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Explanation of symbols & abbreviations

- Nil
- .. Data not available
- '000 Thousand
- GWh Million kilowatt hour
- c i.f. Cost, insurance and freight
- f.o.b Free on board

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The Republic of Mauritius is a group of islands in the South West of the Indian Ocean, consisting of the main island of Mauritius, Rodrigues and several outer islands located at distances greater than 350 km from the main island. Mauritius has been successively a Dutch, French and British colony. It became independent of Britain on 12th March 1968 and acceded to the status of Republic within the Commonwealth on 12th March 1992. The country has a Westminster type of Parliamentary government. The official language is English, but French is widely spoken.

The population, estimated at 1.2 million, comprises Indo-Mauritians (66%), General population, i.e. people of mixed European and African origin (31%) and Sino-Mauritians (3%).

The climate is sub-tropical. The average mid-day temperature on the central plateau varies from 21°C in August to 27°C in February. Near the coastal regions, temperatures are about 4-5°C higher.

The islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues, with a total area of 1,969 sq km, have an overall population density of 593 persons per sq km. About 48% of the area is allocated to agriculture, 13% is occupied by built-up areas and 2% by public roads; the remaining consists of forests, scrub land, grasslands and grazing lands, reservoirs and ponds, swamps and rocks.

During the past twenty years, the Mauritian economy has diversified from a sugar-cane monocrop economy in the 1970's to one based on sugar, manufacturing (mainly textiles and garments) and tourism in the 1980's. Mauritius is also turning towards offshore and freeport activities since the beginning of this decade.

The economy has been growing at an average annual rate of 5.6% since the beginning of this decade. Gross national product per capita at market prices increased from 37,000 rupees in 1990 to 83,000 rupees in 1998. Unemployment rate for 1998 is estimated at about 5.8% while inflation stood at 6.8%.

CONCEPTS & DEFINITIONS

2. Population and Vital Statistics

- 2.1 *Median age* The age which divides the population into two equal-size groups, one of which is younger and the other older than the median.
- 2.2 *Dependency ratio* The ratio of the combined child population under 15 years and population aged 65 years and over per 1,000 population of intermediate age (15-64 years).
- 2.3 *Crude birth rate* Number of live births registered in a year per 1,000 mid-year population.
- 2.4 *Total fertility rate* Average number of children born to an average woman under certain conditions
- 2.5 *Crude death rate* Number of deaths occurring in a year per 1,000 mid-year population
- 2.6 *Marriage rate* Number of persons civilly married in a year per 1,000 mid-year population.
- 2.7 *Divorce rate* Number of persons granted divorce in a year per 1,000 mid-year population.

3. Health

- 3.1 *Life expectancy at birth* The average number of years that a newly born child is expected to live under certain conditions
- 3.2 *Early neonatal mortality rate* Number of deaths in a year of infants under 7 days of age per 1,000 live births during the year

Concepts & definitions (contd.)

- 3.3** *Late neonatal mortality rate* Number of deaths in a year of infants aged from 7 to 27 days per 1,000 live births during the year
- 3.4** *Perinatal mortality rate* Combined number of deaths of infants aged under 7 days and number of still births in a year per 1,000 total births (live+still) during the year
- 3.5** *Infant mortality rate* Number of deaths in a year of infants aged under one year per 1,000 live births during the year
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- 4. Education**
- 4.1** *Enrolment ratio* Number of students enrolled per 100 population aged
- 4-5 years for pre-primary level
 - 6-11 years for primary level
 - 12-19 years for secondary level
- 4.2** *Literacy rate* Percentage of persons aged 12+ years who can, with understanding, both read and write a simple statement
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- 5. Labour**
- 5.1** *Labour force* Number of persons who are either *working* (employed) or *not working but looking for work* (unemployed)
- 5.2** *Activity rate* Number of persons aged 15 years and above in the labour force as a % of the total number of persons aged 15 years and above
- 5.3** *Unemployment rate* Number of persons not working but looking for work as a % of the labour force

Concepts & definitions (contd.)

8. Household income and expenditure

- 8.1 *Gini Coefficient* Measures the degree of inequality in the income distribution of households. It varies between 0 for complete equality and 1 for complete inequality.
- 8.2 *Median monthly income of households* That value which divides the distribution of monthly household income into two parts such that 50% of households have an income above that value and 50% below.

9. Transport and communications

- 9.1 *Casualties* The total number of fatalities and persons injured as a result of road accidents
- 9.2 *Fatality* Death occurring within seven days as a result of road accidents.

16. National accounts

- 16.1 *Gross Domestic Product (GDP)* The aggregate money value of all goods and services produced within a country out of economic activity during a specified period usually a year, before provision for the consumption of fixed capital.
- 16.2 *GDP at factor cost* That part of the cost of producing the GDP which consists of gross payments to factors of production (labour, land and capital).
- 16.3 *GDP at market prices* GDP at factor cost plus taxes on production and imports net of subsidies.
- 16.4 *Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation (GDFCF)* The net additions to the physical assets of the country in a year. These consist mainly of investment in buildings, plants, machinery and transport equipment and are valued at market prices.

Concepts & definitions (contd.)

- 16.5** *Gross National Product (GNP)* GDP at market prices plus net factor income from the rest of the world gives GNP, also termed Gross National Income (GNI)
- 16.6** *Gross National Disposable Income (GNDI)* The sum of GNI and net transfers from the rest of the world.
- 16.7** *Final Consumption Expenditure* Consumption expenditure is made up of final consumption expenditure of households and of government. Government final consumption expenditure consists of collective and individual consumption expenditure. Collective expenditure consists of the services which government provides to the community as a whole e.g. security and defence, whereas individual expenditure is made up of expenses incurred in providing services which are mostly beneficial to individuals e.g. health and education.
- 16.8** *Gross National Savings* Disposable income (GNDI) less final consumption expenditure gives Gross National Savings.
- 16.9** *Imputed bank service charges (FISIM)* Imputed bank service charges (renamed FISIM (Financial Intermediation Services Indirectly Measured)) is obtained as the difference between interest received and interest paid by banks.

18. External trade

- 18.1** *Domestic Exports* Exports of goods of national origin.
- 18.2** *Re-exports* Goods exported in the same condition as imported or after undergoing minor operations which leave them essentially unchanged.

Mean temp. (°C) - 1998

	Island of Mauritius		Island of Rodrigues	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
January	23.1	30.7	25.2	30.3
February	24.0	30.2	25.0	30.3
March	22.5	30.2	25.0	30.3
April	21.6	28.5	24.0	28.9
May	19.5	27.4	22.1	27.9
June	17.9	25.6	20.7	26.9
July	16.9	24.3	19.8	25.6
August	16.8	24.3	19.2	25.3
September	17.4	25.5	19.3	25.8
October	17.9	27.0	20.3	26.3
November	18.8	28.3	20.9	27.5
December	20.1	29.4	22.0	28.3

Rainfall (millimetres) - 1998

	Island of Mauritius	Island of Rodrigues
January	168	148
February	612	217
March	185	166
April	131	85
May	163	40
June	72	28
July	177	54
August	105	49
September	98	41
October	77	50
November	33	25
December	40	20
Total for the year	1,861	923

	1990	1997	1998
Total resident population ('000)	1,058.8	1,147.7	1,159.7
Male	529.1	573.9	579.6
Female	529.7	573.8	580.1
Age composition (%)			
under 15 years	29.8	26.5	26.2
(15-59) years	61.9	64.9	65.0
(60-64) years	2.9	2.7	2.8
65 years and over	5.4	5.9	6.0
Median age (years)	25.7	27.8	28.2
Dependency ratio	542.3	480.3	474.2
Population density (per km²)	523	567	572
Geographical distribution ('000)			
Port Louis	133.3	137.2	137.5
Pamplemousses	101.9	113.8	115.4
Riv. du Rempart	86.9	95.7	97.0
Flacq	113.0	121.7	122.9
Grand Port	96.9	104.7	105.9
Savanne	61.0	64.9	65.4
Plaine Wilhems	322.4	350.7	354.3
Moka	65.3	72.4	73.5
Black River	43.9	51.5	52.6
Rodrigues	34.2	35.1	35.2
Vital statistics			
Live births	22,602	20,012	19,434
Deaths	7,031	7,986	7,839
Marriages	11,425	10,887	10,898
Divorces	549	891	.

