

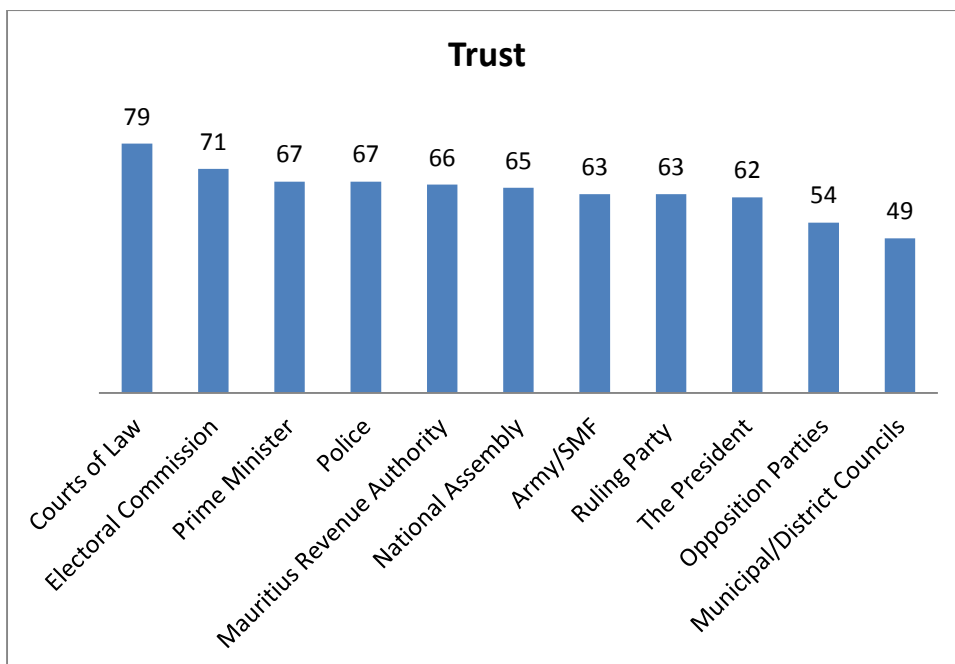
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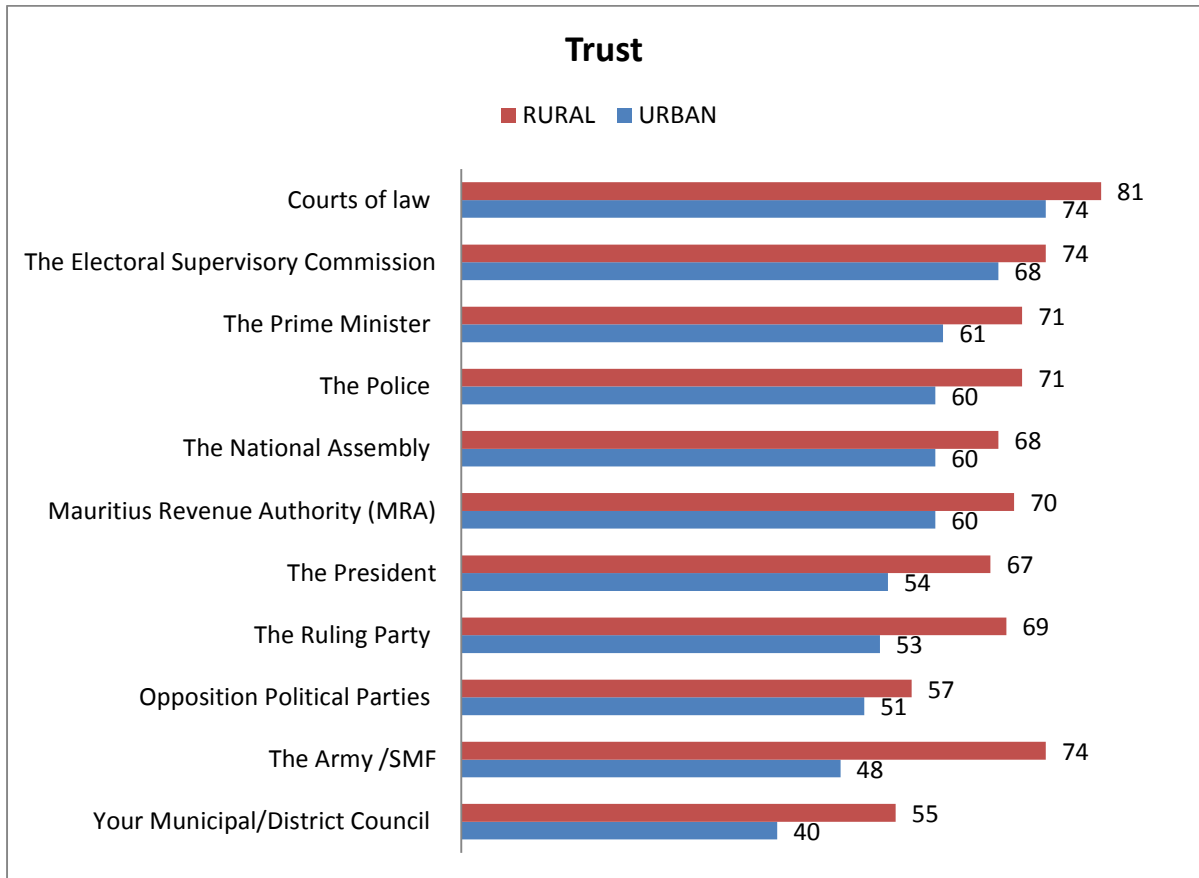
Trust in the Institutions

The « Trust factor » in the institutions is a fundamental component in the good governance of a country. To the question « **How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say?** », the results demonstrate a level of trust of more than 50% except for the municipal and district councils which do not win the trust of most respondents.

