

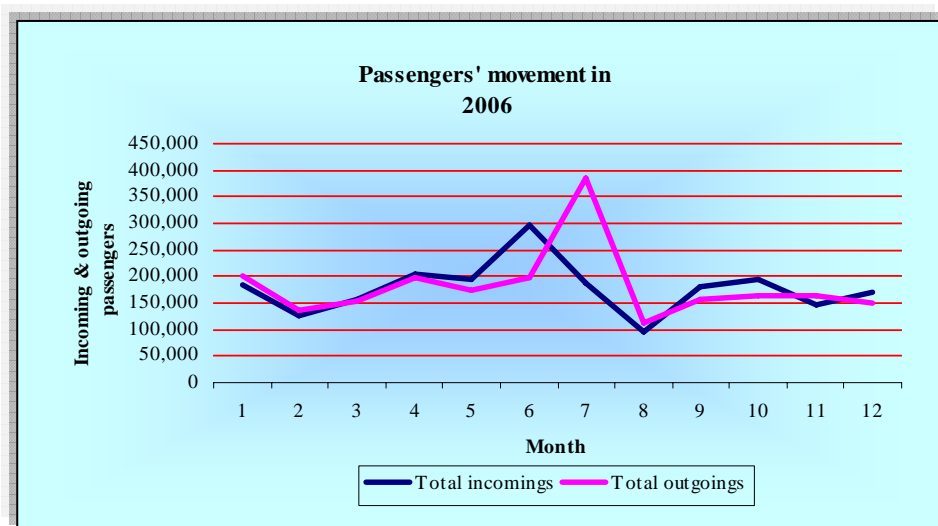
CHAPTER 7 – TOURISM

Tourism statistics are composed of the statistics of passengers' movement, visitors of tourist sites, hotels, furnished apartments, and car rental agencies.

1 Passengers' movement

The General Directorate of General Security provides the statistics of arrivals and departures of passengers according to the countries to and from Lebanon and gender. The flights are among the following countries: Lebanon, Arab Countries excluding Lebanon, Asia excluding Arab countries, Americas, Europe, Africa excluding Arab countries, Oceania and other countries. The total number of passengers is equal to 4 329 129 arrivals and departures. 2 140 591 arrived in 2006 (49.5% of the total) and 2 188 538 left (50.5% of the total).

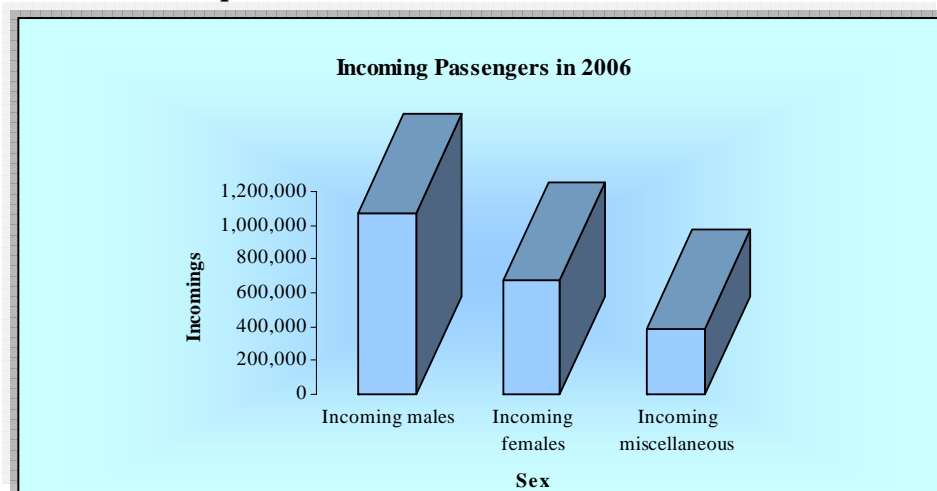
Graph number 38 – Passengers' movement in 2006



Source: General Directorate of the General Security (2006)

The arrivals are equal to 2 140 591 passengers of whom 1 077 498 males (50.3% of total arrivals), 671 590 females (31.4%) and 391 503 miscellaneous (bodyguards and all other persons who are registered on the same travelling document) and where gender is not mentioned (18.3%).

