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INTRODUCTION

The Republic of Mauritius is a group of islands in the South West of the Indian Ocean, consisting of the main island of Mauritius, Rodrigues and several outer islands located at distances greater than 350 km from the main island. Mauritius has been successively a Dutch, French and British colony. It became independent of Britain on 12th March 1968 and acceded to the status of Republic within the Commonwealth on 12th March 1992. The country has a Westminster type of Parliamentary government. The official language is English, but French is widely spoken.

The population, estimated at 1.2 million, comprises Indo-Mauritians, General population, i.e., people of mixed European and African origin and Sino-Mauritians.

The islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues, with a total area of 1,969 sq km, have an overall population density of 629 persons per sq km. About 46% of the area is allocated to agriculture, 20% is occupied by built-up areas and 2% by public roads; the remaining consists of forests, scrub land, grasslands and grazing lands, reservoirs and ponds, swamps and rocks.

The climate is sub-tropical. The average mid-day temperature on the central plateau varies from 21°C in August to 27°C in February. Near the coastal regions, temperatures are about 4-5°C higher.

During the past thirty years, the Mauritian economy has diversified from a sugar-cane monocrop economy in the 1970's to one based on sugar, manufacturing (mainly textiles and garments) and tourism in the 1980's. Global business (offshore) and freeport activities have also been growing continuously since the mid 1990s.

The economy in 2004 grew by 4.2% and the Gross National Income per capita at market prices reached 141,520 rupees. Unemployment rate is estimated at about 8.5% while inflation stood at 4.7% in 2004.

CONCEPTS & DEFINITIONS

2. Population and Vital Statistics

- 2.1 *Median age* The age which divides the population into two equal-size groups, one of which is younger and the other older than the median.
- 2.2 *Dependency ratio* The ratio of the combined child population under 15 years and population aged 65 years and over per 1,000 population of intermediate age (15-64 years).
- 2.3 *Crude birth rate* Number of live births registered in a year per 1,000 mid-year population.
- 2.4 *Total fertility rate* Average number of children born to an average woman under certain conditions.
- 2.5 *Crude death rate* Number of deaths occurring in a year per 1,000 mid-year population.
- 2.6 *Marriage rate* Number of persons civilly married in a year per 1,000 mid-year population.
- 2.7 *Divorce rate* Number of persons granted divorce in a year per 1,000 mid-year population.

3. Health

- 3.1 *Life expectancy at birth* The average number of years that a newly born child is expected to live under certain conditions.
- 3.2 *Early neonatal mortality rate* Number of deaths in a year of infants under 7 days of age per 1,000 live births during the year.
- 3.3 *Late neonatal mortality rate* Number of deaths in a year of infants aged from 7 to 27 days per 1,000 live births during the year.
- 3.4 *Perinatal mortality rate* Combined number of deaths of infants aged under 7 days and number of still births in a year per 1,000 total births (live+still) during the year.
- 3.5 *Infant mortality rate* Number of deaths in a year of infants aged under one year per 1,000 live births during the year.

4. Education

- 4.1 *Enrolment ratio* Number of students enrolled per 100 population aged
- 4-5 years for pre-primary level
 - 6-11 years for primary level
 - 12-19 years for secondary level
- 4.2 *Literacy rate* Percentage of persons aged 12+ years who can, with understanding, both read and write a simple statement.

5. Labour

- 5.1 *Labour force* Number of persons who are either working (employed) or not working, looking for work and available for work (unemployed).
- 5.2 *Activity rate* Number of persons aged 15 years and above in the labour force as a % of the total number of persons aged 15 years and above.
- 5.3 *Unemployment rate* Number of unemployed as a % of the labour force.

8. Household income and expenditure

- 8.1 *Gini Coefficient* Measures the degree of inequality in the income distribution of households. It varies between 0 for complete equality and 1 for complete inequality.
- 8.2 *Median monthly income of households* That value which divides the distribution of monthly household income into two parts such that 50% of households have an income above that value and 50% below.

9. Transport and communications

- 9.1** *Casualties* The total number of fatalities and persons injured as a result of road accidents.
- 9.2** *Fatality* Prior to 2002, fatality was defined as death occurring within seven days as a result of road accidents. From 1 January 2002, the definition changed to death occurring within 30 days as a result of road accident.
- 9.3** *Fatality index* The number of fatalities per 100 casualties.

16. National accounts

- 16.1** *Gross Domestic Product (GDP)* The aggregate money value of all goods and services produced within a country out of economic activity during a specified period usually a year, before provision for the consumption of fixed capital.
- 16.2** *GDP at basic prices* GDP at basic prices is obtained as the difference between output and intermediate consumption whereby output is valued at basic prices and intermediate consumption at purchasers' prices.
The basic price is the amount receivable by the producer exclusive of taxes on products and inclusive of subsidies on products. The equivalent for imported products is the c.i.f. value, i.e. the value at the border of the importing country.
The purchasers' price is the amount payable by the purchaser exclusive of deductible taxes on products (e.g. deductible value added tax).
- 16.3** *GDP at market prices* GDP at basic prices plus taxes (net of subsidies) on products.
- 16.4** *Financial Intermediation Services Indirectly Measured (FISIM)* FISIM is obtained as the difference between interest received and interest paid by banks excluding those received on own funds.

- 16.5** *Final Consumption Expenditure*
- Consumption expenditure is made up of final consumption expenditure of households and of government. Government final consumption expenditure consists of collective and individual consumption expenditure. Collective expenditure consists of the services which government provides to the community as a whole, e.g. security and defence, whereas individual expenditure is made up of expenses incurred in providing services which are mostly beneficial to individuals, e.g. health and education.
- 16.6** *Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation (GDFCF)*
- The net additions to the physical assets of the country in a year. These consist mainly of investment in buildings, plants, machinery & transport equipment, all valued at market prices.
- 16.7** *Gross National Income (GNI)*
- GDP at market prices plus net primary income from the rest of the world gives GNI.
- 16.8** *Gross National Disposable Income (GNDI)*
- The sum of GNI and net transfers from the rest of the world.
- 16.9** *Gross National Savings*
- Disposable income (GNDI) less final consumption expenditure gives Gross National Savings.

18. External trade

- 18.1** *Domestic Exports*
- Exports of goods of national origin.
- 18.2** *Re-exports*
- Goods exported in the same condition as imported or after undergoing minor operations which leave them essentially unchanged.

