

MAURITIUS

Capital: Port Louis

GEODATA

Area

1,860 km²

Major languages

English, French, Creole, Hindi, Urdu, Bhajpuri

Major religious groups

Hindu (52%), Roman Catholic (26%), Muslim (17%) Protestant (2%)

Surrounding country

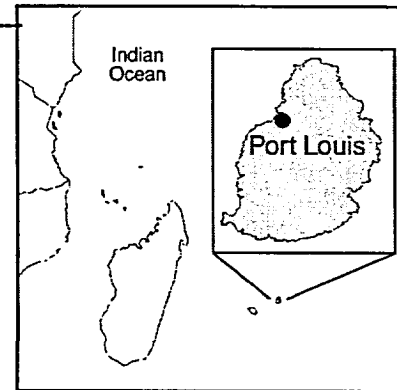
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Population

1.2 million (2000 est.)

Population growth rate

0.9% (2000 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

National legislature

Unicameral: National Assembly; multiparty

Leaders

President Cassam Uteem

Prime Minister Anerood Jugnauth

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Co-operation

Anil Kumarsingh Gayan

Minister of Industry and International Trade

Jaya Krishna Cuttaree

UN Human Development Index (2001)

Mauritius ranks 63rd among 162 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$1.34 million (2000-01)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$5 billion US (2000)

GDP growth rate

8.9% (2000)

GDP per capita

\$3,983 US (2000)

Main exports

Sugar, manufactured goods

Main imports

Manufactured goods, machinery, transport equipment, food

Main exports to Canada

\$19.4 million (2000), including woven and knit apparel, live animals

Main imports from Canada

\$2.9 million (2000), including electrical machinery, aircraft parts, vegetables, computers and components

Inflation rate

4.2% (2000)

Unemployment rate

8% (2000)

Canadian Representative

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