



QUARTERLY INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION STATISTICS

FIRST QUARTER 2025



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Explanatory Notes

The report consists of a summary table and four sections dealing with:

- a) Immigrants
- b) Emigrants
- c) Visitors
- d) Residents

Immigrants include:

- (i) Former residents of other countries intending to remain in Zimbabwe for at least twelve months.
- (ii) Temporary residents taking up employment for a limited period.
- (iii) Returning former residents who had declared themselves as emigrants when leaving the country but, nevertheless, remained away for more than one year.

Emigrants include:

- (i) Residents, who on departure, declare they are leaving for more than twelve months
- (ii) Persons who recorded themselves as visitors on arrival but stayed more than twelve months

Visitors from abroad include:

- (i) Residents of other countries who visit this country for periods not exceeding twelve months for any reason other than taking up employment.
- (ii) In transit visitors who enter the country en route to other destinations and who spend less than two nights in passing through the country.

Residents

These are residents of Zimbabwe who go on visits abroad for periods not exceeding twelve months at any time who do not depart as emigrants.

The statistics contained in this report are mainly compiled from:

- (a) documents completed at the official ports by persons passing through or details derived from these documents and
- (b) other records kept at these ports

Chapter 1: Introduction

1.1 Introduction

The Zimbabwe National Statistical Agency through the Department of Immigration collects information on people who arrive in and those who depart from Zimbabwe through the official ports of entry and exit. Data are collected using Port Returns for visitors from abroad, returning residents and exitors. Collection of data on immigrants is done using the immigration statistical card.

1.2 Distribution of Official Ports of Entry and Exits.

The list of all official ports of entry and exit is shown in Appendix 1. Matabeleland South has the highest number of ports of entry and exit (6), followed by Matabeleland North with four, while Mashonaland East, Midlands and Bulawayo have the lowest number, with one each.

Chapter 2. Summary of Findings

2.1 Introduction

The country received a total of 779,686 arrivals during the first quarter of 2025. The distribution of arrivals by category of visit is shown in Figure 2.1. Returning residents from abroad (54%) constituted the highest proportion of arrivals during the first quarter of 2025.

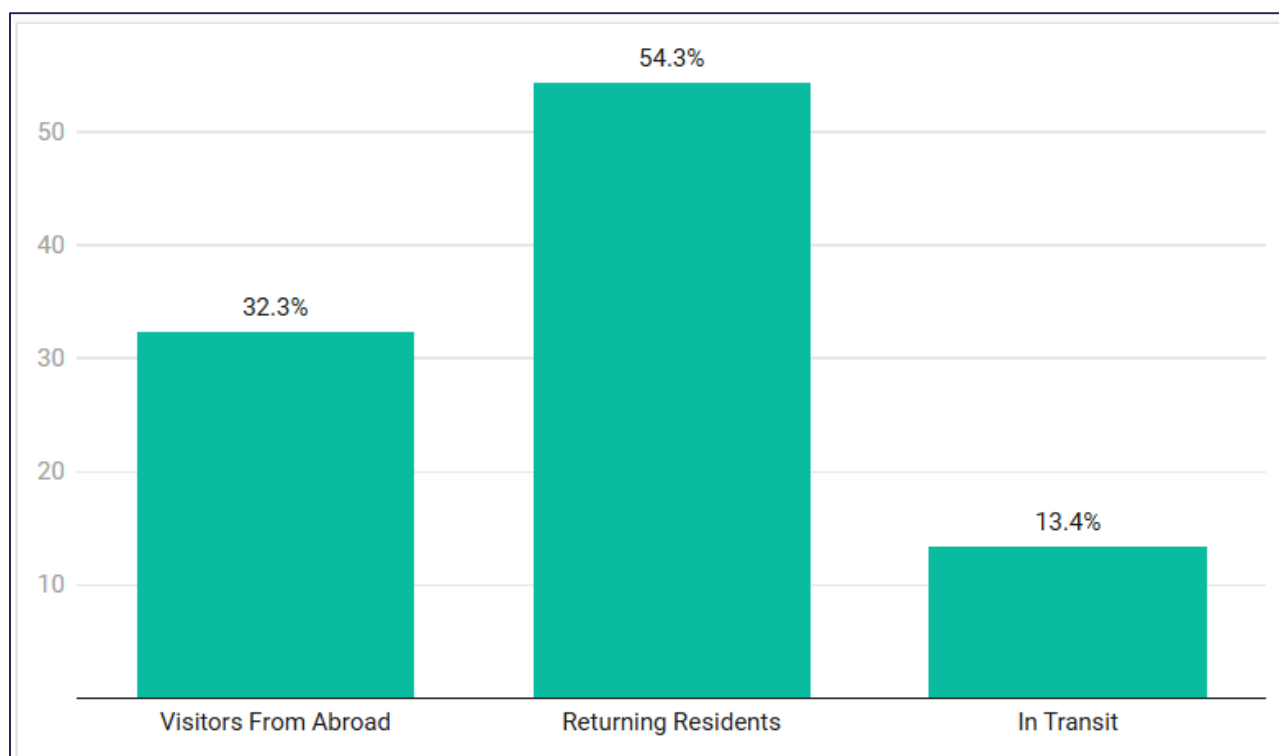


Figure 2.1: Distribution of the 2025 First Quarter Arrivals by Category

2.2 Immigrants

The Department of Immigration migrated from manual data processing to electronic data processing and data for immigrants could not be availed in time for the production of this report from the new system.

