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INTRODUCTION

The Republic of Mauritius is a group of islands in the South West of the Indian Ocean, consisting of the main island of Mauritius, Rodrigues and several outer islands located at distances greater than 350 km from the main island. Mauritius has been successively a Dutch, French and British colony. It became independent of Britain on 12th March 1968 and acceded to the status of Republic within the Commonwealth on 12th March 1992. The country has a Westminster type of Parliamentary government. The official language is English, but French is widely spoken.

The population, estimated at 1.1 million, comprises Indo-Mauritians (66%), General population, i.e. people of mixed European and African origin (31%) and Sino-Mauritians (3%).

The climate is sub-tropical. The average mid-day temperature on the central plateau varies from 21°C in August to 27°C in February. Near the coastal regions, temperatures are about 4-5°C higher.

The islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues, with a total area of 1,969 sq km, have an overall population density of 576 persons per sq km. About 48% of the area is allocated to agriculture, 13% is occupied by built-up areas and 2% by public roads; the remaining consists of forests, scrub land, grasslands and grazing lands, reservoirs and ponds, swamps and rocks.

During the past twenty years, the Mauritian economy has diversified from a sugar-cane monocrop economy in the 1970's to one based on sugar, manufacturing (mainly textiles and garments) and tourism in the 1980's. Mauritius is also turning towards offshore and freeport activities since the beginning of this decade.

The economy has been growing at an average annual rate of 5.4% since the beginning of this decade. Gross national product per capita at market prices increased from 37,000 rupees in 1990 to 67,300 rupees in 1996. Unemployment rate for 1996 is estimated at about 5.5% while inflation stood at 6.6%.

CONCEPTS & DEFINITIONS

2. Population and Vital Statistics

- 2.1 *Median age* The age which divides the population into two equal-size groups, one of which is younger and the other older than the median
- 2.2 *Dependency ratio* The ratio of the combined child population under 15 years and population aged 65 years and over per 1,000 population of intermediate age (15-64 years).
- 2.3 *Crude birth rate* Number of live births registered in a year per 1,000 mid-year population
- 2.4 *Total fertility rate* Average number of children born to an average woman under certain conditions
- 2.5 *Crude death rate* Number of deaths occurring in a year per 1,000 mid-year population
- 2.6 *Marriage rate* Number of persons civilly married in a year per 1,000 mid-year population.
- 2.7 *Divorce rate* Number of persons granted divorce in a year per 1,000 mid-year population

3. Health

- 3.1 *Life expectancy at birth* The average number of years that a newly born child is expected to live under certain conditions
- 3.2 *Early neonatal mortality rate* Number of deaths in a year of infants under 7 days of age per 1,000 live births during the year

Concepts & definitions (contd.)

- 3.3** , *Late neonatal mortality rate* Number of deaths in a year of infants aged from 7 to 27 days per 1,000 live births during the year
- 3.4** *Pennatal mortality rate* Combined number of deaths of infants aged under 7 days and number of still births in a year per 1,000 total births (live+still) during the year
- 3.5** *Infant mortality rate* Number of deaths in a year of infants aged under one year per 1,000 live births during the year

4. Education

- 4.1** *Enrolment ratio* Number of students enrolled per 100 population aged
- 4-5 years for pre-primary level
 - 6-11 years for primary level
 - 12-19 years for secondary level
- 4.2** *Literacy rate* Percentage of persons aged 12+ years who can, with understanding, both read and write a simple statement

5. Labour

- 5.1** *Labour force* Number of persons who are either *working* (employed) or *not working but looking for work* (unemployed)
- 5.2** *Activity rate* Number of persons aged 15 years and above in the labour force as a % of the total number of persons aged 15 years and above
- 5.3** *Unemployment rate* Number of persons not working but looking for work as a % of the labour force

Concepts & definitions (contd.)

8. Household income and expenditure

- 8.1** *Gini Coefficient* Measures the degree of inequality in the income distribution of households. It varies between 0 for complete equality and 1 for complete inequality.
- 8.2** *Median monthly income of households* That value which divides the distribution of monthly household income into two parts such that 50% of households have an income above that value and 50% below

9. Transport and communications

- 9.1** *Casualties* The total number of fatalities and persons injured as a result of road accidents
- 9.2** *Fatality* Death occurring within seven days as a result of road accidents

16. National accounts

- 16.1** *Gross Domestic Product (GDP)* The aggregate money value of all goods and services produced within a country out of economic activity during a specified period usually a year, before provision for the consumption of fixed capital.
- 16.2** *GDP at factor cost* That part of the cost of producing the GDP which consists of gross payments to factors of production (labour, land and capital)
- 16.3** *GDP at market prices* GDP at factor cost plus taxes on production and imports net of subsidies.
- 16.4** *Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation (GDFCF)* The net additions to the physical assets of the country in a year. These consist mainly of investment in buildings, plants, machinery and transport equipment and are valued at market prices.

Concepts & definitions (contd.)

- 16.5** *Gross National Product (GNP)* GDP at market prices plus net factor income from the rest of the world gives GNP, also termed Gross National Income (GNI).
- 16.6** *Gross National Disposable Income (GNDI)* The sum of GNI and net transfers from the rest of the world
- 16.7** *Final Consumption Expenditure* Consumption expenditure is made up of final consumption expenditure of households and of government. Government final consumption expenditure consists of collective and individual consumption expenditure. Collective expenditure consists of the services which government provides to the community as a whole e.g. security and defence, whereas individual expenditure is made up of expenses incurred in providing services which are mostly beneficial to individuals e.g. health and education.
- 16.8** *Gross National Savings* Disposable income (GNDI) less final consumption expenditure gives Gross National Savings
- 16.9** *Imputed bank service charges (FISIM)* Imputed bank service charges renamed FISIM (Financial Intermediation Services Indirectly Measured) is obtained as the difference between interest received and interest paid by banks

18. External trade

- 18.1** *Domestic Exports* Exports of goods of national origin
- 18.2** *Re-exports* Goods exported in the same condition as imported or after undergoing minor operations which leave them essentially unchanged

1. CLIMATE

Mean temp. (°C) - 1996

	Island of Mauritius		Island of Rodrigues	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
January	22.7	29.2	24.1	28.7
February	22.5	29.7	24.0	29.1
March	22.3	29.8	24.3	29.2
April	21.1	27.8	23.6	28.2
May	18.3	26.3	21.1	26.8
June	17.3	25.1	20.3	25.9
July	16.0	23.9	18.1	24.4
August	16.7	24.3	18.7	24.5
September	15.8	25.1	18.5	24.6
October	17.8	26.2	19.1	25.2
November	18.9	28.6	21.0	27.3
December	20.9	28.9	23.2	29.7

Rainfall (millimetres) - 1996

	Island of Mauritius	Island of Rodrigues
January	257	187
February	197	250
March	142	58
April	220	339
May	77	41
June	91	91
July	119	88
August	68	82
September	28	70
October	81	76
November	26	32
December	426	25
Total for the year	1,732	1,339

	1990	1995	1996
Total resident population ('000)	1,058.8	1,122.1	1,133.6
Male	529.1	561.5	567.0
Female	529.7	560.6	566.6
Age composition (%)			
under 15 years	29.8	27.6	27.0
(15-59) years	61.9	63.9	64.4
(60-64) years	2.9	2.6	2.6
65 years and over	5.4	5.9	6.0
Median age (years)	25.7	27.2	27.5
Dependency ratio	542.3	504.6	492.4
Population density (per km²)	523	554	560
Geographical distribution ('000)			
Port Louis	133.3	136.5	136.7
Pamplemousses	101.9	110.4	112.1
Riv. du Rempart	86.9	92.9	94.3
Flacq	113.0	119.1	120.3
Grand Port	96.9	102.5	103.5
Savanne	61.0	64.0	64.3
Plaine Wilhems	322.4	342.4	345.9
Moka	65.3	70.3	71.2
Black River	43.9	49.2	50.4
Rodrigues	34.2	34.8	34.9
Vital statistics			
Live births	22,602	20,549	20,763
Deaths	7,031	7,465	7,670
Marriages	11,425	10,624	10,700
Divorces	549	801	

1990 1995 1996

Vital statistics (contd.)

