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- Nil

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000 Thousand

Gg Gigagram (000 Tonne)

GWh Million kilowatt hour

c.i.f. Cost, insurance and freight

f.o.b. Free on board

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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 1.3 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 638 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 2006 grew by 5.0% and the Gross National Income per capita at market prices reached 164,360 rupees. Unemployment rate is estimated at about 9.1% while inflation stood at 8.9% in 2006.

CONCEPTS & DEFINITIONS

2. Population and Vital Statistics

- 2 *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.

Concepts & definitions (contd.)

4. Education

- 4.1 *Gross 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.

Concepts & definitions (contd.)

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.

Concepts & definitions (contd.)

- 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.

1. CLIMATE

Mean temp. (°C) - 2006	Island of Mauritius		Island of Rodrigues	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
January	22.8	29.5	23.9	30.6
February	23.4	29.4	24.3	30.6
March	23.6	29.0	23.7	29.9
April	21.8	28.4	23.5	29.4
May	19.5	27.4	21.6	27.8
June	19.4	25.6	21.0	26.8
July	17.9	24.2	19.1	25.3
August	17.4	24.1	18.9	25.1
September	18.1	25.2	19.9	26.0
October	19.1	26.4	20.3	26.4
November	21.1	28.3	22.3	28.7
December	23.0	30.1	23.6	30.3

Rainfall (millimetres) - 2006	Island of Mauritius	Island of Rodrigues
January	356	43
February	342	207
March	454	377
April	89	91
May	55	67
June	102	78
July	180	159
August	87	55
September	73	29
October	60	48
November	90	12
December	47	23
Total for the year	1,936	1,189

2. POPULATION & VITAL STATISTICS

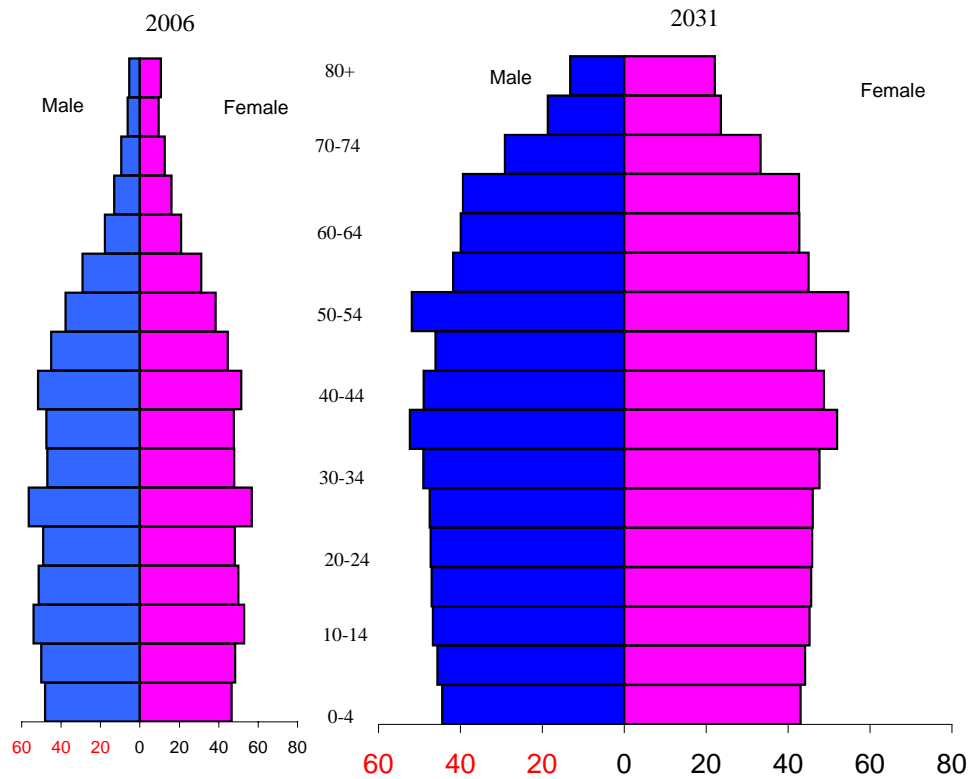
	2000	2005 ^{1/}	2006 ^{2/}
Total mid-year resident population ('000)	1,186.9	1,243.2	1,252.7
Male	588.2	614.8	619.2
Female	598.7	628.4	633.5
Age composition (%)			
under 15 years	25.7	24.5	23.9
(15-59) years	65.2	65.9	66.4
(60-64) years	2.8	3.0	3.1
65 years and over	6.3	6.6	6.6
Median age (years)	29.0	30.4	30.8
Dependency ratio	470.4	450.6	440.3
Population density (per km²)	585	612	616
Mid-year geographical distribution ('000)			
Port Louis	128.8	130.4	130.3
Pamplemousses	123.1	131.2	132.6
Riv. du Rempart	99.6	105.2	106.0
Flacq	127.8	135.0	136.1
Grand Port	107.5	112.3	113.2
Savanne	66.8	69.2	69.6
Plaine Wilhems	360.5	375.1	377.6
Moka	76.0	79.1	79.8
Black River	61.0	68.8	70.4
Rodrigues	35.8	36.9	37.1
Vital statistics			
Live births	20,205	18,820	17,604
Deaths	7,982	8,646	7,168
Marriages	10,963	11,294	11,471
Divorces	1,191	1,133	1,379

Revised

² Provisional

	2000	2005 ^{1/}	2006 ^{2/}
Vital statistics (contd.)			
Crude birth rate	17.0	15.1	14.1
Total fertility rate	2.0	1.8	1.7
Crude death rate	6.7	7.0	5.7
Marriage rate	18.5	18.2	18.3
Divorce rate	2.0	1.8	2.2
	2011	2021	2031
Projected population ('000)			
Male	1,299.5	1,382.8	1,438.1
Female	641.3	681.7	709.0
Age composition (%)			
under 15 years	22.0	20.1	18.7
15-59 years	66.5	63.4	60.1
60-64 years	4.3	5.7	5.8
65 years and over	7.2	10.8	15.4

Population pyramid ('000)



