

## **Crime statistics, 1993 – 2003 (Police Department)**

### **1. Introduction**

This issue of Economic and Social Indicators is the second in the series on criminal offences, based on administrative records of the Police Department. It aims at providing users with some indicators on the level and nature of crime, and its evolution over time.

Criminal offences are unlawful acts for which penalties are provided. The Police classify these offences according to the Mauritian Criminal Code. Offences which the law punishes are crimes, misdemeanours and contraventions. These are defined on page 6. The categorisation does not follow the United Nations classification of offences. However an attempt has been made (Table 7) to classify the Mauritian data according to the UN classification to allow some international comparison.

Statistics presented in this indicator are derived mainly from police records of reported cases and a database of fingerprinted persons with one or more convictions. Information on the workforce and budget of the Police Department is also included.

The published data relate to the Republic of Mauritius. However, some tables showing data for the Island of Mauritius and for Island of Rodrigues are also given. The data cover the period 1993 to 2003, unless otherwise stated.

### **2. Limitation of data**

The statistics on offences presented are based on the current database of reported cases, which are the starting points of police investigation. However, as a case moves through the various stages of investigation, the type of offence and the status of the associated suspect or suspects are liable to changes. Thus, allegations may be withdrawn; the police may find an offence to have no basis or to be different from what was reported; a suspect may be cleared of all charges, while other suspects may be detected. However, the database is not updated to take account of these changes. Hence, analysis of offenders by characteristics such as age and sex is not meaningful. Such analysis is possible only with the database of fingerprinted offenders with one or more convictions.

Care should therefore be taken in interpreting the data, which are also subject to changes in public attitude to offence reporting, changes in classification of offences by type, and the amount of resources mobilised for the tracking of crime.

### **3. Cases Reported**

Cases reported to the Police are either criminal offences or relate to events such as accidental deaths, accidental fires, suicides or attempted suicides and street accidents, which are not connected to any offence.

In 2003, a total of 269,917 cases (265,461 in the Island of Mauritius and 4,456 in Rodrigues) were notified at the Police Department compared to 155,572 (152,259 in the Island of Mauritius and 3,313 in Rodrigues) in 1993. This represents an increase of 73% (74% in the Island of Mauritius and 35% in Rodrigues) over the period under review.

The percentage of reported cases connected to an offence increased from 63% (98,023) in 1993 to 72% (194,532) in 2003. The proportions were more or less similar for the Island of Mauritius and for Rodrigues.

#### **4. Offences by type**

Trends in the different types of offences during the period 1993 to 2003 for the Republic of Mauritius, Island of Mauritius and Island of Rodrigues are shown in Tables 1, 3 and 5 respectively.

The total number of offences in the Republic of Mauritius increased by 98% from 98,023 in 1993 to 194,532 in 2003. The number of crimes more than doubled from 3,808 in 1993 to 7,760 in 2003; misdemeanours increased by 4% from 32,364 to 33,615 while contraventions increased by 148% from 61,851 to 153,157 (Table 1 and Figure 1).

During the same period, the number of offences in the Island of Mauritius nearly doubled from 95,962 to 191,296 following increases in the number of crimes (103%), misdemeanours (3%) and contravention (150%).

In Rodrigues, the number of offences increased by 57% from 2,061 in 1993 to 3,236 in 2003. The number of crimes more than tripled while misdemeanours increased by around 61% and contraventions by 52% (Table 5).

The proportion of crimes in the Republic of Mauritius which was 4% in 1993 remained at the same level in 2003; misdemeanours decreased from 33% to 17% while contraventions increased from 63% to 79%. Similar trends were noted for the Island of Mauritius. In Rodrigues, the proportion of crimes increased from 2% to 4%, misdemeanours increased from 25% to 26% while contraventions decreased from 73% to 70%.

The above analysis should be treated with caution since, prior to 2001, the Police classified all offences related to drugs as misdemeanours, whether the offence was a crime, a misdemeanour or a contravention. As from 2001, these offences have been classified as crimes. Furthermore, the relatively high increase in the number of contraventions in 2001, 2002 and 2003 particularly in the Island of Mauritius could be due to a more intense activity as regards road checks by the Traffic Branch of the Police Department, and the use of more sophisticated equipment to detect speeding and driving under the influence of liquor.

Because the number of offences recorded over time is affected by the size of the population, a better picture of the trend is given by the offence rate, defined as the number of offences per 1,000 mid-year population. Tables 2, 4 and 6 show the trends in the rates of the various offences from 1993 to 2003 for the Republic of Mauritius, Island of Mauritius and Rodrigues respectively.

The rate for all offences for the Republic increased from 89 in 1993 to 159 in 2003. The crime rate, which was 4 per 1,000 population in 1993 increased by 50% to reach 6 in 2003. The misdemeanour rate decreased from 30 in 1993 to 28 in 2003. However, higher misdemeanour rates were registered during intervening years; rates as high as or higher than 30 were noted in 1993, 1994 and 1997. The contravention rate increased by 123% from 56 in 1993 to 125 in 2003, with the highest rates being registered during the past three years.

In 2003, the rate for all offences worked out 161 for the Island of Mauritius compared to 89 for Rodrigues. The crime rate was 6, that is, twice the Rodrigues figure of 3; the misdemeanour rate was 28 compared to 23 and the contravention rate 127 compared to 63.

#### **4.1 Selected offences**

Table 7 shows offences in the Republic of Mauritius for the years 1999 to 2003, categorized according to the classification used by the UN Survey of Crime Trends and Operations of Criminal Justice Systems, modified to take into consideration local criminal laws.

During the period 1999 to 2003, homicides and related offences in the Republic increased by 21% from 80 to 97 while sexual offences, which was 208 in 1999 increased by 43% to 298 in 2003. On the other hand, assaults and related offences stagnated around 12,700.

