

# SOCIAL SECURITY STATISTICS

## 2002/2003 – 2007/2008

### 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 2002 to June 2008. 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 2007/2008 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 1,222,811 in 2003 to 1,268,565 in 2008, representing an average annual increase of about 0.7%. During that period, the child population aged below 15 years decreased from 307,958 to 288,423. As a percentage of the total population, it decreased from 25.2% to 22.7%. However, the elderly population aged 60 years and over grew from 112,444 (9.2% of total) to 131,143 (10.3% 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 (116,324 in June 2003 and 136,408 in June 2008/Table 5.1). 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 63.1% from Rs 7,898.3 million in 2002/2003 to Rs 12,880.0 million in 2007/2008, representing respectively 20.5% and 23.0% of total government expenditure. However, these expenses decreased from 5.3% to 5.1% of the Gross Domestic Product.

Figure 1 - Components of Government expenditure on social security and welfare, 2007/08

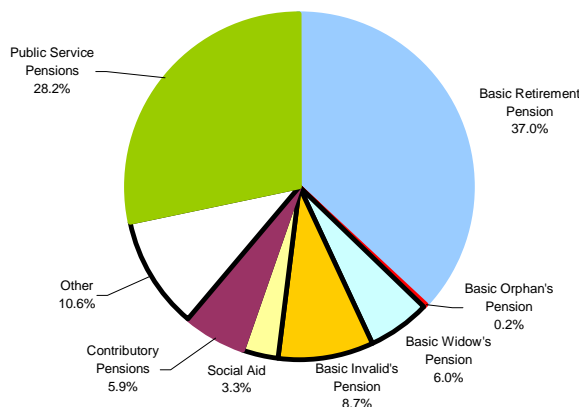


Figure 1 shows the share of each component of government expenditure on Social Security and Welfare. It is observed that the main components were the Basic Retirement Pension with a share of 37.0 %, followed by Public Service Pensions, 28.2%.

## **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 went up by 17.3 %, from 116,324 (112,966 in the Island of Mauritius and 3,358 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2003 to 136,408 (132,632 in the Island of Mauritius and 3,776 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2008.

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 15,599 in June 2003 to 16,981 in June 2008 in the Republic of Mauritius.

The total amount spent on all Basic Retirement Pension (inclusive of Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance) increased from Rs 2,918.1 million in 2002/2003 to Rs 4,761.8 million in 2007/2008, showing an increase of about 63.2% 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 and/or religiously married to their late husband. In June 2008, the number of beneficiaries of such pension decreased by about 1.1%, from 22,861 (22,504 in the Island of Mauritius and 357 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2003 to 22,611 (22,213 in the Island of Mauritius and 398 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2008.

On the other hand, government expenditure on Basic Widow's Pension, which was Rs 584.5 million in 2002/2003, rose by 33.2 % to reach Rs 778.8 million in 2007/2008.

#### **(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 from 23,627 (23,089 in the Island of Mauritius and 538 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2003 to reach 27,363 (26,541 in the Island of Mauritius and 822 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2008, showing an increase of 15.8%.

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 2008, 7,787 pensioners benefited from this allowance in the Republic of Mauritius, compared to 6,533 in June 2003, showing an increase of 19.2%.

The total amount spent on Basic Invalid's Pension (inclusive of Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance) jumped from Rs 717.6 million in 2002/2003 to reach Rs 1,125.9 million in 2007/2008, representing a rise of about 56.9% during that period.

***(d) Basic Orphan's Pension (BOP) and Guardian Allowance (GA)***

Basic Orphan's Pension is payable to all orphans under the age of 15, or under 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 553 in June 2003 to 396 in June 2008. A similar trend was noted in the Island of Mauritius (from 440 to 330) and in the Island of Rodrigues (from 113 to 66) during that period. The total number of guardians also declined from 456 to 324 in the Republic of Mauritius. However, the number of orphans per guardian remained at around 1.2.

Though the number of such beneficiaries has decreased, expenditure on Basic Orphan's Pension and Guardian's Allowance rose from Rs 14.4 million in 2002/2003 to Rs 20.7 million in 2007/2008. This was due to increases in the rates payable every year, especially in 2007/2008, when orphans attending full-time education benefited much higher allowance than those not attending full-time education.

***(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 slightly from 17,910 in June 2003 (17,422 for the Island of Mauritius and 488 for the Island of Rodrigues) to 18,443 in June 2008 (17,759 for the Island of Mauritius and 684 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, 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 6.8% from 15,521 in June 2003 to 16,577 in June 2008. In the Island of Mauritius, the number of such beneficiaries rose from 13,994 to 14,996 whilst in the Island of Rodrigues it increased slightly from 1,527 to 1,581 during that period.

