



# Statistics Bulletin

## INTRODUCTION

This issue provides an overview of the operational performance of the Antigua & Barbuda Social Security Board (ABSSB) for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 with comparison to the same period of 2018. Contained therein is information on Registration, Active Contributors and Beneficiaries activities.

### Registration Activity

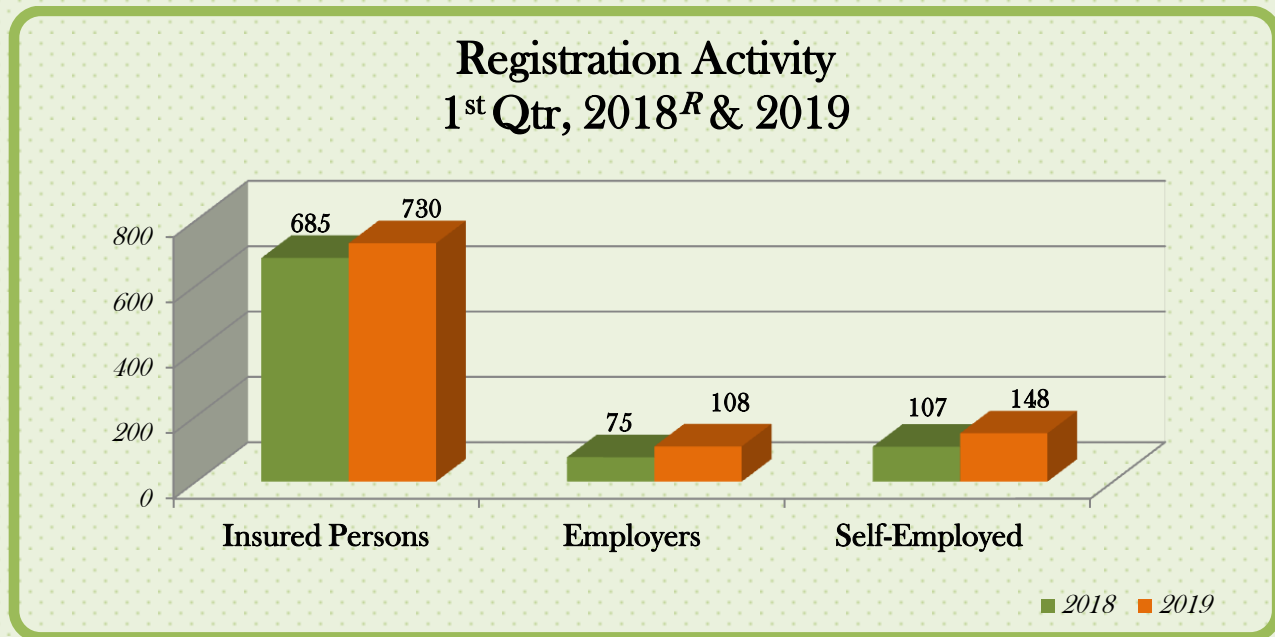


Figure 1

Figure 1 depicts the registration activity by category for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2018 and 2019, respectively.

For the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019, new insured persons increased by 6.6% relative to the same period in the previous year. Likewise, new registration of employers and self-employed persons increased by 44.0% and 38.3%, respectively.

**Insured Persons Registration****Table 1: Insured Persons by Age Group & Sex**

Age Group	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2018 <sup>R</sup>		1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2019	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
16 - 19	124	100	102	110
20 - 29	131	148	124	114
30 - 39	50	49	78	49
40 - 49	22	32	54	31
50 - 59	12	13	36	19
60 - 64	2	2	2	0
	341	344	397	333
<b>Total</b>	685		730	

Table 1 shows new insured persons by age group and sex. Whereas a 16.4% increase in male registrants was observed for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019, for female registrants, there was a slight drop of 3.2%.

The largest proportion [29.0%] of new insured persons for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 was within the 20 - 29 year age group.

