

SOCIAL SECURITY STATISTICS

2003/2004 – 2008/2009

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 2003 to June 2009. 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 2008/2009 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 1,233,386 in 2004 to 1,275,032 in 2009, representing an average annual increase of about 0.7%. During that period, the child population aged below 15 years decreased from 306,394 to 282,798. As a percentage of the total population, it decreased from 24.8% to 22.2%. However, the elderly population aged 60 years and over grew from 115,701 (9.4% of total) to 136,096 (10.7% of total).

It should be pointed out that these estimates of the elderly population, computed by the Central Statistics Office on the basis of the 2000 Population Census differ from the number of persons reported by the Ministry of Social Security as drawing the old-age pension (119,448 in June 2004 and 141,582 in June 2009 (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 woman 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 63.4% from Rs 8,851.9 million in 2003/2004 to Rs 14,465.0 million in 2008/2009, representing respectively 20.8% and 21.7% of total government expenditure. However, these expenses remained at a level of 5.3% of the Gross Domestic Product during these 2 periods.

Figure 1 - Components of Government expenditure on social security and welfare, 2008/09

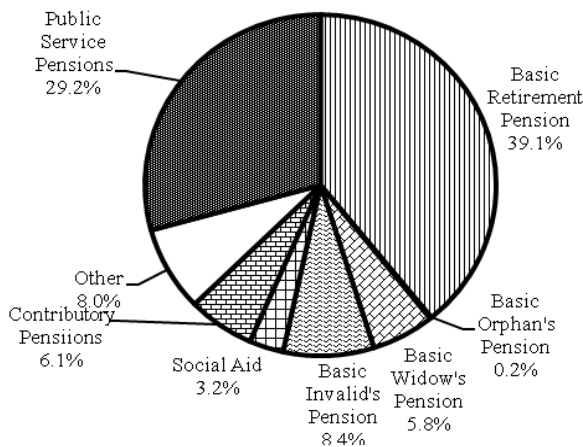


Figure 1 shows the share of each component of government expenditure on Social Security and Welfare. It is observed that the main components were the Basic Retirement Pension with a share of 39.1 %, followed by Public Service Pensions, 29.2%. It is to be noted that as from year 2008/09, National Assembly Retirement Allowance has been included in “Public Service Pensions”.

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 18.5 %, from 119,448 (116,047 in the Island of Mauritius and 3,401 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2004 to 141,582 (137,762 in the Island of Mauritius and 3,820 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2009.

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 slightly from 16,366 in June 2004 to 16,463 in June 2009 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 3,156.9 million in 2003/2004 to Rs 5,659.1 million in 2008/2009, showing an increase of about 79.3% 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 2009, the number of beneficiaries of such pension decreased by about 0.7%, from 22,757 (22,399 in the Island of Mauritius and 358 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2004 to 22,596 (22,183 in the Island of Mauritius and 413 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2009.

On the other hand, government expenditure on Basic Widow's Pension, which was Rs 610.1 million in 2003/2004, rose by 37.7 % to reach Rs 840.3 million in 2008/2009.

(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 25,035 (24,441 in the Island of Mauritius and 594 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2004 to reach 27,169 (26,324 in the Island of Mauritius and 845 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2009, showing an increase of 8.5%.

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 2009, 7,517 pensioners benefited from this allowance in the Republic of Mauritius, compared to 7,132 in June 2004, showing an increase of 5.4%.

The total amount spent on Basic Invalid's Pension (inclusive of Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance) jumped from Rs 805.5 million in 2003/2004 to reach Rs 1,208.7 million in 2008/2009, representing a rise of about 50.1% during that five-year 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 529 in June 2004 to 353 in June 2009. A similar trend was noted in the Island of Mauritius (from 428 to 305) and in the Island of Rodrigues (from 101 to 48) during that period. Consequently, the total number of guardians declined from 437 to 299 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 2003/2004 to Rs 22.0 million in 2008/2009. This was due to increases in the rates payable every year, especially when orphans attending full-time education benefited a much higher allowance than those not attending full-time education as from 1 July 2007.

(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 (e.g. when the widowed mother got married). The total number of children benefiting from Child's allowance decreased slightly from 18,629 in June 2004 (18,105 for the Island of Mauritius and 524 for the Island of Rodrigues) to 18,144 in June 2009 (17,463 for the Island of Mauritius and 681 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 5.1% from 16,346 in June 2004 to 17,180 in June 2009. In the Island of Mauritius, the number of such beneficiaries rose from 14,558 to 15,610 whilst in the Island of Rodrigues it decreased from 1,788 to 1,570 during that period.

The total amount paid to beneficiaries of Social Aid increased from Rs 295.3 million in 2003/2004 to Rs 457.2 million in 2008/2009, showing a big increase of 54.8%.

(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, then to Rs 85 as from 1 July 2006 and later to Rs100 as from 1 July 2008.

In addition, as from 1 July 2006 with the government discontinuation of subsidy on rice and flour, an Income Support Scheme was introduced whereby a monthly 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.

This allowance also increased to Rs 100 as from 1 July 2008.

The total number of persons who were granted Food Aid including those under the Income Support Scheme was around 86,000 in June 2009 and the total amount paid in 2008/2009 was Rs 108.7 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 826 in June 2004 to 677 in June 2009. However, the amount paid under that scheme has increased from Rs 29.9 million in 2003/2004 to Rs 41.1 million in 2008/2009, showing an increase of 37.5%.

(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 2009, 715 persons received such allowance as compared to 935 in June 2004 representing a decrease of 23.5%. However, due to increases in the rates paid, the amount spent under this item increased by 6.4% from Rs 4.7 million in 2003/2004 to Rs 5.0 million in 2008/2009.

