



Statistics Bulletin

INTRODUCTION

This issue provides an overview of the operational performance of the Antigua & Barbuda Social Security Board (ABSSB) for the First Quarter of 2017 & 2018. 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 1st Qtr 2017 and 2018, respectively.

For the first quarter of 2018, newly insured persons increased by 8.2% relative to the same period in 2017. Additionally, self-employed registration increased by 24.4%.

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

Age Group	1 st Qtr 2017		1 st Qtr 2018	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
16 - 19	90	100	124	100
20 - 29	117	139	131	148
30 - 39	48	38	50	49
40 - 49	39	29	22	32
50 - 59	14	18	12	13
60 ⁺	0	1	2	2
Total	308	325	341	344

Table 1 shares insured persons by age group and sex. For the first quarter of 2018, the largest proportion [40.7%] of insured persons was within the 20 - 29 year age group.

There were increases to both male and female registration by 10.7% and 5.8%, respectively for the first quarter of 2018.

Table 2: Unemployed Insured Persons by Age Group & Sex

Age Group	1 st Qtr 2017		1 st Qtr 2018	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
16 - 19	74	83	106	74
20 - 29	52	62	77	68
30 - 39	14	8	22	10
40 - 49	10	7	6	10
50 - 59	6	3	12	3
60 ⁺	0	0	1	0
Total	156	163	224	165

In 2018, 56.8% 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 14.6% unemployment when compared to the first quarter of 2017.

The number of new insured persons with unemployment status within the 20 - 29 age cohort increased by 27.1% when compared to the same period for the previous year.

Table 3: Insured Persons Registration by Nationality

Nationality	1 st Qtr 2017	1 st Qtr 2018
Antigua & Barbuda	280	282
OECS	75	181
CARICOM ¹	169	102
International	109	120
Total	633	685

For the first quarter of 2018, there was an increase in registration of OECS nationals by **141.3%** when compared to the same period for 2017. (Table 3)

On the other hand, registration of insured persons from **non-OECS CARICOM** territories declined by **39.6%** when compared to the first quarter of 2017.

¹ Non-OECS

Active Insured Activity**Table 4: Active Contributors by Industry 1st Qtr 2017**

Description /Industry	No. of Employers	No. of Employees ²
Accommodation and food service activities	400	7,314
Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	449	650
Administrative and support service activities	143	2,427
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	85	192
Arts, entertainment and recreation	42	851
Construction	199	1,527
Education	121	1,190
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	9	818
Financial and insurance activities	76	1,224
Human health and social work activities	107	1,321
Information and communication	42	549
Manufacturing	177	1,144
Mining and quarrying	1	24
Other service activities	259	672
Professional, scientific and technical activities	141	654
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	78	8,731
Real estate activities	66	976
Transportation and storage	166	2,117
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	14	77
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	609	5,502
Total:	3,184	37,960

² Inclusive of dual employment

Table 5: Active Contributors by Industry 1st Qtr 2018

Description /Industry	No. of Employers	No. of Employees ³
Accommodation and food service activities	372	6,005
Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	346	534
Administrative and support service activities	149	2,004
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	76	169
Arts, entertainment and recreation	47	892
Construction	158	1,228
Education	110	1,133
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	9	851
Financial and insurance activities	74	1,265
Human health and social work activities	103	1,314
Information and communication	28	483
Manufacturing	146	1,019
Other service activities	230	636
Professional, scientific and technical activities	150	673
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	74	8,318
Real estate activities	66	961
Transportation and storage	157	2,100
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	15	52
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	563	5,438
Total:	2,873	35,075

Tables 4 and 5 show the number of active employers and contributors by industry for 2017 and 2018, respectively.

