

# **SOCIAL SECURITY STATISTICS**

## **2001/2002 – 2006/2007**

### **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 2001 to June 2007. 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 2006/2007 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 which stood at 1,210,196 in 2002 rose to 1,260,403 in 2007, representing an average annual increase of about 0.8%. During that period, the child population aged below 15 years decreased from 307,826 to 294,211. As a percentage of the total population, it decreased from 25.4% to 23.3%. However, the elderly population aged 60 years and over grew from 110,814 (9.2% of total) to 126,080 (10.0% 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 (114,792 in June 2002 and 131,126 in June 2007). 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, widows 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 69.9% from Rs 7,268.3 million in 2001/2002 to Rs 12,347.2 million in 2006/2007, representing respectively 21.8% and 24.3% of total government expenditure. At the same time, these expenses grew from 5.3% to 5.6% of the Gross Domestic Products (GDP).

Figure 1 - Components of Government expenditure on social security and welfare, 2006/07

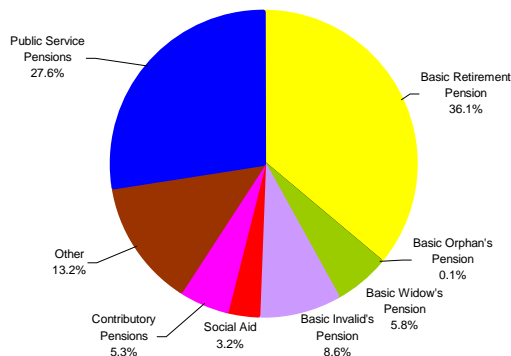


Figure 1 shows the share of each component of government expenditure on Social Security and Welfare. It is observed that the main components were the Basic Retirement Pension with a share of 36.1%, followed by Public Service Pensions (27.6%).

## **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 rose from 114,792 (111,541 in the Island of Mauritius and 3,251 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2002 to 131,126 (127,420 in the Island of Mauritius and 3,706 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2007, showing a net increase of 14.2%.

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 rose from 14,905 in June 2002 to 17,397 in June 2007 in the Republic of Mauritius.

The total amount spent on all Basic Retirement Pension (inclusive of Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance) was Rs 4,459.1 million in 2006/2007 compared to Rs 2,592.9 million in 2001/2002, showing an increase of around 72.0% during that five year 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 2007, the number of beneficiaries of such pension rose by only 1.4%, from 22,484 (22,134 in the Island of Mauritius and 350 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2002 to 22,810 (22,412 in the Island of Mauritius and 398 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2007.

Government expenditure on Basic Widow's Pension which was Rs 521.3 million in 2001/2002 rose by 38.5 % to reach Rs 722.0 million in 2006/2007.

#### ***(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 20.0%, from 23,005 (22,463 in the Island of Mauritius and 542 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2002 to 27,603 (26,858 in the Island of Mauritius and 745 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2007.

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 2007, 8,015 pensioners benefited from this allowance in the Republic of Mauritius, compared to 6,234 in June 2002, showing an increase of 28.6%.

The total amount spent on Basic Invalid's Pension (inclusive of Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance) increased from Rs 615.7 million in 2001/2002 to reach Rs 1,061.9 million in 2006/2007, representing a rise of about 72.5% 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 602 in June 2002 to 377 in June 2007. A similar trend was noted in the Island of Mauritius (from 469 to 310) and the Island of Rodrigues (from 133 to 67) during that period. The total number of guardians also declined from 491 to 314 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 11.1 million in 2001/2002 to Rs 14.9 million in 2006/2007. 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 17,902 in June 2002 (17,397 for the Island of Mauritius and 505 for the Island of Rodrigues) to 19,304 in June 2007 (18,660 for the Island of Mauritius and 644 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 slightly decreased from 17,026 in June 2002 to 16,876 in June 2007. In the Island of Mauritius, the number of such beneficiaries dropped from 15,830 to 15,265 whilst in the Island of Rodrigues it increased from 1,196 to 1,611 during that period.