2.3 Visitors from Abroad

There were 356,661 visitors from abroad who came to Zimbabwe during the first quarter of 2025 compared to 404,979 in the first quarter of 2024 representing a decrease of around 12 percent.

2.4 Residents Returning from Abroad

There were 423,025 residents returning from abroad during the first quarter of 2025 compared to 446,392 in the first quarter of 2024. This indicates a decrease of 5 percent (Figure 2.2).

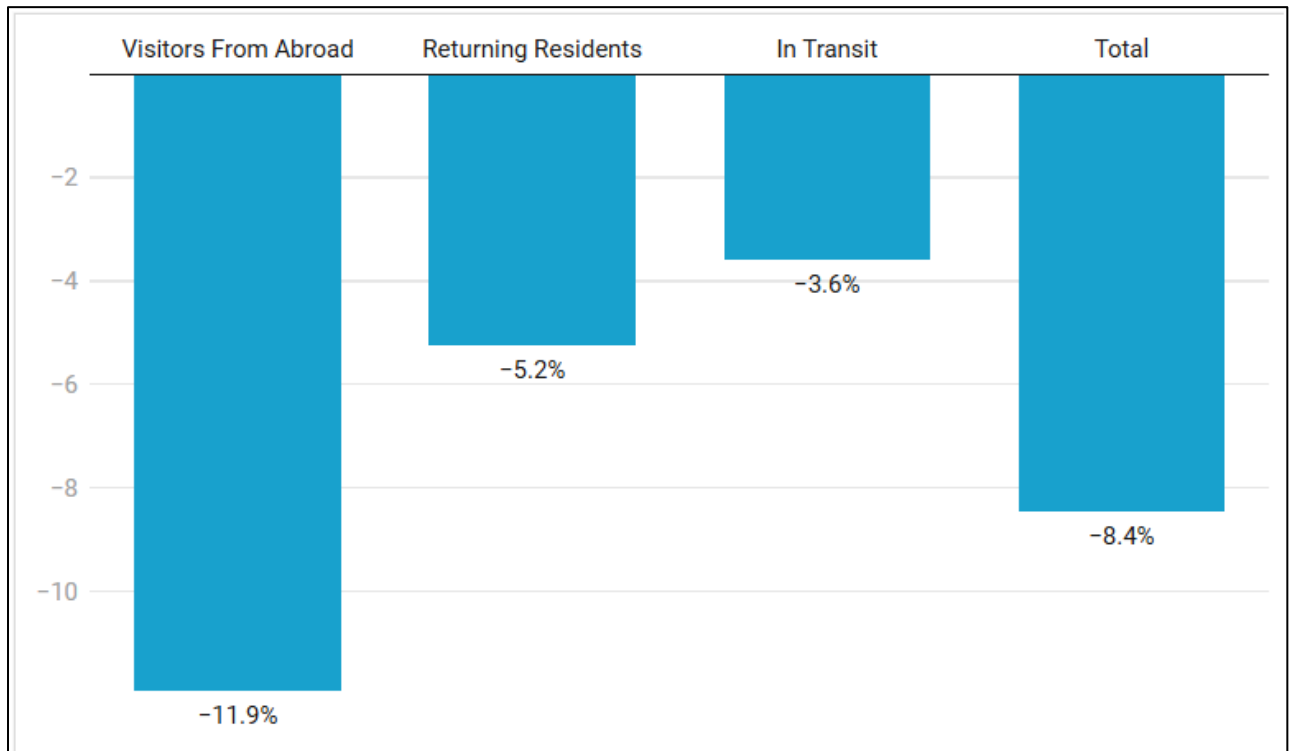


Figure 2.2: Percentage Change of Arrivals by Category 2024/25

Chapter 3: Arriving Visitors by Mode of Travel and Port of Entry

The number of visitors by their mode of travel and port of entry is shown in Figure 3.1. The modes of travel used by visitors to Zimbabwe were air and road. The majority (76.1%) of visitors used road transport when entering Zimbabwe.

