

# SOCIAL SECURITY STATISTICS

2006 – 2011

## 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 2005 to December 2011.

Social Security Statistics are reported on a calendar (January to December) year basis instead of the financial (July to June) year basis as from year 2010. 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 as from 2010 the number of beneficiaries relates to December while the amount paid refers to calendar year, January to December. Figures for 2011 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.
- ❖ 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 1,252,698 in 2006 to 1,286,051 in 2011, representing an average annual increase of about 0.5%. During that period, the child population aged below 15 years decreased from 299,794 to 271,120. As a percentage of the total population, it decreased from 23.9% to 21.1%. However, the elderly population aged 60 years and over grew from 121,770 (9.7% of total) to 151,540 (11.8% 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 (126,344 in June 2006 and 161,219 in December 2011 (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.

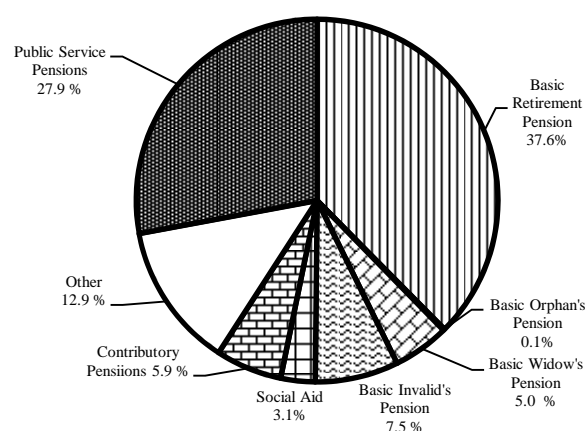
### 4. Expenditure on Social Security and Welfare – (Table 4)

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 2001 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 112.9% from Rs 9,681.9 million in 2004/2005 to Rs 20,614.0 million in 2010, representing respectively 22.1% and 26.4% of total government expenditure. At the same time, these expenses grew from 5.4% to 6.9% 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 which stood at 161,219 in December 2011 increased by 27.6% as compared to 126,344 in June 2006.

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

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

The number of beneficiaries of the Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension decreased by 3.4 % from 17,112 in June 2006 to 16,527 in December 2011 in the Republic of Mauritius.

The total amount spent on all Basic Retirement Pension (inclusive of Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance) was Rs 4,129.0 million in 2005/2006 and Rs 7,170.8 million in 2011.

#### **(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 2011, the number of beneficiaries of such pension decreased by 6.4%, from 22,973 (22,589 in the Island of Mauritius and 384 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2006 to 21,503 (21,086 in the Island of Mauritius and 417 in the Island of Rodrigues) in December 2011.

On the other hand, government expenditure on Basic Widow's Pension, which was Rs 687.8 million in 2005/2006, rose by 30.0 % to reach Rs 893.8 million in 2011.

#### **(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 27,638 (26,920 in the Island of Mauritius and 718 in the Island of Rodrigues) in June 2006 to reach 30,516 (29,690 in the Island of Mauritius and 826 in the Island of Rodrigues) in December 2011, showing an increase of 10.4%.

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 2011, 7,629 pensioners benefited from this allowance in the Republic of Mauritius, compared to 7,984 in June 2006, showing a 4.4% decrease.

The total amount spent on Basic Invalid's Pension (inclusive of Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance) rose from Rs 995.3 million in 2005/2006 to reach Rs 1,337.5 million in 2011, representing an increase of 34.4% 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 434 in June 2006 to 371 in December 2011. A similar trend was noted in the Island of Mauritius (from 349 to 324) and in the Island of Rodrigues (from 85 to 47) during that period. Consequently, the total number of guardians declined from 363 to 318 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 14.6 million in 2005/2006 to Rs 24.3 million in 2011. 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 by 4.7% from 19,515 in June 2006 (18,910 for the Island of Mauritius and 605 for the Island of Rodrigues) to 18,590 in December 2011 (17,902 for the Island of Mauritius and 688 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 18.1% from 17,100 in June 2006 to 20,191 in December 2011. In the Island of Mauritius, the number of such beneficiaries rose from 15,259 to 17,702 whilst in the Island of Rodrigues it increased from 1,841 to 2,489 during that period.

