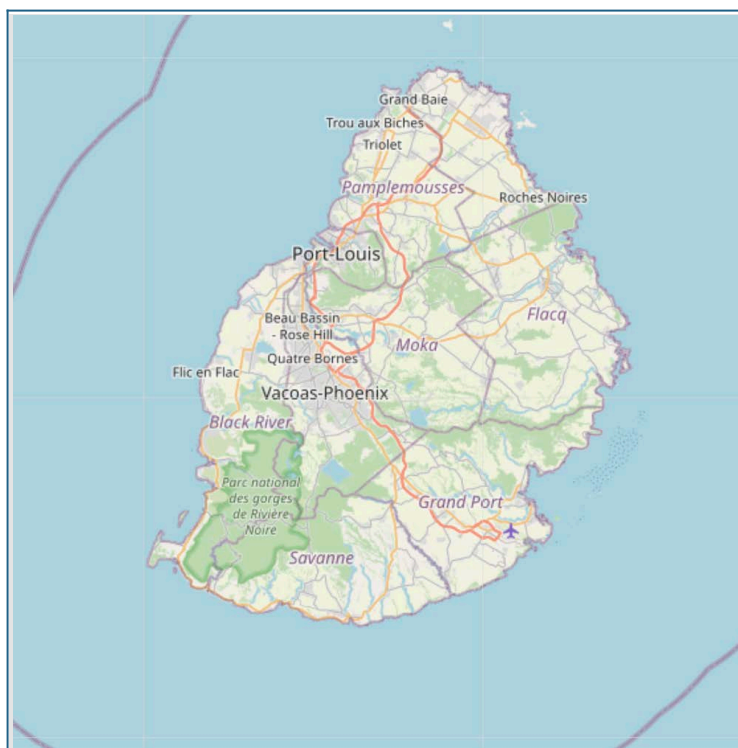


Mauritius Immigration Detention Data Profile



| Quick Facts | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Immigration detainees (2019) | Not Available |
| Detained minors (2017) | Not Available |
| International migrants (2019) | 28,849 |
| New asylum applications (2019) | 15 |

NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/africa/mauritius>
- "Observation Dates" indicate the timeframe statistical data correspond to or other data were last validated. More than one statistical entry for a year indicates contrasting reports.

STATISTICS

Detention, expulsion, and incarceration statistics

| | | Observation Date | | | Observation Date |
|--|---------------|------------------|--|---------------|------------------|
| Total number of immigration detainees by year | Not Available | 2019 | Total number of detained minors | Not Available | 2017 |
| | | | | | |
| Criminal prison population | 2,177 | 2017 | Percentage of foreign prisoners | 6.4 | 2012 |
| | 2,663 | 2013 | | 4.9 | 2009 |
| | 2,664 | 2012 | | | |
| | 2,384 | 2009 | | | |
| | 2,272 | 2007 | | | |
| | 2,572 | 2004 | | | |
| | 1,985 | 2001 | | | |
| | 1,510 | 1998 | | | |
| | 1,181 | 1995 | | | |
| | 849 | 1992 | | | |
| Prison population rate (per 100,000 of national population) | 170 | 2017 | | | |
| | 202 | 2013 | | | |
| | 203 | 2012 | | | |
| | 184 | 2009 | | | |
| | 178 | 2007 | | | |
| | 206 | 2004 | | | |
| | 164 | 2001 | | | |
| | 128 | 1998 | | | |
| | 104 | 1995 | | | |
| | 77 | 1992 | | | |

Demographics and immigration-related statistics

| | | Observation Date | | | Observation Date |
|---|-----------|------------------|-------------------------------|--------|------------------|
| Population | 1,273,000 | 2015 | International migrants | 28,849 | 2019 |
| | | | | 28,600 | 2015 |
| International migrants as a percentage of the population | 2.2 | 2015 | Refugees | 20 | 2019 |
| | | | | 0 | 2016 |
| Total number of new asylum applications | 15 | 2019 | | | |
| | 0 | 2014 | | | |

