

Stats M outsources HBS data capture to TNT Business Solutions

Data capture for the 2012 Household Budget Survey (HBS) has been outsourced to TNT Business Solutions, following the floating of a tender in February 2012. The exercise started in June 2012 and will last till February 2013. Data will be captured from four different questionnaires for each of the 6,720 sampled households.

TNT Business Solutions is a private company in the business process outsourcing and it employs around 500 persons. The company is currently providing archiving services to the Mauritius National Archives and the Mahatma Gandhi Institute.



The TNT team busy capturing data from HBS questionnaires

World Environment Day (WED) – Rio+20 Summit

Brazil hosted the WED from 20 to 22 June 2012. Rio+20, as the name suggests, marks the 20th anniversary of the 1992 UN conference on Environment and Development.

The objective of the conference was to secure renewed political commitment for sustainable development, assess the progress to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation of the outcomes of the major summits on sustainable development and address new and emerging challenges.

The conference focused on two themes:

- (i) a Green Economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, and
- (ii) the institutional framework for sustainable development.

Practically speaking, a Green Economy is one whose growth in income and employment is driven by public and private investments that reduce carbon emissions and pollution, enhance energy and resource efficiency, and prevent the loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Stats M releases main results of the 2011 Population Census

Stats M released the main results of the 2011 Population Census on Friday 29 June 2012 which indicated that the population of the country numbered 1,233,000 on Census night. The report highlighted that the annual population growth rate of 0.4 percent during the intercensal period 2000-2011 is the lowest since the intercensal period 1911-1921 when an influenza epidemic caused many deaths in 1919.

There are a number of planned census releases in the pipeline and the next ones will be a series of table reports based on the 2011 Population Census, scheduled by September 2012.

Stats M receives interns from the University of Mauritius

Five students studying for degree courses closely related to statistics at the University of Mauritius have joined Stats M as interns. They are at the office from 4th June till end of July 2012. Their posting is as follows:

Name	Units
Hema Sawaruth	Tourism
Seeneevassen Pillay Kanaksabee	Education
Preyashree Devi Mungrah	Census
Fadya Ramdin	Industry
Varaluxmee Permall	Labour and CPI

Stats M is pleased to welcome these professionals to-be to impart to them some knowledge of the work in a stats office.



The interns at SM: (from left) Ms. Sawaruth, Ms. Permall, Mr. Kanaksabee, Ms. Mungrah and Ms. Ramdin