The total amount paid to beneficiaries of Social Aid increased from Rs 349.0 million in 2005/2006 to Rs 658.9 million in 2011, showing an increase of 88.8%.

### ***(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 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 76,200 in December 2011 and the total amount paid in 2011 was Rs 235.2 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 686 in June 2006 to 669 in December 2011. However, the amount paid under that scheme has increased from Rs 31.8 million in 2005/2006 to Rs 46.6 million in 2011, showing an increase of 46.5%.

### ***(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 Sequard Hospital. In December 2011, 724 persons received such allowance as compared to 808 in June 2005 representing a decrease of 10.4%. However, due to increases in the rates paid, the amount spent under this item increased by 22.5% from Rs 4.8 million in 2005/2006 to Rs 5.9 million in 2011.

### ***(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 Information Centre
- (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 increased by 24.3%, from 440 in June 2006 to 547 in December 2011 and the amount paid to these beneficiaries rose from Rs 3.6 million to Rs 13.8 million showing a substantial increase of 283.3%.

***(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 2,585 during the period 2005/2006 to 3,044 in 2011. At the same time, the amount disbursed increased from Rs 7.6 million to Rs 12.8 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 2011, there were about 19,500 employers who have contributed to the NPF in respect of their employees compared to 16,800 in 2005/2006. The contributions received, exclusive of surcharge increased by 60.2%, from Rs 1,446.5 million in 2005/2006 to reach Rs 2,317.8 million in 2011. Total net assets of the National Pension Fund rose by 73.1%, from Rs 43,316.7 million at the end of June 2006 to Rs 75,000 million in December 2011.

***(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 Scheme.

The number of employees belonging to the Fund rose from about 353,900 in 2005/2006 to 375,400 in 2011, showing an increase of 6.1 % during that period. At the same time the total contribution received, exclusive of surcharge, rose significantly by 103.2 %, from Rs 559.6 million in 2005/2006 to Rs 1,137.1 million in 2011.

***(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 39,472 in June 2006 to reach 60,000 in December 2011, showing a rise of 52.0%. Consequently, an increase of 97.5% was noted in the amount spent, from Rs 416.5 million to Rs 822.6 million.

***(ii) Contributory Widow's Pension (CWP)***

The Contributory Widow's Pension is payable to a widow whose late husband had contributed to the National Pensions Fund. The total number of widows who benefited from such a pension increased by 37.3%, from 15,188 in June 2006 to 20,854 in December 2011. The amount paid thus went up from Rs 104.0 million in 2005/2006 to Rs 231.3 million in 2011, showing an increase of 122.4%.

***(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 24.3%, from 6,445 in June 2006 to 8,014 in December 2011. The amount paid increased by 44.2% from Rs 26.9 million in 2005/2006 to Rs 38.8 million in 2011.

***(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 2006 to December 2011, the number of orphans benefiting from this pension rose from 97 to 139, whilst the amount disbursed for the year 2005/2006 remained at nearly the same amount of Rs 0.2 million in 2011.



*(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 894 in June 2006 to 866 in December 2011 and the total amount paid rose by 22.1% from Rs 29.0 million for the financial year 2005/2006 to Rs 35.4 million in 2011.

## **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 and Quality of Life, 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 2011, the National Solidarity Fund assisted 1,602 cases compared to 660 in 2005/2006. During that period, the amount spent increased by 292.6%, from Rs 3.9 million to Rs 15.3 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.