On the other hand, the total amount paid to beneficiaries of Social Aid increased from Rs 234.5 million in 2001/2002 to Rs 394.6 million in 2006/2007, showing an increase of 68.3%.

### ***(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 was 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 1 July 2006.

As from 1 July 2006 with the government discontinuation of subsidy on rice and flour, an allowance of Rs 40 is given to:

- ❖ Any head of household and his/her dependents whose average monthly electricity consumption does not exceed 75 K Wh and where name of head of household appears on an updated income support list of the Central Electricity Board and who are not in receipt of social aid .

- ❖ Any beneficiary of basic pension and his/her dependents (under the National Pensions Act) and who would have been eligible to receive social aid if he/she was not in receipt of that basic pension

The number of persons who were granted Food Aid was around 109,000 in June 2007 and the total amount paid in 2006/2007 was Rs 75.8 million. .

***(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 661 recipients of Indoor Relief in June 2007 as compared to 852 in June 2002. Though the number has decreased, the amount paid under that scheme has increased from Rs 24.2 million in 2001/2002 to Rs 33.4 million in 2006/2007, showing an increase of 38.0%.

***(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 2007, 801 persons received such allowance as compared to 925 in June 2002. However, due to increases in the rates paid, the amount spent under this item increased by 26.8 % from Rs 4.1 million in 2001/2002 to Rs 5.2 million in 2006/2007.

***(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 from 202 in June 2002 to 420 in June 2007 and the amount paid to these beneficiaries rose from Rs 1.5 million to Rs 3.8 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 1,969 during the period 2001/2002 to 2,375 in 2006/2007. At the same time, the amount disbursed increased from Rs 4.5 million to Rs 7.3 million.

## **6. 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 790 for household employees and Rs 1,315 for other employees during the financial year 2006/2007. During that period, as from a remuneration of Rs 8,640, a flat contribution is applicable for both categories.

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

In 2006/2007, there were about 17,000 employers who have contributed to the NPF in respect of their employees compared to 15,400 in 2001/2002. The contributions received, exclusive of surcharge increased by 41.2%, from Rs 1,113.3 million in 2001/2002 to reach Rs 1,571.9 million in 2006/2007. Total net assets of the National Pension Fund more than doubled, rising from Rs 24,962.8 million at the end of June 2002 to Rs 50,581.7 million in June 2007.

### ***(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 335,600 in 2001/2002 to 367,200 in 2006/2007, showing an increase of 9.4% during that period. At the same time the total employers' contribution inclusive of surcharge rose by 50.1%, from Rs 418.0 million in 2001/2002 to Rs 627.3 million in 2006/2007.

***(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 rose from 33,957 in June 2002 to reach 41,827 in June 2007, showing a rise of 23.2%. Consequently, the total amount paid went up from Rs 274.5 million to Rs 473.4 million.

***(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 37.9%, from 11,548 in June 2002 to 15,920 in June 2007. The amount paid thus went up from Rs 56.4 million in 2001/2002 to Rs 124.2 million in 2006/2007, showing a rise of 120.2%.

***(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 48.6%, from 4,530 in June 2002 to 6,733 in June 2007. Consequently, the amount paid increased from Rs 15.5 million in 2001/2002 to Rs 29.2 million in 2006/2007.

***(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 2002 to June 2007, the number of orphans benefiting from this pension rose from 78 to 88 while the amount disbursed increased from Rs 0.1 million in 2001/2002 to Rs 0.2 million in 2006/2007.

***(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 increased slightly from 886 in June 2002 to 912 in June 2007 and the total amount paid rose from Rs 24.2 million to Rs 29.6 million during that 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 2006/2007, the National Solidarity Fund assisted 412 cases compared to only 241 in 2001/2002. The amount disbursed rose from Rs 2.4 million in 2001/2002 to Rs 3.8 million in 2006/07.

