



QUARTERLY INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION STATISTICS REPORT

FIRST QUARTER 2024



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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 (6) has the highest number of ports of entry and exit followed by Matabeleland North with four, while Mashonaland East, Midlands and Bulawayo have the lowest number of ports of entry and exit, with one each.

Chapter 2. Summary of Findings

2.1 Introduction

The country received a total of 851,592 arrivals during the first quarter of 2024. The distribution of arrivals by category of visit is shown in Figure 2.1. Returning residents from abroad (52.8%) constituted the highest proportion of arrivals during the first quarter of 2024.

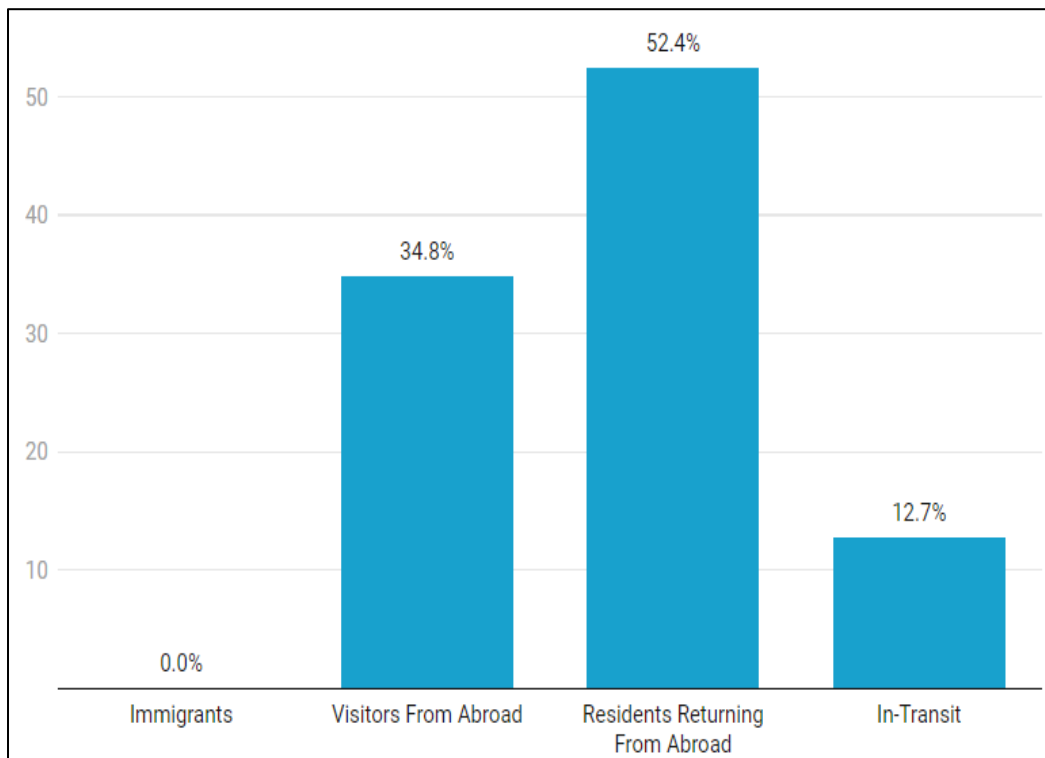


Figure 2.1: Distribution of the 2024 First Quarter Arrivals by Category

2.2 Immigrants

The number of immigrants increased to 221 in the first quarter of 2024 from 98 immigrants recorded in the first quarter of 2023.

2.3 Visitors from Abroad

There were 409,979 visitors from abroad who came to Zimbabwe during the first quarter of 2024 compared to 211,054 in the first quarter of 2023 representing an increase of 83.2 percent.

2.4 Residents Returning from Abroad

There were 446,392 residents returning from abroad during the first quarter of 2024 compared to 382,260 in the first quarter of 2023. This indicates an increase of 16.8 percent (Figure 2.2).

