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FOREWORD

Statistics Mauritius conducted a Housing and Population Census in year 2022. Census 2022 was the nineteenth for the Island of Mauritius and the ninth for the Island of Rodrigues. A series of tabulation reports covering housing and living conditions, demographic and fertility characteristics, economic characteristics, educational characteristics, household characteristics, geographical and migration characteristics, and disability was published in 2023 and 2024. Data analysis is currently being carried out, and the results will be published in a series of analytical reports during the coming months.

This Census Atlas, which is the second publication of its type produced by this office, presents the spatial distribution of statistics of some of the key variables as collected from the 2022 Census data.

The aim of this publication is to present the 2022 Census results in a visual format to be more user friendly. It is hoped that the atlas will prove to be useful to the public in general and to policy makers, planners and researchers in particular.

I would like here to thank all staff, who contributed in one way or another in the preparation of this publication.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Historical Background

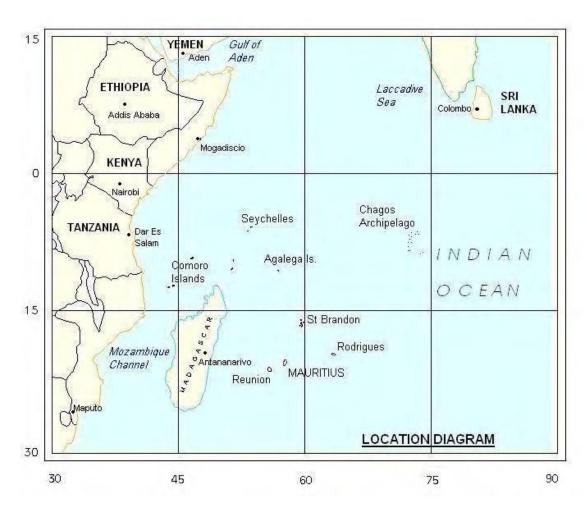
The Republic of Mauritius is a group of islands in the South West of the Indian Ocean, consisting of the main Island of Mauritius, the Island of Rodrigues and several outer islands located at distances greater than 350 km from the main island. Mauritius was successively a Dutch, French and British colony. It became independent of Britain on 12 March 1968 and acceded to the status of Republic within the Commonwealth on 12 March 1992.

The islands forming part of the Republic of Mauritius have a total land area of 2,007.2 sq. km. At the 2022 Census, the resident population of the Republic of Mauritius was 1,233,427. The distribution by the different islands was as follows:

Island	Area (sq. km)	Male	Female	Both sexes
Island of Mauritius	1,868.4	586,450	603,043	1,189,493
Island of Rodrigues	110.1	21,311	22,293	43,604
Agalega	26.0	167	163	330
St. Brandon	2.7	-	-	-
Republic of Mauritius	2,007.2	607,928	625,499	1,233,427

1.2 Location

The main Island of Mauritius, is situated at about 1900 km from the east coast of Africa between the latitudes 19° 58' and 20° 32' South and longitudes 57° 17' and 57° 46' East. Island of Rodrigues is to the east of the Island of Mauritius at latitude 19° 40' South and longitude 63° 23' East.



1.3 Administrative Divisions

The main Island of Mauritius is divided into nine geographical districts. These divisions, which date back to the time of the French occupation in the period around 1735, no longer represent any administrative entity. However, they provide a sound basis for comparing spatial distribution and movement of the population between censuses as they are well known to most people and the district boundaries are stable. A map of the district boundaries is presented in Appendix I.

In addition to being divided into districts, the Island of Mauritius is divided into administrative regions known as Municipal Council Areas (MCAs) and District Council Areas (DCAs). At the time of the 2022 census, there were five MCAs and seven DCAs on the island. The MCAs, representing the urban regions, are subdivided into 30 Municipal Wards, while the DCAs, representing the rural regions, are subdivided into 130 Village Council Areas.

The Island of Rodrigues and the Outer Islands are considered wholly rural and are administered by the Rodrigues and Outer Islands Division under the Prime Minister's Office.

The smallest spatial units for which census data are disseminated are the Municipal Wards (MWs) and Village Council Areas (VCAs). Maps showing the boundaries of the MWs and VCAs as defined for the 2011 and 2022 censuses are provided in Appendices II and III, respectively. Please note that the boundaries have changed since the 2011 census.

2. Population Distribution and Change

Census 2022 enumerated a resident population of 1,233,427 (compared to 1,237,091 in 2011), of whom 43,604 lived on the Island of Rodrigues (compared to 40,434 in 2011). The resident population of the Republic of Mauritius decreased by 0.3% between 2011 and 2022. The Island of Rodrigues, however, recorded a population increase of 7.8%, while the Island of Mauritius registered a decrease of 0.6%.

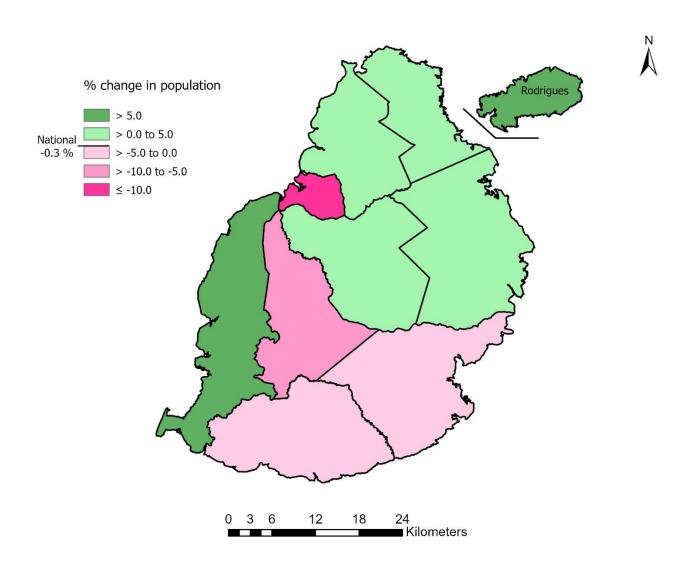
Table 1 – Population change, Republic of Mauritius, 2011 and 2022 Censuses

Island —	Population Cer	nsus	Change	
Island	2011	2022	Number	%
Island of Mauritius	1,196,383	1,189,493	-6,890	-0.6
Island of Rodrigues	40,434	43,604	3,170	7.8
Agalega	274	330	56	20.4
Republic of Mauritius	1,237,091	1,233,427	-3,664	-0.3

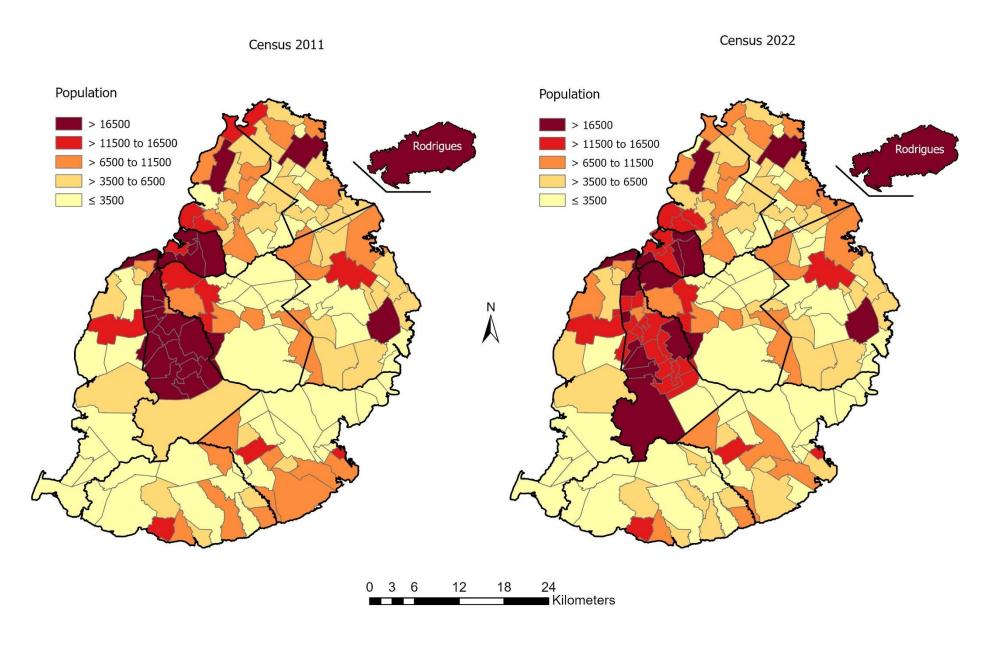
Within the Island of Mauritius,

- the population declined in Port Louis, Plaines Wilhems, Savanne and Grand Port, with Port Louis recording the sharpest decrease (-10.2%). The highest population growth was observed in Black River (+14.5%), followed by Rivière du Rempart (+4.6%), Moka (+3.9%), and Pamplemousses (+3.4%).
- population sizes across VCAs and Municipal Wards vary widely. The highest population is in the Triolet VCA (23,179), followed by Municipal Wards such as Vacoas/Phoenix Ward 6 (22,921) and Port Louis Ward 1 (21,359). In contrast, two VCAs, Bananes and Chamarel, have fewer than 1,000 residents.
- the most densely populated regions (population per square kilometre) were Beau Bassin/Rose Hill Ward 2 (9,633.3), Quatre Bornes Ward 1 (7,045.3) and Mahébourg VCA (5,975.1), while the population densities of the Chamarel, St Aubin, Dubreuil and Bel Ombre VCAs were among the lowest (25.6, 42.8, 42.8 and 58.1 respectively).