## **8. Projected number of basic pension beneficiaries and their related future costs (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.

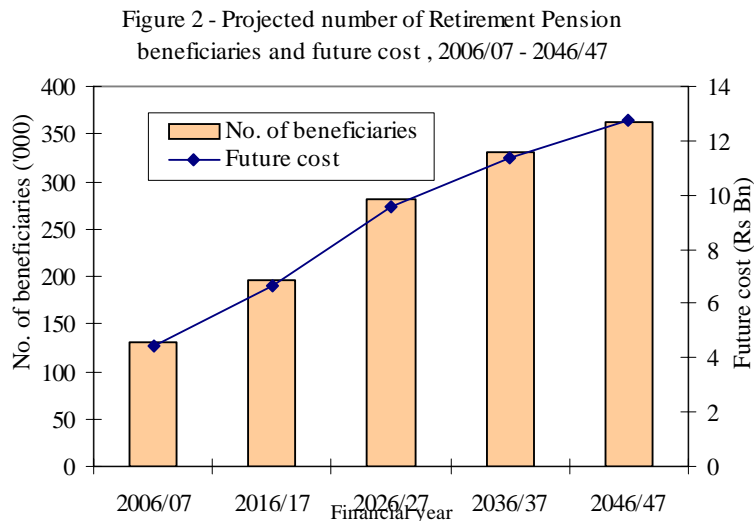
As at June 2007, the population aged 60 years and over was estimated at 126,080, that in the working age group 15-59 years 840,112 and the child population aged less than 15 years at 294,211. The pensioner support ratio, defined as the number of persons of working age (15-59 years) per old age pensioner (aged 60 years and over) was 6.7. The index of ageing defined as the number of persons aged 60 years and over per 100 children aged under 15 years was 42.9. In 2047, the pensioner support ratio is expected to fall to about 2.3 and the index of ageing is expected to increase to 145.3.

The number of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension is expected to reach 362,700 in 2047, among whom 54,200 persons will suffer from severe disability. The corresponding figures for 2007 were 131,100 and 17,400 respectively.

The number of beneficiaries of Basic Widow's Pension, which was 22,800 in June 2007, is expected to grow to about 27,900 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 29,900.

Based on rates applicable in 2006/07, 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, rising from Rs 4,459 million in 2006/2007 to Rs 12,743 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 1,904 million within the next forty years compared to Rs 1,799 million in 2006/2007.

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**Table 1 - Estimated mid year population<sup>1/</sup> by sex, Republic of Mauritius, Island of Mauritius & Island of Rodrigues, 2002 & 2007**

Year	Both sexes	Male	Female
<b>2002</b>			
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
<b>2007</b>			
Republic of Mauritius	<b>1,260,403</b>	622,926	637,477
Island of Mauritius	<b>1,223,089</b>	604,481	618,608
Island of Rodrigues	<b>37,314</b>	18,445	18,869

