

“Tourism helps rural communities hold onto their unique natural and cultural heritage, supporting conservation projects, including those safeguarding endangered species, lost traditions or flavours.”

Zurab Pololikashvili,
UNWTO Secretary-General



Tourist Arrivals

2018	2019
1,484,274	1,702,887



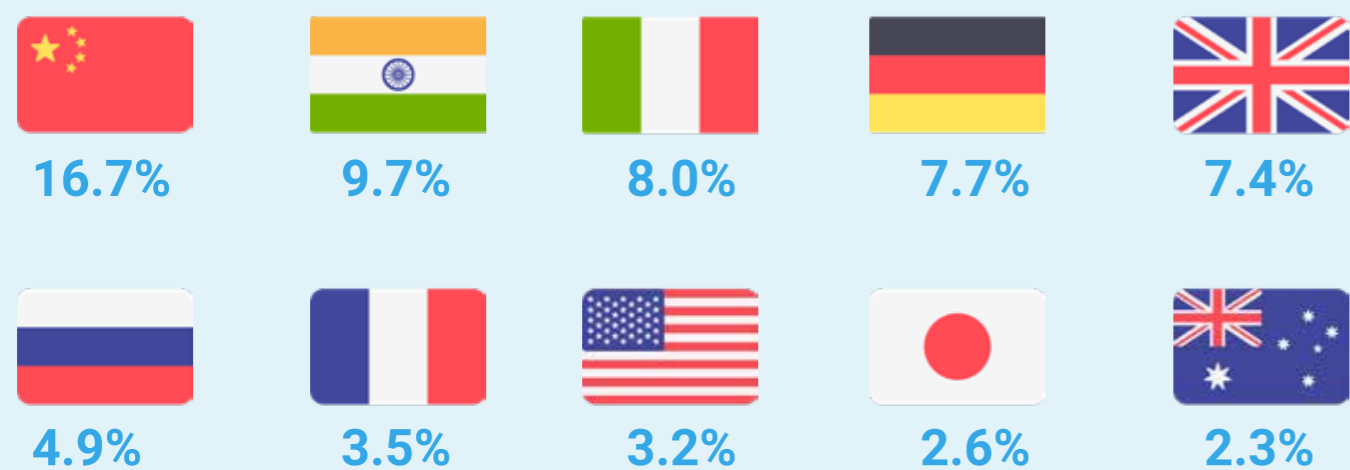
Tourist Bed-nights

2018	2019
9,478,094	10,688,387

Source: Ministry of Tourism

Tourist arrivals declined by **95%** in August 2020 compared to 139,338 arrivals in August 2019.

TOP TEN TOURIST MARKETS 2019



Source: Ministry of Tourism

PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN TOURIST ARRIVALS AND BEDNIGHTS, 2019-2020



Source: Ministry of Tourism

Maldives re-opened tourism on 15 July 2020 since the closing of the country's borders in March due to COVID-19 pandemic with strict health protocols.



