



# Statistics Bulletin

## INTRODUCTION

This issue provides an overview of the operational performance of the Antigua & Barbuda Social Security Board (ABSSB) for the year 2018, with comparison to the previous year (2017). It shares information on Registration, Active Contributors and Benefit Payment activities.

### Registration Activity



Figure 1

Figure 1 shows registration activity for the years 2017 and 2018.

For 2018, the number of new insured persons increased by 6.5% in comparison to the previous year (2017). In contrast, new registration of employers and self-employed persons decreased by 14.0% and 15.6%, respectively.

## Insured Persons Registration

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

Age Group	2017		2018	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
16 - 19	538	556	600	624
20 - 29	495	477	548	398
30 - 39	173	185	237	191
40 - 49	115	102	144	80
50 - 59	68	45	70	42
60 <sup>+</sup>	3	2	2	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,392</b>	<b>1,367</b>	<b>1,601</b>	<b>1,338</b>

Table 1 shows new insured persons by age group and sex for the years 2017 and 2018. A 15.0% increase in male registrants was observed in 2018.

The largest proportion of new insured persons for 2018 was 73.8% for persons below 30 years of age.

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

Age Group	2017		2018	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
16 - 19	416	466	473	526
20 - 29	233	236	243	202
30 - 39	47	67	48	77
40 - 49	31	31	42	20
50 - 59	20	20	17	26
60 <sup>+</sup>	2	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>852</b>

Table 2 displays the number of unemployed new insured persons by age group and sex. In 2018, 57.0% of the newly insured persons indicated that they were unemployed at the point of registration.

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

Nationality	2017	2018
Antigua & Barbuda	1,532	1,651
OECS	411	316
CARICOM <sup>1</sup>	287	392
International	529	580
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,759</b>	<b>2,939</b>

For 2018, there was an increase in registration of **7.8%** for nationals of Antigua and Barbuda and a decrease of **23.1%** for OECS nationals when compared to the same period for 2017. (Table 3)

Registration of insured persons from territories categorized as **International** increased by **9.6%** relative to 2017.