**Table 2 - Estimated mid year population<sup>1/</sup> by age-group & sex, Republic of Mauritius, 2002 & 2007**

Age-group (years)	2002			2007		
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
<b>Under 15</b>	<b>307,826</b>	<b>156,081</b>	<b>151,745</b>	<b>294,211</b>	<b>149,209</b>	<b>145,002</b>
0 - 4	<b>98,019</b>	49,995	48,024	<b>92,127</b>	46,939	45,188
5 - 9	<b>104,404</b>	52,451	51,953	<b>97,795</b>	49,883	47,912
10 - 14	<b>105,403</b>	53,635	51,768	<b>104,289</b>	52,387	51,902
<b>15 - 59</b>	<b>791,556</b>	<b>395,331</b>	<b>396,225</b>	<b>840,112</b>	<b>419,609</b>	<b>420,503</b>
15 - 19	<b>94,307</b>	47,678	46,629	<b>105,154</b>	53,496	51,658
20 - 24	<b>113,886</b>	56,897	56,989	<b>93,817</b>	47,412	46,405
25 - 29	<b>98,281</b>	48,894	49,387	<b>113,218</b>	56,477	56,741
30 - 34	<b>94,352</b>	47,006	47,346	<b>97,653</b>	48,470	49,183
35 - 39	<b>103,420</b>	52,207	51,213	<b>93,474</b>	46,420	47,054
40 - 44	<b>93,551</b>	47,067	46,484	<b>102,017</b>	51,210	50,807
45 - 49	<b>81,815</b>	41,221	40,594	<b>91,550</b>	45,673	45,877
50 - 54	<b>67,437</b>	33,236	34,201	<b>79,199</b>	39,446	39,753
55 - 59	<b>44,507</b>	21,125	23,382	<b>64,030</b>	31,005	33,025
<b>60 &amp; Over</b>	<b>110,814</b>	<b>47,845</b>	<b>62,969</b>	<b>126,080</b>	<b>54,108</b>	<b>71,972</b>
60 - 64	<b>33,012</b>	15,351	17,661	<b>41,166</b>	19,085	22,081
65 - 69	<b>28,218</b>	12,775	15,443	<b>29,202</b>	13,118	16,084
70 - 74	<b>20,080</b>	8,670	11,410	<b>23,546</b>	10,102	13,444
75 - 79	<b>16,233</b>	6,607	9,626	<b>15,268</b>	6,048	9,220
80 - 84	<b>7,929</b>	2,873	5,056	<b>10,904</b>	4,025	6,879
85 +	<b>5,342</b>	1,569	3,773	<b>5,994</b>	1,730	4,264
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,210,196</b>	<b>599,257</b>	<b>610,939</b>	<b>1,260,403</b>	<b>622,926</b>	<b>637,477</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,  
2001/02 - 2006/07**

Government expenditure on Social Security & Welfare	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06 <sup>1/</sup>	2006/07 <sup>2/</sup>
Amount Rs(Mn)	7,268.3	7,898.3	8,851.9	9,681.9	11,394.8	12,347.2
% of total government expenditure	21.8	20.5	20.8	22.1	23.3	24.3
% of GDP at market prices	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.9	5.6

<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 2002 - June 2007*

Pension type	No. of beneficiaries					
	June 02	June 03	June 04	June 05	June 06	June 07
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension)	114,792	116,324	119,448	120,802 <sup>4/</sup>	126,344	131,126
<i>of whom</i>						
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>1/</sup>	14,905	15,599	16,366	16,596	17,112	17,397
Basic Widow's Pension	22,484	22,861	22,757	22,672	22,973	22,810
Basic Invalid's Pension	23,005	23,627	25,035	25,646	27,638	27,603
<i>of whom</i>						
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	6,234	6,533	7,132	7,354	7,984	8,015
Basic Orphan's Pension	602	553	529	457	434	377
Guardian's Allowance	491	456	437	392	363	314
Child's Allowance	<b>17,902</b>	<b>17,910</b>	<b>18,629</b>	<b>18,367</b>	<b>19,515</b>	<b>19,304</b>
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>						
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	220	212	219	199	223	204
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	8,672	8,300	8,113	7,985	7,874	7,681
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	8,618	8,992	9,862	9,755	10,936	10,923
<i>Other</i> <sup>3/</sup>	392	406	435	428	482	496

<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 2001/02 - 2006/07*

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	2,592.9	2,918.1	3,156.9	3,486.2	4,129.0	4,459.1
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	521.3	584.5	610.1	639.4	687.8	722.0
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	615.7	717.6	805.5	867.2	995.3	1,061.9
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	11.1	14.4	14.4	14.1	14.6 <sup>2/</sup>	14.9

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

*(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type, June 2002 - June 2007*

