

## 2011 HOUSING AND POPULATION CENSUS

### 4. MARITAL STATUS

Among all persons aged 15 years and above in 2011

- 56.3% were in a married state or living with a partner, almost the same proportion as in 2000;
- 26.4% were never married, down from 32.5% in 2000; and
- The remaining 17.3% comprised unmarried parents and persons who had lost their partner either through death, divorce or separation. This compares with a lower proportion of 11.3% in 2000.

#### Distribution of resident population aged 15 years and over by marital status, Island of Rodrigues, 2000 and 2011 Censuses

Marital status	Census 2000 (%)	Census 2011 (%)
Single	32.5	26.4
Married	56.2	56.3
Widowed	5.1	6.4
Divorced / seperated	3.1	6.4
Unmarried parent	3.0	4.1
Other & not stated	0.0	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

#### Marital breakdown is on the rise

Compared to 2000, separated and divorced persons were on the increase both in absolute numbers and in proportion. In 2000, they were 768 in number and made up 4.8% of all ever-married persons. In 2011, they made up 1,832 or 9.3% of all ever-married persons indicating the increased likelihood of a marital breakdown.

#### More unmarried parents

Unmarried parents, made up mostly of unmarried mothers, were on the increase from 742 in 2000 to 1,161 in 2011.

#### Residents of Rodrigues are less likely to be widowed but more likely to be divorced, separated or unmarried parents than residents of the island of Mauritius

Distribution (%) of population aged 15 years and over by marital status, Islands of Rodrigues & Mauritius, 2011 Census

