

Crime statistics, 2000 – 2007 (Police Department)

1. Introduction

This issue of Economic and Social Indicators (ESI) is the fifth 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 Department classifies 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 2000 to 2007, 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 Thus, allegations may be withdrawn; the police may find an offence to have no basis or to be different from what was reported; a suspect may be cleared of all charges, while other suspects may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 into account 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 2007, a total of 258,955 cases (254,159 in the Island of Mauritius and 4,796 in Rodrigues) were notified at the Police Department compared to 255,046 (249,885 in the Island of Mauritius and 5,161 in Rodrigues) in 2006, representing an increase of 1.5%.

Out of the 258,955 cases notified, 193,711 (190,269 in the Island of Mauritius and 3,442 in Rodrigues) were connected to an offence, higher than the 2006 figure of 190,168 (186,574 in the Island of Mauritius and 3,594 in Rodrigues).

The proportion of reported cases connected to an offence increased from 74.6% in 2006 to 74.8% in 2007 both in the Republic of Mauritius and in the Island of Mauritius. In Rodrigues, the proportion increased from 69.6% to 71.8%.

4. Offences by type

Trends in the different types of offences during the period 2000 to 2007 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 1.9% from 190,168 in 2006 to 193,711 in 2007. The number of contraventions decreased by 1.4% (from 141,618 to 139,674) while drug related offences rose by 15.9% from 3,851 to 4,464. The number of reported crimes increased by 15.5% (from 5,837 to 6,744) and the number of misdemeanours by 10.2% (from 38,862 to 42,829).

During the same period, the number of offences in the Island of Mauritius increased by 2% following increases in the number of crimes (15.2%), misdemeanours (10.7%) and drug related offences (15.8%), and a decrease in the number of contraventions (1.3%) (Table 3).

In Rodrigues, on the other hand, the number of offences declined by 4.2% (from 3,594 to 3,442), driven by a decrease of 5% in the number of contraventions. The number of misdemeanours also went down by 7% while the number of crimes and drug related offences went up by 30.8% and 50% respectively.

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 2000 to 2007 for the Republic of Mauritius, Island of Mauritius and Rodrigues respectively.

Between 2006 & 2007, the total number of offences reported at the Police increased by 1.9% in the Republic whilst the population increased by 0.6%. The offence rate, therefore, increased from 151.8 per 1,000 population in 2006 to 153.7 in 2007.

In the Island of Mauritius, the overall offence rate went up from 153.5 to 155.6 while in Rodrigues, the rate declined from 96.9 to 92.2.

Upon comparing the overall offence rate in 2007 of the two main constituent islands of the Republic, the offence rate for Rodrigues (92.2) is lower than that for the Island of Mauritius (155.6). In fact, the rates for 2007 of the different types of offences were lower in Rodrigues than in the Island of Mauritius.

4.1 Selected offences

Table 7 shows offences in the Republic of Mauritius for the years 2004 to 2007, categorized according to the UN Manual for the Development of a System of Criminal Justice Statistics (2003) for the classification of offences modified to take into consideration local criminal laws.

The number of homicides and related offences in the Republic increased by 5.5% from 110 in 2006 to 116 in 2007. Assaults and related offences rose by 4.5% from 13,169 to 13,768.

During the same period, there was a decrease in the number of sexual offences by 8.6% (from 420 to 384) and a decline of 4.5% in the number of frauds (from 1,048 to 1,001).

4.2 Status of offences

Table 8 and Figure 2 show the status of offences for the period 2002 to 2007 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 2007, the number of offences to be dealt with by the police stood at 239,295, a decrease of 5.5% compared to 253,228 in 2006. Furthermore, the number of offences investigated by the police decreased by 16.5% from 207,644 in 2006 to 173,390 in 2007. Thus the proportion of cases subject to police investigation dropped from 82% to 72% in 2007.

Around 79% of the offences investigated were taken to court in both 2006 and 2007.

4.3 Offences (excluding contraventions) involving juvenile offenders

From 2006 to 2007, the number of offences involving juvenile offenders (defined as persons aged 12 to 17 years) in the Republic of Mauritius increased significantly by 45% from 398 (395 in the Island of Mauritius and 3 in Rodrigues) to 577 (569 in the Island of Mauritius and 8 in Rodrigues).

