

Business Activity Statistics, 1999

Introduction

Business Activity Statistics refers to all activities, the conduct of which requires that the operator either obtains a licence from the Local Authorities (Municipalities and District Councils) or a registration with a government department or authority. Excluded therefore are all illegal activities carried out without a licence or registration.

It must also be pointed out that the statistics on business activity refer to the total number of activities and not the total number of operation units or establishments. An analysis of the data on licences and registrations as well as new issues and cancellations, provides useful information on trends in business activities.

2. Concepts

An operator is required to obtain a licence from the Local Authorities for each type of activity carried out at a single location. For example, a general retailer may hold three licences: one for trading in foodstuffs, a second for sale of tobacco and a third for sale of liquor. This operator will therefore be assigned three activities.

In some cases, an operator has obtained a licence from the Local Authority and is also registered with a particular organisation, for example, EPZ and ESZ operators. In order to avoid double counting, such activities have been excluded from licences and included in registrations only. Licence statistics as obtained from the local authorities are given at Tables 1 and 2. The adjusted licence and registration data are given in Tables 3 to 5.

3. Data sources

The main data sources for the compilation of business activity statistics are:

- Municipalities and District Councils – Delivery of business licences
- Ministry of Commerce and Industry - Issue of Export Certificates to Enterprises (EPZ, ESZ)
- National Transport Authority - Issue of public transport licences
- Ministry of Education - Registration of pre-primary and other private schools
- Ministry of Social Security - Registration of employers
- Medical/Bar Council – Registration of medical practitioners and lawyers

- Mauritius Freeport Authority – Registration of companies operating in the Freeport
- Mauritius Offshore Business Activities Authority – Registration of Offshore companies

4. Classification and presentation of data

Each activity has been assigned an activity code according to the National Standard Industrial Classification of Economic Activities, NSIC, which is an adapted version of the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC), Revision 3, 1990. Details on level of classification are given at Annex.

Tables 1 to 5.1 present summary tables by main section headings. Detailed data by activity level (2-5 digit level) are given in Tables 5.2 to 5.7.

5. Analysis of data

5.1 Number of licences delivered, July 1998 to June 1999

During the year 1999, 4,957 new licences were issued by the Local Authorities of which 3,169 for ‘Wholesale & Retail Trade’; 502 for ‘Other community, social & personal services’; 470 for ‘Transport, storage & communications’; 323 for ‘Hotels & restaurants’ and 247 for ‘Manufacturing’. As for the same period, 1,299 licences were cancelled, the net addition works out to 3,658.

The total number of licences as at June 1999 stood at 60,042 which represents an increase of 6.5% over June 1998 (56,384).

5.2 Licences and registrations, 1999

Licences and registrations together totalled 75,842 which compared to 71,702 in 1998, show a net addition of 4,140 or a rise of 5.8% over 1998. The number of business activities which were licensed and registered in 1999, stood at 54,780 and 21,062 respectively. Corresponding figures for 1998 are 51,603 and 20,099.

Wholesale and retail trade with 40,163 activities or 53%, constituted the largest percentage of total activities, followed by Transport, storage & communications with 13,902 or 18.3%. Hotel and restaurants, on the other hand with 6,529, accounted for 8.6% and Manufacturing with 4,659 for 6.1%. ‘Real estate, renting and business activities’ and ‘Other community, social and personal services’ had more or less equal share, each around 3.7%.

Compared to the previous year, the activity which registered the highest percentage rise was ‘Other community, social and personal services’, +17.2% followed by ‘Wholesale & retail trade’, + 6.5%. More details are given in Table 4.

5.3 Distribution by district

The distribution of activities by geographical district and rural/urban region is given at Table 5.1.

In 1999, there were 38,485 activities licensed or registered in the rural districts as compared to 37,353 in the urban ones. Analysis of the data at section level reveals a predominance of mining, quarrying, hotels and restaurants activities in the rural areas as such activities are mainly carried out in the coastal regions. Passenger transport and some personal services which could be associated with hotels followed the same trend.

The table below shows comparative figures for rural and urban regions in respect of industry groups mentioned above.

