

Crime statistics, 1994 – 2004 (Police Department)

1. Introduction

This issue of Economic and Social Indicators is the third 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 1994 to 2004, 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 Thus, allegations may be withdrawn; the police may find an offence to have no basis or to be different from what was reported; a suspect may be cleared of all charges, while other suspects may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 2004, a total of 249,961 cases (245,090 in the Island of Mauritius and 4,871 in Rodrigues) were notified at the Police Department compared to 269,917 (265,461 in the Island of Mauritius and 4,456 in Rodrigues) in 2003, representing a decrease of 7.4%.

Out of the 249,961 cases notified, 180,230 (176,755 in the Island of Mauritius and 3,475 in Rodrigues) were connected to an offence, lower than the 2003 figure of 194,532 (191,296 in the Island of Mauritius and 3,236 in Rodrigues).

The percentage of reported cases connected to an offence which was 72.1% in 2003 remained at the same level in 2004. Similar proportions were noted in the Island of Mauritius; however in Rodrigues, the proportion decreased from 72.6% in 2003 to 71.3% in 2004.

4. Offences by type

Trends in the different types of offences during the period 1994 to 2004 for the Republic of Mauritius, Island of Mauritius and Island of Rodrigues are shown in Tables 1, 3 and 5 respectively.

In 2004, the total number of offences in the Republic declined by 7.4% from 194,532 in 2003 to 180,230. A breakdown by type of offences indicates that the number of crimes increased by 8.7% from 7,760 in 2003 to 8,433 in 2004, and that of misdemeanours by 12.2% from 33,615 to 37,702. On the other hand, the number of contraventions fell by 12.4% from 153,157 to 134,095 (Table 1). This reduction could be explained by amendments brought to the Road Traffic Act in 2003, which makes provision for more severe penalties with respect to road traffic offences.

During the same period, the number of offences in the Island of Mauritius declined by 7.6% following increases in the number of crimes (8.5%) and misdemeanours (12.0%), and a decline in the number of contraventions (12.7%) (Table 3).

In Rodrigues, the number of offences increased by 7.4% from 3,236 in 2003 to 3,475 in 2004. The number of crimes increased by 20.8% while misdemeanours increased by 18.3% and contraventions by 2.7% (Table 5).

The proportion of crimes in the Republic of Mauritius increased from 4.0% in 2003 to 4.7% in 2004. An increase was also noted in the proportion of misdemeanours which rose from 17.3% to 20.9%. On the other hand, the proportion of contraventions fell from 78.7% to 74.4%. Similar trends were noted in both the Island of Mauritius and Rodrigues.

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 gives the rates of the various offences from 1994 to 2004 for the Republic of Mauritius, Island of Mauritius and Rodrigues respectively.

The rate for all offences for the Republic decreased from 159.1 in 2003 to 146.1 in 2004. However, increases were noted in the crime rate, which rose from 6.3 in 2003 to 6.8 in

2004, and in the misdemeanour rate which rose from 27.5 to 30.6. On the other hand, the contravention rate fell from 125.2 in 2003, the highest rate ever attained since the past ten years, to 108.7 in 2004. Similar trends in the rates were observed in the Island of Mauritius while in Rodrigues, increases were noted in all the rates. Thus, the crime rate increased from 3.4 to 4.1, the misdemeanour rate from 22.8 to 26.8 and the contravention rate from 62.6 to 63.8.

In 2004, the rate for all offences worked out to 147.7 for the Island of Mauritius compared to 94.7 for Rodrigues. The crime rate for the Island of Mauritius worked out to 6.9 compared to 4.1 for Rodrigues, while the misdemeanour rate was 30.7 compared to 26.8 and the contravention rate 110.1 compared to 63.8.

4.1 Selected offences

Table 7 shows offences in the Republic of Mauritius for the years 2000 to 2004, 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.

In 2004, the number of homicides and related offences in the Republic decreased by 5.2% from 97 in 2003 to 92. Sexual offences stood at 297, almost the same as in 2003, while assaults and related offences increased by 2.7% from 12,773 to 13,113 in 2004.

Larceny increased by 25.1% from 14,548 in 2003 to 18,200 in 2004. Available data indicate that larceny on motor vehicles increased by 11.8% from 988 to 1,105 while that on cellular phone/pagers by 33.9% from 928 to 1,243.

4.2 Status of offences

Table 8 and Figure 2 show the status of offences for the period 2000 to 2004 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 complainants.

