

# SOCIAL SECURITY STATISTICS

2005 – 2010

## 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 Reform Institutions for the period July 2004 to December 2010.

Social Security Statistics are reported on a calendar (January to December) year basis instead of the financial (July to June) year basis for the first time in this publication. This follows Government decision taken in July 2008 to change reporting period of Government account from year ending 31<sup>st</sup> June to year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December.

Thus for 2010 the number of beneficiaries relates to December 2010 while the amount paid refers to calendar year, January to December 2010. Figures for 2010 are also 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 1,243,253 in 2005 to 1,280,924 in 2010, representing an average annual increase of about 0.6%. During that period, the child population aged below 15 years decreased from 303,740 to 276,731. As a percentage of the total population, it decreased from 24.4% to 21.6%. However, the elderly population aged 60 years and over grew from 119,669 (9.6% of total) to 142,963 (11.2% of total).

It should be pointed out that these estimates of the elderly population, computed by Statistics Mauritius 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 (120,802 in June 2005 and 153,950 in December 2010 (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.

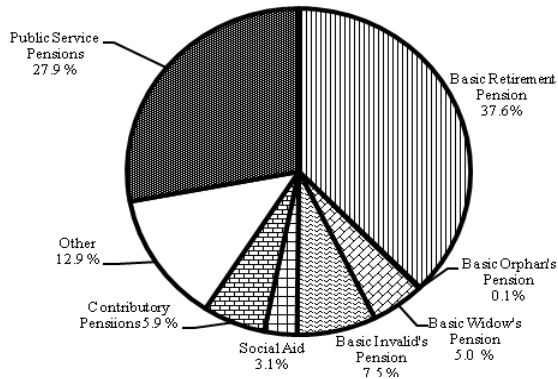
### **4. Expenditure on Social Security and Welfare – (Table 4)**

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 Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare together with components of social welfare of all government organizations as well as Local Government.

Expenditure on Social Security and Welfare increased by 81.8% from Rs 9,681.9 million in 2004/2005 to Rs 17,600.0 million in 2010, representing respectively 22.1% and 24.9% of total government expenditure. At the same time, these expenses grew from 5.4% to 5.9% of the Gross Domestic Products (GDP).

Figure 1 (below) shows the share of each component of government expenditure on Social Security and Welfare. The main components were the Basic Retirement Pension with a share of 37.6 %, followed by Public Service Pensions, 27.9 %. It is to be noted that as from year 2008/09, National Assembly Retirement Allowance has been included in "Public Service Pensions".

**Figure 1 - Components of Government expenditure on social security and welfare, Year 2010**



## 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 stood at 120,802 (117,319 in the Island of Mauritius and 3,483 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2005 while in December 2010 it was 153,950 (150,010 in the Island of Mauritius and 3,940 in the Island of Rodrigues). It is to be noted that in June 2005, Basic Retirement Pension was not paid on a universal basis.

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 by 2.6 % from 16,596 in June 2005 to 17,030 in December 2010 in the Republic of Mauritius.

The total amount spent on all Basic Retirement Pension (inclusive of Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance) was Rs 3,486.2 million in 2004/2005 and Rs 6,608.9 million in 2010.

**(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 December 2010, the number of beneficiaries of such pension decreased by about 3.6%, from 22,672 (22,306 in the Island of Mauritius and 366 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2005 to 21,850 (21,410 in the Island of Mauritius and 440 in the Island of Rodrigues) in December 2010.

On the other hand, government expenditure on Basic Widow's Pension, which was Rs 639.4 million in 2004/2005, rose by 38.4 % to reach Rs 885.1 million in 2010.

**(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 25,646 (25,001 in the Island of Mauritius and 645 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2005 to reach 28,280 (27,370 in the Island of Mauritius and 910 in the Island of Rodrigues) in December 2010, showing an increase of 10.3%.

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 December 2010, 7,290 pensioners benefited from this allowance in the Republic of Mauritius, compared to 7,354 in June 2005, showing a slight decrease.

The total amount spent on Basic Invalid's Pension (inclusive of Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance) jumped from Rs 867.2 million in 2004/2005 to reach Rs 1,312.3 million in 2010, representing a rise of about 51.3% 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 457 in June 2005 to 360 in December 2010. A similar trend was noted in the Island of Mauritius (from 370 to 310) and in the Island of Rodrigues (from 87 to 50) during that period. Consequently, the total number of guardians declined from 392 to 310 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 14.1 million in 2004/2005 to Rs 23.4 million in 2010. 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 increased by 3.3% from 18,367 in June 2005 (17,840 for the Island of Mauritius and 527 for the Island of Rodrigues) to 18,982 in December 2010 (18,307 for the Island of Mauritius and 675 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 10.8% from 17,536 in June 2005 to 19,432 in December 2010. In the Island of Mauritius, the number of such beneficiaries rose from 15,708 to 17,239 whilst in the Island of Rodrigues it increased from 1,828 to 2,193 during that period.

