

**POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS  
REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS, YEAR 1995**

**NOTES**

1. **Vital Statistics** : The statistics pertaining to vital events which include live births, deaths, still births, marriages and divorces
2. **Sex ratio** : The number of males to every 100 females
3. **Natural increase** : The excess of live births over deaths
4. **Crude birth rate** : The number of live births in a year per 1,000 mid-year population
5. **Crude death rate** : The number of deaths in a year per 1,000 mid-year population
6. **Infant mortality rate** : The number of deaths in a year of infants aged under one year per 1,000 live births during the year
7. **Still birth rate** : The number of still births in a year per 1,000 total births (live births and still births) during the year
8. **Marriage rate** : The number of persons married in a year per 1,000 mid- year population
9. **Divorce rate** : The number of persons to whom divorce is granted in a year per 1,000 mid-year population

## **PROVISIONAL FIGURES OF POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS, YEAR 1995**

### **1. Population estimates as at 31st December 1995**

As at end 1995 the population of the Republic of Mauritius is estimated at 1,129,428, of which 565,045 were males and 564,383 females, giving a sex ratio of 100.1. Given a population of 1,117,820 at the beginning of the year, the population growth rate for the Republic works out to be around 1.0% in 1995.

The population of the Island of Mauritius increased from 1,082,972 at the beginning of 1995 to 1,094,426 by the end of the year, at a rate of 1.1%. As regards Rodrigues, the population grew at a rate of 0.4% from 34,678 at the beginning of 1995 to 34,832 at the end of the year.

With a total land area of 2,040 square kilometres, the population density for the Republic of Mauritius was around 554 persons per square kilometre at the end of 1995 (Table 1) while the population density for the Island of Mauritius and the Island of Rodrigues were 587 and 335 respectively.

Table 2 shows comparative population estimates and selected indicators for the past three years.

### **2. Components of Population growth**

Table 3 shows the components of population growth, namely natural increase (the excess of live births over deaths) and net international migration (excess of arrivals over departures). During 1995, natural increase added 13,084 persons to the population of the Republic while net international migration brought about a loss of 1,476 persons, resulting in a net gain of 11,608 (1.0%) during the year.

### **3. Population estimates by age-group and sex**

Table 4 gives the population of the Republic by age group and sex for years 1994 and 1995 (mid-year). The table indicates that the proportion aged (0-14) years in the population decreased from 28.2% in 1994 to 27.6% in 1995. In contrast, the proportion aged (15-64) years, that is the population in the working age group, increased

from 66.0% in 1994 to 66.5% in 1995 while the proportion aged 65+ years, that is the elderly population, increased from 5.8% to 5.9%. Consequently, the dependency ratio (ratio of the child population under 15 and the elderly population 65 and above to the population aged 15-64 years) decreased from 516 in 1994 to 505 in 1995.

Figure 1 on page 3 shows a population pyramid depicting changes in the age structure between 1985 and 1995.

#### **4. Vital statistics and rates**

Tables 5(a) to 5(c) give a series of vital statistics and rates from 1986 to 1995 for the Republic of Mauritius, the Island of Mauritius and the Island of Rodrigues respectively. Vital statistics and rates by district for year 1995 are given in table 6. Tables 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 respectively show details of live births, deaths, infant deaths, still births and marriages by district as well as month of registration.

##### **4.1 Live Births**

In 1995, 20,549 live births were registered in the Republic of Mauritius, representing a 5.7% decrease over births registered in 1994 (21,795). The crude birth rate consequently decreased from 19.6 in 1994 to 18.3 in 1995. The General Fertility Rate, a more refined measure of fertility defined as the number of live births per 1000 women aged (15-49) years, also registered a fall from 70.1 in 1994 to 65.5 in 1995.

The Island of Mauritius registered 19,821 live births in 1995 giving a crude birth rate of 18.2 while the corresponding figures for Rodrigues were 728 and 20.9 respectively.

