

# SOCIAL SECURITY STATISTICS

## 1991/92 - 1995/96

### 1. Introduction

This is the first issue of 'Economic and Social Indicators' on Social Security Statistics. It presents data on the main social security benefits provided by the Ministry of Social Security and National Solidarity for the period June 1992 - June 1996. Data on the number of beneficiaries refer to the last month of each financial year whereas the amount paid is given for each financial year.

### 2. Social Security benefits

Social Security benefits can be divided into two categories : non-contributory benefits and contributory benefits.

Non-contributory benefits are entirely financed by government and are payable to every Mauritian citizen under certain conditions. These benefits include

- basic pensions which cater for the elderly, the invalids, the widows and the orphans irrespective of their economic status.
- allowances such as Social Aid, Food Aid, Unemployment Hardship Relief, Family Allowance and Funeral Grant which are payable to the low-income group of the population.
- Inmates allowance and indoor relief payable to or on behalf of those Mauritians residing in government-subsidized institutions (such as old-people homes, infirmaries and orphanages) provided they would have otherwise benefited from a basic pension or from Social Aid.

Contributory benefits, on the other hand, are payable only to or on behalf of those persons (mainly employees of the private sector) who have paid contributions to the National Pension Fund (NPF). The contributory pensions include old-age, invalidity, widows and orphans pensions in addition to industrial injury allowances.

The pension rates for non-contributory benefits are given at annex. In the case of contributory benefits, the allowances payable vary according to the amount contributed to the NPF by the insured worker. For those persons whose contributions were marginal, government guarantees a minimum contributory pension.

### **3. Population age-structure**

The population of the Republic of Mauritius increased from 1,084,400 in mid-1992 to 1,133,600 in mid-1996 (Table 1). The breakdown by age (Table 2), shows that the child population aged below 15 years has decreased from 316,800 (29% of the total) to around 306,500 (27% of the total). The elderly population aged 60 years and above, on the other hand, has increased from 89,500 (8% of the total) to 97,500 (9% of the total) in the 4-year period. It is to be noted that these estimates of the elderly population as computed by the CSO differ from those of the Ministry of Social Security. At the Ministry, the number of persons aged 60 years and above drawing the old-age pension (Basic Retirement pension) was 93,500 in June 1992 and 103,800 in June 1996. This discrepancy may be due to various reasons of which : misreporting of age at the Population Census and delays in updating the list of old-age pensioners on account of death.

Table 3 gives the number of widows by age as reported at the 1990 Census. Nearly 46,800 widows were enumerated at that time, among whom some 17,800 were in the age bracket 15-59 years i.e eligible for Basic Widows pension. The overall rate of widowhood for those aged 15 years and over was 12.5%.

### **4. Expenditure on Social Security and Welfare**

Government expenditure on Social Security has been increasing over time both in actual amount and in percentage terms. During the financial year 1991/92, expenditure of Social Security was Rs1,765 million representing around 15% of total government expenditure. Four years later, the amount increased to Rs3,096 million or 18% of the total as shown in Table 4.

## **5. Basic pensions**

### ***(a) Old-age pensions***

The old-age pension also known as Basic Retirement pension is payable to every Mauritian citizen aged 60 years and above. In the Republic, the number of old-age pensioners increased gradually from 93,500 in June 1992 to 103,800 in June 1996. In the island of Mauritius, they were around 101,300 in number and in Rodrigues 2,500 in June 1996.

The Enhanced Basic Retirement pension is an additional allowance payable to old-age pensioners who are either

- i. totally blind, or
- ii. suffer from total paralysis, or
- iii. need the constant care of another person

As shown in Table 5.1(a), the number of persons falling in that category in June 1996 was around 10,000 of whom 9,700 in the island of Mauritius and 300 in Rodrigues.

The total amount disbursed by government to all old-age pensioners in the Republic neared Rs1,200 million in 1995/96 as compared to Rs680 million four years earlier.

### ***(b) Basic Widows pension***

Basic Widows pensions are payable to widows aged below 60 years who were either civilly or religiously married to their late husband. The number of widows aged 15-59 years was 18,900 in June 1992 and gradually increased to nearly 20,000 in June 1996 for the Republic. The corresponding numbers for 1996 were 19,600 in the island of Mauritius and around 300 in Rodrigues.

