

Crime statistics, 1996 – 2006 (Police Department)

1. Introduction

This issue of Economic and Social Indicators (ESI) is the fourth 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) in this ESI to classify the Mauritian data according to the UN classification to allow some international comparison.

Statistics presented in this ESI 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 1996 to 2006, 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 Thus, allegations may be withdrawn; the police may find an offence to have no basis or to be different from what was reported; a suspect may be cleared of all charges, while other suspects may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 however possible with the database of fingerprinted offenders with one or more convictions, as the latter is updated regularly.

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 2006, a total of 255,046 cases (249,885 in the Island of Mauritius and 5,161 in Rodrigues) were notified at the Police Department compared to 222,522 (217,274 in the Island of Mauritius and 5,248 in Rodrigues) in 2005, representing an increase of 14.6%.

Out of the 255,046 cases notified, 190,168 (186,574 in the Island of Mauritius and 3,594 in Rodrigues) were connected to an offence, higher than the 2005 figure of 159,208 (155,420 in the Island of Mauritius and 3,788 in Rodrigues).

The proportion of reported cases connected to an offence increased from 71.5% in 2005 to 74.6% in 2006 in the Republic of Mauritius and in the Island of Mauritius. In Rodrigues, the proportion decreased from 72.2% to 69.6%.

4. Offences by type

Trends in the different types of offences during the period 1996 to 2006 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 19.4% from 159,208 in 2005 to 190,168 in 2006. This was mainly due to an increase of 28.0% in the number of contraventions (from 110,635 to 141,618) which make up nearly three-quarter of the total number of offences. Drug related offences were also on the rise, up by 8.2% from 3,559 in 2005 to 3,851 in 2006. Conversely, there was a decline in the number of reported crimes by 2.5% (from 5,988 to 5,837) and in the number of misdemeanours by 0.4% (from 39,026 to 38,862).

During the same period, the number of offences in the Island of Mauritius increased by 20.0% following increases in the number of contraventions (28.8%), and drug related offences (8.4%), and decreases in the number of crimes (2.0%) and misdemeanours (0.5%) (Table 3).

In Rodrigues, on the other hand, the number of offences declined by 5.1% (from 3,788 to 3,594), driven by a decrease of 7.9% in the number of contraventions. The number of crimes and drug related offences went down by 23.0% and 27.3% respectively while the number of misdemeanours went up slightly by 3.8%.

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 give the rates of the various offences from 1996 to 2006 for the Republic of Mauritius and the Islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues respectively.

Between 2005 & 2006, the total number of offences reported at the police increased by 19.4% in the Republic whilst the population increased by 0.8%. The offence rate, therefore, increased by 18.5% from 128.1 per 1,000 population in 2005 to 151.8 in 2006.

In the Island of Mauritius, the overall offence rate went up by 19.2% (from 128.8 to 153.5) while in Rodrigues, the rate declined by 5.5% (from 102.6 to 96.9).

Upon comparing the overall offence rate of the 2 main constituent Islands of the Republic, Rodrigues (rate of 96.9 in 2006) appears to be safer than the Island of Mauritius (rate of 153.5 in 2006). In fact, the rates for 2006 of the different types of offences were lower in Rodrigues than in the Island of Mauritius except for misdemeanours; the misdemeanour rate was almost the same in both islands (at around 31).

4.1 Selected offences

Table 7 shows offences in the Republic of Mauritius for the years 2002 to 2006, categorized according to the UN classification of offences modified to take into consideration local criminal laws.

The number of homicides and related offences in the Republic increased by 13.4% from 97 in 2005 to 110 in 2006. Sexual offences edged up by 33.8% from 314 to 420 and frauds by 4.8% from 580 to 608.

During the same period, there was a slight decrease in the number of assaults and related offences by 1.5% (from 13,331 to 13,129) and a decline of 5.8% in the number of larcenies (from 19,156 to 18,038).

4.2 Status of offences

Table 8 and Figure 2 show the status of offences for the period 2002 to 2006 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.

In 2005, there were 229,028 offences to be dealt with by the Police. Among them, around 73.0% were investigated. In 2006, the number of offences investigated by the police rose to 207,644 showing an improvement both in the number and proportion of cases (82%) subject to police investigation.

Alternative of the offences investigated, 79% were taken to court in 2006, a higher proportion than in 2005 (77%).

