

# PROVISIONAL FIGURES OF POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

## REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS, YEAR 1994

### 1. Population estimates as at 31st December 1994.

At the end of 1994, the population of the Republic was estimated at 1,117,820. With a population of 1,105,739 at the beginning of the year, this represents a growth rate of nearly 1.1%.

As regards the Island of Mauritius, the population increased from 1,071,033 to 1,082,998 during the year 1994 at a rate of 1.1%. For Rodrigues, the population increased by 0.3% from 34,536 at the beginning of 1994 to 34,652 at the end of the year.

With a total land area of 2,040 square kilometres, the population density for the Republic was around 548 persons per square kilometre at the end of 1994 (Table 1). The density for the Island of Mauritius was 581 and that for Rodrigues 333.

Table 2 shows comparative population estimates and selected indicators for the past three years.

### 2. Components of population growth.

The two components of population growth - natural increase (the excess of live births over deaths) and net migration are shown in Table 3. Natural increase added 14,393 persons to the population whereas net migration showed a deficit of 2,312 persons. Together, both components led to an increase of 12,081 persons or around 1.1% for the Republic.

### 3. Population estimates by age-group and sex.

Table 4 gives the population of the Republic by age-group and sex at the middle of 1993 and 1994. The percentage of children aged 0-14 years decreased from 28.8% in 1993 to 28.2% in 1994 whilst the percentage of elderly population (aged 65 years and above) remained fairly stable around 5.8% during the same period. As regards population in the working age-group 15-64 years, there has been an increase from 65.4% to 66.0%. Thus the dependency ratio (which is the ratio of the child population and elderly population to the population aged 15-64 years) decreased from 528 in 1993 to 516 in 1994.

#### 4. Vital statistics and rates.

Tables 5(a) to 5(c) give a series of vital statistics and rates from 1985 to 1994 for the Republic and for the Islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues respectively. The vital statistics and rates by district for the year 1994 are given in Table 6. Tables 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 respectively show details of live births, deaths, infant deaths, still births and marriages by district as well as month of registration.

##### 4.1 *Live Births*

In 1994, 21,795 live births were registered in the Republic, about 2% less than in 1993 (22,329). The crude birth rate therefore declined from 20.3 to reach 19.6 in 1994. At the same time, the general fertility rate (the number of live births per 1,000 women aged 15-49 years) decreased by 4% from 73.7 to 70.4.

In the Island of Mauritius, 21,050 live births were registered in 1994 giving a crude birth rate of 19.5. In Rodrigues, the corresponding number was 745 with a rate of 21.5.

##### 4.2 *Deaths*

A total of 7,402 deaths were registered in the Republic during the year; this represents a slight decrease of 0.4% over the 1993 figure of 7,433. The crude death rate thus decreased slightly to 6.7 from 6.8 in 1993.

The modest decrease in the number of deaths in the Republic, was the net result of a decrease of 41 deaths for the Island of Mauritius and an increase of 10 deaths for Rodrigues.

##### 4.3 *Infant deaths*

There were 394 infant deaths registered in the Republic during the year 1994, that is a significant decrease of 10% from 438 in 1993 to 394 in 1994. The infant mortality rate therefore decreased from 19.6 in 1993 to 18.1 in 1994.

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In the Island of Mauritius, the number of infant deaths decreased from 424 (rate of 19.6) in 1993 to 379 (rate of 18.0) in 1994. Similarly in Rodrigues, the infant mortality rate fell from 22.0 in 1993 to 20.1 in 1994 though in absolute terms there was an increase from 14 to 15.

#### 4.4 *Still Births*

In the year 1994, the number of still births in the Republic was 274 representing a very significant decrease of 19% as compared to the 1993 figure of 337. The still birth rate therefore fell from 14.9 in 1993 to 12.4 in 1994.

In the Island of Mauritius, there were 271 still births (rate of 12.7) in 1994 as compared to 333 (rate of 15.1) the previous year. In Rodrigues, there were 3 still births (rate of 4.0) in 1994 against 4 in 1993.

#### 4.5 *Marriages*

The number of marriages registered in the Republic during the year 1994 was 11,414, representing a slight decrease of about 1% over the corresponding number in 1993 (11,576). The crude marriage rate (expressed as the number of persons getting married in the year per 1,000 mid-year population) therefore decreased from 21.1 to 20.5.