##### **4.2 Deaths**

In the Republic of Mauritius, 7,465 deaths were registered in 1995 representing a 0.9% increase over deaths registered in 1994 (7,402). The crude death rate, however, remained around 6.7 during that period.

The increase in the number of deaths in the Republic was the net result of a slight increase in the number of deaths in the Island of Mauritius from 7,234 in 1994 to 7,298 in 1995, and a marginal decrease in the number of deaths in Rodrigues from 168 in 1994 to 167 in 1995.

### 4.3 Infant Deaths

The number of infant deaths in the Republic of Mauritius registered an increase from 394 in 1994 to 404 in 1995. The infant mortality rate therefore rose from 18.1 in 1994 to 19.7 in 1995.

In the Island of Mauritius, the number of infant deaths also showed an increase from 379 in 1994 (rate of 18.0) to 388 in 1995 (rate of 19.6). Rodrigues also registered a marginal increase from 15 (rate of 21.1) in 1994 to 16 (rate of 22.0) in 1995.

### 4.4 Still Births

In 1995, 299 still births were registered in the Republic of Mauritius as against 274 in 1994, representing a 9.1% increase. The still birth rate therefore increased from 12.4 in 1994 to 14.3 in 1995.

In the Island of Mauritius, 297 still births were registered in 1995 (rate of 14.8) against 271 (rate of 12.7) in 1994. In Rodrigues 2 still births (rate of 2.7) were registered in 1995 compared to 3 (rate of 4.2) in 1994.

### 4.5 Marriages

In the Republic of Mauritius, 10,624 civil marriages were registered in 1995 representing a 6.9% decrease over civil marriages registered in 1994 (11,414). The crude marriage rate, therefore fell from 20.5 in 1994 to 18.9 in 1995.

The number of marriages in the Island of Mauritius similarly decreased from 11,212 in 1994 to 10,413 in 1995 bringing about a fall in the crude marriage rate from 20.8 in 1994 to 19.2 in 1995. The Island of Rodrigues, however, registered an increase in the number of marriages from 202 in 1994 to 211 in 1995, the corresponding rate rising from 11.7 to 12.1.

**Table 1 - Estimated resident population<sup>1</sup> of the Republic of Mauritius as at 31st December 1995**

Island	Both sexes	Male	Female	Sex ratio	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Density per km <sup>2</sup>
Mauritius	1,094,426	547,623	546,803	100.1	1,864.8	587
Rodrigues	34,832	17,332	17,500	99.0	104.0	335
Other	170	90	80	112.5	71.2	2
<b>Republic</b>	<b>1,129,428</b>	<b>565,045</b>	<b>564,383</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>2,040.0</b>	<b>554</b>

<sup>1</sup> provisional

**Table 2 - Estimated resident population of the Republic of Mauritius, 1993 - 1995**  
**End of year estimates**

Year	Both sexes	Male	Female	Sex ratio	Density per Km <sup>2</sup>	Annual growth rate (%)
1993	1,105,739	553,692	552,047	100.3	542	1.2
1994	1,117,820	559,555	558,265	100.2	548	1.1
1995 <sup>1</sup>	1,129,428	565,045	564,383	100.1	554	1.0

<sup>1</sup> provisional

**Table 3 - Components of population growth - Republic of Mauritius<sup>1</sup>, 1994 & 1995**

Components of population growth	1994	1995 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Resident population as at beginning of year</b>	<b>1,105,569</b>	<b>1,117,650</b>
Live births	21,795	20,549
Deaths	7,402	7,465
<b>Natural increase</b>	<b>14,393</b>	<b>13,084</b>
Arrival of residents	106,847	105,670
Departure of residents	109,159	107,146
<b>Net international migration</b>	<b>-2,312</b>	<b>-1,476</b>
<b>Resident population as at end of year</b>	<b>1,117,650</b>	<b>1,129,258</b>