	Rural	Urban
Mining & quarrying	192	1
Hotels & restaurants	4581	1948
Transport, storage and communications	7595	6307
Other community, social and personal services	1773	1176

Table 1 - Evolution of licences between July 1998 and June 1999

NSIC (Rev 3) Section	Activity	Number			
		1998	July 1998 to June 1999 Issued	Cancelled	1999
C	Total	56,384	4,957	1,299	60,042
C	Mining and quarrying (sand & salt)	191	1	-	192
D	Manufacturing	3,633	247	55	3,825
E	Electricity	-	-	-	-
F	Construction	500	46	11	535
G	Wholesale and retail trade	37,225	3,169	869	39,525
H	Hotels and restaurants	6,364	323	158	6,529
I	Transport, storage and communications	3,825	470	71	4,224
J	Financial intermediation and insurance	300	11	10	301
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	1,410	146	49	1,507
M	Education	154	38	4	188
N	Health and social work	270	4	3	271
O	Other community, social and personal services	2,512	502	69	2,945

Table 2 - Licences by activity and district as at June 1999

Number

NSIC (Rev 3) section	Activity	Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Pamp./ R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne	All districts
	Total	12,454	15,760	10,115	10,836	3,197	7,680	60,042
C	Mining and quarrying (sand and salt)	-	-	125	38	6	23	192
D	Manufacturing	912	1,109	535	552	179	538	3,825
E	Electricity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F	Construction	115	254	37	62	23	44	535
G	Wholesale and retail trade	8,414	11,443	7,115	6,594	1,537	4,422	39,525
H	Hotels and restaurants	725	1,223	1,279	1,599	415	1,288	6,529
I	Transport, storage and communications	877	493	445	903	616	890	4,224
J	Financial intermediation and insurance	124	56	38	38	6	39	301
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	697	238	174	91	250	57	1,507
M	Education	64	85	7	24	4	4	188
N	Health and social work	80	133	11	24	4	19	271
O	Other community, social and personal services	446	726	349	911	157	356	2,945

Table 3 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by activity as at June, 1998 and 1999

Number

NSIC (Rev 3) Section	Activity	1998			1999		
		Licences	Registrations	Total	Licences	Registrations	Total
C	Total	51,603	20,099	71,702	54,780	21,062	75,842
C	Mining and quarrying (sand & salt)	191	1	192	192	1	193
D	Manufacturing	3,633	784	4,417	3,825	834	4,659
E	Electricity	-	4	4	-	4	4
F	Construction	-	2,355	2,355	-	2,446	2,446
G	Wholesale and retail trade	37,225	492	37,717	39,525	638	40,163
H	Hotels and restaurants	6,364	-	6,364	6,529	-	6,529
I	Transport, storage and communications	585	12,788	13,373	618	13,284	13,902
J	Financial intermediation and insurance	300	19	319	301	20	321
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	722	1,887	2,609	774	2,030	2,804
M	Education	-	1,217	1,217	-	1,246	1,246
N	Health and social work	71	547	618	72	554	626
O	Other community, social and personal services	2,512	5	2,517	2,944	5	2,949

¹ Adjusted - some activities are both licensed and registered. To avoid double counting such activities are included under registrations only.

Table 4 - Net change in total number of licences¹ and registrations by activity as at June 1999

NSIC section (Rev 3)	Activity	1998		1999		Net change	
		Total	Number	Total	Number	%	
C	Mining and quarrying	71,702	75,842	4,140	4,140	5.8	
D	Manufacturing	192	193	1	1	0.5	
E	Electricity	4,417	4,659	242	242	5.5	
F	Construction	4	4	-	-	-	
G	Wholesale & retail trade	2,355	2,446	91	91	3.9	
H	Hotels and restaurants	37,717	40,163	2,446	2,446	6.5	
I	Transport, storage and communications	6,364	6,529	165	165	2.6	
J	Financial intermediation and insurance	13,373	13,902	529	529	4.0	
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	319	321	2	2	0.6	
M	Education	2,609	2,804	195	195	7.5	
N	Health and social work	1,217	1,246	29	29	2.4	
O	Other community, social and personal services	618	626	8	8	1.3	
		2,517	2,949	432	432	17.2	

¹ Adjusted

Table 5.1 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 1999

Number

NSIC section (Rev 3)	Activity	Total	Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Urban	Pamp./ R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne	Rural	All districts
C	Mining and quarrying (sand and salt)	16,156	21,201	37,357	13,930	13,122	2,777	8,656	38,485	75,842	193
D	Manufacturing	1,147	1,392	2,539	661	660	207	592	2,120	4,659	8
E	Electricity	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	4	4	4
F	Construction	408	1,006	1,414	340	412	56	224	1,032	2,446	8
G	Wholesale and retail trade	8,940	11,510	20,450	7,138	6,602	1,539	4,434	19,713	40,163	
H	Hotels and restaurants	725	1,223	1,948	1,279	1,599	415	1,288	4,581	6,529	
I	Transport, storage and communications	2,711	3,596	6,307	3,550	2,390	288	1,367	7,595	13,902	
J	Financial intermediation and insurance	141	56	197	41	38	6	39	124	321	
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	1,305	873	2,178	207	248	59	112	626	2,804	
M	Education	199	458	657	204	177	32	176	589	1,246	
N	Health and social work	131	359	490	35	45	12	44	136	626	
O	Other community, social and personal services	448	728	1,176	349	911	157	356	1,773	2,949	

