

SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF SOUTH AFRICA'S TOURIST ARRIVALS FOR DECEMBER 2020

NOTE: To limit the spread of COVID-19 and prepare the health care sector, the South African government announced a national lockdown for the country starting from 27 March 2020, which prevented the movement of people entering and leaving South Africa. As a result of the increased levels of infection, the government announced a 21-day lockdown starting from 27 March 2020. The South African government adopted the risk adjustment strategy that aimed to increase economic activity while putting measures in place to reduce the transmission of the virus. As part of this approach, five (5) Coronavirus alert levels were introduced, which indicated the different sectors that can operate under these levels. Under levels 2-5, the risk adjustment strategy prevented international tourists from entering the borders of South Africa which included the months of April-September 2020. However, exceptions were made for other South Africans and travellers from other countries to return to their country of residence. Furthermore, permission was also given to people transporting specific cargo and permitted retail goods to neighbouring countries, which included all goods imported via South African ports of entry, for re-export to neighbouring countries.

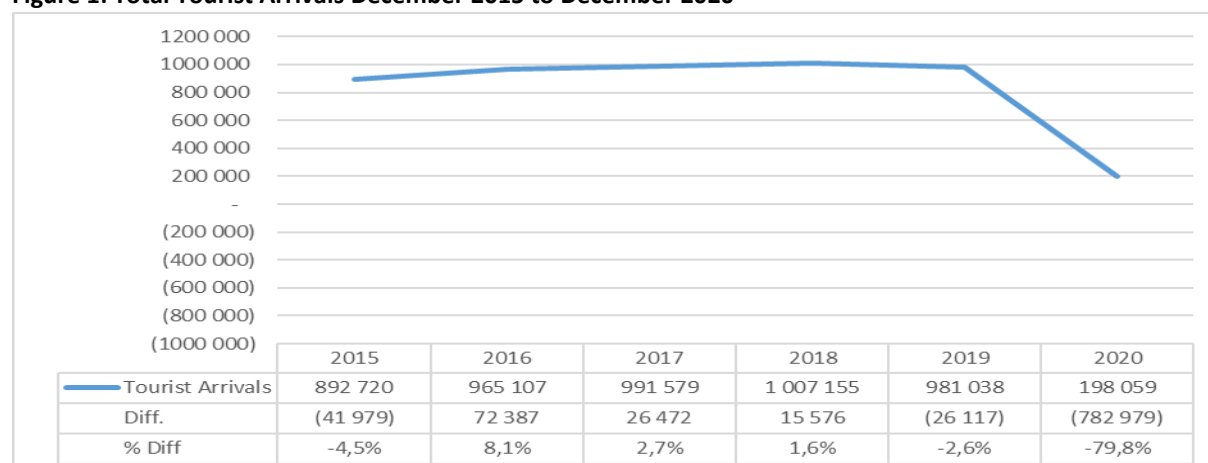
During December 2020, South Africa was still under lockdown level one from the 01st December to the 28th December 2021 and moved to adjusted alert level three from 29th December 2021 to date. Adjusted alert level 3 allowed for international tourists to travel to the country subject to restrictions. These restrictions included that all travellers visiting the country will be expected to abide by the regulations which include mandatory wearing of masks at all times, practising social distancing in public spaces, regular washing or sanitizing of hands and presenting a negative COVID-19 test result not older than 72 hours from the time of departure (<https://www.gov.za/covid-19/about/coronavirus-covid-19-alert-level-1>). Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) has therefore published data on the number of tourists during December 2020, and this report provides a further analysis of the tourists that travelled to South Africa during December 2020. The performance of tourism related industries namely; accommodation, food and beverages, and aviation for Jan-December 2020 compared to Jan-December 2019 is also provided in this report.

TREND ANALYSIS: DECEMBER 2015 – DECEMBER 2020

A total of 198 059 tourist arrivals was recorded in December 2020, which was a decrease of -79,8% (-782 979) compared to the same month in 2019. The decline experienced could be as a result of the lockdown in South Africa.

