# **Business Activity Statistics, July 2006 - June 2007**

#### 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 is to be noted that statistics on business activity presented in this publication refer to the total number of licensed or registered activities and not to the total number of operation units or enterprises.

## 2. Legal framework

Prior to October 2006, all entities in business had to be licensed with the relevant Municipality or District Council, or registered with the appropriate organisation. For each type of activity, the operator held a different licence. Thus, an entity selling foodstuff and non foodstuff, manufactured tobacco, cakes and pastries would be operating with three licences.

With the coming into operation of the Business Registration and Business Facilitation Acts on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2006 and amendments brought to various regulations, an operator now holds one licence irrespective of the number of activities carried out, provided that all the activities fall within the same cluster. Thus, the entity mentioned above would, upon renewal of its licences, operate with only one licence even though it is still carrying out the same three activities. The other two licences have been treated as cancelled for administrative purposes.

The statistics on licences and registrations collected prior to October 2006 are not strictly comparable with those collected after October 2006. Care should therefore be taken when comparing figures presented in this publication.

# 3. Evolution of licences between July 2006 and June 2007

During the reference year, 9,141 new licences were issued, of which 5,757 (63%) pertained to activities classified under 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods'. During the same period 4,654 licences were cancelled, thus bringing the total number of licences as at June 2007 to 84,138 representing an increase of 6% over the previous year figure of 79,651 (Table 1). The large number of cancellations registered is mostly due to different regulations in place before and after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2006, as mentioned above. The distribution of licences by industry group and district is showed in Table 2.

## 4. Registrations by industry group and district as at 30 June 2007

The number of registered activities increased by 552 (2%) from 28,745 in July 2006 to 29,297 in June 2007. The industry group 'Transport, storage and communications' had the highest number of registered activities with 20,637 (70%) as at June 2007, followed by 'Real estate, renting and business activities' with 2,737 (9%) (Table 3).

## 5. Adjusted licences and registrations as at June 2007

Table 4 shows the total number of licensed and registered activities as at June 2007, 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 5% from 102,594 in June 2006 to 107,270 in June 2007. Out of these around 55% (58,735) fell under the industry group 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods' and another 20% (21,147), under 'Transport, storage and communications'.

### 6. Distribution of adjusted licences and registrations by industry group and region

Table 5 shows the distribution of adjusted licensed and registered activities by industry group 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 'Other community, social and personal service activities' (65%) and 'Hotels and restaurants' (64%). 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' (63%) and 'Construction' (59%).

### 7. Distribution of adjusted licences and registrations by industry group and district

Table 6 shows that the highest number of licensed and registered activities was in the district of Plaines Wilhems (29,321), representing 27%, followed by the district of Port Louis (20,426). The smallest number occurred in the district of Black River with a total of 4,261 activities (4%).

#### 8. Licences and registrations by activity, district and industry group

Tables 7.1 to 7.8 give a breakdown of the licensed and registered activities for the different industry groups, by activity and district.

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#### **Technical Notes**

#### 1. General

Data compiled in this publication provide the 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 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.) in order to operate. 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	<b>Section:</b>	17 sections identified by one of the letters A to Q
Level 2	<b>Division:</b>	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	<b>Sub-classes:</b>	548 sub-classes identified by the 5 digits

# The 17 sections are as follows:

Section	Description	Division
A	Agriculture, Hunting & Forestry	01 and 02
В	Fishing	05
C	Mining & Quarrying	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	50 - 52
	and households goods	
Н	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 Coorperatives (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.)

