

**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	3.7 <sup>2</sup>	4.5 <sup>2</sup>	3.0 <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	156,639 <sup>2</sup>	175,119 <sup>2</sup>	186,973 <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	155,806 <sup>2</sup>	174,730 <sup>2</sup>	185,754 <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	127,386 <sup>2</sup>	141,634 <sup>2</sup>	149,370 <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. 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
13. Net International Reserves	End-June	(Rs million)	19,304	21,443	21,349	22,575	25,214	31,760	40,551	48,414	50,021	53,932 <sup>10</sup>
14. Total Imports (c.i.f.)*	Fiscal Year ended June	(Rs million)	37,704	41,878	49,322	54,076	55,048	56,204	58,151	66,267	69,586 <sup>2</sup>	84,474 <sup>2</sup>
15. Total Exports (f.o.b.)*	Fiscal Year ended June	(Rs million)	29,090	33,128	36,279	41,702	38,845	45,222	47,938	53,247	54,203 <sup>2</sup>	58,083 <sup>2</sup>
16. 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>
17. 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>
18. 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
19. 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
20. 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
21. Banking System Net Claims on Central Government	End-June	(Rs million)	14,798	15,759	17,358	16,014	18,469	17,578	18,980	21,476	35,346	40,907
22. Former Category 1 Banks' Claims on Private Sector (CPS)	End-June	(Rs million)	32,576	37,736	49,941	60,106	67,271	74,016	79,976	85,080	93,120	102,069
23. Growth Rate of CPS	Fiscal Year ended June	(Per cent)	5.8	15.8	32.3	20.4	11.9	10.0	8.1	6.4	9.4	9.6
24. Currency with Public	End-June	(Rs million)	4,162	4,307	4,651	4,876	5,172	5,735	6,466	7,488	8,480	9,729
25. Money Supply (M1)	End-June	(Rs million)	8,235	8,874	10,152	10,906	11,068	12,712	15,136	17,439	21,322	22,647
26. Aggregate Monetary Resources (M2)	End-June	(Rs million)	55,476	60,359	70,878	80,204	88,938	97,753	110,467	123,405	141,132	153,128
27. Growth Rate of M2	Fiscal Year ended June	(Per cent)	15.9	8.8	17.4	13.2	10.9	9.9	13.0	11.7	14.4	8.5
28. Total Private Sector Rupee Deposits with Former Category 1 Banks	End-June	(Rs million)	49,331	53,334	59,609	67,323	75,522	79,869	90,439	100,993	115,513	121,212

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

<sup>2</sup> Revised estimates.

<sup>3</sup> Provisional.

<sup>4</sup> Forecast.

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

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

<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.

Note: As from 2002-03, 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.