(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

- (i) Registered as unemployed at the Employment Exchange,
- (ii) Be willing and able to take up employment and
- (iii) 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 decreased by 9.5%, from 402 in June 2004 to 364 in June 2009 whilst the amount paid to these beneficiaries rose from Rs 2.4 million to Rs 3.0 million showing an increase of 25.0%.

(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 2,050 during the period 2003/2004 to 3,118 in 2008/2009. At the same time, the amount disbursed more than doubled, increasing from Rs 5.4 million to Rs 10.9 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 900 for household employees and Rs 1,440 for other employees during the financial year 2008/2009. During that period, as from a monthly remuneration of Rs 9,435 a flat contribution is applicable for both categories.

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

In 2008/2009, there were about 18,000 employers who have contributed to the NPF in respect of their employees compared to 16,300 in 2003/2004. The contributions received, exclusive of surcharge increased by 52.1%, from Rs 1,256.1 million in 2003/2004 to reach Rs1,910.2 million in 2008/2009. Total net assets of the National Pension Fund jumped by 80.2 % rising from Rs 34,067.3 million at the end of June 2004 to Rs 61,400.0 million in June 2009.

(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 were payable at the rate of 2.5 % by employers. As from February 2009, following the proclamation of the Employment Rights Act, the contribution increased to 3.5%, comprising of 2.5% from employers and 1% from employees of the Private Sector and those of parastatal bodies. This additional 1% contribution is being used to pay part of the Transitory Unemployment Benefit (TUB) to lay-off workers. As at end of June 2009, the Ministry has paid Rs 19.3 million to some 1,034 beneficiaries of this new Scheme.

The number of employees belonging to the Fund rose from about 350,900 in 2003/2004 to 361,900 in 2008/2009, showing an increase of 3.1 % during that period. At the same time the total contribution received exclusive of surcharge rose by 62.6 %, from Rs 484.0 million in 2003/2004 to Rs 786.8 million in 2008/2009.

(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 36,100 in June 2004 to reach 47,579 in June 2009, showing a rise of 32.0%. Consequently, an increase of 88.9% was noted in the amount spent rising from Rs 340.8 million to Rs 643.7 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 35.1%, rising from 13,235 in June 2004 to 17,884 in June 2009. The amount paid thus went up from Rs 78.1 million in 2003/2004 to Rs 179.4 million in 2008/2009, showing an increase of 129.7%.

(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 24.0%, from 5,427 in June 2004 to 6,731 in June 2009. The amount paid increased by 47.9% from Rs 21.7 million in 2003/2004 to Rs 32.1 million in 2008/2009.

(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 2004 to June 2009, the number of orphans benefiting from this pension rose from 102 to 117, whilst the amount disbursed for the year 2003/2004 remained at nearly the same amount of Rs 0.2 million in 2008/2009.

(v) Industrial Injury Benefits

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

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

The number of cases of Industrial Injury decreased from 1003 in June 2004 to 871 in June 2009 but the total amount paid rose by 21.0% rising from Rs 26.2 million for the financial year 2003/2004 to Rs 31.7 million in 2008/2009.

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 2008/2009, the National Solidarity Fund assisted 722 cases compared to only 426 in 2003/2004. During that period, the amount spent more than doubled rising from Rs 6.1 million to Rs12.8 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.

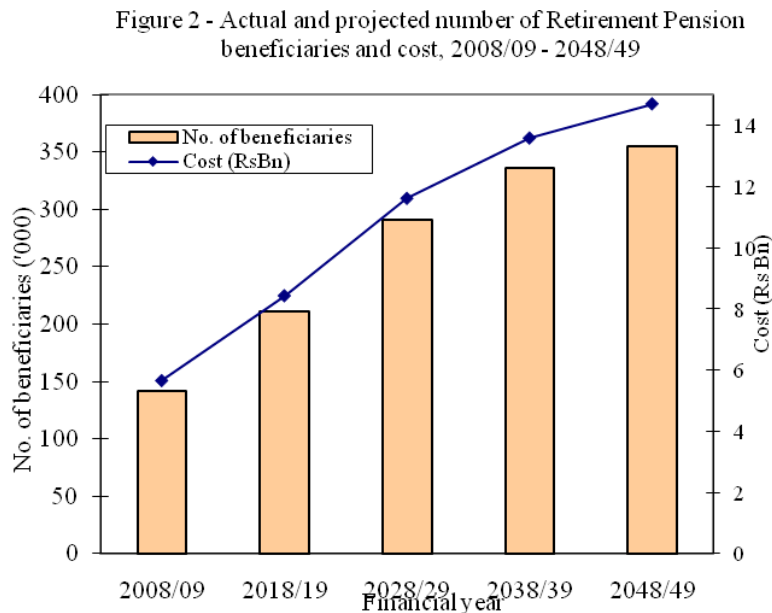
As at midyear 2009, the population aged 60 years and over was estimated at around 136,100; that in the working age group 15-59 years 856,100 and the child population aged less than 15 years at 282,800. The pensioner support ratio, defined as the number of persons of working age (15-59 years) per old age pensioner (aged 60 years and over) was 6.3. The index of ageing defined as the number of persons aged 60 years and over per 100 children aged less than 15 years was 48.1. In 2049, the pensioner support ratio is expected to fall to about 2.3 whilst the index of ageing would increase to 144.9.

The number of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension is expected to reach 355,000 in 2049, of which about 47,800 would suffer from severe disability. The corresponding figures for 2009 were 141,582 and 16,463.

