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c i f Cost, insurance and freight

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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 583 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 74,900 rupees in 1997. Unemployment rate for 1997 is estimated at about 6.0% 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) - 1997

	Island of Mauritius		Island of Rodrigues	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
January	22 0	29 0	23 7	29 3
February	21 9	29 3	23 5	28 9
March	21 3	29 5	23 9	29 3
April	20 4	28 7	23 0	28 7
May	19 5	26 7	21 1	27 3
June	17 6	25 1	20 0	25 7
July	17 2	24 2	19 2	24 9
August	16 7	24 9	19 4	25 2
September	17 0	24 9	19 4	26 0
October	17 8	26 0	20 0	26 7
November	19 9	28 7	22 8	28 7
December	21 7	30 2	24 0	29 7

Rainfall (millimetres) - 1997

	Island of Mauritius	Island of Rodrigues
January	268	262
February	176	174
March	84	75
April	292	117
May	223	88
June	113	64
July	133	91
August	68	28
September	88	19
October	78	43
November	63	73
December	236	283
Total for the year	1,822	1,317

2. POPULATION & VITAL STATISTICS

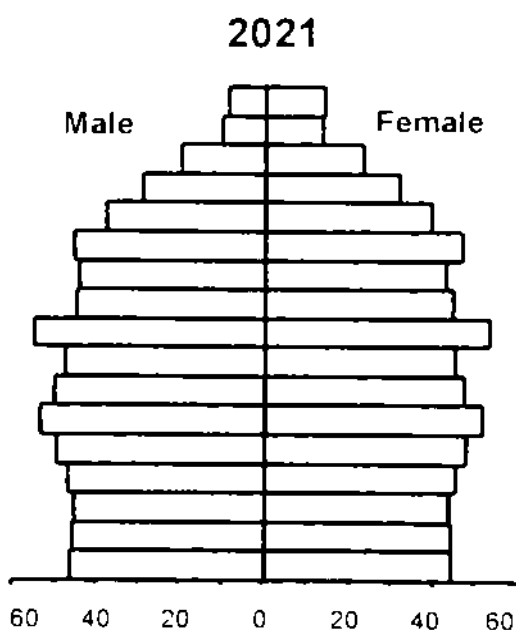
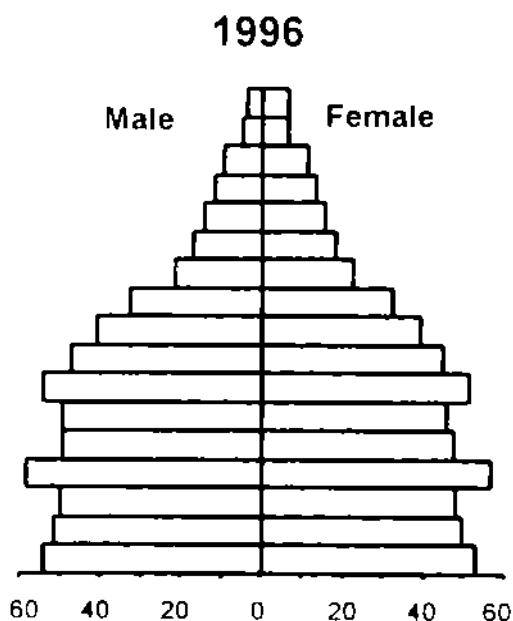
	1990	1996	1997
Total resident population ('000)	1,058.8	1,133.6	1,147.7
Male	529 1	567 0	573.9
Female	529 7	566 6	573 8
Age composition (%)			
under 15 years	29.8	27 0	26.5
(15-59) years	61 9	64 4	64 8
(60-64) years	2.9	2 6	2 8
65 years and over	5 4	6 0	5.9
Median age (years)	25.7	27.5	27.8
Dependency ratio	542.3	492.4	480.3
Population density (per km²)	523	560	567
Geographical distribution ('000)			
Port Louis	133 3	136 7	137 2
Pamplemousses	101 9	112 1	113 8
Riv du Rempart	86 9	94 3	95 7
Flacq	113 0	120 3	121 7
Grand Port	96 9	103 5	104 7
Savanne	61 0	64 3	64 9
Plaine Wilhems	322 4	345 9	350 7
Moka	65 3	71 2	72 4
Black River	43 9	50 4	51 5
Rodrigues	34 2	34 9	35 1
Vital statistics			
Live births	22,602	20,763	20,012
Deaths	7,031	7,670	7,986
Marriages	11,425	10,700	10,887
Divorces	549	792	891

	1990	1996	1997
Vital statistics (contd.)			
Crude birth rate	21.3	18.3	17.4
Total fertility rate	2.3	2.1	2.1
Crude death rate	6.6	6.8	7.0
Marriage rate	21.6	18.9	19.0
Divorce rate	1.0	1.4	1.6

	2001	2011	2021
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)