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries					
	June 02	June 03	June 04	June 05	June 06	June 07
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	111,541	112,966	116,047	117,319 <sup>4/</sup>	122,723	127,420
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>1/</sup>	14,425	15,158	15,870	16,114	16,637	16,900
Basic Widow's Pension	22,134	22,504	22,399	22,306	22,589	22,412
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	22,463	23,089	24,441	25,001	26,920	26,858
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	6,059	6,371	6,927	7,077	7,655	7,661
Basic Orphan's Pension	469	440	428	370	349	310
Guardian's Allowance	386	359	347	313	287	255
Child's Allowance	<b>17,397</b>	<b>17,422</b>	<b>18,105</b>	<b>17,840</b>	<b>18,910</b>	<b>18,660</b>
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>						
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	203	200	207	194	215	193
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	8,463	8,093	7,903	7,784	7,661	7,455
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	8,352	8,735	9,576	9,450	10,574	10,537
<i>Other</i> <sup>3/</sup>	379	394	419	412	460	475

<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 2001/02 - 2006/07*

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	2,522.0	2,840.9	3,073.8	3,396.7	4,011.6	4,334.3
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	514.5	577.4	602.7	632.0	675.9	709.3
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	601.0	701.9	787.5	845.6	968.5	1,032.0
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	8.9	12.2	12.3	12.2	12.7	13.1

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

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

*(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type, June 2002 - June 2007*

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries					
	June 02	June 03	June 04	June 05	June 06	June 07
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	3,251	3,358	3,401	3,483 <sup>4/</sup>	3,621	3,706
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>1/</sup>	480	441	496	482	475	497
Basic Widow's Pension	350	357	358	366	384	398
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	542	538	594	645	718	745
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	175	162	205	277	329	354
Basic Orphan's Pension	133	113	101	87	85	67
Guardian's Allowance	105	97	90	79	76	59
Child's Allowance	<b>505</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>644</b>
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of</i>						
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	17	12	12	5	8	11
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	209	207	210	201	213	226
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	266	257	286	305	362	386
<i>Other</i> <sup>3/</sup>	13	12	16	16	22	21

<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 2001/02 - 2006/07*

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	70.9	77.2	83.2	89.5	117.4	124.8
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	6.8	7.1	7.5	7.4	11.9	12.7
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	14.7	15.7	18.0	21.6	26.8	29.9
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	2.2	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.9 <sup>2/</sup>	1.8

<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 2002 - June 2007*

Type of benefit	Number of beneficiaries					
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Social Aid <sup>1/</sup>	17,026	15,521	16,346	17,536	17,100 <sup>3/</sup>	16,876
Food Aid	46,500	48,200	48,000	51,000	53,000	109,000 <sup>4/</sup>
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	852	857	826	762	686	661
Inmate's Allowance	925	950	935	888	808	801
Unemployment Hardship Relief	202	336	402	457	440	420
Funeral Grant <sup>2/</sup>	1,969	1,960	2,050	2,447	2,585	2,375

<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> revised

<sup>4/</sup> including those paid under the Income Support Scheme

*(b) Amount paid by type of benefit, Republic of Mauritius, financial years 2001/02 - 2006/2007*

Type of benefit	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
Social Aid <sup>1/</sup>	234.5	276.4	295.3	317.3	349.0	394.6
Food aid <sup>2/</sup>	18.1	18.8	17.4	16.9	30.5	75.8
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	24.2	28.1	29.9	31.1	31.8	33.4
Inmate's Allowance	4.1	4.8	4.7	4.9	4.8	5.2
Unemployment Hardship Relief	1.5	1.7	2.4	3.0	3.6	3.8
Funeral Grant	4.5	5.0	5.4	6.7	7.6	7.3

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

<sup>2/</sup> excludes amount spent for Rodrigues. The amount included in Social aid



