

Population and vital statistics

Year 2004

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POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS, REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS - YEAR 2004

1. Population estimates, 31st December 2004

As at the end of 2004, the population of the Republic of Mauritius was estimated at 1,238,043 of whom 612,334 were males and 625,709 females, giving a sex ratio of 97.9. With an estimated population of 1,228,128 at the beginning of the year, the population growth rate works out to 0.8% in 2004.

The population of the Island of Mauritius grew at a rate of 0.8% from 1,191,336 at the beginning of 2004 to 1,200,984 by the end of the year. Over the same period, the population of Rodrigues increased from 36,503 to 36,770, at a rate of 0.7%. The population of the outer islands (Agalega and Saint Brandon) is estimated at around 289 (193 males and 96 females).

The Republic of Mauritius, with a total land area of 2,040 square kilometres, had a population density of around 607 persons per square kilometre at the end of 2004 (Table 1). Corresponding figures for the islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues were 644 and 354 respectively.

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

2. Components of population growth

Table 3 shows the contribution of each component of population growth, namely natural increase and net international migration, to the population change during the year. In 2004, natural increase (the excess of live births over deaths) added 10,737 persons while net international migration subtracted 822 persons, resulting in an overall population increase of 9,915 (0.8%) during the year.

3. Population estimates by age-group and sex

Table 4 gives the estimated mid-year population of the Republic of Mauritius in 2003 and 2004 by age and sex. Between 2003 and 2004, the proportion of the population aged 0-14 years declined from 25.2% to 24.9%. In contrast, an increase was registered in the proportion aged 15-64 years, from 68.3% to 68.6% while the proportion aged 65+ years remained at 6.5%. As a result, the dependency ratio (the child population under 15 years of age and the elderly population aged 65+ years per 1,000 population aged 15-64 years) decreased from 464 to 457.

Figure 1 on page 7 shows a population pyramid depicting changes in the age structure between 1994 and 2004.

4. Vital statistics and rates

Tables 5(a) to 5(c) give a series of vital statistics and rates from 1995 to 2004 for the Republic of Mauritius, the Island of Mauritius and the Island of Rodrigues respectively.

4.1 Live births

In 2004, 19,220 live births were registered in the Republic of Mauritius, representing a 0.6% decrease over the number registered in 2003 (19,343). The crude birth rate consequently dropped from 15.8 to 15.6 per 1,000 mid-year population.

In the Island of Mauritius, 18,277 live births were registered in 2004 against 18,518 in 2003, that is a 1.3% decrease. The crude birth rate thus declined from 15.6 to 15.3. In the Island of Rodrigues however, the number of live births increased from 825 to 943 resulting in a rise of the crude birth rate from 23.6 to 25.7.

4.2 Deaths

In the Republic of Mauritius, 8,483 deaths were registered in the year 2004, showing a 0.4% decrease over the number registered in 2003 (8,520). The crude death rate consequently dropped to 6.9 from 7.0 in 2003.

In the Island of Mauritius, the number of deaths decreased by 0.5%, from 8,310 in 2003 to 8,267 in 2004; consequently the crude death rate declined from 7.0 to 6.9. However, in the Island of Rodrigues, the number of deaths increased slightly from 210 (rate of 6.0) in 2003 to 216 (rate of 5.9) in 2004.

4.3 Infant deaths

A 10.8% increase was noted in the number of infant deaths for the Republic of Mauritius, from 250 in 2003 to 277 in 2004. The infant mortality rate consequently rose from 12.9 to 14.4.

In the Island of Mauritius, the number of infant deaths increased from 230 in 2003 to 257 in 2004. The infant mortality rate thus rose from 12.4 to 14.1. In the Island of Rodrigues, the number of infant deaths registered in 2004 was 20, the same as in 2003, though the infant mortality rate decreased from 22.9 to 21.2 during that period.

4.4 Still Births

In 2004, the number of still births registered in the Republic of Mauritius was 190, which is 13.6% lower than that registered in 2003 (220). The still birth rate consequently fell from 11.2 in 2003 to 9.8 in 2004.

The Island of Mauritius registered 166 still births in 2004 against 205 in 2003; thus the still birth rate fell from 10.9 in 2003 to 9.0 in 2004. The number of still births registered in Rodrigues however increased - from 15 (rate of 17.1) in 2003 to 24 (rate of 24.8) in 2004.

