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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 1.2 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 600 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 90,000 rupees in 1999. Unemployment rate for 1999 is estimated at about 6.4% while inflation stood at 6.9%.

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 *Perinatal 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) - 1999

	Island of Mauritius		Island of Rodrigues	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
January	20.9	30.0	22.7	29.1
February	21.5	29.8	23.3	28.7
March	21.3	29.6	23.4	29.6
April	20.7	29.3	23.4	29.6
May	18.8	28.1	22.0	28.3
June	17.5	26.1	20.7	26.9
July	17.0	24.4	18.9	25.1
August	17.1	24.5	19.1	25.0
September	17.6	25.4	19.2	25.3
October	17.0	26.3	20.2	26.3
November	19.5	28.1	21.5	27.7
December	20.7	28.6	22.8	28.7

Rainfall (millimetres) - 1999

	Island of Mauritius	Island of Rodrigues
January	54	75
February	169	116
March	126	85
April	79	60
May	70	94
June	83	23
July	153	110
August	97	73
September	83	32
October	41	80
November	29	21
December	120	12
Total for the year	1,102	781

2. POPULATION & VITAL STATISTICS

	1990	1998	1999
Total resident population ('000)	1,058.8	1,159.7	1,174.4
Male	529.1	579.6	586.6
Female	529.7	580.1	587.8
Age composition (%)			
under 15 years	29.8	26.2	25.9
(15-59) years	61.9	65.1 ¹	65.3
(60-64) years	2.9	2.7 ¹	2.7
65 years and over	5.4	6.0	6.1
Median age (years)	25.7	28.2	28.5
Dependency ratio	542.3	474.2	469.2
Population density (per km²)	523	572	579
Geographical distribution ('000)			
Port Louis	133.3	137.5	138.2
Pamplemousses	101.9	115.4	117.4
Riv. du Rempart	86.9	97.0	98.4
Flacq	113.0	122.9	124.5
Grand Port	96.9	105.9	107.0
Savanne	61.0	65.4	65.9
Plaine Wilhems	322.4	354.3	358.9
Moka	65.3	73.5	74.7
Black River	43.9	52.6	54.0
Rodrigues	34.2	35.2	35.4
Vital statistics			
Live births	22,602	19,434	20,313
Deaths	7,031	7,839	7,943
Marriages	11,425	10,898	11,291
Divorces	549	1,012	..

¹ Revised

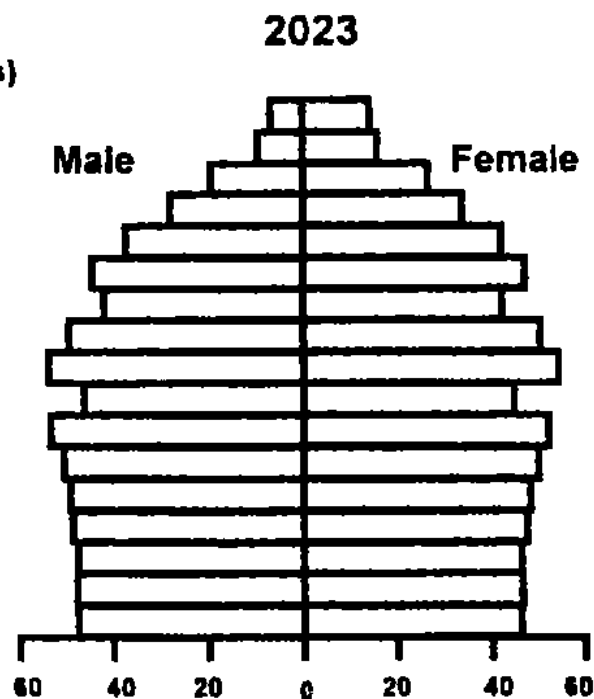
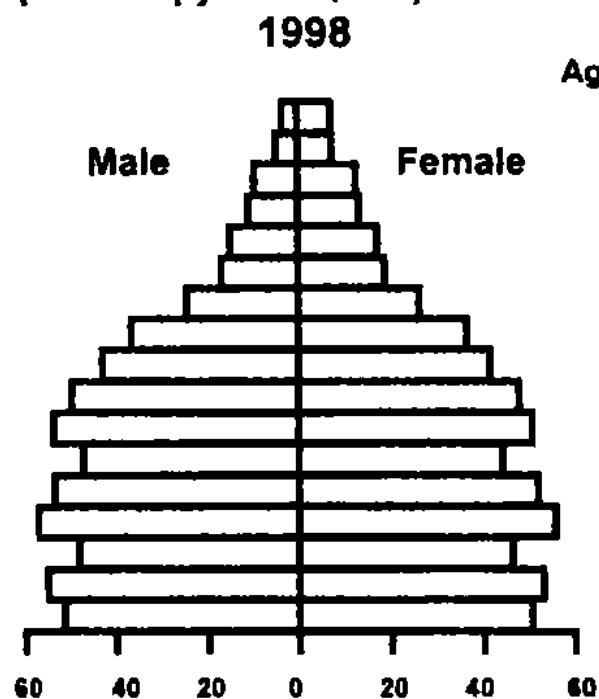
² Provisional

	1990	1998	1999
Vital statistics (contd.)			
Crude birth rate	21.3	16.8	17.3
Total fertility rate	2.3	2.0	...
Crude death rate	6.6	6.8	6.8
Marriage rate	21.6	18.8	19.2
Divorce rate	1.0	1.7	...

	2003	2013	2023
Projected population ('000)	1,214.3	1,310.4	1,387.5
Male	605.0	647.8	679.6
Female	609.3	662.6	707.9

Age composition (%)			
under 15 years	25.3	22.0	20.3
(15-59) years	65.7	65.9	62.9
(60-64) years	2.7	4.6	5.7
65 years and over	6.3	7.5	11.1

Population pyramid ('000)

