



# Statistics Bulletin

## INTRODUCTION

This issue provides an overview of the operational performance of the Antigua & Barbuda Social Security Board (ABSSB) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019 with comparison to the same period of 2018. Information on Registration, Active Contributors and Beneficiaries activities are shared therein.

### Registration Activity

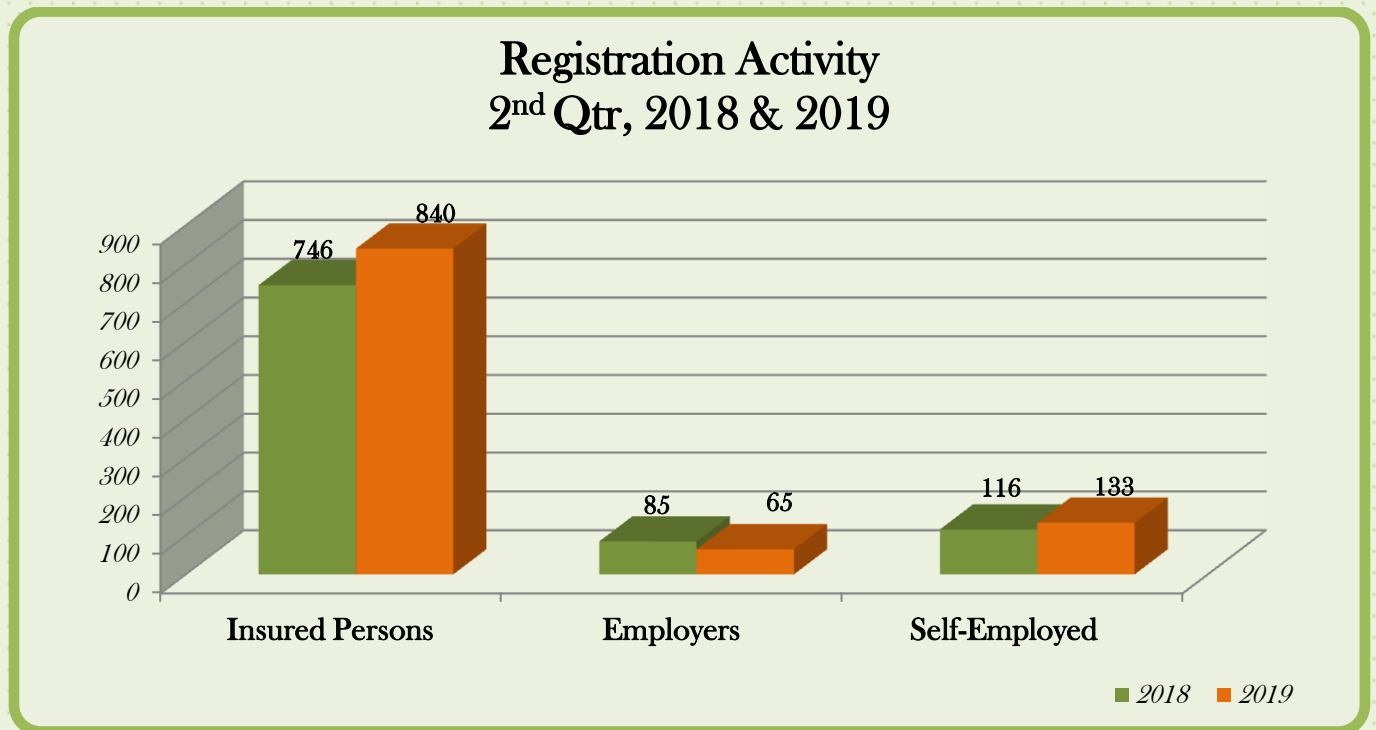


Figure 1

Figure 1 depicts the registration activity by category for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2018 and 2019, respectively.

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019, new insured persons increased by 12.6% relative to the same period in the previous year. New registration of employers decreased by 23.5% and increased for self-employed persons by 14.7%.

<sup>R</sup> - Revised

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

Age Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2018 <sup>R</sup>		2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2019	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
16 - 19	152	194	152	180
20 - 29	127	108	162	106
30 - 39	44	52	78	39
40 - 49	29	19	58	21
50 - 59	13	8	32	6
60 - 64	0	0	4	2
	365	381	486	354
<b>Total</b>	746		840	

Table 1 shows new insured persons by age group and sex. Whereas a 33.2% increase in male registrants was observed for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019, for female registrants, there was a decrease of 7.1%.

