

SOCIAL SECURITY STATISTICS

1993/94 - 1998/99

Introduction

This fourth issue of 'Economic and Social Indicators' on Social Security Statistics presents data on the main social security benefits provided by the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Senior Citizens Welfare for the period July 1993 - June 1999. 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 classified as : non-contributory or contributory.

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, invalids, widows and 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 Pensions 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 in the 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 mid-year population of the Republic of Mauritius increased from 1,112,607 in 1994 to 1,174,417 in 1999 (Table 1). The breakdown by age (Table 2), shows that the population below 15 years decreased from 313,884 (28% of the total) to 303,998 (26% of the total) over the period. The population aged 60 years and above, on the other hand, increased from 93,457 (8% of the total) to 102,748 (9% of the total). It is to be noted that these estimates, computed by the Central Statistical Office on the basis of the 1990 Census, differ from the number of persons reported by the Ministry of Social Security as drawing the old-age pension (98,647 in June 1994 and 109,571 in June 1999). This discrepancy may be due to various reasons, such as misreporting of age at the Population Census and delays in updating the list of old-age pensioners to account for death.

Table 3 gives the number of widows by age as reported at the 1990 Census. There were 46,757 widows enumerated at that time, among whom 17,807 were in the age bracket 15-59 years i.e. eligible for Basic Widow's Pension. The proportion of the female population aged 15 years and over who were widowed in 1990 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 1993/94, expenditure on Social Security was Rs 2,368.8 million representing 17% of total government expenditure. Five years later, during 1998/99, the amount increased to Rs 5,400.0 million or 21.2% of the total as shown in Table 4.

5. Non-contributory benefits

5.1 Basic pensions

(a) Old-age pension

Old-age pension, also known as Basic Retirement Pension, is payable to every Mauritian citizen aged 60 years and above. The number of old-age pensioners increased gradually from 98,647 (96,254 in Mauritius and 2,393 in Rodrigues) in June 1994 to 109,571 (106,650 in Mauritius and 2,921 in Rodrigues) in June 1999.

The Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension is an additional allowance payable to old-age pensioners who are severely disabled, i.e. 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 eligible for the Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension in June 1999 was 11,879, of whom 11,401 were in the island of Mauritius (Table 5.2 a) and 478 in Rodrigues (Table 5.3a).

The total amount disbursed by government to all old-age pensioners in the Republic was Rs 2,047.8 million in 1998/99 compared to Rs 859.7 million in 1993/94 (Table 5.1b).

(b) Basic Widow's Pension

Basic Widow's Pension is payable to widows aged 15-59 years who were either civilly or religiously married to their late husband. The number of beneficiaries of Basic Widow's Pension increased from 19,496 (19,173 in Mauritius and 323 in Rodrigues) in June 1994 to 21,153 (20,813 in Mauritius and 340 in Rodrigues) in June 1999 .

The total amount of Basic Widow's Pension paid was Rs 422.0 million in 1998/99 against Rs 174.8 million in 1993/94 (Table 5.1b).

(c) Basic Invalid's Pension

The Basic Invalid's Pension is payable to any person aged between 15 and 59 years if it is 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's Pension which was 15,363 in June 1994, increased to 18,864 in June 1999 (the latter figure including some 18,394 beneficiaries in the mainland Mauritius and 470 in Rodrigues).

Basic Invalid's Pension recipients 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 doubled from 2,489 in June 1994 to 4,977 in June 1999. In terms of percentage, 26% of the beneficiaries of Basic Invalid's Pension were eligible for the Carer's Allowance in June 1999 against 16% in June 1994.

The amount of Basic Invalid's Pension inclusive of Carer's Allowance increased from Rs 142.9 million in 1993/94 to Rs 430.1 million in 1998/99 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 as well as those up to 20 years of age if they are in full-time education. A Guardian's Allowance is also payable to the person looking after one or more orphans. However, only one allowance is payable per guardian irrespective of the number of orphans under his/her care.

Beneficiaries of Basic Orphan's Pension declined in number from 1,043 in June 1994 to 719 in June 1999 for the Republic. This decreasing trend has been observed in both the islands of Mauritius (from 804 to 563) and Rodrigues (from 239 to 156). Consequently the number of guardians in the whole Republic decreased from 840 to 590 in the five-year period, and the average number of orphans per guardian fell from 1.24 to 1.22.

