

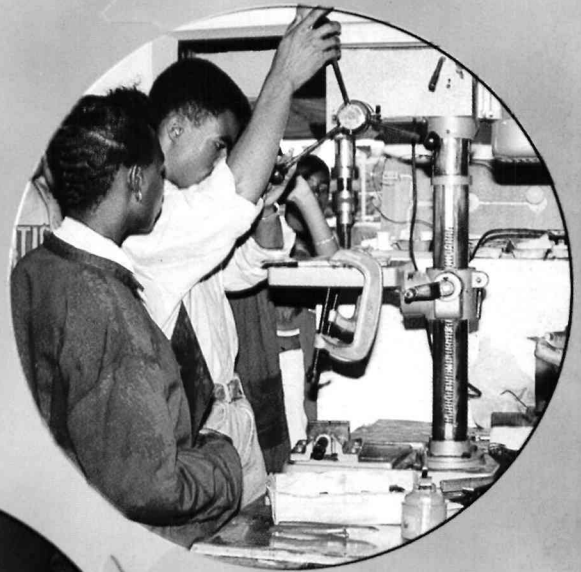


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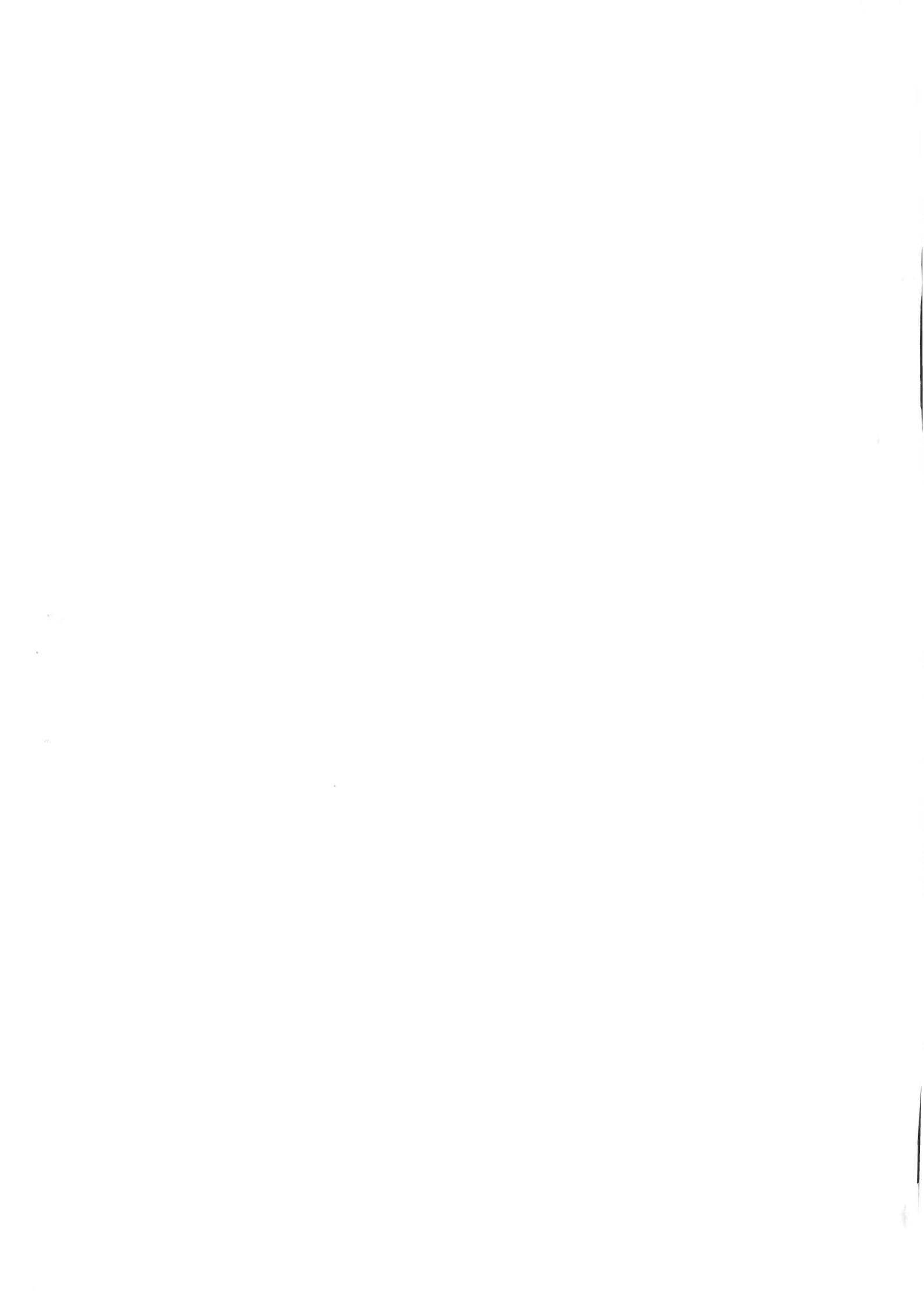
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FOREWORD

This is the twenty third issue of a yearly publication on education statistics prepared by the Central Statistics Office.