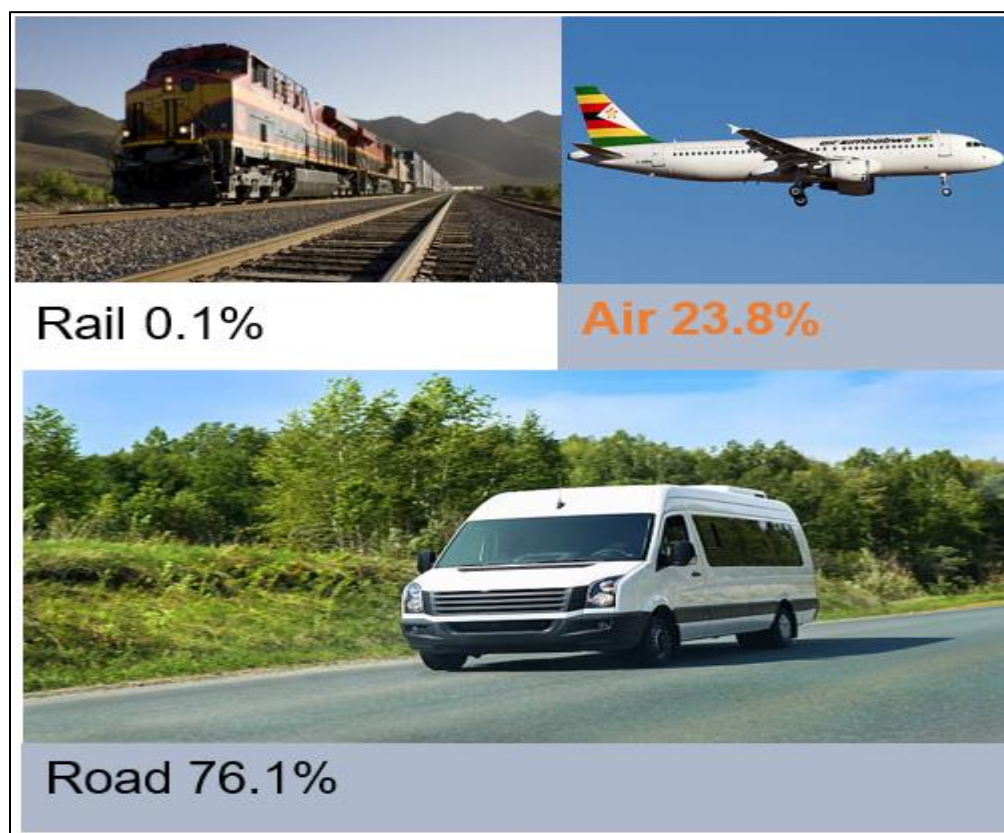


Figure 3.1: Distribution of 2025 First Quarter Visitors by Mode of Travel when Entering Zimbabwe

3.1 Air

The number of visitors coming to Zimbabwe who used air for their travel during the first quarter of 2025 was 84,876 representing 24 percent of all arriving visitors. The volume of visitors who arrived by air decreased by about 37 percent from 134,107 in the first quarter of 2024. The majority (53%) of visitors who used air came through Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport followed by Victoria Falls Airport (41%) and Joshua Mqabuko Nkomo International Airport (6%).

3.2 Road

A total of 271,482 arrivals constituting 76 percent of total arrivals used road as their mode of travel to get into Zimbabwe in the first quarter of 2025. In comparison, 270,776 arrivals were recorded at road ports of entry in the first quarter of 2024. The majority of arriving visitors by road came through Beitbridge (67,701) followed by Victoria Falls Road (59,866) and Forbes (37,607).

3.3 Rail

A total of 303 arrivals constituting 0.1 percent of total arrivals used rail as their mode of travel to get into Zimbabwe in the first quarter of 2025. In comparison, 96 arrivals were recorded for rail in the first quarter of 2024. All rail arrivals used Plumtree Rail Border when entering the country.

Chapter 4: Arriving Visitors by Purpose of Visit

4.1 Introduction

A total of 356,661 visitors from abroad entered the country during the first quarter of 2025 for various purposes which were categorised into in-transit, business, educational, holiday and shopping. The proportion of visitors who came for holiday was 47.4 percent (Figure 4.1).

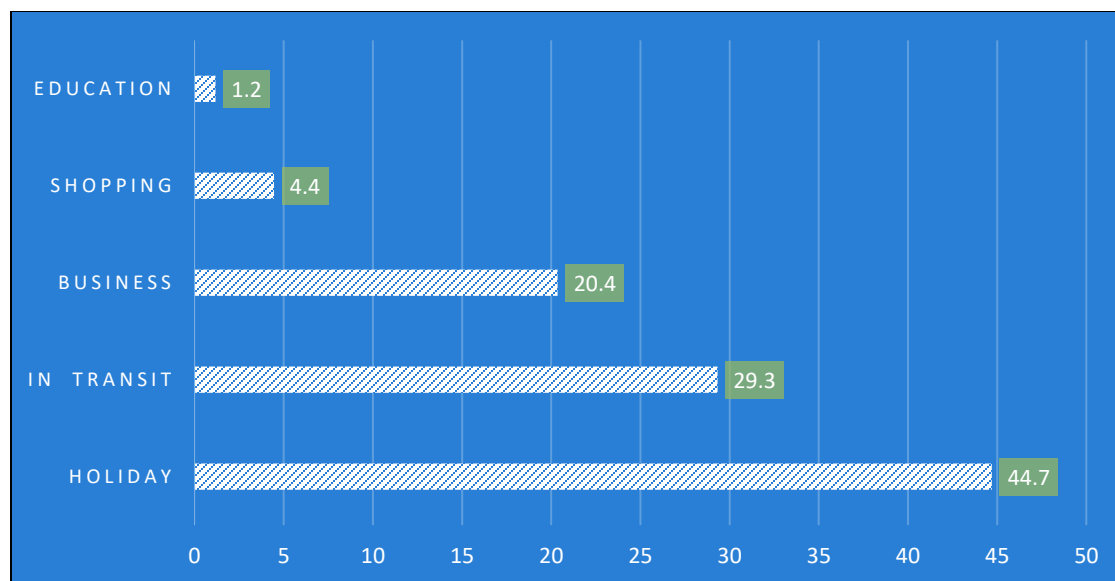


Figure 4.1: Distribution of 2025 First Quarter Visitors from Abroad by Purpose of Visit