Figure 1 below also indicates tourist arrivals for the period December 2015 to December 2020. Tourist arrivals increased from 892 720 in 2015 to 965 107 in 2016 which was an increase of 8,1% (72 387). Tourist arrivals further increased from 965 107 in 2016 to 991 579 in 2017, which was an increase of 2,7% (26 472). Tourist arrivals continued to increase by 1,6% (15 576) in December 2018 compared to the same month in 2017. Comparing December 2019 with December 2018, there was a decrease of -2,6% (-26 117) in tourist arrivals during this period.

Figure 1: Total Tourist Arrivals December 2015 to December 2020



Source: Stats SA Tourism and Migration report, December 2020 and tourist arrivals data cuts

DECEMBER 2020 COMPARED TO DECEMBER 2019 BY REGION

Table 1 below indicates tourist arrivals by region for December 2020 compared to the same month in 2019. All regions experienced a decline in tourist arrivals during this month compared to the same month of the previous year. Australasia recorded the highest decrease of -95,8% (-13 641) which was influenced by Australia having a decline of -95,8% (-11 065) in tourist arrivals during this month. Africa also recorded a decrease of -77,7% (-561 587) and this region remains the main source of tourist arrivals to the country, accounting for 81,5% (161 358) of total tourist arrivals during this month.

Table 1: Total Tourist Arrivals by Region: December 2020 vs. December 2019

Region	DECEMBER 2020	DECEMBER 2019	Diff	% Diff.
EUROPE	26 880	163 335	-136 455	-83,5%
NORTH AMERICA	4 665	39 434	-34 769	-88,2%
CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA	591	12 706	-12 115	-95,3%
AUSTRALASIA	601	14 242	-13 641	-95,8%
MIDDLE EAST	748	3 822	-3 074	-80,4%
ASIA	2 872	23 257	-20 385	-87,7%
TOTAL OVERSEAS	36 357	256 796	-220 439	-85,8%
AFRICA	161 358	722 945	-561 587	-77,7%
Unspecified	344	1 297	-953	-73,5%
GRAND TOTAL	198 059	981 038	-782 979	-79,8%

Source: Stats SA Tourism and Migration Report, December 2020 and tourist arrivals data cuts

Table 1.1: South Africa's Top 10 African Source Markets: December 2020 vs. December 2019

Country	Rank-2020	Tourist Arrivals 2020	Rank-2019	Tourist Arrivals 2019	% Change from 2019 to 2020
Zimbabwe	1	59 951	1	218 236	-72,5%
Mozambique	2	35 856	3	112 846	-68,2%
Lesotho	3	18 592	2	133 133	-86,0%
Eswatini	4	13 260	5	87 227	-84,8%
Namibia	5	7 769	6	21 993	-64,7%
Botswana	6	7 493	4	87 374	-91,4%
Zambia	7	5 708	8	14 815	-61,5%
Malawi	8	4 986	7	19 229	-74,1%
DRC	9	1 449	11	3 755	-61,4%
Tanzania	19	1 147	10	3 937	-70,9%

Source: Stats SA Tourism and Migration Report, December 2020

Table 1.2: South Africa's Top 10 Overseas Source Markets: December 2020 vs. December 2019

Country	Rank-2020	Tourist Arrivals 2020	Rank-2019	Tourist Arrivals 2019	% Change from 2019 to 2020
UK	1	8 567	1	52 631	-83,7%
Germany	2	4 909	2	33 795	-85,5%
USA	3	3 871	3	32 895	-88,2%
France	4	2 443	5	12 218	-80,0%
The Netherlands	5	2 031	4	13 311	-84,7%
Switzerland	6	1 299	13	5 686	-77,2%
Belgium	7	1 261	14	4 732	-73,4%
India	8	939	9	7 058	-86,7%
Canada	9	794	10	6 539	-87,9%
Russian Federation	10	758	23	2 013	-62,3%

Source: Stats SA Tourism and Migration Report, December 2020

JANUARY-DECEMBER 2020 COMPARED TO JANUARY-DECEMBER 2019

Tourist arrivals figures by region for the period January-December 2020 compared to the same period in 2019 are indicated in Table 2 below. Total tourist arrivals (2 802 320) went down by -72.6% (-7 426 273) for the period January-December 2020 compared the same period in 2019 (10 228 593). The decline is due to the national lockdown which prevented tourists from entering the country during the months of April-September in 2020.

