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# Population and Vital Statistics

## Republic of Mauritius, January – June 2024

### 1. Introduction

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents provisional population estimates for mid-year 2024 and vital statistics for the first semester of 2024. Forecasts of vital events and rates for the year 2024 are also included. Please note that population estimates presented in this report are based on the 2011 Census data.

It is to be noted that preliminary data for the compilation of vital statistics have been extracted from the computerised system in place at the Civil Status Division.

Definitions of terms used are at **Annex**.

### 2. Key points

- The population of the Republic of Mauritius was estimated at 1,259,509 as at 1 July 2024, corresponding to a population growth rate of -0.12% (-1,532) since mid-2023.
- As at mid-2024, the female population outnumbered the male population by 15,575.
- The expected number of live births for the Republic of Mauritius for year 2024 is 12,290, corresponding to a crude birth rate of 9.8 per 1,000 mid-year population, compared to 10.2 in 2023.
- The number of deaths for 2024 is forecasted to be 12,780, giving a crude death rate of 10.1 per 1,000 mid-year population, compared to 9.4 in 2023.
- The forecast for the number of infant deaths for the Republic of Mauritius in 2024 is 175, representing an infant mortality rate of 14.2 per 1,000 live births, compared to 13.1 in 2023.
- The number of still births for 2024 is forecasted to be 90, giving a still birth rate of 7.3 per 1,000 total births, compared to 8.0 in 2023.
- The expected number of marriages for 2024 is 7,880, corresponding to a marriage rate of 12.5 persons married per 1,000 mid-year population, against 13.7 in 2023.

### 3. Estimated resident population

**Table 3.1 - Estimated resident population by sex, Republic of Mauritius, 1 July 2024<sup>1</sup>**

Island	Both sexes	Male	Female	Sex ratio
<b>Island of Mauritius</b>	<b>1,213,974</b>	599,715	614,259	97.6
<b>Island of Rodrigues</b>	<b>45,261</b>	22,078	23,183	95.2
<b>Agalega and St. Brandon</b>	<b>274</b>	174	100	174.0
<b>Republic of Mauritius</b>	<b>1,259,509</b>	<b>621,967</b>	<b>637,542</b>	<b>97.6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

As at 1 July 2024, the population of the Republic of Mauritius was estimated at 1,259,509, with 621,967 males and 637,542 females. There were 97.6 males for every 100 females.

The population of the Islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues were estimated at 1,213,974 and 45,261 respectively. In both islands, females outnumbered males.

Agalega and St. Brandon had an estimated population of 274, with 74 more males than females.

**Table 3.2 - Population density, Republic of Mauritius, 1 July 2024<sup>1</sup>**

Island	Both sexes	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Density per km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Island of Mauritius</b>	<b>1,213,974</b>	1,868.4	650
<b>Island of Rodrigues</b>	<b>45,261</b>	110.1	411
<b>Agalega and St. Brandon</b>	<b>274</b>	28.7	10
<b>Republic of Mauritius</b>	<b>1,259,509</b>	<b>2,007.2</b>	<b>627</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

The Republic of Mauritius had a population density of 627 persons per square kilometre as at mid-2024 for a total land area of 2,007.2 km<sup>2</sup>. The population densities of the Island of Mauritius and the Island of Rodrigues were 650 and 411 respectively.

**Table 3.3 - Estimated resident population by sex and sex ratio, Republic of Mauritius, 2022 - 2024 (mid-year estimates)**

Year	Both sexes	Male	Female	Sex ratio
2022	1,262,523	623,961	638,562	97.7
2023	1,261,041	622,991	638,050	97.6
2024	1,259,509	621,967	637,542	97.6

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

In the above table, mid-year population estimates and sex ratios are given for comparative purposes. The sex ratio stood at 97.7 in 2022 and, 97.6 both in 2023 and 2024.

#### 4. Population growth

**Table 4.1 - Population change, Republic of Mauritius, 1 July 2023 and 1 July 2024**

Island	Population		Growth	
	1 July 2023	1 July 2024 <sup>1</sup>	Number	%
Island of Mauritius	1,215,822	1,213,974	-1,848	-0.15
Island of Rodrigues	44,945	45,261	316	0.70
Agalega and St. Brandon	274	274	0	0.00
<b>Republic of Mauritius</b>	<b>1,261,041</b>	<b>1,259,509</b>	<b>-1,532</b>	<b>-0.12</b>

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

The population of the Republic of Mauritius decreased by 1,532 (-0.12%) from mid-2023 to mid-2024. The population of the Island of Mauritius decreased by 1,848 from mid-2023 to mid-2024 while for the same period, the population of the Island of Rodrigues grew by 0.70%.