Crude birth rate	21.3	18.3	18.3
Total fertility rate	2.3	2.1	2.1
Crude death rate	6.6	6.7	6.8
Marriage rate	21.6	18.9	18.9
Divorce rate	1.0	1.4	...

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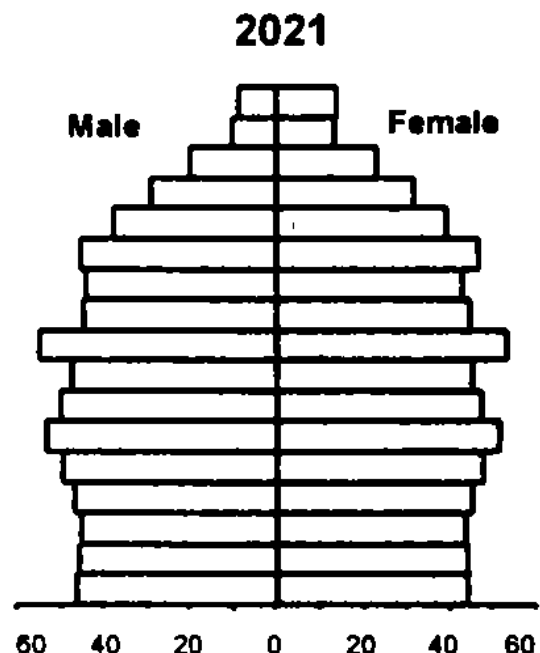
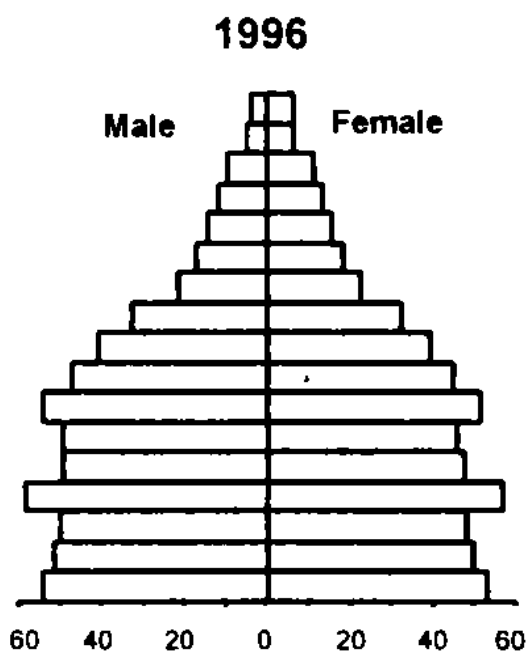
Projected population ('000)

Male	592.3	635.5	674.0
Female	592.6	640.3	683.9

Age composition (%)

under 15 years	25.8	21.9	19.9
(15-59) years	65.2	66.3	63.4
(60-64) years	2.7	4.3	5.6
65 years and over	6.3	7.5	11.1

Population pyramid ('000)

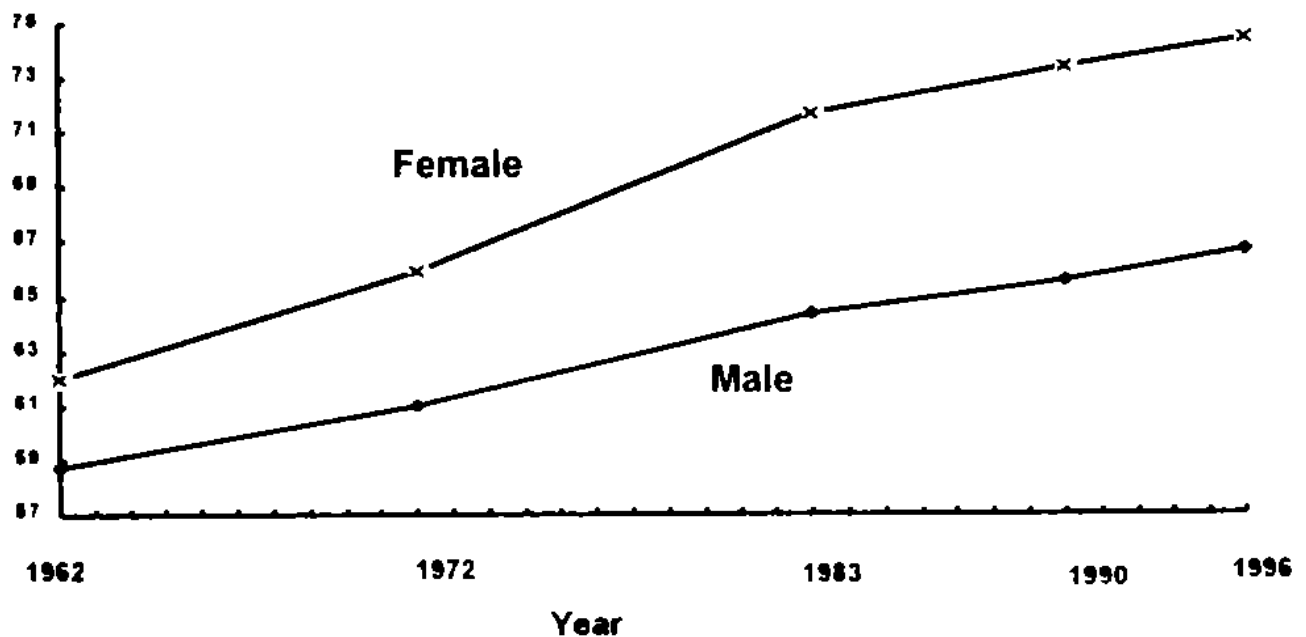


3. HEALTH

	1990	1995	1996
Life expectancy at birth (years)			
<i>Male</i>	65.6	66.6	66.7 ²
<i>Female</i>	73.4	74.3 ¹	74.5 ²
Early neonatal mortality rate	13.8	12.4	13.7
Late neonatal mortality rate	1.6	2.6	2.5
Perinatal mortality rate	29.4	26.5	26.2
Infant mortality rate	20.4	19.7	22.1
Deaths per 100,000 of 45-64 yrs old			
<i>Male</i>	1,894	1,582	1,597
<i>Female</i>	825	829	754

Life expectancy at birth (years)

No. of years



	1990	1995	1996
Health facilities			
Hospitals	12	13	13
Hospital beds	3,067	3,328	3,439
Area health centres	29	29	29
Community health centres	125	117	118
Private clinics	8	11	12

¹ Revised

² Provisional

	1990	1995	1996
Health facilities (contd.)			
Medical practitioners	857	960	1,008
Dentists	132	152	150
Nurses & midwives ¹	2,768	2,629	2,625
Pharmacists	127	223	233
Population per doctor	1,235	1,169	1,125
Population per dentist	8,021	7,382	7,557

Deaths (per 100,000 population)

Circulatory system	274	289	298
Respiratory system	61	63	55
Neoplasms	60	60	59
Injury & poisoning	47	50	48
Diabetes mellitus	34	23	25
Renal failure	20	29	38

% Deaths

Circulatory system	41	43	44
Respiratory system	9	10	8
Neoplasms	9	9	9
Injury & poisoning	7	8	7
Diabetes mellitus	5	3	4
Renal failure	3	4	6