There were 22,596 beneficiaries of Basic Widow's Pension in June 2009. This is expected to grow to about 26,100 in the next four decades. During that time, the number of beneficiaries of Basic Invalid's Pension would increase from 27,169 to around 28,100.

Based on rates applicable in 2008/09, 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 5,659.1 million in 2008/2009 to Rs 14,695 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 are expected to reach Rs 2,109 million within the next forty years compared to Rs 2,071.0 million in 2008/2009.

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Table 1 - Estimated mid year population^{1/} by sex, Republic of Mauritius, Island of Mauritius & Island of Rodrigues, 2004 & 2009

| Year | Both sexes | Male | Female |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------|---------|
| 2004 | | | |
| Republic of Mauritius | 1,233,386 | 610,108 | 623,278 |
| Island of Mauritius | 1,196,696 | 591,951 | 604,745 |
| Island of Rodrigues | 36,690 | 18,157 | 18,533 |
| 2009 | | | |
| Republic of Mauritius | 1,275,032 | 629,157 | 645,875 |
| Island of Mauritius | 1,237,283 | 610,486 | 626,797 |
| Island of Rodrigues | 37,749 | 18,671 | 19,078 |

Table 2 - Estimated mid year population^{1/} by age-group & sex, Republic of Mauritius, 2004 & 2009

| Age-group (years) | 2004 | | | 2009 | | |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Both sexes | Male | Female | Both sexes | Male | Female |
| Under 15 | 306,394 | 155,393 | 151,001 | 282,798 | 143,484 | 139,314 |
| 0 - 4 | 97,648 | 49,702 | 47,946 | 85,671 | 43,510 | 42,161 |
| 5 - 9 | 99,797 | 50,440 | 49,357 | 97,442 | 49,593 | 47,849 |
| 10 - 14 | 108,949 | 55,251 | 53,698 | 99,685 | 50,381 | 49,304 |
| 15 - 59 | 811,291 | 404,956 | 406,335 | 856,138 | 427,214 | 428,924 |
| 15 - 19 | 94,963 | 48,008 | 46,955 | 108,727 | 55,121 | 53,606 |
| 20 - 24 | 107,584 | 54,276 | 53,308 | 94,489 | 47,738 | 46,751 |
| 25 - 29 | 106,753 | 52,798 | 53,955 | 106,742 | 53,776 | 52,966 |
| 30 - 34 | 92,847 | 46,256 | 46,591 | 105,780 | 52,192 | 53,588 |
| 35 - 39 | 99,909 | 49,955 | 49,954 | 91,785 | 45,582 | 46,203 |
| 40 - 44 | 98,979 | 49,907 | 49,072 | 98,374 | 48,939 | 49,435 |
| 45 - 49 | 85,477 | 42,880 | 42,597 | 96,860 | 48,409 | 48,451 |
| 50 - 54 | 74,229 | 36,847 | 37,382 | 82,706 | 40,967 | 41,739 |
| 55 - 59 | 50,550 | 24,029 | 26,521 | 70,675 | 34,490 | 36,185 |
| 60 & Over | 115,701 | 49,759 | 65,942 | 136,096 | 58,459 | 77,637 |
| 60 - 64 | 35,201 | 16,375 | 18,826 | 46,841 | 21,743 | 25,098 |
| 65 - 69 | 28,565 | 12,714 | 15,851 | 31,336 | 14,065 | 17,271 |
| 70 - 74 | 20,769 | 9,035 | 11,734 | 24,099 | 10,148 | 13,951 |
| 75 - 79 | 16,557 | 6,675 | 9,882 | 16,025 | 6,432 | 9,593 |
| 80 - 84 | 9,207 | 3,408 | 5,799 | 11,112 | 4,039 | 7,073 |
| 85 + | 5,402 | 1,552 | 3,850 | 6,683 | 2,032 | 4,651 |
| Total | 1,233,386 | 610,108 | 623,278 | 1,275,032 | 629,157 | 645,875 |

^{1/} 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 |
| 15 - 59 | 21,719 | 386,943 | 5.6 |
| 60 & over | 36,590 | 60,948 | 60.0 |
| 15 & over | 58,309 | 447,891 | 13.0 |

**Table 4 - Government Expenditure on Social Security & Welfare - Republic of Mauritius,
2003/04 - 2008/09**

| Government expenditure on Social Security & Welfare | 2003/04 | 2004/05 | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 ^{1/} | 2008/09 ^{2/} |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Amount Rs(Mn) ^{3/} | 8,851.9 | 9,681.9 | 11,394.8 | 12,354.2 | 12,826.7 | 14,465.0 |
| % of total government expenditure | 20.8 | 22.1 | 23.3 | 24.2 | 22.8 | 21.7 |
| % of GDP at market prices | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.3 |

