

Preliminary 1983 data on population and tourism

The seven tables which are attached to this report give preliminary information on population, vital statistics, international arrivals and departures, and tourist arrivals for the year 1983.

Population

The total population of the Island of Mauritius at the end of 1983 was 969,174 compared to 959,905 in 1982. The total increase of 9,269 over the year is the net result of an excess of births over deaths (natural increase) of 13,630 and an excess of departures over arrivals of 4,361. In percentage terms, the total growth of 0.97% during the year was the result of an increase of 1.42% due to excess of births over deaths and a decrease of 0.45% due to external migration.

The population estimate has been made from the base data of the 1972 Census. Although a preliminary count of the 1983 population has already been published it is not proposed to use it as base for the official estimates until some assessment of its consistency has been made after the first census tables are available.

Live births

The number of live births registered in 1983 was 19,952 or 1,295 less than in 1982. This gives a crude birth rate of 20.8 compared to 22.4 in 1982. It is worth noting that the rate has declined well below the 1973 level of 22.7 which was the lowest rate registered prior to the temporary rise in fertility in the years 1974 - 1980.

Deaths

Registered deaths numbered 6,322 (against 6,385 in 1982) giving a crude death rate of 6.6 (against 6.7 in 1982).

Infant deaths

Infant deaths decreased from 624 in 1982 to 508 in 1983. The infant mortality rate (which is defined as the number of deaths of children under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births) consequently dropped by 13% from 29.4 in 1982 to 25.5 in 1983.

Still births

Registered still births also decreased from 438 in 1982 to 379 in 1983. This is reflected in the still birth rate (still births per 1,000 live and still births) which declined by 8% from 20.2 in 1982 to 18.6 in 1983.

Civil marriages

The number of civil marriages decreased from 10,597 in 1982 to 10,067 in 1983, representing a decrease from 22.3 to 21.0 in the civil marriage rate. It must be noted that the increase in civil marriages in 1982 and 1983 as compared to the previous years is due, to a large extent, to improved registration of religious marriages with the coming into force of a new Civil Status Act as from 1st January 1982.

International travel

The volume of international passenger traffic both into and out of the country has increased from 1982 to 1983. Arrivals increased from 166,669 to 177,576 whilst departures increased from 171,991 to 181,937. The net movement has continued to be outward with departures exceeding arrivals by 4,361.

Tourism

Tourist arrivals in 1983 numbered 123,600 as compared to 118,300 in 1982. This represents an increase of more than 4% from 1982 to 1983, which compares most favourably with a decrease of nearly 3% from 1981 to 1982.

Rodrigues

The population of Rodrigues increased from 34,643 at the end of 1982 to 35,604 at the end of 1983. The balance of arrivals and departures is negligible and almost all the increase is attributable to an excess of births over deaths. In fact 1,125 live births and 210 deaths were registered giving a crude birth rate of 32.0 and a crude death rate of 6.0; the rates for 1982 were 36.0 and 5.9 respectively. Both the infant mortality rate and the still birth rate showed an increase from 1982 to 1983, the former rising from 47.8 to 51.6 and the latter from 16.2 to 21.7.

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Table 1 - Population, vital statistics and passenger traffic, 1982 - 1983

	Island of Mauritius		Island of Rodrigues	
	1982	1983	1982	1983
End-of-year population	959,905	969,174	34,643	35,604
Live births	21,247	19,952	1,212	1,125
Deaths	6,385	6,322	199	210
Infant deaths	624	508	58	58
Still births	438	379	20	25
Civil marriages	10,597	10,067	171	188
<u>International passenger traffic</u>				
Arrivals	166,669	177,576	6,333	6,566
Departures	171,991	181,937	5,680	6,520
<u>Tourism</u>				
Tourist arrivals	118,300	123,600

Table 2 - Vital rates, 1982-83

	Island of Mauritius		Island of Rodrigues	
	1982	1983	1982	1983
Crude birth rate	22.4	20.8	36.0	32.0
Crude death rate	6.7	6.6	5.9	6.0
Infantile mortality rate ^{1/}	29.4	25.5	47.8	51.6
Still birth rate ^{2/}	20.2	18.6	16.2	21.7
Civil marriage rate ^{3/}	22.3	21.0	10.2	10.7

^{1/} deaths of children under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births

^{2/} still births per 1,000 live and still births

^{3/} number of persons marrying civilly per 1,000 population

Table 3 - Population as at 31.12.83 based on 1972 Census data

	Island of Mauritius	Island of Rodrigues
Estimated population (31.12.82)	959,905	34,643
Births Year 1983	+ 19,952	+ 1,125
Deaths " "	- 6,322	- 210
Arrivals " "	+ 177,576	+ 6,566
Departures "	- 181,937	- 6,520
Estimated population 31.12.83	969,174	35,604

Table 4 - Vital statistics by month, 1983

Month of registration	Live births	Deaths	Infant deaths	Still births	Civil marriages
<u>Island of Mauritius</u>					
January	1,759	511	42	36	708
February	1,542	452	38	25	660
March	1,743	528	64	25	715
April	1,520	475	56	24	896
May	1,581	460	30	33	920
June	1,633	547	45	40	900
July	1,545	666	44	32	746
August	1,832	611	35	36	1,003
September	1,736	599	39	29	811
October	1,804	518	40	30	785
November	1,758	512	47	37	839
December	1,499	443	28	32	1,084
Whole year	19,952	6,322	508	379	10,067
<u>Island of Rodrigues</u>					
January	111	19	6	1	12
February	83	15	3	1	21
March	74	18	10	1	19
April	79	21	8	3	9
May	105	15	4	1	4
June	79	15	3	1	13
July	77	17	3	4	17
August	124	18	4	3	20
September	102	20	4	4	20
October	117	19	4	4	12
November	85	15	7	2	18
December	89	18	2	-	23
Whole year	1,125	210	58	25	188

Table 5 - Passenger traffic by month, 1983

Month	Island of Mauritius			Island of Rodrigues		
	Arrivals	Departures	Excess of arrivals over departures	Arrivals	Departures	Excess of arrivals over departures
January	17,242	21,078	- 3,836	560	580	- 20
February	12,429	15,099	- 2,670	395	413	- 18
March	13,157	12,928	+ 229	479	241	+ 238
April	12,621	14,858	- 2,237	587	542	+ 45
May	13,262	13,904	- 642	511	661	- 150
June	10,150	10,403	- 253	425	387	+ 38
July	14,887	13,289	+ 1,598	515	491	+ 24
August	18,374	18,179	+ 195	590	549	+ 41
September	14,654	17,749	- 3,095	510	704	- 194
October	14,500	13,600	+ 900	517	470	+ 47
November	14,900	15,350	- 450	713	733	- 20
December	21,400	15,500	+ 5,900	764	749	+ 15
Whole year	177,576	181,937	- 4,361	6,566	6,520	+ 46

Table 6 - Tourist arrivals - Island of Mauritius, 1977 - 83

Year	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Number	102,510	108,322	128,360	115,080	121,620	118,360	123,600

Table 7 - Tourist arrivals by month - Island of Mauritius

Month of arrivals	1982	1983
January	12,000	13,100
February	8,400	9,200
March	8,500	9,800
April	10,000	8,600
May	9,600	9,600
June	5,800	6,400
July	9,200	9,800
August	12,700	13,000
September	10,300	10,100
October	9,800	10,000
November	9,700	10,300
December	12,200	13,700
Whole year	118,300	123,600