112,508	91,931
August	86,128	94,927	96,148	105,680	98,044	113,039
September	73,157	75,222	85,315	87,007	84,194	83,868
<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>250,147</u>	<u>246,557</u>	<u>288,133</u>	<u>283,350</u>	<u>294,746</u>	<u>288,838</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	<i>714,322</i>	<i>732,361</i>	<i>840,611</i>	<i>857,832</i>	<i>894,597</i>	<i>912,610</i>
October	91,891	85,930	101,362	101,361	104,069	101,959
November	89,668	88,779	99,885	102,522	98,663	93,176
December	120,983	97,636	135,373	114,415	129,099	99,004
<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>302,542</u>	<u>272,345</u>	<u>336,620</u>	<u>318,298</u>	<u>331,831</u>	<u>294,139</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>552,689</i>	<i>518,902</i>	<i>624,753</i>	<i>601,648</i>	<i>626,577</i>	<i>582,977</i>
Whole Year	1,016,864	1,004,706	1,177,231	1,176,130	1,226,428	1,206,749

¹ Excluding inter islands traffic

**Table 2 : - Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation,
2007 and 2008**

Country of disembarkation	2007	2008	% Change
EUROPE	76,131	78,993	3.8
France	32,118	34,341	6.9
Germany	2,888	3,151	9.1
Italy	4,404	4,681	6.3
Switzerland	2,522	2,712	7.5
United Kingdom	33,913	33,544	-1.1
Other European	286	564	97.2
AFRICA	65,878	69,150	5.0
Malagasy Republic	9,499	9,074	-4.5
Reunion	31,311	31,493	0.6
Seychelles	6,968	7,809	12.1
S. Africa, Rep. of	16,301	19,013	16.6
Zimbabwe	26	0	-100.0
Other African	1,773	1,761	-0.7
ASIA	60,878	64,154	5.4
Hong Kong SAR ¹	11,875	11,773	-0.9
India	21,190	19,210	-9.3
Malaysia	1,447	1,940	34.1
Singapore	9,571	9,995	4.4
Saudi Arabia	1,379	1,288	-6.6
United Arab Emirates	15,295	19,759	29.2
Other Asian	121	189	56.2
OCEANIA	9,980	13,310	33.4
Australia	9,980	13,310	33.4
Other Oceanian	-	-	-
AMERICA	30	37	23.3
U.S.A	14	8	-42.9
Canada	14	29	107.1
Other American	2	0	-100.0
NOT STATED	272	223	-18.0
All Countries	213,169	225,867	6.0

¹ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2006 - 2008

Month	Number		
	2006	2007	2008 ¹
January	86,218	91,628	94,579
February	64,894	72,338	77,763
March	58,136	79,965	89,152
<i>1st Quarter</i>	<u>209,248</u>	<u>243,931</u>	<u>261,494</u>
April	57,361	70,297	72,837
May	50,773	65,301	67,705
June	42,755	52,584	53,722
<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<u>150,889</u>	<u>188,182</u>	<u>194,264</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	360,137	432,113	455,758
July	65,540	77,225	81,169
August	64,307	69,941	71,605
September	56,138	65,542	65,632
<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<u>185,985</u>	<u>212,708</u>	<u>218,406</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	546,122	644,821	674,164
October	75,451	81,244	83,524
November	70,394	77,236	75,380
December	96,309	103,670	97,388
<i>4th Quarter</i>	<u>242,154</u>	<u>262,150</u>	<u>256,292</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	428,139	474,858	474,698
Whole Year	788,276	906,971	930,456

¹ Provisional**Table 4 :- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 2007 and 2008**

Purpose of visit	2007	2008 ¹	% Change
Holiday	818,714	821,325	0.3
Business	30,186	32,366	7.2
Transit	35,375	42,657	20.6
Conference	4,447	5,155	15.9
Sports	834	1,080	29.5
Other & Not Stated	17,415	27,873	60.1
Total	906,971	930,456	2.6

