

Market Brief on Mauritius

Location



Republic of Mauritius is located in the South West part of the Indian Ocean, north of the Tropic of Capricorn. The island of Mauritius lies 855 kilometers east of Madagascar and about 3,900 kilometers southwest of India

Cities and Population

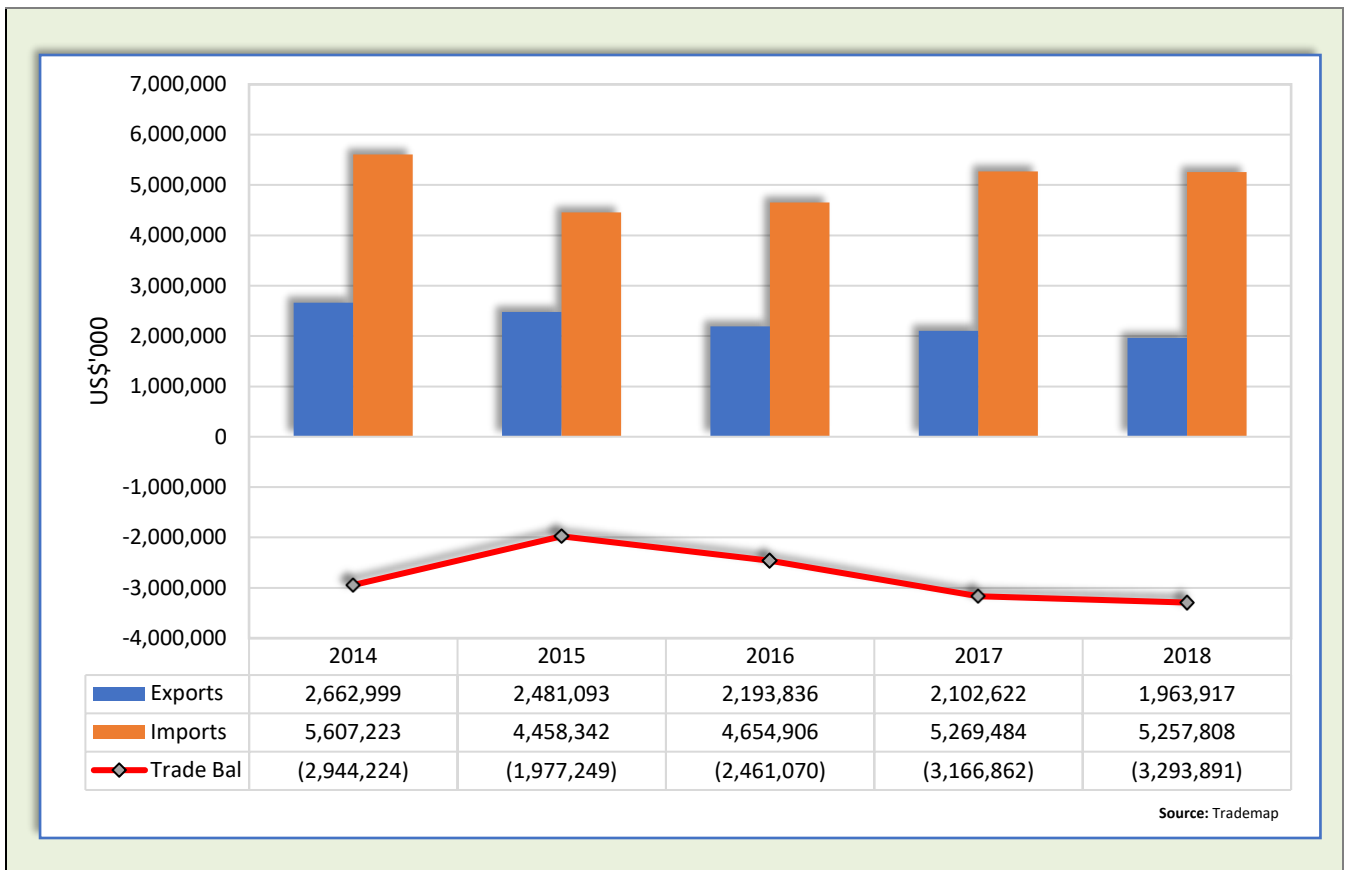
City	Population
Port Louis	155,226
Beau Bassin	111,355
Vacoas	110,000
Curepipe	84,200
Quatre Bornes	80,961
Triolet	23,269
Goodlands	20,910
Centre de Flacq	17,710
Bel Air Rivière Sèche	17,671
Mahébourg	17,042

