

# People

**Population:** 1,127,068 (July 1995 est.)

**Age structure:**

*0-14 years:* 28% (female 152,892; male 158,891)

*15-64 years:* 66% (female 376,049; male 372,910)

*65 years and over:* 6% (female 39,088; male 27,238) (July 1995 est.)

**Population growth rate:** 0.89% (1995 est.)

**Birth rate:** 18.91 births/1,000 population (1995 est.)

**Death rate:** 6.38 deaths/1,000 population (1995 est.)

**Net migration rate:** -3.64 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1995 est.)

**Infant mortality rate:** 17.8 deaths/1,000 live births (1995 est.)

**Life expectancy at birth:**

*total population:* 70.84 years

*male:* 66.9 years

*female:* 74.95 years (1995 est.)

**Total fertility rate:** 2.2 children born/woman (1995 est.)

**Nationality:**

*noun:* Mauritian(s)

*adjective:* Mauritian

**Ethnic divisions:** Indo-Mauritian 68%, Creole 27%, Sino-Mauritian 3%, Franco-Mauritian 2%

**Religions:** Hindu 52%, Christian 28.3% (Roman Catholic 26%, Protestant 2.3%), Muslim 16.6%, other 3.1%

**Languages:** English (official), Creole, French, Hindi, Urdu, Hakka, Bojpoori

**Literacy:** age 15 and over can read and write (1990)

*total population:* 80%

*male:* 85%

*female:* 75%

**Labor force:** 335,000

*by occupation:* government services 29%, agriculture and fishing 27%, manufacturing 22%, other 22%