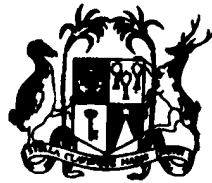


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NOTES

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 live 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.

PROVISIONAL FIGURES OF POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS, YEAR 1996

1. Population estimates as at 31st December 1996

As at end 1996, the population of the Republic of Mauritius is estimated at 1,142,513 of which 571,439 were males and 571,074 females, giving a sex ratio of 100.1. Given a population of 1,129,428 at the beginning of the year, the population growth rate for the Republic is estimated at around 1.2% in 1996.

The population of the Island of Mauritius increased from 1,094,430 at the beginning of 1996 to 1,107,324 by the end of the year at a rate of 1.2%. As regards Rodrigues, the population grew at a rate of 0.5% from 34,828 at the beginning of 1996 to 35,019 by the end of the year. The population of the outer islands (Agalega and St Brandon) is estimated at around 170 (90 males and 80 females).

With a total land area of 2,040 square kilometres, the population density of the Republic of Mauritius was around 560 by the end of 1996 (Table 1). The population density of the Island of Mauritius and the Island of Rodrigues were 594 and 337 respectively.

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

2. Components of population growth

Table 3 shows the contribution of each component of population growth, namely natural increase and net international migration, to the population increase registered during the year. In 1996, natural increase (the excess of live births over deaths) added 13,093 persons to the population while net international migration brought about a loss of 8 persons, resulting in a net gain of 13,085 persons (1.2%) during the year.

3. Population estimates by age-group and sex

Table 4 gives the age and sex distribution of the population of the Republic of Mauritius in 1995 and 1996 (mid-year). According to the table, the proportion aged (0-14) years in the population decreased from 27.6% in 1995 to 27.0% in 1996. In contrast, an increase was registered in the proportion aged (15-64) years from 66.5% in 1995 to 67.0% in 1996. The proportion of the population aged 65+ years also increased from 5.9% in 1995 to 6.0% in 1996. The dependency ratio (ratio of the child population under 15 years and the elderly population aged 65 years and above to the population aged 15-64 years) consequently decreased from 505 in 1995 to 492 in 1996.

Figure 1 on page 3 shows a population pyramid depicting changes in the age structure between 1986 and 1996.

4. Vital statistics and rates

Table 5(a) to 5(c) gives a series of vital statistics and rates from 1987 to 1996 for the Republic of Mauritius, the Island of Mauritius and the Island of Rodrigues respectively. Vital statistics and rates by district for the year 1996 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 month of registration and district.

4.1 Live births

In 1996, the number of live births registered in the Republic of Mauritius was 20,763, representing a 1.0% increase over live births registered in 1995 (20,549). The crude birth rate has remained at around 18.3 in 1996 as in 1995.

In the Island of Mauritius, 20,049 live births were registered in 1996, giving a crude birth rate of 18.2, while in Rodrigues 714 live births were registered (rate of 20.5).

4.2 Deaths

In the Republic of Mauritius, 7,670 deaths were registered in 1996, representing a 2.7% increase over deaths registered in 1995 (7,465). The crude death rate therefore increased from 6.7 in 1995 to 6.8 in 1996.

The Island of Mauritius registered a 2.9% increase in the number of deaths from 7,298 in 1995 to 7,508 in 1996. In contrast, the Island of Rodrigues registered a 3.0% decrease in the number of deaths from 167 in 1995 to 162 in 1996.

4.3 Infant deaths

A 13.6% increase in the number of infant deaths was registered in the Republic of Mauritius from 404 in 1995 to 459 in 1996. The infant mortality rate consequently rose from 19.7 in 1995 to 22.1 in 1996.

The Island of Mauritius registered an increase in the number of infant deaths from 388 (rate of 19.6) in 1995 to 445 (rate of 22.2) in 1996. In contrast, the Island of Rodrigues registered a fall in the number of infant deaths from 16 in 1995 to 14 in 1996, resulting in a fall in infant mortality rate from 20.6 in 1995 to 19.6 in 1996.

4.4 Still births

In 1996, 266 still births were registered in the Republic of Mauritius as against 299 in 1995, that is a 11.0% decrease. The still birth rate consequently fell from 14.3 in 1995 to 12.6 in 1996.

