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Republic of Mauritius, January – June 2025

1. Introduction

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents provisional population estimates for mid-year 2025 and vital statistics for the first semester of 2025. Forecasts of vital events and rates for the year 2025 are also included. Please note that population estimates presented in this report are based on the 2022 adjusted Population 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 1,243,741 as at 1 July 2025, corresponding to a population growth rate of -0.16% (-2,038) since mid-2024.
- As at mid-2025, the female population outnumbered the male population by 13,483.
- The expected number of live births for the Republic of Mauritius for year 2025 is 13,920, corresponding to a crude birth rate of 11.2 per 1,000 mid-year population, compared to 10.3 in 2024.
- The number of deaths for 2025 is forecasted to be 12,470, giving a crude death rate of 10.0 per 1,000 mid-year population, same as in 2024.
- The forecast for the number of infant deaths for the Republic of Mauritius in 2025 is 155, representing an infant mortality rate of 11.1 per 1,000 live births, compared to 14.3 in 2024.
- The number of still births for 2025 is forecasted to be 107, giving a still birth rate of 7.6 per 1,000 total births, compared to 7.3 in 2024.
- The expected number of marriages for 2025 is 7,710, corresponding to a marriage rate of 12.4 persons married per 1,000 mid-year population, against 13.2 in 2024.

3. Estimated resident population

Table 3.1 - Estimated resident population by sex, Republic of Mauritius, 1 July 2025¹

Island	Both sexes	Male	Female	Sex ratio
Island of Mauritius	1,198,812	593,189	605,623	97.9
Island of Rodrigues	44,599	21,773	22,826	95.4
Agalega and St. Brandon	330	167	163	102.5
Republic of Mauritius	1,243,741	615,129	628,612	97.9

¹ Provisional

As at 1 July 2025, the population of the Republic of Mauritius was estimated at 1,243,741, with 615,129 males and 628,612 females. There were 97.9 males for every 100 females.

The population of the Islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues were estimated at 1,198,812 and 44,599 respectively. In both islands, females outnumbered males.

Agalega and St. Brandon had an estimated population of 330, with 167 males and 163 females.

Table 3.2 - Population density, Republic of Mauritius, 1 July 2025¹

Island	Both sexes	Area (km ²)	Density per km ²
Island of Mauritius	1,198,812	1,868.4	642
Island of Rodrigues	44,599	110.1	405
Agalega and St. Brandon	330	28.7	11
Republic of Mauritius	1,243,741	2,007.2	620

¹ Provisional

The Republic of Mauritius had a population density of 620 persons per square kilometre as at mid-2025 for a total land area of 2,007.2 km². The population densities of the Island of Mauritius and the Island of Rodrigues were 642 and 405 respectively.

Table 3.3 - Estimated resident population by sex and sex ratio, Republic of Mauritius, 2023 - 2025 (mid-year estimates)

Year	Both sexes	Male	Female	Sex ratio
2023	1,248,647	618,452	630,195	98.1
2024	1,245,779	616,646	629,133	98.0
2025 ¹	1,243,741	615,129	628,612	97.9

¹ Provisional

In the above table, mid-year population estimates and sex ratios are given for comparative purposes. The sex ratio stood at 98.1 in 2023, which declined to 98.0 in 2024 and to 97.9 in 2025.

4. Population growth

Table 4.1 - Population change, Republic of Mauritius, 1 July 2024 and 1 July 2025

Island	Population		Growth	
	1 July 2024	1 July 2025 ¹	Number	%
Island of Mauritius	1,201,245	1,198,812	-2,433	-0.20
Island of Rodrigues	44,204	44,599	395	0.89
Agalega and St. Brandon	330	330	0	0.00
Republic of Mauritius	1,245,779	1,243,741	-2,038	-0.16

¹ Provisional

The population of the Republic of Mauritius decreased by 2,038 (-0.16%) from mid-2024 to mid-2025. The population of the Island of Mauritius declined by 2,433 from mid-2024 to mid-2025 while for the same period, the population of the Island of Rodrigues increased by 0.89%.

Table 4.2 - Components of population growth during the first semester of 2024 and 2025, Republic of Mauritius¹

Components of population growth	2024	2025 ²
Resident population as at beginning of year	1,246,987	1,244,147
Natural increase, January - June	55	857
Live Births, January - June	6,268	7,064
Deaths, January - June	6,213	6,207
Net international migration, January - June	-1,593	-1,593
Resident population as at mid-year	1,245,449	1,243,411

¹ Excluding Agalega and St Brandon

² 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 2025, the population registered a natural increase of 857, which was the result of an addition of 7,064 live births and a subtraction of 6,207 deaths. For the same period, the net international migration of residents was estimated at -1,593.

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 Mauritius¹, 2024 and 2025

Island	Number of live births				Crude birth rate	
	2024		2025		2024	2025 ³
	Jan - June	Year	Jan - June ²	Year ³		
Island of Mauritius	5,851	12,088	6,562	13,000	10.1	10.8
Island of Rodrigues	417	764	502	920	18.5 ²	20.6
Republic of Mauritius	6,268	12,852	7,064	13,920	10.3	11.2

¹ Excluding Agalega and St Brandon

² Provisional

³ Forecast

For the first six months of the current year, some 7,064 live births were registered in the Republic of Mauritius, compared to 6,268 for the corresponding period of 2024. For the year 2025, the number of live births is estimated at 13,920, resulting in a crude birth rate (i.e, live births per 1,000 mid-year population) of 11.2, compared to 10.3 in 2024. The forecast for the Island of Mauritius is 13,000 live births (rate of 10.8) and that for Rodrigues is 920 (rate of 20.6).