Table 2: Total Tourist Arrivals by month: 2020 compared to 2019

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan-Dec Total	% Diff
2020	1 093 268	800 815	535 094	0	0	0	0	0	0	73 988	101 096	198 059	2 802 320	-72,6%
2019	1 068 190	797 181	838 696	903 059	753 517	734 554	790 187	896 978	780 381	834 275	850 537	981 038	10 228 593	

Source: Stats SA Tourism and Migration data January – December 2020

Total tourist arrivals from the overseas market decreased by -74,7% (-1 951 129). Asia (-81,5%) recorded the highest decrease followed by Australasia (-80.8%), North America (-79.7%), Middle East (-77.7%), Central and South America (-74,8%) and Europe with a decrease of -71.3%. Tourist arrivals from Africa decreased by -71.9% (-5 463 319) during the same period under review.

Table 3: Total Tourist Arrivals by Region Jan-Dec 2020 vs. Jan-Dec 2019

Region	Jan-December 2020	Jan-December 2019	Diff	% Diff
EUROPE	446 653	1 556 452	-1 109 799	-71,3%
NORTH AMERICA	89 504	440 271	-350 767	-79,7%
CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA	30 368	120 380	-90 012	-74,8%
AUSTRALASIA	24 651	128 153	-103 502	-80,8%
MIDDLE EAST	12 399	55 532	-43 133	-77,7%
ASIA	57 455	311 371	-253 916	-81,5%
TOTAL OVERSEAS	661 030	2 612 159	-1 951 129	-74,7%
TOTAL AFRICA	2 137 524	7 600 843	-5 463 319	-71,9%
Unspecified	3 766	15 591	-11 825	-75,8%
GRAND TOTAL	2 802 320	10 228 593	-7 426 273	-72,6%

Source: Stats SA Tourism and Migration data January – December 2020

Table 4 below gives the rankings of the top ten African source markets for the period January to December 2020 compared to January to December 2019. Most of the top ten African source markets remained at the same position for the period under review except for Tanzania moving up from 11th position in 2019 to 10th position in 2020 removing Nigeria from the top 10. All of the top ten countries recorded a decline. Botswana recorded the highest decline of -80,6% followed by Eswatini (-76.6%), Angola (-75.1%), Malawi (-73.2%), Lesotho (-71.3%), Tanzania (71.3%), Namibia (70,4%), Zimbabwe (-69.7%), Zambia (-69.4%) and Mozambique with -68.3%.

Table 4: South Africa's Top 10 African Source Markets: Jan-Dec 2020 vs. Jan-Dec 2019

Country	Rank-2020	Tourist Arrivals 2020	Rank-2019	Tourist Arrivals 2019	% Change from 2019 to 2020
Zimbabwe	1	684 546	1	2 258 794	-69,7%
Lesotho	2	448 745	2	1 563 448	-71,3%
Mozambique	3	422 537	3	1 333 195	-68,3%
Eswatini	4	214 947	4	917 631	-76,6%
Botswana	5	129 467	5	668 315	-80,6%
Malawi	6	53 365	6	199 079	-73,2%

Namibia	7	54 511	7	184 431	-70,4%
Zambia	8	46 486	8	152 064	-69,4%
Angola	9	15 443	9	61 995	-75,1%
Tanzania	10	10 977	11	38277	-71,3%

Source: Stats SA Tourism and Migration data January – December 2020

Table 5 shows the rankings of the top ten overseas source markets. Comparing January to December 2020 with January to December 2019, all of the top 10 overseas markets recorded a decrease in tourist arrivals. Despite this decline, fewer of the top ten overseas markets remained in the same position for the period under review except for Brazil moving up from 9th position in 2019 to 7th position in 2020. Canada also moved from 10th position in 2019 to 9th position in 2020 and Switzerland moved from 12th position in 2019 to 10th position in 2020, Germany moved from 3rd position in 2019 to 2nd position in 2020. However, USA moved down from 2nd position in 2019 to 3rd position in 2020. As well as India moved down from 7th position in 2019 to 8th position in 2020. UK remains the main source market from overseas recording a decline in growth of -69.7%.