The amount paid on Basic Widows pensions was nearly Rs210 million in 1995/96 against Rs140 million in 1991/92 for both the islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues.

***(c) Basic Invalid pension***

The Basic Invalid pension is payable to any person aged from 15 to 59 years if certified by a Medical Board that the person is either permanently or substantially incapacitated to work to a degree of at least 60% for at least 12 months. The number of beneficiaries of Basic Invalid Pension was also on the increase - from 14,300 in June 1992 to 16,100 in June 1996 for the Republic. Out of the latter some 15,800 beneficiaries were in the main island of Mauritius and only around 350 in Rodrigues.

Basic Invalidity pensioners who need the constant care and attention of another person benefit from an additional allowance known as the Carer's allowance. This group of invalids has almost trebled from June 1992 to June 1996, from 1,300 to 3,500 in the Republic. In terms of percentage, 9% of the beneficiaries of Basic Invalid pension were severely affected in June 1992 against 22% in June 1996.

Basic Invalid pensions inclusive of Carer's allowance gradually increased in amount from Rs110 million in 1991/92 to Rs190 million in 1995/96 for the Republic.

***(d) Basic Orphan's pension & Guardian's allowance***

Basic Orphan's pension is payable to all orphans up to the age of 15 or those up to 20 years of age if they are in full-time education. Guardian's allowance is payable to the person looking after one or more orphans.

Beneficiaries of Basic Orphan's Pension declined in number from 1,122 in June 1992 to 860 in June 1996 for the Republic. This decreasing trend has been observed in both the islands of Mauritius (from 884 to 680) and Rodrigues (from 238 to 180). Consequently the number of guardians decreased in the four-year period from 819 to 735 in the Republic and the average number of orphans per guardian fell from 1.37 to 1.17.

Basic Orphan's pension and Guardian's allowance together cost government Rs5 million in 1991/92 for the Republic. In spite of the decreasing number of

beneficiaries, this amount gradually rose to Rs6 million in 1995/96 because of increases in the payable rates.

***(e) Child's allowance***

Child's allowance is payable to children of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension, Basic Widow's Pension and Basic Invalid Pension for those children up to the age of 15 years or up to 20 years if in full-time education. Child's allowance is payable for up to three dependent children. The number of children of such pensioners benefiting from an allowance (child's allowance) has slightly decreased from 16,392 in June 1992 to 15,776 in June 1996 in the Republic and from 16,018 to 15,384 in the island of Mauritius. In Rodrigues, however there was a slight increase from 374 to 392 in the corresponding four-year period.

The amount spent by government on child's allowance is not available separately - this is included in the overall amount paid for each pension type as shown in Tables 5.1(b), 5.2(b) and 5.3(b).

**6. Other non-contributory social benefits**

***(a) Social Aid***

Social Aid is payable to a head of family who is incapable of earning his living adequately and who has insufficient means to support himself and his dependents. The allowance payable is calculated as the difference between the net income and the expected overall expenditure of the family.

The number of families benefiting from such an assistance has increased in the 4-year period June 1992 - June 1996, from 9,400 to 10,800 in the Republic, i.e an increase of around 15%. In the island of Mauritius the corresponding increase was nearly 13% (from 8,700 to 9,900) and in Rodrigues almost 37% (from 660 to 900). More details on the geographical distribution of the families receiving Social Aid are given in Table 7.

In the Republic, the amount paid to beneficiaries of Social Aid increased gradually from Rs52 million in 1991/92 to Rs91 million in 1995/96.

***(b) Food Aid***

The Food Aid Scheme was introduced in March 1993 when government subsidy on rice and flour was discontinued. Under the Food Aid Scheme, a monthly stipend is given to every needy Mauritian for the purchase of rice and flour. On the basis of the amount paid (nearly Rs24 million in 1995/96), it is estimated that there were around 61,400 such beneficiaries in both the islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues as at June 1996. It is to be noted that though subsidy on rice and flour was reintroduced as from financial year 1995/96, payment of food aid has still continued.

***(c) Indoor Relief***

Indoor relief is the grant paid to an institution in respect of every person residing in the institution if that person would have otherwise benefited from a basic pension or from Social Aid. Such persons have increased in number during the past years from 671 in June 1992 to 757 in June 1996. The amount disbursed on indoor relief has thus increased from around Rs7 million to Rs12 million from 1991/92 to 1995/96.

