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# POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

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### 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, JANUARY - JUNE 1996**

### **1. Population estimates, 1st July 1996**

As at 1st July 1996, the population of the Republic of Mauritius is estimated at 1,133,721 with 567,105 males and 566,616 females giving a sex ratio of 100.1. The population growth rate during the period July 1995 to June 1996 was around 1.0%. The population of the Island of Mauritius was growing at a rate of 1.0%, rising from 1,087,343 (544,185 males and 543,158 females) in mid-1995 to 1,098,668 (549,671 males and 548,997 females) in mid-1996. The growth rate for Rodrigues was 0.3%, the population increasing from 34,775 (17,320 males and 17,455 females) in mid-1995 to 34,883 (17,344 males and 17,539 females) in mid-1996. The population of the outer Islands (Agalega and Saint Brandon) is estimated at around 170 (90 males and 80 females).

With a total land area of 2,040 square kilometres, the Republic had a population density of around 556 per square kilometre in 1996. The population densities of the Island of Mauritius and the Island of Rodrigues were 589 and 335 respectively (table 1).

### **2. Components of population growth**

According to table 3, the net population gain of 4,293 registered during the first semester of 1996 in the Republic was the net result of a gain of 6,855 persons due to natural increase (the excess of live births over deaths) and a loss of 2,562 persons due to net international migration (the excess of arrivals over departures).

### **3. Vital statistics and rates**

Table 4 gives a number of vital statistics for 1995 and 1996 while table 5 gives a series of rates for period 1994 to 1996 for the Republic of Mauritius, the Island of Mauritius and the Island of Rodrigues. Tables 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 respectively show details of live births, deaths, infant deaths, still births and marriages by month of registration and district.

### **3.1 Live births**

During the first semester of 1996, 10,442 live births were registered in the Republic of Mauritius as against 10,536 in the first semester of 1995 showing a slight decrease of about 1%. The number of live births forecast for 1996 is 20,720 giving a crude birth rate of 18.3, the same as that prevailing in 1995. The forecast for 1996 for the Island of Mauritius is 20,000 (rate of 18.2) and for Rodrigues 720 (rate of 20.6).

### **3.2 Deaths**

The number of deaths registered in the Republic of Mauritius during the first six months of 1996 was 3,587, as compared to 3,677 for the corresponding period in 1995, that is a 2.4% decrease. Around 7,440 deaths are projected for 1996 in the Republic, giving a crude death rate of 6.6, that is slightly lower than the rate registered in 1995 (6.7). The number of deaths estimated for the Island of Mauritius and the Island of Rodrigues are 7,300 (rate of 6.6) and 140 (rate of 4.0) respectively.

### **3.3 Infant deaths**

During the period January-June 1996, 247 infant deaths were registered in the Republic of Mauritius, representing a 22.3% increase over infant deaths registered during the same period in 1995 (202). Around 464 infant deaths are expected for the Republic of Mauritius in 1996, giving an estimated infant mortality rate of 22.4 compared to a rate of 19.7 in 1995. The expected number of infant deaths in 1996 for the Island of Mauritius and the Island of Rodrigues are 450 (rate of 22.5) and 14 (rate of 19.4) respectively.

### **3.4 Still Births**

In the Republic of Mauritius, a total of 131 still births were registered during the first semester of 1996 as compared to 165 for the same period in 1995, representing a 20.6% decrease. It is expected that in 1996 the number of still births for the Republic will be around 252 with a still birth rate of 12.0 as compared to a rate of 14.3 registered in 1995. The number of still births projected for the Island of Mauritius and the Island of Rodrigues in 1996 is 250 (rate of 12.3) and 2 (rate of 2.8) respectively.

### **3.5 Marriages**

During the first six months of 1996, 4,534 marriages were registered in the Republic of Mauritius compared to 4,530 in 1995. The number of marriages forecast for 1996 is 10,480, giving a crude marriage rate of 18.5 as against 18.9 in 1995. The number of marriages forecast for the Island of Mauritius is 10,300 (rate of 18.7) and for the Island of Rodrigues 180 (rate of 10.3).