The total amount paid to beneficiaries of Social Aid increased from Rs 276.4 million in 2002/2003 to Rs 430.2 million in 2007/2008, showing an increase of 55.6%.

### ***(b) Income Support for the purchase of rice and flour***

In order to support needy Mauritians for the purchase of rice and flour, 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 is given to every needy Mauritian for the purchase of rice and flour. The beneficiaries are:

- ❖ All recipients of Social Aid and their dependents.
- ❖ All those receiving the 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 stipend has increased from Rs 30 in May 1993 to Rs 50 in October 2004, and then to Rs 85 as from 1 July 2006.

In addition, as from 1 July 2006 with the government discontinuation of subsidy on rice and flour, an Income Support scheme was introduced whereby 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 KWh and who are not in receipt of Food 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 total number of persons who were granted Food Aid including those under the Income Support Scheme was around 96,000 in June 2008 and the total amount paid in 2007/2008 was Rs 69.4 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. The number of beneficiaries dropped from 857 in June 2003 to 651 in June 2008. Nevertheless, the amount paid under that scheme has increased from Rs 28.1 million in 2002/2003 to Rs 34.6 million in 2007/2008, showing an increase of 23.1%.

***(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 Sequad Hospital. In June 2008, 775 persons received such allowance as compared to 950 in June 2003 representing a decrease of 18.4%. However, due to increases in the rates paid, the amount spent under this item increased by 10.4 % from Rs 4.8 million in 2002/2003 to Rs 5.3 million in 2007/2008.

***(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 slightly from 336 in June 2003 to 372 in June 2008 whilst the amount paid to these beneficiaries rose from Rs 1.7 million to Rs 3.8 million showing an increase of 123.5%.

***(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 1,960 during the period 2002/2003 to 2,487 in 2007/2008. At the same time, the amount disbursed increased by 66.0%, from Rs 5.0 million to Rs 8.3 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 830 for household employees and Rs 1,380 for other employees during the financial year 2007/2008. During that period, as from a remuneration of Rs 9,040, a flat contribution is applicable for both categories.

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

In 2007/2008, there were about 17,600 employers who have contributed to the NPF in respect of their employees compared to 15,100 in 2002/2003. The contributions received, exclusive of surcharge increased by 49.9%, from Rs 1,142.2 million in 2002/2003 to reach Rs 1,712.1 million in 2007/2008. Total net assets of the National Pension Fund jumped by 94.0% rising from Rs 29,435.7 million at the end of June 2003 to Rs 57,096.8 million in June 2008.

### ***(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 employers.

The number of employees belonging to the Fund rose from about 345,000 in 2002/2003 to 373,100 in 2007/2008, showing an increase of 8.1% during that period. At the same time the total employers' contribution exclusive of surcharge rose by 51.3%, from Rs 433.2 million in 2002/2003 to Rs 655.6 million in 2007/2008.

*(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 34,775 in June 2003 to reach 44,620 in June 2008, showing a rise of 28.3%. Consequently, an increase of 78.9% was noted in the amount spent rising from Rs 310.6 million to Rs 555.6 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 34.6%, rising from 12,403 in June 2003 to 16,689 in June 2008. The amount paid thus went up from Rs 67.1 million in 2002/2003 to Rs 147.8 million in 2007/2008, showing an increase of 120.3%.

*(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 36.6%, from 4,766 in June 2003 to 6,509 in June 2008. The amount paid increased by 69.8% from Rs 18.2 million in 2002/2003 to Rs 30.9 million in 2007/2008.

*(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 2003 to June 2008, the number of orphans benefiting from this pension rose from 81 to 114 whilst the amount disbursed increased from Rs 0.1 million in 2002/2003 to Rs 0.2 million in 2007/2008.

*(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 slightly from 914 in June 2003 to 879 in June 2008 but the total amount paid rose by 14.3% from Rs 25.9 million for the financial year 2002/2003 to Rs 29.6 million in 2007/2008.



## **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 2007/2008, the National Solidarity Fund assisted 357 cases compared to 302 in 2002/2003. During that period, the amount spent rose from Rs 4.6 million to Rs 5.7 million.

## **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 midyear 2008, the population aged 60 years and over was estimated around 131,100; that in the working age group 15-59 years 849,000 and the child population aged less than 15 years at 288,400. 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 6.5. The index of ageing defined as the number of persons aged 60 years and over per 100 children aged less than 15 years was 45.5. In 2048, the pensioner support ratio is expected to fall to about 2.3 whilst the index of ageing would increase to 144.6.