Public expenditure on health as % of

total public expenditure	8.7	8.3	8.2
GDP at market prices	2.1	2.0	2.0

¹ Public sector only

4. EDUCATION

	1990	1995	1996
Pre-primary ¹			
Schools	579	817	1,131
Enrolment	21,481	31,542	34,444
<i>Male</i>	10,944	16,005	17,463
<i>Female</i>	10,537	15,537	16,981
Enrolment ratio	58	71	78
Teaching staff	1,195	1,722	2,469
Pupil/teacher ratio	18	18	14
Primary			
Schools	287	279	281
Enrolment	137,491	122,895	124,589
<i>Male</i>	69,555	62,300	63,210
<i>Female</i>	67,936	60,595	61,379
Enrolment ratio	103	107	107
Teaching staff ²	5,931	5,137	5,215
<i>Male</i>	3,216	2,582	2,541
<i>Female</i>	2,715	2,555	2,674
Pupil/teacher ratio ³	33	34	33
Cert. of Primary Education (% pass)	60.3	65.3	65.3
<i>Male</i>	57.5	61.8	61.8
<i>Female</i>	63.2	69.0	68.9
Secondary			
Schools	124	123	130
Enrolment	78,110	91,104	93,037
<i>Male</i>	39,108	44,270	45,566
<i>Female</i>	39,002	46,834	47,471
Enrolment ratio	48	51	53
Teaching staff	3,728	4,375	4,564
<i>Male</i>	2,250	2,466	2,560
<i>Female</i>	1,478	1,909	2,004
Pupil/teacher ratio	21	21	20

	1990	1995	1996
Secondary (contd.)			
School Certificate (% pass)	62.0	70.3	74.9
<i>Male</i>	58.1	69.0	72.6
<i>Female</i>	66.3	71.4	77.1
Higher School Certificate (% pass)	56.1	66.3	68.8
<i>Male</i>	54.7	64.8	68.7
<i>Female</i>	57.5	67.7	68.9
	89/90	94/95	95/96
Post-secondary ⁴			
Schools	3	3	3
Enrolment	2,212	6,496	6,183
<i>Male</i>	1,462	3,473	3,143
<i>Female</i>	750	3,023	3,040
Enrolment ratio ⁵	1.4	2.5 ⁹	2.6
Teaching staff	430	519	474
<i>Male</i>	346	397	352
<i>Female</i>	84	122	122
Pupil/teacher ratio	5	13	13
Pass rate (%)			
<i>Male</i>	90.4	89.5	
<i>Female</i>	92.2	88.9	
	1990	1995	1996
Pre-vocational training ⁶			
Schools	1	13	29
Enrolment	250	2,971	2,895
<i>Male</i>	170	2,202	2,057
<i>Female</i>	80	769	838
Teaching staff	8	149	173
<i>Male</i>	3	118	108
<i>Female</i>	5	31	65
Pupil/teacher ratio	31	20	17
Pass rate(%)			
<i>Male</i>	72.7	93.9	89.5
<i>Female</i>	75.0	94.8	88.9

	1990	1995	1996
Vocational & Technical Training ⁷			
Schools	31	84	102
Enrolment	3,548	16,521	21,258
<i>Male</i>			11,627
<i>Female</i>			9,631
Teaching staff	167	844	924
<i>Male</i>	144	729	774
<i>Female</i>	23	115	150
Pupil/teacher ratio	21	20	23
Pass rate(%) ⁸			
<i>Male</i>		67.9	
<i>Female</i>		88.8	
Literacy rate			
<i>Male</i>	85.4		
<i>Female</i>	76.0		
Public expenditure on education as a % of			
total public expenditure	14.2	17.6 ⁹	16.6
GDP at market prices	3.5	4.2 ⁹	4.0

¹ Excludes non-registered schools (some 200 in 1995)

² General purpose teachers and Asian language teachers

³ Pupils per general purpose teacher

⁴ The University of Mauritius, The Mauritius Institute of Education & The Mahatma Gandhi Institute

⁵ University enrolment only per 100 population aged 20-24 years

⁶ Basic Secondary Schools, Industrial & Vocational Training Board (IVTB), Pre-vocational Schools and Private IVTB Registered Schools

⁷ Industrial & Vocational Training Board (IVTB) Centres, Private IVTB Registered Training Institutions & Polytechnic Schools, 1990 figures exclude Polytechnic Schools

⁸ Excludes Private IVTB Registered Training Institutions

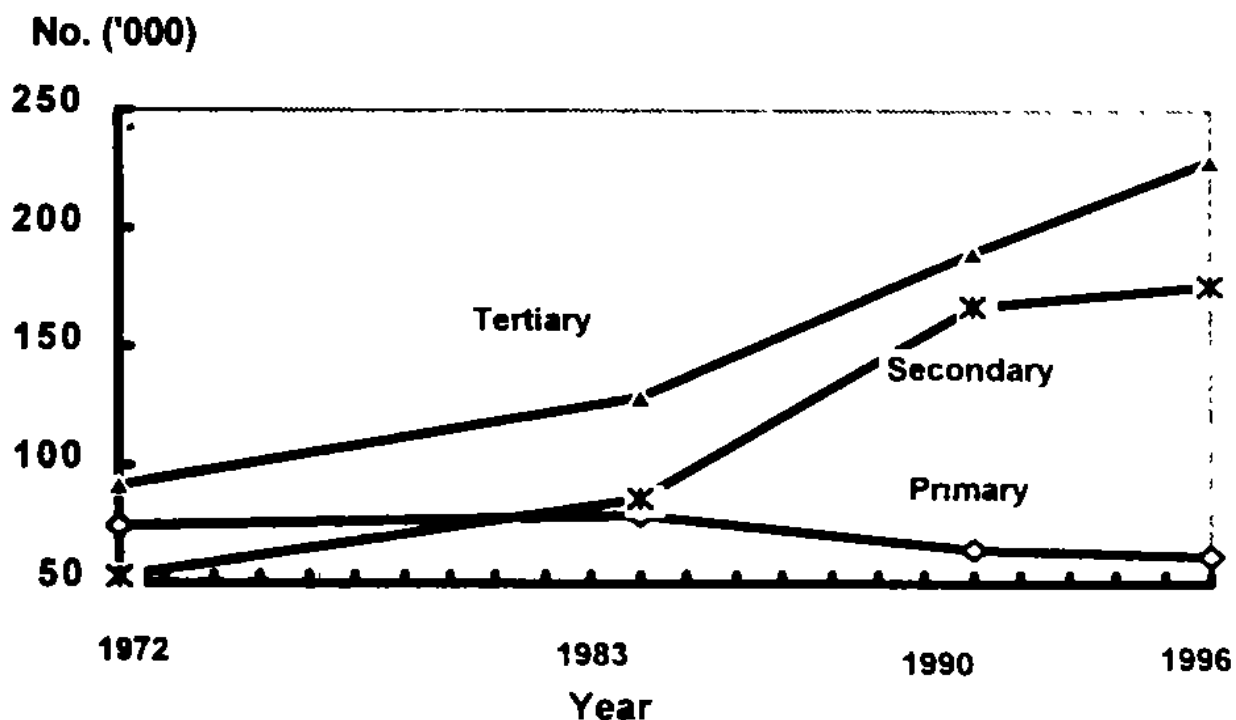
⁹ Revised

5. LABOUR

	1990	1995	1996 ¹
Labour force ('000)	433.0	485.0	492.8
Mauritians	432.0	475.2	484.6
Male	301.4	321.7	326.0
Female	130.6	153.5	158.6
Foreigners	1.0	9.8	8.2
Male	0.7	5.6	4.2
Female	0.3	4.2	4.0
 Activity rates (15+ years old)			
Male	80.6	79.0	78.8
Female	34.7	37.4	38
 Total employment ('000)	420.8	460.5	465.9
Male	292.9	314.2	317.3
Female	127.9	146.3	148.6
 Primary sector	63.9	63.2	62.0
<i>of which -sugar cane</i>	40.4	34.5	34.6
 Secondary sector	166.9	175.0	175.4
Manufacturing	132.5	134.7	133.9
<i>of which -EPZ²</i>	88.8	80.9	79.3
Electricity & water	3.4	3.5	3.4
Construction	31.0	36.8	38.1
 Tertiary sector	190.0	222.3	228.5
Trade, restaurants, hotels	47.0	64.9	67.4
Transport, storage, communication	26.7	28.4	28.7
Financing, insurance, etc	11.4	14.1	14.9
Services	104.9	114.9	117.5
<i>of which -Government</i>	59.2	61.7	61.9