Larceny increased by 4% from 13,955 in 1999 to 14,548 in 2003. Available data indicate that larceny on motor vehicles more than doubled during the period 2001 to 2003 increasing from 433 to 988 while larceny on cellular phone/pagers almost tripled from 334 to 928.

#### **4.2 Status of offences**

Table 8 and Figure 2 show the status of offences for the period 1999 to 2003 for the Republic of Mauritius. Some offences are taken to court after investigation. Others are not, either because the offenders have not been identified, or there is insufficient evidence to proceed further, or the allegations are withdrawn by the complainant.

The proportion of offences that were taken to court increased from 48% in 1999 to 58% in 2003. Offences that were not taken to court decreased from 23% in 1999 to 16% in 2003 while offences pending investigation decreased from 29% to 26%.

#### **4.3 Offences involving juveniles**

The number of offences involving juveniles (defined as persons aged 12 to 17 years) in the Republic of Mauritius increased by 29% from 221 (219 in the Island of Mauritius and 2 in Rodrigues) in 1993 to 284 (280 in the Island of Mauritius and 4 in Rodrigues) in 2003. Alongside, the number of juveniles involved increased by 26% from 237 to 299. The juvenile delinquency rate (defined as the number of juveniles involved in offences per 1,000 mid-year population aged 12 to 17 years) rose from 1.7 in 1993 to 2.5 in 2003. Table 9 and

Figure 3 however show that the juvenile delinquency rate increased during the period 1993 to 1996; thereafter it declined till 2000 before rising again.

The juvenile delinquency rate for Island of Mauritius increased from 1.8 in 1993 to 2.6 in 2003 with a trend similar to that of the Republic (Table 10). That for Rodrigues shows a marginal decrease from 0.7 to 0.6, however, rates higher than 2.0 were registered in 1994, 1995, 2001 and 2002 (Table 11).

Table 12 shows that in 1993 larceny was the main juvenile offence in the Republic and involved 91 juveniles (38%). In 2003, the most common offence was assault involving 129 juveniles (43%) and traffic contravention involving another 84 (28%).

#### **4.4 Characteristics of fingerprinted offenders**

The analysis made below is based on records of fingerprinted offenders with one or more convictions.

Table 13 shows that the number of fingerprinted offenders in the Republic of Mauritius increased by 78% from 3,730 (3,686 in the Island of Mauritius and 44 in Rodrigues) in 1993 to 6,646 (6,561 in the Island of Mauritius and 85 in Rodrigues) in 2003.

During the same period, offenders aged less than 18 years decreased by 58% from 341 to 144. Offenders in the age bracket 18 to 21 years increased by 79% from 468 to 837 while those aged 22 years or more almost doubled from 2,921 in 1993 to 5,665 in 2003 (Table 14).

The proportion of fingerprinted offenders aged less than 18 years fell from 9% in 1993 to 2% in 2003. Those in the age bracket 18 to 21 years remained at 13% while those aged 22 years or more grew from 78% to 85%.

The proportion of male offenders was around 95% throughout the period.

Table 15 and Figure 5 show that the number of first-time offenders in the Republic of Mauritius increased by 49% from 1,643 in 1993 to 2,456 in 2003. An increase of 77% was noted among both offenders with 1 previous conviction which increased from 1,201 to 2,131 and among offenders with 2 to 5 previous convictions which grew from 648 to 1,146. Those with 6 or more convictions increased by nearly 300% from 238 in 1993 to 913 in 2003.

### **5. Offences under the Road Traffic Act**

Available data indicate that the number of offences under the Road Traffic Act in the Republic of Mauritius which was 42,693 in 1999 more than tripled to reach 140,959 in 2003 (Table 16). Similarly, road traffic offences per thousand population more than tripled, increasing from 36 in 1999 to 115 in 2003.

Offences related to dangerous driving increased by 24% from 1,871 in 1999 to 2,312 in 2003. Cases of driving under the influence of liquor more than doubled increasing from

668 in 1999 to 1,414 in 2003. Speeding offences were almost 12 times higher, increasing from 2,713 in 1999 to 32,235 in 2003. As explained earlier, the main reason for these increases is better traffic surveillance and better equipment at the disposal of the Traffic Branch.

## **6. Offences under the Dangerous Drugs Act**

The number of drug offences, which stood at 2,096 in 1999 in the Republic of Mauritius increased by 62% to 3,387 in 2003 (Table 17). Offences related to heroin increased by nearly 300% from 550 in 1999 to reach 2,111 in 2003. During the same period, cases related to gandia (cannabis) declined by 19% from 1,439 to 1,159.

The proportion of offences related to heroin increased from 26% in 1999 to 62% in 2003 while that related to gandia dropped from 69% to 34%.

## **7. Employment in the Police Department**

The number of police stations including police posts in the Republic of Mauritius increased from 91 in 1994 to 97 in 2003. The police force increased by 37% from 8,194 (7,940 men and 254 women) to 11,224 (10,665 men and 559 women) during the same period. Consequently, the police force per 1,000 population increased from 7.4 in 1994 to 9.2 in 2003 (Table 18).

## **8. Budget of the Police Department**

The total expenditure of the Police Department of the Republic increased by 116% from Rs 1,088 Mn for 1993/1994 to Rs 2,353 Mn in 2002/2003 (Table 19). However, its share in total government expenditure decreased from 6.8% in 1993/1994 to 5.7% in 2002/2003.

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## Definitions

1. **Offences** punishable by the law are crimes, misdemeanours and contraventions
2. **Crimes** are defined as offences that are punishable by –
  - (a) penal servitude;
  - (b) a fine exceeding 5,000 rupees.
3. **Misdemeanours** are defined as offences that are punishable by –
  - (a) imprisonment for a term exceeding 10 days;
  - (b) a fine exceeding 5000 rupees.