The number of juvenile offenders involved in the Republic of Mauritius increased by 47.5% from 417 to 615. 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 3.2 in 2006 to 4.7 in 2007 (Table 9 and Figure 3).

In 2007, the juvenile delinquency rate for the Island of Mauritius was 4.8 compared to a low rate of 1.6 for Rodrigues.

Among the 615 juvenile offenders involved in 2007 for the Republic of Mauritius, 3 were involved in murder/manslaughter, 261 (42.4%) in assault, 168 (27.3%) in larceny, 45 (7.3%) in sexual offence and the remaining in other offences, which exclude traffic contraventions (Table 12).

4.4 Characteristics of fingerprinted offenders

The analysis made below is based on records of fingerprinted offenders. It is to be noted that Tables 13 and 14 refer to the number of convictions for fingerprinted offenders, while Table 15 refers to the number of fingerprinted offenders with one or more convictions for the specific year.

Table 13 shows that the number of convictions for fingerprinted offenders in the Republic of Mauritius increased by 6.4% from 7,303 (7,185 in the Island of Mauritius and 118 in Rodrigues) in 2006 to 7,773 (7,624 in the Island of Mauritius and 149 in Rodrigues) in 2007.

During the same period, the number of convictions for fingerprinted offenders aged less than 18 years increased by 20.2% from 79 to 95. Convictions for offenders in the age bracket 18 to 21 years increased from 550 to 630 (14.5%) while those aged 22 years or more increased by 5.6% from 6,674 to 7,048 (Table 14).

In 2007, the majority of convictions for fingerprinted offenders referred to male offenders (95%). In terms of age, around 90.7% were aged 22 years & above, 8.1% between 18 and 21 years and the remaining 1.2% were below 18 years.

The number of first-time offenders in the Republic of Mauritius decreased by 2.2% from 2,574 in 2006 to 2,517 in 2007. They constituted 43% of the fingerprinted offenders in 2007 compared to 47% in 2006 (Table 15 and Figure 5). The number of offenders with one conviction during the specific year increased by 5.5% from 4,361 in 2006 to 4,599 in 2007.

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 0.7% from 125,849 in 2006 to 124,975 in 2007 (Table 16).

Offences related to dangerous driving decreased by 7.9% from 1,762 in 2006 to 1,623 in 2007. Cases of driving under the influence of liquor increased by 8.9% from 870 to 947 and speeding offences by only 1% from 22,642 to 22,871.

6. Offences under the Dangerous Drugs Act

The number of drug related offences, which stood at 3,851 in 2006 in the Republic of Mauritius increased by 15.9% to 4,464 in 2007 (Table 17). Increases were noted in offences related to gandia (cannabis) which rose by 17.9% from 1,392 to 1,641, and in offences related to psychotropic and other substances which increased by 37%, from 1,172 to 1,608. On the other hand, a decrease of 5.8% from 1,242 to 1,170 was noted in offences related to heroin.

Out of the total number of drug related offences in 2007, 36.8% were related to gandia, 26.2% to heroin and 36% to psychotropic and other restricted substances.

7. Police force

Police stations, including police posts, in the Republic of Mauritius numbered 94 in 2007. The police force increased by 4.5% from 10,349 (9,846 males and 503 females) in 2006 to 10,813 (10,237 males and 576 females) in 2007.

8. Budget of the Police Department

The total expenditure of the Police Department of the Republic decreased from Rs3,085 Mn in 2005/2006 to Rs 3,057 Mn in 2006/2007 (Table 19). The share of the expenditure of the police expressed as a percentage of total government expenditure, also decreased marginally from 5.8% in 2005/2006 to 5.5% in 2006/2007.

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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. 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 juvenile offenders involved in offences per 1,000 mid-year population aged 12 to 17 years.