^{1/} revised

^{2/} provisional

^{3/} Including also amount spent under "Welfare" and paid by other Ministries

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, 2004 - 2009

| Pension type | No. of beneficiaries | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| | June 04 | June 05 | June 06 | June 07 | June 08 | June 09 |
| Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) | 119,448 | 120,802 ^{4/} | 126,344 | 131,126 | 136,408 | 141,582 |
| <i>of whom</i> | | | | | | |
| <i>Severely handicapped</i> ^{1/} | 16,366 | 16,596 | 17,112 | 17,397 | 16,981 | 16,463 |
| Basic Widow's Pension | 22,757 | 22,672 | 22,973 | 22,810 | 22,611 | 22,596 |
| Basic Invalid's Pension | 25,035 | 25,646 | 27,638 | 27,603 | 27,363 | 27,169 |
| <i>of whom</i> | | | | | | |
| <i>Severely handicapped</i> ^{2/} | 7,132 | 7,354 | 7,984 | 8,015 | 7,787 | 7,517 |
| Basic Orphan's Pension | 529 | 457 | 434 | 377 | 396 | 353 |
| Guardian's Allowance | 437 | 392 | 363 | 314 | 324 | 299 |
| Child's Allowance | 18,629 | 18,367 | 19,515 | 19,304 | 18,451 ^{5/} | 18,144 |
| <i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i> | | | | | | |
| <i>Basic Retirement Pension</i> | 219 | 199 | 223 | 204 | 199 | 214 |
| <i>Basic Widow's Pension</i> | 8,113 | 7,985 | 7,874 | 7,681 | 7,275 | 7,110 |
| <i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i> | 9,862 | 9,755 | 10,936 | 10,923 | 10,441 | 10,310 |
| <i>Other</i> ^{3/} | 435 | 428 | 482 | 496 | 536 ^{5/} | 510 |

^{1/} drawing the Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension

^{2/} drawing Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)

^{3/} these are children who were previously children of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension

^{4/} not paid on a universal basis from December 2004 to June 2005

^{5/} revised

(b) Amount paid by pension type and financial year, 2003/04 - 2008/09

| Pension type | Amount paid (Rs million) | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| | 2003/04 | 2004/05 | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2008/09 ^{2/} |
| Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance) | 3,156.9 | 3,486.2 | 4,129.0 | 4,459.1 | 4,761.8 | 5,659.1 |
| Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance) | 610.1 | 639.4 | 687.8 | 722.0 | 778.8 | 840.3 |
| Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance) | 805.5 | 867.2 | 995.3 | 1,061.9 | 1,125.9 | 1,208.7 |
| Basic Orphan's Pension ^{1/} (including Guardian's Allowance) | 14.4 | 14.1 | 14.6 | 14.9 | 20.7 | 22.0 |

^{1/} 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

^{2/} provisional

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, 2004 - 2009

| Pension type | Number of beneficiaries | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| | June 04 | June 05 | June 06 | June 07 | June 08 | June 09 |
| Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i> | 116,047 | 117,319 ^{4/} | 122,723 | 127,420 | 132,632 | 137,762 |
| <i>Severely handicapped</i> ^{1/} | 15,870 | 16,114 | 16,637 | 16,900 | 16,412 | 15,915 |
| Basic Widow's Pension | 22,399 | 22,306 | 22,589 | 22,412 | 22,213 | 22,183 |
| Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i> | 24,441 | 25,001 | 26,920 | 26,858 | 26,541 | 26,324 |
| <i>Severely handicapped</i> ^{2/} | 6,927 | 7,077 | 7,655 | 7,661 | 7,452 | 7,237 |
| Basic Orphan's Pension | 428 | 370 | 349 | 310 | 330 | 305 |
| Guardian's Allowance | 347 | 313 | 287 | 255 | 269 | 260 |
| Child's Allowance | 18,105 | 17,840 | 18,910 | 18,660 | 17,767 ^{5/} | 17,463 |
| <i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i> | | | | | | |
| <i>Basic Retirement Pension</i> | 207 | 194 | 215 | 193 | 187 | 204 |
| <i>Basic Widow's Pension</i> | 7,903 | 7,784 | 7,661 | 7,455 | 7,069 | 6,923 |
| <i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i> | 9,576 | 9,450 | 10,574 | 10,537 | 10,003 | 9,854 |
| <i>Other</i> ^{3/} | 419 | 412 | 460 | 475 | 508 ^{5/} | 482 |

^{1/} *drawing the Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension*

^{2/} *drawing Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)*

^{3/} *these are children who were previously children of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension*

^{4/} *not paid on a universal basis from December 2004 to June 2005*

^{5/} *revised*

(b) Amount paid by pension type and financial year, 2003/04 - 2008/09

| Pension type | Amount paid (Rs million) | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| | 2003/04 | 2004/05 | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2008/09 ^{2/} |
| Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance) | 3,073.8 | 3,396.7 | 4,011.6 | 4,334.3 | 4,620.2 | 5,499.5 |
| Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance) | 602.7 | 632.0 | 675.9 | 709.3 | 764.8 | 824.1 |
| Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance) | 787.5 | 845.6 | 968.5 | 1,032.0 | 1,092.6 | 1,167.2 |
| Basic Orphan's Pension ^{1/} (including Guardian's Allowance) | 12.3 | 12.2 | 12.7 | 13.1 | 18.0 | 19.5 |

^{1/} *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*

^{2/} *provisional*

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, 2004 - 2009

| Pension type | Number of beneficiaries | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | June 04 | June 05 | June 06 | June 07 | June 08 | June 09 |
| Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i> | 3,401 | 3,483 ^{4/} | 3,621 | 3,706 | 3,776 | 3,820 |
| <i>Severely handicapped</i> ^{1/} | 496 | 482 | 475 | 497 | 569 | 548 |
| Basic Widow's Pension | 358 | 366 | 384 | 398 | 398 | 413 |
| Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i> | 594 | 645 | 718 | 745 | 822 | 845 |
| <i>Severely handicapped</i> ^{2/} | 205 | 277 | 329 | 354 | 335 | 280 |
| Basic Orphan's Pension | 101 | 87 | 85 | 67 | 66 | 48 |
| Guardian's Allowance | 90 | 79 | 76 | 59 | 55 | 39 |
| Child's Allowance | 524 | 527 | 605 | 644 | 684 | 681 |
| <i>of whom children of beneficiaries of</i> | | | | | | |
| <i>Basic Retirement Pension</i> | 12 | 5 | 8 | 11 | 12 | 10 |
| <i>Basic Widow's Pension</i> | 210 | 201 | 213 | 226 | 206 | 187 |
| <i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i> | 286 | 305 | 362 | 386 | 438 | 456 |
| <i>Other</i> ^{3/} | 16 | 16 | 22 | 21 | 28 | 28 |