Symbols & abbreviations

-	Nil
...	Data not available
000	Thousand
Gg	Gigagram (000 Tonne)
GWh	Million kilowatt hour
c.i.f.	Cost, insurance and freight
f.o.b.	Free on board

1. CLIMATE

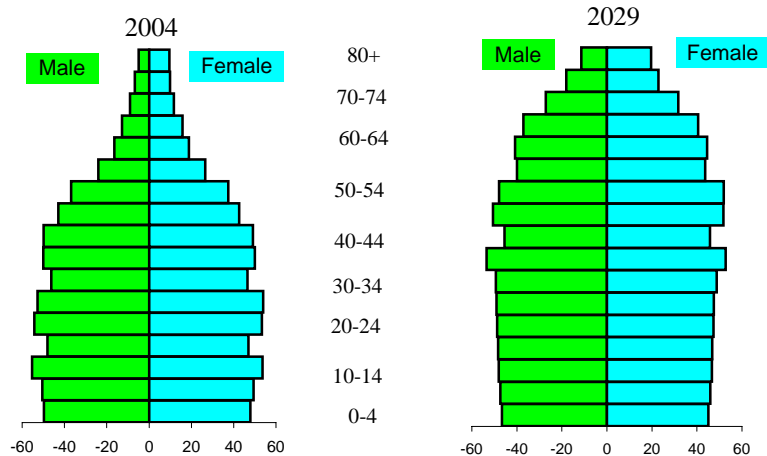
Mean temp. (°C) - 2004	Island of Mauritius		Island of Rodrigues	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
January	22.5	29.5	24.0	29.7
February	23.4	30.2	24.8	30.4
March	23.1	29.6	24.5	30.1
April	21.5	28.1	23.7	28.4
May	19.2	25.8	22.0	26.8
June	17.4	24.2	20.2	25.4
July	17.7	24.5	20.2	25.2
August	17.9	24.8	19.6	25.0
September	18.0	25.8	19.8	25.2
October	18.4	26.8	20.6	26.7
November	20.1	27.9	21.8	28.0
December	21.5	28.7	23.1	28.6
Rainfall (millimetres) - 2004	Island of Mauritius		Island of Rodrigues	
January	443		208	
February	316		55	
March	252		110	
April	297		264	
May	203		164	
June	131		66	
July	93		41	
August	46		83	
September	120		56	
October	36		19	
November	143		31	
December	192		37	
Total for the year	2,272		1,134	

2. POPULATION & VITAL STATISTICS

	2000	2003 ¹	2004 ²
Total mid-year resident population ('000)	1,186.9	1,222.8	1,233.4
Male	588.2	605.1	610.1
Female	598.7	617.7	623.3
Age composition (%)			
under 15 years	25.7	25.2	24.8
(15-59) years	65.2	65.6	65.8
(60-64) years	2.8	2.7	2.9
65 years and over	6.3	6.5	6.5
Median age (years)	29.0	29.7	31.9
Dependency ratio	470.4	463.7	457.1
Population density (per km²)	585	602	607
Mid-year geographical distribution ('000)			
Port Louis	128.8	130.2	130.5
Pamplemousses	123.1	128.1	129.6
Riv. du Rempart	99.6	103.1	104.2
Flacq	127.8	132.4	133.8
Grand Port	107.5	110.6	111.4
Savanne	66.8	68.3	68.7
Plaine Wilhems	360.5	370.1	372.7
Moka	76.0	77.9	78.6
Black River	61.0	65.7	67.2
Rodrigues	35.8	36.4	36.7
Vital statistics			
Live births	20,205	19,343	19,220
Deaths	7,982	8,520	8,483
Marriages	10,963	10,812	11,419
Divorces	1,191	1,190	...

	2000	2003 ¹	2004 ²
Vital statistics (contd.)			
Crude birth rate	17.0	15.8	15.6
Total fertility rate	2.0	1.9	1.9
Crude death rate	6.7	7.0	6.9
Marriage rate	18.5	17.7	18.5
Divorce rate	2.0	1.9	...
	2009	2019	2029
Projected population ('000)	1,285.0	1,375.4	1,442.3
Male	634.4	677.3	709.2
Female	650.6	698.1	733.1
Age composition (%)			
under 15 years	22.9	20.8	19.4
15-59 years	66.6	63.8	60.3
60-64 years	3.6	5.4	5.9
65 years and over	6.9	10.0	14.4
¹ Revised		² Provisional	

Population pyramid ('000)

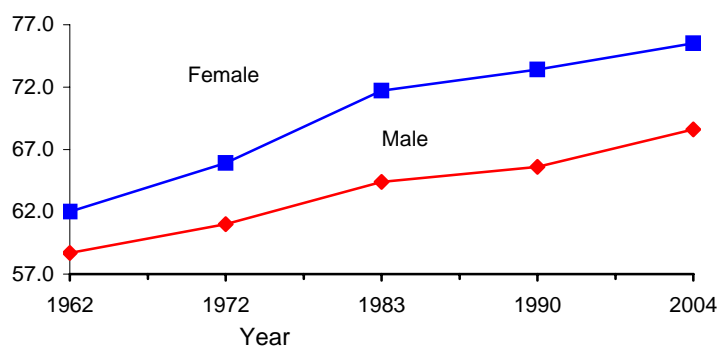


3. HEALTH

	2000	2003 ¹	2004 ²
Life expectancy at birth (years)			
<i>Male</i>	68.2	68.6	68.7
<i>Female</i>	75.3	75.5	75.6
Early neonatal mortality rate	9.0	6.6	8.0
Late neonatal mortality rate	3.6	2.2	2.8
Perinatal mortality rate	21.9	17.4	17.7
Infant mortality rate	15.9	13.2	14.4
Deaths per 100,000 of 45-64 yrs old			
<i>Male</i>	1,314	1,327	1,284
<i>Female</i>	744	736	709

Life expectancy at birth (years)

No. of Years



	2000	2003 ¹	2004 ²
Health facilities			
Hospitals ³	15	14	14
Hospital beds	3,990	3,676	3,677
Area health centres ⁴	27	27	27
Mediclinics	2	2	2
Community health centres	121	122	122
Private clinics	13	12	11
Medical practitioners	1,080	1,172	1,303
Dentists	146	154	167
Nurses & midwives *	2,773	2,795	2,774
Pharmacists	247	279	286
Population per doctor	1,099	1,043	950
Population per dentist	8,129	7,940	7,412
Deaths (per 100,000 population)			
Circulatory system	334	358	349
Respiratory system	62	60	54
Neoplasms	63	79	78
Injury & poisoning	42	39	43
Diabetes mellitus	31	41	42
Renal failure	21	14	14

% Deaths

Circulatory system	50	51	51
Respiratory system	9	9	8
Neoplasms	9	11	11
Injury & poisoning	6	6	6
Diabetes mellitus	5	6	6
Renal failure	3	2	2

Public expenditure on health as % of

Total public expenditure	8.4	8.4	9.0
GDP at market prices	2.0	2.1	2.3

¹ Revised. ² Provisional. ³ Including two health centres with beds in Rodrigues. ⁴ Including Y. Cantin and Mahebourg