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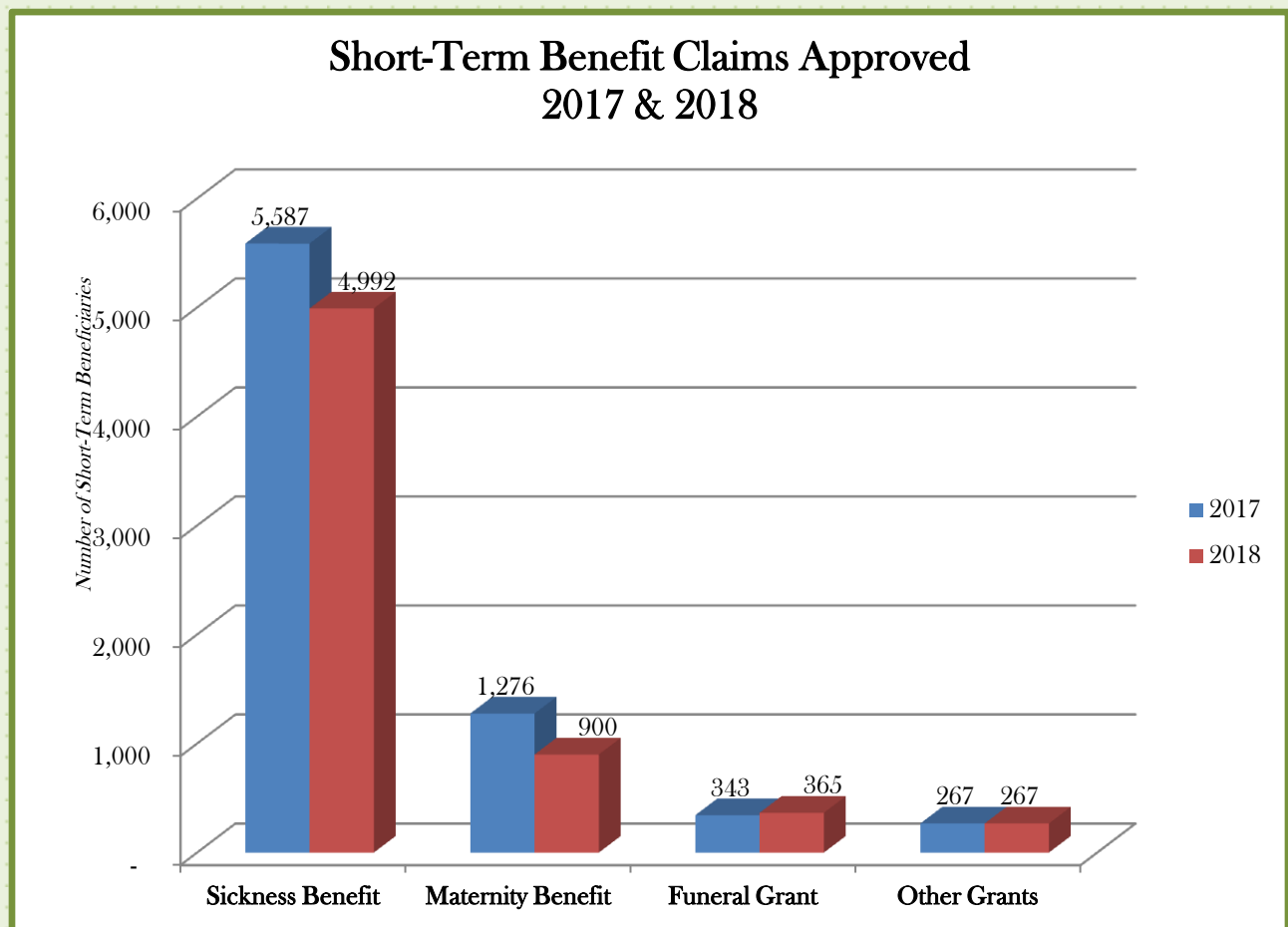
<sup>1</sup> Non-OECS

***Economic Activity: Contributors*****Table 4: Active Contributors by Industry 2017<sup>R</sup> & 2018<sup>P</sup>**

Industry Description	2017		2018	
	No. of Empl'ers	No. of Employees	No. of Empl'ers	No. of Employees
Accommodation and food service activities	418	8,856	378	9,028
Activities of households as employers...	506	751	449	730
Administrative and support service activities	139	3,064	138	2,828
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	56	198	53	180
Arts, entertainment and recreation	43	1,007	43	1,147
Construction	230	2,187	222	2,495
Education	122	1,354	122	1,343
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning ...	9	905	8	959
Financial and insurance activities	80	1,372	79	1,446
Human health and social work activities	110	1,481	111	1,566
Information and communication	41	637	31	594
Manufacturing	151	1,321	153	1,360
Mining and quarrying	1	28	1	20
Other service activities	166	667	158	660
Professional, scientific ...	148	864	147	859
Public administration and ... Social Security	83	9,608	83	9,882
Real estate activities	71	1,156	70	1,148
Transportation and storage	129	2,327	130	2,386
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	14	83	12	61
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	585	7,113	561	6,902
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,102</b>	<b>44,979</b>	<b>2,948</b>	<b>45,594</b>

The number of active employers and employees (inclusive of dual employment) by industry for 2017 and 2018, respectively, are shown at Table 4. Self-Employed persons declined by 4.4% - from 2,015 in 2017 to 1,927 in 2018.

**Benefits Activity: Short-Term Branch**



**Figure 3**

Figure 3 shows the short term claims approved for 2017 and 2018. There was a decrease in the number of Sickness Benefit by 10.5% and Maternity Benefit claims by 29.5% approved in 2018 when compared to 2017. This was basically as a result of the decline in claims submitted.