The total amount paid to beneficiaries of Social Aid increased from Rs 317.3 million in 2004/2005 to Rs 540.6 million in 2010, showing an increase of 70.4%.

***(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 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 96,000 in December 2010 and the total amount paid in 2010 was Rs 130.6 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 762 in June 2005 to 662 in December 2010. However, the amount paid under that scheme has increased from Rs 31.1 million in 2004/2005 to Rs 44.1 million in 2010, showing an increase of 41.8%.

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

Inmate's Allowance refers to the pocket money given to certain residents of government-subsidized institutions and of the government psychiatric hospital, Brown Sequard Hospital. In December 2010, 720 persons received such allowance as compared to 888 in June 2005 representing a decrease of 18.9%. However, due to increases in the rates paid, the amount spent under this item increased by 14.3% from Rs 4.9 million in 2004/2005 to Rs 5.6 million in 2010.

***(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 increased by 4.8%, from 457 in June 2005 to 479 in December 2010 and the amount paid to these beneficiaries rose from Rs 3.0 million to Rs 6.2 million showing a substantial increase of 106.6%.

***(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 2,447 during the period 2004/2005 to 3,359 in 2010. At the same time, the amount disbursed more than doubled, increasing from Rs 6.7 million to Rs 14.2 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 2010, there were about 19,000 employers who have contributed to the NPF in respect of their employees compared to 16,500 in 2004/2005. The contributions received, exclusive of surcharge increased by 60.5%, from Rs 1,312.9 million in 2004/2005 to reach Rs 2,108.2 million in 2010. Total net assets of the National Pension Fund rose by 79.0 %, from Rs 38,189.9 million at the end of June 2005 to Rs 68,374.4 million in December 2010.

***(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 laid-off workers. For year 2010, the Ministry paid Rs 75.0 million to some 1,644 beneficiaries of this new Scheme.

The number of employees belonging to the Fund rose from about 352,000 in 2004/2005 to 367,200 in 2010, showing an increase of 4.3 % during that period. At the same time the total contribution received, exclusive of surcharge, rose significantly by 105.0 %, from Rs 504.9 million in 2004/2005 to Rs 1,035.0 million in 2010.

***(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 37,895 in June 2005 to reach 54,750 in December 2010, showing a rise of 44.5%. Consequently, an increase of 108.0% was noted in the amount spent, from Rs 375.9 million to Rs 781.9 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 39.6%, from 14,079 in June 2005 to 19,660 in December 2010. The amount paid thus went up from Rs 91.5 million in 2004/2005 to Rs 221.6 million in 2010, showing an increase of 142.2%.



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

A person is entitled to a Contributory Invalid's Pension if he/she has previously contributed to the National Pension Fund and suffers from a permanent incapacity of at least 60%. The number of such beneficiaries rose by 39.0%, from 5,620 in June 2005 to 7,810 in December 2010. The amount paid increased by 64.8% from Rs 22.7 million in 2004/2005 to Rs 37.4 million in 2010.

*(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 2005 to December 2010, the number of orphans benefiting from this pension rose from 102 to 117, whilst the amount disbursed for the year 2004/2005 remained at nearly the same amount of Rs 0.2 million in 2010.

*(v) Industrial Injury Benefits*

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

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

The number of cases of Industrial Injury increased from 852 in June 2005 to 913 in December 2010 and the total amount paid rose by 27.6% rising from Rs 27.2 million for the financial year 2004/2005 to Rs 34.7 million in 2010.

## **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 2010, the National Solidarity Fund assisted 1,817 cases compared to 900 in 2004/2005. During that period, the amount spent increased by 53.3%, from Rs 13.5 million to Rs 20.7 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 2010, the population aged 60 years and over was estimated at around 143,000; that in the working age group 15-59 years 861,200 and the child population aged less than 15 years at 276,700. 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 6.0. The index of ageing defined as the number of persons aged 60 years and over per 100 children aged less than 15 years was 51.7. In 2050, the pensioner support ratio is expected to fall to about 2.0 whilst the index of ageing would increase to 192.4.

