

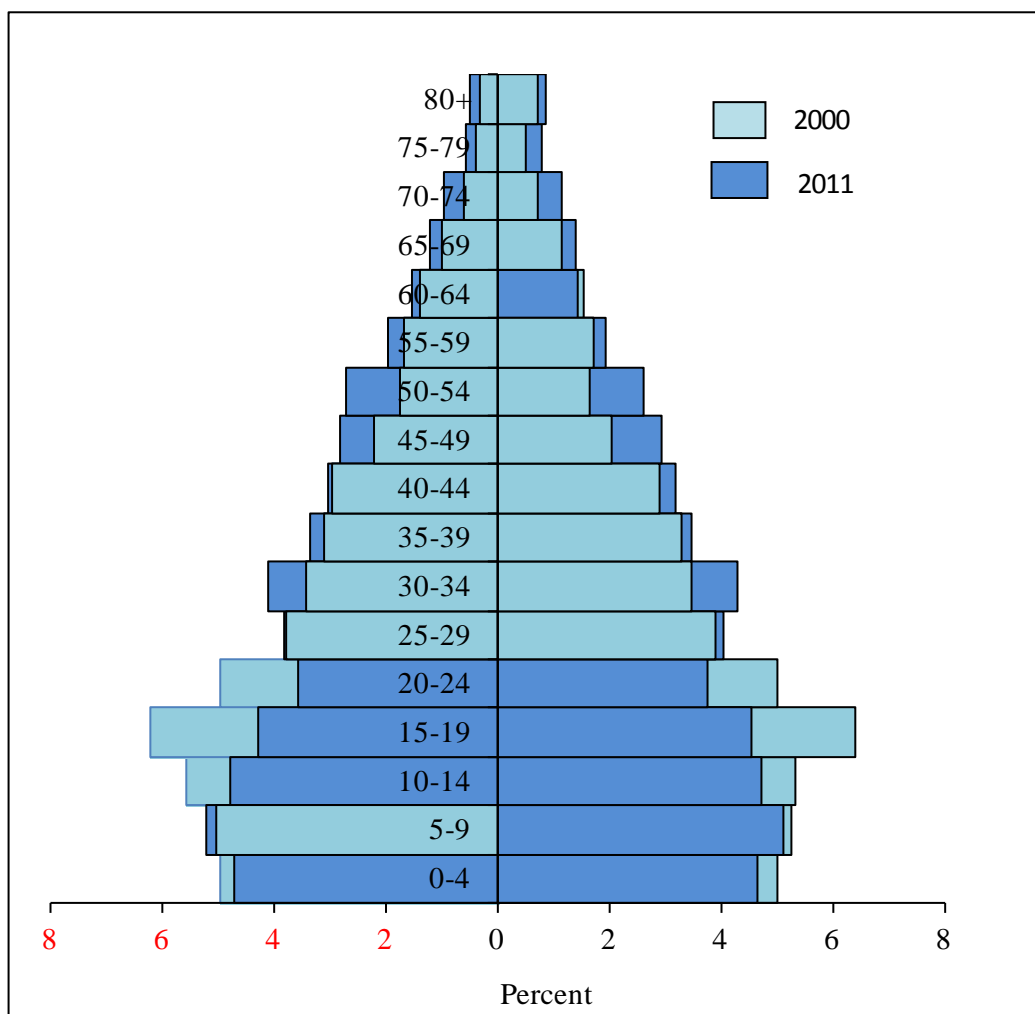
### 3. POPULATION DISTRIBUTION

Between 2000 and 2011, the population has undergone various changes in its age and sex composition.

#### The proportion of women goes up

The proportion of women in the population is on the rise since women live longer than men. In 2000, there were 98 males per 100 females; by 2011 the ratio went down to 97 males per 100 females.

**Population pyramids, Island of Rodrigues, 2000 and 2011 Censuses**



#### Elderly population on the rise

Between 2000 and 2011, the child population aged under 15 years increased marginally from 11,149 to 11,798, while the elderly population aged 60 years and above went up significantly from 2,967 to 4,206. In terms of proportion, the child population aged under 15 years went down from 31.2% to 29.2% and the elderly population aged 60 years and above increased from 8.3% to 10.4%.

## 2011 HOUSING AND POPULATION CENSUS

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At the same time, the median age rose from 23 to 28 years indicating that the population is gradually ageing.

**The population of Rodrigues is younger than that of the island of Mauritius**

