Business Activity Statistics, July 2000 - June 2001

Introduction

Business Activity Statistics are compiled mainly from the administrative records of the local authorities and government departments responsible for the delivery of licences and registration certificates. Thus only licensed and registered activities are covered. Currently all agricultural related activities are also not covered.

An operator is required to obtain a licence from the Municipal or District Councils for each type of activity or to register with the appropriate Ministry or Organisation. In some cases an operator may hold both a licence and a registration certificate and to avoid double counting, such activities have been accounted for in registrations only.

It must also be pointed out that the statistics on business activity refer to the total number of licensed or registered activities and not to the total number of operation units or establishments. For example, a general retailer may hold three licences: one for trading in foodstuffs, a second for selling tobacco and a third for selling liquor.

Tables 1 to 5.1 present data by main industrial activity while detailed data are given in tables 5.2 to 5.7. Time series data for the period 1997 - 2001 are given in tables 6 and 7.

2. Licences issued and cessations between July 2000 and June 2001

During the period July 2000 to June 2001, 4,934 new licences were issued, of which 3,395 (68.8%) were for activities classified under 'Wholesale & Retail trade; Repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles and personal and households goods'. During the same period 1,345 licences were cancelled, the net increase in licences works out to 3,589. The total number of licences as at June 2001 therefore stood at 63,950 which, compared to 60,361 as at June 2000, represents an increase of 3,589 (5.9%) (Table 1).

3. Licences and registrations as at June 2001

The number of licensed and registered business activities as at June 2001 totalled 78,197 which, compared to 74,598 at the end of June 2000, shows a net addition of 3,581 (4.8%). The highest number of such activities was in 'Wholesale and Retail trade; Repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles and personal and households goods' with 43,492 activities (55.6%), followed by 'Transport, Storage & Communications', 13,789 (17.6%).

The highest increases over the previous year are noted in the 'Other Community, social & personal services' with 361 new activities (15.8%) and in the Construction sector with 66 new activities (12.5%).

4. Distribution by urban and rural region

The distribution of licences and registration by main activity and region (per Municipal and District Councils boundaries) is given in Table 5.1. Of the 78,179 licensed and registered activities, there were 39,422 (50.4%) in the rural areas and 38,757 (49.6%) in the urban ones.

Analysis of the data at industry group level shows the predominance of 'Mining and Quarrying' and 'Hotels & Restaurants' activities in the rural areas because such activities are mainly carried out in the coastal regions. Transport and some other social & personal services associated with tourist activities followed the same pattern.

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Technical Notes

1. Classification and presentation of data

To cater for the wide range and diverse business activities and for classification purposes, 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), Rev. 3, 1990.

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:	302 classes identified by the first 4 digits
Level 5	Sub-classes:	546 sub-classes identified by the first digits

The 17 sections are as follows:

Section	Description	Division
A	Agriculture, Hunting & Forestry	01 and 02
В	Fishing	05
C	Mining & Quarrying	10 - 14
D	Manufacturing	15 - 37
E	Electricity, Gas & Water supply	40 and 41
F	Construction	45
	Wholesale and Retail trade; Repair of	
G	motor vehicles, motorcycles & personal	50 - 52
	and households goods	
H	Hotels and Restaurants	55
I	Transport, Storage & Communications	60 - 64
J	Financial Intermediation	65 - 67
K	Real Estate, Renting & Business activities	70 - 74
L	Public administration & Defence; Compulsory	
	Social security	75
M	Education	80
N	Health & Social work	85
O	Other Community, Social & Personal service	
	Activities	90 - 93
P	Private households with employed persons	95
Q	Extra-territorial organisations & bodies	99

2. Data sources

Data for the compilation of business activity statistics are obtained as follows:

Licences: - Municipalities and District Councils

Registrations: - Ministry of Commerce and Industry - (EPZ, ESZ & Pioneer)

- National Transport Authority - Public transport

- Ministry of Education - Private pre-primary and other schools

 Ministry of Social Security – National Pension Fund's register of employers

- Medical/Bar Council – Medical practitioners and lawyers

- Mauritius Freeport Authority

- Mauritius Offshore Business Activities Authority

- The Commissioner of Police – Driving schools

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Table 1 - Evolution of licences by NSIC section, July 2000 to June 2001