^{1/} drawing the Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension

^{2/} drawing Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)

^{3/} these are children who were previously children of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension

^{4/} 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) | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| | 2003/04 | 2004/05 | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2008/09 ^{2/} |
| Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance) | 83.2 | 89.5 | 117.4 | 124.8 | 141.6 | 159.6 |
| Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance) | 7.5 | 7.4 | 11.9 | 12.7 | 14.0 | 16.2 |
| Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance) | 18.0 | 21.6 | 26.8 | 29.9 | 33.3 | 41.5 |
| Basic Orphan's Pension ^{1/} (including Guardian's Allowance) | 2.1 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 2.7 | 2.5 |

^{1/} 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

^{2/} provisional

**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, 2004 - 2009

| Type of benefit | Number of beneficiaries | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|-------------------|
| | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Social Aid ^{1/} | 16,346 | 17,536 | 17,100 | 16,876 | 16,577 | 17,180 |
| Food Aid ^{2/} | 48,000 | 51,000 | 53,000 | 109,000 | 96,000 | 86,000 |
| Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant) | 826 | 762 | 686 | 661 | 651 | 677 |
| Inmate's Allowance | 935 | 888 | 808 | 801 | 775 | 715 ^{4/} |
| Unemployment Hardship Relief | 402 | 457 | 440 | 420 | 372 | 364 |
| Funeral Grant ^{3/} | 2,050 | 2,447 | 2,585 | 2,375 | 2,487 | 3,118 |

^{1/} refers to the number of cases who benefit from Social Aid for themselves and for members of their family.

^{2/} including those paid under the Income Support Scheme effective as from 1 July 2006

^{3/} refers to the number of payments during the financial year

^{4/} provisional

(b) Amount paid by type of benefit and financial year, Republic of Mauritius, 2003/04 - 2008/2009

| Type of benefit | Amount paid (Rs million) | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| | 2003/04 | 2004/05 | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2008/09 |
| Social Aid ^{1/} | 295.3 | 317.3 | 349.0 | 394.6 | 430.2 | 457.2 |
| Food aid ^{2/} | 17.4 | 16.9 | 30.5 | 75.8 ^{3/} | 69.4 ^{3/} | 108.7 ^{3/} |
| Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant) | 29.9 | 31.1 | 31.8 | 33.4 | 34.6 | 41.1 |
| Inmate's Allowance | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.0 ^{4/} |
| Unemployment Hardship Relief | 2.4 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.0 |
| Funeral Grant | 5.4 | 6.7 | 7.6 | 7.3 | 8.3 | 10.9 |

^{1/} includes also amount paid on (i) subsidy on HSC and SC examination fees

(ii) assistance to professional fishermen and food aid in Rodrigues.

^{2/} excludes amount spent for Rodrigues which is included in "Social aid".

^{3/} including amount paid under Income Support Scheme

^{4/} provisional

Table 7 - Number of cases of Social Aid paid by district as at June, 2004 - 2009

| District/ Island | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Port-Louis | 3,551 | 3,949 | 3,552 | 3,444 | 3,397 | 3,575 |
| Pamplemousses | 1,751 | 1,941 | 1,900 | 1,983 | 1,765 | 1,898 |
| Riviere du Rempart | 1,190 | 1,276 | 1,241 | 1,305 | 1,307 | 1,318 |
| Flacq | 1,446 | 1,516 | 1,517 | 1,535 | 1,632 | 1,690 |
| Grand-Port | 993 | 1,043 | 1,088 | 1,135 | 1,161 | 1,224 |
| Savanne | 852 | 887 | 941 | 875 | 814 | 789 |
| Plaine Wilhems | 3,321 | 3,594 | 3,532 | 3,506 | 3,476 | 3,555 |
| Moka | 556 | 563 | 584 | 643 | 669 | 699 |
| Black River | 898 | 939 | 904 | 839 | 775 | 862 |
| <i>Island of Mauritius</i> | <i>14,558</i> | <i>15,708</i> | <i>15,259</i> | <i>15,265</i> | <i>14,996</i> | <i>15,610</i> |
| <i>Island of Rodrigues</i> | <i>1,788</i> | <i>1,828</i> | <i>1,841</i> | <i>1,611</i> | <i>1,581</i> | <i>1,570</i> |
| Republic of Mauritius | 16,346 | 17,536 | 17,100 | 16,876 | 16,577 | 17,180 |

Table 8 - Contribution to the National Pensions Fund (NPF), 2003/04 - 2008/2009

| | 2003/04 | 2004/05 | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2008/09^{2/} |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| No. of employers ^{1/} contributing to the Fund (000) | 16.3 | 16.5 | 16.8 | 17.0 | 17.6 | 18.0 |
| No. of employees contributing to the Fund (000) | 288.6 | 286.8 | 286.7 | 296.2 | 305.3 | 296.2 |
| Amount contributed by employers and employees (Rs Mn) | 1,256.1 | 1,312.9 | 1,446.5 | 1,571.9 | 1,712.1 | 1,910.2 |
| Surcharge paid by employers (Rs Mn) | 9.8 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Size of the NPF (Rs Mn) as at end of financial year | 34,067.3 | 38,189.9 | 43,316.7 | 50,564.3 | 57,096.8 | 61,400.0 |

^{1/} including the self employed and those who have contributed at least once during the financial year