Graph number 39 – Arrivals to Lebanon in 2006

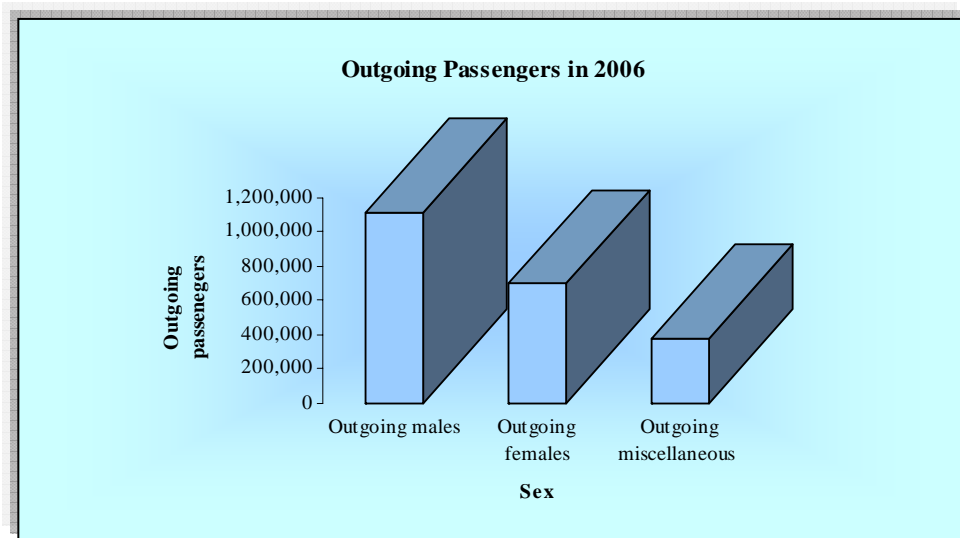


Source: General Directorate of the General Security (2006)

The highest arrivals are those of Lebanese which are equal to 914 716 (42.7% of total arrivals). The highest number of arrivals is registered in June and is equal to 296 100 passengers (13.8% of total arrivals).

Departures are equal to 2 188 538 passengers divided among 1 114 000 males (50.9% of total departures) and 696 362 females (31.8%) and 378 176 miscellaneous (bodyguards and all other persons who are registered on the same travelling document) and where gender is not mentioned (17.3%).

Graph number 40 – Departures from Lebanon in 2006



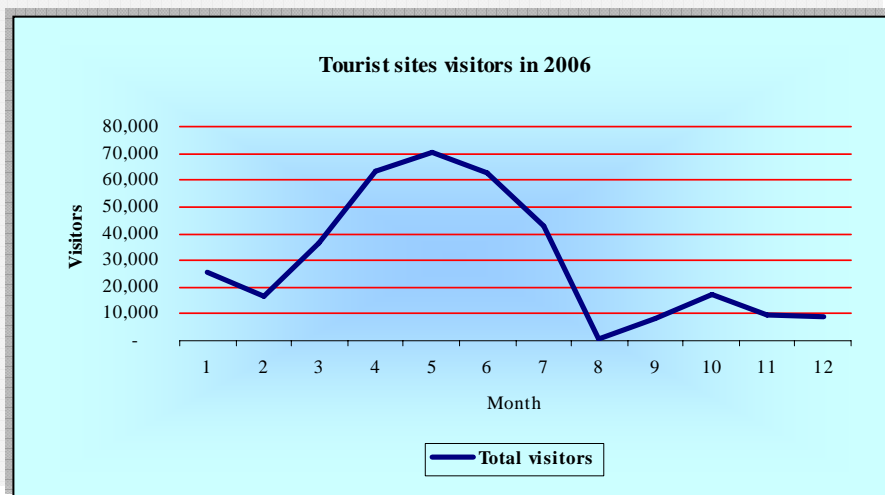
Source: General Directorate of the General Security (2006)

Lebanese are the most who leave Lebanon. Their number is equal to 926 888 persons (42.4% of total departures). The peak of departures is observed in July because of the Israeli aggression and is equal to 383 804 passengers (17.5% of total departures) General Directorate of the General Security (2006).

