

Business Activity Statistics, July 2002 - June 2003

Introduction

Business Activity Statistics are compiled mainly from the administrative records of the local authorities, professional councils, government departments and other organisations responsible for the delivery of licences and registration certificates. Thus only licensed and registered activities are covered. Currently all agricultural related activities, except those associated with the manufacture of food products, are not covered.

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.

2. Evolution of Licences between July 2002 and June 2003

During the period July 2002 to June 2003, a total of 5,703 new licences were issued, 64% of which pertained to activities classified under 'Wholesale & retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles and personal & household goods'. During the same period, 1,825 licences were cancelled, thus bringing the total number of licences as at June 2003 to 69,402, representing an increase of 3,878 (6%) over the previous year figure (Table 1).

3. Licences and registrations as at June 2003

Table 4 shows that at the end of June 2003, the total number of licensed and registered activities stood at 86,079 showing an increase of 3,971 (5%) over the figure of 82,108 in June 2002. The highest number of activities was registered in the sector 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and households goods', totaling 46,965 (55%), followed by the sector 'Transport, storage & communications', 17,208 (20%).

4. Distribution by region and industry

The distribution of licences and registrations by industry and region (urban and rural) is outlaid in Table 5. The number of activities is higher in rural areas than in urban areas, 44,855 (52%) against 41,224 (48%).

An analysis by sector reveals that activities relating to ‘Hotels and restaurants’ are mostly found in the rural areas (65%), while those pertaining to sectors ‘Real estate, renting and business activities’ and ‘Financial intermediation’ occur predominantly in the urban areas with figures of 66% and 60% respectively.

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Technical Notes

1. Concepts and coverage

Data compiled in this publication pertain to all activities licensed at the local authorities (Municipal and District Councils) as well as those registered with the relevant authorities. All activities carried out without a licence or registration are therefore excluded. Currently all agricultural related activities, except those in the manufacture of food products, are 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 (e.g Ministry of Education, Medical Council etc.). 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 either registration or licence only. For example the owner of a bus, besides registering his vehicle with the National Transport Authority may also hold a licence issued by a district council. In the table giving figures for both licences and registrations, the activity of the bus owner is accounted for in registration only.

2. 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
B	Fishing	05
C	Mining & Quarrying	10 – 14
D	Manufacturing	15 – 37
E	Electricity, Gas & Water supply	40 and 41
F	Construction	45
G	Wholesale and Retail trade; Repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles & personal and households goods	50 – 52
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

3. Data sources

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

- Licences:** - Municipalities and District Councils
- Registrations:** - Ministry of Industry and International Trade - (EPZ & Pioneer)
- Ministry of Commerce and Cooperative - ESZ
 - National Transport Authority - Public transport
 - Ministry of Education - Private schools
 - Judicial Department - Legal activities
 - Professional Councils - Medical Practitioners, Dentists, Architects etc
 - Mauritius Freeport Authority - Freeport companies
 - Financial Services Commission - Offshore Companies
 - The Police Department - Driving schools

Table 1 - Evolution of licences between July 2002 and June 2003

NSIC	Activity	Number			
		2002 ¹ (as at June)	July 2002 to June 2003		2003 ² (as at June)
			Issued	Cancelled	
	Total	65,524	5,703	1,825	69,402
C	Mining and quarrying	5	0	0	5
D	Manufacturing	4,254	301	91	4,464
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	0	0	0	0
F	Construction	676	88	12	752
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	43,997	3,640	1,202	46,435
H	Hotels and restaurants	5,493	351	211	5,633
I	Transport, storage and communications	4,716	212	109	4,819
J	Financial intermediation	345	23	11	357
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	2,396	230	74	2,552
M	Education	282	58	8	332
N	Health and social work	226	14	1	239
O	Other community, social and personal service activities	3,134	786	106	3,814

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Table 2 - Licences by activity and district as at June 2003¹

