



Statistics Bulletin

INTRODUCTION

This issue provides an overview of the operational performance of the Antigua & Barbuda Social Security Board (ABSSB) for the third quarter of 2018, with comparison to the same period of 2017. 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 3rd Qtr 2017 and 2018, respectively.

There was an increase of new insured persons by **14.6%** in the third quarter of 2018 in comparison to the new insured persons for the same period of the previous year. On the other hand, new registered Employers experienced a decrease of **7.8%**, during the review period. There was also an increase of **20.5%** in self-employed registration between 3rd Qtr 2017 and 2018, as shown in Figure 1.

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

Age Group	3 rd Qtr 2017		3 rd Qtr 2018	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
16 - 19	159	162	188	164
20 - 29	121	109	134	77
30 - 39	29	44	81	51
40 - 49	23	22	43	18
50 - 59	15	5	25	10
60 ⁺	1	1	0	1
Total	348	343	471	321

Table 1 gives details of insured persons by age group and sex.

For the third quarter of 2018, the largest proportion [44.4%] of insured persons was within the 16 - 19 year age group.

There was an increase in male registration by 35.3%.

Table 2: Unemployed Insured Persons by Age Group & Sex

Age Group	3 rd Qtr 2017		3 rd Qtr 2018	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
16 - 19	129	139	154	138
20 - 29	58	52	46	42
30 - 39	5	13	16	28
40 - 49	4	4	8	1
50 - 59	7	3	6	4
60 ⁺	1	0	0	0
Total	204	211	230	213

In 2018, 55.9% of the newly insured persons indicated that they were unemployed at the point of registration.

Data further revealed that the number of unemployed persons in the 30 - 39 years age cohort went from 18 persons in the third quarter of 2017 to 44 persons in the third quarter of 2018, which is a significant increase of 144%.

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

Table 3: Insured Persons Registration by Nationality

Nationality	3 rd Qtr 2017	3 rd Qtr 2018
Antigua & Barbuda	420	462
OECS	97	129
CARICOM ¹	103	74
International	71	127
Total	691	792

For the third quarter of 2018, there was an increase in registration of **32.9%** for OECS nationals and a decrease of **39.2%** for CARICOM nationals when compared to the same period for 2017. (Table 3)

Registration of insured persons from territories categorized as **International** increased by **76.3%** relative to the third quarter of 2017.

¹ Non-OECS

Active Insured Activity**Table 4: Active Contributors by Industry 3rd Qtr 2017**

Industry Description	No. of Employers	No. of Employees ²
Accommodation and food service activities	328	6,312
Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	406	593
Administrative and support service activities	123	2,011
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	45	151
Arts, entertainment and recreation	40	838
Construction	184	1,522
Education	112	1,155
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	9	850
Financial and insurance activities	74	1,254
Human health and social work activities	106	1,332
Information and communication	33	545
Manufacturing	137	1,055
Mining and quarrying	1	26
Other service activities	136	535
Professional, scientific and technical activities	135	663
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	79	8,587
Real estate activities	61	878
Transportation and storage	112	2,045
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	11	47
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	508	5,293
Grand Total	2,640	35,692

² Inclusive of dual employment

Table 5: Active Contributors by Industry 3rd Qtr 2018

Industry Description	No. of Employers	No. of Employees ³
Accommodation and food service activities	249	5,147
Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use	316	473
Administrative and support service activities	102	1,661
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	33	109
Arts, entertainment and recreation	30	846
Construction	135	1,332
Education	77	757
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	8	849
Financial and insurance activities	72	1,198
Human health and social work activities	93	967
Information and communication	25	331
Manufacturing	102	857
Other service activities	114	460
Professional, scientific and technical activities	125	590
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	48	1,182
Real estate activities	56	847
Transportation and storage	101	1,761
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	8	43
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	436	3,938
Grand Total	2,130	23,348

The number of active employers and employees by industry for the third quarter of 2017 and 2018 respectively are shown at *Tables 4 and 5*.