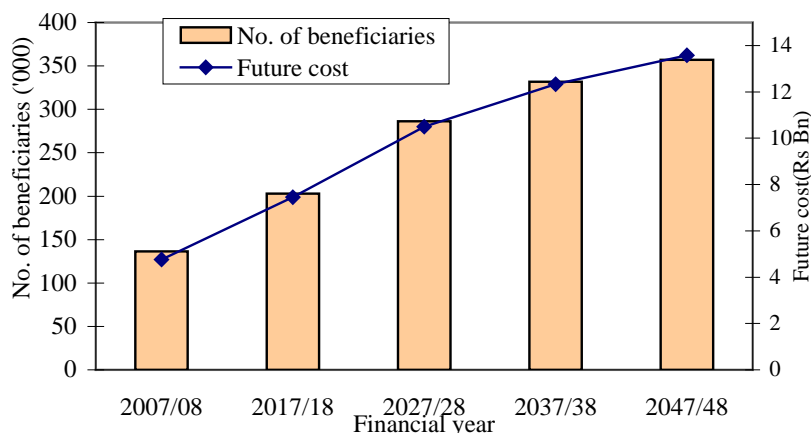
The number of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension is expected to reach 357,000 in 2048, of whom about 50,700 would suffer from severe disability. The corresponding figures for 2008 were 136,408 and 16,981.

There were 22,611 beneficiaries of Basic Widow's Pension in June 2008. This is expected to grow to about 27,000 in the next four decades. During that time, the number of beneficiaries of Basic Invalid's Pension would increase from 27,363 to around 29,000.

Based on rates applicable in 2007/08, the amount to be disbursed by government on Basic Retirement pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance) is expected to nearly treble, rising from Rs 4,762 million in 2007/2008 to Rs 13,581 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.

Figure 2 - Projected number of Retirement Pension beneficiaries and future cost, 2007/08 - 2047/48



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 2,004 million within the next forty years compared to Rs 1,926 million in 2007/2008.

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**Table 1 - Estimated mid year population<sup>1/</sup> by sex, Republic of Mauritius, Island of Mauritius & Island of Rodrigues, 2003 & 2008**

Year	Both sexes	Male	Female
<b>2003</b>			
Republic of Mauritius	<b>1,222,811</b>	605,084	617,727
Island of Mauritius	<b>1,186,363</b>	587,024	599,339
Island of Rodrigues	<b>36,448</b>	18,060	18,388
<b>2008</b>			
Republic of Mauritius	<b>1,268,565</b>	626,556	642,009
Island of Mauritius	<b>1,230,995</b>	607,992	623,003
Island of Rodrigues	<b>37,570</b>	18,564	19,006

**Table 2 - Estimated mid year population<sup>1/</sup> by age-group & sex, Republic of Mauritius, 2003 & 2008**

Age-group (years)	2003			2008		
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
<b>Under 15</b>	<b>307,958</b>	<b>156,119</b>	<b>151,839</b>	<b>288,423</b>	<b>146,359</b>	<b>142,064</b>
0 - 4	<b>98,048</b>	49,916	48,132	<b>88,963</b>	45,343	43,620
5 - 9	<b>101,728</b>	51,264	50,464	<b>97,839</b>	49,806	48,033
10 - 14	<b>108,182</b>	54,939	53,243	<b>101,621</b>	51,210	50,411
<b>15 - 59</b>	<b>802,409</b>	<b>400,587</b>	<b>401,822</b>	<b>848,999</b>	<b>423,893</b>	<b>425,106</b>
15 - 19	<b>93,817</b>	47,426	46,391	<b>107,965</b>	54,815	53,150
20 - 24	<b>111,321</b>	55,825	55,496	<b>93,335</b>	47,158	46,177
25 - 29	<b>103,665</b>	51,338	52,327	<b>110,489</b>	55,337	55,152
30 - 34	<b>91,466</b>	45,682	45,784	<b>102,743</b>	50,776	51,967
35 - 39	<b>103,195</b>	51,743	51,452	<b>90,411</b>	45,007	45,404
40 - 44	<b>96,001</b>	48,438	47,563	<b>101,672</b>	50,706	50,966
45 - 49	<b>83,247</b>	41,845	41,402	<b>93,938</b>	46,988	46,950
50 - 54	<b>71,325</b>	35,347	35,978	<b>80,590</b>	40,023	40,567
55 - 59	<b>48,372</b>	22,943	25,429	<b>67,856</b>	33,083	34,773
<b>60 &amp; Over</b>	<b>112,444</b>	<b>48,378</b>	<b>64,066</b>	<b>131,143</b>	<b>56,304</b>	<b>74,839</b>
60 - 64	<b>33,016</b>	15,299	17,717	<b>44,761</b>	20,743	24,018
65 - 69	<b>28,739</b>	12,957	15,782	<b>29,283</b>	13,091	16,192
70 - 74	<b>20,135</b>	8,678	11,457	<b>24,133</b>	10,339	13,794
75 - 79	<b>16,780</b>	6,789	9,991	<b>15,442</b>	6,154	9,288
80 - 84	<b>8,311</b>	3,085	5,226	<b>11,313</b>	4,147	7,166
85 +	<b>5,463</b>	1,570	3,893	<b>6,211</b>	1,830	4,381
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,222,811</b>	<b>605,084</b>	<b>617,727</b>	<b>1,268,565</b>	<b>626,556</b>	<b>642,009</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,  
2002/03 - 2007/08**