***(d) Inmates Allowance***

Inmates allowance refers to the pocket money given to certain residents of government-subsidized institutions and of the only government psychiatric hospital, Brown Sequard Hospital. The number of such persons receiving the pocket money has decreased to 935 in June 1996 from 1,090 in June 1992 due mainly to a decreasing number in Brown Sequard Hospital. However, the cost of this allowance to government gradually increased from Rs1.4 million in 1991/92 to Rs1.8 million in 1995/96 due to increases in the rates payable.

### ***(e) Unemployment Hardship Relief***

The Unemployment Hardship Relief (UHR) is payable to heads of household of the low-income group who provide evidence that they are unable to find work. The number of beneficiaries of UHR was 340 in June 1996 down from 450 in June 1992. The amount paid to UHR beneficiaries remained at around R1 million from 1991/92 to 1995/96.

### ***(f) Family Allowance***

Family allowance is payable to heads of households whose annual family income is less than Rs10,000. The number of households in that group has gradually decreased from 750 in June 1992 to 51 in June 1996. Consequently, the amount disbursed on this allowance which was R1 million in 1991/92 has become almost negligible in 1995/96

### ***(g) Funeral Grant***

A funeral grant is meant to cover funeral expenses of persons from low-income families. Payments for funeral expenses numbered 624 in financial year 1995/96 and amounted to around R1 million.

## **7. Contribution to the NPF and contributory benefits**

### ***(a) The National Pension Scheme***

The National Pension Scheme came into operation in April 1976. It provides for the payment of contributory pensions to those employees of the private sector who have contributed to the National Pension Fund (NPF). For administrative reasons, all those employees working for employers with more than 10 employees were obliged to join the Scheme from July 1978. Other employees were obliged to join the Scheme from January 1980 except for domestic servants for whom the operative date was July 1980. The self-employed were also eligible to join the Scheme from July 1980 on a voluntary basis.

Contributions to the Scheme are payable at the rate of 10.5% by large employers of the Sugar Industry whereas all other (most) employers pay contribution at the rate of 6%. For all employees, the contribution rate is 3%. Contributions are not payable on bonus or overtime pay. The minimum monthly remuneration on which contributions are payable was Rs367 for household employees and Rs612 for other employees in the financial year 1995/96. The maximum monthly remuneration for both categories was Rs4,625 in the same period.

***(b) The National Pension Fund and no. of contributors***

The number of employers contributing to the NPF in respect of their employees remained at around 15,000 from 1991/92 to 1995/96. The amount contributed however, has increased gradually from nearly Rs 500 million to over Rs 700 million, due to higher contributions resulting from higher wages (Table 8).

The NPF has nearly doubled from Rs5.1 billion in June 1992 to Rs10.0 billion in June 1996. This is the result of increased income from higher contributions and return on investment compared to expenditure (payment of contributory pensions).

***(c) Contributory pensions***

***(i) Contributory Retirement pension***

The Contributory Retirement pension is payable to a person on reaching the age of 60 if he has contributed to the NPF. In the Republic of Mauritius, beneficiaries of this type of pension has been gradually increasing in the past years - from nearly 18,800 in June 1992 to around 25,300 in June 1996. Consequently the amount paid to such beneficiaries have also increased - from Rs47 million in 1991/92 to Rs107 million in 1995/96.



*(ii) Contributory Widow's pension*

The Contributory Widow's pension is payable to a widow whose late husband had contributed to the National Pension Fund. There were nearly 5,000 widows benefiting from such a pension in June 1996 as compared to around 3,700 in June 1992 for both the islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues. The amount paid was around Rs19 million in 1995/96 against Rs8 million in 1991/92.

*(iii) Contributory Invalid's pension*

A person is entitled to a Contributory Invalid's pension if he/she has previously contributed to the NPF and suffers from a permanent incapacity of at least 60%. For the Republic of Mauritius, the number of persons drawing such a pension was around 1,700 in June 1992 and gradually increased to 2,300 in June 1996. The amount paid to these pensioners also increased - from Rs4 million in 1991/92 to nearly Rs7 million in 1995/96.