³ Inclusive of dual employment

Benefits Activity: Short-Term Branch

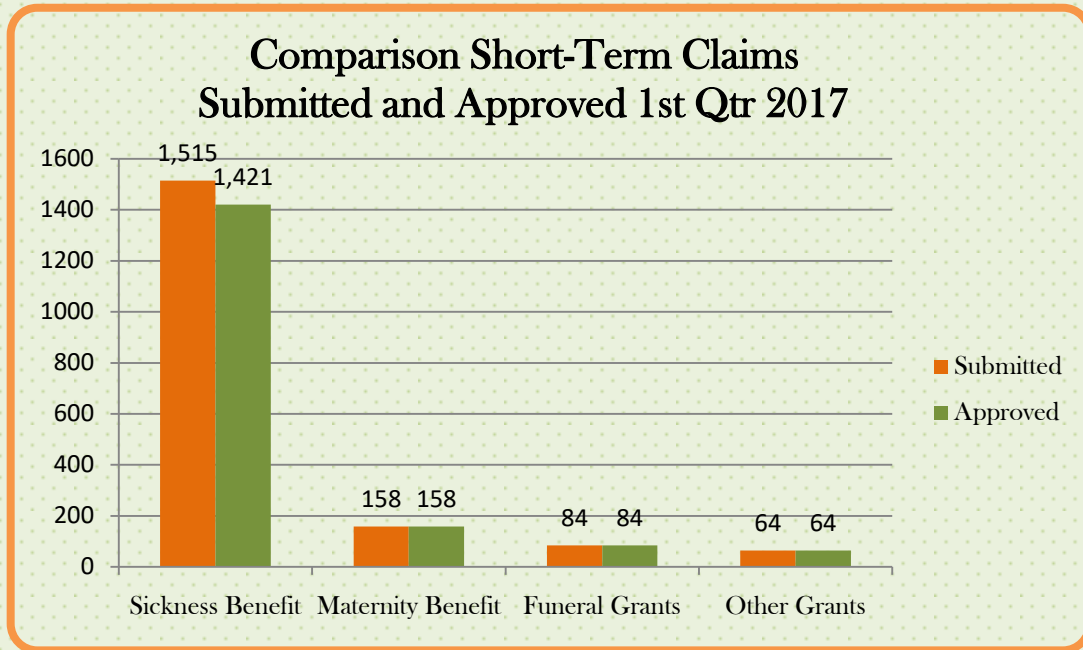


Figure 2

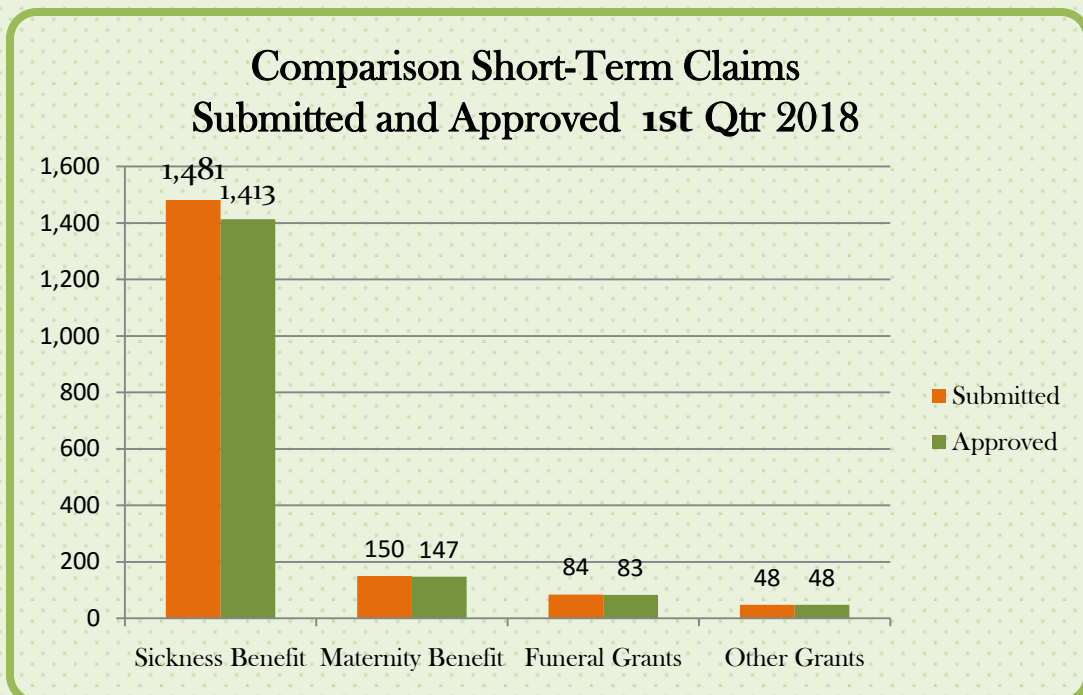


Figure 3

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 2018. Of that, **95.4%** of those claims were approved for payment. When compared to the first quarter of 2017, there was a very slight decrease [0.5%] in Sickness Benefit claims being approved.

Submitted claims for **Maternity Benefit** decreased by **5.1%** in 2018.