Registered Bed capacity

Annual Average

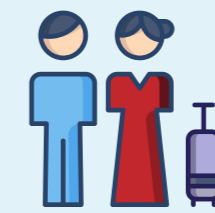
2018	2019
43,050	48,904



Beds in operation

Annual Average

2018	2019
41,887	47,269



Capacity utilization rate -average

2018	2019
62.1%	62.3%

Source: Ministry of Tourism

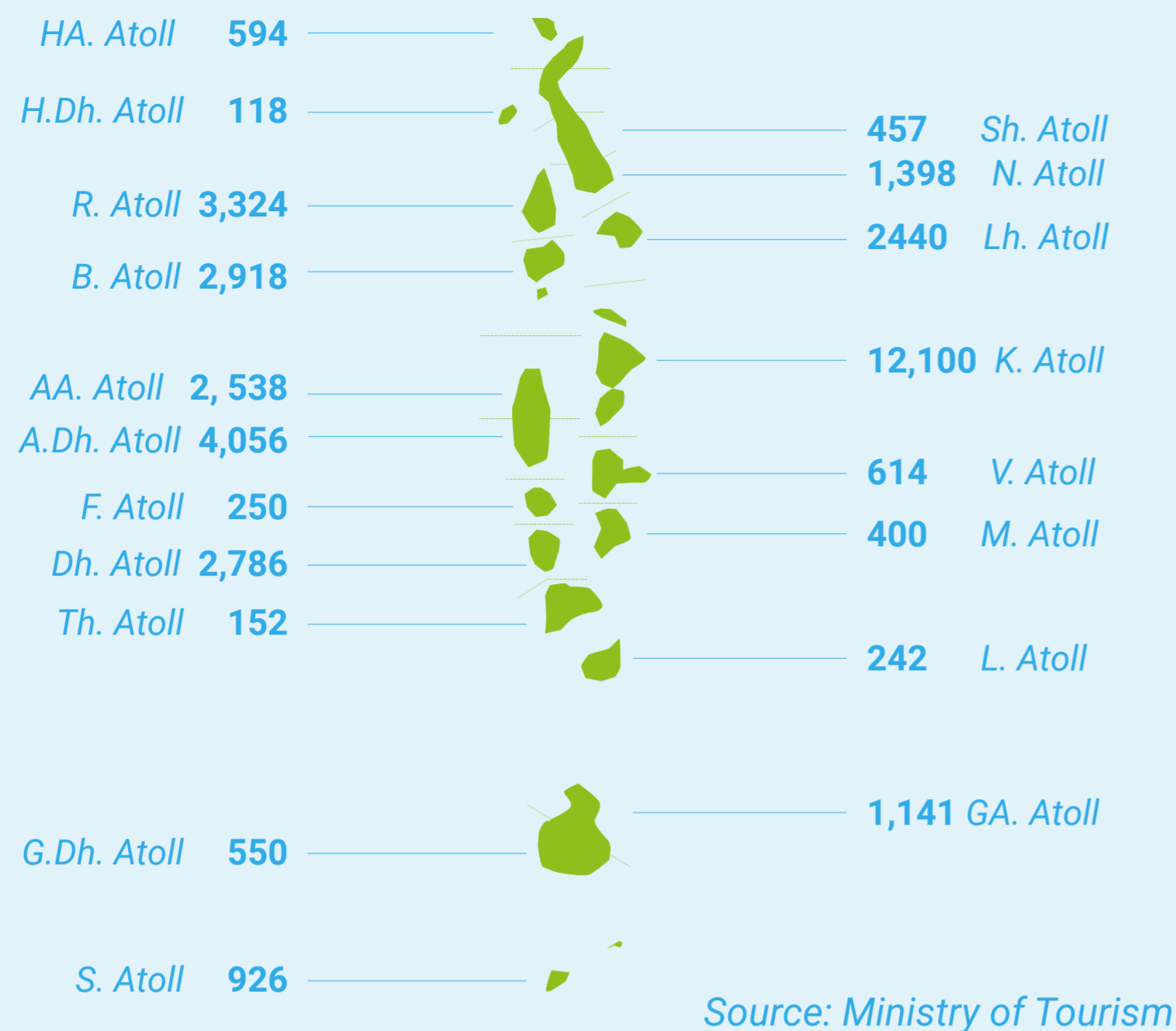
BEDS IN OPERATION, 2019-2020



Source: Ministry of Tourism

There are a total of **164 Tourist Resorts** in Maldives at the end of year 2019. As of 15 September 2020, **82 resorts** were operational.

BED CAPACITY OF TOURIST RESORTS BY ATOLL, 2019



“In this most challenging year, let us focus on tourism’s importance for people living in rural areas, so we can deliver on the promise of the Sustainable Development Goals to leave nobody behind.”