<sup>1</sup> excluding Agalega and St Brandon

<sup>2</sup> provisional

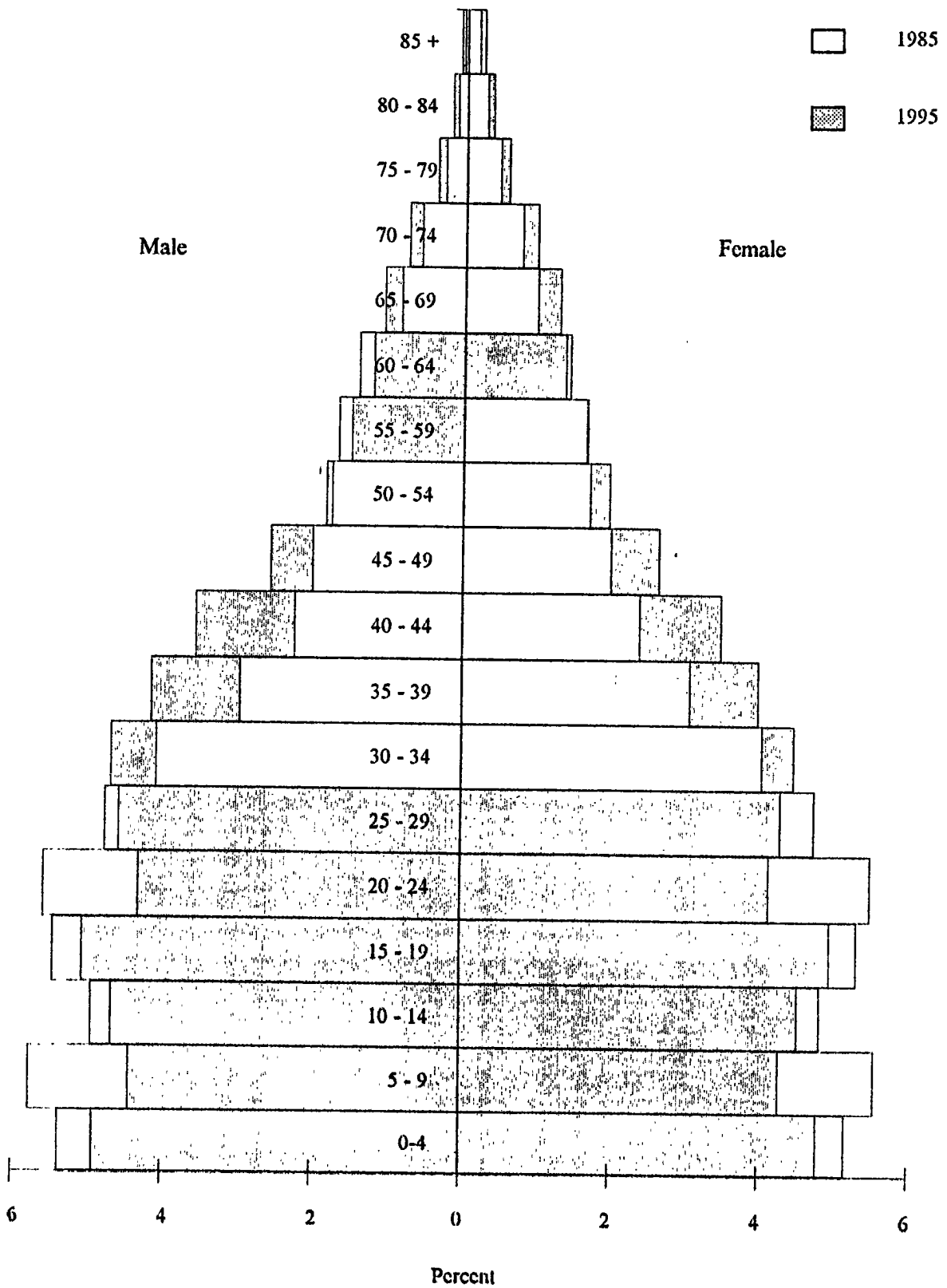
**Table 4 - Estimated resident population<sup>1</sup> by age-group and sex - Republic of Mauritius<sup>2</sup>, 1st July 1994 and 1st July 1995**