Table 5: South Africa's Top 10 Overseas Source Markets: Jan-Dec 2020 vs. Jan-Dec 2019

Country	Rank-2020	Tourist Arrivals 2020	Rank-2019	Tourist Arrivals 2019	% Change from 2019 to 2020
UK	1	132 384	1	436 559	-69,7%
Germany	2	106 092	3	322 720	-67,1%
USA	3	71 959	2	373 694	-80,7%
France	4	41 023	4	165 038	-75,1%
The Netherlands	5	35 026	5	144 071	-75,7%
Australia	6	20 720	6	111 439	-81,4%
Brazil	7	19 388	9	77 261	-74,9%
India	8	18 892	7	95 621	-80,2%
Canada	9	17 545	10	66 577	-73,6%
Switzerland	10	15 697	12	55432	-71,7%

Source: Stats SA Tourism and Migration data January – December 2020

SECTION TWO: PERFORMANCE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S TOURISM RELATED INDUSTRIES: DECEMBER 2020 COMPARED TO DECEMBER 2019

The next section of the report is about the performance of tourism related industries during December 2020 compared to December 2019.

Impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) on tourism related industries performance

On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organisation (WHO) had declared the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak a pandemic (WHO, 2020). In order to limit the spread of COVID-19, many countries had started to introduce lockdown measures, which prevented people from leaving their countries. On 1 May 2020, the South African government adopted the risk adjusted strategy, which aimed to increase economic activity while putting measures in place to reduce the transmission of the virus. As part of this approach, five (5) Coronavirus alert levels were introduced, mainly indicating the different sectors that can operate under these levels. The figure below provides a summary of the different lockdown regulations for the accommodation, food and beverage and aviation industries under level 5-1 which was implemented during the months of March-December 2020. The performance of the tourism related industries therefore should be viewed within the context of South Africa's COVID-19 lockdown regulations.

Figure 2: South Africa COVID-19 regulation for the key tourism related industries

Level 5 26-March-30 April	Level 4 01-31 May	Level 3 01 June-17 August	Level 2 18 August-20 September	Level 1 21 September- 28 December	Adjusted Level 3 29 December-to date
ACCOMMODATION					
Level 5 Accommodation not permitted, except for quarantine, essential services	Level 4 Accommodation not permitted, except for quarantine and essential services	Level 3 <i>Accommodation establishments permitted only for remaining tourists, work purposes and Quarantine/isolation purposes. Advanced Level 3 as of 17 June 2020: Commercially licensed accommodation establishments (except for home sharing) allowed to operate but subject to a restriction on the number of persons allowed in such establishments to not be more than 50 percent of the available floor space.</i>	Level 2 Accommodation permitted to operate for intra-provincial leisure travel	Level 1 All accommodation establishments and tour operators permitted to operate, subject to a restriction on the number of persons allowed in such establishments to not be more than 50 percent of the available floor space.	Adjusted Level 3 All accommodation establishments and tour operators permitted to operate, subject to a restriction on the number of persons allowed in such establishments to not be more than 50 percent of the available floor space.
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
Level 5 Restaurant, take-away, bar and canteen services not permitted	Level 4 Restaurants only for food delivery services (9am-8pm) and subject to curfew (no sit down or pick-up allowed)	Level 3 Restaurants may open for delivery, collection and drive through but may not serve food on the premises. <i>Advanced Level 3 as of 17 June 2020: Restaurants are allowed to operate for sit-down meals and delivery services but subject to the strict adherence to all health protocols. Alcohol prohibited.</i>	Level 2 Restaurants all allowed to operate but subject to the strict adherence to all health protocols.	Level 1 Restaurants all allowed to operate but subject to the strict adherence to all health protocols.	Adjusted Level 3 Restaurants all allowed to operate but subject to the strict adherence to all health protocols and must close at 8pm. Alcohol prohibited. Regulations changed on 01 Feb 2020: Restaurants all allowed to operate but subject to the strict adherence to all health protocols and must close at 10pm. Alcohol is prohibited.
AVIATION					
Level 5 Air transport permitted only for the shipment of cargo	Level 4 Ocean and air transport permitted only for the shipment of cargo	Level 3 Domestic air travel for business only International flights not permitted	Level 2 Domestic air travel for business only International flights not permitted	Level 1 Domestic air travel allowed. International travel allowed as of 01 October 2020.	Adjusted Level 3 Domestic air travel allowed. International travel allowed.