^{2/} provisional

Table 9 - Contribution to the National Savings Fund (NSF), 2003/2004 - 2008/2009

| | 2003/2004 | 2004/2005 | 2005/2006 | 2006/2007 | 2007/2008 | 2008/2009 ^{1/} |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|
| No. of employers contributing to Fund ('000) | 15.9 | 16.2 | 16.5 | 16.7 | 17.3 | 17.8 |
| No. of employees belonging to the Fund ('000) | 350.9 | 352.0 | 353.9 | 367.2 | 373.1 | 361.9 |
| Amount contributed by employers (RsMn) ^{2/} | 484.0 | 504.9 | 559.6 | 594.5 | 655.6 | 786.8 |
| Surcharge paid by employers (RsMn) | 2.1 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| No. of beneficiaries of Lump Sum: | 8,693 | 14,206 | 11,720 | 8,255 | 15,221 | 12,792 |
| of which Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) | 395 | 3,819 | 1,622 | 125 | 5,972 | 849 |
| Total Lump Sum paid (RsMn) | 87.0 | 108.6 | 121.7 | 173.2 | 379.8 | 210.7 |
| of which VRS (RsMn) | 3.8 | 8.2 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 182.5 | 28.3 |
| Size of Fund (RsMn) as at end of financial year | 5,480.5 | 6,398.1 | 7,441.1 | 8,767.3 | 9,643.3 | 10,640.0 |

^{1/} provisional

^{2/} as from February 2009, employees also contributed 1%

Table 10(a) - Number of beneficiaries of contributory pensions as at June, Republic of Mauritius, 2004 - 2009

| Pension type | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Contributory Retirement Pension | 36,100 | 37,895 | 39,472 | 41,827 | 44,620 | 47,579 |
| Contributory Widow's Pension ^{1/} | 13,235 | 14,079 | 15,188 | 15,920 | 16,689 | 17,884 |
| Contributory Invalid's Pension | 5,427 | 5,620 | 6,445 | 6,733 | 6,509 | 6,731 |
| Contributory Orphan's Pension | 102 | 102 | 97 | 88 | 114 | 117 |
| Industrial Injury Benefits | 1,003 | 852 | 894 | 912 | 879 | 871 |

^{1/} including widows of all ages

Table 10(b) - Amount paid to beneficiaries of contributory pensions by financial year, Republic of Mauritius, 2003/04 - 2008/2009

| Pension type | Amount paid (Rs million) | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| | 2003/04 | 2004/05 | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2008/09 ^{2/} |
| Contributory Retirement Pension | 340.8 | 375.9 | 416.5 | 473.4 | 555.6 | 643.7 |
| Contributory Widow's Pension | 78.1 | 91.5 | 104.0 | 124.2 | 147.8 | 179.4 |
| Contributory Invalid's Pension | 21.7 | 22.7 | 26.9 | 29.2 | 30.9 | 32.1 |
| Contributory Orphan's Pension | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Industrial Injury Benefits ^{1/} | 26.2 | 27.2 | 29.0 | 29.6 | 29.6 | 31.7 |

^{1/} including lump sum

^{2/} provisional

**Table 11(a) - No. of cases receiving assistance from the National Solidarity Fund (NSF) by type,
Republic of Mauritius, 2003/04 - 2008/09**

| Contingency | Number of cases | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2003/04 | 2004/05 | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2008/09 |
| Medical treatment abroad (Air ticket only) | 23 | 30 | 58 | 6 | - | - |
| Personal Hardship Scheme : | 403 | 869 | 602 | 388 | 356 | 720 |
| - <i>Multiple births</i> | 6 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| - <i>Fire victims</i> | 22 | 23 | 17 | 7 | 5 | 15 |
| - <i>Natural calamities</i> | 10 | 10 | 1 | 18 | - | 19 |
| - <i>Tragic accidents</i> | 41 | 32 | 16 | 21 | 5 | 19 |
| - <i>Needy students</i> | 129 | 257 | 179 | 134 | 116 | 252 |
| - <i>Repatriation of mortal remains</i> | 2 | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| - <i>Destitute</i> | 106 | 328 | 228 | 75 | 95 | 158 |
| - <i>Medical case</i> | 87 | 193 | 140 | 96 | 98 | 212 |
| - <i>Centenarian</i> | - | 17 | 15 | 32 | 28 | 29 |
| - <i>Sale by levy (Hardship case)</i> | - | - | - | - | 6 | 10 |
| Other | - | 1 | - | 18 | 1 | 2 |
| Total | 426 | 900 | 660 | 412 | 357 | 722 |

**Table 11(b) - Amount disbursed by the National Solidarity Fund (NSF) by type,
Republic of Mauritius, 2003/04 - 2008/09**

| Contingency | Amount paid (Rs 000) | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | 2003/04 | 2004/05 | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2008/09 |
| Medical treatment abroad (Air ticket only) | 261 | 355 | 751 | 80 | - | - |
| Personal Hardship Scheme: | 5,875 | 12,920 | 3,155 | 3,636 | 5,610 | 12,748 |
| - <i>Multiple births</i> | 100 | 190 | 50 | 31 | 44 | 20 |
| - <i>Fire victims</i> | 650 | 416 | 69 | 67 | 22 | 106 |
| - <i>Natural calamities</i> | 40 | 70 | 5 | 141 | - | 84 |
| - <i>Tragic accidents</i> | 825 | 486 | 125 | 295 | 83 | 339 |
| - <i>Needy students</i> | 1,165 | 3,330 | 791 | 808 | 1,056 | 2,296 |
| - <i>Repatriation of mortal remains</i> | 38 | 49 | - | 50 | 50 | 145 |
| - <i>Destitute</i> | 1,803 | 4,928 | 949 | 538 | 661 | 1,097 |
| - <i>Medical case</i> | 1,254 | 3,281 | 1,016 | 1,386 | 1,757 | 3,951 |
| - <i>Centenarian</i> | - | 170 | 150 | 320 | 280 | 290 |
| - <i>Sale by levy (Hardship case)</i> | - | - | - | - | 1,657 | 4,420 |
| Other | - | 250 | - | 108 | 100 | 20 |
| Total | 6,136 | 13,525 | 3,906 | 3,824 | 5,710 | 12,768 |

