Introduction

Mauritius is an island nation off the southeast coast of the African continent in the southwest Indian Ocean. It is located east of Madagascar. The main island is of volcanic origin and is almost entirely surrounded by a coral reef that poses maritime hazards. The government is a parliamentary democracy; the chief of state is the president, and the head of government is the prime minister. Although state monopolies exist, Mauritius has a mixed economic system which includes a variety of private freedom, combined with centralized economic planning and government regulation.

Mauritius is a member of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

Location: Eastern Africa
Capital City: Port Louis (+4 GMT)
Chief of State: Acting President Parasivum Pillay Vyapoory
Head of Govt.: Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth
Currency: Mauritian rupee (MUR)

Major Languages: Creole 86.5%, Bhojpuri 5.3%, French 4.1%, two languages 1.4%, other 2.6% (includes English, the official language of the National Assembly, which is spoken by less than 1% of the population), unspecified 0.1%

Primary Religions: Hindu 48.5%, Roman Catholic 26.3%, Muslim 17.3%, other Christian 6.4%, other 0.6%, none 0.7%, unspecified 0.1%

Calling Code: 230
Voltage: 230

Key Websites
Main Government Page: govmu.org
Commerce Ministry: commerce.govmu.org
Investment Promotion Agency: edbmauritius.org

Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI): Upper Middle Income Level of Development: Developing GDP, PPP (current international $): $30.00 billion (2018)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international $): $23,709.10 (2018)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP): 11.36% (2018)
Current account balance (BoP, current US$): -$0.82 billion (2018)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %): 3.22% (2018)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate): 6.87% (2019)
Exports of goods and services (current US$): $5.78 billion (2018)

GDP Composition %

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*Although Manufacturing is included in the Industry figures, it is also separately reported because it plays a critical role in economy.

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Risk Assessment (Provided by Coface)

Country rating: A4 - A somewhat shaky political and economic outlook and a relatively volatile business environment can affect corporate payment behavior. Corporate default probability is still acceptable on average.

Business Climate rating: A3 - The business environment is relatively good. Although not always available, corporate financial information is usually reliable. Debt collection and the institutional framework may have some shortcomings. Intercompany transactions may run into occasional difficulties in the otherwise secure environments rated A3.

Strengths
- Strong tourism sector
- Bilingualism (English and French)
- Robust banking system
- Democratic institutions and effective governance

Weaknesses
- Commercially and economically dependent on Europe (tourism, construction)
- Poor infrastructure in some regions
- Lack of skilled workers

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