Government expenditure on Social Security & Welfare	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07 <sup>1/</sup>	2007/08 <sup>2/</sup>
Amount Rs(Mn)	7,898.3	8,851.9	9,681.9	11,394.8	12,354.2	12,880.0
% of total government expenditure	20.5	20.8	22.1	23.3	24.2	23.0
% of GDP at market prices	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.9	5.6	5.1

<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 as at 30 June, 2003 - 2008*

Pension type	No. of beneficiaries					
	June 03	June 04	June 05	June 06	June 07	June 08
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension)	116,324	119,448	120,802 <sup>4/</sup>	126,344	131,126	136,408
<i>of whom</i>						
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>1/</sup>	15,599	16,366	16,596	17,112	17,397	16,981
Basic Widow's Pension	22,861	22,757	22,672	22,973	22,810	22,611
Basic Invalid's Pension	23,627	25,035	25,646	27,638	27,603	27,363
<i>of whom</i>						
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	6,533	7,132	7,354	7,984	8,015	7,787
Basic Orphan's Pension	553	529	457	434	377	396
Guardian's Allowance	456	437	392	363	314	324
Child's Allowance	<b>17,910</b>	<b>18,629</b>	<b>18,367</b>	<b>19,515</b>	<b>19,304</b>	<b>18,443</b>
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>						
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	212	219	199	223	204	199
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	8,300	8,113	7,985	7,874	7,681	7,275
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	8,992	9,862	9,755	10,936	10,923	10,441
<i>Other</i> <sup>3/</sup>	406	435	428	482	496	528

<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 and financial year, 2002/03 - 2007/08*

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	2,918.1	3,156.9	3,486.2	4,129.0	4,459.1	4,761.8
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	584.5	610.1	639.4	687.8	722.0	778.8
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	717.6	805.5	867.2	995.3	1,061.9	1,125.9
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	14.4	14.4	14.1	14.6	14.9	20.7

<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*

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

*(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type as at 30 June, 2003 - 2008*

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries					
	June 03	June 04	June 05	June 06	June 07	June 08
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	112,966	116,047	117,319 <sup>4/</sup>	122,723	127,420	132,632
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>1/</sup>	15,158	15,870	16,114	16,637	16,900	16,412
Basic Widow's Pension	22,504	22,399	22,306	22,589	22,412	22,213
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	23,089	24,441	25,001	26,920	26,858	26,541
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	6,371	6,927	7,077	7,655	7,661	7,452
Basic Orphan's Pension	440	428	370	349	310	330
Guardian's Allowance	359	347	313	287	255	269
Child's Allowance	<b>17,422</b>	<b>18,105</b>	<b>17,840</b>	<b>18,910</b>	<b>18,660</b>	<b>17,759</b>
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>						
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	200	207	194	215	193	187
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	8,093	7,903	7,784	7,661	7,455	7,069
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	8,735	9,576	9,450	10,574	10,537	10,003
<i>Other</i> <sup>3/</sup>	394	419	412	460	475	500

<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 and financial year, 2002/03 - 2007/08*

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	2,840.9	3,073.8	3,396.7	4,011.6	4,334.3	4,620.2
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	577.4	602.7	632.0	675.9	709.3	764.8
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	701.9	787.5	845.6	968.5	1,032.0	1,092.6
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	12.2	12.3	12.2	12.7	13.1	18.0