¹ Revised

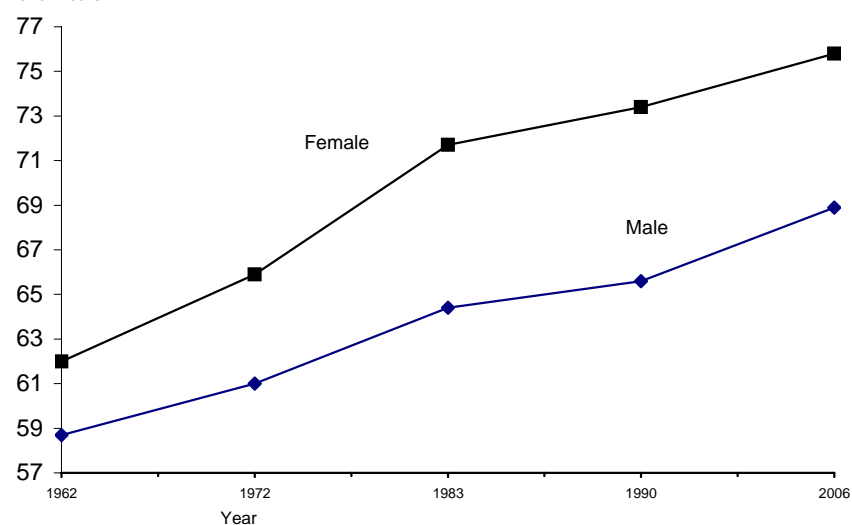
² Provisional

3. HEALTH

	2000	2005 ¹	2006 ²
Life expectancy at birth (years)			
<i>Male</i>	68.2	68.8	68.9
<i>Female</i>	75.3	75.7	75.8
Early neonatal mortality rate	9.0	6.7	7.1
Late neonatal mortality rate	3.6	3.1	3.5
Perinatal mortality rate	21.9	16.4	15.3
Infant mortality rate	15.9	13.2	14.1
Deaths per 100,000 of 45-64 yrs old			
<i>Male</i>	1,314	1,295	1,250
<i>Female</i>	744	695	682

Life expectancy at birth (years)

No. of Years



	2000	2005 ¹	2006 ²
Health facilities			
Hospitals ³	15	14	15
Hospital beds	3,990	3,728	3,727
Area health centres ⁴	27	27	26
Mediclinics	2	2	2
Community health centres	121	126	126
Private clinics	13	12	12

¹ Revised. ² Provisional. ³ Including two health centres with beds in Rodrigues. ⁴ Including Y. Cantin and Long Mountain Community Hospitals.

	2000	2005 ¹	2006 ²
Health facilities (contd.)			
Medical practitioners	1,080	1,342	1,400
Dentists	146	172	173
Nurses & midwives	2,957	2,893	3,070
Pharmacists	247	305	291
Population per doctor	1,105	930	899
Population per dentist	8,172	7,258	7,277
Deaths (per 100,000 population)			
Circulatory system ³	258	261	262
Respiratory system	62	61	54
Neoplasms	63	74	75
Injury & poisoning	42	41	42
Diabetes mellitus ³	100	146	164
Renal failure	21	15	16
% Deaths			
Circulatory system ³	37	37	36
Respiratory system	9	9	7
Neoplasms	9	11	10
Injury & poisoning	6	6	6
Diabetes mellitus ³	15	21	23
Renal failure	3	2	2
Public expenditure on health as % of			
Total public expenditure	8.4	9.4	8.9
GDP at market prices	2.0	2.3	2.2

¹ Revised ² Provisional

³ revised in the light of 2005 data following application of the new revision (10th) of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD 10) for the coding of underlying causes of death

4. EDUCATION

	2000	2005	2006
Pre-primary			
Schools	1,087	1,072	1,087
Enrolment	39,232	37,356	37,129
<i>Male</i>	19,677	18,934	18,730
<i>Female</i>	19,555	18,422	18,399
Gross enrolment ratio	96	94	95
<i>Male</i>	95	93	94
<i>Female</i>	96	95	95
Teaching staff	2,448	2,501	2,527
Pupil/teacher ratio	16	15	15
Primary			
Schools	291	291	290
Enrolment	135,237	123,562	121,387
<i>Male</i>	68,711	62,729	61,687
<i>Female</i>	66,526	60,833	59,700
Gross enrolment ratio	104	102	102
<i>Male</i>	105	103	102
<i>Female</i>	104	102	101
Teaching staff ¹	5,178	5,531	5,598
<i>Male</i>	2,326	2,064	1,994
<i>Female</i>	2,852	3,467	3,604
Pupil/teacher ratio ²	36	30	29
Cert. of Primary Education (% pass)	66.4	64.9	67.9
<i>Male</i>	61.2	59.0	62.0
<i>Female</i>	71.8	71.2	74.3

	2000	2005	2006
Secondary - Academic			
Schools	134	188	189
Enrolment	95,448	110,287	114,657
<i>Male</i>	46,399	52,988	55,136
<i>Female</i>	49,049	57,299	59,521
Gross enrolment ratio	60	67	69
<i>Male</i>	58	64	65
<i>Female</i>	63	71	72
Teaching staff	5,140	6,785	7,079
<i>Male</i>	2,658	3,082	3,148
<i>Female</i>	2,482	3,703	3,931
Pupil/teacher ratio	19	16	16
School Certificate (% pass)	76.6	78.4	78.9
<i>Male</i>	74.7	75.2	74.5
<i>Female</i>	78.3	81.2	82.8
Higher School Certificate (% pass)	72.3	78.2	79.3
<i>Male</i>	67.4	73.6	74.9
<i>Female</i>	76.9	82.0	83.1
Secondary - Pre-vocational ³			
Schools	25	147	152
Enrolment	4,695	9,845	10,424
<i>Male</i>	3,344	6,121	6,399
<i>Female</i>	1,351	3,724	4,025
Teaching staff	296	648	682
<i>Male</i>	157	239	250
<i>Female</i>	139	409	432
Pupil/teacher ratio	16	15	15

	2000	2004	2005
Vocational & Technical Training⁴			
Schools	12	12	13
Enrolment	5,450	7,083	7,436
<i>Male</i>	4,684	5,421	5,929
<i>Female</i>	766	1,662	1,507
Post-secondary⁵	00/01	05/06	06/07
Schools	3	5	5
Enrolment	10,041	14,290	15,207
<i>Male</i>	4,422	6,418	6,939
<i>Female</i>	5,619	7,872	8,268
Polytechnics⁶			
Enrolment	997	1,197	1,102
<i>Male</i>	761	816	730
<i>Female</i>	236	381	372
Mauritius College of the Air			
Distance Education Courses			
Enrolment	1,444	1,365	464
<i>Male</i>	191	282	233
<i>Female</i>	1,253	1,083	231
Literacy rate	2000	2005	2006
Total	85.0	...	...
<i>Male</i>	88.7	...	...
<i>Female</i>	81.5	...	...
Public expenditure on education⁷			
as a % of (Year ending 30th June)	00/01	05/06	06/07
Total public expenditure	15.0	14.7	12.7
GDP at market prices	3.5	3.6	3.4