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**Table 1 - Estimated resident population - Republic of Mauritius, 1st July 1996**<sup>1/</sup>

Island	Both sexes	Male	Female	Sex ratio	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Density per km <sup>2</sup>
Mauritius	1,098,668	549,671	548,997	100.1	1,864.8	589
Rodrigues	34,883	17,344	17,539	98.9	104.0	335
Other	170	90	80	112.5	71.2	2
<b>Republic</b>	<b>1,133,721</b>	<b>567,105</b>	<b>566,616</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>2,040.0</b>	<b>556</b>

**Table 2 - Estimated resident population by sex - Republic of Mauritius, 1994 - 1996**  
(Mid-year estimates)

Year	Both sexes	Male	Female	Sex ratio	Density per Km <sup>2</sup>
1994	1,112,777	557,069	555,708	100.2	545
1995	1,122,288	561,595	560,693	100.2	550
1996 <sup>1/</sup>	1,133,721	567,105	566,616	100.1	556

**Table 3 - Components of population growth during the first semester of 1995 and 1996, Republic of Mauritius**<sup>2/</sup>

Components of population growth	1995	1996
<b>Resident population as at beginning of year</b>	<b>1,117,650</b>	<b>1,129,258</b>
<i>Live births, January-June</i>	10,536	10,442
<i>Deaths, January-June</i>	3,677	3,587
<b>Natural increase, January-June</b>	<b>6,859</b>	<b>6,855</b>
<i>Arrival of residents, January-June</i>	44,936	50,004
<i>Departure of residents, January-June</i>	47,327	52,566
<b>Net international migration, January-June</b>	<b>-2,391</b>	<b>-2,562</b>
<b>Resident population as at mid-year</b>	<b>1,122,118</b>	<b>1,133,551</b>

1/ provisional; based on the adjusted 1990 population census data.

2/ excluding other islands (Agalega and St Brandon), where 167 residents were enumerated at the 1990 Census.

**Table 4 - Vital statistics, 1995 - 1996**

**(a) Republic of Mauritius<sup>1/</sup>**

Vital events	Jan-June 1995	Year 1995	Jan-June 1996 <sup>2/</sup>
Live births	10,536	20,549	10,442
Deaths	3,677	7,465	3,587
Natural increase	6,859	13,084	6,855
Marriages	4,530	10,624	4,534
Infant deaths	202	404	247
Still births	165	299	131
Divorces	...	801	...

**(b) Island of Mauritius**

Vital events	Jan-June 1995	Year 1995	Jan-June 1996 <sup>2/</sup>
Live births	10,178	19,824	10,090
Deaths	3,597	7,298	3,521
Natural increase	6,581	12,526	6,569
Marriages	4,448	10,430	4,465
Infant deaths	193	388	239
Still births	164	297	130

**(c) Island of Rodrigues**

Vital events	Jan-June 1995	Year 1995	Jan-June 1996 <sup>2/</sup>
Live births	358	725	352
Deaths	80	167	66
Natural increase	278	558	286
Marriages	82	194	69
Infant deaths	9	16	8
Still births	1	2	1

1/ excluding Agalega and Saint Brandon

2/ provisional

... not available

**Table 5 - Vital statistics rates, 1994 -1996** <sup>1/</sup>

**(a) Republic of Mauritius**

Rate	1994	1995	1996 <sup>2/</sup>
Crude birth rate	19.6	18.3	18.3
Crude death rate	6.7	6.7	6.6
Rate of natural increase	12.9	11.6	11.7
Crude marriage rate	20.5	18.9	18.5
Infant mortality rate	18.1	19.7	22.4
Still birth rate	12.4	14.3	12.0
Divorce rate	1.3	1.4	...

**(b) Island of Mauritius**

Rate	1994	1995	1996 <sup>2/</sup>
Crude birth rate	19.5	18.2	18.2
Crude death rate	6.7	6.7	6.6
Rate of natural increase	12.8	11.5	11.6
Crude marriage rate	20.8	19.2	18.7
Infant mortality rate	18.0	19.6	22.5
Still birth rate	12.7	14.8	12.3

**(c) Island of Rodrigues**

Rate	1994 <sup>3/</sup>	1995 <sup>3/</sup>	1996 <sup>4/</sup>
Crude birth rate	20.5	21.0	20.6
Crude death rate	4.7	4.6	4.0
Rate of natural increase	15.8	16.4	16.6
Crude marriage rate	11.3	11.0	10.3
Infant mortality rate	21.1	20.5	19.4
Still birth rate	4.2	3.2	2.8

1/ refer to explanatory notes

2/ forecast

3/ because of the small number of events registered in Rodrigues, the rates have been calculated by taking the average for a period of three years so as to remove wide fluctuations.