The decrease in the number of marriages for the Republic was the result of a decrease from 11,383 to 11,212 in the Island of Mauritius and an increase from 193 to 202 in Rodrigues. These changes are reflected in the crude marriage rate which dropped from 21.4 in 1993 to 20.8 in 1994 for the Island of Mauritius, while for Rodrigues the rate increased from 10.8 in 1993 to 11.7 in 1994.

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**NOTES**

1. Vital Statistics : The statistics pertaining to vital events which include live births, deaths, still births, marriages and divorces
2. Sex ratio : The number of males to every 100 females
3. Natural increase : The excess of births over deaths
4. Crude birth rate : The number of live births in a year per 1,000 mid - year population
5. Crude death rate : The number of deaths in a year per 1,000 mid - year population
6. Infant mortality rate : The number of deaths in a year, of infants aged under one year per 1,000 live births during the year
7. Still birth rate : The number of still births in a year per 1,000 total births (live births and still births) during the year
8. Marriage rate : The number of persons married in a year per 1,000 mid - year population
9. Divorce rate : The number of persons to whom divorce is granted in a year per 1,000 mid - year population

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**Table 1 - Estimated resident population of the Republic of Mauritius as at 31st December 1994**

Island	Both sexes	Male	Female	Sex ratio	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Density per km <sup>2</sup>
Mauritius	1,082,998	542,203	540,795	100.3	1,864.8	581
Rodrigues	34,652	17,262	17,390	99.3	104.0	333
Other	170	90	80	112.5	71.2	2
<b>Republic</b>	<b>1,117,820</b>	<b>559,555</b>	<b>558,265</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>2,040.0</b>	<b>548</b>

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**Table 2 - Estimated resident population of the Republic of Mauritius, 1992 - 1994**  
**End of year estimates**

Year	Both sexes	Male	Female	Sex ratio	Density per Km <sup>2</sup>	Annual growth rate (%)
1992	1,092,384	547,365	545,019	100.4	535	1.3
1993	1,105,739	553,692	552,047	100.3	542	1.2
1994 <sup>1/</sup>	1,117,820	559,555	558,265	100.2	548	1.1

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**Table 3 - Components of population growth - Republic of Mauritius, 1993 & 1994**

Components of population growth	1993	1994 <sup>2/</sup>
<u>Resident population as at beginning of year</u>	<u>1,092,214</u>	<u>1,105,569</u>
Live births	22,329	21,795
Deaths	7,433	7,402
<u>Natural increase</u>	<u>14,896</u>	<u>14,393</u>
Arrival of residents	83,010	106,847
Departure of residents	84,551	109,159
<u>Net international migration</u>	<u>-1,541</u>	<u>-2,312</u>
<b>Resident population as at end of year</b>	<b>1,105,569</b>	<b>1,117,650</b>

1/ excluding Agalega and St Brandon

2/ provisional

1/ **Table 4 - Estimated resident population by age-group and sex - Republic of Mauritius, 1st July 1993 and 1st July 1994**

Age group (Years)	1st July 1993						1st July 1994		
	Male	Female	Both sexes		Male	Female	Both sexes		
			Number	%			Number	%	
0	11,151	11,076	22,227	2.0	10,746	10,616	21,362	1.9	
1 - 4	43,809	42,174	85,983	7.8	44,534	43,011	87,545	7.9	
5 - 9	48,150	46,274	94,424	8.6	48,685	46,969	95,654	8.6	
10 - 14	57,246	56,013	113,259	10.3	55,370	53,953	109,323	9.8	
15 - 19	53,722	52,530	106,252	9.7	55,143	53,938	109,081	9.8	
20 - 24	47,703	44,941	92,644	8.5	48,542	46,190	94,732	8.5	
25 - 29	54,249	51,236	105,485	9.6	52,678	49,731	102,409	9.2	
30 - 34	50,541	48,112	98,653	9.0	52,240	49,699	101,939	9.2	
35 - 39	43,961	42,013	85,974	7.8	45,165	43,297	88,462	8.0	
40 - 44	37,903	37,048	74,951	6.8	39,563	38,493	78,056	7.0	
45 - 49	25,984	26,947	52,931	4.8	27,087	28,125	55,212	5.0	
50 - 54	18,438	19,529	37,967	3.5	19,662	20,837	40,499	3.6	
55 - 59	16,931	18,350	35,281	3.2	16,569	18,307	34,876	3.1	
60 - 64	13,125	14,773	27,898	2.6	13,464	15,060	28,524	2.6	
65 - 69	12,564	14,641	27,205	2.5	12,363	14,598	26,961	2.4	
70 - 74	7,320	9,347	16,667	1.5	7,969	10,073	18,042	1.6	
75 - 79	4,356	6,482	10,838	1.0	4,281	6,375	10,656	1.0	
80 - 84	1,785	3,457	5,242	0.5	2,047	3,770	5,817	0.5	
85 +	852	2,572	3,424	0.3	871	2,586	3,457	0.3	
<b>All ages</b>	<b>549,790</b>	<b>547,515</b>	<b>1,097,305</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>556,979</b>	<b>555,628</b>	<b>1,112,607</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