											Number
NSIC	Activity	Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplemousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	All districts
	Total	13,640	19,096	6,473	7,491	3,292	7,327	5,463	3,009	3,611	69,402
C	Mining and quarrying	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
D	Manufacturing	984	1,408	447	313	197	388	301	225	201	4,464
E	Electricity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F	Construction	138	334	58	41	39	66	36	12	28	752
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	9,060	13,401	4,651	5,475	2,236	4,868	3,064	1,717	1,963	46,435
H	Hotels and restaurants	728	1,258	641	764	306	719	595	266	356	5,633
I	Transport, storage and communications	1,038	903	268	315	139	249	877	413	617	4,819
J	Financial intermediation and insurance	135	75	17	36	13	35	27	13	6	357
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	905	551	183	276	95	172	95	52	223	2,552
M	Education	113	140	8	13	13	26	8	2	9	332
N	Health and social work	80	105	6	23	4	13	3	3	2	239
O	Other community, social and personal services	459	921	194	235	250	791	457	306	201	3,814

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Table 3 - Registrations by activity and district as at June 2003¹

											Number
NSIC	Activity	Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplemousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	All districts
	Total	4,703	5,843	2,489	2,500	1,291	2,304	1,291	793	493	21,707
C	Mining and quarrying	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D	Manufacturing	135	219	73	48	50	24	21	16	28	614
E	Electricity	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	4
F	Construction	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	399	69	14	8	4	5	29	0	2	530
H	Hotels and restaurants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I	Transport, storage and communications	2,752	4,182	2,108	2,234	950	2,107	1,086	686	371	16,476
J	Financial intermediation and insurance	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	1,139	618	163	86	207	19	43	13	55	2,343
M	Education	174	384	108	95	58	127	97	64	31	1,138
N	Health and social work	88	366	22	28	21	20	15	13	6	579
O	Other community, social and personal services	3	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	9

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Table 4 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity as at June, 2002 and 2003

NSIC	Activity	Number					
		2002 ²			2003 ³		
		Licences only	Registrations	Total	Licences only	Registrations	Total
	Total	61,105	21,003	82,108	64,372	21,707	86,079
C	Mining and quarrying	5	0	5	5	0	5
D	Manufacturing	4,423	605	5,028	4,464	614	5,078
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	0	4	4	0	4	4
F	Construction	697	1	698	752	1	753
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	44,244	579	44,823	46,435	530	46,965
H	Hotels and restaurants	5,493	0	5,493	5,633	0	5,633
I	Transport, storage and communications	746	15,788	16,534	732	16,476	17,208
J	Financial intermediation and insurance	347	12	359	357	13	370
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	1,641	2,310	3,951	1,741	2,343	4,084
M	Education	281	1,115	1,396	332	1,138	1,470
N	Health and social work	97	579	676	107	579	686
O	Other community, social and personal service activities	3,131	10	3,141	3,814	9	3,823

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

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Table 5 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and region as at June 2003² - All sections

		Number		
NSIC	Activity	Urban	Rural	Total
	Total	41,224	44,855	86,079
C	Mining and quarrying	0	5	5
D	Manufacturing	2,746	2,332	5,078
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	0	4	4
F	Construction	473	280	753
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	22,929	24,036	46,965
H	Hotels and restaurants	1,986	3,647	5,633
I	Transport, storage and communications	7,445	9,763	17,208
J	Financial intermediation and insurance	223	147	370
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	2,694	1,390	4,084
M	Education	811	659	1,470
N	Health and social work	530	156	686
O	Other community, social and personal service activities	1,387	2,436	3,823

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Table 5.1 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 2003²

NSIC	Activity	Number									
		Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplennousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	All districts
	Total	17,182	24,042	8,729	9,620	4,447	9,399	5,907	3,389	3,364	86,079
C	Mining and quarrying	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
D	Manufacturing	1,119	1,627	520	361	247	412	322	241	229	5,078
E	Electricity	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	4
F	Construction	138	335	58	41	39	66	36	12	28	753
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	9,459	13,470	4,665	5,483	2,240	4,873	3,093	1,717	1,965	46,965
H	Hotels and restaurants	728	1,258	641	764	306	719	595	266	356	5,633
I	Transport, storage and communications	3,148	4,297	2,153	2,303	954	2,132	1,123	689	409	17,208
J	Financial intermediation and insurance	148	75	17	36	13	35	27	13	6	370
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	1,574	1,120	338	253	301	185	131	65	117	4,084
M	Education	287	524	116	108	71	153	105	66	40	1,470
N	Health and social work	119	411	26	35	25	31	18	13	8	686
O	Other community, social and personal services	462	925	194	236	251	791	457	306	201	3,823

