



Statistics Bulletin

INTRODUCTION

This issue provides an overview of the operational performance of the Antigua & Barbuda Social Security Board (ABSSB) for January to June 2016 - 2017. It shares details of the Registration, Active Insured, and Short- and Long-term Benefit branches.

Registration Activity

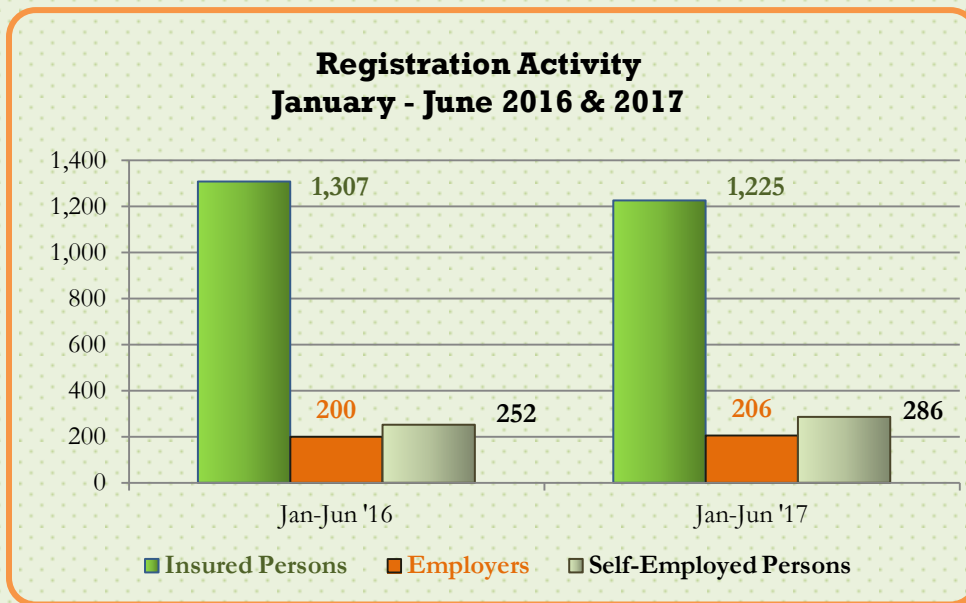


Figure 1

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

For 2017, newly insured persons decreased by 6.3% relative to the same period of 2016. In 2017, male registration accounted for 51% of total registration of insured persons.

Further, new Self-Employed persons and Employers both increased by 13.5%, and 3%, respectively.

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

Age Group	Jan - Jun 2016		Jan - Jun 2017	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
16-19	184	217	220	233
20-29	240	245	242	201
30-39	106	116	77	79
40-49	54	73	50	57
50-59	45	27	35	28
60+	2	1

Table 1 shares insured persons by age group and sex. In the first six months of 2017, the largest proportions of insured persons were under age 30.

There was a decrease of both male and female registrations by **0.5%** and **11.7%**, respectively when compared to the same period in 2016.

Table 2: Unemployed Insured Persons by Age Group & Sex

Age Group	Jan-Jun 2016		Jan-Jun 2017	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
16-19	89	146	178	201
20-29	176	147	115	91
30-39	19	19	17	24
40-49	15	11	14	20
50-59	15	9	10	10
60+	1	1

Of the newly insured persons, **55%** indicated that they were unemployed at the point of registration at the ABSSB.

Data revealed that the 40 - 49 age cohort had, an increase of **81%** unemployment among the females, when compared to 2016.

Table 3: Insured Persons Registration by Nationality

Nationality	Jan - Jun 2016	Jan - Jun 2017
Antigua & Barbuda	641	706
OECS	156	150
CARICOM ¹	358	231
International	152	138
Total	1,307	1,225

In 2017, there was an increase of Antiguan & Barbudan nationals by approximately **10%**. (Table 3)

On the other hand, registration for **non OECS CARICOM** territories declined by **35%** in **2017** when compared to the same period in 2016.