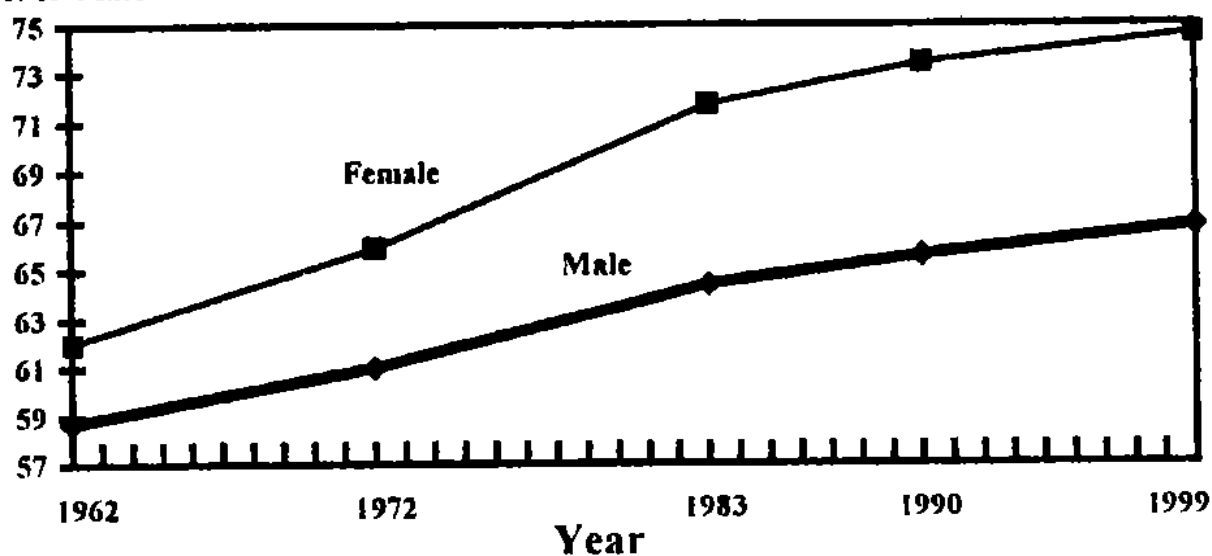


3. HEALTH

	1990	1998	1999 ¹
Life expectancy at birth (years)			
<i>Male</i>	65.6	66.7 ¹	66.8
<i>Female</i>	73.4	74.5 ¹	74.6
Early neonatal mortality rate	13.8	12.0	10.4
Late neonatal mortality rate	1.6	2.8	3.6
Perinatal mortality rate	29.4	23.4	21.3
Infant mortality rate	20.4	19.3	19.4
Deaths per 100,000 of 45-64 yrs old			
<i>Male</i>	1,894	1,481	1,475
<i>Female</i>	825	741	707

Life expectancy at birth (years)

No. of Years



	1990	1998	1999 ¹
Health facilities			
Hospitals ²	14	15	15
Hospital beds	3,062	3,877	4,016
Area health centres	29	27	27
Mediclinics	-	2	2
Community health centres	125	120	122
Private clinics	8	12	13

¹ Provisional

² Including 2 health centres with beds in Rodrigues

	1990	1998	1999²
Health facilities (contd.)			
Medical practitioners	857	1,033	1,061
Dentists	132	144	151
Nurses & midwives ¹	2,768	2,827 ²	2,769
Pharmacists	127	250	250
Population per doctor	1,235	1,123	1,107
Population per dentist	8,021	8,054	7,778
Deaths (per 100,000 population)			
Circulatory system	274	331	322
Respiratory system	61	63	65
Neoplasms	60	65	64
Injury & poisoning	47	44	48
Diabetes mellitus	34	29	32
Renal failure	20	22	24
% Deaths			
Circulatory system	41	49	48
Respiratory system	9	9	10
Neoplasms	9	10	9
Injury & poisoning	7	6	7
Diabetes mellitus	5	4	5
Renal failure	3	3	4
Public expenditure on health as % of			
Total public expenditure	8.7	8.3	8.4
GDP at market prices	2.1	2.0	2.1

¹ Public sector only

² Revised

4. EDUCATION

	1990	1998	1999
Pre-primary			
Schools	579	1,132	1,153
Enrolment	21,481	42,279	41,711
<i>Male</i>	10,944	21,256	21,023
<i>Female</i>	10,537	21,023	20,688
Enrolment ratio	58	98	99
Teaching staff	1,195	2,551	2,548
Pupil/teacher ratio	18	17	16
Primary			
Schools	287	285	287
Enrolment	137,491	130,505	133,489
<i>Male</i>	69,555	66,034	67,559
<i>Female</i>	67,936	64,471	65,930
Enrolment ratio	103	105	105
Teaching staff ¹	5,931	5,065	5,107
<i>Male</i>	3,216	2,373	2,358
<i>Female</i>	2,715	2,692	2,749
Pupil/teacher ratio ²	33	36	36
Cert. of Primary Education (% pass)	60.3	67.0	64.3
<i>Male</i>	57.5	62.4	59.8
<i>Female</i>	63.2	71.7	68.9
Secondary - General			
Schools	124	133	135
Enrolment	78,110	94,364	95,187
<i>Male</i>	39,108	45,982	46,253
<i>Female</i>	39,002	48,382	48,934
Enrolment ratio	48	56	58
Teaching staff	3,728	4,820	5,014
<i>Male</i>	2,250	2,586	2,649
<i>Female</i>	1,478	2,234	2,365
Pupil/teacher ratio	21	20	19

	1990	1998	1999
Secondary - General (contd.)			
School Certificate (% pass)	62.0	77.1	76.9
<i>Male</i>	58.1	76.6	75.6
<i>Female</i>	66.3	77.5	78.1
Higher School Certificate (% pass)	56.1	72.4	74.5
<i>Male</i>	54.7	72.7	72.6
<i>Female</i>	57.5	72.1	76.1

	89/90	97/98	98/99
Post-secondary³			
Schools	3	3	3
Enrolment	2,212	6,429	7,011
<i>Male</i>	1,462	3,286	3,676
<i>Female</i>	750	3,143	3,335
Enrolment ratio ⁴	1.4	4.0	3.9
Teaching staff	430	461	...
<i>Male</i>	346	325	
<i>Female</i>	84	136	...
Pupil/teacher ratio	5	14	...