The largest proportion [39.5%] of new insured persons for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019 was within the 16 - 19 year age group.

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

Age Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2018 <sup>R</sup>		2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2019	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
16 - 19	132	169	138	161
20 - 29	65	53	52	50
30 - 39	14	16	14	18
40 - 49	8	8	9	9
50 - 59	4	3	11	5
60 - 64	0	0	2	2
	223	249	226	245
<b>Total</b>	472		471	

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019, 56.1% of new insured persons indicated that they were unemployed at the point of registration.

Further, data revealed that the highest proportion of registrants [63.7%] who indicated an unemployed status at the point of registration were under 20 years for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2018 and 2019, respectively.

The number of new insured persons within the 20 - 29 age cohort who indicated that they were unemployed decreased by 13.6% relative to the same period of the previous year.

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

Nationality	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2018 <sup>R</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2019
Antigua & Barbuda	454	443
OECS	134	171
CARICOM <sup>1</sup>	107	166
International	51	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>840</b>

Registration of insured persons from territories categorized as **non-OECS CARICOM; OECS; and International** increased by **55.1%; 27.6% and 17.6%**, respectively, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019 relative to the corresponding period of 2018.

Conversely, there was a slight decline [2.4%] in registration of Antigua and Barbuda nationals. (Table 3)

Fifty-one percent [226] of registered Antiguan and Barbudans were females.

**Table 4: Insured Persons Registration by Industry**

Industry Description	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2018 <sup>R</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2019 <sup>P</sup>
Accommodation and food service activities	30	35
Activities of households as employers...	10	8
Administrative and support service activities	31	3
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	5	14
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7	2
Construction	31	111
Education	7	4
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning ...	0	0
Human health and social work activities	7	12
Information and communication	2	1
Manufacturing	0	0
Other service activities	34	82
Professional, scientific ...	24	32
Transportation and storage	15	12
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	71	53
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>369</b>

Table 4 shows those new insured persons who stated the industry they were employed in at the point of Registration during Quarter 2 of 2018 and 2019, respectively.

Approximately 35% more new insured persons were employed, at the point of Registration, for 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2019 relative to the same period in 2018.

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2019, registration of Construction workers increased by 258.1%. Newly insured registration of workers in the Wholesale and Retail Trade Industry declined by 25.4% for the same period relative to 2018.

Approximately 71% of the new insured registrants who indicated their status as “employed” were male.

