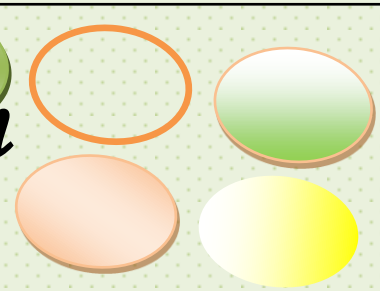




# Statistics Bulletin



## INTRODUCTION

This issue provides an overview of the operational performance of the Antigua & Barbuda Social Security Board (ABSSB) for the year 2019, with comparison to the previous year (2018). It shares information on Registration, Active Contributors and Benefit Payment activities.

### Registration Activity

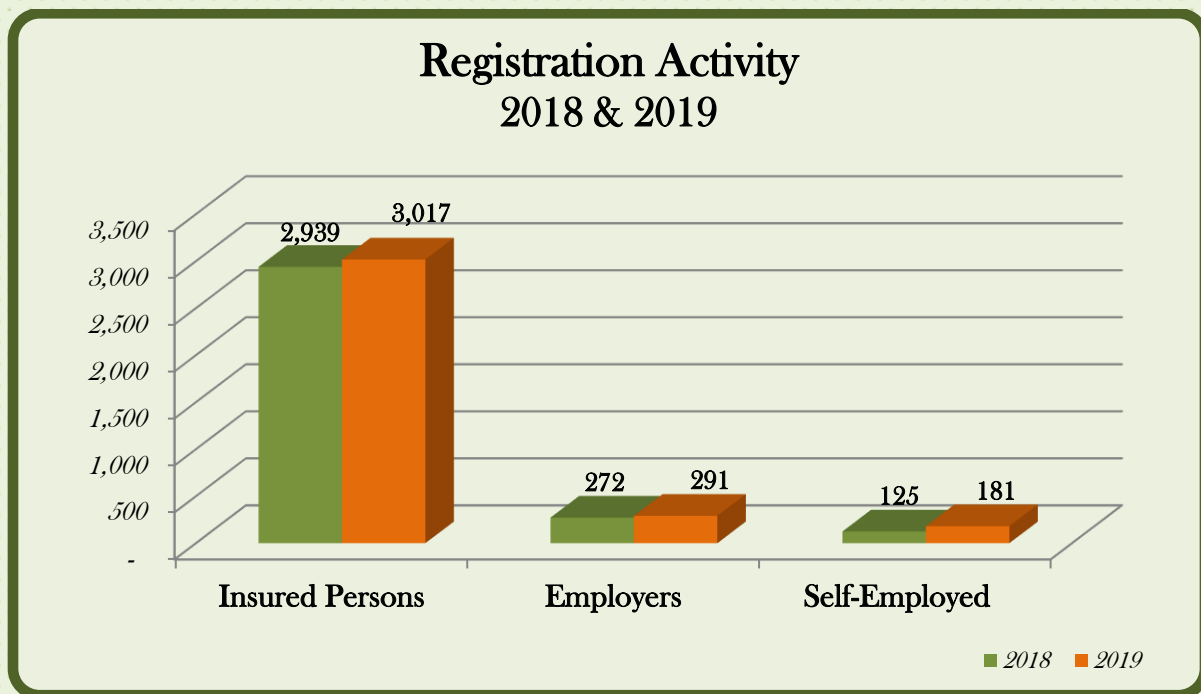


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows registration activity for the years 2018 and 2019.

For 2019, the number of new insured persons increased by 2.7% in comparison to the previous year [2018]. In contrast, new registration of employers and self-employed persons increased by 7.0% and 44.8%, respectively.

## Insured Persons Registration

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

Age Group	2018		2019	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
16 - 19	170	191	385	403
20 - 29	910	782	618	582
30 - 39	269	211	272	194
40 - 49	158	95	195	134
50 - 59	84	52	140	63
60+	10	7	22	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,601</b>	<b>1,338</b>	<b>1,632</b>	<b>1,385</b>

Table 1 shows new insured persons by age group and sex for the years 2018 and 2019. For each respective year, there were more male registrants.

Persons between 20 and 29 years of age make up the largest proportion [39.8%] of new insured registrants for 2019.

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

Age Group	2018		2019	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
16 - 19	144	167	331	357
20 - 29	554	538	295	332
30 - 39	55	75	56	64
40 - 49	45	24	52	54
50 - 59	19	35	42	31
60+	2	2	7	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>844</b>

Table 2 displays the number of unemployed new insured persons by age group and sex. In 2019, 54.0% of the new insured persons indicated that they were unemployed at the point of registration.

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

Nationality	2018	2019
Antigua & Barbuda	1,658	1,556
OECS	581	660
CARICOM <sup>1</sup>	481	538
International	219	263
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,939</b>	<b>3,017</b>

For 2019, there was a decrease in registration [6.2%] for nationals of Antigua and Barbuda and an increase of 13.6% for OECS nationals when compared to the same period for 2018. (Table 3)

Registration of insured persons from territories categorized as **International** increased by 20.0% relative to 2018.