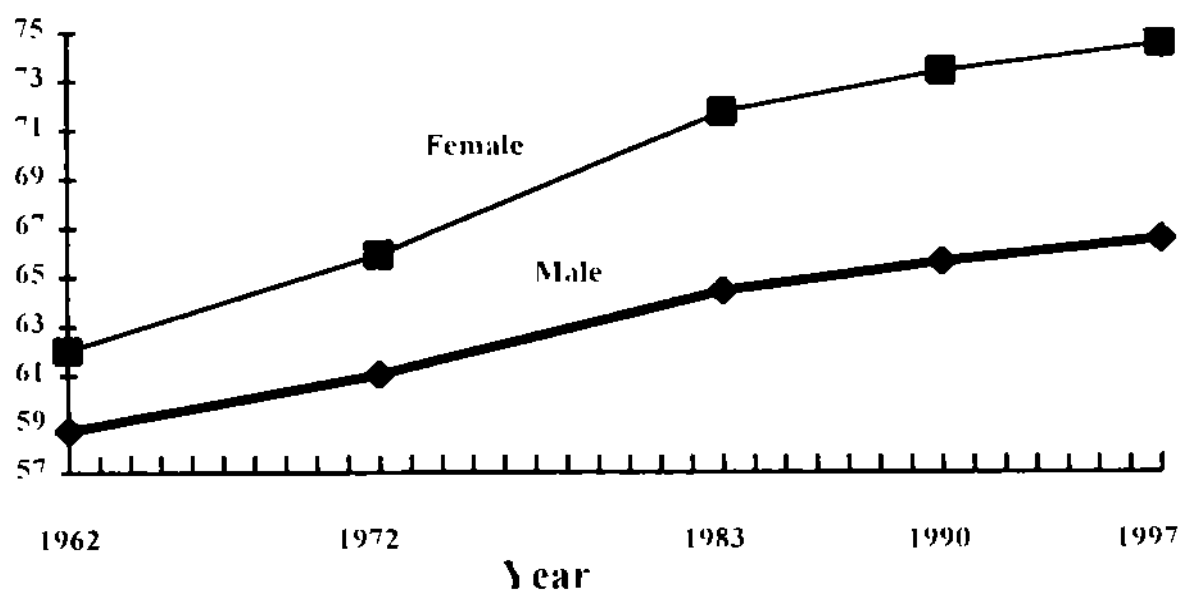


3. HEALTH

	1990	1996	1997
Life expectancy at birth (years)			
<i>Male</i>	65.6	66.4 ¹	66.5 ²
<i>Female</i>	73.4	74.4 ¹	74.5 ²
Early neonatal mortality rate	13.8	13.7	13.4
Late neonatal mortality rate	1.6	2.5	2.6
Perinatal mortality rate	29.4	26.2	26
Infant mortality rate	20.4	22.1	20.3
Deaths per 100,000 of 45-64 yrs old			
<i>Male</i>	1 894	1 597	1 597
<i>Female</i>	825	754	758

Life expectancy at birth (years)

No. of Years



	1990	1996	1997
Health facilities			
Hospitals	12	13	13
Hospital beds	3,067	3,449	3,550
Area health centres	29	29	29
Community health centres	125	118	119
Private clinics	8	12	12

¹ Revised

² Provisional

	1990	1996	1997
Health facilities (contd.)			
Medical practitioners	857	1,008	1,016
Dentists	132	150	145
Nurses & midwives ¹	2,768	2,661	2,935
Pharmacists	127	233	249
Population per doctor	1,235	1,125	1,130
Population per dentist	8,021	7,557	7,915
Deaths (per 100,000 population)			
Circulatory system	274	298	323
Respiratory system	61	55	54
Neoplasms	60	59	57
Injury & poisoning	47	48	42
Diabetes mellitus	34	25	26
Renal failure	20	38	33
% Deaths			
Circulatory system	41	44	46
Respiratory system	9	8	8
Neoplasms	9	9	8
Injury & poisoning	7	7	6
Diabetes mellitus	5	4	4
Renal failure	3	6	5
Public expenditure on health as % of			
total public expenditure	8.7	8.3	7.9
GDP at market prices	2.1	1.9	1.8

¹ Public sector only

4. EDUCATION

	1990	1996	1997
Pre-primary ¹			
Schools	579	1,131	1,145
Enrolment	21 481	34 444	42,904
<i>Male</i>	10 944	17,463	21 663
<i>Female</i>	10 537	16,981	21,241
Enrolment ratio	58	78	96
Teaching staff	1 195	2 469	2 588
Pupil/teacher ratio	18	14	17
Primary			
Schools	287	281	283
Enrolment	137 491	124 589	127,109
<i>Male</i>	69 555	63 210	64 386
<i>Female</i>	67 936	61 379	62 723
Enrolment ratio	103	107	107
Teaching staff ²	5,931	5,215	5,200
<i>Male</i>	3 216	2 541	2 480
<i>Female</i>	2 715	2 674	2 720
Pupil/teacher ratio ³	33	33	34
Cert. of Primary Education (% pass)	60.3	65.3	65.2
<i>Male</i>	57.5	61.8	61.7
<i>Female</i>	63.2	68.9	68.8
Secondary			
Schools	124	130	130
Enrolment	78 110	93 037	93 839
<i>Male</i>	39 108	45 566	45 706
<i>Female</i>	39 002	47 471	48 133
Enrolment ratio	48	53	54
Teaching staff	3,728	4,564	4,710
<i>Male</i>	2 250	2 560	2 614
<i>Female</i>	1 478	2 004	2 096
Pupil/teacher ratio	21	20	20

	1990	1996	1997
Secondary (contd.)			
School Certificate (% pass)	62.0	74.9	75.5
<i>Male</i>	58.1	72.6	75.7
<i>Female</i>	66.3	77.1	77.2
Higher School Certificate (% pass)	56.1	68.8	73.1
<i>Male</i>	54.7	68.7	71.6
<i>Female</i>	57.5	68.9	74.3
	89/90	95/96	96/97
Post-secondary ⁴			
Schools	3	3	3
Enrolment	2,212	6,183	5,999
<i>Male</i>	1,462	3,143	2,923
<i>Female</i>	750	3,040	3,076
Enrolment ratio ⁵	1.4	2.6	3.2
Teaching staff	430	474	347
<i>Male</i>	346	352	225
<i>Female</i>	84	122	122
Pupil/teacher ratio	5	13	18
Pass rate (%)			
<i>Male</i>	90.4		
<i>Female</i>	92.2		
	1990	1996	1997
Pre-vocational training ⁶			
Schools	1	29	22
Enrolment	250	2,895	1,191
<i>Male</i>	170	2,057	873
<i>Female</i>	80	838	318
Teaching staff	8	173	122
<i>Male</i>	3	108	99
<i>Female</i>	5	65	23
Pupil/teacher ratio	31	17	11
Pass rate(%)			
<i>Male</i>	72.7	89.5	
<i>Female</i>	75.0	88.9	