*(iv) Contributory Orphan's pension*

The Contributory Orphan's pension is payable to orphans under the age of 15 (or 18 if the child is at school) if any of the deceased parents had contributed to the NPF. In the five-year period from June 1992 to June 1996, the number of orphans benefiting from this pension decreased from 163 to 104 for the Republic. The amount paid however increased to R0.2 million in 1995/96 from R0.1 million in 1991/92 because of the increasing rates payable.

*(v) Industrial Injury Allowance*

The industrial injury allowance is payable in respect of a work accident (whether fatal or not) for any employee insured under the National Pension Scheme. The number of cases is estimated at 920 in June 1996 against 565 in June 1992. The amount disbursed was around Rs17 million in 1995/96 as compared to Rs11 million in 1991/92.

## **8. The National Solidarity Fund**

The National Solidarity Fund started operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Social Security and National Solidarity on 1 June 1991. The Fund caters for Mauritians who have to undergo surgical operations which cannot be performed locally, and provides financial assistance to persons undergoing severe personal hardship provided the monthly income of their family does not exceed Rs18,000.

The sources of revenue of the Fund are manifold. These include :

- Contribution from the General Public
- Contribution from Ministries and Departments
- Interests on investment
- Unclaimed prizes and unclaimed winning tickets e.g from Automatics Systems Ltd., from Mauritius Turf Club and from commercial promotions.

Details on the number of persons who have been given assistance from the National Solidarity Fund by contingency is given in Table 10(a) and the amount disbursed in Table 10(b).

## **9. Projected no. of pensioners and related future costs of basic pensions**

As shown in Table 11, there are presently about 7.5 persons aged 15-59 years for each person over age 60. This ratio is expected to fall drastically to about 2.6 in 40 years essentially due to a very high increase in the elderly population aged 60 years and over.

The number of old-age pensioners (aged 60 & above) is expected to treble in 40 years - rising from around 100,000 in 1996 to above 300,000. Among them, the category suffering from a severe disability will be increasing from nearly 10,000 to 34,000 (Table 12(a)).

The number of beneficiaries of Basic Widows pension and Basic Invalid pension will also be on the increase. Currently there are nearly 20,000 beneficiaries of Basic Widows pension; the expected number in the next 4 decades is around 37,000. Basic Invalidity pensioners, presently around 16,000 in number, are projected to increase to above 23,000 in 40 years.

On the other hand, the number of beneficiaries of Basic Orphans pension is expected to decline over time. The number of orphans benefiting from a basic pension will be decreasing from 860 to around 730 in the next 40 years. Consequently the number of guardians will also be decreasing - from 735 to around 600.

The amount to be disbursed by government in future years is given in Table 12(b). These estimates are expressed in terms of the 1995/96 pension rates. As shown in the table, the increase in Basic Retirement (old-age) pensions will be almost fourfold in the next 40 years, from Rs1.2 billion in 1995/96 to Rs4.6 billion in 2035/36. This is the consequence of ageing of the population, there will be more and more persons in the older age-category both in absolute numbers and percentage in the future. Regarding Basic Widows pensions, Basic Invalid pensions and Basic Orphans pensions, the future costs will increase in line with the projected number of beneficiaries.

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**Table 1- Mid year population by sex, Republic of Mauritius,  
Island of Mauritius & Island of Rodrigues, 1992 & 1996**

Year	Both Sexes	Male	Female
<b>1992</b>			
Republic of Mauritius	1,084,401	542,917	541,484
Island of Mauritius	1,049,967	525,751	524,216
Island of Rodrigues	34,434	17,166	17,268
<b>1996</b>			
Republic of Mauritius	1,133,551	567,015	566,536
Island of Mauritius	1,098,668	549,671	548,997
Island of Rodrigues	34,883	17,344	17,539