Age group (Years)	1st July 1994			1st July 1995				
	Male	Female	Both sexes		Male	Female	Both sexes	
			Number	%			Number	%
0	10,746	10,616	21,362	1.9	10,651	10,522	21,173	1.9
1 - 4	44,534	43,011	87,545	7.9	44,507	43,210	87,717	7.8
5 - 9	48,685	46,969	95,654	8.6	49,736	48,045	97,781	8.7
10 - 14	55,370	53,953	109,323	9.8	52,432	50,821	103,253	9.2
15 - 19	55,143	53,938	109,081	9.8	56,843	55,578	112,421	10.0
20 - 24	48,542	46,190	94,732	8.5	48,410	46,478	94,888	8.5
25 - 29	52,678	49,731	102,409	9.2	51,393	48,136	99,529	8.9
30 - 34	52,240	49,699	101,939	9.2	52,664	50,049	102,713	9.2
35 - 39	45,165	43,297	88,462	8.0	46,656	44,663	91,319	8.1
40 - 44	39,563	38,493	78,056	7.0	40,087	39,015	79,102	7.0
45 - 49	27,087	28,125	55,212	5.0	28,942	29,599	58,541	5.2
50 - 54	19,662	20,837	40,499	3.6	20,597	22,089	42,686	3.8
55 - 59	16,569	18,307	34,876	3.1	16,898	18,704	35,602	3.2
60 - 64	13,464	15,060	28,524	2.6	13,695	15,283	28,978	2.6
65 - 69	12,363	14,598	26,961	2.4	12,079	14,419	26,498	2.4
70 - 74	7,969	10,073	18,042	1.6	8,570	10,925	19,495	1.7
75 - 79	4,281	6,375	10,656	1.0	4,332	6,444	10,776	1.0
80 - 84	2,047	3,770	5,817	0.5	2,121	4,011	6,132	0.5
85 +	871	2,586	3,457	0.3	892	2,622	3,514	0.3
<b>All ages</b>	<b>556,979</b>	<b>555,628</b>	<b>1,112,607</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>561,505</b>	<b>560,613</b>	<b>1,122,118</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> based on 1990 population census data adjusted for underenumeration of young children (1,329 males and 786 females at ages 0 - 5 years)

<sup>2</sup> excluding Agalega and St Brandon

### Population Pyramid - Republic of Mauritius, 1985 & 1995



**Table 5(a) - Population, vital statistics and vital rates - Republic of Mauritius<sup>1</sup>, 1986 - 1995<sup>2</sup>**

Year	Vital statistics						Vital rates						
	Mid-year population	Live births	Deaths	Infant deaths	Still births	Civil marriages	Divorces	Crude birth rate (per 1,000 population)	Crude death rate (per 1,000 population)	Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	Still birth rate (per 1,000 live & still births)	Marriage rate <sup>3</sup>	Divorce rate <sup>4</sup>
1986	1,028,360	19,170	6,805	524	365	10,556	616	18.6	6.6	27.3	18.7	20.5	1.2
1987	1,036,082	20,033	6,753	504	363	11,392	842	19.3	6.5	25.2	17.8	22.0	1.6
1988	1,043,239	20,941	6,879	471	374	11,453	740	20.1	6.6	22.5	17.5	22.0	1.4
1989	1,051,260	21,822	7,149	498	415	11,197	711	20.8	6.8	22.8	18.7	21.3	1.4
1990	1,058,775	22,602	7,031	462	365	11,425	549	21.3	6.6	20.4	15.9	21.6	1.0
1991	1,070,128	22,197	7,027	413	400	11,295	707	20.7	6.6	18.6	17.7	21.1	1.3
1992	1,084,401	22,902	7,023	426	291	11,408	781	21.1	6.5	18.6	12.5	21.0	1.4
1993	1,097,305	22,329	7,433	438	337	11,576	762 <sup>5</sup>	20.3	6.8	19.6	14.9	21.1	1.4
1994	1,112,607	21,795	7,402	394	274	11,414	733	19.6	6.7	18.1	12.4	20.5	1.3
1995	1,122,118	20,549	7,465	404	299	10,624	...	18.3	6.7	19.7	14.3	18.9	...