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

*(a) No. of beneficiaries by pension type as at 30 June, 2003 - 2008*

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries					
	June 03	June 04	June 05	June 06	June 07	June 08
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	3,358	3,401	3,483 <sup>4/</sup>	3,621	3,706	3,776
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>1/</sup>	441	496	482	475	497	569
Basic Widow's Pension	357	358	366	384	398	398
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	538	594	645	718	745	822
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	162	205	277	329	354	335
Basic Orphan's Pension	113	101	87	85	67	66
Guardian's Allowance	97	90	79	76	59	55
Child's Allowance	<b>488</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>684</b>
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of</i>						
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	12	12	5	8	11	12
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	207	210	201	213	226	206
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	257	286	305	362	386	438
<i>Other</i> <sup>3/</sup>	12	16	16	22	21	28

<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 and financial year, 2002/03 - 2007/08*

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	77.2	83.2	89.5	117.4	124.8	141.6
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	7.1	7.5	7.4	11.9	12.7	14.0
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	15.7	18.0	21.6	26.8	29.9	33.3
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.7

<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

**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 as at June, 2003 - 2008*

Type of benefit	Number of beneficiaries					
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Social Aid <sup>1/</sup>	15,521	16,346	17,536	17,100	16,876	16,577
Food Aid	48,200	48,000	51,000	53,000	109,000 <sup>3/</sup>	96,000 <sup>3/</sup>
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	857	826	762	686	661	651
Inmate's Allowance	950	935	888	808	801	775
Unemployment Hardship Relief	336	402	457	440	420	372
Funeral Grant <sup>2/</sup>	1,960	2,050	2,447	2,585	2,375	2,487

<sup>1/</sup> refers to the number 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> including those paid under the Income Support Scheme for the purchase of rice & flour

*(b) Amount paid by type of benefit and financial year, Republic of Mauritius, 2002/03 - 2007/2008*

Type of benefit	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Social Aid <sup>1/</sup>	276.4	295.3	317.3	349.0	394.6	430.2
Food aid <sup>2/</sup>	18.8	17.4	16.9	30.5	75.8 <sup>3/</sup>	69.4 <sup>3/</sup>
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	28.1	29.9	31.1	31.8	33.4	34.6
Inmate's Allowance	4.8	4.7	4.9	4.8	5.2	5.3
Unemployment Hardship Relief	1.7	2.4	3.0	3.6	3.8	3.8
Funeral Grant	5.0	5.4	6.7	7.6	7.3	8.3

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

<sup>2/</sup> excludes amount spent for Rodrigues which is included in "Social aid".

<sup>3/</sup> including amount paid under Income Support Scheme



**Table 7 - Number of cases of Social Aid paid by district as at June, 2003 - 2008**

<b>District/ Island</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Port-Louis	3,160	3,551	3,949	3,552	3,444	3,397
Pamplemousses	1,662	1,751	1,941	1,900	1,983	1,765
Riviere du Rempart	1,198	1,190	1,276	1,241	1,305	1,307
Flacq	1,354	1,446	1,516	1,517	1,535	1,632
Grand-Port	1,000	993	1,043	1,088	1,135	1,161
Savanne	832	852	887	941	875	814
Plaine Wilhems	3,278	3,321	3,594	3,532	3,506	3,476
Moka	575	556	563	584	643	669
Black River	935	898	939	904	839	775
<b><i>Island of Mauritius</i></b>	<b><i>13,994</i></b>	<b><i>14,558</i></b>	<b><i>15,708</i></b>	<b><i>15,259</i></b>	<b><i>15,265</i></b>	<b><i>14,996</i></b>
<b><i>Island of Rodrigues</i></b>	<b><i>1,527</i></b>	<b><i>1,788</i></b>	<b><i>1,828</i></b>	<b><i>1,841<sup>1/</sup></i></b>	<b><i>1,611</i></b>	<b><i>1,581</i></b>
<b>Republic of Mauritius</b>	<b>15,521</b>	<b>16,346</b>	<b>17,536</b>	<b>17,100<sup>1/</sup></b>	<b>16,876</b>	<b>16,577</b>

<sup>1/</sup> revised

**Table 8 - Contribution to the National Pensions Fund (NPF), 2002/03 - 2007/2008**

	<b>2002/03</b>	<b>2003/04</b>	<b>2004/05</b>	<b>2005/06</b>	<b>2006/07</b>	<b>2007/08</b>
No. of employers <sup>1/</sup> contributing to the Fund (000)	15.1	16.3	16.5	16.8	17.0	17.6
No. of employees contributing to the Fund (000)	283.4	288.6	286.8	286.7	296.2	305.3
Amount contributed by employers and employees (Rs Mn)	1,142.2	1,256.1	1,312.9	1,446.5	1,571.9	1,712.1
Surcharge paid by employers (Rs Mn)	9.7	9.8	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.3
Size of the NPF (Rs Mn) as at end of financial year	29,435.7	34,067.3	38,189.9	43,316.7 <sup>2/</sup>	50,564.3 <sup>2/</sup>	57,096.8