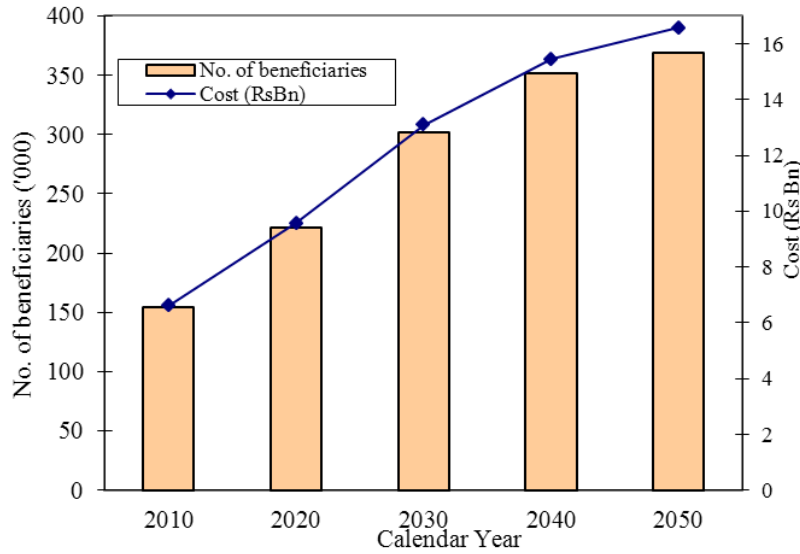
The number of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension is expected to reach 368,600 in 2050, of which about 47,900 would suffer from severe disability. The corresponding figures for 2010 were 153,950 and 17,030.

There were 21,850 beneficiaries of Basic Widow's Pension in December 2010. This is expected to grow to about 24,500 in the next four decades. During that time, the number of beneficiaries of Basic Invalid's Pension would decrease from 28,280 to around 27,600.

Based on rates applicable in 2010, the amount to be disbursed by government on Basic Retirement pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance) is expected to increase by 250%, from Rs 6,608.9 million in 2010 to Rs 16,575 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 - Actual and projected number of Retirement Pension beneficiaries and cost, 2010 - 2050



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<sup>1/</sup> by sex, Republic of Mauritius, Island of Mauritius & Island of Rodrigues, 2005 & 2010**

Year	Both sexes	Male	Female
<b>2005</b>			
Republic of Mauritius	<b>1,243,253</b>	614,786	628,467
Island of Mauritius	<b>1,206,346</b>	596,498	609,848
Island of Rodrigues	<b>36,907</b>	18,288	18,619
<b>2010</b>			
Republic of Mauritius	<b>1,280,924</b>	631,692	649,232
Island of Mauritius	<b>1,243,084</b>	612,981	630,103
Island of Rodrigues	<b>37,840</b>	18,711	19,129

**Table 2 - Estimated mid year population<sup>1/</sup> by age-group & sex, Republic of Mauritius, 2005 & 2010**

Age-group (years)	2005			2010		
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
<i>Under 15</i>	<b>303,740</b>	<b>153,995</b>	<b>149,745</b>	<b>276,731</b>	<b>140,467</b>	<b>136,264</b>
0 - 4	<b>96,566</b>	49,047	47,519	<b>82,127</b>	41,689	40,438
5 - 9	<b>98,354</b>	49,898	48,456	<b>96,353</b>	48,937	47,416
10 - 14	<b>108,820</b>	55,050	53,770	<b>98,251</b>	49,841	48,410
<i>15 - 59</i>	<b>819,844</b>	<b>409,397</b>	<b>410,447</b>	<b>861,230</b>	<b>429,559</b>	<b>431,671</b>
15 - 19	<b>97,512</b>	49,290	48,222	<b>108,580</b>	54,905	53,675
20 - 24	<b>101,716</b>	51,432	50,284	<b>97,031</b>	49,006	48,025
25 - 29	<b>110,404</b>	54,768	55,636	<b>100,921</b>	50,952	49,969
30 - 34	<b>93,252</b>	46,345	46,907	<b>109,433</b>	54,126	55,307
35 - 39	<b>98,664</b>	49,337	49,327	<b>92,230</b>	45,657	46,573
40 - 44	<b>100,548</b>	50,591	49,957	<b>97,193</b>	48,359	48,834
45 - 49	<b>88,441</b>	44,410	44,031	<b>98,448</b>	49,111	49,337
50 - 54	<b>75,353</b>	37,396	37,957	<b>85,582</b>	42,427	43,155
55 - 59	<b>53,954</b>	25,828	28,126	<b>71,812</b>	35,016	36,796
<i>60 &amp; Over</i>	<b>119,669</b>	<b>51,394</b>	<b>68,275</b>	<b>142,963</b>	<b>61,666</b>	<b>81,297</b>
60 - 64	<b>37,220</b>	17,275	19,945	<b>50,089</b>	23,450	26,639
65 - 69	<b>29,160</b>	13,008	16,152	<b>33,182</b>	14,839	18,343
70 - 74	<b>21,419</b>	9,248	12,171	<b>24,778</b>	10,497	14,281
75 - 79	<b>16,380</b>	6,644	9,736	<b>16,608</b>	6,610	9,998
80 - 84	<b>9,985</b>	3,666	6,319	<b>11,139</b>	4,120	7,019
85 +	<b>5,505</b>	1,553	3,952	<b>7,167</b>	2,150	5,017
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,243,253</b>	<b>614,786</b>	<b>628,467</b>	<b>1,280,924</b>	<b>631,692</b>	<b>649,232</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,**