³ *Inclusive of dual employment*

Benefits Activity: Short-Term Branch

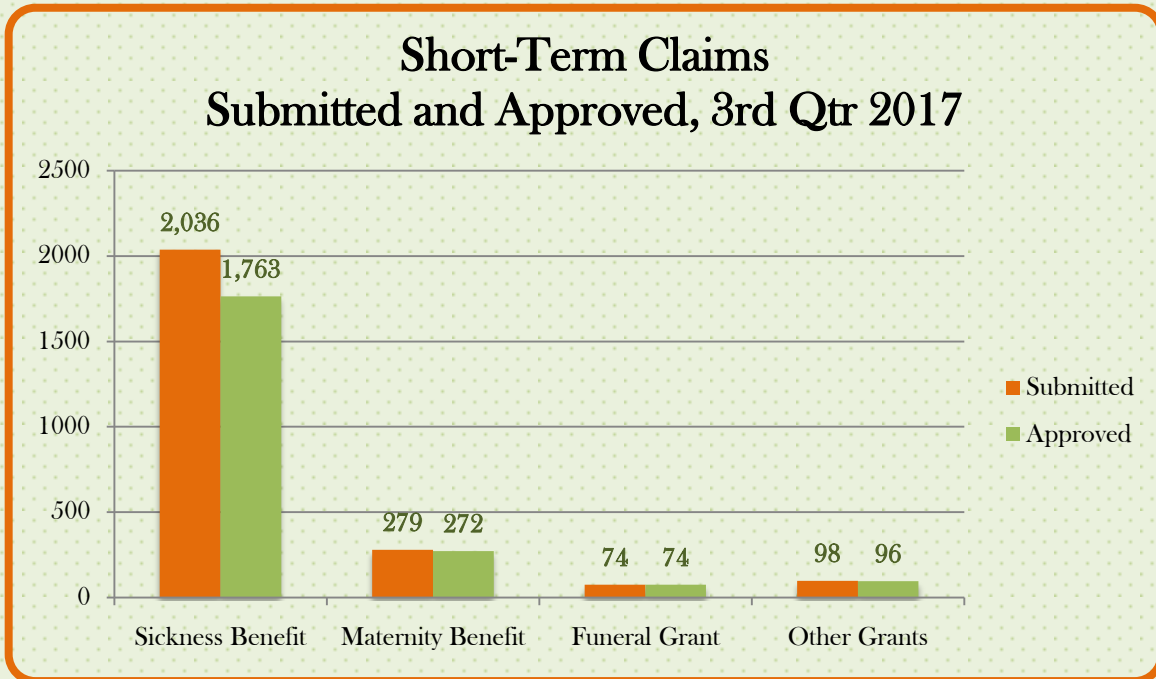


Figure 2

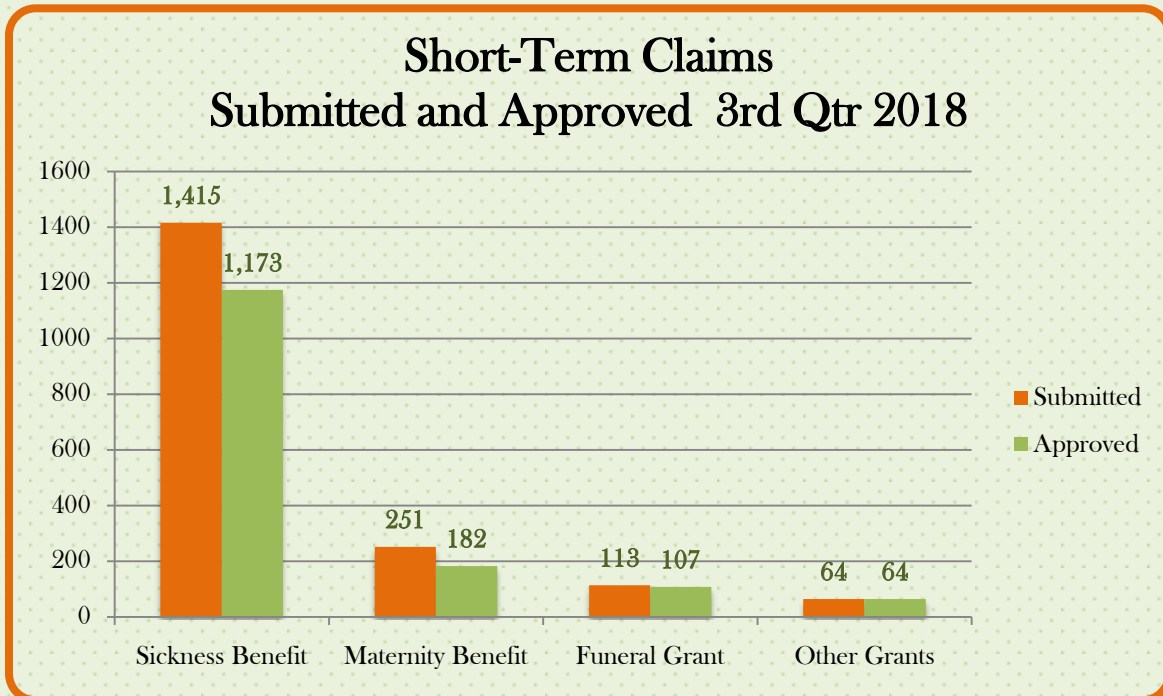