Basic Orphan's Pension and Guardian's Allowance together cost government Rs 4.5 million in 1993/94. In spite of the decreasing number of beneficiaries, this amount gradually rose to Rs 10.9 million in 1998/99 because of increases in the payable rates.

(e) Child's Allowance

Child's Allowance is payable to beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension, Basic Widow's Pension and Basic Invalid's Pension in respect of a child below 15 years, or below 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 a Child's Allowance decreased from 16,262 in June 1994 to 15,642 in June 1999. This was due to a decrease from 15,876 to 15,198 in the mainland Mauritius and an increase from 386 to 444 in Rodrigues.

The amount spent by government on Child's Allowance is not available separately; it is included in the overall amount paid to beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension, Basic Widow's Pension and Basic Invalid's Pension as shown in Tables 5.1(b), 5.2(b) and 5.3(b).

5.2 Other non-contributory social benefits

(a) Social Aid

Social Aid is an income-tested scheme. It is payable to the head of a family who is incapable of earning his living adequately and who has insufficient means to support himself and his dependents. Social Aid is payable to the poorer section of the population, including the dependents of prisoners and abandoned spouses, especially those with dependent children. The allowance payable is calculated as the difference between the net income and the expected overall expenditure of the family.

The total number of families benefiting from such assistance which was 9,607 in June 1994, increased by 24% to 11,865 in June 1999 (Table 6). In the island of Mauritius the corresponding increase was nearly 21% (from 8,986 to 10,855) and in Rodrigues almost 63% (from 621 to 1,010). Details on the geographical distribution of the families receiving Social Aid are given in Table 7.

The total amount paid to beneficiaries of Social Aid, which was Rs 72.2 million in 1993/94, attained Rs 150.8 million in 1998/99.

(b) Food Aid

The Food Aid Scheme was introduced in March 1993 when government subsidy on rice and flour was temporarily discontinued. Under this Scheme, a monthly stipend for the purchase of rice and flour is given to every needy Mauritian, that is :

- (1) All recipients of Social Aid and their dependants.
- (2) All beneficiaries of Unemployment Hardship Relief .
- (3) All needy beneficiaries of a basic pension under the National Pensions Act: that is, beneficiaries of basic retirement, widow's, invalid's and orphan's pensions, who would have qualified to receive social aid if the basic pensions were not payable .

The total amount paid out as Food Aid was Rs 19.0 million in 1998/99 and there were 58,100 such beneficiaries in the islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues in June 1999. 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 (Capitation Grant)

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. The number of such persons gradually increased during the past years from 734 in June 1994 to 807 in June 1999. The amount disbursed on indoor relief thus increased from Rs 9.4 million in 1993/94 to Rs 18.8 million in 1998/99.

(d) Inmate's Allowance

Inmate's 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 persons receiving such pocket money decreased from 997 in June 1994 to 932 in June 1999 due mainly to a decreasing number in Brown Sequard Hospital. However, the cost of this allowance to government gradually increased from Rs 1.6 million in 1993/94 to Rs 3.2 million in 1998/99 due to increases in the rates payable.

(e) Unemployment Hardship Relief

The Unemployment Hardship Relief (UHR) is payable to unemployed heads of families where the income of the family is not sufficient to meet the needs of the members. The head concerned should be registered as unemployed at the Employment Exchange, be willing and able to take up employment and be actively looking for work. A disabled person who can work, but has not been able to find a job receives an UHR in addition to his Basic Invalid's Pension. The number of beneficiaries of UHR decreased from 321 in June 1994 to 99 in June 1999. The amount paid to UHR beneficiaries also decreased from Rs 1.0 million for the financial year 1993/94 to Rs 0.9 million for 1998/99.

(f) Funeral Grant

A funeral grant is meant to cover funeral expenses of persons from low-income families. The number of payments for funeral expenses increased from 552 in June 1994 to 1,278 in June 1999. The total amount paid increased more than fourfold from Rs 0.6 million in 1993/94 to Rs 2.6 million in 1998/99.