¹ Provisional

Table 5 :- Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, 2007 and 2008

Country of residence	Year 2007	2008 ¹												% Change 2008/2007	
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		Year
EUROPE	595,653	61,657	58,261	59,736	48,536	40,294	30,749	47,004	44,415	43,038	56,091	57,335	61,242	608,358	2.1
Austria	10,969	1,139	1,494	983	599	506	280	486	385	576	618	927	981	8,974	-18.2
Belgium	10,945	857	813	1,327	579	783	794	1,154	768	910	1,241	1,174	1,396	11,796	7.8
France	240,028	28,986	24,010	23,893	21,978	17,408	11,877	21,789	17,339	13,294	24,333	27,000	28,147	260,054	8.3
Germany	65,165	5,281	5,641	6,936	4,849	5,837	3,542	3,598	3,925	5,271	5,664	5,909	5,031	61,484	-5.6
Italy	69,510	8,467	7,854	7,729	5,725	2,306	2,580	3,300	5,780	5,588	5,002	4,834	7,267	66,432	-4.4
Netherlands	6,331	456	415	374	595	587	361	702	438	594	604	381	544	6,051	-4.4
Spain	11,092	451	615	947	504	677	1,007	1,507	1,896	2,048	1,160	605	584	12,001	8.2
Sweden	9,891	1,570	1,293	951	259	158	162	255	119	159	878	1,078	1,423	8,305	-16.0
Switzerland	17,546	1,361	1,402	1,483	1,274	836	535	1,141	619	1,184	2,288	2,341	1,573	16,037	-8.6
United Kingdom	107,297	5,990	8,017	10,046	9,239	8,468	7,410	10,112	10,274	10,189	10,502	8,774	8,898	107,919	0.6
CIS ²	8,920	2,183	874	1,115	650	701	375	439	474	458	812	792	1,268	10,141	13.7
Other European	37,959	4,916	5,833	3,952	2,285	2,027	1,826	2,521	2,398	2,767	2,989	3,520	4,130	39,164	3.2
AFRICA	210,952	25,948	9,950	20,389	16,627	16,514	13,068	22,789	17,828	14,420	18,058	11,502	26,775	213,868	1.4
Comoros	675	41	55	72	55	61	48	70	59	43	47	68	36	655	-3.0
Kenya	1,790	70	133	138	159	203	157	347	200	120	142	173	155	1,997	11.6
Malagasy Rep.	8,842	719	651	959	753	839	780	1,213	1,332	804	826	933	1,096	10,905	23.3
Reunion	95,823	17,397	2,994	9,122	4,076	8,149	3,462	13,173	8,130	3,647	9,701	4,339	11,984	96,174	0.4
Seychelles	14,275	583	673	806	963	826	1,004	876	885	756	975	959	1,298	10,604	-25.7
S. Africa, Rep. of	81,733	6,530	4,855	8,594	9,356	5,661	6,923	6,341	6,376	8,557	5,773	4,363	11,119	84,448	3.3
Zimbabwe	1,669	89	97	163	273	123	131	107	190	101	95	96	344	1,809	8.4
Other African	6,145	519	492	535	992	652	563	662	656	392	499	571	743	7,276	18.4

¹ Provisional

² Commonwealth of Independent States (Ex Soviet Union Countries)

Table 5 (contd.) :- Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, 2007 and 2008

Country of residence	Year 2007	2008 ¹												% Change 2008/2007	
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		Year
ASIA	68,449	4,367	6,973	5,335	4,506	8,376	7,236	7,890	6,296	5,085	5,927	4,592	6,188	72,771	6.3
Hong Kong SAR ³	649	33	88	50	21	45	81	64	52	41	36	42	88	641	-1.2
India	42,974	2,736	4,316	3,219	2,672	6,378	5,109	4,236	3,075	2,645	3,443	2,349	3,733	43,911	2.2
Japan	1,730	109	174	106	131	97	98	185	213	183	130	138	187	1,751	1.2
Malaysia	1,865	86	161	88	123	108	122	167	166	110	117	129	132	1,509	-19.1
P. Rep. of China	7,739	555	1,112	742	530	582	552	895	685	783	672	715	602	8,425	8.9
Singapore	2,020	95	140	120	103	159	200	167	151	153	129	114	227	1,758	-13.0
United Arab Emirates	1,971	190	206	174	175	208	284	951	599	299	366	267	390	4,109	108.5
Other Asian	9,501	563	776	836	751	799	790	1,225	1,355	871	1,034	838	829	10,667	12.3
OCEANIA	20,656	1,475	1,344	1,475	1,936	1,535	1,460	2,176	1,967	2,018	2,238	962	1,575	20,161	-2.4
Australia	19,635	1,394	1,285	1,372	1,867	1,452	1,387	2,053	1,837	1,912	1,938	897	1,458	18,852	-4.0
Other Oceanian	1,021	81	59	103	69	83	73	123	130	106	300	65	117	1,309	28.2
AMERICA	10,473	1,078	1,200	2,134	1,154	891	1,037	1,080	860	956	1,015	861	1,453	13,719	31.0
USA	5,451	396	606	1,429	666	483	541	506	482	444	448	374	714	7,089	30.0
Canada	2,590	241	280	342	221	179	360	319	217	167	229	224	409	3,188	23.1
Other American	2,432	441	314	363	267	229	136	255	161	345	338	263	330	3,442	41.5
OTHER & N.STATED	788	54	35	83	78	95	172	230	239	115	195	128	155	1,579	100.4
All Countries	906,971	94,579	77,763	89,152	72,837	67,705	53,722	81,169	71,605	65,632	83,524	75,380	97,388	930,456	2.6

