

SECTION 11 - SOCIAL SECURITY

Table 11.1(a) - Social Benefits¹, Republic of Mauritius, 2004/2005 - 2007/2008

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
1. Social Aid				
No. of cases	17,536	17,100	16,876	16,577
Total amount paid ² (Million rupees)	317.33	348.96	394.60	430.17
2. Indoor Relief				
No. of persons in infirmaries	623	569	559	560
No. of persons in orphanages	139	117	102	91
Total capitation grant paid (Million rupees)	31.05	31.79	33.37	34.56
3. Retirement pension and child's allowance				
No. of beneficiaries				
Basic pension	120,802 ⁹	126,344	131,126	136,408
of which: severely handicapped	(16,596)	(17,112)	(17,397)	(16,981)
Contributory pension	37,895	39,472	41,827	44,620
Amount paid (Million rupees)				
Basic pension ³	3,486.24	4,128.98	4,459.11	4,761.79
Contributory pension	375.87	416.46	473.40	555.61
4. Widow's pension and child's allowance				
No. of beneficiaries				
Basic pension	22,672	22,973	22,810	22,611
Contributory pension (All ages)	14,082	15,188	15,916	16,689
Amount paid (Million rupees)				
Basic pension ⁴	639.43	687.81	722.01	778.84
Contributory pension	91.52	103.98	124.21	147.84
5. Orphan's pension and Guardian's allowance				
No. of beneficiaries				
Basic pension	457	434	377	396
Contributory pension	102	97	88	114
No. of guardians (basic pension)	392	363	314	324
Amount paid (Million rupees)				
Basic pension ⁵	14.11	14.55	14.86	20.70
Contributory pension	0.16	0.16	0.18	0.19
6. Invalidity pension and child's allowance				
No. of beneficiaries				
Basic pension	25,646	27,638	27,603	27,363
of which: severely handicapped	(7,354)	(7,984)	(8,015)	(7,787)
Contributory pension	5,620	6,445	6,733	6,509
Amount paid (Million rupees)				
Basic pension ⁶	867.15	995.30	1,061.92	1,125.91
Contributory pension	22.73	26.91	29.15	30.88
7. Inmates allowance⁷				
No. of beneficiaries :				
- in infirmaries & orphanages	548	480	486	483
- in Brown Sequard Hospital ⁸	340	328	315	292
Total amount paid (Million rupees)	4.89	4.85	5.17	5.34
8. Industrial injury benefit				
Total amount paid (Million rupees)	27.19	28.99	29.60	29.57
9. Lump sum payment to ex SIPF members				
Total amount paid (Million rupees)	8.08	5.51	5.44	67.59
10. Unemployment hardship relief				
No. of beneficiaries	457	444	420	372
Total amount paid (Million rupees)	3.01	3.56	3.83	3.82

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Table 11.1(b) - Social Benefits¹, Island of Mauritius, 2004/2005 - 2007/2008

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
1. Social Aid				
No. of cases	15,708	15,259	15,265	14,996
Total amount paid (Million rupees)	245.98	269.70	335.93	377.90
2. Indoor relief				
No. of persons in infirmaries	623	569	559	560
No. of persons in orphanages	139	117	102	91
Total capitation grants paid (Million rupees)	31.05	31.79	33.37	34.56
3. Retirement pension and child's allowance				
No. of beneficiaries				
Basic pension	117,319 ⁹	122,723	127,420	132,632
of which: severely handicapped	(16,114)	(16,637)	(16,900)	(16,412)
Contributory pension	37,771	39,311	41,646	44,422
Amount paid (Million rupees)				
Basic pension ³	3,396.74	4,011.63	4,334.27	4,620.15
Contributory pension	375.45	415.37	472.14	554.16
4. Widow's pension and child's allowance				
No. of beneficiaries				
Basic pension	22,306	22,589	22,412	22,213
Contributory pension (All ages)	14,043	15,139	15,864	16,636
Amount paid (Million rupees)				
Basic pension ⁴	632.02	675.93	709.30	764.81
Contributory pension	91.35	103.75	123.94	147.50
5. Orphan's pension and Guardian's allowance				
No. of beneficiaries				
Basic pension	370	349	310	330
Contributory pension	101	96	88	111
No. of guardians (basic pension)	313	287	255	269
Amount paid (Million rupees)				
Basic pension ⁵	12.18	12.70	13.10	18.00
Contributory pension	0.16	0.16	0.18	0.19
6. Invalidity pension and child's allowance				
No. of beneficiaries				
Basic pension	25,001	26,920	26,858	26,541
of which: severely handicapped	(7,077)	(7,655)	(7,661)	(7,452)
Contributory pension	5,609	6,429	6,710	6,485
Amount paid (Million rupees)				
Basic pension ⁶	845.60	968.54	1,032.04	1,092.59
Contributory pension	22.69	26.87	29.07	30.79
7. Inmates allowance⁷				
No. of beneficiaries :				
- in infirmaries & orphanages	548	480	486	483
- in Brown Sequard Hospital ⁸	340	328	315	292
Total amount paid (Million rupees)	4.89	4.85	5.17	5.34
8. Industrial injury benefit				
Total amount paid (Million rupees)	27.09	28.90	29.40	29.37
9. Lump sum payment to ex SIPF members				
Total amount paid (Million rupees)	8.08	5.51	5.44	67.59
10. Unemployment hardship relief				
No. of beneficiaries	197	173	163	121
Total amount paid (Million rupees)	1.16	1.19	1.13	1.30