6. Contributions to the National Pensions Fund (NPF) and contributory benefits

6.1 The National Pensions Scheme

The National Pensions 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 Pensions Fund (NPF). All employees working for employers with more than 10 employees had to join the Scheme from July 1978. Other employees joined 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 millers and large employers of the Sugar Industry (those having at least 100 arpents of sugar cane cultivation) whereas all other employers pay contribution at the rate of 6%. For all employees, the contribution rate is 3%. Contributions are not payable on bonus, overtime pay and allowances. The minimum monthly remuneration on which contributions are payable was Rs 419 for household employees and Rs 699 for other employees in the financial year 1998/99. The maximum monthly remuneration for both categories was Rs 5,100 in the same period.

6.2 The National Pensions Fund (NPF)

The number of employers contributing to the NPF in respect of their employees increased from 14,800 in 1993/94 to 15,660 in 1998/99. The amount contributed also increased from Rs 598.1 million to Rs 890.7 million, mainly due to higher contributions resulting from higher wages (Table 8).

Total Net Assets of the NPF increased from Rs 7.2 billion in June 1994 to Rs 16.4 billion in June 1999. This is the result of increased income (from higher contributions and return on investment) compared to expenditure (payment of contributory pensions).

6.3 Contributory pensions

(a) 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 have been increasing in the past years - from 21,999 in June 1994 to 29,797 in June 1999. Consequently the total amount paid out to such beneficiaries also increased from Rs 69.5 million in 1993/94 to Rs 178.8 million in 1998/99 (Tables 9(a) and 9(b)).

(b) Contributory Widow's Pension

The Contributory Widow's Pension is payable to a widow whose late husband had contributed to the National Pensions Fund. There were 6,155 widows benefiting from such a pension in June 1999 compared to 4,347 in June 1994. The amount paid was Rs 34.5 million in 1998/99 against Rs 12.9 million in 1993/94.

(c) 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%. The number of persons drawing such a pension increased from 2,053 in June 1994 to 3,125 in June 1999. The amount paid to these pensioners also increased - from Rs 5.2 million in 1993/94 to Rs 10.2 million in 1998/99.

(d) 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 1994 to June 1999, the number of orphans benefiting from this pension decreased from 111 to 104. The amount paid increased from Rs 0.1 million in 1993/94 to Rs 0.2 million in 1998/99.

(e) Industrial Injury Allowance

The Industrial Injury Allowance is payable in respect of a work accident (whether fatal or not) affecting any employee insured under the National Pensions Scheme. The number of such beneficiaries increased from 720 in June 1994 to 868 in June 1999. The amount disbursed was Rs 21.8 million in 1998/99 compared to Rs 14.1 million in 1993/94.

7. 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 provided the monthly income of their family does not exceed Rs 50,000. The Fund also provides financial assistance to persons undergoing severe personal hardship.

The sources of revenue of the Fund include :

- Contribution from the General Public
- Contribution from Ministries and Departments
- Interests on investment
- Unclaimed prizes and unclaimed winning tickets e.g. from Automatic 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).

8. Projected no. of pensioners and related future costs of basic pensions

As shown in Table 11, there were about 7.5 persons aged 15-59 years for each person aged 60 and over in 1998. This ratio is expected to fall to about 2.8 in the following 40 years essentially due to a very high increase in the elderly population aged 60 years and over.

The number of persons aged 60 & above is expected to treble between 1998 and 2038 - rising from around 101,000 to 311,000. Correspondingly, the category suffering from a severe disability is expected to increase from around 11,000 to 40,000 (Table 12a).

The number of beneficiaries of Basic Widow's Pension and Basic Invalid's Pension will also be on the increase. In 1998, there were nearly 21,000 beneficiaries of Basic Widow's Pension; this is expected to increase to around 36,000 in the next four decades. The number of recipients of Basic Invalid's Pension is projected to increase from 17,500 in 1998 to 25,000 by 2038.

