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LABOUR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT YEAR 2000

1. INTRODUCTION

This publication consists of a set of estimates of labour force, employment and unemployment. All the data presented here relate to the Republic of Mauritius (including Rodrigues) and are mid-year estimates. Figures for the year 2000 are provisional, and those for 1999 are revised estimates.

2. COVERAGE

The population considered in estimating the size of the Mauritian labour force comprises all Mauritian residents aged 12 years and above.

Employment figures comprise employment in large establishments, that is those employing 10 or more persons, as well as employment outside the large establishments. Own-account workers are covered in employment outside the large establishments. To show a complete picture of the total size of the workforce, foreigners working on contractual basis in Mauritius have also been included.

3. SOURCES OF DATA

Estimates of labour force (total of all persons at work as well as those looking for work) have been worked out using activity rates derived from the 1995 Labour Force Sample Survey (LFSS) and annual mid-year estimates of population size by age group.

Mid-year estimates of employment in large establishments are averages of the March and September figures obtained from the recurrent surveys of employment and earnings carried out by the office. Employment in establishments other than those covered by the recurrent surveys has been estimated on the basis of (i) the 1995 Labour Force Sample Survey, (ii) the 1997 Census of Economic Activities in small establishments, (iii) administrative records of permits and licenses and (iv) area under cultivation in the agricultural sector.

4. LABOUR FORCE

The size of the Mauritian labour force is estimated by applying age-sex specific activity rates to the population figures. These rates have been worked out on the basis of data available from the 1995 LFSS (Table 1).

The total labour force (including 14,600 foreigners) is estimated at 542,000 at mid-2000, showing an increase of 11,300 (2.1%) over the 1999 figure of 530,700. The male labour force stood at 352,400 while the female labour force numbered 189,600, showing respectively increases of 5,900 (1.7%) and 5,400 (2.9%) from their levels in 1999. Table 2 gives further details by age group since 1998.

5. EMPLOYMENT LEVEL

Total employment has increased by 4,000 (0.8%) over the 1999 figure of 495,800, to reach 499,800 in 2000. Foreign workers numbering 14,600 in 2000 and 12,900 in 1999 are included in the estimates.

Total male employment is estimated to have increased by 0.3%, that is, from 331,700 in 1999 to 332,800 in 2000. Female employment grew by 1.8% to reach 167,000 as compared to 164,100 estimated for 1999 (Table 3).

Employment level in large establishments decreased by 400 (0.1%) from 297,400 in 1999 to 297,000 in 2000.

Estimates of employment outside the large establishments indicate an increase of 4,400 (2.2%) workers in 2000. The number of persons engaged in that sector rose from 198,400 in 1999 to reach 202,800 in 2000 (Table 4).

6. UNEMPLOYMENT

The number of unemployed persons (those not working but looking for work) was obtained as the difference of the estimated total number of persons working in the different sectors and the total labour force. This estimate stood at 42,200 (19,600 males and 22,600 females) at mid-2000. The unemployment rate (number of unemployed persons as a percentage of the Mauritian labour force) was estimated at 8.0% in 2000, the rates being 5.6% for males and 12.6 % for females (Table 5).

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Table 1 - Activity rates by age-group and sex , 1998 - 2000

Age (years)	MALE			FEMALE		
	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000
12 - 14	5.1	4.3	4.2	2.0	1.5	1.4
15 - 19	34.0	31.7	31.1	19.9	18.4	18.0
20 - 24	88.1	86.9	85.9	51.2	51.5	51.6
25 - 29	95.5	95.5	95.6	46.6	47.1	47.4
30 - 34	96.6	96.8	97.0	49.0	50.0	50.6
35 - 39	97.1	97.3	97.5	57.2	58.5	59.3
40 - 44	96.6	96.8	97.0	54.6	55.8	56.5
45 - 49	95.6	95.8	96.0	47.6	48.6	49.3
50 - 54	92.7	92.9	93.1	40.0	40.8	41.4
55 - 59	84.4	84.7	85.0	30.8	31.4	31.7
60 - 64	36.2	36.6	37.0	9.5	9.5	9.5
65 - 69	26.9	27.0	27.0	7.4	7.4	7.4
70 - 74	14.1	14.0	14.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
75 and above	10.1	9.8	9.8	0.9	0.9	0.9
12 and above	74.2	74.3	74.6	37.2	37.8	38.2
15 and above	78.8	78.9	79.2	39.4	40.0	40.5