4.3 Offences involving juveniles

From 2005 to 2006, the number of offences involving juveniles (defined as persons aged 12 to 17 years) in the Republic of Mauritius increased significantly by 40.9% from 582 (580 in the Island of Mauritius and 2 in Rodrigues) to 820 (817 in the Island of Mauritius and 3 in Rodrigues). The number of juveniles involved increased by 34.0% from 624 to 836. This led to an increase in the juvenile delinquency rate (defined as the number of juveniles

involved in offences per 1,000 mid-year population aged 12 to 17 years) from 4.9 to 6.5 (Table 9 and Figure 3).

The juvenile delinquency rate for the Island of Mauritius was 6.7 in 2006 compared to a low rate of 0.7 for Rodrigues.

Among the 836 juveniles involved in offences in 2006, 4 were involved in intentional homicides, 173 (20.7%) in assaults, 124 (14.8%) in larceny, 57 (6.8%) in sexual offences and the remaining in other offences, which include traffic contravention.

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 11.1% from 6,576 (6,479 in the Island of Mauritius and 97 in Rodrigues) in 2005 to 7,303 (7,185 in the Island of Mauritius and 118 in Rodrigues) in 2006.

During the same period, the number of fingerprinted offenders aged less than 18 years decreased by 26.2% from 107 to 79. Offenders in the age bracket 18 to 21 years decreased marginally from 555 to 550 while those aged 22 years or more increased by 12.9% from 5,914 to 6,674 (Table 14).

In 2006, the majority of the fingerprinted offenders were males (94%). In terms of age around 91.4% were aged more than 22 years, 7.5% between 18 and 21 years and the remaining 1.1% were below 18 years.

The number of first-time offenders in the Republic of Mauritius increased by 7.7% from 2,391 in 2005 to 2,574 in 2006 (Table 15 and Figure 5). The number of offenders with one previous conviction increased by 7.3% from 3,378 to 3,625, those with 2 to 5 previous convictions by 35.7% from 784 to 1,064 and those with 6 or more convictions by 73.9% from 23 to 40.

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 increased by 25.0% from 100,686 in 2005 to 125,849 in 2006. The number of road traffic offences per thousand population therefore rose from 81 in 2005 to 100 in 2006 (Table 16).

Offences related to dangerous driving decreased by 3.5% from 1,826 in 2005 to 1,762 in 2006. Cases of driving under the influence of liquor increased by 10.8% from 785 to 870 and speeding offences by 35.7% from 16,682 to 22,642.

6. Offences under the Dangerous Drugs Act

The number of drug related offences, which stood at 3,559 in 2005 in the Republic of Mauritius increased by 8.2% to 3,851 in 2006 (Table 17). Increases were noted in offences related to gandia (cannabis) which rose by 15.3% from 1,207 to 1,392 , and in offences related to psychotropic and other substances which almost tripled from 473 to 1,172. On the other hand, a decrease of 32.1% from 1,828 to 1,242 was noted in offences related to heroin.

Out of the total number of drug related offences in 2006, some 36.1% were related to gandia, 32.3% to heroin and 30.4% to psychotropic and other restricted substances.

7. Employment in the Police Department

The number of police stations including police posts in the Republic of Mauritius which was 94 in 2005 remained the same in 2006. The police force however increased slightly by 1.9% from 11,558 (10,924 men and 634 women) in 2005 to 11,779 (11,130 men and 649 women) in 2006. The police force per 1,000 population increased from 9.3 to 9.4 (Table 18).

8. Budget of the Police Department

The total expenditure of the Police Department of the Republic increased by 10.3% from Rs 2,798 Mn in 2004/2005 to Rs 3,085 Mn in 2005/2006 (Table 19). The share of the expenditure of the police expressed as a percentage of total government expenditure, however decreased marginally from 5.9% in 2004/2005 to 5.8% in 2005/2006.

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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 5,000 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 5,000 rupees.
5. **Drug related offences** are as spelt out under the Dangerous Drug Act 2000 and Psychotropic Substances Act 1974. They relate mainly to cultivation of gandia, possession, selling, distribution, and importation of gandia, heroin, hashish, and opium.
6. **“Crime rate”** is defined as the number of reported crimes per 1,000 mid-year population.
7. **“Misdemeanour rate”** is defined as the number of reported misdemeanours per 1,000 mid-year population.
8. **“Contravention rate”** is defined as the number of reported contraventions per 1,000 mid-year population.
9. **“Drug rate”** is defined as the number of reported drug offences per 1,000 mid-year population.
10. **“Juveniles”** are persons aged 12 to 17 years.
11. **“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, 1996 - 2006