4/ based on projected events for the year only

... not available



Table 6 - Live births by district and month of registration - Republic of Mauritius, January - June 1996<sup>1/</sup>

District	Jan -	Month					
	June	January	February	March	April	May	June
Port Louis	1,376	232	190	213	253	216	272
Pamplemousses	1,057	197	174	160	183	172	171
Riviere du Rempart	910	163	162	135	143	157	150
Flacq	1,194	233	162	197	199	214	189
Grand Port	1,004	189	158	167	170	166	154
Savanne	589	115	78	102	118	92	84
Plaines Wilhems	2,840	540	391	450	491	489	479
Moka	588	114	94	81	101	107	91
Black River	532	82	74	87	98	103	88
Island of Mauritius	10,090	1,865	1,483	1,592	1,756	1,716	1,678
Island of Rodrigues	352	67	47	64	61	57	56
Republic of Mauritius	10,442	1,932	1,530	1,656	1,817	1,773	1,734

1/ provisional

**Table 7 - Deaths by district and month of registration - Republic of Mauritius, January - June 1996**<sup>1/</sup>

District	Jan -	M o n t h					
	June	January	February	March	April	May	June
Port Louis	514	89	84	86	91	78	86
Pamplemousses	349	69	63	56	42	59	60
Riviere du Rempart	270	43	55	35	36	63	38
Flacq	350	66	39	60	46	69	70
Grand Port	321	58	57	49	46	60	51
Savanne	182	33	25	33	30	38	23
Plaines Wilhems	1,188	204	201	201	179	176	227
Moka	213	49	29	33	28	33	41
Black River	134	20	25	16	23	27	23
Island of Mauritius	3,521	631	578	569	521	603	619
Island of Rodrigues	66	14	13	9	7	9	14
Republic of Mauritius	3,587	645	591	578	528	612	633

1/ provisional

**Table 8 - Infant deaths by district and month of registration - Republic of Mauritius, January - June 1996**<sup>1/</sup>

District	Jan - June	M o n t h					
		January	February	March	April	May	June
Port Louis	34	4	7	6	4	8	5
Pamplemousses	30	4	6	11	3	3	3
Riviere du Rempart	20	1	4	2	5	5	3
Flacq	19	1	2	2	5	4	5
Grand Port	21	3	2	3	6	3	4
Savanne	10	1	0	2	2	3	2
Plaines Wilhems	71	12	14	12	17	6	10
Moka	14	2	4	3	2	2	1
Black River	20	2	3	4	2	5	4
Island of Mauritius	239	30	42	45	46	39	37
Island of Rodrigues	8	1	2	2	1	2	0
Republic of Mauritius	247	31	44	47	47	41	37

**Table 9 - Still births by district and month of registration - Republic of Mauritius, January - June 1996**<sup>1/</sup>

District	Jan - June	M o n t h					
		January	February	March	April	May	June
Port Louis	16	0	4	3	4	3	2
Pamplemousses	17	2	3	4	1	3	4
Riviere du Rempart	10	0	5	2	2	1	0
Flacq	18	6	2	2	2	4	2
Grand Port	15	3	1	1	2	4	4
Savanne	6	0	1	0	1	2	2
Plaines Wilhems	31	4	4	8	6	4	5
Moka	9	1	3	1	1	0	3
Black River	8	0	3	1	2	1	1
Island of Mauritius	130	16	26	22	21	22	23
Island of Rodrigues	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Republic of Mauritius	131	16	26	22	21	22	24

1/ provisional

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**Table 10 - Marriages by district and month of registration - Republic of Mauritius, January - June 1996**  
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District	Jan - June	M o n t h					
		January	February	March	April	May	June
Port Louis	419	42	45	70	81	80	101
Pamplemousses	544	51	69	73	115	120	116
Riviere du Rempart	490	53	82	67	102	90	96
Flacq	661	55	80	79	168	147	132
Grand Port	491	75	71	55	101	101	88
Savanne	261	26	27	45	59	61	43
Plaines Wilhems	1,127	133	134	130	256	225	249
Moka	231	35	24	20	68	46	38
Black River	241	45	32	21	45	56	42
Island of Mauritius	4,465	515	564	560	995	926	905
Island of Rodrigues	69	12	10	8	13	15	11
Republic of Mauritius	4,534	527	574	568	1,008	941	916

1/ district of residence of husband.

2/ provisional