

Business Activity Statistics, July 2005 - June 2006

Introduction

Statistics on business activities undertaken in the island of Mauritius are compiled mainly from administrative records. They cover activities which are either licensed with the local authorities (municipalities and district councils) or registered with the appropriate organisations such as the Medical and Dental council, the National Transport Authority, the Tourism Authority, etc. All agricultural activities are presently excluded.

It must 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 enterprises. For example, one enterprise may hold three licences: one as general retailer of foodstuff, a second for selling tobacco and a third for selling alcoholic beverages.

2. Evolution of licences between July 2005 and June 2006

From July 2005 to June 2006, 8,474 new licences were issued, of which 5,888 (69%) pertained to activities classified under 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods'. During the same period 2,550 licences were cancelled, thus bringing the total number of licences as at June 2006 to 79,672, representing an increase of 8% over the previous year figure of 73,748 (Table 1).

3. Evolution of registrations between July 2005 and June 2006

The number of registered activities increased by 1,713 (6%) from 27,040 in July 2005 to 28,753 in June 2006. The industry group 'Transport, storage and communications' had the highest number of registered activities with 19,930 (69%) as at June 2006, followed by 'Real estate, renting and business activities' with 2,608 (9%) (Table 3).

4. Adjusted licences and registrations as at June 2006

Table 4 shows the total number of licences and registered activities as at June 2006, adjusted for double counting. Activities which are both licensed and registered are included in registrations only.

The total number of adjusted licensed and registered activities increased by 7% from 95,501 in June 2005 to 102,178 in June 2006. Out of these around 55% (56,039) fell under the industry group 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal

and household goods' and another 20% (20,430), under 'Transport, storage and communications'.

5. Distribution of adjusted licences and registrations by region and industry groups

Table 5 shows the distribution of adjusted licensed and registered activities by industry groups and region (urban and rural). The number of activities was slightly higher in rural areas (54%) than in urban areas. Activities predominant in the rural regions were from the industry groups 'Hotels and restaurants' (65%) and 'Other community, social and personal service activities' (65%). On the other hand, activities pertaining to the following industry groups were found mostly in the urban areas: 'Health and social work' (76%), 'Real estate, renting and business activities' (64%) and 'Construction' (63%).

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Technical Notes

1. General

Data compiled in this publication provide useful information on demography and trend of business activities in the different economic sectors of the country.

2. Concepts and Coverage

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 organisations (e.g Ministry of Education and Human Resources, the Medical Council, the National Transport Authority, the Tourism Authority, etc.). Statistics published in this report pertain only to activities that are either licensed or registered. However, all agricultural related activities, except those in the manufacture of food products, are not covered.

Statistics on licences relate to the number of licences as delivered by the local authorities. Similarly statistics on registrations are those as registered with the appropriate Ministries or organisations. In some cases, an operator may hold both a licence and a registration certificate. To avoid double counting, while compiling statistics on both licences and registrations, such activities have been accounted for in registration 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.

3. 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

Licences: - Municipalities and District Councils

- Registrations:**
- Ministry of Industry, Small and Medium Enterprises, Commerce and Cooperatives (EPZ, Pioneer & ESZ)
 - National Transport Authority (Public transport)
 - Ministry of Education and Human Resources (Private schools)
 - Judicial Department (Legal activities)
 - Professional Councils (Medical Practitioners, Dentists, Architects, etc.)
 - Board of Investment (Freeport companies)
 - Financial Services Commission (Offshore Companies)
 - The Police Department (Driving schools)
 - Tourism Authority
 - Beach Authority

Table 1 - Evolution of licences between July 2005 and June 2006

NSIC	Industry group	Number			
		2005 ¹ (as at June)	July 2005 to June 2006		2006 ² (as at June)
			Issued	Cancelled	
	Total	73,748	8,474	2,550	79,672
C	Mining and quarrying	5	0	0	5
D	Manufacturing	4,530	392	169	4,753
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	0	0	0	0
F	Construction	830	106	29	907
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	51,118	5,888	1,727	55,279
H	Hotels and restaurants	4,464	396	149	4,711
I	Transport, storage and communications	4,737	643	146	5,234
J	Financial intermediation	408	28	12	424
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	2,869	399	117	3,151
M	Education	392	93	21	464
N	Health and social work	248	20	2	266
O	Other community, social and personal service activities	4,147	509	178	4,478

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Table 2 - Licences by industry group and district as at June 2006¹