Year	Offences					Other	Total
	Crime ²	Misdemeanour ²	Contravention	Drug ³	Total		
1996	4,622	30,067	80,050	2,362	117,101	65,868	182,969
1997	4,228	32,035	85,921	2,312	124,496	67,252	191,748
1998	4,314	31,967	62,574	2,131	100,986	86,983	187,969
1999	5,351	31,219	49,847	2,096	88,513	73,364	161,877
2000	4,825	29,375	61,679	2,485	98,364	81,653	180,017
2001	4,194	32,436	96,935	2,991	136,556	70,538	207,094
2002	4,411	31,489	135,819	3,037	174,756	75,330	250,086
2003	4,373	33,615	153,157	3,387	194,532	75,385	269,917
2004	5,300	37,702	134,095	3,133	180,230	69,731	249,961
2005	5,988	39,026	110,635	3,559	159,208	63,314	222,522
2006	5,837	38,862	141,618	3,851	190,168	64,878	255,046

¹ Based on reported cases

² Figures exclude drug related offences

³ Offences under Dangerous Drug Act 2000 and Psychotropic Substances Act 1974

Table 2 - Offence rate¹: crime, misdemeanour, contravention and drug - Republic of Mauritius, 1996 - 2006

Year	Mid-year population	Offence rate (per ' 000 population)				
		Crime ²	Misdemeanour ²	Contravention	Drug ³	All offences
1996	1,133,996	4.1	26.5	70.6	2.1	103.3
1997	1,148,284	3.7	27.9	74.8	2.0	108.4
1998	1,160,421	3.7	27.5	53.9	1.8	87.0
1999	1,175,267	4.6	26.6	42.4	1.8	75.3
2000	1,186,873	4.1	24.7	52.0	2.1	82.9
2001	1,199,881	3.5	27.0	80.8	2.5	113.8
2002	1,210,196	3.6	26.0	112.2	2.5	144.4
2003	1,222,811	3.6	27.5	125.2	2.8	159.1
2004	1,233,386	4.3	30.6	108.7	2.5	146.1
2005	1,243,253	4.8	31.4	89.0	2.9	128.1
2006	1,252,698	4.7	31.0	113.1	3.1	151.8

¹ Based on reported cases

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³ Offences under Dangerous Drug Act 2000 and Psychotropic Substances Act 1974

Figure 1 - Reported offences: crimes, misdemeanours, contraventions and drugs - Republic of Mauritius, 1996 - 2006

