

### 1. KEY RESULTS FOR RODRIGUES

1.1 The 2011 Census enumerated a population of 40,434 in the island of Rodrigues. It also counted 12,141 housing units and 11,311 private households.

1.2 Between 2000 and 2011,

- (i) the population of Rodrigues grew by 13.0% from 35,779 to 40,434;
- (ii) the number of private households increased by 31.6% from 8,593 to 11,311 while the average household size decreased from 4.2 to 3.6;
- (iii) the housing stock grew by 31.2% from 9,254 to 12,141 housing units;
- (iv) the population gradually aged with a rise in the median age from 23 to 28 years;
- (v) the literacy rate went up from 68.1% to 77.8%;
- (vi) the unemployment rate went down from 22.4% to 11.6%;
- (vii) the proportion of people with disabilities rose from 3.2% to 5.2%;
- (viii) housing and living conditions improved with higher proportions of households
  - having access to electricity (from 94.6% to 95.6%);
  - with piped water inside their house (from 36.6% to 54.5%).
  - having flush toilet (from 30.2% to 50.9%)
- (ix) the level of development of all six regions of Rodrigues improved. However, Rodrigues still remains among the least developed regions of the Republic of Mauritius.

1.3 ICT use and access is becoming more common in Rodrigues. In 2011, the proportion of households having:

- mobile phones was 84.2% up from 0% in 2001;
- computers was 20.4% up from 4.9% in 2001; and
- internet connection was 14.0% up from 8.4% in 2002.