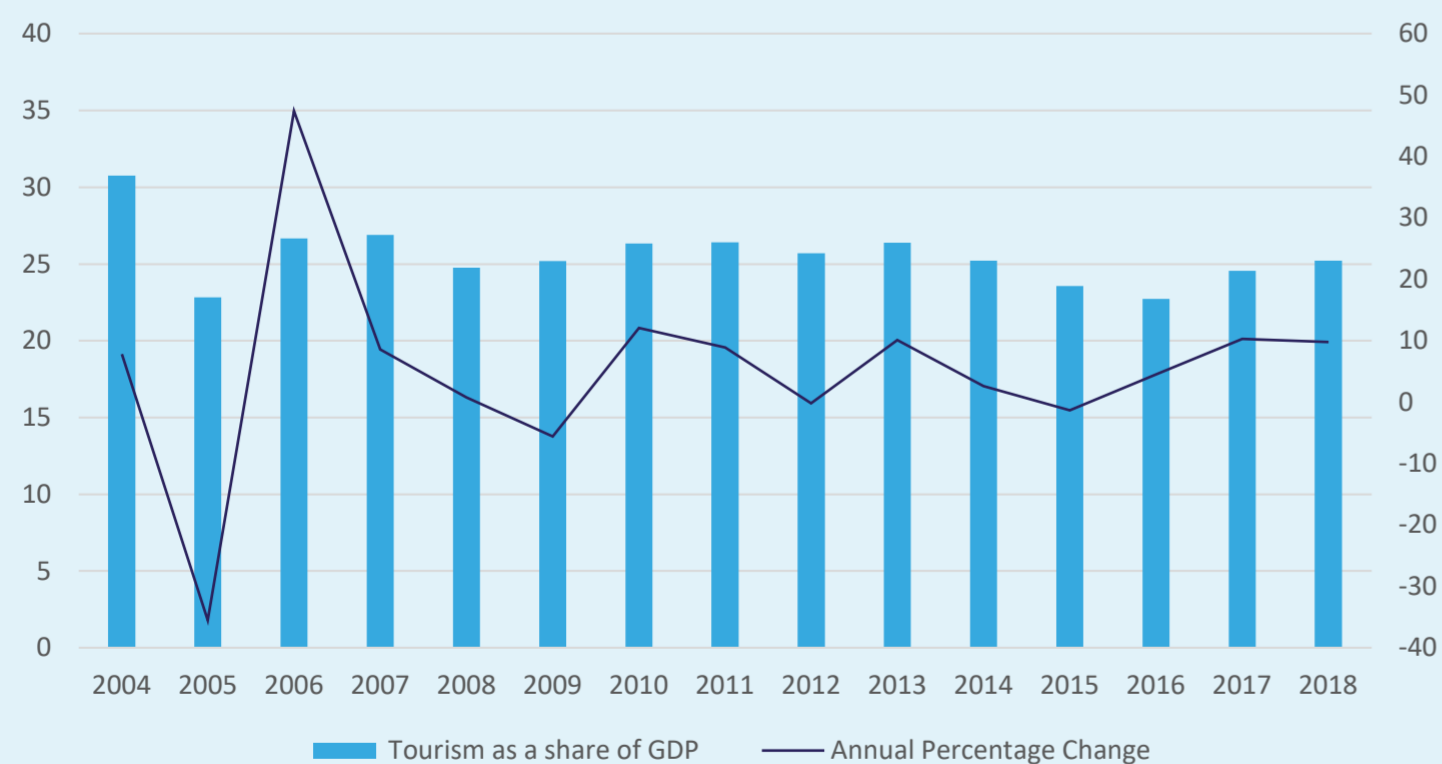
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Tourism industry GDP declined by **10.3%** in Q1 of 2020 compared to Q1 of 2019.

QUARTERLY GDP GROWTH 2019 - 2020 (month on month)

