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Preface

The Statistical Abstract of the Social Security Board: Belize 2009 is the third such publication by the Social Security Board (SSB) of Belize. This Abstract makes available to the public, comprehensive statistical information aimed at increasing public awareness of the Social Security System and ensuring the highest level of transparency. This publication covers information for the period 2005 to 2009 on selected SSB topics of public interest, including: Registration, Insured Persons, Contributions, Benefits, Non-contributory Pensions, Appeals, and Investments. Additional information on these topics may be obtained upon written request to the SSB.

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List of Acronyms

| | |
|------|--|
| BZ | Belize |
| CMS | Contributions Management Systems |
| EI | Employment Injury |
| GOB | Government of Belize |
| ILO | International Labour Organization |
| ISIC | International Standard Industrial Classifications of all Economic Activities |
| MOH | Ministry of Health |
| N/A | Not Available |
| NC | Natural Causes |
| NCP | Non-contributory Pension |
| NCPs | Non-contributory Pensioners |
| NHI | National Health Insurance |
| p | Provisional |
| r | Revised |
| SIB | Statistical Institute of Belize |
| SPSS | Statistical Package for Social Sciences |
| SSAS | Social Security Administration System |
| SSB | Social Security Board |
| WAP | Working Age Population |



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Table 0.1
Belize: Key Indicators for Selected Years,
2005 - 2009
\$ - Belize Dollar

| Key Indicators | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p | Change Quantity Percentage |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Registration | | | | | | |
| Population with a Valid SSB Card | 181,155 | 203,712 | 206,973 | 210,122 | 219,995 | 9,873 4.7 |
| Percentage of Population Registered with a Valid SSB Card | 62.1% | 67.6% | 66.4% | 65.2% | 66.0% | 0.0 1.2 |
| Newly Registered Population | 12,929 | 17,209 | 15,032 | 16,432 | 23,759 | 7,327 44.6 |
| Active Businesses | 8,779 | 9,241 | 8,757 | 10,605 | 10,641 | 36 0.3 |
| Newly Registered Businesses | 1,828 | 1,949 | 2,172 | 1,947 | 1,948 | 1 0.1 |
| Active Employers | 8,395 | 8,837 | 8,278 | 9,917 | 9,287 | (630) (6.4) |
| Active Insured Persons | 71,184 | 78,923 | 80,381 | 87,253 | 86,554 | (699) (0.8) |
| Active Self-Employed | 743 | 836 | 966 | 930 | 969 | 39 4.2 |
| Percentage of Employed Persons Actively Insured | 72.2% | 77.0% | 71.9% | 76.2% | 68.9% | (7.3%) (9.6) |
| Benefit | | | | | | |
| Claims Processed | 40,090 | 43,219 | 46,701 | 54,440 | 57,363 | 2,923 5.4 |
| New Claims Received | 32,843 | 35,534 | 36,997 | 42,743 | 40,874 | (1,869) (4.4) |
| New Claims Allowed | 28,378 | 29,898 | 31,928 | 37,244 | 36,395 | (849) (2.3) |
| Benefit Recipients | 35,532 | 36,501 | 37,151 | 37,797 | 36,878 | (919) (2.4) |
| Number of Non-contributory Pensioners | 2,627 | 2,671 | 3,570 | 4,657 | 4,297 | (360) (7.7) |
| Number of Retired Pensioners | 2,360 | 2,555 | 2,737 | 2,861 | 3,090 | 229 8.0 |
| Financial | | | | | | |
| Total Assets | \$313,546,747 | \$332,963,083 | \$350,383,939 | \$358,945,443 | \$377,628,313 | 18,682,870 5.2 |
| Contribution Income | \$49,576,692 | \$50,160,260 | \$52,793,870 | \$57,582,065 | \$59,886,197 | 2,304,132 4.0 |
| Net Investment Income | \$13,099,456 | \$19,782,380 | \$22,462,875 | \$18,298,240 | \$21,315,293 | 3,017,053 16.5 |
| Total Income | \$65,325,823 | \$75,395,593 | \$81,818,400 | \$82,355,956 | \$94,652,587 | 12,296,631 14.9 |
| Benefit Payment | \$31,292,036 | \$31,822,797 | \$35,070,592 | \$44,213,884 | \$39,030,943 | (5,182,941) (11.7) |
| Administration Expenses | \$14,564,655 | \$17,349,897 | \$21,357,942 | \$19,908,941 | \$19,059,984 | (848,957) (4.3) |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$15,378,857 | \$18,413,659 | \$22,421,982 | \$21,017,328 | \$20,193,906 | (823,422) (3.9) |
| Total Expenditure | \$46,670,893 | \$50,445,663 | \$62,558,250 | \$71,636,738 | \$73,520,454 | 1,883,716 2.6 |



Belize: Key Indicators for Selected Years (Continued)
2005 - 2009
\$ - Belize Dollar

| Key Indicators | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p | <i>Change</i> | <i>Quantity</i> | <i>Percentage</i> |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | | | | | | | | |
| Financial Continued | | | | | | | | |
| Excess of Income Over Expenditure | \$18,654,930 | \$24,949,930 | \$19,260,150 | \$10,719,218 | \$21,132,133 | 10,412,915 | 97.1 | |
| Cumulative Investments Portfolio Allocations | \$277,309,631 | \$299,351,105 | \$311,228,900 | \$321,634,615 | \$333,632,650 | 11,998,035 | 3.7 | |
| Investments | \$11,921,857 | \$22,041,477 | \$11,877,792 | \$9,903,503 | \$13,217,481 | 3,313,978 | 33.5 | |
| Total Expenditure to Total Income Ratio | 0.71 | 0.67 | 0.76 | 0.87 | 0.78 | (0.09) | (10.7) | |
| Total Expenditure to Contribution Income Ratio | 0.94 | 1.01 | 1.18 | 1.24 | 1.23 | (0.02) | (1.3) | |
| Benefit Payment as a % of Contribution Income | 63.1% | 63.4% | 66.4% | 76.8% | 65.2% | (11.6%) | (15.1) | |
| Administration Expenses as a % of Contribution Income | 29.4% | 34.6% | 40.5% | 34.6% | 31.8% | (2.7%) | (7.9) | |
| Administration Expenses as a % of Total Income | 22.3% | 23.0% | 26.1% | 24.2% | 20.1% | (4.0%) | (16.7) | |
| Nominal Rate of Return on Investments | 5.0% | 7.9% | 8.1% | 5.9% | 6.5% | 0.6% | 10.2 | |
| Real Rate of Return on Investments | 1.3% | 3.6% | 5.6% | (0.5%) | 7.7% | 8.2% | (1,735.3) | |
| Other | | | | | | | | |
| Customer Satisfaction Rate - External | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 80.5% | N/A | N/A | |

Source: Social Security Board



Section I Registration



This section presents statistics on registration of all eligible persons in Belize. Indicators include the registration of the general population, employers and businesses. The principal source of the data is the Social Security Board's (SSB) database. The data are initially gathered by the front-line staff through the registration process and entered into the SSB database using the Social Security Administration System (SSAS) application. Secondary sources of the data include the Statistical Institute of Belize (SIB) and the Ministry of Health (MOH).

Registration - The Social Security ACT, Chapter 44 of the laws of Belize Revised Edition 2000 - 2003, provides for the registration of all nationals, registered aliens, holders of work permits and their dependents, regardless of their age. Each person who registers with the SSB becomes an insured person and is allotted a Social Security number. In addition, all persons over age 14 and under age 65, employed in insurable employment must register with the Social Security Board (SSB). Voluntary contributors and self-employed persons who do not employ another person can also voluntarily register with



the SSB. Legislative Voluntary Amendments of the law in the 1990s transferred the obligation of registration to individuals, for themselves and their dependents. The Social Security Card has become a primary source of identification within the country.

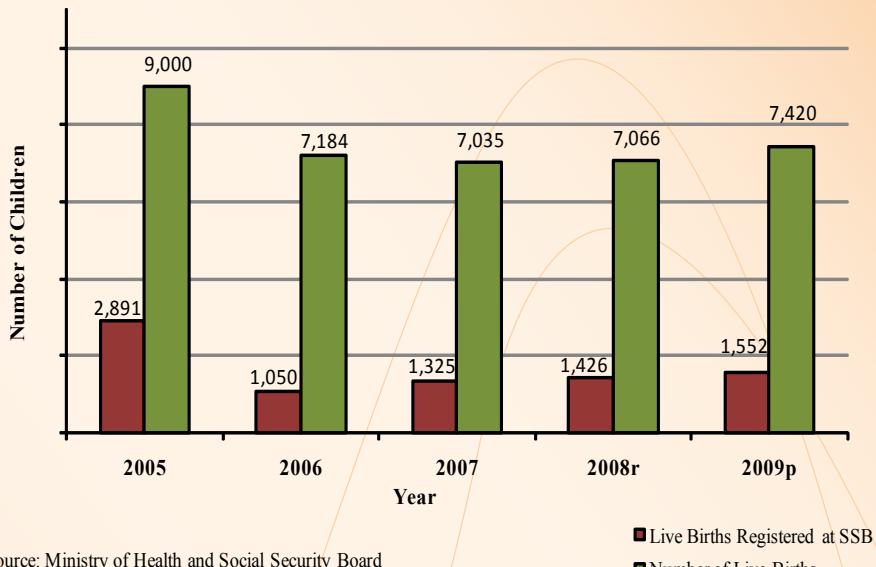
Employer and Business - The term employer is used to indicate that such entity or person is registered and has an account with the SSB. An employer may have more than one business. Each business is given a unique business number, which is a sub-account of the existing employer. Therefore, employers can have more than one business number.

Population - The Belize constitution provides for a census every 10 years. This enumeration of the population is used as a benchmark for the inter-censal population estimates. The Mid-Year Population Estimates for the country of Belize are published by the Statistical Institute of Belize (SIB) in the Abstract of Statistics of Belize. These estimates are used as a basis of comparison for the registration coverage of the SSB.

Data on live births are provided by the Ministry of Health. These figures are used to compute the number of children registered within the year of birth.



Chart 1
Belize: Social Security Registration
Coverage of Live Births,
2005 - 2009



Source: Ministry of Health and Social Security Board

■ Live Births Registered at SSB
■ Number of Live Births

Table 1.1
Belize: Social Security Registration
Coverage of Live Births,
2005 - 2009

| Year | Live Births | Children Registered in Birth Year | Percentage of Live Births Registered |
|-------|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2005 | 9,000 | 2,891 | 32.1 |
| 2006 | 7,184 | 1,050 | 14.6 |
| 2007 | 7,035 | 1,325 | 18.8 |
| 2008r | 7,066 | 1,426 | 20.2 |
| 2009p | 7,420 | 1,552 | 20.9 |

Source: Ministry of Health and Social Security Board



Table 1.2
Belize: Newly Registered Persons by District,
2005 - 2009

| District | Year | | | | |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total | 12,929 | 17,209 | 15,032 | 16,432 | 23,759 |
| Corozal | 1,309 | 1,291 | 1,100 | 1,817 | 2,370 |
| Orange Walk | 1,455 | 1,489 | 1,684 | 3,113 | 3,064 |
| Belize | 3,857 | 4,440 | 4,246 | 4,187 | 7,364 |
| Cayo | 2,599 | 2,633 | 3,231 | 4,004 | 5,462 |
| Stann Creek | 2,144 | 3,580 | 3,152 | 2,160 | 3,754 |
| Toledo | 1,565 | 3,776 | 1,619 | 1,151 | 1,745 |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: The large increase of 4,280 Registered Persons observed from 2005 to 2006 was due to the Registration Outreach Program in 2006.

Table 1.3
Belize: Newly Registered Persons by Age Group,
2005 - 2009

| Age Group | Year | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total | 12,929 | 17,209 | 15,032 | 16,432 | 23,759 |
| 0 - 4 | 4,747 | 4,318 | 3,438 | 4,361 | 4,416 |
| 5 - 9 | 939 | 2,440 | 2,084 | 2,188 | 1,984 |
| 10 - 14 | 1,075 | 2,289 | 1,785 | 1,547 | 2,147 |
| 15 - 19 | 2,276 | 3,105 | 2,586 | 2,272 | 3,406 |
| 20 - 24 | 971 | 1,264 | 1,409 | 1,048 | 2,419 |
| 25 - 29 | 658 | 837 | 844 | 740 | 1,803 |
| 30 - 34 | 504 | 607 | 544 | 728 | 1,581 |
| 35 - 39 | 339 | 486 | 549 | 704 | 1,400 |
| 40 - 44 | 337 | 454 | 410 | 639 | 1,177 |
| 45 - 49 | 307 | 415 | 319 | 563 | 936 |
| 50 - 54 | 230 | 299 | 336 | 454 | 719 |
| 55 - 59 | 171 | 230 | 226 | 350 | 550 |
| 60+ | 374 | 465 | 502 | 838 | 1,221 |
| Do Not Know or Not Stated | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: The large increase of 4,280 Registered Persons observed from 2005 to 2006 was due to the Registration Outreach Program in 2006.



Table 1.4
Belize: Percentage of Newly Registered Persons in the Population by Age Group, 2005 - 2009

| Age Group | Year | | | | |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total | 4.4 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 7.1 |
| 0 - 4 | 11.3 | 11.7 | 9.2 | 11.3 | 12.5 |
| 5 - 9 | 2.3 | 6.0 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.6 |
| 10 - 14 | 2.9 | 5.7 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 4.9 |
| 15 - 19 | 7.1 | 9.1 | 7.3 | 6.2 | 8.8 |
| 20 - 24 | 3.7 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 4.0 | 8.9 |
| 25 - 29 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 7.9 |
| 30 - 34 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 7.4 |
| 35 - 39 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 6.8 |
| 40 - 44 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 3.7 | 6.2 |
| 45 - 49 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 2.4 | 4.2 | 5.8 |
| 50 - 54 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 4.3 | 6.0 |
| 55 - 59 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 4.7 | 6.2 |
| 60+ | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 3.8 | 5.1 |

Source: Social Security Board and Statistical Institute of Belize

Note: The increase observed from 2005 to 2006 was due to the Registration Outreach Program in 2006.

Table 1.5
Belize: Percentage of Newly Registered Persons in the Population by District, 2005 - 2006

| District | Year | | | | | |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | Population | % Registered | 2006 | Population | % Registered |
| Registered | | | Registered | | | |
| Total | 12,929 | 291,800 | 4.4 | 17,209 | 301,300 | 5.7 |
| Corozal | 1,309 | 35,500 | 3.7 | 1,291 | 35,800 | 3.6 |
| Orange Walk | 1,455 | 44,900 | 3.2 | 1,489 | 46,000 | 3.2 |
| Belize | 3,857 | 87,000 | 4.4 | 4,438 | 90,000 | 4.9 |
| Cayo | 2,599 | 66,800 | 3.9 | 2,634 | 70,000 | 3.8 |
| Stann Creek | 2,144 | 30,000 | 7.1 | 3,581 | 31,100 | 11.5 |
| Toledo | 1,565 | 27,600 | 5.7 | 3,776 | 28,400 | 13.3 |

Source: Social Security Board and Statistical Institute of Belize

Note: The large increase of 4,280 Registered Persons observed from 2005 to 2006 was due to the Registration Outreach Program in 2006.



