



# Statistics Bulletin

## INTRODUCTION

This issue provides an overview of the operational performance of the Antigua & Barbuda Social Security Board (ABSSB) for the years 2016 & 2017. It shares information on Registration, Active Contributors, and Benefit Payment activities.

### Registration Activity

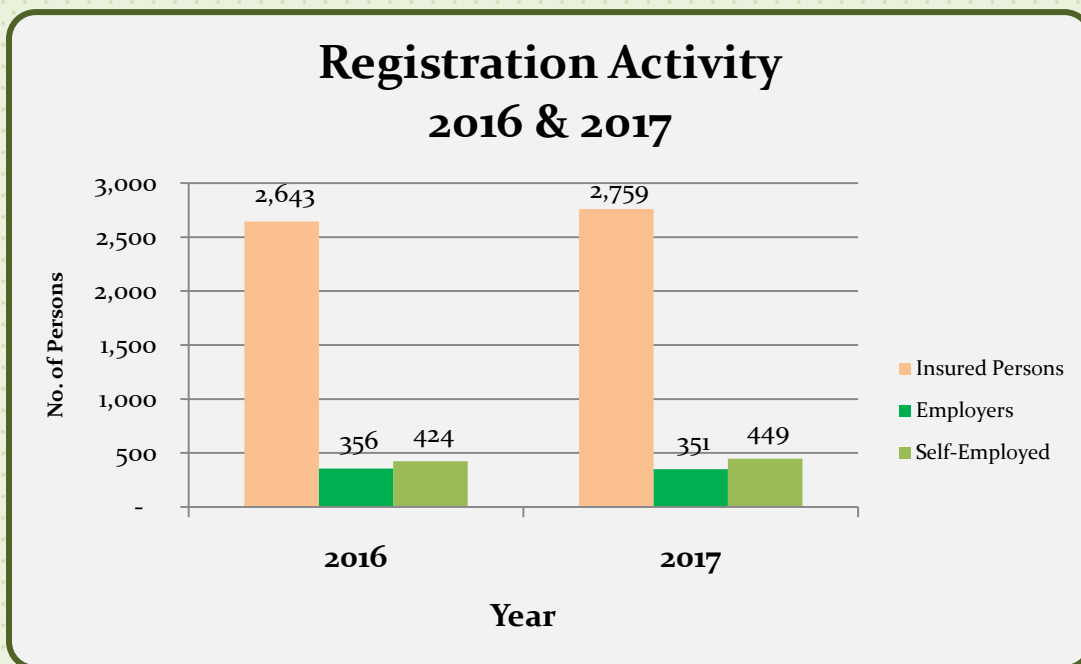


Figure 1

Figure 1 displays a breakdown of the registration activity for 2016 and 2017, respectively.

For 2017, newly insured persons increased by 4.4% relative to 2016. Additionally, in 2017, self-employed registration increased by 6% relative to 2016.

## Insured Persons Registration

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

Age Group	2016		2017	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
16 - 19	125	178	346	396
20 - 29	748	735	668	620
30 - 39	209	212	180	185
40 - 49	119	162	120	110
50 - 59	72	59	73	50
60 <sup>+</sup>	20	4	7	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,293</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>1,394</b>	<b>1,365</b>

Table 1 shares insured persons by age group and sex. For 2017, the largest proportion [46.7%] of insured persons was within the 20 - 29 year age group.

There were increases to both male and female registration by 7.8% and 1.1%, respectively for 2017.

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

Age Group	2016		2017	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
16 - 19	166	101	341	279
20 - 29	435	438	356	362
30 - 39	38	38	67	53
40 - 49	29	29	33	32
50 - 59	16	18	24	23
60 <sup>+</sup>	1	6	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>751</b>

In 2017, 57% of the newly insured persons indicated that they were unemployed at the point of registration.

Data further revealed that the 16 - 19 age cohort had an increase of 132.2% unemployment when compared to 2016.

Unemployment status for those within the 20 - 29 age cohort declined by 17.8% when compared to the previous year.

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

Nationality	2016	2017
Antigua & Barbuda	1,386	1,525
OECS	314	528
CARICOM <sup>1</sup>	615	438
International	328	268
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,643</b>	<b>2,759</b>

For 2017, there was an increase in registration of OECS nationals by **68.2%**. (Table 3)

On the other hand, registration of insured persons from **non-OECS CARICOM** territories declined by **18.3%** when compared to 2016.