Tables presented in this report relate to the Republic of Mauritius and cover latest available information on pre-primary, primary, secondary, vocational and technical as well as tertiary education.

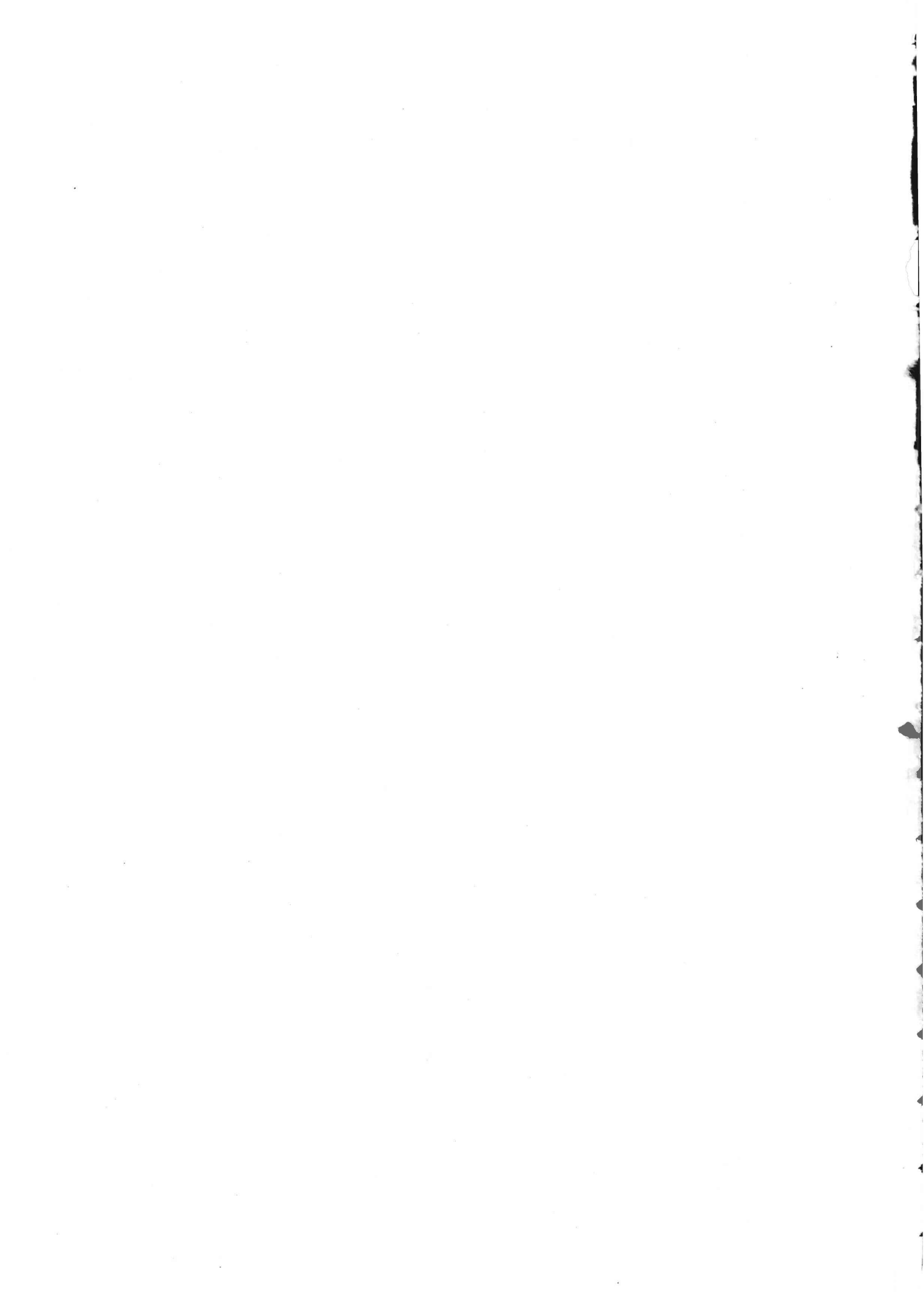
The data have been compiled on the basis of information collected through surveys conducted in 2006 among educational institutions, as well as from the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate and the Tertiary Education Commission.