Source: <https://www.gov.za/coronavirus>

2.1 ACCOMMODATION INDUSTRY: 2020 compared to 2019

ACCOMMODATION INDUSTRY INCOME: JAN-DEC 2020 COMPARED TO JAN-DEC 2019

Table 6 below provides the total income from the accommodation industry including income for restaurants, bar sales and other income for January to December 2020 compared to January to December 2019. Other income includes income from casino gambling, laundry and telephone services, rentals and fees received for transport services, offices, shops, garages, etc. During January to December 2020, the total income (current prices) from the accommodation industry recorded a decline of -61,3% compared to January to December 2019. Total income from all categories recorded a decline with total income from hotels recording the highest decline of about -62.4% moving from R38 099,2 million in January to December 2019 to R14 338,4 million in January to December 2020.

Table 6.1 further indicates the percentage share of income received from accommodation only, restaurants, bar sales and other income for the period 2020 and 2019. Income received from accommodation only is the main source of income for all types of accommodation, followed by other income and restaurants, bar sales for the period under review. Compared to other types of accommodation, income received from other income for the hotel industry was more than the income earned from restaurants, bar sales in January to December 2020 and January to December 2019.

Table 6: Income from accommodation (current prices): Jan-Dec 2020 compared to Jan-Dec 2019

Type of Accommodation	Jan-Dec 20				Jan-Dec 2019				% Change Total Income
	Restaurants, bar sales	Accommodation only	Other income	Total income	Restaurants, bar sales	Accommodation only	Other income	Total income	Jan-Dec 2020 compared to Jan-Dec 2019
Hotels (R million)	R2 632,70	R6 173,9	R5 531,80	R14 338,4	R6 645,4	R16 574,8	R14 879,0	R38 099,2	-62,4%
Caravan parks and camping sites (R million)	R2,7	R130,2	R2,1	R135,0	R11,2	R277,2	R11,3	R299,7	-55,0%
Guest houses and guest farms (R million)	R59,8	R393,7	R24,1	R477,6	R118,0	R1 025,9	R59,5	R1 203,4	-60,3%
Other accommodation (lodges, bed-and-breakfast, self-catering, and 'other' establishments not classified) (R million)	R446,3	R3 129,6	R334,4	R3 910,3	R1 045,1	R7 407,2	R623,2	R9 075,5	-56,9%
Total Industry - (R million)	R3 141,50	R9 827,4	R5 892,4	R18 861,3	R7 819,7	R25 285,1	R15 573,0	R48 677,8	-61,3%

Source: Stats SA: Accommodation data cuts, 22th February 2021

Table 6.1: Percentage Share of Income from accommodation (current prices): Jan-Dec 2020 compared to Jan-Dec 2019

Type of Accommodation (Share of Total Income)	Jan-Dec 20				Jan-Dec 2019			
	Restaurants, bar sales	Accommodation only	Other income	Total income	Restaurants, bar sales	Accommodation only	Other income	Total income
Hotels (R million)	18,4%	43,1%	38,6%	100,0%	17,4%	43,5%	39,1%	100,0%
Caravan parks and camping sites (R million)	2,0%	96,4%	1,6%	100,0%	3,7%	92,5%	3,8%	100,0%
Guest houses and guest farms (R million)	12,5%	82,4%	5,0%	100,0%	9,8%	85,3%	4,9%	100,0%
Other accommodation (R million)	11,4%	80,0%	8,6%	100,0%	11,5%	81,6%	6,9%	100,0%
Total Industry - (R million)	16,7%	52,1%	31,2%	100,0%	16,1%	51,9%	32,0%	100,0%

Table 7 below indicates that income from accommodation (excluding restaurants, bar sales and other income) went down by -61,1% during the same period under review. All categories of accommodation recorded a decline in income levels with hotels recording the highest decline of -62,8%; followed by guest houses and guest farms (-61,6%), other accommodation (-57,7%) and caravan parks and camping sites (-53,0%).