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 Supérieur de Technologie. ⁷ Figures revised for years 2005/06

5. ENVIRONMENT

	2000	2005	2006 ¹
Greenhouse gas (Gg)			
Emissions			
Carbon dioxide	2,456.8	2996.0	...
Oxides of nitrogen	13.8	15.4	...
Carbon monoxide	66.3	66.4	...
Sulphur dioxide	28.9	33.0	...
Removals		...	...
Carbon dioxide	229.2	223.7	...
Net emissions			...
Carbon dioxide	2,227.6	2772.3	...
Carbon dioxide emissions		...	...
from fossil fuels (Gg)	2,454	2,994.0	...
Energy industries	1,185.4	1615.2	...
Manufacturing industries	357.4	346.3	...
Transport	735.8	833.7	...
Residential	141.7	158.5	...
Other (Agriculture and Commerce)	33.7	40.3	...
Solid Waste landfilled (tonne)	265,815	389,950	407,038
Number of E.I.A² licenses issued	92	55	55
Land parcelling (morcellement)	31	19	19
Poultry rearing	26	-	-
Industrial development	7	5	4
Coastal hotels and related works	11	-	21
Housing	4	-	3
Other	13	31	8

	2000	2005	2006 ¹
Number of PER³. licenses issued	....	88	91
Land parcelling (morcellement)	...	16	10
Poultry rearing	...	22	15
Industrial development	...	8	15
Coastal hotels and related works	...	4	...
Housing	...	10	14
Other	...	28	37
Number of complaints received at the Dept. of Environment	1,906	1,473	813
Noise	555	342	178
Solid waste	586	201	137
Air pollution	71	154	61
Waste water	150	289	92
Odour	251	272	121
Other	293	215	224
Water			
Fresh water abstraction, (Mm ³) (Excl of hydropower)	681	691	...
Water utilisation, (Mm ³)	982	1022	...
Domestic, industrial and tourism	209	214	...
Agricultural (irrigation)	468	466	...
Hydropower	305	331	...
Daily domestic per capita consumption, (litres)	154.9	168.0	...
Waste water: total volume treated in public treatment plants, (Mm ³)	20.5	30.5	...

¹ Provisional

² Environment Impact Assessment (EIA)

³ Preliminary Environmental Report (PER)

Note: Licences were issued as from September 2002

6. LABOUR

	2005 ⁵	2006
Labour Force- Mauritians ('000)¹	542.5	549.2
Male	349.4	352.0
Female	193.1	197.2
Activity rate (%)¹	58.6	58.4
Male	76.6	76.1
Female	41.1	41.3
Employment- Mauritians ('000)¹	490.4	499.1
Male	329.1	332.5
Female	161.3	166.6
Unemployment ('000)¹	52.1	50.1
Male	20.3	19.5
Female	31.8	30.6
Unemployment rate¹	9.6	9.1
Male	5.8	5.5
Female	16.5	15.5
Employment- Foreigners ('000)²	16.6	16.7
Male	9.1	8.3
Female	7.5	8.4
Total Employment by sector ('000)³	507.0	515.8
Primary sector	49.0	48.4
Secondary sector	170.1	172.4
Manufacturing	120.1	121.0
Electricity and water supply	3.0	3.0
Construction	47.0	48.4
Tertiary sector	287.9	295.0
Trade, hotels & restaurants	107.6	110.6
Transport, storage & communications	36.4	36.9
Financial intermediation, real estate, renting and business activities	28.8	30.5
Other services	115.1	117.0

Average earnings & Wage rate index

	2000	2005 ⁵	2006
Average monthly earnings (rupees)	8,178	12,061	12,628
Primary sector	6,585	9,789	9,975
Sugar cane	6,159	9,054	9,202
Secondary sector	6,131	8,698	9,307
Manufacturing	5,544	7,798	8,208
EPZ ⁴	4,774	6,656	7,002
Electricity & water supply	13,515	19,457	22,056
Construction	8,746	12,042	13,047
Tertiary sector	10,328	14,367	14,645
Trade, hotels & restaurants	8,562	11,227	11,939
Transport, storage & communications	11,502	15,982	16,664
Financial intermediation, real estate, renting and business activities	11,974	16,105	16,995
Other services	10,466	15,042	15,265
Wage Rate Index (base: 2000=100)	100.0	136.9	142.1

¹ 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

² Data on foreigners are obtained from surveys of employment and earnings

³ Including foreigners

⁴ Export Processing Zone

⁵ Revised

7. PRICE INDICES

	Weight	2005	2006
Consumer Price Index	1,000	117.6	128.1
(base: July 2001-June 2002=100)			
Food & non-alcoholic beverages	299	119.1	131.0
Alcoholic beverages & tobacco	86	127.0	143.6
Clothing & footwear	60	106.3	113.4
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	96	110.8	123.6
Furnishings, hhold.equip.& hhold.maintenance	80	112.8	120.3
Health	28	122.4	131.8
Transport	139	118.2	128.3
Communication	31	135.0	130.7
Recreation and culture	53	105.4	111.6
Education	24	119.2	123.2
Restaurants and hotels	50	122.1	142.3
Miscellaneous goods and services	54	119.2	124.6
Inflation rate(%) - calendar year		4.9	8.9
Export Price Index			
(base: 2003=100)	10,000	113.4	119.9
Food & live animals	3,234	114.6	121.2
- <i>Sugar</i>	2,789	115.3	120.6
Manufactured goods	426	101.6	106.7
Misc. manufactured goods	6,340	113.4	120.0
- <i>Apparel & clothing accessories</i>	6,159	113.0	119.1

	Weight	2005	2006
Import Price Index (base 2003 = 100)	10,000	128.8¹	145.1²
Food & live animals	1,621	124.6	146.7
Mineral fuel,lubricants and related materials	1,789	181.3	214.2
<i>Petroleum,Petroleum products and related materials</i>	1,554	<i>183.9</i>	<i>219.4</i>
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3,776	117.9	128.4
<i>-Textile yarn,fabrics,made-up articles,n.e.s</i>	2,590	<i>110.1</i>	<i>119.3</i>
Machinery and transport equipment	1,134	108.8	117.1
Producer Price Index			
(Manufacturing: Base year 2003 = 100)			
Manufacturing	1,000	115.6	126.9
Food	305	113.8	123.8
Beverages & tobacco	182	116.5	127.8
Other	513	116.3	128.6
Construction Price Index	1,000	123.6	131.8
(residential: base: 4th Qr.2001=100)			
Labour	345	111.1	113.9
Hire of plant	30	104.2	114.1
Materials	572	133.8	144.9
Transport	53	105.3	115.8

¹ Revised.