Symbol used

- Nil

Table 1 - Cases reported by type¹ - Republic of Mauritius, 2000 - 2007

Year	Offences					Other	Total
	Crime ²	Misdemeanour ²	Contravention	Drug ³	Total		
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
2007	6,744	42,829	139,674	4,464	193,711	65,244	258,955

¹ Based on reported cases

² Figures exclude drug related offences

³ Offences under Dangerous Drug Act 2000

Table 2 - Offence rate¹: crime, misdemeanour, contravention and drug - Republic of Mauritius, 2000 - 2007

Year	Mid-year population	Offences per 1000 mid-year population				
		Crime ²	Misdemeanour ²	Contravention	Drug ³	All offences
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
2007	1,260,403	5.4	34.0	110.8	3.5	153.7

¹ Based on reported cases

² Figures exclude drug related offences

³ Offences under Dangerous Drug Act 2000

Figure 1 - Reported offences: crimes, misdemeanours and drugs - Republic of Mauritius, 2000 - 2007

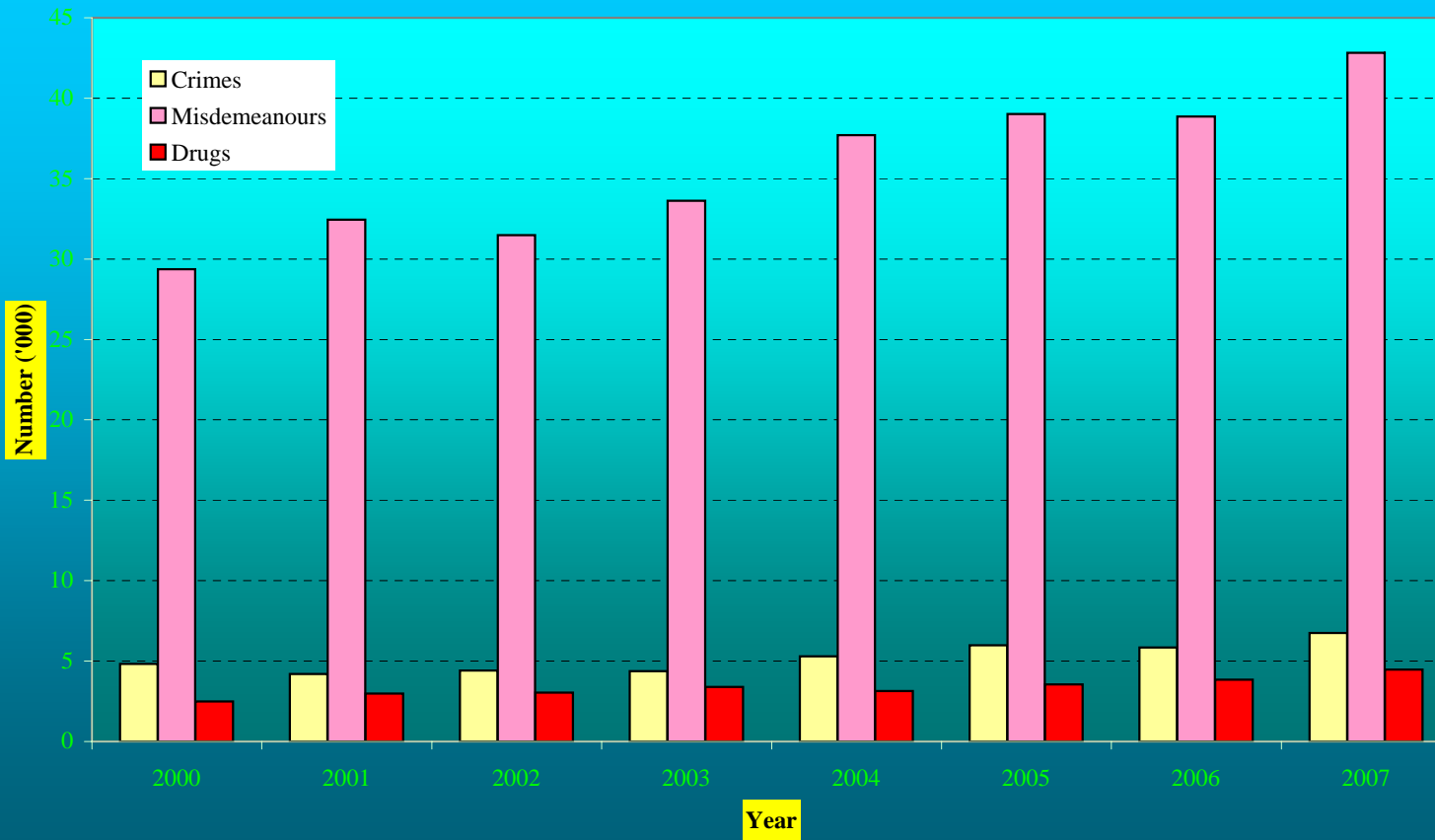


Table 3 - Cases reported by type¹ - Island of Mauritius, 2000- 2007

Year	Offences					Other	Total
	Crime ²	Misdemeanour ²	Contravention	Drug ³	Total		
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
2007	6,591	41,748	137,490	4,440	190,269	63,890	254,159