**Table 7 - Number of cases of Social Aid paid by district, June 2002 - June 2007**

District/ Island	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Port-Louis	3,382	3,160	3,551	3,949	3,552	3,444
Pamplemousses	2,118	1,662	1,751	1,941	1,900	1,983
Riviere du Rempart	1,523	1,198	1,190	1,276	1,241	1,305
Flacq	1,398	1,354	1,446	1,516	1,517	1,535
Grand-Port	1,117	1,000	993	1,043	1,088	1,135
Savanne	1,000	832	852	887	941	875
Plaine-Wilhems	3,776	3,278	3,321	3,594	3,532	3,506
Moka	604	575	556	563	584	643
Black River	912	935	898	939	904	839
<b>Island of Mauritius</b>	<b>15,830</b>	<b>13,994</b>	<b>14,558</b>	<b>15,708</b>	<b>15,259</b>	<b>15,265</b>
<b>Island of Rodrigues</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>1,527</b>	<b>1,788</b>	<b>1,828</b>	<b>1,841<sup>1/</sup></b>	<b>1,611</b>
<b>Republic of Mauritius</b>	<b>17,026</b>	<b>15,521</b>	<b>16,346</b>	<b>17,536</b>	<b>17,100<sup>1/</sup></b>	<b>16,876</b>

<sup>1/</sup> revised

**Table 8 - Contribution to the National Pensions Fund (NPF), 2001/02 - 2006/2007**

	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
No. of employers <sup>1/</sup> contributing to the Fund (000)	15.4	15.1	16.3	16.5	16.8	17.0
No. of employees contributing to the Fund (000)	278.6	283.4	288.6	286.8	286.7	296.2
Amount contributed by employers and employees (Rs Mn)	1,113.3	1,142.2	1,256.1	1,312.9	1,446.5	1,571.9
Surcharge paid by employers (Rs Mn)	9.0	9.7	9.8	1.0	0.9	1.1
Size of the NPF (Rs Mn) as at end of financial year	24,962.8	29,435.7	34,067.3	38,189.9	43,369.0 <sup>2/</sup>	50,581.7

<sup>1/</sup> including 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), 2001/2002 - 2006/2007**

	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007
No. of employers contributing to Fund ('000)	15.1	15.5	15.9	16.2	16.5	16.7
No. of employees belonging to the Fund ('000)	335.6	345.0	350.9	352.0	353.9	367.2
Amount contributed by employers (RsMn)	415.7	433.2	484.0	504.9	568.6 <sup>1/</sup>	627.3
Surcharge paid by employers (RsMn)	2.3	2.9	2.1	2.0		
No. of beneficiaries of Lump Sum:	10,430	12,107	8,693	14,206	11,720	8,255
of which Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS)	3,813	3,373	395	3,819	1,622	125
Total Lump Sum paid (RsMn)	85.6	92.3	87.0	108.6	121.7	173.2
of which VRS (RsMn)	37.4	34.3	3.8	8.2	2.9	2.6
Size of Fund (RsMn) as at end of financial year	3,734.5	4,485.3	5,480.5	6,398.1	7,441.1 <sup>1/</sup>	8,767.3

<sup>1/</sup> revised

**Table 10(a) - Number of beneficiaries of contributory pensions, Republic of Mauritius, June 2002 - June 2007**

Pension type	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Contributory Retirement Pension	33,957	34,775	36,100	37,895	39,472	41,827
Contributory Widow's Pension <sup>1/</sup>	11,548	12,403	13,235	14,079	15,188	15,920
Contributory Invalid's Pension	4,530	4,766	5,427	5,620	6,445	6,733
Contributory Orphan's Pension	78	81	102	102	97	88
Industrial Injury Benefits	886	914	1,003	852	894	912

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

**Table 10(b) - Amount paid to beneficiaries of contributory pensions, Republic of Mauritius, financial years 2001/02 - 2006/2007**