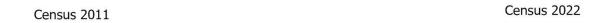
2.1 Population change by district (%), 2011 to 2022 Census

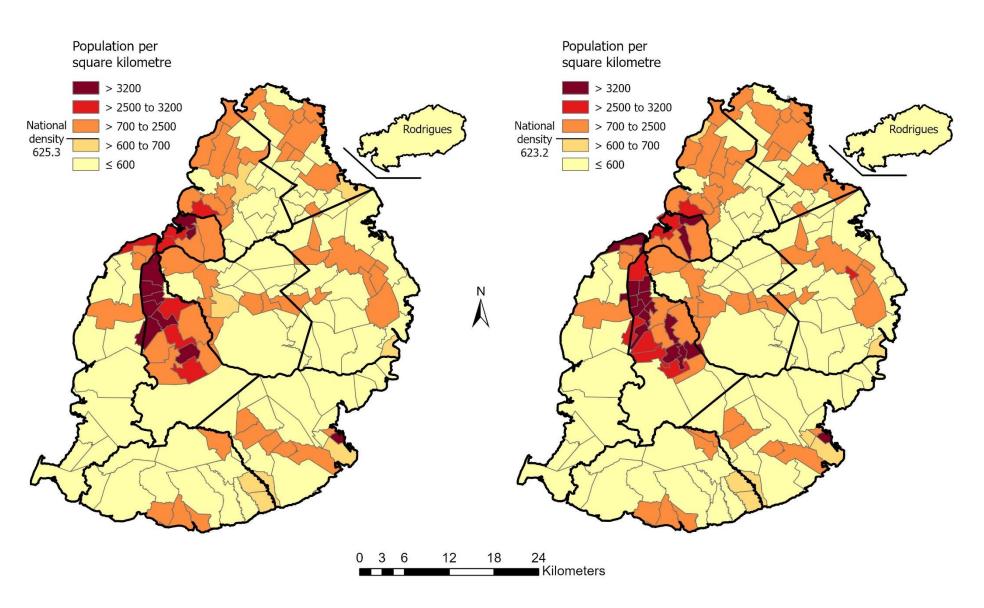


2.2 Population distribution by Municipal Wards and Village Council Areas, 2011 and 2022 Censuses



2.3 Population density by Municipal Wards and Village Council Areas, 2011 and 2022 Censuses





3. Age and Sex Composition

From 2011 and 2022, the population of the Republic underwent various changes in its age and sex composition. The population continued to age as indicated by an increase in the median age of the population from 33.8 to 38.3 years. The proportion of the child population aged under 15 years went down from 20.7% to 15.3% and the elderly population aged 65 years and above increased from 8.0% to 13.3%. Overall dependency ratio¹ decreased from 40.3% in 2011 to 39.9% in 2022.

The proportion of men in the population has decreased slightly over the intercensal period from 2011 to 2022. In 2022, there were 97.2 males for every 100 females, compared to 97.6 in 2011.

Table 2 – Median age, sex ratio and dependency ratio, Republic of Mauritius, 2011 and 2022 Censuses

Island	Median age (years)			ratio 100 females)	Dependency ratio	
	2011	2022	2011	2022	2011	2022
Island of Mauritius	34.0	38.6	97.6	97.2	39.7	39.5
Island of Rodrigues	28.1	30.1	97.0	95.6	57.9	54.6
Republic of Mauritius	33.8	38.3	97.6	97.2	40.3	39.9

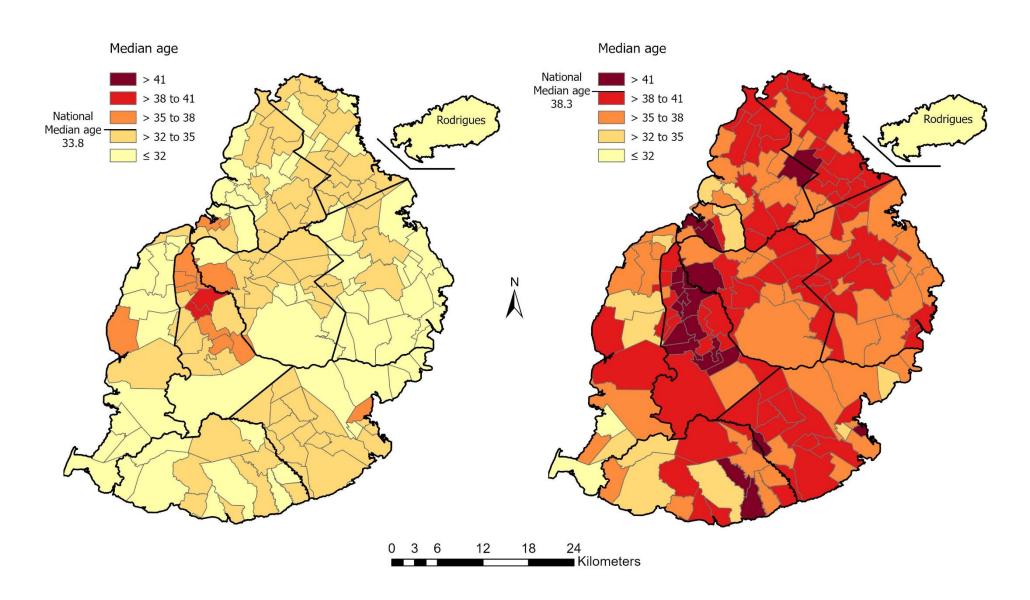
Within the Island of Mauritius,

- the urban population was generally older than the rural population, with Beau-Bassin/Rose-Hill Wards 3 & 5, Quatre Bornes Wards 1,2 & 3 and Port-Louis Ward 4 among those having the oldest population in 2022.
- sex ratio varies by region. Some regions such as Dubreuil and Richelieu VCAs had a higher share of men whereas regions such as Notre Dame and Bananes VCAs had a higher share of women in 2022.
- dependency ratio decreased slightly from 39.7 in 2011 to 39.5 in 2022.

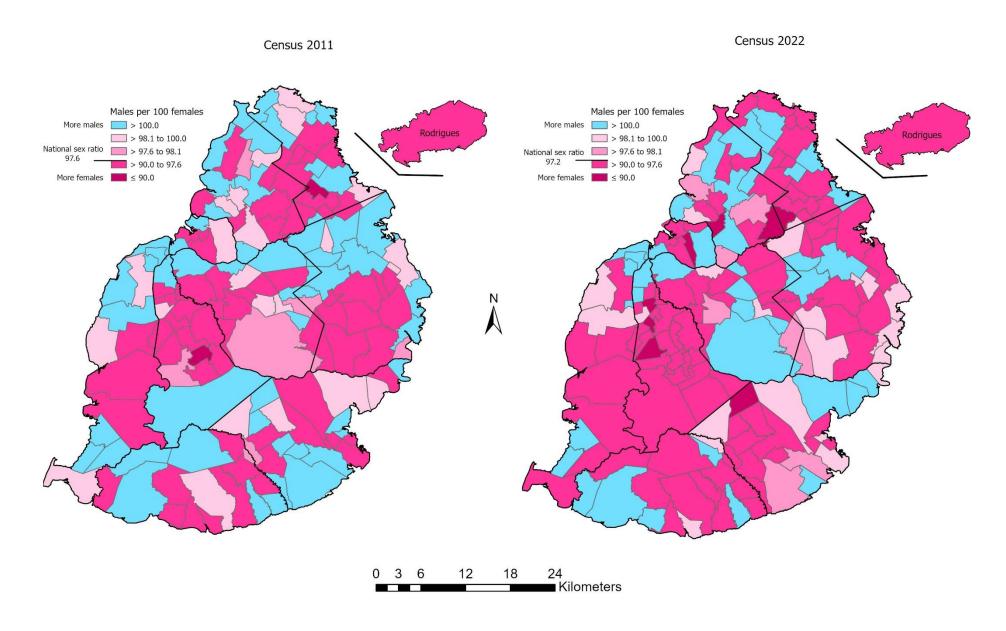
Dependency ratio = $\frac{population\ under\ 15\ years\ old\ +\ population\ aged\ 65\ years\ and\ older}{population\ aged\ 15\ to\ 64\ years\ old}x\ 100$

