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Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) has completed its Duration of Stay exercise as part of improving its information on foreign travellers and measurement of foreign tourists. As a result of this exercise, it is now possible to remove SAME-DAY visitors and OVERNIGHT visitors (tourists) from the foreign arrivals data it receives from the Department of Home Affairs. That is based on the date on which the arrivals that entered the country for purposes other than work left. Stats SA started publishing information on TOURISTS as defined by United Nations World Tourism Organisation with the January 2009 data. In this month’s release, additional data (graphs and tables) are provided in the APPENDIX for the benefit of users who would like to continue using foreign arrivals (rather than tourists) as the base denominator for comparison and trend analysis purposes.

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KEY FINDINGS

1. Number of travellers

The March 2009 data collected by the Department of Home Affairs' (DHA) immigration officers at the ports of entry into South Africa show that a total of 2 131 152 travellers (arrivals and departures) passed through the ports of entry. As presented in Table 1, these travellers are made up of 632 581 South African residents and 1 498 571 foreign travellers. A further breakdown of the figures indicates that 310 862 and 321 719 South African resident arrivals and departures respectively were recorded. The corresponding volumes for foreign arrivals and departures were 791 935 and 706 636 respectively. A comparison between the movements in March 2008 and March 2009 show that there was a decline in all travel directions. For example, foreign arrivals declined by 9,6% from 875 950 in March 2008 to 791 935 March 2009. However, March 2009 volumes increased from the February 2009 volumes. Thus foreign arrivals increased by 4,7% from 756 524 in February 2009 to 791 935 March 2009. The data on travellers (both South African residents and foreign travellers) received from the DHA do not provide detailed information on departures. Data on the purpose of travel and the number of days South African travellers intend spending or spent abroad are not collected by South Africa immigration officers. Hence, it is not possible to categorise them as tourists and non-tourists. However, data are available on foreign arrivals for this categorisation. In March 2009, there were 195 589 same-day visitors and 493 559 overnight visitors (tourists) among the foreign arrivals. The above volumes show an increase of 7,9% (same-day visitors) and 1,9% (tourists) between February 2009 and March 2009 (see Table 1).

2. Mode of travel of travellers

Travellers who cross South Africa's borders rarely use trains and ships since they are mainly used for transporting goods. Data presented in Table 2 show that in March 2009, road transport was the most common mode of travel used by 1 429 920 (67,1%) out of the 2 131 152 travellers. The number of travellers who used air transport was 681 487 (32,0%). The arrival data on South African residents show that 116 436 (37,5%) came by air and 192 747 (62,0%) by road. For their departure, 132 603 (41,2%) and 188 921 (58,7%) used air and road transport respectively. In the case of foreign travellers, 213 101 (26,9%) arrived by air and those who came by road were 561 304 (70,9%). When departing South Africa, 219 347 (31,0%) foreign travellers left by air whilst 486 948 (68,9%) left by road.

As shown in Table 2, an overwhelming majority 180 903 (92,5%) of same-day visitors arrived in the country by road. Only 14 681 (7,5%) same-day visitors flew into the country. However, data on overnight visitors (tourists) show that, 308 213 (62,5%) used road transport whereas 185 183 (37,5%) came by air. The country of residence of tourists is used to categorise them into their respective regions and countries. 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 4. In March 2009, a significantly high proportion of overseas tourists arrived in the country by air 149 864 (92,2%) compared with those who came in by road 12 609 (7,8%). This is in contrast to tourists from SADC countries who came into South Africa predominantly by road 292 846 (92,5%) compared with air 23 673 (7,5%). A relatively high proportion 10 756 (85,7%) of tourists from 'other' African countries flew into the country but 1 786 (14,2%) used road transport.

3. Sex and age distribution of tourists

According to Table 3, in March 2009 there were 276 053 (55,9%) male and 216 776 (43,9%) female tourists. The overseas tourists were made up of 92 221 (56,7%) male tourists and 70 137 (43,2%) female tourists. Tourists from 'other' African countries had a significant proportion (71,2%) of males compared to that of SADC (54,9%). The proportions of female tourists from 'other' African countries and SADC countries were 28,8% and 44,9% respectively.

The age of the tourists were categorised into three broad groups namely, those younger than 15 years, those aged 15 up to 64 years, and persons 65 years and older. As presented in Table 3, a significant proportion (90,6%) of the tourists was aged 15-64 years. There were very few tourists younger than 15 years (4,2%) and those aged 65 years and older (5,2%). Taking the country of residence into consideration, the data show relatively high proportions of overseas tourists for both males (10,2%) and females (11,3%) who were older persons (i.e. 65 years and older). This is in contrast to tourists from SADC countries which comprised of 2,1% males and 3,1% females and tourists from 'other' African countries which were made up of 1,7% males and 2,1% females aged 65 years and older.

4. Regional and national distribution of tourists

In March 2009, overseas tourists came mainly from Europe 109 457 (67,3%); followed by North America 23 906 (14,7%); Asia 13 252 (8,2%); Australasia 7 926 (4,9%); Central and South America 4 436 (2,7%); and Middle East

3 585 (2,2%). Virtually all tourists from Africa came from the SADC countries, 316 556 (96,2%). The distribution of the remaining tourists from Africa is as follows: East and Central Africa 5 946 (1,8%); West Africa 5 649 (1,7%) and North Africa 951 (0,3%).

Data in Figure 1 indicate that UK, 41 479 (25,5%); Germany, 19 667 (12,1%); USA, 19 353 (11,9%); France, 9 959 (6,1%); The Netherlands, 7 574 (4,7%); Australia, 6 586 (4,1%); Canada 4 547 (2,8%) and Sweden 3 594 (2,2%) were the eight leading overseas source countries. Tourists from these eight countries constitute 69,4% of all tourists from overseas countries.

The eight leading source countries from SADC were Mozambique, 71 651 (22,6%); Lesotho, 68 824 (21,7%); Zimbabwe, 61 563 (19,4%); Swaziland, 42 140 (13,3%); Botswana, 29 658 (9,4%); Namibia, 12 261 (3,9%); Zambia, 11 577 (3,7%) and Malawi, 11 413 (3,6%) as shown in Figure 2. Tourists from these eight countries constitute 97,6% of all tourists from SADC countries.

The eight leading source countries from 'other' African countries, shown in Figure 3, were Nigeria, 3 707 (29,5%); Kenya, 1 986 (15,8%); Ethiopia, 1 023 (8,2%); Uganda, 929 (7,4%); Ghana, 910 (7,3%); Congo, 473 (3,8%); Egypt 407 (3,2%) and Cameroon 321 (2,6%). Tourists from these eight countries constitute 77,8% of all tourists from 'other' African countries.

