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# **Population and Vital Statistics**

## **Republic of Mauritius, January – June 2026**

### **1. Introduction**

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents provisional population estimates for mid-year 2026 and vital statistics for the first semester of 2026. Forecasts of vital events and rates for the year 2026 are also included.

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 1,240,316 as at 1 July 2026, corresponding to a population growth rate of -0.28% (-3,425) since mid-2025.
- As at mid-2026, the female population outnumbered the male population by 14,542.
- The expected number of live births for the Republic of Mauritius for year 2026 is 12,520, corresponding to a crude birth rate of 10.1 per 1,000 mid-year population, compared to 10.7 in 2025.
- The number of deaths for 2026 is forecasted to be 12,900, giving a crude death rate of 10.4 per 1,000 mid-year population, compared to 10.2 in 2025.
- The forecast for the number of infant deaths for the Republic of Mauritius in 2026 is 170, representing an infant mortality rate of 13.6 per 1,000 live births, compared to 11.6 in 2025.
- The number of still births for 2026 is forecasted to be 97, giving a still birth rate of 7.7 per 1,000 total births, compared to 7.9 in 2025.
- The expected number of marriages for 2026 is 7,490, corresponding to a marriage rate of 12.1 persons married per 1,000 mid-year population, against 12.4 in 2025.

### 3. Estimated resident population

**Table 3.1 - Estimated resident population by sex, Republic of Mauritius, 1 July 2026<sup>1</sup>**

| Island                         | Both sexes       | Male           | Female         | Sex ratio   |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| <b>Island of Mauritius</b>     | <b>1,194,974</b> | 590,743        | 604,231        | 97.8        |
| <b>Island of Rodrigues</b>     | <b>45,012</b>    | 21,977         | 23,035         | 95.4        |
| <b>Agalega and St. Brandon</b> | <b>330</b>       | 167            | 163            | 102.5       |
| <b>Republic of Mauritius</b>   | <b>1,240,316</b> | <b>612,887</b> | <b>627,429</b> | <b>97.7</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

As at 1 July 2026, the population of the Republic of Mauritius was estimated at 1,240,316, with 612,887 males and 627,429 females. There were 97.7 males for every 100 females.

The population of the Islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues were estimated at 1,194,974 and 45,012 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 2026<sup>1</sup>**

| Island                         | Both sexes       | Area (km <sup>2</sup> ) | Density per km <sup>2</sup> |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Island of Mauritius</b>     | <b>1,194,974</b> | 1,868.4                 | 640                         |
| <b>Island of Rodrigues</b>     | <b>45,012</b>    | 110.1                   | 409                         |
| <b>Agalega and St. Brandon</b> | <b>330</b>       | 28.7                    | 11                          |
| <b>Republic of Mauritius</b>   | <b>1,240,316</b> | <b>2,007.2</b>          | <b>618</b>                  |

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

The Republic of Mauritius had a population density of 618 persons per square kilometre as at mid-2026 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 640 and 409 respectively.

**Table 3.3 - Estimated resident population by sex and sex ratio, Republic of Mauritius, 2024 - 2026 (mid-year estimates)**

| <b>Year</b>              | <b>Both sexes</b> | <b>Male</b> | <b>Female</b> | <b>Sex ratio</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>2024</b>              | 1,245,779         | 616,646     | 629,133       | 98.0             |
| <b>2025</b>              | 1,243,741         | 615,129     | 628,612       | 97.9             |
| <b>2026 <sup>1</sup></b> | 1,240,316         | 612,887     | 627,429       | 97.7             |

<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 98.0 in 2024, with a slight fall to 97.9 in 2025 and a further decline to 97.7 in 2026.

#### **4. Population growth**

**Table 4.1 - Population change, Republic of Mauritius, 1 July 2025 and 1 July 2026**

| <b>Island</b>                  | <b>Population</b>  |                                 | <b>Growth</b> |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
|                                | <b>1 July 2025</b> | <b>1 July 2026 <sup>1</sup></b> | <b>Number</b> | <b>%</b>     |
| <b>Island of Mauritius</b>     | 1,198,812          | 1,194,974                       | -3,838        | -0.32        |
| <b>Island of Rodrigues</b>     | 44,599             | 45,012                          | 413           | 0.93         |
| <b>Agalega and St. Brandon</b> | 330                | 330                             | 0             | 0.00         |
| <b>Republic of Mauritius</b>   | <b>1,243,741</b>   | <b>1,240,316</b>                | <b>-3,425</b> | <b>-0.28</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Provisional

The population of the Republic of Mauritius decreased by 3,425 (-0.28%) from mid-2025 to mid-2026. The population of the Island of Mauritius declined by 3,838 from mid-2025 to mid-2026 while for the same period, the population of the Island of Rodrigues increased by 0.93%.