Table 7: Income from Accommodation (Excluding restaurants, bar sales and other income Jan-Dec 2020 compared to Jan-Dec 2019

Type of Accommodation	Jan-Dec 2020 Accommodation only	Jan-Dec 2019	% Change
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		Accommodation only	Jan-Dec 2020 compared to Jan-December 2019
Hotels (R million)	R6 173,9	R16 574,8	-62,8%
Caravan parks and camping sites (R million)	R130,2	R277,2	-53,0%
Guest houses and guest farms (R million)	R393,7	R1 025,9	-61,6%
Other accommodation (R million)	R3 129,6	R7 407,2	-57,7%
Total Industry – (R million)	R9 827,4	R25 285,1	-61,1%

Source: Stats SA: Accommodation data cuts, 22th February 2021

The monthly percentage change of income from accommodation industry (excluding restaurants, bar sales and other income) from January to December 2020 is provided in table 8 below. Income from accommodation recorded an increase of 4,7% and 8,1% during January and February 2020 respectively compared to the same months in 2019. This was an improvement compared to the decline recorded during the same months in 2019 compared to 2018.

Income from accommodation recorded a decline from March to December 2020 compared to the same months in 2019. The highest decline was recorded in May (-98,1%) and April (-98,0%) 2020 compared to the same months in 2019. Although the income from accommodation continued to record a decline in December 2020 compared to the same month in 2019, the declines recorded have been decreasing since April 2020 except in November 2020 where the decline recorded was -66,2% which was less than the decline recorded in October 2020 (-66,4%). The improvement in the declines recorded could be due to regulations being relaxed during this period.

Table 8: Year on Year Change in income from Accommodation

MONTH	2019	2020
January	-3,4%	4,7%
February	-3,2%	8,1%
March	0,2%	-41,7%
April	2,7%	-98,0%
May	3,1%	-98,1%
June	7,2%	-94,2%
July	2,8%	-91,0%
August	4,7%	-82,5%
September	7,4%	-73,2%
October	1,8%	-66,4%
November	-0,6%	-66,2%
December	1,0%	-51,5%

Source: Stats SA: Accommodation Report December 2020

ACCOMMODATION INDUSTRY OCCUPANCY RATE: JAN-DECEMBER 2020 COMPARED TO JAN-DECEMBER 2019

Table 9 below indicates occupancy rates by accommodation type from January to December 2020 compared to the January to December 2019. The total accommodation occupancy rate recorded in January to December 2020 was 20,1% which was a decline compared to 48,3% in January to December 2019. The occupancy rate of all accommodation establishments was at its lowest from March to December 2020 compared to the same months in 2019. The lowest occupancy rate was recorded May 2020 (1,2%) and in April (1,4%) which could be due to the level five and four COVID-19 lockdown regulations during these months which prevented the accommodations establishments from operating except for quarantine and essential services. However, even if the occupancy rate was still low from June 2020, there was an improvement on month to month occupancy rate between June

and December 2020 as indicated in the table below. This could be an indication of improvement when regulations were relaxed especially from June 2020.

