

What is a Census? <

A census is a count of all people in the country. It also provides information about the demographic, social and economic characteristics of the population.

Why take a Census? <

Every country needs a Census to plan ahead. How many of us live in this country, town or locality? How many are men, women and children? How many are old enough to vote? What kind of jobs are we doing? How many have moved out to live in other parts of the country? The Census helps to answer these questions and many others.

Who uses Census data? <

The information collected is used by policy makers to make plans for improving the living conditions of the people, for building houses, roads, schools and training centres, health centres, baby care centres, old people's homes and industrial estates, etc...The census thus helps to respond to the needs of the population and to improve their living conditions.

Other users include private sector, academia, students, NGO's, media and international organisations.

Is my participation compulsory? <

Participation at the Census is compulsory by law.

Is the Census safe for me? <

Statistics Mauritius will not share your individual information with anyone, including government and non-government agencies. Census Officers as well as other officers having access to the questionnaires have taken oath of non-disclosure and will keep your answers confidential. The law provides penalties, including imprisonment, regarding any breach of confidentiality.

How do I recognize a Census Officer? <

A Census Officer holds a special identity card issued by the office with his/her photo on it. The card is signed by the Acting Director of Statistics and it bears the stamp of Statistics Mauritius.

> Qu'est-ce qu'un recensement?

Le recensement est une opération qui permet de compter la population résidant au pays. Il fournit des informations sur le nombre d'habitants et sur leurs caractéristiques démographiques, sociales et économiques.

> À quoi sert le recensement?

Chaque pays a besoin d'un recensement pour planifier l'avenir. Combien d'entre nous vivons dans ce pays, cette ville ou localité? Combien sont des hommes, des femmes et des enfants? Combien sont en âge de voter? Quels types d'emplois occupons-nous? Combien ont déménagé pour s'établir dans d'autres endroits du pays? Le recensement aide à répondre à ces questions et à bien d'autres.

> Qui utilisent les données du recensement?

Le recensement éclaire les décisions publiques en matière de construction des maisons, des routes, des écoles et centres de formation, des centres de santé, des maternités, des hospices pour les personnes âgées, des zones industrielles, etc... Le recensement permet donc de mieux répondre aux besoins de la population et d'améliorer leur quotidien.

Les autres utilisateurs incluent le secteur privé, le milieu universitaire, les étudiants, les ONG, les médias et les institutions internationales.

> Suis-je obligé d'y participer?

Participer au recensement est une obligation légale.

> Le recensement est-il sécurisé pour moi?

D'après la législation, Statistics Mauritius ne communiquera vos réponses individuelles à personne, ce qui inclut les organismes gouvernementaux et non-gouvernementaux. Les agents recenseurs, ainsi que toutes les personnes ayant accès aux formulaires, ont fait le serment qu'ils garderont vos réponses confidentielles. Ceux qui enfreignent la loi sont passibles d'une amende, allant jusqu'à l'emprisonnement.

> Comment reconnaître l'agent recenseur?

L'agent recenseur détient une carte d'identité spéciale émise par le bureau avec sa photo dessus. La carte est signée par le Directeur des Statistiques par intérim et porte le sceau de Statistics Mauritius.

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CENSUS

POPULATION CENSUS:
BETWEEN 19 JUNE
AND 01 AUGUST 2022



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Important to Remember
Census Night is the night of 3-4 July 2022.

History OF POPULATION CENSUS UNDERTAKING IN THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

1830-1831
Last annual
census taken

1846

1851

Census covered Island of Mauritius, Island of Rodrigues, Seychelles Archipelago, Chagos Archipelago, Agalega, Amirantes Archipelago, Coetivy, Islands North of Madagascar.

From 1851 to 1931
Censuses were taken
every ten years.



1901 Around 374,000 persons were
enumerated and classified as:



Europeans, whites, mixed
and coloured



Africans



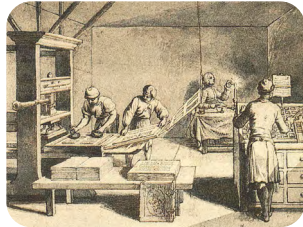
Indians and



Chinese

1786

Ordinance passed
for censuses to be
taken on 1st January
every year.



Actual enumeration of
inhabitants in the Island of
Mauritius for the first time.

Previous censuses were based
on administrative returns.

First census for which report
was probably printed.



1735

First complete census for
the Island of Mauritius,
then known as Isle de France,
taken under the governorship
of Mahé de Labourdonnais.

1871 1891

Housing Census was
also conducted.

Seychelles was
separated from
Mauritius in
administration
and its results were
released separately.

1983

Census scheduled for 1982
was postponed to 1983
because of parliamentary
elections in 1982.

To foster a spirit of nationalism
of the population, Government
decided that the question on
community should not be asked
in the 1983 Census.

Population reached nearly
1 million, double that of year
1952, some 3 decades earlier.

Number of females exceeded
that of males for the first time.

1972

First census conducted
after Mauritius gained its
independence in 1968.

Last time when question on
community was asked and since then
the results of published official 1972
Census are used for allocation of
additional seats in the
Legislative assembly.

The census was taken in two rounds
for the first time.

1952

First Census
post Second World War

First census undertaken by the
office after its creation in 1945.

Population of around 515,000
was enumerated.

1944



Census due in 1941 postponed
to 1944 due to outbreak of
Second World War.

1990



Data processing done at
office for the first time
using micro computers.

Population of the Republic
of Mauritius exceeded the
level of 1 million for the first
time to reach 1,056,660

2011



Scanning technology
was used for the
first time



2022

Statistics Mauritius goes green
with census data collection done on
tablets for the first time.

Digital census, a key feature of the 2022
round, will save the country from
the printing of some
800,000 questionnaires.