

Business Activity Statistics, July 1999 to June 2000

Introduction

Business Activity Statistics are compiled mainly from the administrative records of the local authorities and government departments responsible for the delivery of licence permits and registration certificates. Only licensed and registered activities are therefore covered. All illegal activities as well as those the conduct of which do not require any licensing or registration are excluded. Currently, all agricultural related activities are also not covered.

It must also be pointed out that the statistics on business activity refer to the total number of licensed or registered activities and not to the total number of operation units or establishments. For example, a general retailer holding three licences: one for trading in foodstuffs, a second for tobacco and a third for liquor will be assigned three activities.

2. Concepts

An operator is required to obtain a licence from the Municipal or District Councils for each type of activity carried out at any location within their respective boundaries. In some cases, an operator with a valid licence may also be registered with a particular Ministry or organisation. To avoid double counting, such activities have been accounted for in registrations only. Tables 1 and 2 present licence statistics as compiled from information obtained from the local authorities, adjusted licences and registration figures are given in tables 4 to 5.7.

3. Data sources

Data for the compilation of business activity statistics are obtained from the following:

- Licences:**
- Municipalities and District Councils
- Registrations:**
- Ministry of Commerce and Industry - (EPZ, ESZ & Pioneer)
 - National Transport Authority - Public transport
 - Ministry of Education - Private pre-primary and other schools
 - Ministry of Social Security – National Pension Fund's register of employers
 - Medical/Bar Council – Medical practitioners and lawyers
 - Mauritius Freeport Authority
 - Mauritius Offshore Business Activities Authority
 - The Commissioner of Police – Driving schools

4. Classification and presentation of data

To cater for the wide range and diverse business activities and for classification purposes, 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), Rev. 3, 1990. Details on level of classification are given at Annex.

Tables 1 to 5.1 present data by main section headings. Detailed data by activity level (2-5 digit level) are given in Tables 5.2 to 5.7. Time series data for the last five years are given in tables 6 and 7.

5. Analysis of data

5.1 Licence issues and cessations as at June, 2000

Between July 1999 and June 2000, a total of 4,398 new licences were issued as follows: 'Wholesale & Retail Trade', 2,829; 'Other community, social & personal services', 327; 'Transport, storage & communications', 321; 'Hotels & restaurants', 331; and 'Manufacturing', 233. During the same period, 1,549 licences were cancelled, so the net increase works out to 2,849. The total number of licences as at June 2000 therefore stood at 62,891 which compared to (60,042) as at June 1999 represents an increase of 4.7% (Table 1).

5.2 Licences and registrations as at June, 2000

The number of licensed and registered business activities as at June 2000 totalled 79,128 which, compared to 75,842 at the end of June 1999, shows a net addition of 3,286 or 4.3%.

5.3 Licences and registrations by industrial activity

'Wholesale and retail trade' with 42,000 activities representing 53.1% of the total, constituted the largest percentage of activities, followed by 'Transport, storage & communications', 14,448 or 18.3%. The activities in the other groups were: 'Hotels and restaurants', 6,689 or 8.4%; 'Manufacturing', 4,839 or 6.1%; 'Real estate, renting and business activities', 3,465 or 4.4% and 'Other community, social & personal service activities', 2,550 or 3.2%.

The highest increase over the previous year is noted in the construction activity, which was up by 15.1%, and in 'Other community, social and personal services', 11.9%, whereas registration in private education went down by 7.1%. More details are given in Table 4.

5.3 Distribution by rural and urban region

Activities within the Municipal and District Council areas grouped into rural & urban region is given in Table 5.1

Of the 79,128 licence and registered activities, there were 40,539 or 51.2% in the rural areas against 38,589 in the urban ones. Analysis of the data at activity (Section) level shows the predominance of mining and quarrying and hotels & restaurants activities in the rural areas because such activities are mainly carried out in the coastal regions. Transport and some other social & personal services associated with tourist activities followed the same pattern.