DOMESTIC LAW

| LEGAL TRADITION | | | |
|--|--|---|-------------------|
| Legal tradition | Name | | Observation Date |
| | Civil law | | 2017 |
| | Common law | | 2017 |
| LAWS AND REGULATIONS | | | |
| Core pieces of national legislation | Name | Year Adopted | Last Year Amended |
| | Immigration Act 1970 | 1973 | 2008 |
| CRIMINALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION-RELATED OFFENCES | | | |
| Does the country provide specific criminal penalties for immigration-related violations? | Fines | Incarceration | Observation Date |
| | Yes | Yes | 1973 |
| CRIMINALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION-RELATED OFFENCES | | | |
| Grounds for criminal immigration-related detention/incarceration and maximum potential duration of incarceration | Grounds for Incarceration | Maximum Number of Days of Incarceration | Observation Date |
| | Unauthorized entry | 365 | 1973 |
| | Unauthorized exit | 365 | 1973 |
| CRIMINALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION-RELATED OFFENCES | | | |
| Has the country decriminalized immigration-related violations? | Has the country decriminalized immigration-related violations? | | Observation Date |
| | No | | 1973 |
| COVID-19 UPDATES | | | |
| Latest Update | Update Status | | Observation Date |
| | <p>By the end of July, Mauritius had recorded nearly 350 cases of Covid-19 as well as 10 related deaths. Mauritius began taking precautionary measures early. On 22 January, the government began screening people upon arrival at the airport and from 28 February, despite there being no confirmed cases in the country, authorities began quarantining visitors from countries with a large number of cases. In mid-March, only essential services were allowed to remain open. The situation was then relaxed from April onwards, albeit with strict controls. On 30 April, the Construction Workers' Union of Mauritius (CMWEU) reportedly assisted 44 unpaid and Covid-19 vulnerable Indian migrant workers employed by an Indian construction company. The workers had not received their wages for the month of March despite a government commitment to shoulder half of the workers' salaries to ensure income security. The Indian workers said that they had not been provided with any personal protective equipment (PPE) and that they lacked money to buy toiletries, such as soap and toothpaste, for their personal hygiene. There does not appear to be a dedicated immigration detention system in the country, nor specific legislation relating to immigration detention. However, criminal sanctions (fines and prison terms) for offences such as irregular entry or making false or misleading statements in connection with entry or exit from Mauritian territory, may be imposed. Also, according to Mauritius' response (dated 29 March 2019) to the UN Committee on Migrant Worker's Draft General Comment No. 5 on Migrants' Rights to Liberty and Freedom from Arbitrary Detention Questionnaire, there is no law or policy on the granting of refugee status or political asylum in Mauritius and attempts to treat applications for refugee status or political asylum on a case-by-case basis by facilitating their settlement in a country willing to receive them. The GDP has been unable to find reports indicating that authorities have adopted any measures to assist migrants.</p> | | 2020 |

INTERNATIONAL LAW

| Relevant international treaties and date of ratification | | | |
|--|--|--|------------------|
| International treaties | Name | Ratification Year | |
| | ICERD, International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination | 1972 | |
| | VCCR, Vienna Convention on Consular Relations | 1970 | |
| | ICESCR, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights | 1973 | |
| | ICCPR, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights | 1973 | |
| | CEDAW, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women | 1984 | |
| | CAT, Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment | 1992 | |
| | CRC, Convention on the Rights of the Child | 1990 | |
| | CRPD, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities | 2010 | |
| | CTOCTP, Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children | 2003 | |
| | CTOCSP, Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime | 2003 | |
| | OPCAT, Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment | 2005 | |
| Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified | 11/19 | | |
| Relevant international treaties and date of ratification | | | |
| International treaty reservations | Name | Reservation Year | Observation Date |
| | CRPD Article 24 | 2010 | 2017 |
| Relevant international treaties and date of ratification | | | |
| Individual complaints procedure | Name | Acceptance Year | |
| | ICCPR, First Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966 | 1973 | |
| | CEDAW, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 1999 | 2008 | |
| Relevant international treaties and date of ratification | | | |
| Ratio of complaints procedures accepted | Number | Observation Date | |
| | 2/7 | 2017 | |
| Regional treaties, regulations, and directives | | | |
| Regional legal instruments | Name | Year of Ratification (Treaty) / Transposed (Directive) / Adoption (Regulation) | |
| | ACHPR, African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights | 1992 | |
| | ACRWC, African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child | 1992 | |

Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms

| Relevant recommendations of the UN Universal Periodic Review | Recomendation Issued | Year Issued | Observation Date |
|--|----------------------|-------------|------------------|
| | No | 2009 | 2017 |
| | No | 2013 | 2017 |

INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS

More information about immigration detention in Mauritius is available at the website of the Global Detention Project (www.globaldetentionproject.org)

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