**2005 - 2010**

Government expenditure on Social Security & Welfare	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09 <sup>1</sup>	Jan to Dec 2010 <sup>2</sup>
Amount Rs(Mn) <sup>3/</sup>	9,681.9	11,394.8	12,354.2	12,826.7	15,983.3	17,600.0
% of total government expenditure	22.1	23.3	24.2	22.8	24.0	24.9
% of GDP at market prices	5.4	5.9	5.6	5.1	5.7	5.9

<sup>1/</sup> revised

<sup>2/</sup> provisional

<sup>3/</sup> 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, 2005-2009 and December 2010*

Pension type	No. of beneficiaries					
	June 05	June 06	June 07	June 08	June 09	December 2010 <sup>1/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	120,802 <sup>5/</sup>	126,344	131,126	136,408	141,582	153,950
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	16,596	17,112	17,397	16,981	16,463	17,030
Basic Widow's Pension	22,672	22,973	22,810	22,611	22,596	21,850
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	25,646	27,638	27,603	27,363	27,169	28,280
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>3/</sup>	7,354	7,984	8,015	7,787	7,517	7,290
Basic Orphan's Pension	457	434	377	396	353	360
Guardian's Allowance	392	363	314	324	299	310
Child's Allowance	<b>18,367</b>	<b>19,515</b>	<b>19,304</b>	<b>18,451</b>	<b>18,144</b>	<b>18,982</b>
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>						
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	199	223	204	199	214	250
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	7,985	7,874	7,681	7,275	7,110	7,090
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	9,755	10,936	10,923	10,441	10,310	11,190
<i>Other</i> <sup>4/</sup>	428	482	496	536	510	452

<sup>1/</sup> provisional

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

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

<sup>4/</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>5/</sup> not paid on a universal basis from December 2004 to June 2005

*(b) Amount paid by pension type 2004/05 - 2008/09 and calendar year 2010*

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010 <sup>2/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	3,486.2	4,129.0	4,459.1	4,761.8	5,685.0	6,608.9
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	639.4	687.8	722.0	778.8	844.2	885.1
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	867.2	995.3	1,061.9	1,125.9	1,214.2	1,312.3
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	14.1	14.6	14.9	20.7	22.7	23.4

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

<sup>2/</sup> 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, 2005-2009 and December 2010*

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries					
	June 05	June 06	June 07	June 08	June 09	December 2010 <sup>1/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension)	117,319 <sup>5/</sup>	122,723	127,420	132,632	137,762	150,010
<i>of whom</i>						
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	16,114	16,637	16,900	16,412	15,915	16,340
Basic Widow's Pension	22,306	22,589	22,412	22,213	22,183	21,410
Basic Invalid's Pension	25,001	26,920	26,858	26,541	26,324	27,370
<i>of whom</i>						
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>3/</sup>	7,077	7,655	7,661	7,452	7,237	7,010
Basic Orphan's Pension	370	349	310	330	305	310
Guardian's Allowance	313	287	255	269	260	290
Child's Allowance	<b>17,840</b>	<b>18,910</b>	<b>18,660</b>	<b>17,767</b>	<b>17,463</b>	<b>18,307</b>
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>						
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	194	215	193	187	204	240
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	7,784	7,661	7,455	7,069	6,923	6,900
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	9,450	10,574	10,537	10,003	9,854	10,740
<i>Other</i> <sup>4/</sup>	412	460	475	508	482	427

<sup>1/</sup> provisional

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

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

<sup>4/</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>5/</sup> not paid on a universal basis from December 2004 to June 2005