* Public sector only

4. EDUCATION

	2000	2003	2004
Pre-primary			
Schools	1,087	1,092	1,070
Enrolment	39,232	38,620	37,483
<i>Male</i>	19,677	19,433	19,120
<i>Female</i>	19,555	19,187	18,363
Enrolment ratio	96	99	96
Teaching staff	2,448	2,508	2,474
Pupil/teacher ratio	16	15	15
Primary			
Schools	291	291	289
Enrolment	135,237	129,616	126,226
<i>Male</i>	68,711	65,624	64,019
<i>Female</i>	66,526	63,992	62,207
Enrolment ratio	104	102	102
Teaching staff ¹	5,178	5,620	5,741
<i>Male</i>	2,326	2,219	2,195
<i>Female</i>	2,852	3,401	3,546
Pupil/teacher ratio ²	36	31	29
Cert. of Primary Education (% pass)	66.4	62.6	63.0
<i>Male</i>	61.2	56.6	57.9
<i>Female</i>	71.8	69.1	68.4
Secondary - Academic			
Schools	134	175	176
Enrolment	95,448	103,847	105,988
<i>Male</i>	46,399	49,946	50,910
<i>Female</i>	49,049	53,901	55,078
Enrolment ratio	60	66	66
Teaching staff	5,140	5,938	6,396
<i>Male</i>	2,658	2,871	2,994
<i>Female</i>	2,482	3,067	3,402
Pupil/teacher ratio	19	17	17
School Certificate (% pass)	76.6	75.5	77.5
<i>Male</i>	74.7	73.0	75.4
<i>Female</i>	78.3	77.7	79.4
Higher School Certificate (% pass)	72.3	75.1	76.2
<i>Male</i>	67.4	70.9	72.5
<i>Female</i>	76.9	78.6	79.4
Secondary - Pre-vocational ³			
Schools	25	114	126
Enrolment	4,695	7,326	8,488
<i>Male</i>	3,344	4,673	5,457
<i>Female</i>	1,351	2,653	3,031
Teaching staff	296	433	578
<i>Male</i>	157	191	224
<i>Female</i>	139	242	354
Pupil/teacher ratio	16	17	15
Vocational & Technical Training ⁴			
Schools	12	12	12
Enrolment	5,450	7,507	7,061
<i>Male</i>	4,684	5,826	5,436
<i>Female</i>	766	1,681	1,625

Post-secondary ⁵	00/01	03/04	04/05
Schools	3	5	5
Enrolment	10,041	13,766	14,232
<i>Male</i>	4,422	5,693	5,987
<i>Female</i>	5,619	8,073	8,245
Polytechnics ⁶			
Enrolment	997	1,198	1,346
<i>Male</i>	761	776	942
<i>Female</i>	236	422	404
Mauritius College of the Air			
Distance Education Courses			
Enrolment	1,444	1,935	2,278
<i>Male</i>	191	484	680
<i>Female</i>	1,253	1,451	1,598
Literacy rate	2000	2002	2003
<i>Male</i>	88.7
<i>Female</i>	81.5
Public expenditure on education ⁷ as a % of (Year ending 30th June)	00/01	03/04	04/05
Total public expenditure	15.0	14.6	15.7
GDP at market prices	3.5	3.7	3.8

¹ General purpose teachers and Asian language teachers.

² Pupils per general purpose teacher.

³ State Secondary Sch., State Secondary Vocational Sch., M. Gandhi Secondary Schools, R. Tagore Institute, Gandhian Basic School and Private Secondary Schools.

⁴ Industrial & Vocational Training Board Centres.

⁵ The University of Mauritius, The Mauritius Institute of Education, The Mahatma Gandhi Institute & The University of Technology, Mauritius. As from 2003/2004, figures include Mauritius Institute of Health.

⁶ Swami Dayanand Institute of Management, Lycee Sir Guy Forget, Institut Superieur de Technologie.

⁷ Figures revised for years 2003/04

5. ENVIRONMENT

	2000	2002	2003 ¹
Greenhouse gas (Gg)			
Emissions			
Carbon dioxide	2,456.8	2,647.9	2,783.5
Oxides of nitrogen	13.8	14.5	15.1
Carbon monoxide	66.3	62.9	65.7
Sulphur dioxide	28.9	30.6	32.1
Removals			
Carbon dioxide	229.2	239.5	237.9
Net emissions			
Carbon dioxide	2,227.6	2,408.4	2,545.6
Carbon dioxide emissions			
from fossil fuels (Gg)	2,454.0	2,645.4	2,781.1
Energy industries	1,185.4	1,325.9	1,418.3
Manufacturing industries	357.4	385.5	386.4
Transport	735.8	760.0	793.2
Residential	141.7	141.8	145.9
Other (Agriculture and Commerce)	33.7	32.2	37.3
Waste landfilled (tonne)	265,815	363,913	372,434
Number of E.I.A. licenses issued	92	62	95
Land parcelling (morcellement)	31	19	14
Poultry rearing	26	15	18
Industrial development	7	5	28
Coastal hotels and related works	11	10	4
Housing	4	4	4
Other	13	9	27
Number of complaints received			
at the Dept. of Environment	1,906	1,656	1,768
Noise	555	458	583
Solid waste	586	88	88
Air pollution	71	229	209
Waste water	150	286	155
Odour	251	406	344
Other	293	189	389

¹ Provisional

6. LABOUR

	Estimates based on data from various sources ¹		Continuous Multi- Purpose House- hold Survey ²
	Total population aged 12 years and over		Mauritian population aged 15 years and over
	2003	2004	2004
Labour Force ('000)	549.5	556.1	532.1
Male	358.9	363.9	348.2
Female	190.6	192.2	183.9
Activity rate (%)	59.9	59.9	58.2
Male	79.6	79.6	77.4
Female	40.9	40.9	39.7
Employment ('000)	495.1	496.7	487.0
Male	327.3	331.6	327.9
Female	167.8	165.1	159.1
Unemployment ('000)	54.4	59.4	45.1
Male	31.6	32.3	20.3
Female	22.8	27.1	24.8
Unemployment rate ('000)	10.2	11.0	8.5
Male	9.0	9.1	5.8
Employment by sector ('000) ³			
Primary sector	46.7	46.1	49.3
Secondary sector	183.0	176.9	163.4
Manufacturing	134.4	127.3	109.2
Electricity and water supply	3.0	3.0	3.5
Construction	45.6	46.6	50.7
Tertiary sector	265.4	273.7	274.3
Trade, hotels & restaurants	96.9	100.8	100.6
Transport, storage & communications	33.9	34.9	33.3
Financial intermediation, real estate, renting and business activities	24.8	26.4	27.9
Other services	109.8	111.6	112.5
Total	495.1	496.7	487.0

Average earnings & Wage rate index

	2000 ⁵	2003 ⁵	2004
Average monthly earnings (rupees)	8,178	9,826	11,103
Primary sector	6,585	8,697	9,302
Sugar cane	6,159	8,308	8,580
Secondary sector	6,131	7,390	8,178
Manufacturing	5,544	6,668	7,299
<i>EPZ</i> ⁴	<i>4,774</i>	<i>5,684</i>	<i>6,196</i>
Electricity & water supply	13,515	17,347	18,456
Construction	8,746	10,147	11,465
Tertiary sector	10,328	11,815	13,391
Trade, hotels & restaurants	8,562	9,804	10,493
Transport, storage & communications	11,502	13,830	15,189
Financial intermediation, real estate, renting and business activities	11,974	14,423	15,085
Other services	10,466	11,707	13,925
Wage Rate Index (base: 2000=100)	100.0	122.7	130.7

¹ The data sources include population census & other household surveys, establishment surveys and administrative records. The estimates include foreign workers

² The Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey is used, as from 2004, as the instrument to measure labour force, employment and unemployment. Estimates refer to the Mauritian population aged 15 years and above, and exclude foreign workers.

