



Statistics Bulletin

INTRODUCTION

This issue provides an overview of the operational performance of the Antigua & Barbuda Social Security Board (ABSSB) for the 3rd Quarter 2019 with comparison to the same period of 2018. Information on Registration, Active Contributors and Beneficiaries activities are shared therein.

Registration Activity

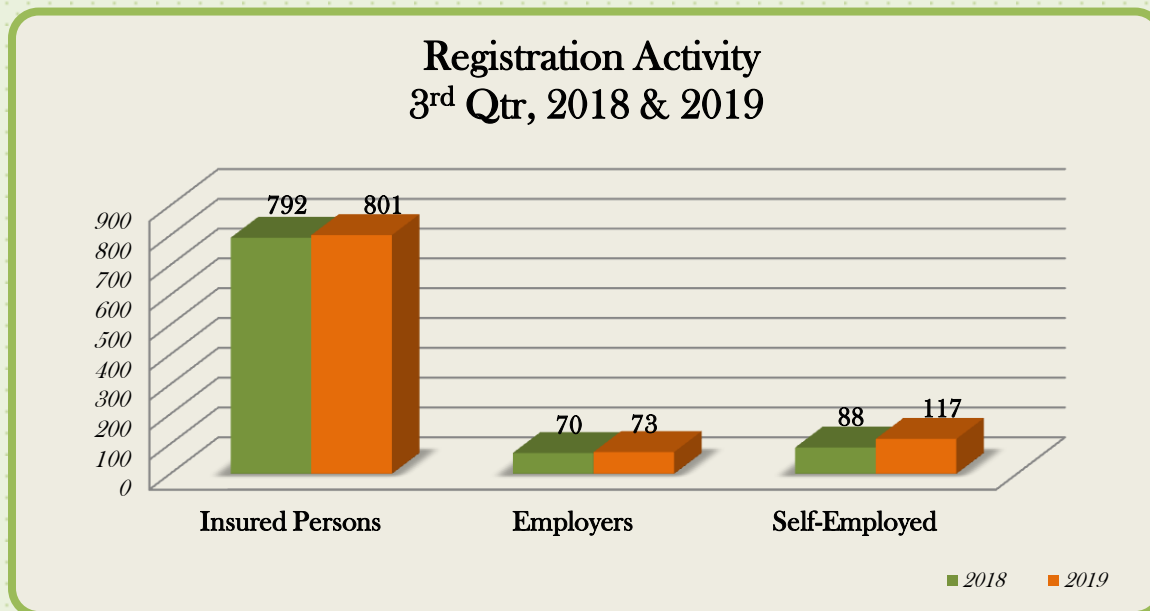


Figure 1

Figure 1 depicts the registration activity by category for the 3rd Quarter of 2018 and 2019, respectively.

For the 3rd Quarter 2019, new insured persons increased by 1.1% relative to the same period in the previous year. New registration of employers increased by 4.3%; and, for self-employed persons, registration increased by 33%.

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

Age Group	3 rd Qtr 2018 ^R		3 rd Qtr 2019	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
16 - 19	188	164	182	196
20 - 29	134	77	104	97
30 - 39	81	51	39	42
40 - 49	43	18	37	43
50 - 59	25	10	36	19
60 - 64	0	1	4	0
	471	321	402	399
Total	792		801	

Table 1 shows new insured persons by age group and sex.

There was an increase of 24.3% for female registrants in 3rd Quarter 2019. While, male registrants decreased by 14.6%

The largest proportion [47.2%] of new insured persons for 3rd Quarter 2019 was within the 16 - 19 year age group.

Table 2: Unemployed Insured Persons by Age Group & Sex

Age Group	3 rd Qtr 2018 ^R		3 rd Qtr 2019	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
16 - 19	102	112	147	169
20 - 29	96	67	27	33
30 - 39	14	24	7	18
40 - 49	9	4	17	20
50 - 59	5	4	11	10
60 - 64	1	0	1	0
	227	211	210	250
Total	438		460	

For the 3rd Quarter 2019, 57.4% of new insured persons indicated that they were unemployed at the point of registration.

Further, data showed of the 460 insured persons who indicated an unemployed status, the highest proportion of these registrants [68.7%] were under age 20 years for the 3rd Quarter of 2019.

Approximately, 63% of registered females indicated that they were unemployed at the point of registration for the period under review.

Table 3: Insured Persons Registration by Nationality

Nationality	3 rd Qtr 2018 ^R	3 rd Qtr 2019
Antigua & Barbuda	464	483
OECS	129	161
CARICOM ¹	73	73
International	126	84
Total	792	801

Registration of insured persons from the OECS increased by 24.8 %; there was no change in **CARICOM** nationals; and **International** registrants saw a decrease by 33.3% during the 3rd Quarter 2019 relative to the corresponding period of 2018.