NSIC	Industry group	Number									
		Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplemousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	All districts
	Total	15,093	21,939	7,273	8,301	4,222	8,809	6,511	3,646	3,878	79,672
C	Mining and quarrying	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
D	Manufacturing	972	1,487	464	342	225	438	360	236	229	4,753
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F	Construction	145	424	67	47	51	79	44	15	35	907
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	10,338	15,574	5,547	6,500	3,031	6,336	3,649	2,042	2,262	55,279
H	Hotels and restaurants	591	1,172	470	493	304	628	534	280	239	4,711
I	Transport, storage and communications	1,026	1,002	240	271	137	267	1,100	507	684	5,234
J	Financial intermediation	143	93	20	42	16	51	34	17	8	424
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	985	750	223	334	119	246	142	85	267	3,151
M	Education	145	194	14	23	19	35	15	5	14	464
N	Health and social work	83	119	8	26	7	12	4	3	4	266
O	Other community, social and personal services	665	1,124	220	223	313	717	629	456	131	4,478

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Table 3 - Registrations by industry group and district as at June 2006¹

		Number									
NSIC	Industry group	Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplemousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	All districts
	Total	5,728	7,167	3,565	3,584	1,544	3,262	1,698	1,014	1,191	28,753
C	Mining and quarrying	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
D	Manufacturing	139	214	74	43	48	28	20	15	29	610
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	4
F	Construction	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	486	70	220	68	4	154	66	31	189	1,288
H	Hotels and restaurants	144	368	285	398	33	204	128	36	245	1,841
I	Transport, storage and communications	3,404	5,013	2,573	2,747	1,146	2,486	1,280	821	460	19,930
J	Financial intermediation	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	1,266	688	179	97	227	22	47	15	67	2,608
M	Education	176	399	119	89	62	127	89	64	37	1,162
N	Health and social work	92	405	25	32	24	28	16	14	6	642
O	Other community, social and personal services	8	8	89	110	0	211	52	17	158	653

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Table 4 - Licences¹ and registrations by industry group as at June, 2005 and 2006

NSIC	Industry group	Number					
		2005 ²			2006 ³		
		Licences only	Registrations	Total	Licences only	Registrations	Total
	Total	68,461	27,040	95,501	73,425	28,753	102,178
C	Mining and quarrying	5	1	6	5	1	6
D	Manufacturing	4,530	619	5,149	4,747	610	5,357
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	0	4	4	0	4	4
F	Construction	830	1	831	907	2	909
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	51,118	1,187	52,305	54,751	1,288	56,039
H	Hotels and restaurants	4,464	1,619	6,083	4,711	1,841	6,552
I	Transport, storage and communications	408	18,528	18,936	500	19,930	20,430
J	Financial intermediation	408	13	421	424	12	436
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	2,042	2,598	4,640	2,303	2,608	4,911
M	Education	392	1,140	1,532	464	1,162	1,626
N	Health and social work	117	637	754	135	642	777
O	Other community, social and personal service activities	4,147	693	4,840	4,478	653	5,131

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 - Licences¹ and registrations by industry group and region as at June 2006²

				Number
NSIC	Industry group	Urban	Rural	Total
	Total	47,338	54,840	102,178
C	Mining and quarrying	1	5	6
D	Manufacturing	2,806	2,551	5,357
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	0	4	4
F	Construction	571	338	909
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	26,220	29,819	56,039
H	Hotels and restaurants	2,275	4,277	6,552
I	Transport, storage and communications	8,763	11,667	20,430
J	Financial intermediation	248	188	436
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	3,144	1,767	4,911
M	Education	914	712	1,626
N	Health and social work	591	186	777
O	Other community, social and personal service activities	1,805	3,326	5,131

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 6 - Licences¹ and registrations by industry group and district as at June 2006²

Number

NSIC	Industry group	Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplemousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	All districts
	Total	19,430	27,908	10,572	11,444	5,596	11,721	7,105	4,129	4,273	102,178
C	Mining and quarrying	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6
D	Manufacturing	1,106	1,700	538	385	273	466	380	251	258	5,357
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	4
F	Construction	145	426	67	47	51	79	44	15	35	909
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	10,724	15,496	5,728	6,518	3,002	6,419	3,679	2,052	2,421	56,039
H	Hotels and restaurants	735	1,540	755	891	337	832	662	316	484	6,552
I	Transport, storage and communications	3,677	5,086	2,601	2,752	1,147	2,487	1,319	821	540	20,430
J	Financial intermediation	155	93	20	42	16	51	34	17	8	436
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	1,766	1,378	389	322	345	257	182	100	172	4,911
M	Education	321	593	133	112	81	162	104	69	51	1,626
N	Health and social work	127	464	31	42	31	38	20	14	10	777
O	Other community, social and personal services	673	1,132	309	333	313	928	681	473	289	5,131