³ Figures are based on the National Standard Industrial Classification, an adaptation of the ISIC Rev.3

⁴ Export Processing Zone

⁵ Revised

7. PRICE INDICES

	Weight	2003 ¹	2004
Consumer Price Index	1,000	107.0	112.1
(base: July 2001-June 2002=100)			
Food & non-alcoholic beverages	299	105.9	112.5
Alcoholic beverages & tobacco	86	109.7	119.8
Clothing & footwear	60	103.3	105.0
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	96	105.0	107.1
Furnishings, hhold.equip.& hhold. maintenance	80	105.5	107.6
Health	28	110.1	117.1
Transport	139	106.2	111.2
Communication	31	125.6	134.4
Recreation and culture	53	104.6	103.6
Education	24	107.8	111.7
Restaurants and hotels	50	107.8	113.7
Miscellaneous goods and services	54	110.7	114.7
Inflation rate(%) - calendar year		3.9	4.7
Export Price Index (base: 1997=100)	10,000	128.7	137.5
Food & live animals	3,234	116.5	120.9
- <i>Sugar</i>	2,789	122.8	128.7
Manufactured goods	426	110.3	108.0
Misc. manufactured goods	6,340	136.1	147.8
- <i>Apparel & clothing accessories</i>	6,159	135.3	146.7
Producer Price Index			
(Manufacturing: Base year 1998 = 100)			
Manufacturing	1,000	120.7	129.7
Food	305	112.3	122.3
Beverages & tobacco	182	139.6	151.9
Other	513	119.0	126.3
Construction Price Index	1,000	107.9	114.8
(residential; base: 4th Qr.2001=100)			
Labour	345	104.9	107.8
Hire of plant	30	101.6	102.1
Materials	572	110.3	120.5
Transport	53	105.3	105.3

¹ Revised.

8. HOUSING & HOUSEHOLDS

	1990*	2000*
Buildings ('000)	209.9	268.3
<i>of which</i> - % wholly residential	90.1	89.4
- % partly residential	3.5	4.4
Residential & partly residential buildings		
Year of construction (%)		
Before 1985	70.6	38.9
1985 - 1989	20.1	14.8
1990 - 1994	1.1 ¹	17.5
1995 - April 2000	...	24.3
Not completed but inhabited	4.9	2.0
Not known	3.3	2.5
Construction materials (%)		
Concrete walls & roof	70.6	86.3
Concrete walls & iron or tin roof	7.3	3.9
Iron or tin walls and roof	18.2	8.1
Wood walls & iron or tin or shingle roof	2.3	0.9
Other	1.6	0.7
Average no. of housing units per building	1.21	1.24
Housing units ('000)	223.8	297.7
Ownership (%)		
Private	98.6	99.1
Public	1.3	0.4
Not stated	0.1	0.5
Occupancy (%)		
Occupied	97.5	94.8
Vacant	2.5	5.2
Average no. of rooms per housing unit	3.9	4.6
Average no. of persons per room	1.2	0.9
Average no. of households per housing unit	1.10	1.07
Households ('000)	236.1	296.3
Tenure (%)		
Owner	75.9	86.5
Tenant	14.8	9.3
Subtenant	0.4	-
Free	8.8	4.1
Other	0.1	-
Amenities (%)		
Piped water	95.2	98.7
Electricity	96.9	99.0
Toilet	99.3	99.8
<i>of which: flush toilet</i>	62.8	88.8
Bathroom	94.5	99.0
Kitchen	97.5	99.2
Acceptable refuse disposal	68.4	97.0

Fuel used for cooking (%)

Wood & charcoal	26.3	4.5
Kerosene	21.7	3.4
Electricity	1.5	0.5
Gas	50.3	91.5
Other	0.2	0.1
% female-headed	17.6	17.5
% one-parent	8.1	7.7
% 60+ years living alone	2.8	3.0
Average household size	4.5	3.9

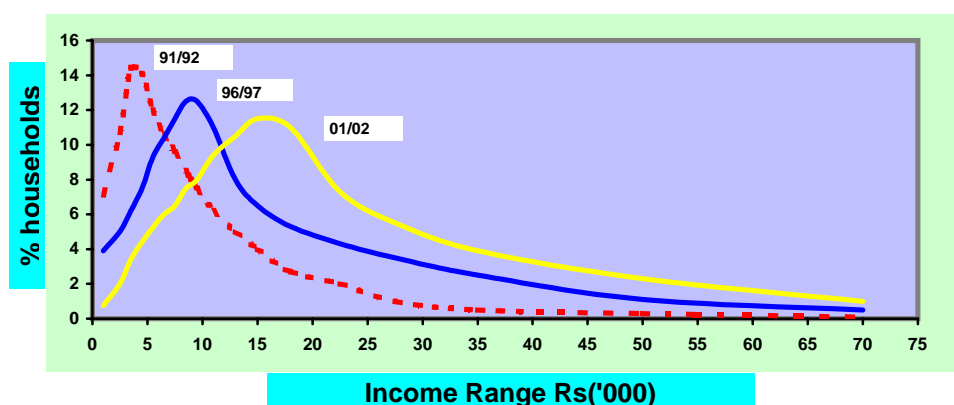
* Census figures

¹ Buildings constructed from January to April 1990

9. HOUSEHOLD INCOME & EXPENDITURE

	Household Budget Survey		
	91/92	96/97	01/02 ²
Household income			
Average household size	4.3	4.1	3.9
Income earners per household	1.6	1.9	1.9
Average monthly income (rupees)	6,503	10,179	14,232
Median monthly income (rupees)	5,300	7,870	11,150
1/2 median monthly income (rupees)	2,650	3,935	5,575
% hholds with < 1/2 med. mthly income	13.7	14.2	13.1
Gini coefficient	0.379	0.387	0.371
Income share			
% of total income going to:			
Lowest 20% of households	6.4	5.9	6.4
Highest 20% of households	43.5	46.2	44.0
Ratio of highest 20% to lowest 20%	6.8	7.8	6.9
Household consumption expenditure¹			
Average monthly expenditure (rupees)	5,225	7,846	10,220
Median monthly expenditure (rupees)	4,136	6,136	8,154
1/2 median monthly expend. (rupees)	2,068	3,068	4,077
% hholds with < 1/2 med. mthly expend.	11.9	13.3	12.3

Trends in monthly household income distribution



Household Budget Survey	96/97	01/02 ²
Consumption pattern		
Monthly household consumption ³ expenditure ⁴ (%)		
Food & non-alcoholic beverages	33.7	31.6
Alcoholic beverages & tobacco	8.9	9.1
Clothing & footwear	7.7	6.4
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	9.6	9.3
Furnishing, household equipment & routine household maintenance	7.8	6.0
Health	3.4	2.5
Transport	11.5	12.6
Communication	2.1	3.3
Recreation and culture	4.0	4.6
Education	2.6	3.7
Restaurants and hotels	4.7	6.1
Miscellaneous goods and services	3.8	4.8

Per capita consumption (kg/year)⁵ Selected food items	2000²	2002²	2003⁶
Wheat flour	76.5	71.0	75.4
Milled rice	55.9	51.5	46.5
Potatoes	18.2	18.1	19.5
Sugar	34.0	32.7	33.3
Fresh vegetables	82.2	76.5	70.0
Oils & fats	28.4	28.4	29.3
Fresh milk (litres)	6.2	6.2	6.2
Powdered milk	13.6	11.2	11.1
Pulses	10.1	10.2	9.9
Eggs	9.4	9.6	9.4
Meat & meat preparations	39.0	40.6	40.9
Banana	7.2	6.0	9.9
Other fresh fruits	16.4	16.6	18.2
Fish & fish preparations	23.1	20.0	18.7

¹ Unadjusted for under reporting.