5. Purpose of travel of tourists

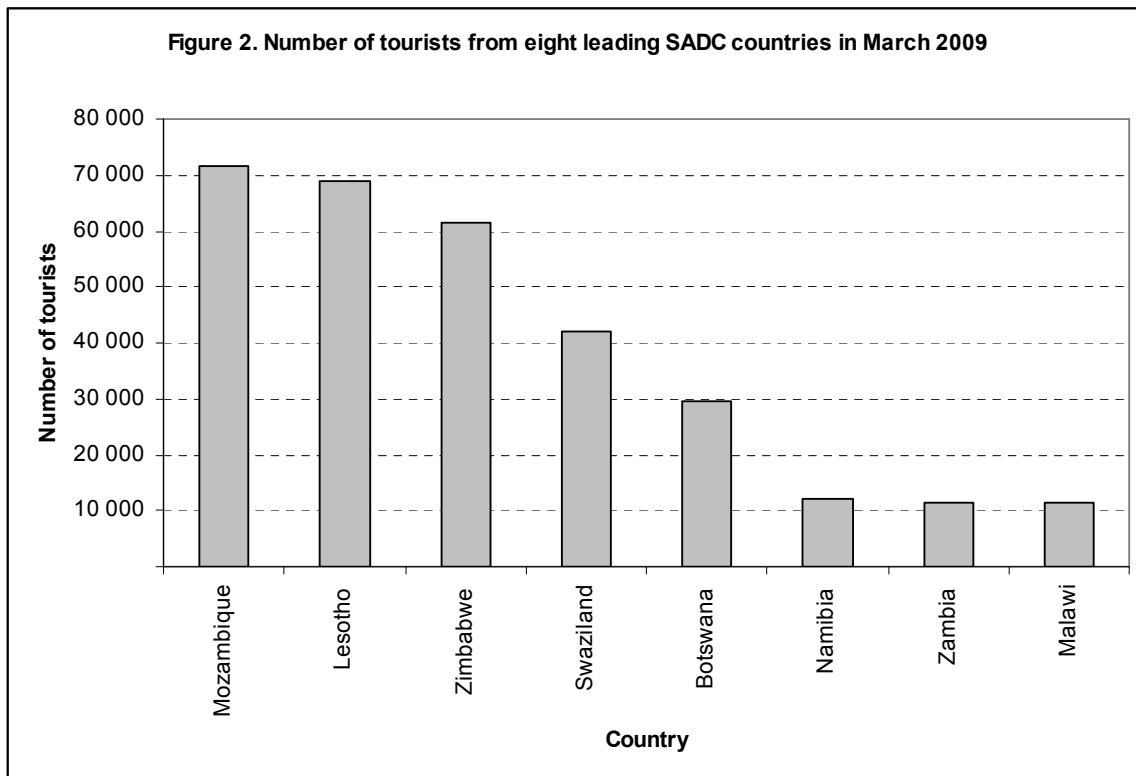
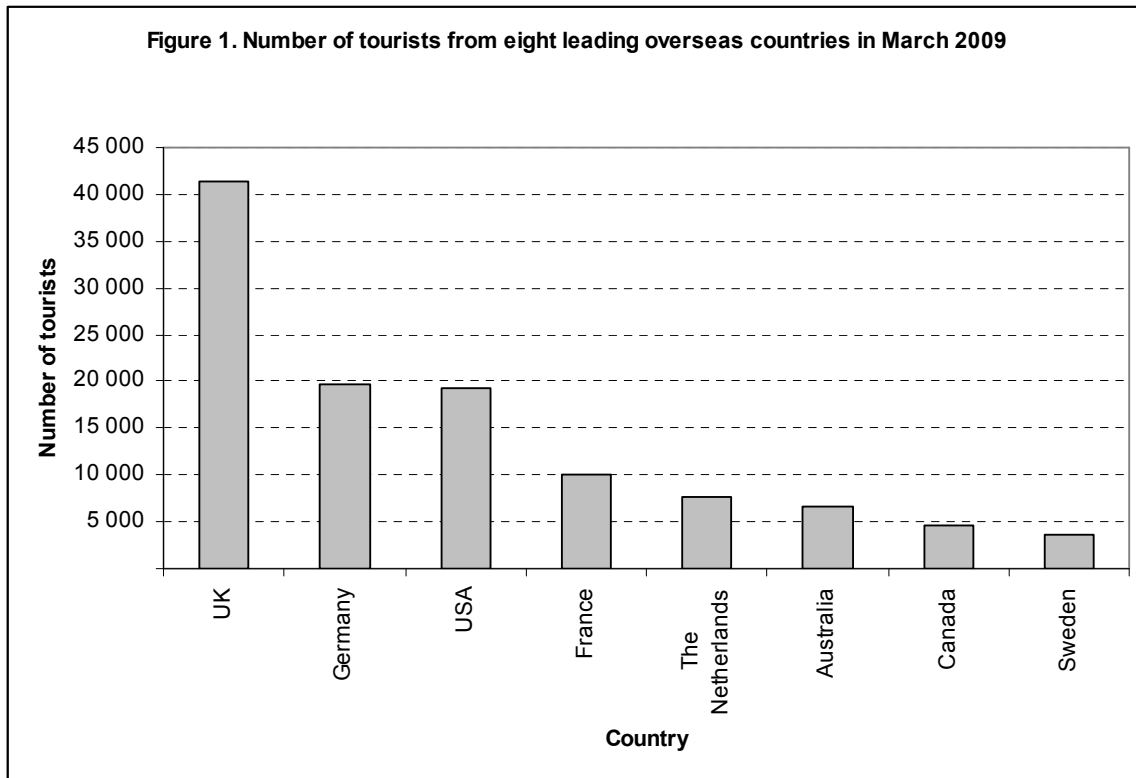
As observed from data given in Table 5, an overwhelming majority (97,6%) of tourists was in South Africa for holidays. This is a large difference compared with those who have come to study (0,6%) and those on business (1,8%).

A detailed analysis reveals that all the overseas regions had at least 91,0% of their tourists coming to South Africa for holidays. Tourists from Australasia (98,5%), North America (97,9%), Central and South America (97,6%), Europe (97,5%), Middle East (95,0%) and Asia (91,6%) were in South Africa for holidays. Tourists from Middle East and Asia were more diverse in their purpose. Middle East and Asia had 4,4% and 7,3% respectively of their tourists in South Africa for business. Furthermore, students made up 0,7% and 1,1% of Middle East and Asia tourists respectively.

Although the majority (97,9%) of African tourists came to South Africa for holidays, there is a significant difference between tourists from SADC countries and those from 'other' African countries, namely:

- Whereas 98,1% of tourists from the SADC countries were on holidays; 92,1% of tourists from 'other' African countries were on holiday. Proportionally, the lowest percentage (79,9%) of tourists on holiday came from North Africa, a region from where a large percentage (17,1%) of tourists came for business.
- A relatively higher percentage of tourists from 'other' African countries than from SADC countries were here for business and studies.
- Overall, North Africa, East and Central Africa and West Africa had 17,1%, 4,8% and 3,8% respectively of their tourists in South Africa for business compared with only 1,3% of business persons among the tourists from SADC countries.
- Similarly, 3,5%; 2,9% and 1,7% of tourists from East and Central Africa; North Africa and West Africa respectively were students compared with only 0,6% among tourists from SADC countries.

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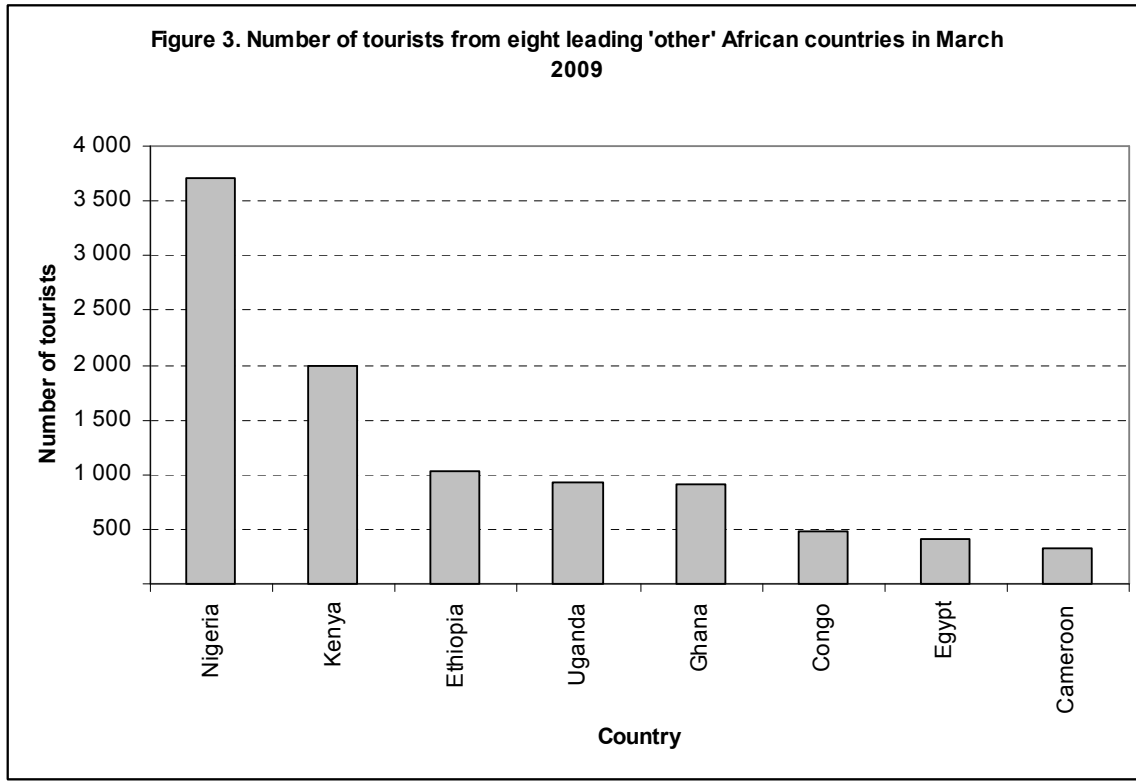


Table 1. Number of South African residents and foreign travellers by travel direction

Travel direction	March	February	March	% change	% change
	2008	2009	2009	Mar 08 – Mar 09	Feb 09 – Mar 09
Grand Total	2 435 006	1 915 276	2 131 152	-12,5	11,3
South African residents	768 765	524 111	632 581	-17,7	20,7
Arrivals	368 151	260 753	310 862	-15,6	19,2
Departures	400 614	263 358	321 719	-19,7	22,2
Foreign travellers	1 666 241	1 391 165	1 498 571	-10,1	7,7
Arrivals	875 950	756 524	791 935	-9,6	4,7
Departures	790 291	634 641	706 636	-10,6	11,3
Visitors		665 624	689 148		3,5
Same day		181 349	195 589		7,9
Overnight (Tourists)		484 275	493 559		1,9