4.2 In Transit

During the first quarter of 2025, there were 104,556 in-transit visitors compared to 108,452 during the same quarter in 2024 representing a decrease of about 4 percent.

4.3 Business

The number of arriving visitors who came for business purposes decreased by 40 percent from quarter ending March 2025 to the same quarter in 2024. The number decreased from 121,174 to 72,614 in the quarters under review.

4.4 Education

Visitors who came to Zimbabwe for educational purposes in the first quarter of 2025 decreased by 67 percent from the first quarter of 2024. There were 4,204 education visitors in the quarter ending March 2025 compared to 7,531 for the same quarter in 2024.

4.5 Holiday

The number of holiday visitors increased from a figure of 151,964 in the first quarter of 2024 to 159,416 for the same quarter in 2025; a 5 percent increase.

4.6 Shopping

There were 15,871 visitors in the quarter ending March 2025 who came for shopping up from a figure of 10,793 visitors recorded for the same quarter in 2024. This represents an increase of around 47 percent (Figure 4.2).

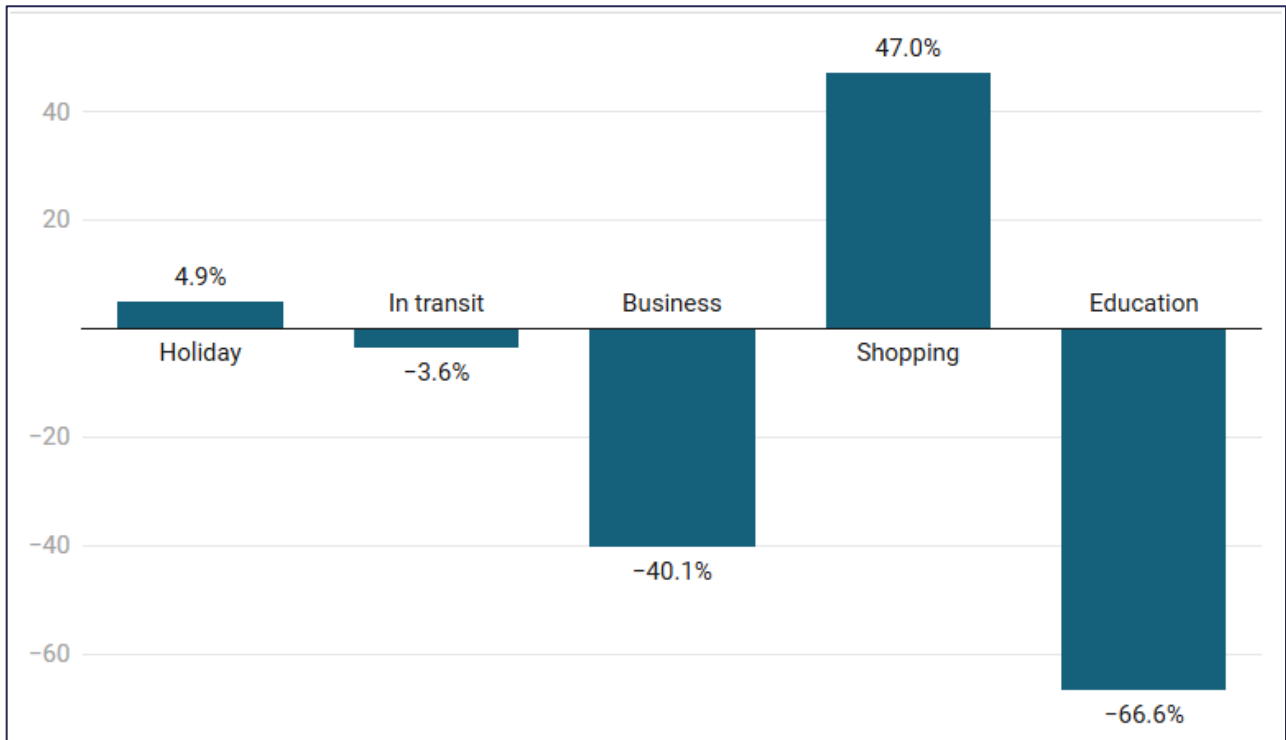


Figure 4.2: Percentage Change of Visitors from Abroad by Purpose of Visit 2024/25

Chapter 5: Arriving Visitors by Country of Last Permanent Residence

During first quarter of 2025, there were 252,105 arriving visitors whose country of last permanent residence was in Africa compared to 243,765 who arrived in the first quarter of 2024. This represents an increase of about 3 percent. The majority of these visitors came from South Africa (60,143) followed by Mozambique (28,669) and Zambia (27,991) (Figure 5.1).