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Table 1 - Evolution of licences by NSIC section, July 1999 to June 2000

NSIC (Rev 3) Section	Description	1999 ¹	July 1999 to June 2000		2000 ²
			Issued	Cancelled	
	Total	60,042	4,398	1,549	62,891
C	Mining and quarrying (sand & salt)	192	1	2	191
D	Manufacturing	3,825	233	86	3,972
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	-	-	-	-
F	Construction	535	66	18	583
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles & personal and household goods	39,525	2,829	1,008	41,346
H	Hotels and restaurants	6,529	331	171	6,689
I	Transport, storage and communications	4,224	321	69	4,476
J	Financial intermediation	301	15	5	311
K	Real estate, renting and business activities ¹	2,177	234	129	2,282
M	Education ¹	188	33	3	218
N	Health and social work	271	8	2	277
O	Other community, social and personal service activities ¹	2,275	327	56	2,546

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Table 2 - Licences by NSIC section and region¹ as at June, 2000²

NSIC (Rev 3) Section	Description	Number							
		Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhelms	Pamp./ R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne	Total	
	Total	12,788	16,420	10,777	11,317	3,496	8,093	62,891	
C	Mining and quarrying (sand and salt)	-	-	125	38	5	23	191	
D	Manufacturing	918	1,147	562	587	191	567	3,972	
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
F	Construction	115	276	40	73	30	49	583	
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles & personal and household goods	8,582	11,865	7,611	6,941	1,687	4,660	41,346	
H	Hotels and restaurants	720	1,257	1,351	1,618	423	1,320	6,689	
I	Transport, storage and communications	1,003	507	468	908	679	911	4,476	
J	Financial intermediation	125	61	39	40	7	39	311	
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	784	437	315	264	314	168	2,282	
M	Education	75	98	10	26	5	4	218	
N	Health and social work	81	137	11	24	4	20	277	
O	Other community, social and personal service activities	385	635	245	798	151	332	2,546	

¹As per municipal & district councils boundaries²Provisional

Table 3 - Registrations by NSIC section and region¹ as at June, 2000²

NSIC (Rev 3) Section	Description	Number							
		Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Pamp./ R. Rempart	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne	Total	
	Total	5,001	6,541	4,537	3,398	416	1,935	21,828	
C	Mining and quarrying (sand and salt)	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	
D	Manufacturing	248	287	135	116	27	54	867	
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	-	-	1	2	-	1	4	
F	Construction	461	1,134	385	480	74	281	2,815	
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles & personal and household goods	538	71	23	8	2	13	655	
H	Hotels and restaurants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
I	Transport, storage and communications	2,456	3,697	3,647	2,415	238	1,347	13,800	
J	Financial intermediation	16	-	3	-	-	-	19	
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	974	606	130	148	32	57	1,947	
M	Education	201	421	179	185	30	142	1,158	
N	Health and social work	104	324	33	44	13	40	558	
O	Other community, social and personal service activities	2	1	1	-	-	-	4	

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Table 4 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by NSIC section as at June, 1999 and 2000

NSIC (Rev 3) Section	Description	1999 ²		2000 ³		Net change	
		Licences ²	Registrations	Licences	Registrations	Number	%
	Total	54,780	21,062	57,301	21,827	3,286	4.3
C	Mining and quarrying (sand & salt)	192	1	191	1	-1	-0.5
D	Manufacturing	3,825	834	3,972	867	180	3.9
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	-	4	-	4	-	-
F	Construction	-	2,446	-	2,815	369	15.1
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles & personal and household goods	39,525	638	41,346	654	1,837	4.6
H	Hotels and restaurants	6,529	-	6,689	-	160	2.5
I	Transport, storage and communications	618	13,284	648	13,800	546	3.9
J	Financial intermediation	301	20	311	19	9	2.8
K	Real estate, renting and business activities ²	1,444	2,030	1,518	1,947	-9	-0.3
M	Education ²	-	1,246	-	1,158	-88	-7.1
N	Health and social work	72	554	80	558	12	1.9
O	Other community, social and personal services activities ²	2,274	5	2,546	4	271	11.9
	Total	75,842	21,062	79,128	21,827	3,286	4.3