Number

NSIC (Rev 3)	Description	2000¹	July 2000 to	June 2001	20012
Section	Description	2000-	Issued	Cancelled	20012
	Total	60,361	4,934	1,345	63,950
С	Mining and quarrying (sand & salt)	283	-	-	283
D	Manufacturing	3,966	284	66	4,184
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	-	-	-	-
F	Construction	565	74	7	632
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles & personal and household goods	40,581	3,395	902	43,074
Н	Hotels and restaurants	5,294	223	125	5,392
I	Transport, storage and communications	4,527	225	114	4,638
J	Financial intermediation	310	19	6	323
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	2,125	193	61	2,257
M	Education	210	51	7	254
N	Health and social work	217	9	-	226
O	Other community, social and personal service activities	2,283	461	57	2,687

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NSIC (Rev 3) Section	Description	Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Urban	Pamp. / R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne	Rural	Total
	Total	13,158	17,824	30,982	11,423	11,764	3,709	8,602	35,498	66,480
С	Mining and quarrying (sand and salt)	-	-	-	125	38	5	23	191	191
D	Manufacturing	925	1,232	2,157	595	616	212	610	2,033	4,190
Е	Electricity, gas and water supply	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F	Construction	125	310	435	47	82	33	53	215	650
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles & personal and household goods	8,807	13,010	21,817	8,100	7,163	1,803	4,956	22,022	43,839
Н	Hotels and restaurants	724	1,263	1,987	1,376	1,638	442	1,344	4,800	6,787
I	Transport, storage and communications	1,046	521	1,567	473	916	703	928	3,020	4,587
J	Financial intermediation	129	64	193	41	44	7	39	131	324
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	819	459	1,278	350	271	338	177	1,136	2,414
M	Education	93	112	205	13	28	6	10	57	262
N	Health and social work	82	139	221	13	28	4	20	65	286
О	Other community, social and personal service activities	408	714	1,122	290	940	156	442	1,828	2,950

¹ As per municipal & district councils boundaries

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Table 3 - Registrations by NSIC section and region¹ as at June, 2001²

Number

NSIC (Rev 3) Section	Description	Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Urban	Pamp. / R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne	Rural	Total
	Total	4,287	5,785	10,072	4,394	3,274	473	1,907	10,048	20,120
С	Mining and quarrying (sand and salt)	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
D	Manufacturing	171	222	393	123	77	16	36	252	645
Е	Electricity, gas and water supply	1	-	1	1	2	1	1	5	6
F	Construction	146	218	364	70	94	19	48	231	595
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles & personal and household goods	251	113	364	31	15	7	9	62	426
Н	Hotels and restaurants	9	11	20	35	15	17	5	72	92
I	Transport, storage and communications	2,222	3,100	5,322	3,507	2,512	314	1,478	7,811	13,133
J	Financial intermediation	19	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	19
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	1,059	869	1,928	270	218	47	71	606	2,534
M	Education	247	480	727	242	250	43	204	739	1,466
N	Health and social work	157	768	925	114	90	9	55	268	1,193
О	Other community, social and personal service activities	4	4	8	1	1	-	-	2	10

¹ As per municipal & district councils boundaries

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Table 4 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by NSIC section as at June, 2000 and 2001

NSIC (Rev 3)	Description		20002			20013		Net change		
Section	Description	Licences	Registrations	Total	Licences	Registrations	Total	Number	%	
	Total	54,768	19,830	74,598	58,059	20,102	78,179	3,581	4.8	
С	Mining and quarrying (sand & salt)	283	1	284	283	1	284	0	0.0	
D	Manufacturing	3,966	627	4,593	4,183	645	4,828	235	5.1	
Е	Electricity, gas and water supply	-	6	6	-	6	6	0	0.0	
F	Construction	-	529	529	-	595	595	66	12.5	
	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles & personal and household goods	40,581	425	41,006	43,066	426	43,492	2,486	6.1	
Н	Hotels and restaurants	5,294	92	5,386	5,392	92	5,484	98	1.8	
I	Transport, storage and communications	626	13,052	13,678	656	13,133	13,789	111	0.8	
J	Financial intermediation	310	19	329	323	19	342	13	4.0	
K	Real estate, renting and business activitie	1,339	2,475	3,814	1,420	2,534	3,954	140	3.7	
M	Education	5	1,406	1,411	7	1,466	1,473	62	4.4	
N	Health and social work	81	1,193	1,274	90	1,193	1,283	9	0.7	
0	Other community, social and personal services activities	2,283	5	2,288	2,639	10	2,649	361	15.8	

¹ Adjusted - some activities are both licensed and registered. To avoid double counting such activities are included under registrations only.