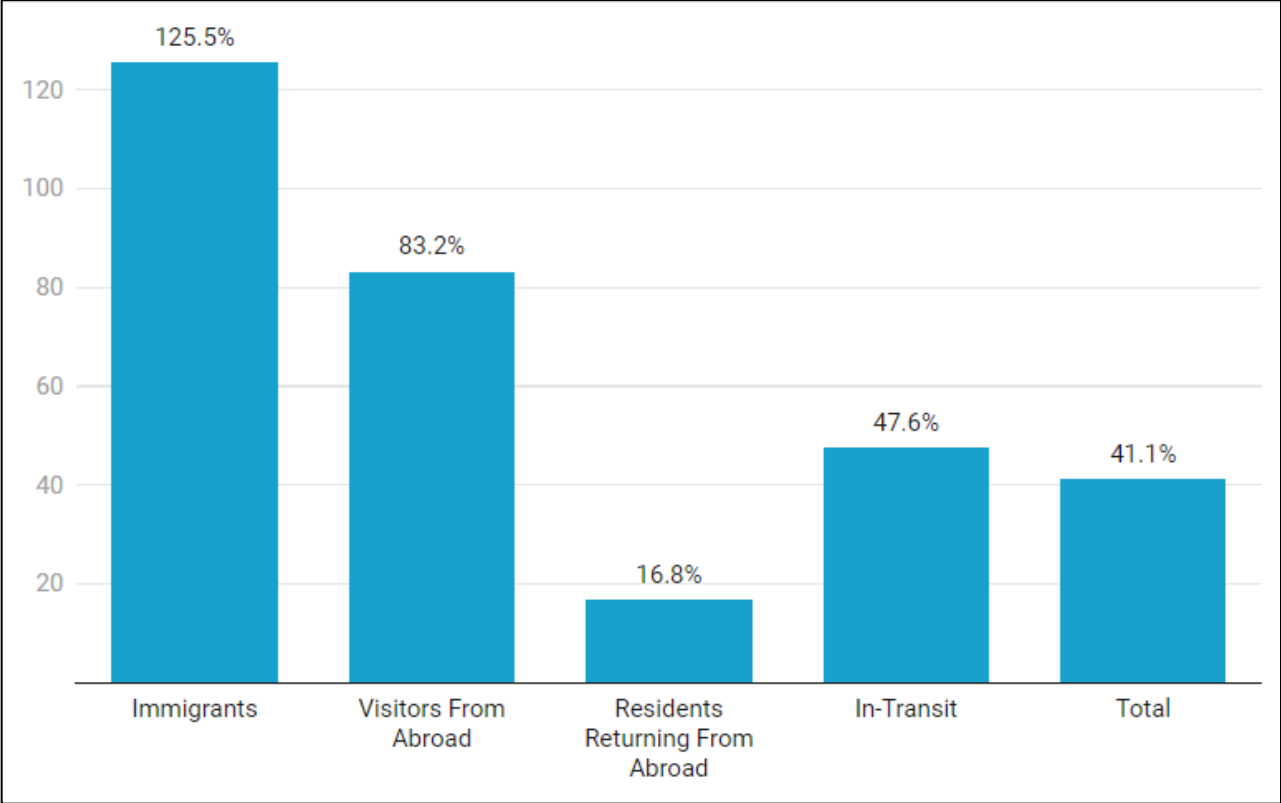


Figure 2.2: Percentage Change of Arrivals by Category 2023/24

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 (66.9%) of visitors used road transport when entering Zimbabwe.