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

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Table 5.1 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by NSIC section and region² as at June, 2000³

NSIC (Rev 3) Section	Description	Number									
		Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Urban ²	Pamp./ R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne	Rural ²	Total	
	Total	16,530	22,059	38,589	14,770	13,717	2,972	9,080	40,539	79,128	
C	Mining and quarrying (sand and salt)	1	-	1	125	38	5	23	191	192	
D	Manufacturing	1,166	1,434	2,600	697	703	218	621	2,239	4,839	
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	4	4	
F	Construction	461	1,134	1,595	385	480	74	281	1,220	2,815	
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles & personal and household goods	9,120	11,936	21,056	7,633	6,949	1,689	4,673	20,944	42,000	
H	Hotels and restaurants	720	1,257	1,977	1,351	1,618	423	1,320	4,712	6,689	
I	Transport, storage and communications	2,831	3,783	6,614	3,729	2,446	276	1,383	7,834	14,448	
J	Financial intermediation	141	61	202	42	40	7	39	128	330	
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	1,367	1,035	2,402	345	412	86	220	1,063	3,465	
M	Education	201	421	622	179	185	30	142	536	1,158	
N	Health and social work	135	362	497	37	46	13	45	141	638	
O	Other community, social and personal services activities	387	636	1,023	246	798	151	332	1,527	2,550	

¹ Adjusted

²As per municipal and district council boundaries, not strictly comparable with the urban/rural delimitations of locality

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Table 5.2 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by major activity and region² as at June 2000³ - Manufacturing

NSIC (Rev 3) Section	Description	Number							Total
		Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhelms	Pamp./ R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne		
	Total	1,166	1,434	697	703	218	621	4,839	
15 & 16	Food product, beverages and tobacco	129	146	72	67	27	76	517	
17 & 18	Textiles and wearing apparel	205	422	187	224	42	227	1,307	
19	Tanning and dressing of leather & footwear	9	23	12	6	-	4	54	
20, 36101- 36109	Wood product including furniture	133	265	90	114	23	93	718	
21,22	Paper product, publishing and printing	152	74	19	28	16	13	302	
23	Manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products,...etc	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	
24	Chemicals and chemical products	32	14	6	2	8	1	63	
25	Rubber and plastic products	67	39	30	18	7	25	186	
26	Non-metallic mineral products	17	18	19	11	13	11	89	
27, 28, 29	Basic & fabricated metals and machinery, n.e.c	90	188	95	76	30	72	551	
30000	Office equipment	15	6	-	-	-	-	21	
31, 32	Electrical machinery, apparatus, radio & tv equipment	25	13	9	2	-	4	53	
33	Medical optical instrument, watches and clocks	4	13	9	11	-	1	38	
34, 35	Motor vehicles, trailers and other transport equipment	7	3	-	-	3	-	13	
36911- 36919	Jewellery and related products	143	129	74	108	5	64	523	
36920- 36999	Manufacturing, n.e.c.	133	80	73	36	43	30	395	
37	Recycling	5	1	2	-	-	-	8	

¹ Adjusted

²As per municipal and district council boundaries

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Table 5.3 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by major activity groups and region² as at June, 2000³ - Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles & personal and household goods