¹ Provisional

Employment by sector



	1990	1995	1996
Unemployment rate (%)	2.8	5.2	5.6
Male	3.1	4.1	4.0
Female	2.3	7.4	8.8
Average monthly earnings (rupees)	2,824	5,389	5,767
Primary sector	1,964	3,871	4,246
<i>of which -sugar cane</i>	1,910	3,824	4,217
Secondary sector	2,229	4,315	4,604
Manufacturing	1,997	4,037	4,272
<i>of which -EPZ¹</i>	1,852	3,490	3,730
Electricity & water	5,270	8,723	9,695
Construction	2,979	5,964	6,433
Tertiary sector	3,836	6,723	7,144
Trade, restaurants, hotels	3,363	6,272	6,629
Transport, storage, communication	4,255	6,971	7,725
Financing, insurance, etc	4,720	8,213	8,897
Services	3,765	6,649	6,934
<i>of which -Government</i>	3,858	6,789	7,019
Wage Rate Index (base:1992=100)		136.6	143.9

¹ Export Processing Zone

6. PRICE INDICES

	Weight	1995¹	1996
Consumer Price Index	1,000	130.1	138.7
(base July 1991-June 1992=100)			
Food & non-alcoholic beverages	392	134.9	142.2
Alcoholic beverages & tobacco	82	128.0	146.6
Clothing & footwear	88	130.3	138.5
Fuel & light	52	111.3	111.0
Housing & household operations	131	125.8	133.7
Medical care & health expenses	36	134.2	146.5
Transport & communication	97	126.0	130.4
Recreation & social services	66	133.7	144.5
Miscellaneous goods & services	56	127.4	142.5
Inflation Rate (%)		6.0	6.6
Producer Price Index	1,000	113.2	124.6
(Food, Beverages and tobacco, base 1993=100)			
Food	556	116.3	130.0
Beverages & tobacco	444	109.4	117.9
Construction Price Index	1,000	105.6	109.5
(residential, base 4th Qr 1993=100)			
Labour	328	106.0	108.8
Hire of plant	40	103.9	104.0
Materials	587	105.4	110.4
Transport	45	106.8	106.8
Export Price Index (base: 1993=100)	10,000	111.8	123.1
Food & live animals	3,081	117.7	127.6
<i>of which -Sugar</i>	2,717	117.8	127.2
Crude materials	72	123.0	143.4
<i>of which -Cut flowers</i>	72	123.0	143.4
Chemicals & related products	90	101.5	102.3
Manufactured goods	301	114.8	119.3
<i>of which -Textile yarn & fabrics</i>	301	114.8	119.3
Misc. manufactured goods	6,456	108.9	121.2
<i>of which -Apparel & clothing accessories</i>	6,064	108.0	120.0

¹ Revised

	1983*	1990*
Buildings ('000)	186.2	209.9
<i>of which</i> - % wholly residential	90.9	90.1
- % partly residential	3.1	3.5
Residential & partly residential buildings		
Year of construction (%)		
Before 1960	19.5	11.1
1960 - 1974	35.0	23.5
1975 - 1979	22.5	17.8
1980 - 1982	15.6	11.8
1983 - 1984	1.3	6.4
1985 - June 1990		21.2
Not completed but inhabited	4.4	4.9
Not known	1.7	3.3
Construction materials (%)		
Concrete walls & roof	55.4	70.6
Concrete walls & iron or tin roof	11.0	7.3
Iron or tin walls and roof	27.1	18.2
Wood walls & iron or tin or shingle roof	4.2	2.3
Other	2.3	1.6
Average no. of housing units per building	1.22	1.21
Housing units ('000)	198.6	223.8
Ownership (%)		
Private	97.7	98.7
Public	2.3	1.3
Occupancy (%)		
Occupied	96.4	97.5
Vacant	3.6	2.5

	1983*	1990*
Average no. of rooms per housing unit	3.5	3.9
Average no. of persons per room	1.5	1.2
Average no. of households per housing unit	1.03	1.06
Households ('000)	206.4	236.1
Tenure (%)		
Owner	66.9	75.9
Tenant	17.8	14.8
Free	15.0	8.8
Other	0.3	0.5
Amenities (%)		
Piped water	96.9	95.2
Electricity	91.1	96.9
Toilet	98.0	99.3
<i>of which flush toilet</i>	47.5	62.8
Bathroom	84.2	94.5
Kitchen	94.7	97.5
Acceptable refuse disposal	61.3	68.4
Fuel used for cooking (%)		
Wood & charcoal	54.5	26.3
Kerosene	34.8	21.7
Electricity	5.2	1.5
Gas	5.1	50.3
Other	0.4	0.2
% female-headed	18.5	17.6
% one-parent	8.8	8.1
% 60+ years living alone	3.1	2.8
Average household size	4.8	4.5

* Census figures

8. HOUSEHOLD INCOME & EXPENDITURE

Household Budget Survey

80/81 86/87 91/92

Household income

Income earners per household	1.37	1.52	1.63
Average monthly income (rupees)	2,212	3,496	6,503
Median monthly income (rupees)	1,518	2,663	5,300
1/2 median monthly income (rupees)	759	1,332	2,650
% hholds with < 1/2 med mthly income	17.0	15.7	13.7
Gini coefficient	0.445	0.396	0.379