The proportion of offences that were taken to court declined from 58.4% in 2003 to 57.0% in 2004. That of offences which were not taken to court also decreased from 15.7% in 2003 to 15.0% in 2004 while offences pending investigation increased from 26.0% to 28.0%.

4.3 Offences involving juveniles

The number of offences involving juveniles (defined as persons aged 12 to 17 years) in the Republic of Mauritius decreased by 12.0% from 284 (280 in the Island of Mauritius and 4 in Rodrigues) in 2003 to 250 (246 in the Island of Mauritius and 4 in Rodrigues) in 2004. Alongside, the number of juveniles involved decreased by 7.0% from 299 to 278. The juvenile delinquency rate (defined as the number of juveniles involved in offences per 1,000

mid-year population aged 12 to 17 years) fell from 2.5 in 2003 to 2.2 in 2004 (Table 9 and Figure 3).

The juvenile delinquency rate for Island of Mauritius decreased from 2.6 in 2003 to 2.3 in 2004; however, that for Rodrigues increased from 0.6 to 1.1 (Tables 10 and 11).

Table 12 shows that in 2003, assault and traffic contravention were the main juvenile offences in the Republic, and involved 129 (43.1%) and 84 (28.1%) juveniles respectively. In 2004, the most common offence was larceny involving 101 juveniles (36.3%) and assault involving another 88 (31.7%).

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 declined marginally by 0.2% from 6,646 (6,561 in the Island of Mauritius and 85 in Rodrigues) in 2003 to 6,635 (6,529 in the Island of Mauritius and 106 in Rodrigues) in 2004.

During the same period, offenders aged less than 18 years decreased by 26.4% from 144 to 106. Offenders in the age bracket 18 to 21 years decreased by 28.2% from 837 to 601 while those aged 22 years or more increased by 4.6% from 5,665 to 5,928 (Table 14).

In 2004, the proportion of fingerprinted offenders aged less than 18 years fell from 2.2% in 2003 to 1.6%. Those in the age bracket 18 to 21 years decreased from 12.6% to 9.1% while those aged 22 years or more increased from 85.2% to 89.3%.

The proportion of male offenders was around 95% in both 2003 and 2004.

The number of first-time offenders in the Republic of Mauritius declined by 1.5% from 2,456 in 2003 to 2,420 in 2004 (Table 15 and Figure 5). The number of offenders with one previous conviction increased by 71.0% from 2,131 to 3,645 while offenders with 2 to 5 previous convictions fell by 54.4% from 1,146 to 523 and those with 6 or more convictions by 95.0% from 913 in 2003 to 47 in 2004.

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 decreased by 13.5% from 140,959 in 2003 to 121,914 in 2004. Similarly, the number of road traffic offences per thousand population fell from 115 in 2003 to 99 in 2004 (Table 16). As explained before, this reduction could be explained by amendments brought to the Act in 2003, which provides for more severe penalties for road traffic offences.

Offences related to dangerous driving decreased by 7.5% from 2,312 in 2003 to 2,138 in 2004. Cases of driving under the influence of liquor declined by 22.1% from 1,414 to 1,102 while speeding offences fell by 25.5% from 32,235 to 24,026.

6. Offences under the Dangerous Drugs Act

The number of drug offences, which stood at 3,387 in 2003 in the Republic of Mauritius decreased by 7.5% to 3,133 in 2004 (Table 17). Decreases were noted in offences related to heroin which fell by 16.2% from 2,111 in 2003 to 1,768 in 2004, and in offences related to gandia (cannabis) which declined by 4.9% from 1,159 to 1,102. On the other hand, an increase of 112.0% from 92 to 195 was noted in offences related to psychotropic and other restricted substances.

The proportion of offences related to heroin decreased from 62.3% in 2003 to 56.4% in 2004, while that related to gandia increased from 34.2% to 35.2% and that to psychotropic and other restricted substances from 2.7% to 6.2%.

7. Employment in the Police Department

The number of police stations including police posts in the Republic of Mauritius increased from 91 in 2003 to 93 in 2004. The police force decreased by 0.8% from 11,224 (10,665 men and 559 women) in 2003 to 11,137 (10,595 men and 542 women) in 2004. Consequently, the police force per 1,000 population declined from 9.2 in 2003 to 9.0 in 2004 (Table 18).

