

SECTION 2 - INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Table 2.1 - Passenger traffic¹ - Island of Mauritius, 1996 - 2008

Period	Arrivals			Departures			Net overseas migration
	Total	By sea	By air	Total	By sea	By air	
1996	672,070	27,308	644,762	663,501	24,794	638,707	+ 8,569
1997	743,291	29,756	713,535	737,523	27,390	710,133	+ 5,768
1998	778,574	43,706	734,868	775,998	40,809	735,189	+ 2,576
1999	823,085	40,499	782,586	809,233	39,230	770,003	+ 13,852
2000	915,203	34,262	880,941	895,569	33,368	862,201	+ 19,634
2001	910,489	27,847	882,642	903,073	26,313	876,760	+ 7,416
2002	951,090	43,890	907,200	942,876	42,630	900,246	+ 8,214
2003	968,927	31,296	937,631	947,839	28,936	918,903	+ 21,088
2004	1,000,545	32,238	968,307	979,322	28,609	950,713	+ 21,223
2005	1,043,900	35,422	1,008,478	1,029,666	35,478	994,188	+ 14,234
2006	1,072,879	31,713	1,041,166	1,060,074	28,725	1,031,349	+ 12,805
2007	1,238,826	33,373	1,205,453	1,237,747	31,001	1,206,746	+ 1,079
2008 ²	1,280,640	48,311	1,232,329	1,261,152	47,494	1,213,658	+ 19,488
2008 ² 1st Qr	354,098	22,240	331,858	379,259	21,988	357,271	- 25,161
2nd Qr	272,817	5,563	267,254	269,363	4,941	264,422	+ 3,454
3rd Qr	307,178	4,397	302,781	301,414	4,626	296,788	+ 5,764
4th Qr	346,547	16,111	330,436	311,116	15,939	295,177	+ 35,431

¹ As from January 1994, data on passenger traffic are being compiled from all embarkation and disembarkation cards.

Prior to this period, they were based on a 10% sample of such cards. They include:

- (a) emigrants to and immigrants from the dependencies; and
- (b) movement of military personnel as from the 1962 Population Census but excludes those transit passengers who did not leave the airport.

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Table 2.2 - Passenger traffic¹ by country of original embarkation or final destination, 2008

Country of original embarkation or final destination	Total arrivals	Total departures
Australia	29,169	33,765
Austria	225	118
Belgium	192	363
Comoros	12	8
France	253,159	263,683
Germany	62,858	62,156
Hong Kong	27,189	20,247
India	62,147	59,651
Italy	61,685	62,791
Japan	22	40
Kenya	5,777	4,978
Malagasy Republic	29,211	30,342
Reunion	218,865	218,786
Rodrigues	54,212	54,403
Seychelles	25,541	25,160
Singapore	18,022	17,760
South Africa, Republic of	144,122	126,982
Switzerland	13,882	13,841
United Kingdom	132,551	132,143
Zambia	48	153
Zimbabwe	26	3
Other countries	141,725	133,779
All countries	1,280,640	1,261,152

¹ Excluding seamen and transit passengers who did not leave the airport.

Table 2.3 - Tourist¹ arrivals by mode of transport and tourist nights spent during period, 1996 - 2008

Period	Mode of transport			Tourist nights spent during period ²	% change over previous year	
	Sea	Air	Total		Tourist arrivals	Tourist nights
1996	6,484	480,383	486,867	4,957,683	+ 15.2	+ 11.8
1997	7,476	528,649	536,125	5,451,314	+ 10.1	+ 10.0
1998	17,109	541,086	558,195	5,567,889	+ 4.1	+ 2.1
1999	13,852	564,233	578,085	5,729,464	+ 3.6	+ 2.9
2000	10,677	645,776	656,453	6,412,876	+ 13.6	+ 11.9
2001	10,532	649,786	660,318	6,527,800	+ 0.6	+ 1.8
2002	14,180	667,468	681,648	6,768,870	+ 3.2	+ 3.7
2003	12,155	689,863	702,018	6,952,313	+ 3.0	+ 2.7
2004	11,390	707,471	718,861	7,118,603	+ 2.4	+ 2.4
2005	13,321	747,742	761,063	7,498,251	+ 5.9	+ 5.3
2006	13,249	775,027	788,276	7,760,679	+ 3.6	+ 3.5
2007	12,163	894,808	906,971	8,986,934	+ 15.1	+ 15.8
2008	15,961	914,495	930,456	8986934 ³	+ 2.6	+ 1.1

¹ A tourist is defined as a non-resident staying in the island for more than 24 hours but less than a year.

² Including nights spent during reference period by tourist arriving prior to the period.

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Table 2.4 - Official long-term emigrants¹ by sex, Island of Mauritius, 1972 - 1994

Year	Both sexes	Male	Female
1972	2,271	956	1,315
1973	2,037	844	1,193
1974	1,494	606	888
1975	874	328	546
1976	579	195	384
1977	290	120	170
1978	320	111	209
1979	191	43	148
1980	308	84	224
1981	485	283	202
1982	913	682	231
1983	1,735	1,437	298
1984	1,961	1,256	705
1985	1,585	742	843
1986	2,014	931	1,083
1987	3,339	1,545	1,794
1988	2,493	1,186	1,307
1989	1,752	1,082	670
1990	1,042	674	368
1991	715	483	232
1992	437	244	193
1993	1,161	539	622
1994	1,900	882	1,018

¹ Persons who have obtained a permit to migrate to another country. The figures have been compiled from the Passport Office register.