**Table 2-Mid year population by age-group &sex, Republic of Mauritius, 1992 & 1996**

Age-group (years)	1st July 1992			1st July 1996		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
<u>Under 15</u>	<u>316,833</u>	<u>160,876</u>	<u>155,957</u>	<u>306,470</u>	<u>155,494</u>	<u>150,976</u>
0-4	105,743	53,817	51,926	106,930	54,014	52,916
5-9	95,050	48,408	46,642	101,299	51,515	49,784
10-14	116,040	58,651	57,389	98,241	49,965	48,276
<u>15-59</u>	<u>678,055</u>	<u>342,692</u>	<u>335,363</u>	<u>729,553</u>	<u>369,052</u>	<u>360,501</u>
15-19	101,331	51,363	49,968	115,229	58,429	56,800
20-24	96,235	49,287	46,948	96,670	49,034	47,636
25-29	106,661	54,703	51,958	95,342	49,301	46,041
30-34	96,364	49,062	47,302	105,121	53,836	51,285
35-39	84,853	43,313	41,540	92,374	47,237	45,137
40-44	71,154	35,858	35,296	79,958	40,520	39,438
45-49	48,824	23,907	24,917	65,041	32,511	32,530
50-54	38,073	18,479	19,594	44,336	21,247	23,089
55-59	34,560	16,720	17,840	35,482	16,937	18,545
<u>60 &amp; Over</u>	<u>89,513</u>	<u>39,349</u>	<u>50,164</u>	<u>97,528</u>	<u>42,469</u>	<u>55,059</u>
60-64	28,073	13,235	14,838	29,993	14,103	15,890
65-69	26,565	12,341	14,224	25,344	11,438	13,906
70-74	15,947	6,956	8,991	20,879	9,226	11,653
75-79	10,520	4,237	6,283	11,265	4,470	6,795
80+	8,408	2,580	5,828	10,047	3,232	6,815
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,084,401</b>	<b>542,917</b>	<b>541,484</b>	<b>1,133,551</b>	<b>567,015</b>	<b>566,536</b>

**Table 3 - Female population aged 15 years & above and no. of widows by age-group, Republic of Mauritius, 1990 Census**

Age-group (years)	Number of widows	Total female population	% widows
15 - 19	9	47,964	0.0
20 - 24	90	50,238	0.2
25 - 29	308	51,893	0.6
30 - 34	733	45,875	1.6
35 - 39	1,464	39,925	3.7
40 - 44	2,559	30,309	8.4
45 - 49	3,202	22,802	14.0
50 - 54	4,328	19,576	22.1
55 - 59	5,114	16,475	31.0
15 - 59	17,807	325,057	5.5
60 & over	28,950	48,819	59.3
15 & over	46,757	373,876	12.5

**Table 4- Public Expenditure on Social Security & Welfare- Republic of Mauritius, 1991/92 & 1995/96**

	1991/92	1995/96
Public expenditure on		
Social Security & Welfare		
- in million rupees	1,764.7	3,095.8
- as % of total public expenditure	15.3	18.0

**Table 5.1 - No. of beneficiaries of basic pension and amount paid, Republic of Mauritius, 1991/92 - 1995/96**

**(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type, June 1992 - June 1996**

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries				
	June 92	June 93	June 94	June 95	June 96
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	93,465	95,240	98,647	101,665	103,804
<i>severely disabled</i> <sup>1/</sup>	6,339	7,376	8,550	9,378	9,982
Basic Widow's pension	18,927	19,198	19,496	19,692	19,942
Basic Invalid's pension <i>of whom</i>	14,312	14,825	15,363	15,809	16,130
<i>severely disabled</i> <sup>2/</sup>	1,300	1,419	2,489	3,074	3,499
Basic Orphan's pension	1,122	1,127	1,043	984	860
Guardian's allowance	819	836	840	784	735
Child's allowance <i>of whom children of beneficiaries of</i>	16,392	15,991	16,262	15,867	15,776
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	295	304	289	285	237
<i>Basic Widow's pension</i>	11,061	11,130	10,958	10,578	10,436
<i>Basic Invalid's pension</i>	5,036	4,557	5,015	5,004	5,103

<sup>1/</sup> drawing the Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension

<sup>2/</sup> drawing Carer's Allowance

**(b) Amount paid by pension type, financial years 1991/92 - 1995/96**

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	1991/92	1992/93	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and child's allowance)	681.0	758.4	859.7	982.7	1,190.6
Basic Widows Pension (including child's allowance)	142.6	158.0	174.8	190.1	209.6
Basic Invalid Pension (including carer's allowance and child's allowance)	108.0	128.5	142.9	170.7	189.2
Basic Orphans Pension (including guardian's allowance)	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.9	5.8