3.1 Median age by Municipal Wards and Village Council Areas, 2011 and 2022 Censuses

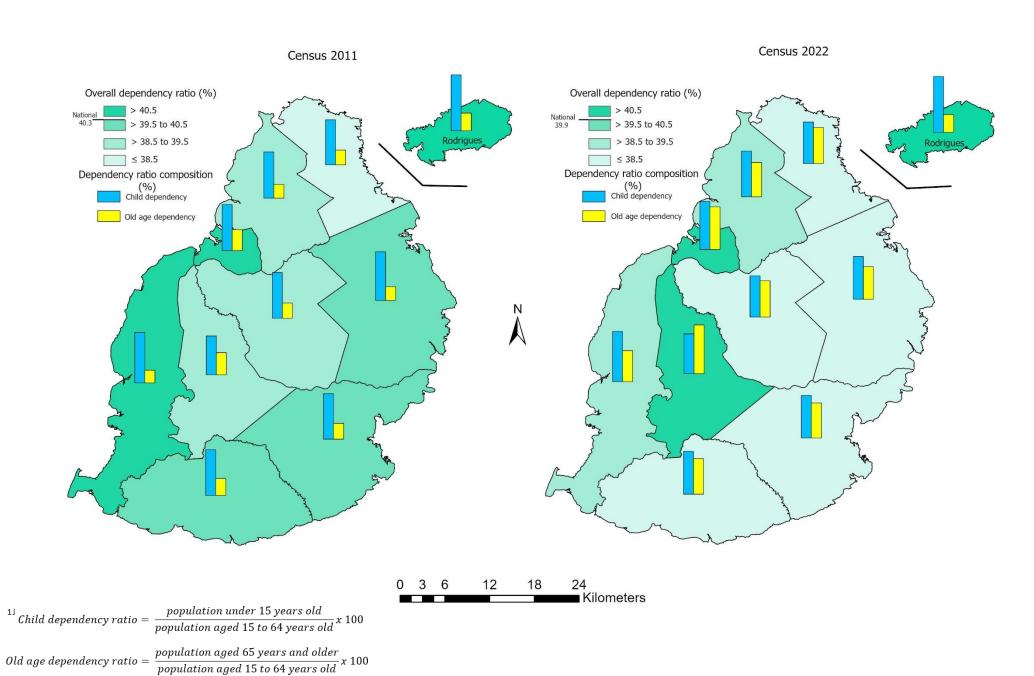
Census 2011 Census 2022



3.2 Sex ratio of the population by Municipal Wards and Village Council Areas, 2011 and 2022 Censuses



3.3 Composition¹ of dependency ratio by district, 2011 and 2022 Censuses



4. Households and Families

The 2022 Population Census enumerated 366,169 private households in the Republic of Mauritius, including 13,081 in Rodrigues. This represents a 5.1% increase from the 348,266 households enumerated in 2011, of which 11,311 were in Rodrigues. The average household size declined from 3.5 to 3.3, mainly due to a rise in the number of couples without children, persons living alone and one-parent households with unmarried children only. The proportion of households made up of couples without children, rose from 11.5% in 2011 to 13.9% in 2022 whereas the percentage of persons living alone increased from 10.0% to 12.4%. The proportion of one parent households with unmarried children only increased from 8.4% to 9.7% during the same period. At the same time, the percentage of elderly persons living alone rose from 4.9% to 7.7%. Also, to be noted that, the rise in female headed households was significant, growing from 21.0% to 26.0% of all households.

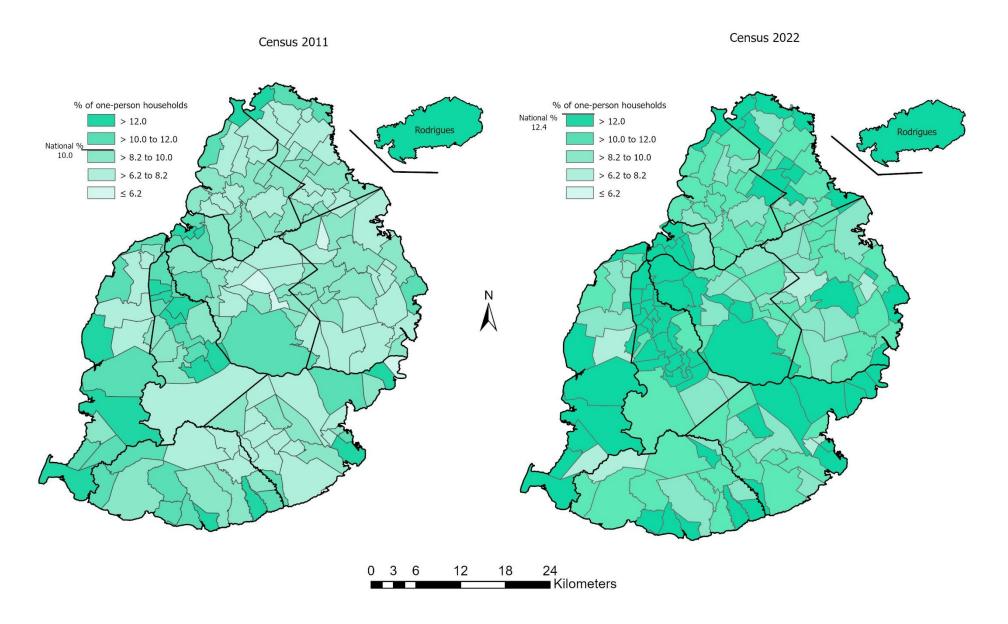
Table 3 – Selected household types as a percentage of all households, Republic of Mauritius, 2011 and 2022 Censuses

	One-per	son	Female-he	aded	One-par	ent	Elderly po	ersons	Couples v	vithout
Island	househo	old	househo	ld	househo	old	living a	lone	childr	en
	2011	2022	2011	2022	2011	2022	2011	2022	2011	2022
Island of Mauritius	10.0	12.3	20.7	25.7	8.2	9.5	4.9	7.7	11.6	14.1
Island of Rodrigues	12.6	16.2	28.4	34.8	12.3	15.9	5.1	6.9	8.2	8.7
Republic of Mauritius	10.0	12.4	21.0	26.0	8.4	9.7	4.9	7.7	11.5	13.9

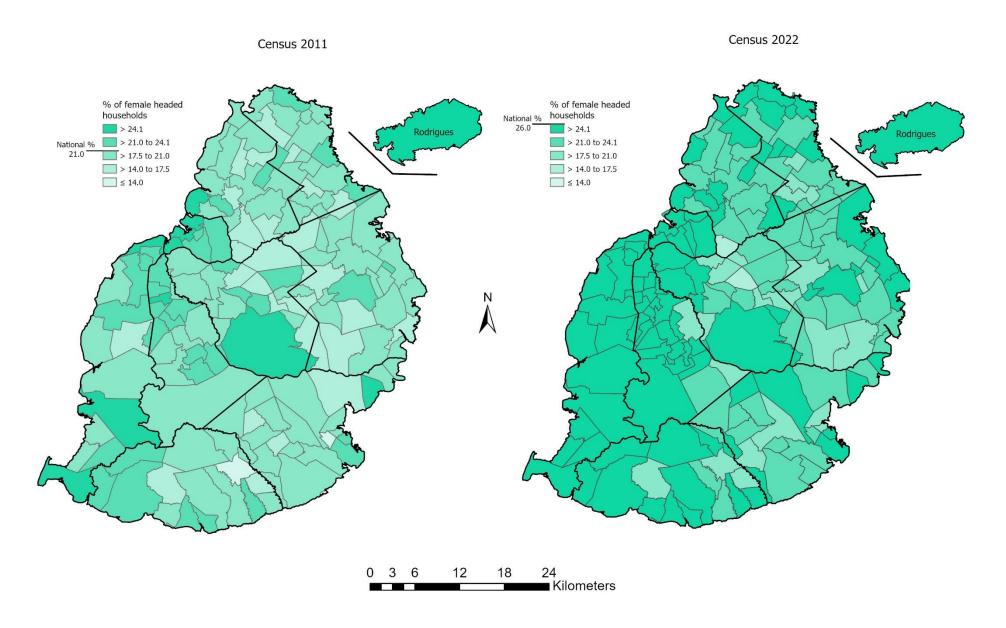
The 2022 Population Census figures also revealed that,

- elderly persons living alone were more common in urban regions such as Port Louis Ward 4, Beau Bassin-Rose Hill Wards 3 & 5, Quatre Bornes Wards 1, 2 & 3 and Curepipe Wards 2, 3 4 & 5.
- female-headed households were more predominant in Port Louis Wards 1, 3, 6 & 7, Grande Riviere Noire, Le Morne, Baie du Cap, Tamarin, Beau Vallon and in Rodrigues.
- one-parent households with unmarried children were more prevalent in rural areas such as Petite Riviere, Le Morne, Seizième Mille, Beau Vallon, Baie du Tombeau, Richelieu and in Rodrigues.