2 Visitors of tourist sites

The available statistics are those of 10 tourist sites. Total number of visitors is equal to 362 068 people and the highest rate is registered in May and is equal to 70 442 visitors (19.5%).

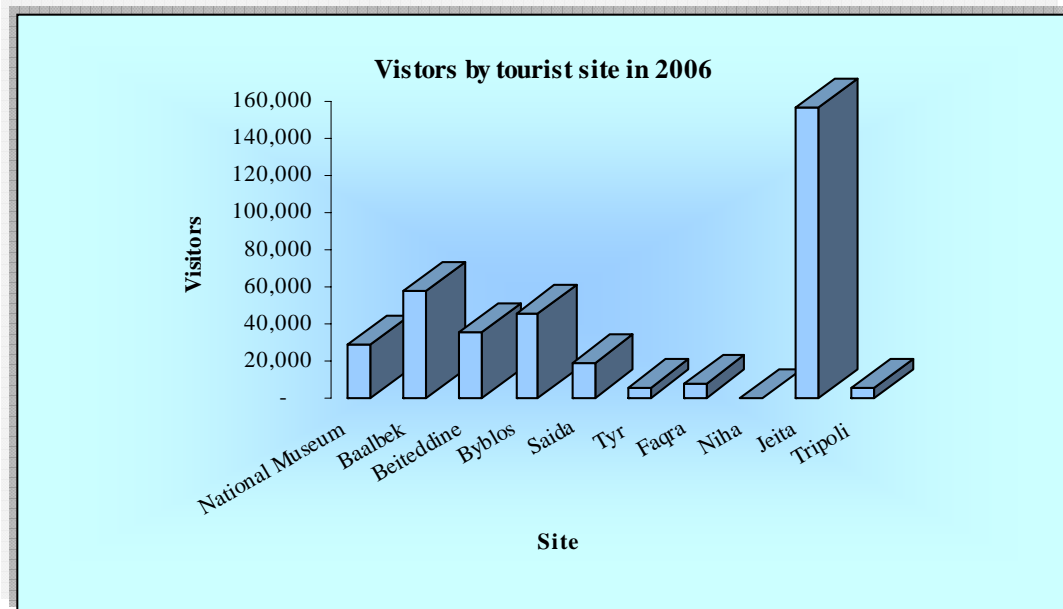
Graph number 41 – Tourist sites visitors



Sources: Ministry of Culture and High Education and Ministry of Tourism (2006)

Jeita attracts the visitors the most among all other tourist sites. The number of its visitors is equal to 156 431 (43.2%). Came second Baalbek with 58 072 visitors (16.0%), then Byblos with 45 588 visitors (12.6%) and finally Beiteddine with 35 416 visitors (9.8%) (Ministry of Culture and High Education and Ministry of Tourism, 2006).

Graph number 42 – Visitors by tourist site



Sources: Ministry of Culture and High Education and Ministry of Tourism (2006)

Tourism also consists of 686 tourist units which are 300 hotels, 99 furnished apartments, 143 car rental agencies, 72 travel agencies, 40 airlines agencies, 22 ecotourism and leisure agencies and 10 handcraft shops (Ministry of Tourism, 2006).

Table number 20 – Tourist units in Lebanon

| Units | Number |
|----------------------|------------|
| Hotels | 300 |
| Furnished apartments | 99 |
| Car rental agencies | 143 |
| Travel agencies | 72 |
| Airways agencies | 40 |
| Ecotourism – Leisure | 22 |
| Handcraft shops | 10 |
| Tourist sites | 10 |
| Total | 696 |

Source: Ministry of Tourism (2006)

3 Hotels

There are 300 hotels in Lebanon in 2006 containing 393 suites, 15 526 rooms, 25 805 beds and 316 restaurants.

