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Introduction

Business activity statistics is a new series of statistics compiled mainly from administrative data sources, namely licences and registrations. Presently, data relate only to non-agricultural activities carried out in the island of Mauritius and refer to June of respective years.

Data series on licences and registrations for the years 1996 and 1997 are being released for the first time through this issue of the Economic and Social Indicators. An analysis of these data provides useful information on trends in business activities.

2. Concept and data sources

For each type of activity carried out at a single location, an operator must satisfy at least one of the following requirements:

- (a) Obtain a licence from the Local Authority (Municipality or District Council)
- (b) Be registered with a Ministry/Department or Organisation such as
 - Ministry of Commerce and Industry - Issue of Export Enterprises (EPZ), Export Services Zone (ESZ) and Pioneer Status Certificates
 - National Transport Authority - Issue of public transport licences (taxi, bus, contract car etc)
 - Ministry of Education - Registration of pre-primary and other private schools
 - Ministry of Social Security - Registration of employers
 - Medical/Bar Council

However, there are cases where a business activity has obtained a licence from the Local Authority and is also registered with a particular organisation. Examples are EPZ and ESZ operators. In order to avoid double counting, such activities have been excluded from licences and included in registrations.

An operator is required to obtain a licence from the Local Authorities for each type of activity carried out at a single location. For example, a general retailer may hold three licences: one for trading in foodstuffs, a second for sale of tobacco and a third for sale of liquor. This operator will therefore be assigned three activities.

It is to be noted that business activity statistics refer to the total number of activities and not to the total number of operators or units.

3. Scope and coverage

Data presented in this report, therefore, refer to all business activities which are licensed and/or registered. Economic activities conducted without a licence or registration but are commercialised (food preparation, tailoring/seamstress, furniture makers, etc.) are excluded. Also not covered are all domestic services rendered to households by paid employees (maids, gardeners, drivers, etc.)

4. Classification

Each activity has been assigned an activity code according to the National Standard Industrial Classification of Economic Activities, NSIC, which is an adapted version of the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC), Revision 3, 1990. Details on level of classification are given at Annex.

5. Licences issued by Local Authorities

As shown in Table 1, during the year 1997, 4,316 new licences were issued and 1,518 were surrendered which brought the total number of licences delivered by Local Authorities to 53,416. Compared to 50,618 in 1996, this represents an increase of 2,798 or 5.5%. The highest number of new licences (2,925) was issued in the Wholesale/Retail trade while 903 were cancelled resulting in a net increase of 2,022.

6. Licences and registrations (Tables 2 to 4.7)

As explained at paragraph 2, some activities are both licensed and registered. To avoid double counting such activities have been included under registrations only. Figures given in Tables 2 to 4.7 refer to the adjusted licence data.

7. Distribution by type of activity (Table 2)

In 1997, there were 68,421 different types of economic activities (non agricultural) for which a licence or a registration was issued. Of these, 48,900 were classified under licences and 19,521 under registrations. The largest number of activities was in the Wholesale and retail trade (35,779) representing 52.3% of the total. Transport, Storage and Communication, the second largest, comprised 13,087, or 19.1%. Hotels and restaurants with 6,156 accounted for 9% and Manufacturing with 4,061, or 5.9%. Details on other industry groups are given at Table 2.

8. Net additions, 1997 (Table 3)

The comparison of 1997 figures with those of 1996 shows a net addition of 2,368 activities, representing an increase of 3.6%. With the exception of Transport, Storage & Communication and Health and Social Work, all other industry groups recorded increases ranging from 2% to 10%. The highest percentage increase was in Education, with a net increase of 112, or 10.7%.

9. Distribution by district/local authority (Tables 4.1 to 4.7)

Business activities are more or less equally distributed between the urban and rural districts. There were 33,927 activities in the urban areas and 34,494 in the rural districts. The Plaines Wilhems district had the largest number (19,716) followed by Port Louis (14,211). Moka/Flacq and Pamplemousses/Rivière du Rempart districts had both around 12,000 and Grand Port/Savanne (7,991). The least number was in Black River (2,401).