The amount to be disbursed by government in future years is given in Table 12(b). These estimates are expressed in terms of the 1997/98 pension rates. As shown in the table, Basic Retirement (old-age) Pension will almost treble in the next 40 years, from Rs 1.8 billion in 1997/98 to Rs 5.3 billion in 2037/38. 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 terms. Regarding Basic Widow's Pension, Basic Invalid's Pension and Basic Orphan's Pension, 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, 1994 & 1999**

Year	Both Sexes	Male	Female
1994			
Republic of Mauritius	1,112,607	556,979	555,628
Island of Mauritius	1,077,946	539,715	538,231
Island of Rodrigues	34,661	17,264	17,397
1999			
Republic of Mauritius	1,174,417	586,621	587,796
Island of Mauritius	1,138,969	569,051	569,918
Island of Rodrigues	35,448	17,570	17,878

Table 2-Mid year population by age-group &sex, Republic of Mauritius, 1994 & 1999

Age-group (years)	1st July 1994			1st July 1999		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
Under 15	313,884	159,335	154,549	303,998	154,283	149,715
0-4	108,907	55,280	53,627	99,949	50,532	49,417
5-9	95,654	48,685	46,969	108,571	55,135	53,436
10-14	109,323	55,370	53,953	95,478	48,616	46,862
15-59	705,266	356,649	348,617	767,671	388,111	379,560
15-19	109,081	55,143	53,938	109,075	55,223	53,852
20-24	94,732	48,542	46,190	108,841	55,094	53,747
25-29	102,409	52,678	49,731	94,045	48,348	45,697
30-34	101,939	52,240	49,699	101,212	52,097	49,115
35-39	88,462	45,165	43,297	100,482	51,360	49,122
40-44	78,056	39,563	38,493	86,804	44,061	42,743
45-49	55,212	27,087	28,125	76,031	38,169	37,862
50-54	40,499	19,662	20,837	53,125	25,710	27,415
55-59	34,876	16,569	18,307	38,056	18,049	20,007
60 & Over	93,457	40,995	52,462	102,748	44,227	58,521
60-64	28,524	13,464	15,060	31,692	14,561	17,131
65-69	26,961	12,363	14,598	24,836	11,269	13,567
70-74	18,042	7,969	10,073	22,085	9,462	12,623
75-79	10,656	4,281	6,375	13,360	5,414	7,946
80+	9,274	2,918	6,356	10,775	3,521	7,254
Total	1,112,607	556,979	555,628	1,174,417	586,621	587,796

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- Government Expenditure on Social Security & Welfare - Republic of Mauritius, 1993/94 - 1998/99

	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99 ^{1/}
Government expenditure on Social Security & Welfare						
- in million rupees	2,368.8	2,674.8	3,148.5	3,937.2	4,421.5	5,400.0
- as % of total Government expenditure	16.6	17.3	18.2	19.4	20.6	21.2

^{1/} provisional

Table 5.1 - No. of beneficiaries of basic pensions and amount paid, Republic of Mauritius, 1993/94 - 1998/99

(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type, June 1994 - June 1999

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries					
	June 94	June 95	June 96	June 97	June 98	June 99
Basic Retirement Pension (Old-age pension) <i>of whom</i>	98,647	101,665	103,804	107,106	108,784	109,571
<i>severely disabled</i> ^{1/}	8,550	9,378	9,982	11,081	11,253	11,879
Basic Widow's Pension	19,496	19,692	19,942	20,428	20,795	21,153
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	15,363	15,809	16,130	17,405	17,506	18,864
<i>severely disabled</i> ^{2/}	2,489	3,074	3,499	3,944	4,215	4,977
Basic Orphan's Pension	1,043	984	860	889	737	719
Guardian's Allowance	840	784	735	716	605	590
Child's Allowance	16,262	15,867	15,776	15,497	15,265	15,642
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of</i>						
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	285	285	237	237	229	245
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	10,958	10,578	10,436	10,151	9,059	9,051
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	5,015	5,004	5,103	5,101	5,977	6,346

^{1/} drawing the Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension

^{2/} drawing Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)

(b) Amount paid by pension type, financial years 1993/94 - 1998/99

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	859.7	982.7	1,190.6	1,583.1	1,764.7	2,047.8
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	174.8	190.1	209.6	325.3	366.5	422.0
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	142.9	170.7	189.2	302.3	351.4	430.1
Basic Orphan's Pension (including Guardian's Allowance)	4.5	4.9	5.8	7.4	7.8	10.9