NSIC (Rev 3) Section	Description	Number							Total
		Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Pamp./ R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne		
	Total	9,120	11,936	7,633	6,949	1,689	4,673	42,000	
501,502	Sale and repairs of motor vehicles	103	129	41	31	22	22	348	
503	Sale of motor vehicle spare parts and accessories	239	159	57	87	10	42	594	
504	Sale and repairs of motorcycles/spare parts	116	130	132	145	15	124	662	
505	Retail sale of automotive fuel (filling station)	20	37	28	27	5	24	141	
51	Wholesaler/Commission Agent except of motor vehicles	1,597	674	250	374	102	177	3,174	
5211	General retailer foodstuff and non-foodstuff	705	1,444	1,172	471	230	1,036	5,058	
5219	General retailer non-foodstuff (non-specialised)	1,502	1,641	750	636	118	387	5,034	
5220	Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco	1,475	2,477	1,564	2,041	456	1,094	9,107	
5231	Retail sale of pharmaceutical goods	44	88	24	25	6	21	208	
5232	Retail sale of textiles and footwear	315	300	47	11	3	92	768	
5233	Retail sale of household appliances	157	116	47	62	9	51	442	
5234	Retail of hardware, paints and glass	237	220	148	110	18	115	848	
5235	Sale of furniture	35	157	120	88	10	93	503	
5236	Bookshop	45	78	36	27	5	15	206	
5237	Jewellers shop	36	33	25	10	9	1	114	
5239	Retail sale in specialised stores, e.g. florist	162	402	322	218	50	162	1,316	
5240	Retail sale of second-hand goods in stores	15	4	1	1	-	1	22	
5252	Retail at market place and fairs	765	3,318	1,956	1,583	303	189	8,114	
5259	Hawkers, street vendors and mobile victualler	1,422	392	869	870	297	1,002	4,852	
5260	Repair of personal and household goods	130	137	44	132	21	25	489	

¹ Adjusted

² As per municipal and district council boundaries

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Table 5.4 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by major activity groups and region² as at June, 2000³ - Hotels and restaurants

NSIC (Rev 3) Section	Description	Number						
		Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Pamp./ R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne	Total
	Total	720	1,257	1,351	1,618	423	1,320	6,689
55101 - 55109	Hotels and boarding houses	30	59	114	21	21	25	270
55201 - 55202	Restaurants	71	138	134	80	60	41	524
55203	Bars	229	501	609	886	169	816	3,210
55204 - 55209	Tea hotels and other eating places	390	559	494	631	173	438	2,685

Table 5.5 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by major activity groups and region² as at June, 2000³ - Transport, storage and communications

NSIC (Rev 3) section	Description	Number						
		Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Pamp./ R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne	Total
	Total	2,831	3,783	3,729	2,446	276	1,383	14,448
60211 - 60219	Land transport: Bus	516	1,525	769	519	40	355	3,724
60221	Taxi car	888	1,233	987	1,135	148	542	4,933
60231 - 60239	Goods vehicles (lorry and van)	1,013	930	1,886	761	50	451	5,091
63010 - 63030 & 63090	Supporting and auxiliary transport activities (cargo handling, storage etc)	263	48	24	20	26	24	405
63041 - 63042	Travel agencies	150	47	63	11	12	11	294
64	Post and telecommunications	1	-	-	-	-	-	1

¹ Adjusted

² As per municipal and district council boundaries

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**Table 5.6 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by major activity groups and region² as at June, 2000³ -
Financial intermediation, real estate and business activities**

NSIC (Rev 3) Section	Description	Number						
		Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Pamp./- R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne	Total
	Total	1,508	1,096	387	452	93	259	3,795
65	Financial intermediation except insurance & pension funding (banks)	53	45	29	26	5	30	188
66	Insurance and pension funding except compulsory social security	76	16	10	11	2	9	124
67	Activities auxiliary to financial intermediation (e.g stockbrokers)	12	-	3	3	-	-	18
70	Real estate activities	59	82	16	15	4	13	189
71	Renting of machinery and equipment (e.g contract cars)	502	757	283	366	61	185	2,154
72	Computer and related activities	39	14	3	1	4	1	62
74111	Attorney	122	-	-	-	-	-	122
74112	Notary	51	-	-	-	-	-	51
74113	Barrister	182	-	-	-	-	-	182
74121 & 74122	Accounting and Tax consultancy	44	11	1	-	-	-	56
7414	Business and management consultancy activities	137	22	7	2	2	1	171
74211	Engineer	9	8	1	-	-	-	18
74212 & 74213	Quantity and Land surveyors	43	18	1	3	-	-	65
74214	Architect	14	14	-	1	1	-	30
7422	Technical testing and analysis	31	11	1	2	4	-	49
74300	Advertising	39	17	2	2	3	-	63
749	Business activities, n.e.c	95	81	30	20	7	20	253