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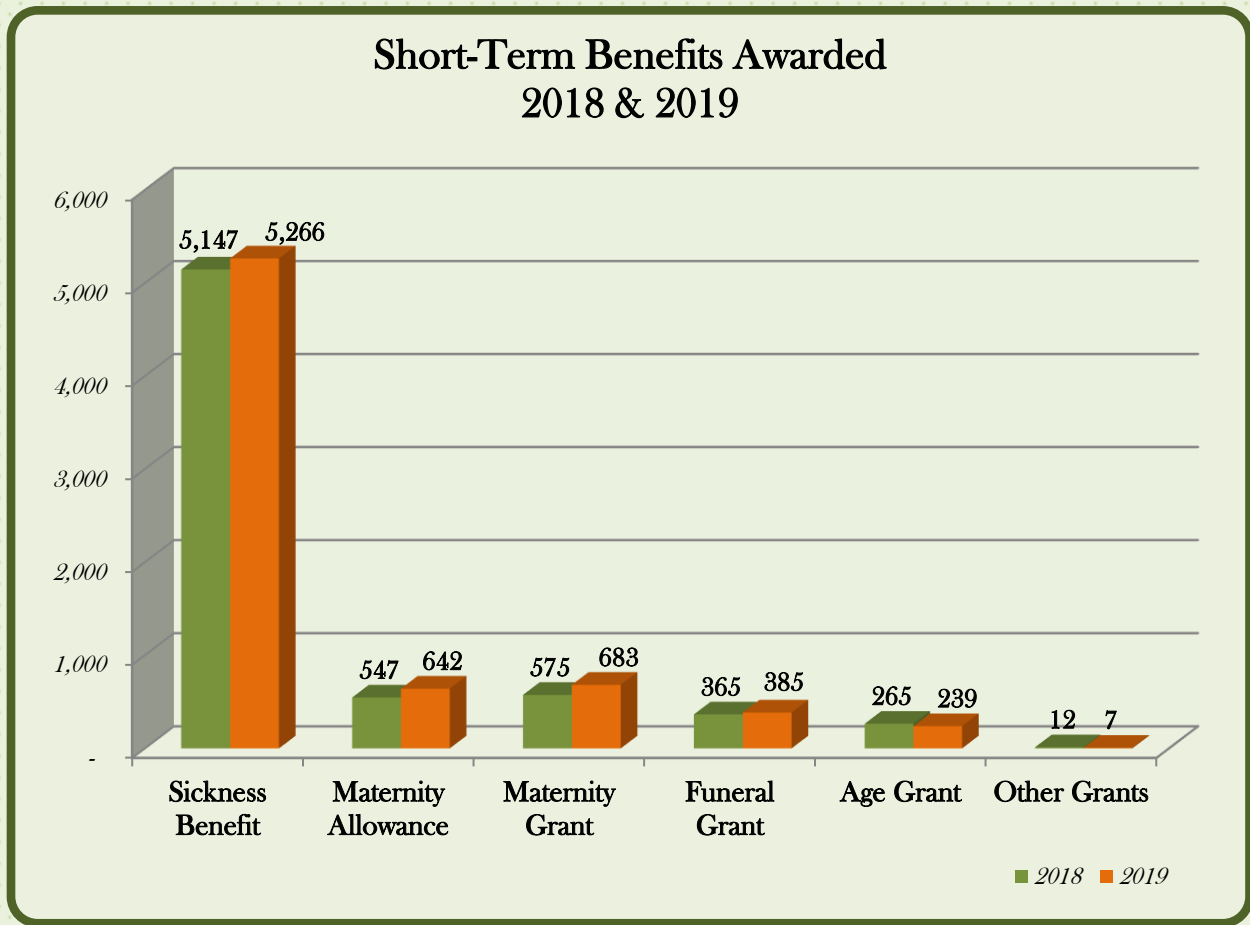
<sup>1</sup> Non-OECS

***Economic Activity: Contributors*****Table 4: Active Contributors by Industrial Classification 2018<sup>R</sup> & 2019<sup>R</sup>**

Industrial Classification	2018 <sup>R</sup>		2019 <sup>R</sup>	
	No. of Employers	No. of Employees	No. of Employers	No. of Employees
Accommodation and food service activities	392	9,121	387	10,260
Activities of households as employers...	479	710	431	682
Administrative and support service activities	140	2,874	139	3,083
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	56	189	62	220
Arts, entertainment and recreation	42	1,150	43	1,173
Construction	232	2,709	232	2,641
Education	122	1,331	124	1,347
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning ...	8	954	9	954
Financial and insurance activities	79	1,440	82	1,441
Human health and social work activities	110	1,566	110	1,677
Information and communication	31	604	34	611
Manufacturing	150	1,360	146	1,250
Mining and quarrying	1	20	1	11
Other service activities	162	657	161	661
Professional, scientific ...	154	850	154	890
Public administration and ... Social Security	83	10,193	85	10,560
Real estate activities	70	1,136	69	1,033
Transportation and storage	131	2,366	129	2,469
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	12	62	10	53
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	572	6,902	569	6,272
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,026</b>	<b>46,194</b>	<b>2,977</b>	<b>47,288</b>

The number of active employers and employees (*inclusive of dual employment*) by industry for 2018 and 2019 are shown at Table 4. Self-Employed persons increased by 2.6%, from 2,180 in 2018 to 2,236 in 2019.

