

2011 HOUSING AND POPULATION CENSUS

11. RELATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS

The Relative Development Index

The Relative Development Index (RDI) is a composite index that measures the relative achievement of sub-regions of the country in various dimensions of development such as housing & living conditions, literacy, school enrolment & educational attainment and employment. The RDI ranges between 0 and 1, where index values near 0 indicate the least developed areas and index values near 1 indicate the most developed areas.

The level of development improved in all regions of Rodrigues

From 2000 to 2011, the level of development of Rodrigues improved, as indicated by an increase in its RDI from 0.3473 to 0.5570.

All the six local regions of the island registered improvement in their level of development. Grande Montagne made the biggest improvement, jumping from rank 4 to rank 1 while La Ferme and Marechal remained the least developed regions of the island.

Ranks of local regions of Rodrigues according to their level of development, 2000 and 2011 Censuses

Local Region (1 - 6)	Rank in 2000 (highest to lowest development)	Rank in 2011 (highest to lowest development)
Region 6 - Grande Montagne	4	1
Region 4 - Baie aux Huitres	1	2
Region 3 - Saint Gabriel	2	3
Region 5 - Port Mathurin	3	4
Region 1 - La Ferme	5	5
Region 2 - Marechal	6	6

The level of development of Rodrigues (as measured by the RDI) is at par with the least developed areas of the island of Mauritius.

Bottom three areas in the Republic of Mauritius

Area	RDI
1. Le Morne Village Council Area	0.4578
2. Rodrigues	0.5570
3. Case Noyale Village Council Area	0.5692