<sup>1</sup> Non-OECS

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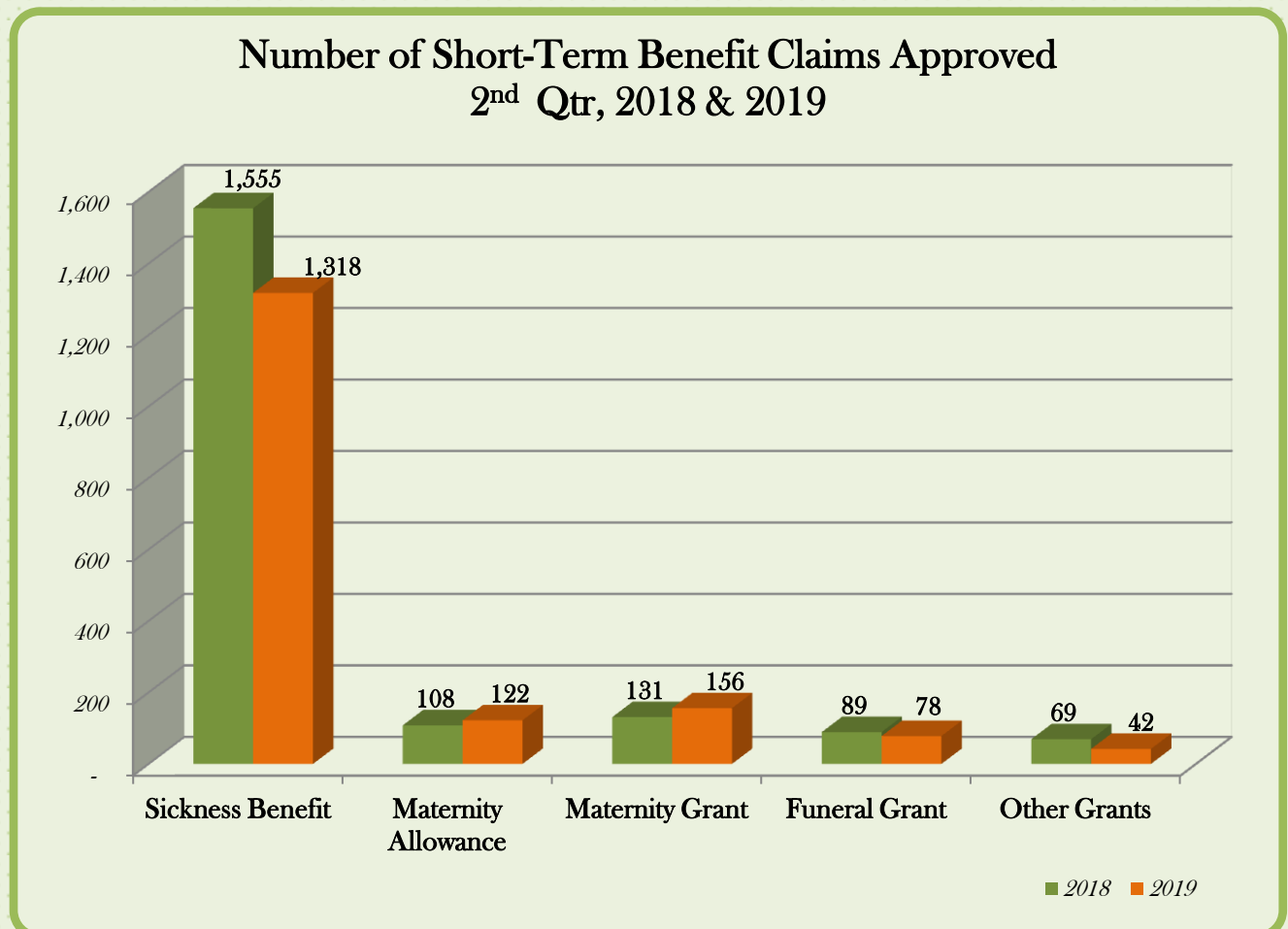
**Economic Activity: Contributors****Table 5: Active Contributors by Industry 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2018<sup>R</sup> & 2019<sup>R</sup>**

Industry Description	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2018 <sup>R</sup>		2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2019 <sup>R</sup>	
	No. of Employers	No. of Employees	No. of Employers	No. of Employees
Accommodation and food service activities	352	7,012	322	7,779
Activities of households as employers...	414	605	346	536
Administrative and support service activities	126	2,014	116	2,190
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	47	147	41	158
Arts, entertainment and recreation	41	905	37	997
Construction	189	1,590	165	1,435
Education	117	1,133	108	1,094
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning ...	8	873	8	910
Financial and insurance activities	75	1,259	76	1,304
Human health and social work activities	106	1,372	86	1,352
Information and communication	29	484	30	484
Manufacturing	136	1,102	126	1,421
Mining and quarrying	1	18	0	0
Other service activities	149	562	131	518
Professional, scientific ...	140	709	132	709
Public administration and ... Social Security	83	9,185	78	9,545
Real estate activities	65	981	64	875
Transportation and storage	118	2,105	116	1,962
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	11	52	9	48
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	511	5,182	499	4,679
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,718</b>	<b>37,290</b>	<b>2,490</b>	<b>37,996</b>

The number of active employers and employees (inclusive of dual employment) by industry for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2018 and 2019, respectively, are shown at Table 5. Overall, employers' participation declined by 8.4% while contributors' participation increased by approximately 2.0%.

Further, a decline of 6.2% was recorded for self-employed persons relative to the same period in 2018.

