

SOCIAL SECURITY STATISTICS

1994/95 – 1999/2000

1. Introduction

This issue of the '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, Senior Citizen Welfare and Reform Institutions for the period July 1994 - June 2000. The number of beneficiaries relates to the last month of each financial year whereas the amount paid is given on a financial year basis.

2. Social Security benefits

Social Security benefits can be classified as - 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 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 at Annex I. 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

As shown in Table 1, the mid-year population of the Republic of Mauritius increased from 1,122,118 in 1995 to 1,185,888 in 2000. A breakdown by age (Table 2), reveals that the child population aged below 15 years decreased from 309,924 (27.6% of the total) to 304,932 (25.7% of the total). On the other hand, the elderly population aged 60 years and above increased from 95,393 (8.5%) to 105,234 (8.9%). It should be pointed out 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 (101,605 in June 1995 and 111,885 in June 2000). 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 on account of death.

Table 3 gives the number of widows by age as reported at the 1990 Census. Some 46,757 widows were 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 reported as widows was 12.5%.

4. Expenditure on Social Security and Welfare

Government expenditure on Social Security continued its increasing trend. As shown in Table 4, expenditure on Social Security for the financial year 1999/2000 was Rs 5,800 million compared to Rs 2,675 million in 1994/95. In terms of percentage, social security expenditure accounted for 21.5% of total government expenditure in 1999/2000 against 17.3% in 1994/95.

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 by 10% from 101,665 (99,216 in Mauritius and 2,449 in Rodrigues) in June 1995 to 111,885 (108,840 in Mauritius and 3,045 in Rodrigues) in June 2000.

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 eligible for the Enhanced Basic Retirement pension in June 2000 was 13,287 of whom 12,735 in the island of Mauritius (Table 5.2(a)) and 552 in Rodrigues (Table 5.3(a)).

The total amount disbursed by government to all old-age pensioners in the Republic was Rs 2,269.7 million in 1999/2000 compared to Rs 982.7 million in 1994/95 (Table 5.1(b)).

(b) Basic Widow's Pension

Basic Widow's Pension is payable to widows aged between 15 and 59 years who were either civilly or religiously married to their late husband. The number of beneficiaries of such pension went up from 19,692 (19,368 in Mauritius and 324 in Rodrigues) in June 1995 to 21,323 (20,973 in Mauritius and 350 in Rodrigues) in June 2000.

The amount disbursed on Basic Widow's Pension was Rs 457.9 million in 1999/2000 against Rs 190.1 million in 1994/95.

(c) Basic Invalid's Pension

The Basic Invalid's 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 60% or more for at least 12 months. The number of beneficiaries of Basic Invalid's Pension increased to 19,958 (19,841 in Mauritius and 477 in Rodrigues) in June 2000 from 15,809 in June 1995.

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 category of pensioners stood at 5,439 in June 2000 compared to 3,074 in June 1995. In terms of percentage, 27.3% of the beneficiaries of Basic Invalid's Pension were eligible for the Carer's allowance in June 2000 against 19.4% in June 1995.

The total amount of Basic Invalid's Pension inclusive of Carer's allowance increased to Rs 497.4 million in 1999/2000 from Rs 170.7 million in 1994/95.

(d) Basic Orphan's Pension & Guardian's allowance

Basic Orphan's Pension is payable to all orphans up to the age of 15 or up to 20 years of age if they are in full-time education. A Guardian's allowance is 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.

The number of beneficiaries of Basic Orphan's Pension in the Republic decreased from 984 in June 1995 to 686 in June 2000. A similar trend is noted in the islands of Mauritius (from 778 to 546) and Rodrigues (from 206 to 140). As a result the number of guardians in the Republic declined from 784 to 545 in the five-year period. The average number of orphans per guardian remained at 1.28.

In spite of the decreasing number of beneficiaries, government expenditure on Basic Orphan's Pension and Guardian's allowance rose to Rs 12.4 million in 1999/2000 from Rs 4.9 million in 1994/95. This is due to significant increases in the rates payable.