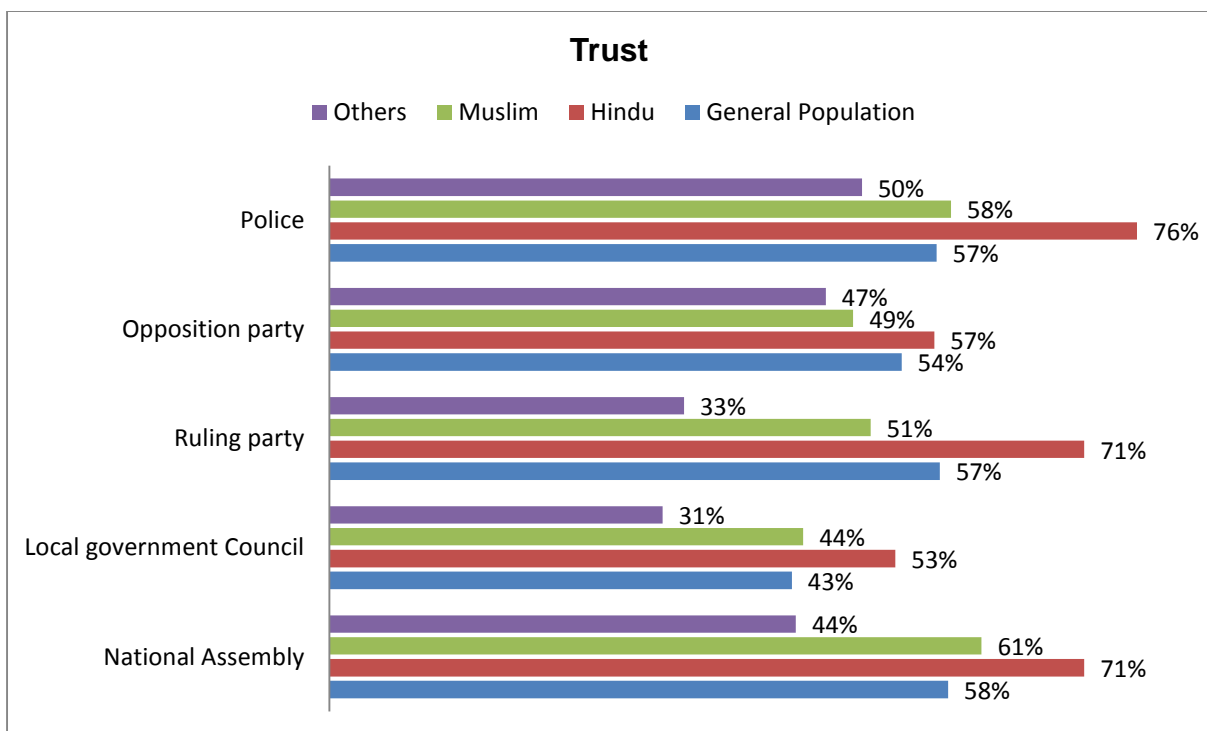


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It should be noted that the rurals have more confidence in the institutions compared to the urban. In some cases the difference is considerable. The police for instance are given 71% level of trust by the rural and only 60% by the urban. The comparison between the political blocks is very telling. The party in power and the opposition party are at almost the same level in urban regions, but the party in rule overpowers the opposition by 12% in rural areas.



The variations in the ethnic groups' level of trust are very meaningful.



This survey has been conducted according to a very strict methodology prescribed by Afrobarometer based on a national sample of 1200 people. The selection was done according to a system of national probability sampling. The survey was carried out both in Mauritius and Rodrigues during the month of February whereby face to face interviews were made. The survey was conducted in Creole or English depending on the preference of the interviewee. One of the important features of this survey is that 50% of the respondents were 50% men and 50% women. The margin of sampling error is +/- 3%. 1080 people were interviewed in Mauritius and 120 in Rodrigues.

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Afrobarometer conducts public opinion surveys in many African countries since 1999. The period 2011-2012 marks the period for its 5th round of surveys in Africa. Mauritius is having this survey as its first AB survey in the country. Based on representative national samples, the surveys assess citizen attitudes to democracy and governance, markets, and civil society, among other topics. We gratefully acknowledge the financial support from the UK Department for International Development (DfID), the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), the Mo Ibrahim and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for Afrobarometer Round 5 surveys.