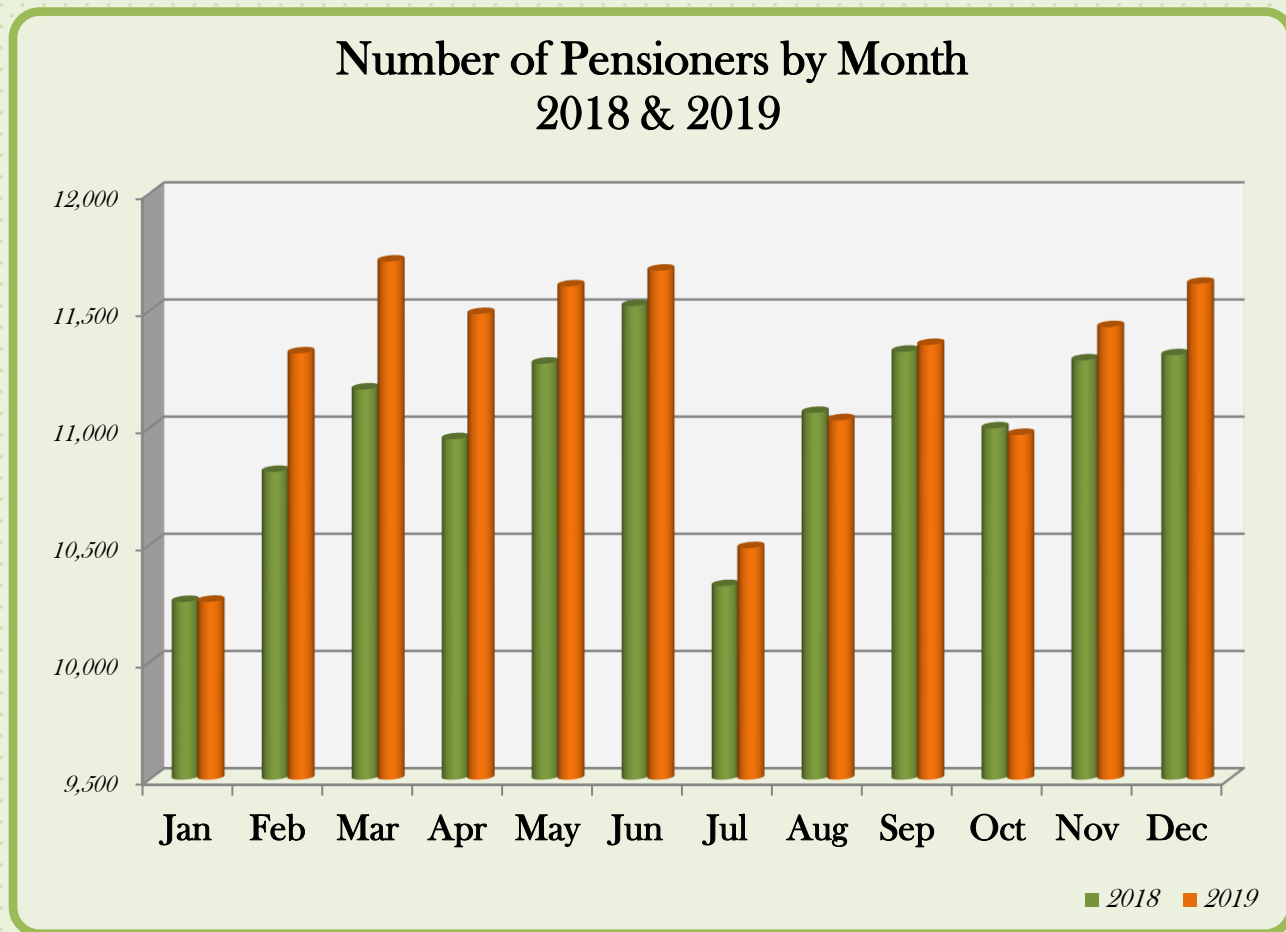
**Benefits Activity: Short-Term Branch**



**Figure 3**

Figure 3 shows the number of Short-term Benefits awarded for 2018 and 2019, respectively. There was a slight increase [2.3%] in the number of **Sickness Benefit** awarded. **Maternity Benefit** awarded increased by 18.1% in 2019 when compared to 2018. A near 10.0% decline was observed in the number of **Age Grants** awarded in 2019.

**Benefits Activity: Long-Term Branch**



**Figure 4**

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	10,259	10,813	11,165	10,953	11,275	11,521	10,326	11,065	11,326	10,999	11,289	11,311
2019	10,747	11,319	11,744	11,487	11,605	11,672	10,488	11,034	11,355	10,971	11,431	11,616

Figure 4 illustrates the number of pensioners in receipt of a monthly pension for the years 2018 and 2019, respectively. Pensions are categorized as Contributory - Age, Invalidation and Survivors; and non-Contributory - Old-Age Assistance.