

## **SOCIAL SECURITY STATISTICS**

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## 1. Introduction

This is the seventh issue of the 'Economic and Social Indicators' on Social Security Statistics. The data refer to the main social security benefits provided by the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, Senior Citizen Welfare and Reform Institutions for the period July 1996 to June 2002. Data on the number of beneficiaries refer 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 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 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 1,147,706 in 1997 to 1,210,196 in 2002. The child population aged below 15 years increased slightly from 304,453 (26.5% of the total) in 1997 to 307,826 (25.4% of the total) in 2002. The elderly population aged 60 years and above grew from 99,272 (8.6%) in 1997 to 110,814 (9.2%) in 2002. It should be pointed out that these estimates, computed by the Central Statistics Office on the basis of the 1990 and 2000 Censuses respectively, differ from the number of persons reported by the Ministry of Social Security as drawing the old-age pension (107,106 in June 1997 and 114,792 in June 2002). This discrepancy may be due to various reasons, such as misreporting of age at the Population Censuses and delays in updating the list of old-age pensioners on account of death or absence from the country for more than 6 months.

Table 3 gives the number of widows by age as reported at the 2000 Census. Some 58,309 widows, representing 13% of all women aged 15 years and over, were enumerated at that time. The number of widows aged 15 to 59 years, i.e. those eligible for Basic Widow's Pension, was 21,719.

## 4. Expenditure on Social Security and Welfare

Government expenditure on Social Security maintained its upward trend. As shown in Table 4, expenditure on Social Security and Welfare for the financial year 2001/2002 was Rs 7,126.2 million compared to Rs 3,937.2 million in 1996/97. In terms of percentage, social security expenditure accounted for 21.6% of total government expenditure in 2001/2002 against 19.4% in 1996/97.

## 5. Non-contributory benefits

## **5.1 Basic pensions**

### **(a) Basic Retirement Pensions (BRP)**

Basic Retirement Pension, also known as old-age pension, is payable to every Mauritian citizen aged 60 years and above subject to certain residency conditions. The number of beneficiaries of BRP increased by 7.2% from 107,106 (104,522 in Mauritius and 2,584 in Rodrigues) in June 1997 to 114,792 (111,541 in Mauritius and 3,251 in Rodrigues) in June 2002.

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 2002 was 14,905 of whom 14,425 in the Island of Mauritius (Table 5.2(a)) and 480 in Rodrigues (Table 5.3(a)).

The total amount disbursed to all old-age pensioners in the Republic was Rs 2,592.9 million in 2001/2002 compared to Rs 1,583.1 million in 1996/97 (Table 5.1(b)).

### **(b) Basic Widow's Pension (BWP)**

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 was 22,484 (22,134 in Mauritius and 350 in Rodrigues) in June 2002 compared to 20,428 (20,112 in Mauritius and 316 in Rodrigues) in June 1997, i.e. an increase of 10.1%. The amount disbursed on Basic Widow's Pension was Rs 521.3 million in 2001/2002 compared to Rs 325.3 million in 1996/97.

### **(c) Basic Invalid's Pension (BIP)**

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 BIP increased to 23,005 (22,463 in Mauritius and 542 in Rodrigues) in June 2002 from 17,405 in June 1997 (16,988 in Mauritius and 417 in Rodrigues).

BIP recipients, who need the constant care and attention of another person, benefit from an additional allowance known as the Carer's allowance. In June 2002, this category of pensioners stood at 6,234 compared to 3,944 in June 1997.

The total amount of Basic Invalid's Pension (inclusive of Carer's allowance) increased to Rs 615.7 million in 2001/2002 from Rs 302.3 million in 1996/97.

### **(d) Basic Orphan's Pension & Guardian's allowance (BOP)**

Basic Orphan's Pension is payable to all orphans up to the age of 15, and 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 BOP in the Republic decreased from 889 in June 1997 to 602 in June 2002. A similar trend is noted in the islands of Mauritius (from 708 to 469) and Rodrigues (from 181 to 133). Consequently, the total number of guardians in the Republic declined from 716 to 491 in the five-year period. The number of orphans per guardian however remained at around 1.2.