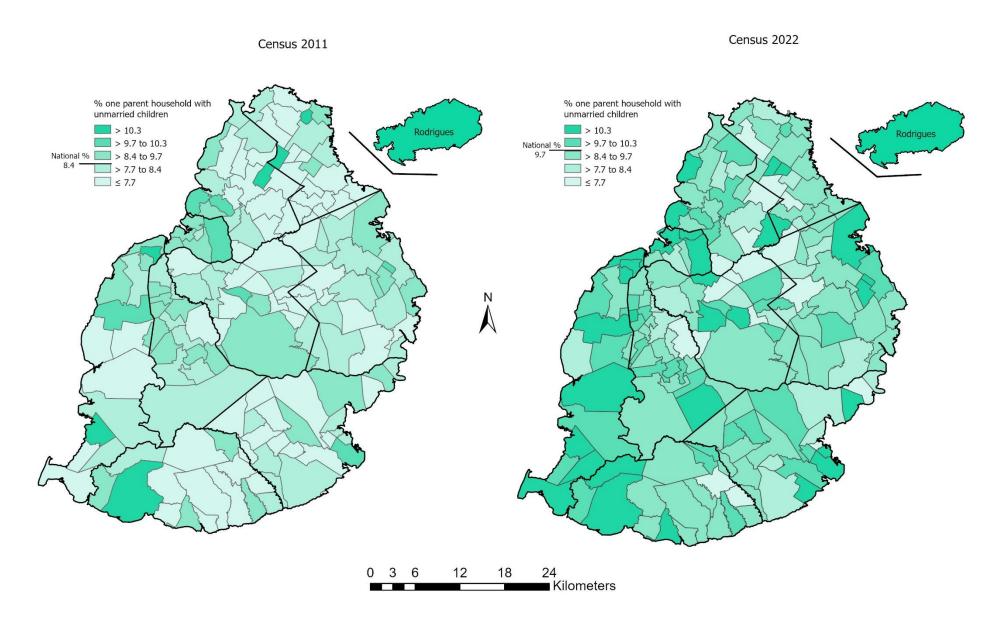
4.1 Percentage of one-person households by Municipal Wards and Village Council Areas, 2011 and 2022 Censuses



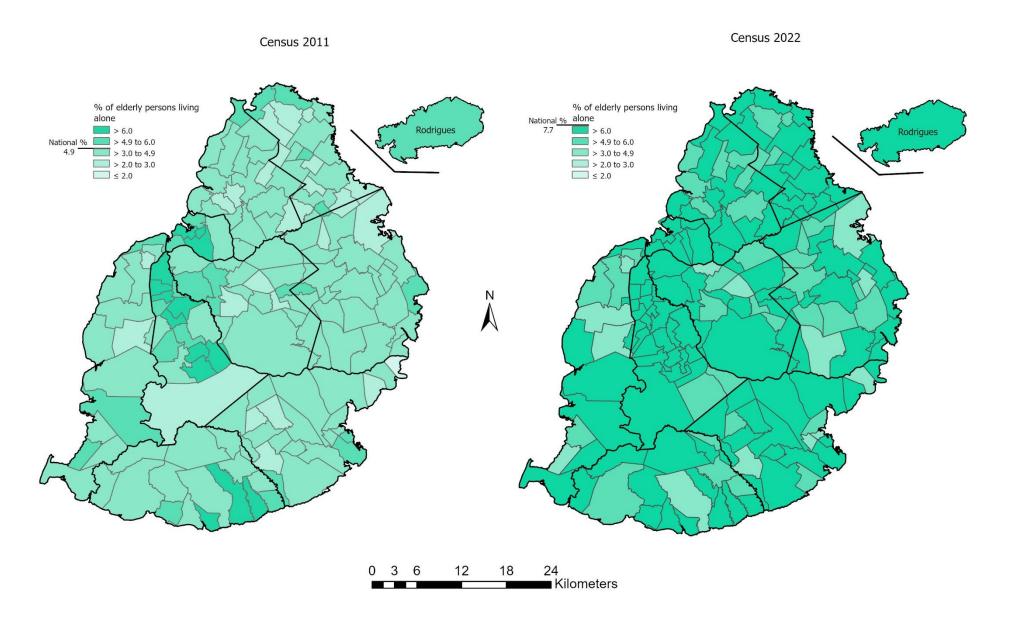
4.2 Percentage of female headed households by Municipal Wards and Village Council Areas, 2011 and 2022 Censuses



4.3 Percentage of one-parent households with unmarried children by Municipal Wards and Village Council Areas, 2011 and 2022 Censuses



4.4 Percentage of elderly persons living alone by Municipal Wards and Village Council Areas, 2011 and 2022 Censuses



5. Housing Characteristics

The 2022 Housing Census enumerated 330,967 buildings and 410,221 housing units in the Republic of Mauritius. Of all buildings, there were 297,790 residential and partly residential buildings, which grew by 7.1% from 278,013 in 2011. Residential and partly residential buildings with only ground floor declined by 12.3% (from 155,562 to 136,413) whereas storeyed buildings grew by 32.0% (from 122,233 to 161,377), indicating that more people now live in high rise buildings than in 2011.

Table 4 - Number of buildings and housing units, Republic of Mauritius, 2011 and 2022 Censuses

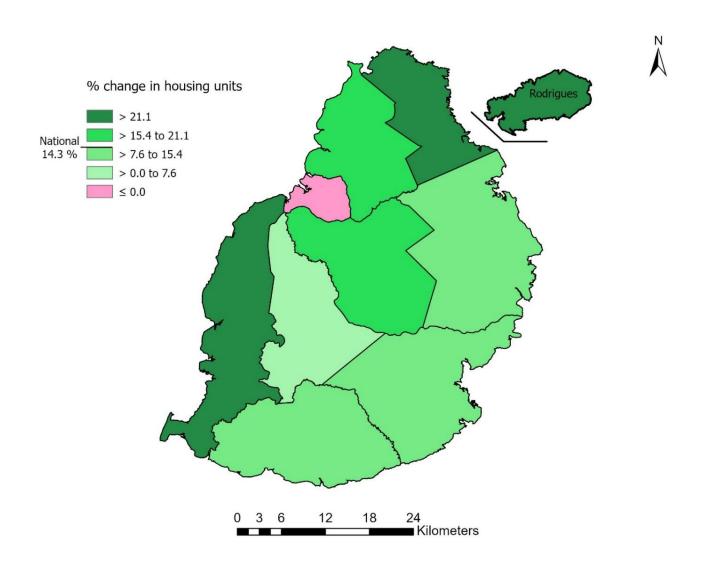
Island ——	Bu	ildings	Hous	ing Units
	2011	2022	2011	2022
Island of Mauritius	297,494	315,533	346,789	395,162
Island of Rodrigues	13,923	15,311	12,141	14,942
Agalega	113	123	85	117
Republic of Mauritius	311,530	330,967	359,015	410,221

Within the Island of Mauritius,

- housing stock increased in all districts except for Port Louis.
- vacant houses have increased across the Island of Mauritius with the highest rates registered in Trou aux Biches, Flic en Flac and Grand Baie VCAs.
- crowded houses¹ are on the decline but remain more prevalent in Bois des Amourettes, Case Noyale and Richelieu VCAs.
- housing in storeyed buildings is becoming more common across the Island of Mauritius with storeyed buildings outnumbering non-storeyed buildings in several districts, especially Plaines Wilhems, Port Louis, and Black River.

