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## News release

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### Economic conditions no cause for alarm for Mauritians

While the recent public discourse tends toward pessimism about the country's economic situation, Mauritians are not alarmed about their own living conditions, a new Afrobarometer survey reveals.

Assessments of the country's economic condition as "good" are about as frequent as "bad," and a majority believe that conditions will remain the same or improve in the coming year,, according to the 2014 survey.

#### Key findings

- The recent Business Confidence Indicator<sup>1</sup> from the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry indicates a decline of 2.6% in the level of confidence business actors have concerning the economy, during the second semester of 2014. Business persons see the current economic situation as difficult although they expect better days to come. The recent Afrobarometer survey findings reveal the following:
  - Among both urban and rural residents, about 40% say the country's present economic performance is good, while 42% consider the economic situation to be bad.
  - Half of Mauritians say their personal living conditions are good. Only 24% of Mauritians consider their living conditions to be bad.
  - Compared to 2012, a greater number of Mauritians in 2014 believe they are living as well as other Mauritians or better. Eight out of 10 citizens (82%) say their living conditions are no worse than those of other Mauritians, compared to 75% who held this view in 2012.
  - Almost six out of 10 Mauritians (58%) think that the economic situation will stay the same or improve next year.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.mcci.org/news\\_readmore.aspx?nID=15959](http://www.mcci.org/news_readmore.aspx?nID=15959)

## Afrobarometer

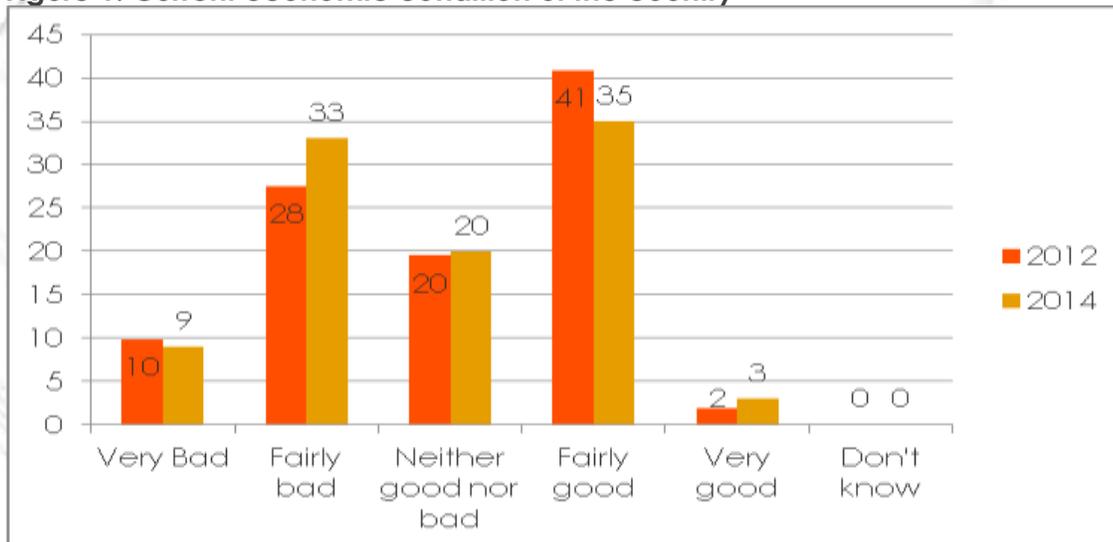
Afrobarometer is an African-led, non-partisan research project that has measured countries' social, political, and economic atmosphere since 1999. In its sixth survey round (2014-15), it is covering 35 countries. In Mauritius the face-to-face interviews of 1,200 adults were conducted by StraConsult. Afrobarometer is funded by the UK Department of International Development (DFID), U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), Mo Ibrahim Foundation and the World Bank.

The Afrobarometer team in Mauritius, led by StraConsult, interviewed 1,200 adult Mauritians in June and July 2014. A sample of this size yields results with a margin of error of +/-3% at a 95% confidence level. A previous survey was conducted in Mauritius in 2012.

## Charts

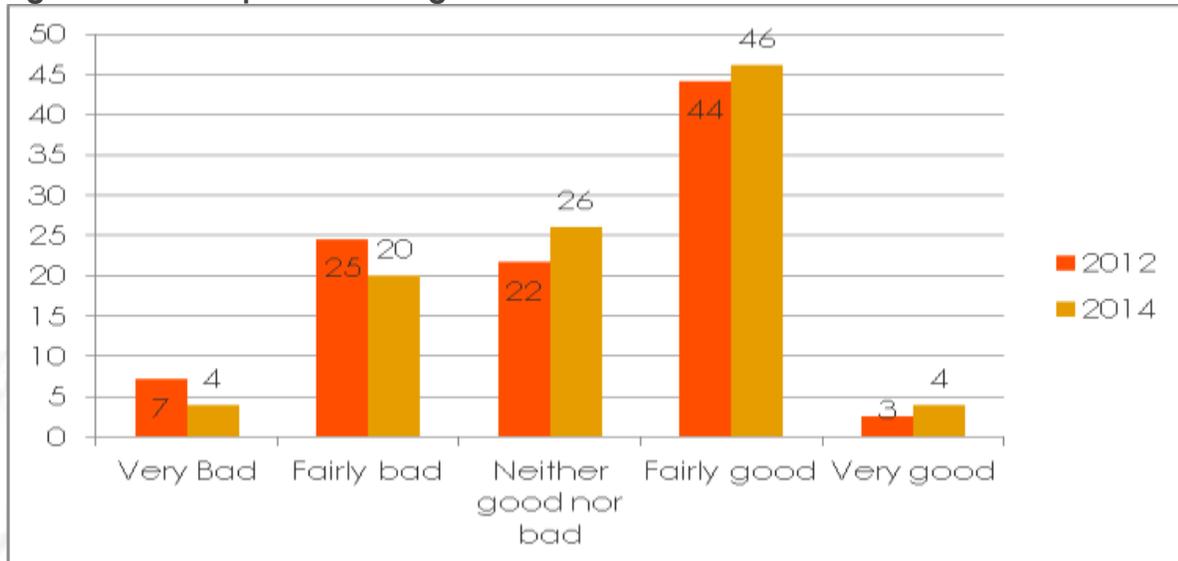
All figures for the following tables are percentages rounded to whole numbers. Due to rounding, the figures may not add to exactly 100%.