Table 1.6
Belize: Percentage of Newly Registered Persons in the
Population by District,
2007 - 2008

| District | 2007 | | | Year | | |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Registered | Population | % Registered | Registered | Population | % Registered |
| | 15,032 | 311,480 | 4.8 | 16,432 | 322,100 | 5.1 |
| Corozal | 1,100 | 36,365 | 3.0 | 1,817 | 36,800 | 4.9 |
| Orange Walk | 1,684 | 47,145 | 3.6 | 3,113 | 48,300 | 6.4 |
| Belize | 4,246 | 93,215 | 4.6 | 4,187 | 96,600 | 4.3 |
| Cayo | 3,231 | 73,325 | 4.4 | 4,004 | 77,000 | 5.2 |
| Stann Creek | 3,152 | 32,180 | 9.8 | 2,160 | 33,300 | 6.5 |
| Toledo | 1,619 | 29,250 | 5.5 | 1,151 | 30,100 | 3.8 |

Source: Social Security Board and Statistical Institute of Belize

Table 1.7
Belize: Percentage of Newly Registered Persons in the
Population by District,
2009

| District | Year | | |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Registered | Population | % Registered |
| Total | 23,759 | 333,200 | 7.1 |
| Corozal | 2,370 | 37,300 | 6.4 |
| Orange Walk | 3,064 | 49,500 | 6.2 |
| Belize | 7,364 | 100,100 | 7.4 |
| Cayo | 5,462 | 80,800 | 6.8 |
| Stann Creek | 3,754 | 34,500 | 10.9 |
| Toledo | 1,745 | 31,000 | 5.6 |

Source: Social Security Board and Statistical Institute of Belize



Table 1.8
Belize: Percentage of Valid Card Holders in the Population,
2007 - 2009

| Branch | Persons with Valid Cards | Percentage of Valid Card Holders in the Population | 2007 | | | 2008 | | | 2009p | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------|--|--------------------------|------------|--|--------------------------|------------|--|
| | | | Persons with Valid Cards | Population | Percentage of Valid Card Holders in the Population | Persons with Valid Cards | Population | Percentage of Valid Card Holders in the Population | Persons with Valid Cards | Population | Percentage of Valid Card Holders in the Population |
| Total | 206,973 | 311,480 | 66.4 | 210,122 | 322,100 | 65.2 | 219,995 | 333,200 | 66.0 | 219,995 | 333,200 |
| Belize City | 64,511 | 83,096 | 77.6 | 64,956 | 85,700 | 75.8 | 67,194 | 86,800 | 77.4 | 67,194 | 86,800 |
| Belmopan | 18,425 | 27,893 | 66.1 | 18,874 | 29,100 | 64.9 | 20,388 | 30,400 | 67.1 | 20,388 | 30,400 |
| Corozal | 19,923 | 36,080 | 55.2 | 20,169 | 37,000 | 54.5 | 21,373 | 37,300 | 57.3 | 21,373 | 37,300 |
| Dangriga | 17,530 | 19,932 | 87.9 | 17,454 | 20,600 | 84.7 | 18,303 | 21,700 | 84.3 | 18,303 | 21,700 |
| Independence | 9,280 | 17,648 | 52.6 | 9,441 | 18,400 | 51.3 | 10,039 | 19,700 | 51.0 | 10,039 | 19,700 |
| Orange Walk | 28,959 | 47,345 | 61.2 | 29,928 | 48,800 | 61.3 | 31,047 | 49,500 | 62.7 | 31,047 | 49,500 |
| Punta Gorda | 18,862 | 25,285 | 74.6 | 19,267 | 26,100 | 73.8 | 20,329 | 26,400 | 77.0 | 20,329 | 26,400 |
| San Pedro | 6,842 | 10,054 | 68.1 | 7,225 | 10,700 | 67.5 | 7,652 | 12,900 | 59.3 | 7,652 | 12,900 |
| Santa Elena | 22,641 | 44,148 | 51.3 | 22,808 | 45,700 | 49.9 | 23,670 | 48,500 | 48.8 | 23,670 | 48,500 |

Source: Social Security Board and Statistical Institute of Belize



Table 1.9
Belize: Valid Cards by Card Type,
2005 - 2009

| Card Type | Year | | | | |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009p |
| Total | 181,155 | 203,712 | 206,973 | 210,122 | 219,995 |
| Adult | 126,276 | 146,090 | 149,946 | 155,832 | 165,276 |
| Minor | 46,225 | 50,732 | 51,227 | 51,718 | 53,230 |
| Senior | 8,654 | 6,890 | 5,800 | 2,572 | 1,489 |

Source: Social Security Board



Table 1.10
Belize: Newly Registered Businesses by District,
2005 - 2009

| District | Year | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total | 1,828 | 1,949 | 2,172 | 1,947 | 1,948 |
| Corozal | 284 | 256 | 332 | 284 | 259 |
| Orange Walk | 253 | 263 | 267 | 230 | 250 |
| Belize | 560 | 636 | 678 | 644 | 636 |
| Cayo | 369 | 452 | 474 | 415 | 428 |
| Stann Creek | 248 | 238 | 321 | 238 | 278 |
| Toledo | 114 | 104 | 100 | 136 | 97 |

Source: Social Security Board

Table 1.11
Belize: Newly Registered Employers by District,
2005 - 2009

| District | Year | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Total | 1,424 | 1,769 | 1,729 | 1,538 | 1,432 |
| Corozal | 241 | 234 | 241 | 208 | 175 |
| Orange Walk | 221 | 269 | 220 | 190 | 191 |
| Belize | 318 | 561 | 560 | 503 | 470 |
| Cayo | 336 | 396 | 362 | 324 | 314 |
| Stann Creek | 213 | 214 | 254 | 191 | 215 |
| Toledo | 95 | 95 | 92 | 122 | 67 |

Source: Social Security Board



Section II Contributions



This section presents data related to Insured Persons and Contributions made to the Social Security Board (SSB). The principal source of the contribution data is the Social Security Board databases. The data are initially gathered through various contribution processes and entered using the Contributions Management System (CMS) application. Contributions data are extracted from SSB's audited annual financial reports.

The main source of insured persons' data is the Social Security Board databases. The data were initially gathered by

the front-desk staff through the registration and contribution processes and entered into the SSB database using the Social Security Administration System (SSAS) and Contribution Management System (CMS) applications, respectively. The secondary source of the data is the Statistical Institute of Belize (SIB), where data relating to the Labour Force are gathered.

Insured Person - The Social Security Act makes provisions for any person over the age of 14 years and under the age of 65 years, who are engaged in insurable employment, to become an insured person. An active



insured person is defined by SSB as a person who has made at least one weekly contribution to the SSB during the reference year. For SSB purposes, an employed person is one who worked for any one employer, eight (8) hours or more during the reference week.

Labour Force - According to the SIB, the Labour Force is comprised of all persons aged 14 years and older who were engaged in any form of economic activity, for at least one hour, during the reference week, or who were willing and able to be engaged in producing economic goods and services. Also included would be all those persons who were temporarily absent from work during the reference week. Hence, the Labour Force is made up of all those persons who either had jobs (the Employed), or those

who did not have jobs but were willing and able to work (the Unemployed). Labour Force indicators used include (a) the General Employment Rate - the percentage of employed persons within the Labour Force; (b) SSB participation rate in the Labour Force - the percentage of active insured persons within the Labour Force and (c) SSB participation rate in the Employed Labour Force - the percentage increase of active insured persons within the Employed Labour Force.

Industry - The categories of industries utilized by the SSB are aggregated by the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities Revision 3.1 (ISIC Rev. 3.1). The ISIC Rev. 3.1 is used both, locally and internationally, to classify the kind of economic activity being



described and is revised regularly to include new economic activities and incorporate changes in existing activities. The categories are delineated according to the nature and use of the goods and services provided, and also the inputs, processes and production technology used. The ISIC Rev. 3.1 treatment is applied to each economic activity using the top-down method from the letter (broad) level to the three digit level. For the purpose of reporting, the data is aggregated into the broad categories.

Contributions – All persons in insurable employment must pay/remit a portion of their earnings into the Social Security Scheme. Presently, 8% of a person's average weekly earnings is payable up to a maximum earnings of \$320.00. Weekly contribution

collected by the SSB is made up of employees' and employers' portions. The amount payable by both, employer and employee is dependent on the gross income of the employee. Persons earning less than \$140 per week, pay 18.75% of the weekly contributions total, while the employer pays the balance. Please note that an employer must have an active business and an active business is one which has contributed at least once during the reference year. As the weekly earnings increase, the percentage of the weekly contributions payable also increases; with the highest being 37.39%, payable by employees earning \$300 or more weekly. For insured persons who work after retirement, the employer is responsible for 100% of the contributions, a standard \$2.60, which provides



coverage for employment injury benefit only. In addition, self-employed persons and voluntary contributors may contribute to the scheme voluntarily. These self-employed insured persons are responsible for their entire payments, which are 7% of their declared weekly earnings, up to a maximum earnings of \$320.00 per week.

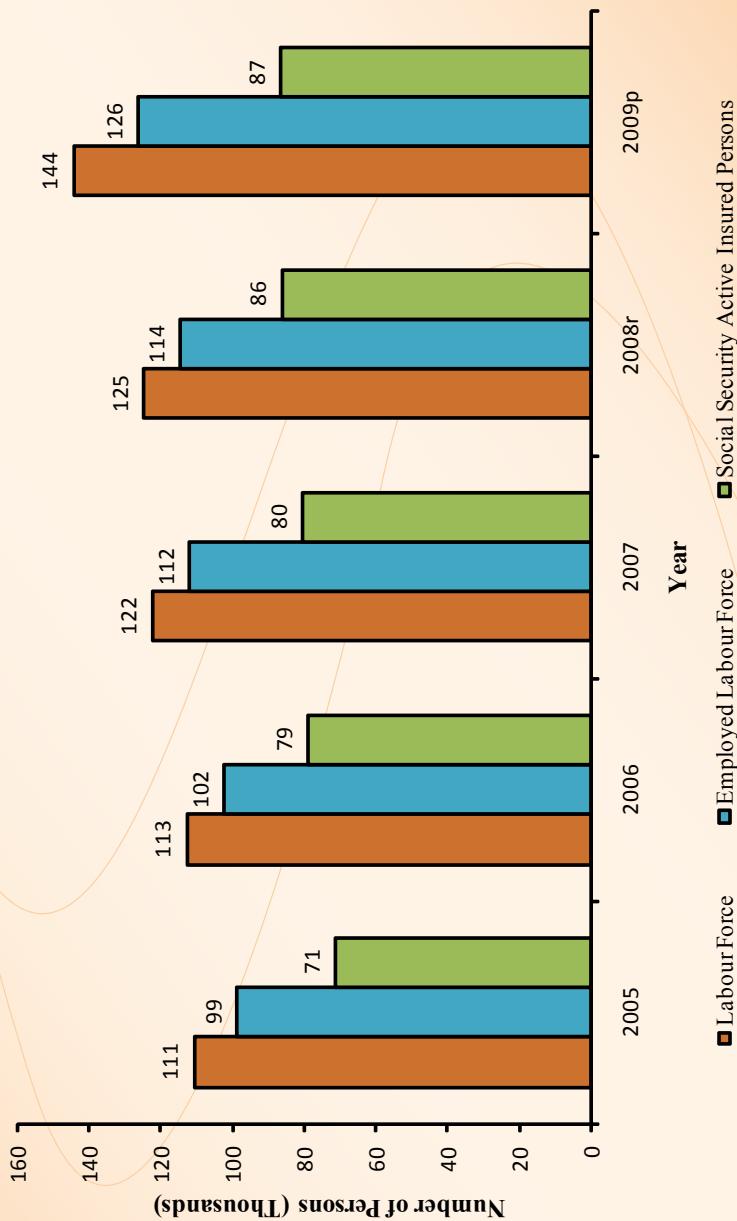
There are presently two methods facilitating contributions payment. There is the direct payment method, using the SSB branch offices, and there is the electronic transfer method, where the employee's information and/or the payment is submitted electronically (which eliminates the need to visit a branch office). All contributions collected are accrued into the Social Security Fund, which is used to pay benefits

and administrative expenditures, and invested to earn income for future expenditures and payment of pensions.

Earnings - According to the Social Security Regulations, all gross remuneration (including overtime, bonus, allowances, gratuities, etc.), are considered earnings and are subject to the Social Security Law. The higher the actual earnings, the higher the insurable earnings and the higher the benefit collected in the event of loss of wages. The weekly insurable earnings is also used as a basis for benefit payments in the form of the average weekly insurable earnings. This is the sum of the weekly insurable earnings over a particular period divided by the number of weeks in the same period.



Chart 2
Belize: Labour Force, Employed Labour Force and Active Insured Persons,
2005 - 2009



Source: Social Security Board and Statistical Institute of Belize



Table 2.1
Belize: Active Insured Persons and the Labour Force Participation Rates,
2005 - 2009

| Year | Number of Persons in Labour Force | Number of Persons Employed in the Labour Force | Number of Active Insured Persons | % of Active Insured in the Labour Force | % of Active Insured in the Employed Labour Force |
|-------|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|--|
| 2005 | 110,786 | 98,589 | 71,184 | 64.3 | 72.2 |
| 2006 | 112,806 | 102,233 | 78,923 | 70.0 | 77.2 |
| 2007 | 122,258 | 111,835 | 80,381 | 65.7 | 71.9 |
| 2008r | 124,637 | 114,465 | 87,253 | 70.0 | 76.2 |
| 2009p | 144,363 | 126,188 | 86,554 | 60.0 | 68.6 |

Source: Social Security Board and Statistical Institute of Belize



Table 2.2
Belize: Active Insured Persons by District, Sex and Age Group
2005 - 2009

| Selected Characteristics | Year | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 71,184 | 78,923 | 80,381 | 87,253 | 86,554 |
| District | | | | | |
| Corozal | 9,443 | 10,312 | 10,414 | 9,648 | 8,925 |
| Orange Walk | 9,738 | 10,850 | 11,245 | 7,340 | 7,601 |
| Belize | 24,824 | 27,486 | 27,914 | 35,288 | 34,234 |
| Cayo | 13,526 | 14,673 | 15,541 | 20,426 | 20,604 |
| Stann Creek | 9,216 | 10,845 | 10,448 | 12,595 | 13,180 |
| Toledo | 4,437 | 4,757 | 4,819 | 1,955 | 2,010 |
| Sex | | | | | |
| Male | 46,329 | 50,491 | 51,118 | 55,327 | 54,743 |
| Female | 24,855 | 28,432 | 29,263 | 31,914 | 31,802 |
| Do Not Know or Not Stated | - | - | - | 12 | 9 |
| Age Group | | | | | |
| 14 - 24 | 19,578 | 20,575 | 23,783 | 25,261 | 24,058 |
| 25 - 34 | 23,340 | 25,818 | 25,200 | 27,094 | 27,174 |
| 35 - 44 | 15,523 | 17,543 | 17,105 | 18,590 | 18,850 |
| 45 - 54 | 8,416 | 9,883 | 9,585 | 10,993 | 11,168 |
| 55+ | 4,303 | 5,074 | 4,692 | 5,303 | 5,294 |
| Do Not Know or Not Stated | 24 | 30 | 16 | 12 | 10 |

Source: Social Security Board



Table 2.3
Belize: Active Insured Persons by Industry,
2005 - 2009

| Industry | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008- | 2009p |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total Active Insured Persons | 71,184 | 78,923 | 80,381 | 87,253 | 86,554 |
| Agriculture, Hunting and Forestry | 13,921 | 15,842 | 15,204 | 28,684 | 27,206 |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles | 9,456 | 10,188 | 10,772 | 12,797 | 11,735 |
| Hotel and Restaurants | 8,056 | 9,125 | 9,713 | 11,480 | 10,326 |
| Public Administration | 7,521 | 10,074 | 7,691 | 10,848 | 9,907 |
| Construction | 7,505 | 8,266 | 8,618 | 11,616 | 9,822 |
| Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities | 4,846 | 6,084 | 6,242 | 9,028 | 8,325 |
| Manufacturing | 6,894 | 7,271 | 7,509 | 8,155 | 7,538 |
| Education | 3,206 | 5,091 | 5,577 | 6,620 | 6,421 |
| Transportation, Storage and Communication | 4,739 | 4,979 | 5,149 | 5,444 | 5,436 |
| Other Community, Social and Personal Activities | 4,599 | 5,157 | 2,980 | 5,761 | 5,364 |
| Health and Social Work | 2,645 | 2,802 | 5,437 | 4,097 | 3,357 |
| Financial Intermediation | 2,123 | 2,259 | 2,387 | 2,421 | 2,507 |
| Private Households with Employed Persons | 1,549 | 1,814 | 1,733 | 2,100 | 2,149 |
| Fishing | 3,259 | 2,986 | 2,373 | 2,302 | 2,103 |
| Electricity, Gas, and Water Supply | 733 | 781 | 900 | 1,414 | 1,559 |
| Mining and Quarrying | 286 | 541 | 601 | 824 | 592 |
| Extra-Territorial Organizations and Bodies | 206 | 233 | 249 | 564 | 546 |
| Do Not Know or Not Stated | 828 | 1,128 | 330 | 116 | 120 |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: The total number of Active Insured Persons shown is not equal to the sum of the Insured Persons in each industry during the respective years due to persons working in different industries during the year.