(e) Child's allowance

Child's allowance is payable to children of 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 total number of children benefiting from Child's allowance reached 16,232 (15,763 for island of Mauritius and 469 for Rodrigues) in June 2000, up from 15,867 (15,493 for island of Mauritius and 374 for Rodrigues) in June 1995.

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 increased by 26% from 10,021 to 12,622 in the 5-year period June 1995 - June 2000. In the island of Mauritius the corresponding increase was also 26% (from 9,203 to 11,618) and in Rodrigues almost 23% (from 818 to 1004). 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 in 1999/2000 was Rs 174.0 million, more than twice the amount in 1994/95 (Rs 80.1 million).

(b) Food Aid

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

- (1) All recipients of Social Aid and their dependents.

(2) All beneficiaries of Unemployment Hardship Relief .

(3) All needy beneficiaries of a basic pension under the National Pensions Act , i.e. 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 .

There were some 47,160 beneficiaries of Food Aid in both the islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues in June 2000. The total amount paid out was Rs 18.3 million in 1999/2000. 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. The number of such persons continued to go up - from 742 in June 1995 to 829 in June 2000. The amount disbursed on indoor relief thus increased from Rs10.6 million in 1994/95 to Rs21.1 million in 1999/2000.

(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 to 927 in June 2000 from 979 in June 1995 mainly due to a decreasing number in Brown Sequard Hospital. However, due to increases in the rates payable. Inmate's allowance more than doubled from 1994/95 (Rs 1.7 million) to 1999/2000 (Rs 3.6 million).

(e) Unemployment Hardship Relief

The Unemployment Hardship Relief (UHR) is payable to unemployed heads of families whose family income is not sufficient to meet the needs of the members. The head 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 a UHR in addition to his Basic Invalid's Pension. The number of beneficiaries of UHR decreased from 305 in June 1995 to 118 in June 2000. The amount paid to UHR beneficiaries in 1999/2000 was the same as in 1994/95, i.e., R 1.0 million.

(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 rose from 596 in June 1995 to 1,335 in June 2000. The amount disbursed increased from R0.8 million in 1994/95 to Rs2.8 million in 1999/2000.

6. 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 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); most 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 Rs480 for household employees and Rs800 for other employees in the financial year 1999/2000. The maximum monthly remuneration for both categories was Rs 5,535 in the same period.

(b) The National Pensions Fund

The number of employers contributing to the NPF in respect of their employees increased from 15,117 in 1994/95 to 17,300 in 1999/2000. Consequently the amount of contributions rose from Rs 682.9 million to Rs 984.1 million (Table 8).

Total Net Assets of the NPF increased from Rs 8.5 billion in June 1995 to Rs 18.9 billion in June 2000. 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 have been increasing in the past years - from 23,547 in June 1995 to 31,453 in June 2000. The total amount paid out to such beneficiaries also went up from Rs 85.6 million in 1994/95 to Rs 212.6 million in 1999/2000.

(ii) Contributory Widow's Pension

The Contributory Widow's Pension is payable to a widow whose late husband had contributed to the National Pensions Fund. Some 6,397 widows benefited from such a pension in June 2000 compared to 4,623 in June 1995. The amount paid was Rs 40.9 million in 1999/2000 against Rs 15.8 million in 1994/95.

(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%. The number of persons drawing such a pension was 2,184 in June 1995 and increased to 3,443 in June 2000. The amount paid to these pensioners also increased from Rs 6.3 million in 1994/95 to Rs 11.7 million in 1999/2000.

(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 June 1995 to June 2000, the number of orphans benefiting from this pension declined slightly to 99 from 110. The amount paid in 1999/2000 was R 0.1 million, same as in 1994/95.

(v) 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 Pension Scheme. The number of such cases was 760 in June 1995 and 976 in June 2000. The amount disbursed was Rs 16.8 million in 1994/95 compared to Rs 24.1 million in 1999/2000.