**Table 2: Unemployed Insured Persons by Age Group & Sex**

Age Group	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2018 <sup>R</sup>		1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2019	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
16 - 19	74	103	81	104
20 - 29	68	77	56	55
30 - 39	10	22	18	22
40 - 49	10	6	16	12
50 - 59	3	12	12	6
60 - 64	0	1	2	0
	165	221	185	199
<b>Total</b>	386		384	

For the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019, 52.6% of new insured persons indicated that they were unemployed at the point of registration.

Further, data revealed that registrants between the age of 30 and 59 years had an increase of 36.5% unemployed status when compared to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2018.

The number of new insured persons within the 20 - 29 age cohort who indicated that they were unemployed decreased by 23.5% relative to the same period of the previous year.

**Table 3: Insured Persons Registration by Nationality**

Nationality	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2018 <sup>R</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2019
Antigua & Barbuda	355	353
OECS	180	172
CARICOM <sup>1</sup>	76	126
International	74	79
<b>Total</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>730</b>

Registration of insured persons from territories categorized as **non-OECS CARICOM and International** increased by 59.5% and 6.8%, respectively, during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 relative to the corresponding period of 2018.

Conversely, there was a decrease in registration of 4.4% for OECS nationals when compared to the same period for 2018. Registration of nationals of Antigua and Barbuda remained relatively the same for both periods. (Table 3)

**Table 4: Insured Persons Registration by Industry**

Industry Description	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2018 <sup>R</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2019
Accommodation and food service activities	40	40
Activities of households as employers...	5	8
Administrative and support service activities	70	64
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	14	10
Arts, entertainment and recreation	10	6
Construction	33	77
Education	4	5
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning ...	0	1
Human health and social work activities	10	8
Information and communication	2	3
Manufacturing	2	3
Other service activities	12	11
Professional, scientific ...	49	66
Transportation and storage	12	16
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	36	28
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>346</b>

Table 4 shows those new insured persons who stated the industry they were employed in at the point of Registration during Quarter 1 of 2018 and 2019, respectively.

Approximately 16% more new insured persons were employed for 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2019 relative to the same period in 2018.

Whereas registration of Construction workers increased by 133.33% for 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2019, new insured registration of workers in the Accommodation and Food Service Industry was the same for both periods.

For the respective period, approximately 61% of the new insured registrants who indicated their status as “employed” were male.