- Customs Department (Freeport companies)

- Financial Services Commission (Offshore Companies)

- The Police Department (Driving schools)

- Tourism Authority

- Beach Authority

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 $Table \ 1 - Evolution \ of \ licences \ between \ July \ 2006 \ and \ June \ 2007$ 

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NSIC	Industrial group	20061	July 2006 to	June 2007	20072
NSIC	Industrial group	(as at June)	Issued	Cancelled	(as at June)
	Total	79,651	9,141	4,654	84,138
C	Mining and quarrying	5	0	0	5
D	Manufacturing	4,751	1,157	256	5,652
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	0	1	0	1
F	Construction	906	187	37	1,056
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	55,271	5,757	3,436	57,592
Н	Hotels and restaurants	4,713	483	294	4,902
I	Transport, storage and communications	5,234	529	185	5,578
J	Financial intermediation	424	34	11	447
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	3,148	439	146	3,441
M	Education	459	21	28	452
N	Health and social work	265	29	3	291
O	Other community, social and personal service activities	4,475	504	258	4,721

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Revised

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Table 2 - Licences by industry group and district as at June  $2007^{\scriptscriptstyle 1}$ 

NSIC	industry group	Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplemousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	All districts
	Total	15,846	23,256	7,221	8,775	4,687	9,991	6,686	3,775	3,901	84,138
С	Mining and quarrying	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
D	Manufacturing	1,041	1,772	487	458	311	623	407	284	269	5,652
Е	Electricity, gas and water supply	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
F	Construction	152	475	70	51	70	99	72	22	45	1,056
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	10,928	16,138	5,474	6,717	3,338	7,034	3,773	2,083	2,107	57,592
Н	Hotels and restaurants	653	1,258	458	514	316	668	517	279	239	4,902
I	Transport, storage and communications	986	1,052	233	317	150	401	1,130	519	790	5,578
J	Financial intermediation	146	104	20	43	17	55	33	18	11	447
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	1,022	841	224	357	154	317	159	92	275	3,441
M	Education	135	191	13	21	18	35	20	6	13	452
N	Health and social work	86	136	8	29	6	14	4	3	5	291
О	Other community, social and personal services	697	1,289	234	268	307	745	570	469	142	4,721

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Table 3 - Registrations by industry group and district as at June  $2007^{\scriptscriptstyle 1}$ 

NSIC	Industry group	Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplemousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	All districts
	Total	5,830	7,166	3,684	3,748	1,574	3,305	1,733	1,035	1,222	29,297
С	Mining and quarrying	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
D	Manufacturing	131	190	66	36	44	26	16	11	25	545
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	437	70	201	103	4	144	76	20	194	1,249
Н	Hotels and restaurants	91	225	208	308	19	140	90	26	172	1,279
I	Transport, storage and communications	3,547	5,153	2,701	2,874	1,186	2,539	1,312	853	472	20,637
J	Financial intermediation	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	1,333	721	188	103	238	23	49	16	66	2,737
M	Education	170	386	114	89	59	128	87	62	33	1,128
N	Health and social work	94	410	32	32	24	29	16	16	6	659
О	Other community, social and personal services	18	9	173	203	0	274	87	30	254	1,048

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Provisional

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Table 4 - Licences¹ and registrations by industry group as at June, 2006 and 2007

			2006 <sup>2</sup>			2007 <sup>3</sup>	
NSIC	Activity	Licences only	Registrations	Total	Licences only	Registrations	Total
	Total	73,849	28,745	102,594	77,973	29,297	107,270
С	Mining and quarrying	5	1	6	5	1	6
D	Manufacturing	4,751	610	5,361	5,647	545	6,192
Е	Electricity, gas and water supply	0	4	4	1	4	5
F	Construction	906	2	908	1,056	2	1,058
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	55,181	1,288	56,469	57,486	1,249	58,735
Н	Hotels and restaurants	4,713	1,841	6,554	4,902	1,279	6,181
I	Transport, storage and communications	500	19,927	20,427	510	20,637	21,147
J	Financial intermediation	424	12	436	447	8	455
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	2,301	2,608	4,909	2,588	2,737	5,325
M	Education	459	1,157	1,616	452	1,128	1,580
N	Health and social work	134	642	776	158	659	817
О	Other community, social and personal service activities	4,475	653	5,128	4,721	1,048	5,769

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 - Licences  $\!\!^{\scriptscriptstyle 1}$  and registrations by industry group and region as at June  $2007^{\scriptscriptstyle 2}$ 