3.1 The distribution of hotels according to stars and categories

There are 21 labelled five stars hotels, 53 labelled four stars, 75 labelled 3 stars, 61 labelled 2 stars, 24 labelled 1 star and 66 hotels under labelling. The following table details these data.

Table number 21 – Distribution of hotels according to the number of stars and categories

| Stars category & | Hotels | Suites | Rooms | Beds | Restaurants |
|------------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| 5 stars | 21 | 86 | 3,284 | 4,457 | 81 |
| 4 stars | 3 | 0 | 86 | 154 | 4 |
| 4 stars A | 27 | 97 | 2,052 | 3,315 | 57 |
| 4 stars B | 23 | 0 | 1,704 | 2,818 | 36 |
| 3 stars | 7 | 0 | 286 | 452 | 8 |
| 3 stars A | 41 | 147 | 1,901 | 3,367 | 39 |
| 3 stars B | 27 | 0 | 1,352 | 2,147 | 18 |
| 2 stars | 4 | 0 | 105 | 189 | 0 |
| 2 stars A | 34 | 30 | 1,096 | 2,093 | 16 |
| 2 stars B | 23 | 0 | 868 | 1,710 | 9 |
| 1 star A | 19 | 0 | 510 | 912 | 7 |
| 1 star B | 6 | 0 | 141 | 219 | 0 |
| Under labelling | 66 | 33 | 2,141 | 3,972 | 41 |
| Total | 300 | 393 | 15,526 | 25,805 | 316 |

Source: Ministry of Tourism (2006)

3.2 The distribution of hotels by Mohafaza

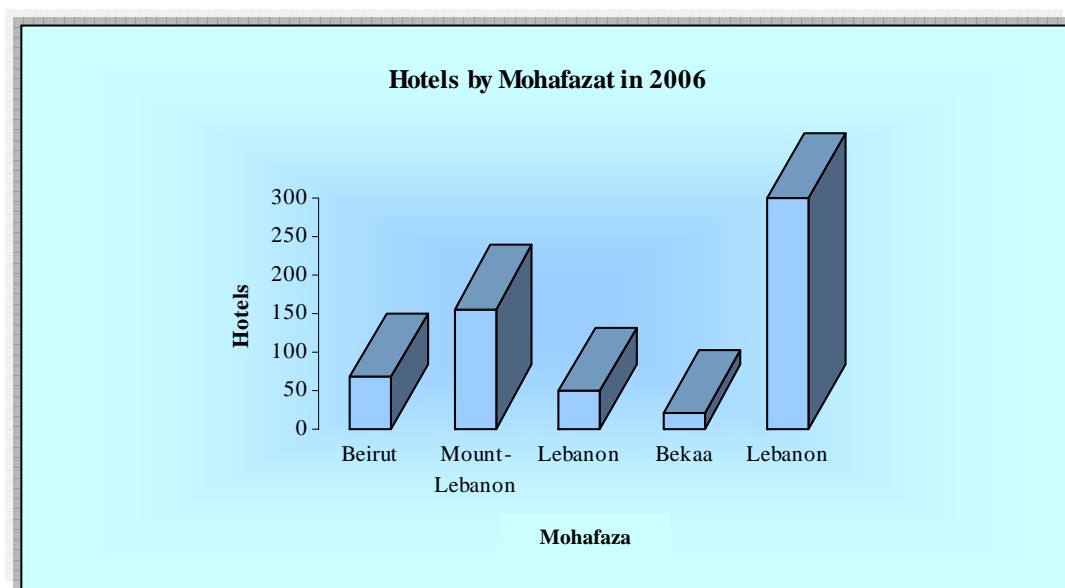
There are 67 hotels in Beirut composed of 156 suites, of 5 568 rooms, 7 945 beds and 111 restaurants. Mount-Lebanon contains 155 hotels especially in Matn and Kessrouan. North Lebanon contains 49 hotels and South Lebanon contains 10 hotels without suites.