¹ CARICOM - non OECS

Active Insured Activity

**Active Employers by Industry
January – June 2016-2017²**

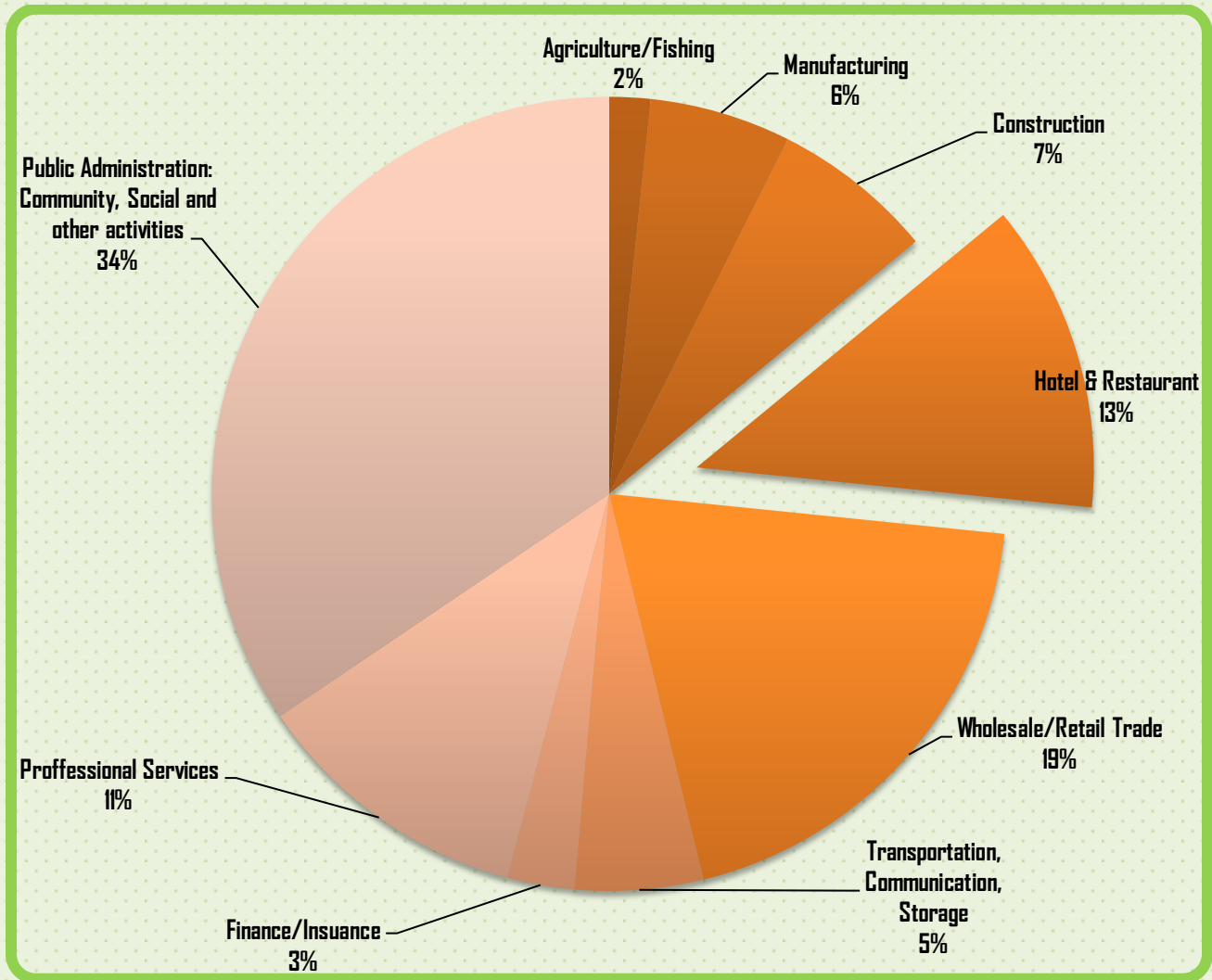


Figure 2

² Chart excludes Self-Employed Persons