Pre-vocational/Secondary - Technical⁵			
Schools	1	34	30
Enrolment	250	4,641	4,489
<i>Male</i>	170	3,261	3,149
<i>Female</i>	80	1,380	1,340
Teaching staff	8	270	305
<i>Male</i>	3	143	157
<i>Female</i>	5	127	148
Pupil/teacher ratio	31	17	15

	1990	1998	1999
Vocational & Technical Training ⁶			
Schools	31	13	12
Enrolment	3,548	5,496	6,039
<i>Male</i>	..	4,515	5,172
<i>Female</i>	.	981	867
Mauritius College of the Air			
Distance Education Courses			
"A" level courses		119	115
Diploma, advanced diploma, higher	.	89	328
Bachelor of Arts	..	22	-
Other	.	180	132
Total enrolment	..	410	575
Literacy rate			
<i>Male</i>	85.4		
<i>Female</i>	76.0	..	
Public expenditure on education			
as a % of			
Total public expenditure	14.2	15.4	14.9
GDP at market prices	3.5	3.4	3.5
¹ General purpose teachers and Asian language teachers			
² Pupils per general purpose teacher.			
³ The University of Mauritius, The Mauritius Institute of Education & The Mahatma Gandhi Institute			
⁴ University enrolment only per 100 population aged 20-24 years			
⁵ State Secondary Vocational, Basic Secondary Schools, Industrial & Vocational Training Board (IVTB) registered Schools and Private IVTB Registered Schools.			
⁶ Industrial & Vocational Training Board Centres, Private IVTB Registered Training Institutions 1999 figures exclude Private Centres			

5. LABOUR

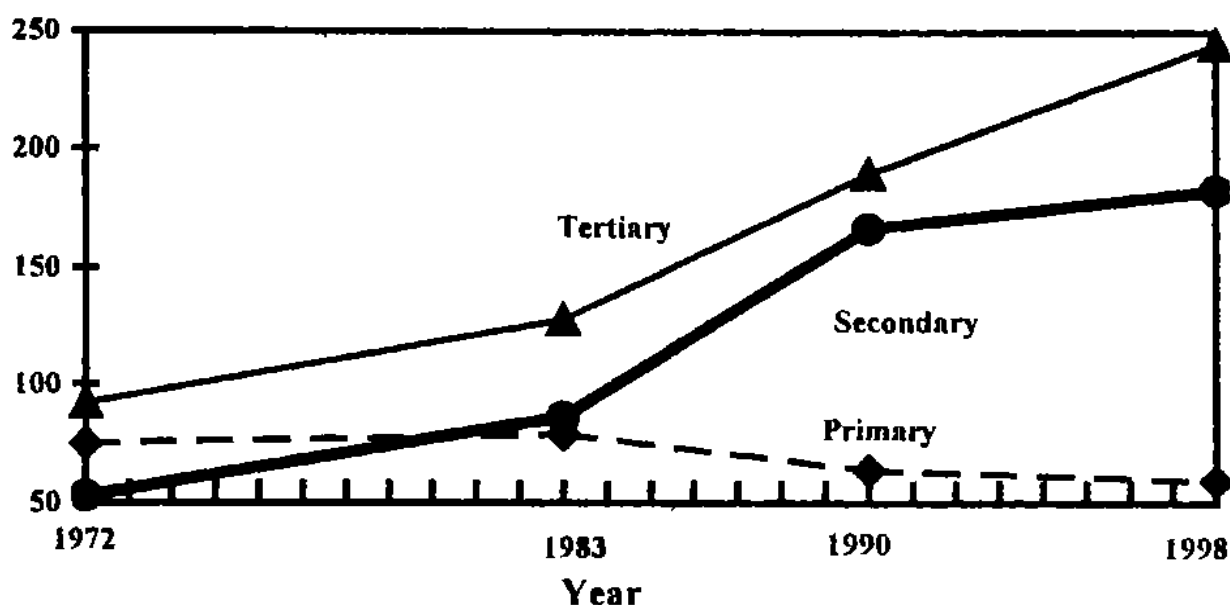
	1990	1998	1999 ¹
Labour force ('000)	433.0	517.0	530.2
Mauritians	432.0	507.0	517.3
Male	301.4	336.8	341.6
Female	130.6	170.2	175.7
Foreigners	1.0	10.0	12.9
Male	0.7	3.7	4.4
Female	0.3	6.3	8.5
Activity rates (15+ years old)			
Male	80.6	78.8	78.7
Female	34.7	39.4	40.0
Total employment ('000)	420.8	487.2	496.9
Male	292.9	327.7	332.5
Female	127.9	159.5	164.4
Primary sector	63.9	59.1	57.3
<i>of which: -sugar cane</i>	40.4	32.7	31.2
Secondary sector	166.9	184.1	189.4
Manufacturing	132.5	144.0	148.3
<i>of which: -EPZ²</i>	88.8	86.7	90.5
Electricity & water	3.4	3.3	3.2
Construction	31.0	36.8	37.9
Tertiary sector	190.0	244.0	250.2
Trade, restaurants, hotels	47.0	79.3	82.7
Transport, storage, communication	26.7	30.1	30.9
Financing, insurance, etc.	11.4	16.8	17.9
Services	104.9	117.8	118.7
<i>of which: -Government</i>	59.2	62.1	62.6

¹ Provisional

² Export Processing Zone

Employment by sector

No. ('000)



	1990	1998	1999
Unemployment rate (%)	2.8	5.9	6.4
Male	3.1	3.8	4.0
Female	2.3	10.0	11.3
Average monthly earnings (rupees)	2,824	6,883	7,479
Primary sector	1,964	5,147	5,591
<i>of which: -sugar cane</i>	1,910	5,109	5,516
Secondary sector	2,229	5,365	5,526
Manufacturing	1,997	4,913	5,087
<i>of which: -EPZ¹</i>	1,852	4,306	4,440
Electricity & water	5,270	12,448	12,061
Construction	2,979	8,078	8,296
Tertiary sector	3,836	8,534	9,497
Trade, restaurants, hotels	3,363	7,421	8,152
Transport, storage, communication	4,255	10,071	10,309
Financing, insurance, etc	4,720	10,157	11,570
Services	3,765	8,353	9,458
<i>of which: -Government</i>	3,858	8,407	9,572
Wage Rate Index (base:1992=100)		174.8	...

¹ Export Processing Zone

	Weight	1998¹	1999
Consumer Price Index	1,000	109.5	117.1
(base July 1996-June 1997=100)			
Food & non-alcoholic beverages	364	110.1	117.1
Alcoholic beverages & tobacco	87	122.1	144.0
Clothing & footwear	79	105.2	112.0
Fuel & light	44	100.3	100.5
Housing & household operations	132	105.1	110.2
Medical care & health expenses	38	107.7	117.3
Transport & communication	142	108.6	113.2
Recreation & social services	60	115.8	122.8
Miscellaneous goods & services	54	107.1	114.4
Inflation Rate (%)		6.8	6.9
Export Price Index (base: 1993=100)	10,000	142.3	146.2
Food & live animals	3,081	136.0	139.3
<i>of which: -Sugar</i>	2,717	134.0	139.7
Crude materials	72	172.3	173.2
<i>of which: -Cut flowers</i>	72	172.3	173.2
Chemicals & related products	90	98.0	98.7
Manufactured goods	301	129.8	120.0
<i>of which: -Textile yarn & fabrics</i>	301	129.8	120.0
Misc. manufactured goods	6,456	146.2	151.2
<i>of which: -Apparel & clothing accessories</i>	6,064	142.9	145.1
Producer Price Index	1,000	141.4	151.0
(Food, Beverages and tobacco, base.1993=100)			
Food	556	136.9	136.6
Beverages & tobacco	444	147.1	169.0
Construction Price Index	1,000	116.7	120.0
(residential; base: 4th Qr.1993=100)			
Labour	328	116.2	120.2
Hire of plant	40	104.0	104.6
Materials	587	117.6	120.9
Transport	45	119.4	119.6