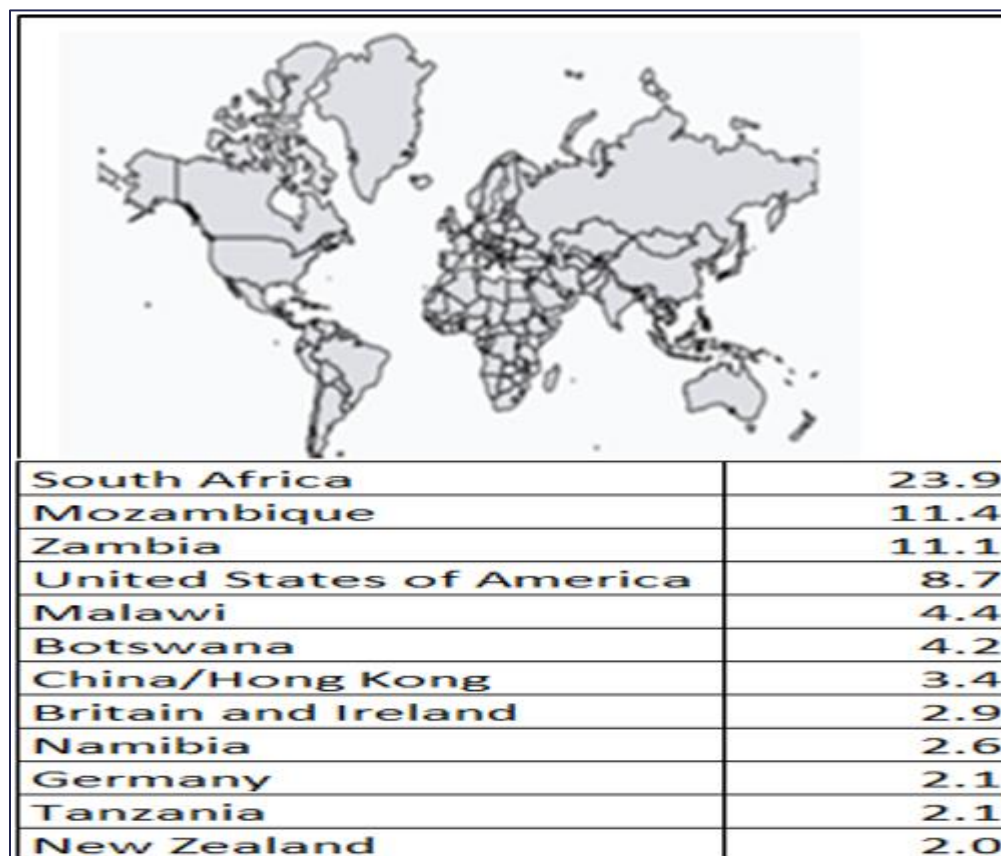


Figure 5.1: Distribution of 2025 First Quarter Visitors by Main Source Markets

Appendices

Table 1: Summary of Arrivals and Departures, 2013 - 2024

Period		Arrivals			Departures
		Immigrants	Visitors From Abroad	Residents Returning From Abroad	TOTAL
					TOTAL Exitors
2013		244	1 944 705	2 935 092	4 880 041
2014		260	1 928 477	3 161 289	5 090 026
2015		1 604	2 059 640	3 553 091	5 614 335
2016		627	2 269 895	3 228 925	5 499 447
2017		568	2 404 880	2 926 098	5 331 546
2018		863	2 620 119	3 090 647	5 710 766
2019		542	2 466 183	3 337 396	5 804 121
2020		154	567 766	1 614 970	2 182 890
2021		311	346 615	401 202	748 128
2022		520	1 012 259	1 243 637	2 581 722
2023		564	1 519 433	2 406 526	3 926 523
2024		748	1 746 645	3 009 214	4 756 607
2024	January	80	155 889	79 218	235 187
	February	65	105 309	155 703	261 077
	March	76	143 781	211 471	355 328
	Jan. - Mar.	221	404 979	446 392	851 592
	April	71	147 323	206 637	354 031
	May	65	144 299	221 799	366 163
	June	37	123 256	233 962	357 255
	Apr. - Jun.	173	414 878	662 398	1 077 449
	July	70	151 820	241 913	393 803
	August	59	159 982	285 522	445 563
	September	72	142 241	263 669	405 982
	Jul. - Sept.	201	454 043	791 104	1 245 348
	October	56	180 606	434 211	614 873
	November	37	122 986	242 387	365 410
	December	60	169 153	432 722	601 935
	Oct. - Dec.	153	472 745	1 109 320	1 582 218
2024	January	—	117 060	24 011	141 071
	February	—	102 616	186 010	288 626
	March	—	136 985	213 004	349 989
	Jan. - Mar.	—	356 661	423 025	779 686

Note: — Data not received

Table 2: Arriving visitors by mode of travel and port of entry, Jan. - Mar., 2024- 2025.