Table 12 - Projected mid year population^{1/} by broad age group and sex, Republic of Mauritius, 2009 - 2049

| Age-group (years) | 2009 | | | 2014 | | | 2019 | | | 2024 | | | 2029 | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| | Male | Female | Both sexes | Male | Female | Both sexes | Male | Female | Both sexes | Male | Female | Both sexes | Male | Female | Both sexes |
| Under 15 | 143.5 | 139.3 | 282.8 | 139.3 | 134.5 | 273.8 | 136.7 | 132.1 | 268.8 | 139.3 | 134.3 | 273.6 | 137.3 | 132.3 | 269.6 |
| 15 - 59 | 427.2 | 428.9 | 856.1 | 433.7 | 437.4 | 871.1 | 435.9 | 440.5 | 876.4 | 427.7 | 432.8 | 860.5 | 423.7 | 427.5 | 851.2 |
| 60 & over | 58.5 | 77.6 | 136.1 | 75.5 | 96.4 | 171.9 | 94.4 | 116.9 | 211.3 | 115.3 | 139.8 | 255.1 | 131.9 | 159.2 | 291.1 |
| Total | 629.2 | 645.8 | 1,275.0 | 648.5 | 668.3 | 1,316.8 | 667.0 | 689.5 | 1,356.5 | 682.3 | 706.9 | 1,389.2 | 692.9 | 719.0 | 1,411.9 |
| Pensioner support ratio ^{2/} | 7.3 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 2.9 |
| Index of ageing ^{3/} | 40.8 | 55.7 | 48.1 | 54.2 | 71.7 | 62.8 | 69.1 | 88.5 | 78.6 | 82.8 | 104.1 | 93.2 | 96.1 | 120.3 | 108.0 |

| Age-group (years) | 2034 | | | 2039 | | | 2044 | | | 2049 | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| | Male | Female | Both sexes | Male | Female | Both sexes | Male | Female | Both sexes | Male | Female | Both sexes |
| Under 15 | 132.7 | 128.0 | 260.7 | 128.6 | 123.9 | 252.5 | 126.0 | 121.5 | 247.5 | 124.7 | 120.3 | 245.0 |
| 15 - 59 | 424.7 | 426.3 | 851.0 | 419.6 | 417.8 | 837.4 | 411.9 | 408.4 | 820.3 | 408.4 | 403.3 | 811.7 |
| 60 & over | 141.0 | 170.5 | 311.5 | 151.4 | 184.2 | 335.6 | 160.0 | 193.4 | 353.4 | 161.0 | 194.0 | 355.0 |
| Total | 698.4 | 724.8 | 1,423.2 | 699.6 | 725.9 | 1,425.5 | 697.9 | 723.3 | 1,421.2 | 694.1 | 717.6 | 1,411.7 |
| Pensioner support ratio ^{2/} | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 2.3 |
| Index of ageing ^{3/} | 106.3 | 133.2 | 119.5 | 117.7 | 148.7 | 132.9 | 127.0 | 159.2 | 142.8 | 129.1 | 161.3 | 144.9 |

^{1/} In thousands

^{2/} Number of persons of working age (15-59 years) per old-age pensioner (aged 60 years and over).

^{3/} 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, 2009 - 2049**

(a) Projected no. of beneficiaries^{1/} as at June, by pension type, 2009 - 2049

| Pension type | Number June 2009 | Projected number of beneficiaries ('000) | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | 2014 | 2019 | 2024 | 2029 | 2034 | 2039 | 2044 | 2049 |
| Basic Retirement Pension | 141.6 | 171.9 | 211.3 | 255.1 | 291.1 | 311.5 | 335.6 | 353.4 | 355.0 |
| <i>of whom</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Severely handicapped^{2/}</i> | 16.5 | 18.0 | 21.7 | 26.3 | 31.5 | 36.7 | 41.4 | 45.5 | 47.8 |
| Basic Widow's Pension | 22.6 | 24.4 | 25.9 | 26.0 | 26.0 | 27.1 | 26.4 | 25.4 | 26.1 |
| Basic Invalid's Pension | 27.2 | 28.3 | 29.1 | 28.9 | 28.7 | 29.3 | 28.8 | 28.0 | 28.1 |
| <i>of whom</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Severely handicapped^{3/}</i> | 7.5 | 7.9 | 8.1 | 8.0 | 7.9 | 8.1 | 8.0 | 7.8 | 7.8 |
| Basic Orphan's Pension | 0.4 | 0.3 | 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 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Child's Allowance | 18.1 | 17.1 | 16.4 | 16.1 | 16.4 | 16.2 | 15.6 | 15.2 | 14.8 |
| <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> | 7.1 | 6.7 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 5.9 | 5.7 |
| <i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i> | 10.3 | 9.7 | 9.4 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.2 | 8.9 | 8.7 | 8.5 |
| <i>Other^{4/}</i> | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |

^{1/} in thousands

^{2/} drawing the Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension

^{3/} drawing Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)