Table 2.4
Belize: Percentage Distribution of Active Insured Persons by Industry,
2005 - 2009

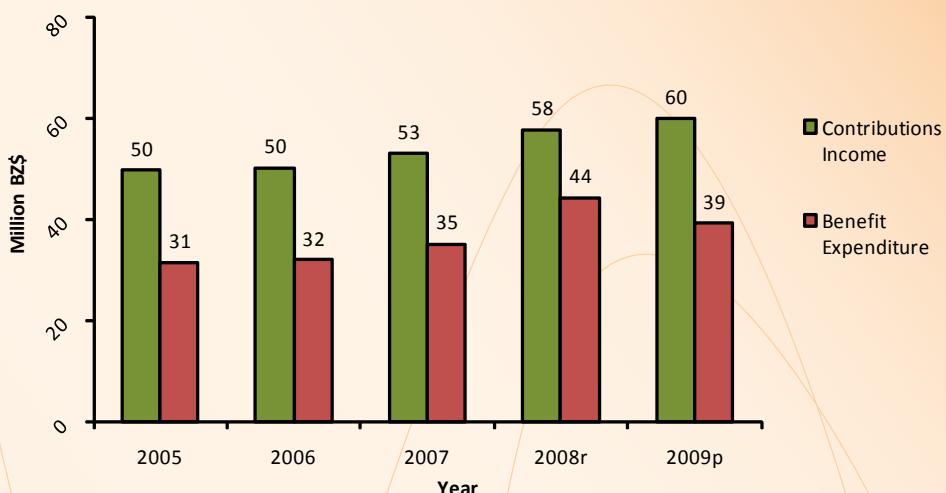
| Industry | Year | | | | 2009p |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Agriculture, Hunting and Forestry | 19.6 | 20.1 | 18.9 | 32.9 | 31.4 |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles | 13.3 | 12.9 | 13.4 | 14.7 | 13.6 |
| Hotel and Restaurants | 11.3 | 11.6 | 12.1 | 13.2 | 11.9 |
| Public Administration | 10.6 | 12.8 | 9.6 | 12.4 | 11.4 |
| Construction | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.7 | 13.3 | 11.3 |
| Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities | 6.8 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 10.3 | 9.6 |
| Manufacturing | 9.7 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 8.7 |
| Education | 4.5 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 7.6 | 7.4 |
| Transportation, Storage and Communication | 6.7 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 6.3 |
| Other Community, Social and Personal Activities | 6.5 | 6.5 | 3.7 | 6.6 | 6.2 |
| Health and Social Work | 3.7 | 3.6 | 6.8 | 4.7 | 3.9 |
| Financial Intermediation | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.9 |
| Private Households with Employed Persons | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.5 |
| Fishing | 4.6 | 3.8 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 2.4 |
| Electricity, Gas, and Water Supply | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 1.8 |
| Mining and Quarrying | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| Extra-Territorial Organizations and Bodies | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Do Not Know or Not Stated | 1.2 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: The sum of the percentages of Insured Persons in each industry does not add up to 100% during the respective years due to persons working in different industries during the year.



Chart 3
Belize: Contributions Income and Benefit Expenditure, 2005 - 2009



Source: Social Security Board

Table 2.5
Belize: Analysis of Contributions Income and Benefit Expenditure, 2005 - 2009 (BZ\$)

| Year | Contributions Income | Benefit Expenditure | Benefit as a% of Contributions |
|-------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2005 | 49,576,692 | 31,292,036 | 63.1 |
| 2006 | 50,160,260 | 31,822,797 | 63.4 |
| 2007 | 52,793,870 | 35,070,592 | 66.4 |
| 2008r | 57,582,065 | 44,213,884 | 76.8 |
| 2009p | 59,886,197 | 39,030,943 | 65.2 |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: Adjustments in 2005 contributions figures reflect total cash payments received by SSB as at December 31, 2005.



Table 2.6
Belize: Schedule of Contributions Based on Weekly Insurable Earnings

| Weekly Earnings Group | Average Insurable Earnings BZ\$ | Employees' Contributions BZ\$ | Employers' Contributions BZ\$ | Total Weekly Contributions BZ\$ | % |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| Under \$70.00 | 55.00 | 0.83 | 19.0 | 3.57 | 81.0 |
| \$70.00 - \$109.99 | 90.00 | 1.35 | 19.0 | 5.85 | 81.0 |
| \$110.00 - \$139.99 | 130.00 | 1.95 | 19.0 | 8.45 | 81.0 |
| \$140.00 - \$179.99 | 160.00 | 3.15 | 25.0 | 9.65 | 75.0 |
| \$180.00 - \$219.99 | 200.00 | 4.75 | 30.0 | 11.25 | 70.0 |
| \$220.00 - \$259.99 | 240.00 | 6.35 | 33.0 | 12.85 | 67.0 |
| \$260.00 - \$299.99 | 280.00 | 7.95 | 35.0 | 14.45 | 65.0 |
| \$300.00 and over | 320.00 | 9.55 | 37.0 | 16.05 | 63.0 |
| ** | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2.60 | 100.0 |

Source: Social Security Board

** Applies to persons age 60 - 64 years who have received a retirement benefit and all persons 65 years and older.



Table 2.7
Belize: Active Insured Persons by Average Weekly Insurable Earnings Group, 2005 - 2009

| Weekly Earnings Group | Year | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 71,184 | 78,923 | 80,381 | 87,253 | 86,554 |
| Under \$70.00 | 2,935 | 7,210 | 6,436 | 4,911 | 5,392 |
| \$70.00 to \$109.99 | 8,107 | 9,153 | 8,048 | 8,175 | 8,407 |
| \$110.00 to \$139.99 | 8,187 | 8,380 | 7,610 | 8,431 | 8,041 |
| \$140.00 to \$179.99 | 12,927 | 12,401 | 12,571 | 14,131 | 13,249 |
| \$180.00 to \$219.99 | 8,937 | 1,838 | 9,883 | 11,493 | 10,701 |
| \$220.00 to \$259.99 | 7,110 | 13,167 | 7,159 | 8,221 | 8,045 |
| \$260.00 to \$299.99 | 5,328 | 3,919 | 4,495 | 5,622 | 5,188 |
| \$300.00 and Over | 16,802 | 21,824 | 23,053 | 25,096 | 26,530 |
| ** | 851 | 1,031 | 1,126 | 1,173 | 1,001 |

Source: Social Security Board

** Applies to persons age 60 - 64 years who have received a retirement benefit and all persons 65 years and older.

Table 2.8
Belize: Percentage Distribution of Active Insured Persons by Average Weekly Insurable Earnings Group, 2005 - 2009

| Weekly Earnings Group | Year | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Under \$70.00 | 4.1 | 9.1 | 8.0 | 5.6 | 6.2 |
| \$70.00 to \$109.99 | 11.4 | 11.6 | 10.0 | 9.4 | 9.7 |
| \$110.00 to \$139.99 | 11.5 | 10.6 | 9.5 | 9.7 | 9.3 |
| \$140.00 to \$179.99 | 18.2 | 15.7 | 15.6 | 16.2 | 15.3 |
| \$180.00 to \$219.99 | 12.6 | 2.3 | 12.3 | 13.2 | 12.4 |
| \$220.00 to \$259.99 | 10.0 | 16.7 | 8.9 | 9.4 | 9.3 |
| \$260.00 to \$299.99 | 7.5 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 6.0 |
| \$300.00 and Over | 23.6 | 27.7 | 28.7 | 28.8 | 30.7 |
| ** | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.2 |

Source: Social Security Board

** Applies to persons age 60 - 64 years who have received a retirement benefit and all persons 65 years and older.



Table 2.9
Belize: Total Contributions Collected by District,
2005 - 2009
(BZ\$)

| District | Year | | | | 2009p |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | |
| Total | 49,576,692 | 50,160,260 | 52,793,870 | 57,582,065 | 59,886,197 |
| Corozal | 3,188,550 | 3,618,966 | 3,928,748 | 4,062,295 | 3,885,053 |
| Orange Walk | 2,378,530 | 2,461,654 | 2,751,243 | 3,083,752 | 3,357,771 |
| Belize | 24,873,471 | 23,624,924 | 24,726,880 | 27,888,641 | 28,148,310 |
| Cayo | 13,899,934 | 14,580,885 | 15,126,911 | 15,684,519 | 17,508,656 |
| Stann Creek | 4,416,477 | 5,166,923 | 5,483,465 | 6,002,084 | 6,058,932 |
| Toledo | 819,730 | 706,908 | 776,623 | 860,774 | 957,475 |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: Adjustments in 2005 contributions figures reflect total cash payments received by SSB as at December 31, 2005.



Table 2.10
Belize: Percentage Distribution of Total Contributions
Collected by District,
2005 - 2009

| District | Year | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Corozal | 6.4 | 7.1 | 7.4 | 7.1 | 6.5 |
| Orange Walk | 4.8 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.6 |
| Belize | 50.2 | 46.5 | 46.8 | 48.4 | 47.0 |
| Cayo | 28.0 | 30.2 | 28.7 | 27.2 | 29.2 |
| Stann Creek | 8.9 | 10.2 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 10.1 |
| Toledo | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.6 |

Source: Social Security Board

Table 2.11
Belize: Contributions Income by Year,
2005 - 2009
(BZ\$)

| Year | Contribution Income | Change Compared to previous year (%) |
|-------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2005 | 49,576,692 | 13.9 |
| 2006 | 50,160,260 | 1.2 |
| 2007 | 52,793,870 | 5.3 |
| 2008r | 57,582,065 | 9.1 |
| 2009p | 59,886,197 | 4.0 |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: Adjustments in 2005 contributions figures reflect total cash payments received by SSB as at December 31, 2005.



Table 2.12
Belize: Active Businesses by Industry,
2005 - 2009

| Industry | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 ^r | 2009p |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Year | | | | | |
| Total | 8,779 | 9,241 | 8,757 | 10,605 | 10,641 |
| Agriculture, Hunting and Forestry | 3,164 | 3,233 | 2,687 | 3,023 | 2,930 |
| Wholesale and Retail, Repair | 1,104 | 1,142 | 1,139 | 1,475 | 1,507 |
| Private Households with Employed Persons | 929 | 1,040 | 1,036 | 1,339 | 1,378 |
| Hotels and Restaurants | 810 | 851 | 874 | 1,105 | 1,104 |
| Construction | 555 | 665 | 688 | 812 | 786 |
| Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities | 384 | 405 | 431 | 574 | 591 |
| Manufacturing | 403 | 433 | 443 | 539 | 536 |
| Other Community, Social and Personal Activities | 385 | 373 | 374 | 454 | 478 |
| Transport, Storage and Communication | 261 | 268 | 283 | 382 | 411 |
| Public Administration | 204 | 203 | 223 | 239 | 242 |
| Education | 168 | 174 | 159 | 181 | 176 |
| Health and Social Work | 132 | 140 | 137 | 171 | 172 |
| Financial Intermediation | 93 | 91 | 98 | 105 | 103 |
| Electricity, Gas and Water Supply | 37 | 58 | 59 | 72 | 78 |
| Fishing | 36 | 35 | 38 | 39 | 38 |
| Mining and Quarrying | 25 | 21 | 22 | 31 | 29 |
| Extra-Territorial Organizations and Bodies | 11 | 13 | 14 | 16 | 15 |
| Do Not Know or Not Stated | 78 | 96 | 52 | 48 | 67 |

Source: Social Security Board



Table 2.13
Belize: Percentage Distribution of Active Businesses by Industry,
2005 - 2009

| Industry | Year | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 ¹ | 2009 ^p |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Agriculture, Hunting and Forestry | 36.0 | 35.0 | 30.7 | 28.5 | 27.5 |
| Wholesale and Retail, Repair | 12.6 | 12.4 | 13.0 | 13.9 | 14.2 |
| Private Households with Employed Persons | 10.6 | 11.3 | 11.8 | 12.6 | 12.9 |
| Hotels and Restaurants | 9.2 | 9.2 | 10.0 | 10.4 | 10.4 |
| Construction | 6.3 | 7.2 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 7.4 |
| Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 5.6 |
| Manufacturing | 4.6 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.0 |
| Other Community, Social and Personal Activities | 4.4 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.5 |
| Transport, Storage and Communication | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.9 |
| Public Administration | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.3 |
| Education | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Health and Social Work | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Financial Intermediation | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Electricity, Gas and Water Supply | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Fishing | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Mining and Quarrying | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Extra-Territorial Organizations and Bodies | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Do Not Know or Not Stated | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 |

Source: Social Security Board



Table 2.14
Belize: Active Businesses by District,
2005 - 2009

| District | Year | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 8,779 | 9,241 | 8,757 | 10,605 | 10,641 |
| Corozal | 2,497 | 2,549 | 2,293 | 2,537 | 2,390 |
| Orange Walk | 1,565 | 1,633 | 1,336 | 1,705 | 1,811 |
| Belize | 2,370 | 2,562 | 2,514 | 3,051 | 2,974 |
| Cayo | 1,407 | 1,520 | 1,575 | 1,949 | 2,058 |
| Stann Creek | 633 | 677 | 734 | 1,112 | 1,054 |
| Toledo | 307 | 300 | 305 | 251 | 354 |

Source: Social Security Board

Table 2.15
Belize: Percentage Distribution of Active Businesses by District,
2005 - 2009

| District | Year | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Corozal | 28.4 | 27.6 | 26.2 | 23.9 | 22.5 |
| Orange Walk | 17.8 | 17.7 | 15.3 | 16.1 | 17.0 |
| Belize | 27.0 | 27.7 | 28.7 | 28.8 | 27.9 |
| Cayo | 16.0 | 16.4 | 18.0 | 18.4 | 19.3 |
| Stann Creek | 7.2 | 7.3 | 8.4 | 10.5 | 9.9 |
| Toledo | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 2.4 | 3.3 |

Source: Social Security Board



Table 2.16
Belize: Active Contributing Employers by District,
2005 - 2009

| District | Year | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 8,395 | 8,837 | 8,278 | 9,917 | 9,287 |
| Corozal | 2,443 | 2,456 | 2,305 | 2,442 | 2,218 |
| Orange Walk | 1,533 | 1,579 | 1,471 | 1,637 | 1,624 |
| Belize | 2,292 | 2,248 | 2,071 | 2,906 | 2,610 |
| Cayo | 1,216 | 1,654 | 1,427 | 1,645 | 1,576 |
| Stann Creek | 615 | 638 | 630 | 1,047 | 937 |
| Toledo | 296 | 262 | 374 | 240 | 322 |

Source: Social Security Board

Table 2.17
Belize: Self-Employed by Selected Characteristics,
2005 - 2009

| Year | Newly Registered | Number Active | Contributions Paid (BZ\$) |
|-------|------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 2005 | 445 | 743 | \$212,203 |
| 2006 | 481 | 836 | \$246,564 |
| 2007 | 574 | 966 | \$295,946 |
| 2008r | 507 | 930 | \$302,189 |
| 2009p | 353 | 969 | \$318,338 |