² Provisional

8. HOUSING & HOUSEHOLDS

	1990*	2000*
Buildings ('000)	209.9	268.3
<i>of which: - % wholly residential</i>	<i>90.1</i>	<i>89.4</i>
<i>- % partly residential</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>4.4</i>
 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

¹ Buildings constructed from January to April 1990

* Census figures

	1990*	2000*
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>	<i>62.8</i>	<i>88.8</i>
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		

9. HOUSEHOLD INCOME & EXPENDITURE

Household Budget Survey
91/92 96/97 01/02²

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

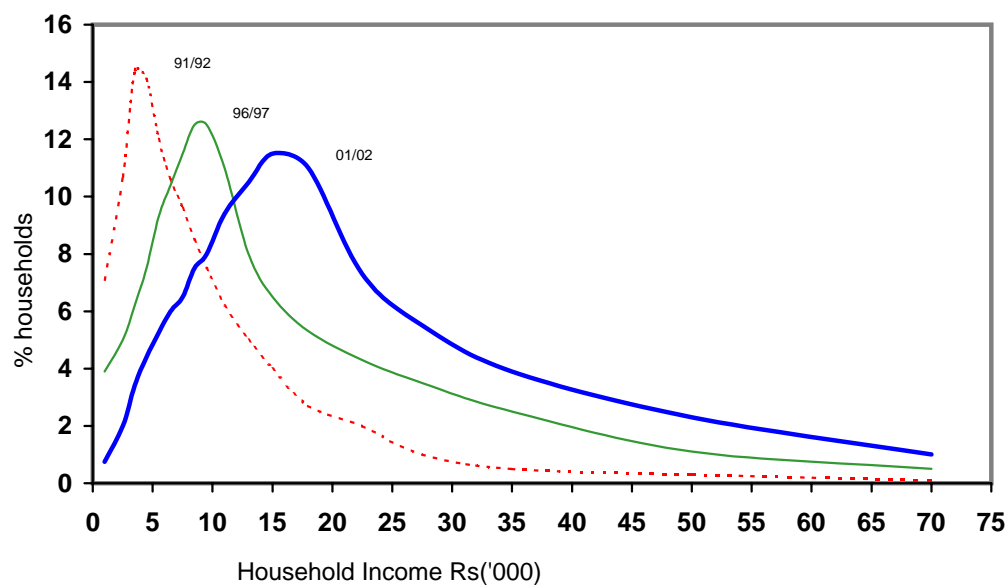
% of total income going to:

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



¹ Unadjusted for under reporting.

² Revised.

Household Budget Survey**96/97** **01/02⁴****Consumption pattern**Monthly household consumption¹ expenditure² (%)

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)³**2000⁴****2005****2006****Selected food items**

Wheat flour	76.5	77.4	....
Milled rice	55.9	50.9	....
Potatoes	18.2	17.6	....
Sugar	34.0	31.6	....
Fresh vegetables	82.2	75.4	....
Oils & fats	28.4	34.2	....
Fresh milk (litres)	6.2	5.4	....
Powdered milk	13.6	10.8	....
Pulses	10.1	9.9	....
Eggs	9.4	8.6	....
Meat & meat preparations	39.0	38.9	....
Banana	7.2	8.9	....
Other fresh fruits	16.4	18.7	....
Fish & fish preparations	23.1	18.8	....

¹ Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose² Adjusted for under reporting ³ Source: Food balance sheet⁴ Revised⁵ Provisional

10. TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

	2000	2005	2006
Road transport			
Motor-vehicles registered ('000)	244.0	305.5	319.4
Private cars	49.9	78.0	85.1
Taxi cars	5.0	6.8	6.9
Vans	18.8	24.0	24.5
Dual purpose vehicles	34.9	42.0	43.2
Lorries & trucks	10.5	12.0	12.3
Buses	2.4	2.6	2.6
Motor cycle	24.5	30.9	33.9
Autocycle	92.0	102.5	104.2
Other vehicles	6.0	6.7	6.7
Road traffic accidents			
Number of accidents	18,278	22,554	20,242
Rate (per 100,000 population)	1,588	1,869	1,665
Rate (per 1,000 registered motor-vehicles)	77	76	65
Motor-vehicles involved			
Number	33,537	43,741	40,023
Rate (per 1,000 reg. motor-vehicles)	142	148	129
Casualties			
Number	3,291	2,760	2,522
Fatal ¹	163	136	134
Seriously injured	266	358	348
Slightly injured	2,862	2,266	2,040
Fatality			
Rate (per 100,000 population)	14.16	11.27	11.02
Rate (per 1,000 registered motor-vehicles)	0.69	0.46	0.43
Index	4.95	4.93	5.31
Private cars per 1,000 households	169	247	264
Length of roads (kilometres)	1,926	2,020	2,021
Vehicles per kilometre of road	127	151	158

¹ For year 2000, figures were based on definition of fatal accidents whereby deaths were caused within 7 days of road accidents but for years 2002 onwards figures are based on new definition of fatal accidents whereby deaths are caused within 30 days of road accidents.