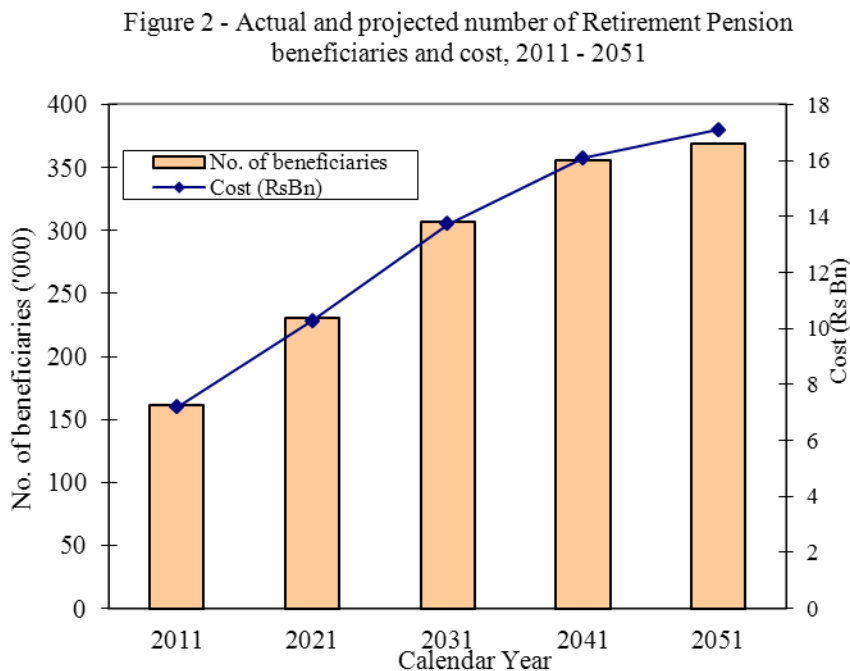
As at midyear 2011, the population aged 60 years and over was estimated at around 151,500; that in the working age group 15-59 years 863,400 and the child population aged less than 15 years at 271,100. The pensioner support ratio, defined as the number of persons of working age (15-59 years) per old age pensioner (aged 60 years and over) was 5.7. The index of ageing defined as the number of persons aged 60 years and over per 100 children aged less than 15 years was 55.9. In 2051, the pensioner support ratio is expected to fall to about 2.0 whilst the index of ageing would increase to 216.3.

The number of beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension is expected to reach 369,200 in 2051, of which about 46,400 would suffer from severe disability. The corresponding figures for 2011 were 161,220 and 16,530.

There were 21,500 beneficiaries of Basic Widow's Pension in December 2011. This is expected to grow to about 23,400 in the next four decades. During that time, the number of beneficiaries of Basic Invalid's Pension would decrease from 30,520 to around 28,200.

Based on rates applicable in 2011, 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 138%, from Rs 7,170.8 million in 2011 to Rs 17,097 million in some forty years due to the ageing of the population.

Figure 2 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 2,202 million within the next forty years compared to Rs 2,255.6 million in 2011.

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**Table 1 - Estimated mid year population<sup>1/</sup> by sex, Republic of Mauritius<sup>2/</sup>, Island of Mauritius & Island of Rodrigues, 2006 & 2011**

Year	Both sexes	Male	Female
<b>2006</b>			
Republic of Mauritius	<b>1,252,698</b>	619,243	633,455
Island of Mauritius	<b>1,215,619</b>	600,895	614,724
Island of Rodrigues	<b>37,079</b>	18,348	18,731
<b>2011</b>			
Republic of Mauritius	<b>1,286,051</b>	633,724	652,327
Island of Mauritius	<b>1,248,126</b>	614,970	633,156
Island of Rodrigues	<b>37,925</b>	18,754	19,171

**Table 2 - Estimated mid year population<sup>1/</sup> by age-group & sex, Republic of Mauritius<sup>2/</sup>, 2006 & 2011**