Source: Social Security Board



Table 2.18
Belize: Active Self-Employed by Selected Characteristics,
2008r

| Selected Characteristics | Total | Sex | |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | Male | Female |
| Total | 930 | 458 | 472 |
| District | | | |
| Corozal | 108 | 63 | 45 |
| Orange Walk | 112 | 69 | 43 |
| Belize | 222 | 88 | 134 |
| Cayo | 219 | 116 | 103 |
| Stann Creek | 204 | 90 | 114 |
| Toledo | 65 | 32 | 33 |
| Age Group | | | |
| 18 - 19 | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| 20 - 24 | 42 | 17 | 25 |
| 25 - 29 | 64 | 27 | 37 |
| 30 - 34 | 136 | 68 | 68 |
| 35 - 39 | 128 | 66 | 62 |
| 40 - 44 | 125 | 72 | 53 |
| 45 - 49 | 146 | 67 | 79 |
| 50 - 54 | 152 | 71 | 81 |
| 55 - 59 | 115 | 60 | 55 |
| 60 | 17 | 9 | 8 |
| Marital Status | | | |
| Married | 94 | 49 | 45 |
| Single | 9 | 1 | 8 |
| Common Law | 482 | 254 | 228 |
| Legally Separated | 9 | 2 | 7 |
| Widowed | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Divorced | 236 | 98 | 138 |
| Do Not Know or Not Stated | 91 | 47 | 44 |

Source: Social Security Board



Table 2.19
Belize: Active Self-Employed by Selected Characteristics,
2009p

| Selected Characteristics | Total | Sex | |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | Male | Female |
| Total | 969 | 490 | 479 |
| District | | | |
| Corozal | 92 | 54 | 38 |
| Orange Walk | 111 | 66 | 45 |
| Belize | 254 | 115 | 139 |
| Cayo | 214 | 112 | 102 |
| Stann Creek | 231 | 108 | 123 |
| Punta Gorda | 67 | 35 | 32 |
| Age Group | | | |
| 18 - 19 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 20 - 24 | 41 | 15 | 26 |
| 25 - 29 | 69 | 31 | 38 |
| 30 - 34 | 119 | 57 | 62 |
| 35 - 39 | 137 | 75 | 62 |
| 40 - 44 | 135 | 75 | 60 |
| 45 - 49 | 160 | 81 | 79 |
| 50 - 54 | 161 | 77 | 84 |
| 55 - 59 | 125 | 65 | 60 |
| 60 | 20 | 14 | 6 |
| Marital Status | | | |
| Married | 100 | 59 | 41 |
| Single | 10 | 1 | 9 |
| Common Law | 475 | 269 | 206 |
| Legally Separated | 10 | 3 | 7 |
| Widowed | 14 | 6 | 8 |
| Divorced | 261 | 104 | 157 |
| Do Not Know or Not Stated | 99 | 48 | 51 |

Source: Social Security Board



Table 2.20
**Belize: Active Self-Employed by Monthly Contribution Payments,
2008 - 2009**

| Month | Total Contributions (BZ\$) | |
|-----------|----------------------------|----------------|
| | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 302,189 | 318,338 |
| January | 22,456 | 24,446 |
| February | 23,107 | 24,796 |
| March | 28,627 | 32,263 |
| April | 23,849 | 25,577 |
| May | 24,084 | 24,540 |
| June | 29,129 | 30,865 |
| July | 24,286 | 24,615 |
| August | 23,732 | 30,272 |
| September | 29,464 | 23,814 |
| October | 22,679 | 23,694 |
| November | 22,832 | 29,817 |
| December | 27,945 | 23,639 |

Source: Social Security Board



Section III Benefits



This section presents information on social security benefits, Non-contributory Pension (NCP), as well as Appeals and National Health Insurance (NHI).

The primary source of benefits data is the Social Security databases. Data on the Mid-Year Population Estimates are obtained from the Statistical Institute of Belize (SIB).

The primary source of appeals data is from Legal Services, Social Security Board.

Benefits - The Social Security Act was established to provide

financial payments for insured persons as a result of sickness, maternity, retirement, invalidity, death, and disability. This Act provides monthly qualifying benefits to invalid, disabled or retired insured workers and to survivors of deceased insured persons.

These benefits covered by the SSB are grouped into three main branches: short-term, long-term, and employment injury.

The Social Security Act, established a system of Social Security providing pecuniary payment by way of financial benefits for loss of wages which



include: Sickness Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Injury Benefit, Disablement Benefit, Retirement Benefit, Death Benefit, Funeral Grant, Invalidity Benefit and Survivors' Benefit for insured persons. In 1999, coverage was extended to domestic workers who worked up to a minimum of 8 hours per week and also Medical Care for Employment Injury was expanded to include Medical Care by the private sector. In 2003, the expansion of coverage included the self-employed (18 to 60 years, inclusive), and women 65 years and older who qualified for the Non-contributory Pension (NCP), a poverty alleviation program. In December 2007, this program was expanded and provision was made to include males 67 years and older.

Short Term Benefit Branch

- The Short Term Branch is comprised of Sickness Benefit, Maternity Allowance and Maternity Grant.

An automated system for processing short term benefits was put in place in 2004. In 2005, the system provided SSB with timely and accurate management reports and statistical information for prompt and effective decision making.

Sickness benefit is paid for a maximum of 234 days, including Sundays, once the claimant has been medically certified as being unable to work. Maternity allowance benefit is paid to an insured woman on maternity leave for a maximum of 14 weeks but not earlier than seven weeks from the expected date of delivery. In the event that an insured woman is not entitled to a maternity



benefit/allowance, the maternity grant can be awarded to the father of the child provided that the qualifying conditions are met.

Long Term Benefit Branch – The Long Term Branch is comprised of Funeral Grant, Retirement Grant, Retirement Pension, Survivor's Grant, Survivor's Pension, Invalidity Grant, and Invalidity Pension.

The age of eligibility for full retirement benefit is 65 years; however, if an insured person retires from insurable employment or is earning less than \$50 per week, a benefit is payable between the ages of 60 - 64 years. An invalidity pension is given to an insured worker (under 60 years) who cannot work due to a specific disease (e.g. bodily or mental invalidity) which is likely to be

permanent. Survivors' benefit is payable to qualifying dependents of a deceased insured person. Dependents include parents and children (up to 16 years or up to 21 years, if attending school on a full-time basis). A funeral grant is paid for death by natural cause to the person who is liable or has paid the cost of the funeral.

Employment Injury Benefit Branch – The Employment Injury Branch is comprised of Injury Benefit, Disablement Benefit, Death Benefit, Funeral Grant for Employment Injury, Medical Care and Constant Attendance Allowance.

In 2000, legislation amended employment injury coverage to extend to injuries suffered during travel defined as "to and from work". Now insured workers can receive benefits when injured on



the job or while travelling to and from work. Approved medical care is also provided to insured workers who receive employment injury. If medical treatment is necessary but cannot be obtained locally, it may be obtained from abroad, subsequent to SSB's approval.

Disablement pension is awarded to an insured person who qualifies, if an injury arises out of or during insurable employment, and the insured person is thereafter assessed as being at least 25% disabled. An insured person who suffers an employment injury is subsequently assessed at less than 25% disabled qualifies for a lump sum payment.

A funeral grant of \$1,500 is given to cover expenses of the funeral for death caused by employment injury. A death benefit is paid to

survivors of a deceased insured person who died as a result of an employment injury.

Non-contributory Pension (NCP)

- In 2003, the NCP program was initiated by the Government of Belize as part of poverty alleviation for women 65 years or older pursuant to Social Security Act, Chapter 44 of the Laws of Belize Revised Edition 2000 - 2003 (Non-contributory Pension for women 65 years or over) Regulations Section 22. In December of 2007, the NCP program was extended to include males aged 67 years or older and at that time the monthly payment was increased from \$75 for women to \$100 (BZ\$) for both males and females. Other qualifying conditions to become a non-contributory pensioner include:

- Possesses a valid Social



Security Board (SSB) Card.

- Be a citizen or permanent resident of Belize, and is living in Belize. If he/she leaves the country, reapplication to the program must occur.
- Submit to Social Security an application for the NCP on the prescribed form (RB1A).
- Live in poverty, have no source of income, or means of support is inadequate.
- If there is an entitlement to a contributory long term grant from SSB, the pensioner may opt to receive NCP instead, but not both.
- All recipients cannot be in receipt of nor have received a pension (e.g. government, social security or any type of pension).
- Only one person from a household can receive NCP.

A Non-contributory Pension Committee (NCPC) consisting of five persons which include a representative of the SSB, the Belize Council of Churches, the National Council on Ageing and Ministry of Human Development meet monthly to determine the action to be taken on the claims received. With the enactment of Statutory Instrument #15 of January 1, 2009, a representative of the Evangelical Churches of Belize was added to the membership of the NCPC. The committee is presently chaired by a representative of the Belize Council of Churches.

National Health Insurance (NHI) - In August 2001, the Government of Belize implemented the NHI Pilot project in the South Side of Belize District. This was part of the overall Health Sector Reform



project which had as one of its primary objectives the delivery of quality primary health care that is accessible to the population in an equitable, sustainable and efficient manner. In 2006, the NHI program was rolled out to the Southern Region of Belize, namely, Stann Creek and Toledo District. Initial financing of the Scheme came from SSB but eventually Government began to take up an ever increasing portion of the budgetary commitment. In 2009, the NHI became fully subsidized by the Government of Belize.

The evaluation of the Pilot Project and subsequent assessments have provided solid evidence that the NHI Scheme has had significant impact on the quality and accessibility of primary care service delivery for the people of the South Side Belize district

and the Southern Region. The Pay for Performance scheme has been successful in stimulating productivity and quality in both private and public medical care providers.

Appeals – When an insured person is aggrieved or unsatisfied with a decision made by the Social Security Board regarding benefits payment, an appeal can be lodged for a hearing by an Appeal Tribunal. The Appeal Tribunal is comprised of an Attorney as Chairman, a representative of employers and a representative of employees.

Legal Services oversees the logistical arrangement for all appeals to be heard and further manages the process for appellants to be duly informed of decisions of the tribunal hearing.



Table 3.1
Belize: Benefits Expenditure by Branch/Benefit,
2005 - 2009
(BZ\$)

| Branch/Benefit | Year | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 31,292,036 | 31,822,797 | 35,070,592 | 44,213,884 | 39,030,943 |
| Short Term | 7,912,055 | 8,032,219 | 8,603,428 | 10,099,211 | 10,825,484 |
| Sickness | 4,412,500 | 4,417,664 | 4,954,811 | 5,954,169 | 6,550,537 |
| Maternity Allowance | 2,506,045 | 2,644,679 | 2,633,720 | 3,085,315 | 3,202,276 |
| Maternity Grant | 993,511 | 969,876 | 1,014,897 | 1,059,728 | 1,072,671 |
| Long Term | 12,411,847 | 14,320,834 | 15,573,802 | 18,488,451 | 19,711,997 |
| Retirement | 7,873,354 | 8,827,106 | 9,989,225 | 11,908,989 | 13,065,933 |
| Survivors | 2,409,361 | 2,970,306 | 1,822,670 | 3,711,728 | 3,661,039 |
| Invalidity | 1,459,284 | 1,759,732 | 2,966,700 | 2,032,367 | 2,087,560 |
| Funeral Grant (NC) | 669,848 | 763,690 | 795,207 | 835,367 | 897,465 |
| Employment Injury | 3,931,361 | 3,976,836 | 4,923,811 | 6,190,911 | 5,459,229 |
| Injury Benefit | 1,909,623 | 1,954,240 | 2,872,413 | 3,812,618 | 3,030,517 |
| Disablement | 1,414,791 | 1,454,923 | 1,469,446 | 1,738,178 | 1,779,454 |
| Death Benefit | 602,447 | 564,741 | 572,952 | 631,115 | 638,758 |
| Funeral Grant (EI) | 4,500 | 2,931 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 10,500 |
| Non-contributory Pensions | 2,131,955 | 2,211,394 | 2,391,547 | 4,934,460 | 4,702,520 |
| National Health Insurance | 4,904,818 | 3,281,514 | 3,578,004 | 4,500,851 | (1,668,287) |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: National Health Insurance data refers to Net Payments; the difference of Social Security and GOB contributions.



Table 3.2
Belize: Total New Claims Received by Year,
2005 - 2009

| Branch/Benefit | Year | | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 32,843 | 35,534 | 36,997 | 42,743 | 40,874 |
| Short Term | 29,009 | 31,248 | 32,651 | 38,033 | 36,510 |
| Sickness | 24,103 | 26,246 | 27,698 | 32,793 | 31,198 |
| Maternity Allowance | 1,286 | 1,471 | 1,327 | 1,447 | 1,506 |
| Maternity Grant | 3,620 | 3,531 | 3,626 | 3,793 | 3,806 |
| Long Term | 1,212 | 1,475 | 1,409 | 1,640 | 1,635 |
| Retirement | 395 | 472 | 482 | 628 | 556 |
| Survivors | 166 | 243 | 183 | 230 | 298 |
| Invalidity | 84 | 99 | 67 | 92 | 84 |
| Funeral Grant (NC) | 567 | 661 | 677 | 690 | 697 |
| Employment Injury | 2,622 | 2,811 | 2,937 | 3,070 | 2,729 |
| Injury Benefit | 2,472 | 2,680 | 2,792 | 2,880 | 2,555 |
| Disablement | 138 | 123 | 132 | 173 | 158 |
| Death Benefit | 8 | 6 | 9 | 10 | 9 |
| Funeral Grant (EI) | 4 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 7 |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: Includes allowed and disallowed new claims only



Table 3.3
Belize: Allowed Claims by Branch/Benefits,
2005 - 2009

| Branch/Benefit | Year | | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 28,378 | 29,897 | 31,959 | 37,215 | 36,375 |
| Short Term | 25,124 | 26,158 | 28,025 | 32,995 | 32,507 |
| Sickness | 20,674 | 21,603 | 23,435 | 28,120 | 27,549 |
| Maternity Allowance | 1,185 | 1,341 | 1,256 | 1,352 | 1,398 |
| Maternity Grant | 3,265 | 3,214 | 3,334 | 3,523 | 3,560 |
| Long Term | 1,091 | 1,358 | 1,328 | 1,544 | 1,480 |
| Retirement | 363 | 439 | 455 | 584 | 553 |
| Survivors | 143 | 215 | 170 | 223 | 161 |
| Invalidity | 56 | 76 | 53 | 77 | 69 |
| Funeral Grant (NC) | 529 | 628 | 650 | 660 | 697 |
| Employment Injury | 2,163 | 2,381 | 2,606 | 2,676 | 2,388 |
| Injury Benefit | 2,020 | 2,260 | 2,471 | 2,492 | 2,215 |
| Disablement | 132 | 113 | 126 | 168 | 157 |
| Death Benefit | 8 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 9 |
| Funeral Grant (EI) | 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 7 |

Source: Social Security Board



Table 3.4
Belize: Sickness Benefit by Days Claimed,
2005 - 2009

| Benefit Days | Year | | | | |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 173,099 | 176,079 | 192,522 | 226,438 | 247,345 |
| 1 | 1,600 | 1,739 | 1,880 | 2,484 | 2,132 |
| 2 | 7,044 | 7,974 | 8,000 | 9,798 | 8,722 |
| 3 | 12,333 | 13,575 | 14,283 | 17,010 | 15,636 |
| 4 to 7 | 34,571 | 35,494 | 42,750 | 49,957 | 52,650 |
| 8 to 14 | 24,342 | 24,742 | 25,041 | 30,216 | 38,114 |
| 15 to 21 | 14,155 | 12,492 | 14,179 | 16,553 | 19,020 |
| 22 to 28 | 7,328 | 6,255 | 7,036 | 9,604 | 10,950 |
| 29 to 35 | 12,053 | 10,521 | 12,978 | 13,748 | 12,787 |
| 36 to 42 | 4,373 | 5,715 | 5,090 | 6,592 | 7,968 |
| 43 to 49 | 5,823 | 6,573 | 7,719 | 6,789 | 7,236 |
| 50 to 56 | 3,398 | 4,335 | 3,756 | 4,125 | 5,875 |
| 57 to 63 | 6,011 | 7,142 | 6,856 | 6,061 | 7,529 |
| 64 to 70 | 3,296 | 2,306 | 2,724 | 3,817 | 3,878 |
| 71 to 77 | 2,886 | 2,238 | 2,438 | 2,594 | 3,111 |
| 78 to 84 | 2,749 | 1,694 | 1,940 | 2,024 | 3,717 |
| 85 to 91 | 1,951 | 2,217 | 3,552 | 3,291 | 3,180 |
| 92 to 98 | 4,169 | 3,397 | 3,765 | 3,968 | 4,068 |
| 99 to 105 | 1,130 | 1,630 | 2,941 | 2,038 | 2,151 |
| 106 to 112 | 1,314 | 1,749 | 1,957 | 1,535 | 2,175 |
| 113 to 119 | 932 | 1,040 | 1,502 | 1,623 | 1,966 |
| 120 to 126 | 1,841 | 1,227 | 2,838 | 1,470 | 2,086 |
| 127 to 133 | 783 | 1,425 | 908 | 1,292 | 1,693 |
| 134 to 140 | 961 | 1,230 | 1,230 | 1,092 | 968 |
| 141 to 147 | 580 | 1,013 | 438 | 1,576 | 1,150 |
| 148 to 156 | 1,536 | 1,516 | 1,680 | 1,677 | 1,538 |
| 157 to 234 | 15,940 | 16,840 | 15,041 | 25,504 | 27,045 |