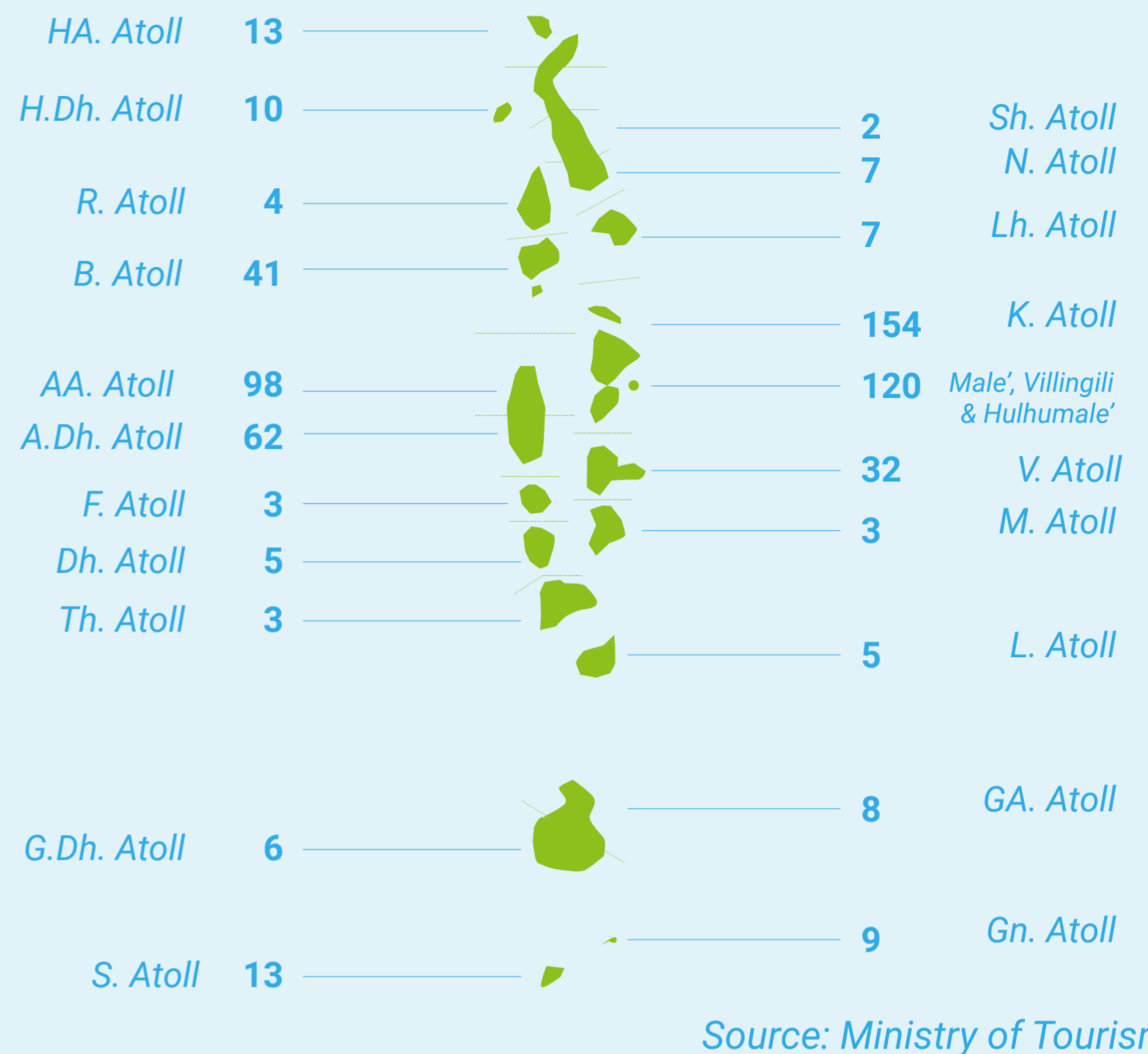


TOURISM INDUSTRY’S CONTRIBUTION TO GDP 2001 - 2018



A total of **83,898** employees contributes to the Retirement Pension Scheme and out of the total contributions, **16%** is from Hotels, Tourist resorts, travel agencies, these were from **13,817** employees (at the end of July 2020)

