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FOREWORD

This is the twenty-third issue of the Annual Digest of Statistics. It presents in a concise and readily accessible form, important statistical information available on the demographic, economic and social characteristics of Mauritius. The topic “Climate” of Section 17 has been extended to include information on “Environment”. Seven tables (Tables 17.4 to 17.10) are given for the first time in this issue.

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It is hoped that the data presented will prove useful to a wide range of users, policy makers and planners as well as the general public.

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Explanation of symbols & abbreviations

-	Nil
...	Data not available
No.	Number
000	Thousand
t	Ton
m ²	Square metre
m ³	Cubic metre
km ²	Square kilometre
hL	Hectolitre
c.i.f.	Cost, insurance and freight
f.o.b.	Free on board
kW	Kilowatt
kWh	Kilowatt hour
MW	Megawatt
MWh	Megawatt hour
GWh	Million kilowatt hour
toe	Tonne of oil equivalent
ktoe	Thousand tonne of oil equivalent