Source: Social Security Board



Table 3.5
Belize: Sickness Benefit by Mean Payment (BZ\$),
2005 - 2009

| Benefit Days | Year | | | | |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Mean Payment | \$214 | \$212 | \$214 | \$217 | \$234 |
| 1 | 28 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 29 |
| 2 | 55 | 54 | 55 | 57 | 57 |
| 3 | 79 | 79 | 80 | 82 | 83 |
| 4 to 7 | 133 | 132 | 134 | 141 | 145 |
| 8 to 14 | 256 | 258 | 266 | 278 | 284 |
| 15 to 21 | 445 | 457 | 442 | 460 | 467 |
| 22 to 28 | 645 | 644 | 669 | 691 | 676 |
| 29 to 35 | 824 | 835 | 858 | 857 | 865 |
| 36 to 42 | 984 | 1,015 | 1,069 | 1,066 | 1,057 |
| 43 to 49 | 1,207 | 1,205 | 1,228 | 1,285 | 1,319 |
| 50 to 56 | 1,274 | 1,379 | 1,370 | 1,469 | 1,487 |
| 57 to 63 | 1,657 | 1,550 | 1,626 | 1,714 | 1,750 |
| 64 to 70 | 1,766 | 1,741 | 1,780 | 1,871 | 1,775 |
| 71 to 77 | 1,794 | 1,967 | 1,991 | 2,028 | 2,071 |
| 78 to 84 | 1,858 | 2,100 | 2,054 | 2,480 | 2,144 |
| 85 to 91 | 2,157 | 2,228 | 2,291 | 2,350 | 2,541 |
| 92 to 98 | 2,414 | 2,690 | 2,405 | 2,630 | 2,699 |
| 99 to 105 | 2,518 | 2,893 | 2,597 | 2,814 | 2,919 |
| 106 to 112 | 2,482 | 3,141 | 2,958 | 2,629 | 2,997 |
| 113 to 119 | 2,605 | 2,615 | 2,999 | 3,410 | 3,175 |
| 120 to 126 | 3,224 | 2,928 | 3,027 | 3,079 | 3,262 |
| 127 to 133 | 3,482 | 3,531 | 3,240 | 3,057 | 3,560 |
| 134 to 140 | 3,950 | 3,814 | 3,474 | 3,600 | 4,068 |
| 141 to 147 | 2,684 | 4,692 | 3,623 | 4,367 | 3,876 |
| 148 to 156 | 3,335 | 3,738 | 4,110 | 4,609 | 3,805 |
| 157 to 234 | 5,323 | 5,674 | 5,183 | 5,257 | 5,416 |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: Mean payment refers to the average cost per allowed claim.



Table 3.6
Belize: Sickness Cases not Paid by Reason for Non-Payment,
2005 - 2009

| Reason for Non-Payment | Year | | | | 2009p |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | |
| Total | 3,429 | 4,642 | 4,488 | 4,673 | 3,649 |
| Less than 50 paid contributions | 1,319 | 1,710 | 1,817 | 2,636 | 2,288 |
| Late claim | 1,478 | 2,302 | 1,825 | 1,031 | 713 |
| Less than 5 paid contributions | 218 | 263 | 305 | 350 | 340 |
| Was not in insurable employment | 54 | 55 | 56 | 63 | 146 |
| No medical certificate | 27 | 16 | 31 | 59 | 42 |
| Worked during period claimed | 87 | 59 | 89 | 301 | 38 |
| IP over 65 years | 0 | 42 | 46 | 45 | 35 |
| Period already claimed | 59 | 43 | 40 | 30 | 29 |
| Injury not in course of employment | 0 | 76 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| No contribution paid | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Willful misconduct | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Claimant is under 14 years | 55 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 0 |
| Other (Including abandoned claims) | 130 | 76 | 279 | 124 | 17 |

Source: Social Security Board



Table 3.7
Belize: Maternity Allowance by Selected Characteristics,
2005 - 2009

| Selected Characteristics | Year | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Cases | 1,163 | 1,341 | 1,256 | 1,352 | 1,398 |
| Age Group | | | | | |
| 14 - 19 | 53 | 36 | 29 | 43 | 82 |
| 20 - 24 | 341 | 402 | 321 | 372 | 419 |
| 25 - 29 | 391 | 430 | 401 | 457 | 446 |
| 30 - 34 | 235 | 297 | 315 | 307 | 294 |
| 35 - 39 | 115 | 143 | 143 | 128 | 125 |
| 40 - 44 | 27 | 33 | 46 | 45 | 31 |
| 45 - 64 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Mean Payment (BZ\$) | \$1,932 | \$1,972 | \$1,891 | \$2,245 | \$2,418 |
| Age Group | | | | | |
| 14 - 19 | \$1,329 | \$1,177 | \$1,703 | \$1,808 | \$1,815 |
| 20 - 24 | \$1,815 | \$1,801 | \$1,969 | \$2,283 | \$2,195 |
| 25 - 29 | \$2,000 | \$2,030 | \$2,178 | \$2,508 | \$2,638 |
| 30 - 34 | \$2,135 | \$2,227 | \$2,300 | \$2,583 | \$2,575 |
| 35 - 39 | \$1,956 | \$1,967 | \$2,402 | \$2,646 | \$2,472 |
| 40 - 44 | \$1,754 | \$1,897 | \$1,883 | \$2,249 | \$2,179 |
| 45 - 64 | \$1,349 | \$0 | \$798 | \$0 | \$1,792 |
| Weeks Claimed | | | | | |
| < 14 Weeks | 368 | 259 | 256 | 155 | 169 |
| 14 Weeks | 757 | 903 | 939 | 1,125 | 1,169 |
| 15 Weeks | 36 | 19 | 9 | 32 | 31 |
| 16 Weeks | 32 | 21 | 23 | 41 | 31 |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: Mean payment refers to the average cost per allowed claim.



Table 3.8
Belize: Maternity Grants Paid by Age Group and Sex,
2005 - 2009

| Age Group | Year | | | | |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 3,265 | 3,304 | 3,661 | 3,523 | 3,550 |
| 14 - 19 | 98 | 96 | 67 | 134 | 50 |
| 20 - 24 | 866 | 855 | 880 | 911 | 812 |
| 25 - 29 | 977 | 1,022 | 1,050 | 1,039 | 1,094 |
| 30 - 34 | 692 | 685 | 826 | 730 | 818 |
| 35 - 39 | 356 | 374 | 466 | 411 | 447 |
| 40 - 44 | 174 | 178 | 222 | 188 | 209 |
| 45 - 49 | 60 | 54 | 92 | 71 | 69 |
| 50 - 54 | 27 | 26 | 33 | 24 | 31 |
| 55 - 59 | 13 | 11 | 19 | 11 | 15 |
| 60+ | 2 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 5 |
| Male | 2,137 | 2,173 | 2,463 | 2,194 | 2,184 |
| 14 - 19 | 48 | 59 | 40 | 70 | 24 |
| 20 - 24 | 531 | 511 | 579 | 515 | 499 |
| 25 - 29 | 609 | 642 | 662 | 609 | 629 |
| 30 - 34 | 456 | 455 | 536 | 453 | 480 |
| 35 - 39 | 245 | 258 | 327 | 282 | 279 |
| 40 - 44 | 147 | 154 | 171 | 155 | 158 |
| 45 - 49 | 59 | 54 | 91 | 71 | 64 |
| 50 - 54 | 27 | 26 | 32 | 24 | 31 |
| 55 - 59 | 13 | 11 | 19 | 11 | 15 |
| 60+ | 2 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 5 |
| Female | 1,128 | 1,131 | 1,198 | 1,329 | 1,366 |
| 14 - 19 | 50 | 37 | 27 | 64 | 26 |
| 20 - 24 | 335 | 344 | 301 | 396 | 313 |
| 25 - 29 | 368 | 380 | 388 | 430 | 465 |
| 30 - 34 | 236 | 230 | 290 | 277 | 338 |
| 35 - 39 | 111 | 116 | 139 | 129 | 168 |
| 40 - 44 | 27 | 24 | 51 | 33 | 51 |
| 45 - 49 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| 50 - 54 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 55 - 59 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 60+ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Source: Social Security Board



Table 3.9
Belize: Disallowed Maternity Grant Claims by Reason of Disallowance,
2005 - 2009

| Reason for Disallowance | Year | | | | |
|---|------|------|------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 ^r | 2009 ^p |
| Total | 352 | 226 | 304 | 240 | 243 |
| Less than 25 paid contributions in specified 50 weeks | 266 | 174 | 229 | 158 | 177 |
| Less than 50 paid contributions | 63 | 39 | 50 | 51 | 41 |
| Late claim | 2 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 10 |
| Grant previously claimed | 8 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 3 |
| Wife receiving maternity benefit | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Claimant under 14 years or over 65 years for retirement benefit | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Less than 26 self-employed contributions | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Name of father does not appear on certificate | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Other | 3 | 1 | 9 | 17 | 3 |

Source: Social Security Board



Table 3.10
Belize: Pension Type by Recipients and Expenditure,
2009

| Pension Type | Recipients | Expenditure (BZ\$) |
|--|--------------|---------------------|
| Total Contributory Pensioners | 6,322 | \$18,960,765 |
| Retirement | 3,090 | \$12,149,093 |
| Invalidity | 341 | \$1,770,802 |
| Survivors' | 2,142 | \$3,164,573 |
| Disablement | 410 | \$1,237,289 |
| Death | 339 | \$639,008 |
| Total Non-contributory Pensioners | 4,297 | \$4,753,600 |

Source: Social Security Board



Table 3.11
Belize: Retirement Pensions Awarded by Age, Sex and
Mean Monthly Payment,
2005 - 2009

| Age | Year | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 175 | 227 | 215 | 315 | 289 |
| 60 | 92 | 110 | 91 | 117 | 95 |
| 61 | 21 | 5 | 16 | 79 | 78 |
| 62 | 11 | 23 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| 63 | 4 | 18 | 14 | 17 | 23 |
| 64 | 11 | 7 | 22 | 18 | 13 |
| 65 | 30 | 26 | 46 | 47 | 26 |
| 66 | 4 | 33 | 8 | 11 | 22 |
| 67 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| 68 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 69+ | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Male | 123 | 159 | 151 | 207 | 205 |
| 60 | 64 | 78 | 61 | 67 | 57 |
| 61 | 15 | 0 | 11 | 51 | 53 |
| 62 | 9 | 17 | 9 | 15 | 21 |
| 63 | 2 | 15 | 11 | 14 | 22 |
| 64 | 7 | 3 | 15 | 14 | 11 |
| 65 | 23 | 11 | 36 | 33 | 21 |
| 66 | 2 | 30 | 5 | 8 | 15 |
| 67 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| 68 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 69+ | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Female | 52 | 68 | 64 | 108 | 84 |
| 60 | 28 | 32 | 30 | 50 | 38 |
| 61 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 28 | 25 |
| 62 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 63 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| 64 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 2 |
| 65 | 7 | 15 | 10 | 14 | 5 |
| 66 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| 67 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 68 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 69+ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mean Monthly Payment (BZ\$) | | | | | |
| Total | \$327 | \$369 | \$427 | \$414 | \$421 |
| Male | \$337 | \$388 | \$415 | \$399 | \$400 |
| Female | \$305 | \$361 | \$453 | \$442 | \$472 |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: Mean monthly payment refers to the average monthly cost per allowed claim.



Table 3.12
Belize: Cumulative¹ Retired Pensioners by Age and
Mean Monthly Payment,
2005 - 2009

| Age | Year | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 2,360 | 2,555 | 2,737 | 2,861 | 3,090 |
| 60 | 276 | 170 | 60 | 132 | 87 |
| 61 | 116 | 130 | 145 | 164 | 182 |
| 62 | 112 | 143 | 135 | 157 | 177 |
| 63 | 127 | 127 | 145 | 147 | 174 |
| 64 | 145 | 125 | 149 | 149 | 157 |
| 65 | 209 | 175 | 175 | 190 | 177 |
| 66 | 152 | 171 | 170 | 177 | 203 |
| 67 | 119 | 157 | 164 | 159 | 188 |
| 68 | 113 | 146 | 163 | 158 | 164 |
| 69 | 85 | 118 | 158 | 154 | 166 |
| 70 | 92 | 132 | 138 | 146 | 156 |
| 71 | 68 | 104 | 122 | 127 | 150 |
| 72 | 99 | 81 | 117 | 114 | 134 |
| 73 | 57 | 68 | 106 | 109 | 108 |
| 74 | 81 | 82 | 75 | 78 | 107 |
| 75 | 73 | 63 | 65 | 70 | 84 |
| 76 | 82 | 77 | 86 | 67 | 74 |
| 77+ | 354 | 486 | 564 | 563 | 602 |
| Mean Monthly Payment (BZ\$) | \$241 | \$253 | \$270 | \$287 | \$300 |

Source: Social Security Board

¹ - Includes all persons classified as being retired and are in receipt of a Social Security Retirement Pension.

Note: Mean monthly payment refers to the average monthly cost per allowed claim.



Table 3.13
Belize: Cumulative¹ Retired Male Pensioners by Age and
Mean Monthly Payment,
2005 - 2009

| Age | Year | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Male | 1,714 | 1,851 | 1,961 | 2,018 | 2,187 |
| 60 | 192 | 112 | 37 | 75 | 54 |
| 61 | 70 | 93 | 94 | 105 | 112 |
| 62 | 79 | 94 | 91 | 107 | 114 |
| 63 | 91 | 84 | 97 | 103 | 126 |
| 64 | 97 | 88 | 98 | 99 | 109 |
| 65 | 149 | 124 | 125 | 131 | 124 |
| 66 | 102 | 119 | 121 | 124 | 139 |
| 67 | 86 | 110 | 119 | 113 | 131 |
| 68 | 83 | 103 | 110 | 114 | 122 |
| 69 | 63 | 83 | 110 | 105 | 121 |
| 70 | 61 | 98 | 97 | 93 | 102 |
| 71 | 53 | 74 | 88 | 91 | 106 |
| 72 | 86 | 61 | 88 | 87 | 93 |
| 73 | 40 | 53 | 73 | 78 | 79 |
| 74 | 64 | 66 | 56 | 56 | 78 |
| 75 | 51 | 49 | 53 | 50 | 57 |
| 76 | 68 | 58 | 67 | 54 | 56 |
| 77+ | 279 | 382 | 437 | 433 | 464 |
| Mean Monthly Payment (BZ\$) | \$237 | \$253 | \$269 | \$283 | \$296 |

Source: Social Security Board

¹ - Includes all persons classified as being retired and are in receipt of a Social Security Retirement Pension.

Note: Mean monthly payment refers to the average monthly cost per allowed claim.