² Revised.

³ Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose.

⁴ Adjusted for under reporting.

⁵ Source: Food balance sheet.

⁶ Provisional.

10. TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

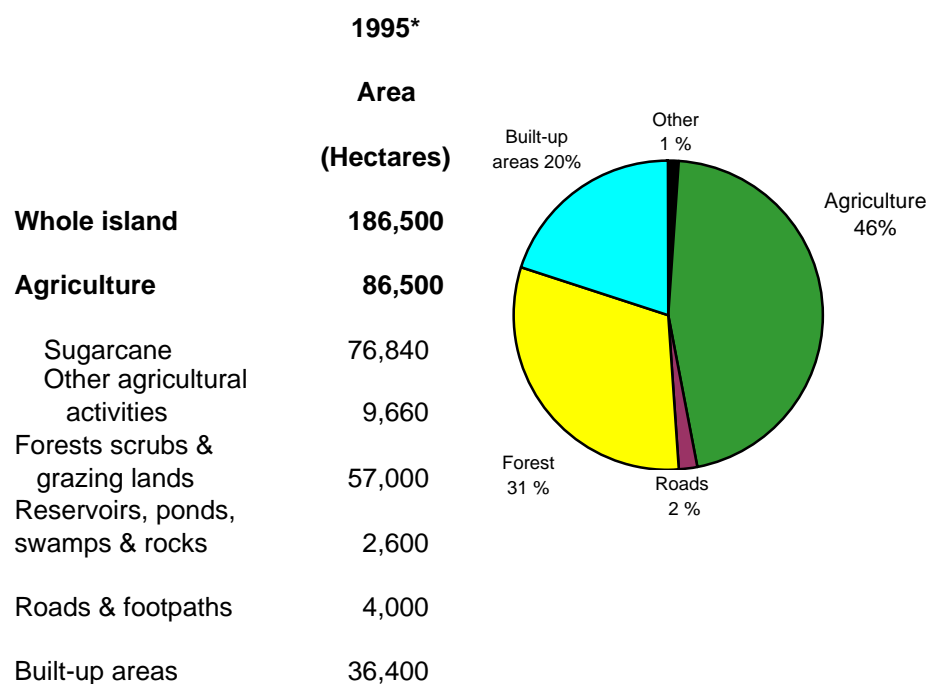
	2000	2003	2004
Road transport			
Motor-vehicles registered ('000)	244.0	276.4	291.6
Private cars	49.9	62.5	70.9
Taxi cars	5.0	6.0	6.5
Vans	18.8	22.5	23.3
Dual purpose vehicles	34.9	39.4	40.7
Lorries & trucks	10.5	11.5	11.8
Buses	2.4	2.5	2.5
Motor cycle	24.5	26.7	28.6
Autocycle	92.0	98.9	100.8
Other vehicles	6.0	6.4	6.5
Road traffic accidents			
Number of accidents	18,278	19,178	19,495
Rate (per 100,000 population)	1,588	1,616	1,629
Rate (per 1,000 reg. motor-vehicles)	77	72	69
Motor-vehicles involved			
Number	33,537	35,239	35,506
Rate (per 1,000 reg. motor-vehicles)	142	133	126
Casualties			
Number	3,291	2,698	2,951
Fatal ¹	163	131	144
Seriously injured ¹	266	291	245
Slightly injured	2,862	2,276	2,562
Fatality			
Rate (per 100,000 population)	14.2	11.0	12.0
Rate (per 1,000 reg. motor-vehicles)	0.7	0.5	0.5
Index	5.0	4.8	4.9
Private cars per 1,000 households	169	204	228
Length of roads (kilometres)	1,926	2,015	2,020
Vehicles per kilometre of road	127	137	144

	2000	2003	2004
Air transport			
Landings	8,349	9,455	9,316
Freight loaded ('000 tonnes)	21.2	24.3	26.0
Freight unloaded ('000 tonnes)	20.1	20.0	22.4
Sea transport			
Arrivals	1,658	1,588	1,330
Goods loaded ('000 tonnes)	1,514	1,165	1,773
Goods unloaded ('000 tonnes)	3,677	4,076	4,696
Communication			
Radio operators	1	4	4
Television operators	4	4	4
Television sets licensed ('000)	223.9	259.4	260.3
Telephone connection lines('000)	284.6	348.2	353.1
National calls registered ¹ ('000,000)	506.6	543.0	534.5
International outgoing telephone traffic ('000 minutes)	34,641	43,416	45,539
Cellular mobile telephone subscribers	126,600	466,327	547,831
Internet subscribers	35,000	60,000	77000*
Local press	41	42	42
Dailies	6	7	7
-English & French	4	5	5
-Other	2	2	2
Weeklies	29	32	32
-English & French	23	25	25
-Other	6	7	7
Others	6	3	3
-English & French	6	3	2
-Other	-	-	1

¹ Calls irrespective of duration

* Revised previous figure of 97,000 included prepaid card users.

11. LAND UTILIZATION



	2000	2003	2004¹
Effective area cultivated	(Hectares)		
Sugar cane	76,962	74,117	...
Tea	670	681	674
Tobacco	397	379	407
Land under irrigation	19,506	21,619	21,416
Overhead	15,951	17,706	17,547
Surface	2,020	2,032	1,837
Drip	1,535	1,881	2,032

* Source: Initial National Communication under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, April 1999.

¹ Provisional

12. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

	2000	2003 ¹	2004 ²
PRODUCTION ('000 tonnes)			
Crop products			
Sugarcane	5,109.5	5,199.4	5,280.4
Foodcrops	114.5	103.5	113.2
Tea leaf	6.4	7.0	7.2
Fruits	21.5	25.0	25.5
Tobacco leaf	0.5	0.4	0.4
Products from slaughtered and live animals			
Poultry meat	25.6	30.0	30.9
Milk	4.0	4.0	4.0
Eggs	12.0	12.5	12.9
Fishing	7.8	9.7	9.5
(Million rupees)			
VALUE ADDED	7,144.0	8,588.7	9,386.6
Crop products	5,117.8	5,911.8	6,474.0
Sugarcane	3,741.0	4,370.0	4,831.0
Foodcrops	1,130.5	1,273.1	1,364.9
Tea leaf	52.3	61.2	63.6
Fruits	163.8	183.2	190.0
Tobacco leaf	30.2	24.3	24.5
Animals & animal products	815.6	1,041.4	1,104.8
Fishing	292.9	370.0	400.0

¹ Revised

² Provisional

13. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

		2000 ¹	2003 ¹	2004 ²
Quantity produced (selected commodities)				
Sugar	('000 tonnes)	569.3	537.2	572.4
Molasses	"	144.0	160.0	155.8
Tea	"	1.3	1.4	1.5
Iron bars & steel tubes	"	46.0	58.7	65.0
Fertilizers		83.7	82.0	89.4
Denatured spirit	('000 H. Litres)	6.4	6.0	5.2
Beer and stout	"	374.9	400.8	430.5
Wine (country liquor)	"	41.2	49.4	45.2
Electricity generated	(GWh)	1,775.5	2,058.2	2,117.2
Manufacturing				
Growth rate				
Manufacturing		+7.9	0.0	+0.3
Manufacturing excluding sugar		+7.0	-0.1	0.0
EPZ ³		+6.0	-6.0	-6.8
Labour Productivity Index⁴ (2000=100)				
Manufacturing		100.0	111.2	116.2
EPZ ³		100.0	110.0	111.4
Capital Productivity Index (2000=100)				
Manufacturing		100.0	93.2	84.4
EPZ ³		100.0	91.7	83.2
Unit Labour Cost Index⁴ (2000=100)				
Manufacturing		100.0	115.0	117.1
EPZ ³		100.0	124.6	130.1

¹ Revised

² Provisional

³ EPZ (Export Processing Zone): This comprises enterprises operating mainly for export and benefiting from certain fiscal incentives (particularly tax). Around 90% of the output of the EPZ consists of textiles and wearing apparel.