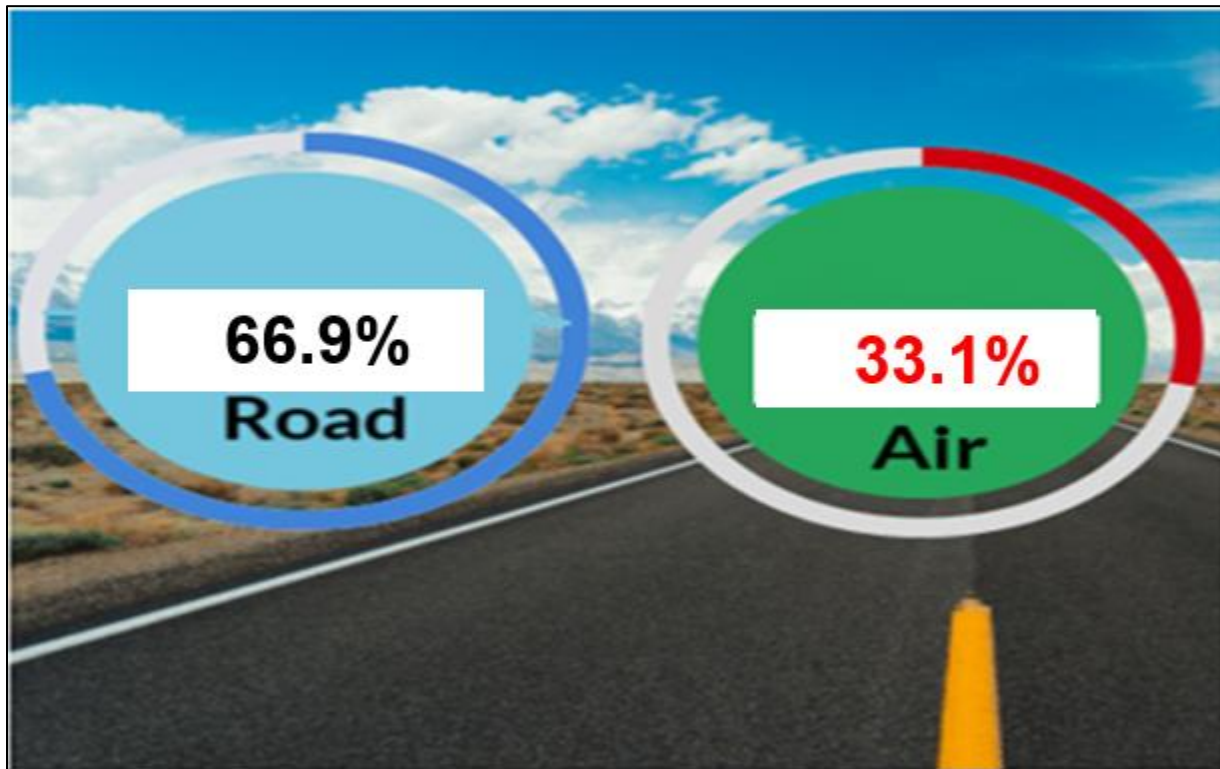


Figure 3.1: Distribution of 2024 First Quarter Visitors by Mode of Travel when Entering Zimbabwe

3.1 Air

The number of visitors coming to Zimbabwe who used air for their travel during the first quarter of 2024 was 134,107 representing 33.1 percent of all arriving visitors. The volume of visitors who arrived by air increased by 171.6 percent from 49,369 in the first quarter of 2023. The majority of visitors who used air came through Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport (96,658) followed by Victoria Falls Airport (30,840) and Joshua Mqabuko Nkomo International Airport (6,102).

3.2 Road

A total of 270,776 arrivals constituting 66.9 percent of total arrivals used road as their mode of travel to get into Zimbabwe in the first quarter of 2024. In comparison, 171,419 arrivals were recorded at road ports of entry in the first quarter of 2023. The majority of arriving visitors by road came through Beitbridge (78,989) followed by Victoria Falls Road (51,475).

Chapter 4: Arriving Visitors by Purpose of Visit

4.1 Introduction

A total of 404,979 visitors from abroad entered the country during the first quarter of 2024. The visitors visited the country for various purposes which were categorised into in-transit, business, educational, holiday and shopping. The proportion of visitors who came for holiday was 37.5 percent (Figure 4.1).