**Benefits Activity: Short-Term Branch**

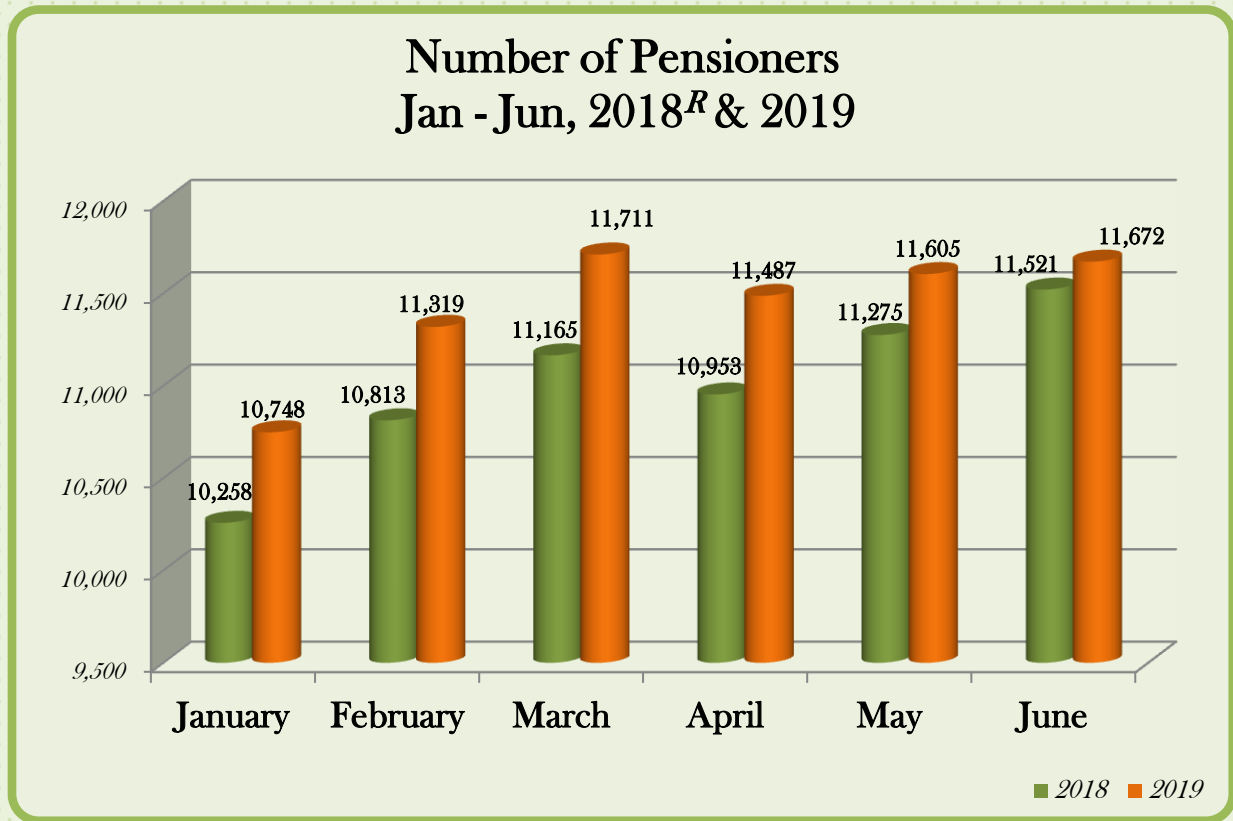


**Figure 2**

Figure 2 shows the Short-term Benefit claims that were processed during 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2018 and 2019, respectively. Approval of Short-term Benefit claims decreased by 12.9% for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019 relative to the same period in 2018. Maternity Benefit was the only benefit that showed an increase relative to 2018.

The majority of all Short-term Benefit claims were for Sickness Benefit – 77.6%. With 1,318 insured persons receiving Sickness Benefit, the average length of sick days was 8.8 days at a cost of \$0.970 million. The average length of sick days for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2018 was 8.0 days at a cost of \$0.938 million.

**Benefits Activity: Long-Term Branch**



**Figure 3**

Figure 3 illustrates the number of pensioners in receipt of a monthly pension for the first six months of 2018 and 2019, respectively.

Approximately 125 new pensions were awarded during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019; a decrease of 31.0% relative to the same period in 2018. Conversely, 78 insured persons exited the Social Security Programme through death, of which 57 were Pension recipients.

Of the 11,672 pensioners at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019, 88.2% or 10,300 pensioners were receiving an Age Pension from the Social Security Fund – of which 5,690 [55.2%] were female recipients.

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