Table 2 - Labour force by age group and sex , 1998 - 2000 (in thousands)

Age (years)	MALE			FEMALE		
	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000
12 - 14	1.5	1.2	1.2	0.5	0.4	0.4
15 - 19	19.4	17.5	16.3	11.1	9.9	9.1
20 - 24	47.1	47.9	48.7	26.6	27.7	28.7
25 - 29	45.1	46.2	46.4	20.6	21.5	22.0
30 - 34	51.7	50.4	49.8	24.8	24.6	24.3
35 - 39	48.2	50.0	50.8	27.2	28.7	29.6
40 - 44	41.4	42.6	44.4	22.6	23.9	25.0
45 - 49	35.0	36.6	37.2	17.4	18.4	19.0
50 - 54	22.8	23.9	25.6	10.5	11.2	12.0
55 - 59	14.2	15.3	16.2	5.8	6.3	6.7
60 - 64	5.4	5.3	5.5	1.6	1.6	1.7
65 - 69	2.9	3.0	3.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
70 - 74	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
75 and above	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.1
Mauritian labour force	336.8	342.1	347.4	170.2	175.7	180.0
Foreign labour force	3.7	4.4	5.0	6.3	8.5	9.6
Total labour force	340.5	346.5	352.4	176.5	184.2	189.6

Table 3 - Employment¹ by industry and sex, 1997 - 2000

(thousands)

Industry	1997			1998			1999 ²			2000 ³		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	Agriculture & fishing of which sugar cane	43.5 (24.6)	15.8 (9.3)	59.3 (33.9)	42.2 (23.5)	15.5 (9.2)	57.7 (32.7)	41.0 (22.3)	14.3 (8.6)	55.3 (30.9)	40.3 (21.6)	14.0 (7.7)
Mining & quarrying	1.3	0.1	1.4	1.3	0.1	1.4	1.3	0.1	1.4	1.3	0.1	1.4
Manufacturing of which sugar EPZ	70.3 (4.3) (25.4)	66.4 (0.1) (55.9)	136.7 (4.4) (81.3)	74.1 (4.0) (27.7)	69.9 (0.1) (59.0)	144.0 (4.1) (86.7)	75.3 (3.86) (29.5)	72.5 (0.04) (60.8)	147.8 (3.90) (90.3)	75.3 (3.33) (29.1)	72.5 (0.04) (60.2)	147.8 (3.37) (89.3)
Electricity & water	3.1	0.2	3.3	3.1	0.2	3.3	3.0	0.2	3.2	2.9	0.2	3.1
Construction	36.6	0.2	36.8	36.6	0.2	36.8	37.4	0.2	37.6	37.2	0.3	37.5
Wholesale & retail trade, restaurants & hotels	52.5	22.8	75.3	54.8	24.5	79.3	56.9	26.4	83.3	58.9	28.1	87.0
Transport, storage, & communication	27.1	2.8	29.9	27.1	3.0	30.1	27.6	3.1	30.7	27.9	3.3	31.2
Financing, insurance, real estate & business services	10.8	5.2	16.0	11.2	5.6	16.8	11.9	5.6	17.5	12.1	5.9	18.0
Community, social and personal services of which : Central government Local government	74.7 (43.4) (5.1)	39.6 (12.6) (0.7)	114.3 (56.0) (5.8)	74.9 (43.3) (4.8)	40.4 (13.2) (0.8)	115.3 (56.5) (5.6)	75.3 (43.1) (5.0)	41.6 (13.5) (0.8)	116.9 (56.6) (5.8)	74.9 (42.1) (5.3)	42.5 (13.5) (0.8)	117.4 (55.6) (6.1)
Activities n.e.c	2.4	0.1	2.5	2.4	0.1	2.5	2.0	0.1	2.1	2.0	0.1	2.1
Total	322.3	153.2	475.5	327.7	159.5	487.2	331.7	164.1	495.8	332.8	167.0	499.8