**Active Insured by Industry
January – June 2016-2017³**

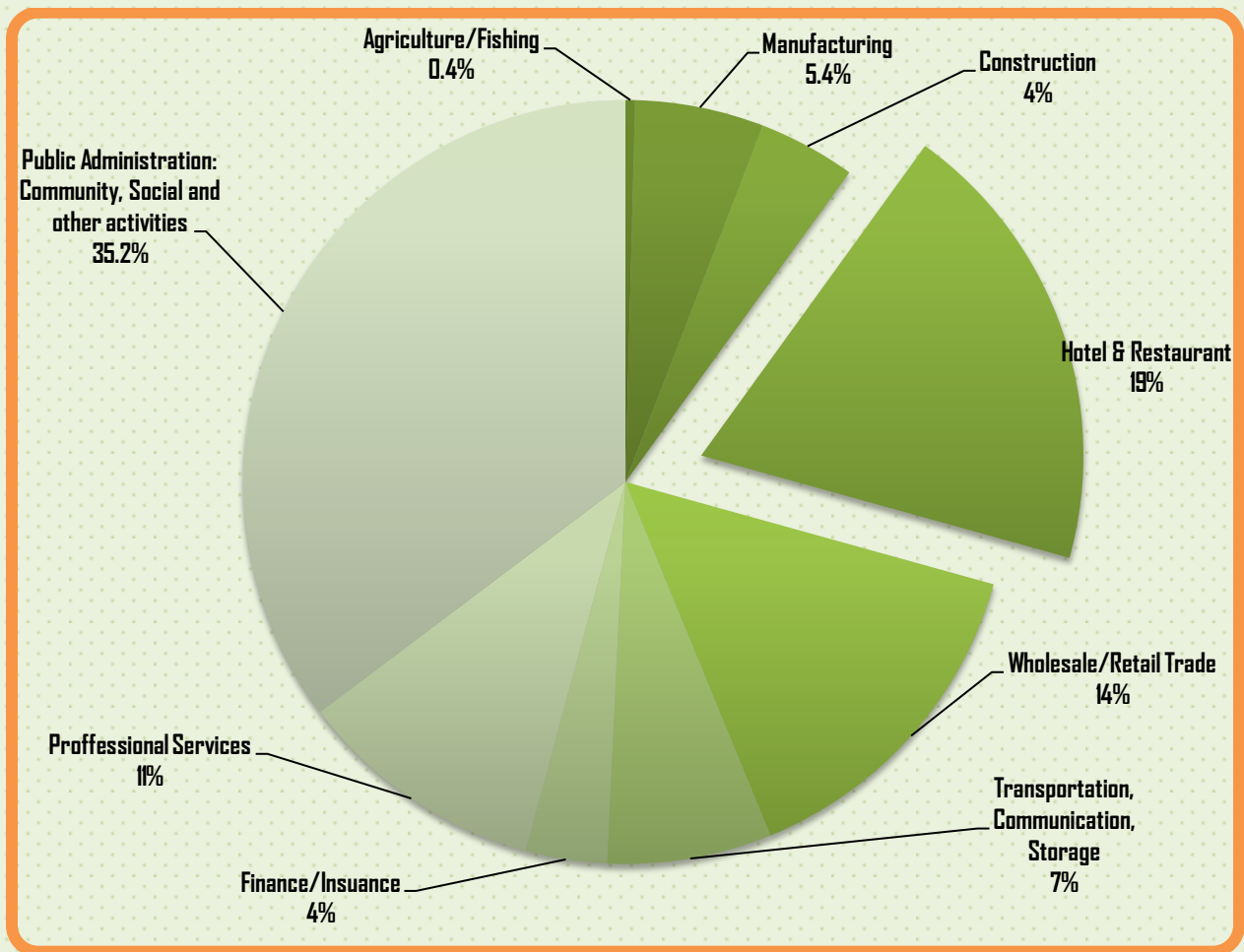


Figure 3

Figures 5 and 6 display the proportion of active employers and insured persons by industry for the first six months of 2016 and 2017.