	1990	1997	1998
Vital statistics (contd.)			
Crude birth rate	21.3	17.4	16.8
Total fertility rate	2.3	2.0	2.0
Crude death rate	6.6	7.0	6.8
Marriage rate	21.6	19.0	18.8
Divorce rate	1.0	1.6	...
	2002	2012	2022
Projected population ('000)			
Male	1,211.4	1,331.4	1,438.2
Female	604.1	660.2	709.4
	607.3	671.2	728.8
Age composition (%)			
under 15 years	25.9	23.6	21.9
(15-59) years	65.1	64.8	62.0
(60-64) years	2.7	4.4	5.4
65 years and over	6.3	7.2	10.7

Population pyramid ('000)

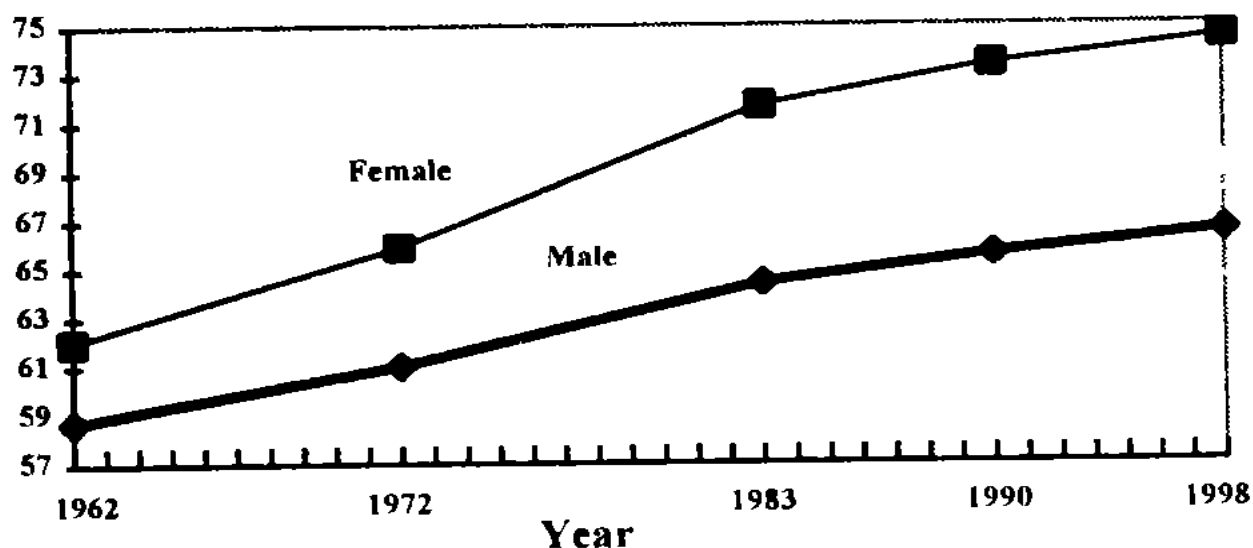


3. HEALTH

	1990	1997	1998
Life expectancy at birth (years)			
<i>Male</i>	65.6	66.6 ¹	66.7 ²
<i>Female</i>	73.4	74.4 ¹	74.5 ²
Early neonatal mortality rate	13.8	13.4	12.0
Late neonatal mortality rate	1.6	2.6	2.8
Perinatal mortality rate	29.4	26.0	23.4
Infant mortality rate	20.4	20.3	19.3
Deaths per 100,000 of 45-64 yrs old			
<i>Male</i>	1,894	1,597	1,481
<i>Female</i>	825	758	741

Life expectancy at birth (years)

No. of Years



	1990	1997	1998
Health facilities			
Hospitals	12	13	13
Hospital beds	3,067	3,589	3,826
Area health centres	29	29	27
Mediclinics	-	-	2
Community health centres	125	119	120
Private clinics	8	12	12

¹ Revised

² Provisional

	1990	1997	1998
Health facilities (contd.)			
Medical practitioners	857	1,016	1,033
Dentists	132	145	144
Nurses & midwives ¹	2,768	2,801	2,826
Pharmacists	127	249	250
Population per doctor	1,235	1,130	1,123
Population per dentist	8,021	7,915	8,054
Deaths (per 100,000 population)			
Circulatory system	274	323	331
Respiratory system	61	54	63
Neoplasms	60	57	65
Injury & poisoning	47	42	44
Diabetes mellitus	34	26	29
Renal failure	20	33	22
% Deaths			
Circulatory system	41	46	49
Respiratory system	9	8	9
Neoplasms	9	8	10
Injury & poisoning	7	6	6
Diabetes mellitus	5	4	4
Renal failure	3	5	3
Public expenditure on health as % of			
Total public expenditure	8.7	7.9	8.3
GDP at market prices	2.1	2.0	2.0

¹ Public sector only

4. EDUCATION

	1990	1997	1998
Pre-primary			
Schools	579	1,145	1,132
Enrolment	21,481	42,904	42,279
<i>Male</i>	10,944	21,663	21,256
<i>Female</i>	10,537	21,241	21,023
Enrolment ratio	58	96	98
Teaching staff	1,195	2,588	2,551
Pupil/teacher ratio	18	17	17
Primary			
Schools	287	283	285
Enrolment	137,491	127,109	130,505
<i>Male</i>	69,555	64,386	66,034
<i>Female</i>	67,936	62,723	64,471
Enrolment ratio	103	107	105
Teaching staff ¹	5,931	5,200	5,065
<i>Male</i>	3,216	2,480	2,373
<i>Female</i>	2,715	2,720	2,692
Pupil/teacher ratio ²	33	34	36
Cert. of Primary Education (% pass)	60.3	65.2	67.0
<i>Male</i>	57.5	61.7	62.4
<i>Female</i>	63.2	68.8	71.7
Secondary - General			
Schools	124	130	133
Enrolment	78,110	93,839	94,364
<i>Male</i>	39,108	45,706	45,982
<i>Female</i>	39,002	48,133	48,382
Enrolment ratio	48	54	57
Teaching staff	3,728	4,710	4,820
<i>Male</i>	2,250	2,614	2,586
<i>Female</i>	1,478	2,096	2,234
Pupil/teacher ratio	21	20	20

