MEASUREMENT OF INBOUND TOURISM (MAINLY BY AIR)

- Lesotho has only one (1) International Airport being the Moshoeshoe I International Airport. Visitors, on arrival and departure are requested to fill the Immigration forms (Self fill) which are then presented to and checked by Immigration officials at the Airport. The forms are then collected monthly by the Lesotho Tourism Development Corporation (LTDC) which takes the responsibility of editing, coding, capturing, tabulation and analysis of the information collected. The statistics are then published on monthly basis and at the end of the year an analytical report is then produced (by the LTDC).

- The 2009 Arrivals show that about 13, 549 visitors arrived by air into Lesotho, this is about 3.95 percent of the 2009 Arrivals into Lesotho. The arrivals peaked during August (1,678 visitors) which was followed by November (1,402 visitors) and then September and October with 1,372 and 1,328 visitors respectively.

- Variables include: Age, Sex, Country of Residence, Purpose of Visit, Mode of Travel, Length of Stay but however does not include expenditure, therefore we have no information on expenditure.

- The forms of accommodation used are mainly Hotels, Lodges, Guest Houses, Hostels, Bed and Breakfast, Self Catering and Home Stays.
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