¹ Adjusted

Table 5.2 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 1999- Manufacturing

NSIC (Rev 3) section	Activity							Number	
		Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Pamp./ R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne	All districts	
15 & 16	Food product, beverages and tobacco	131	141	66	65	26	69	498	
17 & 18	Textiles and wearing apparel	198	409	175	206	38	222	1,248	
19	Tanning and dressing of leather & footwear	10	22	10	6	-	3	51	
20, 36101- 36109	Wood product including furniture	138	265	88	106	24	88	709	
21,22	Paper product, publishing and printing	145	70	18	27	16	13	289	
23	Manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products,..etc	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	
24	Chemicals and chemical products	29	14	5	2	8	1	59	
25	Rubber and plastic products	70	38	30	18	6	25	187	
26	Non-metallic mineral products	17	16	19	12	13	9	86	
27, 28, 29	Basic & fabricated metals and machinery, n.e.c	89	185	96	75	28	67	540	
30000	Office equipment	15	5	-	-	-	-	20	
31,32	Electrical machinery, apparatus, radio & tv equipment	25	14	9	2	-	4	54	
33	Medical optical instrument, watches and clocks	3	13	7	10	-	1	34	
34, 35	Motor vehicles, trailers and other transport equipment	8	2	-	-	3	-	13	
36911- 36919	Jewellery and related products	133	117	66	97	4	62	479	
36920- 36999	Manufacturing, n.e.c.	131	79	71	34	40	28	383	
37	Recycling	5	1	2	-	-	-	8	

¹ Adjusted

Table 5.3 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 1999- Wholesale and retail trade

NSIC (Rev 3) section	Activity	Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Pamp / R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne	All districts	Number
	Total	8,940	11,510	7,138	6,602	1,539	4,434	40,163	- 10 -
501,502	Sale and repairs of motor vehicles	101	129	40	25	21	18	334	
503	Sale of motor vehicle spare parts and accessories	241	149	58	76	9	36	569	
504	Sale and repairs of motorcycles/spare parts	112	124	125	143	15	123	642	
505	Retail sale of automotive fuel (filling station)	22	37	28	25	5	25	142	
51	Wholesaler/Commission Agent except of motor vehicles	1,533	599	211	331	79	157	2,910	
5211	General retailer foodstuff and non-foodstuff	731	1,381	1,113	430	196	978	4,829	
5219	General retailer non-foodstuff (non-specialised)	1,482	1,561	676	610	108	352	4,789	
5220	Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco	1,421	2,397	1,429	1,962	426	1,024	8,659	
5231	Retail sale of pharmaceutical goods	44	87	23	24	6	21	205	
5232	Retail sale of textiles and footwear	322	300	45	11	4	92	774	
5233	Retail sale of household appliances	137	102	36	62	6	42	385	
5234	Retail of hardware, paints and glass	232	215	142	99	19	108	815	
5235	Sale of furniture	37	149	115	86	8	89	484	
5236	Bookshop	39	76	32	25	4	16	192	
5237	Jewellers shop	38	31	24	7	8	1	109	
5239	Retail sale in specialised stores, e.g. florist	153	378	289	199	47	150	1,216	
5240	Retail sale of second-hand goods in stores	16	4	1	1	-	1	23	
5252	Retail at market place and fairs	724	3,271	1,908	1,510	261	177	7,851	
5259	Hawkers, street vendors and mobile victualler	1,434	386	805	848	297	998	4,768	
5260	Repair of personal and household goods	121	134	38	128	20	26	467	

¹ Adjusted

Table 5.4 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 1999. Hotels and restaurants

NSIC (Rev 3) section	Activity	Number					
		Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Pamp./ R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne
	Total	725	1,223	1,279	1,599	415	1,288
55101 - 55109	Hotels and boarding houses	30	55	106	21	20	23
55201 - 55202	Restaurants	73	136	127	79	55	39
55203	Bars	230	489	563	883	167	807
55204 - 55209	Tea hotels and other eating places	392	543	483	616	173	419
							2,626

**Table 5.5 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 1999
Transport, storage and communications**

NSIC (Rev 3) section	Activity	Number					
		Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Pamp./ R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne
	Total	2,711	3,596	3,550	2,390	288	1,367
60211 - 60219	Land transport: Bus	479	1,401	697	479	33	323
60221	Taxi car	840	1,203	944	1,145	172	574
60231 - 60239	Goods vehicles (lorry and van)	990	903	1,831	738	49	438
63010 - 63030 & 63090	Supporting and auxiliary transport activities (cargo handling, storage etc)	257	45	24	20	25	24
63041 - 63042	Travel agencies	143	44	54	8	9	8
64	Post and telecommunications	2	-	-	-	-	2

