6. LABOUR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

Employment is on the rise and unemployment is declining
Between 2000 and 2011, the Rodriguan labour force increased driven by an increase of 4,501 in the number of employed persons and a decrease of 1,112 in the number of unemployed.

Table - - Main labour force estimates (for 16 years and above), 2000 and 2011 Population Censuses

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<td>Labour force</td>
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<td>Employment</td>
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<td>Unemployment</td>
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<td>Unemployment rate (%)</td>
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More workers are having jobs in the tertiary sector
In 2011, the tertiary sector provided jobs to 52% of workers, up from 44% in 2000. By contrast, the secondary sector is losing ground with a decrease from 24% to 17% and the primary sector remained almost unchanged at 32% - 33%.

Employed persons aged 16 years and over by sector, 2000 and 2011 Censuses

*Primary sector: Agriculture, mining & quarrying
Secondary sector: Electricity & water, manufacturing & construction
Tertiary sector: Trade, hotels & restaurants, transport & communication, financial services, community, social & personal services

Rodriguan workers are moving up the occupation ladder
The share of employment in the higher occupational groups (ISCO 1-3) comprising legislators, senior officials and managers; professionals; technicians and associate professionals increased from 10.6% in 2000 to 15.2% in 2011.
In contrast the share of employment in the lowest occupational group (ISCO 9) representing elementary jobs decreased from 24.6% to 15.2%.

Women make up 40% of labour force but are over-represented among the unemployed...
In 2011, women made up
- 40.2% of the Rodriguan labour force;
- 38.2% of all workers; and
- 55.6% of the unemployed.

... and have double the unemployment rate of men
In 2011, unemployment rate was 8.6% among men and 16.1% among women.

Unemployment is higher in Rodrigues than in the island of Mauritius.

Unemployment rate by sex, Islands of Rodrigues & Mauritius, 2011 Census

- Island of Mauritius
  - Female: 5.3%
  - Male: 10.9%

- Island of Rodrigues
  - Female: 8.6%
  - Male: 16.1%