

Mauritius

Imports: CIF, by origin

Exports: FOB, by last known destination

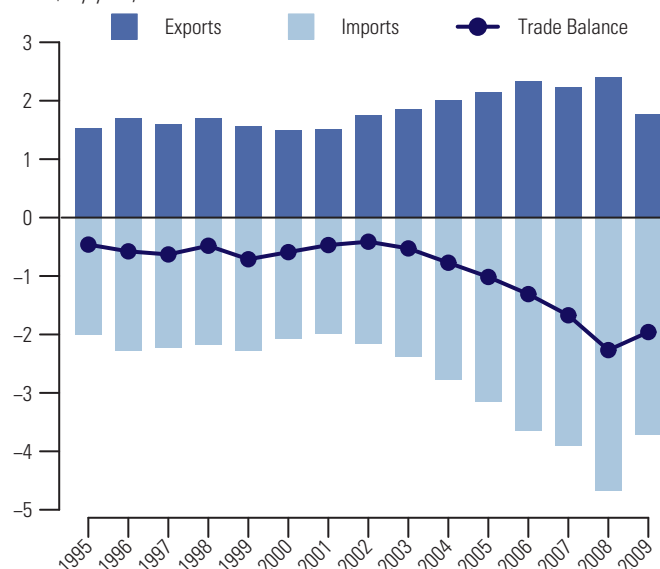
Trade System: General

Overview:

From 2005 to 2009, the value of the exports of Mauritius dropped on average by 4.7 percent each year and amounted to 1.8 bln US\$ (see table 1 and graph 1). Imports showed a continuous increase marked by a peak of 4.7 bln US\$ in 2008 before declining by 20.2 percent in 2009 to 3.7 bln US\$ (see table 2 and graph 1). The trade deficit narrowed from 2.3 bln US\$ in 2008 to 2.0 bln US\$ in 2009 (see graph 1). Deficits with Southern Asia and Eastern Asia amounted respectively to 747.8 and 556.8 mln US\$ in 2009. The trade balance recorded a surplus of 216.6 mln US\$ with Developed Europe. By partners, exports were more concentrated than imports: 9 major partners accounted for 80 percent of exports compared to 16 major partners for imports (see graph 3).

Graph 1: Total imports, exports and trade balance

(Bln US\$ by year)



Exports Profile:

Two commodity groups accounted for a large part of Mauritius' exports: miscellaneous manufactured articles (SITC section 8) and food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1) represented respectively 49.3 and 33.9 percent of exported goods in 2009 (see table 1). Exports of miscellaneous manufactured articles (SITC section 8) dropped on average by 0.2 percent each year since 2005 while food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1) increased on average by 1.0 percent each year. In addition to United Kingdom, other major destinations for exports included France and USA (see table 4). Major exported products over the last three years were t-shirts, singlets and other vests, knitted or crocheted (HS code 6109), cane or beet sugar and pure sucrose, in solid form (HS code 1701) and prepared or preserved fish; caviar (HS code 1604) (see table 3).

Table 1: Exports by SITC sections

(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)

SITC	2009	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2009 share
		2005-2009	2008-2009	
Total	1 765.8	-4.7	-26.5	100.0
0+1	599.5	1.0	-10.8	33.9
2+4	30.5	16.3	-15.5	1.7
3	0.5	-28.0	-33.9	0.0
5	61.5	20.6	-4.4	3.5
6	160.5	-1.4	-13.4	9.1
7	40.5	-40.5	-69.2	2.3
8	871.0	-0.2	-12.4	49.3
9	1.8	-67.1	-99.4	0.1

Table 2: Imports by SITC sections

(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)

SITC	2009	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2009 share
		2005-2009	2008-2009	
Total	3 725.1	4.2	-20.2	100.0
0+1	759.4	11.2	-17.1	20.4
2+4	141.5	9.2	-25.6	3.8
3	584.9	3.0	-41.4	15.7
5	336.5	7.7	-8.3	9.0
6	673.6	0.8	-23.6	18.1
7	872.0	-0.5	-5.9	23.4
8	346.1	8.9	-8.9	9.3
9	11.0	7.3	11.2	0.3