Facts and Figures

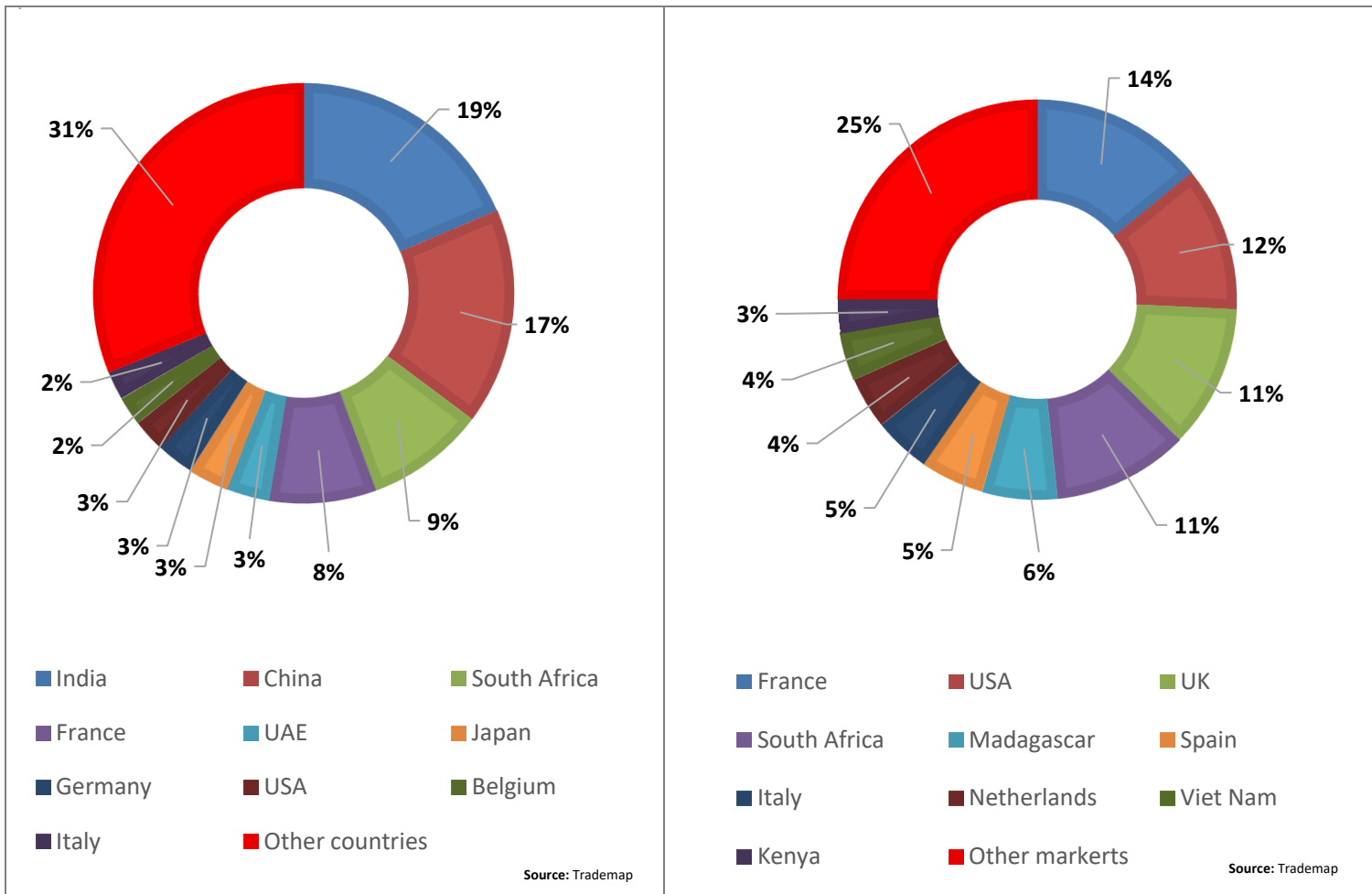


Total Population (2019 est.)	1.59 million
Area	2,040 sq. km
Time Zone	+4 hrs GMT
Capital City	Port Louis
International Telephone Code	+230
Currency	Mauritius Rupee (MUR)
Exchange Rate (2020)	1 USD = 35.97 MUR
GDP (2019 est.)	US\$14.22 billion
GDP per capita (2019 est.)	US\$9,904.6
GDP Growth Rate (2019 est.)	3.9 %
Ease of Doing Business (World Bank 2020)	13 out of 190
Inflation Rate (2019 est.)	3%
Language(s)	French; English Mauritian Creole, Bhojpuri, Tamil, and Urdu
Banking Hours	0900-1530 hrs (weekdays) 0830-1200 hrs (Sat)