8. Budget of the Police Department

The total expenditure of the Police Department of the Republic increased by 18.7% from Rs 2,353 Mn in 2002/2003 to Rs 2,793 Mn in 2003/2004 (Table 19). As a percentage of total government expenditure, it increased from 5.7% in 2002/2003 to 6.2% in 2003/2004.

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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 type¹ - Republic of Mauritius, 1994 - 2004

Year	Offences				Other	Total
	Crime	Misdemeanour	Contravention	Total		
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 ¹	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
2004	8,433	37,702	134,095	180,230	69,731	249,961

¹ 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 rate¹: crime, misdemeanour and contravention - Republic of Mauritius, 1994 - 2004

Year	Mid-year population	Offence rate (per ' 000 population)			
		Crime	Misdemeanour	Contravention	All offences
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
2004	1,233,386	6.8	30.6	108.7	146.1

¹ Based on reported cases

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Figure 1a - Reported offence and rates: crimes, misdemeanours and contraventions - Republic of Mauritius, 1994 - 2004

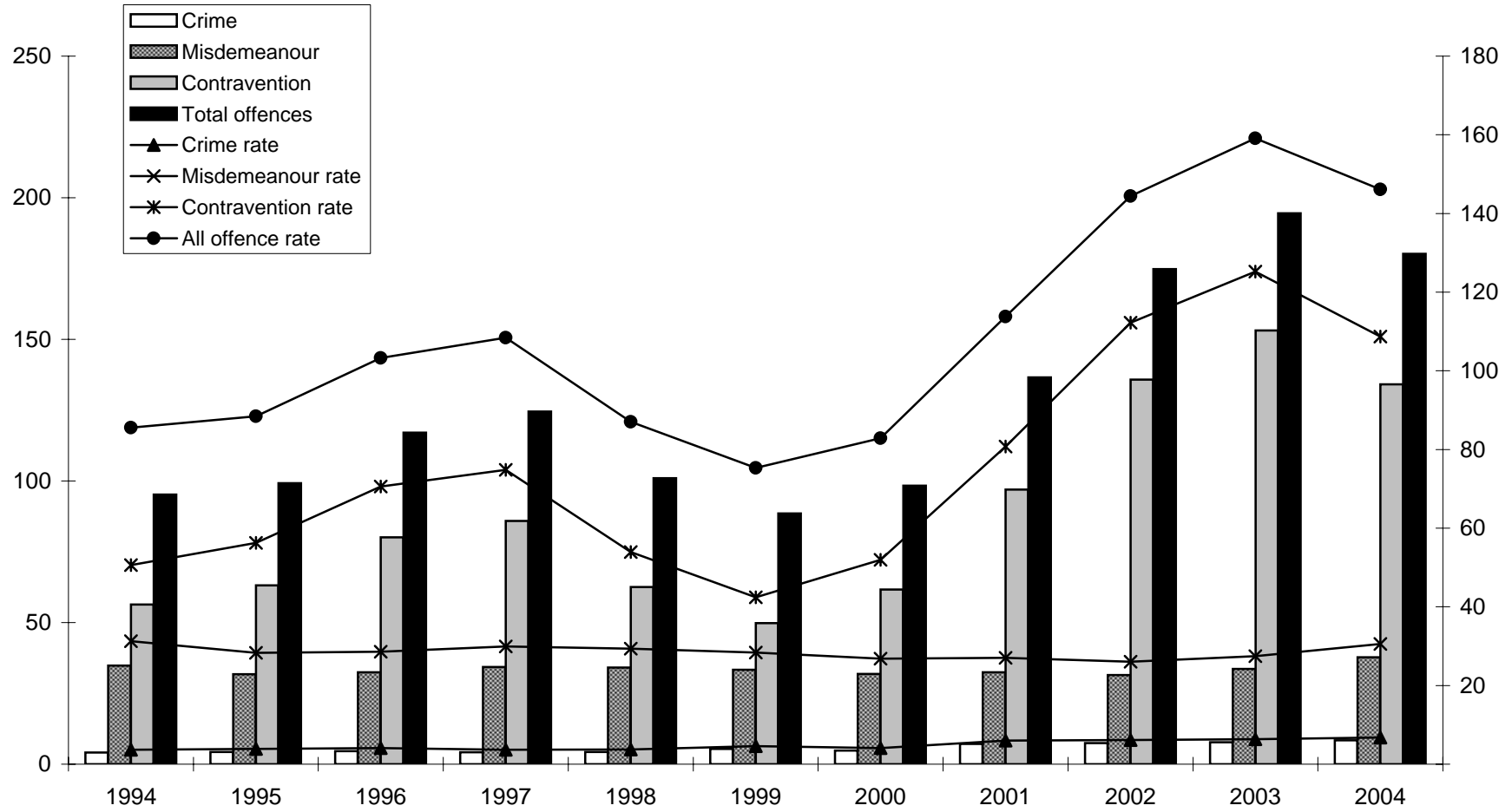


Table 3 - Cases reported by type¹ - Island of Mauritius, 1994 - 2004

Year	Offences				Other	Total
	Crime	Misdemeanour	Contravention	Total		
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 ¹	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
2004	8,282	36,720	131,753	176,755	68,335	245,090

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Table 4 - Offence rate¹: crime, misdemeanour and contravention - Island of Mauritius, 1994 - 2004

Year	Mid-year population	Offence rate (per ' 000 population)			
		Crime rate	Misdemeanour rate	Contravention rate	All offences rate
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
2004	1,196,696	6.9	30.7	110.1	147.7

¹ 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 type¹ - Island of Rodrigues, 1994 - 2004

Year	Offences				Other	Total
	Crime	Misdemeanour	Contravention	Total		
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
2004	151	982	2,342	3,475	1,396	4,871

¹ 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 rate¹: crime, misdemeanour and contravention - Island of Rodrigues, 1994 - 2004