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Table 5.1 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by NSIC section and region² as at June, 2001³

NSIC (Rev 3) Section	Description	Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Urban	Pamp. / R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne	Rural	Total
	Total	15,904	22,853	38,757	16,299	12,585	2,340	8,198	39,422	78,179
С	Mining and quarrying (sand and salt)	1	-	1	120	77	-	86	283	284
D	Manufacturing	1,124	1,546	2,670	814	723	102	519	2,158	4,828
Е	Electricity, gas and water supply	1	-	1	1	2	1	1	5	6
F	Construction	146	218	364	70	94	19	48	231	595
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles & personal and household goods	8,919	13,242	22,161	9,087	6,516	1,317	4,411	21,331	43,492
Н	Hotels and restaurants	697	1,249	1,946	1,320	1,122	295	801	3,538	5,484
I	Transport, storage and communications	2,590	3,208	5,798	3,603	2,560	324	1,504	7,991	13,789
J	Financial intermediation	150	69	219	43	43	6	31	123	342
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	1,406	1,263	2,669	575	434	84	192	1,285	3,954
M	Education	248	484	732	242	250	43	206	741	1,473
N	Health and social work	186	809	995	119	99	9	61	288	1,283
О	Other community, social and personal service activities	436	765	1,201	305	665	140	338	1,448	2,649

¹ Adjusted

² As per municipal & district councils boundaries

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Table 5.2 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by major activity and region² as at June 2001³ - Manufacturing

NSIC (Rev 3) Section	Description	Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Urban	Pamp. / R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne	Rural	Total
	Total	1,124	1,546	2,670	814	723	102	519	2,158	4,828
15 & 16	Food product, beverages and tobacco	138	179	317	111	75	21	63	270	587
17 & 18	Textiles and wearing apparel	188	412	600	206	177	24	175	582	1,182
19	Tanning and dressing of leather & footwear	19	32	51	21	12	-	5	38	89
20, 36101- 36109	Wood product including furniture	128	294	422	107	113	4	88	312	734
21,22	Paper product, publishing and printing	143	73	216	26	38	4	15	83	299
23	Manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products,etc	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Chemicals and chemical products	24	14	38	12	10	8	-	30	68
25	Rubber and plastic products	72	46	118	29	21	2	20	72	190
26	Non-metallic mineral products	16	20	36	21	12	11	14	58	94
27, 28, 29	Basic & fabricated metals and machinery, n.e.c	92	203	295	91	86	7	68	252	547
30000	Office equipment	5	3	8	-	-	-	-	0	8
31, 32	Electrical machinery, apparatus, radio & tv equipment	18	9	27	7	1	-	1	9	36
33	Medical optical instrument, watches and clocks	4	16	20	12	14	1	2	29	49
34, 35	Motor vehicles, trailers and other transport equipment	8	3	11	-	2	-	1	3	14
36911- 36919	Jewellery and related products	137	146	283	83	109	3	60	255	538
36920- 36999	Manufacturing, n.e.c.	130	93	223	87	53	17	6	163	386
37	Recycling	2	3	5	1	-	-	1	2	7

¹ Adjusted

² As per municipal and district council boundaries

³ Provisional

Table 5.3 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by major activity groups and region² as at June, 2001³ - Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles & personal and household goods