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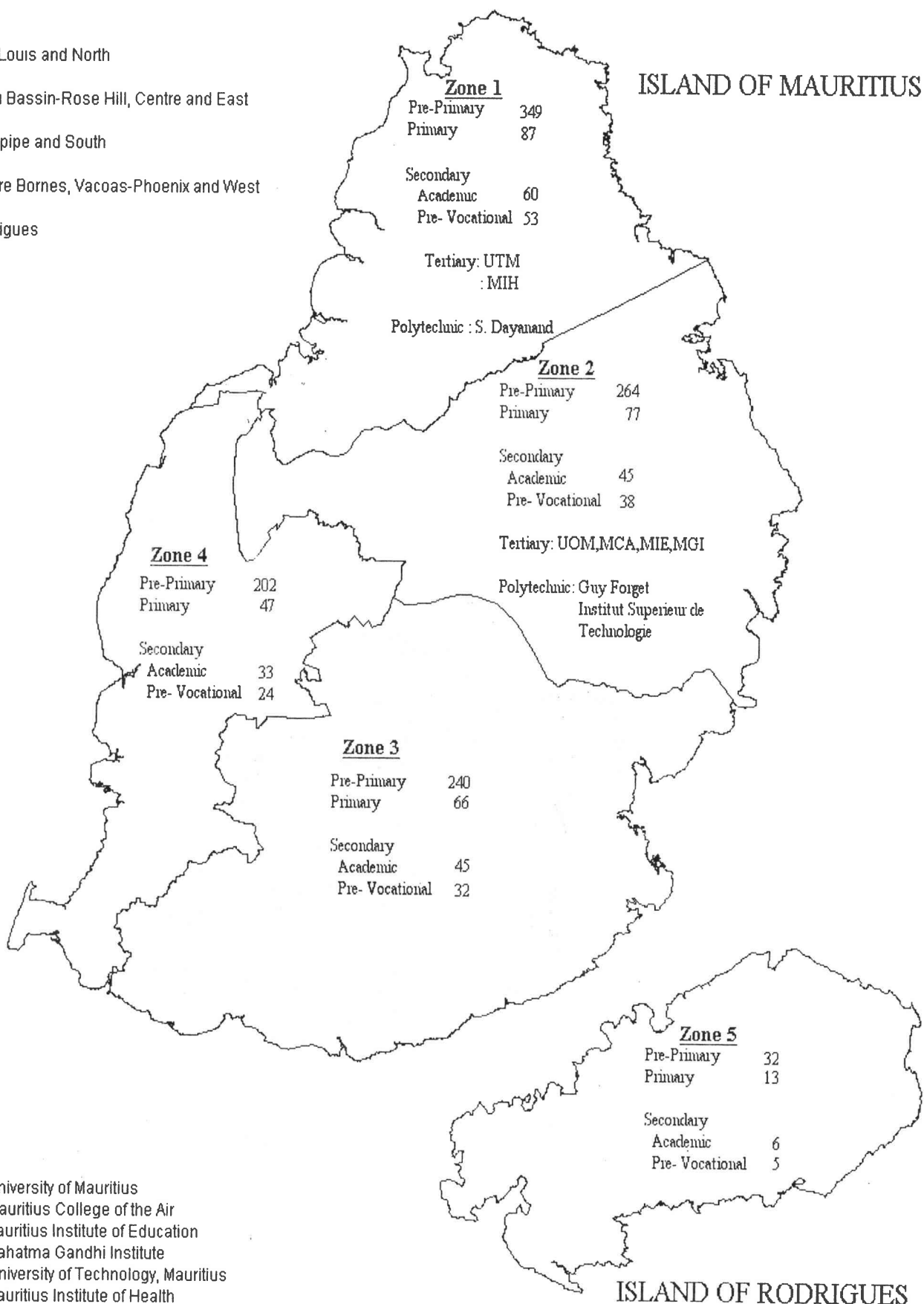
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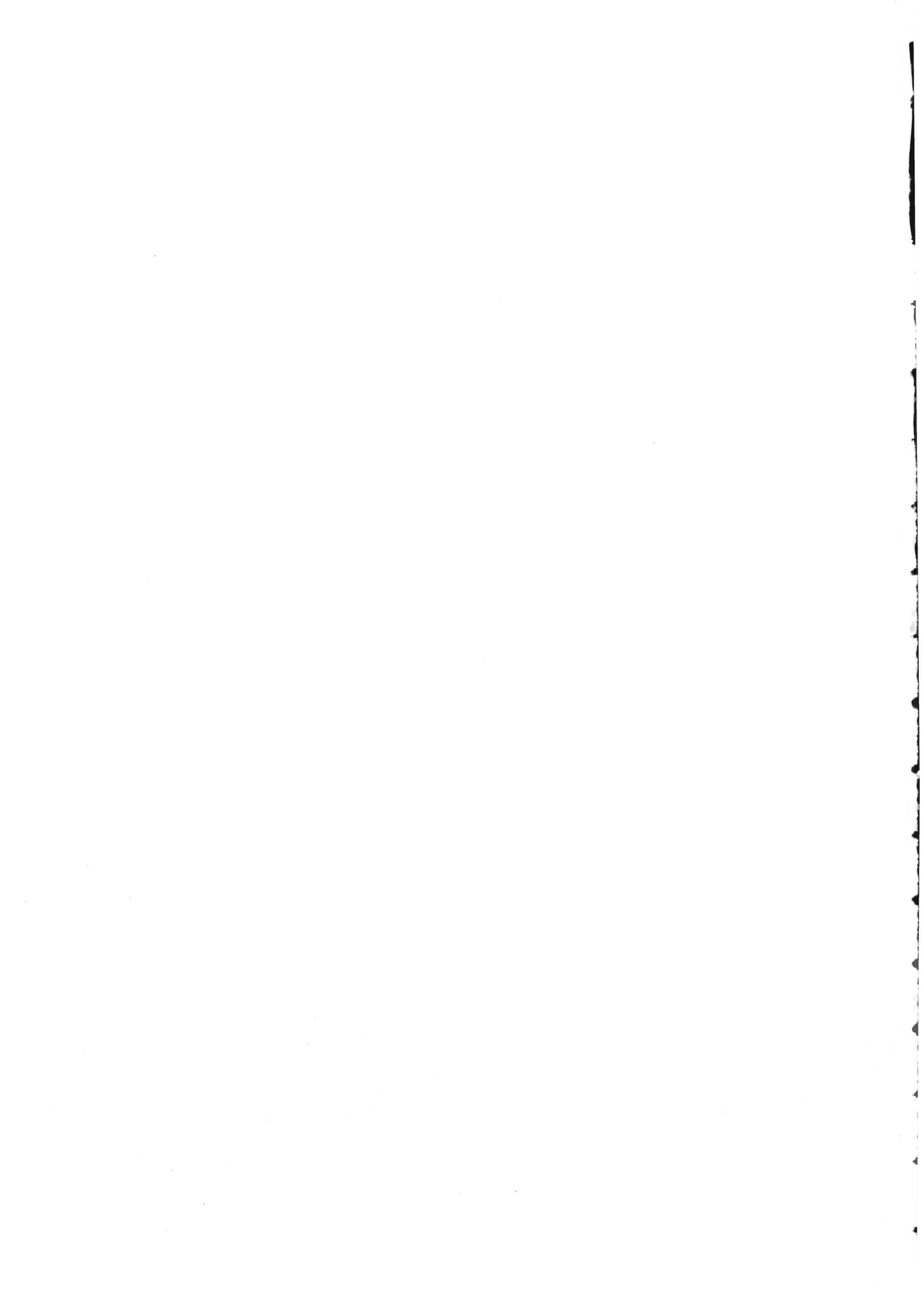