³ Chart excludes Self-Employed Persons

Benefits Activity: Short - Term Branch

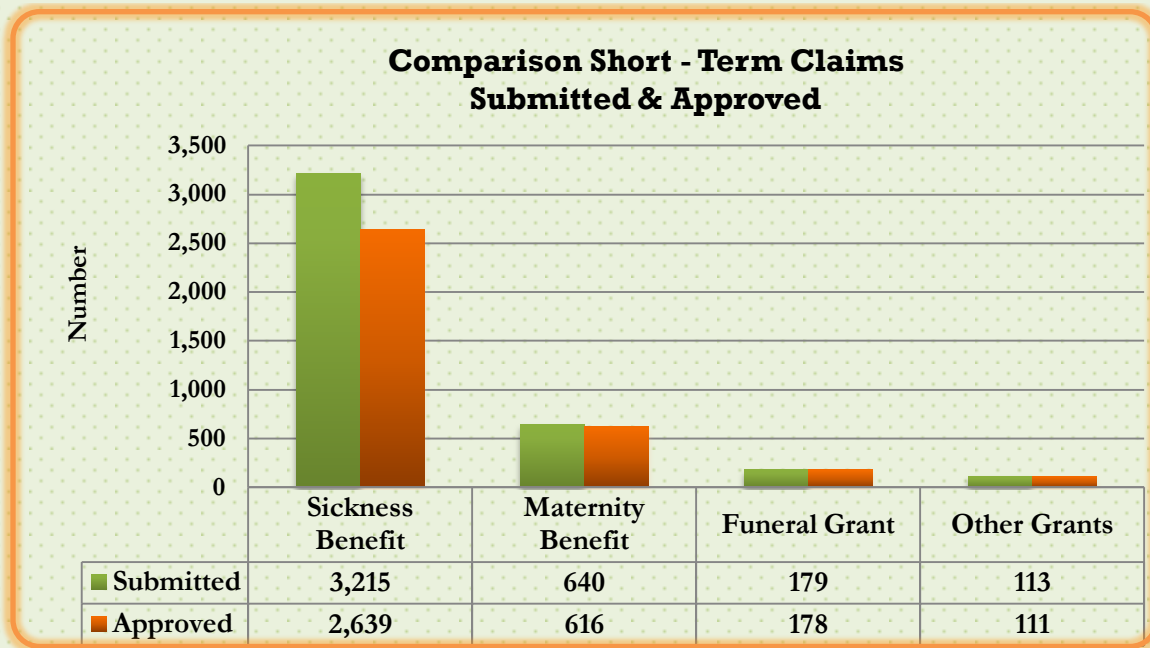


Figure 4⁴

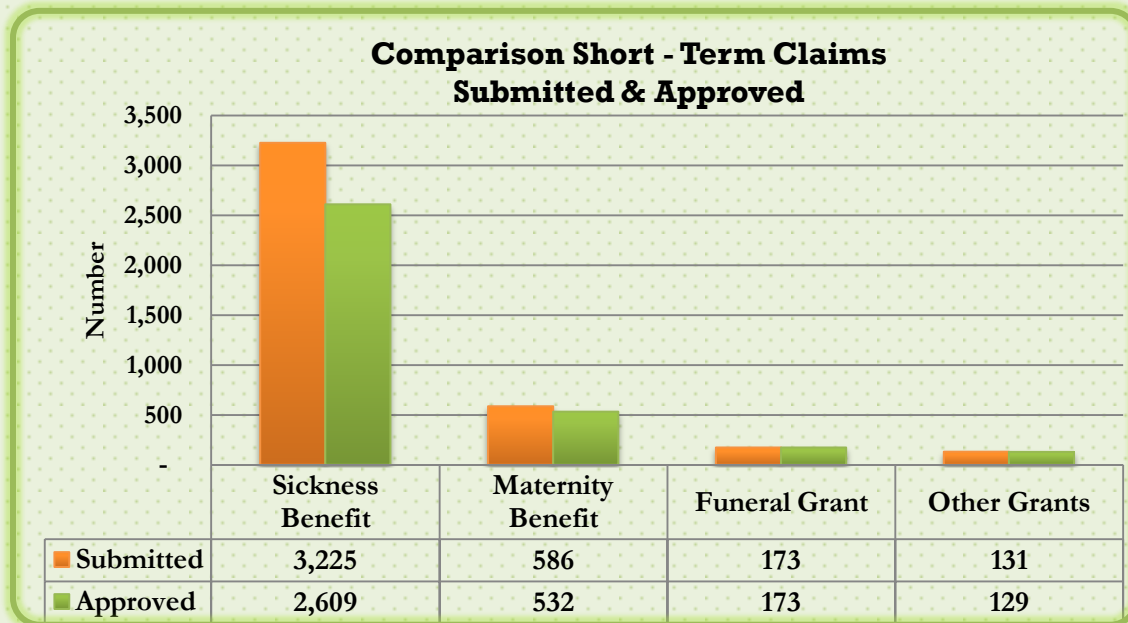


Figure 5

⁴ Other Grants:
Age – Survivor - Invalidity

Figures 2 and 3 highlight the types of Short-Term Benefit claims. **Sickness Benefit** claims accounted for **78%** (3,225) of total Short-Term Benefits claims submitted during the 2017 period of review. Of that, **81%** (2,609) of the Sickness Benefit claims were approved. When compared to the same period in 2016, there was a slight decrease of 1% in Sickness Benefit claims being approved.