Source: Ministry of Social Security

**Table 5.2 - No. of beneficiaries of basic pension and amount paid, Island of Mauritius, 1991/92 - 1995/96**

**(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type, June 1992 - June 1996**

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries				
	June 92	June 93	June 94	June 95	June 96
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	91,208	92,950	96,254	99,216	101,267
<i>severely disabled</i> <sup>1/</sup>	6,170	7,197	8,343	9,182	9,699
Basic Widow's pension	18,606	18,877	19,173	19,368	19,626
Basic Invalid's pension <i>of whom</i>	14,060	14,570	15,072	15,504	15,781
<i>severely disabled</i> <sup>2/</sup>	1,300	1,405	2,445	3,005	3,408
Basic Orphan's pension	884	889	804	778	680
Guardian's allowance	664	668	666	632	591
Child's allowance <i>of whom children of beneficiaries of</i>	16,018	15,593	15,876	15,493	15,384
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	295	304	289	285	237
<i>Basic Widow's pension</i>	10,759	10,809	10,666	10,304	10,182
<i>Basic Invalid's pension</i>	4,964	4,480	4,921	4,904	4,965

<sup>1/</sup> drawing the Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension

<sup>2/</sup> drawing Carer's Allowance

**(b) Amount paid by pension type, financial years 1991/92 - 1995/96**

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	1991/92	1992/93	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and child's allowance)	664.4	739.8	837.8	958.4	1,160.5
Basic Widows Pension (including child's allowance)	139.9	155.2	171.9	186.8	206.1
Basic Invalid Pension (including carer's allowance and child's allowance)	106.2	126.5	140.3	167.5	184.9
Basic Orphans Pension (including guardian's allowance)	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.9	4.6

Source: Ministry of Social Security

**Table 5.3 - No. of beneficiaries of basic pension and amount paid, Island of Rodrigues, 1991/92 - 1995/96**

**(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type, June 1992 - June 1996**

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries				
	June 92	June 93	June 94	June 95	June 96
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	2,257	2,290	2,393	2,449	2,537
<i>severely disabled</i> <sup>1/</sup>	169	179	207	196	283
Basic Widow's pension	321	321	323	324	316
Basic Invalid's pension <i>of whom</i>	252	255	291	305	349
<i>severely disabled</i> <sup>2/</sup>	-	14	44	69	91
Basic Orphan's pension	238	238	239	206	180
Guardian's allowance	155	168	174	152	144
Child's allowance	374	398	386	374	392
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of</i>					
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Basic Widow's pension</i>	302	321	292	274	254
<i>Basic Invalid's pension</i>	72	77	94	100	138

<sup>1/</sup> drawing the Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension

<sup>2/</sup> drawing Carer's Allowance

**(b) Amount paid by pension type, financial years 1991/92 - 1995/96**

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	1991/92	1992/93	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and child's allowance)	16.6	18.6	21.9	24.3	30.2
Basic Widows Pension (including child's allowance)	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.3	3.5
Basic Invalid Pension (including carer's allowance and child's allowance)	1.8	2.0	2.5	3.3	4.3
Basic Orphans Pension (including guardian's allowance)	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2

Source: Ministry of Social Security



**Table 6 - Number of beneficiaries of other non-contributory social benefits and amount paid, Republic of Mauritius, 1991/92 - 1995/96**

**(a) No. of beneficiaries by type of benefit, June 1992 - June 1996**

Type of benefit	Number of beneficiaries				
	June 92	June 93	June 94	June 95	June 96
Social Aid <sup>1/</sup>	9,391	9,278	9,607	10,021	10,761
Food Aid	...	...	60,000	61,000	61,400
Indoor Relief	671	714	734	742	757
Inmates Allowance	1,090	1,083	997	979	935
Unemployment Hardship Relief	450	400	321	305	340
Family Allowance	750	450	226	104	51
Funeral Grant <sup>2/</sup>	525	492	552	596	624

<sup>1/</sup> the no. of beneficiaries of Social Aid refers to no. of heads of families who benefit from Social Aid for themselves and for members of their family.

<sup>2/</sup> refers to the number of payments for the financial years 1991/92 to 1995/96.