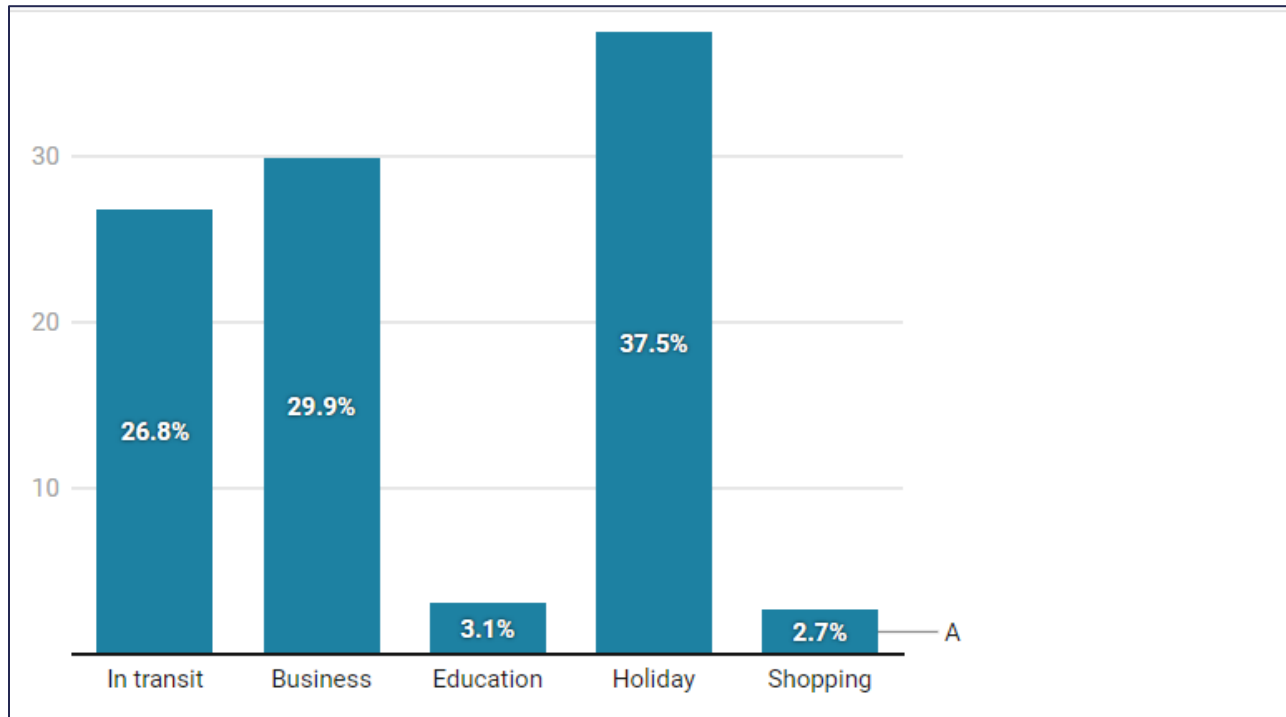


Figure 4.1: Distribution of 2024 First Quarter Visitors from Abroad by Purpose of Visit

4.2 In Transit

During the first quarter of 2024, there were 108,852 in-transit visitors compared to 73,460 during the same quarter in 2023 representing an increase of 47.6 percent.

4.3 Business

The number of arriving visitors who came for business purposes increased by 204.7 percent from quarter ending March 2023 to first quarter of 2024. The number increased from 39,772 to 121,174 in the quarters under review.

4.4 Education

Visitors who came to Zimbabwe for educational purposes in the first quarter of 2024 increased by

516.6 percent from the first quarter of 2023. There were 12,596 education visitors in the quarter ending March 2024 compared to 2,043 for the same quarter in 2023.

4.5 Holiday

The number of holiday visitors increased from a figure of 102,790 in the first quarter of 2023 to 151,964 for the quarter ending March 2024 showing an increase of 47.8 percent.