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

Travel direction	Total	Mode of travel (March 2009)								
		Air					Rail	Road	Sea	Unspecified
		Cape Town	Durban	OR Tambo	Other	Total				
Grand Total	2 131 152	150 583	2 323	520 953	7 628	681 487	457	1 429 920	567	18 721
South African residents	632 581	33 145	1 698	208 497	5 699	249 039	81	381 668	236	1 557
Arrivals	310 862	15 797	793	96 924	2 922	116 436	38	192 747	93	1 548
Departures	321 719	17 348	905	111 573	2 777	132 603	43	188 921	143	9
Foreign travellers	1 498 571	117 438	625	312 456	1 929	432 448	376	1 048 252	331	17 164
Arrivals	791 935	55 310	368	156 488	935	213 101	195	561 304	183	17 152
Departures	706 636	62 128	257	155 968	994	219 347	181	486 948	148	12
Visitors	689 148	54 440	344	144 364	716	199 864	29	489 116	126	13
Same day	195 589	394	12	14 142	133	14 681	-	180 903	2	3
Overnight (Tourists)	493 559	54 046	332	130 222	583	185 183	29	308 213	124	10

Table 3. Number of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African regions by sex and age groups (March 2009)

Sex	Age group	Total	Region			
			Overseas	SADC	'other' African	Unspecified
All	Total	493 559	162 562	316 556	12 546	1 895
	<15	20 517	9 404	10 621	362	130
	15-64	447 020	135 778	297 580	11 949	1 713
	65+	25 724	17 347	8 090	235	52
	Unspecified	298	33	265	-	-
Males	Total	276 053	92 221	173 811	8 930	1 091
	<15	10 355	4 874	5 216	191	74
	15-64	252 372	77 960	164 843	8 584	985
	65+	13 166	9 374	3 605	155	32
	Unspecified	160	13	147	-	-
Females	Total	216 776	70 137	142 224	3 614	801
	<15	10 162	4 530	5 405	171	56
	15-64	194 056	57 667	132 301	3 363	725
	65+	12 474	7 926	4 448	80	20
	Unspecified	84	14	70	-	-
Unspecified	Total	730	204	521	2	3
	<15	-	-	-	-	-
	15-64	592	151	436	2	3
	65+	84	47	37	-	-
	Unspecified	54	6	48	-	-

Table 4. Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel

Country	Mode of travel (March 2009)									
	Grand Total	Air					Rail	Road	Sea	Unspecified
		Cape Town	Durban	OR Tambo	Other	TOTAL				
Grand Total	493 559	54 046	332	130 222	583	185 183	29	308 213	124	10
Overseas	162 562	52 079	148	97 285	352	149 864	18	12 609	68	3
Europe	109 457	43 077	121	57 248	170	100 616	7	8 786	48	-
Austria	1 411	522	-	773	8	1 303	-	108	-	-
Belgium	2 581	849	-	1 501	12	2 362	-	219	-	-
Denmark	2 134	427	-	1 508	-	1 935	-	169	30	-
France	9 959	2 775	78	6 063	17	8 933	-	1 026	-	-
Germany	19 667	8 733	2	9 182	10	17 927	-	1 738	2	-
Ireland	3 308	1 737	1	1 286	7	3 031	1	275	1	-
Italy	3 201	1 036	2	1 908	2	2 948	-	253	-	-
Norway	1 857	565	4	1 084	3	1 656	-	201	-	-
Portugal	2 093	148	10	1 228	11	1 397	-	696	-	-
Spain	1 658	245	-	1 311	1	1 557	4	97	-	-
Sweden	3 594	1 312	1	1 866	1	3 180	-	414	-	-
Switzerland	2 546	832	-	1 518	9	2 359	-	185	2	-
The Netherlands	7 574	2 937	2	3 692	15	6 646	1	919	8	-
UK	41 479	18 672	21	20 686	72	39 451	1	2 022	5	-
Other	6 395	2 287	-	3 642	2	5 931	-	464	-	-
North America	23 906	5 014	13	16 986	107	22 120	1	1 763	19	3
Canada	4 547	1 056	-	3 004	20	4 080	-	461	6	-
USA	19 353	3 958	13	13 978	87	18 036	1	1 300	13	3
Other	6	-	-	4	-	4	-	2	-	-
Central and South America	4 436	656	2	3 417	12	4 087	-	349	-	-
Argentina	831	445	-	372	1	818	-	13	-	-
Brazil	2 611	46	2	2 336	9	2 393	-	218	-	-
Mexico	181	40	-	130	-	170	-	11	-	-
Other	813	125	-	579	2	706	-	107	-	-
Australasia	7 926	684	2	6 709	45	7 440	-	485	1	-
Australia	6 586	534	2	5 633	40	6 209	-	376	1	-

Table 4. Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel (continued)

Country	Mode of travel (March 2009)									
	Grand Total	Air					Rail	Road	Sea	Unspecified
		Cape Town	Durban	OR Tambo	Other	TOTAL				
New Zealand	1 279	142	-	1 045	5	1 192	-	87	-	-
Other	61	8	-	31	-	39	-	22	-	-
Middle East	3 585	808	-	2 673	5	3 486	-	99	-	-
Iran	1 260	452	-	800	-	1 252	-	8	-	-
Israel	1 208	91	-	1 084	2	1 177	-	31	-	-
Saudi Arabia	266	62	-	198	-	260	-	6	-	-
Other	851	203	-	591	3	797	-	54	-	-
Asia	13 252	1 840	10	10 252	13	12 115	10	1 127	-	-
China	2 926	231	-	2 589	-	2 820	-	106	-	-
Hong Kong	751	79	-	657	-	736	-	15	-	-
India	3 300	471	8	2 441	8	2 928	-	372	-	-
Japan	1 394	147	-	1 194	-	1 341	-	53	-	-
Korea	990	169	-	779	1	949	-	41	-	-
Malaysia	457	170	-	260	1	431	-	26	-	-
Pakistan	792	70	-	508	1	579	7	206	-	-
Taiwan	750	180	-	456	-	636	1	113	-	-
Thailand	428	67	-	349	-	416	-	12	-	-
Other	1 464	256	2	1 019	2	1 279	2	183	-	-
Africa	329 102	1 894	184	32 132	219	34 429	11	294 632	23	7
SADC	316 556	1 623	182	21 698	170	23 673	7	292 846	23	7
Angola	2 993	183	-	2 713	8	2 904	-	89	-	-
Botswana	29 658	16	-	1 381	32	1 429	-	28 229	-	-
DRC	2 096	4	-	1 464	13	1 481	-	615	-	-
Lesotho	68 824	8	-	367	-	375	1	68 448	-	-
Madagascar	174	2	1	166	3	172	-	2	-	-
Malawi	11 413	3	3	1 716	4	1 726	-	9 685	2	-
Mauritius	1 021	168	118	687	-	973	-	47	-	1
Mozambique	71 651	81	55	1 712	14	1 862	-	69 789	-	-
Namibia	12 261	1 098	-	2 181	12	3 291	-	8 970	-	-
Swaziland	42 140	3	1	453	15	472	1	41 667	-	-

Table 4. Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel (continued)

Country	Mode of travel (March 2009)									
	Grand Total	Air					Rail	Road	Sea	Unspecified
		Cape Town	Durban	OR Tambo	Other	TOTAL				
Tanzania	1 185	6	-	893	1	900	1	284	-	-
Zambia	11 577	11	1	3 059	13	3 084	1	8 486	-	6
Zimbabwe	61 563	40	3	4 906	55	5 004	3	56 535	21	-
East and Central Africa	5 946	62	-	4 645	14	4 721	2	1 223	-	-
Burundi	72	-	-	56	4	60	-	12	-	-
Cameroon	321	3	-	304	-	307	-	14	-	-
Central African Republic	5	-	-	4	-	4	-	1	-	-
Chad	17	-	-	17	-	17	-	-	-	-
Comoros	17	-	-	16	-	16	-	1	-	-
Congo	473	11	-	337	-	348	-	125	-	-
Djibouti	11	-	-	10	-	10	-	1	-	-
Equat Guinea	18	1	-	7	-	8	-	10	-	-
Eritrea	34	2	-	28	-	30	-	4	-	-
Ethiopia	1 023	6	-	480	-	486	1	536	-	-
Gabon	312	-	-	302	3	305	-	7	-	-
Kenya	1 986	6	-	1 791	6	1 803	-	183	-	-
Reunion	109	25	-	84	-	109	-	-	-	-
Rwanda	232	2	-	218	-	220	-	12	-	-
Sao Tome and Principe	11	-	-	10	-	10	-	1	-	-
Seychelles	184	1	-	178	-	179	-	5	-	-
Somalia	192	1	-	5	-	6	-	186	-	-
Uganda	929	4	-	798	1	803	1	125	-	-
West Africa	5 649	75	1	5 075	13	5 164	2	483	-	-
Benin	100	3	-	86	-	89	-	11	-	-
Burkina Faso	55	-	-	54	-	54	-	1	-	-
Cape Verde Island	59	-	-	54	-	54	-	5	-	-
Cote D'Ivoire	200	7	-	186	-	193	-	7	-	-
Gambia	52	2	-	47	-	49	-	3	-	-