In spite of the decreasing number of beneficiaries, expenditure on Basic Orphan's Pension and Guardian's allowance rose to Rs 11.1 million in 2001/2002 from Rs 7.4 million in 1996/97. This is due to 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 17,510 (17,018 for island of Mauritius and 492 for Rodrigues) in June 2002 compared to 15,497 (15,093 for island of Mauritius and 404 for Rodrigues) in June 1997.

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 52% from 11,200 in June 1997 to 17,026 in June 2002. In the Island of Mauritius, the corresponding increase was 54.4% (from 10,252 to 15,830) and in Rodrigues, 26.2% (from 948 to 1,196). 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 2001/2002 was Rs 234.5 million, more than twice the amount in 1996/97 (Rs 108.8 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 of Rs 30 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 Pension, Basic Widow's Pension, Basic Invalid's Pension and Basic Orphan's Pensions, who would have qualified to receive social aid if the basic pensions were not payable.

The number of persons who were granted Food Aid was around 46,500 in June 2002. The total amount paid out in 2001/2002 was Rs 18.1 million. 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 persons, for whom Indoor Relief was granted, stood at 852 in June 2002 compared to 761 in June 1997. The amount disbursed under that scheme increased from Rs14.1 million in 1996/97 to Rs24.2 million in 2001/2002.

### ***(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, who received such pocket money, decreased to 925 in June 2002 from 940 in June 1997. However, due to increases in the rates payable, inmate's allowance nearly doubled from 1996/97 (Rs 2.3 million) to 2001/2002 (Rs 4.1 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 227 in June 1997 to 202 in June 2002. The amount paid to UHR beneficiaries was Rs 1.5 million in 2001/2002 compared to Rs 1.1 million in 1996/97.

#### **(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 960 in June 1997 to 1,969 in June 2002. The amount disbursed increased from Rs 1.5 million in 1996/97 to Rs 4.5 million in 2001/2002.

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

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

The National Pension Scheme was introduced 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 as from July 1978. Other employees joined the Scheme from January 1980 except for household workers for whom the operative date was July 1980. The self-employed were also eligible to join the Scheme as 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 Rs 544 for household employees and Rs 908 for other employees during the financial year 2001/2002. The maximum monthly remuneration for both categories was Rs 6,000 during that period.

#### **(b) The National Pensions Fund**

The number of employers contributing to the NPF in respect of their employees increased from 15,100 in 1996/97 to 15,400 in 2001/2002. The contributions received, exclusive of surcharge, rose from Rs 761.8 million to Rs 1,113.3 million (Table 8).

At the end of June 2002, total net assets of the NPF were Rs 25.0 billion compared to Rs 11.8 billion in June 1997. 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 (CRP)**

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, the number of beneficiaries of this type of pension has been increasing during the past years - from 27,262 in June 1997 to 33,957 in June 2002. The total amount paid out to such beneficiaries also went up from Rs 127.1 million in 1996/97 to Rs 274.5 million in 2001/2002.

##### **(ii) Contributory Widow's Pension (CWP)**

The Contributory Widow's Pension is payable to a widow whose late husband had contributed to the National Pensions Fund. The number of widows who benefited from such a pension stood at 11,548 in June 2002 compared to 7,044 in June 1997. The amount disbursed was Rs 56.4 million in 2001/2002 against Rs 22.2 million in 1996/97.

##### **(iii) Contributory Invalid's Pension (CIP)**

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 2,636 in June 1997 and increased to 4,530 in June 2002. The amount paid to these pensioners also increased from Rs 8.1 million in 1996/97 to Rs 15.5 million in 2001/2002.