Year	Mid-year population	Offence rate (per ' 000 population)			
		Crime	Misdemeanour	Contravention	All offences
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
2004	36,690	4.1	26.8	63.8	94.7

¹ 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 7 - Selected offences - Republic of Mauritius, 2000 - 2004

Type of offences	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
1. Homicide and related offences	101	92	103	97	92
<i>Intentional</i>	31	34	31	39	35
<i>Involuntary</i>	53	48	67	47	51
<i>Attempted murder</i>	17	10	5	11	6
2. Assault and related offences	11,976	12,403	12,279	12,773	13,113
<i>Assaults causing loss of limb/eye</i>	-	-	1	-	2
<i>Serious wounds and blows</i>	178	129	182	73	107
<i>Other</i>	11,798	12,274	12,096	12,700	13,004
3. Sexual offences	218	238	259	298	297
<i>Rape</i>	32	43	40	53	40
<i>Sexual intercourse with person under 16 years</i>	89	93	110	124	124
<i>Other</i>	97	102	109	121	133
4. Fraud	1,010	863	621	590	656
<i>Forgery</i>	164	153	164	170	193
<i>Swindling</i>	751	577	363	324	380
<i>Other</i>	95	133	94	96	83
5. Embezzlement	544	575	728	699	768
6. Larceny	13,685	13,921	13,296	14,548	18,200
<i>With violence</i>	1,039	791	774	710	769
<i>Night breaking</i>	1,630	996	912	827	1,136
<i>With other aggravating circumstances</i>	487	274	81	68	105
<i>Bicycles</i>	797	870	789	733	696
<i>Motor vehicles</i>	...	433	805	988	1,105
<i>Cellular phones/pagers</i>	...	334	690	928	1,243
<i>Other</i>	9,732	10,223	9,245	10,294	13,146
7. Offences under the Dangerous Drugs Act	2,485	2,991	3,037	3,387	3,133
8. Other	6,666	8,538	8,614	8,983	9,876
9. Sub-total (Crimes and misdemeanours)	36,685	39,621	38,937	41,375	46,135
10. Contraventions	61,679	96,935	135,819	153,157	134,095
<i>Offences under the Road Traffic Act</i>	54,469	87,697	122,784	140,959	121,914
<i>Other</i>	7,210	9,238	13,035	12,198	12,181
Total	98,364	136,556	174,756	194,532	180,230

Table 8 - Offences by status - Republic of Mauritius, 2000 - 2004

Year	Reported offences					
	Brought forward from previous year	Reported during the year	Total	Not taken to Court	Taken to Court	Pending investigation
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
2004	69,087	180,230	249,317	37,470	142,025	69,822