	1990	1997	1998
Secondary - General (contd.)			
School Certificate (% pass)	62.0	75.5	77.1
<i>Male</i>	58.1	75.7	76.6
<i>Female</i>	66.3	77.2	77.5
Higher School Certificate (% pass)	56.1	73.1	72.4
<i>Male</i>	54.7	71.6	72.7
<i>Female</i>	57.5	74.3	72.1
	89/90	96/97	97/98
Post-secondary ³			
Schools	3	3	3
Enrolment	2,212	5,999	6,429
<i>Male</i>	1,462	2,923	3,286
<i>Female</i>	750	3,076	3,143
Enrolment ratio ⁴	1.4	3.2	4.0
Teaching staff	430	347	461
<i>Male</i>	346	225	325
<i>Female</i>	84	122	136
Pupil/teacher ratio	5	18	14
Pre-vocational/Secondary - Technical ⁵			
Schools	1	22	34
Enrolment	250	1,191	4,641
<i>Male</i>	170	873	3,261
<i>Female</i>	80	318	1,380
Teaching staff	8	122	270
<i>Male</i>	3	99	143
<i>Female</i>	5	23	127
Pupil/teacher ratio	31	11	17
Vocational & Technical Training ⁶			
Schools	31	113	13
Enrolment	3,548	23,462	5,496
<i>Male</i>	..	17,429	4,515
<i>Female</i>	.	6,033	981

	1990	1997	1998
Vocational & Technical Training ⁶(Contd.)			
Teaching staff	167	1,170	..
<i>Male</i>	144	965	.
<i>Female</i>	23	205	
Pupil/teacher ratio	21	20	

Mauritius College of the Air Distance Education Courses

"A" level courses	..		119
Diploma, advanced diploma, higher certificate			89
Bachelor of Arts			22
Other			180
Total enrolment			410

Literacy rate

<i>Male</i>	85.4
<i>Female</i>	76.0

Public expenditure on education as a % of

Total public expenditure	14.2	17.4	14.7
GDP at market prices	3.5	4.3	3.4

¹ General purpose teachers and Asian language teachers

² Pupils per general purpose teacher

³ The University of Mauritius, The Mauritius Institute of Education & The Mahatma Gandhi Institute

⁴ University enrolment only per 100 population aged 20-24 years

⁵ State Secondary Vocational, Basic Secondary Schools, Industrial & Vocational Training Board (IVTB) registered Schools Pre-vocational schools and Private IVTB Registered Schools

⁶ Industrial & Vocational Training Board Centres, Private IVTB Registered Training Institutions 1998 figures exclude Private Centres

5. LABOUR

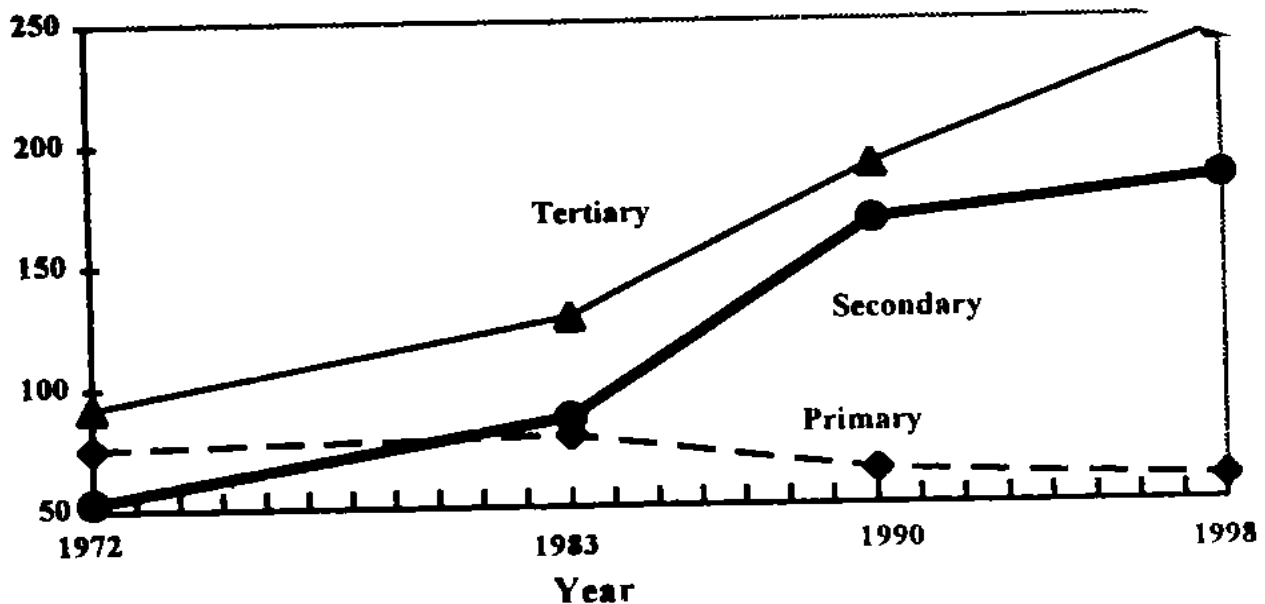
	1990	1997	1998 ¹
Labour force ('000)	433.0	504.8	517.0
Mauritians	432.0	496.2	507.0
Male	301.4	331.7	336.8
Female	130.6	164.5	170.2
Foreigners	1.0	8.6	10.0
Male	0.7	3.7	3.7
Female	0.3	4.9	6.3
Activity rates (15+ years old)			
Male	80.6	78.7	78.8
Female	34.7	38.7	39.4
Total employment ('000)	420.8	475.5	487.6
Male	292.9	322.3	328.1
Female	127.9	153.2	159.5
Primary sector	63.9	60.7	59.4
<i>of which -sugar cane</i>	40.4	33.9	33.1
Secondary sector	166.9	176.8	183.2
Manufacturing	132.5	136.7	143.3
<i>of which: -EPZ²</i>	88.8	81.3	85.3
Electricity & water	3.4	3.3	3.3
Construction	31.0	36.8	36.6
Tertiary sector	190.0	238.0	245.0
Trade, restaurants, hotels	47.0	75.3	79.9
Transport, storage, communication	26.7	29.9	30.5
Financing, insurance, etc.	11.4	16.0	17.0
Services	104.9	116.8	117.6
<i>of which -Government</i>	59.2	61.8	61.8

¹ Provisional

² Export Processing Zone

Employment by sector

No. ('000)



	1990	1997	1998
Unemployment rate (%)	2.8	5.9	5.8
Male	3.1	3.9	3.7
Female	2.3	9.8	10.0
Average monthly earnings (rupees)	2,824	6,461	6,883
Primary sector	1,964	4,876	5,147
<i>of which: -sugar cane</i>	1,910	4,863	5,109
Secondary sector	2,229	4,935	5,365
Manufacturing	1,997	4,558	4,913
<i>of which: -EPZ¹</i>	1,852	4,015	4,306
Electricity & water	5,270	10,108	12,448
Construction	2,979	7,271	8,078
Tertiary sector	3,836	8,096	8,534
Trade, restaurants, hotels	3,363	6,981	7,421
Transport, storage, communication	4,255	8,387	10,071
Financing, insurance, etc.	4,720	9,602	10,157
Services	3,765	8,163	8,353
<i>of which -Government</i>	3,858	8,351	8,407
Wage Rate Index (base:1992=100)		158.3	174.8