Table 2.5 - Tourist arrivals by country of residence, 2001 - 2008

Country of residence	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 *
Australia	8,790	8,387	9,103	11,373	13,486	16,660	19,635	18,852
Belgium	10,398	10,579	10,170	8,524	8,973	9,216	10,945	11,796
France	197,595	202,869	200,229	210,411	220,421	182,295	240,028	260,054
Germany	50,866	53,762	53,970	52,277	55,983	57,251	65,165	61,484
India	18,890	20,898	25,367	24,716	29,755	37,498	42,974	43,911
Italy	37,343	38,263	39,774	41,277	43,458	69,407	69,510	66,432
Japan	1,589	1,958	1,572	1,724	1,638	1,695	1,730	1,751
Kenya	1,734	1,507	1,510	1,506	1,358	1,694	1,790	1,997
Malagasy Republic	6,674	9,417	11,044	8,256	7,397	7,239	8,842	10,905
Reunion	91,140	96,375	95,679	96,510	99,036	89,127	95,823	96,174
Seychelles	10,687	13,468	9,869	7,456	10,084	12,023	14,275	10,604
Singapore	3,431	3,114	2,102	2,329	1,789	1,862	2,020	1,758
South Africa, Rep. of	47,882	42,685	45,756	52,609	58,446	70,796	81,733	84,448
Switzerland	18,427	17,371	17,929	16,110	15,773	16,161	17,546	16,037
United Kingdom	77,888	80,667	91,210	92,652	95,407	102,333	107,297	107,919
U.S.A.	3,923	4,116	4,505	4,305	4,890	5,220	5,451	7,089
Zambia	422	354	456	395	305	440	427	622
Zimbabwe	3,860	3,185	2,343	2,345	2,419	1,587	1,669	1,809
Other countries	68,779	72,673	79,430	84,086	90,445	105,772	120,111	126,814
All countries	660,318	681,648	702,018	718,861	761,063	788,276	906,971	930,456

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Table 2.6 - Tourist nights¹ by country of residence of tourist, 2001 - 2008

Country of residence	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 ²
Australia	104,232	98,869	100,332	111,546	115,851	126,859	143,482	150,220
Belgium	125,752	124,586	121,687	105,445	117,210	120,987	132,145	148,043
France	1,966,911	2,020,850	1,996,305	2,101,125	2,208,575	1,931,005	2,542,172	2,629,452
Germany	612,881	651,913	636,435	608,031	655,283	655,738	735,938	731,803
Hong Kong	11,955	10,941	6,767	7,984	4,694	3,739	4,788	4,469
India	207,965	253,340	287,741	265,174	295,698	336,048	408,128	398,835
Italy	326,100	329,809	346,865	362,758	397,160	619,089	600,236	582,196
Japan	10,161	11,170	9,302	9,881	10,538	9,889	10,701	10,623
Kenya	10,780	8,784	11,347	11,069	12,258	13,875	12,642	14,309
Malagasy Republic	66,177	81,758	128,437	83,961	73,964	84,400	98,034	106,400
Reunion	632,970	675,483	738,968	832,879	828,889	730,678	917,369	789,617
Seychelles	96,303	113,942	92,493	75,277	93,951	108,603	133,595	93,713
Singapore	23,420	20,403	14,871	16,094	12,106	14,166	12,200	11,919
South Africa, Rep. of	400,656	376,588	379,561	425,680	467,603	565,627	676,795	699,641
Switzerland	229,227	210,510	220,382	189,115	185,482	200,141	207,130	191,846
United Kingdom	942,095	977,717	1,043,113	1,053,881	1,070,185	1,152,123	1,141,982	1,183,752
U.S.A.	37,067	38,478	38,795	39,039	41,298	44,827	49,666	65,277
Zambia	3,255	2,864	3,465	3,091	2,489	3,431	3,803	5,550
Zimbabwe	47,134	39,504	26,469	28,831	31,233	20,493	23,207	24,652
Other countries	672,759	721,361	748,978	787,742	873,784	1,018,961	1,132,921	1,247,655
All countries	6,527,800	6,768,870	6,952,313	7,118,603	7,498,251	7,760,679	8,986,934	9,089,972

¹ The number of nights spent during period by tourists who arrived during the period and those who arrived prior to the 1st January of the period under review.

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Table 2.7 - Hotels, rooms and bed places, 1998 - 2008

Year	No. of hotels	No. of rooms	No. of bed places
1998	90	7,267	14,995
1999	92	8,255	16,947
2000	95	8,657	17,776
2001	95	9,024	18,350
2002	95	9,623	19,597
2003	97	9,647	19,727
2004	103	10,640	21,355
2005	99	10,497	21,072
2006	98	10,666	21,403
2007	97	10,857	21,788
2008 *	102 ¹	11,488	23,095

¹ Excluding three hotels not operational because of renovation works.

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Table 2.8 - Monthly occupancy rates in large hotels, 2007 & 2008

Month	2007		2008*	
	Room ¹	Bed ²	Room ¹	Bed ²
January	89	79	82	74
February	86	77	80	72
March	81	72	78	70
April	80	72	75	67
May	74	67	68	61
June	62	56	49	44
July	74	67	62	56
August	77	70	67	60
September	78	70	68	61
October	81	72	73	65
November	85	77	71	63
December	80	72	70	63
Whole year	78	70	70	62

¹ Room Occupancy Rate = $\frac{\text{Total number of room nights rented} \times 100}{\text{Total number of room nights available}}$

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