

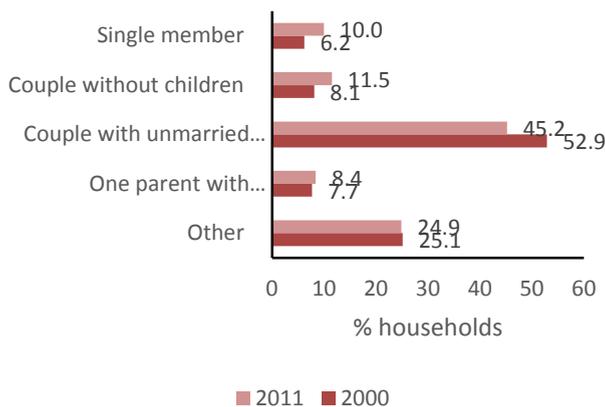
Celebration of the International Family Day 2015 on 15 May 2015

The International Day of Families is observed on the 15th of May every year, as proclaimed by UN.

How many families are there in Mauritius and what is their composition? Going by Census 2011, there were 348,300 households in mid-2011, of which more than half consisted of couples with or without unmarried children.

Over time, there have been changes in household composition. Couples with unmarried children are becoming less common while childless couples, lone parents with unmarried children and one-person households are gaining ground.

Households by type, 2000 and 2011 Censuses, Republic of Mauritius.



SM releases its first Census Atlas

The Census Atlas was posted on our website on 21 May 2015. This is the first time that SM is releasing a geographically based publication for disseminating Census data. It draws from 2000 and 2011 census data, and presents maps at various geographical levels namely national, island, district, and at municipal and village council areas.

It covers housing and living conditions, demographic and fertility characteristics, economic characteristics, educational characteristics, household characteristics, and geographical and migration characteristics.

It is planned to make the atlas accessible through our Interactive Statistical Data Portal where users will have the possibility to customize the maps according to their needs and access the underlying data. The [Atlas](#) is available online.

SM participates in the Expert Group Meeting to review and validate the MDGs 2015 Africa Report & Continental Consultation meeting to review and finalise indicators for SDGs

Chandranee Rughoobur, Statistician attended a meeting of MDG focal points of African countries in Algeria from 3 to 8 May 2015. The meeting was organized by the UN in collaboration with ADB and African Union Commission (AUC). Its purpose was twofold:

- (i) To validate the draft 2015 MDG report on Africa which highlights the achievements and challenges faced by our continent and
- (ii) To come up with a set of SDG indicators informed by African specificities as captured in the African Union's Agenda 2063 vision and related strategies.

The meeting retained the 17 Goals and 169 Targets of the SDGs. It discussed the 338 indicators and proposed additional indicators for each Goal. Heads of States, including African Heads of States will meet at the UN Summit in September 2015 to endorse the SDGs. These will replace the MDGs in January 2016.

Half-day Seminar on results of the 2014 Category 1 Global Business Companies (GBC1s) survey at the FSC

The Financial Services Commission (FSC) organised a half-day seminar on GBC1s on 21 May 2015. The aim was to share the results of last survey carried out by FSC on behalf of Statistics Mauritius (SM) and Bank of Mauritius (BOM) with the Management Companies (MCs).

The survey results were based on data furnished by MCs which were responsible of around 7,000 GBC1s. As expected, the main income and expenditure of GBC1s were linked to financial transactions. The methodology for computing the contribution of the GBC1s to the economy remains to be fine-tuned and the collaboration of the FSC and the MCs will indeed help SM in that exercise. Thus, for the next round of the survey, the MCs will be requested to provide disaggregated data by selected activity of GBC1s falling under their management.

It is hoped that MCs and GBLs have been able to get a good understanding of the use of data they provided to SM and BOM through the surveys.