FIVE EDUCATIONAL ZONES (2006)

1. Port Louis and North
2. Beau Bassin-Rose Hill, Centre and East
3. Curepipe and South
4. Quatre Bornes, Vacoas-Phoenix and West
5. Rodrigues



UOM University of Mauritius
MCA Mauritius College of the Air
MIE Mauritius Institute of Education
MGI Mahatma Gandhi Institute
UTM University of Technology, Mauritius
MIH Mauritius Institute of Health



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EDUCATION STATISTICS - 2006

1. Introduction

The statistics presented in this report are divided into Expenditure on Education, Pre-primary Education, Primary Education, Secondary Education, Pre-vocational and Technical, and Post-Secondary Education. The figures published supersede those in the Economic and Social Indicator on Education Statistics, 2006. It is to be noted that 'grade' at Primary level refers to 'Standard' and that at Secondary level refers to 'Form'.

2. Expenditure

Total government expenditure estimates for the financial year 2006/2007 is Rs 55,828 million, out of which, Rs 7,077 million (13%) has been allocated to education. Government capital expenditure on education, estimated at Rs 881 million, represents 11% of total government capital expenditure (Rs 8,200 million), and recurrent expenditure on education estimated at Rs 6,196 million, that is 13% of the government total recurrent expenditure (Rs 47,628 million).

Out of the recurrent budget of the Ministry of Education for the year 2006/2007, 43% is allocated to secondary education, 27% to primary education, 12% to post secondary education, 5% to technical and vocational education, 1% to pre-primary education and the remaining 12% to other expenses of the Ministry (Table 1.3).

3. Pre-primary education

3.1 Schools

In March 2006, there were 1,087 schools providing pre-primary education: 1,055 in the Island of Mauritius and 32 in Rodrigues. Of these schools, 838 (77%) were privately run institutions: 179 (17%), operating on government primary school premises, were administered by the Pre-School Trust Fund (PSTF) and the remaining 70 (6%) were administered by Roman Catholic (RC) authorities and Municipal/Village Councils (Table 2.2).

3.2 Enrolment

Total enrolment in pre-primary schools numbered 37,129, of whom 18,730 were boys and 18,399 girls (Table 2.18). The Gross Enrolment Ratio (pre-primary enrolment as a percentage of the population aged 4 and 5 years) works out to 95% in 2006 against 94% in 2005.

3.3 Personnel

In March 2006, total employment in pre-primary schools stood at 3,423, of whom 2,527 were teachers and 896, non-teaching staff. Most (99%) of the teachers were women. The average number of pupils per teacher works out to 15.