Measures	Metric System
Important International Participation	UN, AU, IOC COMESA, WTO

Mauritius Trade with the World



Major import sources of Mauritius (2018) Major export destinations of Mauritius (2018)



Major import products of Mauritius

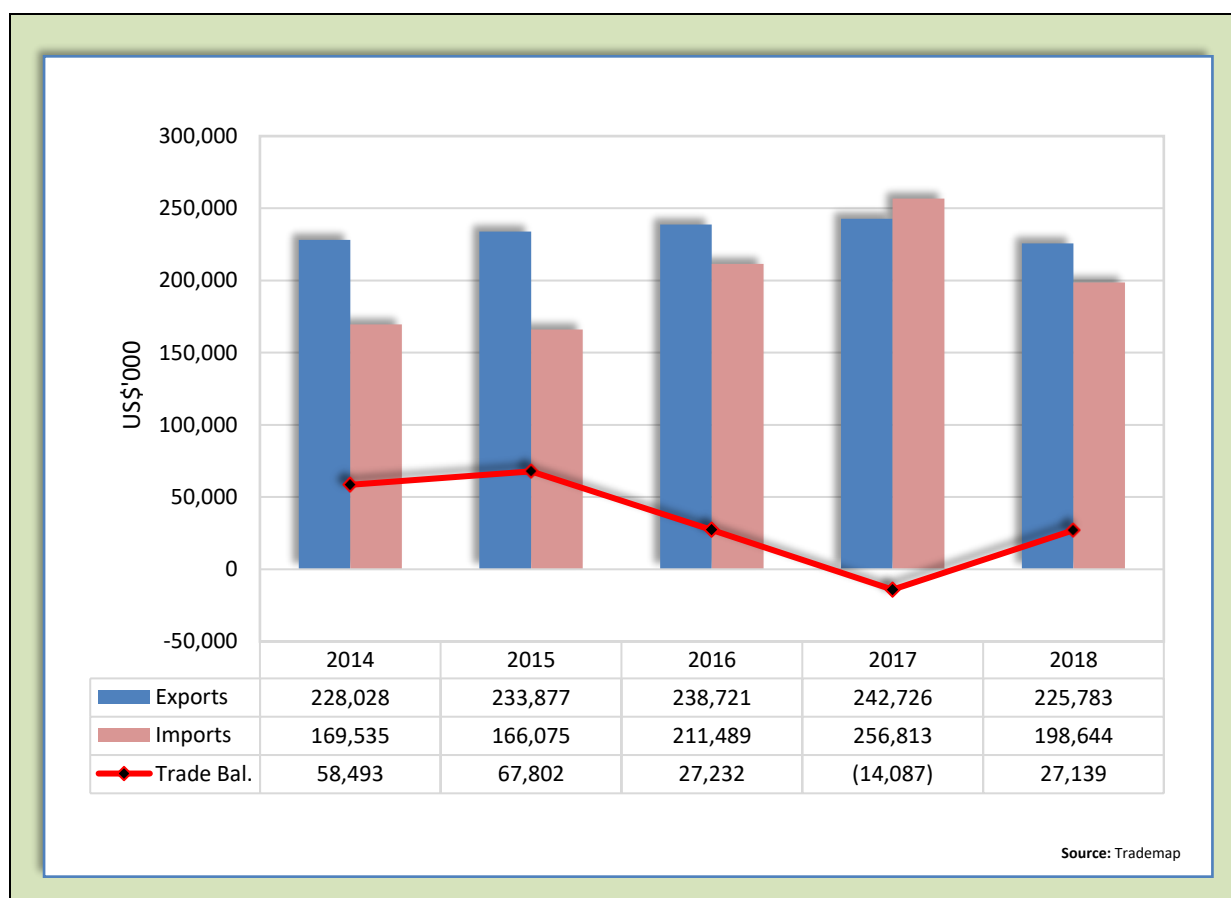
- Medium oils
- Medicaments
- Motor cars
- Butane
- Frozen skipjack
- Mobile phones
- Non-industrial diamonds
- Coal
- Cigarettes
- Cotton
- Semi milled rice
- Vanilla
- Reception apparatus for televisions
- Milk & cream in solid form
- Data processing machines