	1990	1996	1997
Vocational & Technical Training ⁷			
Schools	31	102	113
Enrolment	3,548	21,258	23,462
<i>Male</i>		11,627	17,429
<i>Female</i>		9,631	6,033
Teaching staff	167	924	1,170
<i>Male</i>	144	774	965
<i>Female</i>	23	150	205
Pupil/teacher ratio	21	23	20

Literacy rate

<i>Male</i>	85.4
<i>Female</i>	76.0

Public expenditure on education as a % of

total public expenditure	14.2	16.8 ⁹	17.4
GDP at market prices	3.5	4.0	4.3

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

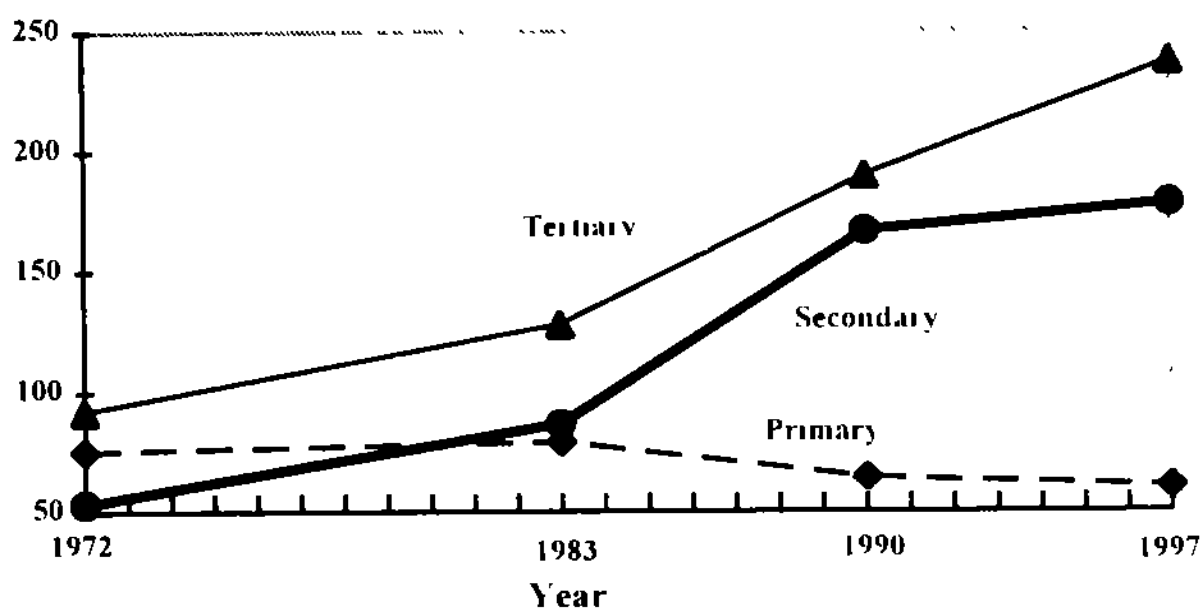
	1990	1996	1997 ¹
Labour force ('000)	433.0	492.8	505.5
Mauritians	432.0	484.6	496.2
Male	301.4	326.0	331.7
Female	130.6	158.6	164.5
Foreigners	1.0	8.2	9.3
Male	0.7	4.2	4.0
Female	0.3	4.0	5.3
Activity rates (15+ years old)			
Male	80.6	78.7	78.7
Female	34.7	38.0	38.7
Total employment ('000)	420.8	466.0	475.7
Male	292.9	317.6	322.6
Female	127.9	148.4	153.1
Primary sector	63.9	62.0	60.1
<i>of which -sugar cane</i>	40.4	34.6	33.7
Secondary sector	166.9	175.5	178.2
Manufacturing	132.5	134.0	136.9
<i>of which -EPZ²</i>	88.8	79.3	81.3
Electricity & water	3.4	3.4	3.3
Construction	31.0	38.1	38.0
Tertiary sector	190.0	228.5	237.4
Trade, restaurants, hotels	47.0	67.6	71.9
Transport, storage, communication	26.7	28.6	29.4
Financing, insurance, etc	11.4	14.8	15.6
Services	104.9	117.5	120.5
<i>of which -Government</i>	59.2	61.9	62.0

¹ Provisional

² Export Processing Zone

Employment by sector

No. ('000)



	1990	1996	1997
Unemployment rate (%)	2.8	5.5	6.0
Male	3.1	3.9	3.9
Female	2.3	9.0	10.2
Average monthly earnings (rupees)	2,824	5,767	6,461
Primary sector	1,964	4,246	4,876
<i>of which -sugar cane</i>	1,910	4,217	4,863
Secondary sector	2,229	4,604	4,935
Manufacturing	1,997	4,272	4,558
<i>of which -EPZ¹</i>	1,852	3,730	4,015
Electricity & water	5,270	9,695	10,108
Construction	2,979	6,433	7,271
Tertiary sector	3,836	7,144	8,096
Trade, restaurants, hotels	3,363	6,629	6,981
Transport, storage, communication	4,255	7,725	8,387
Financing, insurance, etc	4,720	8,897	9,602
Services	3,765	6,934	8,163
<i>of which -Government</i>	3,858	7,019	8,351
Wage Rate Index (base:1992=100)		144.0	158.3

¹ Export Processing Zone

	Weight	1995	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
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
	Weight	1996	1997
Producer Price Index	1,000	124.6	130.7
(Food, Beverages and tobacco base 1993=100)			
Food	556	130.0	130.1
Beverages & tobacco	444	117.9	131.3
Construction Price Index	1,000	109.5	113.4
(residential, base 4th Qr 1993=100)			
Labour	328	108.8	112.4
Hire of plant	40	104.0	104.0
Materials	587	110.4	114.6
Transport	45	106.8	113.1