¹ Export Processing Zone

	Weight	1997	1998
Consumer Price Index	1,000		109.5
(base July 1996-June 1997=100)			
Food & non-alcoholic beverages	364		110.1
Alcoholic beverages & tobacco	87		122.1
Clothing & footwear	79		105.2
Fuel & light	44		100.3
Housing & household operations	132		105.1
Medical care & health expenses	38		107.7
Transport & communication	142		108.6
Recreation & social services	60		115.8
Miscellaneous goods & services	54		107.1
Inflation Rate (%)			6.8
Export Price Index (base: 1993=100)	10,000	111.8	123.1
Food & live animals	3,081	117.7	127.6
<i>of which -Sugar</i>	2,717	117.8	127.2
Crude materials	72	123.0	143.4
<i>of which -Cut flowers</i>	72	123.0	143.4
Chemicals & related products	90	101.5	102.3
Manufactured goods	301	114.8	119.3
<i>of which -Textile yarn & fabrics</i>	301	114.8	119.3
Misc. manufactured goods	6,456	108.9	121.2
<i>of which -Apparel & clothing accessories</i>	6,064	108.0	120.0
Producer Price Index	1,000	130.7	141.4
(Food, Beverages and tobacco, base 1993=100)			
Food	556	130.1	136.9
Beverages & tobacco	444	131.3	147.1
Construction Price Index	1,000	109.5	113.4
(residential, base: 4th Qr 1993=100)			
Labour	328	108.8	112.4
Hire of plant	40	104.0	104.0
Materials	587	110.4	114.6
Transport	45	106.8	113.1

	1983*	1990*
Buildings ('000)	186.2	209.9
<i>of which:</i> - % wholly residential	90.9	90.1
- % partly residential	3.1	3.5
 Residential & partly residential buildings		
Year of construction (%)		
Before 1960	19.5	11.1
1960 - 1974	35.0	23.5
1975 - 1979	22.5	17.8
1980 - 1982	15.6	11.8
1983 - 1984	1.3	6.4
1985 - June 1990		21.2
Not completed but inhabited	4.4	4.9
Not known	1.7	3.3
 Construction materials (%)		
Concrete walls & roof	55.4	70.6
Concrete walls & iron or tin roof	11.0	7.3
Iron or tin walls and roof	27.1	18.2
Wood walls & iron or tin or shingle roof	4.2	2.3
Other	2.3	1.6
Average no. of housing units per building	1.22	1.21
 Housing units ('000)		
Ownership (%)		
Private	97.7	98.7
Public	2.3	1.3
 Occupancy (%)		
Occupied	96.4	97.5
Vacant	3.6	2.5

	1983*	1990*
Average no. of rooms per housing unit	3.5	3.9
Average no. of persons per room	1.5	1.2
Average no. of households per housing unit	1.03	1.06
Households ('000)	206.4	236.1
Tenure (%)		
Owner	66.9	75.9
Tenant	17.8	14.8
Subtenant	0.1	0.4
Free	15.0	8.8
Other	0.2	0.1
Amenities (%)		
Piped water	96.9	95.2
Electricity	91.1	96.9
Toilet	98.0	99.3
<i>of which: flush toilet</i>	<i>47.5</i>	<i>62.8</i>
Bathroom	84.2	94.5
Kitchen	94.7	97.5
Acceptable refuse disposal	61.3	68.4
Fuel used for cooking (%)		
Wood & charcoal	54.5	26.3
Kerosene	34.8	21.7
Electricity	5.2	1.5
Gas	5.1	50.3
Other	0.4	0.2
% female-headed	18.5	17.6
% one-parent	8.8	8.1
% 60+ years living alone	3.1	2.8
Average household size	4.8	4.5

* Census figures

8. HOUSEHOLD INCOME & EXPENDITURE

Household Budget Survey
86/87 91/92 96/97

Household income

Income earners per household	1 52	1 63	1 91
Average monthly income (rupees)	3,496	6,503	10,179
Median monthly income (rupees)	2,663	5,300	7,870
1/2 median monthly income (rupees)	1,332	2,650	3,935
% hholds with < 1/2 med mthly income	15 7	13 7	14 2
Gini coefficient	0.396	0.379	0.387

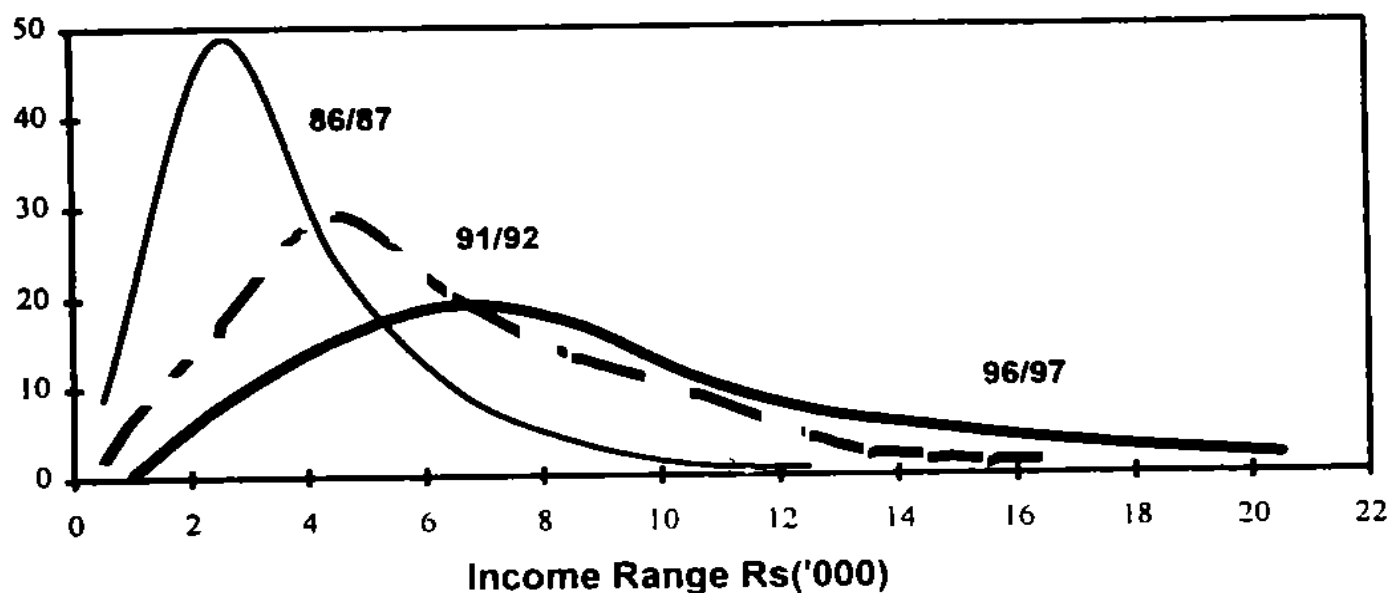
Income share

% of total income going to:

Lowest 20% of households	5 6	6.4	5.9
Highest 20% of households	44 2	43.5	46.2
Ratio of highest 20% to lowest 20%	7 9	6.8	7.8

Trends in monthly household income distribution

% households



Household Budget Survey

86/87 91/92 96/97

Household consumption expenditure

Average monthly expend (rupees)	3,035	5,225	7,846
Median monthly expend. (rupees)	2,531	4,136	6,136
1/2 median monthly expend (rupees)	1,266	2,068	3,068
% hholds with < 1/2 med. mthly expend	16.6	11.9	13.3