NSIC (Rev 3) Section	Description	Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Urban	Pamp. / R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne	Rural	Total
	Total	8,919	13,242	22,161	9,087	6,516	1,317	4,411	21,331	43,492
501,502	Sale and repairs of motor vehicles	100	132	232	87	36	4	19	146	378
503	Sale of motor vehicle spare parts and accessories	249	172	421	81	98	7	43	229	650
504	Sale and repairs of motorcycles/spare parts	107	100	207	48	34	4	36	122	329
505	Retail sale of automotive fuel (filling station)	19	44	63	30	21	4	20	75	138
51	Wholesaler/Commission Agent except of motor vel	1,401	785	2,186	301	458	76	188	1,023	3,209
5211	General retailer foodstuff and non-foodstuff	739	1,550	2,289	1,171	568	178	934	2,851	5,140
5219	General retailer non-foodstuff (non-specialised)	1,436	1,856	3,292	831	624	95	339	1,889	5,181
5220	Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco	1,502	2,714	4,216	1,821	2,015	395	1,255	5,486	9,702
5231	Retail sale of pharmaceutical goods	44	92	136	24	20	5	20	69	205
5232	Retail sale of textiles and footwear	325	188	513	53	1	2	79	135	648
5233	Retail sale of household appliances	183	132	315	54	44	4	42	144	459
5234	Retail of hardware, paints and glass	244	224	468	150	99	18	7	274	742
5235	Sale of furniture	38	183	221	133	89	7	74	303	524
5236	Bookshop	48	77	125	40	5	4	14	63	188
5237	Jewellers shop	26	33	59	28	13	9	1	51	110
5239	Retail sale in specialised stores, e.g. florist	194	445	639	377	283	51	197	908	1,547
5240	Retail sale of second-hand goods in stores	14	3	17	-	-	-	1	1	18
5252	Retail at market place and fairs	571	4,003	4,574	2,728	1,317	184	96	4,325	8,899
5259	Hawkers, street vendors and mobile victualler	1,550	341	1,891	1,021	663	265	1,012	2,961	4,852
5260	Repair of personal and household goods	129	168	297	109	128	5	34	276	573

¹ Adjusted

² As per municipal and district council boundaries

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Table 5.4 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by major activity groups and region² as at June, 2001³ - Hotels and restaurants

NSIC (Rev 3) Section	Description	Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Urban	Pamp. / R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne	Rural	Total
	Total	697	1,249	1,946	1,320	1,122	295	801	3,538	5,484
55101 - 55109	Hotels and boarding houses	36	72	108	167	35	36	30	268	376
55201 - 55202	Restaurants	71	168	239	150	76	46	39	311	550
55203	Bars	206	385	591	497	486	107	381	1,471	2,062
55204 - 55209	Tea hotels and other eating places	384	624	1,008	506	525	106	351	1,488	2,496

Table 5.4 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by major activity groups and region² as at June, Transport, storage and communications

NSIC (Rev 3) section	Description	Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Urban	Pamp. / R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne	Rural	Total
	Total	2,590	3,208	5,798	3,603	2,560	324	1,504	7,991	13,789
60211 - 60219	Land transport: Bus	280	898	1,178	647	610	51	427	1,735	2,913
60221	Taxi car	905	1,268	2,173	974	1,141	188	598	2,901	5,074
60231 - 60239	Goods vehicles (lorry and van)	1,010	925	1,935	1,881	761	73	453	3,168	5,103
63010 - 63030 & 63090	Supporting and auxilliary transport activities (cargo handling, storage etc)	238	60	298	29	28	3	15	75	373
63041 - 63042	Travel agencies	155	57	212	72	20	9	11	112	324
64	Post and telecommunications	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	0	2

¹ Adjusted

² As per municipal and district council boundaries

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Table 5.6 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by major activity groups and region² as at June, 2001³ - Financial intermediation, real estate and business activities

NSIC (Rev 3) section	Description	Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Urban	Pamp. / R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne	Rural	Total
	Total	1,556	1,332	2,888	618	477	90	223	1,408	4,296
65	Financial intermediation except insurance & pension funding (banks)	56	48	104	31	23	5	24	83	187
66	Insurance and pension funding except compulsory social security	78	19	97	12	19	1	7	39	136
67	Activities auxiliary to financial intermediation (e.g stockbrokers)	16	2	18	-	1	-	-	1	19
70	Real estate activities	63	91	154	61	11	2	8	82	236
71	Renting of machinery and equipment (e.g contract cars)	498	581	1,079	385	338	63	140	926	2,005
72	Computer and related activities	48	26	74	5	3	-	-	8	82
74111	Attorney	124	-	124	<u>-</u>	-	-	-	0	124
74112	Notary	53	-	53	-	-	-	-	0	53
74113	Barrister	185	-	185	-	-	-	-	0	185
74121 & 74122	Accounting and Tax consultancy	31	12	43	1	-	-	-	1	44
7414	Business and management consultancy activities	120	30	150	6	4	3	1	14	164
74211	Engineer	60	321	381	66	35	5	23	129	510
74212 & 74213	Quantity and Land surveyors	25	25	50	-	-	-	1	1	51
74214	Architect	15	63	78	4	6	2	3	15	93
7422	Technical testing and analysis	64	17	81	3	2	4	1	10	91
74300	Advertising	35	14	49	4	5	2	-	11	60
749	Business activities, n.e.c	85	83	168	40	30	3	15	88	256