<sup>1</sup> excluding Agalega & Saint Brandon.

<sup>2</sup> vital statistics and vital rates for the year 1995 are provisional

<sup>3</sup> the number of persons married in a year per 1,000 mid-year population

<sup>4</sup> the number of persons to whom divorce is granted in a year per 1,000 mid-year population

<sup>5</sup> revised

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**Table 5(b) - Population, vital statistics and vital rates - Island of Mauritius, 1986 - 1995<sup>1</sup>**

Year	Vital statistics						Vital rates				
	Mid-year population	Live births	Deaths	Infant deaths	Still births	Civil marriages	Crude birth rate (per 1,000 population)	Crude death rate (per 1,000 population)	Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	Still birth rate (per 1,000 live & still births)	Marriage rate <sup>2</sup>
1986	994,319	18,225	6,622	480	342	10,337	18.3	6.7	26.3	18.4	20.8
1987	1,001,607	19,151	6,581	463	344	11,201	19.1	6.6	24.2	17.6	22.4
1988	1,009,332	20,057	6,699	441	351	11,283	19.9	6.6	22.0	17.2	22.4
1989	1,017,307	20,955	6,949	452	399	11,040	20.6	6.8	21.6	18.7	21.7
1990	1,024,571	21,799	6,854	434	348	11,252	21.3	6.7	19.9	15.7	22.0
1991	1,035,807	21,436	6,815	388	386	11,146	20.7	6.6	18.1	17.7	21.5
1992	1,049,967	22,170	6,866	408	286	11,246	21.1	6.5	18.4	12.7	21.4
1993	1,062,810	21,667	7,275	424	333	11,383	20.4	6.8	19.6	15.1	21.4
1994	1,077,946	21,050	7,234	379	271	11,212	19.5	6.7	18.0	12.7	20.8
1995	1,087,343	19,821	7,298	388	297	10,413	18.2	6.7	19.6	14.8	19.2

<sup>1</sup> vital statistics and vital rates for the year 1995 are provisional

<sup>2</sup> the number of persons married in a year per 1,000 mid-year population

**Table 5(c) - Population, vital statistics and vital rates - Island of Rodrigues, 1986 - 1995<sup>1</sup>**

Year	Mid-year population	Vital statistics						Vital rates <sup>2</sup>				
		Live births	Deaths	Infant deaths	Still births	Civil marriages	Crude birth rate (per 1,000 population)	Crude death rate (per 1,000 population)	Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	Still birth rate (per 1,000 live & still births)	Marriage rate <sup>3</sup>	
1986	34,041	945	183	44	23	219	26.3	5.6	48.8	20.8	11.1	
1987	34,475	882	172	41	19	191	26.2	5.2	42.4	23.4	11.2	
1988	33,907	884	180	30	23	170	25.9	5.5	44.4	21.6	10.2	
1989	33,953	867	203	46	16	157	25.1	5.5	40.7	21.5	9.8	
1990	34,204	803	177	28	17	173	23.7	5.8	40.7	19.0	9.3	
1991	34,321	761	212	25	14	149	22.3	5.3	30.9	15.4	9.4	
1992	34,434	732	157	18	5	162	20.9	5.1	26.5	10.6	9.8	
1993	34,495	662	158	14	4	193	20.7	4.7	22.0	5.6	10.8	
1994	34,661	745	168	15	3	202	20.5	4.7	21.1	4.2	11.7	
1995	34,775	728	167	16	2	211	20.9	4.8	22.0	2.7	12.1	