**Table 4.2 - Components of population growth during the first semester of 2025 and 2026, Republic of Mauritius<sup>1</sup>**

| Components of population growth                    | 2025             | 2026 <sup>2</sup> |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Resident population as at beginning of year</b> | <b>1,244,147</b> | <b>1,241,526</b>  |
| <b>Natural increase, January - June</b>            | <b>857</b>       | <b>53</b>         |
| Live Births, January - June                        | 7,064            | 6,386             |
| Deaths, January - June                             | 6,207            | 6,333             |
| <b>Net international migration, January - June</b> | <b>-1,593</b>    | <b>-1,593</b>     |
| <b>Resident population as at mid-year</b>          | <b>1,243,411</b> | <b>1,239,986</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 2026, the population registered a natural increase of 53, which was the result of an addition of 6,386 live births and a subtraction of 6,333 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 Mauritius<sup>1</sup>, 2025 and 2026**

| Island                       | Number of live births |               |                         |                   | Crude birth rate  |                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                              | 2025                  |               | 2026                    |                   | 2025              | 2026 <sup>3</sup> |
|                              | Jan - June            | Year          | Jan - June <sup>2</sup> | Year <sup>3</sup> |                   |                   |
| <b>Island of Mauritius</b>   | 6,562                 | 12,321        | 5,945                   | 11,700            | 10.3              | 9.8               |
| <b>Island of Rodrigues</b>   | 502                   | 929           | 441                     | 820               | 18.8 <sup>2</sup> | 18.2              |
| <b>Republic of Mauritius</b> | <b>7,064</b>          | <b>13,250</b> | <b>6,386</b>            | <b>12,520</b>     | <b>10.7</b>       | <b>10.1</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 6,386 live births were registered in the Republic of Mauritius, compared to 7,064 for the corresponding period of 2025. For the year 2026, the number of live births is estimated at 12,520, resulting in a crude birth rate (i.e, live births per 1,000 mid-year population) of 10.1, compared to 10.7 in 2025. The forecast for the Island of Mauritius is 11,700 live births (rate of 9.8) and that for Rodrigues is 820 (rate of 18.2).

## 5.2 Deaths and crude death rate

**Table 5.2 - Deaths and crude death rate, Republic of Mauritius<sup>1</sup>, 2025 and 2026**

| Island                       | Number of deaths |               |                         |                   | Crude death rate |                   |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                              | 2025             |               | 2026                    |                   | 2025             | 2026 <sup>3</sup> |
|                              | Jan - June       | Year          | Jan - June <sup>2</sup> | Year <sup>3</sup> |                  |                   |
| <b>Island of Mauritius</b>   | 6,071            | 12,400        | 6,187                   | 12,600            | 10.3             | 10.5              |
| <b>Island of Rodrigues</b>   | 136              | 285           | 146                     | 300               | 6.9 <sup>2</sup> | 6.7               |
| <b>Republic of Mauritius</b> | <b>6,207</b>     | <b>12,685</b> | <b>6,333</b>            | <b>12,900</b>     | <b>10.2</b>      | <b>10.4</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 2026 in the Republic of Mauritius was 6,333, compared to 6,207 for the corresponding period of 2025. The forecast for 2026 is 12,900 deaths, representing a crude death rate of 10.4 per 1,000 mid-year population. The expected number of deaths for the Island of Mauritius for 2026 is 12,600 (rate of 10.5) and that for Rodrigues is 300 (rate of 6.7).

## 5.3 Infant deaths and infant mortality rate

**Table 5.3 - Infant deaths and infant mortality rate, Republic of Mauritius<sup>1</sup>, 2025 and 2026**

| Island                       | Number of infant deaths |            |                         |                   | Infant mortality rate |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
|                              | 2025                    |            | 2026                    |                   | 2025                  | 2026 <sup>3</sup> |
|                              | Jan - June              | Year       | Jan - June <sup>2</sup> | Year <sup>3</sup> |                       |                   |
| <b>Island of Mauritius</b>   | 74                      | 147        | 81                      | 160               | 11.9                  | 13.7              |
| <b>Island of Rodrigues</b>   | 3                       | 7          | 5                       | 10                | 11.1 <sup>2</sup>     | 12.2              |
| <b>Republic of Mauritius</b> | <b>77</b>               | <b>154</b> | <b>86</b>               | <b>170</b>        | <b>11.6</b>           | <b>13.6</b>       |

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

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> Forecast

During the first semester of 2026, there were 86 infant deaths registered in the Republic of Mauritius, compared to 77 for the same period in 2025. Around 170 infant deaths are expected to occur in the Republic of Mauritius in 2026, giving an infant mortality rate of 13.6 per 1,000 live births against 11.6 in 2025. The number of infant deaths forecast for the Islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues are 160 (rate of 13.7) and 10 (rate of 12.2) respectively.