<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), 2002/2003 - 2007/2008**

	2002/2003	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
No. of employers contributing to Fund ('000)	15.5	15.9	16.2	16.5	16.7	17.3
No. of employees belonging to the Fund ('000)	345.0	350.9	352.0	353.9	367.2	373.1
Amount contributed by employers (RsMn)	433.2	484.0	504.9	559.6 <sup>1/</sup>	594.5 <sup>1/</sup>	655.6
Surcharge paid by employers (RsMn)	2.9	2.1	2.0	0.2 <sup>1/</sup>	0.3 <sup>1/</sup>	0.3
No. of beneficiaries of Lump Sum:	12,107	8,693	14,206	11,720	8,255	15,221
of which Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS)	3,373	395	3,819	1,622	125	5,972
Total Lump Sum paid (RsMn)	92.3	87.0	108.6	121.7	173.2	379.8
of which VRS (RsMn)	34.3	3.8	8.2	2.9	2.6	182.5
Size of Fund (RsMn) as at end of financial year	4,485.3	5,480.5	6,398.1	7,441.1	8,767.3	9,643.3

<sup>1/</sup> revised

**Table 10(a) - Number of beneficiaries of contributory pensions as at June, Republic of Mauritius, 2003 -2008**

Pension type	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Contributory Retirement Pension	34,775	36,100	37,895	39,472	41,827	44,620
Contributory Widow's Pension <sup>1/</sup>	12,403	13,235	14,079	15,188	15,916	16,689
Contributory Invalid's Pension	4,766	5,427	5,620	6,445	6,733	6,509
Contributory Orphan's Pension	81	102	102	97	88	114
Industrial Injury Benefits	914	1,003	852	894	912	879

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

**Table 10(b) - Amount paid to beneficiaries of contributory pensions by financial year,  
Republic of Mauritius, 2002/03 - 2007/2008**

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Contributory Retirement Pension	310.6	340.8	375.9	416.5	473.4	555.6
Contributory Widow's Pension	67.1	78.1	91.5	104.0	124.2	147.8
Contributory Invalid's Pension	18.2	21.7	22.7	26.9	29.2	30.9
Contributory Orphan's Pension	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Industrial Injury Benefits <sup>1/</sup>	25.9	26.2	27.2	29.0	29.6	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, 2002/03 - 2007/08**

Contingency	Number of cases					
	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Medical treatment abroad (Air ticket only)	26	23	30	58	6	-
Personal Hardship Scheme :	275	403	869	602	388	356
- Multiple births	7	6	8	6	3	2
- Fire victims	32	22	23	17	7	5
- Natural calamities	6	10	10	1	18	-
- Tragic accidents	35	41	32	16	21	5
- Needy students	58	129	257	179	134	116
- Repatriation of mortal remains	5	2	1	-	2	1
- Destitute	66	106	328	228	75	95
- Medical case	66	87	193	140	96	98
- Centenarian	-	-	17	15	32	28
- Sale by levy (Hardship case)	-	-	-	-	-	6
Other	1	-	1	-	18	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>357</b>

**Table 11(b) - Amount disbursed by the National Solidarity Fund (NSF) by type,  
Republic of Mauritius, 2002/03 - 2007/08**

Contingency	Amount paid (Rs 000)					
	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Medical treatment abroad (Air ticket only)	278	261	355	751	80	-
Personal Hardship Scheme:	4,156	5,875	12,920	3,155	3,636	5,610
- Multiple births	102	100	190	50	31	44
- Fire victims	760	650	416	69	67	22
- Natural calamities	98	40	70	5	141	-
- Tragic accidents	881	825	486	125	295	83
- Needy students	583	1,165	3,330	791	808	1,056
- Repatriation of mortal remains	115	38	49	-	50	50
- Destitute	956	1,803	4,928	949	538	661
- Medical case	661	1,254	3,281	1,016	1,386	1,757
- Centenarian	-	-	170	150	320	280
- Sale by levy (Hardship case)	-	-	-	-	-	1,657
Other	200	-	250	-	108	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,634</b>	<b>6,136</b>	<b>13,525</b>	<b>3,906</b>	<b>3,824</b>	<b>5,710</b>