4.6 Shopping

There were 10,793 visitors in the quarter ending March 2024 who came for shopping up from a figure of 2,989 visitors recorded in the quarter ending March 2023. This represented an increase of 261.1 percent (Figure 4.2).

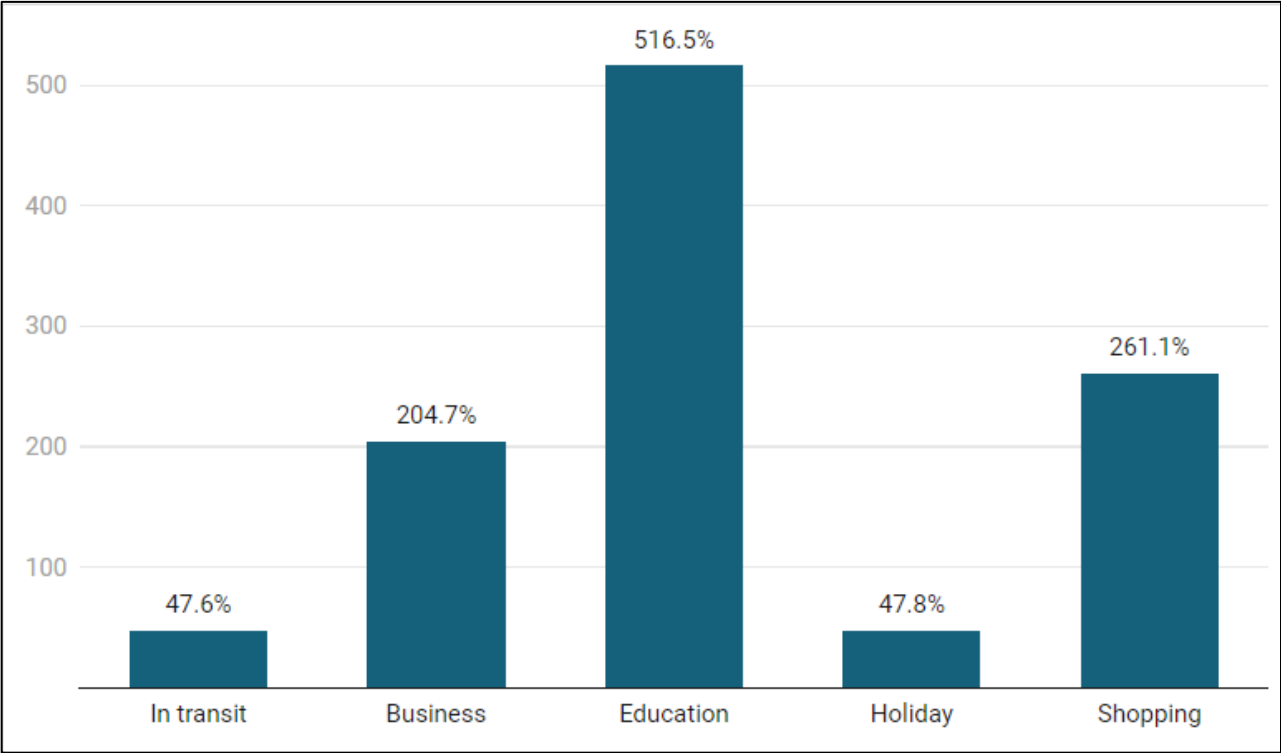


Figure 4.2: Percentage Change of Visitors from Abroad by Purpose of Visit 2023/24

Chapter 5: Arriving Visitors by Country of Last Permanent Residence

During first quarter of 2024 there were 153,749 arriving visitors whose country of last permanent residence was in Africa compared to 55,335 who arrived in the first quarter of 2023. This represented an increase of 177.9 percent. The majority of these visitors came from South Africa (50,662) followed by Mozambique (35,153) and Zambia (23,841) (Figure 5.1).