¹ Revised

7. HOUSING & HOUSEHOLDS

	1983*	1990*
Buildings ('000)	186.2	209.9
<i>of which. - % wholly residential</i>	90.9	90.1
<i>- % partly residential</i>	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
Subtenant	0.1	0.4
Free	15.0	8.8
Other	0.2	0.1
Amenities (%)		
Piped water	96.9	95.2
Electricity	91.1	96.9
Toilet	98.0	99.3
<i>of which. flush toilet</i>	<i>47.5</i>	<i>62.8</i>
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
86/87 91/92 96/97

Household income

Income earners per household	1.52	1.63	1.91
Average monthly income (rupees)	3,496	6,503	10,179
Median monthly income (rupees)	2,663	5,300	7,870
1/2 median monthly income (rupees)	1,332	2,650	3,935
% hholds with < 1/2 med. mthly income	15.7	13.7	14.2
Gini coefficient	0.396	0.379	0.387

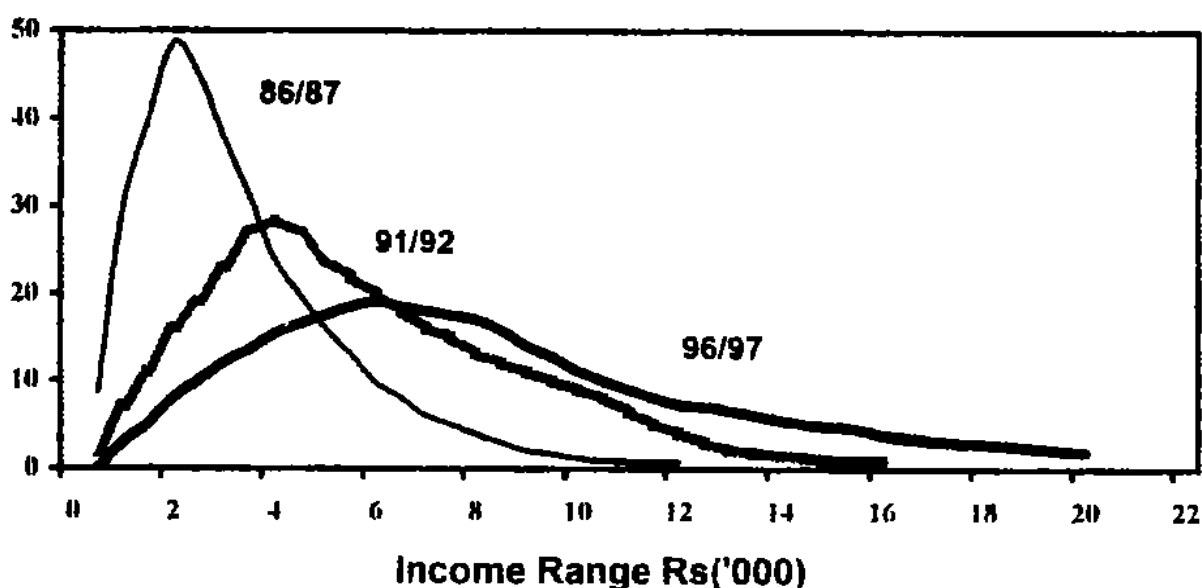
Income share

% of total income going to:

Lowest 20% of households	5.6	6.4	5.9
Highest 20% of households	44.2	43.5	46.2
Ratio of highest 20% to lowest 20%	7.9	6.8	7.8

Trends in monthly household income distribution

% households



Household Budget Survey

86/87 91/92 96/97

Household consumption expenditure

Average monthly expend. (rupees)	3,035	5,225	7,846
Median monthly expend. (rupees)	2,531	4,136	6,136
1/2 median monthly expend. (rupees)	1,266	2,068	3,068
% hholds with < 1/2 med. mthly expend.	16.6	11.9	13.3

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

Food & non alcoholic beverages	43.4	40.6	36.3
Alcoholic beverages & tobacco	5.0	5.7	4.1
Clothing & footwear	8.7	9.1	8.1
Fuel & light	5.9	5.4	4.6
Housing & household operations	14.0	13.6	13.7
Medical care & health expenses	3.1	3.7	3.5
Transport & communication	9.6	10.0	14.8
Recreation, entertain & education	6.3	6.8	6.2
Misc. goods & services	4.0	5.1	8.7

Per capita consumption(kg/year)¹	1990	1997²	1998³
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Selected food items

Wheat flour	64.1	69.0	73.2
Milled rice	69.9	54.1	54.8
Potatoes	19.7	22.7	18.4
Sugar	34.9	33.5	33.6
Fresh vegetables	38.0	71.2	62.4
Oils & fats	23.0	27.1	26.5
Fresh milk (litres)	10.9	8.0	7.5
Powdered milk	10.3	10.5	10.3
Pulses	13.7	11.5	9.6
Eggs	4.9	7.6	7.9
Meat & meat preparations	31.5	32.9	32.7
Banana	5.7	7.8	8.0
Other fresh fruits	6.2	13.9	13.5
Fish & fish preparations	17.8	20.0	20.0

¹ Source. Food balance sheet² Revised³ Provisional

9. TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

	1990	1998	1999
Road transport			
Motor-vehicles registered ('000)	123.5	222.3	233.4
Private cars	30.2	46.3	48.0
Taxi cars	3.7	4.8	4.9
Vans	6.6	14.5	16.8
Dual purpose vehicles	12.9	29.5	32.3
Lorries & trucks	6.6	9.7	10.1
Buses	1.9	2.4	2.3
Motor cycle	11.9	23.6	24.1
Autocycle	45.2	85.5	88.8
Other vehicles	4.5	6.0	6.1
Road traffic accidents			
Number of accidents	10,316	18,055	17,877
Rate (per 100,000 population)	1,007	1,605	1,570
Rate (per 1,000 reg. motor-vehicles)	90	83	80
Motor-vehicles involved			
Number	17,562	32,568	32,547
Rate (per 1,000 reg. motor-vehicles)	153	150	146
Casualties			
Number	3,575	3,828	3,405
Fatal	144	162	170
Seriously injured	315	281	237
Slightly injured	3,116	3,385	2,998
Fatality			
Rate (per 100,000 population)	13.9	14.4	14.9
Rate (per 1,000 reg. motor-vehicles)	1.3	0.7	0.8
Private cars per 1,000 hholds	128	173¹	175
Length of roads (kilometres)	1,801	1,910	1,910
Vehicles per kilometre of road	69	116	122