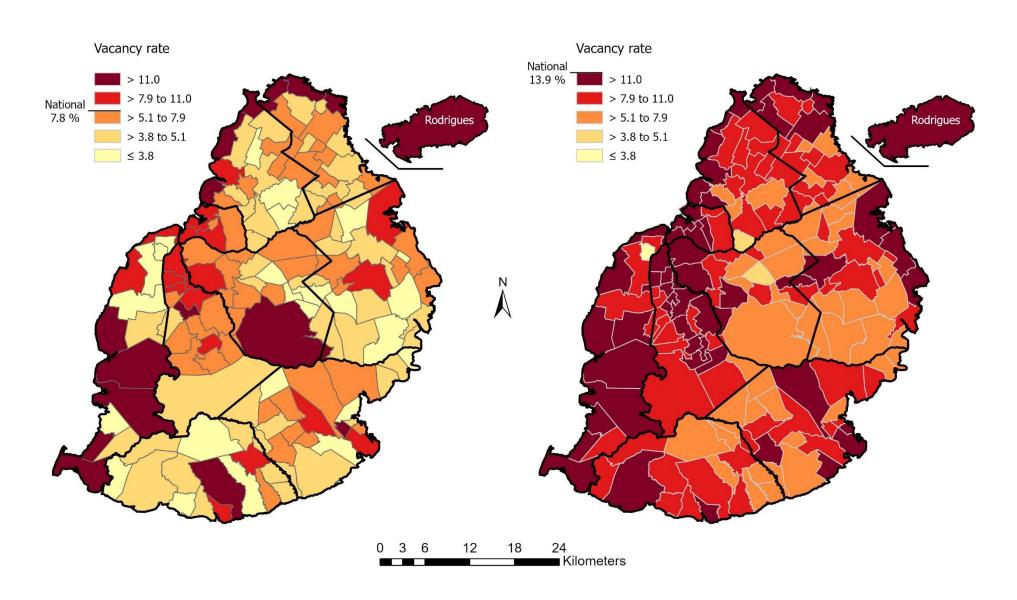
^{1]} Housing units with more than 3 persons per room.

5.1 Change (%) in number of housing units by district, 2011 to 2022 Censuses

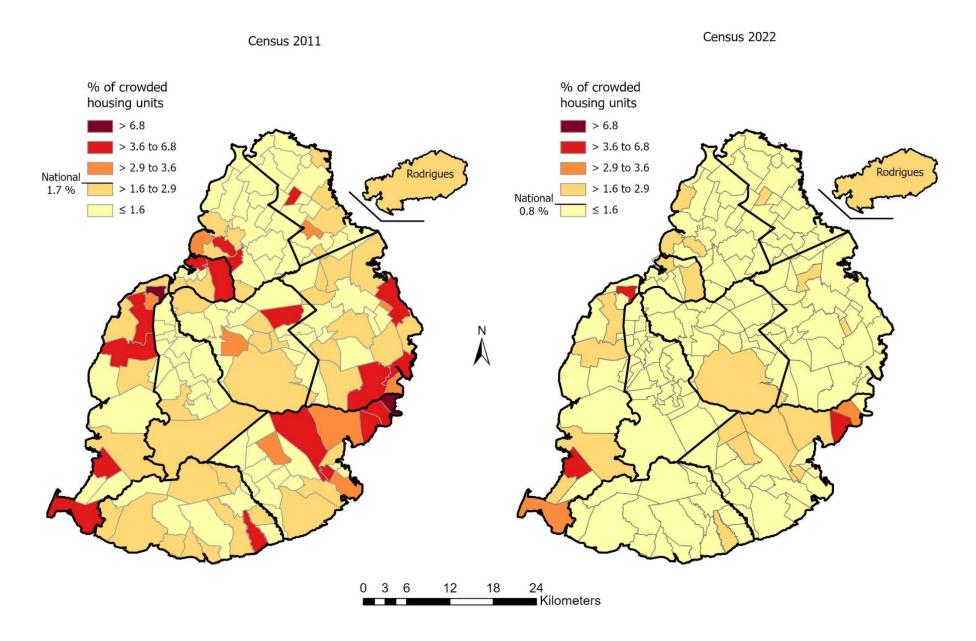


5.2 Vacant houses as a percentage of all housing units by Municipal Wards and Village Council Areas, 2011 and 2022 Censuses



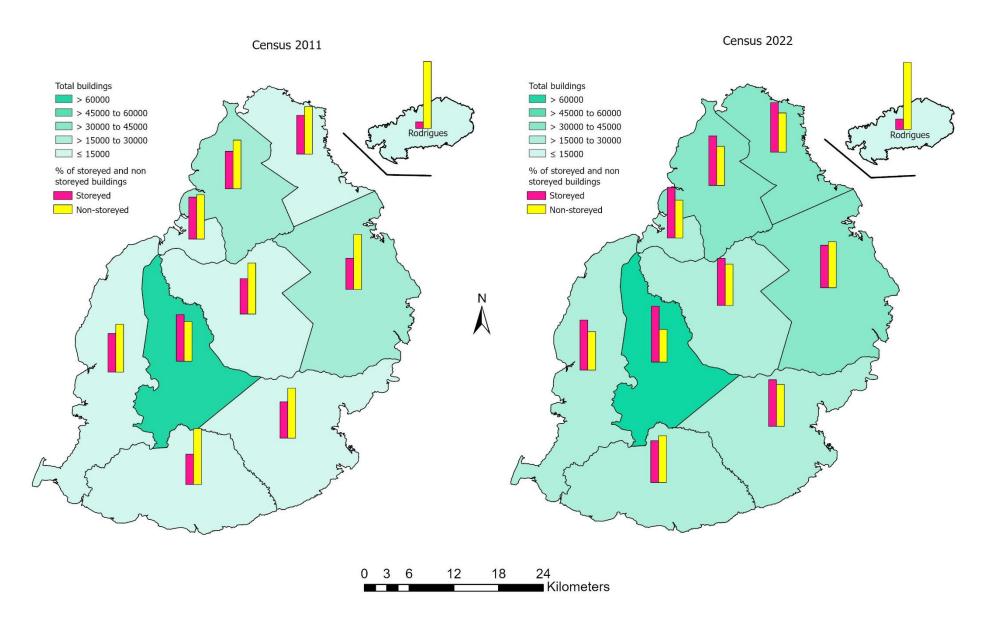


5.3 Crowded¹ housing units as a percentage of all housing units by Municipal Wards and Village Council Areas, 2011 and 2022 Censuses



 $^{^{1\!\!\}perp}\!\!$ Housing units with more than 3 persons per room.

5.4 Storeyed and non-storeyed buildings by district, 2011 and 2022 Censuses



6. Educational attainment

Between 2011 and 2022, the level of education increased in both the Islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues. In terms of literacy, Rodrigues improved at a faster rate but is still not yet at par with the Island of Mauritius.

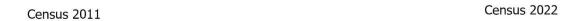
Table 5 – Literacy Rates (%), Republic of Mauritius, 2011 and 2022 Population Censuses

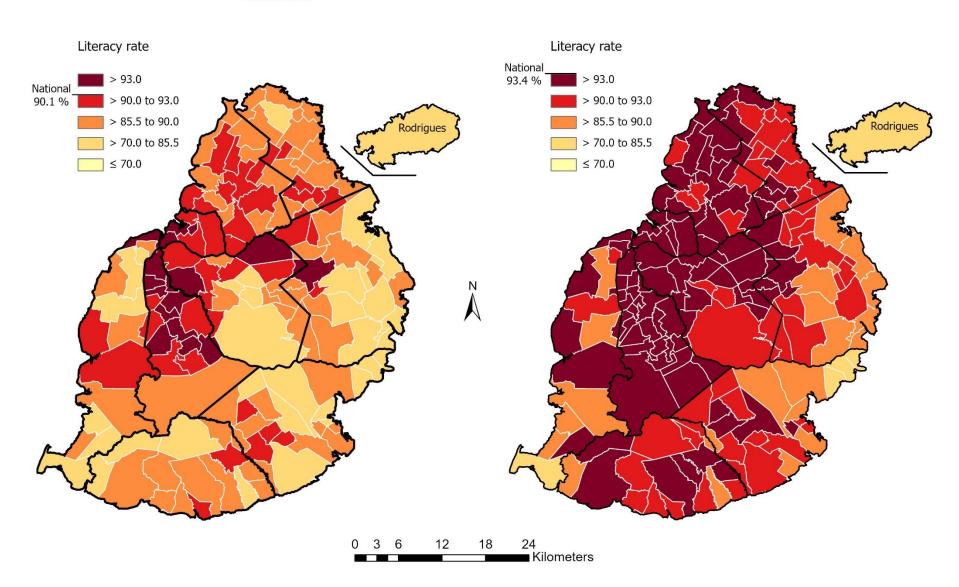
Island ———	Population Censu	Difference	
	2011	2022	Difference
Island of Mauritius	90.4	93.7	3.3
Island of Rodrigues	78.6	84.2	5.6
Republic of Mauritius	90.1	93.4	3.3

Within the Island of Mauritius,

- literacy rates have gone up but relatively low rates still prevail in Bois des Amourettes, Grand Sable, Le Morne and Bambous Virieux VCAs.
- holders of a qualification at university degree level or above increased between 2011 and 2022 and even more so, among females. In 2011, there were 138 males per 100 females with a degree or above; by 2022, this ratio had fallen to almost 100, indicating parity between men and women.