Consumption pattern

Monthly household consumption expend. (%)

Food & non alcoholic beverages	43.4	40.6	36.3
Alcoholic beverages & tobacco	5.0	5.7	4.1
Clothing & footwear	8.7	9.1	8.1
Fuel & light	5.9	5.4	4.6
Housing & household operations	14.0	13.6	13.7
Medical care & health expenses	3.1	3.7	3.5
Transport & communication	9.6	10.0	14.8
Recreation, entertain. & education	6.3	6.8	6.2
Misc. goods & services	4.0	5.1	8.7

Per capita consumption(kg/year)¹

1990 1996² 1997³

Selected food items

Wheat flour	64.1	67.6	69.0
Milled rice	69.9	62.6	54.1
Potatoes	19.7	18.6	22.7
Sugar	34.9	32.4	33.5
Fresh vegetables	38.0	63.6	71.2
Oils & fats	23.0	26.6	27.1
Fresh milk (litres)	10.9	8.3	8.0
Powdered milk	10.3	10.5	10.5
Pulses	13.7	9.6	11.5
Eggs	4.9	7.6	7.6
Meat & meat preparations	31.5	33.3	32.9
Banana	5.7	8.3	7.8
Other fresh fruits	6.2	11.9	13.9
Fish & fish preparations	17.8	18.3	18.9

¹ Source: Food balance sheet

² Revised

³ Provisional

9. TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

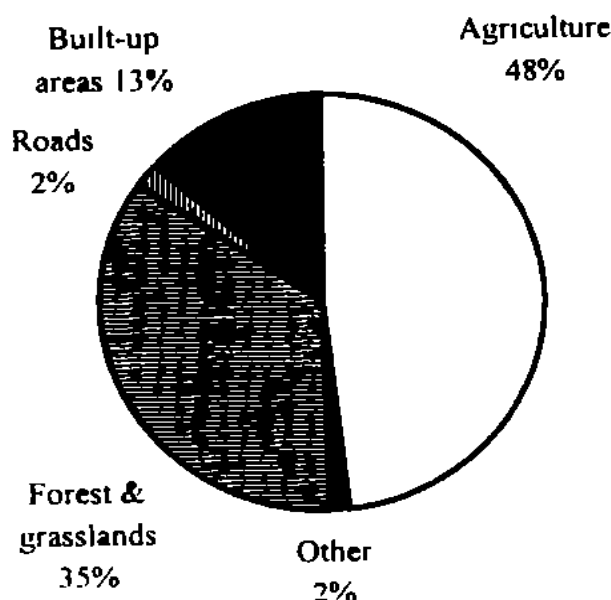
	1990	1997	1998
Road transport			
Motor-vehicles registered ('000)	123.5	210.9	222.3
Private cars	30.2	43.7	46.3
Taxi cars	3.7	4.7	4.8
Vans	6.6	12.5	14.5
Dual purpose vehicles	12.9	27.0	29.5
Lorries & trucks	6.6	9.3	9.7
Buses	1.9	2.4	2.4
Motor cycle	11.9	22.8	23.6
Autocycle	45.2	82.6	85.5
Other vehicles	4.5	5.9	6.0
Road traffic accidents			
Number of accidents	10,316	15,954	18,055
Rate (per 100,000 population)	1,007	1,434	1,605
Rate (per 1,000 reg. motor-vehicles)	90	78	83
Motor-vehicles involved			
Number	17,562	28,561	32,568
Rate (per 1,000 reg. motor-vehicles)	153	139	150
Casualties			
Number	3,575	3,755	3,828
Fatal	144	146	162
Seriously injured	315	261	281
Slightly injured	3,116	3,348	3,385
Fatality			
Rate (per 100,000 population)	13.9	13.1	14.4
Rate (per 1,000 reg. motor-vehicles)	1.3	0.7	0.7
Private cars per 1,000 hholds	128	161	167
Length of roads (kilometres)	1,801	1,905	1,910
Vehicles per kilometre of road	69	111	116

		1990	1997	1998
Air transport				
Landings				
		5,575	7,049	7,320
Freight loaded	'000 tonnes	16.8	20.8	19.6
Freight unloaded	'000 tonnes	11.2	17.4	17.5
Sea transport				
Arrivals				
		955	1,481	1,782
Goods loaded	'000 tonnes	855	950	1033
Goods unloaded	'000 tonnes	1,842	2,902	3,129
Communication				
Television channels				
		1	6	6
Television sets licensed ('000)				
		146.7	196.5	218.7
Telephone connection lines('000)				
		54.9	222.7	243.6
National calls registered ('000,000)		104.7	527.0	579.0
International outgoing telephone traffic ('000 minutes)		12,411	24,642	27,626
Cellular Mobile telephone subscribers (number)		2,200	44,000	61,000
Local press				
		30	42	43
Dailies				
		5	6	7
	-English & French	4	5	6
	-Oriental only (chinese)	1	1	1
Weeklies				
		17	25	24
	-English & French	12	21	20
	-Other	5	4	4
Others				
		8	11	12
	-English only	1	1	1
	-English & French	5	8	9
	-Other	2	2	2

¹ Revised

10. LAND UTILIZATION

	Area*
	Hectares
Whole island	186,475
Agriculture	90,000
Sugarcane	83,625
Tea	3,775
Other crops	2,600
Forests & grasslands	65,400
Forest plantation	6,775
Forest, natural	2,387
Savannahs, grasslands, etc	7,438
Scrub & other forest lands	48,800
Reservoirs & ponds	1,180
Swamps & rocks	1,430
Roads & footpaths	3,465
Built-up areas	25,000



* Refers to the Island of Mauritius Based on findings of a UNDP-FAO Survey in 1965 updated with administrative data for 1986

	1990	1997 ¹	1998 ²
Effective area cultivated		(hectares)	
Sugar cane	82,352	78,326	77,984
Tea	2 905	767	688
Tobacco	632	467	434
Land under irrigation	...	18,289	20,055
Overhead	...	13,232	14,939
Surface		4,226	3,654
Drip		831	1,462

¹ Revised

² Provisional

11. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

	1990	1997 ¹	1998 ²
PRODUCTION ('000 tonnes)			
Crop products	5,653.1	5,906.6	5,889.5
Sugarcane	5,548.3	5,787.1	5,781.1
Foodcrops	58.4	90.3	80.8
Tea leaf	29.9	9.0	7.4
Fruits	15.7	19.5	19.5
Tobacco leaf	0.8	0.7	0.7
Products from slaughtered and live animals	31.0	37.5	43.2
<i>of which</i> Poultry meat	12.5	20.8	18.3
Milk	11.0	6.0	5.5
Eggs	5.7	9.4	9.6
Fishing	13.2	12.4	9.8
	(Million rupees)		
VALUE ADDED	3,998.1	6,786.0	7,420.0
Crop products	3,374.6	5,699.5	6,310.2
<i>of which</i> Sugarcane	2,675.0	4,315.0	4,790.0
Foodcrops	450.7	1,057.8	1,185.5
Tea leaf	81.3	65.6	66.7
Fruits	80.4	132.0	131.0
Tobacco leaf	32.2	30.1	35.0
Animals & animal products	347.0	713.3	736.3
Fishing	187.4	294.1	289.3