Where the punishment of imprisonment is imposed, the Court may inflict that punishment with or without hard labour.
4. **Contraventions** are defined as offences that are punishable by –
  - (a) imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 days;
  - (b) a fine not exceeding 5000 rupees.
5. **“Crime rate”** is defined as the number of reported crimes per 1,000 mid-year population.
6. **“Misdemeanour rate”** is defined as the number of reported misdemeanours per 1,000 mid-year population.
7. **“Contravention rate”** is defined as the number of reported contraventions per 1,000 mid-year population.
8. **“Juveniles”** are persons aged 12 to 17 years.
9. **“Juvenile delinquency rate”** is defined as the number of juveniles involved in offences per 1,000 mid-year population aged 12 to 17 years.

## Symbols used

...	Not available
-	Nil

**Table 1 - Cases reported by type<sup>1</sup> - Republic of Mauritius, 1993 - 2003**

Year	Offences				Other	Total
	Crime	Misdemeanour	Contravention	Total		
1993	3,808	32,364	61,851	98,023	57,549	155,572
1994	4,123	34,770	56,337	95,230	63,446	158,676
1995	4,341	31,736	63,185	99,262	60,543	159,805
1996	4,622	32,429	80,050	117,101	65,868	182,969
1997	4,228	34,347	85,921	124,496	67,252	191,748
1998	4,314	34,098	62,574	100,986	86,983	187,969
1999	5,351	33,315	49,847	88,513	73,364	161,877
2000	4,825	31,860	61,679	98,364	81,653	180,017
2001 <sup>1</sup>	7,185	32,436	96,935	136,556	70,538	207,094
2002	7,448	31,489	135,819	174,756	75,330	250,086
2003	7,760	33,615	153,157	194,532	75,385	269,917

<sup>1</sup> Prior to 2001, all offences related to drugs have been classified as misdemeanours. As from 2001, they have been classified as crimes.

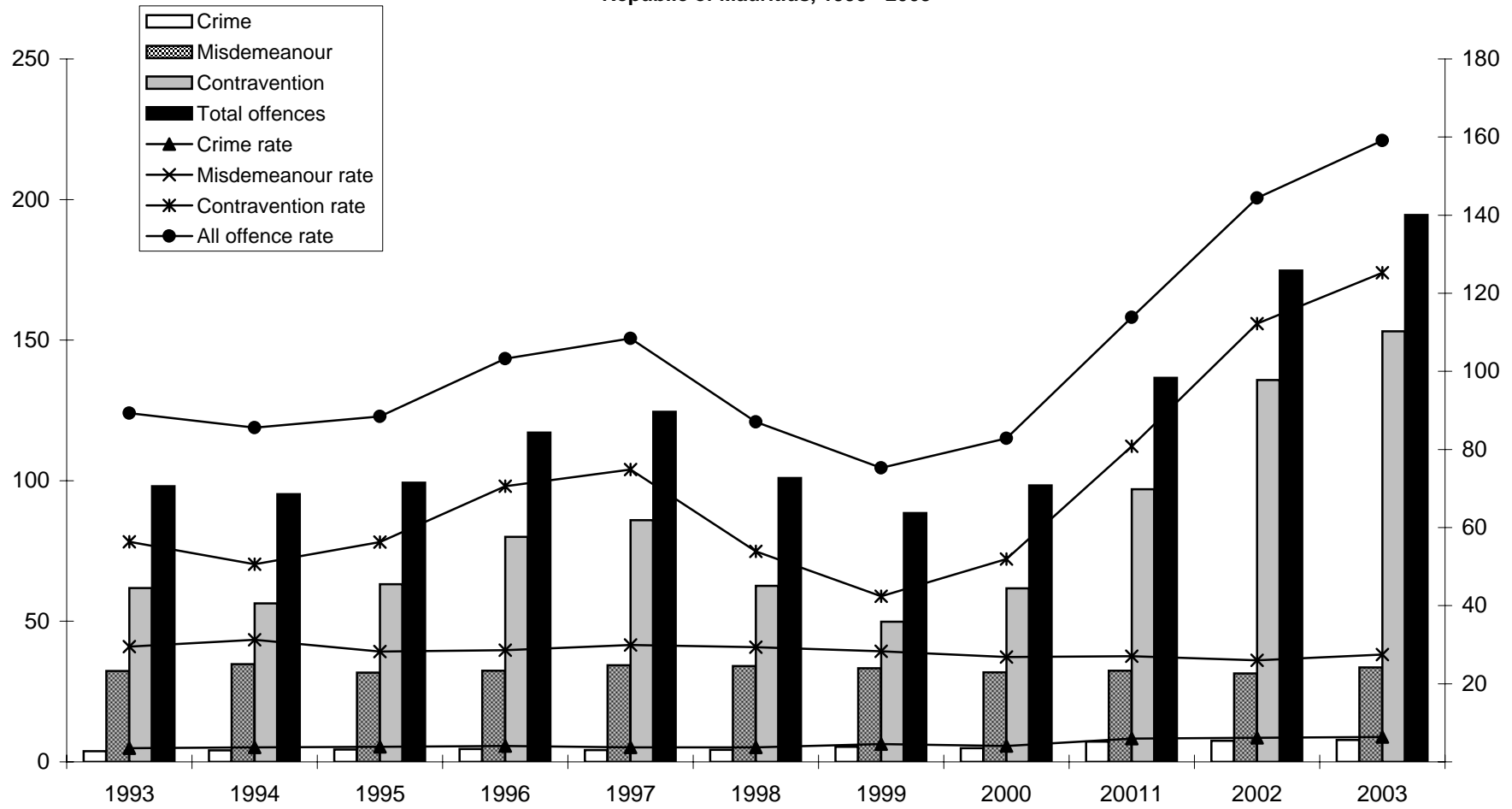
**Table 2 - Offence rate<sup>1</sup>: crime, misdemeanour and contravention - Republic of Mauritius, 1993 - 2003**