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Table 1 - Licences issued by Local Authorities as at June, 1996 and 1997

NSIC (Rev 3)	Activity	1996	July 1996 to June 1997		1997
			Issued	Cancelled	
			Number		
Section	Total	50,618	4,316	1,518	53,416
C	Mining and quarrying (sand and salt)	185	-	-	185
D	Manufacturing	3,325	202	64	3,463
F	Construction	431	46	4	473
G	Wholesale and retail trade	33,338	2,925	903	35,360
H	Hotels and restaurants	5,914	417	175	6,156
I	Transport, storage and communications	3,308	205	98	3,415
J	Financial intermediation and insurance	280	22	5	297
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	1,194	164	46	1,312
M	Education	118	30	13	135
N	Health and social work	314	49	48	315
O	Other community, social and personal services	2,211	256	162	2,305

Table 2 - Licences* and registrations by activity as at June, 1996 and 1997

NSIC Rev 3	Activity	Number					
		1996		1997			
		Licences	Registrations	Total	Total		
Section	Total	46,273	19,780	66,053	48,900	19,521	68,421
C	Mining and quarrying (sand and salt)	185	-	185	185	-	185
D	Manufacturing	3,198	774	3,972	3,336	725	4,061
F	Construction	-	2,057	2,057	-	2,252	2,252
G	Wholesale and retail trade	33,324	424	33,748	35,346	433	35,779
H	Hotels and restaurants	5,914	-	5,914	6,156	-	6,156
I	Transport, storage and communications	502	13,091	13,593	540	12,547	13,087
J	Financial intermediation and insurance	280	8	288	297	8	305
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	504	1,901	2,405	549	2,018	2,567
M	Education	101	942	1,043	118	1,037	1,155
N	Health and social work	54	583	637	68	501	569
O	Other community, social and personal services	2,211	-	2,211	2,305	-	2,305

*Adjustment to licence data: Some activities are both licensed and registered. To avoid double counting, such activities are included under registrations only.

Table 3 - Net change in licences and registrations by activity as at June 1997.

NSIC (Rev 3)	Activity	1996	1997	Number	
				Number	%
Section	Total	66,053	68,421	2,368	3.6
C	Mining and quarrying (sand and salt)	185	185	-	-
D	Manufacturing	3,972	4,061	89	2.2
F	Construction	2,057	2,252	195	9.5
G	Wholesale and retail trade	33,748	35,779	2,031	6.0
H	Hotels and restaurants	5,914	6,156	242	4.1
I	Transport, storage and communications	13,593	13,087	-506	-3.7
J	Financial intermediation and insurance	288	305	17	5.9
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	2,405	2,567	162	6.7
M	Education	1,043	1,155	112	10.7
N	Health and social work	637	568	-69	-10.8
O	Other community, social and personal services	2,211	2,306	95	4.3

Table 4.1 - Licences and registrations by activity and district as at June 1997 - All sections.

NSIC (Rev3)	Activity	Number						
		Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Pamp./ R.Rempart	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G.Port/ Savanne	All Districts
	Total	14,211	19,716	12,534	11,568	2,401	7,991	68,421
C	Mining and quarrying (sand and salt)	-	-	121	38	6	20	185
D	Manufacturing	971	1,182	594	554	176	584	4,061
F	Construction	372	925	305	391	50	209	2,252
G	Wholesale and retail trade	7,649	10,794	6,295	5,795	1,204	4,042	35,779
H	Hotels and restaurants	709	1,156	1,154	1,515	392	1,230	6,156
I	Transport, storage and communications	2,525	3,410	3,325	2,261	258	1,308	13,087
J	Financial intermediation and insurance	135	57	35	35	7	36	305
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	1,101	795	187	223	177	84	2,567
M	Education	185	427	187	159	28	169	1,155
N	Health and social work	131	316	21	45	12	43	568
O	Other community, social and personal services	433	654	310	552	91	266	2,306

Table 4.2 - Licences and registrations by activity and district as at June 1997- Manufacturing.

NSIC (Rev 3)	Activity	Number							
		Port- Louis	Plaines Wilhems	Pamp./ R.Rempart	Moka/ Flacq	Black - River	G.Port/ Savanne	All Districts	
	Total	971	1,182	594	554	176	584	4,061	
15 & 16	Food product, beverages and tobacco	105	120	61	54	21	63	424	
17 & 18	Textiles and wearing apparel	170	324	162	175	33	245	1,109	
19	Tanning and dressing of leather & footwear	9	5	7	4	-	-	25	
20, 36101- 36109	Wood product including furniture	123	239	80	96	20	87	645	
21,22	Paper product, publishing and printing	132	60	13	22	14	13	254	
24	Chemicals and chemical products	25	17	6	-	10	1	59	
25	Rubber and plastic products	64	37	27	17	1	23	169	
26	Non-metallic mineral products	14	15	15	12	10	7	73	
27, 28, 29	Basic & fabricated metals and machinery n.e.c	70	164	88	68	21	65	476	
30000	Office equipment	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	
31, 32	Electrical machinery, apparatus, radio & tv equipment	25	11	6	1	-	2	45	
33	Medical optical instrument, watches and clocks	1	3	5	4	-	-	13	
34, 35	Motor vehicles, trailers and other transport equipment	-	2	-	-	3	-	5	
36911- 36919	Jewellery and related products	113	107	61	73	3	53	410	
36920- 36999	Manufacturing n.e.c.	118	78	62	28	40	25	351	
37	Recycling	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	