¹ Based on reported cases

² Figures exclude drug related offences

³ Offences under Dangerous Drug Act 2000

Table 4 - Offence rate¹: crime, misdemeanour , contravention and drug - Island of Mauritius, 2000 - 2007

Year	Mid-year population	Offences per 1000 mid-year population				
		Crime ²	Misdemeanour ²	Contravention	Drug ³	All offences
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
2007	1,223,089	5.4	34.1	112.4	3.6	155.6

¹ Based on reported cases

² Figures exclude drug related offences

³ Offences under Dangerous Drug Act 2000

Table 5 - Cases reported by type¹ - Island of Rodrigues, 2000 - 2007

Year	Offences					Other	Total
	Crime ²	Misdemeanour ²	Contravention	Drug ³	Total		
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
2007	153	1,081	2,184	24	3,442	1,354	4,796

¹ Based on reported cases

² Figures exclude drug related offences

³ Offences under Dangerous Drug Act 2000

Table 6 - Offence rate¹: crime, misdemeanour, contravention and drug - Island of Rodrigues, 2000 - 2007

Year	Mid-year population	Offences per 1000 mid-year population				
		Crime ²	Misdemeanour ²	Contravention	Drug ³	All offences
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
2007	37,314	4.1	29.0	58.5	0.64	92.2

¹ Based on reported cases

² Figures exclude drug related offences

³ Offences under Dangerous Drug Act 2000

Table 7 - Reported offences as per United Nations classifications - Republic of Mauritius, 2004 - 2007

Type of offences	2004	2005	2006	2007
1 Homicide and related offences	92	97	110	116
<i>Intentional Homicide</i>	35	37	50	45
Murder	30	30	35	30
Manslaughter	2	0	2	4
Murder of newly born child	0	0	1	1
Infanticide	0	0	0	0
Abortion	3	7	12	10
<i>Non Intentional Homicide</i>	51	44	50	58
Involuntary homicide	48	38	44	57
Wounds & blows causing death without intention to kill	3	6	6	1
<i>Attempted murder</i>	6	16	10	13
2 Assault and related offences	13,148	13,367	13,169	13,768
Assaults causing loss of eye and limbs	2	0	1	1
Assault against public functionary causing effusion of blood	35	36	40	52
Serious wounds & blows	107	86	65	87
Simple wounds & blows	13,004	13,245	13,063	13,628
3 Sexual Offences	297	314	420	384
Rape	40	38	64	77
Sexual intercourse with female under 16	124	124	156	145
Sodomy	31	38	53	50
Bestiality	0	0	0	1
Attempt upon chastity	102	114	147	111
4 Fraud and dishonesty	1,092	969	1,048	1,001
Forgery	193	177	209	185
Swindling	380	331	316	286
Currency offences including coinage	37	17	35	71
Issuing Cheque without provision	430	387	437	417
Officer with public body accepting bribe	5	5	2	4
Bribing public functionary	5	2	9	5
Personation	9	13	9	10
Swearing false affidavit	27	31	26	17
Extortion	6	6	5	6
5 Embezzlement	768	726	706	690
Embezzlement by public servant/person in receipt of wages	48	69	41	31
Simple embezzlement	720	657	665	659

Table 7 (Cont'd) - Reported offences as per United Nations classifications - Republic of Mauritius, 2004 - 2007