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. It provides financial assistance to persons undergoing severe personal hardship. Prior to November 1999, the Fund used to cater 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 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).

8. Projected number of pensioners and related future costs of basic pensions

There were about 7.5 persons aged 15-59 years for each person aged 60 and above in 1999 (Table 11). This ratio is expected to fall to about 2.6 in 40 years essentially due to a very high increase in the elderly population aged 60 years and over.

The projected number of beneficiaries of basic pensions by pension type is shown in Table 12(a). The assumptions underlying these projections are given at Annex II.

It is expected that the number of persons aged 60 & above, i.e. entitled for old age pensions,

will be rising from around 103,000 in 1999 to about 332,000 in forty years. Correspondingly, the category suffering from a severe disability is expected to increase from nearly 12,000 to 45,000.

The number of beneficiaries of Basic Widow's Pension and Basic Invalid's Pension will also be on the increase. The number of beneficiaries of Basic Widow's Pension was 21,153 in 1999; this number is expected to reach around 34,400 in the next four decades. The number of recipients of Basic Invalid's Pension, around 19,000 in 1999, is projected to increase to about 27,000 in some forty years.

The amount to be disbursed by government in future years is given in Table 12(b). These estimates are expressed in terms of the 1998/99 pension rates. As shown in the table, Basic Retirement (old age) pensions will more than treble in the next 40 years, from Rs 2.0 billion in 1998/99 to Rs 6.5 billion in 2038/39. This is the result of ageing of the population: there will be more and more persons in the older age-category both in absolute numbers and in percentage in the future. Regarding Basic Widow's pensions, Basic Invalid's pensions and Basic Orphan's pensions, the future costs will increase in line with the projected number of beneficiaries.

**Table 1- Mid year population by sex, Republic of Mauritius,
Island of Mauritius & Island of Rodrigues, 1995 & 2000**

Year	Both Sexes	Male	Female
1995			
Republic of Mauritius	1,122,118	561,505	560,613
Island of Mauritius	1,087,343	544,185	543,158
Island of Rodrigues	34,775	17,320	17,455
2000			
Republic of Mauritius	1,185,888	591,981	593,907
Island of Mauritius	1,150,225	574,308	575,917
Island of Rodrigues	35,663	17,673	17,990

Table 2-Mid year population by age-group & sex, Republic of Mauritius, 1995 & 2000

Age-group (years)	1st July 1995			1st July 2000		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
Under 15	309,924	157,326	152,598	304,932	154,727	150,205
0-4	108,890	55,158	53,732	98,529	49,968	48,561
5-9	97,781	49,736	48,045	108,709	55,072	53,637
10-14	103,253	52,432	50,821	97,694	49,687	48,007
15-59	716,801	362,490	354,311	775,722	392,086	383,636
15-19	112,421	56,843	55,578	103,052	52,320	50,732
20-24	94,888	48,410	46,478	112,207	56,667	55,540
25-29	99,529	51,393	48,136	94,989	48,562	46,427
30-34	102,713	52,664	50,049	99,381	51,333	48,048
35-39	91,319	46,656	44,663	101,958	52,121	49,837
40-44	79,102	40,087	39,015	90,059	45,739	44,320
45-49	58,541	28,942	29,599	77,272	38,753	38,519
50-54	42,686	20,597	22,089	56,494	27,542	28,952
55-59	35,602	16,898	18,704	40,310	19,049	21,261
60 & Over	95,393	41,689	53,704	105,234	45,168	60,066
60-64	28,978	13,695	15,283	32,547	14,931	17,616
65-69	26,498	12,079	14,419	25,257	11,449	13,808
70-74	19,495	8,570	10,925	21,908	9,373	12,535
75-79	10,776	4,332	6,444	14,461	5,825	8,636
80+	9,646	3,013	6,633	11,061	3,590	7,471
Total	1,122,118	561,505	560,613	1,185,888	591,981	593,907