Table 4.3 - Licences and registrations by activity and district as at June 1997- Wholesale and retail trade.

NSIC (Rev 3)	Activity	Number							
		Port- Louis	Plaines Wilhems	Pamp./ R.Rempart	Moka/ Flacq	Black - River	G.Port/ Savanne	All Districts	
	Total	7,649	10,794	6,295	5,795	1,204	4,042	35,779	
501,502	Sale and repairs of motor vehicles	104	128	39	19	19	17	326	
503	Sale of motor vehicle spare parts and accessories	221	125	46	66	4	30	492	
504	Sale and repairs of motorcycles/spare parts	94	122	110	135	14	121	596	
505	Retail sale of automotive fuel (filling station)	23	38	27	21	5	25	139	
51	Wholesaler/Commission Agent except of motor vehicles	1,198	529	172	255	56	115	2,325	
5211	General retailer foodstuff and non-foodstuff	712	996	1,019	343	188	850	4,108	
5219	General retailer non-foodstuff (non-specialised)	1,351	1,432	550	535	80	319	4,267	
5220	Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco	1,254	2,455	1,270	1,756	357	910	8,002	
5231	Retail sale of pharmaceutical goods	41	79	18	23	4	19	184	
5232	Retail sale of textiles and footwear	302	180	44	11	3	93	633	
5233	Retail sale of household appliances	102	87	31	35	3	36	294	
5234	Retail of hardware, paints and glass	220	201	128	82	15	103	749	
5235	Sale of furniture	38	150	107	75	8	83	461	
5236	Bookshop	32	76	31	20	3	11	173	
5237	Jewellers shop	29	26	20	5	4	1	85	
5239	Retail sale in specialised stores, e.g. florist	133	338	246	163	43	123	1,046	
5252	Retail at market place and fairs	690	3,036	1,732	1,322	126	162	7,068	
5259	Hawkers, street vendors and mobile victualler	1,003	661	672	803	256	1,001	4,396	
5260	Repair of personal and household goods	102	135	33	126	16	23	435	

Table 4.4 - Licences and registrations by activity and district as at June 1997- Hotels and restaurants.

NSIC (Rev 3)	Activity	Number							
		Port- Louis	Plaines Wilhems	Pamp./ R.Rempart	Moka/ Flacq	Black River	G.Port/ Savanne	All Districts	
	Total	709	1,156	1,154	1,515	392	1,230	6,156	
55101 - 55109	Hotels and boarding houses	30	56	104	18	18	21	247	
55201 - 55202	Restaurants	70	118	113	68	44	33	446	
55203	Bars	237	504	473	861	158	776	3,009	
55204 - 55209	Tea hotels and other eating places	372	478	464	568	172	400	2,454	

Table 4.5 - Licences and registrations by activity and district as at June 1997 - Transport, Storage and Communications.

NSIC (Rev 3)	Activity	Number							
		Port- Louis	Plaines Wilhems	Pamp./ R.Rempart	Moka/ Flacq	Black River	G.Port/ Savanne	All Districts	
	Total	2,525	3,410	3,325	2,261	258	1,308	13,087	
60211 - 60219	Land Transport : Bus	452	1,279	634	441	36	312	3,154	
60221	Taxi car	825	1,178	918	1,098	147	555	4,721	
60231 - 60239	Goods vehicles (lorry and van)	940	867	1,707	697	54	414	4,679	
63010 - 63030 & 63090	Supporting and auxiliary transport activities (cargo handling, storage etc)	179	38	16	20	19	19	291	
63041 - 63042	Travel agencies	128	48	50	5	2	8	241	
64	Post and telecommunications	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	

Table 4.6 - Licences and registrations by activity and district as at June 1997- Financial intermediation, Real estate and Business activities.