1/ based on 1990 population census data adjusted for underenumeration of young children (1,329 males and 786 females at ages 0 - 5 years)

2/ excluding Agalega and St Brandon

Population pyramid - Republic of Mauritius, 1984 & 1994

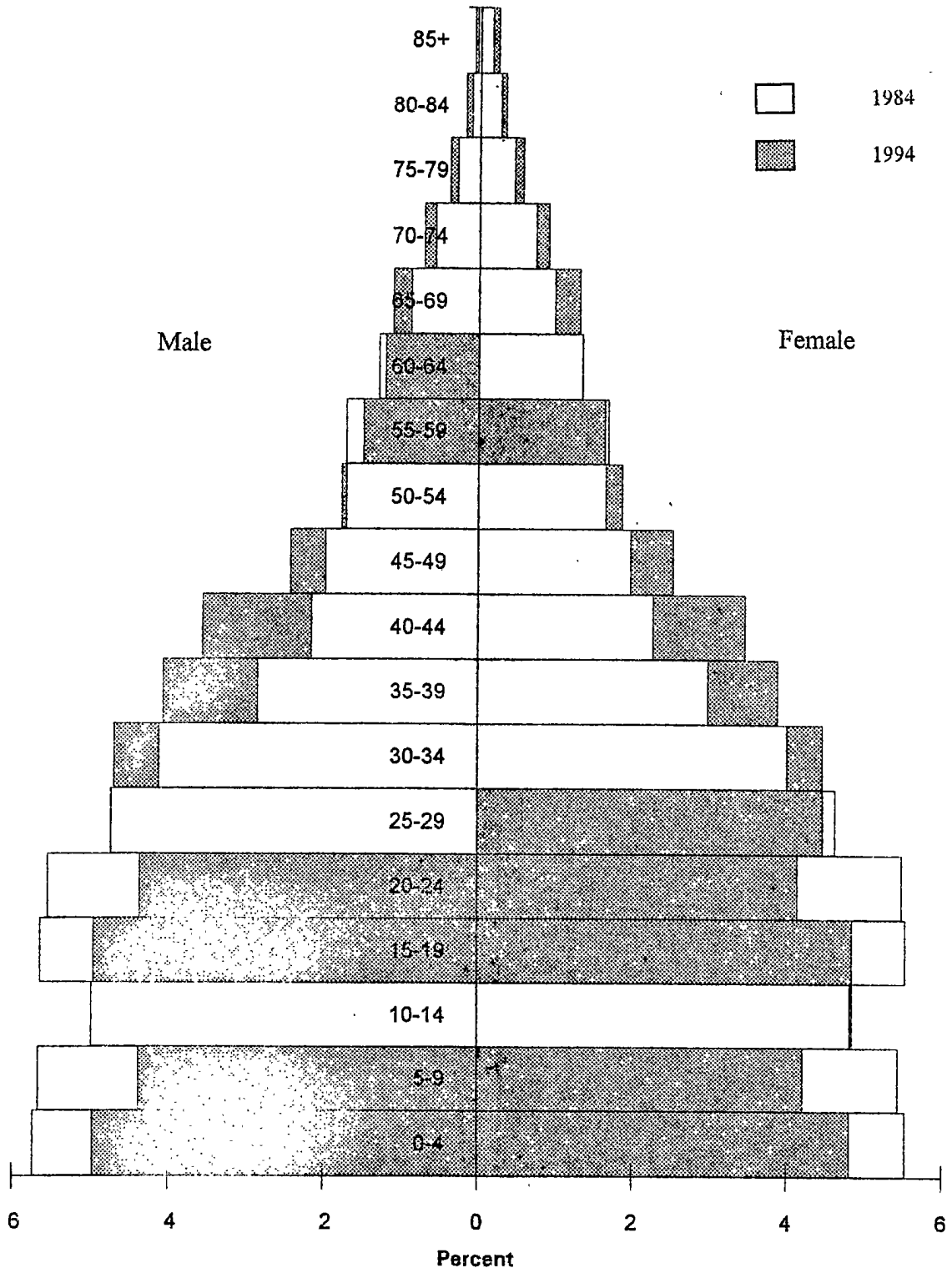


Table 5(a) - Population, vital statistics and vital rates - Republic of Mauritius, 1985 - 1994