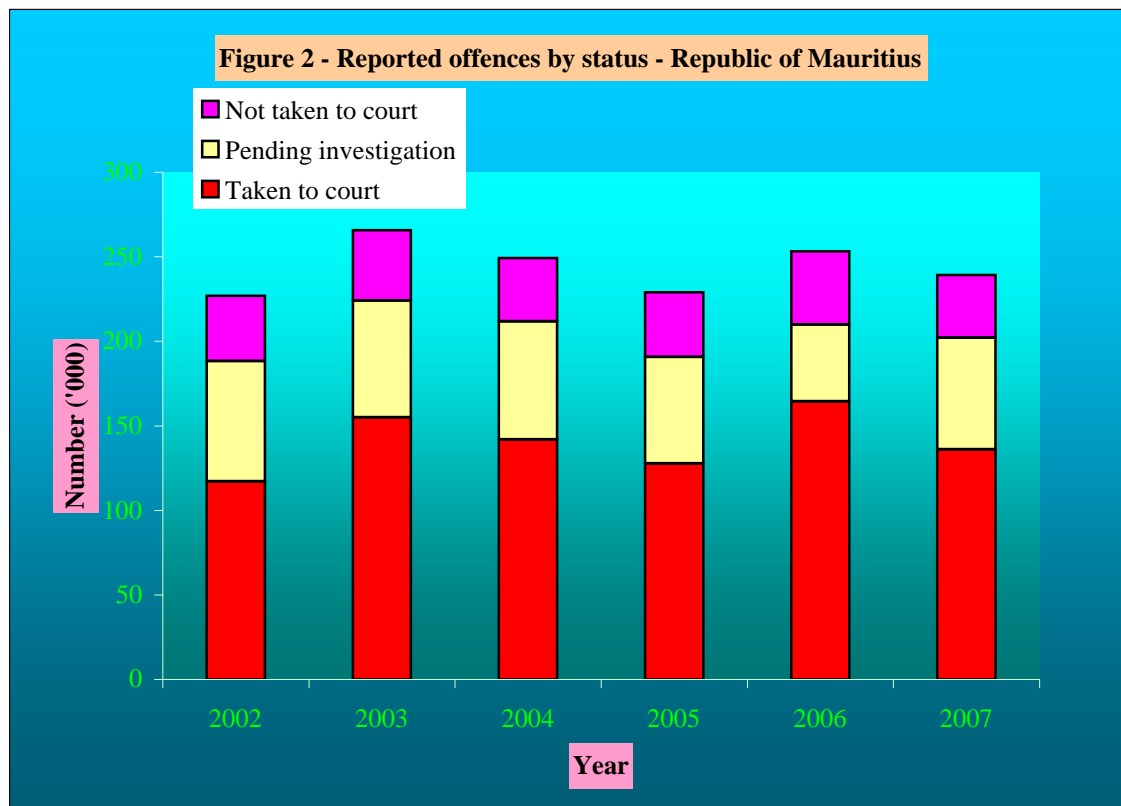
Type of offences	2004	2005	2006	2007
6 Theft	18,200	19,156	18,038	21,005
Automobile theft	1,105	993	1,005	971
Auto/moto larceny	1,026	860	857	832
Car/van larceny	72	118	131	122
Larceny of other heavy vehicles	7	15	17	17
Theft (excluding automobile theft)	13,991	14,325	13,567	15,887
Praedial larceny	468	499	497	524
Bicycles	696	661	536	475
Fowls theft	20	18	19	18
Larceny from motor vehicles	1,910	1,839	1,551	1,637
Larceny of cellular phones /pagers	1,243	1,498	1,159	1,247
Other simple larcenies	8,796	8,936	8,910	10,881
Larceny with other aggravating circumstances	105	117	103	136
Larceny by servant or any person in receipt of wages	169	143	183	199
Attempt at larceny	584	614	609	770
Robbery	1,047	1,350	1,114	1,497
Larceny with violence	769	984	887	1,103
Larceny night breaking with violence	30	34	28	32
Larceny armed with offensive weapon	204	283	177	339
Larceny with wounding	44	49	22	23
Burglary	2,057	2,488	2,352	2,650
Larceny night breaking	1,136	1,385	1,329	1,507
Larceny day breaking	831	991	921	997
Larceny false key	17	33	17	12
Larceny scaling	73	79	85	134
7 Drug related offences ¹	3,133	3,559	3,851	4,464
8 Other	9,405	10,385	11,208	12,609
Crime	413	456	478	744
Misdemeanour	8,992	9,929	10,730	11,865
Sub Total (Crimes, Misdemeanors and Drug Offences)	46,135	48,573	48,550	54,037
9 Contraventions	134,095	110,635	141,618	139,674
Offences under Road Traffic Act	121,914	100,686	125,849	124,975
Other	12,181	9,949	15,769	14,699
Total	180,230	159,208	190,168	193,711

¹ Offences under Dangerous Drug Act 2000

Note: Compared to previous issues of the ESI, further detailed classification of the offences is provided to be more in line with the UN classification.