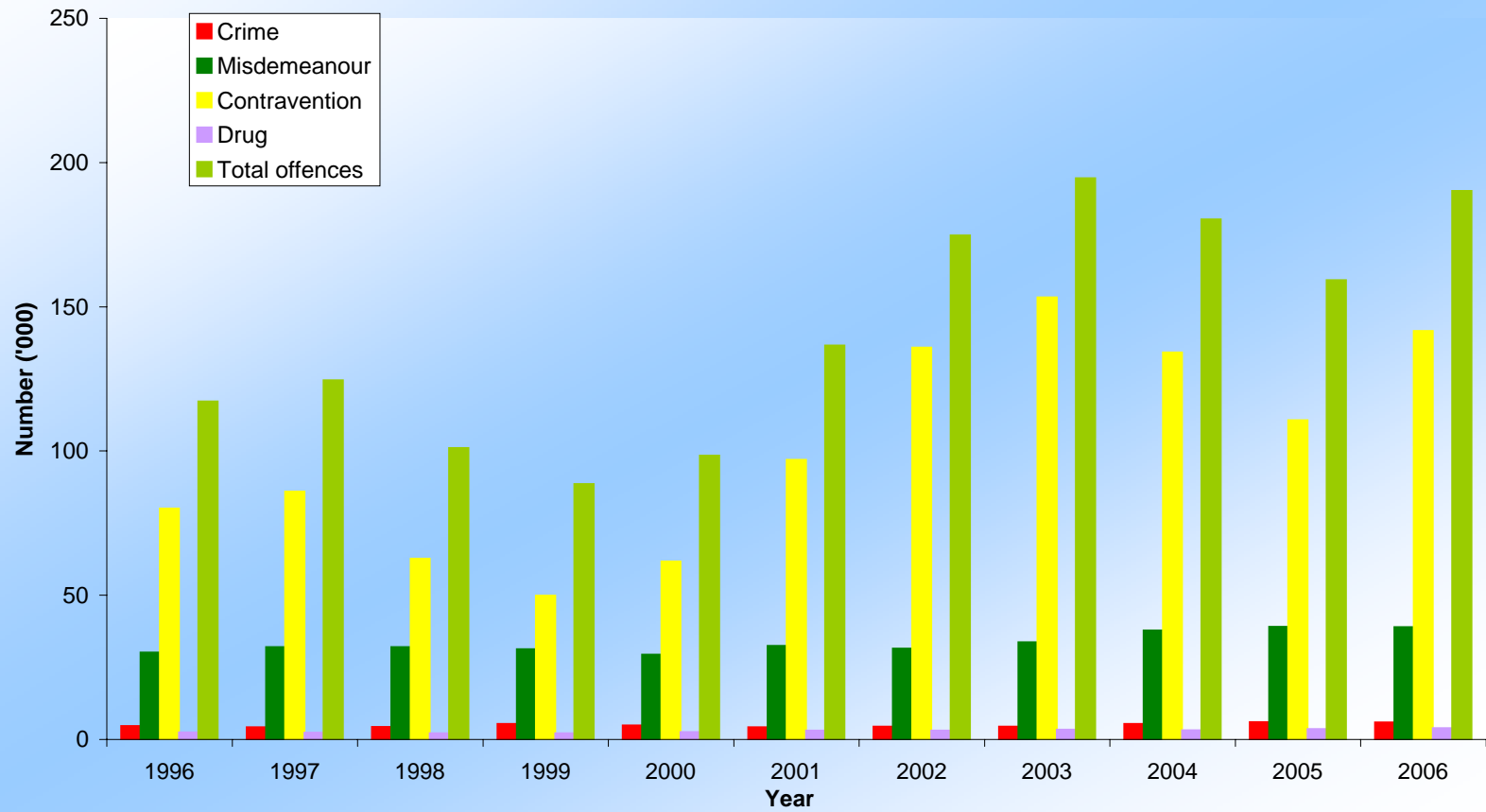


Table 3 - Cases reported by type¹ - Island of Mauritius, 1996- 2006

Year	Offences					Other	Total
	Crime ²	Misdemeanour ²	Contravention	Drug ³	Total		
1996	4,561	29,453	78,590	2,362	114,966	64,859	179,825
1997	4,156	31,333	84,346	2,312	122,147	66,069	188,216
1998	4,242	31,202	60,834	2,118	98,396	85,881	184,277
1999	5,288	30,669	48,660	2,092	86,709	72,508	159,217
2000	4,744	28,726	60,634	2,473	96,577	80,682	177,259
2001	4,131	31,700	95,568	2,966	134,365	69,494	203,859
2002	4,289	30,670	134,220	3,022	172,201	74,045	246,246
2003	4,274	32,785	150,876	3,361	191,296	74,165	265,461
2004	5,167	36,720	131,753	3,115	176,755	68,335	245,090
2005	5,836	37,907	108,140	3,537	155,420	61,854	217,274
2006	5,720	37,700	139,319	3,835	186,574	63,311	249,885

¹ Based on reported cases

² Figures exclude drug related offences

³ Offences under Dangerous Drug Act 2000 and Psychotropic Substances Act 1974

Table 4 - Offence rate¹: crime, misdemeanour , contravention and drug - Island of Mauritius, 1996 - 2006

Year	Mid-year population	Offence rate (per ' 000 population)				
		Crime ²	Misdemeanour ²	Contravention	Drug ³	All offences
1996	1,099,057	4.1	26.8	71.5	2.1	104.6
1997	1,113,144	3.7	28.1	75.8	2.1	109.7
1998	1,125,118	3.8	27.7	54.1	1.9	87.5
1999	1,139,718	4.6	26.9	42.7	1.8	76.1
2000	1,151,094	4.1	25.0	52.7	2.1	83.9
2001	1,163,875	3.5	27.2	82.1	2.5	115.4
2002	1,174,021	3.7	26.1	114.3	2.6	146.7
2003	1,186,363	3.6	27.6	127.2	2.8	161.2
2004	1,196,696	4.3	30.7	110.1	2.6	147.7
2005	1,206,346	4.8	31.4	89.6	2.9	128.8
2006	1,215,619	4.7	31.0	114.6	3.2	153.5

¹ Based on reported cases

² Figures exclude drug related offences

³ Offences under Dangerous Drug Act 2000 and Psychotropic Substances Act 1974

Table 5 - Cases reported by type¹ - Island of Rodrigues, 1996 - 2006

Year	Offences					Other	Total
	Crime ²	Misdemeanour ²	Contravention	Drug ³	Total		
1996	61	614	1,460	-	2,135	1,009	3,144
1997	72	702	1,575	-	2,349	1,183	3,532
1998	72	765	1,740	13	2,590	1,102	3,692
1999	63	550	1,187	4	1,804	856	2,660
2000	81	649	1,045	12	1,787	971	2,758
2001	63	736	1,367	25	2,191	1,044	3,235
2002	122	819	1,599	15	2,555	1,285	3,840
2003	99	830	2,281	26	3,236	1,220	4,456
2004	133	982	2,342	18	3,475	1,396	4,871
2005	152	1,119	2,495	22	3,788	1,460	5,248
2006	117	1,162	2,299	16	3,594	1,567	5,161