¹ Adjusted

² As per municipal and district council boundaries

³ Provisional

Table 5.7 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by major activity groups and region² as at June, 2001³ Education; Health and Social work; Community, social and personal services activities

NSIC (Rev 3) section	Description	Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Urban	Pamp. / R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne	Rural	Total
	Total	870	2,058	2,928	666	1,014	192	605	2,477	5,405
80101	Pre-Primary	129	320	449	196	198	39	173	606	1,055
80102	Primary*	1	9	10	5	3	-	-	8	18
80210	Secondary	16	20	36	14	13	-	16	43	79
80220	Vocational training centre	72	88	160	14	21	3	10	48	208
80901 - 80909	Adult & other education (e.g driving school)	30	47	77	13	15	1	7	36	113
85121 - 85122	Medical practioner	136	669	805	103	80	9	49	241	1,046
85123	Dentist	21	99	120	11	10	-	6	27	147
85124 - 85320	Other health services	29	41	70	5	9	-	6	20	90
90	Sewage and refuse disposal, sanitation and similar activities	5	1	6	2	2	1	6	11	17
91	Activities of membership organisations n.e.c	6	16	22	6	1	2	2	11	33
92	Recreational cultural & sporting activities	179	346	525	126	534	103	309	1,072	1,597
93	Other service activities	246	402	648	171	128	34	21	354	1,002

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² As per municipal and district council boundaries

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^{*} Private unaided schools only

Table 6 - Licences issued by the local authorities, classified by NSIC section as at June, 1996 - 2001

Number

NSIC (Rev 3) section	Activity	1997¹	1998¹	1999¹	20001	20012
	Total	50,888	53,856	57,514	60,361	66,480
С	Mining and quarrying (sand & salt)	277	283	284	283	191
D	Manufacturing	3,458	3,628	3,820	3,966	4,190
Е	Electricity, gas and water supply	-	-	-	-	-
F G	Construction Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles & personal and household goods	455 34,593	482 36,458	517 38,758	565 40,581	650 43,839
Н	Hotels and restaurants	4,761	4,969	5,134	5,294	6,787
I	Transport, storage and communications	3,466	3,876	4,275	4,527	4,587
J	Financial intermediation	296	299	300	310	324
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	1,827	1,925	2,022	2,125	2,414
M	Education	127	146	180	210	262
N	Health and social work	255	210	211	217	286
О	Other community, social and personal service activities	1,373	1,580	2,013	2,283	2,950

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Table 7 - Total number of licences³ and registrations classified by NSIC section as at June, 1997 - 2001

NSIC (Rev 3) section	Activity	1997¹	1998¹	1999¹	20001	20012
section	Total	65,690	68,602	73,340	74,598	78,161
С	Mining and quarrying (sand & salt)	186	192	285	284	284
D	Manufacturing	4,216	4,412	4,654	4,593	4,828
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	3	4	4	6	6
F	Construction	2,252	2,355	2,446	529	595
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles & personal and household goods	35,013	36,950	39,396	41,006	43,492
Н	Hotels and restaurants	4,761	4,969	5,134	5,386	5,484
I	Transport, storage and communications	13,115	13,373	13,953	13,678	13,789
Ј	Financial intermediation	315	318	320	329	342
K	Real estate, renting and business activities ¹	2,727	2,609	3,319	3,814	3,954
M	Education	1,156	1,217	1,246	1,411	1,473
N	Health and social work	568	618	566	1,274	1,283
О	Other community, social and personal services activities	1,378	1,585	2,017	2,288	2,649

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