⁴ The indices are for the whole manufacturing sector.

14. ENERGY

	2000 ¹	2003 ¹	2004
Imports of energy sources ('000 tonnes)			
Gasolene	89.8	86.8	87.7
Diesel oil	339.7	309.2	319.7
Dual purpose kerosene	217.4	227.7	256.8
<i>-Aviation fuel</i>	190.0	207.5	227.0
Fuel oil	218.8	288.0	288.8
LPG	47.3	51.5	53.8
Coal	222.4	289.4	331.8
Bunkers ('000 tonnes)			
Diesel oil	160.0	97.7	105.2
Fuel oil	57.6	34.8	40.1
Electricity generated² (GWh)	1,777.5	2,058.2	2,117.2
Hydro	95.7	117.8	122.3
Thermal	1,681.9	1,963.7	2,042.9
Electricity sales (GWh)	1,374.0	1,626.9	1,703.9
Domestic	491.9	564.6	575.0
Commercial	374.8	479.3	516.2
Industrial (general)	458.6	525.1	554.0
Industrial (irrigation)	27.2	27.0	23.8
No. of electricity consumers ('000)	323.6	348.8	357.5
Domestic	288.5	311.5	319.4
Commercial	27.8	29.8	30.5
Industrial (general)	6.6	6.8	6.8
Industrial (irrigation)	0.4	0.4	0.4

¹ Revised.

² Includes electricity generated for own use by Independent Power Producers

15. GOVERNMENT FINANCE

	00/01	02/03	03/04
Budgetary central government	(Million rupees)		
Total revenue & grants	22,796	29,985	33,594
Total revenue	22,597	29,622	32,976
Current revenue	22,597	29,622	32,906
Tax revenue	20,190	25,879	29,068
<i>-Tax on income, profits & capital gains</i>	3,039	4,014	4,669
<i>-Domestic taxes on goods & services</i>	9,466	13,957	15,531
<i>-Import duties</i>	6,349	6,523	7,385
Non tax revenue	2,407	3,743	3,838
<i>-Property income</i>	1,749	2,861	2,689
Capital revenue	-	-	70
Grants	199	363	618
Total expenditure & lending minus repayments	25,382	39,497	42,382
Total expenditure	31,582	38,552	41,963
General government services	5,363	6,282	7,187
Community & social services	15,494	19,893	21,540
<i>-Education</i>	4,357	5,588	6,133
<i>-Health</i>	2,547	3,151	3,765
<i>-Social Security</i>	6,160	7,012	7,887
Economic services	4,687	4,230	4,268
<i>-Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting</i>	1,329	1,275	1,571
<i>-Transportation & communication</i>	1,855	1,123	1,092
Other functions	6,038	8,147	8,968
<i>-Public debt interest</i>	5,177	6,390	6,586
Lending minus repayments	-6,200	945	419
Overall deficit	-2,586	-9,512	-8,788
Overall deficit excluding PF and NIDF¹	-5,469	-9,512	-8,788
Budgetary central government			
debt (end of period)	60,561	95,486	93,447
Domestic debt	53,745	86,412	85,002
Foreign debt	6,816	9,074	8,445

¹ Privatisation Fund and National Infrastructure Development Fund (lending minus repayments).

16. MONEY & BANKING

	(December)		
	2000	2003	2004
	(Million rupees)		
Aggregate monetary resources	94,887	131,299	148,632
Money supply	13,299	20,402	23,617
Currency with the public	6,648	9,347	10,731
Demand deposits	6,651	11,055	12,886
<i>Bank of Mauritius</i>	87	115	203
<i>Commercial banks</i>	6,564	10,940	12,683
Quasi-money	81,588	110,897	125,014
Domestic credit	84,843	114,819	136,707
Claims on public sector	13,631	26,072	38,047
Claims on private sector & financial Institutions	71,212	88,747	98,660
Net International reserves	33,554	48,902	52,824
Bank of Mauritius	24,840	40,805	44,948
Commercial banks	8,188	7,248	6,917
Reserves position with the IMF and Government Foreign Assets	526	849	959
Foreign exchange rates (selling - June)		(Rupees)	
Euro	25.02	33.68	34.42
France (FR F 1)	3.82
Germany (DE M 1)	12.79
India (IN R 100)	60.00	65.00	63.00
Japan (JP Y 100)	24.97	24.66	26.24
South Africa, Rep. of (SA R 1)	3.90	4.00	4.63
United States (US D 1)	26.26	29.50	28.46
United Kingdom (GB P 1)	39.83	48.69	51.55

Source: Bank of Mauritius

17. NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

	2000	2003 ¹	2004 ¹
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)			
at current prices			
(i) Value added by sector (million rupees)			
Primary	7,286	8,669	9,472
<i>Agriculture, hunting, forestry & fishing</i>	7,144	8,589	9,387
<i>Mining & quarrying</i>	142	80	85
Secondary	32,747	41,566	44,285
<i>Manufacturing</i>	24,702	29,699	31,897
<i>Electricity, gas & water</i>	1,820	3,409	3,550
<i>Construction</i>	6,225	8,458	8,838
Tertiary	70,191	95,108	105,925
<i>Wholesale & retail trade; repair of motor vehicles motor cycles, personal & household goods</i>	13,009	15,925	17,270
<i>Hotels and restaurants</i>	5,860	7,990	9,678
<i>Transport, storage & communication</i>	13,577	18,879	20,755
<i>Financing intermediation</i>	9,556	13,627	14,588
<i>Real estate, renting & business activities</i>	9,372	12,928	14,398
<i>Public administration & defence; compulsory social security</i>	7,000	9,379	10,591
<i>Education</i>	4,833	6,501	7,412
<i>Health and social work</i>	3,032	4,323	4,993
<i>Other services</i>	3,952	5,556	6,250
FISIM	-5,707	-7,650	-7,900
GDP at basic prices	104,517	137,693	151,792
Taxes on products (net of subsidies)	14,977	19,806	23,175
GDP at market prices	119,494	157,499	174,967
Per capita GDP at market prices (rupees)	100,655	128,771	141,826
Sectoral contribution to GDP at basic prices (%)			
Primary	7.0	6.3	6.2
Secondary	31.3	30.2	29.2
Tertiary	67.2	69.1	69.8
FISIM	-5.5	-5.6	-5.2