¹ Revised

² Provisional

12. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

		1990	1997 ¹	1998
Quantity produced (selected commodities)				
Sugar	('000 tonnes)	624.3	620.6	628.6
Molasses	"	168.0	165.8	168.9
Tea	"	5.8	1.8	1.5
Iron bars & steel tubes	"	26.3	40.3	45.0
Fertilizers		64.2	85.0	80.2
Denatured spirit	('000 H Litres)	8.8	8.1	7.9
Beer and stout	"	281.2	339.5	375.9
Wine (country liquor)	"	26.7	29.0	31.9
Electricity generated	(GWh)	667	1,193	1,396
Manufacturing				
Growth rate				
Manufacturing including sugar		+7.7	+5.7	+6.3
Manufacturing excluding sugar		+7.2	+5.7	+6.5
EPZ ³		+7.0	+6.0	+7.0
Labour Productivity Index²				
(1982=100)				
Manufacturing		97.9	134.9	136.8
EPZ ³		109.9	171.9	178.3
Capital Productivity Index				
(1982=100)				
Manufacturing		108.3	138.0	136.7
EPZ ³		79.8	135.1	143.2
Unit Labour Cost Index²				
(1982=100)				
Manufacturing		230.2	341.6	358.3
EPZ ³		261.6	381.0	397.8

¹ Revised

² In previous issues, data was for large establishments only. Current figures cover the whole sector.

³ EPZ (Export Processing Zone) This comprises enterprises operating mainly for export and benefiting from certain fiscal incentives (particularly tax). Around 90% of the output of the EPZ consists of textiles and wearing apparel.

	1990	1997	1998
Imports of energy sources ('000 tonnes)			
Gasolene	56 0	88 1	86 9
Diesel oil	153 9	255 9	282 7
Dual purpose kerosene	166 8	196 2	206 4
<i>of which: -Aviation fuel</i>	147 1	119 7	152 3
Fuel oil	139 7	249.2	277 4
LPG	22.5	41 6	39 2
Coal	80 1	27 8	86 3
Bunkers ('000 tonnes)			
Diesel oil	58 6	78 9	75 2
Fuel oil	20 3	25 0	27 2
Electricity generated (GWh)	667.2	1,251.7	1,364.8
Hydro	84 9	92 4	104 2
Thermal	582 1	1,159 3	1,260 6
Electricity consumed (GWh)	559.1	1,075.1	1,178.8
<i>of which: Domestic</i>	198 9	387 4	423 6
Commercial	126 4	287.1	319 2
Industrial (general)	212 5	363 2	393 3
Industrial (irrigation)	13 7	20 5	25 4
Electricity consumers ('000)	219.1	284.6	293.9
<i>of which Domestic</i>	196 3	253 5	262 0
Commercial	17 6	24 2	24 9
Industrial (general)	4 8	6 3	6 3
Industrial (irrigation)	0 1	0 3	0 4

	89/90	96/97	97/98
Budgetary central government	(Million rupees)		
Total revenue & grants	8,452	16,474	18,501
Total revenue	8,336	16,411	18,285
Tax revenue	7,655	14,001	15,686
<i>of which -Tax on income, profits & capital gains</i>	1,232	2,287	2,409
<i>-Domestic taxes on goods & services</i>	1,832	5,157	6,007
<i>-Import duties</i>	3,683	5,570	6,157
Non tax revenue	681	2,410	2,599
<i>of which -Property income</i>	434	1,954	2,074
Grants	116	63	216
Total expenditure & net lending	9,218	21,886	20,124
Total expenditure	8,939	20,350	21,872
General government services	1,802	3,953	4,115
Community & social services	3,664	10,268	11,096
<i>of which -Education</i>	1,256	3,378	3,507
<i>-Health</i>	768	1,566	1,768
<i>-Social Security</i>	1,100	3,787	4,237
Economic services	1,423	2,560	2,492
<i>of which -Agriculture, forestry fishing & hunting</i>	650	902	1,052
<i>-Transportation & communication</i>	296	596	366
Other functions	2,050	3,569	4,169
<i>of which -Public debt interest</i>	1,629	2,875	3,503
Net lending	279	1,536	-1,748
Overall deficit	-766	-5,412	-1,623
Overall deficit excluding PF AND NIDF¹	-766	-3,666	-3,408
Budgetary central government			
debt (end of period)	19,928	39,478	45,370
Domestic debt	14,060	29,812	34,618
Foreign debt	5,868	9,666	10,752

¹ Privatisation Fund and National Infrastructure Development Fund

	End of period		
	1990	1997	1998
	(Million rupees)		
Aggregate monetary resources	24,570	67,830	75,428
Money supply	5,580	10,613	11,591
Currency with the public	2,849	5,410	5,833
Demand deposits	2,731	5,203	5,758
<i>Bank of Mauritius</i>	15	9	28
<i>Commercial banks</i>	2,716	5,194	5,730
Quasi-money	18,990	57,217	63,837
Domestic credit	17,526	62,147	74,525
Claims on public sector	4,404	18,273	17,983
Claims on private sector	13,122	43,874	56,542
Foreign reserves	11,063	21,995	19,896
Bank of Mauritius	10,633	15,342	13,867
Government	-	1	1
Commercial banks	428	6,433	5,778
Reserves position with the IMF	2	219	250
Foreign exchange rates (selling - June)	(Rupees)		
France (FR F 1)	2.76	3.58	4.02
Germany (DE M 1)	9.36	12.05	13.47
India (IN R 100)	94.00	59.00	58.00
Japan (JP Y 100)	10.24	18.41	17.43
South Africa, Rep. of (SA R 1)	5.92	4.71	4.22
United States (US D 1)	15.57	20.99	24.42
United Kingdom (GB P 1)	27.03	34.90	40.68

Source: Bank of Mauritius

16. NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

	1990	1997 ¹	1998 ²
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) estimates at current prices			
(i) Value added by sector (million rupees)			
Primary	4,048	6,905	7,547
<i>Agriculture, hunting, forestry & fishing</i>	3,998	6,786	7,420
<i>Mining & quarrying</i>	50	119	127
Secondary	10,576	24,361	27,512
<i>Manufacturing</i>	7,784	18,319	20,945
<i>Electricity, gas & water</i>	507	1,478	1,545
<i>Construction</i>	2,285	4,564	5,022
Tertiary	19,183	46,473	52,421
<i>Wholesale & retail trade, restaurants & hotels</i>	5,529	13,348	15,257
<i>Transport, storage & communication</i>	3,526	8,636	9,639
<i>Financing, insurance, real estate & business services</i>	5,015	12,342	13,853
<i>Producers of government services</i>	3,398	7,830	8,900
<i>Other services</i>	1,715	4,317	4,772
Imputed bank service charges (FISIM)	-777	-2,720	-3,041
GDP at factor cost	33,030	75,019	84,439
Taxes on production and imports net of subsidies	6,245	11,050	12,500
GDP at market prices	39,275	86,069	96,939
Per capita GDP at market prices (rupees)	37,095	74,981	83,575
Sectoral contribution to GDP at factor cost (%)			
Primary	12.3	9.2	8.9
Secondary	32.0	32.5	32.6
Tertiary	58.1	61.9	62.1
Imputed bank service charges (FISIM)	-2.4	-3.6	-3.6

