

Social pensions in low and middle income countries

Country	Age eligibility	Universal (U) or means tested (M)	Amount paid monthly in US\$ and local currency	% of people over 60 in population	% of people over 60 receiving a social pension	Cost as % of GDP	Low (L) or middle (M) income country
Argentina	70+	M	US\$88 273 pesos	14	6	0.23	M
Bangladesh	57+	M	US\$2 165 taka	6	16*	0.03	L
Bolivia**	65+	U	US\$18 150 bolivianos	7	69	1.3	M
Botswana	65+	U	US\$27 166 pula	5	85	0.4	M
Brazil Beneficio de Prestacao Continuada	67+	M	US\$140 300 reais	9	5	0.2	M
Brazil Previdencia Rural	60+ men 55+ women	M	US\$140 300 reais	9	27***	0.7	M
Chile	65+	M	US\$75 40,556 pesos	12	51	0.38	M
Costa Rica	65+	M	US\$26 13,800 colones	8	20	0.18	M
India	65+	M	US\$4 200 rupees	8	13	0.01	L
Lesotho	70+	U****	US\$21 150 loti	8	53	1.43	L
Mauritius	60+	U	US\$60 1,978 rupees	10	100	2	M
Moldova	62+ men 57+ women	M	US\$5 63 lei	14	12	0.08	L
Namibia	60+	M	US\$28 200 dollars	5	87	0.8	M
Nepal	75+	U	US\$2 150 rupees	6	12	unknown	L
South Africa	65+ men 60+ women	M	US\$109 780 rand	7	60	1.4	M
Tajikistan	63+ men 58+ women	M	US\$4 12 somoni	5	unknown	unknown	L
Thailand	60+	M	US\$8 300 baht	11	16	0.00582	M
Uruguay	70+	M	US\$100 2499 pesos	17	10	0.62	M
Vietnam	60+	M	US\$6 100,000 dong	7	2	0.022	L
Vietnam	90+	U	US\$6 100,000 dong	7	0.5	0.0005	L

* Percentage of people over 57 receiving a social pension

** Paid annually

*** Includes women over 55

**** Universal with a few exceptions, primarily people who are already receiving a substantial government pension (about 4% of those who would otherwise be eligible)