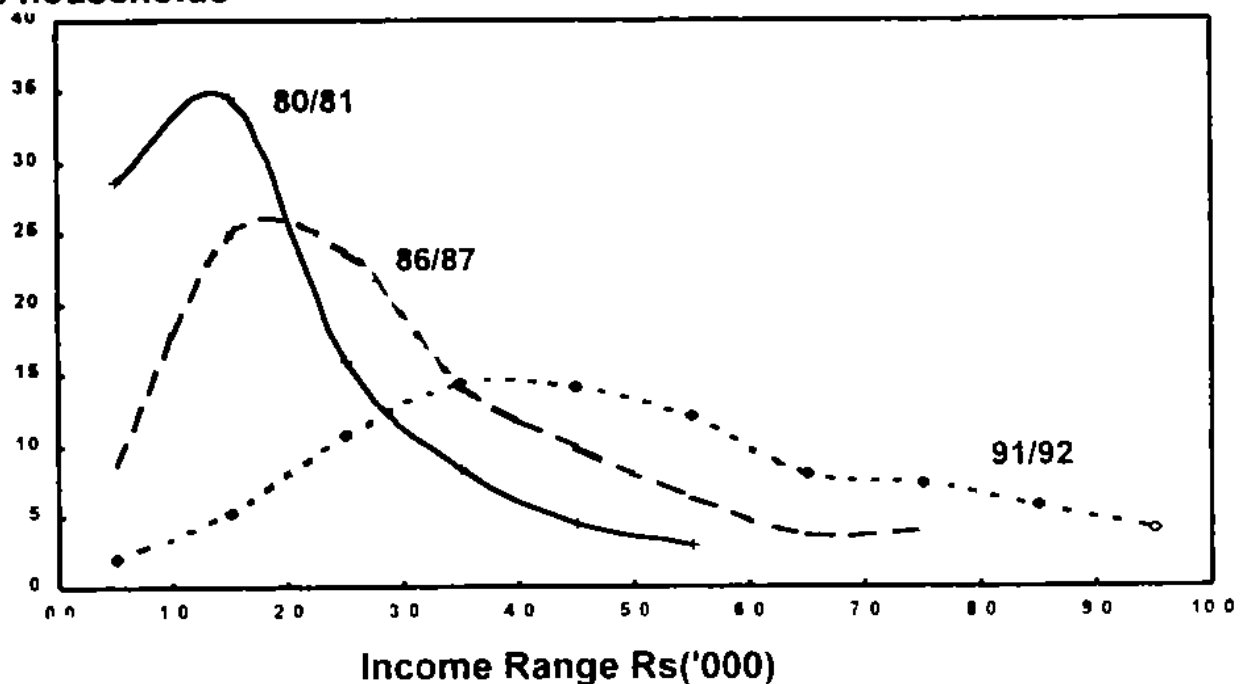
Income share

% of total income going to.

Lowest 20% of households	4.8	5.6	6.4
Highest 20% of households	52.1	44.2	43.5
Ratio of highest 20% to lowest 20%	10.9	7.9	6.8

Trends in monthly household income distribution

% households



Household Budget Survey

80/81 86/87 91/92

Household expenditure

Average monthly expend (rupees)	2,073	3,035	5,225
Median monthly expend (rupees)	1,908	2,531	4,136
1/2 median monthly expend (rupees)	954	1,266	2,068
% hholds with < 1/2 med mthly expend	20.9	16.6	11.9

Consumption pattern**Monthly household expend (%)**

Food & non alcoholic beverages	42.0	43.4	40.6
Alcoholic beverages & tobacco	6.3	5.0	5.7
Clothing & footwear	10.3	8.7	9.1
Fuel & light	6.3	5.9	5.4
Housing & household operations	11.2	14.0	13.6
Medical care & health expenses	3.2	3.1	3.7
Transport & communication	10.9	9.6	10.0
Recreation, entertain & education	3.0	6.3	6.8
Misc goods & services	6.8	4.0	5.1

Per capita consumption(kg/year)¹**1990 1995² 1996³****Selected food items**

Wheat flour	64.1	65.9	67.6
Milled rice	69.9	61.1	62.6
Potatoes	19.7	19.4	18.6
Sugar	34.9	32.0	32.4
Fresh vegetables	38.0	70.2	63.6
Oils & fats	23.0	30.1	30.0
Fresh milk (litres)	10.9	9.2	8.3
Powdered milk	10.3	11.6	10.5
Pulses	13.7	9.5	9.6
Eggs	4.9	7.1	7.6
Meat & meat preparations	31.5	32.4	33.9
Banana	5.7	8.4	8.3
Other fresh fruits	6.2	12.5	11.9
Fish & fish preparations	17.8	18.7	19.4

¹ Source: Food balance sheet² Revised³ Provisional

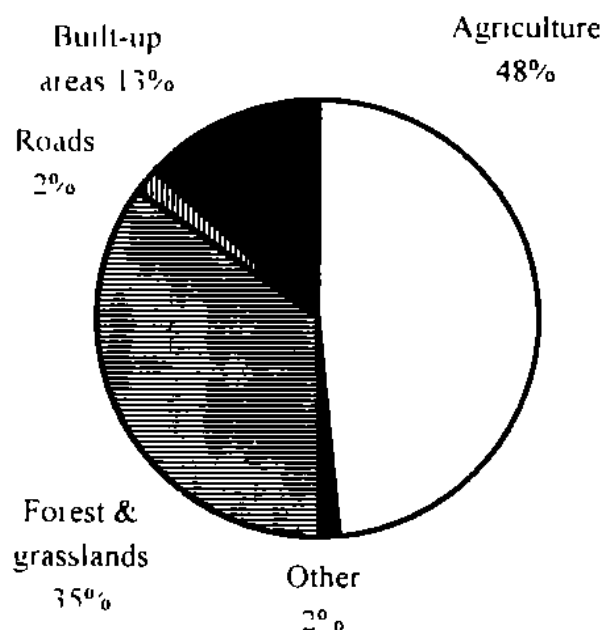
9. TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

	1990	1995	1996
Road transport			
Motor-vehicles registered ('000)	123.5	190.9	200.3
Private cars	30.2	38.9	40.9
Taxi cars	3.7	4.4	4.7
Vans	6.6	10.9	11.4
Dual purpose vehicles	12.9	22.1	24.4
Lorries & trucks	6.6	8.9	9.1
Buses	1.9	2.4	2.3
Motor cycle	11.9	21.5	22.2
Autocycle	45.2	76.3	79.5
Other vehicles	4.5	5.5	5.8
Road traffic accidents			
Number of accidents	10,316	14,683	14,845
Rate (per 100,000 population)	1,007	1,350	1,351
Rate (per 1,000 reg. motor-vehicles)	90	78	77
Motor-vehicles involved			
Number	17,562	25,584	26,270
Rate (per 1,000 reg. motor-vehicles)	153	137	135
Casualties			
Number	3,575	3,586	3,774
Fatal	144	173	153
Seriously injured	315	280	238
Slightly injured	3,116	3,133	3,383
Fatality			
Rate (per 100,000 population)	13.9	15.9	13.9
Rate (per 1,000 reg. motor-vehicles)	1.3	0.9	0.8
Private cars per 1,000 hholds	128	149	154
Length of roads (kilometres)	1,801	1,899	1,905
Vehicles per kilometre of road	69	101	105

		1990	1995	1996
Air transport				
Landings		5,575	5,830	6,265
Freight loaded	'000 tonnes	16 8	16 1	18 8
Freight unloaded	'000 tonnes	11 2	14 4	16 9
Sea transport				
Arrivals		955	1,206	1,300
Goods loaded	'000 tonnes	855	799	966
Goods unloaded	'000 tonnes	1,842	2,463	2,753
Communication				
Television channels		1	5	5
Television sets licensed ('000)		146.7	168.3	175.5
Telephone connection lines('000)		54.9	148.2	183.9
National calls registered ('000,000)		104 7	333 0	414 0
International outgoing telephone traffic ('000 minutes)		12 411	20,022	21,732
Cellular Mobile telephone subscribers (number)		2,200	11,735	23,000
Local press		30	36	37
Dailies		5	5	6
-English & French		4	4	5
-Oriental only (chinese)		1	1	1
Weeklies		17	23	23
-English & French		12	18	20
-Other		5	5	3
Others		8	8	8
-English only		1	1	1
-English & French		5	5	5
-Other		2	2	2

10. LAND UTILIZATION

	Area*
	Hectares
Whole island	186,475
Agriculture	90,000
Sugarcane	83,625
Tea	3,775
Other crops	2,600
Forests & grasslands	65,400
Forest plantation	6,775
Forest, natural	2,387
Savannahs, grasslands, etc	7,438
Scrub & other forest lands	48,800
Reservoirs & ponds	1,180
Swamps & rocks	1,430
Roads & footpaths	3,465
Built-up areas	25,000



* Refers to the Island of Mauritius
Based on findings of a UNDP-FAO Survey in 1965 updated with administrative data for 1986

	1990	1995	1996²
Effective area cultivated		(hectares)	
Sugar cane	82,352	76,838	76,812
Tea	2,905	2,077	1,109
Tobacco	632	673 ¹	649
Land under irrigation	...	17,306	18,292
Overhead		12,858	13,235
Surface		3,618	4,226
Drip		830	831