**Benefits Activity: Long-Term Branch**

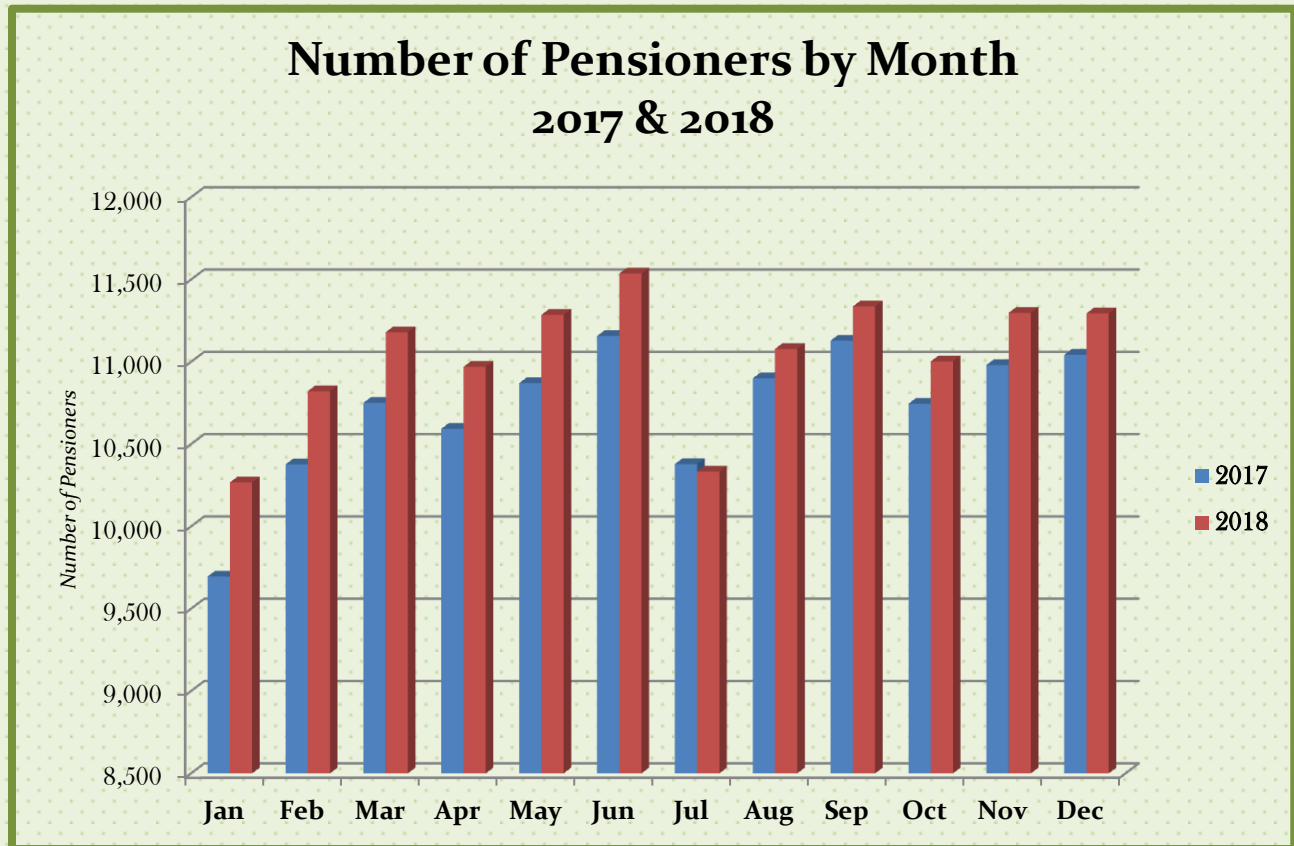


Figure 4

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2017	9,696	10,377	10,751	10,593	10,871	11,157	10,379	10,900	11,129	10,746	10,981	11,043
2018	10,268	10,822	11,180	10,970	11,286	11,537	10,333	11,079	11,337	11,003	11,298	11,295

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