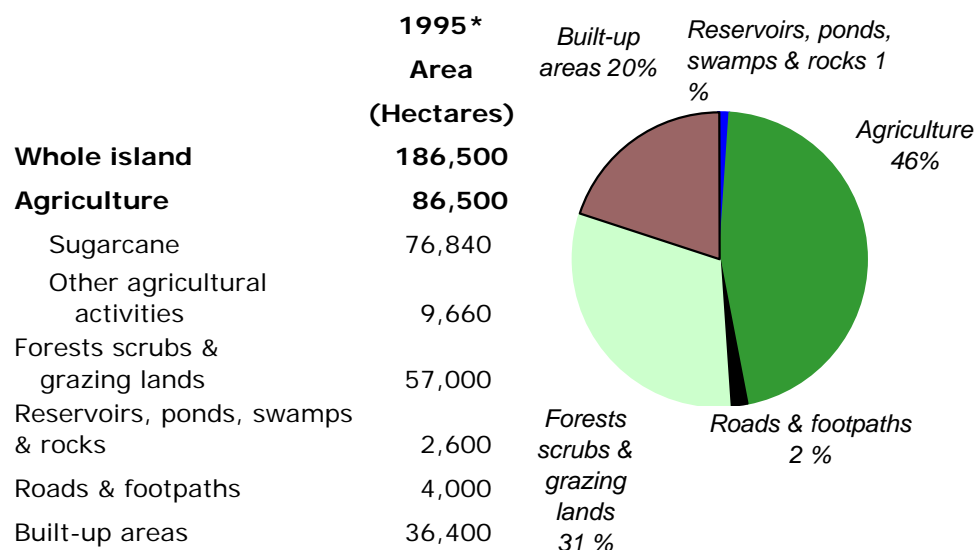
	2000	2005	2006 ¹
Air transport			
Landings	8,349	9,705	8,791
Freight loaded ('000 tonnes)	21.2	25.2	23.8
Freight unloaded ('000 tonnes)	20.1	23.9	21.2
Sea transport			
Arrivals	1,658	1,407	1,365
Goods loaded ('000 tonnes)	1,514	1,197	1,226
Goods unloaded ('000 tonnes)	3,677	4,709	4,619
Communication			
Radio operators	1	4	4
Television operators	4	4	4
Television sets licensed ('000)	223.9	275.8²	277.4
Fixed telephone subscribers('000)	262.0	357.5	357.3
National calls registered ³ ('000,000)	506.6	543.3	566.2
International outgoing telephone traffic ('000,000 minutes)	34.6	55.7	59.7
Cellular mobile tel subscribers '000	174.5	656.8	772.4
Total Internet subscribers '000	35	128.6	142.8
Fixed Internet subscribers '000	35	85.5	83.3
Mobile Internet subscribers '000	n.a	43.1	59.5
Local press	41	46	46
Dailies	6	9	8
-English & French	4	7	5
-Other	2	2	3
Weeklies	29	33	34
-English & French	23	28	28
-Other	6	5	6
Others	6	4	4
-English & French	6	2	2
-Other	-	2	2

¹ Provisional

² Revised

³ Calls irrespective of duration from fixed telephone

11. LAND UTILIZATION



	2000	2005 ¹	2006 ²
	(Hectares)		
Effective area cultivated			
Sugar cane	76,962	71,585	...
Tea	670	670	688
Tobacco	397	348	252
Land under irrigation	19,506	20,658	21,422
Overhead	15,951	16,761	17,576
Surface	2,020	1,768	1,737
Drip	1,535	2,129	2,109

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

¹ Revised

² Provisional

12. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

	2000	2005 ¹	2006 ²
PRODUCTION ('000 tonnes)			
Crop products			
Sugarcane	5,109.5	4,984.0	4748.9
Foodcrops	114.5	96.8	103.9
Tea leaf	6.4	6.8	7.6
Fruits	21.5	24.5	24.0
Tobacco leaf ³	0.5	0.4	0.3
Products from slaughtered and live animals			
	45.1	52.5	55.6
Poultry meat	25.6	33.0	36.0
Milk	4.0	4.0	4.0
Eggs	12.0	12.2	12.6
Fishing	7.8	9.0	8.6
(Million rupees)			
VALUE ADDED	7,144.0	9,789.9	9988.1
Crop products			
Sugarcane	3,741.0	5,211.8	4994.9
Foodcrops	1,130.5	1,281.3	1563.6
Tea leaf	52.3	58.4	65.8
Fruits	163.8	129.4	138.8
Tobacco leaf ³	30.2	20.9	22.9
Animals & animal products	815.6	1,283.1	1363.4
Fishing	292.9	406.7	420.0

¹ Revised

² Provisional

³ crop year

13. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

		2000	2005 ¹	2006 ²
Quantity produced (selected commodities)				
Sugar	('000 tonnes)	569.3	519.8	N.A
Molasses	"	144.0	145.9	N.A
Tea (Black)	"	1.3	1.4	1.6
Iron bars & steel tubes	"	46.0	60.5	62.0
Fertilizers		83.7	85.0	86.0
Denatured spirit	('000 H. Litres)	6.4	5.3	5.4
Beer and stout	"	374.9	389.0	359.1
Wine (country liquor)	"	41.2	52.8	51.2
Electricity generated	(GWh)	1,775.5	2,242.2	N.A
Manufacturing				
Growth rate				
Manufacturing		+7.9	-5.5	3.9
Manufacturing excluding sugar		+7.0	-4.8	4.3
EPZ ³		+6.0	-12.3	4.6
Labour Productivity Index⁴ (2000=100)				
Manufacturing		100.0	113.3	116.8
EPZ ³		100.0	104.4	109.6
Capital Productivity Index (2000=100)				
Manufacturing		100.0	80.6	83.0
EPZ ³		100.0	65.0	65.6
Unit Labour Cost Index⁴ (2000=100)				
Manufacturing		100.0	130.8	130.0
EPZ ³		100.0	143.5	140.6

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	2005 ¹	2006 ²
Imports of energy sources ('000 tonnes)			
Gasolene	89.8	86.8	88.9
Diesel oil	339.7	329.9	327.5
Dual purpose kerosene	217.4	248.0	242.0
<i>-Aviation fuel</i>	<i>190.0</i>	<i>220.1</i>	<i>236.0</i>
Fuel oil	218.8	337.5	304.4
LPG	47.3	62.7	58.8
Coal	222.4	379.3	490.3
Re-export and Bunkering ³ ('000 tonnes)			
Aviation fuel	87.5	96.9	100.0
Diesel oil	160.0	135.4	122.3
Fuel oil	57.6	54.7	54.4
Electricity generated ⁴ (GWh)	1,777.5	2,272.1	...
Hydro	95.7	114.9	...
Wind	...	0.4	...
Thermal	1681.9	2156.8	...
Peak demand(MW), Mauritius	283.9	353.1	367.3
Rodrigues	3.8	6.0	5.7
Electricity sales (GWh)	1,374.0	1,776.6	1,879.8
Domestic	491.9	607.6	617.9
Commercial	374.8	556.3	581.8
Industrial (general)	458.6	550.2	641.6
Industrial (irrigation)	27.2	27.1	38.5
No. of electricity consumers ('000)	323.7	368.3	376.6
Domestic	288.5	328.7	335.8
Commercial	27.8	31.9	33.1
Industrial (general)	6.6	6.9	7.4
Industrial (irrigation)	0.4	0.4	0.3