##### **(iv) Contributory Orphan's pension (COP)**

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 1997 to June 2002, the number of orphans benefiting from this pension declined from 108 to 78. Consequently, the amount paid decreased from Rs 0.2 million in 1996/97 to Rs 0.1 million in 2001/2002.

#### *(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 decreased slightly from 895 in June 1997 to 886 in June 2002. The amount disbursed which was Rs 21.4 million in 1996/97, declined slightly to Rs 21.1 million in 2001/2002.

### **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.

During the year 2001/2002, some 22 persons received assistance from the National Solidarity Fund and the amount disbursed to them was around Rs 269,000. More details are given in tables 10(a) and 10(b).

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

In 2002, there were 110,814 persons aged 60 and over, and 791,556 in the working age group (15-59) years. The pensioner support ratio worked out to about 7.1 (Table 11). This ratio is expected to fall to about 2.4 in 40 years essentially due to a very high increase in the population aged 60 years and over, which will then constitute around 24.4% of the total population compared to 9.2% in 2002.

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 and over, i.e. entitled for old age pensions, will increase from around 114,800 in 2002 to about 364,300 in forty years. The number of elderly suffering from a severe disability is expected to be around 51,400 in 2042.

The number of beneficiaries of Basic Widow's Pension which was 22,500 in June 2002, is expected to grow to about 32,400 in June 2042.

The number of beneficiaries of Basic Invalid's Pension was 23,000 in 2002; this number is projected to be around 28,600 by 2042.

The amount to be disbursed by government in future years is given in Table 12(b). These estimates are expressed in terms of the 2001/2002 pension rates. As shown in the table, Basic Retirement (old age) pensions will experience an important growth in the next 40 years, from Rs 2.6 billion in 2001/2002 to Rs 8.6 billion in 2041/42 due to the ageing of the population. 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. These pensions are expected to grow to Rs 1.5 billion in 2041/42 compared to Rs 1.1 billion in 2001/2002.

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**Table 1 - Estimated mid year population by sex, Republic of Mauritius, Island of Mauritius & Island of Rodrigues, 1997 & 2002**

Year	Both Sexes	Male	Female
<b>1997</b> <sup>1/</sup>			
Republic of Mauritius	<b>1,147,706</b>	573,859	573,847
Island of Mauritius	<b>1,112,636</b>	556,428	556,208
Island of Rodrigues	<b>35,070</b>	17,431	17,639
<b>2002</b> <sup>2/</sup>			
Republic of Mauritius	<b>1,210,196</b>	599,257	610,939
Island of Mauritius	<b>1,174,021</b>	581,332	592,689
Island of Rodrigues	<b>36,175</b>	17,925	18,250

<sup>1/</sup> based on the 1990 population census data adjusted for underenumeration of children.

<sup>2/</sup> based on the 2000 population census data adjusted for underenumeration of children.