Table 4. Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel (concluded)

Country	Mode of travel (March 2009)									
	Grand Total	Air					Rail	Road	Sea	Unspecified
		Cape Town	Durban	OR Tambo	Other	TOTAL				
Ghana	910	3	-	836	-	839	-	71	-	-
Guinea	92	-	-	62	-	62	-	30	-	-
Guinea-Bissau	7	-	-	5	-	5	-	2	-	-
Liberia	32	1	-	30	-	31	-	1	-	-
Madeira Islands	11	5	-	2	-	7	-	4	-	-
Mali	64	5	-	49	-	54	-	10	-	-
Mauritania	9	1	-	8	-	9	-	-	-	-
Niger	26	2	-	23	-	25	-	1	-	-
Nigeria	3 707	18	1	3 357	13	3 389	1	317	-	-
Saint Helena	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
Senegal	212	25	-	177	-	202	-	10	-	-
Sierra Leone	53	2	-	45	-	47	1	5	-	-
Togo	58	1	-	52	-	53	-	5	-	-
North Africa	951	134	1	714	22	871	-	80	-	-
Algeria	129	25	-	73	21	119	-	10	-	-
Egypt	407	43	1	327	-	371	-	36	-	-
Libya	55	13	-	31	-	44	-	11	-	-
Morocco	93	20	-	68	1	89	-	4	-	-
The Sudan	144	26	-	100	-	126	-	18	-	-
Tunisia	123	7	-	115	-	122	-	1	-	-
Unspecified	1 895	73	-	805	12	890	-	972	33	-

Table 5. Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit

Country	Purpose of visit (March 2009)			
	Grand Total	Business	Holiday	Study
Grand Total	493 559	9 054	481 516	2 989
Overseas	162 562	4 295	157 848	419
Europe	109 457	2 509	106 758	190
Austria	1 411	48	1 361	2
Belgium	2 581	74	2 500	7
Denmark	2 134	49	2 084	1
France	9 959	222	9 703	34
Germany	19 667	427	19 191	49
Ireland	3 308	40	3 266	2
Italy	3 201	97	3 100	4
Norway	1 857	35	1 816	6
Portugal	2 093	25	2 062	6
Spain	1 658	37	1 618	3
Sweden	3 594	106	3 484	4
Switzerland	2 546	58	2 480	8
The Netherlands	7 574	142	7 420	12
UK	41 479	888	40 560	31
Other	6 395	261	6 113	21
North America	23 906	461	23 409	36
Canada	4 547	69	4 470	8
USA	19 353	392	18 933	28
Other	6	-	6	-
Central and South America	4 436	86	4 328	22
Argentina	831	12	816	3
Brazil	2 611	20	2 580	11
Mexico	181	12	169	-
Other	813	42	763	8
Australasia	7 926	111	7 811	4
Australia	6 586	96	6 488	2

Table 5. Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit (continued)

Country	Purpose of visit (March 2009)			
	Grand Total	Business	Holiday	Study
New Zealand	1 279	12	1 267	-
Other	61	3	56	2
Middle East	3 585	156	3 405	24
Iran	1 260	27	1 229	4
Israel	1 208	34	1 173	1
Saudi Arabia	266	14	245	7
Other	851	81	758	12
Asia	13 252	972	12 137	143
China	2 926	178	2 725	23
Hong Kong	751	9	742	-
India	3 300	455	2 807	38
Japan	1 394	58	1 332	4
Korea	990	18	923	49
Malaysia	457	16	433	8
Pakistan	792	75	713	4
Taiwan	750	35	711	4
Thailand	428	9	412	7
Other	1 464	119	1 339	6
Africa	329 102	4 719	322 182	2 201
SADC	316 556	4 055	310 633	1 868
Angola	2 993	60	2 844	89
Botswana	29 658	59	29 019	580
DRC	2 096	50	1 999	47
Lesotho	68 824	59	68 500	265
Madagascar	174	8	164	2
Malawi	11 413	244	11 148	21
Mauritius	1 021	22	995	4
Mozambique	71 651	157	71 424	70
Namibia	12 261	1 512	10 597	152
Swaziland	42 140	259	41 529	352

Table 5. Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit (continued)

Country	Purpose of visit (March 2009)			
	Grand Total	Business	Holiday	Study
Tanzania	1 185	88	1 064	33
Zambia	11 577	1 069	10 456	52
Zimbabwe	61 563	468	60 894	201
East and Central Africa	5 946	286	5 452	208
Burundi	72	3	69	-
Cameroon	321	24	270	27
Central African Republic	5	1	3	1
Chad	17	1	16	-
Comoros	17	-	16	1
Congo	473	16	436	21
Djibouti	11	1	10	-
Equat Guinea	18	3	14	1
Eritrea	34	2	31	1
Ethiopia	1 023	14	1 000	9
Gabon	312	5	271	36
Kenya	1 986	140	1 796	50
Reunion	109	-	109	-
Rwanda	232	16	181	35
Sao Tome and Principe	11	1	10	-
Seychelles	184	-	182	2
Somalia	192	1	191	-
Uganda	929	58	847	24
West Africa	5 649	215	5 337	97
Benin	100	6	93	1
Burkina Faso	55	6	46	3
Cape Verde Island	59	-	59	-
Cote D'Ivoire	200	19	179	2
Gambia	52	3	49	-

Table 5. Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit (concluded)

Country	Purpose of visit (March 2009)			
	Grand Total	Business	Holiday	Study
Ghana	910	36	868	6
Guinea	92	5	86	1
Guinea-Bissau	7	-	7	-
Liberia	32	4	27	1
Madeira Islands	11	-	11	-
Mali	64	6	58	-
Mauritania	9	1	8	-
Niger	26	7	19	-
Nigeria	3 707	92	3 534	81
Saint Helena	2	-	1	1
Senegal	212	24	188	-
Sierra Leone	53	2	50	1
Togo	58	4	54	-
North Africa	951	163	760	28
Algeria	129	34	87	8
Egypt	407	46	354	7
Libya	55	11	41	3
Morocco	93	18	74	1
The Sudan	144	19	118	7
Tunisia	123	35	86	2
Unspecified	1 895	40	1 486	369

EXPLANATORY NOTES

NOTICE

Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) has completed its Duration of Stay exercise as part of improving its information on foreign travellers and measurement of foreign tourists. As a result of this exercise, it is now possible to remove SAME-DAY visitors and OVERNIGHT visitors (tourists) from the foreign arrivals data it receives from the Department of Home Affairs (DHA). That is based on the date on which the arrivals that entered the country for purposes other than work left. Stats SA started publishing information on TOURISTS as defined by United Nations World Tourism Organisation with the January 2009 data. In this month's release additional data (graphs and tables) are provided in the APPENDIX for the benefit of users who would like to continue using foreign arrivals (rather than tourists) as the base denominator for comparison and trend analysis purposes.

1. Introduction

Legal movements across South African borders as well as legal immigration into South Africa fall under the jurisdiction of the DHA. 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;
- 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.

2. Purpose of the statistical release

This release reports on arrivals and departures of foreign and South African 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.

3. Scope and coverage

This release reports on arrivals and departures of foreign travellers and South African residents and covers all the data received from the Department of Home Affairs (DHA). Data on South African residents are reported by mode of travel. It also reports on the number of visitors (same-day and overnight / tourists), visiting South Africa. Detailed information on sex and age distribution; mode of travel and purpose of travel on overnight visitors or tourists is provided. Statistics on documented migration, that is self-declared emigrants and documented immigrants, are not reported due to insufficient and shortcomings in the data.

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 land, 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 Airports 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 higher than that of the DHA because of, among other reasons, travellers who are in transit and those who boarded airplanes but refused entry into the country. In March 2009, the DHA data was 30,0% lower than that of ACSA.

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.

6. Definitions of terms

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.

6.2 Definitions used specifically in this report

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.