There was a slight increase of Antigua and Barbuda nationals by [4.1%] in 2019. (Table 3)

Table 4: Insured Persons Registration by Industry

Industry Description	3 rd Qtr 2018 ^R	3 rd Qtr 2019 ^P
Accommodation and food service activities	37	37
Activities of households as employers...	6	18
Administrative and support service activities	30	20
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1	9
Arts, entertainment and recreation	13	5
Construction	115	35
Education	9	4
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning ...	0	0
Human health and social work activities	7	30
Information and communication	0	0
Manufacturing	2	3
Other service activities	68	72
Professional, scientific ...	20	16
Transportation and storage	3	7
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	43	52
Grand Total	354	308

Table 4 shows those new insured persons who stated the industry they were employed in at the point of Registration during Quarter 3 of 2018 and 2019, respectively.

There was approximately 12.9% less new insured persons who were employed, at the point of Registration, for 3rd Qtr 2019 relative to the same period in 2018.

For the period under review, new insured workers in the Human health and social work Industry increased by 328.6%. Conversely, there was a decrease in Construction workers by 69.6% relative to 2018.

Approximately 50.2% of the new insured registrants who indicated their status as “employed” were male.

¹ Non-OECS

^P - Provisional

^R - Revised

Economic Activity: Contributors**Table 5: Active Contributors by Industry**

Industry Description	3 rd Qtr 2018 ^R		3 rd Qtr 2019 ^P	
	No. of Employers	No. of Employees	No. of Employers	No. of Employees
Accommodation and food service activities	320	6,471	267	7,135
Activities of households as employers...	383	573	318	507
Administrative and support service activities	121	1,952	100	2,027
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	43	140	42	146
Arts, entertainment and recreation	37	929	37	985
Construction	179	1,805	155	1,346
Education	110	1,109	92	1,023
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning ...	8	883	8	883
Financial and insurance activities	76	1,282	75	1,317
Human health and social work activities	104	1,415	99	1,379
Information and communication	28	479	28	504
Manufacturing	129	1,056	112	949
Mining and quarrying	1	17	0	0
Other service activities	137	537	125	537
Professional, scientific ...	142	719	129	732
Public administration and ... Social Security	82	9,342	77	8,877
Real estate activities	62	873	65	533
Transportation and storage	117	2,109	108	2,060
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	9	49	9	47
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	506	5,135	462	4,551
Grand Total	2,594	36,875	2,308	35,538

The number of active employers and employees (inclusive of dual employment) by industry for 3rd Quarter 2018 and 2019, respectively, are shown at Table 5. Overall, employers' and employee's participation declined by 11.0% and 3.6% respectively.

Also, a decline of 13.7% was recorded for self-employed persons relative to the same period in 2018.