(ii) By expenditure component

Final consumption expenditure on goods and services (million rupees)	89,521	118,425	135,869
<i>Households</i>	73,939	98,035	112,699
<i>General government :</i>	15,582	20,390	23,170
<i>Individual</i>	5,517	7,260	8,430
<i>Collective</i>	10,065	13,130	14,740
Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation (GDFCF)	28,069	35,666	37,935
<i>Private sector</i>	20,340	21,793	26,334
<i>Public sector</i>	7,729	13,873	11,601
Increase in inventories ²	2,576	1,386	5,219
Exports of goods & non-factor services	73,841	88,716	95,169
Less imports of goods & non-factor services	74,513	86,694	99,225
GDP at market prices	119,494	157,499	174,967
Gross National Income (GNI), disposable income and savings			
Net primary income from the rest of the world (r.o.w)	-783	-833	-377
GNI at market prices	118,711	156,666	174,590
Net transfer from r.o.w	+1,662	+1,566	+1,250
Gross National Disposable Income	120,373	158,232	175,840
Less final consumption expenditure	89,521	118,425	135,869
Gross national savings	30,852	39,807	39,971
Per capita GNI at market prices (rupees)	99,995	128,089	141,520
Annual real growth rate(%)			
GDP at basic prices	+9.3	+4.6	+4.2
Final consumption expenditure	+4.0	+4.5	+7.0
<i>Households</i>	+3.5	+4.9	+7.2
<i>General government</i>	+6.5	+2.6	+5.9
GDFCF(including aircraft & marine vessels)	-8.2	+10.1	+3.1
GDFCF(excluding aircraft & marine vessels)	+1.0	+7.9	+5.7

¹ Revised estimates

² Includes all statistical discrepancies

18. CONSTRUCTION

	2000	2003 ¹	Jan. to Sept. 04
Building permits			
Number issued	8,867	9,123	6,583
<i>of which: -Residential</i>	8,331	8,712	6,287
Floor area covered ('000 m²)	1,510	1,638	1,175
<i>of which: -Residential</i>	1,170	1,230	895
	2000	2003¹	2004¹
Employment ² in construction sector ('000)	42.8	45.6	46.6
Investment in construction			
Value (million rupees)	15,167	21,205	22,186
as a % of GDP at market prices	12.7	13.5	12.7
Investment in the construction of residential buildings			
Value (million rupees)	6,035	7,515	7,655
as a % of GDP at market prices	5.0	4.8	4.4
Share of construction in GDFCF (%)			
All construction works	54.0	59.5	58.5
Residential buildings	21.5	21.1	20.2
Non residential buildings	20.7	21.1	25.6
Other construction works	11.8	17.3	12.7

¹ Revised

² Estimates are based on different data sources; they refer to population aged 12 years and over and include foreign workers.

19. EXTERNAL TRADE

	2000	2003 ¹	2004 ²
Total value of trade (Million rupees)	95,810	118,964	131,800
Total Exports (f.o.b. value)	40,882	53,022	55,223
Domestic exports	37,609	42,138	43,983
Re-exports	1,463	8,840	9,042
Ship's stores & bunkers	1,810	2,044	2,198
Total Imports (c.i.f. value)	54,928	65,942	76,577
Balance of visible trade	-14,046	-12,920	-21,354
Export Processing Zone exports	30,961	31,444	32,370
Export Processing Zone imports	16,399	15,579	17,210
Trade Indices (Unit value, base: 1997=100)			
Export index (domestic)	112	131	139
Import index	117	141	161
Terms of trade	96	93	86

(ratio of export to import index)

	(Million rupees)		
Domestic Exports (f.o.b.)	37,609	42,138	43,983
By commodity			
Food and live animals	7,154	11,959	13,425
<i>of which: - Sugar</i>	<i>5,544</i>	<i>8,775</i>	<i>9,771</i>
Beverages & tobacco	34	61	36
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	263	270	300
<i>of which: -Cut flowers and foliage</i>	<i>133</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>101</i>
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	-	3	1
Chemicals	311	362	386
Manufactured goods classified by materials	3,046	2,622	3,396
<i>of which: -Textile yarns, fabrics, made up articles</i>	<i>1,823</i>	<i>1,051</i>	<i>1,477</i>
Machinery & transport equipment	79	171	151
Miscellaneous manufactured goods	26,718	26,687	26,269
<i>of which:-Articles of apparel & clothing</i>	<i>24,755</i>	<i>24,427</i>	<i>23,519</i>
Other	4	3	19

By country of destination

(Million rupees)

-United Kingdom	11,276	15,431	17,366
-France	7,743	7,522	7,414
-U.S.A.	7,873	8,585	7,764
-Germany	1,414	1,408	1,179
-Italy	1,515	1,361	1,580
-Netherlands	652	806	881
-Malagasy Republic	1,580	1,102	1,017
-Belgium	897	787	1,100
-Reunion	509	682	774
-Spain	869	477	515
-Portugal	381	647	719
Re-Exports (f.o.b.)	1,463	8,840	9,042

By commodity

Food and live animals	47	1,342	1,276
Beverages & tobacco	5	247	122
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	21	69	150
Chemicals	50	548	553
Manufactured goods classified by materials	509	1,446	1,214
Machinery & transport equipment	424	1,466	2,344
Miscellaneous manufactured goods	386	3,653	3,300
Other	21	69	83

By country of destination

-Malagasy Republic	422	2,082	1,673
-France	193	1,881	1,684
-Reunion	80	807	711
-Italy	21	539	584
-India	27	116	393
-Spain	12	174	356
-South Africa	75	190	281
-United Kingdom	86	484	172
-China	14	195	166

(Million rupees)

Total Imports (c.i.f.) **54,928** **65,942** **76,577**

By commodity

Food and live animals	6,948	10,308	11,962
<i>-Dairy products & birds' eggs</i>	1,072	1,465	1,532
<i>-Fish & fish preparations</i>	1,058	2,542	3,180
Beverages & tobacco	369	626	698
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	1,654	1,542	2,062
Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc.	6,450	7,290	10,020
<i>-Refined petroleum products</i>	5,634	6,391	8,792
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	455	639	712
Chemicals	4,260	5,770	6,409
<i>-Medical & pharmaceutical products</i>	795	1,156	1,475
Manufactured goods classified by materials	17,570	18,863	19,812
<i>-Paper, paperboard & articles thereof</i>	1,056	1,117	1,293
<i>-Textile yarns, fabrics, made up articles</i>	10,843	9,949	9,225
<i>-Iron & steel</i>	1,041	1,564	1,886
<i>-Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.</i>	1,193	1,767	1,953
Machinery & transport equipment	12,427	14,241	18,087
<i>-Specialised & gen. industrial machinery</i>	4,023	4,219	5,818
<i>-Road vehicles</i>	2,916	2,805	4,050
<i>-Aircraft, marine vessels & parts</i>	135	1,388	606
Miscellaneous manufactured goods	4,710	6,521	6,624
<i>-Articles of apparel & clothing</i>	507	789	885
<i>-Watches, clocks & opticals goods</i>	451	429	504
Other	85	142	191

By country of origin

(Million rupees)

-France	5,248	7,841	6,852
-Republic of South Africa	8,198	8,068	8,564
-India	4,821	5,438	6,988
-United Kingdom	2,378	2,175	2,379
-Japan	2,255	2,326	3,096
-Hong Kong	1,881	1,049	771