Figure 2 - Offences by status - Republic of Mauritius

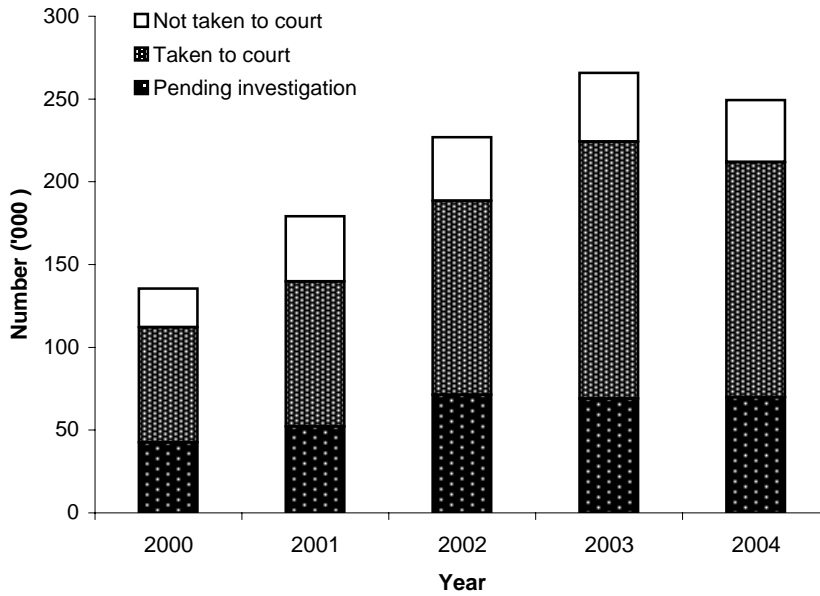


Table 9 - Juvenile offences - Republic of Mauritius, 1994 - 2004

Year	Number of offences involving juveniles	Number of juveniles involved	Mid-year juvenile population estimates	Juvenile delinquency rate (per 1,000 juveniles) ¹
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
2004	250	278	123,844	2.2

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

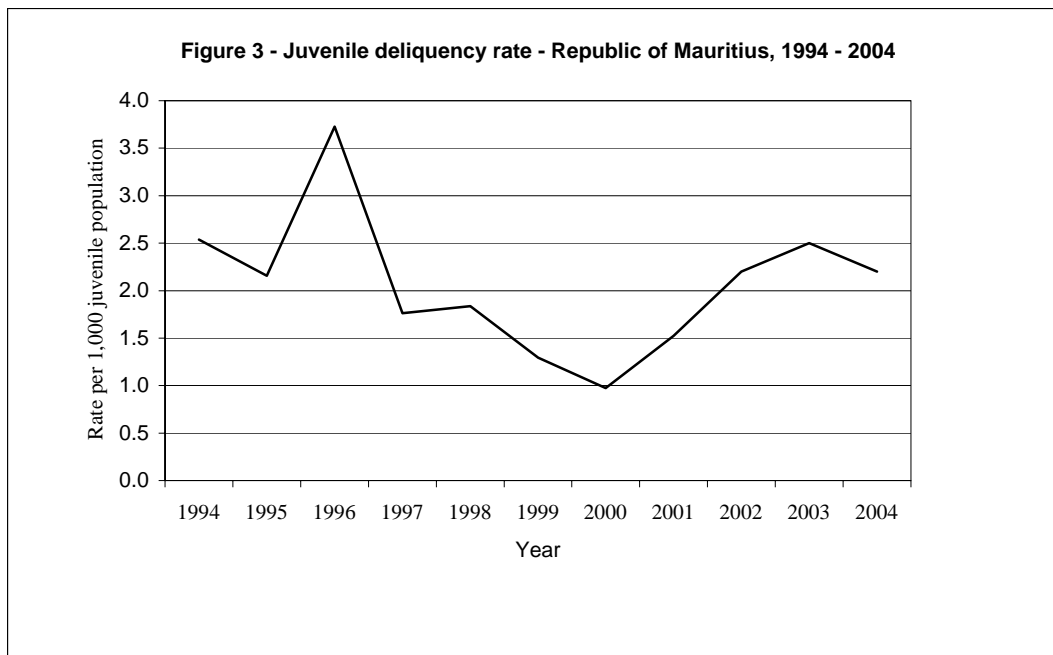


Table 10 - Juvenile offences - Island of Mauritius, 1994 - 2004

Year	Number of offences involving juveniles	Number of juveniles involved	Mid-year juvenile population estimates	Juvenile delinquency rate (per 1,000 juveniles)¹
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
2004	246	273	119,161	2.3

¹ 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, 1994 - 2004

Year	Number of offences involving juveniles	Number of juveniles involved	Mid-year juvenile population estimates	Juvenile delinquency rate (per 1,000 juveniles)¹
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
2004	4	5	4,683	1.1