7. HOUSING & HOUSEHOLDS

	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

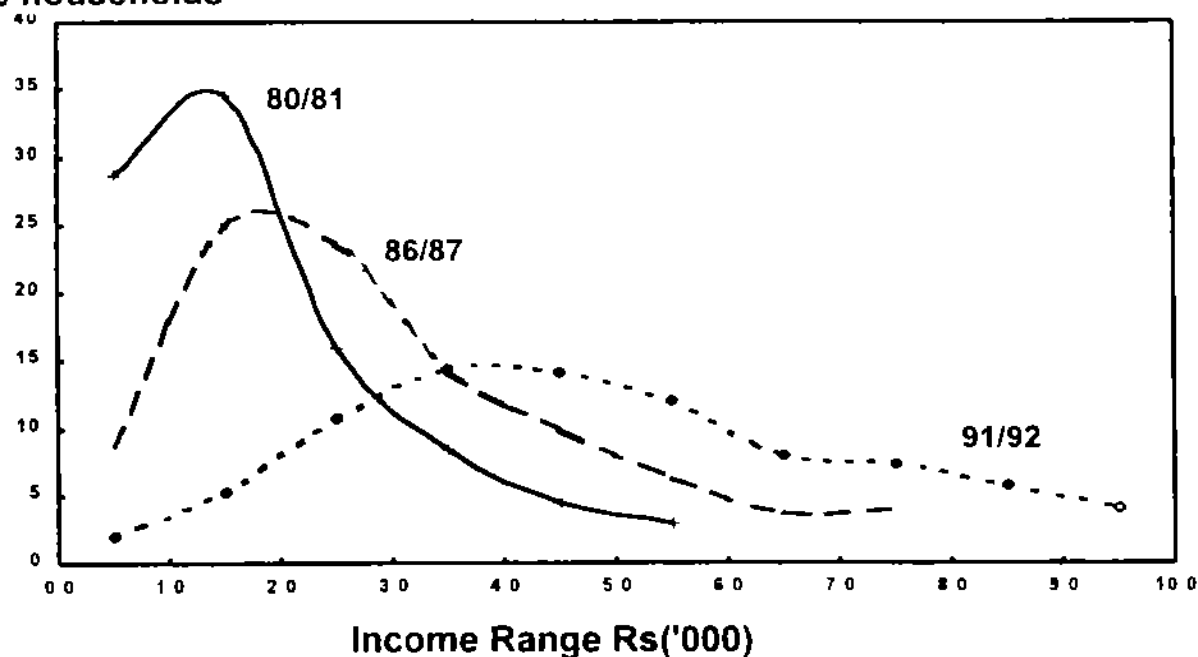
Income share

% 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

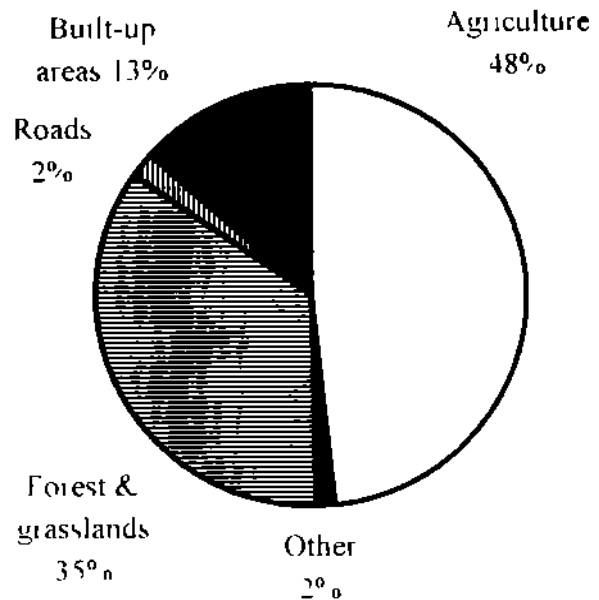
	1990	1996	1997
Road transport			
Motor-vehicles registered ('000)	123.5	200.3	210.9
Private cars	30.2	40.9	43.7
Taxi cars	3.7	4.7	4.7
Vans	6.6	11.4	12.5
Dual purpose vehicles	12.9	24.4	27.0
Lorries & trucks	6.6	9.1	9.3
Buses	1.9	2.3	2.4
Motor cycle	11.9	22.2	22.8
Autocycle	45.2	79.5	82.6
Other vehicles	4.5	5.8	5.9
Road traffic accidents			
Number of accidents	10,316	14,845	15,954
Rate (per 100,000 population)	1,007	1,351	1,434
Rate (per 1,000 reg. motor-vehicles)	90	77	78
Motor-vehicles involved			
Number	17,562	26,270	28,561
Rate (per 1,000 reg. motor-vehicles)	153	135	139
Casualties			
Number	3,575	3,774	3,755
Fatal	144	153	146
Seriously injured	315	238	261
Slightly injured	3,116	3,383	3,348
Fatality			
Rate (per 100,000 population)	13.9	13.9	13.1
Rate (per 1,000 reg. motor-vehicles)	1.3	0.8	0.7
Private cars per 1,000 hholds	128	154	161
Length of roads (kilometres)	1,801	1,905	1,905
Vehicles per kilometre of road	69	105	111

		1990	1996 ¹	1997
Air transport				
Landings		5,575	6,265	7,049
Freight loaded	000 tonnes	16 8	18 8	20 8
Freight unloaded	'000 tonnes	11 2	16 9	17 4
Sea transport				
Arrivals		955	1,300	1,481
Goods loaded	'000 tonnes	855	966	950
Goods unloaded	'000 tonnes	1,842	2,753	2,902
Communication				
Television channels		1	5	6
Television sets licensed ('000)		146.7	175.5	196.5
Telephone connection lines('000)		54.9	183.9	222.7
National calls registered ('000,000)		104 7	414 0	527 0
International outgoing telephone traffic ('000 minutes)		12,411	21,732	24,642
Cellular Mobile telephone subscribers (number)		2,200	23,000	44,000
Local press				
Dailies		5	6	6
-English & French		4	5	5
-Oriental only (chinese)		1	1	1
Weeklies		17	25	25
-English & French		12	21	21
-Other		5	4	4
Others		8	9	11
-English only		1	1	1
-English & French		5	6	8
-Other		2	2	2