**(b) Amount paid by type of benefit, financial years 1991/92 - 1995/96**

Type of benefit	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	1991/92	1992/93	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96
Social Aid	52.2	59.3	72.2	80.1	91.2
Food Aid	...	...	21.5	23.8	23.9
Indoor Relief	7.2	8.3	9.4	10.6	12.0
Inmates Allowance	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8
Unemployment Hardship Relief	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.2
Family Allowance	0.9	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0
Funeral Grant	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.0

... not applicable

Source: Ministry of Social Security

**Table 7 - Number of beneficiaries<sup>1/</sup> of Social Aid by district, June 92- June 96**

District/ Island	June 92	June 93	June 94	June 95	June 96
Port-Louis	2,201	2,083	2,138	2,213	2,194
Pamplemousses	1,067	1,058	1,029	1,118	1,120
Riviere du Rempart	925	922	1,048	1,110	1,177
Flacq	689	680	689	703	803
Grand-Port	666	699	761	757	893
Savanne	532	517	568	630	635
Plaine-Wilhems	1,952	1,968	2,017	1,951	2,189
Moka	322	372	342	330	395
Black River	380	384	394	391	455
<i>Island of Mauritius</i>	<i>8,734</i>	<i>8,683</i>	<i>8,986</i>	<i>9,203</i>	<i>9,861</i>
<i>Island of Rodrigues</i>	<i>657</i>	<i>595</i>	<i>621</i>	<i>818</i>	<i>900</i>
<b>Republic of Mauritius</b>	<b>9,391</b>	<b>9,278</b>	<b>9,607</b>	<b>10,021</b>	<b>10,761</b>

<sup>1/</sup> heads of families who benefit from Social Aid for themselves & for members of their family.

Source: Ministry of Social Security

**Table 8 - Contribution to the National Pensions Fund (NPF), financial years 1991/92 - 1995/96**

	1991/92	1992/93	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96
No. of employers contributing to the NPF	14,500	14,968	14,800	15,000	14,580
Amount contributed by employers and employees (Rs Mn)	494.1	537.8	598.1	682.9	718.9
Surcharge paid by employers (Rs Mn)	4.4	5.3	5.4	6.1	5.8
Size of the NPF (Rs Mn) at end of financial year	5,067.9	6,130.9	7,200.2	8,505.0	10,000.0

**Table 9(a) - No. of beneficiaries of contributory pensions, June 1992 - June 1996**

Pension type	June 92	June 93	June 94	June 95	June 96
Contributory Retirement Pension	18,756	20,046	21,999	23,547	25,280
Contributory Widow's Pension	3,656	3,970	4,347	4,623	4,992
Contributory Invalid's Pension	1,663	1,885	2,053	2,184	2,335
Contributory Orphan's Pension	163	141	111	110	104
Industrial Injury Allowance	565	625	720	760	920

**Table 9(b) - Amount paid to beneficiaries of contributory pensions, financial years 1991/92 - 1995/96**

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)				
	1991/92	1992/93	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96
Contributory Retirement Pension	46.8	55.1	69.5	86.6	106.9
Contributory Widow's Pension	7.9	9.1	12.9	15.8	19.1
Contributory Invalid's Pension	3.8	4.6	5.2	6.3	6.9
Contributory Orphan's Pension	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Industrial Injury Allowance	10.8	12.3	14.1	16.8	16.8

Source: Ministry of Social Security

**Table 10(a) - No. of persons receiving assistance from the National Solidarity Fund,  
Republic of Mauritius, financial years 1991/92 - 1995/96**

Contingency	Number of beneficiaries				
	1991/92	1992/93	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96
Personal hardship scheme					
<i>Birth of triplets</i>	...	2	-	3	2
<i>Fire victims</i>	65	57	64	74	3
<i>Cyclone relief</i>	-	-	...	-	-
Medical treatment abroad	N.A.	18	20	63	74
Assistance for haemodialysis	...	...	...	28	67

**Table 10(b) - Amount paid to persons receiving assistance from the National Solidarity Fund,  
Republic of Mauritius, financial years 1991/92 - 1995/96**

Contingency	Amount paid (Rs 000)				
	1991/92	1992/93	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96
Personal hardship scheme					
<i>Birth of triplets</i>	...	10	-	15	10
<i>Fire victims</i>	65	57	90	111	5
<i>Cyclone relief</i>	-	-	1,000	-	-
Medical treatment abroad	2,288	455	460	1,475	3,004
Assistance for haemodialysis	...	...	...	700	1,352