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Table 7.1 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district for industry group 'Manufacturing' as at June 2006²

NSIC	Industry group	Number									
		Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplemousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	All districts
	Total	1,106	1,700	538	385	273	466	380	251	258	5,357
15 & 16	Food product, beverages and tobacco	153	281	98	64	53	75	77	51	47	899
17 & 18	Textiles and wearing apparel	177	392	91	85	78	120	85	77	33	1,138
19	Tanning and dressing of leather & footwear	32	36	16	6	7	3	10	3	3	116
20, 36101- 36109	Wood product including furniture	146	323	63	61	37	91	73	37	25	856
21,22	Paper product, publishing and printing	139	92	22	12	15	12	11	6	20	329
23	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
24	Chemicals and chemical products	19	17	12	2	4	1	3	0	11	69
25	Rubber and plastic products	84	51	19	17	6	9	25	13	8	232
26	Non-metallic mineral products	19	15	21	3	5	15	11	3	17	109
27, 28, 29	Basic & fabricated metals and machinery, n.e.c	95	213	67	60	18	33	27	20	23	556
30000	Office equipment	9	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
31, 32	Electrical machinery, apparatus, radio & tv equipment	13	7	6	1	3	0	1	0	1	32
33	Medical optical instrument, watches and clocks	4	21	8	10	7	7	0	1	1	59
34, 35	Motor vehicles, trailers and other transport equipment	9	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	4	19
36911- 36919	Jewellery and related products	124	156	50	37	28	82	37	34	9	557
36920- 36999	Manufacturing, n.e.c.	83	87	62	26	10	17	16	6	55	362
37	Recycling	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	5

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 7.2 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district for industry group 'Electricity, Gas and Water Supply' as at June 2006²

NSIC	Industry group	Number									
		P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
40 & 41	Electricity, gas and water supply	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	4

Table 7.3 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district for industry group 'Construction' as at June 2006²

NSIC	Industry group	Number									
		P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
4520	Construction	145	426	67	47	51	79	44	15	35	909

Table 7.4 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district for industry group 'Hotels and Restaurants' as at June 2006²

NSIC	Industry group	Number									
		P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
	Total	735	1,540	755	891	337	832	662	316	484	6,552
55101 - 55109	Hotels and boarding houses	23	69	120	220	0	50	53	7	102	644
55201 - 55202	Restaurants	59	151	80	87	17	78	43	18	79	612
55203	Bars	161	460	244	296	152	355	278	140	132	2,218
55204 - 55209	Canteens and other eating places	492	860	311	288	168	349	288	151	171	3,078

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 7.5 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district for industry group 'Wholesale and retail trade; Repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods' as at June 2006²

NSIC	Industry group	Number									
		P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
	Total	10,724	15,496	5,728	6,518	3,002	6,419	3,679	2,052	2,421	56,039
501 & 502	Sale and repairs of motor vehicles	131	190	60	41	38	69	42	25	28	624
503	Sale of motor vehicle spare parts and accessories	253	227	61	44	23	44	36	24	25	737
504	Sale and repairs of motorcycles/spare parts	114	112	42	32	11	39	33	27	5	415
505	Retail sale of automotive fuel	18	51	13	19	6	18	12	7	7	151
51	Wholesaler/Commission Agent except of motor vehicles	2,433	1,836	310	356	367	624	283	171	248	6,628
5211	General retailer foodstuff and non-foodstuff	704	1,610	636	634	273	480	704	359	281	5,681
5219	General retailer non-foodstuff (non-specialised)	1,520	2,163	398	729	228	614	305	172	200	6,329
5220	Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco	1,667	3,187	1,106	1,008	716	1,469	1,016	567	641	11,377
5231	Retail sale of pharmaceutical goods	47	104	17	15	9	13	14	7	5	231
5232	Retail sale of textiles and footwear	398	115	14	34	2	1	42	34	2	642
5233	Retail sale of household appliances	197	198	33	37	11	44	54	30	21	625
5234	Retail of hardware, paints and glass	242	265	85	87	44	97	65	51	27	963
5235	Sale of furniture	38	199	83	70	30	78	52	37	18	605
5236	Bookshop	55	103	24	23	13	22	16	5	4	265
5237	Jewellers shop	26	45	16	39	3	10	2	0	21	162
5239	Retail sale in specialised stores	296	593	207	215	104	267	199	97	92	2,070
5240	Retail sale of second-hand goods in stores	17	6	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	29
5252	Retail at market place and fairs	977	3,638	1,679	2,423	877	1,782	252	90	487	12,205
5259	Hawkers, street vendors and mobile victualler	1,438	554	864	655	204	646	507	337	273	5,478
5260	Repair of personal and household goods	153	300	77	56	43	102	43	12	36	822

