

**Table 1: Selected Economic Indicators: 1996 - 2005**

	Period	Unit	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
1. Population-Republic of Mauritius <sup>1*</sup>	Mid-year		1,133,996	1,148,284	1,160,421	1,175,267	1,186,873 <sup>5</sup>	1,199,881	1,210,196	1,222,811	1,233,386	1,243,253 <sup>3</sup>
2. Tourist Arrivals***	Calendar Year		486,867	536,125	558,195	578,085	656,453	660,318	681,648	702,018	718,861	761,063
3. Tourist Earnings	Calendar Year	(Rs million)	9,048	10,068	11,890	13,668	14,234	18,166	18,328	19,415	23,448	25,704
4. Real GDP Growth Rate* <sup>9</sup>	Calendar Year	(Per cent)	6.2	5.6	5.8	2.1	9.5	5.4	2.1	4.4 <sup>2</sup>	4.7 <sup>2</sup>	2.7 <sup>2</sup>
5. Gross Domestic Product (at market prices)* <sup>9</sup>	Calendar Year	(Rs million)	79,365	88,175	100,042	108,077	120,065	132,152	142,838	157,383 <sup>2</sup>	175,810 <sup>2</sup>	187,037 <sup>2</sup>
6. Gross National Income (at market prices)* <sup>9</sup>	Calendar Year	(Rs million)	78,576	87,803	99,405	107,483	119,282	132,545	143,234	156,550 <sup>2</sup>	175,420 <sup>2</sup>	186,765 <sup>2</sup>
7. GNI Per Capita (at market prices)* <sup>9</sup>	Calendar Year	(Rupees)	69,281	76,480	85,650	91,441	100,477	110,439	118,328	127,994 <sup>2</sup>	142,193 <sup>2</sup>	150,188 <sup>2</sup>
8. Inflation Rate*	Fiscal Year ended June	(Per cent)	5.8	7.9	5.4	7.9	5.3	4.4	6.3	5.1	3.9	5.6
9. Inflation Rate*	Calendar Year	(Per cent)	6.6	6.6	6.8	6.9	4.2	5.4	6.4	3.9	4.7	4.9
10. Unemployment Rate*	Mid-year	(Per cent)	5.8	6.6	6.9	7.7	6.7 <sup>8</sup>	6.9	7.3	7.7	8.5	9.5 <sup>3</sup>
11. Current Account Balance	Fiscal Year ended June	(Rs million)	-591	+346	-2,615	-1,622	-1,451	+4,257	+7,458	+3,554	+1,383 <sup>2</sup>	-6,245 <sup>2</sup>
12. Current Account Balance	Calendar Year	(Rs million)	+610	-1,874	+79	-3,128	-899	+8,038	+7,472	+2,658	-3,181 <sup>2</sup>	-10,082 <sup>3</sup>
13. Overall Balance of Payments <sup>6</sup>	Fiscal Year ended June	(Rs million)	+3,841	+1,600	-2,293	+690	+2,141	+5,107	+5,908	+9,099	+3,225	-3,133
14. Overall Balance of Payments	Calendar Year	(Rs million)	+859	-646	-1,476	+4,803	+6,415	-1,314	+10,198	+6,205	-857	-4,888
15. Net International Reserves	End-December	(Rs million)	19,848	21,995	19,896	26,051	33,554	35,764	44,042	48,901	52,824	56,397 <sup>10</sup>
16. Total Imports (c.i.f.)*	Calendar Year	(Rs million)	41,082	46,093	49,742	56,629	54,928	57,940	64,608	65,942	76,387 <sup>2</sup>	93,371 <sup>3</sup>
17. Total Exports (f.o.b.)*	Calendar Year	(Rs million)	32,312	33,694	40,051	40,025	40,882	47,511	53,893	53,022	54,905 <sup>2</sup>	63,370 <sup>3</sup>
18. Government Recurrent Revenue**	Fiscal Year ended June	(Rs million)	12,779	16,544	18,471	21,327	22,605	24,149	24,606	29,487	32,404	35,465 <sup>2</sup>
19. Government Recurrent Expenditure**	Fiscal Year ended June	(Rs million)	15,939	18,853	21,010	24,743	25,435	31,398	29,577	33,529	36,879	40,490 <sup>2</sup>
20. Ratio of Budget Deficit to GDP at market prices**	Fiscal Year ended June	(Per cent)	5.6	4.5	3.7	3.6	3.8	6.7	6.0	6.2	5.4	5.0
21. External Debt: Central Government*** <sup>7</sup>	End-June	(Rs million)	9,159	9,619	10,752	10,193	10,190	7,168	8,785	9,074	8,445	9,232
22. Internal Debt: Central Government	End-June	(Rs million)	24,706	30,241	34,619	40,819	46,641	53,394	67,095	86,413	85,002	96,584
23. Banking System Net Claims on Central Government <sup>11</sup>	End-December	(Rs million)	14,480	18,273	17,983	17,697	13,633	19,509	19,986	26,072	38,047	41,076
24. Banks' Claims on Private Sector (CPS) <sup>11</sup>	End-December	(Rs million)	35,002	43,918	56,653	62,521	70,570	77,892	83,977	88,424	98,358	116,014
25. Growth Rate of CPS <sup>11</sup>	Calendar Year	(Per cent)	4.7	25.5	29.0	10.4	12.9	10.4	7.8	5.3	11.2	18.0
26. Currency with Public <sup>11</sup>	End-December	(Rs million)	5,051	5,410	5,833	6,127	6,648	7,329	8,286	9,347	10,731	11,744
27. Money Supply (M1) <sup>11</sup>	End-December	(Rs million)	9,831	10,613	11,592	12,004	13,301	15,454	18,159	20,403	23,617	25,958
28. Aggregate Monetary Resources (M2) <sup>11</sup>	End-December	(Rs million)	58,263	67,831	75,429	86,899	94,990	105,269	118,385	131,299	148,632	169,718
29. Growth Rate of M2 <sup>11</sup>	Calendar Year	(Per cent)	7.5	16.4	11.2	15.2	9.3	10.8	12.5	10.9	13.2	14.2
30. Total Private Sector Rupee Deposits with Banks <sup>11</sup>	End-December	(Rs million)	51,419	57,427	62,910	73,464	79,252	85,533	96,868	108,206	118,109	128,856

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Agalega and Saint Brandon.

<sup>5</sup> Population Census figure adjusted for under-enumeration of young children.

<sup>7</sup> As from end-June 1999, external debt includes Treasury Bills held by foreign investors.

<sup>8</sup> As from 2000, data on unemployment rate are not strictly comparable with the mid-year estimates published up to 1999. Data as from 2000 are derived from the Continuous Multi-Purpose Household Survey.

<sup>9</sup> The National Accounts data are based on the 2002 Census of Economic Activities.

<sup>10</sup> Prior to June 2005, include the Net Foreign Assets of 11 former Category 1 banks. With effect from June 2005, include the Net Foreign Assets of banks, adjusted for transactions of Global Business Licence Holders.

<sup>11</sup> Figures for 2005 refer to 19 banks and are not strictly comparable with prior data.

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 and Economic Development.

\*\*\* Source: Ministry of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications.

<sup>2</sup> Revised estimates.

<sup>3</sup> Provisional.

<sup>4</sup> Forecast.

<sup>6</sup> As from 2001-02, valuation changes are excluded from reserve assets transactions.