**Table 12 - Projected mid year population<sup>1/</sup> by broad age group and sex, Republic of Mauritius, 2008 - 2048**

Age-group (years)	2008			2013			2018			2023			2028		
	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
Under 15	146.3	142.1	<b>288.4</b>	141.4	136.2	<b>277.6</b>	138.9	133.6	<b>272.5</b>	140.0	134.6	<b>274.6</b>	138.4	133.1	<b>271.5</b>
15 - 59	423.9	425.1	<b>849.0</b>	432.8	436.0	<b>868.8</b>	436.4	440.5	<b>876.9</b>	431.6	435.7	<b>867.3</b>	426.3	429.0	<b>855.3</b>
60 & over	56.3	74.8	<b>131.1</b>	72.2	92.4	<b>164.6</b>	90.4	112.4	<b>202.8</b>	110.5	134.7	<b>245.2</b>	129.3	157.0	<b>286.3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>626.5</b>	<b>642.0</b>	<b>1,268.5</b>	<b>646.4</b>	<b>664.6</b>	<b>1,311.0</b>	<b>665.7</b>	<b>686.5</b>	<b>1,352.2</b>	<b>682.1</b>	<b>705.0</b>	<b>1,387.1</b>	<b>694.0</b>	<b>719.1</b>	<b>1,413.1</b>
Pensioner support ratio <sup>2/</sup>	7.5	5.7	<b>6.5</b>	6.0	4.7	<b>5.3</b>	4.8	3.9	<b>4.3</b>	3.9	3.2	<b>3.5</b>	3.3	2.7	<b>3.0</b>
Index of ageing <sup>3/</sup>	38.5	52.6	<b>45.5</b>	51.1	67.8	<b>59.3</b>	65.1	84.1	<b>74.4</b>	78.9	100.1	<b>89.3</b>	93.4	118.0	<b>105.5</b>

Age-group (years)	2033			2038			2043			2048		
	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
Under 15	134.3	129.1	<b>263.4</b>	130.2	125.3	<b>255.5</b>	127.5	122.6	<b>250.1</b>	125.9	121.0	<b>246.9</b>
15 - 59	428.0	429.1	<b>857.1</b>	424.4	422.2	<b>846.6</b>	415.8	411.1	<b>826.9</b>	413.2	407.1	<b>820.3</b>
60 & over	138.5	169.5	<b>308.0</b>	148.2	183.4	<b>331.6</b>	158.5	196.4	<b>354.9</b>	159.0	198.0	<b>357.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>700.8</b>	<b>727.7</b>	<b>1,428.5</b>	<b>702.8</b>	<b>730.9</b>	<b>1,433.7</b>	<b>701.8</b>	<b>730.1</b>	<b>1,431.9</b>	<b>698.1</b>	<b>726.1</b>	<b>1,424.2</b>
Pensioner support ratio <sup>2/</sup>	3.1	2.5	<b>2.8</b>	2.9	2.3	<b>2.6</b>	2.6	2.1	<b>2.3</b>	2.6	2.1	<b>2.3</b>
Index of ageing <sup>3/</sup>	103.1	131.3	<b>116.9</b>	113.8	146.4	<b>129.8</b>	124.3	160.2	<b>141.9</b>	126.3	163.6	<b>144.6</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, 2008 - 2048**

*(a) Projected no. of beneficiaries <sup>1/</sup> as at June, by pension type, 2008 - 2048*

Pension type	Number June 2008	Projected number of beneficiaries ('000)							
		2013	2018	2023	2028	2033	2038	2043	2048
Basic Retirement Pension	136.4	164.6	202.8	245.2	286.3	308.0	331.6	354.9	357.0
<i>of whom</i>									
<i>Severely handicapped <sup>2/</sup></i>	17.0	18.6	22.3	26.8	32.5	38.0	43.1	47.8	50.7
Basic Widow's Pension	22.6	24.7	26.3	26.9	26.4	27.8	27.6	26.1	27.0
Basic Invalid's Pension	27.4	28.7	29.6	29.8	29.3	30.0	29.8	28.8	29.0
<i>of whom</i>									
<i>Severely handicapped <sup>3/</sup></i>	7.8	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.3	8.6	8.5	8.2	8.3
Basic Orphan's Pension	0.4	0.4	0.4	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>18.4</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>15.1</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>	7.3	6.9	6.5	6.4	6.5	6.4	6.2	6.0	5.9
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	10.4	9.9	9.6	9.4	9.5	9.3	9.1	8.8	8.6
<i>Other <sup>4/</sup></i>	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	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 (Rs Mn) by pension type, 2007/2008 - 2047/2048*