Major export products of Mauritius

- Preserved fish
- T-shirts
- Cane or beet sugar
- Men shirts
- Frozen fish
- Men's suits
- Diamonds
- Women suits
- Jerseys
- Packaging – plastic
- Vanilla
- Medical instruments
- Medicaments
- Petroleum gas
- Cotton yarn

Source: Trademap

Mauritius - COMESA Trade (US\$'000)



Mauritius import products from COMESA

- Cigarettes
- Vanilla
- Frozen skipjack'
- Frozen yellowfin tunas
- Food preparations
- Cotton'
- Soya bean
- Pine
- Sunflower seed
- Sanitary towels (pads) & tampons
- Packaging material – paper & paperboard
- Bars of iron & steel
- Dried shelled broad beans
- Oranges
- Black fermented tea

Mauritius Export products to COMESA

- Cane sugar
- Reception apparatus for television
- Packaging materials
- Looped pile fabrics
- Undenatured ethyl alcohol
- Uncooked pasta
- Raw cane sugar
- Carded wool yarn
- Plain woven fabrics
- Dyed cotton fabrics
- Mobile phones
- Butanes
- Single cotton yarn
- Medicaments
- Printed matter
- Oilcake

Markets which Mauritius can target and supply in COMESA

	Market	Products with potential
1.	Zambia	Frozen fish, Mineral or chemical fertilisers, medicaments, clothing and apparel, uncooked pasta, sulphates of copper, packaging material.
2.	Kenya	Raw cane sugar, clothing and apparel, reception apparatus for television, packaging material, pellets of fish, dentifrices, denatured ethyl alcohol.
3.	Madagascar	Looped cotton piles, knit/crochet, Knit/crochet dyed cotton fabrics, and Cane or beet sugar & chemically pure sucrose, carded yarn, undenatured ethyl alcohol, bottles for packaging, crochet fabrics, wheat, vanilla
4.	Seychelles	Tuna (yellowfin), frozen, Skipjack & bonito, frozen, and Bigeye tunas, frozen. Tuna (yellowfin), frozen, Wheat flour, cane sugar, animal feed

International Markets Mauritius can target and supply products

The markets with greatest potential for Mauritius's exports of All products are South Africa, France and United States of America. South Africa shows the largest absolute difference between potential and actual exports in value terms, leaving room to realize additional exports.

	Market	Products with potential
1)	South Africa	Clothing (for men & women), cane sugar, fish, television reception apparatus, packaging materials, pasta, yarn.
2)	France	Clothing (for men & women), fish, vanilla, jewellery, diamonds, pineapple, medical instruments, skin care products, gold, handbags, cane sugar, wheat flour.
3)	USA	Clothing (for men & women), preserved tunas, diamonds, vanilla, live primates, handbags, fish fillets, cane sugar, frames for spectacles, jewellery, needles.
4)	UK	Clothing (for men & women), preserved tunas, diamonds, vanilla, live primates, handbags, fish fillets, cane sugar, carded yarn, leather.
5)	Italy	Preserved tunas, clothing and textiles, cane sugar, cotton waste, fillets, packaging machinery, unwrought aluminium alloys.

COMESA Countries can supply the following products to Mauritius:

- Vanilla
- Wood sawn
- Petroleum oils
- Cotton
- Packaging material
- Containers for transporting fluids
- Fish fillets
- Precious stones
- Orthopedic appliances
- Carded wool yarn

Useful Addresses

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