¹ Adjusted

Table 5.6 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 1999
Financial intermediation, real estate and business activities

NSIC (Rev 3) section	Activity	Total	Number					
			Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Pamp./ R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne
65	Financial intermediation except insurance & pension funding (banks)	1,446	929	248	286	65	151	3,125
66	Insurance and pension funding except compulsory social security	53	44	30	25	5	30	187
67	Activities auxiliary to financial intermediation (e.g. stockbrokers)	75	12	8	10	1	9	115
70	Real estate activities	13	-	3	3	-	-	19
71	Renting of machinery and equipment (e.g contract cars)	61	80	17	14	4	13	189
72	Computer and related activities	441	616	154	205	38	78	1,532
74111	Attorney	34	14	2	-	4	1	55
74112	Notary	120	-	-	-	-	-	120
74113	Barrister	53	-	-	-	-	-	53
74121 & 74122	Accounting and Tax consultancy	214	-	-	-	-	-	214
74140	Business and management consultancy activities	43	10	1	-	-	-	54
74211	Engineer	109	23	6	3	2	-	143
74212 & 74213	Quantity and Land surveyors	11	7	1	-	-	-	19
74214	Architect	44	19	1	3	-	-	67
74220	Motor surveyors	14	9	-	1	1	-	25
74300	Advertising	31	11	-	-	3	-	45
749	Business activities, n.e.c	41	15	2	2	2	-	62
		89	69	23	20	5	20	226

¹ Adjusted

Table 5.7 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 1999
Community, social and personal services

NSIC (Rev 3) section	Activity							Number All districts
		Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Pamp./ R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne	
80101	Total	778	1,544	589	1,133	201	576	4,821
80101	Pre-Primary	131	326	185	141	30	168	981
80102	Primary	-	5	2	2	-	-	9
80210	Secondary	1	2	1	1	-	-	5
80220	Vocational training centre	41	73	7	17	-	3	141
80901 - 80909	Adult & other education (e.g driving school)	26	52	9	16	2	5	110
85121 - 85122	Medical practitioner	84	224	19	34	12	35	408
85123	Dentist	20	99	13	9	-	5	146
85124 - 85320	Other health services	27	35	4	2	-	4	72
90	Sewage and refuse disposal, sanitation and similar activities	1	-	1	1	1	9	13
91	Activities of membership organisations n.e.c	2	9	4	7	3	2	27
92	Recreational cultural & sporting activities	247	341	220	788	115	228	1,939
93	Other service activities	198	378	124	115	38	117	970

¹ Adjusted

National Standard Industrial Classification of Economic Activities (NSIC) Explanation

Each type of activity has been classified according to the National Standard classification of Economic Activities, NSIC, which is an adapted version of the International Standard Classification (ISIC) Revisions of 1990.

Structure and coding system of the NSIC:-

The NSIC consists of 5 levels of classification namely:

- Level 1: Section (17 Sections) identified by one of the letters A to Q.
- Level 2: Division (56 divisions) identified by the first 2 digits
- Level 3: Group (151 groups) identified by the first 3 digits
- Level 4: Classes (304 classes) identified by the first 4 digits
- Level 5: Sub class (510 sub classes) identified by the 5 digits

There are 17 sections which are as follows:

A	Agriculture, Hunting and Forestry	01 and 02
B	Fishing	05
C	Mining and Quarrying	10 to 14
D	Manufacturing	15 to 37
E	Electricity, Gas and Water supply	40 to 41
F	Construction	45
G	Wholesale and retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles and Personal and Household goods	50 to 52
H	Hotels and Restaurants	55
I	Transport, Storage and Communications	60 to 64
J	Financial Intermediation	65 to 67

K	Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities	70 to 74
L	Public Administration and Defence; Compulsory Social Security	75
M	Education	80
N	Health and Social Work	85
O	Other Community, Social And Personal Service	90 to 93
P	Private Households with Employed Persons	95
Q	Extra-Territorial Organisations and Bodies	99

An example of the NSIC code for the “Manufacture of bread” is given below:

The code for Manufacture of Bread is 15411 where,

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| First 2 digits - 15 Indicate the Division | - Manufacture of food products and beverages. |
| First 3 digits - 154 - Indicate the Group | - Manufacture of other food products. |
| First 4 digits - 1541 - Indicate the Class | - Manufacture of bakery products. |
| The 5 digits - 15411 - Indicate the Sub-class - Manufacture of bread. | |