Table number 22 – Distribution of hotels according to Mohafaza

| Mohafaza | Hotels | Suites | Rooms | Beds | Restaurants |
|---------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Beirut | 67 | 156 | 5,568 | 7,945 | 111 |
| Mount-Lebanon | 155 | 228 | 7,051 | 12,615 | 153 |
| North Lebanon | 49 | 9 | 1,846 | 3,283 | 26 |
| Beqaa | 19 | 0 | 681 | 1,230 | 9 |
| South Lebanon | 10 | 0 | 380 | 732 | 17 |
| Total | 300 | 393 | 15,526 | 25,805 | 316 |

Source: Ministry of Tourism (2006)

Graph number 43 – Distribution of hotels according to Mohafaza



Source: Ministry of Tourism (2006)

4 Furnished apartments

There are 99 furnished apartments distributed according to class and Mohafaza.

4.1 The distribution of furnished apartments according to class

The 99 furnished apartments consisted of 3 065 rooms and 6 069 beds. They are distributed into three classes. The following table displays the details of this sector.

Table number 23 – Distribution of furnished apartments according to class

| Class | Apartments | Rooms | Beds |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Class 1 | 34 | 1,367 | 2,494 |
| Class 1 | 30 | 1,015 | 1,968 |
| Class 1 | 11 | 238 | 402 |
| Under labelling | 24 | 445 | 745 |
| Total | 99 | 3,065 | 5,609 |

Source: Ministry of Tourism (2006)

4.2 The distribution of furnished apartments according to caza

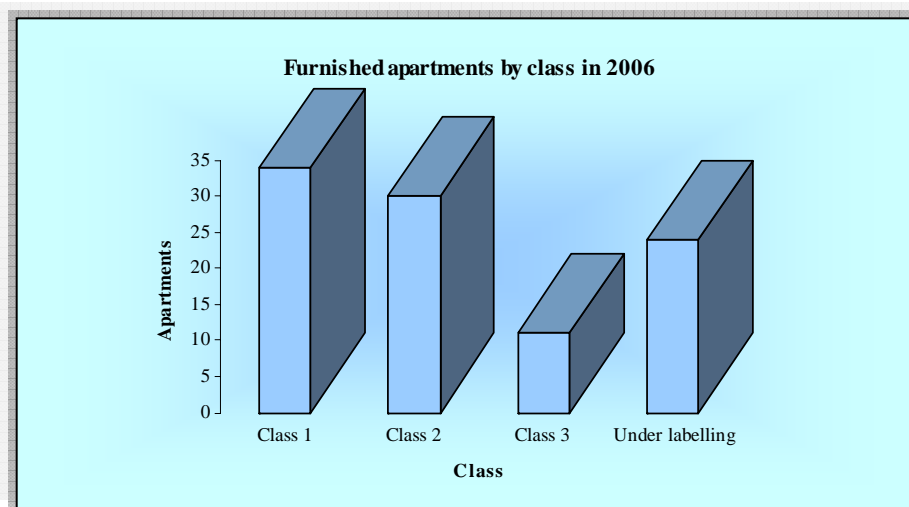
The 99 furnished apartments are distributed among Beirut (56), Kessrouan (19), and Matn (13). The following table details these data.

Table number 24 – Distribution of furnished apartments according to Caza

| Mohafaza | Apartments | Rooms | Beds |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Beirut | 56 | 1,984 | 3,678 |
| Mount-Lebanon – Aley | 5 | 120 | 230 |
| Mount-Lebanon – Chouf | 1 | 12 | 24 |
| Mount-Lebanon – Matn | 13 | 382 | 691 |
| Mount-Lebanon – Kessrouan | 19 | 523 | 919 |
| Mount-Lebanon – Jbayl | 5 | 44 | 67 |
| Total | 99 | 3,065 | 5,609 |

Source: Ministry of Tourism (2006)

Graph number 44 – Distribution of furnished apartments according to class



Source: Ministry of Tourism (2006)

5 Car rental agencies

There are 143 car rental agencies in Lebanon. The oldest one was established in 1971. the year 2002 shows the highest number of new car rental agencies (24 agencies).