**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,
1994/95 - 1999/2000**

	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99 ^{1/}	1999/2000 ^{1/}
Government expenditure on Social Security & Welfare						
- in million rupees	2,674.8	3,148.5	3,937.2	4,421.5	5,400.0	5,800.0
- as % of total	17.3	18.2	19.4	20.6	21.2	21.5

^{1/} provisional

Table 5.1 - No. of beneficiaries of basic pensions and amount paid, Republic of Mauritius,**1994/95 - 1999/2000****(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type, June 1995 - June 2000**

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries					
	June 95	June 96	June 97	June 98	June 99	June 2000
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	101,665	103,804	107,106	108,784	109,571	111,885
<i>severely disabled</i> ^{1/}	9,378	9,982	11,081	11,253	11,879	13,287
Basic Widow's Pension	19,692	19,942	20,428	20,795	21,153	21,323
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	15,809	16,130	17,405	17,506	18,864	19,958
<i>severely disabled</i> ^{2/}	3,074	3,499	3,944	4,215	4,977	5,439
Basic Orphan's Pension	984	860	889	737	719	686
Guardian's Allowance	784	735	716	605	590	545
Child's Allowance <i>of whom children of beneficiaries of</i>	15,867	15,776	15,497	15,265	15,642	16,232
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	285	237	237	229	245	237
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	10,578	10,436	10,151	9,059	9,051	8,853
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	5,004	5,103	5,101	5,977	6,346	7,142

^{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 1994/95 - 1999/2000**

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	982.7	1,190.6	1,583.1	1,764.7	2,047.8	2,269.7
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	190.1	209.6	325.3	366.5	422.0	457.9
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	170.7	189.2	302.3	351.4	430.1	497.4
Basic Orphan's Pension (including Guardian's Allowance)	4.9	5.8	7.4	7.8	10.9	12.4

Source: Ministry of Social Security

**Table 5.2 - No. of beneficiaries of basic pensions and amount paid, Island of Mauritius,
1994/95 - 1999/2000**

(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type, June 1995 - June 2000

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries					
	June 95	June 96	June 97	June 98	June 99	June 2000
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	99,216	101,267	104,522	106,004	106,650	108,840
<i>severely disabled</i> ^{1/}	9,182	9,699	10,743	10,805	11,401	12,735
Basic Widow's Pension	19,368	19,626	20,112	20,459	20,813	20,973
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	15,504	15,781	16,988	17,031	18,394	19,481
<i>severely disabled</i> ^{2/}	3,005	3,408	3,838	4,059	4,789	5,254
Basic Orphan's Pension	778	680	708	578	563	546
Guardian's Allowance	632	591	579	482	471	438
Child's Allowance <i>of whom children of beneficiaries of</i>	15,493	15,384	15,093	14,798	15,198	15,763
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	285	237	237	223	221	217
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	10,304	10,182	9,914	8,821	8,834	8,620
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	4,904	4,965	4,942	5,754	6,143	6,926

^{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 1994/95 - 1999/2000

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	958.4	1,160.5	1,542.1	1,718.2	1,993.0	2,208.5
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	186.8	206.1	319.8	360.7	415.4	451.2
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	167.5	184.9	295.3	341.6	418.1	484.9
Basic Orphan's Pension (including Guardian's Allowance)	3.9	4.6	5.9	6.2	8.8	10.2

Source: Ministry of Social Security

Table 5.3 - No. of beneficiaries of basic pensions and amount paid, Island of Rodrigues,**1994/95 - 1999/2000****(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type, June 1995 - June 2000**