*(b) Amount paid by pension type 2004/05 - 2008/09 and calendar year 2010*

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010 <sup>2/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	3,396.7	4,011.6	4,334.3	4,620.2	5,525.4	6,431.7
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	632.0	675.9	709.3	764.8	828.0	867.2
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	845.6	968.5	1,032.0	1,092.6	1,172.7	1,270.9
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	12.2	12.7	13.1	18.0	19.6	21.0

<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

<sup>2/</sup> 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, 2005-2009 and December 2010*

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries					
	June 05	June 06	June 07	June 08	June 09	December 2010 <sup>1/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	3,483 <sup>5/</sup>	3,621	3,706	3,776	3,820	3,940
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	482	475	497	569	548	690
Basic Widow's Pension	366	384	398	398	413	440
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	645	718	745	822	845	910
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>3/</sup>	277	329	354	335	280	280
Basic Orphan's Pension	87	85	67	66	48	50
Guardian's Allowance	79	76	59	55	39	20
Child's Allowance	<b>527</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>675</b>
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>						
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	5	8	11	12	10	10
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	201	213	226	206	187	190
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	305	362	386	438	456	450
<i>Other</i> <sup>4/</sup>	16	22	21	28	28	25

<sup>1/</sup> provisional

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

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

<sup>4/</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>5/</sup> not paid on a universal basis from December 2004 to June 2005

*(b) Amount paid by pension type 2004/05 - 2008/09 and calendar year 2010*

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010 <sup>2/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	89.5	117.4	124.8	141.6	159.6	177.2
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	7.4	11.9	12.7	14.0	16.2	17.9
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	21.6	26.8	29.9	33.3	41.5	41.4
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.7	2.5	2.4

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

<sup>2/</sup> 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, 2005 - 2009 and December 2010*

Type of benefit	Number of beneficiaries					
	June 05	June 06	June 07	June 08	June 09	December 2010 <sup>4/</sup>
Social Aid <sup>1/</sup>	17,536	17,100	16,876	16,577	17,180	19,432
Food Aid <sup>2/</sup>	51,000	53,000	109,000	96,000	86,000	96,028
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	762	686	661	651	677	662
Inmate's Allowance	888	808	801	775	679	720
Unemployment Hardship Relief	457	440	420	372	364	479
Funeral Grant <sup>3/</sup>	2,447	2,585	2,375	2,487	3,118	3,359

<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> including those paid under the Income Support Scheme effective as from 1 July 2006

<sup>3/</sup> refers to the number of payments during the financial year

<sup>4/</sup> provisional

*(b) Amount paid by type of benefit for financial year 2004/05 - 2008/2009 and calendar year 2010*

Type of benefit	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010 <sup>4/</sup>
Social Aid <sup>1/</sup>	317.3	349.0	394.6	430.2	460.1	540.6
Food aid <sup>2/</sup>	16.9	30.5	75.8 <sup>3/</sup>	69.4 <sup>3/</sup>	108.7 <sup>3/</sup>	130.6 <sup>3/</sup>
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	31.1	31.8	33.4	34.6	41.1	44.1
Inmate's Allowance	4.9	4.8	5.2	5.3	4.5	5.6
Unemployment Hardship Relief	3.0	3.6	3.8	3.8	4.3	6.2
Funeral Grant	6.7	7.6	7.3	8.3	10.9	14.2

<sup>1/</sup> includes also amount paid on (i) subsidy on HSC and SC examination fees

(ii) assistance 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

<sup>4/</sup> provisional

**Table 7 - Number of cases of Social Aid paid by district as at June, 2005 - 2009 and December 2010**

District/ Island	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Dec 2010
Port-Louis	3,949	3,552	3,444	3,397	3,575	3,864
Pamplemousses	1,941	1,900	1,983	1,765	1,898	2,115
Riviere du Rempart	1,276	1,241	1,305	1,307	1,318	1,294
Flacq	1,516	1,517	1,535	1,632	1,690	1,870
Grand-Port	1,043	1,088	1,135	1,161	1,224	1,430
Savanne	887	941	875	814	789	830
Plaine Wilhems	3,594	3,532	3,506	3,476	3,555	4,124
Moka	563	584	643	669	699	802
Black River	939	904	839	775	862	910
<b><i>Island of Mauritius</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>15,610</i></b>	<b><i>17,239</i></b>
<b><i>Island of Rodrigues</i></b>	<b><i>1,828</i></b>	<b><i>1,841</i></b>	<b><i>1,611</i></b>	<b><i>1,581</i></b>	<b><i>1,570</i></b>	<b><i>2,193</i></b>
<b>Republic of Mauritius</b>	<b>17,536</b>	<b>17,100</b>	<b>16,876</b>	<b>16,577</b>	<b>17,180</b>	<b>19,432</b>

