

Gross Official International Reserves: End-August 2020

The Gross Official International Reserves¹ (GOIR) of the country declined by Rs16.7 billion, from Rs306.2 billion (equivalent to USD7.7 billion) as at end-July 2020 to Rs289.5 billion (equivalent to USD7.3 billion) as at end-August 2020. Relative to a year ago, the GOIR rose by Rs29.7 billion.

Based on the value of imports of goods (f.o.b.) and services for calendar year 2019, the GOIR represented 13.2 months of imports as at end-August 2020, compared to 13.9 months as at end-July 2020 and 11.8 months as at end-August 2019.

Table 1: Gross Official International Reserves: August 2019 – August 2020

	Gross Foreign Assets of				Reserve Position in	Foreign Assets of	Gross Official International	Gross Official International	Import Cover
	Bank of Mauritius				the IMF	Government	Reserves	Reserves	
	Gold	SDR	Other	TOTAL					
	(Rs million)							(US\$ million)	(months)
Aug-19	21,979	4,449	232,127	258,555	1,229	0.1	259,784.1	7,206.7	11.8
Sep-19	21,687	4,480	235,667	261,834	1,239	0.1	263,073.1	7,216.5	12.0
Oct-19	21,783	4,507	236,254	262,544	1,249	0.1	263,793.1	7,260.1	12.0
Nov-19	21,392	4,540	241,957	267,889	1,255	0.1	269,144.1	7,333.5	12.3
Dec-19	22,322	4,560	241,353	268,235	1,259	0.1	269,494.1	7,363.2	12.3
Jan-20	23,258	4,572	250,016	277,846	1,265	0.1	279,111.1	7,569.4	12.7
Feb-20	24,619	4,642	243,679	272,940	1,287	0.1	274,227.1	7,294.8	12.5
Mar-20	25,449	4,867	245,052	275,368	1,340	0.0	276,708.0	7,023.2	12.6
Apr-20	27,658	4,953	246,632	279,243	1,372	0.0	280,615.0	6,966.4	12.8
May-20	27,705	4,945	241,873	274,523	1,897	0.0	276,420.0	6,880.8	12.6
Jun-20	28,533	5,006	254,049	287,588	1,915	0.0	289,503.0	7,194.2	13.2
Jul-20	31,601	5,074	267,570	304,245	1,954	0.0	306, 199.0	7,655.9	13.9
Aug-20 ¹	31,186	5,094	251,227	287,507	1,954	0.0	289,461.0	7,268.6	13.2

¹ Provisional.

Note: The monthly import cover is based on imports of goods and services for the respective years except for 2020, which is based on imports of goods and services for calendar year 2019.

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¹ The GOIR comprise the gross foreign assets of the Bank of Mauritius, the country's Reserve Position in the IMF and other foreign assets of the Government that are in line with the IMF's definition of international reserves.