

2011 HOUSING AND POPULATION CENSUS

5. EDUCATION

Women are more literate than men

Between 2000 and 2011, the literacy rate of the population aged 12 years and above improved from 68.1% to 78.8%. Women reported a higher literacy rate than men both at the 2000 and 2011 Census. Over time however, men are bridging the gap.

Literacy Rates, Island of Rodrigues, 2000 and 2011 Censuses

Sex	2000	2011	Difference
Male	67.7	77.7	+10.0
Female	68.5	77.9	+ 9.4
Both Sexes	68.1	77.8	+ 9.7

More people with qualifications

The proportion of people aged 16 years and over who have attained School Certificate (SC) or higher increased from 10.2% in 2000 to 21.4% in 2011.

Both men and women more qualified

There has been a significant increase in the proportion of both men and women aged 16 years and over who hold a qualification at SC level or higher

- from 10.5% in 2000 to 22.2% in 2011 among men; and
- from 8.8% in 2000 to 20.6% in 2011 among women.

...but tertiary level education is still rare

Only 1.4% of the population aged 16 years and over reported having a qualification at the tertiary level in 2011. The proportion was 1.8% among men and 1.2% among women.

The educational level of Rodriguans is improving but not yet at the level reached by residents of the island of Mauritius