... Not applicable

N.A : not available

Source: Ministry of Social Security

**Table 11 - Projected population by broad age-group and sex in selected years,  
Republic of Mauritius, 1996-2036**

Age-group (years)	1st July 1996			1st July 2006			1st July 2016			1st July 2026			1st July 2036		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
Under 15	306,470	155,494	150,976	296,023	149,854	146,169	271,131	137,273	133,858	269,291	136,456	132,835	258,677	131,160	127,517
15-59	729,553	369,052	360,501	814,224	412,283	401,941	861,471	434,298	427,173	847,377	425,497	421,879	841,816	421,117	420,698
60 & over	97,528	42,469	55,059	121,848	52,730	69,118	186,345	84,255	102,090	272,861	126,398	146,463	319,711	148,277	171,434
Total (no.)	1,133,551	567,015	566,536	1,232,095	614,867	617,228	1,318,947	655,826	663,121	1,389,529	688,351	701,177	1,420,204	700,554	719,649
Pensioner support ratio <sup>v</sup>	7.5	8.7	6.5	6.7	7.8	5.8	4.6	5.2	4.2	3.1	3.4	2.9	2.6	2.8	2.5

<sup>v</sup> Number of persons of working age (15-59 years) per old-age pensioner (aged 60 years and over)

Table 12 - Projected no. of beneficiaries and estimated future costs of basic pension  
in selected years, Republic of Mauritius, 1995/96 - 2035/36

(a) Projected no. of beneficiaries by pension type, June 1996 - June 2036

Pension type	Actual no. of beneficiaries in June 1996	Projected number of beneficiaries			
		June 2006	June 2016	June 2026	June 2036
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	103,804	121,800	186,300	272,900	319,700
<i>severely disabled</i> <sup>1/</sup>	9,982	12,100	16,700	24,900	34,000
Basic Widow's pension	19,942	28,700	34,200	34,500	36,700
Basic Invalid's pension <i>of whom</i>	16,130	20,300	22,900	22,900	23,400
<i>severely disabled</i> <sup>2/</sup>	3,499	4,100	4,600	4,600	4,700
Basic Orphan's pension	860	830	780	750	730
Guardian's allowance	735	690	650	620	610
Child's allowance <i>of whom children of beneficiaries of</i>	15,776	15,440	14,220	13,610	13,510
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	237	240	220	210	210
<i>Basic Widow's pension</i>	10,436	10,200	9,400	9,000	8,900
<i>Basic Invalid's pension</i>	5,103	5,000	4,600	4,400	4,400

<sup>1/</sup> drawing the Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension

<sup>2/</sup> drawing Carer's Allowance

(b) Estimated future costs (Rs million) by pension type, financial years 1995/96 - 2035/36

Pension type	Actual amount paid in 1995/96	Estimated future costs at 1995/96 pension rates			
		2005/06	2015/16	2025/26	2035/36
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and child's allowance)	1,191	1,760	2,660	3,880	4,640
Basic Widows Pension (including child's allowance)	210	280	325	325	345
Basic Invalid Pension (including carer's allowance and child's allowance)	189	220	245	245	250
Basic Orphans Pension (including guardian's allowance)	6	5	5	5	5

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Pension type	Monthly (Rs) amount payable in 1995/96
Basic Retirement Pension (BRP)	Rs1000 for ages 60-89 Rs3000 for ages 90-99 Rs4000 for ages 100+
Basic Widow's Pension (BWP)	Rs675
Basic Invalid's Pension (BIP)	Rs675
Basic Orphan's Pension (BOP)	Rs350
Guardian' allowance	Rs175
Child's allowance	Rs135 for ages 0-10 Rs210 for ages 10 & above
Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension	Rs1675 for ages 60-89 Rs4575 for ages 90-99 Rs4675 for ages 100+
Carer's allowance	Rs560
Social Aid	Rs250 (minimum amount payable)
Food Aid	Rs30
Indoor Relief	Rs45
Inmates Allowance	Rs95
Unemployment Hardship Relief	Rs67 (minimum amount payable)
Family Allowance	Rs50
Funeral Grant	Rs1,400
Minimum Contributory Retirement Pension	Rs167
Allowance under the National Solidarity Fund	
- Medical treatment abroad	Rs50,000 (maximum amount payable)
- Personal Hardship Scheme	Rs5,000

Source: Ministry of Social Security