Table 3.14
Belize: Cumulative¹ Retired Female Pensioners by Age and
Mean Monthly Payment,
2005 - 2009

| Age | Year | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Female | 646 | 704 | 796 | 843 | 903 |
| 60 | 84 | 58 | 23 | 57 | 33 |
| 61 | 46 | 37 | 51 | 59 | 70 |
| 62 | 33 | 49 | 44 | 50 | 63 |
| 63 | 36 | 43 | 48 | 44 | 48 |
| 64 | 48 | 37 | 51 | 50 | 48 |
| 65 | 60 | 51 | 50 | 59 | 53 |
| 66 | 50 | 52 | 49 | 53 | 64 |
| 67 | 33 | 47 | 45 | 46 | 57 |
| 68 | 30 | 43 | 53 | 44 | 42 |
| 69 | 22 | 35 | 48 | 49 | 45 |
| 70 | 31 | 34 | 41 | 53 | 54 |
| 71 | 15 | 30 | 34 | 36 | 44 |
| 72 | 13 | 20 | 29 | 27 | 41 |
| 73 | 17 | 15 | 33 | 31 | 29 |
| 74 | 17 | 16 | 19 | 22 | 29 |
| 75 | 22 | 14 | 12 | 20 | 27 |
| 76 | 14 | 19 | 19 | 13 | 18 |
| 77+ | 75 | 104 | 127 | 130 | 138 |
| Mean Monthly Payment (BZ\$) | \$244 | \$253 | \$273 | \$296 | \$311 |

Source: Social Security Board

¹ - Includes all persons classified as being retired and are in receipt of a Social Security Retirement Pension.

Note: Mean monthly payment refers to the average monthly cost per allowed claim.



Table 3.15
Belize: Retirement Grants Awarded by Age, Sex and
Mean Payment,
2005 - 2009

| Age | Year | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 184 | 222 | 215 | 270 | 264 |
| 60 | 50 | 54 | 67 | 72 | 82 |
| 61 | 15 | 20 | 17 | 29 | 34 |
| 62 | 18 | 14 | 25 | 12 | 14 |
| 63 | 6 | 10 | 8 | 19 | 23 |
| 64 | 13 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 15 |
| 65 | 38 | 56 | 40 | 51 | 43 |
| 66 | 12 | 22 | 11 | 16 | 25 |
| 67 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 10 | 9 |
| 68 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 3 |
| 69+ | 19 | 19 | 16 | 43 | 16 |
| Male | 141 | 165 | 162 | 207 | 187 |
| 60 | 33 | 34 | 46 | 50 | 52 |
| 61 | 13 | 11 | 9 | 28 | 28 |
| 62 | 14 | 12 | 23 | 8 | 9 |
| 63 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 17 | 14 |
| 64 | 10 | 15 | 12 | 9 | 10 |
| 65 | 30 | 44 | 31 | 39 | 34 |
| 66 | 11 | 19 | 7 | 14 | 18 |
| 67 | 7 | 8 | 12 | 7 | 7 |
| 68 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| 69+ | 16 | 13 | 13 | 29 | 14 |
| Female | 43 | 57 | 52 | 63 | 77 |
| 60 | 17 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 30 |
| 61 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 6 |
| 62 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| 63 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 9 |
| 64 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| 65 | 8 | 12 | 9 | 12 | 9 |
| 66 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| 67 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| 68 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| 69+ | 3 | 6 | 2 | 14 | 2 |
| Mean Payment (BZ\$) | | | | | |
| Total | \$2,921 | \$3,148 | \$3,240 | \$2,861 | \$3,277 |
| Male | \$2,952 | \$3,279 | \$3,421 | \$2,890 | \$3,457 |
| Female | \$2,820 | \$2,771 | \$2,669 | \$2,766 | \$2,844 |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: Mean payment refers to the average cost per allowed claim.



Table 3.16
Belize: Invalidity Pensions Awarded by Age Group, Sex and
Mean Monthly Payment,
2005 - 2009

| Age Group | Year | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 40 | 43 | 43 | 42 | 42 |
| < 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 - 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 - 29 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 30 - 34 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 35 - 39 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| 40 - 44 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 7 |
| 45 - 49 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 9 |
| 50 - 54 | 11 | 15 | 11 | 15 | 6 |
| 55 - 59 | 8 | 9 | 14 | 13 | 9 |
| 60 - 64 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Male | 21 | 25 | 23 | 22 | 22 |
| < 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 - 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 - 29 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 30 - 34 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 35 - 39 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 40 - 44 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 |
| 45 - 49 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 50 - 54 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 5 |
| 55 - 59 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 7 | 4 |
| 60 - 64 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Female | 19 | 18 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| < 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 - 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 - 29 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 30 - 34 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 35 - 39 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| 40 - 44 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 2 |
| 45 - 49 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| 50 - 54 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 1 |
| 55 - 59 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 5 |
| 60 - 64 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mean Monthly Payment (BZ\$) | | | | | |
| Total | \$369 | \$466 | \$431 | \$530 | \$454 |
| Male | \$385 | \$425 | \$410 | \$500 | \$509 |
| Female | \$353 | \$526 | \$449 | \$565 | \$437 |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: Mean monthly payment refers to the average monthly cost per allowed claim.



Table 3.17
**Belize: Cumulative¹ Invalidity Pensioners by Age Group and Sex,
2005 - 2009**

| Age Group | Year | | | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 310 | 370 | 311 | 333 | 341 |
| < 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 - 24 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 25 - 29 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 2 |
| 30 - 34 | 10 | 12 | 4 | 24 | 7 |
| 35 - 39 | 23 | 25 | 24 | 43 | 24 |
| 40 - 44 | 34 | 39 | 40 | 48 | 45 |
| 45 - 49 | 60 | 61 | 47 | 88 | 55 |
| 50 - 54 | 73 | 82 | 79 | 103 | 87 |
| 55 - 59 | 91 | 107 | 99 | 18 | 99 |
| 60 - 64 | 14 | 39 | 13 | 0 | 22 |
| 65+ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Male | 163 | 203 | 162 | 171 | 177 |
| < 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 - 24 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 25 - 29 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| 30 - 34 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 14 | 5 |
| 35 - 39 | 13 | 17 | 15 | 28 | 12 |
| 40 - 44 | 21 | 27 | 25 | 21 | 30 |
| 45 - 49 | 30 | 32 | 20 | 44 | 27 |
| 50 - 54 | 36 | 36 | 38 | 48 | 43 |
| 55 - 59 | 44 | 53 | 48 | 9 | 45 |
| 60 - 64 | 7 | 25 | 8 | 0 | 13 |
| 65+ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Female | 147 | 167 | 149 | 162 | 164 |
| < 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 - 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 - 29 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 30 - 34 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 2 |
| 35 - 39 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 15 | 12 |
| 40 - 44 | 13 | 12 | 15 | 27 | 15 |
| 45 - 49 | 30 | 29 | 27 | 44 | 28 |
| 50 - 54 | 37 | 46 | 41 | 55 | 44 |
| 55 - 59 | 47 | 54 | 51 | 9 | 54 |
| 60 - 64 | 7 | 14 | 5 | 0 | 9 |
| 65+ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Source: Social Security Board

¹ - Includes all persons classified as having a health problem or invalidity which prevents them from working and are receiving a Social Security Invalidity Pension.



Table 3.18
**Belize: Invalidity Grants Awarded by Sex, Total Payment and Mean Payment,
2005 - 2009**

| Selected Characteristics | Year | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Sex | | | | | |
| Total | 11 | 33 | 31 | 38 | 27 |
| Male | 9 | 18 | 23 | 25 | 22 |
| Female | 2 | 15 | 8 | 13 | 5 |
| Total Payment (BZ\$) | | | | | |
| Total | \$64,386 | \$290,827 | \$235,288 | \$281,911 | \$223,278 |
| Male | \$48,759 | \$128,447 | \$154,928 | \$212,351 | \$195,531 |
| Female | \$15,627 | \$162,380 | \$80,360 | \$69,560 | \$27,748 |
| Mean Payment (BZ\$) | | | | | |
| Total | \$5,853 | \$9,367 | \$7,590 | \$7,619 | \$8,270 |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: Mean payment refers to the average cost per allowed claim.



Table 3.19
**Belize: Children Awarded Survivor's Pension by Age Group,
Sex and Mean Monthly Payment,
2005 - 2009**

| Age Group | Year | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 123 | 120 | 138 | 145 | 114 |
| 00 - 04 | 20 | 21 | 24 | 27 | 14 |
| 05 - 09 | 34 | 33 | 40 | 39 | 32 |
| 10 - 14 | 36 | 34 | 39 | 50 | 35 |
| 15 - 16 | 23 | 16 | 16 | 12 | 17 |
| 17 - 21 | 10 | 15 | 18 | 15 | 16 |
| 22+ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Male | 51 | 56 | 78 | 72 | 59 |
| 00 - 04 | 11 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 8 |
| 05 - 09 | 8 | 12 | 22 | 18 | 14 |
| 10 - 14 | 15 | 14 | 22 | 31 | 15 |
| 15 - 16 | 13 | 10 | 9 | 4 | 11 |
| 17 - 21 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 4 | 11 |
| 22+ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Female | 72 | 64 | 60 | 73 | 55 |
| 00 - 04 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 12 | 6 |
| 05 - 09 | 26 | 21 | 18 | 21 | 18 |
| 10 - 14 | 21 | 20 | 17 | 19 | 20 |
| 15 - 16 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 6 |
| 17 - 21 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 11 | 5 |
| 22+ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Mean Monthly Payment (BZ\$) | | | | | |
| Total | \$102 | \$82 | \$109 | \$107 | \$106 |
| Male | \$104 | \$79 | \$96 | \$103 | \$105 |
| Female | \$94 | \$85 | \$126 | \$111 | \$107 |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: Mean monthly payment refers to the average monthly cost per allowed claim.



Table 3.20
Belize: Cumulative¹ Children Receiving Survivor's Pension
by Age Group, Sex and Mean Monthly Payment,
2005 - 2009

| Age Group | Year | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 869 | 927 | 1,038 | 1,174 | 1,259 |
| 00 - 04 | 57 | 142 | 70 | 91 | 80 |
| 05 - 09 | 191 | 141 | 223 | 261 | 250 |
| 10 - 14 | 310 | 274 | 383 | 451 | 456 |
| 15 - 16 | 191 | 193 | 231 | 168 | 194 |
| 17 - 21 | 107 | 164 | 116 | 189 | 258 |
| 22+ | 13 | 13 | 15 | 14 | 21 |
| Male | 462 | 473 | 518 | 595 | 641 |
| 00 - 04 | 36 | 84 | 39 | 50 | 43 |
| 05 - 09 | 97 | 61 | 111 | 127 | 124 |
| 10 - 14 | 170 | 138 | 189 | 226 | 220 |
| 15 - 16 | 102 | 96 | 116 | 84 | 105 |
| 17 - 21 | 50 | 87 | 55 | 100 | 136 |
| 22+ | 7 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 13 |
| Female | 407 | 454 | 520 | 579 | 618 |
| 00 - 04 | 21 | 58 | 31 | 41 | 37 |
| 05 - 09 | 94 | 80 | 112 | 134 | 126 |
| 10 - 14 | 140 | 136 | 194 | 225 | 236 |
| 15 - 16 | 89 | 97 | 115 | 84 | 89 |
| 17 - 21 | 57 | 77 | 61 | 89 | 122 |
| 22+ | 6 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 8 |
| Mean Monthly Payment (BZ\$) | | | | | |
| Total | \$58 | \$57 | \$90 | \$88 | \$89 |
| Male | \$59 | \$59 | \$93 | \$89 | \$89 |
| Female | \$56 | \$56 | \$87 | \$87 | \$88 |

Source: Social Security Board

¹ - Includes all persons classified as orphans in receipt of a Social Security Survival Benefit.

Note: Mean monthly payment refers to the average monthly cost per allowed claim.



Table 3.21
Belize: Spouses Awarded Survivor's Pension
by Sex and Mean Monthly Payment,
2005 - 2009

| Selected Characteristics | Year | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Sex | | | | | |
| Total | 64 | 90 | 80 | 96 | 70 |
| Male | 0 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Female | 64 | 83 | 78 | 96 | 67 |
| Mean Monthly Payment (BZ\$) | | | | | |
| Total | \$190 | \$219 | \$211 | \$234 | \$238 |
| Male | \$0 | \$222 | \$188 | \$0 | \$215 |
| Female | \$190 | \$191 | \$234 | \$234 | \$238 |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: Mean monthly payment refers to the average monthly cost per allowed claim.

Table 3.22
Belize: Cumulative¹ Spouses Receiving Survivor's Pension
by Sex and Mean Monthly Payment,
2005 - 2009

| Selected Characteristics | Year | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Sex | | | | | |
| Total | 719 | 725 | 801 | 855 | 907 |
| Male | 6 | 7 | 9 | 18 | 40 |
| Female | 713 | 718 | 792 | 837 | 867 |
| Mean Monthly Payment (BZ\$) | | | | | |
| Total | \$153 | \$151 | \$188 | \$179 | \$184 |
| Male | \$159 | \$137 | \$173 | \$111 | \$150 |
| Female | \$153 | \$151 | \$204 | \$181 | \$186 |

Source: Social Security Board

¹ - Includes all persons classified as spouses in receipt of a Social Security Survival Pension.

Note: Mean monthly payment refers to the average monthly cost per allowed claim.



Table 3.23
Belize: Survivor's Grant Awarded to Beneficiaries
by Age Group, Sex and Mean Payment,
2005 - 2009

| Age Group | Year | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 151 | 107 | 156 | 169 | 204 |
| <20 | 102 | 1 | 104 | 103 | 139 |
| 20 - 29 | 11 | 17 | 8 | 12 | 11 |
| 30 - 39 | 12 | 28 | 12 | 13 | 16 |
| 40 - 49 | 11 | 25 | 11 | 17 | 17 |
| 50 - 59 | 6 | 26 | 17 | 12 | 16 |
| 60+ | 9 | 10 | 4 | 12 | 5 |
| Male | 52 | 83 | 54 | 54 | 77 |
| <20 | 48 | 0 | 44 | 50 | 74 |
| 20 - 29 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 30 - 39 | 0 | 19 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 40 - 49 | 0 | 20 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 50 - 59 | 0 | 24 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 60+ | 3 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Female | 99 | 24 | 102 | 115 | 127 |
| <20 | 54 | 1 | 60 | 53 | 65 |
| 20 - 29 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 11 | 8 |
| 30 - 39 | 12 | 9 | 10 | 13 | 16 |
| 40 - 49 | 11 | 5 | 9 | 16 | 17 |
| 50 - 59 | 6 | 2 | 13 | 12 | 16 |
| 60+ | 6 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 5 |
| Mean Payment (BZ\$) | \$1,610 | \$4,041 | \$1,855 | \$3,540 | \$3,885 |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: Mean payment refers to the average cost per allowed claim.



Table 3.24
Belize: Disablement Pensions Awarded to Beneficiaries by Degree of Disability, Sex and Mean Monthly Payment, 2005 - 2009

| Degree of Disability (%) | Year | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 16 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 16 |
| 25.00 - 29.99 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| 30.00 - 39.99 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 5 |
| 40.00 - 49.99 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 50.00 - 59.99 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| 60+ | 3 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Male | 16 | 4 | 18 | 11 | 16 |
| 25.00 - 29.99 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| 30.00 - 39.99 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 5 |
| 40.00 - 49.99 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 50.00 - 59.99 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| 60+ | 3 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Female | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 25.00 - 29.99 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 30.00 - 39.99 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 40.00 - 49.99 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 50.00 - 59.99 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 60+ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mean Monthly Payment (BZ\$) | | | | | |
| Total | \$245 | \$196 | \$282 | \$355 | \$248 |
| Male | \$245 | \$196 | \$287 | \$370 | \$248 |
| Female | \$0 | \$0 | \$188 | \$188 | \$0 |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: (1) Mean monthly payment refers to the average monthly cost per allowed claim.

(2) Persons classified as having a work disability which prevents them from working and are receiving a Social Security disablement pension.