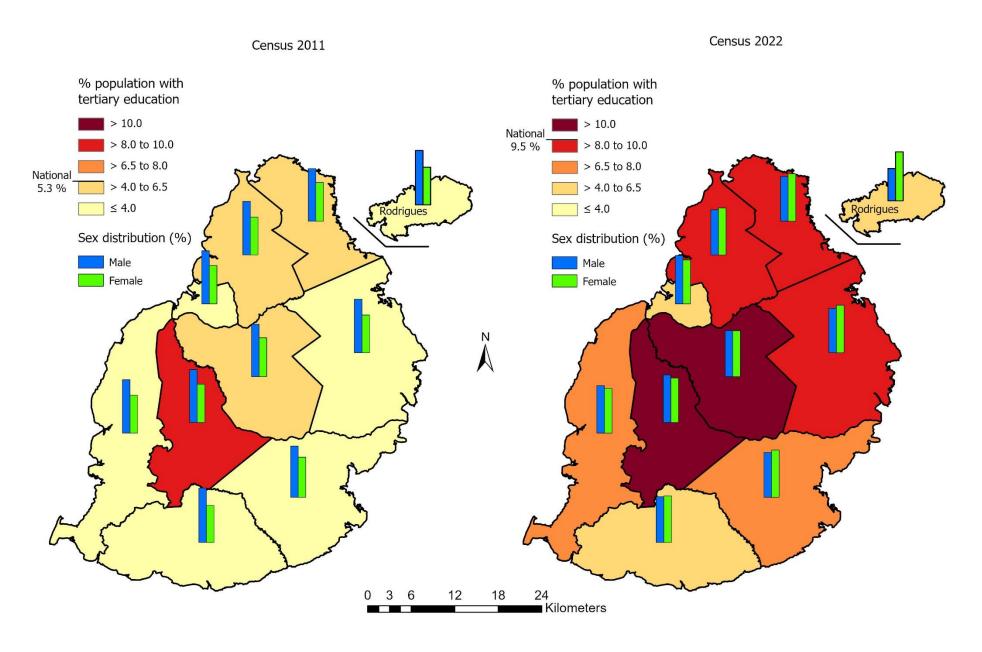
6.1 Literacy rate^{1]} by Municipal Wards and Village Council Areas, 2011 and 2022 Censuses





^{1]} Percentage of population aged 10 years and over who can both read and write a short, simple statement about their everyday life.

6.2 Percentage of population aged 21 years and over with tertiary education¹ by district and sex, 2011 and 2022 Censuses



^{1]} Population aged 21 years and over having a university degree or above.

7. Economic Characteristics

According to the 2022 Population Census, there were 581,710 economically active (employed and unemployed) persons aged 16 years and over in the Republic of Mauritius, compared to 564,360 in 2011.

Table 6 – Resident population 16 years and over by current activity status, Republic of Mauritius, 2011 and 2022 Censuses

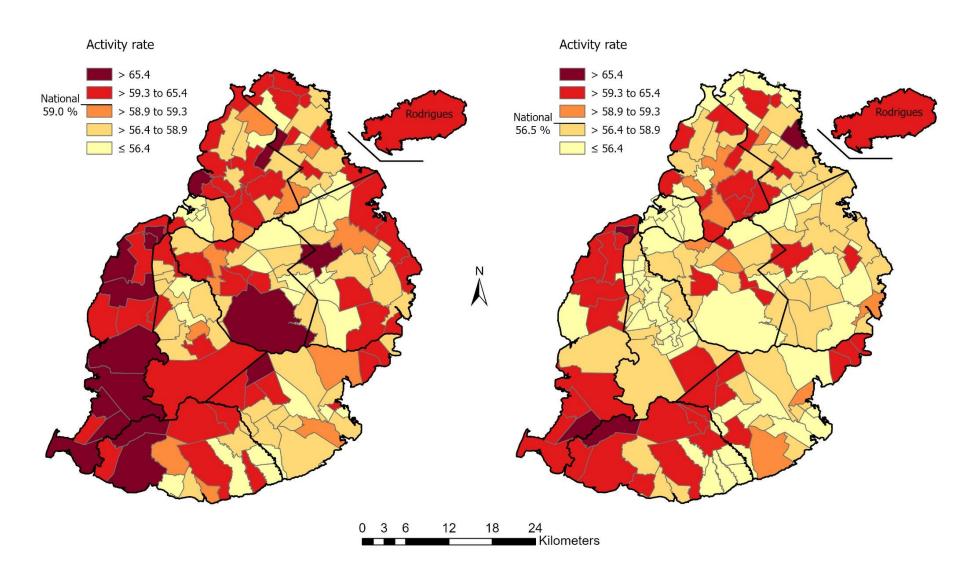
Island	Total popu	ılation 16+	Emplo	yed	Unemplo	oyed	Economical	ly active
	2011	2022	2011	2022	2011	2022	2011	2022
Island of Mauritius	933,346	998,032	506,783	522,291	40,132	40,704	546,915	562,995
Island of Rodrigues	27,874	31,090	15,415	16,225	2,030	2,490	17,445	18,715
Republic of Mauritius	961,220	1,029,122	522,198	538,516	42,162	43,194	564,360	581,710

Within the Island of Mauritius,

- Residents of Richelieu, Chamarel, Poudre d'Or, Amitié-Gokhoola, and Bambous Virieux VCAs were among the most economically active in 2022.
- From 2011 to 2022, unemployment went down in most regions. However, a few regions such as Port Louis Ward 5 and the VCAs of Grand River South East, Bois des Amourettes, Trou D'Eau Douce, and Sebastopol recorded high unemployment rates in 2022.
- From 2011 to 2022, the proportion of workers categorised in ISCO groups 1–3 (managers, professionals, technicians, and associate professionals) increased across all districts.

7.1 Activity rate¹ by Municipal Wards and Village Council Areas, 2011 and 2022 Censuses

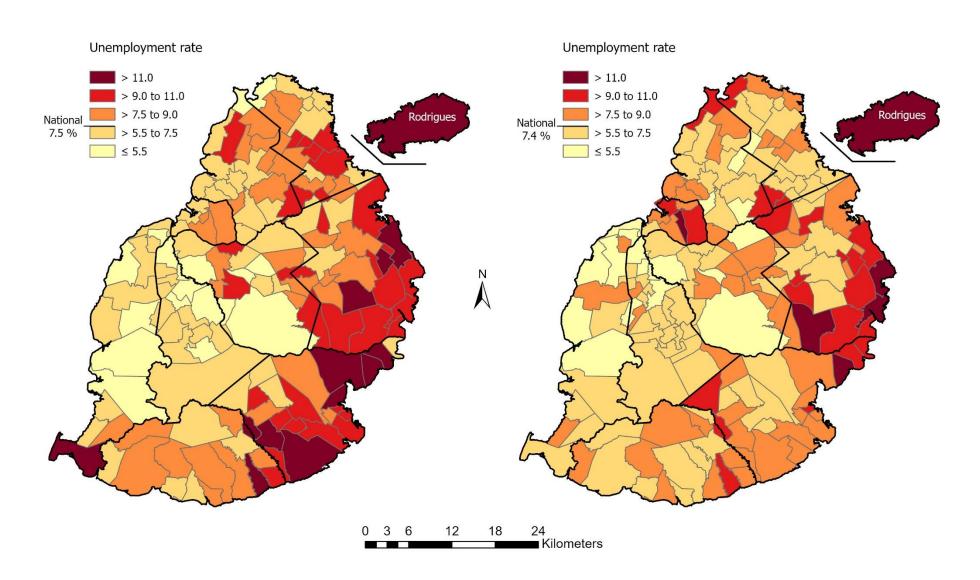
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^{1]} Activity rate is the ratio (%) of labour force to population aged 16+ (active and inactive population).