¹ Revised

² Provisional

11. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

	1990	1995 ¹	1996 ²
PRODUCTION ('000 tonnes)			
Crop products	5,660.5	5,299.5	5,383.7
Sugarcane	5,548.3	5,159.2	5,260.1
Foodcrops	65.8	97.5	89.6
Tea leaf	29.9	21.4	13.2
Fruits	15.7	20.4	19.9
Tobacco leaf	0.8	1.0	0.9
Products from slaughtered and live animals	31.0	37.6	38.8
<i>of which</i> Poultry meat	12.5	19.3	20.6
Milk	11.0	7.5	6.6
Eggs	5.7	8.5	9.2
Fishing	13.2	15.2	11.0
	(Million rupees)		
VALUE ADDED	3,998.1	5,707.0	6,349.0
Crop products	3,463.7	4,770.8	5,182.0
<i>of which</i> Sugarcane	2,675.0	3,420.0	3,950.0
Foodcrops	450.7	903.3	955.0
Tea leaf	81.3	94.0	81.4
Fruits	80.4	138.3	133.0
Tobacco leaf	32.2	50.2	38.8
Animals & animal products	347.0	633.0	718.0
Fishing	187.4	303.0	277.0

¹ Revised

² Provisional

12. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

		1990	1995²	1996
Quantity produced (selected commodities)				
Sugar	('000 tonnes)	624 3	539 5	588 5
Molasses	"	168 0	150 4	152 3
Tea	"	5 8	3 8	2 5
Iron bars & steel tubes	"	26 3	47 8	43 6
Fertilizers		64 2	78 9	82 2
Denatured spirit	('000 H Litres)	8 8	8 1	8 1
Beer and stout	"	281 2	308 8	312 1
Wine	"	26 7	27 4	21 5
Electricity generated	(GWh)	667	1,047	1,151

Manufacturing

Growth rate

Manufacturing including sugar	+7 7	+5 7	+6 3
Manufacturing excluding sugar	+7 2	+5 5	+6 1
EPZ ¹	+7 0	+5 0	+7 0

Labour Productivity Index

(1982=100)

Manufacturing including sugar	85	116	126
Manufacturing excluding sugar	90	128	138
EPZ ¹	105	149	160

Unit Labour Cost Index

(1982=100)

Manufacturing including sugar	234	327	325
Manufacturing excluding sugar	246	335	334
EPZ ¹	265	368	366

EPZ (Export Processing Zone) This comprises enterprises operating mainly for export and benefiting from certain fiscal incentives (particularly tax) Around 90% of the output of the EPZ consists of textiles and wearing apparel

² Revised

	1990	1995	1996
Imports of energy sources ('000 tonnes)			
Gasolene	56 0	84 2	88 0
Diesel oil	153 9	226 2	222 0
Dual purpose kerosene	166 8	170 6	196 0
<i>of which -Aviation fuel</i>	147 1	131 1	114 8
Fuel oil	139 7	207 5	193 9
LPG	22 5	36 2	36 6
Coal	80 1	66 4	38 5
Bunkers ('000 tonnes)			
Diesel oil	58 6	134 0	99 4
Fuel oil	20 3	21 4	31 2
Electricity generated (GWh)	667.2	1,047.4	1,151.0
Hydro	84 9	134 4	103 8
Thermal	582 1	913 0	1,047 2
Electricity consumed (GWh)	559.1	904.0	988.3
<i>of which</i> Domestic	198 9	334 1	357 9
Commercial	126 4	229.6	253 9
Industrial (general)	212 5	308 4	339 0
Industrial (irrigation)	13 7	17 3	21 6
Electricity consumers ('000)	219.1	266.8	276.2
<i>of which</i> Domestic	196 3	237 2	245 8
Commercial	17 6	22 9	23 6
Industrial (general)	4 8	6 2	6 3
Industrial (irrigation)	0 1	0 2	0 3

14. GOVERNMENT FINANCE

	89/90	94/95	95/96
Budgetary central government	(Million rupees)		
Total revenue & grants	8,452	13,124	12,832
Total revenue	8,336	12,862	12,612
Tax revenue	7,655	11,067	11,488
<i>of which -Tax on income, profits & capital gains</i>	1,232	1,804	1,973
<i>-Domestic taxes on goods & services</i>	1,832	3,464	3,710
<i>-Import duties</i>	3,683	4,979	4,898
Non tax revenue	681	1,795	1,124
<i>of which -Property income</i>	434	1,371	646
Grants	116	262	220
Total expenditure & net lending	9,218	15,550	16,921
Total expenditure	8,939	15,560	17,208
General government services	1,802	3,391	3,693
Community & social services	3,664	7,587	8,298
<i>of which -Education</i>	1,256	2,600	2,695
<i>-Health</i>	768	1,291	1,404
<i>-Social Security</i>	1,100	2,588	2,982
Economic services	1,423	2,038	2,254
<i>of which -Agriculture forestry fishing & hunting</i>	650	883	964
<i>-Transportation & communication</i>	296	783	620
Other functions	2,050	2,545	2,963
<i>of which -Public debt interest</i>	1,629	2,020	2,332
Net lending	279	-10	-287¹
Overall deficit	-766	-2,426	-4,089
as a % of GDP at market prices	2.1	3.7	5.7
Budgetary central government			
debt (end of period)	19,928	27,443	33,805
Domestic debt	14,060	21,665	24,646
Foreign debt	5,868	5,778	9,159

¹ Excludes loan to National Infrastructure Development Fund
in line with treatment in Budget Estimates 1996/97

15. MONEY & BANKING

	End of period		
	1990	1995	1996
	(Million rupees)		
Aggregate monetary resources	24,570	52,792	56,476
Money supply	5,580	9,578	9,831
Currency with the public	2,849	4,847	5,051
Demand deposits	2,731	4,731	4,780
<i>Bank of Mauritius</i>	15	46	6
<i>Commercial banks</i>	2,716	4,685	4,774
Quasi-money	18,990	43,214	46,645
Domestic credit	17,526	46,296	49,241
Claims on public sector	4,404	13,282	14,480
Claims on private sector	13,122	33,014	34,761
Foreign reserves	11,063	16,943	17,914
Bank of Mauritius	10,633	15,129	15,988
Government	-	2	1
Commercial banks	428	1,620	1,737
Reserves position with the IMF	2	192	188
Foreign exchange rates (selling - June)	(Rupees)		
France (FR F 1)	2 76	3 62	3 91
Germany (DE M 1)	9 36	12 69	13 23
India (IN R 100)	94 00	57 00	59 00
Japan (JP Y 100)	10 24	20 84	18 49
South Africa, Rep of (SA R 1)	5 92	5 21	4 73
United States (US D 1)	15 57	17 59	20 22
United Kingdom (GB P 1)	27 03	27 97	31 36

	1990	1995 ¹	1996 ²
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) estimates at current prices			
(i) Value added by sector (million rupees)			
Primary	4,048	5,807	6,459
<i>Agriculture, hunting, forestry & fishing</i>	3,998	5,707	6,349
<i>Mining & quarrying</i>	50	100	110
Secondary	10,576	19,872	22,391
<i>Manufacturing</i>	7,784	14,298	16,373
<i>Electricity, gas & water</i>	507	1,514	1,628
<i>Construction</i>	2,285	4,060	4,390
Tertiary	19,183	36,937	41,674
<i>Wholesale & retail trade, restaurants & hotels</i>	5,529	10,252	11,917
<i>Transport, storage & communication</i>	3,526	6,899	7,568
<i>Financing, insurance, real estate & business services</i>	5,015	9,733	10,927
<i>Producers of government services</i>	3,398	6,433	7,235
<i>Other services</i>	1,715	3,620	4,027
Imputed bank service charges (FISIM)	-777	-2,246	-2,617
GDP at factor cost	33,030	60,370	67,907
Taxes on production and imports net of subsidies	6,245	8,358	9,100
GDP at market prices	39,275	68,728	77,007
Per capita GDP at market prices (rupees)	37,095	61,248	67,934
Sectoral contribution to GDP at factor cost (%)			
Primary	12.3	9.6	9.5
Secondary	32.0	32.9	33.0
Tertiary	58.1	61.2	61.4
Imputed bank service charges (FISIM)	-2.4	-3.7	-3.9