Table 3.25
**Belize: Cumulative¹ Disablement Pensions by Age Group,
Sex and Mean Monthly Payment,
2005 - 2009**

| Age Group | Year | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 371 | 380 | 395 | 401 | 410 |
| < 20 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 - 29 | 30 | 23 | 22 | 22 | 22 |
| 30 - 39 | 87 | 77 | 72 | 69 | 68 |
| 40 - 49 | 114 | 115 | 118 | 114 | 116 |
| 50 - 59 | 75 | 88 | 98 | 107 | 110 |
| 60+ | 61 | 76 | 84 | 89 | 94 |
| Male | 348 | 355 | 369 | 374 | 385 |
| < 20 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 - 29 | 29 | 21 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| 30 - 39 | 84 | 76 | 71 | 67 | 65 |
| 40 - 49 | 106 | 107 | 109 | 108 | 111 |
| 50 - 59 | 68 | 79 | 91 | 98 | 103 |
| 60+ | 58 | 71 | 77 | 81 | 86 |
| Female | 23 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 25 |
| < 20 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 - 29 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 30 - 39 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 40 - 49 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 5 |
| 50 - 59 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 7 |
| 60+ | 3 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 8 |
| Mean Monthly Payment (BZ\$) | | | | | |
| Total | \$215 | \$214 | \$218 | \$219 | \$221 |
| Male | \$216 | \$215 | \$219 | \$220 | \$222 |
| Female | \$203 | \$203 | \$202 | \$202 | \$203 |

Source: Social Security Board

¹ - Includes all persons classified as having a work disability which prevents them from working and are receiving a Social Security diablement pension.

Note: Mean monthly payment refers to the average monthly cost per allowed claim.



Table 3.26
**Belize: Disablement Grants Awarded by Degree of Disability,
Sex and Mean Payment,
2005 - 2009**

| Degree of Disability (%) | Year | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 116 | 109 | 82 | 148 | 141 |
| 00.00 - 04.99 | 55 | 47 | 43 | 73 | 71 |
| 05.00 - 09.99 | 44 | 39 | 23 | 47 | 36 |
| 10.00 - 14.99 | 9 | 16 | 9 | 19 | 18 |
| 15.00 - 19.99 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| 20.00 - 24.99 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 9 |
| Male | 111 | 104 | 77 | 140 | 135 |
| 00.00 - 04.99 | 52 | 43 | 41 | 69 | 67 |
| 05.00 - 09.99 | 42 | 39 | 21 | 44 | 35 |
| 10.00 - 14.99 | 9 | 15 | 9 | 19 | 18 |
| 15.00 - 19.99 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 7 |
| 20.00 - 24.99 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 8 |
| Female | 5 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 6 |
| 00.00 - 04.99 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| 05.00 - 09.99 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| 10.00 - 14.99 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 15.00 - 19.99 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 20.00 - 24.99 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Mean Payment (BZ\$) | | | | | |
| Total | \$2,733 | \$3,349 | \$3,257 | \$3,333 | \$3,828 |
| Male | \$2,813 | \$3,422 | \$3,121 | \$3,370 | \$3,850 |
| Female | \$1,286 | \$1,821 | \$5,357 | \$2,685 | \$3,337 |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: Mean payment refers to the average cost per allowed claim.



Table 3.27
Belize: Survivors' Benefit Awarded to Children for Death Benefit
by Sex and Mean Monthly Payment,
(Death due to Employment Injury)
2005 - 2009

| Selected Characteristics | Year | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Sex | | | | | |
| Total | 22 | 13 | 20 | 14 | 27 |
| Male | 12 | 5 | 11 | 6 | 12 |
| Female | 10 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 15 |
| Mean Monthly Payment (BZ\$) | | | | | |
| | \$94 | \$119 | \$159 | \$170 | \$161 |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: Mean monthly payment refers to the average monthly cost per allowed claim.



Table 3.28
Belize: Cumulative¹ Survivors' Benefit for Children Receiving Death Benefit
by Age Group, Sex and Mean Monthly Payment,
(Death due to Employment Injury)
2005 - 2009

| Age Group | Year | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Total | 235 | 236 | 184 | 219 | 225 |
| 00 - 04 | 26 | 21 | 10 | 12 | 9 |
| 05 - 09 | 52 | 52 | 43 | 44 | 48 |
| 10 - 14 | 69 | 62 | 66 | 63 | 74 |
| 15 - 19 | 33 | 34 | 26 | 31 | 31 |
| 20+ | 55 | 67 | 39 | 69 | 63 |
| Male | 128 | 125 | 96 | 112 | 118 |
| 00 - 04 | 15 | 14 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| 05 - 09 | 29 | 25 | 25 | 24 | 27 |
| 10 - 14 | 32 | 32 | 38 | 36 | 42 |
| 15 - 19 | 18 | 18 | 14 | 13 | 15 |
| 20+ | 34 | 36 | 16 | 35 | 32 |
| Female | 107 | 111 | 88 | 107 | 107 |
| 00 - 04 | 11 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 7 |
| 05 - 09 | 23 | 27 | 18 | 20 | 21 |
| 10 - 14 | 37 | 30 | 28 | 27 | 32 |
| 15 - 19 | 15 | 16 | 12 | 18 | 16 |
| 20+ | 21 | 31 | 23 | 34 | 31 |
| Mean Monthly Payment (BZ\$) | \$81 | \$81 | \$115 | \$120 | \$127 |

Source: Social Security Board

¹ - Includes all children in receipt of a Social Security Death Benefit.

Note: Mean monthly payment refers to the average monthly cost per allowed claim.



Table 3.29

**Belize: Survivors' Benefit Awarded to Spouses Receiving Death Benefit
by Sex and Mean Monthly Payment,
(Death due to Employment Injury)
2005 - 2009**

| Selected Characteristics | Year | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Sex | | | | | |
| Total | 5 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 7 |
| Male | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Female | 5 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 7 |
| Mean Monthly Payment (BZ\$) | \$242 | \$389 | \$356 | \$448 | \$434 |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: Mean monthly payment refers to the average monthly cost per allowed claim.

Table 3.30

**Belize: Cumulative¹ Survivors' Benefit for Spouses Receiving Death Benefit
by Sex and Mean Monthly Payment,
(Death due to Employment Injury)
2005 - 2009**

| Selected Characteristics | Year | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Sex | | | | | |
| Total | 97 | 101 | 130 | 108 | 110 |
| Male | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Female | 97 | 101 | 130 | 108 | 110 |
| Mean Monthly Payment (BZ\$) | \$225 | \$232 | \$258 | \$283 | \$296 |

Source: Social Security Board

¹ - Includes all persons classified as spouses receiving a Social Security Death Benefit.

Note: Mean monthly payment refers to the average monthly cost per allowed claim.



Table 3.31
Belize: Employment Injury by Nature of Injury,
2005 - 2009

| Nature of Injury | Year | | | | 2009p |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | |
| Total | 2,020 | 2,260 | 2,471 | 2,492 | 2,215 |
| Other injuries, early complications of trauma | 631 | 745 | 851 | 939 | 788 |
| Open wounds and injury to blood vessels | 700 | 748 | 805 | 785 | 677 |
| Dislocations, sprains and strains | 187 | 261 | 335 | 268 | 283 |
| Fractures | 188 | 205 | 158 | 170 | 150 |
| Foreign bodies entering orifice | 129 | 95 | 141 | 143 | 137 |
| Intercranial and internal injuries, including nerves | 36 | 39 | 66 | 71 | 74 |
| Burns | 42 | 64 | 53 | 54 | 45 |
| Late effects of injuries, poisoning, toxic effects and other external causes | 95 | 69 | 32 | 33 | 26 |
| Poisoning and toxic effects | 6 | 12 | 4 | 7 | 12 |
| Complications of medical and surgical care | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Other | 6 | 22 | 26 | 22 | 22 |

Source: Social Security Board



Table 3.32
Belize: Employment Injury by Industry,
2005 - 2009

| Industry | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total | 2,020 | 2,260 | 2,471 | 2,492 | 2,215 |
| Agriculture, Hunting and Forestry | 674 | 805 | 857 | 793 | 725 |
| Construction | 292 | 329 | 397 | 496 | 404 |
| Manufacturing | 249 | 252 | 252 | 267 | 261 |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles | 154 | 157 | 186 | 177 | 175 |
| Hotels and Restaurants | 104 | 164 | 137 | 138 | 126 |
| Public Administration | 96 | 112 | 212 | 97 | 110 |
| Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities | 61 | 68 | 65 | 76 | 70 |
| Health and Social Work | 75 | 56 | 0 | 57 | 70 |
| Transport, Storage and Communications | 106 | 83 | 110 | 101 | 64 |
| Other Community, Social and Personal Activities | 58 | 53 | 71 | 75 | 48 |
| Fishing | 63 | 84 | 40 | 54 | 43 |
| Education | 16 | 12 | 0 | 25 | 28 |
| Mining and Quarrying | 6 | 19 | 49 | 64 | 27 |
| Private Households with Employed Persons | 28 | 30 | 38 | 28 | 23 |
| Electricity, Gas and Water Supply | 18 | 16 | 26 | 21 | 19 |
| Financial Intermediation | 7 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 15 |
| Extra-Territorial Organizations and Bodies | 2 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Do Not Know or Not Stated | 11 | 10 | 19 | 11 | 7 |

Source: Social Security Board



Table 3.33
Belize: Employment Injury by Cause,
2005 - 2009

| Cause | Year | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r |
| Total | 2,020 | 2,260 | 2,471 | 2,492 |
| Other Accidents Including Late Effects | 1,327 | 1,422 | 1,612 | 1,497 |
| Accidental Falls | 481 | 592 | 593 | 678 |
| Transport Accidents | 141 | 140 | 167 | 137 |
| Other Violence | 12 | 11 | 13 | 102 |
| Accidents Caused by Fire or Flames | 16 | 20 | 10 | 19 |
| Accidental Poisoning | 31 | 51 | 30 | 15 |
| Homicide and Injury Purposefully Inflicted by Other Persons | 7 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| Misadventures During Medical Care | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Drugs, Medicaments Causing Adverse Effects in Therapeutic Use | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Prescribed Disease | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Missing Codes | 1 | 19 | 40 | 35 |
| | | | | 17 |

Source: Social Security Board



Table 3.34
Belize: Injury Cases not Paid by Reason for Non-Payment,
2005 - 2009

| Reason for Non-Payment | Year | | | | Total |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | |
| Total | 452 | 419 | 351 | 388 | 340 |
| Injury not in course of employment | 131 | 121 | 110 | 180 | 140 |
| Not a prescribed disease | 56 | 54 | 47 | 28 | 27 |
| Late Claims | 104 | 84 | 29 | 10 | 14 |
| Uninsured employment injury | 28 | 22 | 16 | 7 | 11 |
| Not in insurable employment | 16 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 8 |
| Allowed but not payable | 14 | 12 | 19 | 10 | 6 |
| Period already claimed | 5 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Willful misconduct | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| Worked during period claimed | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Claim abandoned | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Negligence | 12 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 2 |
| Under age | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| No medical certificate | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Wages received | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Accident was not reported to employer within the prescribed time | 48 | 0 | 0 | 61 | 0 |
| Other | 32 | 102 | 112 | 65 | 122 |

Source: Social Security Board



Table 3.35
Belize: Cumulative Number of Non-contributory Pensioners
by Year and Sex,
2005 - 2009

| Year | Sex | | |
|------|--------------|--------|-------|
| | Total | Female | Male |
| 2005 | 2,627 | 2,627 | 0 |
| 2006 | 2,671 | 2,671 | 0 |
| 2007 | 3,570 | 2,815 | 755 |
| 2008 | 4,657 | 2,941 | 1,716 |
| 2009 | 4,297 | 2,790 | 1,507 |

Source: Social Security Board

* Note NCP Scheme for Males began in December 2007.



Table 3.36
**Belize: Cumulative Number of Female Non-contributory Pensioners by District,
2005 - 2006**

| District | 2005 | | | 2006 | | |
|-------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Non-contributory Pensioner | Mid-Year Population Estimate | NCP as a % of Population | Non-contributory Pensioner | Mid-Year Population Estimate | NCP as a % of Population |
| Total | 2,627 | 144,400 | 1.8 | 2,671 | 151,700 | 1.8 |
| Corozal | 385 | 17,700 | 2.2 | 403 | 17,900 | 2.3 |
| Orange Walk | 462 | 21,800 | 2.1 | 479 | 22,600 | 2.1 |
| Belize City | 705 | 43,400 | 1.6 | 692 | 46,200 | 1.5 |
| Cayo | 565 | 33,400 | 1.7 | 577 | 35,400 | 1.6 |
| Stann Creek | 276 | 14,400 | 1.9 | 266 | 15,300 | 1.7 |
| Toledo | 234 | 13,700 | 1.7 | 254 | 14,300 | 1.8 |

Source: Social Security Board and Statistical Institute of Belize



Table 3.37
Belize: Cumulative Number of Non-contributory Pensioners by District and Sex,
2007

| District | Female | | | Male* | | |
|-------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Non-contributory Pensioner | Mid-Year Population Estimate | NCP as a % of Population | Non-contributory Pensioner | Mid-Year Population Estimate | NCP as a % of Population |
| Total | 2,815 | 156,815 | 1.8 | 755 | 154,665 | 0.5 |
| Corozal | 409 | 18,215 | 2.2 | 110 | 18,150 | 0.6 |
| Orange Walk | 527 | 23,160 | 2.3 | 173 | 23,985 | 0.7 |
| Belize City | 721 | 47,880 | 1.5 | 102 | 45,335 | 0.2 |
| Cayo | 610 | 36,985 | 1.6 | 192 | 36,340 | 0.5 |
| Stann Creek | 283 | 15,820 | 1.8 | 69 | 16,360 | 0.4 |
| Toledo | 265 | 14,755 | 1.8 | 109 | 14,495 | 0.8 |

Source: Social Security Board and Statistical Institute of Belize

*Note NCP Scheme for Males began in December 2007.



Table 3.38
Belize: Cumulative Number of Non-contributory Pensioners by District and Sex, 2008r

| District | Female | | | Male* | | |
|-------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Non-contributory Pensioner | Mid-Year Population Estimate | NCP as a % of Population | Non-contributory Pensioner | Mid-Year Population Estimate | NCP as a % of Population |
| Total | 2,941 | 161,200 | 1.8 | 1,716 | 160,900 | 1.1 |
| Corozal | 454 | 18,500 | 2.5 | 288 | 18,300 | 1.6 |
| Orange Walk | 522 | 23,700 | 2.2 | 432 | 24,600 | 1.8 |
| Belize City | 759 | 49,100 | 1.5 | 261 | 47,500 | 0.5 |
| Cayo | 629 | 38,600 | 1.6 | 412 | 38,400 | 1.1 |
| Stann Creek | 297 | 16,200 | 1.8 | 126 | 17,100 | 0.7 |
| Toledo | 280 | 15,100 | 1.9 | 197 | 15,000 | 1.3 |

Source: Social Security Board and Statistical Institute of Belize



Table 3.39
Belize: Cumulative Number of Non-contributory Pensioners by District and Sex,
2009p

| District | Female | | | Male* | | |
|-------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Non-contributory Pensioner | Mid-Year Population Estimate | NCP as a % of Population | Non-contributory Pensioner | Mid-Year Population Estimate | NCP as a % of Population |
| Total | 2,790 | 166,800 | 1.7 | 1,507 | 166,400 | 0.9 |
| Corozal | 403 | 18,700 | 2.2 | 251 | 18,600 | 1.3 |
| Orange Walk | 520 | 24,300 | 2.1 | 353 | 25,200 | 1.5 |
| Belize City | 709 | 50,800 | 1.4 | 272 | 49,300 | 0.6 |
| Cayo | 611 | 40,600 | 1.5 | 318 | 40,200 | 0.8 |
| Stann Creek | 285 | 16,800 | 1.7 | 140 | 17,700 | 0.8 |
| Toledo | 262 | 15,600 | 1.7 | 153 | 15,400 | 1.0 |

Source: Social Security Board and Statistical Institute of Belize



Table 3.40
Belize: Total Expenditure, Non-contributory Pensioners by Branch,
2005 - 2009
(BZ\$)

| Branch | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 ^r | 2009 ^p |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Total | 2,238,225 | 2,254,050 | 2,391,547 | 5,094,100 | 4,702,520 |
| Belize City | 566,175 | 571,500 | 544,800 | 1,003,500 | 978,300 |
| Belmopan | 78,675 | 81,300 | 139,025 | 330,900 | 306,800 |
| Corozal | 349,050 | 339,750 | 345,875 | 769,300 | 744,200 |
| Dangriga | 200,175 | 193,125 | 209,575 | 362,400 | 312,700 |
| Independence | 25,650 | 30,900 | 38,900 | 117,800 | 146,900 |
| Orange Walk | 386,625 | 403,125 | 461,950 | 1,123,800 | 1,009,500 |
| Punta Gorda | 216,975 | 211,050 | 239,875 | 517,600 | 462,800 |
| San Pedro | 20,325 | 21,675 | 19,900 | 29,600 | 29,200 |
| Santa Elena | 394,575 | 401,625 | 391,647 | 839,200 | 712,400 |
| Less Bank Charges | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (280) |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: 2005 - 2008 NCP expenditures represents approved NCP payments prior to replacements or cancellations of checks.