^{4/} 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, 2008/2009 - 2048/2049

| Pension type | Amount 2008/09 ^{2/} | Estimated future costs at 2008/2009 pension rates (Rs Mn) | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | 2013/14 | 2018/19 | 2023/24 | 2028/29 | 2033/34 | 2038/39 | 2043/44 | 2048/49 |
| Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance) | 5,659 | 6,856 | 8,431 | 10,143 | 11,610 | 12,505 | 13,580 | 14,478 | 14,695 |
| Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance) | 1,209 | 1,193 | 1,218 | 1,210 | 1,203 | 1,223 | 1,201 | 1,170 | 1,172 |
| Basic Orphan's Pension ^{1/} (including Guardian's Allowance) | 22 | 18 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 16 | 16 |

^{1/} includes also allowances to children of previous beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension

^{2/} provisional

Non-contributory benefits by type and amount payable, 2003/2004 - 2008/2009

| Pension type | Monthly amount payable (Rs) | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|
| | 2003/04 | 2004/05 | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2008/09 |
| Basic Retirement Pension (BRP) : | | | | | | |
| (60-69) years | 1,790 | 1,900 | 2,200 ^{3/} | 2,365 | 2,571 | 2,802 |
| (70-89) years | 1,790 | 2,000 | 2,250 ^{4/} | 2,365 | 2,571 | 2,802 |
| (90-99) years | 6,735 | 6,850 | 6,900 | 7,035 | 7,647 | 8,335 |
| 100 years and over | 7,680 | 7,795 | 7,850 | 7,985 | 8,680 | 9,461 |
| Basic Widow's Pension (BWP) | 1,790 | 1,900 | 2,025 | 2,130 | 2,315 | 2,523 |
| Basic Invalid's Pension (BIP) | 1,790 | 1,900 | 2,025 | 2,130 | 2,315 | 2,523 |
| Basic Orphan's Pension (BOP) | | | | | | |
| (i) Under 15 years and not in full time education | 1,005 | 1,050 | 1,120 | 1,180 | 1,283 | 1,398 |
| (ii) 3 years and up to 20 years and in full time education | | | | | 2,360 | 2,572 |
| Guardian's Allowance:(Under the National Pensions Act) | 445 | 465 | 495 | 520 | 565 | 616 |
| Child's Allowance:(Under the National Pensions Act) | | | | | | |
| (0 - 9) years | 585 | 615 | 655 | 690 | 750 | 818 |
| (10-19) years | 630 | 660 | 705 | 740 | 804 | 876 |
| Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension ^{1/} : | | | | | | |
| (60-69) years | 3,060 | 3,230 | 3,615 ^{3/} | 3,855 | 4,191 | 4,568 |
| (70-89) years | 3,060 | 3,330 | 3,665 ^{4/} | 3,855 | 4,191 | 4,568 |
| (90-99) years | 8,005 | 8,180 | 8,315 | 8,525 | 9,267 | 10,101 |
| 100 years and over | 8,950 | 9,125 | 9,265 | 9,475 | 10,300 | 11,227 |
| Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance) | 1,100 | 1,150 | 1,225 | 1,290 | 1,402 | 1,528 |
| Social Aid (minimum amount payable) | 485 | 510 | 545 | 575 | 625 | 681 |
| Food Aid | 30 | 50 ^{2/} | 50 | 85 | 85 | 100 |
| Income Support (as from 1 July 2006) | n.a | n.a | n.a | 40 | 40 | 100 |
| Inmate's Allowance : (a) Charitable Institutions | 310 | 325 | 345 | 365 | 397 | 433 |
| (b) Brown Sequard Hospital: | | | | | | |
| Under 60 years | 448 | 475 | 506 | 535 | 578 | 631 |
| (60-69) years | 448 | 475 | 550 ^{3/} | 595 | 643 | 701 |
| (70-89) years | 448 | 500 | 565 ^{4/} | 595 | 643 | 701 |
| (90-99) years | 1,684 | 1,713 | 1,725 | 1,759 | 1,912 | 2,084 |
| Unemployment Hardship Relief (Minimum) | 120 | 130 | 140 | 150 | 163 | 178 |
| Minimum Contributory Retirement Pension | 271 | 283 | 305 | 320 | 348 | 379 |
| | D a i l y | | | | | |
| Indoor Relief : | | | | | | |
| (60-69) years | 95 | 100 | 110 ^{3/} | 130 | 141 | 154 ^{5/} |
| (70-89) years | 95 | 110 | 120 ^{4/} | 130 | 141 | 169 ^{6/} |
| (90-99) years | 280 | 295 | 315 | 335 | 364 | 437 |
| 100 years and over | 290 | 305 | 325 | 345 | 375 | 450 |

^{1/} Inclusive of Basic Retirement Pension^{2/} As from October 2004^{3/} For ages (60-74) years^{4/} For ages (75-89) years^{5/} For ages (Under 60) years^{6/} For ages (60-89) years

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

1.1 Population Projection and costs of basic pension beneficiaries

The future costs of basic pensions are calculated on the basis of the pension rates of 2008/2009 (flat rate) and the latest population projection based on the estimated population as at June 2009, 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 2009.
- ❖ The proportion of beneficiaries of BRP who were severely handicapped (BRP/SH) by age group and sex in June 2009 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 June 2009 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 June 2009 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 June 2009 has been assumed to be the same for the next 40 years.

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 June 2009 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 mid 2009.
- ❖ The proportion of children receiving Child's Allowance (BIP cases) by age group and sex in June 2009 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 mid 2009 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 2009
- ❖ The proportion of Basic Orphan's Pension beneficiaries per guardian has been assumed to remain the same as in mid 2009.