

**United Nations Statistics Division: Demographic Yearbook**  
**Questionnaire on Metadata for Population and Housing Census**

Reporting country: Republic of Mauritius

Population census date: Night 3 - 4 July 2011  
Housing census date 31 January 2011 to 19 June 2011

**A. General population census information**

**1. Census information**

<b>Type of census</b>	
(a) Traditional census	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Register based census	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Combination	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Other, please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>

**2. Type of population count and coverage**

<b>Type of population count</b>	
(a) De facto / population present	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) De jure / usual resident population	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other, please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Please specify whether the following population groups were enumerated in the census**

<b>Population group</b>	<b>Included</b>	<b>Excluded</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
(a) Nomads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Persons living in areas to which access is difficult	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located outside the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Civilian residents temporarily absent from the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) Civilian residents who cross a frontier daily to work in another country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(f) Foreign military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located in the country (diplomatic personnel and their families are excluded)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(g) Civilian foreigners who do not cross a frontier	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

daily and are in the country temporarily, including undocumented persons, or transients on ships in harbour at the time of the census			
(h) Civilian foreigners who cross a frontier daily to work in the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(i) Refugees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 3. Estimated census completeness (AROUND 98% - POPULATION CENSUS DATA PROCESSING STILL IN PROGRESS)

Estimated completeness:	Both sexes	Male	Female
(a) Gross under-enumeration (specify unit: )			
(b) Gross over-enumeration (specify unit: )			
(c) Net error (specify unit: )			

Base denominator for this estimate is:	
(a) Enumerated population	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Estimated "complete" population	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

Method(s) used in estimating completeness:	
(a) Post Enumeration Survey (PES)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date conducted:	
Size of sample (specify unit: ):	
For total area:	
For urban areas:	
For rural areas:	
Population groups excluded:	
(b) Demographic analysis, please specify:	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other methods, please specify:	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 4. Definition of urban/rural

The definition of urban areas for this census is:

Urban areas refer to the five Municipal Council Areas which is subdivided into 20 Municipal Wards defined according to proclaimed boundaries.

The definition of rural areas for this census is:

Rural areas refer to the four District Council Areas which is subdivided into 124 Village Council Areas defined according to proclaimed boundaries.

## **5. Definition of cities**

The definition of a city proper for this census is:

No formal definition.

The definition of urban agglomeration for this census is:

No formal definition.

## **6. Definition of locality**

The definition of a locality for this census is:

No formal definition.

## **7. Definition of literacy**

The definition of "literate" and "illiterate" for this census is:

"Literate" - A person who can both read and write, with understanding, a short simple statement in his/her everyday life. "Illiterate" - A person who cannot both read and write, with understanding, a short and simple statement in his/her everyday life.

## **8. Educational attainment**

Do you follow the International Standard Classification for Education (ISCED) for tabulating the population by educational attainment?

Yes

If so, what revision? ISCED-97, which has been adapted to the national context.

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ISCED (specify revision number)?

If no, please point out the major deviations from ISCED (specify revision number).

## B. Economic characteristics

### 1. Activity status

What is the lower age limit for the collection of information on activity status in this census?

12 years

Is there a maximum age limit for collection of information on activity status for this census?

No

What reference period do you use to determine the economic activity of a person?

Monday 27 June to Sunday 3 July 2011, i.e 1 week prior to census night.

### 2. Definition of economically active population used in this census

Definition of economically active population	
(a) Usually active population	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Currently active population	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other, please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are the following groups considered economically active in the national tabulations?  
If not, please indicate how they are classified:

Economic group	Yes	No
(a) contributing (unpaid) family workers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) unemployed persons including those never previously employed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) armed forces;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) part-time workers even though they may spend most time at non-gainful activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) domestic servants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 3. Status in Employment

Do you follow the International Standard Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE-93), for the classification of the Status in Employment in your country?

Yes

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ICSE-93?

If no, please point out the major deviations from ICSE-93.

#### **4. Occupation**

Do you follow the International Standard Classification for Occupations (ISCO) for tabulating the employed population by occupation?

Yes

If yes, what revision? Based on International Standard Classification of Occupation, ISCO-08, which has been adapted to the national context.

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ISCO (specify revision number)?

If no, point out the major deviations from ISCO (specify revision number).

#### **5. Industry**

Do you follow the International Standard Classification for International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) for tabulating the employed population by industry?

Yes

If so, what revision? Based on International Standard Industrial Classification of Economic Activities, ISIC Rev. 4 of 2007, which has been adapted to the national context.

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ISIC (specify revision number).

If no, please point out the major deviations from ISIC (specify revision number)..



## C. Household characteristics

### 1. Definitions

General definition of a household for this census is:

either (i) a one-person household, that is, a person who makes provision for his own food or other essentials for living without combining with any other person to form part of a multi-person household; or

(ii) a multi-person household, that is, a group of two or more persons living together who make common provision for food or other essentials for living. The persons in the group may pool their incomes and have a common budget to a greater or lesser extent; they may be related or unrelated persons or a combination of both.

General definition of a family nucleus for this census is:

A family nucleus may be either a couple with or without unmarried children, or a lone parent with unmarried children.

### 2. Head of household / reference member

Definition	
(a) Head of household, defined as follows: Any adult member, male or female, who is acknowledged as such by the other members of the household.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Reference member of household, defined as follows:	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other (for example: Joint head of household):	<input type="checkbox"/>

## **D. Housing census characteristics**

### **1. Housing information**

What definition did you apply in this census for housing unit?

A housing unit is a separate and independent place of abode intended for habitation by one household, or one not intended for habitation, but occupied for living purposes by a household at the time of the census.

Although intended for one household, a housing unit may be occupied by more than one household or by part of a household.

What definition did you apply in this census for conventional dwelling?

A building is any independent free-standing structure, comprising one or more rooms and other spaces, covered by a roof and usually enclosed within external walls or dividing walls which extend from the foundations to the roof.

Are vacant units included in the enumerated conventional dwellings?

Yes

What definition did you apply in this census for room?

A room is defined as a space in a housing unit enclosed by walls reaching from the floor to the ceiling or roof covering or at least to a height of two metres, and of a size large enough to hold a bed for an adult, which is at least four square metres.

### **2. Definition of cities**

**(as referred to in the Housing Census Questionnaire: City Data)**

General definition of a city in the reporting country for this census

City 1 (Capital City) – Territory refers to:

City 2 – Territory refers to:

City 3 – Territory refers to:

City 4 – Territory refers to:



### **E. Bibliography of Population and Housing Statistics**

Please list publications that contain results of your latest population census and your latest housing census:

2000 Housing and Population Census -Table Reports (Volume I - VII) and Analysis Reports (Volume I - X). 2011 Housing and Population Census - Volume I.

These publications are available on the CSO website at the following link:  
[http://www.gov.mu/portal/goc/cso/cenrep\\_1.htm](http://www.gov.mu/portal/goc/cso/cenrep_1.htm)