# Dissemination of preliminary results of the 2022 Housing and Population Census Results in Rodrigues

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Statistics Mauritius is hosting this workshop to disseminate the preliminary results of the 2022 Housing and Population Census which was undertaken in May and July this year, in Rodrigues.

## Key results of the 2022 Housing & Population Census for Rodrigues

#### **2022 Housing Census**

- (i) In 2022, a total of 15,330 buildings, 15,000 housing units and 13,285 private households were enumerated in the island of Rodrigues.
- (ii) Out of these 15,330 buildings, the majority (13,000 or 84.8%) were categorised as wholly residential buildings.
- (iii) The number of housing units grew by 23.6%, from 12,140 in 2011 to 15,000 in 2022.
- (iv) 86.5% of the housing units were categorised as principal residence, 0.5% of them as secondary residence and the remaining 13.0% were vacant ones.
- (v) Private households increased by 20.9% from 10,990 in 2011 to 13,285 in 2022. The average household size showed a decrease from 3.6 to 3.4 during the same period.
- (vi) Housing and living conditions improved from 2011 to 2022 with increases in the:
  - number of households owning their houses by 19.3%, from 10,315 to 12,310;
  - proportion of households having access to electricity from 95.6% to 99.1%;
  - proportion of households with piped water inside their house from 54.5% to 72.2%.
- (vii) From 2011 to 2022, access to internet in households has increased significantly (17.3% to 76.4%).

#### **2022 Population Census**

From 2011 to 2022,

- (i) The resident population of Island of Rodrigues increased from 40,430 (19,900 males and 20,530 females) to 43,650 (21,330 males and 22,320 females);
- (ii) The population density of Rodrigues increased from 367 persons/Km<sup>2</sup> to 396 persons/Km<sup>2</sup>. Since 1962, the population density has more than doubled from 167 to 396 persons/ Km<sup>2</sup>.
- (iii) Child population aged <15 years decreased slightly from 11,800 to 11,700. Elderly population aged 60 and over went up significantly from 4,200 to 5,600;
- (iv) The average household size showed a decrease from 3.6 to 3.4;
- (v) The literacy rate went up from 78.6% to 83.8%.

Note: Figures for 2022 are provisional and are subject to revision.

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