4 Primary education

4.1 Schools

In March 2006, there were 290 schools providing primary education, 277 in the Island of Mauritius and 13 in Rodrigues. The majority (220) of the schools was run by government, 51 by the Roman Catholic Education Authority (RCEA), 2 by the Hindu Education Authority and the other 17 were private non-aided schools (Table 3.2).

4.2 Enrolment

The primary school population in the Republic of Mauritius decreased by about 2% from 123,562 in 2005 to 121,387 in 2006. Boys represented 51% of the 2006 primary school population and girls 49%. Around 74% of the primary school population was enrolled in government schools and the remaining was in private aided and non-aided schools (Table 3.16).

Distribution by grade shows that the highest number of pupils was in standard VI (24,939 pupils including 5,371 repeaters). The Gross Enrolment Ratio (primary enrolment as a percentage of the population aged 6 to 11 years) works out to 102%, same as in 2005.

4.3 Personnel

At March 2006, 8,198 persons were employed in primary schools. Of this number, 5,598 were teaching staff: 4,183 General Purpose Teachers and 1,415 Oriental Language Teachers. The remaining 2,600 comprised 279 Head Teachers, 887 Deputy Head Teachers and 1,434 administrative and other workers (Table 3.27). The pupil/teacher (general purpose) ratio in primary schools works out to 29.

4.4 Certificate of Primary Education (CPE)

In 2005, the number of candidates who took part in the CPE examination was 29,569 (27,117 school candidates and 2,452 private candidates), with an overall pass rate of 62%.

The pass rate among school candidates, comprising 13,981 boys and 13,136 girls, was 65%. The girls were more successful than the boys, with respective pass rates of 71% and 59%.

The overall pass rate among the 2,452 private candidates (1,450 boys and 1,002 girls) was 33%, with girls again achieving better results than boys, 39% against 29% (Table 3.37).

5. Secondary and pre-vocational education

5.1 General

At March 2006, 44 schools were offering secondary academic education only, 7 pre-vocational education only and 145 both secondary academic and pre-vocational education.

5.2 Secondary education (Academic only)

5.2.1 Schools

Out of the 189 schools dispensing secondary education, 183 were in the Island of Mauritius and 6 in Rodrigues. State administered schools numbered 70, while the other 119 were private aided and non-aided schools (Table 4.2).

5.2.2 Enrolment

Table 4.16 shows that secondary education enrolment increased by about 4% from 110,287 in 2005 to 114,657 in 2006. Among the students, 59,521 (52%) were girls and 55,136 (48%) were boys. About 36% of the secondary school population was in state schools and 64% in private (aided and unaided) schools. Gross Enrolment Ratio (secondary education enrolment as a percentage of the population aged 12 to 19 years) for the academic stream works out to 69% in 2006 against 67% in 2005.

5.3 Pre-vocational education

5.3.1 Schools

At March 2006, 152 schools were offering pre-vocational education: 147 in the Island of Mauritius and 5 in Rodrigues. Sixty-six of these schools were state secondary schools and state pre-vocational schools while the remaining 86 were confessional, private aided or unaided schools.

5.3.2 Enrolment

Enrolment in the schools offering pre-vocational education was 10,424 comprising 6,399 boys and 4,025 girls (Table 4.50). About 40% of the students in pre-vocational schools were in state schools.

5.4 Personnel

The number of teachers working in schools offering secondary and pre-vocational education was 7,761 at March 2006.

The secondary education teaching staff in the academic stream was 7,079 (3,148 males and 3,931 females). The pupil/teacher ratio works out to 16. On the other hand, the pre-vocational education teaching staff stood at 682 (250 males and 432 females), giving an average of 15 pupils per teacher.

5.5 Cambridge School Certificate (SC)

In 2005, out of 15,501 candidates (7,316 males and 8,185 females) who took part in the Cambridge School Certificate examination, 12,149 were successful. Comparison with the 2004 results shows that the overall pass rate has gone up by nearly one percentage point, from 77.5% to 78.4% (Table 4.37).

5.6 Cambridge Higher School Certificate (HSC)

The number of students taking part in the 2005 Cambridge Higher School Certificate examination stood at 7,274 (3,301 males and 3,973 females). The overall pass rate was 78.2% compared to 76.2% in 2004 (Table 4.42).

6 Post Secondary Education

6.1 University of Mauritius

6.1.1 Enrolment

The University of Mauritius is the major supplier of tertiary education in the country. As at September 2006, it had a student population of 7,370 (exclusive of joint programmes with Mauritius Institute of Education and Mahatma Gandhi Institute). Nearly fifty two percent of the students enrolled were females.

The emphasis at the University of Mauritius is on Degree courses, which constituted 76% (Table 5.3) of the total enrolment in 2006/2007. About 18% of students enrolled for Post Graduate courses and the remaining 6% were studying for the Diploma and Certificate courses.

