

**Business Activity Statistics,
July 2004 - June 2005**

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Introduction

Statistics on business activities undertaken in the island of Mauritius are compiled mainly from administrative records. They cover activities which are either licensed with the local authorities (municipalities and district councils) or registered with the appropriate organizations such as the Medical and Dental council, the National Transport Authority, the Tourism Authority etc. All agricultural activities are presently excluded.

It must 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 enterprises. For example, one enterprise may hold three licences: one as general retailer of foodstuff, a second for selling tobacco and a third for selling alcoholic beverages.

2 Evolution of licences between July 2004 and June 2005

From July 2004 to June 2005, 5,975 new licences were issued, of which 4,403 (74%) pertained to activities classified under 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods'. During the same period 2,457 licences were cancelled. This brings the total number of licences to 73,958 in June 2005, up by 5% from 70,440 in July 2004.

3. Evolution of registrations between July 2004 and June 2005

The number of registered activities increased by 1,716 or by 7% from 25,335 in July 2004 to 27,051 in June 2005. The industry group 'Transport, storage and communications' had the highest number of registered activities with 18,528 (68%) as at June 2005, followed by 'Real estate, renting and business activities' with 2,599 (10%).

4 Adjusted licences and registrations as at June 2005

Table 4 shows the total number of adjusted licences and registered activities as at June 2005. To avoid double counting, activities which are both licensed and registered are included in registrations only.

The total number of adjusted licensed and registered activities as at June 2005 increased by 6% from 90,580 in July 2004 to 95,723 in June 2005. Out of them around

55% were from the industry group 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods' (52,311), and another 20% were from 'Transport, storage and communications' (18,936).

5. Distribution of adjusted licences and registrations by region and industry

Table 5 shows the distribution of adjusted licensed and registered activities by industrial activity and region (urban and rural). The number of activities was slightly higher in rural areas (54%) than in urban areas. Activities which are predominant in the rural regions are from the industry groups 'Hotels and restaurants' (65%) and 'Other community, social and personal service activities' (65%). Activities pertaining to the industry groups 'Health and social work', 'Real estate, renting and business activities' and 'Construction' are found mostly in the urban areas (76%, 65% and 63% respectively).

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Technical Notes

1. General

Data compiled in this publication provide useful information on demography and trend of business activities in the different economic sectors of the country.

2. Concepts and Coverage

An operator is required to obtain a licence from the Municipal or District Councils for each type of activity or to register with the appropriate Ministry or organizations (e.g Ministry of Education and Human Resources, the Medical Council, the National Transport Authority, the Tourism Authority, etc.) Statistics published in this report pertain only to activities that are either licensed or registered. Thus activities which are not licensed/registered are excluded. All agricultural related activities, except those in the manufacture of food products, are also not covered.

In some cases, an operator may hold both a licence and a registration certificate. To avoid double counting, such activities have been accounted for in registration only. For example the owner of a bus, besides registering his vehicle with the National Transport Authority may also hold a licence issued by a district council. In the table giving figures for both licences and registrations, the activity of the bus owner is accounted for in registration only.

3. 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.

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-classes:	546 sub-classes identified by the first digits

The 17 sections are as follows:

Section	Description	Division
A	Agriculture, Hunting & Forestry	01 and 02
B	Fishing	05
C	Mining & Quarrying	10 – 14
D	Manufacturing	15 – 37
E	Electricity, Gas & Water supply	40 and 41
F	Construction	45
G	Wholesale and Retail trade; Repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles & personal and households goods	50 – 52
H	Hotels and Restaurants	55
I	Transport, Storage & Communications	60 – 64
J	Financial Intermediation	65 – 67
K	Real Estate, Renting & Business activities	70 – 74
L	Public administration & Defence; Compulsory Social security	75
M	Education	80
N	Health & Social work	85
O	Other Community, Social & Personal service Activities	90 – 93
P	Private households with employed persons	95
Q	Extra-territorial organisations & bodies	99

4. Data sources

- Licences:** - Municipalities and District Councils
- Registrations:** - Ministry of Industry, Small and Medium Enterprises, Commerce and Cooperatives (EPZ, Pioneer & ESZ)
- National Transport Authority - Public transport

- Ministry of Education and Human Resources - Private schools
- Judicial Department - Legal activities
- Professional Councils - Medical Practitioners, Dentists, Architects etc
- Board of Investment - Freeport companies
- Financial Services Commission - Offshore Companies
- The Police Department - Driving schools
- Tourism Authority
- Beach Authority