Table 9: Occupancy Rate: Jan-December 2020 compared to Jan-December 2019 (Average % Rate)

Month	Hotel	Caravan Parks and Camping Sites	Guest-Houses and Guest Farms	Other Accommodation	Total Accommodation
Jan-20	46	26,3	39,1	46,8	44,7
Jan-19	45,9	27,4	40,9	45,3	44,4
Feb-20	53,9	25,6	37,9	48	49,8
Feb-19	54,4	26,1	44,1	48,3	50,7
Mar-20	30,5	25,3	25,1	32,9	30,4
Mar-19	51,6	31,1	40,5	51,7	49,8
Apr-20	1,7	0,3	0,8	1	1,4
Apr-19	48,9	29,3	33	48,7	46,7
May-20	1,3	0,3	0,3	1,2	1,2
May-19	44,8	29,9	30,1	43,5	42,6
Jun-20	4,1	0,3	1,3	3,9	3,6
Jun-19	47,1	32,8	32,4	47,6	45,5
Jul-20	6,1	0,2	3,9	5,1	5,4
Jul-19	46,9	29,3	32,9	50	45,8
Aug-20	9,3	5,3	3,9	13,8	9,8
Aug-19	49,2	29,8	32,9	53,2	48
Sep-20	15,6	17,6	8,8	25,4	17,7
Sep-19	54,2	32,1	35	55	51,9
Oct-20	20,5	18,4	15,7	32,7	23,1
Oct-19	52,9	26,5	33,5	54,6	50,6
Nov-20	23,4	15,4	18,5	29,7	24,2
Nov-19	56,4	23,5	37	50,4	51,8
Dec-20	26,1	21,5	27,7	43	30,2
Dec-19	51,1	39,2	41,6	56,9	51,3
Jan-Dec 20	19,9	13,0	15,3	23,6	20,1
Jan-Dec 19	50,3	29,8	36,2	50,4	48,3

Source: Stats SA: Accommodation data cuts, 22th February 2021

2.2 FOOD AND BEVERAGE INDUSTRY

FOOD AND BEVERAGES INDUSTRY INCOME: JAN-DEC 2020 COMPARED TO JAN-DEC 2019

The results in Table 10 indicates that the total income of the food and beverages industry in January to December 2020 was about R 33 706,6 million, which was a decrease of -40,5% when compared to R 56 626,6 million in January to December 2019. All of the food and beverages industries showed a decline in income with restaurants and coffee shops having the highest decrease of -50,2% followed by catering services with -47,8% and take-away and fast food outlets with -21,4%.

Table 10: Total income by type of food and beverage industry: January-December 2020 compared to January-December 2019

Categories of Food and Beverages	Jan-Dec 20	Jan-Dec 19	% Change
Catering services (R million)	4 426,4	8 473,5	-47,8%
Take-away and fast food outlets (R million)	14 477,9	18 411,1	-21,4%
Restaurants and coffee shops (R million)	14 802,3	29 742	-50,2%
Total Industry (R million)	33 706,6	56 626,6	-40,5%

Source: Stats SA: Food and beverages data cuts, 22th February 2021

Table 11: Year on Year Change in income total food and beverage industry income

MONTH	2019	2020
January	9,9%	6,9%
February	10,5%	5,2%
March	14,8%	-27,9%
April	5,2%	-95,6%
May	10,5%	-86,3%
June	8,8%	-58,5%
July	1,5%	-49,6%
August	5,1%	-42,8%
September	4,1%	-38,1%
October	2,4%	-30,0%
December	4,9%	-26,3%
December	5,8%	-27,5%

Source: Stats SA: Food and Beverage Report December 2020

2.3 AVIATION

PASSENGER ARRIVALS MOVEMENT: JAN-DEC 2020 COMPARED TO JAN-DEC 2019

Table 12 gives the total passenger arrivals at Airports Company South Africa (ACSA) airports during January-December 2020 compared to January- December 2019. Total passenger arrivals decreased by -66,0%, from 21 429 817 in January-December 2019 to 7 296 351 in January-December 2020. The number of domestic passengers recorded in January-December 2020 were 5 649 023, which was a decrease of -62,1%, compared to 14 896 859 passengers in January-December 2019. Table 13 further provides the percentage growth by month for 2020 compared to 2019 for the different categories of passenger arrivals (international, regional, domestic and unscheduled) to South Africa.