Table 8 - Reported offences by status - Republic of Mauritius, 2002 - 2007

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
2007	45,584	193,711	239,295	37,230	136,160	65,905

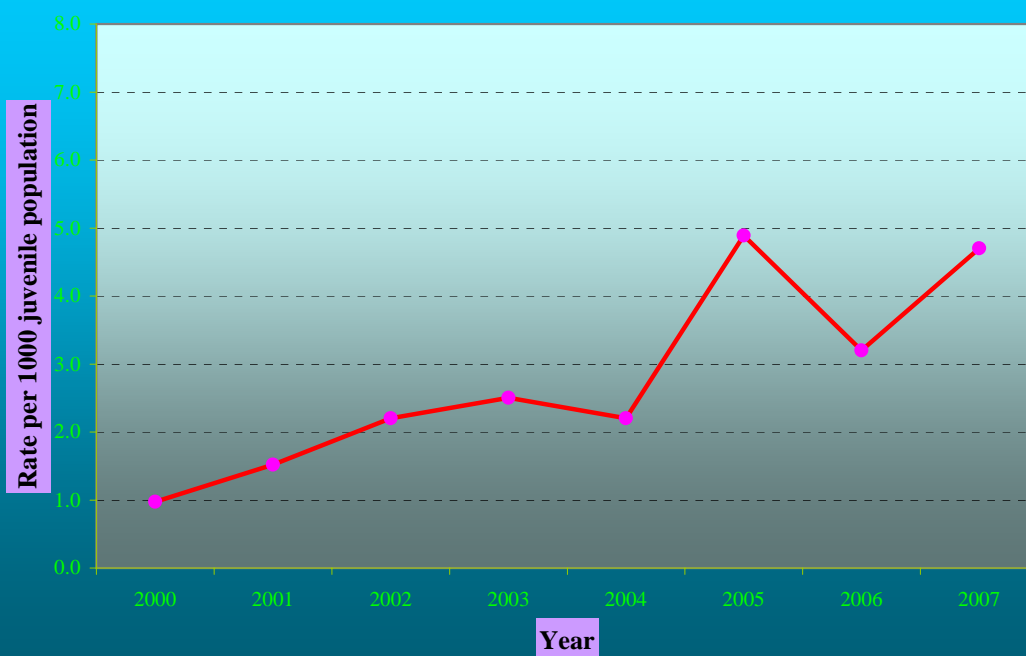


**Table 9 - Cases reported (excluding contraventions) involving juvenile offenders -
Republic of Mauritius, 2000 - 2007**

Year	Number of offences involving juvenile offenders	Number of juvenile offenders involved	Mid-year juvenile population estimates	Juvenile delinquency rate (per 1,000 juveniles) ¹
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	398	417	129,319	3.2
2007	577	615	129,948	4.7

¹ defined as the number of juvenile offenders involved in offences(excluding contraventions) per 1,000 mid-year population aged 12 to 17 years. It is to be noted that statistics on contraventions for juveniles have been compiled as from 2006 only; the figures are 422 for 2006 and 328 for 2007.

**Figure 3 - Juvenile delinquency rate (excluding contraventions) -
Republic of Mauritius, 2000 - 2007**



**Table 10 - Cases reported (excluding contraventions) involving juvenile offenders -
Island of Mauritius, 2000 - 2007**

Year	Number of offences involving juvenile offenders	Number of juvenile offenders involved	Mid-year juvenile population estimates	Juvenile delinquency rate (per 1,000 juveniles) ¹
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	395	414	124,767	3.3
2007	569	608	125,515	4.8

¹ defined as the number of juvenile offenders involved in offences (excluding contraventions) per 1,000 mid-year population aged 12 to 17 years

**Table 11 - Cases reported (excluding contraventions) involving juvenile offenders -
Island of Rodrigues, 2000 - 2007**

Year	Number of offences involving juvenile offenders	Number of juvenile offenders involved	Mid-year juvenile population estimates	Juvenile delinquency rate (per 1,000 juveniles) ¹
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
2007	8	7	4,433	1.6

¹ defined as the number of juvenile offenders involved in offences (excluding contraventions) per 1,000 mid-year population aged 12 to 17 years