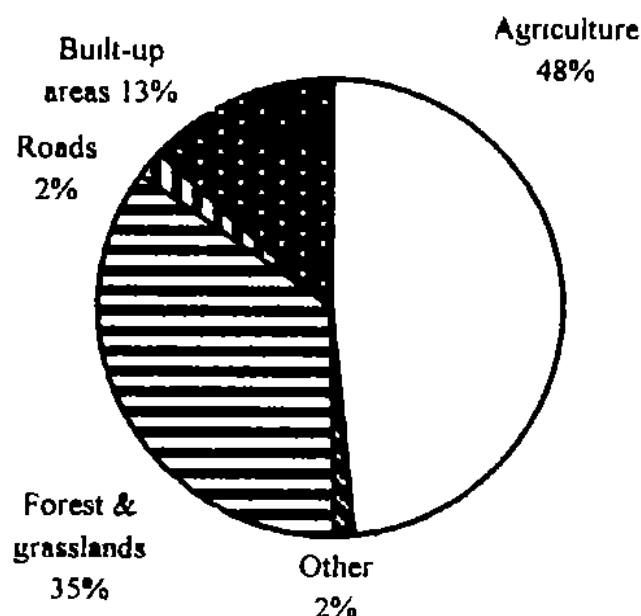
¹ Revised

	1990	1998	1999
Air transport			
Landings	5,575	7,320	7,612
Freight loaded	'000 tonnes	16.8	19.6
Freight unloaded	'000 tonnes	11.2	17.5
Sea transport			
Arrivals	955	1,782	1,665
Goods loaded	'000 tonnes	855	1,033
Goods unloaded	'000 tonnes	1,842	3,129
Communication			
Television channels	1	6	6
Television sets licensed ('000)	146.7	218.7	220.0
Telephone connection lines('000)	54.9	243.6	257.1
National calls registered ('000,000)	104.7	579.0	636.0
International outgoing telephone traffic ('000 minutes)	12,411	27,626	28,516
Cellular Mobile telephone subscribers (number)	2,200	61,000	80,000
Local press	30	43	41
Dailies	5	7	6
-English & French	4	6	4
-Other	1	1	2
Weeklies	17	24	25
-English & French	12	20	21
-Other	5	4	4
Others	8	12	10
-English only	1	1	1
-English & French	5	9	8
-Other	2	2	1

¹ Revised

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	1998 ¹	1999 ²
Effective area cultivated		(hectares)	
Sugar cane	82,352	78,020	77,800
Tea	2,905	689	671
Tobacco	632	439	402
Land under irrigation	14,248	18,379	18,876
Overhead	11,061	14,520	15,455
Surface	2,695	2,654	2,066
Drip	492	1,205	1,355

¹ Revised

² Provisional

11. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

	1990	1998 ¹	1999 ²
PRODUCTION ('000 tonnes)			
Crop products	5,653.1	5,889.5	3,985.0
Sugarcane	5,548.3	5,781.1	3,882.6
Foodcrops	58.4	80.8	77.5
Tea leaf	29.9	7.4	7.1
Fruits	15.7	19.5	17.1
Tobacco leaf	0.8	0.7	0.7
Products from slaughtered and live animals	31.0	43.2	47.0
<i>of which:</i> Poultry meat	12.5	18.3	20.9
Milk	11.0	5.5	5.0
Eggs	5.7	9.6	10.5
Fishing	13.2	9.8	10.6

(Million rupees)

VALUE ADDED	3,998.1	7,428.0	5,348.8
Crop products	3,374.6	6,290.0	4,173.5
<i>of which:</i> Sugarcane	2,675.0	4,842.0	2,818.0
Foodcrops	450.7	1,141.6	1,054.8
Tea leaf	81.3	62.3	57.6
Fruits	80.4	127.0	124.0
Tobacco leaf	32.2	36.3	45.9
Animals & animal products	347.0	741.1	745.4
Fishing	187.4	288.0	305.5

¹ Revised

² Provisional

12. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

		1990	1998 ¹	1999
Quantity produced (selected commodities)				
Sugar	('000 tonnes)	624.3	628.6	373.3
Molasses	"	168.0	168.5	132.0
Tea	"	5.8	1.5	1.5
Iron bars & steel tubes	"	26.3	44.3	45.0
Fertilizers		64.2	83.2	85.3
Denatured spirit	('000 H. Litres)	8.8	9.3	8.1
Beer and stout	"	281.2	366.4	362.8
Wine (country liquor)	"	26.7	31.9	42.5
Electricity generated	(GWh)	667	1,396	1,559
Manufacturing				
Growth rate				
Manufacturing		+7.7	+6.7	+3.3
Manufacturing excluding sugar		+7.2	+6.4	+5.6
EPZ ³		+7.0	+6.9	+6.0
Labour Productivity Index² (1982=100)				
Manufacturing		97.9	138.4	139.2
EPZ ³		110.0	172.8	176.9
Capital Productivity Index (1982=100)				
Manufacturing		108.4	135.8	128.2
EPZ ³		79.9	123.4	122.3
Unit Labour Cost Index² (1982=100)				
Manufacturing		230.0	353.5	380.1
EPZ ³		261.3	398.1	422.1

¹ Revised

² In previous issues, data was for large establishments only. Current figures cover the whole sector.

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.