¹ Provisional

³ Special Administrative Region of China

Table 6 :- Tourist arrivals, nights and receipts, 2005 - 2008

Year		Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist nights (000)	Tourism receipts ¹ (Rs million)
	2005	761,063	7,498	25,704
	2006	788,276	7,761	31,942
	2007	906,971	8,987	40,687
	2008	930,456	9,100	41,213
2006	1st Qr.	209,248	1,939	9,068
	2nd Qr.	150,889	1,327	6,383
	1st Semester	360,137	3,266	15,451
	3rd Qr.	185,985	1,904	6,607
	4th Qr.	242,154	2,591	9,884
	2nd Semester	428,139	4,495	16,491
2007	1st Qr.	243,931	2,297	10,791
	2nd Qr.	188,182	1,666	8,961
	1st Semester	432,113	3,963	19,752
	3rd Qr.	212,708	2,031	8,652
	4th Qr.	262,150	2,993	12,283
	2nd Semester	474,858	5,024	20,935
2008 ²	1st Qr.	261,494	2,550	11,951
	2nd Qr.	194,264	1,750	10,219
	1st Semester	455,758	4,300	22,170
	3rd Qr.	218,406	2,100	8,631
	4th Qr.	256,292	2,700	10,412
	2nd Semester	474,698	4,800	19,043

¹ Source: Bank of Mauritius² Provisional

Table 7:- Hotels, rooms and bedplaces, 2005 - 2008

Year	Number as at end of period			
	Hotels	Rooms	Bedplaces	
2005	99	10,497	21,072	
2006	98	10,666	21,403	
2007	97	10,857	21,788	
2008	102	11,488	23,095	
2006	1st Qr.	99	10,629	21,341
	2nd Qr.	95	10,278	20,564
	3rd Qr.	94	10,108	20,281
	4th Qr.	98	10,666	21,403
2007	1st Qr.	97	10,683	21,509
	2nd Qr.	88	9,126	18,256
	3rd Qr.	93	10,201	20,454
	4th Qr.	97	10,857	21,788
2008 ¹	1st Qr.	96	10,796	21,649
	2nd Qr.	94	10,503	21,063
	3rd Qr.	99	10,933	21,939
	4th Qr.	102 ²	11,488	23,095

¹ Provisional² Excluding three hotels not operational because of renovation works.

Table 8 :- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2006 - 2008

Month	All Hotels						"Large" Hotels					
	2006		2007		2008 ¹		2006		2007		2008 ¹	
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	81	72	86	77	82	73	86	77	89	79	82	74
February	76	68	82	73	78	70	81	72	86	77	80	72
March	60	54	77	69	77	69	63	56	81	72	78	70
<i>1st Quarter</i>	<u>72</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>72</u>
April	58	52	75	67	72	65	61	55	80	72	75	67
May	51	46	71	64	66	60	54	48	74	67	68	61
June	45	41	59	53	49	43	47	42	62	56	49	44
<i>2nd Quarter</i>	<u>51</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>57</u>
<i>1st Semester</i>	62	55	75	67	71	63	65	59	79	71	72	65
July	56	50	71	63	61	55	58	52	74	67	62	56
August	69	62	74	67	65	58	73	66	77	70	67	60
September	67	60	75	67	65	58	71	63	78	70	68	61
<i>3rd Quarter</i>	<u>64</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>59</u>
<i>Jan. to Sep.</i>	63	56	75	67	68	61	66	59	78	70	70	63
October	73	65	78	70	71	64	76	68	81	72	73	65
November	78	70	83	74	69	62	81	73	85	77	71	63
December	79	71	80	72	69	62	81	73	80	72	70	63
<i>4th Quarter</i>	<u>77</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>64</u>
<i>2nd Semester</i>	70	63	77	69	67	60	73	66	78	70	68	61
Whole Year	66	59	76	68	68	61	69	62	78	70	70	62