<sup>1</sup> vital statistics and vital rates for the year 1995 are provisional

<sup>2</sup> because of the small number of vital events, the rates have been calculated by taking the average for three years in order to remove wide fluctuations. However, rates for 1995 are based on vital events for that year only

<sup>3</sup> the number of persons married in a year per 1,000 mid-year population

Table 6 - Vital statistics and rates by district - Republic of Mauritius, 1995

District	Population		Live births		Deaths		Infant deaths		Still births		Marriages	
	Mid year	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	
Port Louis	136,470	2,635	19.3	1,067	7.8	55	20.9	38	14.2	957	14.0	
Pamplemousses	110,442	2,082	18.9	726	6.6	37	17.8	35	16.5	1,236	22.4	
Riviere du Rempart	92,898	1,853	19.9	590	6.4	31	16.7	29	15.4	1,145	24.7	
Flacq	119,151	2,409	20.2	705	5.9	54	22.4	36	14.7	1,336	22.4	
Grand Port	102,465	1,915	18.7	720	7.0	41	21.4	35	17.9	1,121	21.9	
Savanne	63,980	1,128	17.6	424	6.6	20	17.7	25	21.7	630	19.7	
Plaines Wilhems	342,397	5,679	16.6	2,355	6.9	108	19.0	66	11.5	2,631	15.4	
Moka	70,319	1,211	17.2	410	5.8	21	17.3	21	17.0	699	19.9	
Black River	49,221	909	18.5	301	6.1	21	23.1	12	13.0	658	26.7	
Island of Mauritius	1,087,343	19,821	18.2	7,298	6.7	388	19.6	297	14.8	10,413	19.2	
Island of Rodrigues	34,775	728	20.9	167	4.8	16	22.0	2	2.7	211	12.1	
Republic of Mauritius	1,122,118	20,549	18.3	7,465	6.7	404	19.7	299	14.3	10,624	18.9	

**Table 7 - Live births registered by district and month - Republic of Mauritius, 1995**

District	Year	Month											
		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Port Louis	2,635	205	234	275	231	229	238	217	195	210	216	212	173
Pamplemousses	2,082	171	160	206	160	172	190	183	183	159	171	162	165
Riviere du Rempart	1,853	144	128	162	156	189	172	181	140	149	142	174	116
Flacq	2,409	211	170	248	199	231	216	167	212	188	210	191	166
Grand Port	1,915	154	152	188	139	175	172	156	144	162	185	147	141
Savanne	1,128	93	95	89	111	103	91	75	92	97	102	98	82
Plaines Wilhems	5,679	482	424	541	439	513	443	463	484	475	532	472	411
Moka	1,211	113	80	104	84	112	107	122	103	99	94	108	85
Black River	909	82	64	84	93	82	72	71	79	77	80	74	51
Island of Mauritius	19,821	1,655	1,507	1,897	1,612	1,806	1,701	1,635	1,632	1,616	1,732	1,638	1,390
Island of Rodrigues	728	58	52	63	70	68	47	73	54	65	70	58	50
Republic of Mauritius	20,549	1,713	1,559	1,960	1,682	1,874	1,748	1,708	1,686	1,681	1,802	1,696	1,440

**Table 8 - Deaths registered by district and month - Republic of Mauritius, 1995**

District	Year	Month											
		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Port Louis	1,067	105	82	77	93	90	107	91	96	84	85	78	79
Pamplemousses	726	54	44	60	60	68	63	69	63	67	51	52	75
Riviere du Rempart	590	42	36	39	49	70	45	47	59	58	54	39	52
Flacq	705	68	43	58	50	68	76	62	58	59	52	49	62
Grand Port	720	54	50	50	39	75	68	69	73	57	59	46	80
Savanne	424	37	27	29	28	50	36	36	44	43	32	37	25
Plaines Wilhems	2,355	175	156	189	177	216	242	210	211	210	179	202	188
Moka	410	35	27	30	26	38	39	42	35	42	42	29	25
Black River	301	26	23	26	24	22	36	22	32	20	27	19	24
Island of Mauritius	7,298	596	488	558	546	697	712	648	671	640	581	551	610
Island of Rodrigues	167	16	18	15	9	9	13	13	19	13	14	16	12
Republic of Mauritius	7,465	612	506	573	555	706	725	661	690	653	595	567	622