NSIC	Industry group	Urban	Rural	Total
	Total	49,747	57,523	107,270
C	Mining and quarrying	1	5	6
D	Manufacturing	3,134	3,058	6,192
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	0	5	5
F	Construction	629	429	1,058
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	27,573	31,162	58,735
Н	Hotels and restaurants	2,227	3,954	6,181
I	Transport, storage and communications	9,043	12,104	21,147
J	Financial intermediation	258	197	455
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	3,370	1,955	5,325
M	Education	882	698	1,580
N	Health and social work	617	200	817
O	Other community, social and personal service activities	2,013	3,756	5,769

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Table 6 - Licences¹ and registrations by industry group and district as at June 2007²

NSIC	Industry group	Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplemousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	All districts
	Total	20,426	29,321	10,685	12,062	6,098	12,841	7,285	4,291	4,261	107,270
С	Mining and quarrying	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6
D	Manufacturing	1,172	1,962	553	494	355	649	419	294	294	6,192
Е	Electricity, gas and water supply	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	5
F	Construction	152	477	70	51	70	99	72	22	45	1,058
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	11,365	16,208	5,677	6,795	3,329	7,135	3,823	2,107	2,296	58,735
Н	Hotels and restaurants	744	1,483	666	822	335	808	607	305	411	6,181
I	Transport, storage and communications	3,813	5,230	2,726	2,880	1,188	2,542	1,346	853	569	21,147
J	Financial intermediation	154	104	20	43	17	55	33	18	11	455
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	1,873	1,497	400	351	390	328	200	108	178	5,325
М	Education	305	577	127	110	77	163	107	68	46	1,580
N	Health and social work	132	485	38	45	30	41	20	16	10	817
О	Other community, social and personal services	715	1,298	407	471	307	1,019	657	499	396	5,769

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Table 7.1 - Licences<sup>1</sup> and registrations by activity and district for industry group 'Manufacturing' as at June 2007<sup>2</sup>

Number Riv. du Rempart **Pamplemousses** - River Port - Louis **Grand Port** P/Wilhems All **NSIC Industry group** districts Moka Black Total 1,172 1,962 6,192 15 & 16 Food product, beverages and tobacco 1,289 17 & 18 Textiles and wearing apparel 1,462 Tanning and dressing of leather & footwear 20, 36101- 36109 Wood product including furniture 21,22 Paper product, publishing and printing Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel Chemicals and chemical products Rubber and plastic products Non-metallic mineral products 27, 28, 29 Basic & fabricated metals and machinery, n.e.c Office equipment 31, 32 Electrical machinery, apparatus, radio & tv equipment Medical optical instrument, watches and clocks 34, 35 Motor vehicles, trailers and other transport equipment 36911-36919 Jewellery and related products 36920-36999 Manufacturing, n.e.c. Recycling 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 2007²

NSIC	Industry group	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	1	1	0	5

Table 7.3 - Licences<sup>1</sup> and registrations by activity and district for industry group 'Construction' as at June 2007<sup>2</sup>

											Number
NSIC	Industry group	P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
4520	Construction	152	477	70	51	70	99	72	22	45	1,058

Table 7.4 - Licences<sup>1</sup> and registrations by activity and district for industry group 'Hotels and Restaurants' as at June 2007<sup>2</sup>

											Number
NSIC	Industry group	P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
	Total	744	1,483	666	822	335	808	607	305	411	6,181
55101 - 55109	Hotels and boarding houses	25	60	120	215	1	62	52	11	99	645
55201 - 55202	Restaurants	66	166	88	93	18	78	38	15	73	635
55203	Bars	102	311	159	206	127	275	234	127	68	1,609
55204 - 55209	Canteens and other eating places	551	946	299	308	189	393	283	152	171	3,292

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 - Licences<sup>1</sup> and registrations by activity and district for industry group 'Wholesale and retail trade; Repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods' as at June 2007<sup>2</sup>