In the Island of Mauritius, 264 still births were registered in 1996 (rate of 13.0) as against 297 in 1995 (rate of 14.8). In the Island of Rodrigues, 2 still births were registered in 1996, as in 1995, but the still birth rate decreased from 3.2 in 1995 to 2.8 in 1996.

4.5 Marriages

In the Republic of Mauritius, 10,697 civil marriages were registered in 1996, representing a 0.7% increase over marriages registered in 1995 (10,624). The crude marriage rate in 1996 was 18.9, the same as in 1995.

In the Island of Mauritius, the number of civil marriages registered increased from 10,430 in 1995 to 10,499 in 1996. The marriage rate, however, decreased from 19.2 in 1995 to 19.1 in 1996. The Island of Rodrigues registered a marginal increase in the number of civil marriages from 194 in 1995 to 198 in 1996, though the marriage rate has remained at around 11.4 in 1996 as in 1995.

Table 1 - Estimated resident population¹ of the Republic of Mauritius as at 31st December 1996

Island	Both sexes	Male	Female	Sex ratio	Area (km ²)	Density per km ²
Mauritius	1,107,324	553,941	553,383	100.1	1,864.8	594
Rodrigues	35,019	17,408	17,611	98.8	104.0	337
Other	170	90	80	112.5	71.2	2
Republic	1,142,513	571,439	571,074	100.1	2,040.0	560

Table 2 - Estimated resident population of the Republic of Mauritius, 1994 - 1996 (31st December 1996)

Year	Both sexes	Male	Female	Sex ratio	Density per Km ²	Annual growth rate (%)
1994	1,117,820	559,583	558,237	100.2	548	1.1
1995	1,129,428	564,996	564,432	100.1	554	1.0
1996 ¹	1,142,513	571,439	571,074	100.1	560	1.2

Table 3 - Components of population growth - Republic of Mauritius², 1995 & 1996

Components of population growth	1995	1996 ¹
Resident population as at beginning of year	<u>1,117,650</u>	<u>1,129,258</u>
Live births	20,549	20,763
Deaths	7,465	7,670
Natural increase	<u>13,084</u>	<u>13,093</u>
Arrival of residents	105,670	120,407
Departure of residents	107,146	120,415
Net international migration	<u>-1,476</u>	<u>-8</u>
Resident population as at end of year	1,129,258	1,142,343

¹ provisional

² excluding Agalega and St Brandon

Table 4 - Estimated resident population¹ by age-group and sex - Republic of Mauritius², 1st July 1995 and 1st July 1996

Age group (Years)	1st July 1995						1st July 1996		
	Male	Female	Both sexes		Male	Female	Both sexes		
			Number	%			Number	%	
0	10,651	10,522	21,173	1.9	10,084	9,941	20,025	1.8	
1 - 4	44,507	43,210	87,717	7.8	43,930	42,975	86,905	7.7	
5 - 9	49,736	48,045	97,781	8.7	51,515	49,784	101,299	8.9	
10 - 14	52,432	50,821	103,253	9.2	49,965	48,276	98,241	8.7	
15 - 19	56,843	55,578	112,421	10.0	58,429	56,800	115,229	10.2	
20 - 24	48,410	46,478	94,888	8.5	49,034	47,636	96,670	8.5	
25 - 29	51,393	48,136	99,529	8.9	49,301	46,041	95,342	8.4	
30 - 34	52,664	50,049	102,713	9.2	53,836	51,285	105,121	9.3	
35 - 39	46,656	44,663	91,319	8.1	47,237	45,137	92,374	8.2	
40 - 44	40,087	39,015	79,102	7.0	40,520	39,438	79,958	7.1	
45 - 49	28,942	29,599	58,541	5.2	32,511	32,530	65,041	5.7	
50 - 54	20,597	22,089	42,686	3.8	21,247	23,089	44,336	3.9	
55 - 59	16,898	18,704	35,602	3.2	16,937	18,545	35,482	3.1	
60 - 64	13,695	15,283	28,978	2.6	14,103	15,890	29,993	2.6	
65 - 69	12,079	14,419	26,498	2.4	11,438	13,906	25,344	2.2	
70 - 74	8,570	10,925	19,495	1.7	9,226	11,653	20,879	1.8	
75 - 79	4,332	6,444	10,776	1.0	4,470	6,795	11,265	1.0	
80 - 84	2,121	4,011	6,132	0.5	2,271	4,059	6,330	0.6	
85 +	892	2,622	3,514	0.3	961	2,756	3,717	0.3	
All ages	561,505	560,613	1,122,118	100.0	567,015	566,536	1,133,551	100.0	