¹ Revised. ² Provisional ³ Pertaining to sales of fuel to foreign vessels

⁴ Includes electricity generated for own use by Independent Power Producers

15. GOVERNMENT FINANCE

	00/01	04/05	05/06
Budgetary central government	(Million rupees)		
Total revenue & grants	22,796	36,019	39,219
Total revenue	22,597	35,575	38,730
Current revenue	22,597	35,192	38,509
Tax revenue	20,190	32,718	35,381
- <i>Tax on income, profits & capital gains</i>	3,039	5,829	7,469
- <i>Domestic taxes on goods & services</i>	9,466	17,465	18,762
- <i>Import duties</i>	6,349	7,731	7,195
Non tax revenue	2,407	2,474	3,127
- <i>Property income</i>	1,749	1,235	1,805
Capital revenue	...	383	222
Grants	199	444	489
Total expenditure & lending minus repayments	25,382	45,024	49,564
Total expenditure	31,582	44,387	48,875
General government services	5,402	7,398	8,273
Community & social services	15,494	23,166	25,368
- <i>Education</i>	4,357	6,743	6,852
- <i>Health</i>	2,547	3,948	4,213
- <i>Social Security</i>	6,160	8,725	10,305
Economic services	4,648	4,109	5,270
- <i>Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting</i>	1,290	1,550	1,439
- <i>Transportation & communication</i>	1,855	726	1,379
Other functions	6,038	9,714	9,964
- <i>Public debt interest</i>	5,177	7,184	7,355
Lending minus repayments	-6,200	637	689
Overall deficit	-2,586	-9,005	-10,345
Overall deficit excluding PF and NIDF¹	-5,469	-9,005	-10,345
Budgetary central government			
debt (end of period)	60,561	105,816	113,364
Domestic debt	53,745	96,584	104,828
Foreign debt	6,816	9,232	8,535

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

16. MONEY & BANKING

	(December)		
	2000	2005	2006 ¹
	(Million rupees)		
Aggregate monetary resources	94,887	169,718	201,762
Money supply	13,299	25,959	28,165
Currency with the public	6,648	11,744	13,108
Demand deposits	6,651	14,215	15,057
<i>Bank of Mauritius</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>418</i>	<i>541</i>
<i>Commercial banks</i>	<i>6,564</i>	<i>13,797</i>	<i>14,516</i>
Quasi-money	81,588	143,760	158,540
Domestic credit	84,843	157,090	173,543
Claims on public sector	13,631	41,076	42,211
Claims on private sector & financial Institutions	71,212	116,014	131,332
Net International reserves	33,554	56,548	74,192
Bank of Mauritius	24,840	41,116	44,127
Commercial banks	8,188	14,664	29,522
Reserves position with the IMF and Government Foreign Assets	526	768	543
Foreign exchange rates (selling - June)			
Euro	25.02	35.82	39.73
France (FR F 1)	3.82	...	...
Germany (DE M 1)	12.79	...	...
India (IN R 100)	60.00	69.00	68.00
Japan (JP Y 100)	24.97	26.92	27.19
South Africa, Rep. of (SA R 1)	3.90	4.52	4.48
United States (US D 1)	26.26	29.61	31.01
United Kingdom (GB P 1)	39.83	53.54	57.02
Source: Bank of Mauritius			

¹ Preliminary estimates

17. NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

	2000	2005 ¹	2006 ¹
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)			
at current prices			
(i) Value added by sector (million rupees)			
Primary	7,491	9,878	10,089
<i>Agriculture, hunting, forestry & fishing</i>	7,328	9,790	9,988
<i>Mining & quarrying</i>	163	88	101
Secondary	32,420	44,565	50,013
<i>Manufacturing</i>	24,701	32,187	36,313
<i>Electricity, gas & water supply</i>	1,820	3,355	3,591
<i>Construction</i>	5,899	9,023	10,109
Tertiary	71,250	116,575	131,520
<i>Wholesale & retail trade; repair of motor vehicles motorcycles, personal & household goods</i>	12,810	19,503	22,156
<i>Hotels and restaurants</i>	6,872	12,423	15,431
<i>Transport, storage & communication</i>	13,663	20,447	22,427
<i>Financial intermediation</i>	10,156	16,766	18,850
<i>Real estate, renting & business activities</i>	9,341	16,609	19,015
<i>Public administration & defence; compulsory social security</i>	7,043	11,460	12,199
<i>Education</i>	4,761	7,780	8,390
<i>Health and social work</i>	3,106	5,580	6,267
<i>Other services</i>	3,498	6,007	6,785
FISIM	-5,955	-8,991	-10,117
GDP at basic prices	105,206	162,027	181,505
Taxes on products (net of subsidies)	15,085	23,177	24,319
GDP at market prices	120,290	185,204	205,824

	2000	2005 ¹	2006 ¹
Per capita GDP at market prices (rupees)	101,326	148,933	164,266
Sectoral contribution to GDP at basic prices (%)			
Primary	7.1	6.1	5.6
Secondary	30.8	27.5	27.6
Tertiary	67.8	71.9	72.4
FISIM	-5.7	-5.5	-5.6
(ii) By expenditure component			
Final consumption expenditure on goods and services (million rupees)	89,522	154,717	174,836
<i>Households</i>	72,536	127,349	145,481
<i>General government :</i>	16,986	27,368	29,355
<i>Individual</i>	7,106	11,146	12,125
<i>Collective</i>	9,880	16,222	17,230
Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation (GDFCF)	27,595	39,531	49,375
<i>Private sector</i>	19,866	27,773	33,428
<i>Public sector</i>	7,729	11,758	15,947
Increase in inventories ²	3,846	2,083	5,122
Exports of goods & services	73,841	110,940	127,252
Less imports of goods & services	74,513	122,067	150,761
GDP at market prices	120,290	185,204	205,824

	2000	2005 ¹	2006 ¹
Gross National Income (GNI), disposable income and savings			
Net primary income from the rest of the world (R.o.w)	-783	-239	118
GNI at market prices	119,507	184,965	205,942
Net transfer from r.o.w	1,662	1,797	2,264
Gross National Disposable Income	121,169	186,762	208,206
Less final consumption expenditure	89,522	154,717	174,836
Gross national savings	31,647	32,045	33,370
Per capita GNI at market prices (rupees)	100,666	148,740	164,360
Annual real growth rate (%)			
GDP at basic prices	9.7	2.2	5.0
Final consumption expenditure	4.2	7.1	5.5
<i>Households</i>	3.7	7.3	5.9
<i>General government</i>	6.6	6.1	3.8
GDFCF(including aircraft & vessels)	-8.3	-2.4	18.2
GDFCF(excluding aircraft & vessels)	1.0	-2.1	4.6