**Table 2 -Estimated mid year population by age-group & sex, Republic of Mauritius, 1997 & 2002**

Age-group (years)	1997 <sup>1/</sup>			2002 <sup>2/</sup>		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
<b>Under 15</b>	<b>304,453</b>	<b>154,426</b>	<b>150,027</b>	<b>307,826</b>	<b>156,081</b>	<b>151,745</b>
0-4	104,373	52,467	51,906	<b>98,019</b>	49,995	48,024
5-9	105,313	53,649	51,664	<b>104,404</b>	52,451	51,953
10-14	94,767	48,310	46,457	<b>105,403</b>	53,635	51,768
<b>15-59</b>	<b>743,981</b>	<b>376,282</b>	<b>367,699</b>	<b>791,556</b>	<b>395,331</b>	<b>396,225</b>
15-19	115,631	58,476	57,155	<b>94,307</b>	47,678	46,629
20-24	100,257	51,003	49,254	<b>113,886</b>	56,897	56,989
25-29	94,287	48,557	45,730	<b>98,281</b>	48,894	49,387
30-34	104,627	53,879	50,748	<b>94,352</b>	47,006	47,346
35-39	94,514	48,105	46,409	<b>103,420</b>	52,207	51,213
40-44	82,983	42,160	40,823	<b>93,551</b>	47,067	46,484
45-49	69,146	34,547	34,599	<b>81,815</b>	41,221	40,594
50-54	46,798	22,583	24,215	<b>67,437</b>	33,236	34,201
55-59	35,738	16,972	18,766	<b>44,507</b>	21,125	23,382
<b>60 &amp; Over</b>	<b>99,272</b>	<b>43,151</b>	<b>56,121</b>	<b>110,814</b>	<b>47,845</b>	<b>62,969</b>
60-64	31,320	14,706	16,614	<b>33,012</b>	15,351	17,661
65-69	24,313	10,973	13,340	<b>28,218</b>	12,775	15,443
70-74	21,583	9,418	12,165	<b>20,080</b>	8,670	11,410
75-79	11,685	4,670	7,015	<b>16,233</b>	6,607	9,626
80+	<b>10,371</b>	3,384	6,987	<b>13,271</b>	4,442	8,829
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,147,706</b>	<b>573,859</b>	<b>573,847</b>	<b>1,210,196</b>	<b>599,257</b>	<b>610,939</b>

<sup>1/</sup> based on the 1990 population census data adjusted for underenumeration of children.

<sup>2/</sup> based on the 2000 population census data adjusted for underenumeration of children.

**Table 3 - Female population aged 15 years & above and number of widows by age group, Republic of Mauritius, 2000 Census**

Age-group (years)	Number of widows	Total female population	% widows
15 - 19	8	50,417	0.0
20 - 24	98	55,784	0.2
25 - 29	273	47,048	0.6
30 - 34	684	49,551	1.4
35 - 39	1,449	50,325	2.9
40 - 44	2,598	44,608	5.8
45 - 49	4,408	38,798	11.4
50 - 54	5,847	29,149	20.1
55 - 59	6,354	21,263	29.9
<b>15 - 59</b>	<b>21,719</b>	<b>386,943</b>	<b>5.6</b>
<b>60 &amp; over</b>	<b>36,590</b>	<b>60,948</b>	<b>60.0</b>
<b>15 &amp; over</b>	<b>58,309</b>	<b>447,891</b>	<b>13.0</b>

**Table 4 - Government Expenditure on Social Security & Welfare - Republic of Mauritius, 1996/97 - 2001/02**

Government expenditure on Social Security & Welfare	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000	2000/01 <sup>1/</sup>	2001/02 <sup>2/</sup>
Rs (million)	3,937.2	4,421.5	5,378.0	5,862.9	6,550.5	7,126.2
% of total govt. expenditure	19.4	20.6	21.1	21.7	21.4	21.6

<sup>1/</sup> revised

<sup>2/</sup> provisional

**Table 5.1 - No. of beneficiaries of basic pensions and amount paid, Republic of Mauritius**

**(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type, June 1997 -June 2002**

Pension type	No. of beneficiaries					
	June 97	June 98	June 99	June 00	June 01 <sup>3/</sup>	June 02
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension)	107,106	108,784	109,571	111,885	113,131	114,792
<i>Of whom</i>						
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>1/</sup>	11,081	11,253	11,879	13,287	14,020	14,905
Basic Widow's Pension	20,428	20,795	21,153	21,323	22,140	22,484
Basic Invalid's Pension	17,405	17,506	18,860	19,958	21,970	23,005
<i>Of whom</i>						
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	3,944	4,212	4,976	5,461	5,875	6,234
Basic Orphan's Pension	889	738	719	686	651	602
Guardian's Allowance	716	605	590	545	522	491
Child's Allowance	<b>15,497</b>	<b>15,264</b>	<b>15,642</b>	<b>16,232</b>	<b>17,451</b>	<b>17,510</b>
<i>Of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>						
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	245	228	245	237	233	220
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	10,151	9,059	9,051	8,853	9,001	8,672
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	5,101	5,977	6,346	7,142	8,217	8,618