¹ Provisional

Table 9 :- Employment in the tourist industry as at end of March, 2004 - 2008

Year	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008¹
Establishments					
Restaurants	1,623	1,809	1,805	1,793	2,029
Hotels	16,853	19,226	19,536	20,233	22,317
Travel and Tourism	4,137	4,342	4,457	4,296	4,188
Total	22,613	25,377	25,798	26,322	28,534

¹ Revised

Source: Survey of Employment and Earnings in large Establishments (i.e employing 10 or more persons)

BRIEF ON COMPILATION OF PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Sources of data

The main source of data for the compilation of passenger traffic statistics is the Passport and Immigration Office, which maintains a database of all passengers entering and leaving the country. The data are extracted from the Embarkation/ Disembarkation cards filled in by all incoming and outgoing passengers. At the end of every month, passenger traffic for that particular month is downloaded and supplied to the statistics unit of the Ministry of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications within fifteen days. Additional data on cruises are supplied by the Mauritius Ports Authority.

To supplement the recurrent statistics a Survey of Outgoing Tourists (SOT) is conducted every two years since 1984 jointly by the Central Statistics Office and the Ministry of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications. This survey covers a representative sample of tourists at departure and provides qualitative and quantitative information on tourists. Results of the survey are published in the Survey of Outgoing Tourists report.

Tourism receipts

The Bank of Mauritius is responsible for the estimation of tourism receipts based on monthly statements of Inward and Outward Remittances of Commercial Banks.

Monthly Occupancy Rates

All hotels are contacted by phone at the end of every month for data on room/bed nights available and rented during the month for the calculation of room and bed occupancy rates.

Short-term projections of tourist arrivals

A Tourism Statistics Committee grouping various stakeholders of the tourism industry meet regularly under the chairmanship of the Director of the Central Statistics Office to discuss performance of the tourism sector and to provide information for short-term forecast of tourist arrivals.

Publications

The regular publications of the unit are:

- (i) Monthly tourist arrivals (by mid of each month)
- (ii) Quarterly Economic and Social Indicators on International Travel and Tourism (with a lag of seven weeks)
- (iii) Quarterly tourism statistics (Pamphlet)
- (iv) Digest of International Travel and Tourism (August)
- (v) Handbook of statistical data on tourism (August)
- (vi) Report of the Survey of Outgoing Tourists

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Tourist

A tourist is defined as a non-resident staying for more than 24 hours but less than a year, who is not involved in any gainful occupation in the country during his/her stay.

2. Transit

A transit passenger is one who stops over in the country for flight connections to other destinations. There are two types of transit passengers:

Type I : Passengers who do not leave the transit area of the airport or the harbour.

Type II : Passengers who do leave the airport or harbour and stay in the country for more than 24 hours but only for flight connection purposes.

Only Type II transit passengers, as defined above, are included in the definition of "Tourists".

3. Excursionist or Same-day Visitor

Excursionists are non-resident visitors, other than those who do not leave the airport, who stay in the country for less than 24 hours. They also include passengers as well as crews of *cruise ships*.

4. Tourist Nights

"Tourist nights" means the total number of nights spent in the country by tourists, as defined above, during the period under review.

5. Large Hotels

Large hotels are well established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms.

6. Occupancy rate

The room/bed occupancy rate is the ratio of room/bed nights rented to the total number of room/bed nights available.

$$= \frac{\text{Total number of room/bed nights rented}}{\text{Total number of room/bed nights available}} \times 100$$

7. CIS

CIS denotes the Commonwealth of Independent States. It consists of the States of the former Soviet Union.