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

SADC: refers to the thirteen 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

7. Symbols and abbreviations used

- = nil
Unspec. = unspecified

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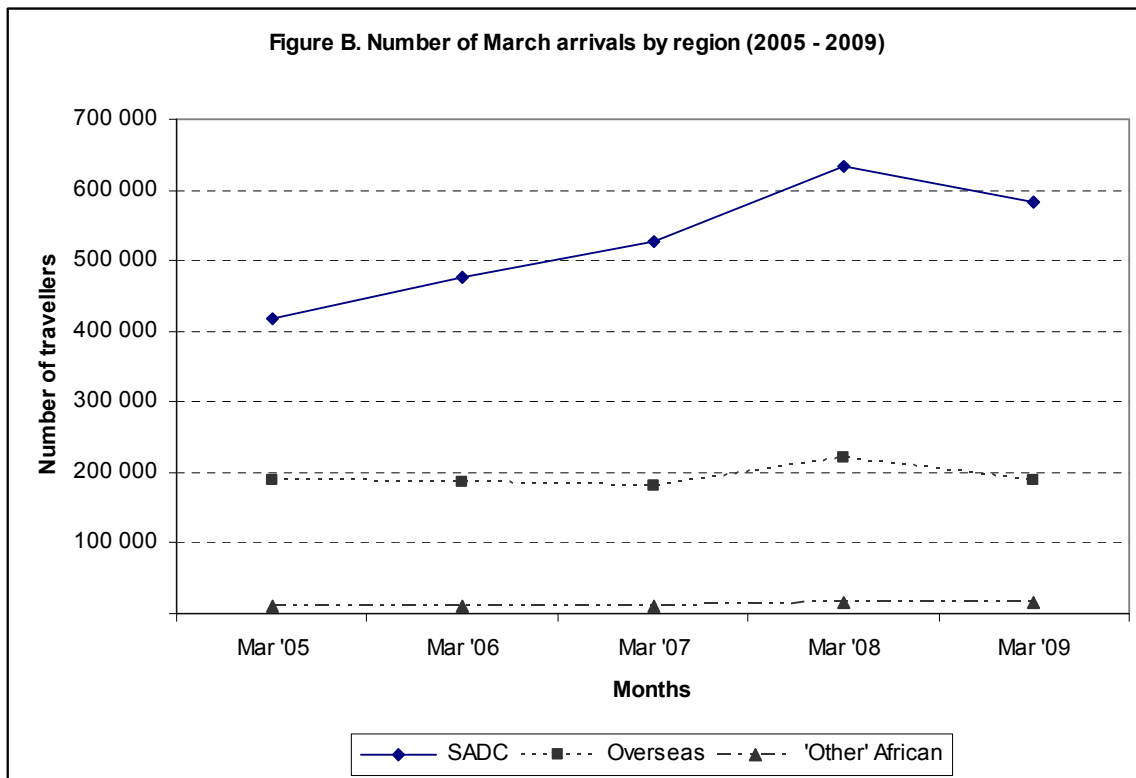
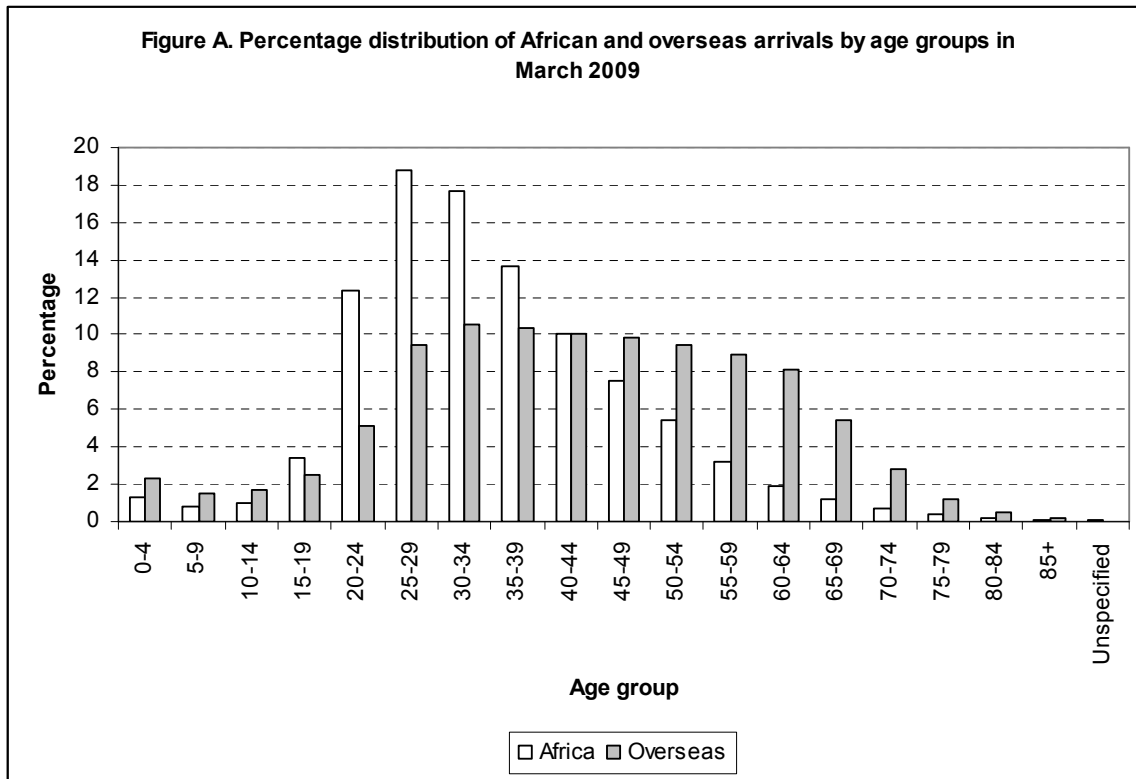
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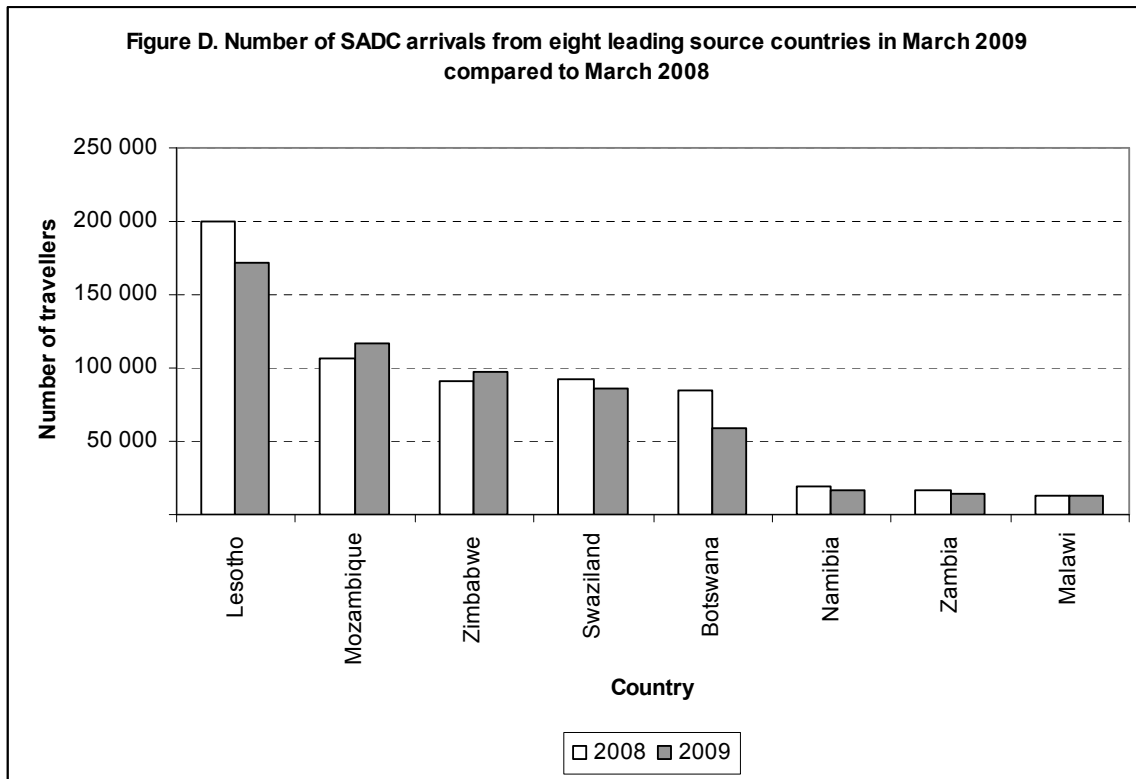
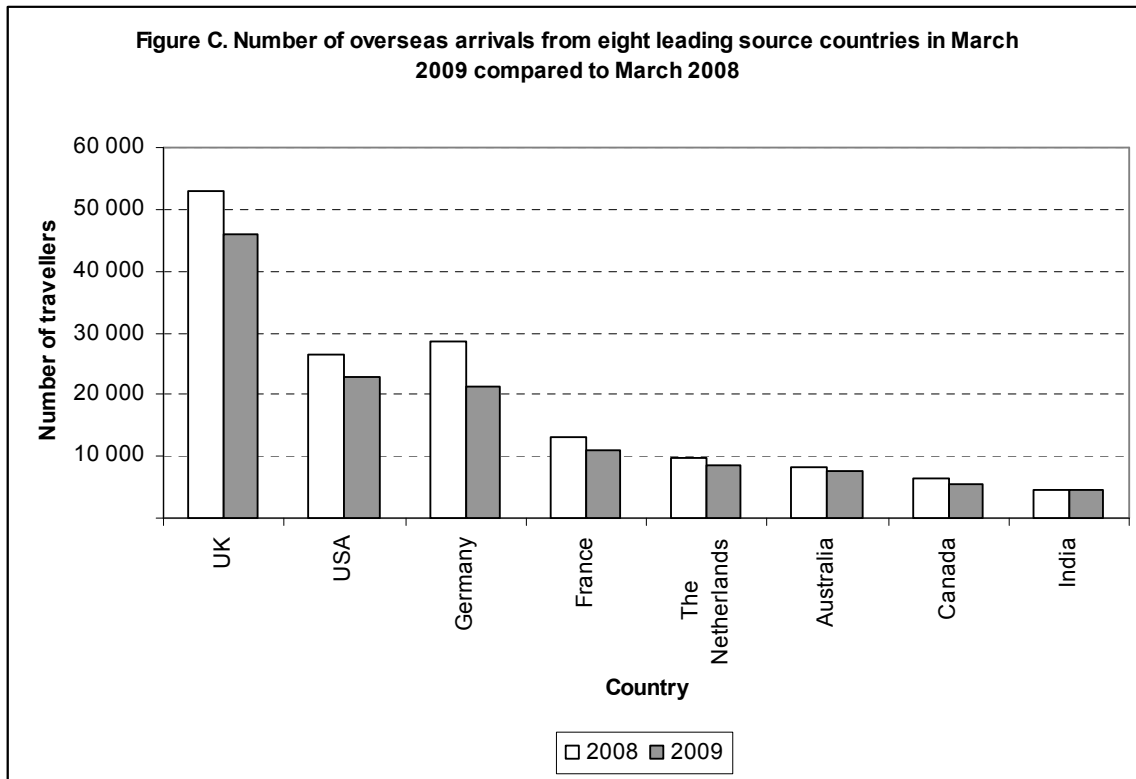
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APPENDIX