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
Contributory Retirement Pension	274.5	310.6	340.8	375.9	416.5	473.4
Contributory Widow's Pension	56.4	67.1	78.1	91.5	104.0	124.2
Contributory Invalid's Pension	15.5	18.2	21.7	22.7	26.9	29.2
Contributory Orphan's Pension	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Industrial Injury Benefits <sup>1/</sup>	24.2	25.9	26.2	27.2	29.0	29.6

<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, 2001/02 - 2006/07**

Contingency	Number of cases					
	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
Medical treatment abroad (Air ticket only)	4	26	23	30	58	6
Personal Hardship Scheme :	236	275	403	869	602	388
<i>Multiple births</i>	8	7	6	8	6	3
<i>Fire victims</i>	10	32	22	23	17	7
<i>Natural calamities</i>	1	6	10	10	1	18
<i>Tragic accidents</i>	17	35	41	32	16	21
<i>Needy students</i>	66	58	129	257	179	134
<i>Repatriation of mortal remains</i>	1	5	2	1	-	2
<i>Destitute</i>	89	66	106	328	228	75
<i>Medical case</i>	44	66	87	193	140	96
<i>Centenarian</i>	-	-	-	17	15 <sup>1/</sup>	32
Other	1	1	-	1	-	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>412</b>

**Table 11(b) - Amount disbursed by the National Solidarity Fund (NSF) by type Republic of Mauritius, 2001/02 - 2006/07**

Contingency	Amount paid (Rs 000)					
	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
Medical treatment abroad (Air ticket only)	79	278	261	355	751	80
Personal Hardship Scheme:	2,180	4,156	5,875	12,920	3,155	3,636
<i>Multiple births</i>	54	102	100	190	50	31
<i>Fire victims</i>	118	760	650	416	69	67
<i>Natural calamities</i>	25	98	40	70	5	141
<i>Tragic accidents</i>	379	881	825	486	125	295
<i>Needy students</i>	329	583	1,165	3,330	791	808
<i>Repatriation of mortal remains</i>	15	115	38	49	-	50
<i>Destitute</i>	920	956	1,803	4,928	949	538
<i>Medical case</i>	340	661	1,254	3,281	1,016	1,386
<i>Centenarian</i>	-	-	-	170	150	320
Other	100	200	-	250	-	108
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,359</b>	<b>4,634</b>	<b>6,136</b>	<b>13,525</b>	<b>3,906</b>	<b>3,824</b>

<sup>1/</sup> revised

**Table 12 - Projected mid year population<sup>1/</sup> by broad age group and sex, Republic of Mauritius, 2007 - 2047**

Age-group (years)	2007			2012			2017			2022			2027		
	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
Under 15	149.2	145.0	<b>294.2</b>	143.0	137.6	<b>280.6</b>	140.3	135.3	<b>275.6</b>	140.0	135.1	<b>275.1</b>	138.9	134.1	<b>273.0</b>
15 - 59	419.6	420.5	<b>840.1</b>	431.6	434.6	<b>866.2</b>	436.0	439.5	<b>875.5</b>	433.8	437.1	<b>870.9</b>	427.8	430.6	<b>858.4</b>
60 & over	54.1	72.0	<b>126.1</b>	68.6	88.2	<b>156.8</b>	87.4	107.7	<b>195.1</b>	107.9	129.5	<b>237.4</b>	129.2	152.1	<b>281.3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>622.9</b>	<b>637.5</b>	<b>1,260.4</b>	<b>643.2</b>	<b>660.4</b>	<b>1,303.6</b>	<b>663.7</b>	<b>682.5</b>	<b>1,346.2</b>	<b>681.7</b>	<b>701.7</b>	<b>1,383.4</b>	<b>695.9</b>	<b>716.8</b>	<b>1,412.7</b>
Pensioner support ratio <sup>2/</sup>	7.8	5.8	<b>6.7</b>	6.3	4.9	<b>5.5</b>	5.0	4.1	<b>4.5</b>	4.0	3.4	<b>3.7</b>	3.3	2.8	<b>3.1</b>
Index of ageing <sup>3/</sup>	36.3	49.7	<b>42.9</b>	48.0	64.1	<b>55.9</b>	62.3	79.6	<b>70.8</b>	77.1	95.9	<b>86.3</b>	93.0	113.4	<b>103.0</b>