Year	Mid-year population	Offence rate ( per ' 000 population )			
		Crime	Misdemeanour	Contravention	All offences
1993	1,097,374	3.5	29.5	56.4	89.3
1994	1,112,846	3.7	31.2	50.6	85.6
1995	1,122,457	3.9	28.3	56.3	88.4
1996	1,133,996	4.1	28.6	70.6	103.3
1997	1,148,284	3.7	29.9	74.8	108.4
1998	1,160,421	3.7	29.4	53.9	87.0
1999	1,175,267	4.6	28.3	42.4	75.3
2000	1,186,873	4.1	26.8	52.0	82.9
2001	1,199,881	6.0	27.0	80.8	113.8
2002	1,210,196	6.2	26.0	112.2	144.4
2003	1,222,811	6.3	27.5	125.2	159.1

<sup>1</sup> Based on reported cases

Prior to 2001, all offences related to drugs have been classified as misdemeanours. As from 2001, they have been classified as crimes.

Figure 1 - Reported offence and rates: crimes, misdemeanours and contraventions - Republic of Mauritius, 1993 - 2003





**Table 3 - Cases reported by type<sup>1</sup> - Island of Mauritius, 1993 - 2003**

Year	Offences				Other	Total
	Crime	Misdemeanour	Contravention	Total		
1993	3,769	31,847	60,346	95,962	56,297	152,259
1994	4,086	34,260	55,231	93,577	62,322	155,899
1995	4,277	31,119	61,005	96,401	58,153	154,554
1996	4,561	31,815	78,590	114,966	64,859	179,825
1997	4,156	33,645	84,346	122,147	66,069	188,216
1998	4,242	33,320	60,834	98,396	85,881	184,277
1999	5,288	32,761	48,660	86,709	72,508	159,217
2000	4,744	31,199	60,634	96,577	80,682	177,259
2001 <sup>1</sup>	7,097	31,700	95,568	134,365	69,494	203,859
2002	7,311	30,670	134,220	172,201	74,045	246,246
2003	7,635	32,785	150,876	191,296	74,165	265,461

<sup>1</sup> Prior to 2001, all offences related to drugs have been classified as misdemeanours. As from 2001, they have been classified as crimes.

**Table 4 - Offence rate<sup>1</sup>: crime, misdemeanour and contravention - Island of Mauritius, 1993 - 2003**

Year	Mid-year population	Offence rate ( per ' 000 population )			
		Crime rate	Misdemeanour rate	Contravention rate	All offences rate
1993	1,062,855	3.5	30.0	56.8	90.3
1994	1,078,148	3.8	31.8	51.2	86.8
1995	1,087,636	3.9	28.6	56.1	88.6
1996	1,099,057	4.1	28.9	71.5	104.6
1997	1,113,144	3.7	30.2	75.8	109.7
1998	1,125,118	3.8	29.6	54.1	87.5
1999	1,139,718	4.6	28.7	42.7	76.1
2000	1,151,094	4.1	27.1	52.7	83.9
2001	1,163,875	6.1	27.2	82.1	115.4
2002	1,174,021	6.2	26.1	114.3	146.7
2003	1,186,363	6.4	27.6	127.2	161.2

<sup>1</sup> Based on reported cases

Prior to 2001, all offences related to drugs have been classified as misdemeanours. As from 2001, they have been classified as crimes.

**Table 5 - Cases reported by type<sup>1</sup> - Island of Rodrigues, 1993 - 2003**

Year	Offences				Other	Total
	Crime	Misdemeanour	Contravention	Total		
1993	39	517	1,505	2,061	1,252	3,313
1994	37	510	1,106	1,653	1,124	2,777
1995	64	617	2,180	2,861	2,390	5,251
1996	61	614	1,460	2,135	1,009	3,144
1997	72	702	1,575	2,349	1,183	3,532
1998	72	778	1,740	2,590	1,102	3,692
1999	63	554	1,187	1,804	856	2,660
2000	81	661	1,045	1,787	971	2,758
2001	88	736	1,367	2,191	1,044	3,235
2002	137	819	1,599	2,555	1,285	3,840
2003	125	830	2,281	3,236	1,220	4,456

<sup>1</sup> Prior to 2001, all offences related to drugs have been classified as misdemeanours. As from 2001, they have been classified as crimes.

**Table 6 - Offence rate<sup>1</sup>: crime, misdemeanour and contravention - Island of Rodrigues, 1993 - 2003**

Year	Mid-year population	Offence rate ( per ' 000 population )			
		Crime	Misdemeanour	Contravention	All offences
1993	34,519	1.1	15.0	43.6	59.7
1994	34,698	1.1	14.7	31.9	47.6
1995	34,821	1.8	17.7	62.6	82.2
1996	34,939	1.7	17.6	41.8	61.1
1997	35,140	2.0	20.0	44.8	66.8
1998	35,303	2.0	22.0	49.3	73.4
1999	35,549	1.8	15.6	33.4	50.7
2000	35,779	2.3	18.5	29.2	49.9
2001	36,006	2.4	20.4	38.0	60.9
2002	36,175	3.8	22.6	44.2	70.6
2003	36,448	3.4	22.8	62.6	88.8