¹ Employment figures include foreign workers² Revised³ Provisional

Table 4 - Employment¹ by industry and size of establishment, 1997 - 2000

Industry	1997			1998			1999 ²			2000 ³		
	Large	Other	Total	Large	Other	Total	Large	Other	Total	Large	Other	Total
	(thousands)	(thousands)	(thousands)	(thousands)	(thousands)	(thousands)	(thousands)	(thousands)	(thousands)	(thousands)	(thousands)	(thousands)
Agriculture & fishing of which sugar cane	32.8 (29.3)	26.5 (4.6)	59.3 (33.9)	31.1 (28.0)	26.6 (4.7)	57.7 (32.7)	29.3 (26.5)	26 (4.4)	55.3 (30.9)	28.1 (25.0)	26.2 (4.3)	54.3 (29.3)
Mining & quarrying	0.2	1.2	1.4	0.2	1.2	1.4	0.2	1.2	1.4	0.2	1.2	1.4
Manufacturing of which sugar EPZ	105.9 (4.4) (79.9)	30.8 (0.0) (1.4)	136.7 (4.4) (81.3)	112.2 (4.1) (85.3)	31.8 (0.0) (1.4)	144.0 (4.1) (86.7)	114.8 (3.9) (88.7)	33.0 (0.0) (1.6)	147.8 (3.9) (90.3)	114.0 (3.4) (87.7)	33.8 (0.0) (1.6)	147.8 (3.4) (89.3)
Electricity & water	3.3	0.0	3.3	3.3	0.0	3.3	3.2	0.0	3.2	3.1	0.0	3.1
Construction	9.4	27.4	36.8	8.9	27.9	36.8	9.1	28.5	37.6	9.1	28.4	37.5
Wholesale & retail trade, restaurants & hotels	26.3	49.0	75.3	27.9	51.4	79.3	28.8	54.5	83.3	30.3	56.7	87.0
Transport, storage & communication	13.1	14.8	27.9	14.9	15.2	30.1	14.9	15.8	30.7	14.8	16.4	31.2
Financing, insurance, real estate & business services	13.0	3.0	16.0	13.6	3.2	16.8	14.1	3.4	17.5	14.6	3.4	18.0
Community, social and personal services	79.3 (56.0)	35.0 (0.0)	114.3 (56.0)	80.1 (56.5)	35.2 (0.0)	115.3 (56.5)	80.9 (56.6)	36.0 (0.0)	116.9 (56.6)	80.7 (55.6)	36.7 (0.0)	117.4 (55.6)
of which : Central government Local government	(5.8)	(0.0)	(5.8)	(5.6)	(0.0)	(5.6)	(5.8)	(0.0)	(5.8)	(6.1)	(0.0)	(6.1)
Activities n.e.c	2.5	0.0	2.5	2.5	0.0	2.5	2.1	0.0	2.1	2.1	0.0	2.1
Total	487.8	187.7	475.5	294.7	192.5	487.2	297.4	198.4	495.8	297.0	202.8	499.8

¹ Employment figures include foreign workers² Revised³ Provisional

(thousands)