Table 3.41
Belize: Cumulative Number of Non-contributory Pensioners
by District, Sex and Age Group,
2009

| Age Group | District | | | | | | Total |
|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| | Corozal | Orange Walk | Belize | Cayo | Stann Creek | Toledo | |
| Total | 654 | 893 | 981 | 929 | 425 | 415 | 4,297 |
| 65 to 69 | 117 | 160 | 115 | 126 | 48 | 61 | 627 |
| 70 to 74 | 176 | 226 | 229 | 226 | 125 | 114 | 1,096 |
| 75 to 79 | 146 | 212 | 259 | 230 | 114 | 114 | 1,075 |
| 80 to 84 | 109 | 170 | 178 | 194 | 77 | 76 | 804 |
| 85 to 89 | 68 | 88 | 110 | 99 | 42 | 27 | 434 |
| 90 to 94 | 26 | 24 | 62 | 40 | 12 | 15 | 179 |
| 95 to 99 | 12 | 11 | 20 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 65 |
| 100 & Over | 0 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 17 |
| Female | 403 | 520 | 709 | 611 | 285 | 262 | 2,790 |
| 65 to 69 | 85 | 129 | 88 | 103 | 39 | 48 | 492 |
| 70 to 74 | 103 | 131 | 156 | 149 | 79 | 67 | 685 |
| 75 to 79 | 80 | 108 | 173 | 140 | 66 | 67 | 634 |
| 80 to 84 | 66 | 83 | 126 | 127 | 52 | 49 | 503 |
| 85 to 89 | 41 | 49 | 97 | 57 | 33 | 16 | 293 |
| 90 to 94 | 20 | 12 | 47 | 24 | 10 | 10 | 123 |
| 95 to 99 | 8 | 7 | 15 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 48 |
| 100 & Over | 0 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 12 |
| Male | 251 | 373 | 272 | 318 | 140 | 153 | 1,507 |
| 65 to 69 | 32 | 31 | 27 | 23 | 9 | 13 | 135 |
| 70 to 74 | 73 | 95 | 73 | 77 | 46 | 47 | 411 |
| 75 to 79 | 66 | 104 | 86 | 90 | 48 | 47 | 441 |
| 80 to 84 | 43 | 87 | 52 | 67 | 25 | 27 | 301 |
| 85 to 89 | 27 | 39 | 13 | 42 | 9 | 11 | 141 |
| 90 to 94 | 6 | 12 | 15 | 16 | 2 | 5 | 56 |
| 95 to 99 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 17 |
| 100 & Over | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |

Source: Social Security Board



Table 3.42
Belize: Appeals by Branch Office, Benefit
and Appeal Decision,
2005 - 2009

| Selected Characteristics | Year | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | 2009p |
| Branch Office | 251 | 140 | 85 | 56 | 77 |
| Corozal | 42 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 20 |
| Orange Walk | 32 | 15 | 6 | 4 | 12 |
| Belize | 96 | 72 | 48 | 24 | 19 |
| San Pedro | 13 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Belmopan | 19 | 13 | 10 | 5 | 6 |
| Santa Elena | 25 | 9 | 4 | 9 | 8 |
| Dangriga | 14 | 12 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| Independence | 6 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Punta Gorda | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| Benefit | 251 | 140 | 85 | 56 | 77 |
| Injury Benefit (EI) | 41 | 29 | 27 | 15 | 23 |
| Sickness Benefit | 172 | 87 | 38 | 12 | 15 |
| Disablement Benefit | 12 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 15 |
| Maternity Benefit | 7 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Invalidity Benefit | 10 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 7 |
| Survivor Benefit | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 6 |
| NCP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Funeral Grant | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Retirement Benefit | 0 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 0 |
| Appeal Decision | 327 | 112 | 209 | 56 | 77 |
| Ruling for SSB | 56 | 33 | 67 | 20 | 29 |
| Cases Revised and Allowed | 40 | 6 | 43 | 7 | 16 |
| Cases Pending/adjourned | 158 | 8 | 43 | 3 | 13 |
| Ruling for Appellant | 26 | 35 | 43 | 3 | 8 |
| No Grounds for Appeal | 31 | 0 | 3 | 18 | 7 |
| Withdrew | 6 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| Re-Assessed | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| Dismissed | 10 | 30 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: 124 cases were brought forward from 2004 - 2006.



Table 3.43
Belize: Appeals Decisions by Benefit Type,
2009

| Benefit | Decisions | | | | | Total |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Upheld | Overturned | Outstanding** | Withdrawn | Abandoned | |
| Total | 26 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 45 |
| Short Term | 6 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Sickness | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Maternity Allowance | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Maternity Grant | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Long Term | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Retirement | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Survivors | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Invalidity | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Funeral Grant (NC) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Employment Injury | 12 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 26 |
| Injury | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 12 |
| Disability | 7 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 14 |
| Death Benefit | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Funeral Grant (EI) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Source: Social Security Board

Outstanding** includes all appeals that were either adjourned or incomplete



Section IV Investments



This Section presents data on investments, investment income, investment per capita, inflation rate, and rates of return on investments. The main source of data is the Social Security Board's Investment Services. The only exceptions are the data on inflation rate and on population which were gotten from the Statistical Institute of Belize (SIB).

Source of Data - The majority of the statistics presented in this section were obtained from establishment records from the Investment Services, Social Security Board. SIB sampled prices of goods and services from a market basket of goods

and derived a Consumer Price Index (CPI). The CPI is used to calculate Belize's Inflation Rate. Population figures obtained from the Mid-Year Population Estimates were provided by the SIB.

Investment - The laying out of money or capital in an enterprise with the expectation of a profit. At Investment Services, money is lent to qualifying businesses taking into account the social and economic utility of the investment but subsidiary to the primary objective of safety and profitability. Monies are also invested in short term deposits using the principle of compound



interest. The Board's investment portfolio is managed to ensure adequate diversification, maximize the total rate of return within prudent and acceptable levels of risk and liquidity, and to grow assets at a rate to keep pace with inflation.

Investments made by SSB play a major role in sustaining and developing Belize's economy. SSB investments are made in a wide spectrum of Belize's economic sectors and are based on the type of economic activity carried out by the investment recipient. These economic sectors include: Banking, Agriculture, Education, Housing, Utilities, Tourism, Financial Institutions, Real Estate and Other. SSB generates revenue from contributions made by the insured persons. Contributions collected are used

to meet operating expenses and to payout benefits expenditure; any surplus is invested as per stipulation and guidelines of the Act.

In this section, investment data were presented yearly and cumulatively. Investments are the total investments made in a particular year while the cumulative investment is the increase in magnitude of the investment by successive yearly additions. Cumulative investment yields the total investment income since the start of the period. Reference was also made to the term investment income. Investment income is the income received in a particular year from investment loans, securities and other non-business investments.



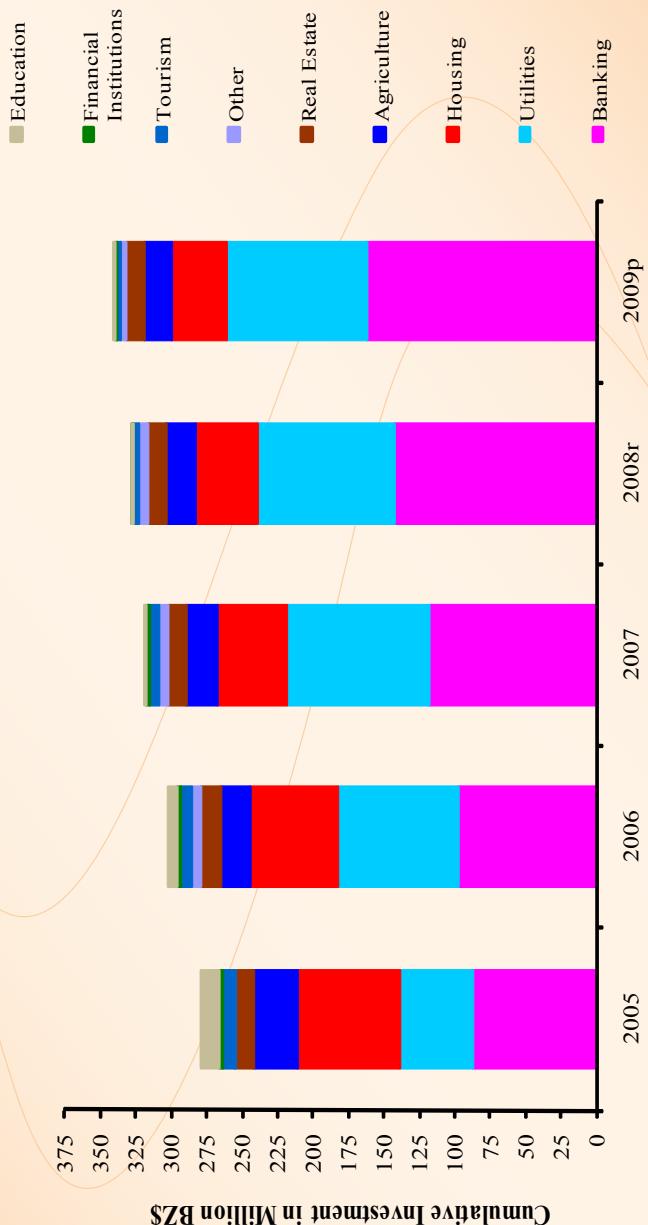
Inflation is a rise in the overall price level of goods and services. Inflation rate then is the percentage change in the price level from the previous period. In this section, the inflation rate is used to compute the real rate of return on investments. The nominal rate of return on investments is defined as the amount of income received that is unadjusted for inflation. It is the income of the current year divided by the average of the investments in the current year and the previous year. The

nominal rate of return tells us the growth rate of monies invested.

By contrast, the real rate of return on investments is the return on investments that is adjusted for inflation. It can be computed using the formula, $r = [(1+n)/(1+p)] - 1$, where r is the real rate of return on investments, n is the nominal rate of return on investment and p is the inflation rate. The real rate of return on investments reveals how much the purchasing power of income earned from investments grew.



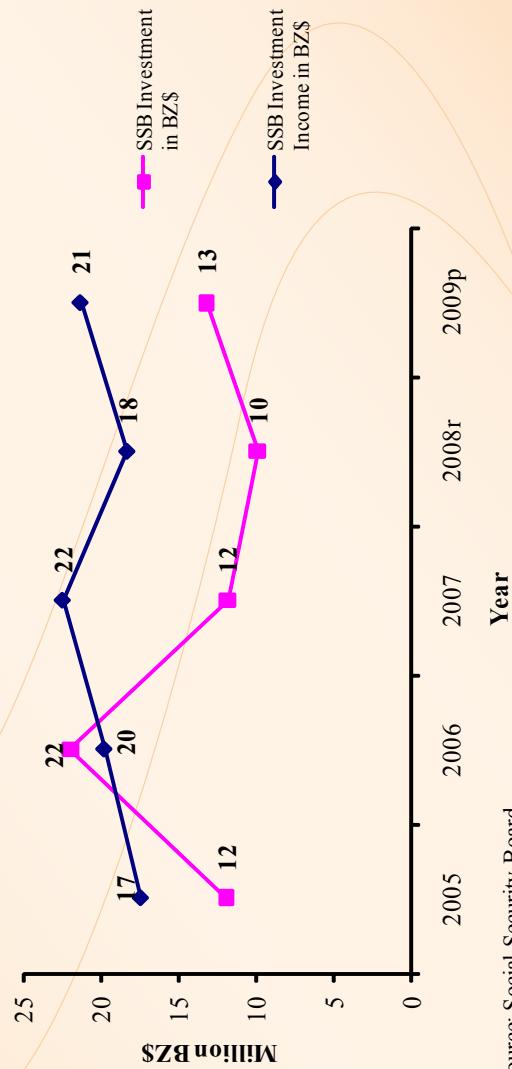
Chart 4
Belize: Cumulative Investment by Sector,
2005 - 2009



Source: Social Security Board



Chart 5
Belize: SSB Investment & Investment Income,
2005 - 2009



Source: Social Security Board



Table 4.1
Belize: Cumulative Investment Portfolio Allocations by Sector,
2005 - 2009
(BZ\$)

| Sector | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008* | 2009p |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Total | 277,309,631 | 299,351,105 | 311,228,900 | 321,634,615 | 333,632,650 |
| Banking | 87,830,517 | 97,722,945 | 117,523,934 | 141,985,712 | 162,221,833 |
| Utilities | 50,781,874 | 84,843,862 | 100,995,227 | 97,055,793 | 99,450,097 |
| Housing | 72,776,403 | 61,823,048 | 48,943,030 | 44,480,520 | 38,166,634 |
| Agriculture | 30,488,639 | 21,157,739 | 22,291,950 | 20,526,448 | 18,858,690 |
| Real Estate | 12,839,057 | 13,128,922 | 13,103,189 | 12,970,805 | 12,599,501 |
| Other | 41,478 | 6,779,561 | 6,177,693 | 5,544,976 | 4,808,555 |
| Tourism | 8,644,727 | 7,814,702 | 5,888,679 | 3,535,576 | 2,390,887 |
| Financial Institutions | 3,050,167 | 3,051,967 | 3,051,967 | 1,154,085 | 752,850 |
| Education | 13,098,769 | 6,110,359 | 420,231 | 381,146 | 339,213 |
| Less Provision for Loss on Investment | (2,242,000) | (3,082,000) | (7,167,000) | (6,000,446) | (5,955,600) |

Source: Social Security Board

Note: Adjustment in the 2005 Banking Sector figures includes all bank balances.



Table 4.2
Belize: Investment Indicators,
2005 - 2009

| Indicators | Year | | | | 2009p |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008r | |
| Population Estimate | 291,800 | 301,300 | 311,480 | 322,100 | 333,200 |
| Investments (BZ\$) | \$11,921,857 | \$22,041,477 | \$11,877,792 | \$9,903,503 | \$13,217,481 |
| Investment Income (BZ\$) | \$13,099,456 | \$19,782,380 | \$22,462,875 | \$18,298,240 | \$21,315,293 |
| Investment Per Capita (BZ\$) | 40.9 | 73.2 | 38.1 | 30.7 | 39.7 |
| Investment Income Per Capita (BZ\$) | 59.7 | 65.7 | 72.1 | 56.8 | 64.0 |
| Inflation Rate | 3.7 | 4.2 | 2.3 | 6.4 | (1.1) |
| Nominal Rate of Return on Investments in Percent | 5.0 | 7.9 | 8.1 | 5.9 | 6.5 |
| Real Rate of Return on Investments in Percent | 1.3 | 3.6 | 5.6 | (0.5) | 7.7 |

Source: Social Security Board and Statistical Institute of Belize



Table 4.3
Belize: Income, Expenditure and Expenditure to Income Ratio,
2005 - 2009
(BZ\$)

| Year | Total Expenditure | Total Income | Expenditure to Income Ratio |
|-------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 2005 | 46,670,893 | 65,325,823 | 0.71 |
| 2006 | 50,445,663 | 75,395,593 | 0.67 |
| 2007 | 62,558,250 | 81,818,400 | 0.76 |
| 2008r | 71,636,738 | 82,355,956 | 0.87 |
| 2009p | 73,520,454 | 94,652,587 | 0.78 |

Source: Social Security Board



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