Age-group (years)	2006			2011		
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
<b>Under 15</b>	<b>299,794</b>	<b>152,063</b>	<b>147,731</b>	<b>271,120</b>	<b>137,682</b>	<b>133,438</b>
0 - 4	<b>94,526</b>	48,063	46,463	<b>78,554</b>	39,744	38,810
5 - 9	<b>98,351</b>	50,040	48,311	<b>94,318</b>	47,955	46,363
10 - 14	<b>106,917</b>	53,960	52,957	<b>98,248</b>	49,983	48,265
<b>15 - 59</b>	<b>831,134</b>	<b>415,087</b>	<b>416,047</b>	<b>863,391</b>	<b>430,297</b>	<b>433,094</b>
15 - 19	<b>101,339</b>	51,333	50,006	<b>106,679</b>	53,817	52,862
20 - 24	<b>97,341</b>	49,199	48,142	<b>100,769</b>	50,978	49,791
25 - 29	<b>113,237</b>	56,466	56,771	<b>96,390</b>	48,626	47,764
30 - 34	<b>94,834</b>	46,965	47,869	<b>112,019</b>	55,675	56,344
35 - 39	<b>95,178</b>	47,521	47,657	<b>93,597</b>	46,141	47,456
40 - 44	<b>103,091</b>	51,671	51,420	<b>93,695</b>	46,541	47,154
45 - 49	<b>89,635</b>	44,985	44,650	<b>100,874</b>	50,149	50,725
50 - 54	<b>76,123</b>	37,770	38,353	<b>86,723</b>	42,949	43,774
55 - 59	<b>60,356</b>	29,177	31,179	<b>72,645</b>	35,421	37,224
<b>60 &amp; Over</b>	<b>121,770</b>	<b>52,093</b>	<b>69,677</b>	<b>151,540</b>	<b>65,745</b>	<b>85,795</b>
60 - 64	<b>38,627</b>	17,793	20,834	<b>56,232</b>	26,574	29,658
65 - 69	<b>29,101</b>	13,068	16,033	<b>34,539</b>	15,333	19,206
70 - 74	<b>22,200</b>	9,547	12,653	<b>24,842</b>	10,615	14,227
75 - 79	<b>15,666</b>	6,223	9,443	<b>17,501</b>	7,004	10,497
80 - 84	<b>10,519</b>	3,873	6,646	<b>10,751</b>	3,861	6,890
85 +	<b>5,657</b>	1,589	4,068	<b>7,675</b>	2,358	5,317
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,252,698</b>	<b>619,243</b>	<b>633,455</b>	<b>1,286,051</b>	<b>633,724</b>	<b>652,327</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).

<sup>2/</sup> excluding Agalega and St Brandon

**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, 2004/05 - 2008/09 and 2010**

Government expenditure on Social Security & Welfare	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010 <sup>1</sup>
Amount Rs(Mn) <sup>2/</sup>	9,681.9	11,394.8	12,354.2	12,826.7	17,812.2	20,614.0
% of total government expenditure	22.1	23.3	24.2	22.8	26.0	26.4
% of GDP at market prices	5.4	5.9	5.6	5.1	6.3	6.9

<sup>1/</sup> revised

<sup>2/</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 June 2006-2009 and December 2010-2011*

Pension type	No. of beneficiaries					
	June 06	June 07	June 08	June 09	December 2010	December 2011 <sup>1/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension)	126,344	131,126	136,408	141,582	153,870	161,219
<i>of whom</i>						
<i>Severely handicapped <sup>2/</sup></i>	17,112	17,397	16,981	16,463	16,881	16,527
Basic Widow's Pension	22,973	22,810	22,611	22,596	21,815	21,503
Basic Invalid's Pension	27,638	27,603	27,363	27,169	27,679	30,516
<i>of whom</i>						
<i>Severely handicapped <sup>3/</sup></i>	7,984	8,015	7,787	7,517	7,374	7,629
Basic Orphan's Pension	434	377	396	353	369	371
Guardian's Allowance	363	314	324	299	313	318
Child's Allowance	<b>19,515</b>	<b>19,304</b>	<b>18,451</b>	<b>18,144</b>	<b>18,556</b>	<b>18,590</b>
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>						
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	223	204	199	214	251	245
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	7,874	7,681	7,275	7,110	7,208	7,023
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	10,936	10,923	10,441	10,310	10,546	10,781
<i>Other <sup>4/</sup></i>	482	496	536	510	551	541

<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

*(b) Amount paid by pension type 2005/06 - 2008/09 and Calendar year 2010 - 2011*

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010	Jan to Dec 2011 <sup>2/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	4,129.0	4,459.1	4,761.8	5,685.0	6,612.3	7,170.8
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	687.8	722.0	778.8	844.2	885.5	893.8
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	995.3	1,061.9	1,125.9	1,214.2	1,312.3	1,337.5
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	14.6	14.9	20.7	22.1	23.4	24.3

<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 June 2006-2009 and December 2010-2011*

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries					
	June 06	June 07	June 08	June 09	December 2010	December 2011 <sup>1/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	122,723	127,420	132,632	137,762	149,908	157,144
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	16,637	16,900	16,412	15,915	16,230	15,817
Basic Widow's Pension	22,589	22,412	22,213	22,183	21,380	21,086
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	26,920	26,858	26,541	26,324	26,818	29,690
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>3/</sup>	7,655	7,661	7,452	7,237	7,119	7,423
Basic Orphan's Pension	349	310	330	305	319	324
Guardian's Allowance	287	255	269	260	275	280
Child's Allowance	<b>18,910</b>	<b>18,660</b>	<b>17,767</b>	<b>17,463</b>	<b>17,856</b>	<b>17,902</b>
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>						
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	215	193	187	204	241	234
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	7,661	7,455	7,069	6,923	6,981	6,811
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	10,574	10,537	10,003	9,854	10,112	10,344
<i>Other</i> <sup>4/</sup>	460	475	508	482	522	513