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Table 11.1(c) - Social Benefits¹, Island of Rodrigues, 2004/2005 - 2007/2008

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
1. Social Aid				
No. of cases	1,828	1,841	1,611	1,581
Total amount paid ² (Million rupees)	71.35	79.26	58.76	52.27
2. Retirement pension and child's allowance				
No. of beneficiaries				
Basic pension	3,483 ⁹	3,621	3,706	3,776
of which: severely handicapped	(482)	(475)	(497)	(569)
Contributory pension	124	161	181	198
Amount paid (Million rupees)				
Basic pension ³	89.50	117.35	124.84	141.64
Contributory pension	0.42	1.09	1.26	1.45
3. Widow's pension and child's allowance				
No. of beneficiaries				
Basic pension	366	384	398	398
Contributory pension (All ages)	39	49	52	53
Amount paid (Million rupees)				
Basic pension ⁴	7.41	11.88	12.71	14.03
Contributory pension	0.17	0.23	0.27	0.34
4. Orphan's pension and Guardian's allowance				
No. of beneficiaries				
Basic pension	87	85	67	66
Contributory pension	1	1	-	3
No. of guardians (basic pension)	79	76	59	55
Amount paid (Million rupees)				
Basic pension ⁵	1.93	1.85	1.76	2.70
Contributory pension	0.00	0.00	-	0.00
5. Invalidity pension and child's allowance				
No. of beneficiaries				
Basic pension	645	718	745	822
of which: severely handicapped	(277)	(329)	(354)	(335)
Contributory pension	11	16	23	24
Amount paid (Million rupees)				
Basic pension ⁶	21.55	26.76	29.88	33.32
Contributory pension	0.04	0.04	0.08	0.09
6. Industrial injury benefit				
Total amount paid (Million rupees)	0.10	0.09	0.20	0.20
7. Unemployment hardship relief				
No. of beneficiaries	260	271	257	251
Total amount paid (Million rupees)	1.85	2.37	2.70	2.52

Table 11.2 - Contribution to the National Pensions Fund, Republic of Mauritius 2004/2005 - 2007/2008

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
No. of employers contributing to the Fund ¹⁰	16,500	16,800	17,000	17,600
Contribution from employers/employees (Million rupees)	1,312.9	1,446.5	1,571.9	1,712.1
Surcharge paid by employers (Million rupees)	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.3
Size of National Pensions Fund (Million rupees)	38,189.9	43,316.7 ¹¹	50,564.3 ¹¹	57,096.8

¹ The number relates to beneficiaries as at June and the amount to the indicated financial year.

² Including assistance given to the professional fishermen and food aid in Rodrigues.

³ Including Enhanced Basic Retirement Pension & Child's Allowance

⁴ Including Child's Allowance.

⁵ Including Guardian's Allowance and allowances to children of previous beneficiaries of Basic Retirement Pension or Basic Widow's Pension or Basic Invalid's Pension.

⁶ Including Carer's and Child's allowances

⁷ An allowance paid to a person who is otherwise qualified to receive a basic pension but is disqualified receive it, being an inmate of a charitable institution.

⁸ Allowance is 1/4 of pension he/she would have received if not in institution

⁹ Not paid on a universal basis from December 2004 to June 2005

¹⁰ Including self employed and those who have contributed at least once during the financial year

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