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

<sup>2/</sup> drawing Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)

<sup>3/</sup> revised

**(b) Amount paid by pension type, financial years 1996/97 - 2001/02**

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	1,583.1	1,764.7	2,047.8	2,208.4	2,484.4	2,592.9
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	325.3	366.5	422.0	451.2	499.4	521.3
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	302.3	351.4	430.1	484.9	568.3	615.7
Basic Orphan's Pension (including Guardian's Allowance)	7.4	7.8	10.9	10.2	13.0	11.1

Source: Ministry of Social Security

**Table 5.2 - No. of beneficiaries of basic pensions and amount paid, Island of Mauritius**

**(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type, June 1997 - June 2002**

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries					
	June 97	June 98	June 99	June 00	June 01 <sup>3/</sup>	June 02
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension)	104,522	106,004	106,650	108,840	109,938	111,541
<i>of whom</i>						
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>1/</sup>	10,743	10,805	11,401	12,735	13,485	14,425
Basic Widow's Pension	20,112	20,459	20,813	20,973	21,794	22,134
Basic Invalid's Pension	16,988	17,031	18,390	19,481	21,456	22,463
<i>of whom</i>						
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	3,838	4,059	4,788	5,276	5,691	6,059
Basic Orphan's Pension	708	578	563	546	512	469
Guardian's Allowance	579	482	471	438	415	386
Child's Allowance	<b>15,093</b>	<b>14,798</b>	<b>15,198</b>	<b>15,763</b>	<b>16,964</b>	<b>17,018</b>
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>						
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	237	223	221	217	214	203
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	9,914	8,821	8,834	8,620	8,784	8,463
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	4,942	5,754	6,143	6,926	7,966	8,352

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

<sup>2/</sup> drawing Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)

<sup>3/</sup> revised

**(b) Amount paid by pension type, financial years 1996/97 - 2001/02**

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	1,542.1	1,718.2	1,993.0	2,147.2	2,416.4	2,522.0
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	319.8	360.7	415.4	444.4	492.7	514.5
Basic Invalid's Pension	295.3	341.6	418.1	472.4	555.1	601.0

(including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)						
Basic Orphan's Pension (including Guardian's Allowance)	5.9	6.2	8.8	8.1	10.9	8.9

Source: Ministry of Social Security

**Table 5.3 - No. of beneficiaries of basic pensions and amount paid, I Island of Rodrigues**

**(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type, June 1997 - June 2002**

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries					
	June 97	June 98	June 99	June 00	June 01 <sup>3/</sup>	June 02
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension)	2,584	2,780	2,921	3,045	3,193	3,251
<i>of whom</i>						
<i>severely handicapped</i> <sup>1/</sup>	338	448	478	552	535	480
Basic Widow's Pension	316	336	340	350	346	350
Basic Invalid's Pension	417	475	470	477	514	542
<i>of whom</i>						
<i>severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	106	153	188	185	184	175
Basic Orphan's Pension	181	160	156	140	139	133
Guardian's Allowance	137	123	119	107	107	105
Child's Allowance	<b>404</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>492</b>
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of</i>						
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	8	5	24	20	19	17
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	237	238	217	233	217	209
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	159	223	203	216	251	266

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

<sup>2/</sup> drawing Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)

<sup>3/</sup> revised

**(b) Amount paid by pension type, financial years 1996/97 - 2001/02**

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	41.0	46.5	54.8	61.2	68.0	70.9
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	5.5	5.8	6.6	6.8	6.7	6.8
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's	7.0	9.8	12.0	12.5	13.2	14.7

Allowance)						
Basic Orphan's Pension (including Guardian's Allowance)	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2

