### 2. POPULATION CHANGE

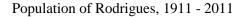
#### RESIDENT POPULATION

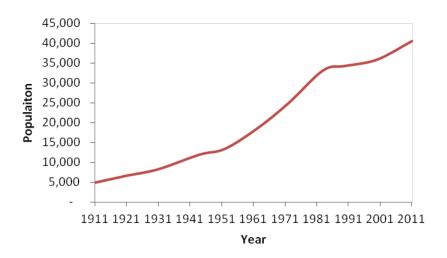
Census 2011 enumerated a resident population of 40,434 in the island of Rodrigues. Women (20,530) outnumbered men (19,904). There were 97 men for every 100 women.

#### POPULATION CHANGE

# The population increased more than eightfold over the last 100 years

Compared to 100 years earlier when there were only 4,800 persons in Rodrigues, the resident population has increased more than eightfold at average annual rate of 2.1%.





Compared to 2000, the population went up by 12.9% at an annual rate of 1.1%. This is the highest rate since the intercensal period 1983-1990. From1983 to 2000, the annual growth rate was 0.5 % due to higher outmigration of around 500 people each year as compared to around 175 during the period 2000-2011.

## The population of Rodrigues increases faster than that of the island of Mauritius

Compared to the island of Mauritius, Rodrigues is growing much faster. The population increase during the period 2000-2011 was 4.7% for the island of Mauritius against 13.0% in Rodrigues.

Population change, islands of Rodrigues and Mauritius, 2000 and 2011 Censuses

Island	Population Census		Change	
	2000	2011	Number	%
Island of Rodrigues	35,779	40,434	4,655	13.0
Island of Mauritius	1,143,069	1,196,383	53,314	4.7