Age-group (years)	2032			2037			2042			2047		
	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
Under 15	135.4	130.7	<b>266.1</b>	131.7	127.0	<b>258.7</b>	128.8	124.3	<b>253.1</b>	127.0	122.6	<b>249.6</b>
15 - 59	428.0	429.3	<b>857.3</b>	426.3	425.5	<b>851.8</b>	417.0	413.7	<b>830.7</b>	414.8	410.4	<b>825.2</b>
60 & over	141.8	166.9	<b>308.7</b>	151.7	179.1	<b>330.8</b>	164.6	194.1	<b>358.7</b>	166.4	196.3	<b>362.7</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>705.2</b>	<b>726.9</b>	<b>1,432.1</b>	<b>709.7</b>	<b>731.6</b>	<b>1,441.3</b>	<b>710.4</b>	<b>732.1</b>	<b>1,442.5</b>	<b>708.2</b>	<b>729.3</b>	<b>1,437.5</b>
Pensioner support ratio <sup>2/</sup>	3.0	2.6	<b>2.8</b>	2.8	2.4	<b>2.6</b>	2.5	2.1	<b>2.3</b>	2.5	2.1	<b>2.3</b>
Index of ageing <sup>3/</sup>	104.7	127.7	<b>116.0</b>	115.2	141.0	<b>127.9</b>	127.8	156.2	<b>141.7</b>	131.0	160.1	<b>145.3</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, 2007 - 2047**

*(a) Projected no. of beneficiaries<sup>1/</sup> by pension type, June 2007 - June 2047 ('000)*

Pension type	Number June 2007	Projected number of beneficiaries							
		2012	2017	2022	2027	2032	2037	2042	2047
Basic Retirement Pension	131.1	156.8	195.1	237.4	281.3	308.7	330.8	358.7	362.7
<i>of whom</i>									
<i>Severely handicapped<sup>2/</sup></i>	17.4	19.0	22.9	27.6	33.6	39.7	45.4	50.7	54.2
Basic Widow's Pension	22.8	25.2	27.0	27.8	27.4	28.3	28.9	27.0	27.9
Basic Invalid's Pension	27.6	29.3	30.3	30.7	30.2	30.6	30.9	29.6	29.9
<i>of whom</i>									
<i>Severely handicapped<sup>3/</sup></i>	8.0	8.5	8.8	9.0	8.8	8.9	9.0	8.6	8.8
Basic Orphan's Pension	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Guardian's Allowance	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Child's Allowance	<b>19.3</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>16.0</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>	7.7	7.4	7.0	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.4	6.3
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	10.9	10.5	10.0	9.9	9.9	9.7	9.5	9.3	9.1
<i>Other<sup>4/</sup></i>	0.5	0.5	0.5	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 2006/2007 - 2046/47 (Rs Mn)*

Pension type	Actual amount <sup>2/</sup> 2006/07	Estimated future costs at 2006/2007 pension rates							
		2011/12	2016/17	2021/22	2026/27	2031/32	2036/37	2041/42	2046/47
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	4,459	5,325	6,632	8,035	9,530	10,512	11,354	12,443	12,743
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	722	769	813	834	824	848	864	809	833
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	1,062	1,051	1,081	1,093	1,075	1,089	1,096	1,052	1,061
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	15	12	11	11	11	11	11	11	10

<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

<sup>2/</sup> including all arrears



## 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 2006/2007 (flat rate) and the latest population projection based on the estimated population as at June 2007 which was 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 2007 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 2007 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 2007 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 2007 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 2007 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 2007.
- ❖ The proportion of children receiving Child's Allowance (BIP cases) by age group and sex in 2007 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 2007 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 2007.