6.1.2 Output

For the academic year 2005/2006, some 1,730 students graduated from the University of Mauritius against 2,016 in 2004/2005. Among these graduates, 1,222 (71%) obtained their first degree followed by 260 (15%) receiving Master Degree or Mphil/PhD. Those with Diplomas or Certificates numbered 248 (14%).

6.2 University of Technology - Mauritius (UTM)

6.2.1 Enrolment

In September 2006, the student population of the University of Technology numbered 1,620 of whom 678 were females. Around 22% of the student population was enrolled in the School of Business Informatics and Software Engineering and 78% in the School of Public Sector Policy and Management.

Around 62% (Table 5.8) of student population was studying for Degree courses, 20% for Diploma and Certificate courses, and the remaining 18% was enrolled on the Master Degree.

6.2.2 Output

For the academic year 2005/2006, the number of students who have graduated from the University of Technology, Mauritius stood at 411 (Table 5.9) of whom 60% (245) were from Degree courses, 10% (41) from Diploma courses and 27% (111) from the Higher Degree courses.

6.3 Mauritius Institute of Education (MIE)

6.3.1 Enrolment

In September 2006, there were 3,106 teachers and prospective teachers being trained at the MIE. The female participation represented 57% of the overall enrolment. Of all enrolled, 9% were on a full time basis while 91% were on a part time basis (Table 5.10).

93 (3%) students were registered on the Master Degree in Education course in collaboration with the University of Brighton; 516 (17%) were following the Post Graduate Certificate in Education course; 147 (5%) were enrolled for the Bachelor of Education course run jointly with the University of Mauritius; 1,599 (51%) were on Diploma course and 751 (24%) on Advanced Certificate and Certificate Courses.

6.3.2 Output

For the academic year 2005/2006, some 2,620 students completed successfully their courses at the MIE with 90% (2,352) from Diploma and Certificate courses and 10% (268) from the Degree and Higher Degree courses.

6.4 Mahatma Gandhi Institute (MGI)

6.4.1 Enrolment

During the academic year 2006/2007, the MGI had a student population of 3,087 of whom 1,964 (64%) were females. 312 (10%) students were registered for the Degree and Master courses, 22 (1%) for the Diploma/Degree, 316 (10%) for the Diploma and 2,437 (79%) for the Advanced Certificate and Certificate courses.

6.4.2 Output

For the academic year 2005/2006, 973 students graduated from the MGI of whom 686 (71%) were females.

6.5 Mauritius College of the Air (MCA)

6.5.1 Enrolment

The MCA is mainly involved in the production of educational programme for formal education at pre-primary, primary, secondary and tertiary level for broadcast. All the programmes were being delivered through the distance mode, in collaboration with overseas institutions. The institutions included the Institute of Logistic and Transport, the Chartered Institute of Marketing (UK), and Indira Gandhi National Open University of India (IGNOU).

In 2006, the MCA recorded 464 students of whom 50% were females. 300 (65%) students were registered for the Degree and Post Graduate courses, 85 (18%) for the Advanced Diploma and Diploma courses and 79 (17%) for the Certificate courses (Table 5.12).

6.6 Polytechnics

6.6.1 Enrolment

Higher technical education was dispensed in the three polytechnics, namely Sir Guy Forget Polytechnic, Swami Dayanand Institute of Management and the Institut Supérieur de Technologie.

Enrolment at the Polytechnics was on a full-time and part-time basis and numbered 1,102 in 2006. Enrolment at the Swami Dayanand Institute of Management accounted for 53% (590) of the polytechnic student population, Sir Guy Forget Lycee Polytechnic for 32% (348), and the Institut Supérieur de Technologie the remaining 15% (164).

6.6.2 Output

For the academic year 2005/2006, 378 students successfully completed their courses. 155 or 41% were from The Institut Supérieur de Technologie, 142 or 38% from The Swami Dayanand Institute of Management and 81 or 21% from Sir Guy Forget Lycee Polytechnic.

6.7 Mauritius Institute of Health (MIH)

6.7.1 Enrolment

The courses offered at the MIH target the medical sector. During the academic year 2006/2007, the MIH had a student population of 24 of whom 5 were females. All the 24 students were registered on the Post Graduate courses.

6.8 Distance Education from Overseas Institutions

At December 2005, the number of students enrolled on tertiary-level programmes delivered through the distance or mixed mode reached 8,110 compared to 7,515 at the end of 2004 (Table 5.15).

The most common field of study was Accountancy with 34% (2,764) followed by Information Technology with 16% (1,261). 1,086 or 13% studied Administration/Management and the rest 37% (2,999) studied subjects such as Business/Commerce/Marketing, Medicine, Law, Arts and Languages.

6.9 Mauritian students studying abroad

The number of students, pursuing their studies overseas, increased by 7% from 6,846 in 2004 to 7,357 in 2005. From Table 5.16, it can be noted that although Mauritian students studied in different countries, most of them opted for France/Reunion (27%), Australia (21%), UK (21%), India (18%), and the rest (13%) for countries such as South Africa, Russia & Ukraine, USA, Pakistan and Canada.