MARCH 2009 GRAPHS AND TABLES BASED ON FOREIGN ARRIVALS





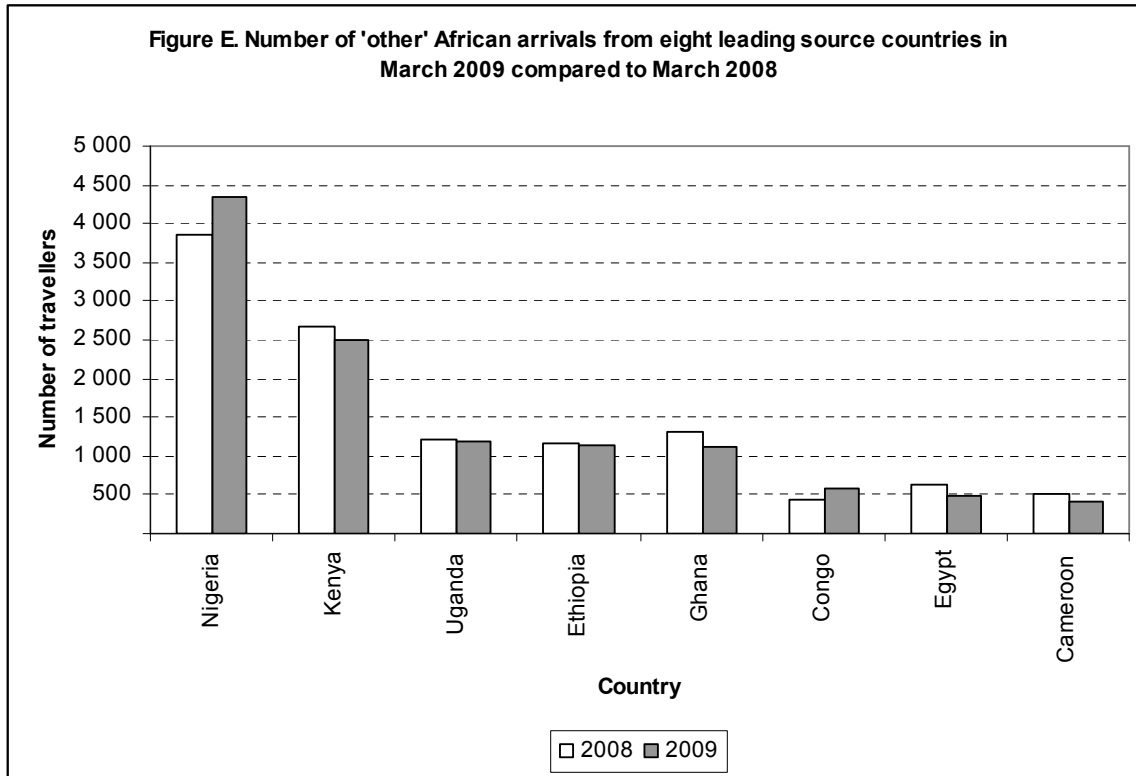


Table A. Number of South African residents and foreign travellers by travel direction

Travel direction	March	February	March	% change	% change
	2008	2009	2009	Mar 08 – Mar 09	Feb 09 – Mar 09
Grand Total	2 435 006	1 915 276	2 131 152	-12,5	11,3
South African residents	768 765	524 111	632 581	-17,7	20,7
Arrivals	368 151	260 753	310 862	-15,6	19,2
Departures	400 614	263 358	321 719	-19,7	22,2
Foreign travellers	1 666 241	1 391 165	1 498 571	-10,1	7,7
Arrivals	875 950	756 524	791 935	-9,6	4,7
Departures	790 291	634 641	706 636	-10,6	11,3

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

Travel direction	Total	Mode of travel (March 2009)								
		Air					Rail	Road	Sea	Unspecified
		(Cape Town)	(Durban)	(OR Tambo)	(Other)	Total				
Grand Total	2 131 152	150 583	2 323	520 953	7 628	681 487	457	1 429 920	567	18 721
South African residents	632 581	33 145	1 698	208 497	5 699	249 039	81	381 668	236	1 557
Arrivals	310 862	15 797	793	96 924	2 922	116 436	38	192 747	93	1 548
Departures	321 719	17 348	905	111 573	2 777	132 603	43	188 921	143	9
Foreign travellers	1 498 571	117 438	625	312 456	1 929	432 448	376	1 048 252	331	17 164
Arrivals	791 935	55 310	368	156 488	935	213 101	195	561 304	183	17 152
Departures	706 636	62 128	257	155 968	994	219 347	181	486 948	148	12

Table C. Number of foreign arrivals by country and mode of travel

Country	March		Mode of travel (March 2009)								
	2008	2009	Air					Rail	Road	Sea	Unspecified
			Cape Town	Durban	OR Tambo	Other	Total				
Grand Total	875 950	791 935	55 310	368	156 488	935	213 101	195	561 304	183	17 152
Overseas	220 654	188 018	53 090	173	113 948	529	167 740	166	19 647	126	339
Europe	148 233	123 128	43 267	138	66 215	276	109 896	56	13 005	84	87
Austria	1 969	1 566	534	-	865	8	1 407	-	159	-	-
Belgium	4 516	2 966	867	-	1 749	27	2 643	-	322	1	-
Denmark	2 912	2 415	451	-	1 683	-	2 134	2	241	37	1
France	13 025	10 981	2 372	78	7 136	28	9 614	1	1 357	2	7
Germany	28 774	21 419	8 653	6	10 209	15	18 883	-	2 526	4	6
Ireland	4 852	3 675	1 762	1	1 509	14	3 286	2	379	1	7
Italy	3 663	3 765	1 062	3	2 318	4	3 387	-	377	-	1
Norway	2 832	2 117	603	4	1 212	5	1 824	-	293	-	-
Portugal	2 949	3 032	151	10	1 572	14	1 747	-	1 281	-	4
Spain	2 896	2 174	269	-	1 728	2	1 999	5	164	-	6
Sweden	4 337	3 973	1 323	2	2 087	3	3 415	-	555	1	2
Switzerland	3 698	2 867	838	-	1 725	17	2 580	1	284	2	-
The Netherlands	9 884	8 438	2 998	2	4 107	17	7 124	1	1 299	8	6
UK	53 087	45 999	18 947	30	23 822	113	42 912	18	3 033	7	29
Other	8 839	7 741	2 437	2	4 493	9	6 941	26	735	21	18
North America	33 107	28 116	5 143	15	19 918	150	25 226	2	2 827	24	37
Canada	6 533	5 401	1 053	1	3 602	28	4 684	1	709	6	1
USA	26 570	22 707	4 090	14	16 312	122	20 538	1	2 114	18	36
Other	4	8	-	-	4	-	4	-	4	-	-
Central and South America	5 312	5 380	859	2	3 940	18	4 819	1	557	1	2
Argentina	918	909	460	-	414	1	875	-	34	-	-
Brazil	2 641	3 087	52	2	2 683	13	2 750	1	336	-	-
Chile	299	332	187	-	126	1	314	-	18	-	-
Other	1 454	1 052	160	-	717	3	880	-	169	1	2
Australasia	9 904	9 057	707	4	7 553	59	8 323	3	724	1	6
Australia	8 293	7 555	552	4	6 360	54	6 970	1	578	1	5