Year	Vital statistics						Vital rates						
	Mid-year population	Live births	Deaths	Infant deaths	Still births	Civil marriages	Divorces	Crude birth rate (per 1,000 population)	Crude death rate (per 1,000 population)	Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	Still birth rate (per 1,000 live & still births)	Marriage rate <sup>3/</sup>	Divorce rate <sup>4/</sup>
1985	1,020,528	19,376	6,906	487	383	11,245	460	19.0	6.8	25.1	19.4	22.0	0.9
1986	1,028,360	19,170	6,805	524	365	10,556	616	18.6	6.6	27.3	18.7	20.5	1.2
1987	1,036,082	20,033	6,753	504	363	11,392	842	19.3	6.5	25.2	17.8	22.0	1.6
1988	1,043,239	20,941	6,879	471	374	11,453	740	20.1	6.6	22.5	17.5	22.0	1.4
1989	1,051,260	21,822	7,149	498	415	11,197	711	20.8	6.8	22.8	18.7	21.3	1.4
1990	1,058,775	22,602	7,031	462	365	11,425	549	21.3	6.6	20.4	15.9	21.6	1.0
1991	1,070,128	22,197	7,027	413	400	11,295	707	20.7	6.6	18.6	17.7	21.1	1.3
1992	1,084,401	22,902	7,023	426	291	11,408	781	21.1	6.5	18.6	12.5	21.0	1.4
1993	1,097,305	22,329	7,433	438	337	11,576	764	20.3	6.8	19.6	14.9	21.1	1.4
1994	1,112,607	21,795	7,402	394	274	11,414	...	19.6	6.7	18.1	12.4	20.5	...

1/ excluding Agalega & Saint Brandon.

2/ vital statistics and vital rates for the year 1994 are provisional

3/ the number of persons married in a year per 1,000 mid-year population

4/ the number of persons to whom divorce is granted in a year per 1,000 mid-year population

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**Table 5(b) - Population, vital statistics and vital rates - Island of Mauritius, 1985 -1994**

Year	Vital statistics						Vital rates				
	Mid-year population	Live births	Deaths	Infant deaths	Still births	Civil marriages	Crude birth rate (per 1,000 population)	Crude death rate (per 1,000 population)	Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	Still birth rate (per 1,000 live & still births)	Marriage rate <sup>2/</sup>
1985	986,520	18,520	6,691	441	368	11,088	18.8	6.8	23.8	19.5	22.5
1986	994,319	18,225	6,622	480	342	10,337	18.3	6.7	26.3	18.4	20.8
1987	1,001,607	19,151	6,581	463	344	11,201	19.1	6.6	24.2	17.6	22.4
1988	1,009,332	20,057	6,699	441	351	11,283	19.9	6.6	22.0	17.2	22.4
1989	1,017,307	20,955	6,949	452	399	11,040	20.6	6.8	21.6	18.7	21.7
1990	1,024,571	21,799	6,854	434	348	11,252	21.3	6.7	19.9	15.7	22.0
1991	1,035,807	21,436	6,815	388	386	11,146	20.7	6.6	18.1	17.7	21.5
1992	1,049,967	22,170	6,866	408	286	11,246	21.1	6.5	18.4	12.7	21.4
1993	1,062,810	21,667	7,275	424	333	11,383	20.4	6.8	19.6	15.1	21.4
1994	1,077,946	21,050	7,234	379	271	11,212	19.5	6.7	18.0	12.7	20.8

1/ vital statistics and vital rates for the year 1994 are provisional

2/ the number of persons married in a year per 1,000 mid-year population

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**Table 5(c) - Population, vital statistics and vital rates - Island of Rodrigues, 1985 -1994**