**Table 8 - Contribution to the National Pensions Fund(NPF) 2004/05 - 2008/2009 & Calendar year 2010**

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010 <sup>2/</sup>
No. of employers <sup>1/</sup> contributing to the Fund (000)	16.5	16.8	17.0	17.6	18.1	19.1
No. of employees contributing to the Fund (000)	286.8	286.7	296.2	305.3	301.9	302.2
Amount contributed by employers and employees (Rs Mn)	1,312.9	1,446.5	1,571.9	1,712.1	1,842.1	2,108.2
Surcharge paid by employers (Rs Mn)	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.3	2.5	4.3
Size of the NPF (Rs Mn) as at end of financial year	38,189.9	43,316.7	50,564.3	57,096.8	61,400.0	68,374.4

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

<sup>2/</sup> provisional

**Table 9 - Contribution to the National Savings Fund (NSF), 2004/2005 - 2008/2009 & Calendar year 2010**

	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	Jan to Dec 2010 <sup>1/</sup>
No. of employers contributing to Fund ('000)	16.2	16.5	16.7	17.3	17.8	18.7
No. of employees belonging to the Fund ('000)	352.0	353.9	367.2	373.1	357.7	367.2
Amount contributed by employers (RsMn) <sup>2/</sup>	504.9	559.6	594.5	655.6	788.7	1,035.0
Surcharge paid by employers (RsMn)	2.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.8	1.9
No. of beneficiaries of Lump Sum:	14,206	11,720	8,255	15,221	12,792	5,990
of which Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS)	3,819	1,622	125	5,972	849	120
Total Lump Sum paid (RsMn)	108.6	121.7	173.2	379.8	210.7	206.8
of which VRS (RsMn)	8.2	2.9	2.6	182.5	28.3	4.7
Size of Fund (RsMn) as at end of financial year	6,398.1	7,441.1	8,767.3	9,643.3	10,500.0	11,500.0

<sup>1/</sup> provisional

<sup>2/</sup> as from February 2009, employees also contributed 1%

**Table 10(a) - Number of beneficiaries of contributory pensions as at June 2005 - 2009 & December 2010  
Republic of Mauritius**

Pension type	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Jan to Dec 2010 <sup>1/</sup>
Contributory Retirement Pension	37,895	39,472	41,827	44,620	47,579	54,750
Contributory Widow's Pension <sup>2/</sup>	14,079	15,188	15,920	16,689	17,884	19,660
Contributory Invalid's Pension	5,620	6,445	6,733	6,509	6,731	7,810
Contributory Orphan's Pension	102	97	88	114	117	117
Industrial Injury Benefits	852	894	912	879	871	913

<sup>1/</sup> provisional

<sup>2/</sup> including widows of all ages

**Table 10(b) - Amount paid to beneficiaries of contributory pensions by financial year  
2004/05 - 2008/2009 and Calendar year 2010, Republic of Mauritius**

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					Jan to Dec 2010 <sup>1/</sup>
	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	
Contributory Retirement Pension	375.9	416.5	473.4	555.6	646.7	781.9
Contributory Widow's Pension	91.5	104.0	124.2	147.8	180.2	221.6
Contributory Invalid's Pension	22.7	26.9	29.2	30.9	32.3	37.4
Contributory Orphan's Pension	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Industrial Injury Benefits <sup>1/</sup>	27.2	29.0	29.6	29.6	31.7	34.7

<sup>1/</sup> provisional

<sup>2/</sup> including lump sum

**Table 11(a) - No. of cases receiving assistance from the National Solidarity Fund (NSF) by type,  
2004/05 - 2008/09 and Calendar year 2010, Republic of Mauritius**

Contingency	Number of cases					
	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010
Medical treatment abroad (Air ticket only)	30	58	6	-	-	-
Personal Hardship Scheme :	869	602	388	356	720	1,798
- Multiple births	8	6	3	2	2	-
- Fire victims	23	17	7	5	15	5
- Natural calamities	10	1	18	-	19	-
- Tragic accidents	32	16	21	5	19	16
- Needy students	257	179	134	116	252	804
- Repatriation of mortal remains	1	-	2	1	4	5
- Destitute	328	228	75	95	158	464
- Medical case	193	140	96	98	212	455
- Centenarian	17	15	32	28	29	39
- Sale by levy (Hardship case)	-	-	-	6	10	10
Other	1	-	18	1	2	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>1,817</b>