Other Grants namely Age, Invalidity and Survivors Grants decreased by **25%** for the first quarter of 2018 with respect to the same period in 2017.

Benefits Activity: Long-Term Branch

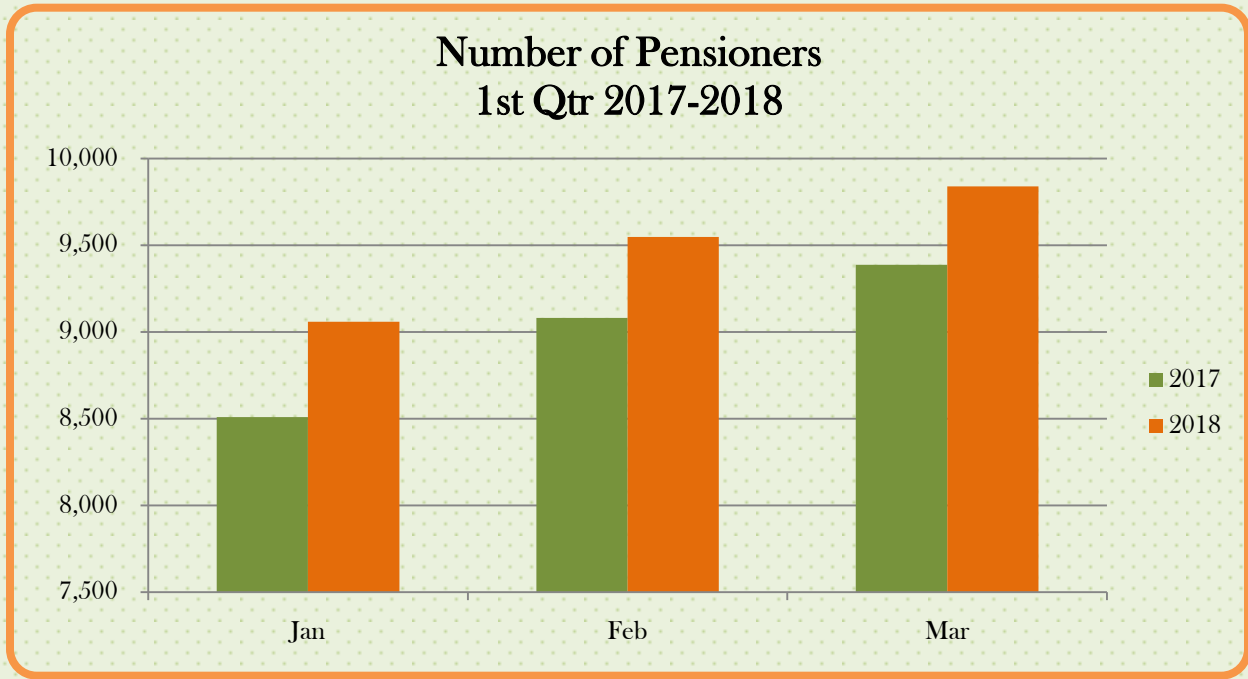


Figure 4

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar
2017	8,510	9,082	9,388
2018	9,059	9,548	9,839

Figure 4 illustrates the number of pensioners in receipt of a monthly pension for the first quarter of 2017 and 2018, respectively.