Source: Ministry of Social Security

**Table 5.2 - No. of beneficiaries of basic pensions and amount paid, Island of Mauritius,
1993/94 - 1998/99**

(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type, June 1994 - June 1999

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries					
	June 94	June 95	June 96	June 97	June 98	June 99
Basic Retirement Pension (Old-age pension) <i>of whom</i>	96,254	99,216	101,267	104,522	106,004	106,650
<i>severely disabled</i> ^{1/}	8,343	9,182	9,699	10,743	10,805	11,401
Basic Widow's Pension	19,173	19,368	19,626	20,112	20,459	20,813
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	15,072	15,504	15,781	16,988	17,031	18,394
<i>severely disabled</i> ^{2/}	2,445	3,005	3,408	3,838	4,059	4,789
Basic Orphan's Pension	804	778	680	708	578	563
Guardian's Allowance	666	632	591	579	482	471
Child's Allowance	15,876	15,493	15,384	15,093	14,798	15,198
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of</i>						
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	289	285	237	237	223	221
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	10,666	10,304	10,182	9,914	8,821	8,834
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	4,921	4,904	4,965	4,942	5,754	6,143

^{1/} drawing the Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension

^{2/} drawing Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)

(b) Amount paid by pension type, financial years 1993/94 - 1998/99

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	837.8	958.4	1,160.5	1,542.1	1,718.2	1,993.0
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	171.9	186.8	206.1	319.8	360.7	415.4
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	140.3	167.5	184.9	295.3	341.6	418.1
Basic Orphan's Pension (including Guardian's Allowance)	3.5	3.9	4.6	5.9	6.2	8.8

Source: Ministry of Social Security

**Table 5.3 - No. of beneficiaries of basic pensions and amount paid, Island of Rodrigues,
1993/94 - 1998/99**

(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type, June 1994 - June 1999

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries					
	June 94	June 95	June 96	June 97	June 98	June 99
Basic Retirement Pension (Old-age pension) <i>of whom</i>	2,393	2,449	2,537	2,584	2,780	2,921
<i>severely disabled</i> ^{1/}	207	196	283	338	448	478
Basic Widow's Pension	323	324	316	316	336	340
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	291	305	349	417	475	470
<i>severely disabled</i> ^{2/}	44	69	91	106	156	188
Basic Orphan's Pension	239	206	180	181	159	156
Guardian's Allowance	174	152	144	137	123	119
Child's Allowance	386	374	392	404	467	444
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of</i>						
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	-	-	-	8	6	24
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	292	274	254	237	238	217
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	94	100	138	159	223	203

^{1/} drawing the Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension

^{2/} drawing Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)

(b) Amount paid by pension type, financial years 1993/94 - 1998/99

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	21.9	24.3	30.2	41.0	46.5	54.8
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	2.9	3.3	3.5	5.5	5.8	6.6
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	2.5	3.3	4.3	7.0	9.8	12.0
Basic Orphan's Pension (including Guardian's Allowance)	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.6	2.1

Source: Ministry of Social Security

Table 6 - Number of beneficiaries of other non-contributory social benefits and amount paid, Republic of Mauritius, 1993/94 - 1998/99

(a) No. of beneficiaries by type of benefit, June 1994 - June 1999

Type of benefit	Number of beneficiaries					
	June 94	June 95	June 96	June 97	June 98	June 99
Social Aid ^{1/}	9,607	10,021	10,761	11,200	11,048	11,865
Food Aid	60,000	61,000	61,400	62,600	62,200	58,100
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	734	742	757	761	784	807
Inmate's Allowance	997	979	935	932	914	932
Unemployment Hardship Relief	321	305	340	227	108	99
Funeral Grant ^{2/}	552	596	624	960	1,006	1,278

^{1/} 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.