**Table 4.2 - Components of population growth during the first semester of 2023 and 2024, Republic of Mauritius<sup>1</sup>**

Components of population growth	2023	2024 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Resident population as at beginning of year</b>	<b>1,260,922</b>	<b>1,260,105</b>
<b>Natural increase, January - June</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>55</b>
Live Births, January - June	6,508	6,268
Deaths, January - June	5,738	6,213
<b>Net international migration, January - June</b>	<b>-925</b>	<b>-925</b>
<b>Resident population as at mid-year</b>	<b>1,260,767</b>	<b>1,259,235</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Agalega and St Brandon

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

Population growth has two components: natural increase (number of live births minus number of deaths) and net international migration (net movement of residents).

During the first semester of 2024, the population registered a natural increase of 55, which was the result of an addition of 6,268 live births and a subtraction of 6,213 deaths. For the same period, the net international migration of residents was estimated at -925.

## 5. Vital statistics and rates

### 5.1 Live births and crude birth rate

**Table 5.1 - Live births registered and crude birth rate, Republic of Mauritius<sup>1</sup>, 2023 and 2024**

Island	Number of live births				Crude birth rate	
	2023		2024		2023	2024 <sup>3</sup>
	Jan - June	Year	Jan - June <sup>2</sup>	Year <sup>3</sup>		
<b>Island of Mauritius</b>	6,126	12,097	5,851	11,500	9.9	9.5
<b>Island of Rodrigues</b>	382	775	417	790	18.1 <sup>2</sup>	17.5
<b>Republic of Mauritius</b>	<b>6,508</b>	<b>12,872</b>	<b>6,268</b>	<b>12,290</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>9.8</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Agalega and St Brandon

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> Forecast

For the first six months of the current year, some 6,268 live births were registered in the Republic of Mauritius, compared to 6,508 for the corresponding period of 2023. For the year 2024, the number of live births is estimated at 12,290, resulting in a crude birth rate (i.e., live births per 1,000 mid-year population) of 9.8, compared to 10.2 in

2023. The forecast for the Island of Mauritius is 11,500 live births (rate of 9.5) and that for Rodrigues is 790 (rate of 17.5).

## 5.2 Deaths and crude death rate

**Table 5.2 - Deaths and crude death rate, Republic of Mauritius<sup>1</sup>, 2023 and 2024**

Island	Number of deaths				Crude death rate	
	2023		2024		2023	2024 <sup>3</sup>
	Jan - June	Year	Jan - June <sup>2</sup>	Year <sup>3</sup>		
<b>Island of Mauritius</b>	5,598	11,549	6,029	12,400	9.5	10.2
<b>Island of Rodrigues</b>	140	290	184	380	7.6 <sup>2</sup>	8.4
<b>Republic of Mauritius</b>	<b>5,738</b>	<b>11,839</b>	<b>6,213</b>	<b>12,780</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>10.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Agalega and St Brandon

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> Forecast

The number of deaths registered during the first semester of 2024 in the Republic of Mauritius was 6,213, compared to 5,738 for the corresponding period of 2023. The forecast for 2024 is 12,780 deaths, representing a crude death rate of 10.1 per 1,000 mid-year population. The expected number of deaths for the Island of Mauritius for 2024 is 12,400 (rate of 10.2) and that for Rodrigues is 380 (rate of 8.4).

## 5.3 Infant deaths and infant mortality rate

**Table 5.3 - Infant deaths and infant mortality rate, Republic of Mauritius<sup>1</sup>, 2023 and 2024**

Island	Number of infant deaths				Infant mortality rate	
	2023		2024		2023	2024 <sup>3</sup>
	Jan - June	Year	Jan - June <sup>2</sup>	Year <sup>3</sup>		
<b>Island of Mauritius</b>	83	157	85	160	13.0	13.9
<b>Island of Rodrigues</b>	7	11	8	15	13.5 <sup>2</sup>	19.0
<b>Republic of Mauritius</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>14.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Agalega and St Brandon

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> Forecast

During the first semester of 2024, there were 93 infant deaths registered in the Republic of Mauritius, compared to 90 for the same period in 2023. Around 175 infant deaths are expected to occur in the Republic of Mauritius in 2024, giving an infant mortality rate of 14.2 per 1,000 live births against 13.1 in 2023. The number of infant

deaths forecast for the Islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues are 160 (rate of 13.9) and 15 (rate of 19.0) respectively.