¹ Based on reported cases

² Figures exclude drug related offences

³ Offences under Dangerous Drug Act 2000 and Psychotropic Substances Act 1974

Table 6 - Offence rate¹: crime, misdemeanour, contravention and drug - Island of Rodrigues, 1996 - 2006

Year	Mid-year population	Offence rate (per ' 000 population)				
		Crime ²	Misdemeanour ²	Contravention	Drug ³	All offences
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	21.7	49.3	0.37	73.4
1999	35,549	1.8	15.5	33.4	0.11	50.7
2000	35,779	2.3	18.1	29.2	0.34	49.9
2001	36,006	1.7	20.4	38.0	0.69	60.9
2002	36,175	3.4	22.6	44.2	0.41	70.6
2003	36,448	2.7	22.8	62.6	0.71	88.8
2004	36,690	3.6	26.8	63.8	0.49	94.7
2005	36,907	4.1	30.3	67.6	0.60	102.6
2006	37,079	3.2	31.3	62.0	0.43	96.9

¹ Based on reported cases

² Figures exclude drug related offences

³ Offences under Dangerous Drug Act 2000 and Psychotropic Substances Act 1974

Table 7 - Selected offences - Republic of Mauritius, 2002 - 2006

Type of offences	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
1. Homicide and related offences	103	97	92	97	110
<i>Intentional</i>	31	39	35	37	50
<i>Involuntary</i>	67	47	51	44	50
<i>Attempted murder</i>	5	11	6	16	10
2. Assault and related offences	12,279	12,773	13,113	13,331	13,129
<i>Assaults causing loss of limb/eye</i>	1	-	2	-	1
<i>Serious wounds and blows</i>	182	73	107	86	65
<i>Other</i>	12,096	12,700	13,004	13,245	13,063
3. Sexual offences	259	298	297	314	420
<i>Rape</i>	40	53	40	38	64
<i>Sexual intercourse with person under 16 years</i>	110	124	124	124	156
<i>Other</i>	109	121	133	152	200
4. Fraud	621	590	656	580	608
<i>Forgery</i>	164	170	193	177	209
<i>Swindling</i>	363	324	380	331	316
<i>Other</i>	94	96	83	72	83
5. Issuing cheques without provision	358	376	430	387	437
6. Embezzlement	728	699	768	726	706
7. Larceny	13,296	14,548	18,200	19,156	18,038
<i>With Violence</i>	774	710	769	984	887
<i>Night Breaking</i>	912	827	1,136	1,385	1,329
<i>With other aggravating circumstances</i>	81	68	105	117	103
<i>Bicycles</i>	789	733	696	661	536
<i>Motor Vehicles</i>	805	988	1,105	993	1,005
<i>Cellular phones/pagers</i>	690	928	1,243	1,498	1,159
<i>Other</i>	9,245	10,294	13,146	13,518	13,019
8. Drug related offences ¹	3,037	3,387	3,133	3,559	3,851
9. Other	8,256	8,607	9,446	10,423	11,251
10 Sub-total (crimes, misdemeanours and drug offences)	38,937	41,375	46,135	48,573	48,550
11 Contraventions	135,819	153,157	134,095	110,635	141,618
<i>Offences under the Road Traffic Act</i>	122,784	140,959	121,914	100,686	125,849
<i>Other</i>	13,035	12,198	12,181	9,949	15,769
Total	174,756	194,532	180,230	159,208	190,168

¹Offences under the Dangerous Drug Act 2000 and Psychotropic Substances Act 1974

Table 8 - Offences by status - Republic of Mauritius, 2002 - 2006

Year	Reported offences					
	Brought forward from previous year	Reported during the year	Total	After investigation		Pending investigation
				Not taken to Court	Taken to Court	
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	142,027	69,820
2005	69,820	159,208	229,028	38,209	127,759	63,060
2006	63,060	190,168	253,228	43,250	164,394	45,584