<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

*(b) Amount paid by pension type 2005/06 - 2008/09 and Calendar year 2010 - 2011*

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010	Jan to Dec 2011 <sup>2/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	4,011.6	4,334.3	4,620.2	5,525.4	6,431.7	6,978.6
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	675.9	709.3	764.8	828.0	867.2	875.8
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	968.5	1,032.0	1,092.6	1,172.7	1,270.9	1,297.1
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	12.7	13.1	18.0	19.6	21.0	21.9

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

<sup>2/</sup> 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 June 2006-2009 and December 2010-2011*

Pension type	Number of beneficiaries					
	June 06	June 07	June 08	June 09	December 2010	December 2011 <sup>1/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (Old age pension) <i>of whom</i>	3,621	3,706	3,776	3,820	3,962	4,075
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>2/</sup>	475	497	569	548	651	710
Basic Widow's Pension	384	398	398	413	435	417
Basic Invalid's Pension <i>of whom</i>	718	745	822	845	861	826
<i>Severely handicapped</i> <sup>3/</sup>	329	354	335	280	255	207
Basic Orphan's Pension	85	67	66	48	50	47
Guardian's Allowance	76	59	55	39	38	38
Child's Allowance	<b>605</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>688</b>
<i>of whom children of beneficiaries of:</i>						
<i>Basic Retirement Pension</i>	8	11	12	10	10	11
<i>Basic Widow's Pension</i>	213	226	206	187	227	212
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	362	386	438	456	434	437
<i>Other</i> <sup>4/</sup>	22	21	28	28	29	28

<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

*(b) Amount paid by pension type 2005/06 - 2008/09 and Calendar year 2010 - 2011*

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010	Jan to Dec 2011 <sup>2/</sup>
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	117.4	124.8	141.6	159.6	180.6	192.2
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	11.9	12.7	14.0	16.2	18.3	18.0
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	26.8	29.9	33.3	41.5	41.4	40.4
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>1/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	1.9	1.8	2.7	2.5	2.4	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 2006 - 2009 and December 2010 - 2011*

Type of benefit	Number of beneficiaries					
	June 06	June 07	June 08	June 09	December 2010	December 2011 <sup>4/</sup>
Social Aid <sup>1/</sup>	17,100	16,876	16,577	17,180	19,432	20,191
Food Aid <sup>2/</sup>	53,000	109,000	96,000	86,000	96,028	76,200
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	686	661	651	677	662	669
Inmate's Allowance	808	801	775	679	720	724
Unemployment Hardship Relief	440	420	372	364	479	547
Funeral Grant <sup>3/</sup>	2,585	2,375	2,487	3,118	3,359	3,044

<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/Calendar year

<sup>4/</sup> provisional

*(b) Amount paid by type of benefit for Financial year 2005/06 - 2008/2009 and Calendar year 2010 - 2011*

Type of benefit	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010	Jan to Dec 2011 <sup>4/</sup>
Social Aid <sup>1/</sup>	349.0	394.6	430.2	460.1	540.6	658.9
Food aid <sup>2/</sup>	30.5	75.8 <sup>3/</sup>	69.4 <sup>3/</sup>	108.7 <sup>3/</sup>	130.6 <sup>3/</sup>	235.2 <sup>3/</sup>
Indoor Relief (Capitation Grant)	31.8	33.4	34.6	41.1	44.1	46.6
Inmate's Allowance	4.8	5.2	5.3	4.5	5.6	5.9
Unemployment Hardship Relief	3.6	3.8	3.8	4.3	6.2	13.8
Funeral Grant	7.6	7.3	8.3	10.9	14.2	12.8

<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 2006 - 2009 and December 2010 - 2011**