Figure 5.1: Distribution of 2024 First Quarter Visitors by Main Source Markets

Appendices

Table 1: Summary of Arrivals and Departures, 2006 - 2024^(a)

Period	Arrivals			Departures	
	Immigrants	Visitors From Abroad	Residents Returning From Abroad	TOTAL	TOTAL Exitors
2006	1 367	3 342 112	3 194 256	6 537 735	3 865 371
2007	752	1 435 237	1 742 759	3 178 697	2 729 765
2008	478	935 260	1 654 529	2 513 083	2 614 458
2009	569	1 152 266	1 603 475	2 756 310	2 387 754
2010	2 087	2 430 884	3 252 410	5 685 381	4 634 417
2011	1 318	2 619 786	3 766 041	6 387 145	5 007 893
2012	548	1 724 115	2 340 982	4 065 645	1 860 778
2013	244	1 944 705	2 935 092	4 880 041	4 097 957
2014	260	1 928 477	3 161 289	5 090 026	3 821 651
2015	1 604	2 059 640	3 553 091	5 614 335	5 126 701
2016	627	2 269 895	3 228 925	5 499 447	5 110 758
2017	568	2 404 880	2 926 098	5 331 546	5 223 541
2018	863	2 620 119	3 090 647	5 710 766	5 358 971
2019	542	2 466 183	3 337 396	5 804 121	5 452 009
2020	154	1 129 382	1 614 970	2 744 695	1 967 594
2021	311	346 615	401 202	748 128	1 148 650
2022	520	1 337 565	1 243 637	2 581 722	2 558 778
2023	564	1 519 433	2 406 526	3 926 523	3 592 151
2023 January	11	45 354	52 984	98 349	115 381
February	38	76 988	146 661	223 687	210 136
March	49	98 712	182 615	281 376	248 602
Jan. - Mar.	98	221 054	382 260	603 412	574 119
April	45	121 129	219 294	340 468	303 015
May	57	102 465	234 697	337 219	297 269
June	63	108 388	201 386	309 837	303 132
Apr. - Jun.	165	331 982	655 377	987 524	903 416
July	60	95 483	227 240	322 783	305 424
August	71	215 208	64 530	279 809	299 761
September	65	159 061	229 230	388 356	413 253
Jul. - Sept.	196	469 752	521 000	990 948	1 018 438
October	47	148 215	223 291	371 553	320 319
November	37	151 626	226 204	377 867	338 349
December	21	196 804	398 394	595 219	437 510
Oct. - Dec.	105	496 645	847 889	1 344 639	1 096 178
2024 January	80	155 889	79 218	235 187	462 072
February	65	105 309	155 703	261 077	266 722
March	76	143 781	211 471	355 328	347 902
Jan. - Mar.	221	404 979	446 392	851 592	1 076 696

Note: (1) ^(a) The method of data collection used for this report does not split departures into the respective categories from 2006 to 2010 and from October 2012. Totals on departure from January 2012 to September 2012 are from exit cards and those for 2012 to March 2024 are from Port Returns.

Table 2: Arriving visitors by mode of travel and port of entry, Jan. - Mar., 2023- 2024.