Table 1 - Evolution of licences between July 2004 and June 2005

NSIC	Activity	Number			
		2004 ¹ (as at June)	July 2004 to June 2005		2005 ² (as at June)
			Issued	Cancelled	
	Total	70,440	5,975	2,457	73,958
C	Mining and quarrying	5	0	0	5
D	Manufacturing	4,586	286	144	4,728
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	0	0	0	0
F	Construction	801	46	15	832
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	48,512	4,403	1,791	51,124
H	Hotels and restaurants	4,373	231	140	4,464
I	Transport, storage and communications	4,633	258	154	4,737
J	Financial intermediation	389	37	18	408
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	2,697	263	89	2,871
M	Education	372	45	24	393
N	Health and social work	242	8	2	248
O	Other community, social and personal service activities	3,830	398	80	4,148

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Table 2 - Licences by activity and district as at June 2005¹

NSIC	Activity	Number									All districts
		Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplémousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	
	Total	14,305	20,160	6,838	7,803	3,875	7,974	6,069	3,419	3,515	73,958
C	Mining and quarrying	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
D	Manufacturing	936	1,472	490	362	226	428	353	243	218	4,728
E	Electricity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F	Construction	144	380	63	46	49	67	41	11	31	832
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	9,786	14,302	5,160	6,054	2,743	5,675	3,448	1,938	2,018	51,124
H	Hotels and restaurants	544	1,075	473	472	283	609	514	271	223	4,464
I	Transport, storage and communications	981	886	217	272	135	222	953	430	641	4,737
J	Financial intermediation	144	88	19	42	14	48	30	16	7	408
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	938	653	205	314	106	215	124	67	249	2,871
M	Education	123	168	12	19	15	29	12	5	10	393
N	Health and social work	82	109	6	24	5	11	4	3	4	248
O	Other community, social and personal services	627	1,027	193	198	299	670	590	435	109	4,148

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Table 3 - Registrations by activity and district as at June 2005¹

NSIC	Activity	Number									
		Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplemousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	All districts
	Total	5,405	6,820	3,290	3,318	1,449	3,133	1,579	905	1,152	27,051
C	Mining and quarrying	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
D	Manufacturing	136	216	78	43	49	28	21	17	31	619
E	Electricity	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	4
F	Construction	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	420	69	217	68	4	143	54	16	196	1,187
H	Hotels and restaurants	161	365	211	336	18	197	107	17	207	1,619
I	Transport, storage and communications	3,149	4,695	2,356	2,527	1,052	2,354	1,206	761	428	18,528
J	Financial intermediation	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	1,262	681	181	97	229	22	47	15	65	2,599
M	Education	160	382	115	94	73	122	92	63	41	1,142
N	Health and social work	92	405	26	32	24	30	16	14	6	645
O	Other community, social and personal services	11	6	105	121	0	235	36	1	178	693

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Table 4 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity as at June, 2004 and 2005

NSIC	Activity	2004 ²			2005 ³			Number
		Licences only	Registrations	Total	Licences only	Registrations	Total	
	Total	65,245	25,335	90,580	68,672	27,051	95,723	
C	Mining and quarrying	5	0	5	5	1	6	
D	Manufacturing	4,586	600	5,186	4,728	619	5,347	
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	0	4	4	0	4	4	
F	Construction	801	1	802	832	1	833	
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	48,512	1,147	49,659	51,124	1,187	52,311	
H	Hotels and restaurants	4,374	1,418	5,792	4,465	1,619	6,084	
I	Transport, storage and communications	404	17,304	17,708	408	18,528	18,936	
J	Financial intermediation	389	13	402	408	13	421	
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	1,875	2,455	4,330	2,044	2,599	4,643	
M	Education	372	1,124	1,496	393	1,142	1,535	
N	Health and social work	110	603	713	117	645	762	
O	Other community, social and personal service activities	3,817	666	4,483	4,148	693	4,841	

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 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and region as at June 2005²

				Number
NSIC	Activity	Urban	Rural	Total
	Total	44,504	51,219	95,723
C	Mining and quarrying	1	5	6
D	Manufacturing	2,760	2,587	5,347
E	Electricity, gas and water supply	0	4	4
F	Construction	525	308	833
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	24,577	27,734	52,311
H	Hotels and restaurants	2,145	3,939	6,084
I	Transport, storage and communications	8,163	10,773	18,936
J	Financial intermediation	245	176	421
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	3,004	1,639	4,643
M	Education	833	702	1,535
N	Health and social work	580	182	762
O	Other community, social and personal service activities	1,671	3,170	4,841

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Table 5.1 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 2005²