Submitted, **Maternity Benefit** claims saw a decrease of **8.4%** in 2017, in comparison to 2016.

Funeral Grant claims registered a decrease of **3.4%** while, **Other Grants** increased by **15.9%**, comparative to the relative period in 2016.

Overall, the approval rate during the first six months of 2016 and 2017 were **85.5%** and **83.7%**, respectively.

Benefits Activity: Long-Term Branch

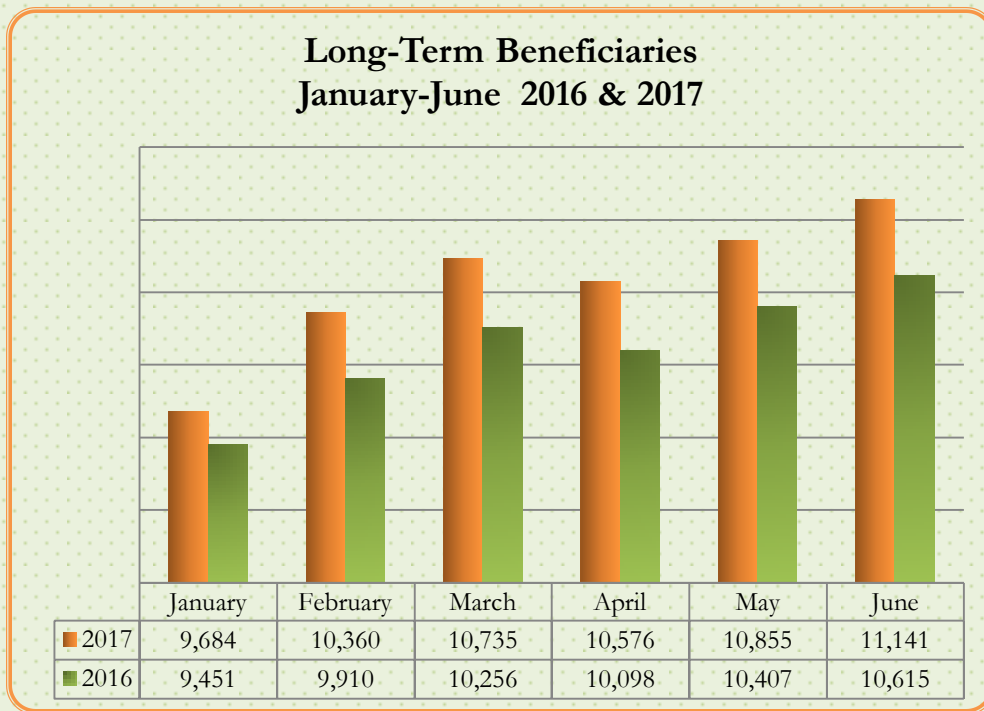


Figure 4 illustrates total long-term beneficiaries in receipt of a monthly pension for the first six months of the respective years.

Figure 6