<sup>1</sup> Based on reported cases

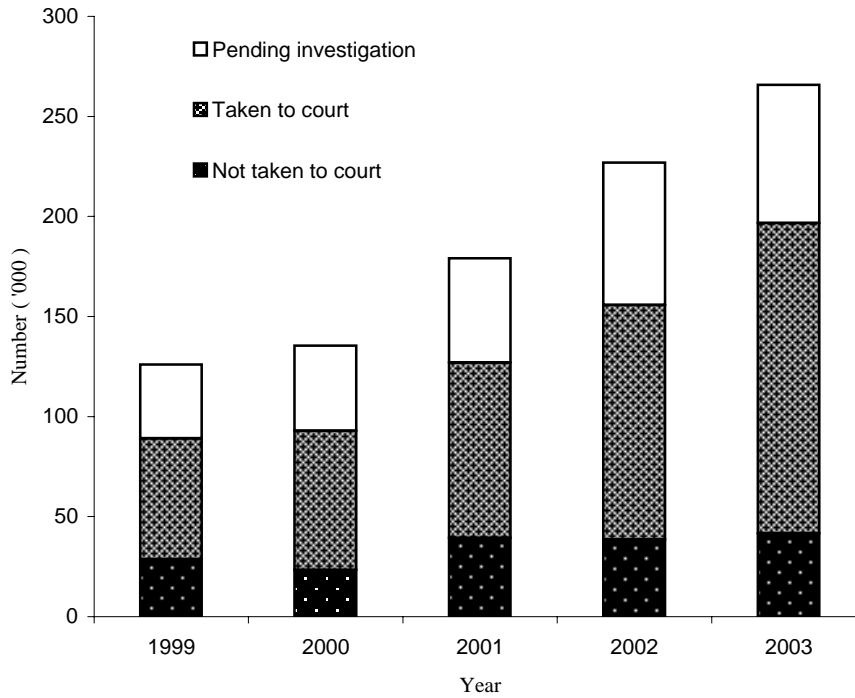
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Table 7 - Selected offences - Republic of Mauritius, 1999 - 2003

Type of offences	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>1. Homicide and related offences</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>97</b>
<i>Intentional</i>	28	31	34	31	39
<i>Involuntary</i>	40	53	48	67	47
<i>Attempted murder</i>	12	17	10	5	11
<b>2. Assault and related offences</b>	<b>12,741</b>	<b>11,976</b>	<b>12,403</b>	<b>12,279</b>	<b>12,773</b>
<i>Assaults causing loss of limb/eye</i>	-	-	-	1	-
<i>Serious wounds and blows</i>	84	178	129	182	73
<i>Other</i>	12,657	11,798	12,274	12,096	12,700
<b>3. Sexual offences</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>298</b>
<i>Rape</i>	34	32	43	40	53
<i>Sexual intercourse with person under 16 years</i>	72	89	93	110	124
<i>Other</i>	102	97	102	109	121
<b>4. Fraud</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>590</b>
<i>Forgery</i>	204	164	153	164	170
<i>Swindling</i>	733	751	577	363	324
<i>Other</i>	196	95	133	94	96
<b>5. Embezzlement</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>699</b>
<b>6. Larceny</b>	<b>13,955</b>	<b>13,685</b>	<b>13,921</b>	<b>13,296</b>	<b>14,548</b>
<i>With violence</i>	1,026	1,039	791	774	710
<i>Night breaking</i>	1,651	1,630	996	912	827
<i>With other aggravating circumstances</i>	611	487	274	81	68
<i>Bicycles</i>	538	797	870	789	733
<i>Motor vehicles</i>	...	...	433	805	988
<i>Cellular phones/pagers</i>	...	...	334	690	928
<i>Other</i>	10,129	9,732	10,223	9,245	10,294
<b>7. Offences under the Dangerous Drugs Act</b>	<b>2,096</b>	<b>2,485</b>	<b>2,991</b>	<b>3,037</b>	<b>3,387</b>
<b>8. Other</b>	<b>7,953</b>	<b>6,666</b>	<b>8,538</b>	<b>8,614</b>	<b>8,983</b>
<b>9. Sub-total (Crimes and misdemeanours)</b>	<b>38,666</b>	<b>36,685</b>	<b>39,621</b>	<b>38,937</b>	<b>41,375</b>
<b>10. Contraventions</b>	<b>49,847</b>	<b>61,679</b>	<b>96,935</b>	<b>135,819</b>	<b>153,157</b>
<i>Offences under the Road Traffic Act</i>	42,693	54,469	87,697	122,784	140,959
<i>Other</i>	7,154	7,210	9,238	13,035	12,198
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,513</b>	<b>98,364</b>	<b>136,556</b>	<b>174,756</b>	<b>194,532</b>