Table 12 - Juvenile offenders involved by type of offence¹ - Republic of Mauritius, 2000 - 2007

Year	Type of offence					Total
	Murder/ Manslaughter	Assault	Sexual offences	Larceny	Other (excluding contraventions)	
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	59	417
2007	3	261	45	168	138	615

¹ Based on reported cases

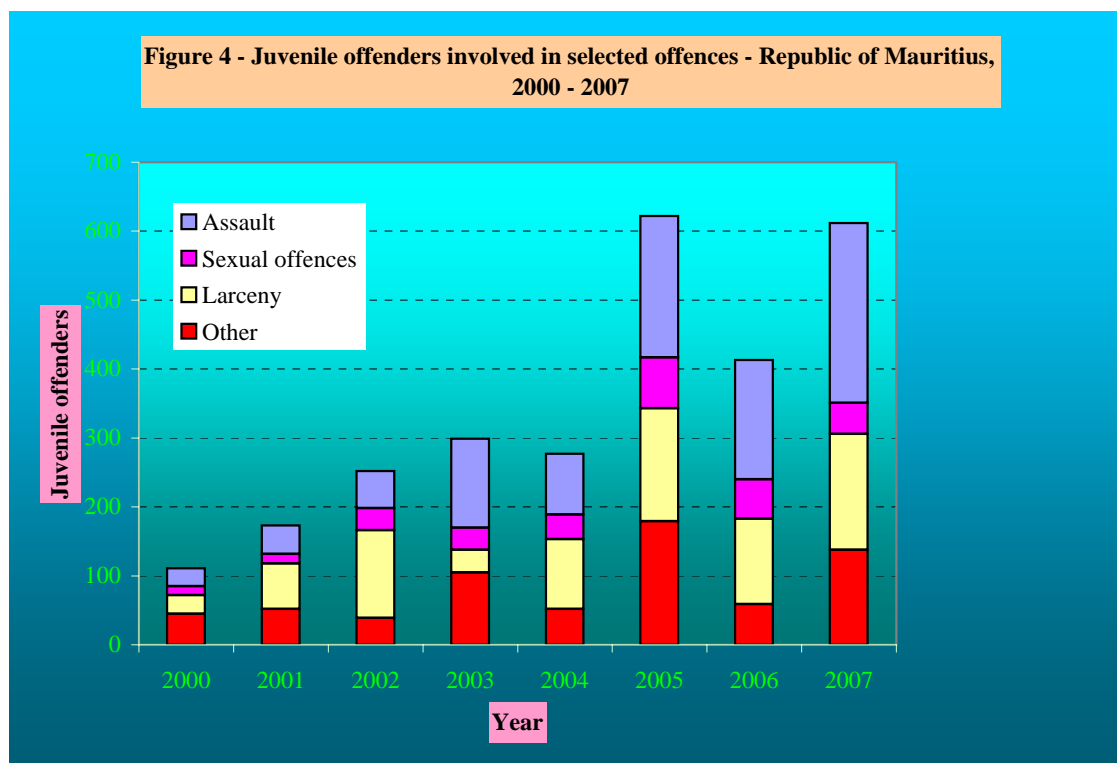


Table 13 - Number of convictions¹ for fingerprinted offenders by sex - Island of Mauritius, Island of Rodrigues & Republic of Mauritius, 2002 - 2007

Year	Island of Mauritius			Island of Rodrigues			Republic of Mauritius		
	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
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
2007	7,230	394	7,624	144	5	149	7,374	399	7,773

Table 14 - Number of convictions¹ for fingerprinted offenders by age-group and sex, Republic of Mauritius, 2002 - 2007

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
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
2007	85	600	6,689	7,374	10	30	359	399	95	630	7,048	7,773

¹ Figures published in the previous issues, refer to number of convictions instead of number of fingerprinted offenders.