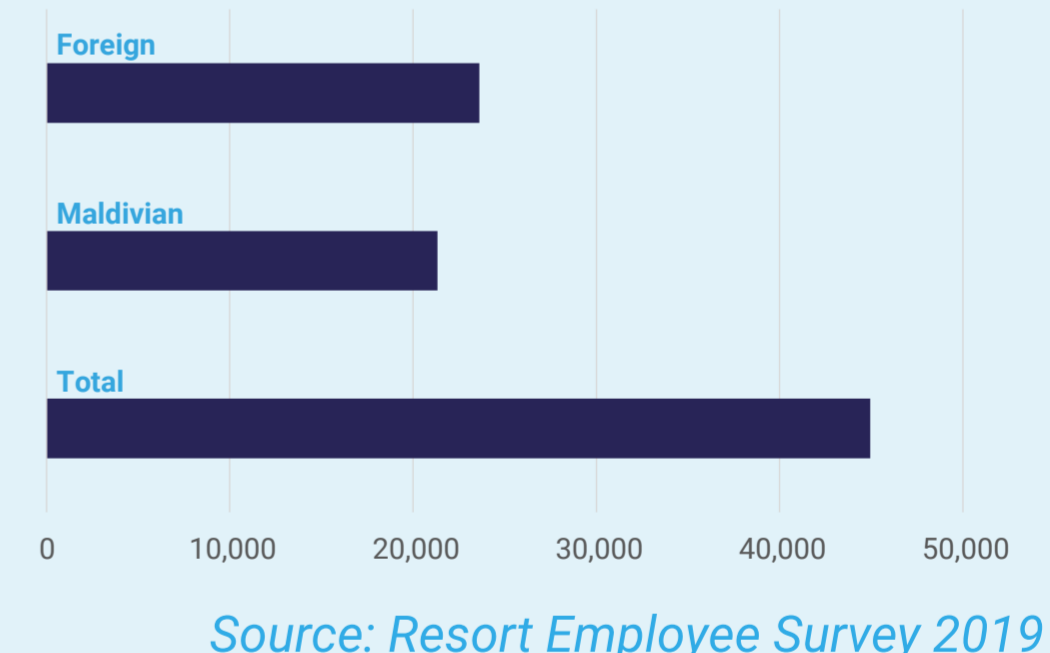
GUEST HOUSES BY ATOLLS, (end of 2019)



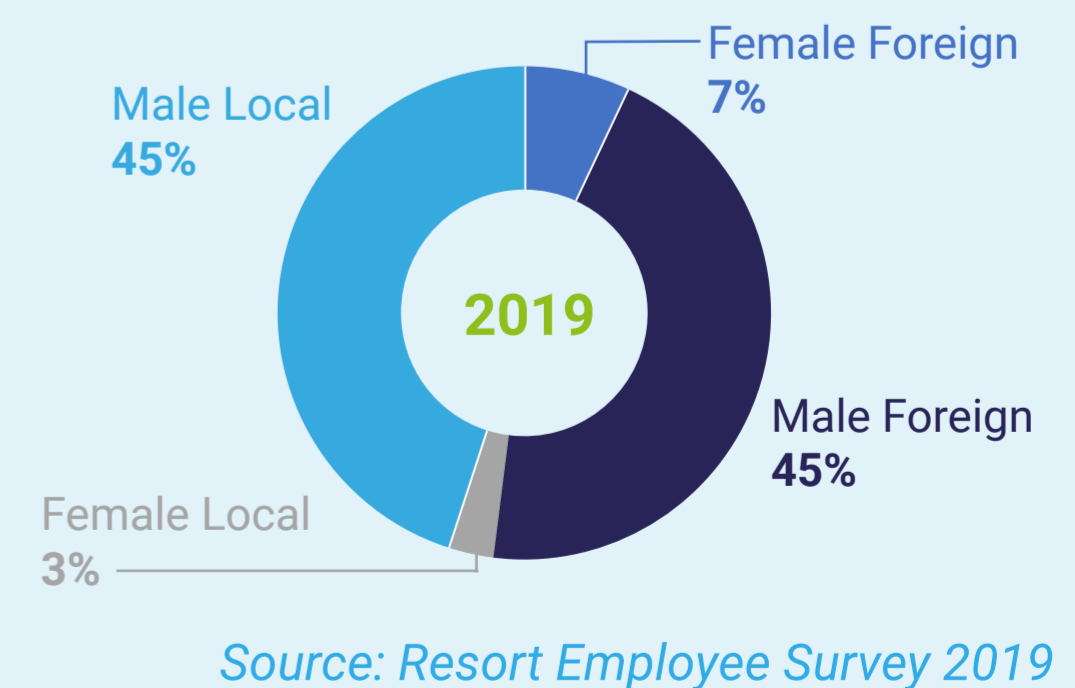
Total Guest Houses in Maldives **605** at the end of 2019

Based on the resort’s employees survey, a total of **44,954** employees were working in the tourist resorts. And out of the total employees, only **10%** of the employees were female employees.

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN THE TOURIST RESORTS, 2019



NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN THE TOURIST RESORTS, BY SEX



Tourism goods and services tax declined by **83%** from MVR 284.9 million in July 2019 to MVR 47.7 million in July 2020