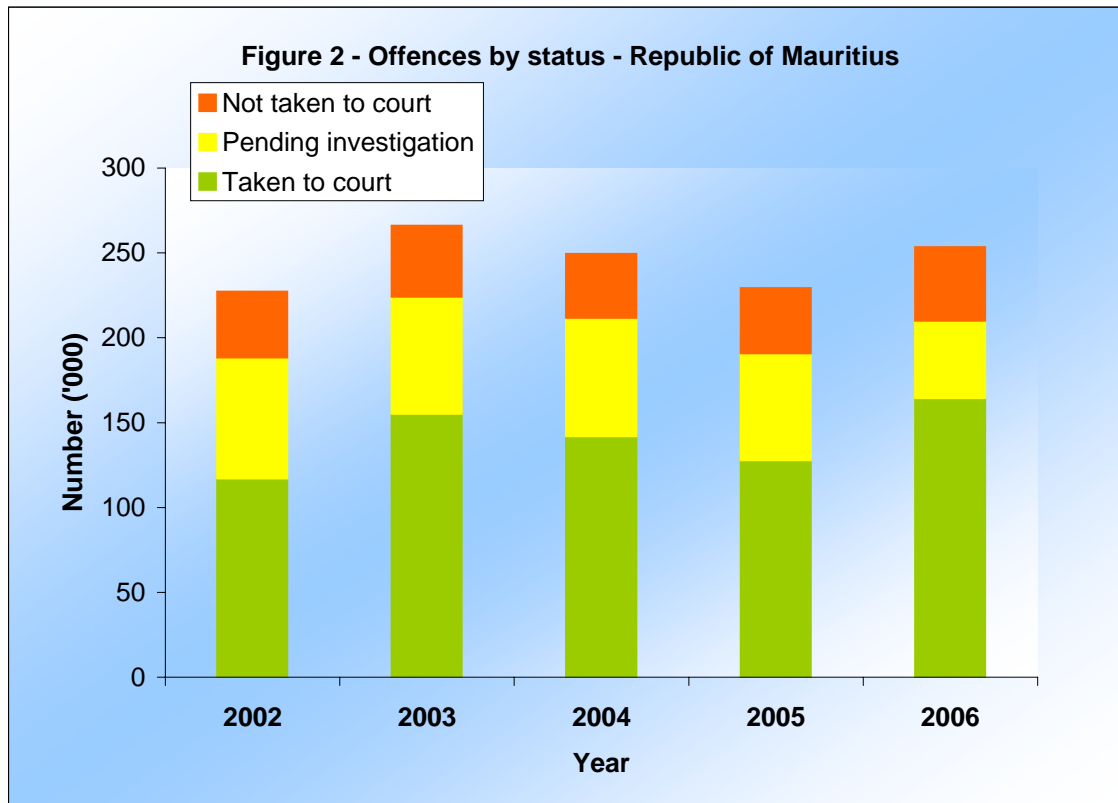


Table 9 - Juvenile offences - Republic of Mauritius, 1996 - 2006

Year	Number of offences involving juveniles	Number of juveniles involved	Mid-year juvenile population estimates	Juvenile delinquency rate (per 1,000 juveniles)
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
2005	582	624	127,485	4.9
2006	820	836	129,319	6.5

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

Figure 3 - Juvenile delinquency rate - Republic of Mauritius, 1996 - 2006

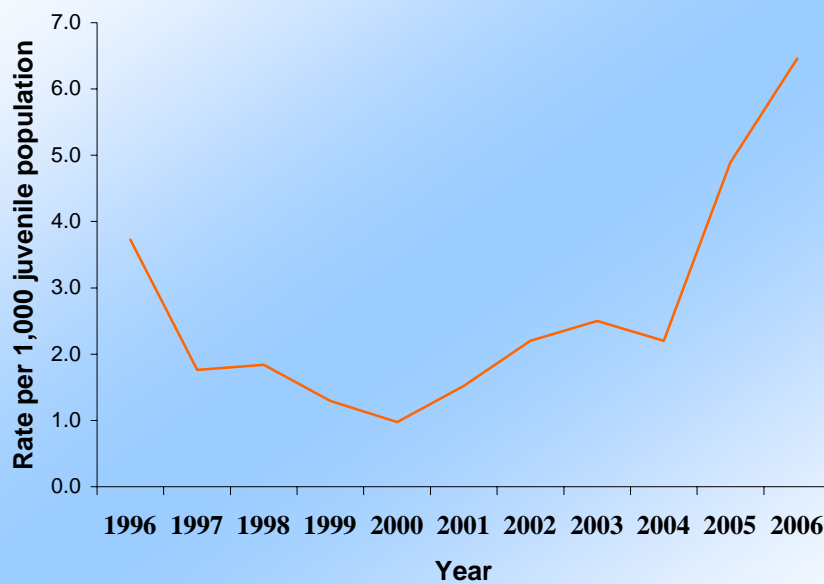


Table 10 - Juvenile offences - Island of Mauritius, 1996 - 2006

Year	Number of offences involving juveniles	Number of juveniles involved	Mid-year juvenile population estimates	Juvenile delinquency rate (per 1,000 juveniles)
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
2005	580	622	122,881	5.1
2006	817	833	124,767	6.7