											Number
NSIC	Activity	Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplémousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	All districts
	Total	18,456	26,048	9,925	10,729	5,188	10,874	6,723	3,891	3,889	95,723
C	Mining and quarrying	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6
D	Manufacturing	1,072	1,688	568	405	275	456	374	260	249	5,347
E	Electricity	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	4
F	Construction	144	381	63	46	49	67	41	11	31	833
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods	10,206	14,371	5,377	6,122	2,747	5,818	3,502	1,954	2,214	52,311
H	Hotels and restaurants	705	1,440	684	808	301	806	621	288	431	6,084
I	Transport, storage and communications	3,405	4,758	2,380	2,532	1,052	2,355	1,241	761	452	18,936
J	Financial intermediation	157	88	19	42	14	48	30	16	7	421
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	1,719	1,285	378	302	334	227	164	82	152	4,643
M	Education	283	550	127	113	88	151	104	68	51	1,535
N	Health and social work	126	454	30	40	29	39	20	14	10	762
O	Other community, social and personal services	638	1,033	298	319	299	905	626	436	287	4,841

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 5.2 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 2005² - Manufacturing

NSIC	Activity										Number
		Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplemousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	All districts
	Total	1,072	1,688	568	405	275	456	374	260	249	5,347
15 & 16	Food product, beverages and tobacco	152	249	89	61	47	70	63	48	43	822
17 & 18	Textiles and wearing apparel	173	448	117	101	84	122	103	92	37	1,277
19	Tanning and dressing of leather & footwear	29	37	16	6	7	3	10	3	2	113
20, 36101- 36109	Wood product including furniture	139	313	62	62	36	86	67	36	22	823
21,22	Paper product, publishing and printing	131	85	20	12	17	11	11	6	19	312
23	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
24	Chemicals and chemical products	18	17	12	2	4	1	2	0	12	68
25	Rubber and plastic products	80	48	19	18	7	9	26	13	8	228
26	Non-metallic mineral products	16	14	20	5	4	14	11	3	16	103
27, 28, 29	Basic & fabricated metals and machinery, n.e.c	93	203	62	58	19	34	24	20	19	532
30000	Office equipment	4	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
31, 32	Electrical machinery, apparatus, radio & tv equipment	16	9	7	0	3	1	2	0	1	39
33	Medical optical instrument, watches and clocks	4	19	9	10	7	6	0	1	1	57
34, 35	Motor vehicles, trailers and other transport equipment	8	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	16
36911- 36919	Jewellery and related products	128	152	53	39	28	83	35	32	9	559
36920- 36999	Manufacturing, n.e.c.	78	85	80	31	10	15	17	6	55	377
37	Recycling	3	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	8

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 5.3 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 2005² - Electricity, Gas and Water Supply

NSIC	Activity										Number
		P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
40 & 41	Electricity, Gas and water	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	4

Table 5.4 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 2005² - Construction

NSIC	Activity										Number
		P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
4520	Construction	144	381	63	46	49	67	41	11	31	833

Table 5.5 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 2005² - Hotels and Restaurants

NSIC	Activity										Number
		P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
	Total	705	1,440	684	808	301	806	621	288	431	6,084
55101 - 55109	Hotels and boarding houses	24	62	72	140	0	40	37	2	67	444
55201 - 55202	Restaurants	68	159	72	99	12	87	40	11	76	624
55203	Bars	173	460	242	301	135	347	275	136	136	2,205
55204 - 55209	Canteens and other eating places	440	759	298	268	154	332	269	139	152	2,811

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 5.6 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 2005² - Wholesale and retail trade;
Repair of motor vehicles, personal and household goods**

NSIC	Activity	Number									
		P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
	Total	10,206	14,371	5,377	6,122	2,747	5,818	3,502	1,954	2,214	52,311
501 & 502	Sale and repairs of motor vehicles	127	191	57	39	39	64	38	24	21	600
503	Sale of motor vehicle spare parts and accessories	256	202	61	44	23	45	36	24	25	716
504	Sale and repairs of motorcycles/spare parts	113	104	38	30	10	37	28	21	4	385
505	Retail sale of automotive fuel	19	51	13	19	6	18	12	7	7	152
51	Wholesaler/Commission Agent except of motor vehicles	2,083	1,278	286	247	319	524	216	135	201	5,289
5211	General retailer foodstuff and non-foodstuff	709	1,554	626	617	257	446	688	356	273	5,526
5219	General retailer non-foodstuff (non-specialised)	1,520	2,164	398	729	228	614	305	172	200	6,330
5220	Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco	1,590	3,052	1,058	978	687	1,444	977	545	607	10,938
5231	Retail sale of pharmaceutical goods	47	104	17	15	9	13	14	7	5	231
5232	Retail sale of textiles and footwear	365	94	14	38	2	1	42	34	3	593
5233	Retail sale of household appliances	183	174	33	37	11	44	54	30	21	587
5234	Retail of hardware, paints and glass	229	252	85	87	44	97	65	51	27	937
5235	Sale of furniture	35	197	83	70	30	80	54	39	17	605
5236	Bookshop	55	99	23	22	13	21	16	4	3	256
5237	Jewellers shop	24	45	17	37	2	10	2	0	17	154
5239	Retail sale in specialised stores	274	549	205	213	97	249	187	92	84	1,950
5240	Retail sale of second-hand goods in stores	11	4	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	19
5252	Retail at market place and fairs	966	3,531	1,511	2,239	769	1,555	228	78	394	11,271
5259	Hawkers, street vendors and mobile victualler	1,463	473	777	607	159	458	499	325	277	5,038
5260	Repair of personal and household goods	137	253	73	54	42	98	39	10	28	734