District/ Island	2006	2007	2008	2009	Dec 2010	Dec 2011
Port-Louis	3,552	3,444	3,397	3,575	3,864	3,980
Pamplemousses	1,900	1,983	1,765	1,898	2,115	2,273
Riviere du Rempart	1,241	1,305	1,307	1,318	1,294	1,143
Flacq	1,517	1,535	1,632	1,690	1,870	1,920
Grand-Port	1,088	1,135	1,161	1,224	1,430	1,286
Savanne	941	875	814	789	830	987
Plaine Wilhems	3,532	3,506	3,476	3,555	4,124	4,408
Moka	584	643	669	699	802	839
Black River	904	839	775	862	910	866
<i>Island of Mauritius</i>	<i>15,259</i>	<i>15,265</i>	<i>14,996</i>	<i>15,610</i>	<i>17,239</i>	<i>17,702</i>
<i>Island of Rodrigues</i>	<i>1,841</i>	<i>1,611</i>	<i>1,581</i>	<i>1,570</i>	<i>2,193</i>	<i>2,489</i>
<b>Republic of Mauritius</b>	<b>17,100</b>	<b>16,876</b>	<b>16,577</b>	<b>17,180</b>	<b>19,432</b>	<b>20,191</b>

**Table 8 - Contribution to the National Pensions Fund(NPF) 2005/06 - 2008/2009 and Calendar year 2010 - 2011**

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010	Jan to Dec 2011 <sup>2/</sup>
No. of employers <sup>1/</sup> contributing to the Fund (000)	16.8	17.0	17.6	18.1	19.1	19.5
No. of employees contributing to the Fund (000)	286.7	296.2	305.3	301.9	302.2	307.4
Amount contributed by employers and employees (Rs Mn)	1,446.5	1,571.9	1,712.1	1,842.1	2,108.2	2,317.8
Surcharge paid by employers (Rs Mn)	0.9	1.1	1.3	2.5	4.3	5.2
Size of the NPF (Rs Mn) as at end of financial year	43,316.7	50,564.3	57,096.8	61,400.0	68,374.4	75,000.0

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

<sup>2/</sup> provisional

**Table 9 - Contribution to the National Savings Fund (NSF), 2005/2006 - 2008/2009 and Calendar year 2010 - 2011**

	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	Jan to Dec 2010	Jan to Dec 2011 <sup>1/</sup>
No. of employers contributing to Fund ('000)	16.5	16.7	17.3	17.8	18.9	19.2
No. of employees belonging to the Fund ('000)	353.9	367.2	373.1	357.7	367.2	375.4
Amount contributed by employers (RsMn) <sup>2/</sup>	559.6	594.5	655.6	788.7	1,035.0	1,137.1
Surcharge paid by employers (RsMn)	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.8	1.9	0.7
No. of beneficiaries of Lump Sum:	11,720	8,255	15,221	12,792	5,990	7,581
of which Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS)	1,622	125	5,972	849	120	136
Total Lump Sum paid (RsMn)	121.7	173.2	379.8	210.7	206.8	278.1
of which VRS (RsMn)	2.9	2.6	182.5	28.3	4.7	7.1
Size of Fund (RsMn) as at end of financial year	7,441.1	8,767.3	9,643.3	10,500.0	11,500.0	14,175.4

<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 2006 - 2009 & December 2010 - 2011**

**Republic of Mauritius**

Pension type	2006	2007	2008	2009	December 2010	December 2011 <sup>1/</sup>
Contributory Retirement Pension	39,472	41,827	44,620	47,579	54,880	60,000
Contributory Widow's Pension <sup>2/</sup>	15,188	15,916	16,689	17,884	19,670	20,854
Contributory Invalid's Pension	6,445	6,733	6,509	6,731	7,363	8,014
Contributory Orphan's Pension	97	88	114	117	134	139
Industrial Injury Benefits	894	912	879	871	913	866

<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 2005/06 - 2008/2009 and Calendar year 2010 - 2011 , Republic of Mauritius**

Pension type	Amount paid (Rs million)					
	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010	Jan to Dec 2011 <sup>1/</sup>
Contributory Retirement Pension	416.5	473.4	555.6	646.7	783.5	822.6
Contributory Widow's Pension	104.0	124.2	147.8	180.2	222.0	231.3
Contributory Invalid's Pension	26.9	29.2	30.9	32.3	37.5	38.8
Contributory Orphan's Pension	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Industrial Injury Benefits <sup>1/</sup>	29.0	29.6	29.6	31.7	34.7	35.4