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<sup>1</sup> Non-OECS

**Active Insured Activity****Table 4: Active Contributors by Industry 2016**

Description /Industry	No. of Employers	No. of Employees <sup>2</sup>
Accommodation and food service activities	433	9,127
Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	590	873
Administrative and support service activities	148	3,105
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	99	250
Arts, entertainment and recreation	46	1057
Construction	240	2,517
Education	124	1,388
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	9	880
Financial and insurance activities	80	1,475
Human health and social work activities	110	1,521
Information and communication	42	659
Manufacturing	190	1,346
Mining and quarrying	1	39
Other service activities	271	781
Professional, scientific and technical activities	146	733
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	79	9,567
Real estate activities	63	1,156
Transportation and storage	170	2,396
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	12	69
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	650	6,854
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,503</b>	<b>45,793</b>

<sup>2</sup> Inclusive of dual employment

**Table 5: Active Contributors by Industry 2017**

Description /Industry	No. of Employers	No. of Employees <sup>3</sup>
Accommodation and food service activities	485	9,164
Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	502	761
Administrative and support service activities	206	3,345
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	108	263
Arts, entertainment and recreation	52	1,014
Construction	269	2,368
Education	127	1,386
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	10	914
Financial and insurance activities	80	1,387
Human health and social work activities	111	1,518
Information and communication	47	676
Manufacturing	201	1,392
Mining and quarrying	1	28
Other service activities	283	791
Professional, scientific and technical activities	168	861
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	80	9,615
Real estate activities	70	1,155
Transportation and storage	182	2,411
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	21	102
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	690	7,435
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,693</b>	<b>46,586</b>

Tables 4 and 5 show the number of active employers and contributors by industry for 2016 and 2017, respectively.