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, 1996 - 2006

Year	Number of offences involving juveniles	Number of juveniles involved	Mid-year juvenile population estimates	Juvenile delinquency rate (per 1,000 juveniles)¹
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
2005	2	2	4,604	0.4
2006	3	3	4,552	0.7

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, 1996 - 2006

Year	Type of offence					Total
	Intentional homicide	Assault	Sexual offences	Larceny	Other	
1996	-	59	10	145	279	493
1997	-	109	9	77	30	225
1998	4	25	6	66	122	223
1999	-	19	9	86	37	151
2000	-	26	13	27	45	111
2001	1	41	14	66	52	174
2002	4	54	32	127	39	256
2003	-	129	32	33	105	299
2004	1	88	36	101	52	278
2005	2	205	74	164	179	624
2006	4	173	57	124	478	836

Figure 4 - Juveniles involved in selected offences - Republic of Mauritius, 1996 - 2006

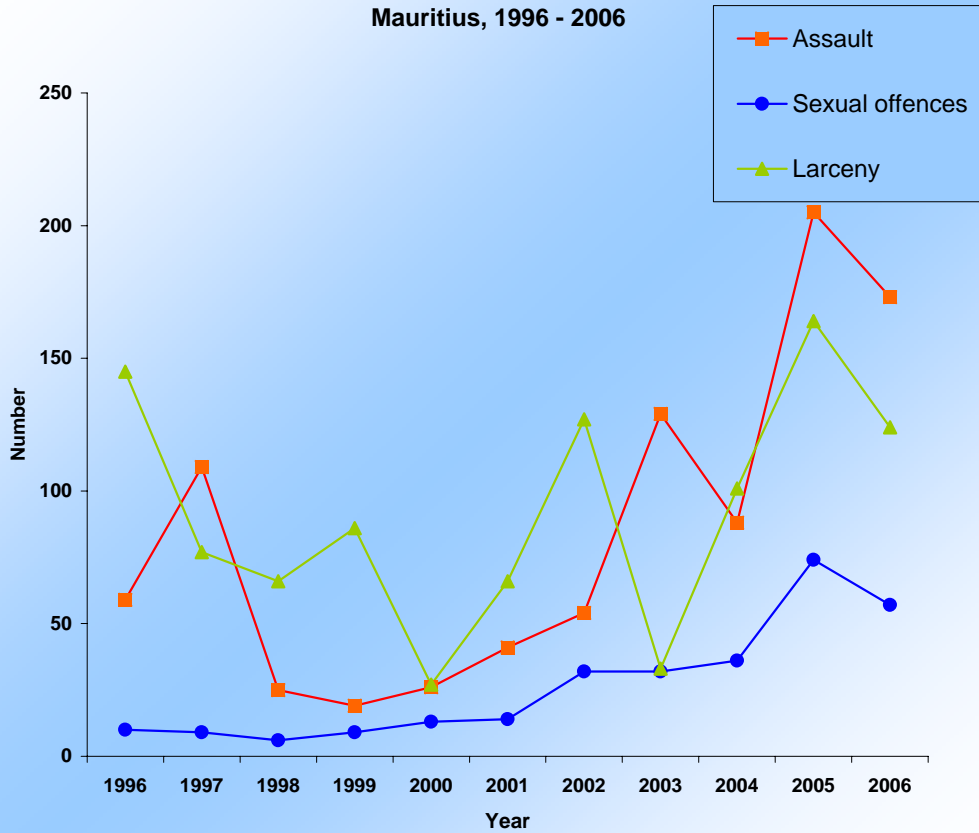


Table 13 - Fingerprinted offenders by sex - Island of Mauritius, Island of Rodrigues & Republic of Mauritius, 1996 - 2006

Year	Island of Mauritius			Island of Rodrigues			Republic of Mauritius		
	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
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
2005	6,131	348	6,479	96	1	97	6,227	349	6,576
2006	6,773	412	7,185	107	11	118	6,880	423	7,303

Table 14 - Fingerprinted offenders by age-group and sex - Republic of Mauritius, 1996 - 2006

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
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
2005	102	529	5,596	6,227	5	26	318	349	107	555	5,914	6,576
2006	75	516	6,289	6,880	4	34	385	423	79	550	6,674	7,303

Table 15 - Fingerprinted offenders by number of convictions - Republic of Mauritius, 1996 - 2006