¹ Revised

² Includes all statistical discrepancies

18. CONSTRUCTION

	2000	2005	2006
Building permits			
Number issued	8,867	7,990	8,690
<i>of which: -Residential</i>	8,331	7,538	8,122
Floor area covered ('000 m²)	1,510	1,417	1,569
<i>of which: -Residential</i>	1,170	1,127	1,250
Employment¹ in construction sector ('000)	45.1	47.0	48.4
Investment in construction			
Value (million rupees)	15,341	23,289	25,994
as a % of GDP at market prices	12.8	12.6	12.6
Investment in the construction of residential buildings			
Value (million rupees)	6,368	7,628	8,872
as a % of GDP at market prices	5.3	4.1	4.3
Share of construction in GDFCF (%)	55.6	58.9	52.6
All construction works			
Residential buildings	23.1	19.3	18.0
Non residential buildings	20.4	24.4	21.4
Other construction works	12.1	15.2	13.2

¹ Revised

19. EXTERNAL TRADE

	2000	2005 ¹	2006 ²
Total value of trade (Million rupees)	95,810	156,501	189,783
Total Exports (f.o.b. value)	40,882	63,219	74,171
Domestic exports	37,609	42,104	47,737
Re-exports	1,463	16,991	21,362
Ship's stores & bunkers	1,810	4,124	5,072
Total Imports (c.i.f. value)	54,928	93,282	115,612
Balance of visible trade	-14,046	-30,063	-41,441
Export Processing Zone exports	30,961	28,954	33707*
Export Processing Zone imports	16,399	15,518	19044*
Trade Indices (base: 2003=100)			
Export index (domestic)	100	113	120
Import index	100	129	145
Terms of trade	100	88	83
(ratio of export to import index)			

	(Million rupees)		
Domestic Exports (f.o.b.)	37,609	42,104	47,737
By commodity			
Food and live animals	7,154	15,437	17,854
<i>of which: - Sugar</i>	<i>5,544</i>	<i>10,536</i>	<i>11,165</i>
Beverages & tobacco	34	48	53
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	263	386	476
<i>of which: -Cut flowers and foliage</i>	<i>133</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	-	-	3
Chemicals	311	306	342
Manufactured goods classified by materials	3,046	3,438	3,742
<i>of which: -Textile yarns, fabrics, made up articles</i>	<i>1,823</i>	<i>1,325</i>	<i>1,502</i>
Machinery & transport equipment	79	141	157
Miscellaneous manufactured goods	26,718	22,330	25,069
<i>of which: -Articles of apparel & clothing</i>	<i>24,755</i>	<i>19,534</i>	<i>22,082</i>
Other	4	18	41

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

¹ Revised

* Formely EPZ Enterprises

² Provisional

	2000	2005 ¹	2006 ²
Domestic Exports (f.o.b.) (contd.)			
By country of destination	(Million rupees)		
-United Kingdom	11,276	18,802	21,918
-France	7,743	6,414	6,940
-U.S.A.	7,873	5,516	4,839
-Germany	1,414	827	1,074
-Italy	1,515	1,348	1,949
-Netherlands	652	670	854
-Malagasy Republic	1,580	1,194	1,404
-Belgium	897	1,362	1,578
-Reunion	509	759	785
-Spain	869	971	1,817
-Portugal	381	541	142
Re-Exports (f.o.b.)	1,463	16,991	21,362
By commodity			
Food and live animals	47	1,811	2,347
Beverages & tobacco	5	156	238
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	21	174	385
Chemicals	50	554	526
Manufactured goods classified by materials	509	1,564	1,794
Machinery & transport equipment	424	9,194	11,924
Miscellaneous manufactured goods	386	3,427	4,004
Other	21	111	144
By country of destination			
U.A.E	37	4,885	7,848
-Malagasy Republic	422	2,179	1,890
-France	193	1,977	1,796
-Reunion	80	802	872
-Italy	21	1,960	799
-India	27	143	261
-Spain	12	618	670
-Republic of South Africa	75	249	342
-United Kingdom	86	413	488
-China	14	174	109

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

¹ Revised

² Provisional

	2000	2005 ¹	2006 ²
	(Million rupees)		
Total Imports (c.i.f.)	54,928	93,282	115,612
By commodity			
Food and live animals	6,948	13,820	17,312
- <i>Dairy products & birds' eggs</i>	1,072	1,815	1,870
- <i>Fish & fish preparations</i>	1,058	4,266	6,722
Beverages & tobacco	369	839	952
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	1,654	2,097	2,772
Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc.	6,450	15,394	19,367
- <i>Refined petroleum products</i>	5,634	13,471	17,018
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	455	845	711
Chemicals	4,260	7,386	8,156
- <i>Medical & pharmaceutical products</i>	795	1,516	1,890
Manufactured goods classified by materials	17,570	19,297	21,825
- <i>Paper, paperboard & articles thereof</i>	1,056	1,435	1,576
- <i>Textile yarns, fabrics, made up articles</i>	10,843	7,427	8,442
- <i>Iron & steel</i>	1,041	2,235	2,425
- <i>Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.</i>	1,193	2,247	2,616
Machinery & transport equipment	12,427	26,110	35,945
- <i>Specialised & gen. industrial machinery</i>	4,023	5,841	6,402
- <i>Road vehicles</i>	2,916	4,216	4,507
- <i>Aircraft, marine vessels & parts</i>	135	403	7,182
Miscellaneous manufactured goods	4,710	7,257	8,206
- <i>Articles of apparel & clothing</i>	507	1,195	1,163
- <i>Watches, clocks & opticals goods</i>	451	586	568
Other	85	237	366

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

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	2000	2005 ¹	2006 ²
Total Imports (c.i.f.) (contd.)			
By country of origin	(Million rupees)		
-France	5,248	6,958	16,437
-Republic of South Africa	8,198	8,066	8,489
-India	4,821	6,461	15,694
-United Kingdom	2,378	2,589	2,894
-Japan	2,255	3,333	3,254
-Hong Kong	1,881	652	596
-Germany	2,113	3,794	4,614
-Malaysia	1,681	2,670	2,979
-Australia	1,897	2,699	3,106
-Italy	1,815	2,402	2,952
-Taiwan	1,060	1,718	2,340
-China	4,152	9,166	9,986
-Singapore	1,080	1,586	1,103
-U.S.A.	1,601	1,972	2,337
-Switzerland	875	1,121	1,296
-Kuwait	-	25	18
-Belgium	965	1,488	1,749
Regional trade			
COMESA			
Exports to member states ³	2,521	4,280	4,275
Imports from member states	1,535	2,197	3,540
SADC			
Exports to member states ³	701	4,386	5,070
Imports from member states	8,690	9,619	9,955