<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, 2005/06 - 2008/09 and Calendar year 2010 - 2011, Republic of Mauritius**

Contingency	Number of cases					
	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010	Jan to Dec 2011
Medical treatment abroad (Air ticket only)	58	6	-	-	-	-
Personal Hardship Scheme :	602	388	356	720	1,798	1,602
- <i>Multiple births</i>	6	3	2	2	-	1
- <i>Fire victims</i>	17	7	5	15	5	-
- <i>Natural calamities</i>	1	18	-	19	-	-
- <i>Tragic accidents</i>	16	21	5	19	16	17
- <i>Needy students</i>	179	134	116	252	804	543
- <i>Repatriation of mortal remains</i>	-	2	1	4	5	3
- <i>Destitute</i>	228	75	95	158	464	608
- <i>Medical case</i>	140	96	98	212	455	387
- <i>Centenarian</i>	15	32	28	29	39	40
- <i>Sale by levy (Hardship case)</i>	-	-	6	10	10	3
Other	-	18	1	2	19	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>1,817</b>	<b>1,602</b>

**Table 11(b) - Amount disbursed by the National Solidarity Fund (NSF) by type, 2005/06 - 2008/09 and Calendar year 2010 - 2011, Republic of Mauritius**

Contingency	Amount paid (Rs 000)					
	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Jan to Dec 2010	Jan to Dec 2011
Medical treatment abroad (Air ticket only)	751	80	-	-	-	-
Personal Hardship Scheme:	3,155	3,636	5,610	12,748	20,573	15,336
- <i>Multiple births</i>	50	31	44	20	-	30
- <i>Fire victims</i>	69	67	22	106	29	-
- <i>Natural calamities</i>	5	141	-	84	-	-
- <i>Tragic accidents</i>	125	295	83	339	349	425
- <i>Needy students</i>	791	808	1,056	2,296	6,698	4,698
- <i>Repatriation of mortal remains</i>	-	50	50	145	150	85
- <i>Destitute</i>	949	538	661	1,097	3,293	3,402
- <i>Medical case</i>	1,016	1,386	1,757	3,951	7,055	5,696
- <i>Centenarian</i>	150	320	280	290	390	400
- <i>Sale by levy (Hardship case)</i>	-	-	1,657	4,420	2,609	600
Other	-	108	100	20	114	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,906</b>	<b>3,824</b>	<b>5,710</b>	<b>12,768</b>	<b>20,687</b>	<b>15,336</b>

**Table 12 - Projected mid year population<sup>1/</sup> by broad age group and sex, Republic of Mauritius, 2011 - 2051**

Age-group (years)	2011			2016			2021			2026			2031		
	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
Under 15	137.7	133.4	<b>271.1</b>	126.0	122.5	<b>248.5</b>	116.1	113.1	<b>229.2</b>	113.3	110.2	<b>223.5</b>	109.6	106.6	<b>216.2</b>
15 - 59	430.3	433.1	<b>863.4</b>	435.2	439.6	<b>874.8</b>	433.6	439.3	<b>872.9</b>	420.2	426.2	<b>846.4</b>	410.5	415.9	<b>826.4</b>
60 & over	65.7	85.8	<b>151.5</b>	83.0	105.3	<b>188.3</b>	102.7	127.6	<b>230.3</b>	123.8	152.5	<b>276.3</b>	136.9	169.5	<b>306.4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>633.7</b>	<b>652.3</b>	<b>1,286.0</b>	<b>644.2</b>	<b>667.4</b>	<b>1,311.6</b>	<b>652.4</b>	<b>680.0</b>	<b>1,332.4</b>	<b>657.3</b>	<b>688.9</b>	<b>1,346.2</b>	<b>657.0</b>	<b>692.0</b>	<b>1,349.0</b>
Pensioner support ratio <sup>2/</sup>	6.5	5.0	<b>5.7</b>	5.2	4.2	<b>4.6</b>	4.2	3.4	<b>3.8</b>	3.4	2.8	<b>3.1</b>	3.0	2.5	<b>2.7</b>
Index of ageing <sup>3/</sup>	47.7	64.3	<b>55.9</b>	65.9	86.0	<b>75.8</b>	88.5	112.8	<b>100.5</b>	109.3	138.4	<b>123.6</b>	124.9	159.0	<b>141.7</b>