Table 5 - Labour force, Employment and Unemployment, 1992 - 2000

Year	Labour force			Employment ¹			Unemployment	
	Mauritian	Foreign workers	Total	in large establishments ²	outside large establishments	Total	Number	Rate ³ (%)
Both sexes								
1992	448.8	4.1	452.9	291.0	146.9	437.9	15.0	3.3
1993	457.0	6.9	463.9	290.5	155.4	445.9	18.0	3.9
1994	467.5	8.3	475.8	292.7	162.1	454.8	21.0	4.5
1995	475.0	9.8	484.8	289.2	171.3	460.5	24.3	5.1
1996	484.6	8.2	492.8	286.8	179.2	466.0	26.8	5.5
1997	496.2	8.6	504.8	287.8	187.7	475.5	29.3	5.9
1998	507.0	10.0	517.0	294.7	192.5	487.2	29.8	5.9
1999	517.8	12.9	530.7	297.4	198.4	495.8	34.9	6.7
2000	527.4	14.6	542.0	297.0	202.8	499.8	42.2	8.0
Male								
1992	309.8	3.4	313.2	188.4	114.8	303.2	10.0	3.2
1993	313.8	4.9	318.7	187.9	119.8	307.7	11.0	3.5
1994	318.6	5.2	323.8	189.6	122.2	311.8	12.0	3.8
1995	321.7	5.6	327.3	185.7	128.5	314.2	13.1	4.1
1996	326.0	4.2	330.2	184.4	133.2	317.6	12.6	3.9
1997	331.7	3.7	335.4	184.3	138.0	322.3	13.1	3.9
1998	336.8	3.7	340.5	186.4	141.3	327.7	12.8	3.8
1999	342.1	4.4	346.5	187.7	144.0	331.7	14.8	4.3
2000	347.4	5.0	352.4	187.0	145.8	332.8	19.6	5.6
Female								
1992	139.0	0.7	139.7	102.6	32.1	134.7	5.0	3.6
1993	143.2	2.0	145.2	102.6	35.6	138.2	7.0	4.9
1994	148.9	3.1	152.0	103.1	39.9	143.0	9.0	6.0
1995	153.3	4.2	157.5	103.5	42.8	146.3	11.2	7.3
1996	158.6	4.0	162.6	102.4	46.0	148.4	14.2	9.0
1997	164.5	4.9	169.4	103.5	49.7	153.2	16.2	9.8
1998	170.2	6.3	176.5	108.5	51.2	159.5	17.0	10.0
1999	175.7	8.5	184.2	109.7	54.4	164.1	20.1	11.4
2000	180.0	9.6	189.6	110.0	57.0	167.0	22.6	12.6

Note: 2000 figures are provisional

1999 figures are revised estimates

¹ includes foreign workers² Average of March and September figures³ Unemployment total as a percentage of Mauritian labour force