**Figure 1: Current economic condition of the country**



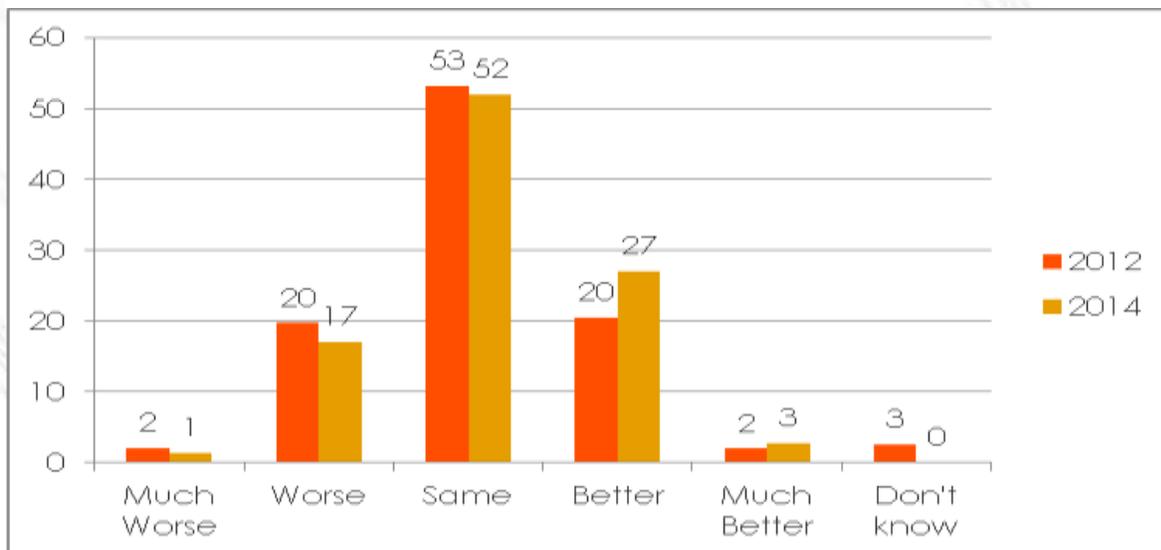
**Respondents were asked:** *In general, how would you describe the present economic condition of this country? (%)*

**Figure 2: Present personal living conditions**



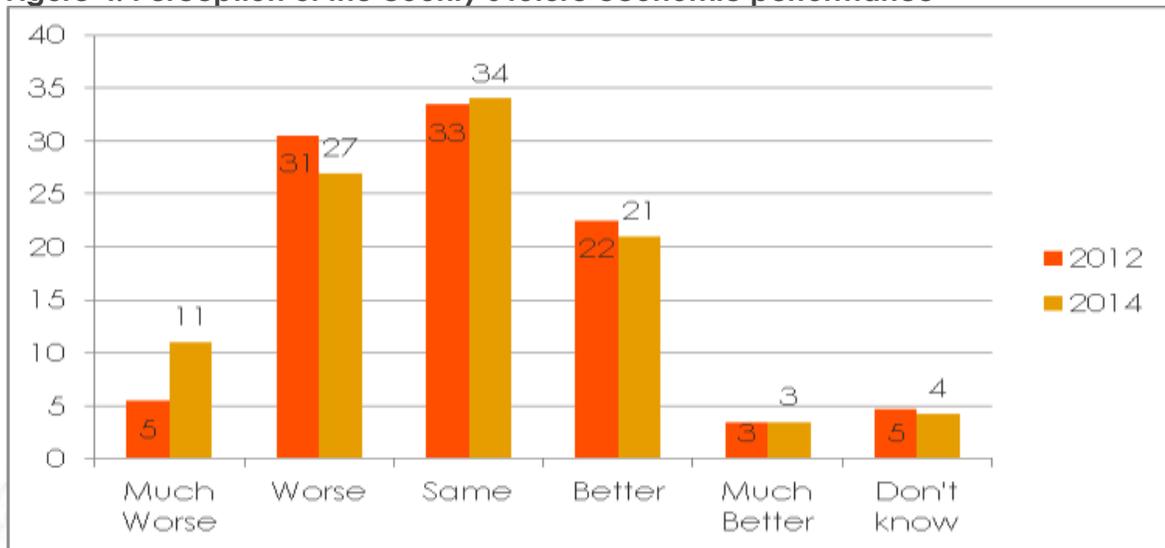
**Respondents were asked:** *In general, how would you describe your own present living conditions? (%)*

**Figure 3: Personal living conditions compared with others**



**Respondents were asked:** *In general, how do you rate your living conditions compared to those of other Mauritians? (%)*

**Figure 4: Perception of the county's future economic performance**



**Respondents were asked:** Looking ahead, do you expect economic conditions in this country to be better or worse in 12 months' time? (%)

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