¹ 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, 1994 - 2004

Year	Type of offence						Total
	Intentional homicide	Assault	Sexual offences	Larceny	Traffic contravention	Other	
1994	1	69	10	87	137	45	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	10	29	256
2003	-	129	32	33	84	21	299
2004	1	88	36	101	12	40	278

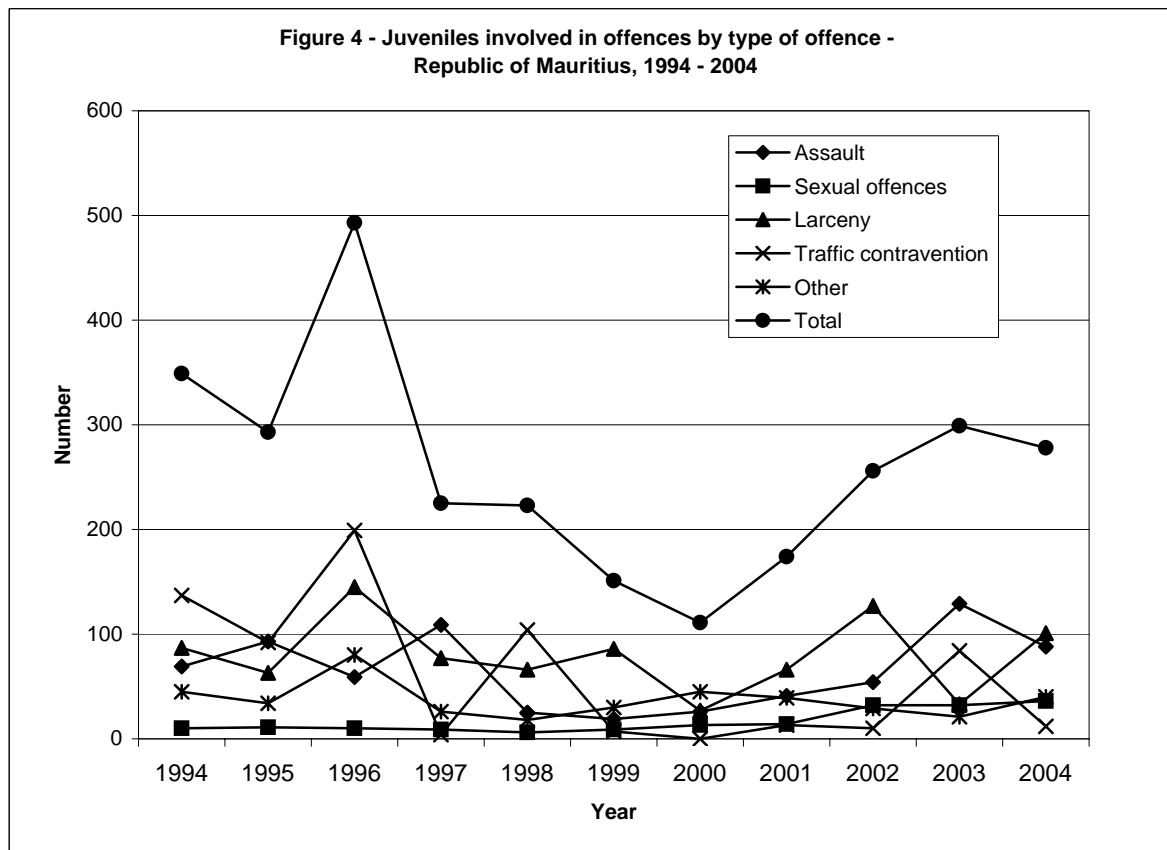


Table 13 - Fingerprinted offenders by sex - Island of Mauritius, Island of Rodrigues & Republic of Mauritius, 1994 - 2004

Year	Island of Mauritius			Island of Rodrigues			Republic of Mauritius		
	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
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
2004	6,216	313	6,529	94	12	106	6,310	325	6,635

Table 14 - Fingerprinted offenders by age-group and sex - Republic of Mauritius, 1994 - 2004

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
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
2004	97	586	5,627	6,310	9	15	301	325	106	601	5,928	6,635

Table 15 - Fingerprinted offenders by number of convictions - Republic of Mauritius, 1994 - 2004

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	%	
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	36.6	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
2004	2,420	36.5	3,645	54.9	523	7.9	47	0.7	6,635