**Table 15 - Number of fingerprinted offenders by number of convictions for the year,
Republic of Mauritius - 2002 - 2007**

Number of convictions for the year	Number of offenders					
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
1	3,545	4,138	4,310	3,852	4,361	4,599
2	504	641	675	558	735	767
3	138	154	160	167	220	249
4	47	47	70	58	80	92
5	22	17	28	19	40	42
> 5	12	20	20	24	39	44
Total number of offenders	4,268	5,017	5,263	4,678	5,475	5,793
<i>of which new offenders</i>	<i>1,887</i>	<i>2,456</i>	<i>2,420</i>	<i>2,391</i>	<i>2,574</i>	<i>2,517</i>

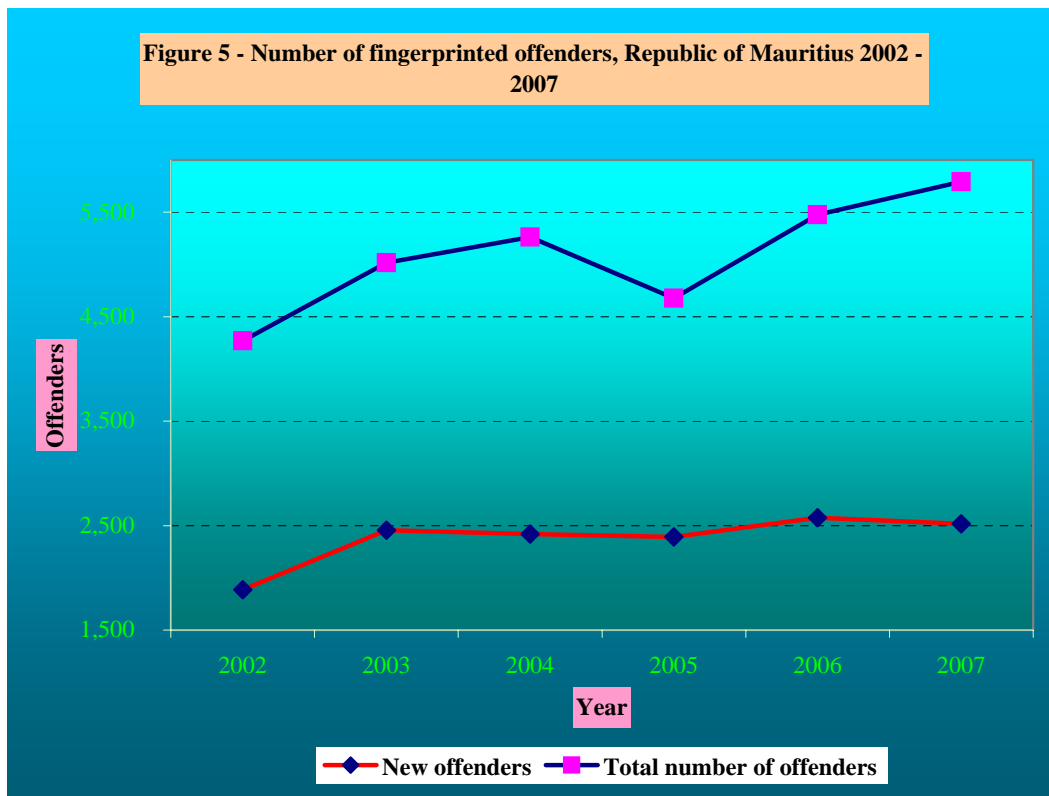


Table 16 - Offences under the Road Traffic Act by type - Republic of Mauritius, 2002 - 2007

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	Contraventions 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
2007	1,623	947	22,871	116	433	11	98,974	124,975	99

Table 17 - Drug related offences by type of drugs - Republic of Mauritius, 2002 - 2007

Year	Type of drugs				Total
	Heroin	Gandia	Psychotropic and other restricted Substances	Other	
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
2007	1,170	1,641	1,608	45	4,464

Table 18 - Police stations and police force - Republic of Mauritius, 2003 - 2007

Year	Police posts and stations	Police force ¹			Police force per 1,000 population
		Male	Female	Both sexes	
2003	91	10,081	509	10,590	8.7
2004	93	9,932	508	10,440	8.5
2005	94	10,686	604	11,290	9.1
2006	94	9,846	503	10,349	8.3
2007	94	10,237	576	10,813	8.6

¹ Figures published in the previous issues, refer to the total number of employees in the Police Department instead of police force.

Table 19 - Total expenditure of the Police Department - Republic of Mauritius, 2001/2002 - 2006/2007

Year	Total expenditure (Rs Mn)		Total expenditure of the Police Department as a percentage of total Government expenditure
	Police department	Government	
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
2006/2007	3,057	55,389	5.5

Source: Annual Report of the Accountant General