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, 1986 & 1996

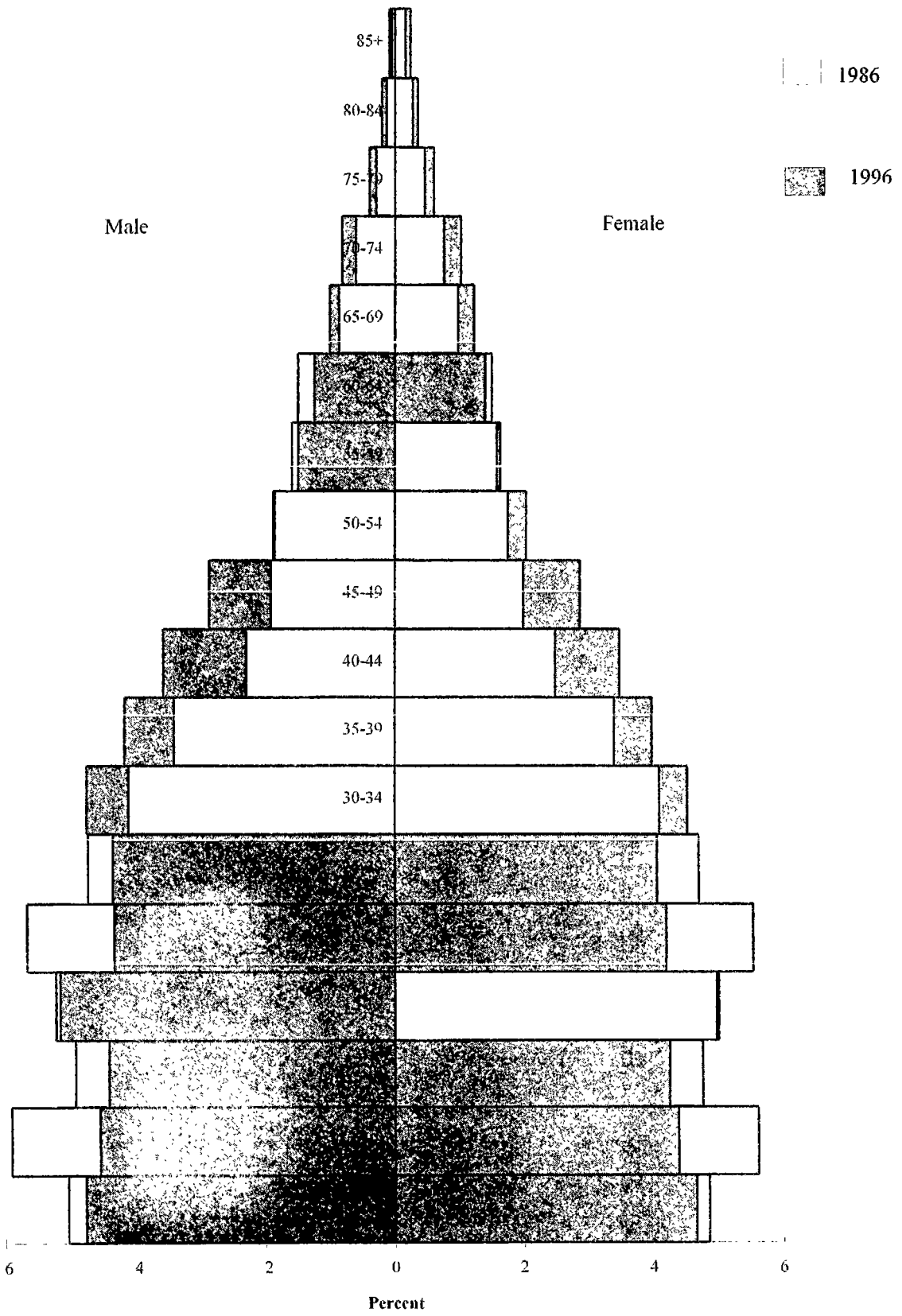


Table 5(a) - Population, vital statistics and vital rates - Republic of Mauritius¹, 1987 - 1996²

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 ³	Divorce rate ⁴
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	762	20.3	6.8	19.6	14.9	21.1	1.4
1994	1,112,607	21,795	7,402	394	274	11,414	733	19.6	6.7	18.1	12.4	20.5	1.3
1995	1,122,118	20,549	7,465	404	299	10,624	801	18.3	6.7	19.7	14.3	18.9	1.4
1996	1,133,551	20,763	7,670	459	266	10,697	...	18.3	6.8	22.1	12.6	18.9	...