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries					
	June 95	June 96	June 97	June 98	June 99	June 2000
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	2,449	2,537	2,584	2,780	2,921	3,045
<i>severely disabled</i> ^{1/}	196	283	338	448	478	552
Basic Widow's Pension	324	316	316	336	340	350
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	305	349	417	475	470	477
<i>severely disabled</i> ^{2/}	69	91	106	156	188	185
Basic Orphan's Pension	206	180	181	159	156	140
Guardian's Allowance	152	144	137	123	119	107
Child's Allowance	374	392	404	467	444	469
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of</i>						
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	-	-	8	6	24	20
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	274	254	237	238	217	233
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	100	138	159	223	203	216

^{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 1994/95 - 1999/2000**

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	24.3	30.2	41.0	46.5	54.8	61.2
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	3.3	3.5	5.5	5.8	6.6	6.8
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	3.3	4.3	7.0	9.8	12.0	12.5
Basic Orphan's Pension (including Guardian's Allowance)	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.1

Source: Ministry of Social Security

Table 6 - Number of beneficiaries of other non-contributory social benefits and amount paid, Republic of Mauritius, 1994/95 - 1999/2000

(a) No. of beneficiaries by type of benefit, June 1995 - June 2000

Type of benefit	Number of beneficiaries					
	June 95	June 96	June 97	June 98	June 99	June 2000
Social Aid ^{1/}	10,021	10,761	11,200	11,048	11,865	12,622
Food Aid	61,000	61,400	62,600	62,200	58,100	47,160
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	742	757	761	784	807	829
Inmate's Allowance	979	935	932	914	932	927
Unemployment Hardship Relief	305	340	227	108	99	118
Funeral Grant ^{2/}	596	624	960	1,006	1,278	1,335

^{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 1994/95 to 1999/2000

(b) Amount paid by type of benefit, Republic of Mauritius, financial years 1994/95 - 1999/2000

Type of benefit	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000
Social Aid	80.1	91.2	108.8	123.0	150.8	174.0
Food Aid	23.8	23.9	21.7	19.9	19.0	18.3
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	10.6	12.0	14.1	15.5	18.8	21.1
Inmate's Allowance	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.5	3.2	3.6
Unemployment Hardship Relief	1.0	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.0
Funeral Grant	0.8	1.0	1.5	1.7	2.6	2.8

Source: Ministry of Social Security

Table 7 - Number of beneficiaries^{1/} of Social Aid by district, June 1995- June 2000

District/ Island	June 95	June 96	June 97	June 98	June 99	June 2000
Port-Louis	2,213	2,194	2,192	2,289	2,355	2,434
Pamplemousses	1,118	1,120	1,157	1,175	1,342	1,385
Riviere du Rempart	1,110	1,177	1,207	1,053	1,039	1,166
Flacq	703	803	914	922	896	1,214
Grand-Port	757	893	758	728	786	851
Savanne	630	635	690	680	739	717
Plaine-Wilhems	1,951	2,189	2,419	2,450	2,772	2,825
Moka	330	395	389	323	320	346
Black River	391	455	526	525	606	680
<i>Island of Mauritius</i>	9,203	9,861	10,252	10,145	10,855	11,618
<i>Island of Rodrigues</i>	818	900	948	903	1,010	1,004
Republic of Mauritius	10,021	10,761	11,200	11,048	11,865	12,622

^{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 1994/95 - 1999/2000

	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000
No. of employers contributing to the NPF ^{1/}	15,117	15,320	15,359	15,615	16,334	17,300
Amount contributed by employers and employees (Rs Mn)	682.9	718.9	761.8	841.6	890.7	984.1
Surcharge paid by employers (Rs Mn)	6.1	5.8	7.4	8.1	7.1	6.9
Size of the NPF (Rs Mn) at end of financial year	8,505.0	10,000.0	12,101.6	14,258.2	16,442.3	18,887.3

1/ figures for 1999/2000 are provisional

Table 9(a) - No. of beneficiaries of contributory pensions, June 1995 - June 2000