**Table 11(b) - Amount disbursed by the National Solidarity Fund (NSF) by type,  
2004/05 - 2008/09 and calendar year 2010, Republic of Mauritius**

Contingency	Amount paid (Rs 000)					
	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010
Medical treatment abroad (Air ticket only)	355	751	80	-	-	-
Personal Hardship Scheme:	12,920	3,155	3,636	5,610	12,748	20,573
- Multiple births	190	50	31	44	20	-
- Fire victims	416	69	67	22	106	29
- Natural calamities	70	5	141	-	84	-
- Tragic accidents	486	125	295	83	339	349
- Needy students	3,330	791	808	1,056	2,296	6,698
- Repatriation of mortal remains	49	-	50	50	145	150
- Destitute	4,928	949	538	661	1,097	3,293
- Medical case	3,281	1,016	1,386	1,757	3,951	7,055
- Centenarian	170	150	320	280	290	390
- Sale by levy (Hardship case)	-	-	-	1,657	4,420	2,609
Other	250	-	108	100	20	114
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,525</b>	<b>3,906</b>	<b>3,824</b>	<b>5,710</b>	<b>12,768</b>	<b>20,687</b>

**Table 12 - Projected mid year population<sup>1/</sup> by broad age group and sex, Republic of Mauritius, 2010 - 2050**

Age-group (years)	2010			2015			2020			2025			2030		
	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
Under 15	140.5	136.2	<b>276.7</b>	131.7	127.4	<b>259.1</b>	123.6	119.4	<b>243.0</b>	121.8	117.3	<b>239.1</b>	118.5	114.1	<b>232.6</b>
15 - 59	429.5	431.7	<b>861.2</b>	434.8	438.7	<b>873.5</b>	435.2	440.0	<b>875.2</b>	425.1	429.7	<b>854.8</b>	416.6	420.1	<b>836.7</b>
60 & over	61.7	81.3	<b>143.0</b>	79.0	100.5	<b>179.5</b>	98.9	122.4	<b>221.3</b>	120.1	146.3	<b>266.4</b>	136.4	165.4	<b>301.8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>631.7</b>	<b>649.2</b>	<b>1,280.9</b>	<b>645.5</b>	<b>666.6</b>	<b>1,312.1</b>	<b>657.7</b>	<b>681.8</b>	<b>1,339.5</b>	<b>667.0</b>	<b>693.3</b>	<b>1,360.3</b>	<b>671.5</b>	<b>699.6</b>	<b>1,371.1</b>
Pensioner support ratio <sup>2/</sup>	7.0	5.3	<b>6.0</b>	5.5	4.4	<b>4.9</b>	4.4	3.6	<b>4.0</b>	3.5	2.9	<b>3.2</b>	3.1	2.5	<b>2.8</b>
Index of ageing <sup>3/</sup>	43.9	59.7	<b>51.7</b>	60.0	78.9	<b>69.3</b>	80.0	102.5	<b>91.1</b>	98.6	124.7	<b>111.4</b>	115.1	145.0	<b>129.8</b>

Age-group (years)	2035			2040			2045			2050		
	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
Under 15	113.2	109.0	<b>222.2</b>	107.1	103.1	<b>210.2</b>	101.7	98.0	<b>199.7</b>	97.5	94.1	<b>191.6</b>
15 - 59	411.3	412.9	<b>824.2</b>	398.2	396.8	<b>795.0</b>	386.6	384.1	<b>770.7</b>	375.1	371.1	<b>746.2</b>
60 & over	145.7	177.6	<b>323.3</b>	158.2	193.1	<b>351.3</b>	164.5	199.8	<b>364.3</b>	166.7	201.9	<b>368.6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>670.2</b>	<b>699.5</b>	<b>1,369.7</b>	<b>663.5</b>	<b>693.0</b>	<b>1,356.5</b>	<b>652.8</b>	<b>681.9</b>	<b>1,334.7</b>	<b>639.3</b>	<b>667.1</b>	<b>1,306.4</b>
Pensioner support ratio <sup>2/</sup>	2.8	2.3	<b>2.5</b>	2.5	2.1	<b>2.3</b>	2.4	1.9	<b>2.1</b>	2.3	1.8	<b>2.0</b>
Index of ageing <sup>3/</sup>	128.7	162.9	<b>145.5</b>	147.7	187.3	<b>167.1</b>	161.8	203.9	<b>182.4</b>	171.0	214.6	<b>192.4</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, 2010 - 2050**

*(a) Projected no. of beneficiaries<sup>1/</sup> as at December, by pension type, 2010 - 2050*