¹ excluding Agalega & Saint Brandon.

² vital statistics and vital rates for the year 1996 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

... not available

Table 5(b) - Population, vital statistics and vital rates - Island of Mauritius, 1987 - 1996¹

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 ²
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
1995	1,087,343	19,824	7,298	388	297	10,430	18.2	6.7	19.6	14.8	19.2
1996	1,098,668	20,049	7,508	445	264	10,499	18.2	6.8	22.2	13.0	19.1

¹ vital statistics and vital rates for the year 1996 are provisional

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

Table 5(c) - Population, vital statistics and vital rates - Island of Rodrigues, 1987 - 1996¹

Year	Vital statistics						Vital rates ²				
	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 ³
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	20.5	4.7	21.1	4.2	11.7
1995	34,775	725	167	16	2	194	20.9	4.8	20.6	3.2	11.4
1996	34,883	714	162	14	2	198	20.5	4.6	19.6	2.8	11.4

¹ vital statistics and vital rates for the year 1996 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 1996 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, 1996

District	Population Mid year	Live births		Deaths		Infant deaths		Still births		Marriages	
		Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Port Louis	136,738	2,560	18.7	1,095	8.0	63	24.6	33	12.7	980	14.3
Pamplemousses	112,134	2,129	19.0	726	6.5	53	24.9	38	17.5	1,255	22.4
Riviere du Rempart	94,281	1,858	19.7	577	6.1	33	17.8	19	10.1	1,153	24.5
Flacq	120,338	2,420	20.1	733	6.1	46	19.0	36	14.7	1,502	25.0
Grand Port	103,544	1,987	19.2	701	6.8	53	26.7	29	14.4	1,111	21.5
Savanne	64,268	1,177	18.3	396	6.2	26	22.1	9	7.6	624	19.4
Plaines Wilhems	345,848	5,672	16.4	2,515	7.3	117	20.6	61	10.6	2,735	15.8
Moka	71,164	1,234	17.3	455	6.4	24	19.4	24	19.1	549	15.4
Black River	50,353	1,012	20.1	310	6.2	30	29.6	15	14.6	590	23.4
Island of Mauritius	1,098,668	20,049	18.2	7,508	6.8	445	22.2	264	13.0	10,499	19.1
Island of Rodrigues	34,883	714	20.5	162	4.6	14	19.6	2	2.8	198	11.4
Republic of Mauritius	1,133,551	20,763	18.3	7,670	6.8	459	22.1	266	12.6	10,697	18.9

Table 7 - Live births registered by district and month - Republic of Mauritius, 1996

District	Year	Month											
		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Port Louis	2,560	232	190	213	253	216	272	244	223	169	220	164	164
Pamplemousses	2,129	197	174	160	183	172	171	190	194	188	171	157	172
Riviere du Rempart	1,858	163	162	135	143	157	150	157	161	202	170	124	134
Flacq	2,420	233	162	197	199	214	189	230	209	224	203	166	194
Grand Port	1,987	189	158	167	170	166	154	161	200	167	166	128	161
Savanne	1,177	115	78	102	118	92	84	125	95	94	93	89	92
Plaines Wilhems	5,672	540	391	450	491	489	479	539	489	487	489	407	421
Moka	1,234	114	94	81	101	107	91	109	119	114	131	91	82
Black River	1,012	82	74	87	98	103	88	87	80	80	85	74	74
Island of Mauritius	20,049	1,865	1,483	1,592	1,756	1,716	1,678	1,842	1,770	1,725	1,728	1,400	1,494
Island of Rodrigues	714	67	47	64	61	57	56	76	61	53	58	51	63
Republic of Mauritius	20,763	1,932	1,530	1,656	1,817	1,773	1,734	1,918	1,831	1,778	1,786	1,451	1,557