Number R.Rempart P/Wilhems River - Louis Port Savanne All **NSIC Industry group** Pamp. Moka Flacq districts .  $\mathbf{\Omega}$ 3,329 **Total** 11,365 16,208 5,677 6,795 7,135 3,823 2,107 2,296 58,735 501 & 502 Sale and repairs of motor vehicles Sale of motor vehicle spare parts and accessories Sale and repairs of motorcycles/spare parts Retail sale of automotive fuel Wholesaler/Commission Agent except of motor 2,490 1,966 7,259 vehicles General retailer foodstuff and non-foodstuff 1.806 6,408 General retailer non-foodstuff (non-specialised) 1,685 2,285 6,733 Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco 10,750 1,573 3,122 1,039 1,395 Retail sale of pharmaceutical goods Retail sale of textiles and footwear Retail sale of household appliances Retail of hardware, paints and glass Sale of furniture Bookshop Jewellers shop Retail sale in specialised stores 2,106 Retail sale of second-hand goods in stores Retail at market place and fairs 1.384 3.772 1.640 2,440 1.871 12,781 Hawkers, street vendors and mobile victualler 6,152 1,411 Repair of personal and household goods 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 2007²

											Number
NSIC	Industry group	Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplemousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	All districts
	Total	3,813	5,230	2,726	2,880	1,188	2,542	1,346	853	569	21,147
60211 - 60219	Bus Transport	656	1,888	578	506	340	507	418	244	76	5,213
60221	Taxi car	1,119	1,663	578	803	246	1,423	519	247	259	6,857
60231 - 60239	Freight transport by road	1,641	1,500	1,517	1,512	593	597	365	357	185	8,267
63010 - 63030 & 63090	Supporting and auxilliary transport activities	294	86	32	9	2	7	36	0	26	492
63041 - 63042	Travel agencies and tour operators	100	92	21	50	7	8	8	5	22	313
64	Post and telecommunications	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 2007²

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NSIC	Industry group	P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
	Total	2,027	1,601	420	394	407	383	233	126	189	5,780
65	Financial intermediation except insurance & pension funding	54	65	14	26	8	22	23	10	6	228
66	Insurance and pension funding except compulsory social security	61	27	3	8	4	19	7	7	2	138
67	Activities auxiliary to financial intermediation	39	12	3	9	5	14	3	1	3	89
70	Real estate activities	79	104	31	55	15	37	8	3	13	345
71	Renting of machinery and equipment	698	834	311	235	301	202	151	91	111	2,934
72	Computer and related activities	58	77	3	6	10	19	9	0	9	191
74111	Attorney	137	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	137
74112	Notary	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
74113	Barrister	339	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	339
74121 & 74122	Accounting and Tax consultancy	48	19	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	73
7414	Business and management consultancy activities	147	75	6	8	19	26	4	2	7	294
74211	Engineer	5	16	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	24
74212 & 74213	Quantity and Land surveyors	29	30	1	0	1	3	1	0	0	65
74214	Architect	31	61	5	4	5	2	1	0	3	112
7422	Motor surveyors	72	47	11	6	7	5	3	0	9	160
74300	Advertising	37	30	2	6	2	2	0	0	3	82
749	Business activities, n.e.c	136	204	28	30	27	31	22	12	22	512

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 2007²

											Number
NSIC	Industry group	P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
	Total	1,152	2,360	572	626	414	1,223	784	583	452	8,166
80101	Pre-Primary	105	261	86	76	37	101	66	50	26	808
80102	Primary	9	27	6	3	5	10	5	4	3	72
80210	Secondary	21	45	9	6	7	7	8	5	2	110
80220	Vocational training centre	113	177	11	15	15	28	13	2	13	387
8030	Higher education	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
80901 - 80909	Adult & other education	55	64	14	9	13	17	15	7	2	196
85121 - 85122	Medical practioner	75	334	23	25	18	21	15	11	6	528
85123	Dentist	19	76	9	7	6	8	1	5	0	131
85124 - 85320	Optician, Other health and Social work activities	38	75	6	13	6	12	4	0	4	158
90	Sewage and refuse disposal, sanitation and similar activities	6	2	2	2	2	3	4	2	4	27
91	Activities of membership organisations n.e.c	7	21	5	12	1	0	2	0	7	55
92	Recreational cultural & sporting activities	345	481	257	292	241	862	535	439	309	3,761
93	Other service activities	357	794	143	165	63	154	116	58	76	1,926

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