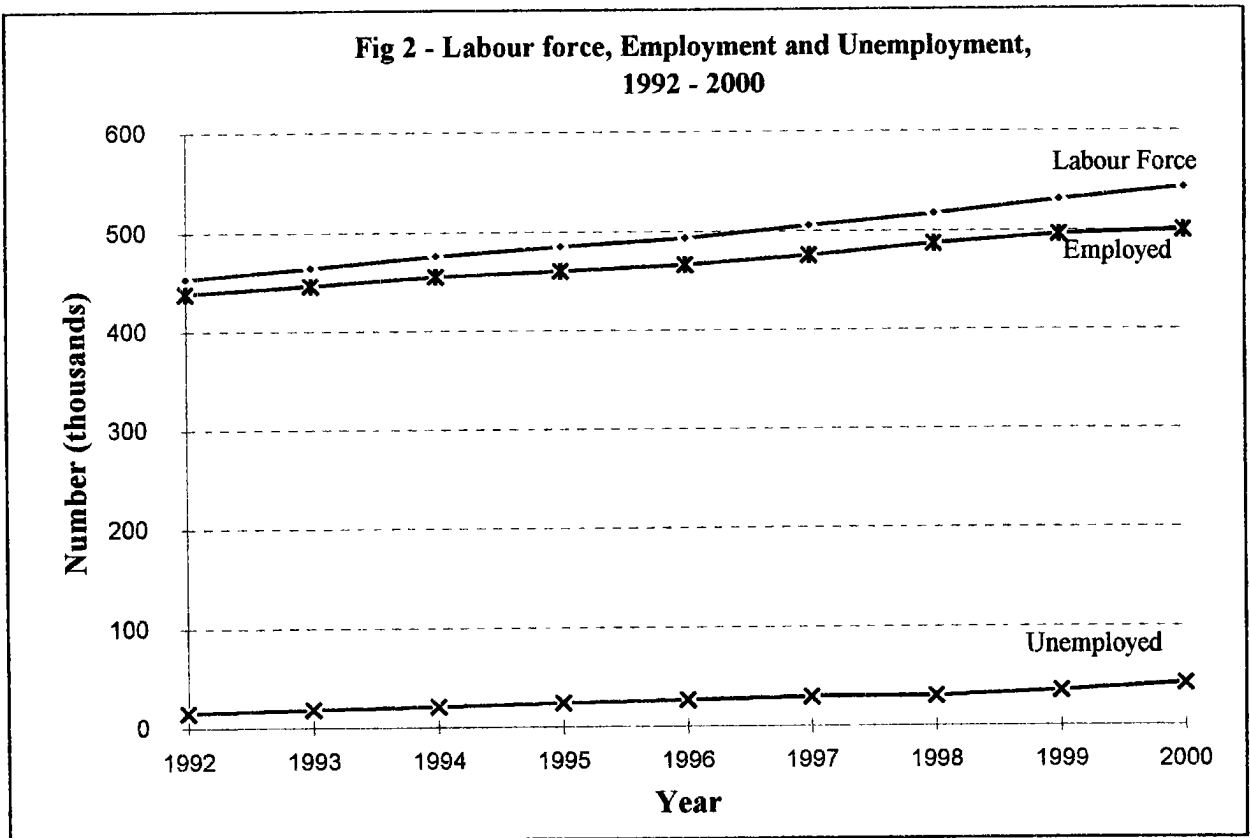
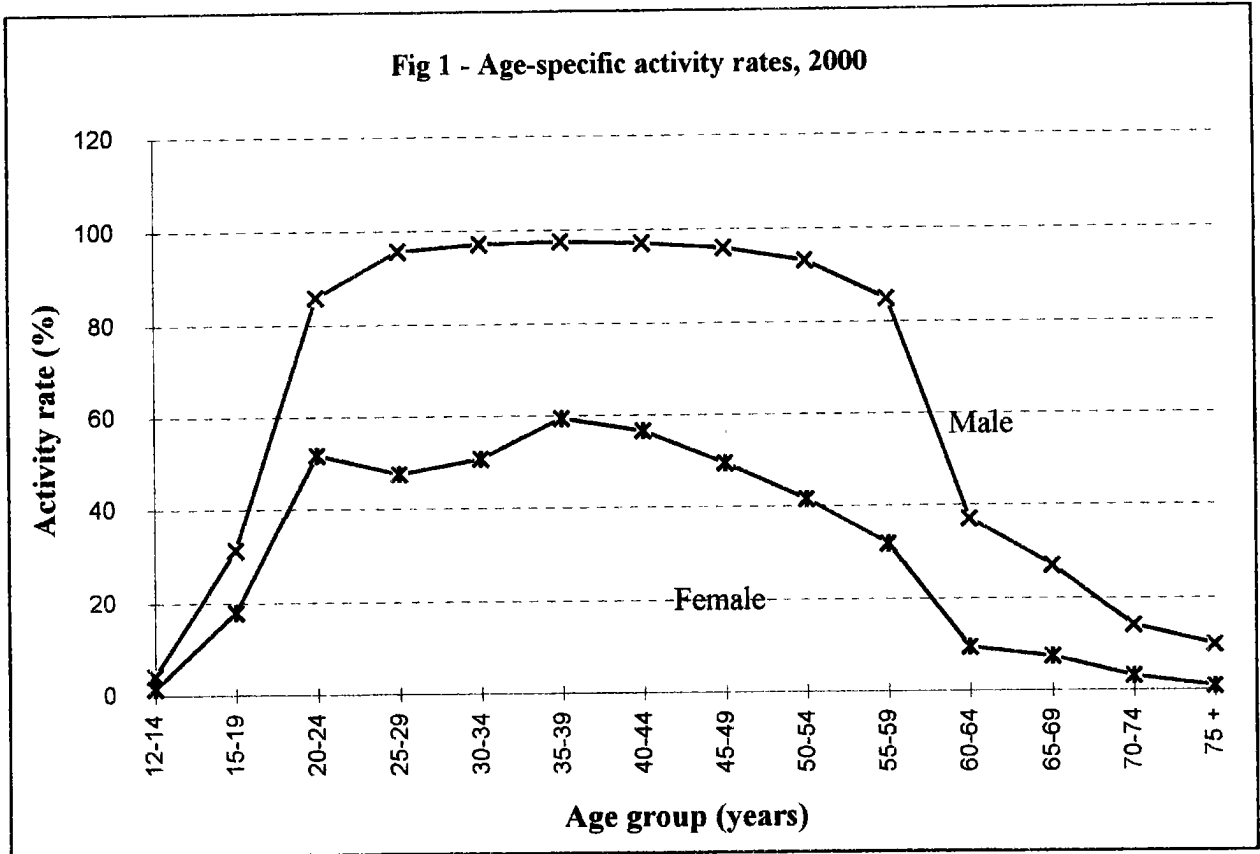


Fig 3 - Employment by size of establishment and sex, 1992-2000



Fig 4 - Employment by industry, 2000