Mode of Travel and Port of Entry	2023	2024			2023	2024
	Cumulative Figures				Cumulative Figures	Cumulative Figures
	Jan. - Mar.	January	February	March	Oct. - Dec.	Jan. - Mar.
AIR:						
Buffalo Range	97	60	41	122	256	223
Charles Prince	92	25	16	28	35	69
Harare	27 323	32 836	28 412	35 410	125 071	96 658
Joshua Nkomo	6 603	1 687	1 687	2 638	8 418	6 012
Kariba	151	49	84	172	1 228	305
Masvingo	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mutare	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thornhill Airbase ^(*)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Victoria Falls	15 103	8 862	9 483	12 495	33 786	30 840
TOTAL:	49 369	43 519	39 723	50 865	168 794	134 107
RAIL:						
Plumtree	266	64	0	32	0	96
TOTAL:	266	64	0	32	0	96
ROAD:						
Beitbridge	42 838	32 077	15 583	31 329	86 656	78 989
Binga	0	451	354	327	1 194	1 132
Cashel	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chirundu	31 032	22 315	0	10 523	44 726	32 838
Kanyemba	53	1	0	0	34	1
Kariba	1 698	530	380	3 964	3 020	4 874
Kazunqula	10 167	4 387	6 262	0	23 418	10 649
Maitengwe	924	198	202	1 281	1 993	1 681
Mlambapele ^(#)	161	31	69	496	456	596
Mount Selinda	566	308	347	254	849	909
Mphoenas	1 032	0	293	332	2 858	625
Mukumbura	82	32	20	0	143	52
Mutare	13 362	12 671	13 882	11 272	34 684	37 825
Nyamapanda	31 150	15 231	11 227	9 853	34 416	36 311
Pandamatenqa	262	46	80	131	346	257
Plumtree	9 983	4 099	1 712	6 478	28 875	12 289
Sanqo	331	102	55	116	478	273
Victoria Falls	27 778	19 827	15 120	16 528	63 542	51 475
TOTAL:	171 419	112 306	65 586	92 884	327 851	270 776
GRAND TOTAL:	221 054	155 889	105 309	143 781	496 645	404 979

Table 3: Arriving visitors by purpose of visit, 2013 - 2024.

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	92 548	97 408	2 352	85 244	7 919	277 560
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
2022 January	9 659	11 356	145	14 868	117	36 145
February	15 130	9 640	7 254	16 430	651	49 105
March	15 130	11 518	488	36 552	683	64 371
Jan. - Mar.	39 919	32 514	7 887	67 850	1 451	149 621
April	17 978	14 134	843	46 800	502	80 257
May	20 865	13 703	461	41 025	256	76 310
June	13 643	13 449	1 041	45 602	805	74 540
Apr. - Jun.	52 486	41 286	2 345	133 427	1 563	231 107
July	26 788	14 107	2 091	56 810	281	100 077
August	34 462	13 316	9 964	59 462	756	117 960
September	31 873	9 244	187	58 860	2 037	102 201
Jul. - Sept.	93 123	36 667	12 242	175 132	3 074	320 238
October	35 333	13 868	2 365	57 016	1 041	109 623
November	29 798	12 041	528	52 781	1 686	96 834
December	34 709	18 333	236	50 847	711	104 836
Oct. - Dec.	99 840	44 242	3 129	160 644	3 438	311 293
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

Table 4: Arriving visitors by country of last permanent residence, Jan. - Mar, 2022- 2024^(a)

Country of Last Permanent Residence	2023	2024			2023	2024
	CUMULATIVE FIGURES				CUMULATIVE FIGURES	CUMULATIVE FIGURES
	Jan. - Mar.	January	February	March	Oct. - Dec.	Jan. - Mar.
AFRICA:						
Anqola	223	588	220	335	855	1 143
Botswana	2 343	2 969	2 056	3 090	23 242	8 115
D.R. Congo	230	99	63	834	2 386	996
Egypt	131	2 478	101	35	594	2 614
Ghana	121	1 120	42	58	1 199	1 220
Kenya	575	881	980	1431	5 322	3 292
Lesotho	237	81	129	354	1 342	564
Malawi	3 298	5 283	1 647	1 941	12 205	8 871
Mauritius	91	174	71	49	865	294
Mozambique	7 698	12 632	11 760	10 761	34 498	35 153
Namibia	607	482	724	1 262	3 746	2 468
Nigeria	256	866	705	498	2 928	2 069
South Africa	26 434	17 955	13 487	19 220	81 827	50 662
Swaziland	1 025	609	208	955	2 585	1 772
Seychelles	182	12	90	16	631	118
Tanzania	530	2 522	573	623	2 303	3 718
Uganda	229	760	140	728	518	1 628
Zambia	8 963	11 571	1 189	11 081	40 517	23 841
Other Africa	2 162	4 336	346	529	6 080	5 211
TOTAL:	55 335	65 418	34 531	53 800	223 643	153 749
AMERICA:						
Argentina	8	55	53	92	245	200
Brazil	193	323	273	311	1 346	907
Canada	962	752	607	755	4 439	2 114
Mexico	99	187	128	611	843	926
United States of America	8 702	5 773	3 716	6 717	30 746	16 206
Other America	106	11	796	45	1 534	852
TOTAL:	10 070	7 101	5 573	8 531	39 153	21 205