Year	Number of offenders								
	First conviction		With 1 previous conviction		With 2 - 5 previous convictions		With 6 or more convictions		Total
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
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
2005	2,391	36.4	3,378	51.4	784	11.9	23	0.3	6,576
2006	2,574	35.2	3,625	49.6	1,064	14.6	40	0.5	7,303

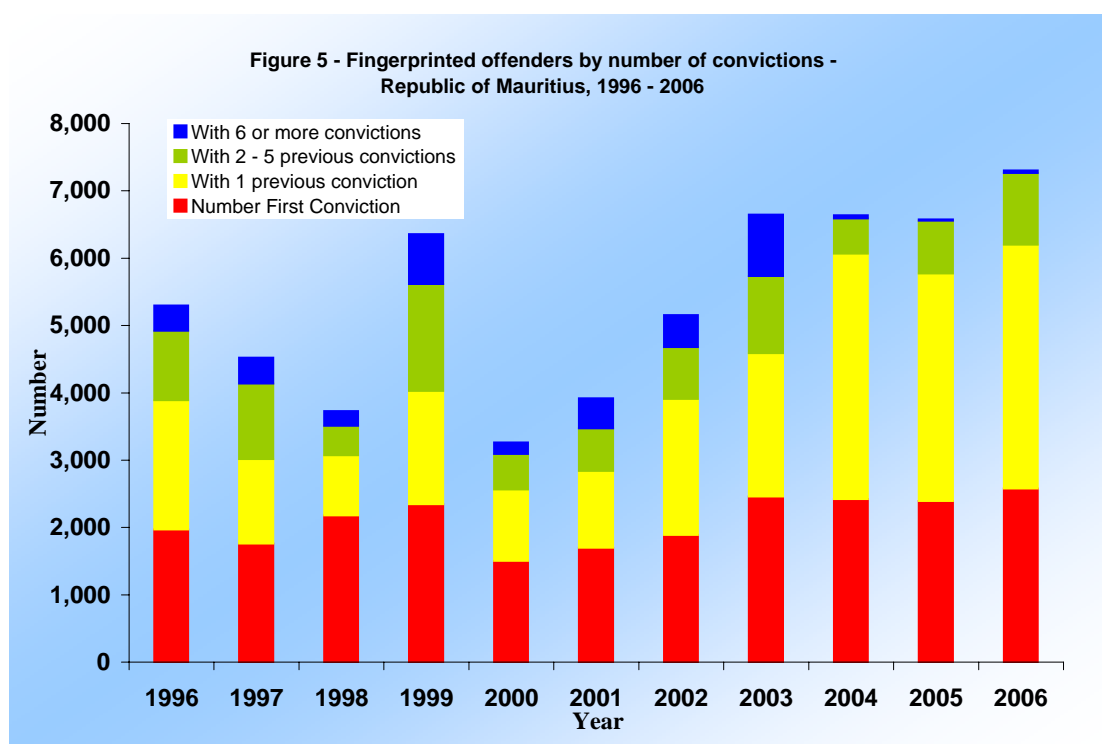


Table 16 - Offences under the Road Traffic Act by type - Republic of Mauritius, 2002 - 2006

Year	Road traffic offences								Rate per 1,000 Population
	Dangerous driving	Driving under influence of liquor	Exceeding speed limit	Using unlicensed motor vehicles	Bicycle contraventions	Contra-ventions against pedestrians	Other	Total	
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
2005	1,826	785	16,682	397	285	217	80,494	100,686	81
2006	1,762	870	22,642	246	364	18	99,947	125,849	100

Table 17 - Drug related offences by type of drugs - Republic of Mauritius, 2002 - 2006

Year	Type of drugs				
	Heroin	Gandia	Psychotropic and other restricted Substances	Other	Total
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
2005	1,828	1,207	473	51	3,559
2006	1,242	1,392	1,172	45	3,851

Table 18 - Police stations and police force - Republic of Mauritius, 1996 - 2006

Year	Police posts and stations	Employment ¹			Police force per 1,000 population
		Male	Female	Both sexes	
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
2005	94	10,924	634	11,558	9.3
2006	94	11,130	649	11,779	9.4

¹ Source: March survey of employment and earnings

Table 19 - Total expenditure of the Police Department - Republic of Mauritius, 1996/1997 - 2005/2006

Year	Total expenditure (Rs Mn)		Total expenditure of the Police Department as a percentage of total Government expenditure
	Police department	Government	
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
2004/2005	2,798	47,693	5.9
2005/2006	3,085	53,392	5.8

Source: Annual Report of the Accountant General