^{2/} refers to the number of payments for the financial years 1993/94 to 1998/99

(b) Amount paid by type of benefit, Republic of Mauritius, financial years 1993/94 - 1998/99

Type of benefit	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
Social Aid	72.2	80.1	91.2	108.8	123.0	150.8
Food Aid	21.5	23.8	23.9	21.7	19.9	19.0
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	9.4	10.6	12.0	14.1	15.5	18.8
Inmate's Allowance	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.5	3.2
Unemployment Hardship Relief	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.9
Funeral Grant	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.5	1.7	2.6

Source: Ministry of Social Security

Table 7 - Number of beneficiaries^{1/} of Social Aid by district, June 94- June 99

District/ Island	June 94	June 95	June 96	June 97	June 98	June 99
Port-Louis	2,138	2,213	2,194	2,192	2,289	2,355
Pamplemousses	1,029	1,118	1,120	1,157	1,175	1,342
Riviere du Rempart	1,048	1,110	1,177	1,207	1,053	1,039
Flacq	689	703	803	914	922	896
Grand-Port	761	757	893	758	728	786
Savanne	568	630	635	690	680	739
Plaine-Wilhems	2,017	1,951	2,189	2,419	2,450	2,772
Moka	342	330	395	389	323	320
Black River	394	391	455	526	525	606
<i>Island of Mauritius</i>	8,986	9,203	9,861	10,252	10,145	10,855
<i>Island of Rodrigues</i>	621	818	900	948	903	1,010
Republic of Mauritius	9,607	10,021	10,761	11,200	11,048	11,865

^{1/} 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 1993/94 - 1998/99

	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
No. of employers contributing to the NPF	14,800	15,000	14,580	14,710	14,800	15,660
Amount contributed by employers and employees (Rs Mn)	598.1	682.9	718.9	761.8	841.6	890.7
Surcharge paid by employers (Rs Mn)	5.4	6.1	5.8	7.4	8.1	7.1
Size of the NPF (Rs Mn) at end of financial year	7,200.2	8,505.0	10,000.0	12,101.6	14,258.2	16,442.3

Table 9(a) - No. of beneficiaries of contributory pensions, June 1994 - June 1999

Pension type	June 94	June 95	June 96	June 97	June 98	June 99
Contributory Retirement Pension	21,999	23,547	25,280	27,262	28,295	29,797
Contributory Widow's Pension	4,347	4,623	4,992	5,387	5,777	6,155
Contributory Invalid's Pension	2,053	2,184	2,335	2,636	2,603	3,125
Contributory Orphan's Pension	111	110	104	108	91	104
Industrial Injury Allowance	720	760	852	865	917	868

Table 9(b) - Amount paid to beneficiaries of contributory pensions, financial years 1993/94 - 1998/99

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
Contributory Retirement Pension	69.5	86.6	106.9	127.1	152.8	178.8
Contributory Widow's Pension	12.9	15.8	19.1	22.2	28.7	34.5
Contributory Invalid's Pension	5.2	6.3	6.9	8.1	8.8	10.2
Contributory Orphan's Pension	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Industrial Injury Allowance	14.1	16.8	16.8	21.4	22.6	21.8

Source: Ministry of Social Security

**Table 10(a) - No. of persons receiving assistance from the National Solidarity Fund,
Republic of Mauritius, financial years 1993/94 - 1998/99**

Contingency	Number of beneficiaries					
	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
Personal hardship scheme						
<i>Birth of triplets</i>	-	3	2	3	-	-
<i>Fire victims</i>	64	74	3	1	79	110
<i>Cyclone relief</i>	1,000	-	-	-	5	10
Medical treatment abroad	20	63	74	N.A	109	123

**Table 10(b) - Amount paid to persons receiving assistance from the National Solidarity Fund,
Republic of Mauritius, financial years 1993/94 - 1998/99**

Contingency	Amount paid (Rs 000)					
	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99
Personal hardship scheme						
<i>Birth of triplets</i>	-	15	10	15	-	-
<i>Fire victims</i>	90	111	5	5	395	547
<i>Cyclone relief</i>	1,000	-	-	-	25	50
Medical treatment abroad	460	1,475	3,004	2,525	6,170	8,746