Pension type	June 95	June 96	June 97	June 98	June 99	June 2000
Contributory Retirement Pension	23,547	25,280	27,262	28,295	29,797	31,453
Contributory Widow's Pension	4,623	4,992	5,387	5,777	6,155	6,397
Contributory Invalid's Pension	2,184	2,335	2,636	2,603	3,125	3,443
Contributory Orphan's Pension	110	104	108	91	104	99
Industrial Injury Allowance	760	852	865	917	868	976

Table 9(b) - Amount paid to beneficiaries of contributory pensions, financial years 1994/95 - 1999/2000

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000
Contributory Retirement Pension	86.6	106.9	127.1	152.8	178.8	212.6
Contributory Widow's Pension	15.8	19.1	22.2	28.7	34.5	40.9
Contributory Invalid's Pension	6.3	6.9	8.1	8.8	10.2	11.7
Contributory Orphan's Pension	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
Industrial Injury Allowance	16.8	16.8	21.4	22.6	21.8	24.1

Source: Ministry of Social Security

**Table 10(a) - No. of persons receiving assistance from the National Solidarity Fund,
Republic of Mauritius, financial years 1994/95 - 1999/2000**

Contingency	Number of beneficiaries					
	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000
Personal hardship scheme						
<i>Birth of triplets</i>	3	2	3	-	-	1
<i>Fire victims</i>	74	3	1	79	110	15
<i>Cyclone relief</i>	-	-	-	5	10	5
Medical treatment abroad ^{1/}	63	74	N.A	109	123	57

**Table 10(b) - Amount paid to persons receiving assistance from the National Solidarity Fund,
Republic of Mauritius, financial years 1994/95 - 1999/2000**

Contingency	Amount paid (Rs 000)					
	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000
Personal hardship scheme						
<i>Birth of triplets</i>	15	10	15	-	-	5
<i>Fire victims</i>	111	5	5	395	547	75
<i>Cyclone relief</i>	-	-	-	25	50	25
Medical treatment abroad ^{1/}	1,475	3,004	2,525	6,170	8,746	5,966

^{1/} transferred to the Ministry of Health since November 1999; only pending cases are being processed by the NSF.

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, 1999-2039**

Age-group (years)	1st July 1999			1st July 2009			1st July 2019			1st July 2029			1st July 2039		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
Under 15	303,998	154,283	149,715	295,147	149,392	145,755	285,509	144,591	140,918	280,166	141,945	138,221	272,406	138,039	134,367
15-59	767,671	388,111	379,560	854,730	431,004	423,726	880,307	441,486	438,821	871,378	435,391	435,987	860,925	429,870	431,055
60 & over	102,748	44,227	58,521	133,234	56,402	76,832	205,833	89,946	115,887	284,843	126,511	158,332	332,349	147,880	184,469
Total (no.)	1,174,417	586,621	587,796	1,283,111	636,798	646,313	1,371,649	676,023	695,626	1,436,387	703,847	732,540	1,465,680	715,789	749,891
Pensioner support ratio ^{1/}	7.5	8.8	6.5	6.4	7.6	5.5	4.3	4.9	3.8	3.1	3.4	2.8	2.6	2.9	2.3

^{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, 1998/99 - 2038/39**

(a) Projected no. of beneficiaries by pension type, June 1999 - June 2039

Pension type	Actual no. of beneficiaries June 1999	Projected number of beneficiaries			
		June 2009	June 2019	June 2029	June 2039
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	109,571	133,234	205,833	284,843	332,349
<i>severely disabled</i> ^{1/}	11,879	15,995	22,755	33,230	44,619
Basic Widow's Pension	21,153	29,105	33,076	33,484	34,377
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	18,864	24,366	26,456	26,393	26,629
<i>severely disabled</i> ^{2/}	4,977	6,533	7,093	7,076	7,139
Basic Orphan's Pension	719	689	660	641	629
Guardian's Allowance	590	547	524	509	500
Child's Allowance <i>of whom children of beneficiaries of</i>	15,642	16,189	15,417	15,003	14,697
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	245	241	226	218	217
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	9,051	8,895	8,449	8,207	8,051
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	6,346	7,053	6,742	6,578	6,429