¹ Revised

10. LAND UTILIZATION

	Área*
	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	1996¹	1997²
Effective area cultivated		(hectares)	
Sugar cane	82,352	76,814	78,283
Tea	2,905	1,108	767
Tobacco	632	649	467
Land under irrigation	...	18,292	18,289
Overhead		13,235	13,232
Surface		4,226	4,226
Drip		831	831

¹ Revised

² Provisional

11. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

	1990	1996 ¹	1997 ²
PRODUCTION ('000 tonnes)			
Crop products	5,660.5	5,383.7	5,897.6
Sugarcane	5,548.3	5,260.1	5,787.1
Foodcrops	65.8	89.6	100.8
Tea leaf	29.9	13.2	9.0
Fruits	15.7	19.9	18.5
Tobacco leaf	0.8	0.9	0.7
Products from slaughtered and live animals	31.0	38.4	37.5
<i>of which</i> Poultry meat	12.5	20.1	20.8
Milk	11.0	6.6	6.0
Eggs	5.7	9.2	9.4
Fishing	13.2	11.1	12.4
	(Million rupees)		
VALUE ADDED	3,998.1	6,495.5	6,662.0
Crop products	3,463.7	5,420.2	5,549.8
<i>of which</i> Sugarcane	2,675.0	4,120.0	4,168.0
Foodcrops	450.7	965.0	1,057.8
Tea leaf	81.3	60.4	60.0
Fruits	80.4	133.0	132.0
Tobacco leaf	32.2	38.8	31.0
Animals & animal products	347.0	701.8	713.3
Fishing	187.4	293.0	294.1

¹ Revised

² Provisional

12. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

		1990	1996 ¹	1997
Quantity produced (selected commodities)				
Sugar	(000 tonnes)	624.3	588.5	620.6
Molasses	"	168.0	151.5	164.8
Tea	"	5.8	2.5	1.8
Iron bars & steel tubes	"	26.3	45.3	40.3
Fertilizers		64.2	82.2	85.0
Denatured spirit	('000 H. Litres)	8.8	8.1	8.1
Beer and stout	"	281.2	312.1	339.5
Wine	"	26.7	21.5	29.0
Electricity generated	(GWh)	667	1,151	1,193
Manufacturing				
Growth rate				
Manufacturing including sugar		+7.7	+6.3	+5.6
Manufacturing excluding sugar		+7.2	+6.0	+5.6
EPZ ¹		+7.0	+7.0	+6.0
Labour Productivity Index²				
(1982=100)				
Manufacturing including sugar		85	127	134
Manufacturing excluding sugar		90	138	144
EPZ ¹		105	159	163
Unit Labour Cost Index²				
(1982=100)				
Manufacturing including sugar		234	329	333
Manufacturing excluding sugar		246	339	343
EPZ ³		265	368	370

¹ Revised

² Large establishments only

³ 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.

	1990	1996	1997
Imports of energy sources ('000 tonnes)			
Gasolene	56 0	88 0	88 1
Diesel oil	153 9	222 0	255 9
Dual purpose kerosene	166 8	196 0	196 2
<i>of which -Aviation fuel</i>	<i>147 1</i>	<i>114 8</i>	<i>119 7</i>
Fuel oil	139 7	193 9	249 2
LPG	22 5	36 6	41 6
Coal	80 1	38 5	27 8
Bunkers ('000 tonnes)			
Diesel oil	58 6	99 4	78 9
Fuel oil	20 3	31 2	25 0
Electricity generated (GWh)	667.2	1,151.0	1,251.7
Hydro	84 9	103 8	92 4
Thermal	582 1	1,047 2	1,159 3
Electricity consumed (GWh)	559.1	988.3	1,075.1
<i>of which</i> Domestic	198 9	357 9	387 4
Commercial	126 4	253 9	287 1
Industrial (general)	212 5	339 0	363 2
Industrial (irrigation)	13 7	21 6	20 5
Electricity consumers ('000)	219.1	276.2	284.6
<i>of which</i> Domestic	196 3	245 8	253 5
Commercial	17 6	23 6	24 2
Industrial (general)	4 8	6 3	6 3
Industrial (irrigation)	0 1	0 3	0 3

14. GOVERNMENT FINANCE

	89/90	95/96	96/97
Budgetary central government	(Million rupees)		
Total revenue & grants	8,452	12,832	16,474
Total revenue	8,336	12,612	16,411
Tax revenue	7,655	11,488	14,001
<i>of which -Tax on income, profits & capital gains</i>	1,232	1,973	2,287
<i>-Domestic taxes on goods & services</i>	1,832	3,710	5,157
<i>-Import duties</i>	3,683	4,898	5,570
Non tax revenue	681	1,124	2,410
<i>of which -Property income</i>	434	646	1,954
Grants	116	220	63
Total expenditure & net lending	9,218	16,921	20,140
Total expenditure	8,939	17,208	20,350
General government services	1,802	3,611	3,953
Community & social services	3,664	8,362	10,268
<i>of which -Education</i>	1,256	2,724	3,378
<i>-Health</i>	768	1,431	1,566
<i>-Social Security</i>	1,100	2,984	3,787
Economic services	1,423	2,272	2,560
<i>of which -Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting</i>	650	977	902
<i>-Transportation & communication</i>	296	620	596
Other functions	2,050	2,963	3,569
<i>of which -Public debt interest</i>	1,629	2,332	2,875
Net lending	279	-287¹	-210¹
Overall deficit	-766	-4,089	-3,666
as a % of GDP at market prices	2.1	5.7	4.5
Budgetary central government			
debt (end of period)	19,928	33,805	39,478
Domestic debt	14,060	24,646	29,812
Foreign debt	5,868	9,159	9,666