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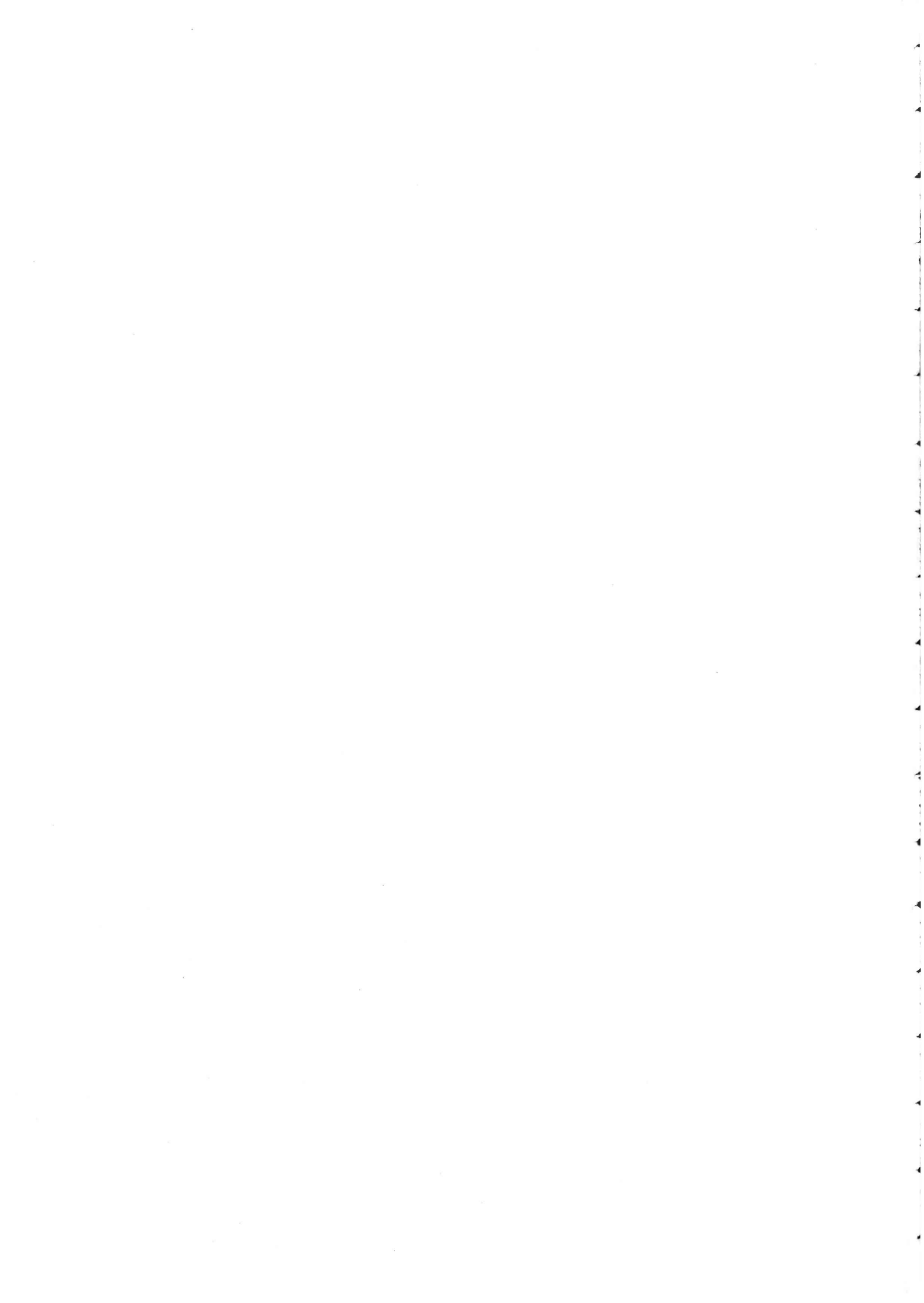


Table 1.1 - Total Government Expenditure (Capital and Recurrent), 2004/2005, 2005/2006 and 2006/2007
Republic of Mauritius

	(Rs million)		
	2004/2005 ¹	2005/2006 ¹	2006/2007 ²
Total Government Expenditure	48,990.0	48,194.7	55,828.0
Capital	8,500.0	7,631.1	8,200.0
Recurrent	40,490.0	40,563.6	47,628.0

Table 1.2 - Government Expenditure on Education (Capital and Recurrent), 2004/2005, 2005/2006, 2006/2007
(Rs million)