Year	Vital statistics						Vital rates <sup>2/</sup>				
	Mid-year population	Live births	Deaths	Infant deaths	Still births	Civil marriages	Crude birth rate (per 1,000 population)	Crude death rate (per 1,000 population)	Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	Still birth rate (per 1,000 live & still births)	Marriage <sup>3/</sup> rate
1985	34,008	856	215	46	15	157	28.5	6.1	51.9	18.2	11.8
1986	34,041	945	183	44	23	219	26.3	5.6	48.8	20.8	11.1
1987	34,475	882	172	41	19	191	26.2	5.2	42.4	23.4	11.2
1988	33,907	884	180	30	23	170	25.9	5.5	44.4	21.6	10.2
1989	33,953	867	203	46	16	157	25.1	5.5	40.7	21.5	9.8
1990	34,204	803	177	28	17	173	23.7	5.8	40.7	19.0	9.3
1991	34,321	761	212	25	14	149	22.3	5.3	30.9	15.4	9.4
1992	34,434	732	157	18	5	162	20.9	5.1	26.5	10.6	9.8
1993	34,495	662	158	14	4	193	20.7	4.7	22.0	5.6	10.8
1994	34,661	745	168	15	3	202	21.5	4.8	20.1	4.0	11.7

1/ vital statistics and vital rates for the year 1994 are provisional

2/ because of the small number of vital events, the rates have been calculated by taking the average for three years in order to remove wide fluctuations. However, rates for 1994 are based on vital events for that year only

3/ the number of persons married in a year per 1,000 mid-year population

**Table 6 - Vital statistics and rates by district - Republic of Mauritius, 1994**

District	Population Mid year	Live births		Deaths		Infant deaths		Still births		Marriages	
		Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Port Louis	136,105	2,940	21.6	1,115	8.2	55	18.7	47	15.7	1,057	15.5
Pamplemousses	109,023	2,088	19.2	669	6.1	46	22.0	26	12.3	1,179	21.6
Riviere du Rempart	92,133	1,918	20.8	604	6.6	33	17.2	19	9.8	1,290	28.0
Flacq	118,149	2,526	21.4	724	6.1	44	17.4	23	9.0	1,555	26.3
Grand Port	101,703	2,066	20.3	717	7.0	40	19.4	34	16.2	1,340	26.4
Savanne	63,545	1,246	19.6	409	6.4	24	19.3	21	16.6	648	20.4
Plaines Wilhems	339,658	6,224	18.3	2,368	7.0	113	18.2	67	10.7	2,737	16.1
Moka	69,269	1,187	17.1	371	5.4	11	9.3	18	14.9	667	19.3
Black River	48,361	855	17.7	257	5.3	13	15.2	16	18.4	739	30.6
Island of Mauritius	1,077,946	21,050	19.5	7,234	6.7	379	18.0	271	12.7	11,212	20.8
Island of Rodrigues	34,661	745	21.5	168	4.8	15	20.1	3	4.0	202	11.7
Republic of Mauritius	1,112,607	21,795	19.6	7,402	6.7	394	18.1	274	12.4	11,414	20.5

**Table 7 - Live births registered by district and month - Republic of Mauritius, 1994**

DISTRICT	YEAR	M O N T H											
		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Port Louis	2,940	218	245	272	224	261	296	239	250	262	242	215	216
Pamplemousses	2,088	128	150	196	161	199	180	180	194	181	190	172	157
Riviere du Rempart	1,918	148	123	167	183	169	172	139	175	191	154	174	123
Flacq	2,526	197	162	229	205	221	222	199	246	237	203	218	187
Grand Port	2,066	208	148	157	166	182	174	162	183	174	161	191	160
Savanne	1,246	107	85	107	125	97	104	100	107	109	114	95	96
Plaines Wilhems	6,224	525	456	477	503	530	566	501	570	547	574	516	459
Moka	1,187	86	68	81	97	68	132	93	128	114	121	121	78
Black River	855	78	65	72	65	64	83	79	79	74	74	61	61
Island of Mauritius	21,050	1,695	1,502	1,758	1,729	1,791	1,929	1,692	1,932	1,889	1,833	1,763	1,537
Island of Rodrigues	745	60	64	71	51	65	67	55	61	59	80	49	63
Republic of Mauritius	21,795	1,755	1,566	1,829	1,780	1,856	1,996	1,747	1,993	1,948	1,913	1,812	1,600