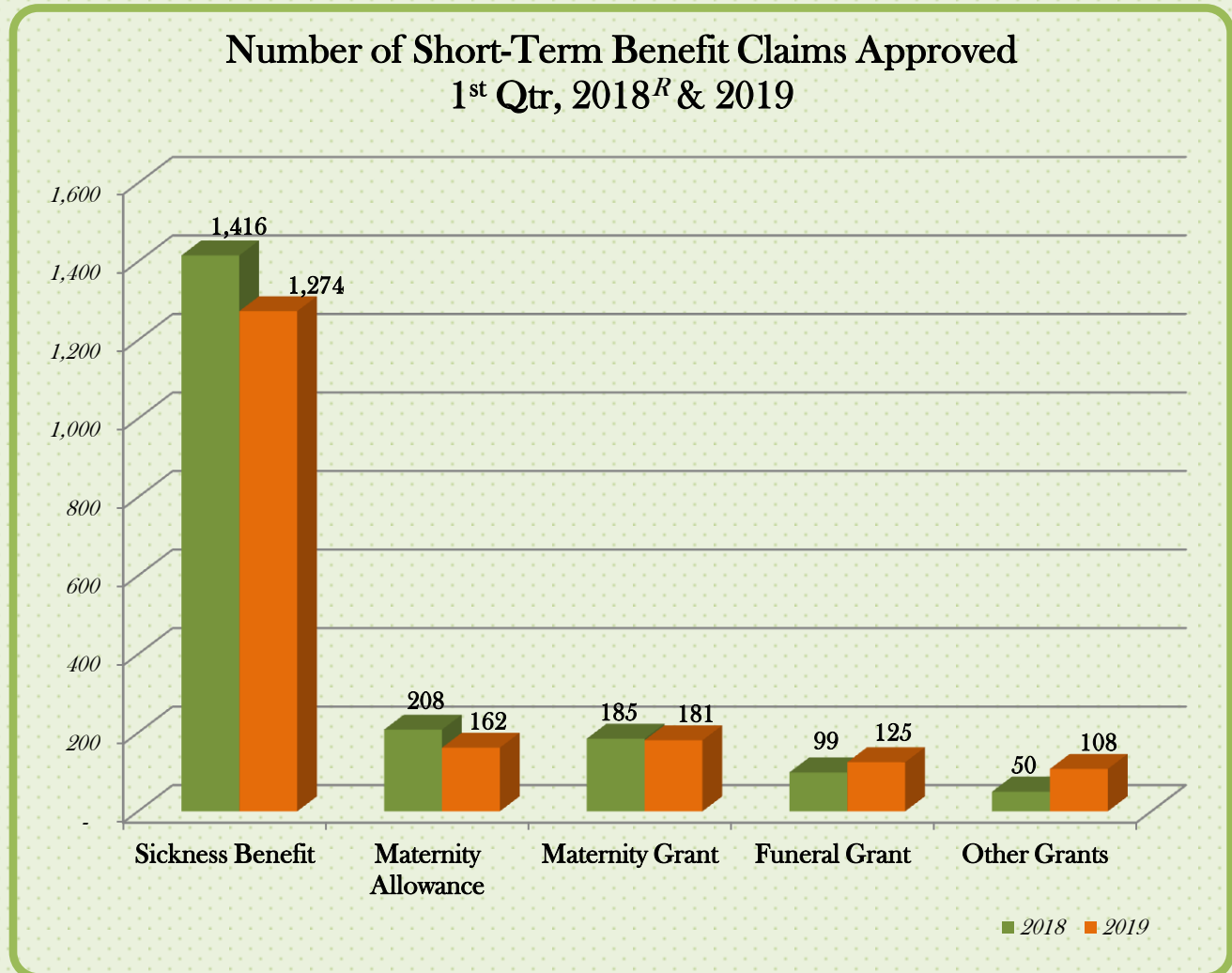
<sup>1</sup> Non-OECS

**Economic Activity: Contributors****Table 5: Active Contributors by Industry 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2018<sup>R</sup> & 2019<sup>P</sup>**

Industry Description	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2018 <sup>R</sup>		1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2019 <sup>P</sup>	
	No. of Employers	No. of Employees	No. of Employers	No. of Employees
Accommodation and food service activities	358	7,119	270	6,826
Activities of households as employers...	417	590	329	523
Administrative and support service activities	127	2,025	111	1,951
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	45	144	42	139
Arts, entertainment and recreation	41	887	36	1,004
Construction	169	1,445	158	1,539
Education	117	1,164	95	884
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning ...	8	855	7	881
Financial and insurance activities	76	1,252	73	1,297
Human health and social work activities	106	1,352	98	1,367
Information and communication	28	494	27	499
Manufacturing	137	1,070	115	988
Mining and quarrying	1	18	0	0
Other service activities	152	568	134	555
Professional, scientific ...	139	686	130	674
Public administration and ... Social Security	80	9,001	76	8,965
Real estate activities	65	965	59	653
Transportation and storage	119	2,202	114	2,143
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	11	48	7	45
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	514	5,358	489	4,704
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,710</b>	<b>37,243</b>	<b>2,370</b>	<b>35,498</b>

The number of active employers and employees (inclusive of dual employment) by industry for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018 and 2019, respectively, are shown at Table 5. Overall, contributors' participation declined by 12.5% for employers and by 4.7% for employees. Further, a decline of 8.7% was recorded for self-employed persons relative to the same period in 2018.

**Benefits Activity: Short-Term Branch**



**Figure 2**

Figure 2 shows the Short-term Benefit claims that were fully processed during 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018 and 2019, respectively. Approval of Short-term Benefit claims declined by 5.5% for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 relative to the same period in 2018.

The majority of these claims were for Sickness Benefit – 68.9% of all Short-term Benefit claims. With 1,274 insured persons receiving Sickness Benefit, the average length of sick days was 9.3 days at a cost of \$0.903 million.