**Table 8 - Offences by status - Republic of Mauritius, 1999 - 2003**

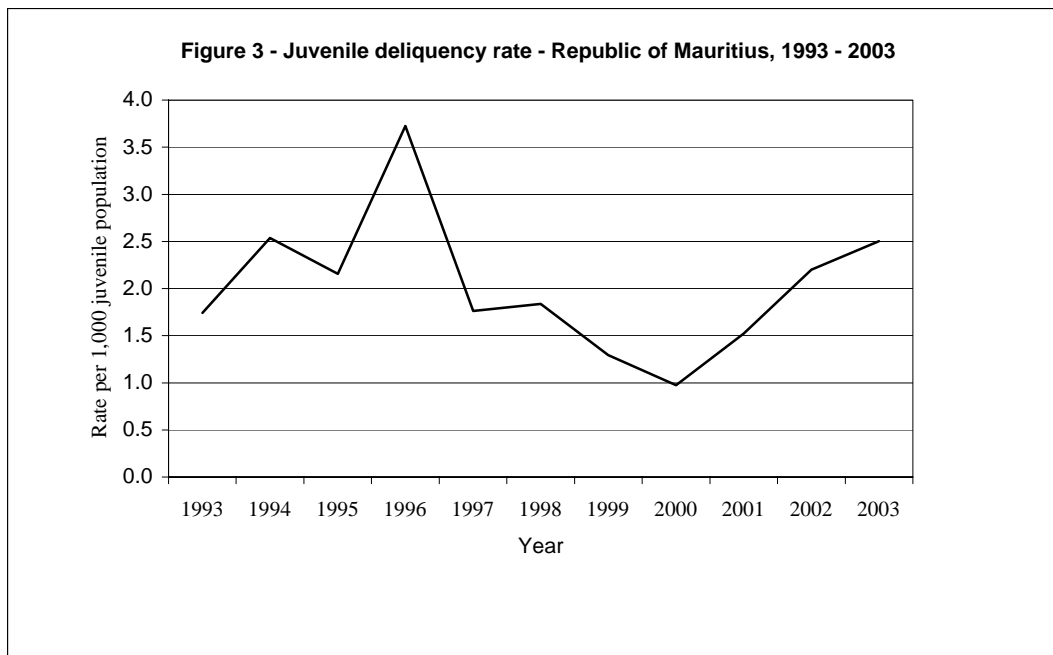
Year	Reported offences					
	Brought forward from previous year	Reported during the year	Total	Not taken to Court	Taken to Court	Pending investigation
1999	37,576	88,513	126,089	28,627	60,402	37,060
2000	37,060	98,364	135,424	23,358	69,475	42,591
2001	42,591	136,556	179,147	39,303	87,616	52,228
2002	52,228	174,756	226,984	38,598	117,130	71,256
2003	71,256	194,532	265,788	41,597	155,104	69,087

**Figure 2 - Offences by status - Republic of Mauritius, 1999 - 2003**

**Table 9 - Juvenile offences - Republic of Mauritius, 1993 - 2003**

Year	Number of offences involving juveniles	Number of juveniles involved	Mid-year juvenile population estimates	Juvenile delinquency rate (per 1,000 juveniles) <sup>1</sup>
1993	221	237	135,966	1.7
1994	308	349	137,527	2.5
1995	283	293	135,865	2.2
1996	512	493	132,317	3.7
1997	210	225	127,780	1.8
1998	205	223	121,360	1.8
1999	137	151	116,654	1.3
2000	101	111	113,850	1.0
2001	228	174	114,353	1.5
2002	207	256	116,289	2.2
2003	284	299	119,502	2.5

<sup>1</sup> defined as the number of juveniles involved in offences per 1,000 mid-year population aged 12 to 17 years



**Table 10 - Juvenile offences - Island of Mauritius, 1993 - 2003**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of offences involving juveniles</b>	<b>Number of juveniles involved</b>	<b>Mid-year juvenile population estimates</b>	<b>Juvenile delinquency rate (per 1,000 juveniles)<sup>1</sup></b>
1993	219	233	130,033	1.8
1994	295	336	131,421	2.6
1995	254	277	129,785	2.1
1996	502	482	126,214	3.8
1997	203	218	121,801	1.8
1998	193	212	115,721	1.8
1999	133	147	111,377	1.3
2000	97	106	108,943	1.0
2001	215	164	109,500	1.5
2002	195	244	111,573	2.2
2003	280	296	114,836	2.6

<sup>1</sup> defined as the number of juveniles involved in offences per 1,000 mid-year population aged 12 to 17 years

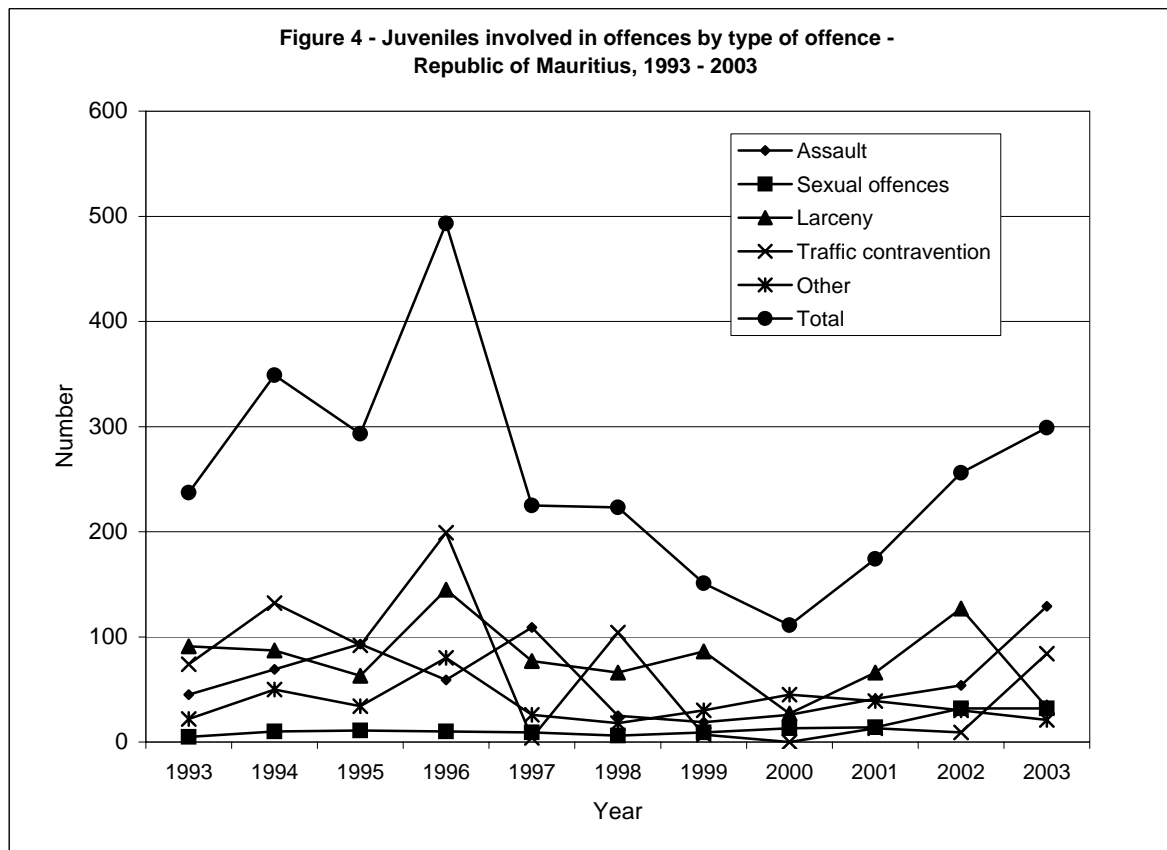
**Table 11 - Juvenile offences - Island of Rodrigues, 1993 - 2003**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of offences involving juveniles</b>	<b>Number of juveniles involved</b>	<b>Mid-year juvenile population estimates</b>	<b>Juvenile delinquency rate (per 1,000 juveniles)<sup>1</sup></b>
1993	2	4	5,933	0.7
1994	13	13	6,106	2.1
1995	29	16	6,080	2.6
1996	10	11	6,103	1.8
1997	7	7	5,979	1.2
1998	12	11	5,639	2.0
1999	4	4	5,277	0.8
2000	4	5	4,907	1.0
2001	13	10	4,853	2.1
2002	12	12	4,716	2.5
2003	4	3	4,666	0.6