Pension type	Number Dec 2010	Projected number of beneficiaries ('000)							
		2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Basic Retirement Pension	153.9	179.5	221.3	266.4	301.8	323.3	351.3	364.3	368.6
<i>of whom</i>									
<i>Severely handicapped<sup>2/</sup></i>	17.0	18.0	21.8	26.5	31.8	36.8	41.8	45.7	47.9
Basic Widow's Pension	21.9	23.6	24.8	24.6	24.8	25.9	24.6	24.3	24.5
Basic Invalid's Pension	28.3	29.4	30.0	29.7	29.4	29.8	28.7	28.1	27.6
<i>of whom</i>									
<i>Severely handicapped<sup>3/</sup></i>	7.3	7.7	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.8	7.5	7.3	7.3
Basic Orphan's Pension	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
Guardian's Allowance	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Child's Allowance	<b>19.0</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>12.7</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>	7.1	6.6	6.1	5.7	5.6	5.4	5.2	4.9	4.7
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	11.2	10.4	9.7	9.2	9.0	8.7	8.3	7.9	7.5
<i>Other<sup>4/</sup></i>	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3

<sup>1/</sup> provisional

<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, 2008/2009 - 2048/2049*

Pension type	Amount 2010 <sup>1/</sup>	Estimated future costs at 2010 pension rates (Rs Mn)							
		2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	6,609	7,765	9,580	11,509	13,088	14,099	15,442	16,239	16,575
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	885	924	958	949	953	991	942	927	930
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	1,312	1,342	1,360	1,337	1,324	1,337	1,286	1,255	1,231
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>2/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	23	20	18	17	17	16	16	15	14

<sup>1/</sup> provisional

<sup>2/</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, 2004/2005 - 2008/2009 &amp; Calendar Year 2010

Pension type	Monthly amount payable (Rs)					
	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2010
Basic Retirement Pension (BRP) :						
(60-69) years	1,900	2,200 <sup>3/</sup>	2,365	2,571	2,802	3,048
(70-89) years	2,000	2,250 <sup>4/</sup>	2,365	2,571	2,802	3,048
(90-99) years	6,850	6,900	7,035	7,647	8,335	9,067
100 years and over	7,795	7,850	7,985	8,680	9,461	10,292
Basic Widow's Pension (BWP)	1,900	2,025	2,130	2,315	2,523	2,745
Basic Invalid's Pension (BIP)	1,900	2,025	2,130	2,315	2,523	2,745
Basic Orphan's Pension (BOP)						
(i) Under 15 years and not in full time education	1,050	1,120	1,180	1,283	1,398	1,520
(ii) 3 years and up to 20 years and in full time education				2,360	2,572	2,798
Guardian's Allowance:(Under the National Pensions Act)	465	495	520	565	616	670
Child's Allowance:(Under the National Pensions Act)						
(0 - 9) years	615	655	690	750	818	890
(10-19) years	660	705	740	804	876	953
Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension <sup>1/</sup> :						
(60-69) years	3,230	3,615 <sup>3/</sup>	3,855	4,191	4,568	4,969
(70-89) years	3,330	3,665 <sup>4/</sup>	3,855	4,191	4,568	4,969
(90-99) years	8,180	8,315	8,525	9,267	10,101	10,988
100 years and over	9,125	9,265	9,475	10,300	11,227	12,213
Additional Basic Invalid's Pension (Carer's Allowance)	1,150	1,225	1,290	1,402	1,528	1,662
Social Aid (minimum amount payable)	510	545	575	625	681	741
Food Aid	50 <sup>2/</sup>	50	85	85	100	119
Income Support (as from 1 July 2006)	n.a	n.a	40	40	100	119
Inmate's Allowance : (a) Charitable Institutions	325	345	365	397	433	471
(b) Brown Sequard Hospital:						
Under 60 years	475	506	535	578	631	686
(60-69) years	475	550 <sup>3/</sup>	595	643	701	762
(70-89) years	500	565 <sup>4/</sup>	595	643	701	762
(90-99) years	1,713	1,725	1,759	1,912	2,084	2,267
Unemployment Hardship Relief (Minimum)	130	140	150	163	178	194
Minimum Contributory Retirement Pension	283	305	320	348	379	412
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Indoor Relief :						
(60-69) years	100	110 <sup>3/</sup>	130	141	154 <sup>5/</sup>	168 <sup>5/</sup>
(70-89) years	110	120 <sup>4/</sup>	130	141	169 <sup>6/</sup>	184 <sup>5/</sup>
(90-99) years	295	315	335	364	437	475
100 years and over	305	325	345	375	450	490

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