	1990	1995 ¹	1996 ²
(ii) By expenditure component			
Final consumption expenditure on goods and services (million rupees)	29,987	52,962	58,713
<i>Households</i>	25,370	44,592	49,313
<i>General government</i>	4,617	8,370	9,400
<i>Individual</i>	...	2,993	3,350
<i>Collective</i>	...	5,377	6,050
Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation (GDFCF)	12,030	16,750	19,320
<i>Private sector</i>	7,560	11,235	12,515
<i>Public sector</i>	4,470	5,515	6,805
Increase in inventories ³	97	827	195
Exports of goods & non-factor services	25,619	40,847	48,320
Less imports of goods & non-factor services	28,458	42,658	49,541
GDP at market prices	39,275	68,728	77,007
Gross National Product (GNP), disposable income and savings			
Net factor income from the rest of the world (r.o.w)	-339	-332	-719
GNP at market prices	38,936	68,396	76,288
Net transfer from r o w	+1,248	+1,700	+1,900
Gross National Disposable Income	40,184	70,096	78,188
Less final consumption expenditure	29,987	52,962	58,713
Gross national savings	10,197	17,134	19,475
Per capita GNP at market prices (rupees)	36,775	60,954	67,300
Annual real growth rate(%)			
GDP at factor cost	+7.3	+5.6	+5.8
Final consumption expenditure	+5.3	+4.3	+4.0
<i>Households</i>	+5.0	+4.4	+4.0
<i>General government</i>	+6.6	+3.4	+4.0
GDFCF(including aircraft & marine vessels)	+23.3	-14.7	+10.7
GDFCF(excluding aircraft & marine vessels)	+15.9	-5.9	+9.7

¹ Revised estimates

² Provisional estimates

³ Includes all statistical discrepancies

17. CONSTRUCTION

	1990	1995	1996
Building permits			
Number issued	6,593	8,971	8,337
<i>of which</i> -Residential	6,108	8,350	7,802
Floor area covered ('000 m²)	1,115	1,309	1,447
<i>of which</i> -Residential	887	1,098	1,108
Employment in construction sector ('000)	31.0	36.8	38.1
Investment in construction			
Value (million rupees)	5,730	10,225	10,915
as a % of GDP at market prices	14.6	14.9	14.2
Investment in the construction of residential buildings			
Value (million rupees)	2,115	4,650	4,915
as a % of GDP at market prices	5.4	6.8	6.4
Share of construction in GDFCF (%)			
All construction works	47.6	61.1	56.5
Residential buildings	17.6	27.8	25.4
Non residential buildings	17.9	21.0	19.7
Other construction works	12.1	12.3	11.4
	Weight	1995	1996
Construction Price Index	100.0	105.6	109.5
(residential, base 4th Qr 1993=100)			
Labour	32.8	106.0	108.8
Hire of plant	4.0	103.9	104.0
Materials	58.7	105.4	110.4
Transport	4.5	106.8	106.8

18. EXTERNAL TRADE

	1990	1995	1996 ¹
Total value of trade (Million rupees)	42,265	61,689	72,878
Total Exports (f o b value)	18,246	27,326	31,988
Domestic exports	17,319	25,786	30,474
Re-exports	358	970	914
Ship's stores & bunkers	569	570	600
Total Imports (c i f value)	24,019	34,363	40,890
Balance of visible trade	-5,773	-7,037	-8,902
Export Processing Zone exports	11,474	18,267	21,001
Export Processing Zone imports	7,348	10,856	12,106
Trade Indices (Unit value, 1992=100)			
Export index (domestic)	88	121	134
Import index	94	126	135
Terms of trade (ratio of export to import index)	94	96	99
		(Million rupees)	
Domestic Exports (f o b)	17,319	25,786	30,474
By commodity			
Food and live animals	5,658	7,692	9,517
<i>of which - Sugar</i>	5,212	6,326	8,025
Beverages & tobacco	6	9	20
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	118	220	228
<i>of which -Cut flowers and foliage</i>	72	135	135
Animals & vegetables oils & fats	1	7	3
Chemicals	144	174	176
Manufactured goods classified by materials	904	1,799	2,289
<i>of which -Textiles yarns, fabrics, made up articles</i>	446	1,138	1,575
Machinery & transport equipment	72	91	112
Miscellaneous manufactured goods	10,352	15,794	18,126
<i>of which -Articles of apparels & clothing</i>	9,163	14,050	16,474
Other	65	-	3

¹ Provisional

	1990	1995	1996 ¹
Domestic Exports (f.o.b.) (contd.)			
By country of destination			
of which -United Kingdom	6,382	9,139	10,765
-France	3,947	5,586	6,029
-U.S A.	2,296	3,959	4,080
-Germany	1,518	1,531	1,679
-Italy	785	1,095	1,264
-Netherlands	297	574	759
-Malagasy	73	530	699
-Belgium	392	489	715
-Reunion	305	465	461
-Spain	88	367	649
-Portugal	217	245	1,009
Re-Exports (f.o.b.)	358	970	914
By commodity			
Food and live animals	15	10	13
Beverages & tobacco	1	23	8
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	10	9	7
Animals & vegetables oils & fats	-	-	-
Chemicals	14	43	34
Manufactured goods classified by materials	107	242	371
Machinery & transport equipment	116	520	331
of which -Ships, boats & floating structures	-	300	-
Miscellaneous manufactured goods	79	107	126
Other	16	16	24
By country of destination			
of which -Bahamas	-	300	-
-Brazil	-	-	-
-India	16	77	87
-France	34	76	80
-Hong Kong	41	68	28
-Malagasy	60	163	216
-South Africa	41	45	44
-United Kingdom	8	34	35
-Germany	14	30	69
-Reunion	20	25	63

¹ Provisional

	1990	1995	1996 ¹
	(Million rupees)		
Total Imports (c.i.f.)	24,019	34,363	40,890
By commodity			
Food and live animals	2,610	4,673	5,921
<i>of which -Dairy products & birds' eggs</i>	512	849	947
<i>-Fish & fish preparations</i>	265	635	756
Beverages & tobacco	89	221	212
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	765	1,209	1,598
Minerals fuels, lubricants, etc	1,939	2,401	3,213
<i>of which -Refined petroleum products</i>	1,781	2,019	2,823
Animals & vegetables oils & fats	233	441	464
Chemicals	1,618	2,688	3,164
<i>of which -Medical & pharmaceutical products</i>	288	576	671
Manufactured goods classified by materials	8,360	12,587	13,708
<i>of which -Paper, paperboard & articles thereof</i>	312	734	681
<i>-Textile yarns, fabrics, made up articles</i>	5,186	7,283	8,218
<i>-Iron & steel</i>	540	887	1,255
<i>-Manufactures of metals, n e s</i>	718	700	804
Machinery & transport equipment	6,366	6,658	8,926
<i>of which -Specialised & gen industrial machinery</i>	1,830	2,208	2,696
<i>-Road vehicles</i>	1,108	1,487	1,711
<i>-Aircraft, marine vessels & parts</i>	1,608	472	680
Miscellaneous manufactured goods	1,869	3,245	3,271
<i>of which -Articles of apparel & clothing</i>	229	355	357
<i>-Watches, clocks & opticals goods</i>	480	502	425
Other	170	240	414
Provisional			

1990 1995 1996¹

Total Imports (c i.f.) (contd.)