Table 12: Arriving Passengers: Jan-Dec 2020 compared to Jan-Dec 2019

Arriving Passengers	Jan-Dec 2020	Jan-Dec 2019	% Change Jan-Dec 2020 compared to Jan-Dec 2019
International	1 478 090	5 925 407	-75,1%
Regional	108 902	551 093	-80,2%
Domestic	5 649 023	14 896 859	-62,1%
Unscheduled	60 336	56 458	6,9%
Total	7 296 351	21 429 817	-66,0%

Source: ACSAs data cuts, December 2020

Table 13: Year on Year % Change by month for arriving passengers: 2020 compared to 2019

MONTH	International	Regional	Domestic	Unscheduled	Total
January	2,6%	-5,2%	8,6%	29,1%	6,4%
February	-0,5%	-6,4%	6,8%	-7,8%	4,4%
March	-51,1%	-51,6%	-42,0%	-20,0%	-44,5%
April	-99,9%	-99,9%	-100,0%	-9,4%	-99,7%
May	-99,9%	-100,0%	-100,0%	-8,2%	-99,7%
June	-100,0%	-100,0%	-96,7%	50,0%	-97,3%
July	-99,9%	-100,0%	-91,4%	-8,6%	-93,9%
August	-99,9%	-100,0%	-85,0%	45,1%	-89,2%
September	-100,0%	-100,0%	-73,9%	113,5%	-81,2%

October	-91,6%	-97,5%	-64,0%	-27,9%	-72,5%
December	-86,0%	-87,9%	-57,0%	-18,7%	-65,4%
December	-79,2%	-79,5%	-46,6%	-29,0%	-56,3%

Source: ACSAs data cuts, December 2020

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Table 14 shows the total passenger departing from Airports Company South Africa (ACSA) airports during the period January to December 2020 compared to January to December 2019. Total departing passengers decreased by -65,8%, from 21 567 439 in January to December 2019 to 7 372 639 in January to December 2020. There were only 107 176 regional passengers departing from ACSA airports and 1 491 364 international passengers departed during January to December 2020. The table indicates that there were 5 673 768 domestic passengers departed in January to December 2020, which was a decline of -62,0% compared to 14 919 116 domestic travellers in January to December 2019. The number of passengers on unscheduled flights in December 2020 increased by 73,1%; increasing from 57 972 in January-December 2019 to 100 331 in January to December 2020. Table 13.1 also provides the percentage growth by month for 2020 compared to 2019 for the different categories of departing passengers (international, regional, domestic and unscheduled) to South Africa.

Table 14: Departing Passengers: Jan-Dec 2020 compared to Jan-Dec 2019

Departing Passengers	Jan-Dec 2020	Jan-Dec 2019	% Change Jan-Dec 2020 compared to Jan-Dec 2019
International	1 491 364	6 039 107	-75,3%
Regional	107 176	551 244	-80,6%
Domestic	5 673 768	14 919 116	-62,0%
Unscheduled	100 331	57 972	73,1%
Total	7 372 639	21 567 439	-65,8%

Source: ACSAs data cuts December 2020

Table 13.1: Year % Change by month for departing passengers: 2020 compared to 2019

MONTH	International	Regional	Domestic	Unscheduled	Total
January	1,0%	-5,8%	8,3%	17,9%	5,8%
February	0,0%	-8,1%	6,7%	-10,6%	4,5%
March	-40,8%	-56,6%	-41,5%	-14,6%	-41,6%
April	-99,9%	-99,9%	-100,0%	216,9%	-99,2%
May	-99,9%	-100,0%	-100,0%	20,0%	-99,6%
June	-99,9%	-100,0%	-96,7%	212,0%	-97,0%
July	-100,0%	-100,0%	-91,3%	120,9%	-93,1%
August	-100,0%	-100,0%	-84,9%	186,0%	-88,9%
September	-100,0%	-100,0%	-73,7%	176,2%	-80,9%
October	-90,9%	-97,4%	-63,8%	-20,6%	-71,7%
December	-88,4%	-87,2%	-57,1%	-32,6%	-66,5%
December	-82,4%	-77,9%	-45,9%	-25,4%	-57,2%

Source: ACSAs data cuts, December 2020

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