	(Rs million)		
	2004/2005 ¹	2005/2006 ¹	2006/2007 ²
Island of Mauritius			
Ministry of Education & HR	6,433.0	6,895.6	6,945.4
Capital	821.6	892.6	844.0
Recurrent	5,611.4	6,003.0	6,101.4
Island of Rodrigues			
Ministry of Rodrigues & Outer Islands	142.1	144.5	113.4
Capital	59.5	60.0	29.3
Recurrent	82.6	84.5	84.1
Other Ministries	244.7	30.8	18.0
Capital	98.0	20.2	8.0
Recurrent	146.7	10.6	10.0
Total	6,819.8	7,070.9	7,076.8

Table 1.3 - Government Recurrent Expenditure on Education by sector, 2004/2005, 2005/2006 and 2006/2007
(Rs million)

	2004/2005 ¹		2005/2006 ¹		2006/2007 ²	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Island of Mauritius						
Ministry of Education & HR	5,611.4	96.1	6,003.0	98.4	6,101.4	98.5
<i>Pre-primary</i>	107.0	1.8	100.8	1.7	82.0	1.3
<i>Primary</i>	1,565.0	26.8	1,601.3	26.3	1,645.2	26.6
<i>Secondary</i>	2,579.3	44.2	2,644.4	43.4	2,641.6	42.6
<i>Technical & Vocational</i>	113.7	1.9	298.5	4.9	293.0	4.7
<i>Post Secondary</i>	796.7	13.6	684.7	11.2	700.0	11.3
<i>Other</i> ³	449.7	7.7	673.3	11.0	739.6	11.9
Island of Rodrigues ⁴	82.6	1.4	84.5	1.4	84.1	1.4
Other Ministries ⁵	146.7	2.5	10.6	0.2	10.0	0.2
Total	5,840.7	100.0	6,098.1	100.0	6,195.5	100.0

¹ Actual

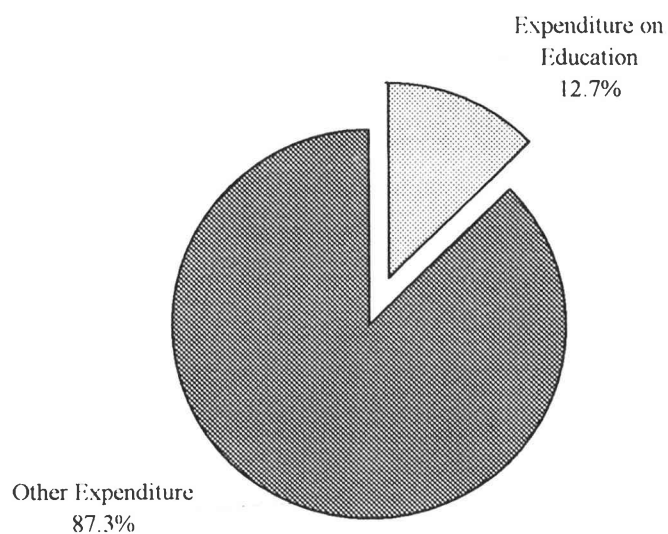
² Provisional : budget estimates

³ Includes administrative staff, MES, Conservatoire, MQA, HR, HRDC & NPCC

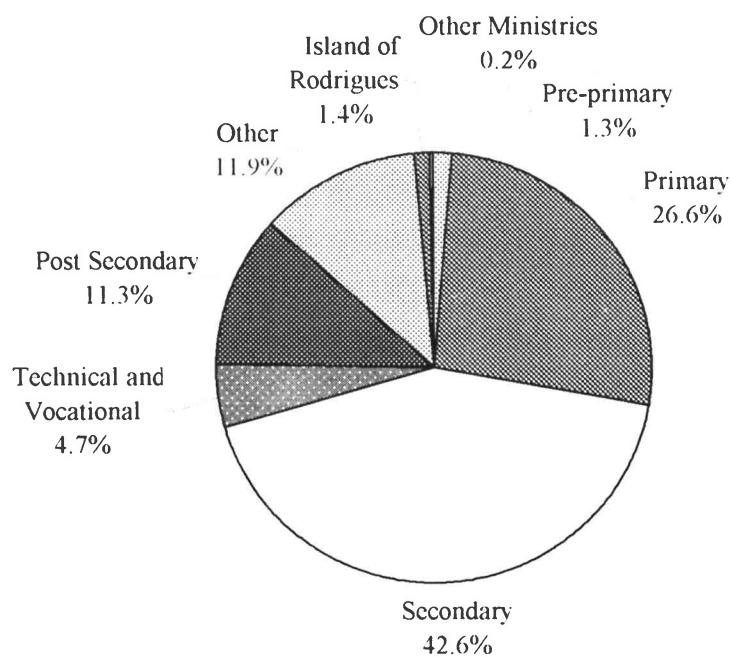
⁴ Expenditure on Education under Ministry of Rodrigues Vote

⁵ Includes Sea Training & MIH

**Fig. 1 - Total Government Expenditure (Capital and Recurrent), 2006/2007
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**Fig. 2 - Government Recurrent Expenditure on Education by sector, 2006/2007
Republic of Mauritius**



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