Figure 5 - Fingerprinted offenders by number of convictions - Republic of Mauritius, 1994 - 2004

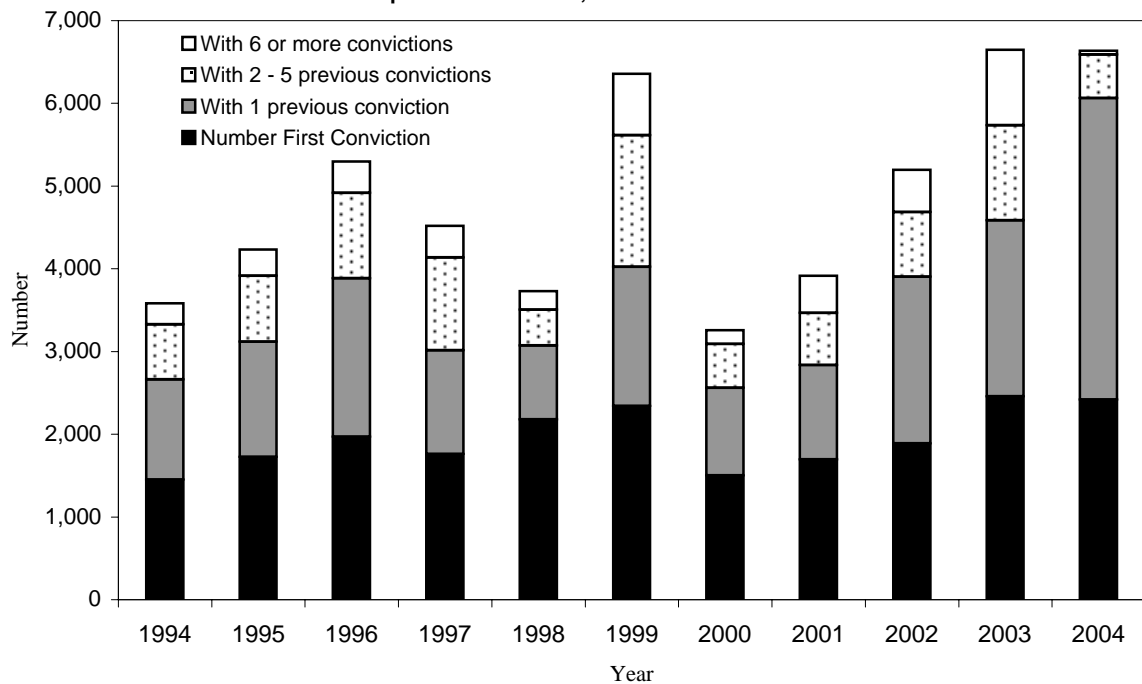


Table 16 - Offences under the Road Traffic Act by type - Republic of Mauritius, 2000 - 2004

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	
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
2004	2,138	1,102	24,026	157	694	53	93,744	121,914	99

Table 17 - Drug offences by type of drugs - Republic of Mauritius, 2000 - 2004

Year	Type of drugs				
	Heroin	Gandia	Psychotropic and other restricted Substances	Other	Total
2000	853	1,593	35	4	2,485
2001	1,588	1,331	58	14	2,991
2002	1,675	1,287	64	11	3,037
2003	2,111	1,159	92	25	3,387
2004	1,768	1,102	195	68	3,133

Table 18 - Police stations and employment - Republic of Mauritius, 1994 - 2004

Year	Police posts and stations ¹	Employment ²			Police force per 1,000 population
		Male	Female	Both sexes	
1994	85	7,940	254	8,194	7.4
1995	85	8,379	254	8,633	7.7
1996	85	9,203	253	9,456	8.3
1997	86	9,059	444	9,503	8.3
1998	89	8,912	434	9,346	8.1
1999	90	8,782	428	9,210	7.8
2000	90	8,694	425	9,119	7.7
2001	91	9,016	498	9,514	7.9
2002	91	10,020	503	10,523	8.7
2003	91	10,665	559	11,224	9.2
2004	93	10,595	542	11,137	9.0

¹ Revised

² Source: March survey of employment and earnings

Table 19 - Total expenditure of the Police Department - Republic of Mauritius, 1994/1995 - 2003/2004

Year	Total expenditure (Rs Mn)		Total expenditure of the Police Department as a percentage of total Government expenditure
	Police department	Government	
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
2003/2004	2,793	44,766	6.2

Source: Annual Report of the Accountant General