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Table 5.2 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 2003² - Manufacturing

NSIC	Activity										Number
		Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplémousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	All districts
	Total	1,119	1,627	520	361	247	412	322	241	229	5,078
15 & 16	Food product, beverages and tobacco	141	216	85	44	31	58	45	39	37	696
17 & 18	Textiles and wearing apparel	196	453	116	100	77	110	98	83	34	1,267
19	Tanning and dressing of leather & footwear	27	35	15	5	7	4	6	2	1	102
20, 36101- 36109	Wood product including furniture	138	304	53	56	32	76	60	36	18	773
21,22	Paper product, publishing and printing	141	85	17	8	14	11	12	7	19	314
23	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
24	Chemicals and chemical products	21	15	12	2	3	2	2	0	13	70
25	Rubber and plastic products	78	43	16	15	8	9	20	10	8	207
26	Non-metallic mineral products	16	15	17	3	4	11	10	4	16	96
27, 28, 29	Basic & fabricated metals and machinery, n.e.c	98	195	48	49	20	30	22	21	19	502
30000	Office equipment	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
31, 32	Electrical machinery, apparatus, radio & tv equipment	15	9	5	0	1	0	2	0	0	32
33	Medical optical instrument, watches and clocks	7	17	6	11	8	6	0	1	1	57
34, 35	Motor vehicles, trailers and other transport equipment	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10
36911- 36919	Jewellery and related products	138	152	51	39	28	83	32	33	9	565
36920- 36999	Manufacturing, n.e.c.	90	80	77	29	13	12	12	5	50	368
37	Recycling	3	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	7

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Table 5.3 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 2003² - Electricity, Gas and Water Supply

NSIC	Activity	Number									
		P - Louis	P/Wilhelms	Pamp.	R.Reupart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
40 & 41	Electricity, Gas and water	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	4

Table 5.4 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 2003² - Construction

NSIC	Activity	Number									
		P - Louis	P/Wilhelms	Pamp.	R.Reupart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
4520	Construction	138	335	58	41	39	66	36	12	28	753

Table 5.5 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 2003² - Hotels and Restaurants

NSIC	Activity	Number									
		P - Louis	P/Wilhelms	Pamp.	R.Reupart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
	Total	728	1,258	641	764	306	719	595	266	356	5,633
55101 - 55109	Hotels and boarding houses	28	61	45	105	1	22	28	1	24	315
55201 - 55202	Restaurants	79	133	83	103	13	58	44	8	64	585
55203	Bars	207	387	232	302	143	337	271	132	120	2,131
55204 - 55209	Canteens and other eating places	414	677	281	254	149	302	252	125	148	2,602

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

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**Table 5.6 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 2003² - Wholesale and retail trade;
Repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods**

NSIC	Activity	Number									
		P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
	Total	9,459	13,470	4,665	5,483	2,240	4,873	3,093	1,717	1,965	46,965
501 & 502	Sale and repairs of motor vehicles	111	174	53	36	34	55	36	17	22	538
503	Sale of motor vehicle spare parts and accessories	250	189	57	38	16	40	31	19	23	663
504	Sale and repairs of motorcycles/spare parts	102	94	36	27	9	30	24	18	6	346
505	Retail sale of automotive fuel	19	50	12	16	6	15	12	7	5	142
51	Wholesaler/Commission Agent except of motor vehicles	1,760	944	204	185	223	341	176	106	158	4,097
5211	General retailer foodstuff and non-foodstuff	722	1,517	626	591	219	363	655	324	261	5,278
5219	General retailer non-foodstuff (non-specialised)	1,487	2,021	326	634	185	514	239	148	141	5,695
5220	Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco	1,519	2,886	967	936	641	1,308	803	455	571	10,086
5231	Retail sale of pharmaceutical goods	48	102	12	15	8	13	13	7	5	223
5232	Retail sale of textiles and footwear	351	91	14	34	2	1	43	33	3	572
5233	Retail sale of household appliances	194	152	29	31	10	31	47	24	15	533
5234	Retail of hardware, paints and glass	243	240	81	79	39	77	56	46	25	886
5235	Sale of furniture	38	179	75	68	24	64	45	35	14	542
5236	Bookshop	56	87	22	20	8	18	12	3	4	230
5237	Jewellers shop	28	40	13	32	4	11	1	0	11	140
5239	Retail sale in specialised stores	236	508	197	202	87	218	156	83	81	1,768
5240	Retail sale of second-hand goods in stores	13	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	18
5252	Retail at market place and fairs	665	3,575	1,266	1,934	548	1,269	217	74	327	9,875
5259	Hawkers, street vendors and mobile victualler	1,504	390	604	554	143	417	492	311	272	4,687
5260	Repair of personal and household goods	113	228	71	51	34	88	33	7	21	646