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

15. MONEY & BANKING

	End of period		
	1990	1996	1997
	(Million rupees)		
Aggregate monetary resources	24,570	56,476	62,927
Money supply	5,580	9,831	10,613
Currency with the public	2,849	5,051	5,410
Demand deposits	2,731	4,780	5,203
<i>Bank of Mauritius</i>	15	6	9
<i>Commercial banks</i>	2,716	4 774	5 194
Quasi-money	18,990	46,645	52,314
Domestic credit	17,526	49,241	62,147
Claims on public sector	4,404	14,480	18,273
Claims on private sector	13,122	34,761	43,874
Foreign reserves	11,063	17,914	19,932
Bank of Mauritius	10,633	15,988	15,342
Government	-	1	1
Commercial banks	428	1,737	4,373
Reserves position with the IMF	2	188	216
Foreign exchange rates (selling - June)	(Rupees)		
France (FR F 1)	2 76	3 91	3 58
Germany (DE M 1)	9 36	13 23	12 05
India (IN R 100)	94 00	59 00	59 00
Japan (JP Y 100)	10 24	18 49	18 41
South Africa, Rep of (SA R 1)	5 92	4 73	4 71
United States (US D 1)	15 57	20 22	20 99
United Kingdom (GB P 1)	27 03	31 36	34 90

16. NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

	1990	1996 ¹	1997 ²
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)			
estimates at current prices			
(i) Value added by sector (million rupees)			
Primary	4,048	6,605	6,782
<i>Agriculture, hunting, forestry & fishing</i>	3,998	6,495	6,662
<i>Mining & quarrying</i>	50	110	120
Secondary	10,576	22,539	24,645
<i>Manufacturing</i>	7,784	16,478	18,295
<i>Electricity, gas & water</i>	507	1,628	1,750
<i>Construction</i>	2,285	4,433	4,600
Tertiary	19,183	41,323	46,213
<i>Wholesale & retail trade,</i>			
<i>restaurants & hotels</i>	5,529	11,724	13,063
<i>Transport, storage & communication</i>	3,526	7,496	8,744
<i>Financing, insurance, real estate</i>			
<i>& business services</i>	5,015	10,919	12,120
<i>Producers of government services</i>	3,398	7,235	7,900
<i>Other services</i>	1,715	3,949	4,386
Imputed bank service charges (FISIM)	-777	-2,460	-2,686
GDP at factor cost	33,030	68,007	74,954
Taxes on production and imports			
net of subsidies	6,245	9,292	11,000
GDP at market prices	39,275	77,299	85,954
Per capita GDP at market			
prices (rupees)	37,095	68,192	74,881
Sectoral contribution to GDP			
at factor cost (%)			
Primary	12.3	9.7	9.0
Secondary	32.0	33.1	32.9
Tertiary	58.1	60.8	61.7
Imputed bank service charges (FISIM)	-2.4	-3.6	-3.6

	1990	1996 ¹	1997 ²
(ii) By expenditure component			
Final consumption expenditure on goods and services (million rupees)	29,987	58,761	65,145
<i>Households</i>	25,370	49,325	54,865
<i>General government</i>	4,617	9,436	10,280
<i>Individual</i>	...	3,373	3,727
<i>Collective</i>	...	6 063	6,553
Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation (GDFCF)	12,030	20,125	23,185
<i>Private sector</i>	7,560	12,925	17,445
<i>Public sector</i>	4,470	7,200	5,740
Increase in inventories ³	97	-1,131	1,556
Exports of goods & non-factor services	25,619	50,503	54,270
Less imports of goods & non-factor services	28,458	50,959	58,202
GDP at market prices	39,275	77,299	85,954
Gross National Product (GNP), disposable income and savings			
Net factor income from the rest of the world (r o w)	-339	-789	-325
GNP at market prices	38,936	76,510	85,629
Net transfer from r o w	+1,248	+1,978	+2,350
Gross National Disposable Income	40,184	78,488	87,979
Less final consumption expenditure	29,987	58,761	65,145
Gross national savings	10,197	19,727	22,834
Per capita GNP at market prices (rupees)	36,775	67,496	74,598
Annual real growth rate(%)			
GDP at factor cost	+7.3	+6.0	+5.2
Final consumption expenditure	+5.3	+4.1	+4.4
<i>Households</i>	+5.0	+4.0	+4.6
<i>General government</i>	+6.6	+4.9	+3.7
GDFCF(including aircraft & marine vessels)	+23.3	+15.0	+9.5
GDFCF(excluding aircraft & marine vessels)	+15.9	+14.1	-4.1

¹ Revised estimates

² Provisional estimates

³ Includes all statistical discrepancies

17. CONSTRUCTION

	1990	1996	1997
Building permits			
Number issued	6,593	8,337	7,608
<i>of which</i> -Residential	6,108	7,802	7,097
Floor area covered ('000 m²)	1,115	1,447	1,217
<i>of which</i> -Residential	887	1,108	997
Employment in construction sector ('000)	31.0	38.1	38.0
Investment in construction			
Value (million rupees)	5,730	11,060	11,050
as a % of GDP at market prices	14.6	14.3	12.9
Investment in the construction of residential buildings			
Value (million rupees)	2,115	4,915	4,650
as a % of GDP at market prices	5.4	6.4	5.4
Share of construction in GDFCF (%)			
All construction works	47.6	55.0	47.7
Residential buildings	17.6	24.4	20.1
Non residential buildings	17.9	19.3	16.1
Other construction works	12.1	11.3	11.5
	Weight	1996	1997
Construction Price Index	100.0	109.5	113.4
(residential, base 4th Qr 1993=100)			
Labour	32.8	108.8	112.4
Hire of plant	4.0	104.0	104.0
Materials	58.7	110.4	114.6
Transport	4.5	106.8	113.1