Table C. Number of foreign arrivals by country and mode of travel (continued)

Country	March		Mode of travel (March 2009)								
	2008	2009	Air					Rail	Road	Sea	Unspecified
			Cape Town	Durban	OR Tambo	Other	Total				
New Zealand	1 533	1 434	147	-	1 160	5	1 312	1	120	-	1
Other	78	68	8	-	33	-	41	1	26	-	-
Middle East	3 935	4 043	822	-	2 989	6	3 817	1	223	-	2
Iran	977	1 297	453	-	832	-	1 285	-	12	-	-
Israel	1 775	1 476	95	-	1 287	2	1 384	-	92	-	-
Saudi Arabia	265	289	66	-	213	-	279	1	9	-	-
Other	918	981	208	-	657	4	869	-	110	-	2
Asia	20 163	18 294	2 292	14	13 333	20	15 659	103	2 311	16	205
China	3 799	3 890	307	-	3 257	-	3 564	8	260	-	58
Hong Kong	636	780	79	-	671	-	750	-	29	-	1
India	4 618	4 701	601	9	3 200	11	3 821	14	783	10	73
Japan	2 582	1 866	155	-	1 610	-	1 765	6	94	-	1
Korea	1 764	1 178	174	-	908	1	1 083	1	93	-	1
Malaysia	818	578	180	-	350	1	531	-	46	1	-
Pakistan	966	1 082	71	2	672	1	746	9	320	1	6
Philippines	866	870	123	-	611	1	735	25	90	4	16
Taiwan	1 002	991	206	-	493	-	699	6	251	-	35
Other	3 112	2 358	396	3	1 561	5	1 965	34	345	-	14
Africa	648 682	596 680	2 096	195	40 211	352	42 854	29	539 439	24	14 334
SADC	633 132	581 681	1 789	193	28 272	274	30 528	23	536 810	24	14 296
Angola	3 264	3 325	201	-	2 971	24	3 196	-	129	-	-
Botswana	84 987	58 994	19	-	2 344	56	2 419	-	56 481	-	94
DRC	2 742	2 371	5	-	1 629	15	1 649	-	722	-	-
Lesotho	199 972	171 300	14	-	706	-	720	1	157 314	-	13 265
Madagascar	282	236	2	1	212	10	225	2	8	-	1
Malawi	13 375	13 403	5	3	2 055	7	2 070	-	11 325	2	6
Mauritius	1 262	1 278	174	122	817	-	1 113	-	157	-	8
Mozambique	106 980	116 096	87	60	2 573	23	2 743	-	113 211	-	142
Namibia	18 727	16 208	1 203	-	2 593	17	3 813	3	12 390	-	2
Swaziland	92 758	86 097	4	2	710	17	733	3	85 267	-	94

Table C. Number of foreign arrivals by country and mode of travel (continued)

Country	March		Mode of travel (March 2009)								
	2008	2009	Air					Rail	Road	Sea	Unspecified
			Cape Town	Durban	OR Tambo	Other	Total				
Tanzania	1 322	1 454	7	-	1 031	4	1 042	1	401	-	10
Zambia	16 875	13 797	11	1	3 676	15	3 703	2	10 068	-	24
Zimbabwe	90 586	97 122	57	4	6 955	86	7 102	11	89 337	22	650
East and Central Africa	7 558	7 157	83	-	5 372	31	5 486	2	1 652	-	17
Burundi	114	88	-	-	72	4	76	-	12	-	-
Cameroon	505	401	5	-	364	-	369	-	31	-	1
Central African Republic	20	10	-	-	8	-	8	-	2	-	-
Chad	19	17	-	-	17	-	17	-	-	-	-
Comoros	15	18	-	-	17	-	17	-	1	-	-
Congo	442	575	14	-	389	-	403	-	171	-	1
Djibouti	3	12	-	-	10	-	10	-	1	-	1
Equat Guinea	33	29	1	-	8	-	9	-	20	-	-
Eritrea	63	49	3	-	36	-	39	-	10	-	-
Ethiopia	1 172	1 129	6	-	554	1	561	1	566	-	1
Gabon	268	339	1	-	326	3	330	-	9	-	-
Kenya	2 663	2 507	9	-	2 124	9	2 142	-	357	-	8
Reunion	168	110	25	-	85	-	110	-	-	-	-
Rwanda	256	286	3	-	248	12	263	-	23	-	-
Sao Tome and Principe	14	14	-	-	12	-	12	-	2	-	-
Seychelles	200	198	1	-	191	-	192	-	6	-	-
Somalia	387	195	1	-	6	-	7	-	188	-	-
Uganda	1 216	1 180	14	-	905	2	921	1	253	-	5
West Africa	6 662	6 729	81	1	5 737	22	5 841	4	868	-	16
Ascension	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Benin	150	119	3	-	101	-	104	-	15	-	-
Burkina Faso	61	63	-	-	62	-	62	-	1	-	-
Canary Isles	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cape Verde Island	70	66	-	-	60	-	60	-	6	-	-
Cote D'Ivoire	332	226	7	-	212	-	219	-	7	-	-
Gambia	65	73	2	-	64	-	66	-	7	-	-

Table C. Number of foreign arrivals by country and mode of travel (concluded)

Country	March		Mode of travel (March 2009)								
	2008	2009	Air					Rail	Road	Sea	Unspecified
			Cape Town	Durban	OR Tambo	Other	Total				
Ghana	1 306	1 119	4	-	941	1	946	-	170	-	3
Guinea	161	127	-	-	84	-	84	-	43	-	-
Guinea-Bissau	15	7	-	-	5	-	5	-	2	-	-
Liberia	37	37	1	-	32	-	33	-	4	-	-
Madeira Islands	11	13	5	-	2	-	7	-	6	-	-
Mali	78	87	5	-	61	-	66	-	21	-	-
Mauritania	27	11	1	-	10	-	11	-	-	-	-
Niger	28	28	2	-	24	-	26	-	2	-	-
Nigeria	3 871	4 343	23	1	3 741	19	3 784	3	543	-	13
Saint Helena	7	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
Senegal	323	267	25	-	230	-	255	-	12	-	-
Sierra Leone	62	75	2	-	51	2	55	1	19	-	-
Togo	56	63	1	-	55	-	56	-	7	-	-
North Africa	1 330	1 113	143	1	830	25	999	-	109	-	5
Algeria	192	149	27	-	85	24	136	-	13	-	-
Egypt	629	481	46	1	384	-	431	-	50	-	-
Libya	56	79	14	-	40	-	54	-	21	-	4
Morocco	82	105	20	-	79	1	100	-	5	-	-
The Sudan	130	161	29	-	112	-	141	-	19	-	1
Tunisia	241	138	7	-	130	-	137	-	1	-	-
Unspecified	6 614	7 237	124	-	2 329	54	2 507	-	2 218	33	2 479

Table D. Number of foreign arrivals by region and purpose of visit

Country	Purpose of visit (March 2009)							Border traffic
	Grand Total	Business	Holiday	Study	Work	Transit	Unspecified	
Grand Total	791 935	10 840	744 927	4 907	12 141	2 019	3	17 098
Overseas	188 018	4 747	175 361	544	6 581	487	3	295
Europe	123 128	2 790	117 028	266	2 781	202	-	61
North America	28 116	522	26 914	67	523	56	-	34
Central and South America	5 380	104	5 003	24	154	93	-	2
Australasia	9 057	136	8 762	7	122	24	-	6
Middle East	4 043	163	3 738	26	94	20	-	2
Asia	18 294	1 032	13 916	154	2 907	92	3	190
Africa	596 680	6 026	567 421	3 762	3 624	1 523	-	14 324
SADC	581 681	5 312	554 455	3 358	2 806	1 463	-	14 287
East and Central Africa	7 157	307	6 178	243	393	19	-	17
West Africa	6 729	238	5 956	131	352	37	-	15
North Africa	1 113	169	832	30	73	4	-	5
Unspecified	7 237	67	2 145	601	1 936	9	-	2 479

