

Table 1: Selected Economic Indicators: 1997-2004

	Period	Unit	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Latest	
1. Population-Republic of Mauritius ^{1*}	Mid-year		1,148,284	1,160,421	1,175,267	1,186,873 ⁵	1,199,881	1,210,196	1,222,811		
2. Tourist Arrivals ⁸	Calendar Year		536,125	558,195	578,085	656,453	660,318	681,648	702,018	Calendar Year 2004	740,000 ⁹
3. Tourist Earnings	Calendar Year	(Rs million)	10,068	11,890	13,668	14,234	18,166	18,328	19,397	Calendar Year 2004	20,850 ⁴
4. Real GDP Growth Rate*	Calendar Year	(Per cent)	5.6	5.7	2.3	9.3	5.6	2.0 ²	4.4 ²	Calendar Year 2004	5.3 ⁹
5. Gross Domestic Product (at market prices)*	Calendar Year	(Rs million)	88,099	99,564	107,444	119,494	132,092	141,903 ²	156,906 ²	Calendar Year 2004	172,645 ⁹
6. Gross National Income (at market prices)*	Calendar Year	(Rs million)	87,727	98,927	106,850	118,711	132,485	142,299 ²	156,113 ²	Calendar Year 2004	172,190 ⁹
7. GNI Per Capita (at market prices)*	Calendar Year	(Rupees)	76,414	85,239	90,902	99,995	110,389	117,555 ²	127,640 ²	Calendar Year 2004	139,391 ⁹
8. Inflation Rate*	Fiscal Year ended June	(Per cent)	7.9	5.4	7.9	5.3	4.4	6.3	5.1	Apr-04	4.0
9. Inflation Rate*	Calendar Year	(Per cent)	6.6	6.8	6.9	4.2	5.4	6.4	3.9		
10. Unemployment Rate*	Mid-year	(Per cent)	6.6	6.9	7.7	8.8	9.1	9.7	10.2		
11. Current Account Balance	Calendar Year	(Rs million)	-1,874	+79	-3,128	-899	+8,038	+7,472	+3,581 ²		
12. Overall Balance of Payments ⁶	Calendar Year	(Rs million)	-646	-1,476	+4,803	+6,415	-1,314	+10,198	+6,205		
13. Net International Reserves	End-December	(Rs million)	21,995	19,896	26,051	33,554	35,764	44,042	48,901	Mar-04	50,613
14. Total Imports (c.i.f.)*	Calendar Year	(Rs million)	46,093	49,742	56,629	54,928	57,940	64,608 ²	66,389 ³		
15. Total Exports (f.o.b.)*	Calendar Year	(Rs million)	33,694	40,051	40,025	40,882	47,511	53,893 ²	54,164 ³		
16. Government Recurrent Revenue**	Fiscal Year ended June	(Rs million)	16,544	18,471	21,327	22,605	24,149	24,606	30,080 ²	Fiscal Year 2003-04	32,945
17. Government Recurrent Expenditure**	Fiscal Year ended June	(Rs million)	18,853	21,010	24,743	25,435	31,398	29,577	33,500 ²	Fiscal Year 2003-04	36,750
18. Government Capital Revenue**	Fiscal Year ended June	(Rs million)	3,324	3,944	1,695	2,461	5,073	4,895	3,376 ²	Fiscal Year 2003-04	7,432
19. Government Capital Expenditure**	Fiscal Year ended June	(Rs million)	5,743	3,420	3,700	3,926	4,505	5,058	7,313 ²	Fiscal Year 2003-04	8,105
20. Ratio of Budget Deficit to GDP at market prices**	Fiscal Year ended June	(Per cent)	4.5	3.7	3.6	3.8	6.7	6.0	6.0 ²	Fiscal Year 2003-04	5.5
21. External Debt: Central Government** ⁷	End-June	(Rs million)	9,619	10,752	10,193	10,190	7,168	8,785	9,074 ²	Dec-03	8,350
22. Internal Debt: Central Government	End-June	(Rs million)	30,241	34,619	40,819	46,641	53,394	67,095	86,413	Dec-03	83,889
23. Banking System Net Claims on Central Government	End-December	(Rs million)	18,273	17,983	17,697	13,633	19,509	19,986	26,072	Mar-04	30,573
24. Category 1 Banks' Claims on Private Sector (CPS)	End-December	(Rs million)	43,918	56,653	62,521	70,570	77,892	83,977	88,424	Mar-04	88,059
25. Growth Rate of CPS	Calendar Year	(Per cent)	25.5	29.0	10.4	12.9	10.4	7.8	5.3	Mar 04 / Mar 03	5.0
26. Currency with Public	End-December	(Rs million)	5,410	5,833	6,127	6,648	7,329	8,286	9,347	Mar-04	8,295
27. Money Supply (M1)	End-December	(Rs million)	10,613	11,592	12,004	13,301	15,454	18,159	20,403	Mar-04	19,557
28. Aggregate Monetary Resources (M2)	End-December	(Rs million)	67,831	75,429	86,899	94,990	105,269	118,385	131,299	Mar-04	134,588
29. Growth Rate of M2	Calendar Year	(Per cent)	16.4	11.2	15.2	9.3	10.8	12.5	10.9	Mar 04 / Mar 03	12.6
30. Total Private Sector Rupee Deposits with Category 1 Banks	End-December	(Rs million)	57,427	62,910	73,464	79,252	85,533	96,868	108,206	Mar-04	111,069

¹ Excluding Agalega and Saint Brandon.⁵ Population Census figure adjusted for under-enumeration of young children.⁷ As from end-June 1999, external debt includes Treasury Bills held by foreign investors.

Note: As from 2002, data on imports and exports include transactions through the Mauritius Freeport.

* Source: Central Statistics Office, Government of Mauritius.

** Source: Ministry of Finance.

² Revised estimates.⁶ As from 2001, valuation changes are excluded from reserve assets transactions.⁸ Source: Ministry of Tourism³ Provisional.⁹ Forecast of Central Statistics Office.⁴ Forecast of Bank of Mauritius.