4.5 Marriages

There was a 5.6% increase in the number of marriages registered in the Republic of Mauritius, from 10,812 in 2003 to 11,419 in 2004. The marriage rate consequently rose from 17.7 to 18.5.

The number of marriages registered in the Island of Mauritius increased from 10,556 in 2003 to 11,172 in 2004 with the crude marriage rate rising from 17.8 to 18.7. The Island of Rodrigues, however, registered a decrease in the number of marriages from 256 (rate of 13.4) to 247 (rate of 13.5).

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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.

Table 1 - Estimated resident population¹ of the Republic of Mauritius as at 31st December 2004

Island	Both sexes	Male	Female	Sex ratio	Area (km ²)	Density per km ²
Mauritius	1,200,984	593,951	607,033	97.8	1,864.8	644
Rodrigues	36,770	18,190	18,580	97.9	104.0	354
Other	289	193	96	201.0	71.2	4
Republic	1,238,043	612,334	625,709	97.9	2,040.0	607

Table 2 - Estimated resident population of the Republic of Mauritius, 2002 - 2004 (31st December)

Year	Both sexes	Male	Female	Sex ratio	Density per Km ²	Annual growth rate (%)
2002	1,216,781	602,490	614,291	98.1	596	0.9
2003	1,228,128	607,682	620,446	97.9	602	0.9
2004	1,238,043	612,334	625,709	97.9	607	0.8

Table 3 - Components of population growth - Republic of Mauritius², 2004

Components of population growth	2004 ¹
Resident population as at beginning of year	<u>1,227,839</u>
Live Births	19,220
Deaths	8,483
Natural increase	<u>10,737</u>
Net international migration	<u>-822</u>
Resident population as at end of year	1,237,754

¹ provisional² excluding Agalega and St Brandon

Table 4 - Estimated resident population¹ by age-group and sex - Republic of Mauritius², 1st July 2003 and 1st July 2004

Age group (Years)	1st July 2003				1st July 2004			
	Male	Female	Both sexes		Male	Female	Both sexes	
			Number	%			Number	%
0	9,907	9,753	19,660	1.6	9,708	9,289	18,997	1.5
1 - 4	40,009	38,379	78,388	6.4	39,994	38,657	78,651	6.4
5 - 9	51,264	50,464	101,728	8.3	50,440	49,357	99,797	8.1
10 - 14	54,939	53,243	108,182	8.8	55,251	53,698	108,949	8.9
15 - 19	47,426	46,391	93,817	7.7	48,008	46,955	94,963	7.7
20 - 24	55,825	55,496	111,321	9.1	54,276	53,308	107,584	8.7
25 - 29	51,338	52,327	103,665	8.5	52,798	53,955	106,753	8.7
30 - 34	45,682	45,784	91,466	7.5	46,256	46,591	92,847	7.5
35 - 39	51,743	51,452	103,195	8.4	49,955	49,954	99,909	8.1
40 - 44	48,438	47,563	96,001	7.9	49,907	49,072	98,979	8.0
45 - 49	41,845	41,402	83,247	6.8	42,880	42,597	85,477	6.9
50 - 54	35,347	35,978	71,325	5.8	36,847	37,382	74,229	6.0
55 - 59	22,943	25,429	48,372	4.0	24,029	26,521	50,550	4.1
60 - 64	15,299	17,717	33,016	2.7	16,375	18,826	35,201	2.9
65 - 69	12,957	15,782	28,739	2.4	12,714	15,851	28,565	2.3
70 - 74	8,678	11,457	20,135	1.6	9,035	11,734	20,769	1.7
75 - 79	6,789	9,991	16,780	1.4	6,675	9,882	16,557	1.4
80 - 84	3,085	5,226	8,311	0.7	3,408	5,799	9,207	0.7
85 +	1,570	3,893	5,463	0.4	1,552	3,850	5,402	0.4
All ages	605,084	617,727	1,222,811	100.0	610,108	623,278	1,233,386	100.0

¹ based on 2000 population census data adjusted for underenumeration of young children