13. ENERGY

	1990	1998	1999
Imports of energy sources ('000 tonnes)			
Gasolene	56.0	86.9	92.7
Diesel oil	153.9	282.7	295.6
Dual purpose kerosene	166.8	206.4	231.9
<i>of which: -Aviation fuel</i>	147.1	152.3	187.7
Fuel oil	139.7	274.1 ¹	246.3
LPG	22.5	44.7 ¹	43.4
Coal	80.1	86.3	128.9
Bunkers ('000 tonnes)			
Diesel oil	58.6	127.3 ¹	122.1
Fuel oil	20.3	35.3 ¹	46.9
Electricity generated (GWh)	667.2	1,364.8	1,422.6
Hydro	84.9	104.2	29.6
Thermal	582.1	1,260.6	1,393.0
Electricity sales (GWh)	559.1	1,178.8	1,232.5
<i>of which: Domestic</i>	198.9	423.6	441.5
Commercial	126.4	319.2	334.4
Industrial (general)	212.5	393.3	414.2
Industrial (irrigation)	13.7	25.4	22.5
No. of electricity consumers ('000)	219.1	293.9	304.0
<i>of which: Domestic</i>	196.3	262.0	271.1
Commercial	17.6	24.9	25.7
Industrial (general)	4.8	6.3	6.4
Industrial (irrigation)	0.1	0.4	0.6

¹ Revised

	89/90	97/98	98/99
Budgetary central government	(Million rupees)		
Total revenue & grants	8,452	18,501	21,330
Current revenue	8,336	18,285	20,695
Tax revenue	7,655	15,886	18,200
<i>of which</i> -Tax on income, profits & capital gains	1,232	2,409	2,700
-Domestic taxes on goods & services	1,832	6,207	8,305
-Import duties	3,683	6,157	5,973
Non tax revenue	681	2,399	2,495
<i>of which</i> -Property income	434	1,874	1,838
Capital revenue	-	-	500
Grants	116	216	135
Total expenditure & lending minus repayments	9,218	20,124	25,091
Total expenditure	8,939	21,872	25,796
General government services	1,802	4,115	4,609
Community & social services	3,664	11,096	13,070
<i>of which</i> -Education	1,256	3,507	3,866
-Health	768	1,768	2,132
-Social Security	1,100	4,237	5,140
Economic services	1,423	2,492	3,483
<i>of which</i> -Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	650	1,052	1,389
-Transportation & communication	296	366	1,051
Other functions	2,050	4,169	4,634
<i>of which</i> -Public debt interest	1,629	3,503	3,821
Lending minus repayments	279	-1,748	-705
Overall deficit	-766	-1,623	-3761
Overall deficit excluding PF AND NIDF¹	-766	-3,408	-3,650
Budgetary central government debt (end of period)	19,928	45,370	51,011
Domestic debt	14,060	34,618	40,974
Foreign debt	5,868	10,752	10,037

¹ Privatisation Fund and National Infrastructure Development Fund (lending minus repayments)

15. MONEY & BANKING

	End of period		
	1990	1998	1999
	(Million rupees)		
Aggregate monetary resources	24,570	75,428	86,899
Money supply	5,580	11,591	12,004
Currency with the public	2,849	5,833	6,127
Demand deposits	2,731	5,758	5,877
<i>Bank of Mauritius</i>	15	28	32
<i>Commercial banks</i>	2,716	5,730	5,845
Quasi-money	18,990	63,837	74,895
Domestic credit	17,526	74,525	80,218
Claims on public sector	4,404	17,983	17,697
Claims on private sector	13,122	56,542	62,521
Net International reserves	11,063	19,896	26,051
Bank of Mauritius	10,633	13,867	18,425
Commercial banks	428	5,778	7,120
Reserves position with the IMF and Government Foreign Assets	2	251	506
Foreign exchange rates (selling - June)	(Rupees)		
France (FR F 1)	2.76	4.02	4.00
Germany (DE M 1)	9.36	13.47	13.40
India (IN R 100)	94.00	58.00	59.00
Japan (JP Y 100)	10.24	17.43	21.10
South Africa, Rep. of (SA R 1)	5.92	4.22	4.27
United States (US D 1)	15.57	24.42	25.39
United Kingdom (GB P 1)	27.03	40.68	39.97

16. NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

	1990	1998 ¹	1999 ²
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)			
estimates at current prices			
(I) Value added by sector (million rupees)			
Primary	4,048	7,555	5,510
<i>Agriculture, hunting, forestry & fishing</i>	3,998	7,428	5,375
<i>Mining & quarrying</i>	50	127	135
Secondary	10,576	27,445	29,887
<i>Manufacturing</i>	7,784	20,996	22,837
<i>Electricity, gas & water</i>	507	1,419	1,450
<i>Construction</i>	2,285	5,030	5,600
Tertiary	19,183	53,077	59,731
<i>Wholesale & retail trade,</i>			
<i>restaurants & hotels</i>	5,529	14,594	16,373
<i>Transport, storage & communication</i>	3,526	10,325	11,405
<i>Financing, insurance, real estate</i>			
<i>& business services</i>	5,015	14,279	16,409
<i>Producers of government services</i>	3,398	8,800	9,800
<i>Other services</i>	1,715	5,079	5,744
Imputed bank service charges (FISIM)	-777	-3,264	-3,899
GDP at factor cost	33,030	84,813	91,221
Taxes on production and imports net of subsidies	6,245	12,905	15,151
GDP at market prices	39,275	97,718	106,372
Per capita GDP at market prices (rupees)	37,095	84,247	90,561
Sectoral contribution to GDP at factor cost (%)			
Primary	12.3	8.9	6.1
Secondary	32.0	32.3	32.0
Tertiary	58.1	62.6	65.0
Imputed bank service charges (FISIM)	-2.4	-3.8	-4.1

	1990	1998 ¹	1999 ²
(II) By expenditure component			
Final consumption expenditure on goods and services (million rupees)	29,987	73,517	82,082
<i>Households</i>	25,370	62,104	69,527
<i>General government :</i>	4,617	11,413	12,555
<i>Individual</i>	...	4,254	4,692
<i>Collective</i>	...	7,159	7,863
Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation (GDFCF)	12,030	23,075	30,100
<i>Private sector</i>	7,560	17,085	22,270
<i>Public sector</i>	4,470	5,990	7,830
Increase in inventories ³	97	1,958	46
Exports of goods & non-factor services	25,619	65,711	68,235
Less imports of goods & non-factor services	28,458	66,543	74,084
GDP at market prices	39,275	97,718	106,379
Gross National Product (GNP), disposable income and savings			
Net factor income from the rest of the world (r.o.w)	-339	-637	-468
GNP at market prices	38,936	97,081	105,911
Net transfer from r.o.w	+1,248	+2,278	+3670
Gross National Disposable Income	40,184	99,359	109,581
Less final consumption expenditure	29,987	73,517	82,082
Gross national savings	10,197	25,842	27,499
Per capita GNP at market prices (rupees)	36,775	83,698	90,168
Annual real growth rate(%)			
GDP at factor cost	+7.3	+5.7	+2.7
Final consumption expenditure	+5.3	+5.6	+4.6
<i>Households</i>	+5.0	+6.0	+4.8
<i>General government</i>	+6.6	+2.9	+3.3
GDFCF(including aircraft & marine vessels)	+23.3	-5.6	+22.8
GDFCF(excluding aircraft & marine vessels)	+15.9	+7.7	+12.0