Table E. Number of foreign arrivals by country and purpose of visit

Country	March		Purpose of visit (March 2009)						Total	Border traffic
	2008	2009	Business	Holiday	Study	Work	Transit	Unspecified		
Grand Total	875 950	791 935	10 840	744 927	4 907	12 141	2 019	3	774 837	17 098
Overseas	220 654	188 018	4 747	175 361	544	6 581	487	3	187 723	295
Europe	148 233	123 128	2 790	117 028	266	2 781	202	-	123 067	61
Austria	1 969	1 566	55	1 479	4	25	3	-	1 566	-
Belgium	4 516	2 966	80	2 801	9	67	9	-	2 966	-
Denmark	2 912	2 415	52	2 303	3	53	3	-	2 414	1
France	13 025	10 981	249	10 369	41	301	16	-	10 976	5
Germany	28 774	21 419	475	20 450	76	387	25	-	21 413	6
Ireland	4 852	3 675	44	3 577	3	42	2	-	3 668	7
Italy	3 663	3 765	106	3 575	4	74	5	-	3 764	1
Norway	2 832	2 117	38	2 019	12	45	3	-	2 117	-
Portugal	2 949	3 032	31	2 944	8	28	17	-	3 028	4
Spain	2 896	2 174	43	2 071	3	41	16	-	2 174	-
Sweden	4 337	3 973	113	3 759	8	87	4	-	3 971	2
Switzerland	3 698	2 867	65	2 755	8	39	-	-	2 867	-
The Netherlands	9 884	8 438	159	8 112	15	142	4	-	8 432	6
UK	53 087	45 999	1 004	44 190	43	696	37	-	45 970	29
Other	8 839	7 741	276	6 624	29	754	58	-	7 741	-
North America	33 107	28 116	522	26 914	67	523	56	-	28 082	34
Canada	6 533	5 401	81	5 205	13	94	7	-	5 400	1
USA	26 570	22 707	441	21 701	54	429	49	-	22 674	33
Other	4	8	-	8	-	-	-	-	8	-
Central and South America	5 312	5 380	104	5 003	24	154	93	-	5 378	2
Argentina	918	909	13	876	3	13	4	-	909	-
Brazil	2 641	3 087	24	2 963	11	70	19	-	3 087	-
Chile	299	332	13	247	-	5	67	-	332	-
Other	1 454	1 052	54	917	10	66	3	-	1 050	2
Australasia	9 904	9 057	136	8 762	7	122	24	-	9 051	6
Australia	8 293	7 555	121	7 305	4	98	22	-	7 550	5

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Country	March		Purpose of visit (March 2009)							Border traffic
	2008	2009	Business	Holiday	Study	Work	Transit	Unspecified	Total	
New Zealand	1 533	1 434	12	1 399	1	20	1	-	1 433	1
Other	78	68	3	58	2	4	1	-	68	-
Middle East	3 935	4 043	163	3 738	26	94	20	-	4 041	2
Iran	977	1 297	27	1 249	4	10	7	-	1 297	-
Israel	1 775	1 476	38	1 391	2	42	3	-	1 476	-
Saudi Arabia	265	289	14	257	7	10	1	-	289	-
Other	918	981	84	841	13	32	9	-	979	2
Asia	20 163	18 294	1 032	13 916	154	2 907	92	3	18 104	190
China	3 799	3 890	188	2 920	23	697	4	-	3 832	58
Hong Kong	636	780	9	768	-	2	-	-	779	1
India	4 618	4 701	485	3 312	41	776	16	-	4 630	71
Japan	2 582	1 866	64	1 677	4	115	6	-	1 866	-
Korea	1 764	1 178	19	1 043	53	55	7	-	1 177	1
Malaysia	818	578	16	520	8	24	10	-	578	-
Pakistan	966	1 082	80	828	4	158	3	3	1 076	6
Philippines	866	870	19	264	3	553	26	-	865	5
Taiwan	1 002	991	35	799	5	112	6	-	957	34
Other	3 112	2 358	117	1 785	13	415	14	-	2 344	14
Africa	648 682	596 680	6 026	567 421	3 762	3 624	1 523	-	582 356	14 324
SADC	633 132	581 681	5 312	554 455	3 358	2 806	1 463	-	567 394	14 287
Angola	3 264	3 325	69	3 049	118	70	19	-	3 325	-
Botswana	84 987	58 994	100	57 247	1 161	237	155	-	58 900	94
DRC	2 742	2 371	53	2 145	62	56	55	-	2 371	-
Lesotho	199 972	171 300	120	156 733	496	192	494	-	158 035	13 265
Madagascar	282	236	8	181	4	36	6	-	235	1
Malawi	13 375	13 403	331	12 968	36	50	12	-	13 397	6
Mauritius	1 262	1 278	26	1 207	8	27	3	-	1 271	7
Mozambique	106 980	116 096	274	115 357	101	189	33	-	115 954	142
Namibia	18 727	16 208	1 816	13 633	277	52	428	-	16 206	2
Swaziland	92 758	86 097	393	84 638	667	219	86	-	86 003	94

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Country	March		Purpose of visit (March 2009)						Total	Border traffic
	2008	2009	Business	Holiday	Study	Work	Transit	Unspecified		
Tanzania	1 322	1 454	94	1 267	39	37	7	-	1 444	10
Zambia	16 875	13 797	1 274	12 316	70	106	15	-	13 781	16
Zimbabwe	90 586	97 122	754	93 714	319	1 535	150	-	96 472	650
East and Central Africa	7 558	7 157	307	6 178	243	393	19	-	7 140	17
Burundi	114	88	3	81	-	4	-	-	88	-
Cameroon	505	401	29	299	33	37	2	-	400	1
Central African Republic	20	10	2	7	1	-	-	-	10	-
Chad	19	17	1	16	-	-	-	-	17	-
Comoros	15	18	-	17	1	-	-	-	18	-
Congo	442	575	15	503	23	25	8	-	574	1
Djibouti	3	12	1	10	-	-	-	-	11	1
Equat Guinea	33	29	3	24	1	1	-	-	29	-
Eritrea	63	49	2	36	1	10	-	-	49	-
Ethiopia	1 172	1 129	15	1 059	10	44	-	-	1 128	1
Gabon	268	339	5	286	39	8	1	-	339	-
Kenya	2 663	2 507	152	2 105	63	175	4	-	2 499	8
Reunion	168	110	-	110	-	-	-	-	110	-
Rwanda	256	286	16	211	39	19	1	-	286	-
Sao Tome and Principe	14	14	1	12	-	1	-	-	14	-
Seychelles	200	198	-	195	2	1	-	-	198	-
Somalia	387	195	1	192	-	2	-	-	195	-
Uganda	1 216	1 180	61	1 015	30	66	3	-	1 175	5
West Africa	6 662	6 729	238	5 956	131	352	37	-	6 714	15
Ascension	1	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-
Benin	150	119	6	104	2	7	-	-	119	-
Burkina Faso	61	63	6	49	4	4	-	-	63	-
Canary Isles	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cape Verde Island	70	66	-	64	-	2	-	-	66	-
Cote D'Ivoire	332	226	20	188	2	15	1	-	226	-
Gambia	65	73	3	62	1	2	5	-	73	-

Table E. Number of foreign arrivals by country and purpose of visit (concluded)

Country	March		Purpose of visit (March 2009)							Total	Border traffic
	2008	2009	Business	Holiday	Study	Work	Transit	Unspecified			
Ghana	1 306	1 119	42	998	10	62	4	-	1 116	3	
Guinea	161	127	5	107	1	8	6	-	127	-	
Guinea-Bissau	15	7	-	7	-	-	-	-	7	-	
Liberia	37	37	4	29	2	1	1	-	37	-	
Madeira Islands	11	13	-	13	-	-	-	-	13	-	
Mali	78	87	7	70	-	2	8	-	87	-	
Mauritania	27	11	1	9	-	1	-	-	11	-	
Niger	28	28	7	20	-	1	-	-	28	-	
Nigeria	3 871	4 343	106	3 900	103	219	3	-	4 331	12	
Saint Helena	7	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	
Senegal	323	267	25	209	-	24	9	-	267	-	
Sierra Leone	62	75	2	65	5	3	-	-	75	-	
Togo	56	63	4	58	-	1	-	-	63	-	
North Africa	1 330	1 113	169	832	30	73	4	-	1 108	5	
Algeria	192	149	34	95	8	12	-	-	149	-	
Egypt	629	481	47	382	7	44	1	-	481	-	
Libya	56	79	11	56	3	3	2	-	75	4	
Morocco	82	105	19	78	1	6	1	-	105	-	
The Sudan	130	161	20	125	9	6	-	-	160	1	
Tunisia	241	138	38	96	2	2	-	-	138	-	
Unspecified	6 614	7 237	67	2 145	601	1 936	9	-	4 758	2 479	