5.2 Deaths and crude death rate

Table 5.2 - Deaths and crude death rate, Republic of Mauritius¹, 2024 and 2025

Island	Number of deaths				Crude death rate	
	2024		2025		2024	2025 ³
	Jan - June	Year	Jan - June ²	Year ³		
Island of Mauritius	6,029	12,164	6,071	12,200	10.1	10.2
Island of Rodrigues	184	342	136	270	6.8 ²	6.1
Republic of Mauritius	6,213	12,506	6,207	12,470	10.0	10.0

¹ Excluding Agalega and St Brandon

² Provisional

³ Forecast

The number of deaths registered during the first semester of 2025 in the Republic of Mauritius was 6,207, compared to 6,213 for the corresponding period of 2024. The forecast for 2025 is 12,470 deaths, representing a crude death rate of 10.0 per 1,000 mid-year population. The expected number of deaths for the Island of Mauritius for 2025 is 12,200 (rate of 10.2) and that for Rodrigues is 270 (rate of 6.1).

5.3 Infant deaths and infant mortality rate

Table 5.3 - Infant deaths and infant mortality rate, Republic of Mauritius¹, 2024 and 2025

Island	Number of infant deaths				Infant mortality rate	
	2024		2025		2024	2025 ³
	Jan - June	Year	Jan - June ²	Year ³		
Island of Mauritius	85	173	74	150	14.3	11.5
Island of Rodrigues	8	11	3	5	11.0 ²	5.4
Republic of Mauritius	93	184	77	155	14.3	11.1

¹ Excluding Agalega and St Brandon

² Provisional

³ Forecast

During the first semester of 2025, there were 77 infant deaths registered in the Republic of Mauritius, compared to 93 for the same period in 2024. Around 155 infant deaths are expected to occur in the Republic of Mauritius in 2025, giving an infant mortality rate of 11.1 per 1,000 live births against 14.3 in 2024. The number of infant deaths forecast for the Islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues are 150 (rate of 11.5) and 5 (rate of 5.4) respectively.

5.4 Still births and still birth rate

Table 5.4 - Still births and still birth rate, Republic of Mauritius¹, 2024 and 2025

Island	Number of still births				Still birth rate	
	2024		2025		2024	2025 ³
	Jan - June	Year	Jan - June ²	Year ³		
Island of Mauritius	41	87	50	100	7.1	7.6
Island of Rodrigues	6	7	4	7	7.7 ²	7.6
Republic of Mauritius	47	94	54	107	7.3	7.6

¹ Excluding Agalega and St Brandon

² Provisional

³ Forecast

During the first six months of 2025, some 54 still births were registered in the Republic of Mauritius, compared to 47 for the same period in 2024, i.e. a 14.9% increase. The expected number of still births for the Republic of Mauritius for 2025 is 107, giving a still birth rate of 7.6 per 1,000 total births against 7.3 in 2024. Forecasts of still births for the Islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues for the year 2025 are 100 (rate of 7.6) and 7 (rate of 7.6) respectively.

5.5 Marriages and crude marriage rate

Table 5.5 - Marriages and crude marriage rate, Republic of Mauritius¹, 2024 and 2025

Island	Number of marriages				Crude marriage rate	
	2024		2025		2024	2025 ³
	Jan - June	Year	Jan - June ²	Year ³		
Island of Mauritius	3,667	8,036	3,424	7,500	13.4	12.5
Island of Rodrigues	78	184	91	210	8.7 ²	9.4
Republic of Mauritius	3,745	8,220	3,515	7,710	13.2	12.4

¹ Excluding Agalega and St Brandon

² Provisional

³ Forecast

A total of 3,515 marriages were registered in the Republic of Mauritius during the first semester of 2025, representing a decrease of 6.1% over the number registered (3,745) during the same period in 2024. The expected number of marriages for 2025 is 7,710, giving a crude marriage rate of 12.4 per 1,000 mid-year population against 13.2 in 2024. The expected number of marriages for 2025 for the Island of Mauritius is 7,500 (rate of 12.5) and for the Island of Rodrigues is 210 (rate of 9.4).

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 (2010 - 2024).

Table 6.1 - Vital rates for selected countries

Country	Year	Crude Birth rate	Crude death rate	Infant mortality rate
Mauritius	2024	10.3	10.0	14.3
Seychelles	2024	11.0	7.0	na
Australia	2023	10.8	6.9	3.2
Canada	2023	8.8	8.1	4.6
Singapore	2023	8.1	6.5	2.6
Germany	2024	8.1	12.0	3.2
United Kingdom	2023	9.6	9.7	4.2

Source: United Nations Population & Vital Statistics Report Vol LXXVII (updated in July 2025)

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 2025 are however calculated on the basis of data for the year only.

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