<sup>3</sup> Inclusive of dual employment

**Benefits Activity: Short-Term Branch**

**Comparison Short-Term Claims Submitted and Approved 2016**

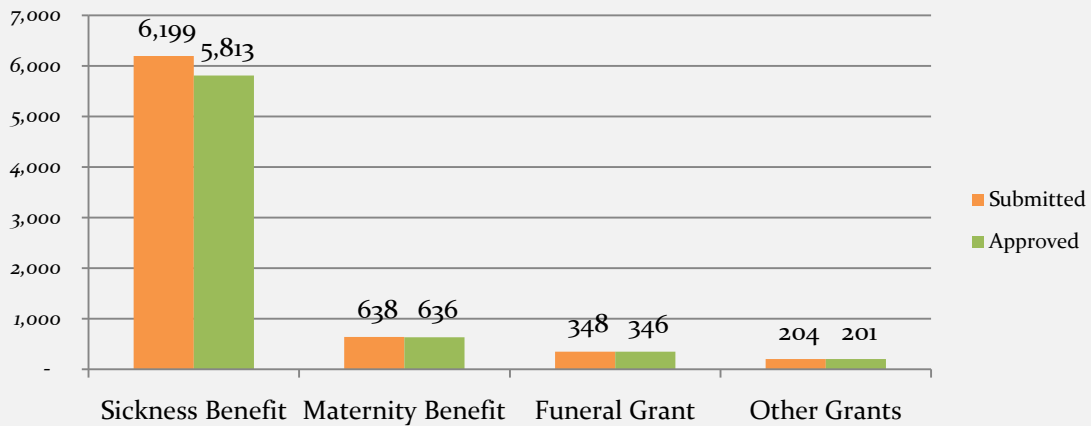


Figure 2

**Comparison Short-Term Claims Submitted and Approved 2017**

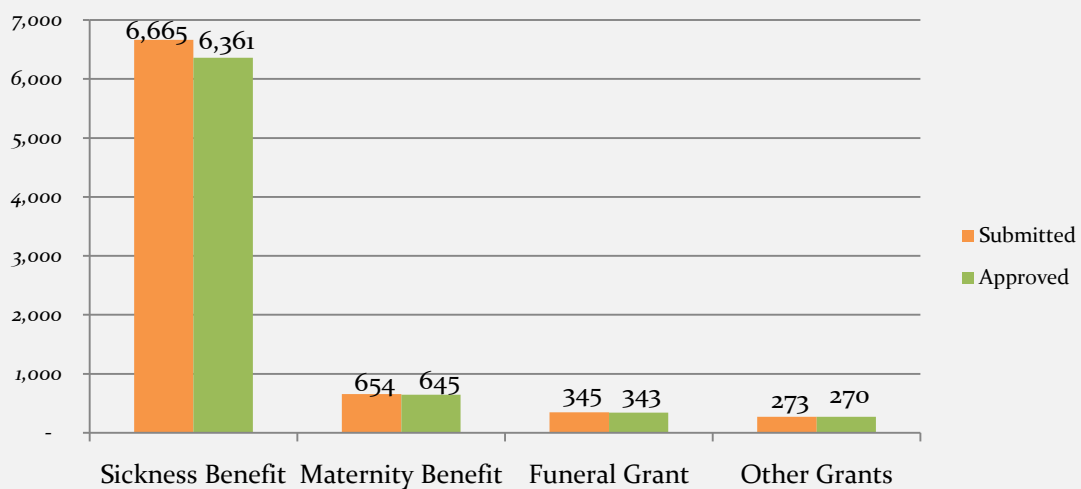


Figure 3

*Figures 2 and 3* highlight the types of claims for Short-Term Benefit. **Sickness Benefit** claims accounted for **84%** of total Short-Term Benefits claims submitted during 2017. Of that, **95.4%** of those claims were approved for payment. When compared to 2016, there was a small increase [9.4%] in Sickness Benefit claims being approved.

Submitted claims for **Maternity Benefit** increased by **2.5%** in 2017.

**Funeral Grant** claims submitted registered a marginal decline of **0.9%**.

**Other Grants** namely Age, Invalidity and Survivors Grants increased by **33.8%** for 2017.

**Benefits Activity: Long-Term Branch**

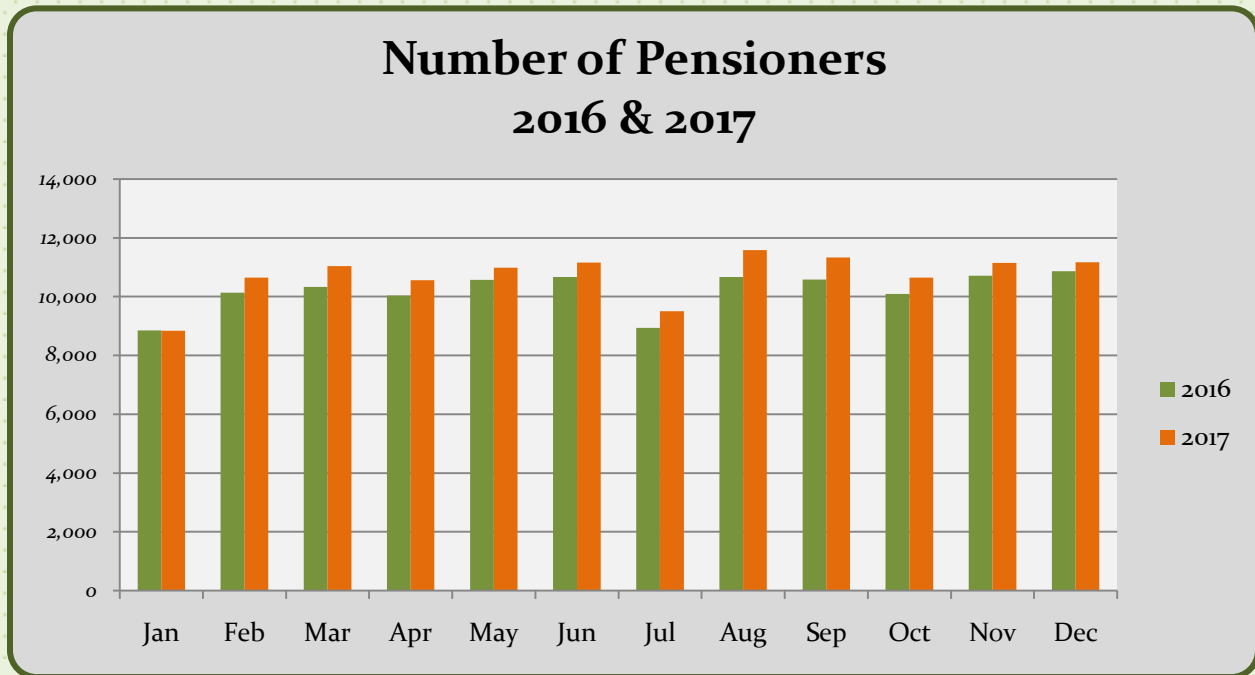


Figure 4

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2016	8,855	10,138	10,335	10,041	10,568	10,674	8,936	10,670	10,583	10,095	10,715	10,861
2017	8,837	10,650	11,035	10,558	10,980	11,156	9,506	11,581	11,332	10,645	11,152	11,168

Figure 4 illustrates the number of pensioners in receipt of a monthly pension for 2016 and 2017, respectively.