<sup>1</sup> defined as the number of juveniles involved in offences per 1,000 mid-year population aged 12 to 17 years

Table 12 - Juveniles involved in offences by type of offence - Republic of Mauritius, 1993 - 2003

Year	Type of offence						Total
	Intentional homicide	Assault	Sexual offences	Larceny	Traffic contravention	Other	
1993	-	45	5	91	74	22	237
1994	1	69	10	87	132	50	349
1995	-	93	11	63	92	34	293
1996	-	59	10	145	199	80	493
1997	-	109	9	77	4	26	225
1998	4	25	6	66	104	18	223
1999	-	19	9	86	7	30	151
2000	-	26	13	27	-	45	111
2001	1	41	14	66	13	39	174
2002	4	54	32	127	9	30	256
2003	-	129	32	33	84	21	299



**Table 13 - Fingerprinted offenders by sex - Island of Mauritius, Island of Rodrigues & Republic of Mauritius, 1993 - 2003**

Year	Island of Mauritius			Island of Rodrigues			Republic of Mauritius		
	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
1993	3,469	217	3,686	41	3	44	3,510	220	3,730
1994	3,335	183	3,518	61	4	65	3,396	187	3,583
1995	3,886	256	4,142	86	6	92	3,972	262	4,234
1996	4,973	284	5,257	37	2	39	5,010	286	5,296
1997	4,141	311	4,452	61	8	69	4,202	319	4,521
1998	3,372	215	3,587	139	3	142	3,511	218	3,729
1999	5,999	264	6,263	90	3	93	6,089	267	6,356
2000	3,062	144	3,206	51	3	54	3,113	147	3,260
2001	3,627	210	3,837	73	7	80	3,700	217	3,917
2002	4,810	282	5,092	56	6	62	4,866	288	5,154
2003	6,193	368	6,561	79	6	85	6,272	374	6,646

**Table 14 - Fingerprinted offenders by age-group and sex - Republic of Mauritius, 1993 - 2003**

Year	Male				Female				Both sexes			
	Age group ( years )				Age group ( years )				Age group ( years )			
	< 18	18 - 21	22 & above	Total	< 18	18 - 21	22 & above	Total	< 18	18 - 21	22 & above	Total
1993	329	435	2,746	3,510	12	33	175	220	341	468	2,921	3,730
1994	222	329	2,845	3,396	10	19	158	187	232	348	3,003	3,583
1995	263	427	3,282	3,972	14	38	210	262	277	465	3,492	4,234
1996	223	516	4,271	5,010	14	27	245	286	237	543	4,516	5,296
1997	268	526	3,408	4,202	8	34	277	319	276	560	3,685	4,521
1998	139	433	2,939	3,511	12	19	187	218	151	452	3,126	3,729
1999	181	864	5,044	6,089	18	17	232	267	199	881	5,276	6,356
2000	95	439	2,579	3,113	3	12	132	147	98	451	2,711	3,260
2001	110	919	2,671	3,700	2	8	207	217	112	927	2,878	3,917
2002	102	529	4,235	4,866	19	27	242	288	121	556	4,477	5,154
2003	138	798	5,336	6,272	6	39	329	374	144	837	5,665	6,646



Table 15 - Fingerprinted offenders by number of convictions - Republic of Mauritius, 1993 - 2003

Year	Number of offenders								Total
	First conviction		With 1 previous conviction		With 2 - 5 previous convictions		With 6 or more convictions		
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
1993	1,643	44.0	1,201	32.2	648	17.4	238	6.4	3,730
1994	1,452	40.5	1,212	33.8	665	18.6	254	7.1	3,583
1995	1,724	40.7	1,394	32.9	799	18.9	317	7.5	4,234
1996	1,969	37.2	1,917	36.2	1,033	19.5	377	7.1	5,296
1997	1,761	39.0	1,252	27.7	1,123	24.8	385	8.5	4,521
1998	2,178	58.4	893	23.9	435	11.7	223	6.0	3,729
1999	2,343	36.9	1,683	26.5	1,590	25.0	740	11.6	6,356
2000	1,502	46.1	1,058	32.5	532	16.3	168	5.2	3,260
2001	1,696	43.3	1,142	29.2	631	16.1	448	11.4	3,917
2002	1,887	36.4	2,019	39.2	771	15.0	477	9.3	5,154
2003	2,456	37.0	2,131	32.1	1,146	17.2	913	13.7	6,646