By country of origin

(Million rupees)

<i>of which</i> -France	3,525	4,427	4,555
-Republic of S Africa	2,110	3,825	4,374
-India	1,012	2,900	3,619
-United Kingdom	1,702	2,288	2,648
-Japan	1,454	1,642	1,800
-Hong Kong	932	1,641	1,476
-Germany	1,690	1,554	1,903
-Malaysia	438	1,121	964
-Australia	582	1,110	1,811
-Italy	625	1,109	1,392
-Taiwan	1,123	1,083	1,121
-China	810	1,005	1,741
-Singapore	677	910	868
-U S A	1,102	891	1,023
-Switzerland	439	811	879
-Kuwait	418	776	1,248
-Belgium	520	536	685

Regional trade

COMESA

Exports to member states	279	1,009	1,430
Imports from member states	528	1,023	891

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Exports to member states	153	267	558
Imports from member states	2,192	4,114	5,053

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19. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

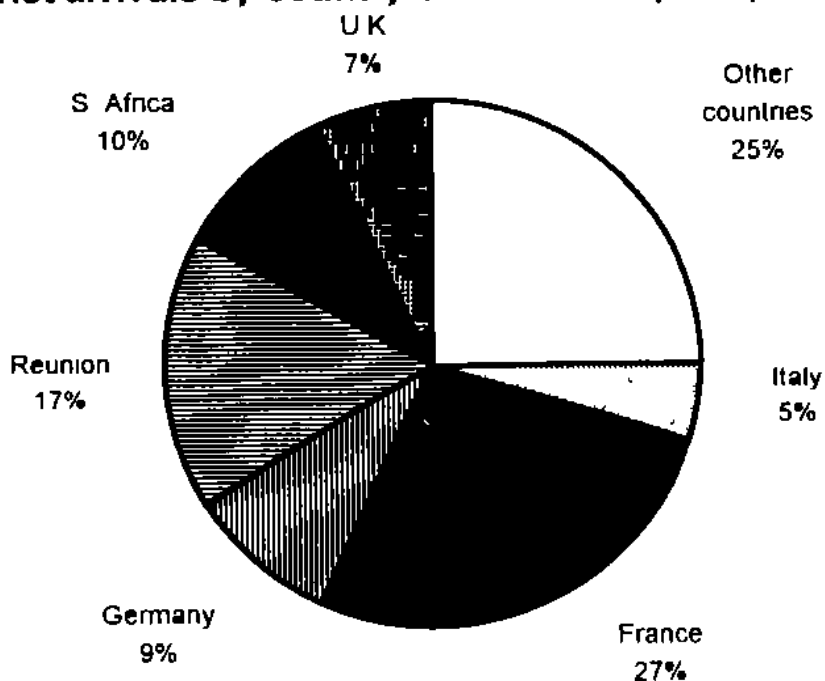
	1990	1994	1995
	(Million rupees)		
CURRENT ACCOUNT	-1,773	-4,168	-380
A. Goods and services	-2,881	-5,579	-1,811
Goods	-3,816	-7,471	-4,490
Merchandise	-3,670	-7,252	-4,235
Non-monetary gold	-146	-219	-255
Services	935	1,892	2,679
Transportation	-779	-1,241	-1,169
Travel	2,240	3,849	4,708
Other services	-526	-716	-860
<i>Private</i>	-403	-416	-759
<i>Government</i>	-123	-300	-101
B. Income	-339	-443	-332
Direct investment income	-304	-188	-242
Other investment income	-35	-255	-90
C. Current transfers	1,447	1,854	1,763
Private	1,232	1,698	1,654
Government	215	156	109
CAPITAL AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNT	-2,035	1,492	-1,478
D. Capital account	-9	-24	-19
Capital transfers	-9	-24	-19
E. Financial account	-2,026	1,516	-1,459
Financial account (excluding reserve assets)	771	743	436
Direct investment	601	340	262
Portfolio investment	-32	33	3,059
Other investment	202	370	2,885
Reserve assets	-2,797	773	-1,895
NET ERRORS AND OMISSIONS	3,808	2,676	1,858

Source Bank of Mauritius

	1990	1995	1996
Passenger traffic ('000)			
Arrivals	418.2	574.3	659.6
(i) By gender			
Male	232.1	301.3	343.0
Female	186.2	273.0	316.6
(ii) By type of passenger			
Visitors	310.3	431.5	496.8
<i>of which -on holiday</i>	276.0	395.4	450.9
<i>-on business</i>	16.4	17.8	20.7
Residents	84.2	130.5	149.8
Other	2.7	12.3	13.0
Departures	422.2	572.8	651.0
(i) By gender			
Male	233.3	300.8	338.3
Female	189.0	272.0	312.7
(ii) By type of passenger			
Visitors	310.5	431.4	491.4
Residents	89.5	131.3	149.5
Other	2.0	10.0	10.1
Inter-island passenger traffic			
From Mauritius to Rodrigues	13,110	24,150	29,129
<i>Male</i>	8,023	14,532	16,947
<i>Female</i>	5,087	9,618	12,182
From Rodrigues to Mauritius	13,492	24,820	29,370
<i>Male</i>	7,949	14,603	16,861
<i>Female</i>	5,543	10,217	12,509

	1990	1995	1996
Tourist arrivals ('000)	291.6	422.5	486.9
France	53.2	116.7	130.3
Germany	19.7	41.6	45.2
Italy	14.2	17.4	21.8
Reunion	73.3	78.4	82.3
South Africa	41.9	42.7	50.4
United Kingdom	21.9	31.3	35.3
Other countries	67.4	94.4	121.6

Tourist arrivals by country of residence (1996)



	1990	1995	1996
Number of licensed hotels	75	95	90
Number of rooms	4,603	5,977	6,668
Number of bed places	9,572	12,359	13,833
Room occupancy rate (%)	62	66	68
Bed occupancy rate (%)	54	59	60
Tourist nights ('000)	3,565	4,435	4,958
Tourist receipts (Million rupees)	3,630	7,472	9,048
Average length of stay (nights)	12.2	10.7	10.6
Average expend per tourist (rupees)	12,500	17,700	18,600

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89/90¹ 94/95¹ 95/96

Non-contributory benefits

No of beneficiaries ('000)	139 7	147 3	150 0
Total amount paid (million rupees)	568 9	1,428 5	1,686 4

Contributory benefits²

(National Pensions Fund)

No of persons covered ('000)	196 9	225 0	230 0
Contributions collected ³ (million rupees)	360 2	683 0	718 9
No of beneficiaries ('000)	23 2	33 5	33 6
Total amount paid (million rupees)	45 7	125 5	149 9

Public expenditure on social service and welfare as a % of

total public expenditure	13 1	17 2	18 0
GDP at market prices	3 2	4 1	4 3

Benefits by type⁴, 1995/96

	Beneficiaries('000) as at June 1996	Amount paid (million rupees)
Non-contributory benefits	150.0	1,686.4
-Old age pension	103 8	1,190 6
-Widows pension	19 9	209 6
-Invalids pension	16 1	189 2
-Orphans pension	0 9	5 8
-Social Aid	9 3	91 2
Contributory benefits	33.6	149.9
-Retirement pension	25 3	106 9
-Widows pension	5 0	19 1
-Invalids pension	2 3	6 9
-Orphans pension	0 1	0 2
-Industrial injury allowances	0 9	16 8

¹ Revised

² Excludes public and parastatal sectors

³ Ratio of contribution is 2/3 from employers & 1/3 from employees

⁴ A person receiving several benefits is counted several times

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