¹ Revised estimates

² Provisional estimates

³ Includes all statistical discrepancies

17. CONSTRUCTION

	1990	1998 ¹	1999
Building permits			
Number Issued	6,593	8,771	8,819
<i>of which</i> -Residential	6,108	8,302	8,282
Floor area covered ('000 m²)	1,115	1,480	1,539
<i>of which</i> -Residential	887	1,204	1,237
 Employment in construction sector ('000)	 31.0	 36.8	 37.9
 Investment in construction			
Value (million rupees)	5,730	12,025	13,360
as a % of GDP at market prices	14.6	12.3	12.6
 Investment in the construction of residential buildings			
Value (million rupees)	2,115	5,080	5,445
as a % of GDP at market prices	5.4	5.2	5.1
 Share of construction in GDFCF (%)			
All construction works	47.6	52.1	44.4
Residential buildings	17.6	22.0	18.1
Non residential buildings	17.9	16.7	15.6
Other construction works	12.1	13.4	10.7

¹ Revised

18. EXTERNAL TRADE

	1990	1998 ¹	1999 ²
Total value of trade (Million rupees)	42,265	89,793	97,365
Total Exports (f.o.b. value)	18,246	40,051	40,028
Domestic exports	17,319	37,762	37,890
Re-exports	358	1,567	1,478
Ship's stores & bunkers	569	722	660
Total Imports (c i.f. value)	24,019	49,742	57,337
Balance of visible trade	-5,773	-9,691	-17,309
Export Processing Zone exports	11,474	26,075	28,952
Export Processing Zone imports	7,348	16,179	15,725
Trade Indices (Unit value, 1997=100)			
Export Index (domestic)	64	114	113
Import index	68	106	112
Terms of trade (ratio of export to import index)	94	108	101

	(Million rupees)		
Domestic Exports (f.o.b.)	17,319	37,762	37,890
By commodity			
Food and live animals	5,658	10,589	9,534
<i>of which - Sugar</i>	5,212	8,907	8,009
Beverages & tobacco	6	88	13
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	118	334	298
<i>of which -Cut flowers and foliage</i>	72	136	124
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	1	14	1
Chemicals	144	203	237
Manufactured goods classified by materials	904	2,323	2,677
<i>of which -Textile yarns, fabrics, made up articles</i>	446	1,483	1,663
Machinery & transport equipment	72	129	115
Miscellaneous manufactured goods	10,352	24,079	25,012
<i>of which -Articles of apparel & clothing</i>	9,163	22,151	23,154
Other	64	3	3

¹ Revised

² Provisional

	1990	1998 ¹	1999 ²
Domestic Exports (f.o.b.) (contd.)			
By country of destination		(Million rupees)	
<i>of which</i> -United Kingdom	6,382	13,162	13,092
-France	3,947	6,795	7,074
-U.S.A.	2,296	6,470	6,929
-Germany	1,518	2,128	1,666
-Italy	785	1,377	1,230
-Netherlands	297	884	921
-Malagasy Republic	73	1,219	1,407
-Belgium	392	754	932
-Reunion	305	496	504
-Spain	88	924	990
-Portugal	217	978	472
Re-Exports (f.o.b.)	358	1,567	1,478
By commodity			
Food and live animals	15	29	23
Beverages & tobacco	1	7	3
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	10	17	50
Chemicals	14	66	61
Manufactured goods classified by materials	107	652	573
Machinery & transport equipment	116	506	312
Miscellaneous manufactured goods	79	272	323
Other	16	18	133
By country of destination			
<i>of which</i> -Brazil	-	-	1
-India	16	132	21
-France	34	200	161
-Hong Kong	41	63	86
-Malagasy Republic	60	410	410
-South Africa	41	63	70
-United Kingdom	8	41	64
-Germany	14	91	65
-Reunion	20	53	66

¹ Revised

² Provisional

	1990	1998 ¹	1999 ²
	(Million rupees)		
Total Imports (c.i.f.)	24,019	49,742	57,337
By commodity			
Food and live animals	2,610	6,826	6,744
<i>of which</i> -Dairy products & birds' eggs	512	1,038	1,091
-Fish & fish preparations	265	1,113	793
Beverages & tobacco	89	312	527
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	765	1,931	1,667
Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc.	1,939	3,145	4,046
<i>of which</i> -Refined petroleum products	1,781	2,636	3,507
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	233	594	568
Chemicals	1,618	3,890	3,883
<i>of which</i> -Medical & pharmaceutical products	288	785	747
Manufactured goods classified by materials	8,360	17,251	17,069
<i>of which</i> -Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	312	851	879
-Textile yarns, fabrics, made up articles	5,186	10,683	10,514
-Iron & steel	540	1,286	1,122
-Manufactures of metals, n e. s.	718	1,032	1,227
Machinery & transport equipment	6,366	11,369	17,850
<i>of which</i> -Specialised & gen industrial machinery	1,830	3,718	4,284
-Road vehicles	1,108	2,764	4,100
-Aircraft, marine vessels & parts	1,608	741	3,176
Miscellaneous manufactured goods	1,869	4,233	4,830
<i>of which</i> -Articles of apparel & clothing	229	439	479
-Watches, clocks & opticals goods	480	622	594
Other	170	191	153

¹ Revised

² Provisional

	1990	1998 ¹	1999 ²
Total Imports (c.i.f.) (contd.)			
By country of origin	(Million rupees)		
<i>of which</i> -France	3,525	5,527	8,520
-Republic of South Africa	2,110	5,172	6,150
-India	1,012	4,617	4,745
-United Kingdom	1,702	2,584	2,592
-Japan	1,454	2,530	3,412
-Hong Kong	932	2,499	2,130
-Germany	1,690	2,056	2,147
-Malaysia	438	1,419	1,914
-Australia	582	1,694	1,836
-Italy	625	1,823	2,001
-Taiwan	1,123	1,222	1,184
-China	810	2,601	3,235
-Singapore	677	1,112	1,063
-U.S.A	1,102	1,635	2,400
-Switzerland	439	948	932
-Kuwait	418	-	-
-Belgium	520	778	1,187

Regional trade

COMESA

Exports to member states ³	279	2,204	2,284
Imports from member states	528	1,273	1,187