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² As per municipal and district council boundaries

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Table 5.7 - Total number of licences¹ and registrations by major activity groups and region² as at June, 2000³
Community, social and personal services activities

NSIC (Rev 3) Section	Description	Number						
		Port - Louis	Plaines - Wilhems	Pamp./ R. Remp.	Moka / Flacq	Black - River	G. Port / Savanne	Total
	Total	723	1,419	462	1,029	194	519	4,346
80101	Pre-Primary	121	273	157	143	28	134	856
80102	Primary	1	8	2	2	-	-	13
80210	Secondary	2	2	1	2	-	-	7
80220	Vocational training centre	51	85	10	22	-	3	171
80901 - 80909	Adult & other education (e.g driving school)	26	53	9	16	2	5	111
85121 - 85122	Medical practitioner	84	225	20	35	13	35	412
85123	Dentist	20	99	13	9	-	5	146
85124 - 85320	Other health services	31	38	4	2	-	5	80
90	Sewage and refuse disposal, sanitation and similar activities	2	-	3	1	2	9	17
91	Activities of membership organisations n.e.c	2	9	3	7	3	1	25
92	Recreational cultural & sporting activities	162	223	102	661	104	202	1,454
93	Other service activities	221	404	138	129	42	120	1,054

¹ Adjusted

² As per municipal and district council boundaries

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Table 6 - Licences issued by the local authorities, classified by NSIC section as at June, 1996 - 2000

NSIC (Rev 3) section	Description	Number				
		1996 ¹	1997 ¹	1998	1999 ¹	2000 ²
	Total	50,447	53,416	56,384	60,042	62,891
C	Mining and quarrying (sand & salt)	14	185	191	192	191
D	Manufacturing	3,325	3,463	3,633	3,825	3,972
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	-	-	-	-	-
F	Construction	431	473	500	535	583
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles & personal and household goods	33,338	35,360	37,225	39,525	41,346
H	Hotels and restaurants	5,914	6,156	6,364	6,529	6,689
I	Transport, storage and communications	3,308	3,415	3,825	4,224	4,476
J	Financial intermediation	280	297	300	301	311
K	Real estate, renting and business activities ¹	1,883	1,312	2,092	2,177	2,282
M	Education ¹	118	135	154	188	218
N	Health and social work	314	315	270	271	277
O	Other community, social and personal services activities ¹	1,522	2,305	1,830	2,275	2,546

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Table 7 - Licences and registrations as at June classified by NSIC section, 1996 - 2000

NSIC (Rev 3) section	Activity	Number				
		1996 ¹	1997 ¹	1998	1999 ¹	2000 ²
	Total	65,355	68,790	71,702	75,842	79,128
C	Mining and quarrying (sand & salt)	185	186	192	193	192
D	Manufacturing	3,923	4,221	4,417	4,659	4,839
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	-	3	4	4	4
F	Construction	2,057	2,252	2,355	2,446	2,815
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles & personal and household goods	33,679	35,780	37,717	40,163	42,000
H	Hotels and restaurants	5,914	6,156	6,364	6,529	6,689
I	Transport, storage and communications	13,037	13,115	13,373	13,902	14,448
J	Financial intermediation	288	316	319	321	330
K	Real estate, renting and business activities ¹	2,354	2,727	2,609	2,804	3,465
M	Education ¹	1,153	1,156	1,217	1,246	1,158
N	Health and social work	554	568	618	626	638
O	Other community, social and personal services activities ¹	2,211	2,310	2,517	2,949	2,550

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National Standard Industrial Classification of Economic Activities (NSIC)

Structure of the NSIC:

The National Standard Industrial Classification of Economic Activities, NSIC, is an adapted version of the International Standard Classification (ISIC) Revision 3, 1990. The ISIC of all economic activities is a classification of productive economic activities according to kind of economic activity on basis of the principal category of goods produced or services rendered.

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** (302 classes) identified by the first 4 digits
- Level 5: **Sub class** (546 sub classes) identified by the 5 digits

The 17 sections are as follows:

Section	Description	Division
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,

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.