² excluding Agalega and St Brandon

Figure 1

Population Pyramids - Republic of Mauritius, 1994 & 2004

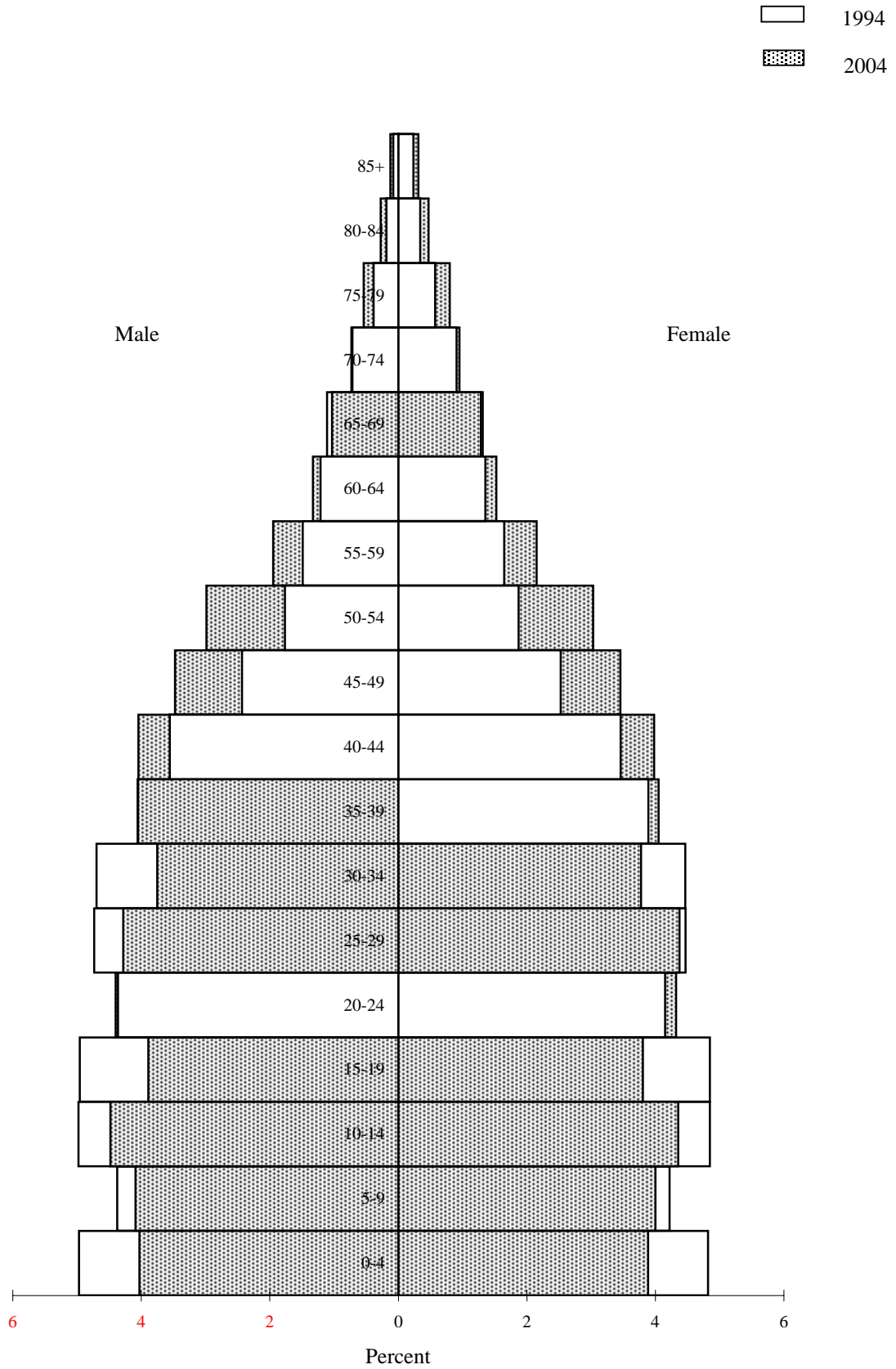


Table 5(a) - Population¹, vital statistics and vital rates - Republic of Mauritius², 1995 - 2004³