Table 8 - Deaths registered by district and month - Republic of Mauritius, 1996

District	Year	Month											
		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Port Louis	1,095	89	84	86	91	78	86	93	113	107	92	76	100
Pamplemousses	726	69	63	56	42	59	60	66	83	61	56	57	54
Riviere du Rempart	577	43	55	35	36	63	38	59	49	58	41	46	54
Flacq	733	66	39	60	46	69	70	77	64	59	66	60	57
Grand Port	701	58	57	49	46	60	51	71	76	63	49	50	71
Savanne	396	33	25	33	30	38	23	37	32	54	29	29	33
Plaines Wilhems	2,515	204	201	201	179	176	227	268	246	202	216	203	192
Moka	455	49	29	33	28	33	41	38	49	36	39	45	35
Black River	310	20	25	16	23	27	23	38	21	37	32	19	29
Island of Mauritius	7,508	631	578	569	521	603	619	747	733	677	620	585	625
Island of Rodrigues	162	14	13	9	7	9	14	11	18	19	19	10	19
Republic of Mauritius	7,670	645	591	578	528	612	633	758	751	696	639	595	644

Table 9 - Infant deaths registered by district and month - Republic of Mauritius, 1996

District	Year	Month											
		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Port Louis	63	4	7	6	4	8	5	-	3	7	7	7	5
Pamplemousses	53	4	6	11	3	3	3	4	8	3	2	3	3
Riviere du Rempart	33	1	4	2	5	5	3	1	2	3	2	1	4
Flacq	46	1	2	2	5	4	5	5	4	2	11	4	1
Grand Port	53	3	2	3	6	3	4	3	12	3	1	4	9
Savanne	26	1	-	2	2	3	2	3	4	4	2	2	1
Plaines Wilhems	117	12	14	12	17	6	10	10	11	7	6	6	6
Moka	24	2	4	3	2	2	1	2	3	1	1	1	2
Black River	30	2	3	4	2	5	4	1	1	1	2	3	2
Island of Mauritius	445	30	42	45	46	39	37	29	48	31	34	31	33
Island of Rodrigues	14	1	2	2	1	2	-	-	-	2	1	-	3
Republic of Mauritius	459	31	44	47	47	41	37	29	48	33	35	31	36

Table 10 - Still births registered by district and month - Republic of Mauritius, 1996

District	Year	Month												
		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Port Louis	33	-	4	3	4	3	2	3	5	-	2	2	2	5
Pamplemousses	38	2	3	4	1	3	4	1	5	3	4	5	5	3
Riviere du Rempart	19	-	5	2	2	1	-	2	-	4	-	1	-	2
Flacq	36	6	2	2	2	4	2	3	2	5	5	1	2	2
Grand Port	29	3	1	1	2	4	4	3	5	-	2	1	3	3
Savanne	9	-	1	-	1	2	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Plaines Wilhems	61	4	4	8	6	4	5	10	6	3	1	4	6	6
Moka	24	1	3	1	1	-	3	3	6	-	5	1	-	-
Black River	15	-	3	1	2	1	1	-	2	-	2	1	2	2
Island of Mauritius	264	16	26	22	21	22	23	26	32	16	21	16	23	23
Island of Rodrigues	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Republic of Mauritius	266	16	26	22	21	22	24	26	33	16	21	16	23	23

Table 11 - Marriages registered by district and month - Republic of Mauritius, 1996

District	Year	Month											
		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Port Louis	980	42	45	70	81	80	101	101	123	83	73	91	90
Pamplemousses	1,255	51	69	73	115	120	116	108	110	107	135	142	109
Riviere du Rempart	1,153	53	82	67	102	90	96	108	98	103	110	128	116
Flacq	1,502	55	80	79	168	147	132	124	112	132	116	179	178
Grand Port	1,111	75	71	55	101	101	88	92	101	80	85	142	120
Savanne	624	26	27	45	59	61	43	50	59	49	50	91	64
Plaines Wilhems	2,735	133	134	130	256	225	250	254	308	233	247	308	257
Moka	549	35	24	20	68	46	38	43	55	44	45	67	64
Black River	590	45	32	21	45	56	42	51	46	49	69	74	60
Island of Mauritius	10,499	515	564	560	995	926	906	931	1,012	880	930	1,222	1,058
Island of Rodrigues	198	12	10	8	13	15	11	19	15	25	25	22	23
Republic of Mauritius	10,697	527	574	568	1,008	941	917	950	1,027	905	955	1,244	1,081