7.2 Unemployment rate^{1 |} by Municipal Wards and Village Council Areas, 2011 and 2022 Censuses

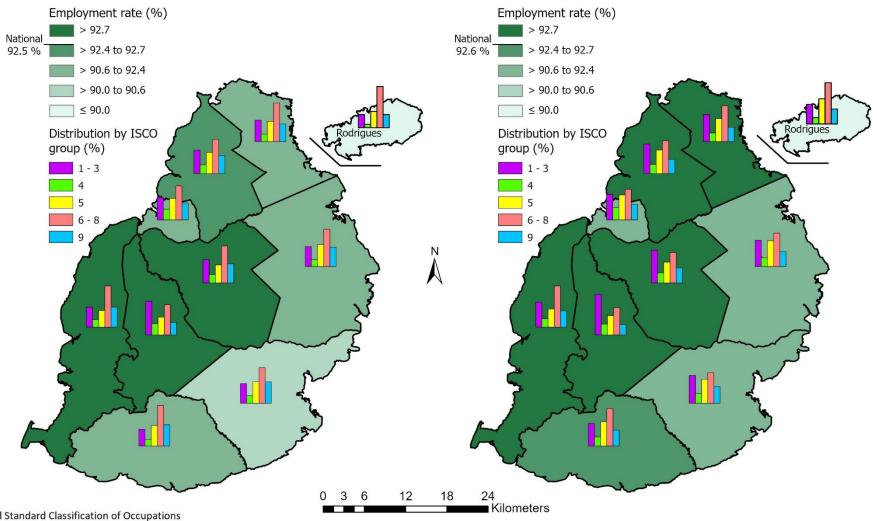
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¹ Unemployment rate is the ratio (%) of unemployment to labour force.

7.3 Employment by district and major occupation group¹, 2011 and 2022 Censuses

Census 2022 Census 2011



^{1]} ISCO: International Standard	l Classification	of Occupations
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ISCO Group	Occupation
1 - 3	Managers, professionals, technicians and associate professionals
4	Clerical support workers
5	Service and sales workers
6 - 8	Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers; craft and related trades workers; plant and machine operators and assemblers
9	Elementary occupations

8. Availability of telephone, computer and internet

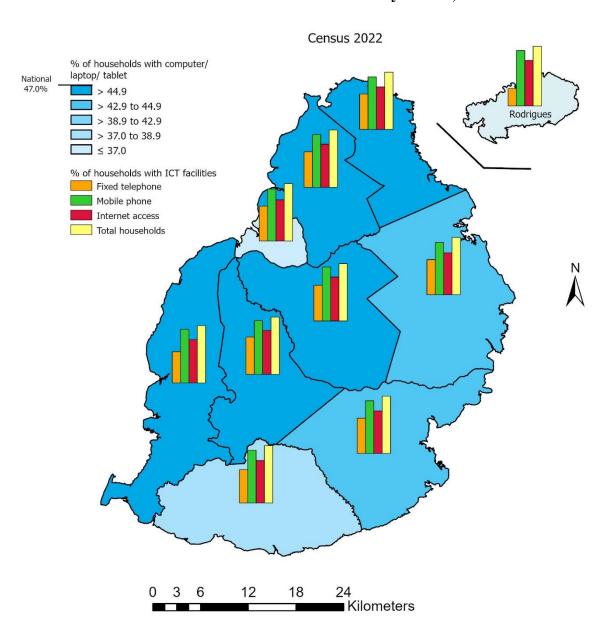
Compared to people living in the Island of Mauritius, Rodriguans are less likely to have fixed phone and computer; but almost at par with regard to mobile phones. Conversely, it is observed that the percentage of Rodriguans with internet access surpasses that of Mauritians.

Table 7 – Proportion (%) of households with selected ICT devices and internet penetration, Republic of Mauritius, 2022 Census

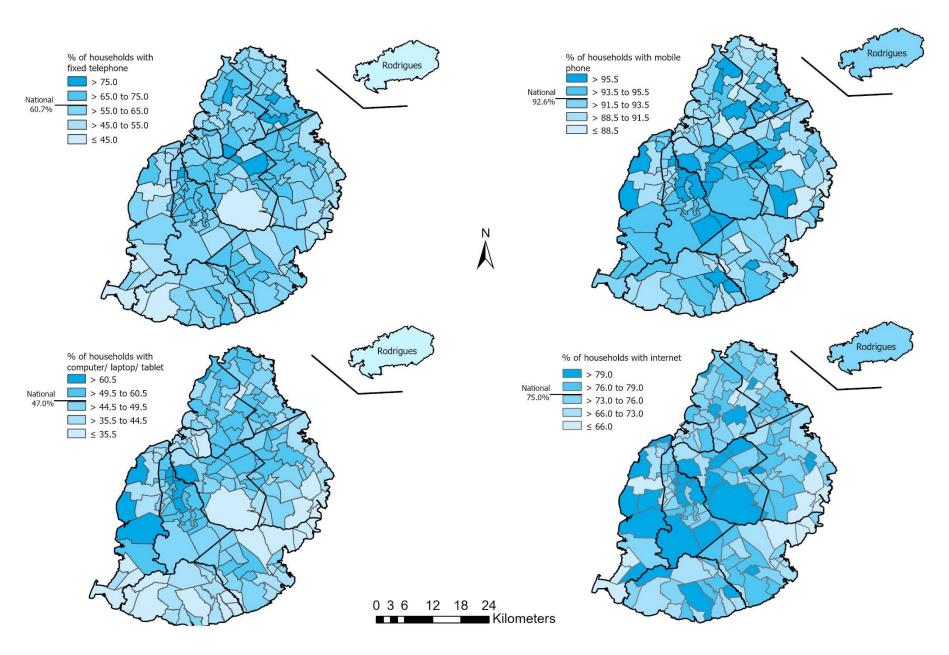
Island	Fixed telephone	Mobile phone	Computer	Internet
Island of Mauritius	62.0	92.6	47.7	75.0
Island of Rodrigues	29.3	92.9	28.3	76.4
Republic of Mauritius	60.7	92.6	47.0	75.0

Within the Island of Mauritius, ICT penetration (defined as the proportion of households with selected ICT devices and internet penetration) varies by region. Regions with highest penetrations comprised Quatre Bornes Ward 2, Albion, Ripailles, Flic en Flac and Camp Thorel whereas those with lowest penetrations included Le Morne, Mapou, Bénarès, Bois des Amourettes and Grand River South East.

8.1 Households with selected ICT facilities by district, 2022 Census



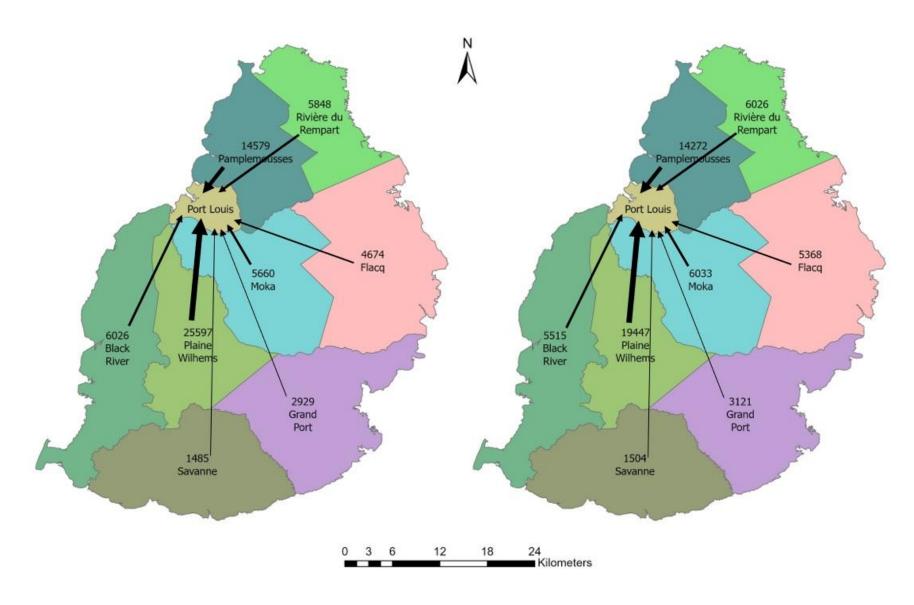
8.2 ICT Penetration by Municipal Wards and Village Council Areas, 2022 Census



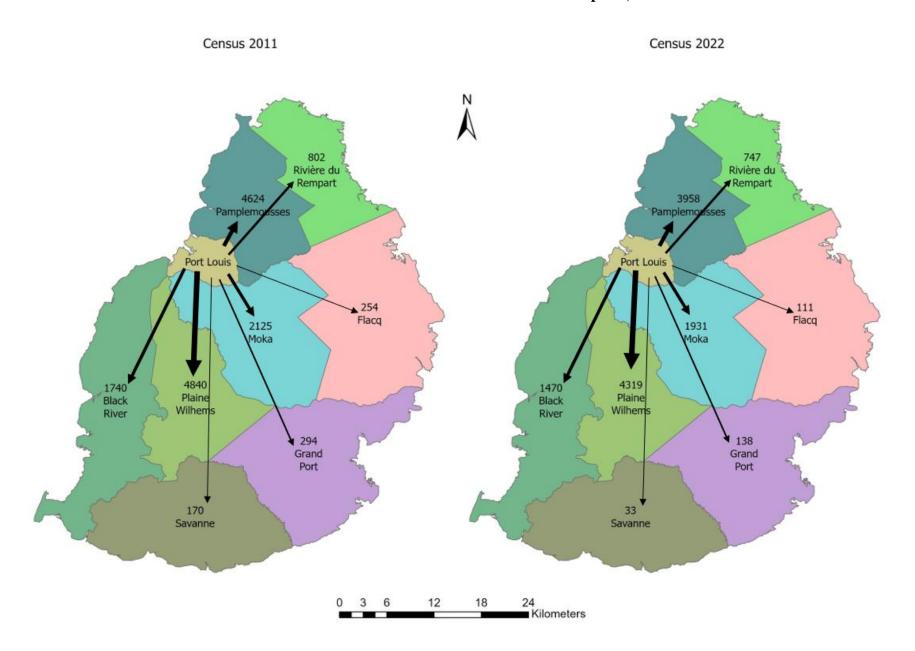
9. Movement between residence and workplace