Table 4: Arriving visitors by country of last permanent residence, Jan. - Mar, 2022- 2024^(a)

Country of Last Permanent Residence	2023	2024			2023	2024
	CUMULATIVE FIGURES				CUMULATIVE FIGURES	CUMULATIVE FIGURES
	Jan. - Mar.	January	February	March	Oct. - Dec.	Jan. - Mar.
ASIA:						
China/Hong Kong	5 683	1 545	483	1 307	9 388	3 335
India	1 432	1 042	1 034	1 055	5 392	3 131
Japan	304	366	430	671	2 370	1 467
Malaysia	162	305	957	105	1 505	1 367
Pakistan	119	89	95	126	1 262	310
Singapore	211	609	348	283	2 141	1 240
South Korea	247	560	622	1160	2 477	2 342
Other Asia	217	31	820	62	96	913
TOTAL:	8 375	4 547	4 789	4 769	32 581	14 105
EUROPE:						
Austria	356	828	515	376	1 924	1 719
Britain and Ireland	18 597	2 553	3 480	3 882	21 928	9 915
Benelux (Belgium, Holland & Luxemburg)	1 561	1 539	1 505	964	3 800	4 008
France	2 272	1 270	999	1 154	5 578	3 423
Germany	2 768	2 086	1 531	1 744	5 528	5 361
Italy	836	1 498	1 371	681	3 271	3 550
Nordic Countries (Norway, Sweden & Denmark)	936	1 483	1 921	1 301	3 439	4 705
Portugal	502	368	303	278	1 009	949
Spain	659	2 308	1 084	1 371	4 922	4 763
Switzerland	1 537	1 240	1 076	875	2 512	3 191
Other Europe	813	279	209	393	1 005	881
TOTAL:	30 837	15 452	13 994	13 019	54 916	42 465
OCEANIA:						
Australia	1 885	2 719	2 367	2 127	6 878	7 213
New Zealand	1 377	1 654	1 317	811	3 820	3 782
Other Oceania and Contiguous Islands	1 247	284	0	41	260	325
TOTAL:	4 509	4 657	3 684	2 979	10 958	11 320

Table 4: Arriving visitors by country of last permanent residence, Jan. - Mar, 2022- 2024^(a)

Country of Last Permanent Residence	2023	2024			2023	2024
	CUMULATIVE FIGURES				CUMULATIVE FIGURES	CUMULATIVE FIGURES
	Jan. - Mar.	January	February	March	Oct. - Dec.	Jan. - Mar.
CARIBBEAN						
Cuba	6	8	8	20	204	36
Jamaica	11	32	25	41	338	98
Other Caribbean Islands	30	14	19	28	113	61
TOTAL:	47	54	52	89	655	195
MIDDLE EAST						
Iran	13	2	89	22	232	113
Israel	406	136	48	315	1 567	499
Kuwait	9	2	8	7	0	17
Saudi Arabia	0	12	3	18	22	33
United Arab Emirates	30	11	12	24	39	47
Other Middle East Countries	139	3	6	8	332	17
TOTAL:	597	166	166	394	2 192	726
GRAND TOTAL:	1 09 770	97 395	62 789	83 581	2 847	243 765

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 Road

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

Bulawayo International Airport

Harare

Charles Prince Airport

Robert Gabriel Mugabe International
Airport