Pension type	Actual amount	Estimated future costs at 2007/2008 pension rates (Rs Mn)							
		2007/08	2012/13	2017/18	2022/23	2027/28	2032/33	2037/38	2042/43
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	4,762	6,042	7,459	8,980	10,505	11,361	12,338	13,352	13,581
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	1,126	1,114	1,144	1,148	1,131	1,155	1,145	1,106	1,114
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	21	19	18	17	17	17	17	16	16

<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 2002/2003 - 2007/2008

Pension type	Amount payable (Rs)					
	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Basic Retirement Pension (BRP) :						
(60-69) years	1,700	1,790	1,900	2,200 <sup>3/</sup>	2,365	2,571
(70-89) years	1,700	1,790	2,000	2,250 <sup>4/</sup>	2,365	2,571
(90-99) years	6,400	6,735	6,850	6,900	7,035	7,647
100 years and over	7,300	7,680	7,795	7,850	7,985	8,680
Basic Widow's Pension (BWP)	1,700	1,790	1,900	2,025	2,130	2,315
Basic Invalid's Pension (BIP)	1,700	1,790	1,900	2,025	2,130	2,315
Basic Orphan's Pension (BOP)	955	1,005	1,050	1,120	1,180	
(i) Under 15 years and not in full time education	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	1,283
(ii) 3 years and up to 20 years and in full time education	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	2,360
Guardian's Allowance:(Under the National Pensions Act)	420	445	465	495	520	565
Child's Allowance:(Under the National Pensions Act)						
(0 - 9) years	555	585	615	655	690	750
(10-19) years	595	630	660	705	740	804
Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension <sup>1/</sup> :						
(60-69) years	2,905	3,060	3,230	3,615 <sup>3/</sup>	3,855	4,191
(70-89) years	2,905	3,060	3,330	3,665 <sup>4/</sup>	3,855	4,191
(90-99) years	7,605	8,005	8,180	8,315	8,525	9,267
100 years and over	8,505	8,950	9,125	9,265	9,475	10,300
Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)	1,045	1,100	1,150	1,225	1,290	1,402
Social Aid (minimum amount payable)	460	485	510	545	575	625
Income Support for purchase of rice & flour						
Food Aid	30	30	50 <sup>2/</sup>	50	85	85
Income Support (as from 1 July 2006)	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	40	40
Inmate's Allowance : (a) Charitable Institutions	295	310	325	345	365	397
(b) Brown Sequad Hospital:						
Under 60 years	425	448	475	506	535	578
(60-69) years	425	448	475	550 <sup>3/</sup>	595	643
(70-89) years	425	448	500	565 <sup>4/</sup>	595	643
(90-99) years	1,600	1,684	1,713	1,725	1,759	1,912
Unemployment Hardship Relief (Minimum)	100	120	130	140	150	163
Minimum Contributory Retirement Pension	258	271	283	305	320	348
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Indoor Relief :						
(60-69) years	90	95	100	110 <sup>3/</sup>	130	141
(70-89) years	90	95	110	120 <sup>4/</sup>	130	141
(90-99) years	265	280	295	315	335	364
100 years and over	275	290	305	325	345	375
				<b>P e r c a s e</b>		
Funeral Grant Allowance	2,480	2,610	2,730	2,900	3,045	3,310
Allowance under the National Solidarity Fund:						
Personal Hardship Scheme (Maximum)	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000

<sup>1/</sup> Inclusive of Basic Retirement Pension<sup>4/</sup> For ages (75-89) years<sup>2/</sup> As from October 2004

n.a Not applicable

<sup>3/</sup> For ages (60-74) 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 2007/2008 (flat rate) and the latest population projection based on the estimated population as at June 2008, 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 based on estimated population as at 30 June 2008.
- ❖ The proportion of beneficiaries of BRP who are severely handicapped (BRP/SH) by age group and sex in 2008 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 2008 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 2008 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 2008 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 2008 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 2008.
- ❖ The proportion of children receiving Child's Allowance (BIP cases) by age group and sex in 2008 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 2008 has been assumed to remain constant in the future.
- ❖ The proportions of children receiving Basic Orphan's Pension (BOP) who attended full time education and those not attending full time education by age group and sex have been assumed to be the same as in June 2008
- ❖ The proportion of Basic Orphan's Pension beneficiaries per guardian has been assumed to remain the same as in 2008.