	1990	1997 ¹	1998 ²
(ii) By expenditure component			
Final consumption expenditure on goods and services (million rupees)	29,987	65,124	72,638
<i>Households</i>	25,370	54,865	61,138
<i>General government</i>	4,617	10,259	11,500
<i>Individual</i>	...	3,739	4,200
<i>Collective</i>	...	6,520	7,300
Gross Domestic Fixed Capital Formation (GDFCF)	12,030	23,430	22,500
<i>Private sector</i>	7,560	17,840	16,300
<i>Public sector</i>	4,470	5,590	6,200
Increase in inventories ³	97	1,698	1,578
Exports of goods & non-factor services	25,619	54,357	64,799
Less imports of goods & non-factor services	28,458	58,540	64,576
GDP at market prices	39,275	86,069	96,939
Gross National Product (GNP), disposable income and savings			
Net factor income from the rest of the world (r.o.w)	-339	-374	-636
GNP at market prices	38,936	85,695	96,303
Net transfer from r o w	+1,248	+2,390	+2,400
Gross National Disposable Income	40,184	88,085	98,703
Less final consumption expenditure	29,987	65,124	72,638
Gross national savings	10,197	22,961	26,065
Per capita GNP at market prices (rupees)	36,775	74,655	83,027
Annual real growth rate(%)			
GDP at factor cost	+7.3	+5.3	+5.2
Final consumption expenditure	+5.3	+4.4	+4.4
<i>Households</i>	+5.0	+4.6	+4.6
<i>General government</i>	+6.6	+3.5	+3.6
GDFCF(including aircraft & marine vessels)	+23.3	+10.8	-7.5
GDFCF(excluding aircraft & marine vessels)	+15.9	-1.5	+5.6

¹ Revised estimates

² Provisional estimates

³ Includes all statistical discrepancies

17. CONSTRUCTION

	1990	1997	1998
Building permits			
Number issued	6,593	7,608	8,771
<i>of which</i> -Residential	6,108	7,097	8,302
Floor area covered ('000 m²)	1,115	1,217	1,480
<i>of which</i> -Residential	887	997	1,204
Employment in construction sector ('000)	31.0	36.8	36.6
Investment in construction			
Value (million rupees)	5,730	11,000	12,015
as a % of GDP at market prices	14.6	12.8	12.4
Investment in the construction of residential buildings			
Value (million rupees)	2,115	4,650	5,080
as a % of GDP at market prices	5.4	5.4	5.2
Share of construction in GDFCF (%)			
All construction works	47.6	46.9	53.4
Residential buildings	17.6	19.8	22.0
Non residential buildings	17.9	15.8	16.0
Other construction works	12.1	11.3	13.0
	Weight	1997	1998
Construction Price Index (residential, base: 4th Qr 1993=100)	100.0	113.4	116.0
Labour	32.8	112.4	116.0
Hire of plant	4.0	104.0	104.0
Materials	58.7	114.6	117.0
Transport	4.5	113.1	119.0

18. EXTERNAL TRADE

	1990	1997 ¹	1998 ²
Total value of trade (Million rupees)	42,265	79,787	89,445
Total Exports (f.o.b. value)	18,246	33,694	39,634
Domestic exports	17,319	31,888	37,294
Re-exports	358	1,130	1,590
Ship's stores & bunkers	569	676	750
Total Imports (c.i.f. value)	24,019	46,093	49,811
Balance of visible trade	-5,773	-12,399	-10,177
Export Processing Zone exports	11,474	23,049	26,074
Export Processing Zone imports	7,348	13,880	16,184

Trade Indices (Unit value, 1992=100)

Export index (domestic)	88	140	157
Import index	94	138	139
Terms of trade (ratio of export to import index)	94	101	113

	(Million rupees)		
Domestic Exports (f.o.b.)	17,319	31,888	37,294
By commodity			
Food and live animals	5,658	9,159	10,122
<i>of which - Sugar</i>	5,212	7,495	8,440
Beverages & tobacco	6	17	88
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	118	294	334
<i>of which -Cut flowers and foliage</i>	72	130	112
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	1	11	14
Chemicals	144	147	203
Manufactured goods classified by materials	904	2,170	2,323
<i>of which -Textile yarns, fabrics, made up articles</i>	446	1,392	1,483
Machinery & transport equipment	72	105	129
Miscellaneous manufactured goods	10,352	19,983	24,080
<i>of which -Articles of apparel & clothing</i>	9,163	18,387	22,153
Other	64	2	1

¹ Revised

² Provisional

1990 1997¹ 1998²

Domestic Exports (f.o.b.) (contd.)

By country of destination

(Million rupees)

<i>of which</i>	1990	1997 ¹	1998 ²
-United Kingdom	6,382	11,326	12,800
-France	3,947	5,938	6,785
-U S A.	2,296	4,661	6,461
-Germany	1,518	1,733	2,119
-Italy	785	1,264	1,368
-Netherlands	297	737	879
-Malagasy Republic	73	890	1,219
-Belgium	392	667	745
-Reunion	305	439	496
-Spain	88	806	917
-Portugal	217	759	932

Re-Exports (f.o.b.)

358 1,130 1,590

By commodity

Food and live animals	15	33	29
Beverages & tobacco	1	2	7
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	10	25	17
Chemicals	14	45	66
Manufactured goods classified by materials	107	491	633
Machinery & transport equipment	116	347	506
Miscellaneous manufactured goods	79	169	270
Other	16	18	62

By country of destination

<i>of which</i> -Brazil	-	-	76
-India	16	204	114
-France	34	52	207
-Hong Kong	41	35	63
-Malagasy Republic	60	303	410
-South Africa	41	44	69
-United Kingdom	8	30	41
-Germany	14	127	92
-Reunion	20	38	52

¹ Revised

² Provisional

	1990	1997 ¹	1998 ²
	(Million rupees)		
Total Imports (c.i.f.)	24,019	46,093	49,811
By commodity			
Food and live animals	2,610	6,091	6,889
<i>of which -Dairy products & birds' eggs</i>	512	964	1,038
<i>-Fish & fish preparations</i>	265	867	1,129
Beverages & tobacco	89	262	312
Crude materials, inedible except fuels	765	1,567	1,933
Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc	1,939	3,471	3,152
<i>of which -Refined petroleum products</i>	1,781	3,021	2,643
Animal & vegetable oils & fats	233	484	593
Chemicals	1,618	3,340	3,895
<i>of which -Medical & pharmaceutical products</i>	288	642	785
Manufactured goods classified by materials	8,360	14,947	17,249
<i>of which -Paper, paperboard & articles thereof</i>	312	733	850
<i>-Textile yarns, fabrics, made up articles</i>	5,186	9,247	10,681
<i>-Iron & steel</i>	540	1,077	1,286
<i>-Manufactures of metals, n e s</i>	718	903	1,032
Machinery & transport equipment	6,366	11,702	11,364
<i>of which -Specialised & gen industrial machinery</i>	1,830	2,758	3,719
<i>-Road vehicles</i>	1,108	2,139	2,765
<i>-Aircraft, marine vessels & parts</i>	1,608	3,662	735
Miscellaneous manufactured goods	1,869	3,804	4,233
<i>of which -Articles of apparel & clothing</i>	229	468	440
<i>-Watches clocks & opticals goods</i>	480	432	606
Other	170	425	191