^{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 1998/99 - 2038/39

Pension type	Actual amount paid in 1998/99	Estimated future costs at 1998/99 pension rates			
		2008/09	2018/19	2028/29	2038/39
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	2,048	2,539	3,915	5,403	6,426
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	422	543	608	613	631
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	430	520	559	557	561
Basic Orphan's Pension (including Guardian's Allowance)	11	9	8	8	8

ANNEX 1

Non-contributory benefits by type and amount payable in 1994/95 and 1999/2000

Pension type	Amount payable(Rupees)	
	1994/95	1999/2000
	Monthly	
Basic Retirement Pension (BRP) for ages : 60-74	630	1400
75-89	790	1400
90-99	3755	5400
100+	3755	6000
Basic Widow's Pension (BWP)	630	1,400
Basic Invalid's Pension (BIP)	630	1,400
Basic Orphan's Pension (BOP)	255	785
Guardian's Allowance	160	345
Child's Allowance for ages : 0-10	125	460
10 & above	195	485
Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension (BRP) for ages : 60-74	1,260	2,400
75-89	1,420	2,400
90-99	4,380	6,400
100+	4,380	7,000
Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)	525	865
Social Aid (minimum amount payable)	230	370
Food Aid	30	30
Inmate's Allowance : (a) Charitable Institutions	90	230
(b) Brown Sequard Hospital	158	350
Unemployment Hardship Relief (minimum amount payable)	80	90
Minimum Contributory Retirement Pension	157	
	Daily	
Indoor Relief	40	70
	Per case	
Funeral Grant	1,295	2,020
Allowance under the National Solidarity Fund		
- Medical treatment abroad (maximum amount payable) :	25,000	80,000 (July98-Nov 98) 100,000 (Dec98-June99)
- Personal Hardship Scheme	5,000	50,000 (maximum)

ASSUMPTIONS USED FOR ESTIMATING PROJECTED NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES OF BASIC PENSIONS

Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)

Beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension

These are assumed to be the projected population aged 60 and over.

Beneficiaries of Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension

The proportion of beneficiaries of BRP who obtain this additional pension has been worked out by 5-year age-group and sex for 2000. It has been assumed that this proportion remains constant in the future.

Beneficiaries of Child's Allowance

The proportion of children receiving Child's Allowance (BRP cases) has been worked out by 5-year age-group and sex for 2000. It has been assumed that this proportion remains constant in the future.

Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)

Beneficiaries of Basic Widow's Pension

The proportion of women who are widows has been worked out by 5-year age-group for 2000. It has been assumed that this proportion remains constant in the future.

Beneficiaries of Child's Allowance

The proportion of children receiving Child's Allowance (BWP cases) has been worked out by 5-year age-group and sex for 2000. It has been assumed that this proportion remains constant in the future.

Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)

Beneficiaries of Basic Invalid's Pension

The proportion of the population who are such pensioners has been worked out by 5-year age-group and sex for 2000. It has been assumed that this proportion remains constant in the future.

Beneficiaries of Carer's Allowance

The proportion of BIP beneficiaries who obtain this additional pension has been worked out by 5-year age group and sex for 2000. It has been assumed that this proportion remains constant in the future.

Beneficiaries of Child's Allowance

The proportion of children receiving Child's Allowance (BIP cases) has been worked out by 5-year age-group and sex for 2000. It has been assumed that this proportion remains constant in the future.

Basic Orphan's Pension (including Guardian's Allowance)

Beneficiaries of Basic Orphan's Pension

The proportion of children receiving Basic Orphan's Pension has been worked out by 5-year age-group and sex for 2000. It has been assumed that this proportion remains constant in the future.

Beneficiaries of Guardian's Allowance

The average number of beneficiaries of Basic Orphan's Pension per guardian has been assumed to remain the same as in 2000.