16. EXTERNAL TRADE

	1990	1996 ¹	1997 ²
Total value of trade (Million rupees)	42,265	73,503	79,959
Total Exports (f o b value)	18,246	32,349	33,402
Domestic exports	17,319	30,797	31,691
Re-exports	358	916	1,111
Ship's stores & bunkers	569	636	600
Total Imports (c i f value)	24,019	41,154	46,557
Balance of visible trade	-5,773	-8,805	-13,155
Export Processing Zone exports	11,474	21,001	23,049
Export Processing Zone imports	7,348	12,109	13,897
Trade Indices (Unit value, 1992=100)			
Export index (domestic)	88	134	138
Import index	94	135	138
Terms of trade (ratio of export to import index)	94	99	100
	(Million rupees)		
Domestic Exports (f.o b)	17,319	30,797	31,691
By commodity			
Food and live animals	5,658	9,839	8 959
<i>of which - Sugar</i>	5 212	8 347	7 294
Beverages & tobacco	6	20	17
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	118	228	294
<i>of which -Cut flowers and foliage</i>	72	126	123
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	1	3	11
Chemicals	144	176	149
Manufactured goods classified by materials	904	2,289	2,171
<i>of which -Textile yarns, fabrics, made up articles</i>	446	1,575	1 392
Machinery & transport equipment	72	112	105
Miscellaneous manufactured goods	10,352	18 126	19,985
<i>of which -Articles of apparel & clothing</i>	9 163	16 474	18 397
Other	64	4	

¹ Revised

² Provisional

	1990	1996 ¹	1997 ²
Domestic Exports (f.o.b.) (contd.)			
By country of destination			
<i>of which</i> -United Kingdom	6,382	10,842	11,128
-France	3,947	6,031	5,932
-U.S.A	2,296	4,313	4,651
-Germany	1,518	1,680	1,735
-Italy	785	1,268	1,266
-Netherlands	297	760	735
-Malagasy	73	699	890
-Belgium	392	717	670
-Reunion	305	461	440
-Spain	88	651	812
-Portugal	217	1,007	739
Re-Exports (f.o.b.)	358	916	1,111
By commodity			
Food and live animals	15	13	31
Beverages & tobacco	1	8	2
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	10	7	25
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	-	-	-
Chemicals	14	34	42
Manufactured goods classified by materials	107	371	480
Machinery & transport equipment	116	331	353
<i>of which</i> -Ships, boats & floating structures	-	-	-
Miscellaneous manufactured goods	79	126	160
Other	16	26	18
By country of destination			
<i>of which</i> -Bahamas	-	-	-
-Brazil	-	-	-
-India	16	87	204
-France	34	80	52
-Hong Kong	41	28	34
-Malagasy	60	216	290
-South Africa	41	44	45
-United Kingdom	8	35	30
-Germany	14	69	126
-Reunion	20	63	37

¹ Revised

² Provisional

	1990	1996¹	1997²
	(Million rupees)		
Total Imports (c.i.f.)	24,019	41,154	46,557
By commodity			
Food and live animals	2,610	5,921	6,148
<i>of which -Dairy products & birds' eggs</i>	512	947	963
<i>-Fish & fish preparations</i>	265	756	957
Beverages & tobacco	89	212	262
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	765	1,598	1,567
Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc	1,939	3,213	3,470
<i>of which -Refined petroleum products</i>	1,781	2,823	3,021
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	233	464	483
Chemicals	1,618	3,164	3,336
<i>of which -Medical & pharmaceutical products</i>	288	671	641
Manufactured goods classified by materials	8,360	13,708	14,910
<i>of which -Paper, paperboard & articles thereof</i>	312	681	730
<i>-Textile yarns, fabrics, made up articles</i>	5,186	8,218	9,103
<i>-Iron & steel</i>	540	1,255	1,044
<i>-Manufactures of metals, n e s</i>	718	804	901
Machinery & transport equipment	6,366	9,190	12,099
<i>of which -Specialised & gen industrial machinery</i>	1,830	2,697	2,758
<i>-Road vehicles</i>	1,108	1,711	2,140
<i>-Aircraft, marine vessels & parts</i>	1,608	869	4,049
Miscellaneous manufactured goods	1,869	3,271	3,803
<i>of which -Articles of apparel & clothing</i>	229	357	469
<i>-Watches, clocks & opticals goods</i>	480	348	431
Other	170	413	479

¹ Revised

² Provisional

	1990	1996 ¹	1997 ²
Total Imports (c.i.f.) (contd.)			
By country of origin			
	(Million rupees)		
<i>of which</i> -France	3,525	4,555	7,623
-Republic of S Africa	2,110	4,893	5,606
-India	1,012	3,619	4,522
-United Kingdom	1,702	2,648	2,574
-Japan	1,454	1,800	1,967
-Hong Kong	932	1,476	1,986
-Germany	1,690	1,903	2,164
-Malaysia	438	964	1,061
-Australia	582	1,811	1,546
-Italy	625	1,392	1,333
-Taiwan	1,123	1,121	1,254
-China	810	1,741	2,006
-Singapore	677	868	1,021
-U S A	1,102	1,287	1,367
-Switzerland	439	879	854
-Kuwait	418	1,248	607
-Belgium	520	686	773

Regional trade

COMESA

Exports to member states	279	1,447	1,826
Imports from member states	528	911	1,200

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Exports to member states	153	620	623
Imports from member states	2,192	5,064	5,886