Figure 3

Benefits Activity: Long-Term Branch

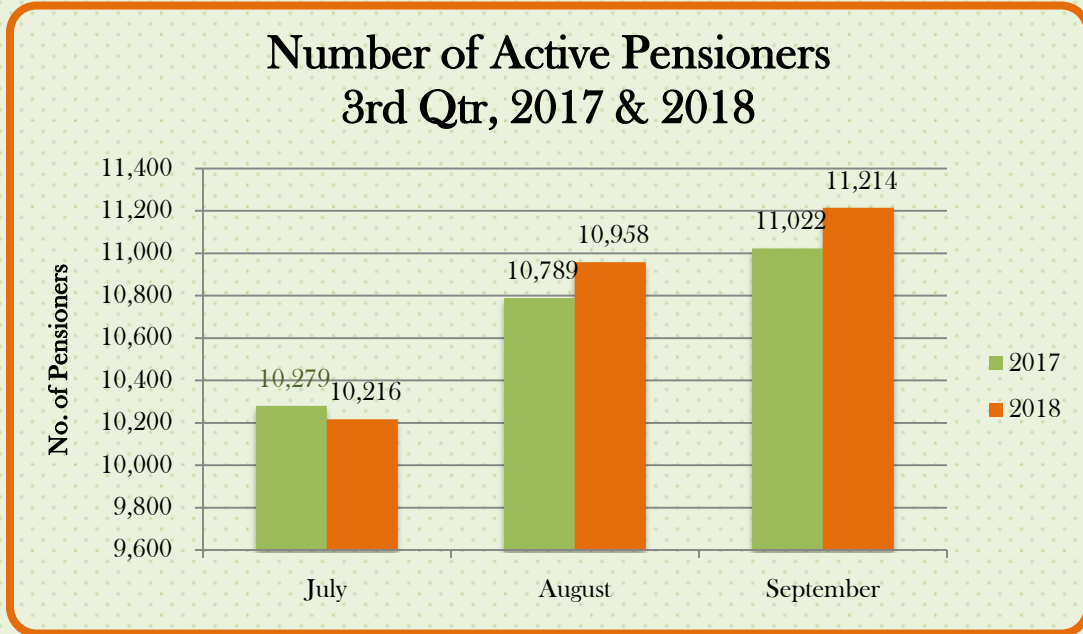


Figure 4

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