¹ Revised

² Provisional

	1990	1997 ¹	1998 ²
Total Imports (c.i.f.) (contd.)			
By country of origin	(Million rupees)		
<i>of which</i> -France	3,525	7,225	5,528
-Republic of South Africa	2,110	5,650	5,222
-India	1,012	4,521	4,618
-United Kingdom	1,702	2,562	2,584
-Japan	1,454	1,966	2,529
-Hong Kong	932	1,987	2,499
-Germany	1,690	2,164	2,057
-Malaysia	438	1,060	1,424
-Australia	582	1,547	1,693
-Italy	625	1,329	1,822
-Taiwan	1,123	1,258	1,222
-China	810	2,006	2,601
-Singapore	677	1,020	1,112
-U S A	1,102	1,366	1,635
-Switzerland	439	853	947
-Kuwait	418	607	-
-Belgium	520	774	778

Regional trade

COMESA

Exports to member states ³	279	1,839	2,223
Imports from member states	528	1,199	1,370

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Exports to member states ³	153	550	483
Imports from member states	2,192	5,920	5,629

¹ Revised

² Provisional

³ Excluding ship's stores and bunkers

19. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

	1990	1996	1997
	(Million rupees)		
CURRENT ACCOUNT	-1,773	610	-1,891
A. Goods and services	-2,881	-680	-4,056
Goods	-3,816	-5,851	-8,781
Merchandise	-3,670	-5,462	-8,428
Non-monetary gold	-146	-389	-353
Services	935	5,171	4,725
Transportation	-779	-1,313	-1,613
Travel	2,240	5,840	6,421
Other services	-526	644	-83
<i>Private</i>	-403	668	-177
<i>Government</i>	-123	-24	94
B. Income	-339	-789	-374
Direct investment income	-304	-140	-118
Other investment income	-35	-649	-256
C. Current transfers	1,447	2,079	2,539
Private	1,232	1,993	2,390
Government	215	86	149
CAPITAL AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNT	-2,035	776	126
D. Capital account	-9	-14	-11
Capital transfers	-9	-14	-11
E. Financial account	-2,026	790	136
Financial account (excluding reserve assets)	771	1,649	-510
Direct investment	601	610	1,097
Portfolio investment	-32	625	-1,393
Other investment	202	414	-214
Reserve assets	-2,797	-859	646
NET ERRORS AND OMISSIONS	3,808	-1,386	1,766

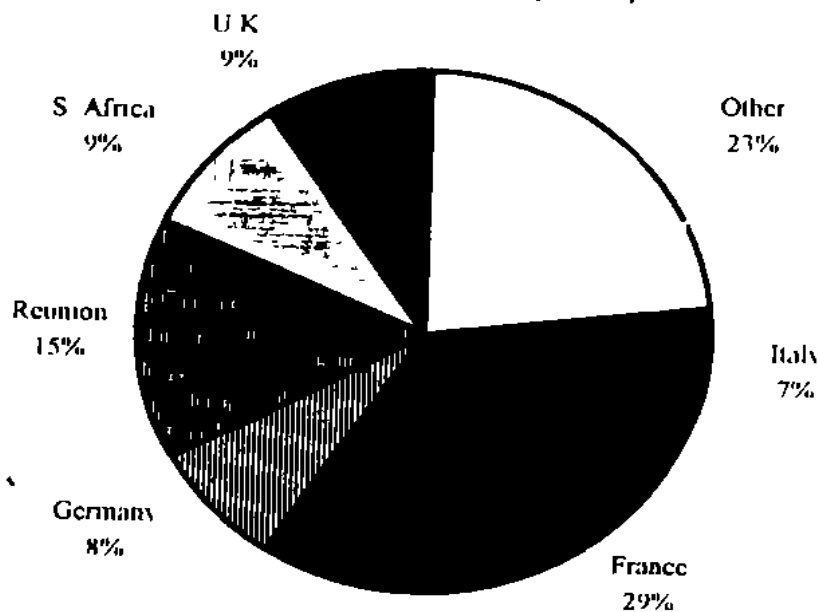
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20. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL & TOURISM

	1990	1997	1998
Passenger traffic ('000)			
Arrivals	418.2	743.3	778.6
(i) By gender			
Male	232.1	378.6	367.9
Female	186.2	364.7	410.7
(ii) By type of passenger			
Visitors	310.3	558.0	571.0
of which -on holiday	276.0	494.6	512.7
-on business	16.4	23.4	24.6
Residents	84.2	171.0	183.2
Other	23.7	14.3	24.4
Departures	422.2	737.5	776.0
(i) By gender			
Male	233.3	379.8	382.6
Female	189.0	357.7	393.4
(ii) By type of passenger			
Visitors	310.5	548.4	580.9
Residents	89.5	169.4	183.4
Other	22.2	19.7	11.7
Inter-island passenger traffic			
From Mauritius to Rodrigues	13,110	37,765	40,648
Male	8,023	22,120	24,181
Female	5,087	15,645	16,467
From Rodrigues to Mauritius	13,492	38,014	40,553
Male	7,949	22,096	23,072
Female	5,543	15,918	17,481

	1990	1997	1998
Tourist arrivals ('000)	291.6	536.1	558.2
France	53.2	145.2	162.8
Germany	19.7	44.0	43.8
Italy	14.2	35.3	36.6
Reunion	73.3	82.6	84.0
Republic of South Africa	41.9	51.2	49.7
United Kingdom	21.9	46.0	52.3
Other countries	67.4	131.8	129.0

Tourist arrivals by country of residence (1998)



	1990	1997	1998
Number of licensed hotels	75	87	90
Number of rooms	4,603	6,809	7,267
Number of bed places	9,572	14,126	14,995
Room occupancy rate (%)	62	72	72
Bed occupancy rate (%)	54	64	63
Tourist nights ('000)	3,565	5,451	5,568
Tourist receipts (Million rupees)	3,630	10,068	11,890
Average length of stay (nights)	12.2	10.5	10.3
Average expend per tourist (rupees)	12,500	18,800	21,300

21. SOCIAL SECURITY

	89/90	96/97 ¹	97/98
Non-contributory benefits			
No of beneficiaries ('000)	139.7	157.0	158.8
Total amount paid (million rupees)	568.9	2,326.9	2,596.2
Contributory benefits²			
(National Pensions Fund)			
No of persons covered ('000)	196.9	242.0	265.1
Contributions collected ³ (million rupees)	360.2	761.8	841.6
No. of beneficiaries ('000)	23.2	36.3	36.7
Total amount paid (million rupees)	45.7	179.0	213.0
Public expenditure on social service and welfare as a % of GDP at market prices			
Total public expenditure	13.1	19.4	20.6
GDP at market prices	3.2	4.8	4.9

Benefits by type⁴, 1997/98

	Beneficiaries ('000) as at June 1998	Amount paid (million rupees)
Non-contributory benefits	158.8	2,596.2
-Old age pension	108.8	1,764.7
-Widows pension	20.8	366.5
-Invalids pension	17.5	351.4
-Orphans pension	0.7	7.8
-Social Aid	11.0	105.8
Contributory benefits	36.7	213.0
-Retirement pension	28.3	152.8
-Widows pension	5.8	28.7
-Invalids pension	2.6	8.8
-Orphans pension	0.0	0.1
-Industrial injury allowances	0.9	22.6

¹ Revised

² Excludes public and parastatal sectors

³ Ratio of contribution is 2/3 from employers & 1/3 from employees

⁴ A person receiving several benefits is counted several times

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