NSIC (Rev 3)	Activity	Number						
		Port- Louls	Plaines Wilhems	Pamp./ R.Rempart	Moka/ Flacq	Black - River	G.Port/ Savanne	All Districts
	Total	1,236	852	222	258	184	120	2,872
65	Financial intermediation except insurance & pension funding (banks)	48	45	30	25	6	30	184
66	Insurance and pension funding except compulsory social security	74	12	5	8	1	6	106
67	Activities auxiliary to financial intermediation (e.g stockbrokers)	13	-	-	2	-	-	15
70	Real estate activities	53	78	13	13	3	12	172
71	Renting of machinery and equipment (e.g contract cars)	406	575	151	186	166	54	1,538
72	Computer and related activities	24	8	-	-	1	-	33
74111	Attorney	114	-	-	-	-	-	114
74112	Notary	49	-	-	-	-	-	49
74113	Barrister	181	-	-	-	-	-	181
74121 & 74122	Accounting and Tax consultancy	44	9	1	-	-	-	54
74140	Business and management consultancy activities	55	13	2	-	-	1	71
74211	Engineer	8	6	1	-	-	-	15
74212 & 74213	Quantity and Land surveyors	39	17	-	3	-	-	59
74214	Architect	16	11	-	1	-	-	28
74220	Motor surveyors	21	9	-	-	2	-	32
74300	Advertising	38	12	2	2	1	-	55
749	Business activities n.e.c	53	57	17	18	4	17	166

Table 4.7 - Licences and registrations by activity and district as at June 1997 - Community, Social and Personal Services.

NSIC (Rev 3)	Activity	Number							
		Port- Louis	Plaines Wilhems	Pamp./ R.Rempart	Moka/ Flacq	Black - River	G.Port/ Savanne	All Districts	
	Total	749	1,397	518	756	131	478	4,029	
80101	Schools : Pre-Primary	125	315	171	134	28	167	940	
80102	Primary	-	5	2	2	-	-	9	
80210	Secondary	1	2	1	1	-	-	5	
80220	Vocational training centre	34	63	6	12	-	1	116	
80901 - 80909	Adult & other education (e.g driving school)	25	42	7	10	-	1	85	
85121 - 85122	Medical practioner	81	222	16	34	12	35	400	
85123	Dentist	24	60	3	9	-	4	100	
85124 - 85320	Other health services	26	34	2	2	-	4	68	
90	Sewage and refuse disposal, sanitation and similar activities	3	-	1	1	1	9	15	
91	Activities of membership organisations n.e.c	2	12	3	6	3	1	27	
92	Recreational cultural & sporting activities	254	313	204	451	64	155	1,441	
93	Other service activities	174	329	102	94	23	101	823	

**National Standard Industrial Classification of Economic Activities (NSIC)
Explanation**

Each type of activity has been classified according to the National Standard classification of Economic Activities, NSIC, which is an adapted version of the International Standard Classification (ISIC) Revisions of 1990.

Structure and coding system of the NSIC:-

The NSIC consists of 5 levels of classification namely:

- Level 1: Section (17 Sections) identified by one of the letters A to Q.
- Level 2: Division (56 divisions) identified by the first 2 digits
- Level 3: Group (151 groups) identified by the first 3 digits
- Level 4: Classes (304 classes) identified by the first 4 digits
- Level 5: Sub class (510 sub classes) identified by the 5 digits

There are 17 sections which are as follows:

A	Agriculture, Hunting and Forestry	01 and 02
B	Fishing	05
C	Mining and Quarrying	10 to 14
D	Manufacturing	15 to 37
E	Electricity, Gas and Water supply	40 to 41
F	Construction	45
G	Wholesale and retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles and Personal and Household goods	50 to 52

II	Hotels and Restaurants	55
I	Transport, Storage and Communications	60 to 64
J	Financial Intermediation	65 to 67
K	Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities	70 to 74
L	Public Administration and Defence; Compulsory Social Security	75
M	Education	80
N	Health and Social Work	85
O	Other Community, Social And Personal Service	90 to 93
P	Private Households with Employed Persons	95
Q	Extra-Territorial Organisations and Bodies	99

An example of the NSIC code for the “Manufacture of bread” is given below:

The code for Manufacture of Bread is 15411 where,

- First 2 digits - 15 Indicate the Division - Manufacture of food products and beverages.
- First 3 digits - 154 - Indicate the Group - Manufacture of other food products.
- First 4 digits - 1541 - Indicate the Class - Manufacture of bakery products.
- The 5 digits - 15411 - Indicate the Sub-class - Manufacture of bread.