-Germany	2,113	2,148	2,859
-Malaysia	1,681	2,026	2,286
-Australia	1,897	2,153	2,842
-Italy	1,815	2,109	2,434
-Taiwan	1,060	1,163	1,251
-China	4,152	5,539	7,076
-Singapore	1,080	1,684	1,175
-U.S.A.	1,601	1,734	1,755
-Switzerland	875	925	1,447
-Kuwait	-	41	218
-Belgium	965	945	1,367

Regional trade

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Exports to member states ³	2,521	4,082	3,624
Imports from member states	1,535	2,598	2,352

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Exports to member states ³	701	1,335	1,552
Imports from member states	8,690	8,900	9,710

Note: As from 2002, data include transactions of the freeport

¹ Revised

² Provisional

³ Excluding ship's stores and bunkers

20. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

	2000	2003	2004 ¹
	(Million rupees)		
CURRENT ACCOUNT	-899	3,450	-3,182
Goods and services	-2,122	2,717	-4,054
Goods	-10,201	-7,690	-15,875
Merchandise	-10,117	-7,548	-15,684
Non-monetary gold	-84	-142	-191
Services	8,079	10,407	11,821
Transportation	-997	-1,822	-2,697
Travel	9,471	13,379	16,447
Other services	-395	-1,150	-1,929
<i>Private</i>	-129	-469	-1,618
<i>Government</i>	-266	-681	-311
Income	-437	-833	-378
Direct investment income	-188	-577	-256
Other investment income	-249	75	267
Portfolio investment income*	...	-93	-155
Compensation of employees*	...	-238	-234
Current transfers	1,660	1,566	1,250
Private	1,473	1,066	717
Government	187	500	533
CAPITAL AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNT	737	-3,742	-1,513
Capital account	-16	-24	-44
Capital transfers	-16	-24	-44
Financial account	753	-3,718	-1,469
Financial account (excluding			
reserve assets)	7,168	2,487	-2,326
Direct investment	6,932	1,885	-564
Portfolio investment	-3,695	-499	-1,041
Other investment	4,964	1,101	-721
Reserve assets	-6,415	-6,205	857
NET ERRORS AND OMISSIONS	162	292	4,696

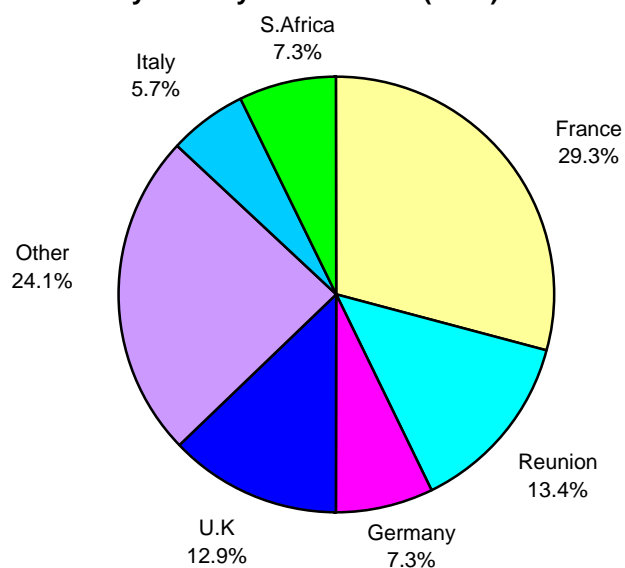
Source: Bank of Mauritius * Figures available as from year 2001

¹ Preliminary estimates

21. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL & TOURISM

	2000	2003 ¹	2004 ²
Passenger traffic ('000)			
Arrivals	915.2	968.9	1,000.5
(i) By gender			
Male	480.9	510.2	523.9
Female	434.3	458.7	476.6
(ii) By type of passenger			
Visitors	678.5	721.3	738.5
<i>of which: -on holiday</i>	602.6	636.3	653.8
<i>-on business</i>	27.0	31.2	30.4
Residents	216.7	227.3	239.9
Other	20.0	20.3	22.1
Departures	895.6	947.8	979.3
(i) By gender			
Male	469.9	497.0	511.7
Female	425.7	450.8	467.6
(ii) By type of passenger			
Visitors	667.2	705.8	718.8
Residents	212.9	224.8	240.8
Other	15.5	17.2	19.7
Inter-island passenger traffic			
From Mauritius to Rodrigues	49,530	63,649	60,862
<i>Male</i>	28,280	37,203	34,467
<i>Female</i>	21,250	26,446	26,395
From Rodrigues to Mauritius	49,981	63,937	60,830
<i>Male</i>	29,436	37,673	34,314
<i>Female</i>	20,545	26,264	26,516
	2000	2003	2004²
Tourist arrivals ('000)	656.5	702.0	718.9
France	198.4	200.2	210.4
Germany	52.9	54.0	52.3
Italy	39.0	39.8	41.3
Reunion	86.9	95.7	96.5
Republic of South Africa	48.7	45.8	52.6
United Kingdom	74.5	91.2	92.7
Other countries	156.1	175.3	173.1

Tourist arrivals by country of residence (2004)



	2000 ¹	2003	2004 ²
Number of licensed hotels	95	97	103
Number of rooms	8,657	9,647	10640
Number of bed places	17,776	19,727	21355
Room occupancy rate (%)	70	63	63
Bed occupancy rate (%)	62	55	56
Tourist nights ('000)	6,413	6,952	7119
Tourist receipts (Million rupees)	14,234	19,415 ¹	23448
Average length of stay (nights)	10.4	10.4 ¹	10.4
Average expenditure per tourist (rupees)	21,683	27,655 ¹	32618

¹ Revised.

² Provisional

22. SOCIAL SECURITY

	99/00	02/03 ¹	03/04 ²
Non-contributory benefits			
No. of beneficiaries ('000) ³	166.5	178.9	184.0
Total amount paid (million rupees)	3,331.4	4,408.8	4,771.6
Contributory benefits⁴			
(National Pensions Fund)			
No. of employees paying contribution ¹ ('000)	277.5	283.9	288.6
Contributions collected ⁵ (million rupees)	979.0	1,142.2	1,256.1
Surcharge collected (million rupees)	6.9	9.7	9.8
No. of beneficiaries ('000) ³	45.7	53.0	55.7
Total amount paid (million rupees)	288.9	421.3	466.4
Public expenditure on social security and welfare as a % of			
Total public expenditure	21.7	20.5	20.8
GDP at market prices	5.3	5.3	5.3

Benefits by type⁶, 2003/04

	Beneficiaries (000) as at June 2004	Amount Paid 03/04 (R Mn)
Non-contributory benefits	184.0	4,771.6
-Old age pension	119.4	3,073.8
-Widows pension	22.8	602.7
-Invalids pension	25.0	787.5
-Orphans pension	0.5	12.3
-Social Aid	16.3	295.3
Contributory benefits	55.7	466.4
-Retirement pension	36.1	340.4
-Widows pension (All ages)	13.2	78.0
-Invalids pension	5.4	21.6
-Orphans pension	0.1	0.2
-Industrial injury allowances	0.9	26.2

¹ Revised. ² Provisional. ³ As at June. ⁴ Excludes public and parastatal sectors. ⁵ Ratio of contribution is 2/3 from employers & 1/3 from

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