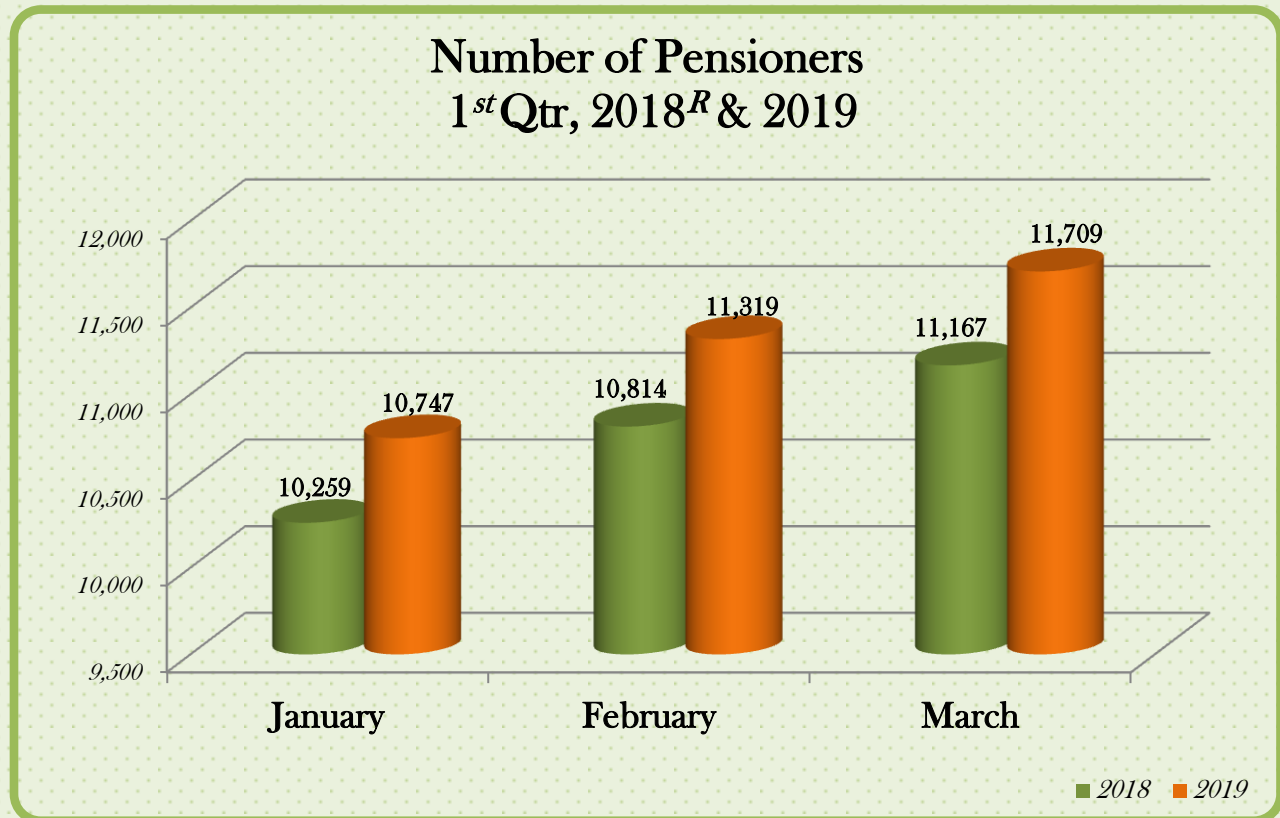
**Benefits Activity: Long-Term Branch****Figure 3**

Figure 3 illustrates the number of pensioners in receipt of a monthly pension for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018 and 2019, respectively.

Approximately 300 new pensions were awarded during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019; an increase of 11.2% relative to the same period in 2018. Conversely, 107 pensioners exited the Social Security Programme through death, of which 73 were Age Pension recipients.

Of the 11,709 pensioners at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019, 88.4% or 10,350 pensioners were receiving an Age Pension from the Social Security Fund – of which 5,750 [55.6%] were female recipients.