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	2005	2006 ¹
	(Million rupees)		
CURRENT ACCOUNT	-899	-9,569	-19,608
Goods and services	-2,122	-11,127	-23,509
Goods	-10,201	-23,515	-34,494
Merchandise	-10,117	-23,151	-34,300
Non-monetary gold	-84	-364	-194
Services	8,079	12,388	10,985
Transportation	-997	-4,092	-5,469
Travel	9,471	17,594	21,527
Other services	-395	-1,114	-5,073
<i>Private</i>	-129	-1,248	-5,183
<i>Government</i>	-266	134	110
Income	-437	-239	1,636
Direct investment income	-188	-856	-2,721
Other investment income	-249	1,277	5,267
Portfolio investment income*	...	-405	-616
Compensation of employees*	...	-255	-294
Current transfers	1,660	1,797	2,265
Private	1,473	1,491	1,910
Government	187	306	355
CAPITAL AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNT	737	9,043	6,051
Capital account	-16	-52	-81
Capital transfers	-16	-52	-81
Financial account	753	9,095	6,132
Financial account (excluding reserve assets)	7,168	4,207	1,559
Direct investment	6,932	-176	2,206
Portfolio investment	-3,695	-481	-652
Other investment	4,964	4,864	5
Reserve assets	-6,415	4,888	4,573
NET ERRORS AND OMISSIONS	162	526	13,557

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

¹ Preliminary estimates

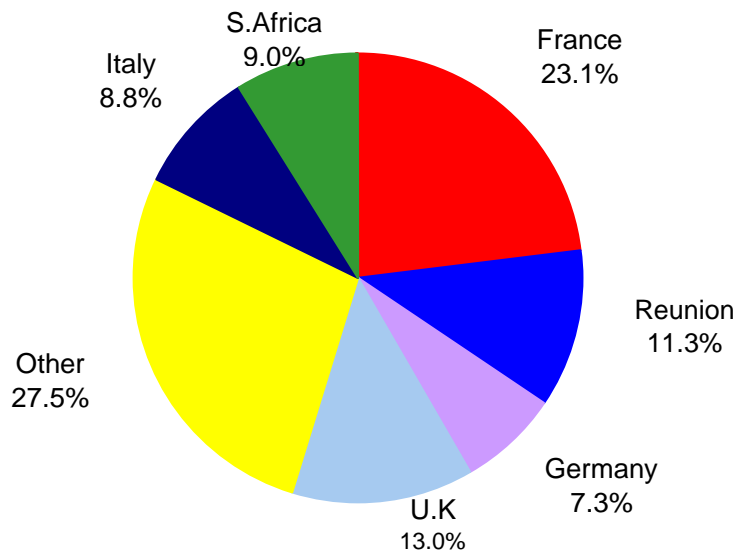
21. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL & TOURISM

	2000	2005	2006 ¹
Passenger traffic ('000)			
Arrivals	915.2	1,043.9	1,072.9
(i) By gender			
Male	480.9	544.5	562.8
Female	434.3	499.4	510.1
(ii) By type of passenger			
Visitors	678.5	781.6	806.7
<i>of which: -on holiday</i>	<i>602.6</i>	<i>692.1</i>	<i>712.6</i>
<i>-on business</i>	<i>27.0</i>	<i>30.2</i>	<i>32.5</i>
Residents	216.7	239.4	242.3
Other	20.0	22.9	23.9
Departures	895.6	1,029.7	1,060.1
(i) By gender			
Male	469.9	538.1	555.3
Female	425.7	491.6	504.8
(ii) By type of passenger			
Visitors	667.2	773.9	801.7
Residents	212.9	236.5	241.2
Other	15.5	19.3	17.2
Inter-island passenger traffic			
From Mauritius to Rodrigues	49,530	53,534	55,368
<i>Male</i>	<i>28,280</i>	<i>29,805</i>	<i>31,395</i>
<i>Female</i>	<i>21,250</i>	<i>23,729</i>	<i>23,973</i>
From Rodrigues to Mauritius	49,981	53,987	56,015
<i>Male</i>	<i>29,436</i>	<i>29,447</i>	<i>31,822</i>
<i>Female</i>	<i>20,545</i>	<i>24,540</i>	<i>24,193</i>

¹ Provisional

	2000	2005	2006 ²
Tourist arrivals ('000)	656.5	761.1	788.3
France	198.4	220.4	182.3
Germany	52.9	56.0	57.3
Italy	39.0	43.5	69.4
Reunion	86.9	99.0	89.1
Republic of South Africa	48.7	58.4	70.8
United Kingdom	74.5	95.4	102.3
Other countries	156.1	188.4	217.1

Tourist arrivals by country of residence (2006)



	2000	2005	2006 ²
Number of licensed hotels	95	99	98
Number of rooms	8,657	10,497	10,666
Number of bed places	17,776	21,072	21,403
Room occupancy rate (%)	70	63	66
Bed occupancy rate (%)	62	57	59
Tourist nights ('000)	6,413	7,498 ¹	7,761
Tourist receipts (Million rupees)	14,234	25,704	31,942
Average length of stay (nights)	10.4	10.7	10.1
Average expend. per tourist (rupees)	21,683	33,774	40,521

¹ Revised.

² Provisional

22. SOCIAL SECURITY

	99/00	04/05	05/06 ¹
Non-contributory benefits			
No. of beneficiaries ('000) ²	166.5	187.1	194.4
Total amount paid (million rupees)	3,331.4	5,324.1	6,175.3
Contributory benefits³			
(National Pensions Fund)			
No. of employees paying contribution ('000)	277.5	286.8	286.7
Contributions collected ⁴ (million rupees)	979.0	1,312.9	1,446.5
Surcharge collected (million rupees)	6.9	1.0	0.9
No. of beneficiaries ('000) ²	45.7	58.6	62.1
Total amount paid (million rupees)	288.9	517.5	576.6
Public expenditure on social security and welfare as a % of			
Total public expenditure	21.7	22.1	23.3
GDP at market prices	5.3	5.3	5.8

Benefits by type⁵, 2005/06

Beneficiaries (000) as at June 2006	Amount Paid 05/06 (R Mn)
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Non-contributory benefits	194.4	6,175.2
-Old age pension	126.3	4,129.0
-Widows pension	23.0	687.8
-Invalids pension	27.6	995.3
-Orphans pension	0.4	14.1
-Social Aid	17.1	349.0
Contributory benefits	62.1	576.6
-Retirement pension	39.5	416.5
-Widows pension (All ages)	15.2	104.0
-Invalids pension	6.4	26.9
-Orphans pension	0.1	0.2
-Industrial injury benefits	0.9	29.0

¹ Provisional. ² As at June. ³ Excludes public and parastatal sectors.

⁴ Ratio of contribution is 2/3 from employers & 1/3 from employees. Excludes surcharge paid by employers. ⁵ A person receiving several benefits is counted several times.

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