Figure 5 - Fingerprinted offenders by number of convictions - Republic of Mauritius, 1993 - 2003

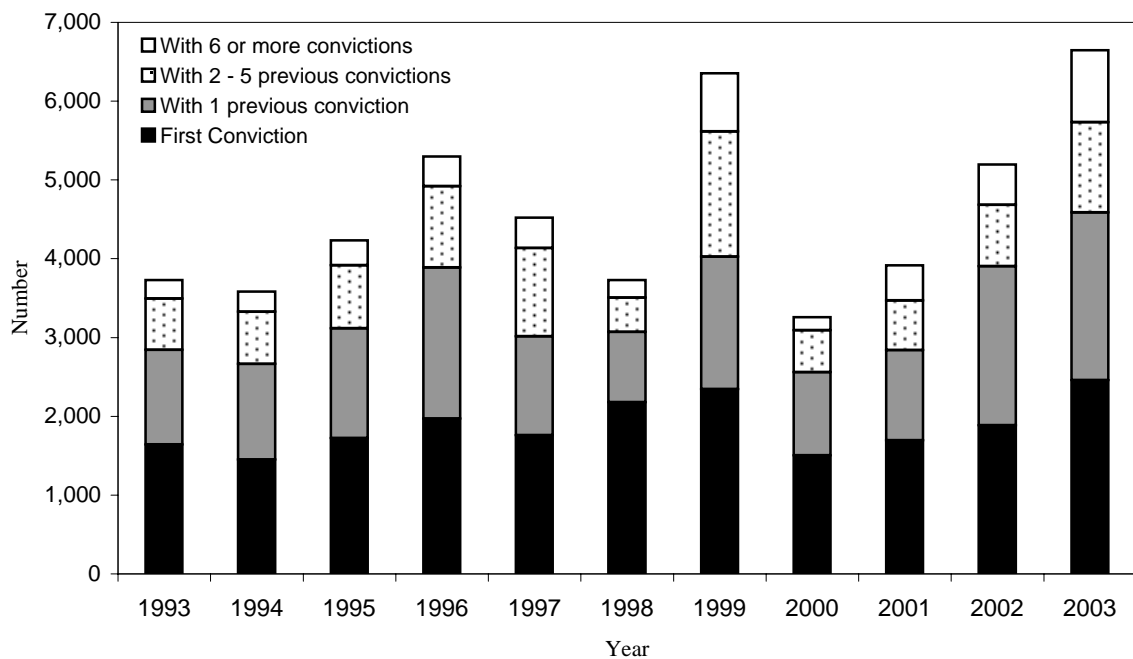


Table 16 - Offences under the Road Traffic Act by type - Republic of Mauritius, 1999 - 2003

Year	Road traffic offences								Rate per 1,000 Population
	Dangerous driving	Driving under influence of liquor	Exceeding speed limit	Using unlicensed motor vehicles	Bicycle contraven-tions	Contra-ventions against pedestrians	Other	Total	
1999	1,871	668	2,713	139	446	61	36,795	42,693	36
2000	2,609	1,042	9,499	114	379	35	40,791	54,469	46
2001	2,699	1,551	14,486	124	671	33	68,133	87,697	73
2002	2,315	1,530	25,408	439	1,565	16	91,511	122,784	101
2003	2,312	1,414	32,235	709	930	293	103,066	140,959	115

Table 17 - Drug offences by type of drugs - Republic of Mauritius, 1999 - 2003

Year	Type of drugs				
	Heroin	Gandia	Psychotropic and other restricted Substances	Other	Total
1999	550	1,439	105	2	<b>2,096</b>
2000	853	1,593	35	4	<b>2,485</b>
2001	1,588	1,331	58	14	<b>2,991</b>
2002	1,675	1,287	64	11	<b>3,037</b>
2003	2,111	1,159	92	25	<b>3,387</b>

**Table 18 - Police stations and employment - Republic of Mauritius, 1994 - 2003**

Year	Police stations <sup>1</sup>	Employment <sup>2</sup>			Police force per 1,000 population
		Male	Female	Both sexes	
1994	91	7,940	254	8,194	7.4
1995	91	8,379	254	8,633	7.7
1996	91	9,203	253	9,456	8.3
1997	92	9,059	444	9,503	8.3
1998	95	8,912	434	9,346	8.1
1999	96	8,782	428	9,210	7.8
2000	96	8,694	425	9,119	7.7
2001	97	9,016	498	9,514	7.9
2002	97	10,020	503	10,523	8.7
2003	97	10,665	559	11,224	9.2

<sup>1</sup> Includes Police posts

<sup>2</sup> Source: March survey of employment and earnings

**Table 19 - Total expenditure of the Police Department - Republic of Mauritius, 1993/1994 - 2002/2003**

Year	Total expenditure (Rs Mn)		Total expenditure of the Police Department as a percentage of total Government expenditure
	Police department	Government	
1993/1994	1,088	15,894	6.8
1994/1995	1,256	17,326	7.2
1995/1996	1,438	18,813	7.6
1996/1997	1,509	22,230	6.8
1997/1998	1,421	24,077	5.9
1998/1999	1,710	28,206	6.1
1999/2000	1,700	29,153	5.8
2000/2001	1,841	35,750	5.2
2001/2002	2,073	35,350	5.9
2002/2003	2,353	41,519	5.7

Source: Annual Report of the Accountant General