**Table 9 - Infant deaths registered by district and month - Republic of Mauritius, 1995**

District	Year	Month												
		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Port Louis	55	4	3	7	10	2	7	2	4	4	5	2	2	5
Pamplemousses	37	1	1	1	4	5	4	7	3	4	2	2	2	3
Riviere du Rempart	31	3	3	1	2	2	2	2	3	5	3	4	4	1
Flacq	54	4	4	3	2	3	8	2	6	7	7	4	4	4
Grand Port	41	3	3	5	1	7	4	1	2	0	8	4	4	3
Savanne	20	1	0	3	1	6	2	0	1	2	2	1	1	1
Plaines Wilhems	108	4	4	10	9	7	16	4	11	11	13	9	10	10
Moka	21	0	5	1	1	0	2	5	0	1	2	4	0	0
Black River	21	2	2	1	2	2	3	3	1	2	2	0	1	1
Island of Mauritius	388	22	25	32	32	34	48	26	31	36	44	30	28	28
Island of Rodrigues	16	2	2	1	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	4	1	1
Republic of Mauritius	404	24	27	33	33	35	50	26	31	38	44	34	29	29

**Table 10 - Still births registered by district and month - Republic of Mauritius, 1995**

District	Year	Month											
		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Port Louis	38	2	3	4	7	5	3	0	4	2	3	1	4
Pamplemousses	35	3	1	3	5	7	2	2	5	2	1	2	2
Riviere du Rempart	29	6	1	6	2	1	3	3	1	2	0	2	2
Flacq	36	8	3	1	3	0	3	5	5	1	4	3	0
Grand Port	35	2	1	5	4	3	2	3	1	6	4	2	2
Savanne	25	2	2	2	4	3	2	4	2	2	2	0	0
Plaines Wilhems	66	3	8	5	8	4	6	1	5	4	6	7	9
Moka	21	0	2	3	3	2	0	2	2	1	2	3	1
Black River	12	0	1	1	0	2	2	2	1	0	2	1	0
Island of Mauritius	297	26	22	30	36	27	23	22	26	20	24	21	20
Island of Rodrigues	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Republic of Mauritius	299	27	22	30	36	27	23	22	26	20	24	21	21

**Table 11 - Marriages registered by district and month - Republic of Mauritius, 1995**

District	Year	Month											
		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Port Louis	957	69	53	53	66	70	82	108	101	81	82	94	98
Pamplemousses	1,236	58	50	66	119	128	105	130	117	88	144	131	100
Riviere du Rempart	1,145	62	61	74	104	100	108	103	98	91	125	129	90
Flacq	1,336	64	79	78	137	132	101	107	114	125	126	140	133
Grand Port	1,121	72	57	70	110	88	76	102	92	67	126	146	115
Savanne	630	44	34	32	55	49	45	60	33	56	80	80	62
Plaines Wilhems	2,631	157	150	149	262	205	202	281	265	203	229	286	242
Moka	699	50	44	43	61	48	50	72	58	52	69	82	70
Black River	658	30	38	37	52	62	57	66	54	73	73	65	51
Island of Mauritius	10,413	606	566	602	966	882	826	1,029	932	836	1,054	1,153	961
Island of Rodrigues	211	12	11	16	12	18	13	13	17	16	19	29	35
Republic of Mauritius	10,624	618	577	618	978	900	839	1,042	949	852	1,073	1,182	996