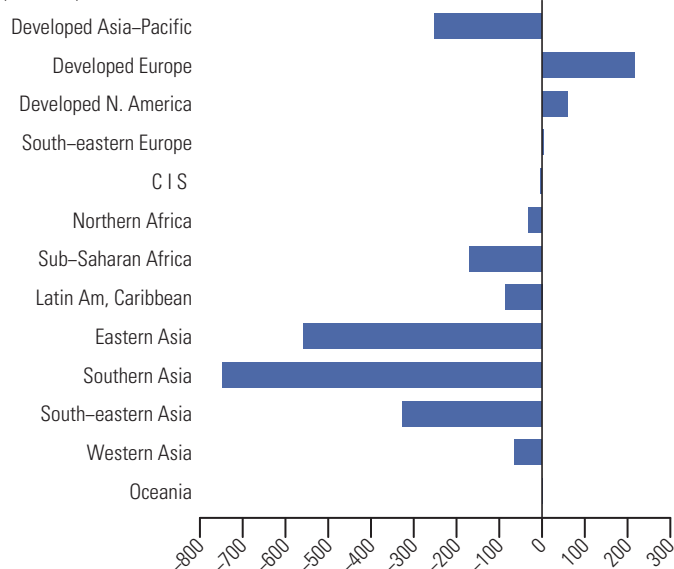
Table 3: Top 10 export commodities 2007 to 2009

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	Value (million US\$)			Unit value				SITC code
		2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	Unit	
	All Commodities.....	2 228.7	2 401.5	1 765.8					
6109	T-shirts, singlets and other vests, knitted or crocheted.....	402.7	365.5	303.7	4.0	4.2	3.8	US\$/unit	845
1701	Cane or beet sugar and pure sucrose, in solid form.....	297.1	290.2	214.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	US\$/kg	061
1604	Prepared or preserved fish; caviar.....	198.7	219.5	220.7	3.5	4.0	3.7	US\$/kg	037
9999	Commodities not specified according to kind.....	178.2	314.3	...					931
6205	Men's or boys' shirts.....	131.0	124.0	107.2	10.2	10.4	9.9	US\$/unit	841
6203	Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, trousers.....	76.7	85.3	82.6	10.9	12.0	11.1	US\$/unit	841
6110	Jerseys, pullovers, cardigans, waist-coats and similar articles.....	69.0	65.8	57.9	10.0	10.9	10.1	US\$/unit	845
0303	Fish, frozen, excluding fish fillets.....	60.6	59.8	57.8	2.1	2.1	2.1	US\$/kg	034
8525	Transmission apparatus for radio-telephony, radio-broadcasting.....	85.5	81.1	4.5	152.5	144.1	108.5	US\$/unit	764
6105	Men's or boys' shirts, knitted or crocheted.....	70.5	55.8	39.4	6.1	7.0	7.4	US\$/unit	843

Graph 2: Trade Balance by MDG Regions in 2009

(Mln US\$)



Graph 3: Partner concentration of trade in 2009

(Cumulative share by ranked partners)