Year	Mid-year population	Vital statistics						Vital rates ⁴					
		Live births	Deaths	Infant deaths	Still births	Civil marriages	Divorces	Crude birth rate	Crude death rate	Infant mortality rate	Still birth rate	Marriage rate	Divorce rate
1995	1,122,457	20,549	7,465	404	299	10,624	801	18.3	6.7	19.7	14.3	18.9	1.4
1996	1,133,996	20,763	7,670	459	266	10,700	792	18.3	6.8	22.1	12.6	18.9	1.4
1997	1,148,284	20,012	7,986	406	257	10,887	891	17.4	7.0	20.3	12.7	19.0	1.6
1998	1,160,421	19,434	7,839	376	227	10,898	1,012	16.7	6.8	19.3	11.5	18.8	1.7
1999	1,175,267	20,311	7,944	396	226	11,295	1,150	17.3	6.8	19.5	11.0	19.2	2.0
2000 ⁵	1,186,873	20,205	7,982	322	266	10,963	1,191	17.0	6.7	15.9	13.0	18.5	2.0
2001	1,199,881	19,696	7,983	282	244	10,635	1,512	16.4	6.7	14.3	12.2	17.7	2.5
2002	1,210,196	19,983	8,310	297	203	10,484	1,291	16.5	6.9	14.9	10.1	17.3	2.1
2003	1,222,811	19,343	8,520	250	220	10,812	1,190	15.8	7.0	12.9	11.2	17.7	1.9
2004	1,233,386	19,220	8,483	277	190	11,419	...	15.6	6.9	14.4	9.8	18.5	...

¹ Population estimates for the period 1995-1999 have been revised in the light of the 2000 Population Census figures

² excluding Agalega & Saint Brandon.

³ vital statistics and vital rates for the year 2004 are provisional

⁴ Please see notes on page 4 for definitions

⁵ Population Census figure adjusted for under-enumeration of young children

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Table 5(b) - Population¹, vital statistics and vital rates - Island of Mauritius, 1995 - 2004²

Year	Mid-year population	Vital statistics					Vital rates ³				
		Live births	Deaths	Infant deaths	Still births	Civil marriages	Crude birth rate	Crude death rate	Infant mortality rate	Still birth rate	Marriage rate
1995	1,087,636	19,824	7,298	388	297	10,430	18.2	6.7	19.6	14.8	19.2
1996	1,099,057	20,049	7,508	445	264	10,502	18.2	6.8	22.2	13.0	19.1
1997	1,113,144	19,331	7,798	393	253	10,654	17.4	7.0	20.3	12.9	19.1
1998	1,125,118	18,744	7,651	364	221	10,650	16.7	6.8	19.4	11.7	18.9
1999	1,139,718	19,543	7,791	375	219	11,072	17.1	6.8	19.2	11.1	19.4
2000 ⁴	1,151,094	19,398	7,806	306	263	10,720	16.9	6.8	15.8	13.4	18.6
2001	1,163,875	18,884	7,761	263	234	10,414	16.2	6.7	13.9	12.2	17.9
2002	1,174,021	19,169	8,081	278	197	10,253	16.3	6.9	14.5	10.2	17.5
2003	1,186,363	18,518	8,310	230	205	10,556	15.6	7.0	12.4	10.9	17.8
2004	1,196,696	18,277	8,267	257	166	11,172	15.3	6.9	14.1	9.0	18.7

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⁴ Population Census figure adjusted for under-enumeration of young children

Table 5(c) - Population¹, vital statistics and vital rates² - Island of Rodrigues, 1995 - 2004³

Year	Mid-year population	Vital statistics					Vital rates ⁴				
		Live births	Deaths	Infant deaths	Still births	Civil marriages	Crude birth rate	Crude death rate	Infant mortality rate	Still birth rate	Marriage rate
1995	34,821	725	167	16	2	194	20.9	4.8	20.6	3.2	11.4
1996	34,939	714	162	14	2	198	20.2	4.9	20.3	3.8	11.9
1997	35,140	681	188	13	4	233	19.8	5.1	18.7	5.7	12.9
1998	35,303	690	188	12	6	248	20.2	5.0	21.5	7.9	13.3
1999	35,549	768	153	21	7	223	21.2	4.8	21.6	7.0	13.4
2000 ⁵	35,779	807	176	16	3	243	22.2	5.1	23.5	8.3	12.8
2001	36,006	812	222	19	10	221	22.5	5.8	22.6	7.7	12.9
2002	36,175	814	229	19	6	231	22.6	6.1	23.7	12.5	13.0
2003	36,448	825	210	20	15	256	23.6	6.0	22.9	17.1	13.4
2004	36,690	943	216	20	24	247	25.7	5.9	21.2	24.8	13.5

¹ Population estimates for the period 1995-1999 have been revised in the light of the 2000 Population Census

² 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 2004 are based on vital events for that year only

³ vital statistics and vital rates for the year 2004 are provisional

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⁵ 2000 Census figures