Age-group (years)	2036			2041			2046			2051		
	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes
Under 15	103.8	100.9	<b>204.7</b>	97.1	94.4	<b>191.5</b>	91.1	88.6	<b>179.7</b>	86.6	84.1	<b>170.7</b>
15 - 59	401.8	405.5	<b>807.3</b>	384.7	385.8	<b>770.5</b>	372.2	372.5	<b>744.7</b>	355.8	354.9	<b>710.7</b>
60 & over	145.1	181.7	<b>326.8</b>	157.5	197.7	<b>355.2</b>	160.9	201.8	<b>362.7</b>	164.3	204.9	<b>369.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>650.7</b>	<b>688.1</b>	<b>1,338.8</b>	<b>639.3</b>	<b>677.9</b>	<b>1,317.2</b>	<b>624.2</b>	<b>662.9</b>	<b>1,287.1</b>	<b>606.7</b>	<b>643.9</b>	<b>1,250.6</b>
Pensioner support ratio <sup>2/</sup>	2.8	2.2	<b>2.5</b>	2.4	2.0	<b>2.2</b>	2.3	1.8	<b>2.1</b>	2.2	1.7	<b>1.9</b>
Index of ageing <sup>3/</sup>	139.8	180.1	<b>159.6</b>	162.2	209.4	<b>185.5</b>	176.6	227.8	<b>201.8</b>	189.7	243.6	<b>216.3</b>

<sup>1/</sup> In thousands

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

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

**Table 13 - Projected number of beneficiaries and estimated future costs of basic pension,  
Republic of Mauritius, 2011 - 2051**

*(a) Projected no. of beneficiaries<sup>1/</sup> as at December, by pension type, 2011 - 2051*

Pension type	Number Dec 2011	Projected number of beneficiaries ('000)							
		2016	2021	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046	2051
Basic Retirement Pension	161.2	188.3	230.3	276.3	306.4	326.8	355.2	362.7	369.2
<i>of whom</i>									
<i>Severely handicapped<sup>2/</sup></i>	16.5	17.8	21.6	26.4	31.7	36.2	40.9	44.5	46.4
Basic Widow's Pension	21.5	23.2	24.2	23.8	24.4	25.2	23.6	23.8	23.4
Basic Invalid's Pension	30.5	31.5	31.9	31.4	31.3	31.2	29.9	29.4	28.2
<i>of whom</i>									
<i>Severely handicapped<sup>3/</sup></i>	7.4	7.7	7.8	7.6	7.5	7.6	7.2	7.1	6.9
Basic Orphan's Pension	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	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>18.5</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>11.3</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>	7.0	6.5	5.9	5.3	5.2	5.1	4.8	4.5	4.2
<i>Basic Invalid's Pension</i>	10.8	9.9	9.1	8.4	8.2	7.9	7.5	7.0	6.6
<i>Other<sup>4/</sup></i>	0.5	0.5	0.5	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, 2016-2051*

Pension type	Amount 2011 <sup>1/</sup>	Estimated future costs at 2011 pension rates (Rs Mn)							
		2016	2021	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046	2051
Basic Retirement Pension (including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension and Child's Allowance)	7,171	8,382	10,260	12,293	13,733	14,700	16,094	16,692	17,097
Basic Widow's Pension (including Child's Allowance)	894	938	967	943	963	992	930	933	914
Basic Invalid's Pension (including Carer's Allowance and Child's Allowance)	1,338	1,457	1,462	1,429	1,424	1,417	1,356	1,328	1,274
Basic Orphan's Pension <sup>2/</sup> (including Guardian's Allowance)	24	21	19	18	17	17	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



## **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 2011 (flat rate) and the latest population projection based on the estimated population as at June 2011, which was worked out by Statistics Mauritius.

### ***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 2011.
- ❖ The proportion of beneficiaries of BRP who were severely handicapped (BRP/SH) by age group and sex in December 2011 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 December 2011 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 December 2011 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 December 2011 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 December 2011 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 December 2011.
- ❖ The proportion of children receiving Child's Allowance (BIP cases) by age group and sex in December 2011 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 December 2011 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 December 2011
- ❖ The proportion of Basic Orphan's Pension beneficiaries per guardian has been assumed to remain the same as in December 2011.