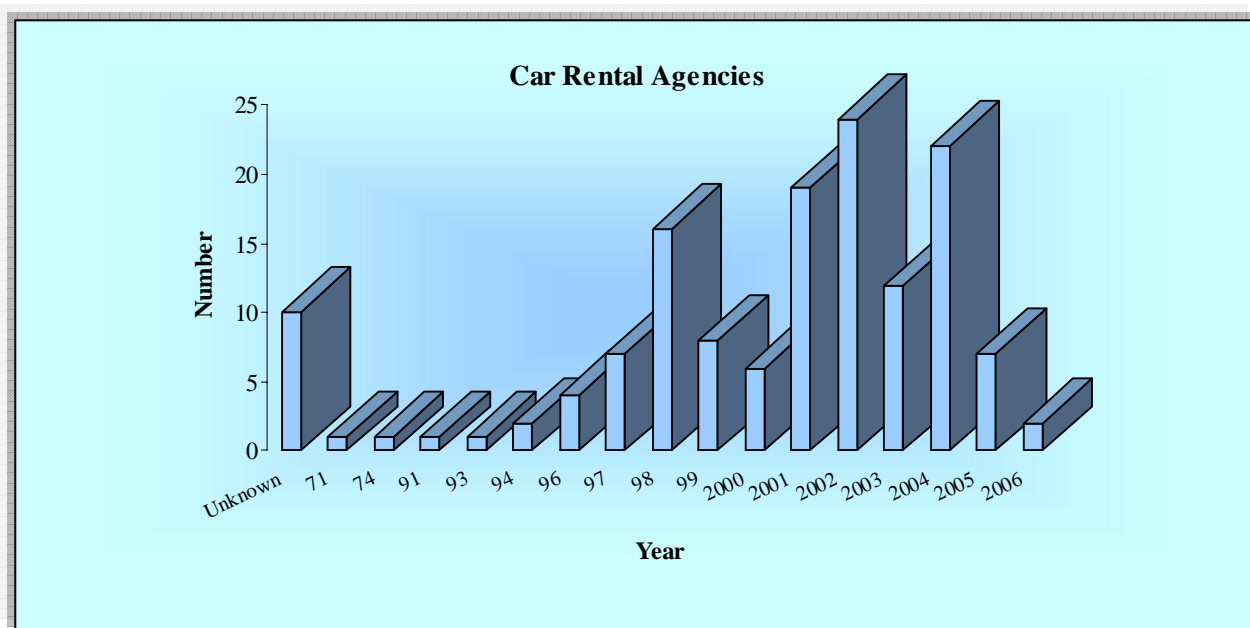
Table number 25 – Car rental agencies according to the establishment year and to Mohafaza

| Permit date | Beirut | Mount-Lebanon | North Lebanon | Bekaa | South Lebanon | Nabatiyeh | Total |
|--------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|----------|---------------|-----------|------------|
| Unknown | 1 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| in 1971 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| in 1974 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| in 1991 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| in 1993 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| in 1994 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| in 1996 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| in 1997 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| in 1998 | 3 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 16 |
| in 1999 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 |
| in 2000 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| in 2001 | 1 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 19 |
| in 2002 | 9 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| in 2003 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 12 |
| in 2004 | 5 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 22 |
| in 2005 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| in 2006 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Total | 32 | 86 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 143 |

Source: Order of car rental agencies (2006)

These 143 agencies are distributed as follows: 86 in Mount-Lebanon, 32 in Beirut, 8 in South Lebanon, 6 in North Lebanon, 6 in Bekaa and 3 in Nabatiyeh (Order of car rental agencies, 2006).

Graph number 45 – Distribution of car rental agencies according to the establishment year



Source: Order of Car Rental Agencies (2006)