Mode of Travel and Port of Entry	2024	2025			2024	2025
	Cumulative Figures				Cumulative Figures	Cumulative Figures
	Jan. - Mar.	January	February	March	Oct. - Dec.	Jan. - Mar.
AIR:						
Buffalo Range	223	44	33	54	290	131
Charles Prince	69	13	13	26	114	52
Joshua Nkomo	96 658	1 508	1 171	2 055	13 852	4 734
Kariba	6012	59	58	147	448	264
Masvingo	305	0	0	0	0	0
Mutare	0	0	0	0	0	0
R. G. Mugabe	0	9 685	11 526	23 871	54 333	45 082
Thornhill Airbase	0	0	0	0	0	0
Victoria Falls	30 840	10 059	10 034	14 520	35 230	34 613
TOTAL:	134 107	21 368	22 835	40 673	104 267	84 876
RAIL:						
Plumtree	96	0	110	193	0	303
TOTAL:	96	0	110	193	0	303
ROAD:						
Beitbridge	78 989	26 129	19 071	22 501	103 838	67 701
Binga	1132	634	536	550	2842	1 720
Cashel	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chirundu	32 838	12 800	9 695	5 801	45 651	28 296
Kanyemba	1	19	1	18	62	38
Kariba	4 874	1 156	516	368	1 569	2 040
Kazungula	10 649	6 756	5 359	5971	34 932	18 086
Maitengwe	1 681	369	300	334	3 798	1 003
Mlambapele	596	0	22	25	3 516	47
Mount Selinda	909	404	462	433	1 419	1 299
Mphoengs	625	272	244	391	4 719	907
Mukumbura	52	24	33	40	194	97
Mutare	37 825	12 128	11 186	14 293	37 871	37 607
Nyamapanda	36 311	12 131	10 962	12 520	34 371	35 613
Pandamatenga	257	51	70	84	226	205
Plumtree	12 289	5 476	5 093	6 112	38 348	16 681
Sango	273	110	82	84	753	276
Victoria Falls	51 475	17 233	16 039	26 594	54 369	59 866
TOTAL:	270 776	95 692	79 671	96 119	368 478	271 482
GRAND TOTAL:	404 979	117 060	102 616	136 985	472 745	356 661

Table 3: Arriving visitors by purpose of visit, 2013 - 2025.

Period		Purpose of visit					TOTAL	
		In transit	Business	Education	Holiday	Shopping		
	2013	632 420	339 538	12 022	800 549	160 176	1 944 705	
	2014	703 030	371 588	18 719	786 903	48 237	1 928 477	
	2015	741 278	165 410	13 307	1 057 325	82 320	2 059 640	
	2016	857 705	407 257	26 783	841 572	136 578	2 269 895	
	2017	841 580	215 595	14 005	1 147 421	186 279	2 404 880	
	2018	889 244	283 935	47 691	1 318 908	80 341	2 620 119	
	2019	955 433	254 271	26 847	1 063 486	166 146	2 466 183	
	2020	244 159	82 694	7 412	200 007	33 494	567 766	
	2021	111 327	114 514	2 189	109 576	9 009	346 615	
	2022	285 368	154 709	25 603	537 053	9 526	1 012 259	
	2023	421 179	324 834	29 328	707 795	36 297	1 519 433	
	2024	479 203	384 221	36 218	787 865	59 138	1 746 645	
2023	January	16 611	7 906	536	19 980	321	45 354	
	February	27 817	13 512	471	33 770	1 418	76 988	
	March	29 032	18 354	1 036	49 040	1 250	98 712	
	Jan. - Mar.	73 460	39 772	2 043	102 790	2 989	221 054	
	April	30 647	22 646	3 059	62 951	1 826	121 129	
	May	32 925	14 328	1 063	52 836	1 313	102 465	
	June	33 880	15 129	2 260	54 687	2 432	108 388	
	Apr. - Jun.	97 452	52 103	6 382	170 474	5 571	331 982	
	July	32 241	19 478	1 240	41 123	1 401	95 483	
	August	62 469	47 373	1 711	102 721	934	215 208	
	September	39 353	47 850	4 524	63 836	3 498	159 061	
	Jul. - Sept.	134 063	114 701	7 475	207 680	5 833	469 752	
	October	35 217	39 738	6 536	61 108	5 616	148 215	
	November	42 590	32 551	4 036	67 326	5 123	151 626	
	December	38 397	45 969	2 856	98 417	11 165	196 804	
	Oct. - Dec.	116 204	118 258	13 428	226 851	21 904	496 645	
	2024	January	43 796	41 807	7 531	59 629	3 126	155 889
		February	28 225	35 604	2 973	35 025	3 482	105 309
		March	36 431	43 763	2 092	57 310	4 185	143 781
		Jan. - Mar.	108 452	121 174	12 596	151 964	10 793	404 979
		April	35 810	46 790	2 321	58 072	4 330	147 323
		May	32 679	23 788	6 211	77 892	3 729	144 299
		June	36 278	22 479	2 475	58 434	3 590	123 256
		Apr. - Jun.	104 767	93 057	11 007	194 398	11 649	414 878
		July	37 923	30 264	5 134	73 899	4 600	151 820
		August	41 908	33 190	3 602	73 730	7 552	159 982
		September	40 670	19 000	1 501	70 022	11 048	142 241
		Jul. - Sept.	120 501	82 454	10 237	217 651	23 200	454 043
		October	57 509	31 097	1 084	86 328	4 588	180 606
		November	33 494	27 785	1 060	56 133	4 514	122 986
		December	54 480	28 654	234	81 391	4 394	169 153
		Oct. - Dec.	145 483	87 536	2 378	223 852	13 496	472 745
2024		January	41 138	19 805	2 142	49 646	4 329	117 060
		February	31 108	22 956	640	42 761	5 151	102 616
		March	32 310	29 853	1 422	67 009	6 391	136 985
		Jan. - Mar.	104 556	72 614	4 204	159 416	15 871	356 661