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

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Table 5.7 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 2003² - Transport, storage and communications

NSIC	Activity	Number									
		Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplemousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	All districts
	Total	3,148	4,297	2,153	2,303	954	2,132	1,123	689	409	17,208
60211 - 60219	Bus Transport	579	1,658	502	442	298	443	370	212	64	4,568
60221	Taxi car	962	1,429	497	690	212	1,222	446	212	223	5,893
60231 - 60239	Freight transport by road	1,188	1,086	1,104	1,101	440	442	268	262	84	5,975
63010 - 63030 & 63090	Supporting and auxilliary transport activities	262	62	27	4	0	1	31	0	24	411
63041 - 63042	Travel agencies and tour operators	156	62	23	66	4	24	8	3	14	360
64	Post and telecommunications	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

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

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**Table 5.8 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 2003² - Financial intermediation;
Real estate and business activities**

NSIC	Activity	Number									
		P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
	Total	1,722	1,195	355	289	314	220	158	78	123	4,454
65	Financial intermediation except insurance & pension funding	56	53	13	22	8	14	20	8	4	198
66	Insurance and pension funding except compulsory social security	77	21	4	8	3	14	7	4	2	140
67	Activities auxiliary to financial intermediation	15	1	0	6	2	7	0	1	0	32
70	Real estate activities	70	89	21	42	4	9	6	1	4	246
71	Renting of machinery and equipment	596	693	274	181	260	145	104	57	88	2,398
72	Computer and related activities	42	27	3	1	3	0	1	0	1	78
74111	Attorney	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125
74112	Notary	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53
74113	Barrister	216	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	216
74121 & 74122	Accounting and Tax consultancy	38	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
7414	Business and management consultancy activities	155	31	1	1	2	0	1	1	5	197
74211	Engineer	6	13	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	21
74212 & 74213	Quantity and Land surveyors	32	23	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	59
74214	Architect	30	52	4	2	3	2	1	0	3	97
7422	Motor surveyors	74	33	8	1	5	2	2	0	6	131
74300	Advertising	38	17	1	4	1	3	0	0	4	68
749	Business activities, n.e.c	99	132	24	20	21	23	15	6	6	346

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Table 5.9 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 2003²- Education; Health and Social work; Community, social and personal service activities

NSIC	Activity	Number									
		P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
	Total	868	1,860	336	379	347	975	580	385	249	5,979
80101	Pre-Primary	112	260	82	79	35	99	77	52	24	820
80102	Primary	9	26	4	7	6	10	5	3	3	73
80210	Secondary	17	45	8	7	7	7	8	6	2	107
80220	Vocational training centre	93	133	8	13	10	21	8	2	9	297
8030	Higher education	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	4
80901 - 80909	Adult & other education	55	60	14	2	10	16	7	3	2	169
85121 - 85122	Medical practioner	69	297	19	21	16	17	14	10	6	469
85123	Dentist	19	69	3	7	5	3	1	3	0	110
85124 - 85320	Optician, Other health and Social work activities	31	45	4	7	4	11	3	0	2	107
90	Sewage and refuse disposal, sanitation and similar activities	5	2	2	1	0	1	4	2	1	18
91	Activities of membership organisations n.e.c	7	16	1	5	1	0	2	0	4	36
92	Recreational cultural & sporting activities	178	368	95	118	206	692	368	264	145	2,434
93	Other service activities	272	539	96	112	44	98	83	40	51	1,335

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