Table 8 - Deaths registered by district and month - Republic of Mauritius, 1994

DISTRICT	YEAR	MONTH											
		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Port Louis	1,115	98	101	84	90	82	98	98	108	73	90	89	104
Pamplemousses	669	53	56	44	55	60	61	53	60	60	52	52	63
Riviere du Rempart	604	53	47	47	51	63	41	48	52	52	59	45	47
Flacq	724	66	55	60	54	64	59	62	61	61	67	65	46
Grand Port	717	49	50	65	68	52	59	75	66	66	63	51	55
Savanne	409	28	33	36	25	29	44	37	37	37	40	41	27
Plaines Wilhems	2,368	195	159	160	184	212	213	218	212	212	211	224	186
Moka	371	27	21	20	22	35	34	34	36	36	41	33	36
Black River	257	24	20	17	11	20	18	23	26	26	29	27	16
Island of Mauritius	7,234	593	542	533	560	617	637	658	623	652	627	627	580
Island of Rodrigues	168	10	8	11	10	11	20	21	12	20	15	15	15
Republic of Mauritius	7,402	603	550	544	570	628	657	679	635	672	642	642	595

**Table 9 - Infant deaths registered by district and month - Republic of Mauritius, 1994**

DISTRICT	YEAR	MONTH											
		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Port Louis	55	6	7	4	5	4	7	3	6	1	3	5	4
Pamplemousses	46	1	5	4	3	2	3	6	3	8	4	4	3
Riviere du Rempart	33	3	2	2	3	4	1	4	0	1	4	5	4
Flacq	44	4	3	5	4	2	4	1	5	6	6	3	1
Grand Port	40	4	3	1	6	2	3	5	5	3	3	4	1
Savanne	24	2	3	1	2	4	2	3	4	1	1	0	1
Plaines Wilhems	113	10	8	7	8	10	10	13	14	7	11	5	10
Moka	11	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	1
Black River	13	2	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	3	1	0
Island of Mauritius	379	33	33	27	31	30	32	37	37	29	37	28	25
Island of Rodrigues	15	1	2	0	1	0	2	3	1	2	0	0	3
Republic of Mauritius	394	34	35	27	32	30	34	40	38	31	37	28	28

**Table 10 - Still births registered by district and month - Republic of Mauritius, 1994**

DISTRICT	YEAR	MONTH												
		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Port Louis	47	3	3	4	0	10	5	3	4	6	4	3	3	2
Pamplemousses	26	1	1	1	4	4	5	2	3	1	3	3	0	1
Riviere du Rempart	19	1	1	3	4	1	2	3	1	0	1	2	1	0
Flacq	23	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	5	1	1	1	1
Grand Port	34	3	2	7	3	3	4	2	2	2	2	1	1	3
Savanne	21	4	3	2	0	0	3	0	5	2	2	0	0	1
Plaines Wilhems	67	4	2	9	5	4	8	6	6	7	5	7	2	4
Moka	18	3	0	2	0	2	1	0	4	1	2	2	2	1
Black River	16	1	2	2	2	0	1	1	3	1	0	3	3	0
Island of Mauritius	271	21	16	32	20	26	31	18	31	25	20	18	18	13
Island of Rodrigues	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Republic of Mauritius	274	21	16	33	20	26	32	18	32	25	20	18	18	13

**Table 11 - Marriages registered by district and month - Republic of Mauritius, 1994**

DISTRICT	YEAR	MONTH											
		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Port Louis	1,057	66	63	61	82	84	101	121	107	85	78	89	120
Pamplemousses	1,179	77	58	59	102	111	106	104	103	89	111	136	123
Riviere du Rempart	1,290	68	63	63	115	123	104	136	113	121	122	163	99
Flacq	1,555	83	77	81	128	152	159	135	132	129	162	157	160
Grand Port	1,340	92	73	64	129	98	108	127	122	107	124	150	146
Savanne	648	47	35	31	56	72	48	53	57	49	64	69	67
Plaines Wilhems	2,737	162	154	156	266	239	215	261	291	210	271	262	250
Moka	667	44	48	49	57	55	45	62	65	46	60	67	69
Black River	739	39	39	39	80	56	63	71	42	85	82	75	68
Island of Mauritius	11,212	678	610	603	1,015	990	949	1,070	1,032	921	1,074	1,168	1,102
Island of Rodrigues	202	6	7	17	9	17	18	19	24	18	20	19	28
Republic of Mauritius	11,414	684	617	620	1,024	1,007	967	1,089	1,056	939	1,094	1,187	1,130