 $9.1\ Movement\ from\ residence\ to\ workplace\ in\ district\ of\ Port\ Louis,\ 2011\ and\ 2022\ Censuses$

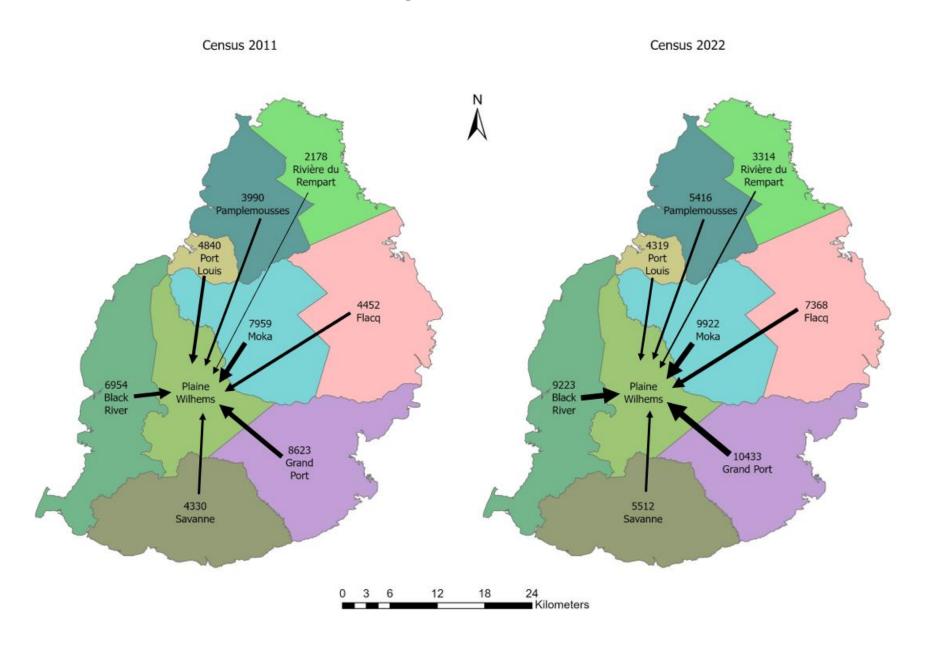
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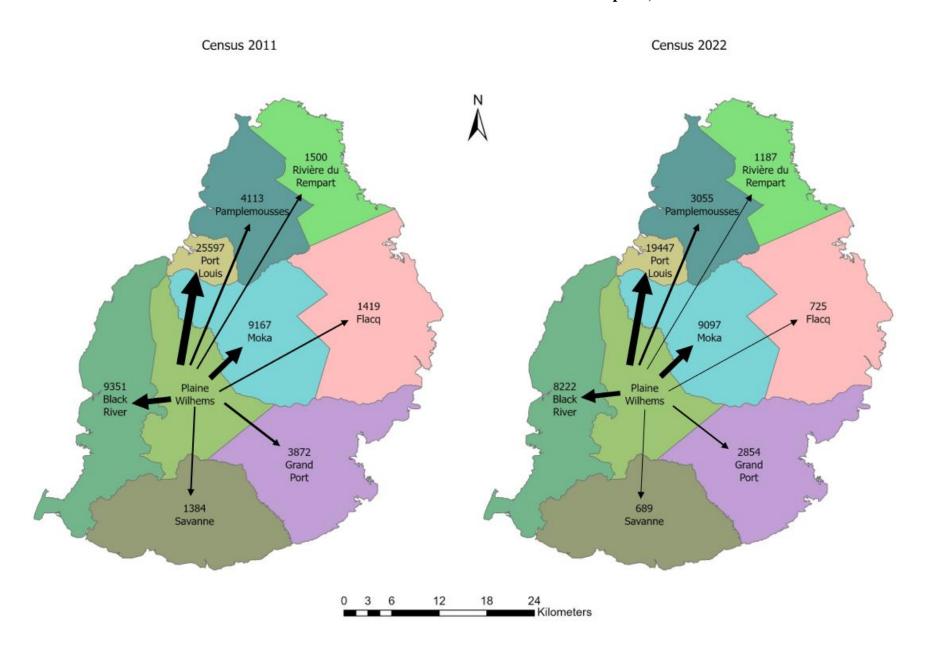
9.2 Movement from residence in district of Port Louis to workplace, 2011 and 2022 Censuses



9.3 Movement from residence to workplace in district of Plaines Wilhems, 2011 and 2022 Censuses

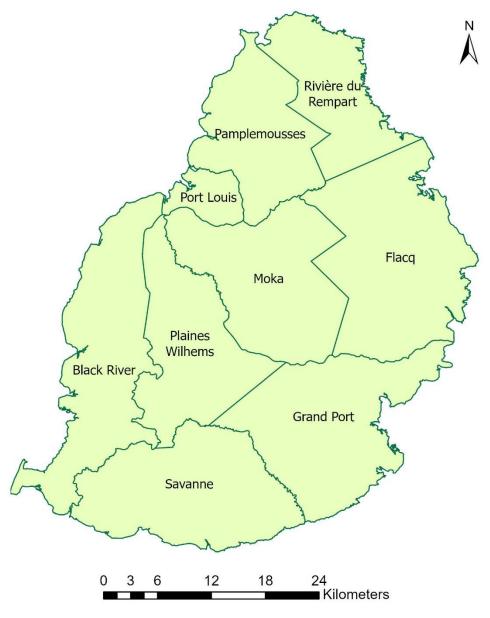


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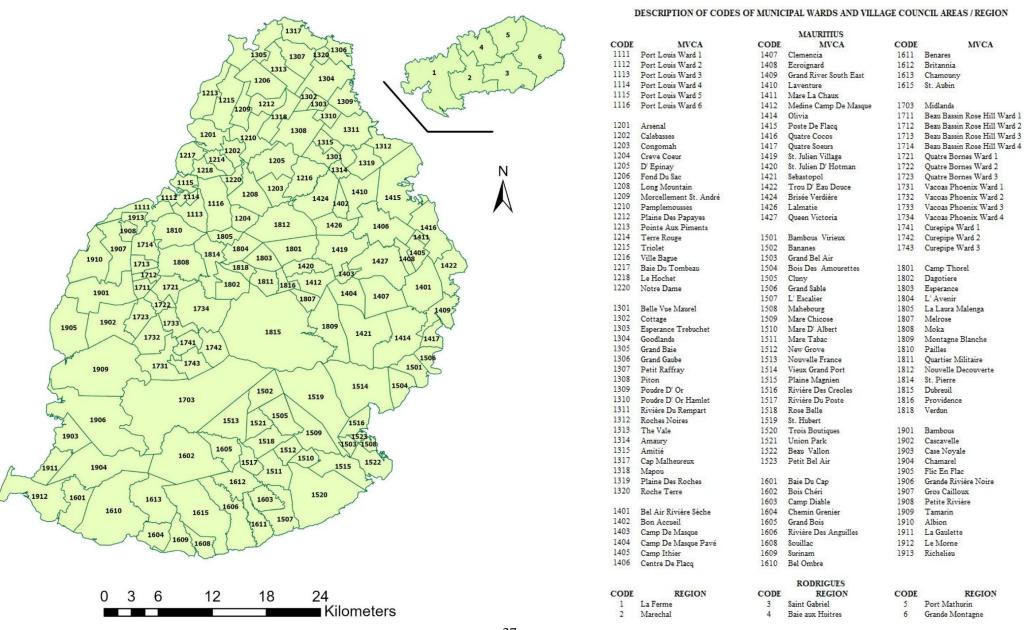
Appendix I

Map of Island of Mauritius showing district boundaries



Appendix II

Map of Republic of Mauritius showing Municipal Wards and Village Council Areas with codes for the 2011 Census



Appendix III

Map of Republic of Mauritius showing Municipal Wards and Village Council Areas with codes for the 2022 Census