#### 5.4 Still births and still birth rate

**Table 5.4 - Still births and still birth rate, Republic of Mauritius<sup>1</sup>, 2023 and 2024**

Island	Number of still births				Still birth rate	
	2023		2024		2023	2024 <sup>3</sup>
	Jan - June	Year	Jan - June <sup>2</sup>	Year <sup>3</sup>		
Island of Mauritius	54	99	41	80	8.1	6.9
Island of Rodrigues	2	5	6	10	8.5 <sup>2</sup>	12.5
<b>Republic of Mauritius</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>7.3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Agalega and St Brandon

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> Forecast

During the first six months of 2024, some 47 still births were registered in the Republic of Mauritius, compared to 56 for the same period in 2023, i.e. a 16.1% decrease. The expected number of still births for the Republic of Mauritius for 2024 is 90, giving a still birth rate of 7.3 per 1,000 total births against 8.0 in 2023. Forecasts of still births for the Islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues for the year 2024 are 80 (rate of 6.9) and 10 (rate of 12.5) respectively.

#### 5.5 Marriages and crude marriage rate

**Table 5.5 - Marriages and crude marriage rate, Republic of Mauritius<sup>1</sup>, 2023 and 2024**

Island	Number of marriages				Crude marriage rate	
	2023		2024		2023	2024 <sup>3</sup>
	Jan - June	Year	Jan - June <sup>2</sup>	Year <sup>3</sup>		
Island of Mauritius	4,016	8,471	3,667	7,700	13.9	12.7
Island of Rodrigues	85	183	78	180	7.9 <sup>2</sup>	8.0
<b>Republic of Mauritius</b>	<b>4,101</b>	<b>8,654</b>	<b>3,745</b>	<b>7,880</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>12.5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Agalega and St Brandon

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> Forecast

A total of 3,745 marriages were registered in the Republic of Mauritius during the first semester of 2024, representing a decrease of 8.7% over the number registered (4,101) during the same period in 2023. The expected number of marriages for 2024 is 7,880,

giving a crude marriage rate of 12.5 per 1,000 mid-year population against 13.7 in 2023. The expected number of marriages for 2024 for the Island of Mauritius is 7,700 (rate of 12.7) and for the Island of Rodrigues is 180 (rate of 8.0).

## 6. International comparison of vital rates

Vital statistics for different countries in the world are published in the UN publications “The Demographic Yearbook” and the “United Nations Population and Vital Statistics Report”. The table below displays some comparative figures available from the latest United Nations Population and Vital Statistics Report (2009 - 2023).

**Table 6.1 - Vital rates for selected countries**

Country	Year	Crude Birth rate	Crude death rate	Infant mortality rate
Mauritius	2023	10.0	9.4	13.4
Seychelles	2023	13.0	7.3	na
Australia	2022	11.6	7.3	3.2
Canada	2022	9.0	8.6	4.7
Singapore	2022	8.7	6.6	1.9
Germany	2023	8.2	12.2	3.2
France	2021	10.7	9.8	3.4

Source: United Nations Population & Vital Statistics Report Vol LXXVI (updated in August 2024)

na – Not available

It is to be noted that the crude birth/death rates are strictly not comparable between countries as it is affected by the age/sex structure of the population. For instance, the crude death rate for Mauritius is lower than that for Germany. This can be explained by the fact that Mauritius has a relatively young population compared to Germany and hence, proportionately fewer deaths are expected.

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**Definition of terms**

1. Vital Statistics  
The statistics pertaining to vital events which include live births, deaths, still births, marriages and divorces.
2. Population density  
The number of persons per square kilometre.
3. Dependency ratio  
The child population under 15 years of age and the elderly population aged 65 years and above per 1,000 population aged 15-64 years.
4. Sex ratio  
The number of males to every 100 females.
5. Natural increase  
The excess of live births over deaths.
6. Crude birth rate  
The number of live births in a year per 1,000 mid-year population.
7. Crude death rate  
The number of deaths in a year per 1,000 mid-year population.
8. Infant mortality rate  
The number of deaths in a year of infants aged under one year per 1,000 live births during the year.
9. Still birth rate  
The number of still births in a year per 1,000 total births (live births and still births) during the year.
10. Marriage rate  
The number of persons married in a year per 1,000 mid-year population.

**Note:** The vital rates for Rodrigues are usually calculated as an average for three years in order to remove wide fluctuations in the yearly data. The rates for the year 2024 are however calculated on the basis of data for the year only.

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