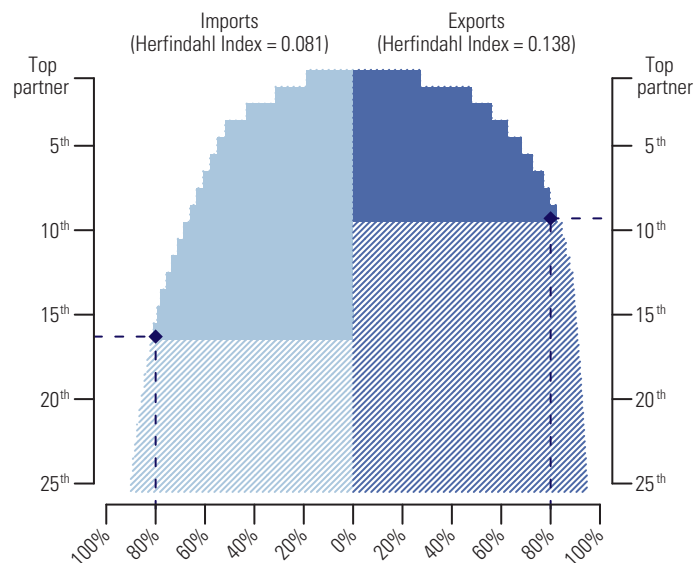


Table 4: Exports by principal countries and SITC sections in 2009

(Value in million US\$, percentages of country total)

Country	Total	Shares by SITC sections (%)									Total
		0 + 1	2 + 4	3	5	6	7	8	9		
World.....	1765.8	33.9	1.7	0.0	3.5	9.1	2.3	49.3	0.1	100	
United Kingdom.....	480.4	44.4	0.1	...	0.1	0.6	0.6	54.3	...	100	
France.....	366.4	18.6	0.3	0.0	7.5	6.6	2.4	64.0	0.5	100	
USA.....	145.4	12.0	0.1	...	0.0	13.1	0.4	74.3	...	100	
Madagascar.....	112.8	30.3	2.5	0.0	8.8	40.4	5.6	12.3	...	100	
Italy.....	97.2	62.1	2.2	...	0.0	1.6	1.9	32.2	...	100	
South Africa.....	80.3	4.0	4.0	0.0	1.6	8.1	1.3	80.9	...	100	
Spain.....	80.1	77.4	2.8	0.0	0.1	1.4	0.3	18.0	...	100	
Belgium.....	45.7	18.1	0.0	...	0.2	34.0	0.3	47.5	...	100	
Portugal.....	44.0	87.8	0.0	0.3	...	11.9	...	100	
Germany.....	41.7	20.7	0.3	...	0.3	1.3	1.6	76.0	0.0	100	

Imports Profile:

In 2009, imports were composed of 23.4 percent of machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7), 20.4 percent of food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1) and 18.1 percent of manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6) (see table 2). Over the last three years, top imported products included petroleum oils, other than crude (HS code 2710), fish, frozen, excluding fish fillets (HS code 0303) and motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport (HS code 8703) (see table 5).

Table 5: Top 10 import commodities 2007 to 2009

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	Value (million US\$)			Unit value				SITC code
		2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	Unit	
All Commodities.....		3900.9	4669.7	3725.1					
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		611.2	846.9	482.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	US\$/kg	334
0303 Fish, frozen, excluding fish fillets.....		195.8	264.5	190.3	1.6	1.9	1.5	US\$/kg	034
8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....		92.7	126.3	96.0	9.7	10.3	10.1	thsd US\$/unit	781
8525 Transmission apparatus for radio-telephony, radio-broadcasting.....		113.0	96.4	36.8	149.4	128.5	94.1	US\$/unit	764
3004 Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06).....		61.3	76.9	86.2	15.4	20.1	19.8	US\$/kg	542
5205 Cotton yarn (other than sewing thread), containing 85 % or more.....		85.9	61.8	42.7	3.5	3.6	3.0	US\$/kg	651
8802 Other aircraft (for example, helicopters, aeroplanes); spacecraft.....		89.7	0.0	100.2	29.9	0.0	50.1	mln US\$/unit	792
2701 Coal; briquettes, ovoids and similar solid fuels manufactured from coal.....		51.5	76.6	56.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	US\$/kg	321
2523 Portland cement, aluminous cement, slag cement.....		47.3	83.8	48.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	US\$/kg	661
0402 Milk and cream, concentrated or containing added sugar.....		52.8	71.0	49.1	3.8	5.1	3.6	US\$/kg	022