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 5.7 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 2005² - Transport, storage and communications

NSIC	Activity	Number									
		Port - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamplemousses	Riv. du Rempart	Moka	Flacq	Grand Port	Savanne	Black - River	All districts
	Total	3,405	4,758	2,380	2,532	1,052	2,355	1,241	761	452	18,936
60211 - 60219	Bus Transport	629	1,810	550	483	325	483	401	232	71	4,984
60221	Taxi car	1,080	1,604	558	775	237	1,372	501	238	250	6,615
60231 - 60239	Freight transport by road	1,319	1,205	1,225	1,221	489	491	297	290	93	6,630
63010 - 63030 & 63090	Supporting and auxilliary transport activities	282	72	29	6	0	1	37	0	24	451
63041 - 63042	Travel agencies and tour operators	92	67	18	47	1	8	5	1	14	253
64	Post and telecommunications	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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 5.8 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 2005² - Financial intermediation;
Real estate and business activities**

NSIC	Activity	Number									
		P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
	Total	1,876	1,373	397	344	348	275	194	98	159	5,064
65	Financial intermediation except insurance & pension funding	57	59	14	26	8	19	22	9	4	218
66	Insurance and pension funding except compulsory social security	70	27	3	9	4	19	8	6	2	148
67	Activities auxiliary to financial intermediation	30	2	2	7	2	10	0	1	1	55
70	Real estate activities	73	94	26	45	6	12	5	1	8	270
71	Renting of machinery and equipment	654	782	304	216	285	177	132	69	105	2,724
72	Computer and related activities	43	41	3	0	4	2	1	0	6	100
74111	Attorney	128	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	128
74112	Notary	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54
74113	Barrister	276	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	276
74121 & 74122	Accounting and Tax consultancy	43	16	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	64
7414	Business and management consultancy activities	162	37	1	3	2	0	1	2	5	213
74211	Engineer	6	14	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	23
74212 & 74213	Quantity and Land surveyors	29	25	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	59
74214	Architect	30	56	4	4	4	2	1	0	3	104
7422	Motor surveyors	74	38	8	3	7	5	3	0	10	148
74300	Advertising	42	23	3	6	3	2	0	0	3	82
749	Business activities, n.e.c	105	159	25	23	20	26	19	10	11	398

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 5.9 - Licences¹ and registrations by activity and district as at June 2005²- Education; Health and Social work; Community, social and personal service activities

NSIC	Activity	Number									
		P - Louis	P/Wilhems	Pamp.	R.Rempart	Moka	Flacq	G - Port	Savanne	B - River	All districts
	Total	1,047	2,037	455	472	416	1,095	750	518	348	7,138
80101	Pre-Primary	93	250	88	77	46	95	71	52	32	804
80102	Primary	9	28	4	5	6	9	5	3	4	73
80210	Secondary	21	48	9	7	7	7	8	5	2	114
80220	Vocational training centre	102	156	10	16	12	22	11	2	10	341
8030	Higher education	1	3	2	0	3	1	0	0	1	11
80901 - 80909	Adult & other education	57	65	14	8	14	17	9	6	2	192
85121 - 85122	Medical practioner	73	329	21	25	18	21	15	11	6	519
85123	Dentist	19	76	5	7	6	9	1	3	0	126
85124 - 85320	Optician, Other health and Social work activities	34	49	4	8	5	9	4	0	4	117
90	Sewage and refuse disposal, sanitation and similar activities	6	2	2	1	1	3	4	2	2	23
91	Activities of membership organisations n.e.c	7	17	2	6	1	0	2	0	4	39
92	Recreational cultural & sporting activities	338	415	170	174	239	775	516	388	214	3,229
93	Other service activities	287	599	124	138	58	127	104	46	67	1,550

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

² Provisional