Benefits Activity: Short-Term Branch

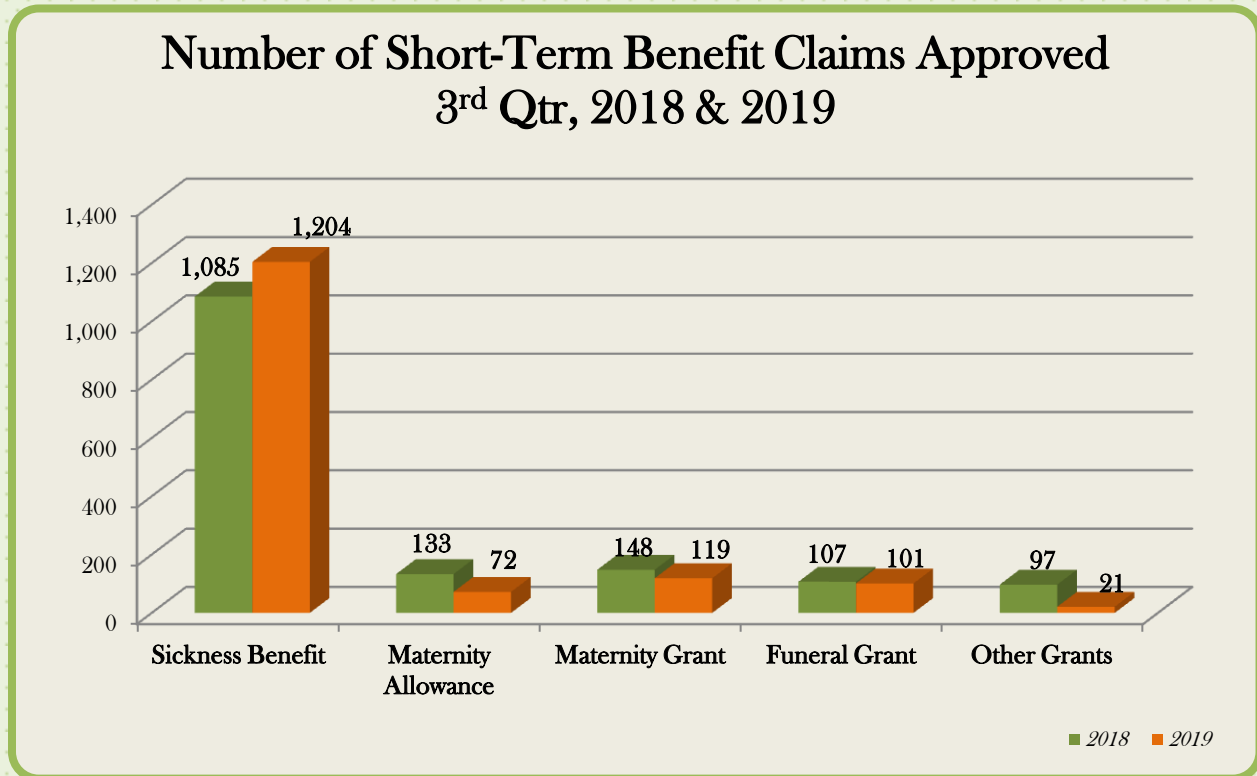


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows the Short-term Benefit claims that were processed during 3rd Quarter 2018 and 2019, respectively. Approval of Short-term Benefit claims slightly decreased by 3.4% for 3rd Quarter 2019 relative to the same period in 2018. Sickness Benefit was the only benefit that showed an increase relative to 2018 by approximately 11%.

The majority of all Short-term Benefit claims were for Sickness Benefit – 79.4%. With 1,204 insured persons receiving Sickness Benefit, the average length of sick days was 8.8 days at a cost of \$0.733 million. The average length of sick days for 3rd Quarter 2018 was 10.2 days at a cost of \$0.701 million.

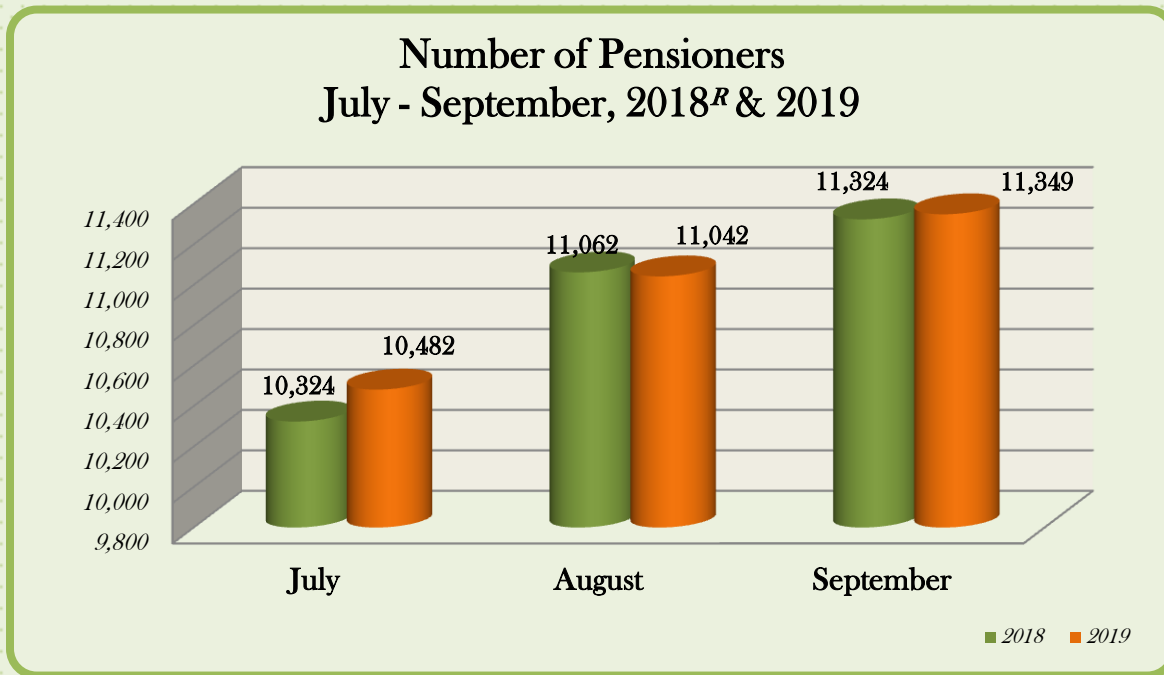
Benefits Activity: Long-Term Branch**Figure 3**

Figure 3 illustrates the number of pensioners in receipt of a monthly pension for the 3rd Quarter of 2018 and 2019, respectively.

Approximately 113 new pensions were awarded during the 3rd Quarter 2019; a decrease of 31.9% relative to the same period in 2018. Conversely, 96 insured persons exited the Social Security Programme through death, of which 72 were Pension recipients.

Of the 11,349 pension recipients, approximately 91% or 10,324 pensioners received an Age Pension during the 3rd Quarter 2019.