Source: Ministry of Social Security



**Table 6 - Number of beneficiaries of other non-contributory social benefits and amount paid, Republic of Mauritius**

**(a) No. of beneficiaries by type of benefit, June 1997 - June 2002**

Type of benefit	Number of beneficiaries					
	June 97	June 98	June 99	June 00	June 01	June 02
Social Aid <sup>1/</sup>	11,200	11,048	11,865	12,622	14,242	17,026
Food Aid	55,700	51,000	48,800	47,100	48,700	46,500
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	761	784	807	829	847	852
Inmate's Allowance	940	923	938	934	939	925
Unemployment Hardship Relief	227	237	212	233	276	202
Funeral Grant <sup>2/</sup>	960	1,006	1,278	1,335	1,720	1,969

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

<sup>2/</sup> refers to the number of payments

**(b) Amount paid by type of benefit, Republic of Mauritius, financial years 1996/97 - 2001/2002**

Type of benefit	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02
Social Aid	108.8	123.0	150.8	176.7	203.7	234.5
Food Aid	21.7	19.9	19.0	18.3	19.0	18.1
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	14.1	15.5	18.8	21.1	22.9	24.2
Inmate's Allowance	2.3	2.5	3.2	3.6	3.9	4.1
Unemployment Hardship Relief	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.5
Funeral Grant	1.5	1.7	2.6	3.1	3.7	4.5

Source: Ministry of Social Security

**Table 7 - Number of cases of Social Aid by district, June 1997 - June 2002**

<b>District/ Island</b>	<b>June 97</b>	<b>June 98</b>	<b>June 99</b>	<b>June 00</b>	<b>June 01</b>	<b>June 02</b>
Port-Louis	2,192	2,289	2,355	2,434	2,631	3,382
Pamplemousses	1,157	1,175	1,342	1,385	1,655	2,118
Riviere du Rempart	1,207	1,053	1,039	1,166	1,206	1,523
Flacq	914	922	896	1,214	1,452	1,398
Grand-Port	758	728	786	851	892	1,117
Savanne	690	680	739	717	817	1,000
Plaine-Wilhems	2,419	2,450	2,772	2,825	3,260	3,776
Moka	389	323	320	346	530	604
Black River	526	525	606	680	726	912
<b><i>Island of Mauritius</i></b>	<b><i>10,252</i></b>	<b><i>10,145</i></b>	<b><i>10,855</i></b>	<b><i>11,618</i></b>	<b><i>13,169</i></b>	<b><i>15,830</i></b>
<b><i>Island of Rodrigues</i></b>	<b><i>948</i></b>	<b><i>903</i></b>	<b><i>1,010</i></b>	<b><i>1,004</i></b>	<b><i>1,073</i></b>	<b><i>1,196</i></b>
<b>Republic of Mauritius</b>	<b>11,200</b>	<b>11,048</b>	<b>11,865</b>	<b>12,622</b>	<b>14,242</b>	<b>17,026</b>

Source: Ministry of Social Security

**Table 8 - Contribution to the National Pensions Fund (NPF), financial years 1996/97 - 2001/2002**

	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002
No. of employers <sup>1/</sup> contributing to the NPF	15,100	15,200	15,400	15,400	15,100	15,400
Amount contributed by employers and employees (Rs Mn)	761.8	841.6	890.7	979.0	1,043.1	1,113.3
Surcharge paid by employers (Rs Mn)	7.4	8.1	7.1	6.9	7.3	9.0
Size of the NPF (Rs Mn) at end of financial year	12,101.6	14,258.2	16,442.3	18,887.3	21,810.4	24,962.8

<sup>1/</sup> include the self employed and those who have contributed at least once during the financial year

**Table 9(a) - No. of beneficiaries of contributory pensions, Republic of Mauritius - June 1997 - June 2002**

<b>Pension type</b>	<b>June 97</b>	<b>June 98</b>	<b>June 99</b>	<b>June 2000</b>	<b>June 2001<sup>2/</sup></b>	<b>June 2002</b>
Contributory Retirement Pension	27,262	28,295	29,797	31,453	32,767	33,957
Contributory Widow's Pension <sup>1/</sup>	7,044	8,231	9,080	9,748	10,741	11,548
Contributory Invalid's Pension	2,636	2,603	3,124	3,443	4,166	4,530
Contributory Orphan's Pension	108	91	104	99	82	78
Industrial Injury Allowance	895	981	926	976	921	886

<sup>1/</sup> includes widows of all ages

<sup>2/</sup> revised

**Table 9(b) - Amount paid to beneficiaries of contributory pensions, Republic of Mauritius, financial years 1996/97 - 2001/2002**

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02
Contributory Retirement Pension	127.1	152.8	178.8	212.3	245.0	274.5
Contributory Widow's Pension	22.2	28.7	34.5	40.8	48.7	56.4
Contributory Invalid's Pension	8.1	8.8	10.2	11.7	13.7	15.5
Contributory Orphan's Pension	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Industrial Injury Allowance <sup>1/</sup>	21.4	22.6	21.8	24.0	21.1	21.1

<sup>1/</sup> include lump sum

Source: Ministry of Social Security

**Table 10(a) - No. of persons receiving assistance from the National Solidarity Fund, Republic of Mauritius, financial years 1996/97 - 2001/2002**

Contingency	Number of beneficiaries					
	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02
Personal hardship scheme						
<i>Multiple births</i>	3	-	-	1	1	7
<i>Fire victims</i>	1	79	110	15	-	10
<i>Cyclone relief</i>	-	5	10	5	-	1
Medical treatment abroad <sup>1/</sup>	N.A	109	123	57	9	4

<sup>1/</sup> 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 10(b) - Amount paid to persons receiving assistance from the National Solidarity Fund, Republic of Mauritius, financial years 1996/97 - 2001/2002**

Contingency	Amount paid (Rs 000)					
	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02
Personal hardship scheme						
<i>Multiple births</i>	15	-	-	5	10	47
<i>Fire victims</i>	5	395	547	75	-	118
<i>Cyclone relief</i>	-	25	50	25	-	25
Medical treatment abroad <sup>1/</sup> (Air ticket only)	2,525	6,170	8,746	5,966	442	79

<sup>1/</sup> transferred to the Ministry of Health since November 1999; only pending cases are being processed by the NSF.

Source: Ministry of Social Security

Table 11 - Projected mid-year population by broad age-group and sex in selected years, Republic of Mauritius, 2002 - 2042

Age-group (years)	2002			2012			2022			2032			2042		
	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes
Under 15	156,081	151,745	<b>307,826</b>	148,207	143,567	<b>291,774</b>	145,084	141,012	<b>286,096</b>	141,703	137,639	<b>279,342</b>	137,636	133,649	<b>271,285</b>
15-59	395,331	396,225	<b>791,556</b>	432,253	435,490	<b>867,743</b>	439,400	443,132	<b>882,532</b>	438,245	439,750	<b>877,995</b>	430,329	427,492	<b>857,821</b>
60 & over	47,845	62,969	<b>110,814</b>	69,452	88,610	<b>158,062</b>	109,310	131,972	<b>241,282</b>	143,232	171,537	<b>314,769</b>	165,261	199,001	<b>364,262</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>599,257</b>	<b>610,939</b>	<b>1,210,196</b>	<b>649,912</b>	<b>667,667</b>	<b>1,317,579</b>	<b>693,794</b>	<b>716,116</b>	<b>1,409,910</b>	<b>723,180</b>	<b>748,926</b>	<b>1,472,106</b>	<b>733,226</b>	<b>760,142</b>	<b>1,493,368</b>
Pensioner support ratio <sup>1/</sup>	8.3	6.3	<b>7.1</b>	6.2	4.9	<b>5.5</b>	4.0	3.4	<b>3.7</b>	3.1	2.6	<b>2.8</b>	2.6	2.1	<b>2.4</b>

<sup>1/</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, 2002-2042**

**(a) Projected no. of beneficiaries by pension type, June 2002 - June 2042**

Pension type	Actual no. of beneficiaries June 2002	Projected number of beneficiaries			
		June 2012	June 2022	June 2032	June 2042
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension)	114,792	158,100	241,300	314,800	364,300
<i>of whom</i>					
<i>severely handicapped</i> <sup>1/</sup>	14,905	19,000	27,800	40,200	51,400
Basic Widow's Pension	22,484	29,900	33,000	33,800	32,400
Basic Invalid's Pension	23,005	27,500	29,100	29,400	28,600
<i>of whom</i>					
<i>severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	6,234	7,500	8,000	8,000	7,800
Basic Orphan's Pension	602	590	570	560	540
Guardian's Allowance	491	480	460	460	440
Child's Allowance	<b>17,510</b>	<b>17,225</b>	<b>16,615</b>	<b>16,310</b>	<b>15,805</b>
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>					
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	220	225	215	210	205
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	8,672	8,600	8,300	8,100	7,900
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	8,618	8,400	8,100	8,000	7,700

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

<sup>2/</sup> drawing Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)

**(b) Estimated future costs (Rs million) by pension type, financial years 2001/2002 - 2041/42**

Pension type	Actual amount 2001/2002	Estimated future costs at 2001/2002 pension rates			
		2011/12	2021/22	2031/32	2041/42
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	2,593	3,650	5,530	7,270	8,620
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	521	675	735	750	720
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	616	720	755	760	740

Basic Orphan's Pension (including Guardian's Allowance)	11	9	9	9	8
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## Non-contributory benefits by type and amount payable in 1996/97 and 2001/2002

Pension type	Amount payable (Rs)	
	1996/97	2001/02
	<b>Monthly</b>	
Basic Retirement Pension (BRP) for ages : 60-74	1,055	1,575
75-89	1,055	1,575
90-99	4,120	6,015
100+	4,220	6,825
Basic Widow's Pension (BWP)	1,055	1,575
Basic Invalid's Pension (BIP)	1,055	1,575
Basic Orphan's Pension (BOP)	500	885
Guardian's Allowance	195	390
Child's Allowance for ages : (0-9) years	300	515
(10-19) years	330	550
Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension (BRP) for ages : 60-74	1,800	2,690
75-89	1,800	2,690
90-99	4,865	7,130
100+	4,965	7,940
Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)	620	970
Social Aid (minimum amount payable)	275	415
Food Aid	30	30
Inmate's Allowance : (a) Charitable Institutions	110	265
(b) Brown Sequard Hospital	265	395
Unemployment Hardship Relief (minimum amount payable)	67	100
Minimum Contributory Retirement Pension	177	242
	<b>Daily</b>	
Indoor Relief : Under 90 years	50	80
(90 - 99) years	50	240
100 years and over	50	250
	<b>Per case</b>	
Funeral Grant	1,540	2,255
Allowance under the National Solidarity Fund:		
- Medical treatment abroad (maximum amount payable)	50,000	200,000
- Personal Hardship Scheme (maximum amount payable)	5,000	25,000



## ASSUMPTIONS USED FOR ESTIMATING FUTURE COSTS OF BASIC PENSIONS

**1.0 - All future costs are calculated on pension rates of 2001/2002 (flat rate).**

**2.1 - 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 2002. 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 2002. It has been assumed that this proportion remains constant in the future.

**2.2 - 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 2002. 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 2002. It has been assumed that this proportion remains constant in the future.

**2.3 - 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 2002. It has been assumed that this proportion remains constant in the future.

### Beneficiaries of Carer's Allowance

It has been assumed that the proportion of BIP beneficiaries who obtain this additional pension remains the same as in 2002.

### 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 2002. It has been assumed that this proportion remains constant in the future.

**2.4 - 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 2002. 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 2002.