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, 1998-2038**

Age-group (years)	1st July 1998			1st July 2008			1st July 2018			1st July 2028			1st July 2038		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
Under 15	303,837	154,187	149,650	295,263	149,256	146,007	284,296	143,927	140,369	279,970	141,802	138,168	271,683	137,637	134,046
15-59	754,618	381,759	372,859	842,988	425,417	417,571	874,109	438,461	435,648	864,515	431,967	432,548	859,688	428,560	431,128
60 & over	101,274	43,711	57,563	127,182	53,503	73,679	193,768	83,122	110,646	270,300	115,951	154,349	311,287	132,035	179,252
Total (no.)	1,159,729	579,657	580,072	1,265,433	628,176	637,257	1,352,173	665,510	686,663	1,414,785	689,720	725,065	1,442,658	698,232	744,426
Pensioner support ratio ^{1/}	7.5	8.7	6.5	6.6	8.0	5.7	4.5	5.3	3.9	3.2	3.7	2.8	2.8	3.2	2.4

^{1/} 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, 1997/98 - 2037/38**

(a) Projected no. of beneficiaries by pension type, June 1998 - June 2038

Pension type	Actual no. of beneficiaries June 1998	Projected number of beneficiaries			
		June 2008	June 2018	June 2028	June 2038
Basic Retirement Pension (Old-age pension) <i>of whom</i>	108,784	127,182	193,768	270,300	311,287
<i>severely disabled</i> ^{1/}	11,253	14,884	20,598	29,801	40,010
Basic Widow's Pension	20,795	29,886	34,372	34,630	36,454
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	17,506	22,074	24,157	24,061	24,672
<i>severely disabled</i> ^{2/}	4,215	5,298	5,798	5,775	5,921
Basic Orphan's Pension	737	709	679	665	648
Guardian's Allowance	605	597	571	560	545
Child's Allowance <i>of whom children of beneficiaries of</i>	15,265	15,099	14,261	13,951	13,670
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	229	227	209	205	201
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	9,059	9,004	8,484	8,289	8,135
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	5,977	5,868	5,568	5,457	5,334

^{1/} drawing the Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension

^{2/} drawing Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)

(b) Estimated future costs (Rs million) by pension type, financial years 1997/98 - 2037/38

Pension type	Actual amount paid in 1997/98	Estimated future costs at 1997/98 pension rates			
		2007/08	2017/18	2027/28	2037/38
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	1,765	2,144	3,252	4,514	5,294
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	366	490	555	558	584
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	351	406	441	438	448
Basic Orphan's Pension (including Guardian's Allowance)	8	7	6	6	6

ANNEX

Non-contributory benefits by type and amount payable in 1993/94 and 1998/99

Pension type	Amount payable	
	1993/94	1998/99
	Monthly	
Basic Retirement Pension (BRP) for ages : 60-74	Rs572	Rs1,300
75-89	Rs715	Rs1,300
90-99	Rs3,410	Rs5,000
100+	Rs3,410	Rs5,275
Basic Widow's Pension (BWP)	Rs572	Rs1,300
Basic Invalid's Pension (BIP)	Rs572	Rs1,300
Basic Orphan's Pension (BOP)	Rs230	Rs725
Guardian's Allowance	Rs143	Rs320
Child's Allowance for ages : 0-10	Rs113	Rs425
10 & above	Rs174	Rs450
Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension (BRP) for ages : 60-74	Rs1,142	Rs2,220
75-89	Rs1,287	Rs2,220
90-99	Rs3,982	Rs5,920
100+	Rs3,982	Rs6,195
Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)	Rs476	Rs800
Social Aid (minimum amount payable)	Rs205	Rs340
Food Aid	Rs25	Rs30
Inmate's Allowance : (a) Charitable Institutions	Rs81	Rs215
(b) Brown Sequard Hospital	Rs143	Rs325
Unemployment Hardship Relief (minimum amount payable)	Rs80	Rs80
Minimum Contributory Retirement Pension	Rs143	Rs202
	Daily	
Indoor Relief	Rs36	Rs65
	Per event	
Funeral Grant	Rs1,177	Rs1,870
Allowance under the National Solidarity Fund		
- Medical treatment abroad (maximum amount payable) :	Rs25,000	Rs80,000 (July 98-Nov 98) Rs100,000 (Dec 98-June 99)
- Personal Hardship Scheme	Rs1,000	Rs5,000

Source: Ministry of Social Security