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Exports to member states ³	153	578	537
Imports from member states	2,192	5,611	6,605

¹ Revised

² Provisional

³ Excluding ship's stores and bunkers

19. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

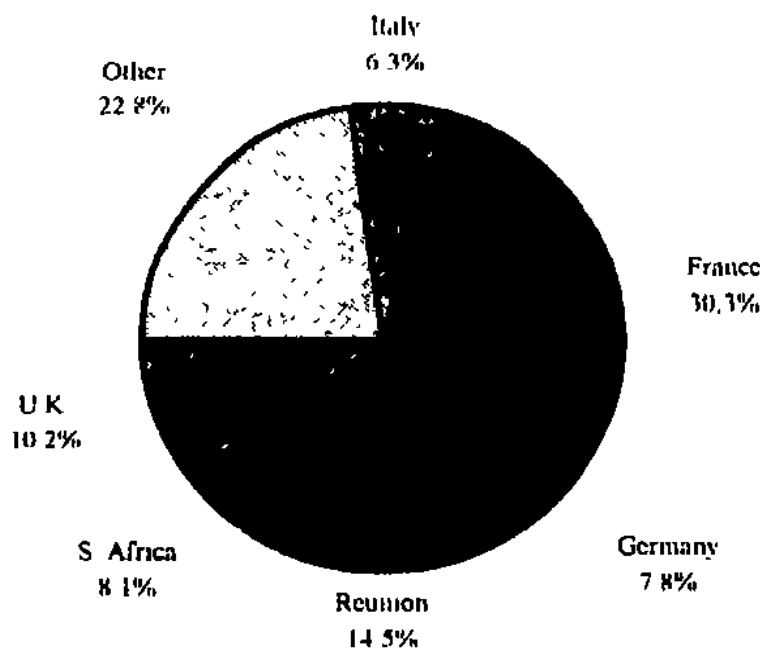
	1990	1997 ¹	1998
	(Million rupees)		
CURRENT ACCOUNT	-1,773	-1,874	807
A. Goods and services	-2,881	-4,184	-807
Goods	-3,816	-9,181	-6,385
Merchandise	-3,670	-8,828	-6,025
Non-monetary gold	-146	-353	-360
Services	935	4,997	5,578
Transportation	-779	-744	-1,004
Travel	2,240	6,421	7,461
Other services	-526	-680	-879
<i>Private</i>	-403	-774	-745
<i>Government</i>	-123	94	134
B. Income	-339	-372	-636
Direct investment income	-304	-118	-270
Other investment income	-35	-254	-366
C. Current transfers	1,447	2,682	2,250
Private	1,232	2,532	2,150
Government	215	150	100
CAPITAL AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNT	-2,035	244	774
D. Capital account	-9	-11	-19
Capital transfers	-9	-11	-19
E. Financial account	-2,026	255	793
Financial account (excluding reserve assets)	771	-391	-683
Direct investment	601	1,097	-37
Portfolio investment	-32	-1,393	358
Other investment	202	-95	-1,004
Reserve assets	-2,797	646	1,476
NET ERRORS AND OMISSIONS	3,808	1,630	-1,581

Source: Bank of Mauritius

	1990	1998	1999
Passenger traffic ('000)			
Arrivals	418.2	778.6	823.1
(i) By gender			
Male	232.1	367.9	434.7
Female	186.2	410.7	388.4
(ii) By type of passenger			
Visitors	310.3	571.0	599.7
<i>of which: -on holiday</i>	276.0	512.7	530.8
<i>-on business</i>	16.4	24.6	26.9
Residents	84.2	183.2	206.8
Other	23.7	24.4	16.6
Departures	422.2	776.0	809.2
(i) By gender			
Male	233.3	382.6	428.2
Female	189.0	393.4	381.0
(ii) By type of passenger			
Visitors	310.5	580.9	597.0
Residents	89.5	183.4	199.2
Other	22.2	11.7	13.0
Inter-island passenger traffic			
From Mauritius to Rodrigues	13,110	40,648	45,117
<i>Male</i>	8,023	24,181	28,384
<i>Female</i>	5,087	16,467	16,733
From Rodrigues to Mauritius	13,492	40,553	45,154
<i>Male</i>	7,949	23,072	26,961
<i>Female</i>	5,543	17,481	18,193

	1990	1998	1999
Tourist arrivals ('000)	291.6	558.2	578.1
France	53.2	162.8	175.4
Germany	19.7	43.8	45.2
Italy	14.2	36.6	36.7
Reunion	73.3	84.0	83.7
Republic of South Africa	41.9	49.7	46.6
United Kingdom	21.9	52.3	58.7
Other countries	67.4	129.0	131.8

Tourist arrivals by country of residence (1999)



	1990	1998	1999
Number of licensed hotels	75	90	92
Number of rooms	4,603	7,267	8,255
Number of bed places	9,572	14,995	16,947
Room occupancy rate (%)	62	72	71
Bed occupancy rate (%)	54	63	62
Tourist nights ('000)	3,565	5,568	5,800
Tourist receipts (Million rupees)	3,630	11,890	13,670
Average length of stay (nights)	12.2	10.3	10.0
Average expend. per tourist (rupees)	12,500	21,300	23,600

21. SOCIAL SECURITY

	89/90	97/98 ¹	98/99
Non-contributory benefits			
No. of beneficiaries ('000)	139.7	158.8	162.3
Total amount paid (million rupees)	568.9	2,613.4	3,061.6
Contributory benefits²			
(National Pensions Fund)			
No. of persons covered ('000)	196.9	265.1	372.7
Contributions collected ³ (million rupees)	360.2	841.6	890.7
No. of beneficiaries ('000)	23.2	36.7	40.0
Total amount paid (million rupees)	45.7	213.0	245.5
Public expenditure on social service and welfare as a % of			
Total public expenditure	13.1	20.6	21.2
GDP at market prices	3.2	4.9	5.3

Benefits by type⁴, 1998/99

	Beneficiaries ('000) as at June 1999	Amount paid (million rupees)
Non-contributory benefits	162.3	3,061.6
-Old age pension	109.6	2,047.8
-Widows pension	21.2	422.0
-Invalids pension	18.9	430.1
-Orphans pension	0.7	10.9
-Social Aid	11.9	150.8
Contributory benefits	40.0	245.5
-Retirement pension	29.8	178.8
-Widows pension	6.2	34.5
-Invalids pension	3.1	10.2
-Orphans pension	0.0	0.2
-Industrial injury allowances	0.9	21.8

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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