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 7.6 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district for industry group 'Transport, storage and communications' as at June 2006²

NSIC	Industry group	Number									
		Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplemousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	All districts
	Total	3,677	5,086	2,601	2,752	1,147	2,487	1,319	821	540	20,430
60211 - 60219	Bus Transport	652	1,884	574	503	338	503	415	242	75	5,186
60221	Taxi car	1,115	1,656	576	800	245	1,417	517	246	258	6,830
60231 - 60239	Freight transport by road	1,502	1,376	1,397	1,392	556	558	339	331	161	7,612
63010 - 63030 & 63090	Supporting and auxilliary transport activities	304	82	33	6	1	1	41	0	25	493
63041 - 63042	Travel agencies and tour operators	101	87	21	51	7	8	7	2	21	305
64	Post and telecommunications	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4

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 7.7 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district for industry group 'Financial intermediation; Real estate and business activities' as at June 2006²

NSIC	Industry group	Number									
		P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
	Total	1,921	1,471	409	364	361	308	216	117	180	5,347
65	Financial intermediation except insurance & pension funding	56	60	14	26	8	20	23	9	5	221
66	Insurance and pension funding except compulsory social security	64	26	3	9	4	19	8	7	2	142
67	Activities auxiliary to financial intermediation	35	7	3	7	4	12	3	1	1	73
70	Real estate activities	74	102	30	53	6	13	6	1	10	295
71	Renting of machinery and equipment	653	801	309	223	288	195	152	85	115	2,821
72	Computer and related activities	51	48	2	1	6	4	2	0	6	120
74111	Attorney	131	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	131
74112	Notary	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
74113	Barrister	301	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	301
74121 & 74122	Accounting and Tax consultancy	46	17	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	69
7414	Business and management consultancy activities	153	55	2	4	3	1	1	2	5	226
74211	Engineer	6	14	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	23
74212 & 74213	Quantity and Land surveyors	29	28	1	0	1	3	1	0	0	63
74214	Architect	30	59	4	4	4	2	1	0	3	107
7422	Motor surveyors	76	44	9	5	8	6	3	0	10	161
74300	Advertising	46	26	2	6	2	2	0	0	4	88
749	Business activities, n.e.c	115	184	27	25	25	30	15	12	18	451

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 7.8 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district for industry group 'Education; Health and Social work; Community, social and personal service activities' as at June 2006²

NSIC	Industry group	Number									
		P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
	Total	1,121	2,189	473	487	425	1,128	805	556	350	7,534
80101	Pre-Primary	106	268	87	77	37	98	67	52	28	820
80102	Primary	9	28	6	3	5	10	5	4	3	73
80210	Secondary	22	49	12	4	7	8	9	5	2	118
80220	Vocational training centre	123	180	12	18	16	28	13	2	13	405
8030	Higher education	1	3	2	0	3	1	0	0	1	11
80901 - 80909	Adult & other education	60	65	14	10	13	17	10	6	4	199
85121 - 85122	Medical practioner	73	331	21	25	18	21	15	11	6	521
85123	Dentist	19	74	4	7	6	7	1	3	0	121
85124 - 85320	Optician, Other health and Social work activities	35	59	6	10	7	10	4	0	4	135
90	Sewage and refuse disposal, sanitation and similar activities	6	2	2	1	1	3	4	2	3	24
91	Activities of membership organisations n.e.c	6	21	3	7	1	0	2	0	4	44
92	Recreational cultural & sporting activities	338	459	165	178	251	783	565	417	208	3,364
93	Other service activities	323	650	139	147	60	142	110	54	74	1,699

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

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