## 5.4 Still births and still birth rate

**Table 5.4 - Still births and still birth rate, Republic of Mauritius<sup>1</sup>, 2025 and 2026**

| Island                       | Number of still births |            |                         |                   | Still birth rate |                   |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                              | 2025                   |            | 2026                    |                   | 2025             | 2026 <sup>3</sup> |
|                              | Jan - June             | Year       | Jan - June <sup>2</sup> | Year <sup>3</sup> |                  |                   |
| <b>Island of Mauritius</b>   | 50                     | 101        | 48                      | 90                | 8.1              | 7.6               |
| <b>Island of Rodrigues</b>   | 4                      | 4          | 4                       | 7                 | 7.1 <sup>2</sup> | 8.5               |
| <b>Republic of Mauritius</b> | <b>54</b>              | <b>105</b> | <b>52</b>               | <b>97</b>         | <b>7.9</b>       | <b>7.7</b>        |

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

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> Forecast

During the first six months of 2026, some 52 still births were registered in the Republic of Mauritius, compared to 54 for the same period in 2025, representing a decrease of 3.7%. The expected number of still births for the Republic of Mauritius for 2026 is 97, giving a still birth rate of 7.7 per 1,000 total births against 7.9 in 2025. Forecasts of still births for the Islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues for the year 2026 are 90 (rate of 7.6) and 7 (rate of 8.5) respectively.

## 5.5 Marriages and crude marriage rate

**Table 5.5 - Marriages and crude marriage rate, Republic of Mauritius<sup>1</sup>, 2025 and 2026**

| Island                       | Number of marriages |              |                         |                   | Crude marriage rate |                   |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
|                              | 2025                |              | 2026                    |                   | 2025                | 2026 <sup>3</sup> |
|                              | Jan - June          | Year         | Jan - June <sup>2</sup> | Year <sup>3</sup> |                     |                   |
| <b>Island of Mauritius</b>   | 3,424               | 7,515        | 3,345                   | 7,300             | 12.5                | 12.2              |
| <b>Island of Rodrigues</b>   | 91                  | 200          | 86                      | 190               | 8.6 <sup>2</sup>    | 8.4               |
| <b>Republic of Mauritius</b> | <b>3,515</b>        | <b>7,715</b> | <b>3,431</b>            | <b>7,490</b>      | <b>12.4</b>         | <b>12.1</b>       |

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

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> Forecast

A total of 3,431 marriages were registered in the Republic of Mauritius during the first semester of 2026, representing a decrease of 2.4% over the number registered (3,515) during the same period in 2025. The expected number of marriages for 2026 is 7,490, giving a crude marriage rate of 12.1 per 1,000 mid-year population against 12.4 in 2025. The expected number of marriages for 2026 for the Island of Mauritius is 7,300 (rate of 12.2) and for the Island of Rodrigues is 190 (rate of 8.4).

## 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 (2011 - 2025).

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

| Country               | Year | Crude Birth rate | Crude death rate | Infant mortality rate |
|-----------------------|------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Mauritius</b>      | 2025 | 10.7             | 10.2             | 11.6                  |
| <b>Reunion</b>        | 2024 | 13.5             | 6.6              | 5.9                   |
| <b>Australia</b>      | 2024 | 10.7             | 6.9              | 3.3                   |
| <b>Canada</b>         | 2024 | 8.9              | 7.9              | 4.5                   |
| <b>Singapore</b>      | 2024 | 8.1              | 6.3              | 2.3                   |
| <b>Germany</b>        | 2025 | 7.8              | 12.0             | 3.3                   |
| <b>United Kingdom</b> | 2024 | 9.5              | 9.3              | 4.2                   |

Source: United Nations Population & Vital Statistics Report Vol LXXVIII (updated in July 2026)

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. Mauritius recorded the highest infant mortality rate among all the countries presented in the above table.

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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 2026 are however calculated on the basis of data for the year only.

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