Table 4: Arriving visitors by country of last permanent residence, Jan. - Mar, 2024- 2025^(a)

Country of Last Permanent Residence	2024	2025			2024	2025
	CUMULATIVE FIGURES				CUMULATIVE FIGURES	CUMULATIVE FIGURES
	Jan. - Mar.	January	February	March	Oct. - Dec.	Jan. - Mar.
AFRICA:						
Angola	1 143	995	187	128	203	1 310
Botswana	8 115	1 394	4 160	4 995	30 871	10 549
D.R. Congo	996	136	162	339	731	637
Egypt	2 614	40	523	22	82	585
Ghana	1 220	79	34	191	358	304
Kenya	3 292	496	767	942	1 691	2 205
Lesotho	564	403	255	494	745	1 152
Malawi	8 871	3 654	3 378	4 180	6 900	11 212
Mauritius	294	43	40	62	650	145
Mozambique	35 153	11 273	9 308	8 088	25 750	28 669
Namibia	2 468	967	707	4 945	3 761	6 619
Nigeria	2 069	2 075	224	336	250	2 635
Seychelles	118	6	404	897	295	1 307
South Africa	50 662	19 768	17 506	22 869	100 773	60 143
Swaziland	1 772	803	2	19	1 561	824
Tanzania	3 718	2 801	1 002	1 389	3 103	5 192
Uganda	1 628	164	42	144	750	350
Zambia	23 841	6 804	7 018	14 169	28 818	27 991
Other Africa	5 211	1 287	472	1 785	17 852	3 544
TOTAL:	153 749	53 188	46 191	65 994	225 144	165 373
AMERICA:						
Argentina	200	113	2 098	355	1 004	2 566
Brazil	907	209	134	286	948	629
Canada	2 114	471	419	1 326	2 102	2 216
Mexico	926	360	293	176	5 480	829
United States of America	16 206	5 112	4 814	12 033	19 248	21 959
Other America	852	132	243	246	554	621
TOTAL:	21 205	6 397	8 001	14 422	29 336	28 820

Table 4: Arriving visitors by country of last permanent residence, Jan. - Mar, 2024- 2025^(a)

Country of Last Permanent Residence	2024	2025			2024	2025
	CUMULATIVE FIGURES				CUMULATIVE FIGURES	CUMULATIVE FIGURES
	Jan. - Mar.	January	February	March	Oct. - Dec.	Jan. - Mar.
ASIA:						
China/Hong Kong	3 335	1 738	2 333	4 440	11 028	8 511
India	3 131	1 122	501	1 315	2 623	2 938
Japan	1 467	579	646	1784	1 847	3 009
Malaysia	1367	242	306	863	1 211	1 411
Pakistan	310	60	4	16	209	80
Singapore	1240	246	262	435	1 293	943
South Korea	2 342	425	560	1094	3 300	2 079
Other Asia	913	12	16	71	569	99
TOTAL:	14 105	4 424	4 628	10 018	22 080	19 070
EUROPE:						
Austria	1 719	376	420	642	1 640	1 438
Britain and Ireland	9 915	2 678	2 788	1 806	13 185	7 272
Benelux (Belgium, Holland & Luxemburg).	4 008	578	690	610	3 053	1 878
France	3 423	690	638	1 081	4 012	2 409
Germany	5 361	1 455	1 455	2 481	6 319	5 391
Italy	3 550	437	598	938	2 497	1 973
Nordic Countries (Norway, Sweden & Denmark)	4 705	491	380	699	2 529	1 570
Portugal	949	200	275	227	749	702
Spain	4 763	1 434	839	1 492	3 168	3 765
Switzerland	3 191	307	478	987	1 635	1 772
Other Europe	881	267	277	536	565	1 080
TOTAL:	42 465	8 913	8 838	11 499	39 352	29 250
OCEANIA:						
Australia	7 213	1 150	877	1 591	8 392	3 618
New Zealand	3 782	1 577	2 584	756	1 787	4 917
Other Oceania and Contiguous Islands	325	54	47	88	364	189
TOTAL:	11 320	2 781	3 508	2 435	10 543	8 724

Table 4: Arriving visitors by country of last permanent residence, Jan. - Mar, 2023- 2024^(a)