¹ Revised

² Provisional

19. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

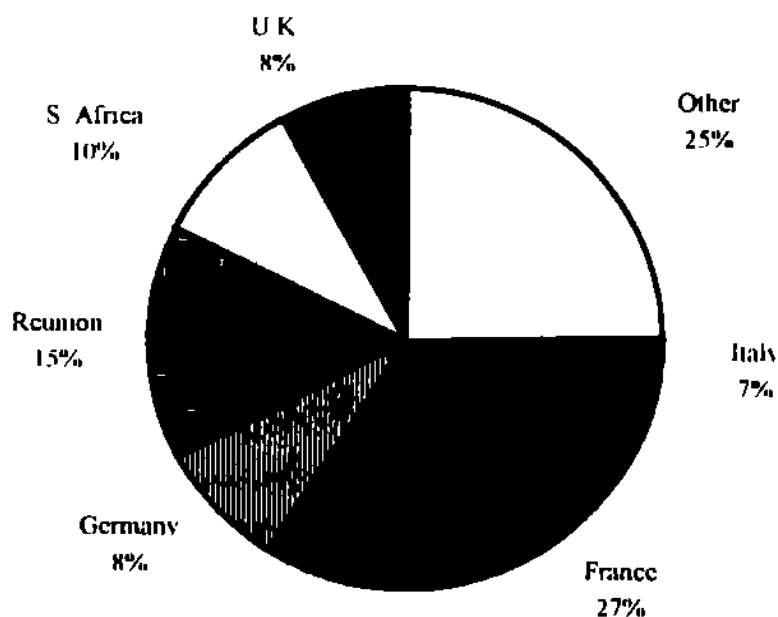
	1990	1995	1996
	(Million rupees)		
CURRENT ACCOUNT	-1,773	-380	307
A. Goods and services	-2,881	-1,811	-1,179
Goods	-3,816	-4,182	-5,288
Merchandise	-3,670	-3,927	-5,288
Non-monetary gold	-146	-255	-
Services	935	2,371	4,109
Transportation	-779	-904	-1,269
Travel	2,240	4,708	5,840
Other services	-526	-1,433	-462
<i>Private</i>	-403	-1,332	-395
<i>Government</i>	-123	-101	-67
B. Income	-339	-332	-719
Direct investment income	-304	-242	-140
Other investment income	-35	-90	-579
C. Current transfers	1,447	1,763	2,205
Private	1,232	1,654	1,986
Government	215	109	219
CAPITAL AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNT	-2,035	-1,478	776
D. Capital account	-9	-19	-14
Capital transfers	-9	-19	-14
E. Financial account	-2,026	-1,459	790
Financial account (excluding reserve assets)	771	436	1,649
Direct investment	601	262	610
Portfolio investment	-32	3,059	625
Other investment	202	-2,885	414
Reserve assets	-2,797	-1,895	-859
NET ERRORS AND OMISSIONS	3,808	1,858	-1,083

Source Bank of Mauritius

	1990	1996	1997
Passenger traffic ('000)			
Arrivals	418.2	672.1	743.3
(i) By gender			
Male	232.1	350.6	378.6
Female	186.2	321.5	364.7
(ii) By type of passenger			
Visitors	310.3	509.3	558.0
<i>of which -on holiday</i>	276.0	450.9	494.6
<i>-on business</i>	16.4	20.7	23.4
Residents	84.2	149.8	171.0
Other	2.7	13.0	14.3
Departures	422.2	663.5	737.5
(i) By gender			
Male	233.3	345.9	379.8
Female	189.0	317.6	357.7
(ii) By type of passenger			
Visitors	310.5	503.8	548.4
Residents	89.5	149.5	169.4
Other	2.0	10.1	19.7
Inter-island passenger traffic			
From Mauritius to Rodrigues	13,110	29,129	37,765
<i>Male</i>	8,023	16,947	22,120
<i>Female</i>	5,087	12,182	15,645
From Rodrigues to Mauritius	13,492	29,370	38,014
<i>Male</i>	7,949	16,861	22,096
<i>Female</i>	5,543	12,509	15,918

	1990	1996	1997
Tourist arrivals ('000)	291.6	486.9	536.1
France	53.2	130.3	145.2
Germany	19.7	45.2	44.0
Italy	14.2	21.8	35.3
Reunion	73.3	82.3	82.6
South Africa	41.9	50.4	51.2
United Kingdom	21.9	35.3	46.0
Other countries	67.4	121.6	131.8

Tourist arrivals by country of residence (1997)



	1990	1996	1997
Number of licensed hotels	75	90	87
Number of rooms	4,603	6,668	6,781
Number of bed places	9,572	13,833	14,106
Room occupancy rate (%)	62	68	72
Bed occupancy rate (%)	54	60	64
Tourist nights ('000)	3,565	4,958	5,451
Tourist receipts (Million rupees)	3,630	9,048	10,068
Average length of stay (nights)	12.2	10.6	10.5
Average expend. per tourist (rupees)	12,500	18,600	18,800

21. SOCIAL SECURITY

	89/90	95/96 ¹	96/97
Non-contributory benefits			
No of beneficiaries ('000)	139.7	150.0	157.0
Total amount paid (million rupees)	568.9	1,685.8	2,319.9
Contributory benefits²			
(National Pensions Fund)			
No of persons covered ('000)	196.9	230.0	242.0
Contributions collected ³ (million rupees)	360.2	718.9	761.8
No of beneficiaries ('000)	23.2	33.6	36.3
Total amount paid (million rupees)	45.7	149.8	179.0
Public expenditure on social service and welfare as a % of total public expenditure			
	13.1	18.0	19.5
GDP at market prices	3.2	4.3	4.8

Benefits by type⁴, 1995/96

	Beneficiaries('000) as at June 1997	Amount paid (million rupees)
Non-contributory benefits	157.0	2,319.9
-Old age pension	107.1	1,583.1
-Widows pension	20.4	325.3
-Invalids pension	17.4	302.3
-Orphans pension	0.9	7.4
-Social Aid	11.2	101.8
Contributory benefits	36.3	179.0
-Retirement pension	27.3	127.1
-Widows pension	5.4	22.2
-Invalids pension	2.6	8.1
-Orphans pension	0.1	0.2
-Industrial injury allowances	0.9	21.4

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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