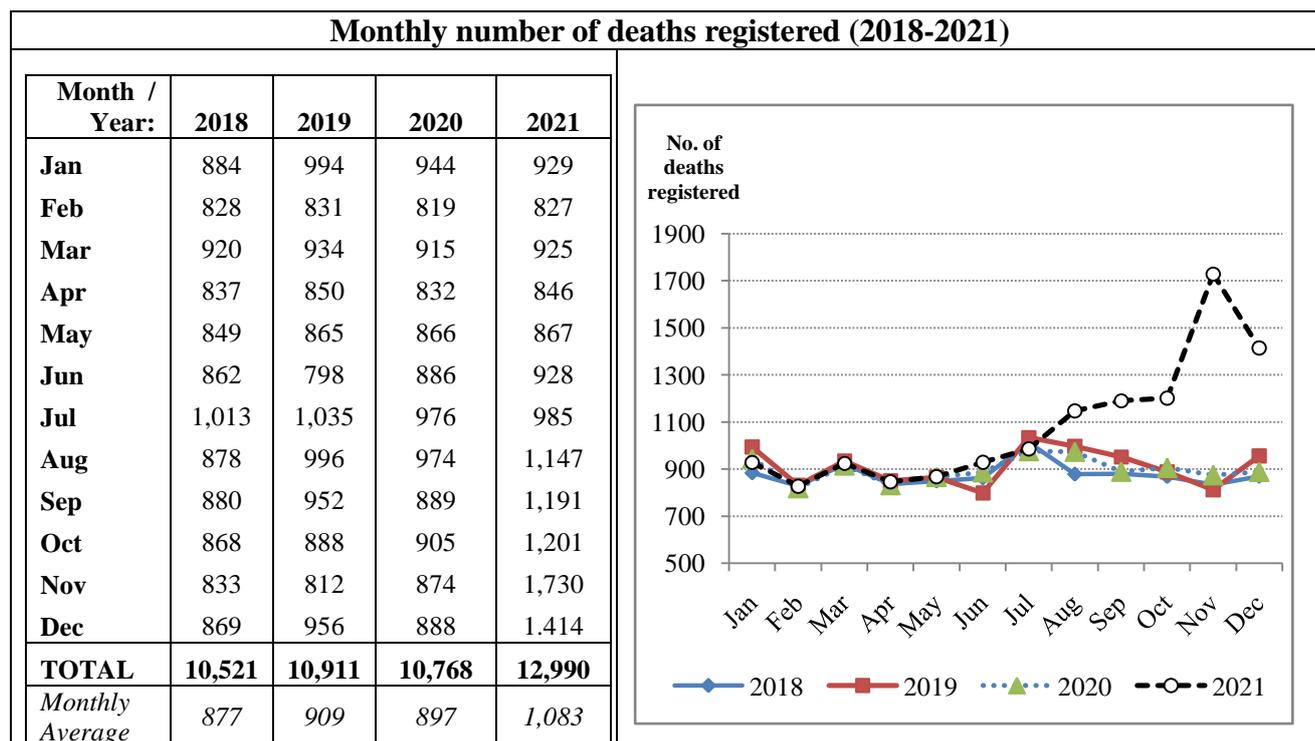


ISLAND OF MAURITIUS

**CAUSE OF DEATH**

Heart diseases and *Diabetes mellitus* were the first two principal underlying causes of mortality in 2021, with 2,772 (21.3%) and 2,593 (20.0%) deaths respectively; *Cancer and other Neoplasm* of all sites taken together was in the third position with 1,376 (10.6%) deaths. Deaths due to *Cerebrovascular diseases* which amounted to 1,041 (8.0%) was in the fourth position followed by *Covid-19* with 785 deaths (6.4%) and *Hypertensive Diseases* with 629 deaths (4.8%).

The distribution of deaths by Chapter of the International Classification of Diseases (10th Revision) showed that *Diseases of the Circulatory System* (Chapter IX) were responsible for 34.5% of all deaths in 2021. *Endocrine nutritional and metabolic diseases* (Chapter 1V) with 20.4% were in second place followed by *Neoplasms* (Chapter II) with 10.6%.

Of the 4,477 deaths due to *Diseases of the Circulatory System* in 2021, 2,772 (62.0%) were due to *Heart diseases*. *Stroke and other Cerebrovascular diseases* accounted for another 1,041 (23.3 %) deaths. 21.1% of the 4,477 deaths occurred among persons aged less than 60 years.

Of the 1,376 deaths due to *Neoplasms* in 2021, cancers of *breast* and *trachea, bronchus and lung* were in the first position with 15.6% and 13.0% respectively, followed by *colon* with 9.8 % and *prostate* with 5.9%. 45 persons died due to *leukaemia* (3.3%).