Country of Last Permanent Residence	2024	2025			2024	2025
	CUMULATIVE FIGURES				CUMULATIVE FIGURES	CUMULATIVE FIGURES
	Jan. - Mar.	January	February	March	Oct. - Dec.	Jan. - Mar.
CARIBBEAN						
Cuba	36	7	4	2	8	13
Jamaica	98	64	80	49	78	193
Other Caribbean Islands	61	29	36	29	33	94
TOTAL:	195	100	120	80	119	300
MIDDLE EAST						
Iran	113	2	5	4	58	11
Israel	499	55	47	178	416	280
Kuwait	17	1	90	11	11	102
Saudi Arabia	33	0		1	16	1
United Arab Emirates	47	8	38	6	24	52
Other Middle East Countries	17	53	42	27	163	122
TOTAL:	726	119	222	227	688	568
GRAND TOTAL:	243 765	75 922	71 508	104 675	807	252 105

Note: (1) ^(a) In transit visitors are excluded from this table, but visitors staying for less than one night are included.

Table 4: Arriving visitors by country of last permanent residence, Oct. - Dec, 2023- 2024^(a)

Country of Last Permanent Residence	2023	2024			2024	2024
	CUMULATIVE FIGURES				CUMULATIVE FIGURES	CUMULATIVE FIGURES
	Jul. - Sept.	October	November	December	Jul - Sept.	Oct - Dec.
ASIA:						
China/Hong Kong	9 388	4 053	2 922	4 053	11 109	11 028
India	5 392	903	1 027	693	5 994	2 623
Japan	2 370	908	418	521	3 526	1 847
Malaysia	1505	509	446	256	1 921	1 211
Pakistan	1 262	67	75	67	343	209
Singapore	2141	572	402	319	2 524	1 293
South Korea	2 477	1 191	918	1191	2 391	3 300
Other Asia	96	61	447	61	473	569
TOTAL:	32 581	8 264	6 655	7 161	28 281	22 080
EUROPE:						
Austria	1 924	624	620	396	2 504	1 640
Britain and Ireland	21 928	5 270	2 689	5 226	15 502	13 185
Benelux (Belgium, Holland & Luxembourg).	3 800	1204	892	957	4 243	3 053
France	5 578	1708	943	1 361	4 590	4 012
Germany	5 528	2 103	2 414	1 802	6 982	6 319
Italy	3 271	838	1 150	509	4 618	2 497
Nordic Countries (Norway, Sweden & Denmark)	3 439	1 130	626	773	3 787	2 529
Portugal	1 009	368	251	130	1 236	749
Spain	4 922	843	1 705	620	7 501	3 168
Switzerland	2 512	506	724	405	2 911	1 635
Other Europe	1 005	150	265	150	1 218	565
TOTAL:	54 916	14 744	12 279	12 329	55 092	39 352
OCEANIA:						
Australia	6 878	3 325	1 978	3 089	8 867	8 392
New Zealand	3 820	497	966	324	4 622	1 787
Other Oceania and Contiguous Islands	260	173	42	149	479	364
TOTAL:	10 958	3 995	2 986	3 562	13 968	10 543

Table 4: Arriving visitors by country of last permanent residence, Oct. - Dec, 2023- 2024^(a)

Country of Last Permanent Residence	2023	2024			2024	2024
	CUMULATIVE FIGURES				CUMULATIVE FIGURES	CUMULATIVE FIGURES
	Jul. - Sept.	October	November	December	Jul - Sept.	Oct - Dec.
CARIBBEAN						
Cuba	204	3	4	1	64	8
Jamaica	338	33	12	33	110	78
Other Caribbean Islands	113	11	11	11	143	33
TOTAL:	655	47	27	45	317	119
MIDDLE EAST						
Iran	232	13	32	13	51	58
Israel	1 567	85	292	39	1 285	416
Kuwait	0	0	11	0	119	11
Saudi Arabia	22	0	16	0	53	16
United Arab Emirates	39	0	24	0	261	24
Other Middle East Countries	332	79	39	45	791	163
TOTAL:	2 192	177	414	97	2 560	688
GRAND TOTAL:	364 098	123 097	89 492	114 673	327 580	327 262

Note: (1) ^(a) In transit visitors are excluded from this table, but visitors staying for less than one night are included.

List of Province and Ports of entry/exit

Manicaland

Cashel Road

Mutare Road

Mount Selinda

Mashonaland Central

Kanyemba Road

Mukumbura Road

Mashonaland East

Nyamapanda

Mashonaland West

Chirundu

Kariba Road

Kariba Airport

Masvingo

Buffalo Range Airport

Masvingo Airport

Sango Road

Matabeleland South

Beitbridge Rail

Beitbridge Road

Mlambapele

Mphoengs Road

Maitengwe Road

Plumtree Road

Matabeleland North

Kazungula Road

Pandamatenga Road

Victoria Falls International Airport

Victoria Falls Road

Midlands

Thornhill Airbase

Bulawayo

Joshua Mqabuko Nkomo International Airport

Harare

Charles Prince Airport

Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport