

# **SOCIAL SECURITY STATISTICS**

## **2000/2001 – 2005/2006**

### **1. Introduction**

This issue of the 'Economic and Social Indicators' presents data on the main social security benefits provided by the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Senior Citizens Welfare and Reform Institutions for the period July 2000 to June 2006. 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. Figures for 2005/2006 are subject to revision in future issues as additional information becomes available.

### **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. It is to be noted that during the period December 2004 to June 2005, Basic Retirement Pension was not paid on a universal basis. During that period, persons aged 60 to 89 years were liable to pension subject to the amount of yearly income received.
- ❖ 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 contributed 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 1. 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 – (Tables 1 – 3)

The estimated mid-year population of the Republic of Mauritius rose from 1,199,881 in 2001 to 1,252,698 in 2006, representing an average annual increase of about 0.9%. During that period the child population aged below 15 years decreased from 307,136 to 299,794. As a percentage of the total population, it decreased from 25.6% to 23.9%. However, the elderly population aged 60 years and above grew from 109,180 (9.1% of total) to 121,770 (9.7% of total).

It should be pointed out that these estimates of the elderly population, computed by the Central Statistics Office on the basis of the 2000 Population Census differ from the number of persons reported by the Ministry of Social Security as drawing the old-age pension (113,131 in June 2001 and 126,344 in June 2006). 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 deaths or absences from the country for more than 6 months.

The number of widows aged 15 years and above as reported at the 2000 Population Census was 58,309, representing 13% of all women in that age group. Those who were eligible for Basic Widow's Pension, that is aged 15 to 59 years, numbered 21,719.

### 4. Expenditure on Social Security and Welfare – (Table 4)

Government expenditure on Social Security and Welfare consists of expenditure and transfers made by government for the social welfare of the community, in line with the recommendations of the Government Finance Statistics Manual 1986 of the International Monetary Fund. It covers all expenses made by the Ministry of Social Security and the Ministry of Women's Rights together with components of social welfare of all government organizations as well as Local Government.

Expenditure on Social Security and Welfare increased by 71.4% from Rs 6,647.2 million in 2000/2001 to Rs 11,394.8 million in 2005/2006, representing respectively 21.4% and 23.3% of total government expenditure.

Figure 1 - Components of Government expenditure on social security and welfare, 2005/06

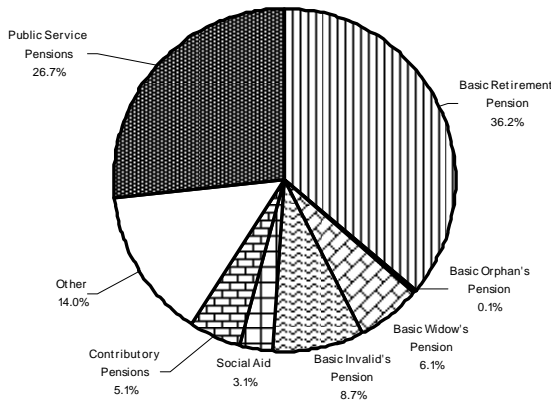


Figure 1 shows the share of each component of government expenditure on Social Security and Welfare. It is observed that the main components were the Basic Retirement Pension with a share of 36.2%, followed by Public Service Pensions (26.7%).

## **5 Non - Contributory Benefits**

### **5.1 Basic pensions – (Tables 5.1 – 5.3)**

#### ***(a) Basic Retirement Pension (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 such beneficiaries increased by 11.7% rising from 113,131 (109,938 in the Island of Mauritius and 3,193 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2001 to 126,344 (122,723 in the Island of Mauritius and 3,621 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2006.

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

- ❖ totally blind, or
- ❖ suffer from total paralysis, or
- ❖ need the constant care of another person

The number of beneficiaries of the Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension in June 2006 was 17,112 (16,637 in the Island of Mauritius and 475 in the Island of Rodrigues).

The total amount spent on all Basic Retirement Pension (inclusive of Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance) was Rs 4,129.0 million in 2005/2006 compared to Rs 2,484.4 million in 2000/2001, showing an increase of 66.2% during that period.

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

Basic Widow's Pension is payable to widows aged 15 to 59 years who were either civilly or religiously married to their late husband. In June 2006, the number of beneficiaries of such pension rose by 3.8%, from 22,140 (21,794 in the Island of Mauritius and 346 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2001 to 22,973 (22,589 in the Island of Mauritius and 384 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2006.

Government expenditure on Basic Widow's Pension was Rs 687.8 million in 2005/2006 compared to Rs 499.4 million in 2000/2001, showing a rise of 37.7%.

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

The Basic Invalid's Pension is payable to any person aged 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 such beneficiaries increased by 25.8%, from 21,970 (21,456 in the Island of Mauritius and 514 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2001 to 27,638 (26,920 in the Island of Mauritius and 718 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2006.

Basic Invalid Pensioners, who need the constant care and attention of another person, benefit from an additional allowance known as the Carer's Allowance. In June 2006, 7,984 pensioners benefited from this allowance in the Republic of Mauritius, compared to 5,875 in June 2001, showing an increase of 35.9%.

The total amount spent on Basic Invalid's Pension (inclusive of Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance) increased from Rs 568.3 million in 2000/2001 to Rs 995.3 million in 2005/2006, representing a rise of about 75.1% during that period.

***(d) Basic Orphan's Pension (BOP)***

Basic Orphan's Pension is payable to all orphans up to the age of 15, or up to 20 years if they are in full-time education. A Guardian's allowance is also paid 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 of Mauritius dropped from 651 in June 2001 to 434 in June 2006. A similar trend was noted in the Island of Mauritius (from 512 to 349) and Island of Rodrigues (from 139 to 85) during that period. The total number of guardians also declined from 522 to 363 in the Republic of Mauritius.

Though the number of such beneficiaries has decreased, expenditure on Basic Orphan's Pension and Guardian's Allowance rose from Rs 13.0 million in 2000/2001 to Rs 14.1 million in 2005/2006. This was due to increases in the rates payable every year.

***(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. It is to be noted that child allowance is payable even after discontinuation of pensions to the parents for some reasons. The total number of children benefiting from Child's allowance went up from 17,809 in June 2001 (17,307 for the Island of Mauritius and 502 for the Island of Rodrigues) to 19,515 in June 2006 (18,910 for the Island of Mauritius and 605 for the Island of Rodrigues).

The amount spent by government on Child's allowance is not available separately. This is included in the overall amount paid to beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension, Basic Widow's Pension and Basic Invalid's Pension and Basic Orphan's Pension.

## **5.2 Other Non - Contributory Social Benefits – (Tables 6 & 7)**

### ***(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 total income and the expected overall expenditure of the family.

The total number of families benefiting from such assistance increased by 20.5% from 14,242 in June 2001 to 17,159 in June 2006. In the Island of Mauritius, the number of such beneficiaries increased by 15.9% (from 13,169 to 15,259) and in the Island of Rodrigues by 77.1% (from 1,073 to 1,900) during that period.

The total amount paid to beneficiaries of Social Aid in 2005/2006 was Rs 349.0 million compared to Rs 203.7 million in 2000/2001, showing an increase of 71.3%.

### ***(b) Food Aid***

The Food Aid Scheme was introduced in May 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.

- ❖ All recipients of Social Aid and their dependents.
- ❖ All beneficiaries of Unemployment Hardship Relief.
- ❖ 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 monthly allowance was increased to Rs 50 as from October 2004 and then to Rs 85 as from 1st July 2006.

The number of persons who were granted Food Aid was around 53,000 in June 2006 and the total amount paid in 2005/2006 was Rs 30.5 million. It is to be noted that though subsidy on rice and flour was reintroduced as from 1995/96, payment of Food Aid has 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. There were 686 recipients of Indoor Relief in June 2006 as compared to 847 in June 2001. Though the number has decreased, the amount paid under that scheme has increased from Rs 22.9 million in 2000/2001 to Rs 31.8 million in 2005/2006, showing an increase of 38.9%.

***(d) Inmate's Allowance***

Inmate's Allowance refers to the pocket money given to certain residents of government subsidized institutions and of the government psychiatric hospital, Brown Sequard Hospital. In June 2006, 808 persons received such allowance as compared to 939 in June 2001. However, due to increases in the rates paid, the amount spent under this item increased by 23.1% from Rs 3.9 million in 2000/2001 to Rs 4.8 million in 2005/2006.

***(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

- 1) Registered as unemployed at the Employment Exchange,
- 2) Be willing and able to take up employment and
- 3) Be actively looking for work.

A disabled person, who can work but has not been able to find a job, receives an Unemployment Hardship Relief in addition to his Basic Invalid's Pension. The number of beneficiaries of UHR has increased by 59.4% from 276 in June 2001 to 440 in June 2006. The amount paid to these beneficiaries trebled from Rs 1.2 million to Rs 3.6 million during that period.

***(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 1,720 during the period 2000/2001 to 2,585 in 2005/2006. The amount disbursed more than doubled during that period, from Rs 3.7 million to Rs 7.6 million.

## **6. Contribution to the National Pension Fund, National Savings Fund 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 as from January 1980, except 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 under sugar cane cultivation); 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 730 for household employees and Rs 1,215 for other employees during the financial year 2005/2006. The maximum monthly remuneration for both categories was Rs 7,990 during that period.

### ***(b) The National Pensions Fund – (Table 8)***

The number of employers contributing to the NPF in respect of their employees was estimated at around 16,800 in 2005/2006 compared to 15,100 in 2000/2001. The contributions received, exclusive of surcharge increased by 38.7%, from Rs 1,043.1 million in 2000/2001 to Rs 1,446.5 million in 2005/2006. Total net assets of the National Pension Fund almost doubled, rising from Rs 21,810.4 million at the end of June 2001 to Rs 43,321.8 million in June 2006.

### ***(c) The National Savings Fund – (Table 9)***

The National Savings Fund has been set up in 1995 to replace the Employees Welfare Fund. The objectives of the National Savings Fund are:

- ❖ To provide for the payment of a lump sum to every employee on his retirement at the age of 60 or earlier, or to the beneficiary on his death; and
- ❖ To set up and operate for the benefit of employees, such schemes, including loan schemes, as may be prescribed.

This Fund is compulsory in respect to all employees, except non-citizens, of both public and private sector. Contributions to the Fund are payable at the rate of 2.5% by the employers.

The number of employees belonging to the Fund rose from 332,900 in 2000/2001 to 353,900 in 2005/2006, showing an increase of 6.3% during that period. At the same time the employers' contribution exclusive of surcharge rose by 42.6%, from Rs 392.3 million in 2000/2001 to Rs 559.6 million in 2005/2006.

*(d) Contributory Pensions – (Tables 10(a) - (b))*

*(i) Contributory Retirement Pension (CRP)*

The Contributory Retirement Pension is payable to a person on reaching the age of 60 years if that person has contributed to the National Pension Fund. The number of beneficiaries of this type of pension has increased from 32,767 in June 2001 to 39,472 in June 2006, showing a rise of 20.5%. Consequently, the total amount paid went up from Rs 245.0 million to Rs 416.5 million during that same period.

*(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 total number of widows who benefited from such a pension increased by 41.4%, from 10,741 in June 2001 to 15,188 in June 2006. The amount paid thus went up from Rs 48.7 million in 2000/2001 to Rs 104.0 million in 2005/2006, showing a rise of 113.6%.

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

A person is entitled to a Contributory Invalid's Pension if he/she has previously contributed to the National Pension Fund and suffers from a permanent incapacity of at least 60%. The number of such beneficiaries rose by 54.7%, from 4,166 in June 2001 to 6,445 in June 2006. Thus, the amount paid to them increased from Rs 13.7 million in 2000/2001 to Rs 26.9 million in 2005/2006.

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

The Contributory Orphan's pension is payable to orphans under the age of 15 years (or 18 years if the child is at school) if any of the deceased parents had contributed to the National Pension Fund. During the five-year period June 2001 to June 2006, the number of orphans benefiting from this pension rose from 82 to 97 while the amount disbursed increased from Rs 0.1 million in 2000/2001 to Rs 0.2 million in 2005/2006.

*(v) Industrial Injury Benefits*

The different types of allowances payable in respect of a work accident affecting an employee insured under the National Pension Scheme are:

- ❖ Industrial Injury allowance as a result of a total temporary incapacity, subject to medical evidence.
- ❖ Disablement pension due to a permanent incapacity (partial or total).
- ❖ Survivor's Pension as a result of the death.
- ❖ Constant attendance allowance resulting in a total temporary incapacity or a 100% disability and requiring the constant attendance of another person.
- ❖ Dependent's pension, orphan's pension, child allowance, clinical expenses, clothing expenses, hospital expenses, artificial aid.

The number of cases of Industrial Injury decreased from 921 in June 2001 to 894 in June 2006 whilst the total amount paid rose from Rs 21.1 million to Rs 29.0 million during the same period.



## **7. The National Solidarity Fund – (Table 11a – 11b)**

The National Solidarity Fund started operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Social Security and National Solidarity on 1 June 1991. Initially, its objectives were to provide financial assistance to:

- ❖ Mauritian citizens residing in Mauritius who require surgical operations that can only be performed abroad.
- ❖ Those undergoing Severe Personal Hardships.

Since November 1999, with the creation of the “Trust Fund for Overseas Treatment” operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Health, all surgical operations cases are referred there. The National Solidarity Fund has then widened the scope of its activities under the “Severe Personal Hardship Scheme” to cover also tragic accidents, needy students, victims of natural calamities, multiple births, medical cases etc.

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 from e.g. Automatics Systems Ltd., Mauritius Turf Club and commercial promotions.

During the year 2005/2006, the National Solidarity Fund assisted 657 cases compared to only 109 in 2000/2001. The amount disbursed trebled from Rs 1.3 million in 2000/01 to Rs 3.9 million in 2005/06.

## **8. Projected number of basic pension beneficiaries and related future costs of basic pensions – (Tables 12 – 13)**

Assumptions used in the projections of the number of beneficiaries of basic pensions and their eventual costs are given at Annex 2.

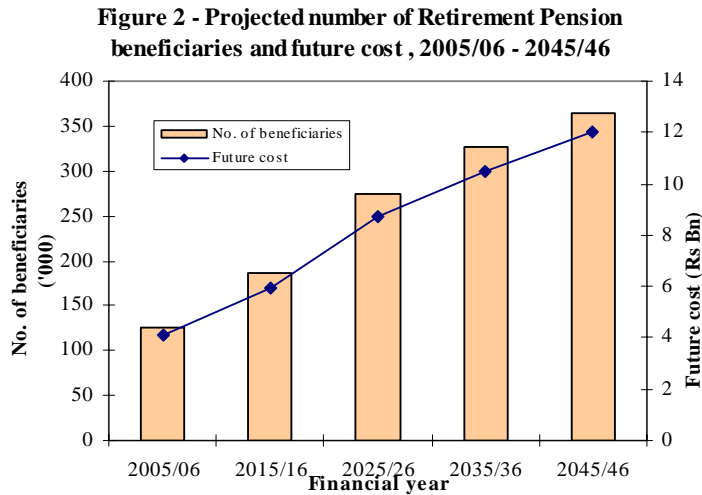
The population aged 60 years and over as at June 2006 was estimated at 121,770 and that in the working age group 15-59 years at 831,134. The pensioner support ratio, defined as the number of persons of working age (15-59 years) per old age pensioner (aged 60 years and over) worked out to 6.8. The index of ageing defined as the number of persons aged 60 years and over per 100 children aged under 15 years was 40.6. In 2046, the pensioner support ratio is expected to fall to about 2.3 and the index of ageing is expected to increase to 143.7.

The number of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension is expected to reach 364,000 in 2046, among whom 55,000 persons will suffer from severe disability. The corresponding figures for 2006 were 126,300 and 17,100 respectively.

The number of beneficiaries of Basic Widow's Pension, which was 23,000 in June 2006, is expected to grow to about 29,000 in the next four decades. During the same period, the number of beneficiaries of Basic Invalid's Pension will increase from 27,600 to around 30,700.

The amount to be disbursed by government on Basic Retirement pensions (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance) is expected to nearly treble from Rs 4,129 million in 2005/2006 to Rs 12,021 million in some forty years due to the ageing of the population.

Figure 2 below shows the evolution in the number of beneficiaries and the future cost of the Basic Retirement Pension.



As for the other pensions, namely, 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 reach Rs 1.9 billion within the next forty years compared to Rs 1.7 billion in 2005/2006.

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**Table 1 - Estimated mid year population<sup>1/</sup> by sex, Republic of Mauritius, Island of Mauritius & Island of Rodrigues, 2001 & 2006**

Year	Both sexes	Male	Female
<b>2001</b>			
Republic of Mauritius	<b>1,199,881</b>	594,490	605,391
Island of Mauritius	<b>1,163,875</b>	576,672	587,203
Island of Rodrigues	<b>36,006</b>	17,818	18,188
<b>2006</b>			
Republic of Mauritius	<b>1,252,698</b>	619,243	633,455
Island of Mauritius	<b>1,215,619</b>	600,895	614,724
Island of Rodrigues	<b>37,079</b>	18,348	18,731

**Table 2 - Estimated mid year population<sup>1/</sup> by age-group & sex, Republic of Mauritius, 2001 & 2006**

Age-group (years)	2001			2006		
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
<b>Under 15</b>	<b>307,136</b>	<b>155,623</b>	<b>151,513</b>	<b>299,794</b>	<b>152,063</b>	<b>147,731</b>
0 - 4	<b>98,568</b>	50,148	48,420	<b>94,526</b>	48,063	46,463
5 - 9	<b>107,037</b>	54,028	53,009	<b>98,351</b>	50,040	48,311
10 - 14	<b>101,531</b>	51,447	50,084	<b>106,917</b>	53,960	52,957
<b>15 - 59</b>	<b>783,565</b>	<b>391,632</b>	<b>391,933</b>	<b>831,134</b>	<b>415,087</b>	<b>416,047</b>
15 - 19	<b>97,620</b>	49,374	48,246	<b>101,339</b>	51,333	50,006
20 - 24	<b>113,741</b>	56,811	56,930	<b>97,341</b>	49,199	48,142
25 - 29	<b>95,449</b>	47,386	48,063	<b>113,237</b>	56,466	56,771
30 - 34	<b>96,104</b>	48,177	47,927	<b>94,834</b>	46,965	47,869
35 - 39	<b>104,573</b>	52,750	51,823	<b>95,178</b>	47,521	47,657
40 - 44	<b>91,665</b>	46,399	45,266	<b>103,091</b>	51,671	51,420
45 - 49	<b>78,791</b>	39,567	39,224	<b>89,635</b>	44,985	44,650
50 - 54	<b>63,667</b>	31,354	32,313	<b>76,123</b>	37,770	38,353
55 - 59	<b>41,955</b>	19,814	22,141	<b>60,356</b>	29,177	31,179
<b>60 &amp; Over</b>	<b>109,180</b>	<b>47,235</b>	<b>61,945</b>	<b>121,770</b>	<b>52,093</b>	<b>69,677</b>
60 - 64	<b>33,135</b>	15,405	17,730	<b>38,627</b>	17,793	20,834
65 - 69	<b>26,761</b>	12,174	14,587	<b>29,101</b>	13,068	16,033
70 - 74	<b>20,766</b>	8,969	11,797	<b>22,200</b>	9,547	12,653
75 - 79	<b>15,901</b>	6,528	9,373	<b>15,666</b>	6,223	9,443
80 - 84	<b>7,564</b>	2,685	4,879	<b>10,519</b>	3,873	6,646
85 +	<b>5,053</b>	1,474	3,579	<b>5,657</b>	1,589	4,068
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,199,881</b>	<b>594,490</b>	<b>605,391</b>	<b>1,252,698</b>	<b>619,243</b>	<b>633,455</b>

<sup>1/</sup> based on the 2000 population census data adjusted for underenumeration of children (4,456 males and 3,569 females at ages 0-9 years).

**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,  
2000/2001 - 2005/06**

Government expenditure on Social Security & Welfare	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05 <sup>1/</sup>	2005/06 <sup>2/</sup>
Amount Rs(Mn)	6,647.2	7,268.3	7,898.3	8,851.9	9,681.9	11,394.8
% of total government expenditure	21.4	21.8	20.5	20.8	22.1	23.3
% of GDP at market prices	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.8

<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 2001 - June 2006*

Pension type	No. of beneficiaries					
	June 01	June 02	June 03	June 04	June 05	June 06
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension)	113,131	114,792	116,324	119,448	120,802 <sup>4/</sup>	126,344
<i>of whom</i>						
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>1/</sup>	14,020	14,905	15,599	16,366	16,596	17,112
Basic Widow's Pension	22,140	22,484	22,861	22,757	22,672	22,973
Basic Invalid's Pension	21,970	23,005	23,627	25,035	25,646	27,638
<i>of whom</i>						
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	5,875	6,234	6,533	7,132	7,354	7,984
Basic Orphan's Pension	651	602	553	529	457	434
Guardian's Allowance	522	491	456	437	392	363
Child's Allowance	<b>17,809</b>	<b>17,902</b>	<b>17,910</b>	<b>18,629</b>	<b>18,367</b>	<b>19,515</b>
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>						
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	233	220	212	219	199	223
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	9,001	8,672	8,300	8,113	7,985	7,874
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	8,217	8,618	8,992	9,862	9,755	10,936
<i>Other</i> <sup>3/</sup>	358	392	406	435	428	482

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

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

<sup>3/</sup> these are children who were previously children of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension

<sup>4/</sup> not paid on a universal basis from December 2004 to June 2005

*(b) Amount paid by pension type, financial years 2000/01 - 2005/06*

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	2,484.4	2,592.9	2,918.1	3,156.9	3,486.2	4,129.0
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	499.4	521.3	584.5	610.1	639.4	687.8
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	568.3	615.7	717.6	805.5	867.2	995.3
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	13.0	11.1	14.4	14.4	14.1	14.1

<sup>1/</sup> includes also allowances to children who were previously children of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension

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

*(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type, June 2001 - June 2006*

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries					
	June 01	June 02	June 03	June 04	June 05	June 06
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	109,938	111,541	112,966	116,047	117,319 <sup>4/</sup>	122,723
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>1/</sup>	13,485	14,425	15,158	15,870	16,114	16,637
Basic Widow's Pension	21,794	22,134	22,504	22,399	22,306	22,589
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	21,456	22,463	23,089	24,441	25,001	26,920
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	5,691	6,059	6,371	6,927	7,077	7,655
Basic Orphan's Pension	512	469	440	428	370	349
Guardian's Allowance	415	386	359	347	313	287
Child's Allowance	<b>17,307</b>	<b>17,397</b>	<b>17,422</b>	<b>18,105</b>	<b>17,840</b>	<b>18,910</b>
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>						
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	214	203	200	207	194	215
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	8,784	8,463	8,093	7,903	7,784	7,661
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	7,966	8,352	8,735	9,576	9,450	10,574
<i>Other</i> <sup>3/</sup>	343	379	394	419	412	460

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

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

<sup>3/</sup> these are children who were previously children of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension

<sup>4/</sup> not paid on a universal basis from December 2004 to June 2005

*(b) Amount paid by pension type, financial years 2000/01 - 2005/06*

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	2,416.4	2,522.0	2,840.9	3,073.8	3,396.7 <sup>2/</sup>	4,011.6
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	492.7	514.5	577.4	602.7	632.0 <sup>2/</sup>	675.9
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	555.1	601.0	701.9	787.5	845.6	968.5
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	10.9	8.9	12.2	12.3	12.2	12.7

<sup>1/</sup> includes also allowances to children who were previously children of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension

<sup>2/</sup> revised

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

*(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type, June 2001 - June 2006*

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries					
	June 01	June 02	June 03	June 04	June 05	June 06
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	3,193	3,251	3,358	3,401	3,483 <sup>4/</sup>	3,621
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>1/</sup>	535	480	441	496	482	475
Basic Widow's Pension	346	350	357	358	366	384
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	514	542	538	594	645	718
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	184	175	162	205	277	329
Basic Orphan's Pension	139	133	113	101	87	85
Guardian's Allowance	107	105	97	90	79	76
Child's Allowance	<b>502</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>605</b>
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of</i>						
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	19	17	12	12	5	8
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	217	209	207	210	201	213
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	251	266	257	286	305	362
<i>Other</i> <sup>3/</sup>	15	13	12	16	16	22

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

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

<sup>3/</sup> these are children who were previously children of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension

<sup>4/</sup> not paid on a universal basis from December 2004 to June 2005

*(b) Amount paid by pension type, financial years 2000/01 - 2005/06*

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	68.0	70.9	77.2	83.2	89.5 <sup>2/</sup>	117.4
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	6.7	6.8	7.1	7.5	7.4 <sup>2/</sup>	11.9
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	13.2	14.7	15.7	18.0	21.6	26.8
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.4

<sup>1/</sup> includes also allowances to children who were previously children of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension

<sup>2/</sup> revised

**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 2001 - June 2006*

Type of benefit	Number of beneficiaries					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 <sup>3/</sup>
Social Aid <sup>1/</sup>	14,242	17,026	15,521	16,346	17,536	17,159
Food Aid	48,700	46,500	48,200	48,000	51,000 <sup>4/</sup>	53,000
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	847	852	857	826	762	686
Inmate's Allowance	939	925	950	935	888	808
Unemployment Hardship Relief	276	202	336	402	457	440
Funeral Grant <sup>2/</sup>	1,720	1,969	1,960	2,050	2,447	2,585

<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 during the financial year

<sup>3/</sup> provisional

<sup>4/</sup> revised

*(b) Amount paid by type of benefit, Republic of Mauritius, financial years 2000/01 - 2005/2006*

Type of benefit	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
Social Aid <sup>1/</sup>	203.7	234.5	276.4	295.3	317.3	349.0
Food aid <sup>2/</sup>	19.0	18.1	18.8	17.4	16.9	30.5
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	22.9	24.2	28.1	29.9	31.1	31.8
Inmate's Allowance	3.9	4.1	4.8	4.7	4.9	4.8
Unemployment Hardship Relief	1.2	1.5	1.7	2.4	3.0	3.6
Funeral Grant	3.7	4.5	5.0	5.4	6.7	7.6

<sup>1/</sup> includes assistance given to professional fishermen and food aid in Rodrigues.

<sup>2/</sup> excludes amount spent for Rodrigues



**Table 7 - Number of cases of Social Aid paid by district, June 2001 - June 2006**

District/ Island	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005 <sup>1/</sup>	2006 <sup>2/</sup>
Port-Louis	2,631	3,382	3,160	3,551	3,949	3,552
Pamplemousses	1,655	2,118	1,662	1,751	1,941	1,900
Riviere du Rempart	1,206	1,523	1,198	1,190	1,276	1,241
Flacq	1,452	1,398	1,354	1,446	1,516	1,517
Grand-Port	892	1,117	1,000	993	1,043	1,088
Savanne	817	1,000	832	852	887	941
Plaine-Wilhems	3,260	3,776	3,278	3,321	3,594	3,532
Moka	530	604	575	556	563	584
Black River	726	912	935	898	939	904
<b>Island of Mauritius</b>	<b>13,169</b>	<b>15,830</b>	<b>13,994</b>	<b>14,558</b>	<b>15,708</b>	<b>15,259</b>
<b>Island of Rodrigues</b>	<b>1,073</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>1,527</b>	<b>1,788</b>	<b>1,828</b>	<b>1,900</b>
<b>Republic of Mauritius</b>	<b>14,242</b>	<b>17,026</b>	<b>15,521</b>	<b>16,346</b>	<b>17,536</b>	<b>17,159</b>

<sup>1/</sup> revised

<sup>2/</sup> provisional

**Table 8 - Contribution to the National Pensions Fund (NPF), 2000/01 - 2005/2006**

	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
No. of employers <sup>1/</sup> contributing to the Fund (000)	15.1	15.4	15.1	16.3	16.5	16.8
No. of employees contributing to the Fund (000)	283.0	278.6	283.4	288.6	286.8	286.7
Amount contributed by employers and employees (Rs Mn)	1,043.1	1,113.3	1,142.2	1,256.1	1,312.9	1,446.5
Surcharge paid by employers (Rs Mn)	7.3	9.0	9.7	9.8	1.0	0.9
Size of the NPF (Rs Mn) as at end of financial year	21,810.4	24,962.8	29,435.7	34,067.3	38,189.9 <sup>2/</sup>	43,321.8

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

<sup>2/</sup> revised

**Table 9 - Contribution to the National Savings Fund (NSF), 2000/2001 - 2005/2006**

	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006
No. of employers contributing to Fund ('000)	14.6	15.1	15.5	15.9	16.2	16.5
No. of employees belonging to the Fund ('000)	332.9	335.6	345.0	350.9	352.0	353.9
Amount contributed by employers (RsMn)	392.3	415.7	433.2	484.0	504.9	559.6
Surcharge paid by employers (RsMn)	2.0	2.3	2.9	2.1	2.0	0.2
No. of beneficiaries of Lump Sum:	6,014	10,430	12,107	8,693	14,206	11,720
of which Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS)	n.a	3,813	3,373	395	3,819	1,622
Total Lump Sum paid (RsMn)	35.6	85.6	92.3	87.0	108.6	121.7
of which VRS (RsMn)	n.a	37.4	34.3	3.8	8.2	2.9
Size of Fund (RsMn) as at end of financial year	3,019.2	3,734.5	4,485.3	5,480.5	6,398.1	7,441.5

*n.a - not applicable*

**Table 10(a) - Number of beneficiaries of contributory pensions, Republic of Mauritius, June 2001 - June 2006**

Pension type	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Contributory Retirement Pension	32,767	33,957	34,775	36,100	37,895	39,472
Contributory Widow's Pension <sup>1/</sup>	10,741	11,548	12,403	13,235	14,079	15,188
Contributory Invalid's Pension	4,166	4,530	4,766	5,427	5,620	6,445
Contributory Orphan's Pension	82	78	81	102	102	97
Industrial Injury Benefits	921	886	914	1,003	852	894

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

**Table 10(b) - Amount paid to beneficiaries of contributory pensions, Republic of Mauritius, financial years 2000/01 - 2005/2006**

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
Contributory Retirement Pension	245.0	274.5	310.6	340.8	375.9	416.5
Contributory Widow's Pension	48.7	56.4	67.1	78.1	91.5	104.0
Contributory Invalid's Pension	13.7	15.5	18.2	21.7	22.7	26.9
Contributory Orphan's Pension	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Industrial Injury Benefits <sup>1/</sup>	21.1	24.2	25.9	26.2	27.2	29.0

<sup>1/</sup> including lump sum

**Table 11(a) - No. of cases receiving assistance from the National Solidarity Fund (NSF) by type,  
Republic of Mauritius, 2000/01 - 2005/06**

Contingency	Number of cases					
	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03 <sup>1/</sup>	2003/04 <sup>1/</sup>	2004/05 <sup>1/</sup>	2005/06
Medical treatment abroad (Air ticket only)	9	4	26	23	30	58
Personal Hardship Scheme :	63	236	275	403	869	599
<i>Multiple births</i>	1	8	7	6	8	6
<i>Fire victims</i>	-	10	32	22	23	17
<i>Natural calamities</i>	2	1	6	10	10	1
<i>Tragic accidents</i>	10	17	35	41	32	16
<i>Needy students</i>	20	66	58	129	257	179
<i>Repatriation of mortal remains</i>	-	1	5	2	1	-
<i>Destitute</i>	18	89	66	106	328	228
<i>Medical case</i>	12	44	66	87	193	140
<i>Centenarian</i>	-	-	-	-	17	12
Other	37	1	1	-	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>657</b>

**Table 11(b) - Amount disbursed by the National Solidarity Fund (NSF) by type  
Republic of Mauritius, 2000/01 - 2005/06**

Contingency	Amount paid (Rs 000)					
	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05 <sup>1/</sup>	2005/06
Medical treatment abroad (Air ticket only)	442	79	278	261	355	751
Personal Hardship Scheme:	642	2,180	4,156	5,875	12,920	3,155
<i>Multiple births</i>	10	54	102	100	190	50
<i>Fire victims</i>	-	118	760	650	416	69
<i>Natural calamities</i>	20	25	98	40	70	5
<i>Tragic accidents</i>	95	379	881	825	486	125
<i>Needy students</i>	133	329	583	1,165	3,330	791
<i>Repatriation of mortal remains</i>	-	15	115	38	49	-
<i>Destitute</i>	337	920	956	1,803	4,928	949
<i>Medical case</i>	47	340	661	1,254	3,281	1,016
<i>Centenarian</i>	-	-	-	-	170	150
Other	214	100	200	-	250	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,298</b>	<b>2,359</b>	<b>4,634</b>	<b>6,136</b>	<b>13,525</b>	<b>3,906</b>

<sup>1/</sup> revised

**Table 12 - Projected mid year population<sup>1/</sup> by broad age group and sex, Republic of Mauritius, 2006 - 2046**

Age-group (years)	2006			2011			2016			2021			2026		
	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
Under 15	152.0	147.8	<b>299.8</b>	145.5	140.6	<b>286.1</b>	142.6	138.0	<b>280.6</b>	141.4	136.8	<b>278.2</b>	139.5	135.1	<b>274.6</b>
15 - 59	415.1	416.0	<b>831.1</b>	430.5	433.1	<b>863.6</b>	436.7	439.8	<b>876.5</b>	436.7	439.9	<b>876.6</b>	432.0	434.2	<b>866.2</b>
60 & over	52.1	69.7	<b>121.8</b>	65.3	84.5	<b>149.8</b>	83.1	103.1	<b>186.2</b>	103.6	124.4	<b>228.0</b>	126.0	148.1	<b>274.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>619.2</b>	<b>633.5</b>	<b>1,252.7</b>	<b>641.3</b>	<b>658.2</b>	<b>1,299.5</b>	<b>662.4</b>	<b>680.9</b>	<b>1,343.3</b>	<b>681.7</b>	<b>701.1</b>	<b>1,382.8</b>	<b>697.5</b>	<b>717.4</b>	<b>1,414.9</b>
Pensioner support ratio <sup>2/</sup>	8.0	6.0	<b>6.8</b>	6.6	5.1	<b>5.8</b>	5.3	4.3	<b>4.7</b>	4.2	3.5	<b>3.8</b>	3.4	2.9	<b>3.2</b>
Index of ageing <sup>3/</sup>	34.3	47.2	<b>40.6</b>	44.9	60.1	<b>52.4</b>	58.3	74.7	<b>66.4</b>	73.3	90.9	<b>82.0</b>	90.3	109.6	<b>99.8</b>

Age-group (years)	2031			2036			2041			2046		
	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
Under 15	136.8	132.4	<b>269.2</b>	133.5	129.3	<b>262.8</b>	130.8	126.6	<b>257.4</b>	128.7	124.6	<b>253.3</b>
15 - 59	431.9	432.4	<b>864.3</b>	432.4	430.1	<b>862.5</b>	423.7	418.8	<b>842.5</b>	420.6	414.7	<b>835.3</b>
60 & over	140.3	164.4	<b>304.7</b>	149.7	176.3	<b>326.0</b>	163.4	192.2	<b>355.6</b>	167.3	196.7	<b>364.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>709.0</b>	<b>729.2</b>	<b>1,438.2</b>	<b>715.6</b>	<b>735.7</b>	<b>1,451.3</b>	<b>717.9</b>	<b>737.6</b>	<b>1,455.5</b>	<b>716.6</b>	<b>736.0</b>	<b>1,452.6</b>
Pensioner support ratio <sup>2/</sup>	3.1	2.6	<b>2.8</b>	2.9	2.4	<b>2.6</b>	2.6	2.2	<b>2.4</b>	2.5	2.1	<b>2.3</b>
Index of ageing <sup>3/</sup>	102.6	124.2	<b>113.2</b>	112.1	136.3	<b>124.0</b>	124.9	151.8	<b>138.2</b>	130.0	157.9	<b>143.7</b>

<sup>1/</sup> In thousands

<sup>2/</sup> Number of persons of working age (15-59 years) per old-age pensioner (aged 60 years and over).

<sup>3/</sup> Number of persons aged 60 years and over per 100 children below 15 years.

**Table 13 - Projected number of beneficiaries and estimated future costs of basic pension,  
Republic of Mauritius, 2006 - 2046**

*(a) Projected no. of beneficiaries<sup>1/</sup> by pension type, June 2006 - June 2046 ('000)*

Pension type	Number June 2006	Projected number of beneficiaries							
		2011	2016	2021	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046
Basic Retirement Pension	126.3	149.8	186.2	228.0	274.1	304.7	326.0	355.6	364.0
<i>of whom</i>									
<i>Severely handicapped<sup>2/</sup></i>	17.1	18.8	22.6	27.2	33.2	39.4	45.3	51.0	55.0
Basic Widow's Pension	23.0	25.8	27.9	29.1	28.6	29.3	30.3	28.5	29.0
Basic Invalid's Pension	27.6	29.6	30.8	31.4	31.0	31.3	31.8	30.7	30.7
<i>of whom</i>									
<i>Severely handicapped<sup>3/</sup></i>	8.0	8.6	9.0	9.2	9.0	9.1	9.3	8.9	9.0
Basic Orphan's Pension	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Guardian's Allowance	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Child's Allowance	<b>19.5</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>16.4</b>
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>									
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	7.9	7.7	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.7	6.6
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	10.9	10.6	10.2	10.0	9.9	9.8	9.6	9.4	9.2
<i>Other<sup>4/</sup></i>	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4

<sup>1/</sup> in thousands

<sup>2/</sup> drawing the Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension

<sup>3/</sup> drawing Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)

<sup>4/</sup> children of previous beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension

*(b) Estimated future costs by pension type, financial years 2005/2006 - 2045/46 (Rs Mn)*

Pension type	Actual amount 2005/06	Estimated future costs at 2005/2006 pension rates							
		2010/11	2015/16	2020/21	2025/26	2030/31	2035/36	2040/41	2045/46
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	4,129	4,783	5,949	7,255	8,714	9,740	10,511	11,593	12,021
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	688	749	800	830	816	834	860	811	822
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	995	1,009	1,045	1,063	1,046	1,055	1,071	1,032	1,033
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	14	13	12	12	12	12	11	11	11

<sup>1/</sup> includes also allowances to children of previous beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension

## Non-contributory benefits by type and amount payable in 2000/2001 and 2005/2006

Pension type	Amount payable (Rs)	
	2000/2001	2005/2006
<b>Basic Retirement Pension (BRP) :</b> (60-74) years	1,500	2,200
(75-89) years	1,500	2,250
(90-99) years	5,725	6,900
100 years and over	6,500	7,850
Basic Widow's Pension (BWP)	1,500	2,025
Basic Invalid's Pension (BIP)	1,500	2,025
Basic Orphan's Pension (BOP)	840	1,120
Guardian's Allowance	370	495
Child's Allowance: (0-9) years	490	655
(10-19) years	520	705
Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension :		
(60-74) years	2,560	3,615
(75-89) years	2,560	3,665
(90-99) years	6,785	8,315
100 years and over	7,560	9,265
Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)	920	1,225
Social Aid (minimum amount payable)	395	545
Food Aid	30	50
Inmate's Allowance : (a) Charitable Institutions	250	345
(b) Brown Sequard Hospital:		
Under 70 years	375	550 <sup>1/</sup>
70 years and over		565 <sup>2/</sup>
Unemployment Hardship Relief (Minimum)	95	140
Minimum Contributory Retirement Pension	230	305
	<b>Daily</b>	
Indoor Relief : (60-69) years	75	110 <sup>3/</sup>
(70-89) years		120 <sup>4/</sup>
(90-99) years		315
100 years and over		325
	<b>Per case</b>	
Funeral Grant	2,145	2,900
Allowance under the National Solidarity Fund:		
Personal Hardship Scheme (Maximum)	10,000	25,000

<sup>1/</sup> refers to age (Under 74 years)<sup>2/</sup> refers to age 75 years and over<sup>3/</sup> refers to age (60-74) years<sup>4/</sup> refers to age (75-89) years

## ASSUMPTIONS USED IN THE PROJECTIONS OF BASIC PENSIONS AND THEIR FUTURE COSTS

### ***1.1 Population Projection and costs of basic pension beneficiaries***

The future costs of basic pensions are calculated on the basis of the pension rates of 2005/2006 (flat rate) and the latest population projection based on the estimated population as at June 2006 worked out by the Central Statistics Office.

### ***1.2 Basic Retirement Pension (including Severely Handicapped Pension and Child's Allowance)***

- ❖ The beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension (BRP) are assumed to be the projected population aged 60 years and over.
- ❖ The proportion of beneficiaries of BRP who are severely handicapped (BRP/SH) by age group and sex in 2006 has been assumed to remain constant in the future.
- ❖ The proportion of children receiving Child's Allowance (BRP cases) by age group and sex in 2006 has been assumed to remain constant in the future.

### ***1.3 Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)***

- ❖ The proportion of women receiving Basic Widow's Pension (BWP) by age group in 2006 has been assumed to remain constant in the future.
- ❖ The proportion of children receiving Child's Allowance (BWP cases) by age group and sex in 2006 has been assumed to remain constant in the future.

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

- ❖ The proportion of pensioners receiving Basic Invalid's Pension (BIP) by age group and sex in 2006 has been assumed to remain constant in the future.
- ❖ It has been assumed that the proportion of BIP beneficiaries who obtain an additional pension (Carer's Allowance) by age group and sex remains the same as in 2006.
- ❖ The proportion of children receiving Child's Allowance (BIP cases) by age group and sex in 2006 has been assumed to remain constant in the future.

### ***1.5 Basic Orphan's Pension (including Guardian's Allowance)***

- ❖ The proportion of children receiving Basic Orphan's Pension (BOP) by age group and sex in 2006 has been assumed to remain constant in the future.
- ❖ The proportion of Basic Orphan's Pension beneficiaries per guardian has been assumed to remain the same as in 2006.