

**Documentation of statistics for  
Housing benefits 2015**

## 1 Introduction

The purpose of the statistics on housing is to highlight number of beneficiaries of housing benefit and the amount received in support. Housing benefit statistics re drawn back in time, first as a rent subsidy, later as rent subsidies and since housing allowance for pensioners come. The first articles were published in *Statistical News* in 1963 and 1969. The acts on housing benefits, entered into force in April 1967, the Act on Housing Allowance 1st January 1979 and Act on Housing Subsidies January 1st 1983. The latest legislation from the Ministry of Integration Act no. 1231 of 29 October 2013.

## 2 Statistical presentation

The statistics on housing benefits cover statistics on the number of all beneficiaries (households), and amount paid in December of each year. Rent subsidies (for non-pensioners, as well as to early retirees who have been awarded a pension after 1 January 2003) and housing allowances (retired) for December distributed on a number of variables (by type of benefit, rent income and number of children). Distributed by communities, counties, marital status and sex.

### 2.1 Data description

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### 2.2 Classification system

Municipality and Country Total.

### 2.3 Sector coverage

Not relevant for these statistics.

### 2.4 Statistical concepts and definitions

Housing subsidy: Housing benefit granted to citizens who are not retired.

Housing benefit: Tax-free subsidy for housing expenses for rental, co-operative or owner-occupied housing. The amount is determined on the basis of the rent, the total household income and wealth of the household and the number of children and adults in the household. Housing benefits are granted to a household - albeit the amount is paid to the applicant. Housing benefits is divided into housing subsidy and housing allowance.

Housing allowance: Housing benefit granted to retired senior citizens.

### 2.5 Statistical unit

Number of households and the amount paid.

## **2.6 Statistical population**

All households who receive housing benefits in December.

## **2.7 Reference area**

Denmark.

## **2.8 Time coverage**

December, year.

## **2.9 Base period**

Not relevant for these statistics.

## **2.10 Unit of measure**

Number of households and the amount paid.

## **2.11 Reference period**

01-12-2015 - 31-12-2015

## **2.12 Frequency of dissemination**

The statistics are produced yearly, but only for the month of December, and are distributed by various variables.

## **2.13 Legal acts and other agreements**

The Act on Statistics Denmark section 6 of Act no. 599 of 22nd June 2000.

No EU regulation.

## **2.14 Cost and burden**

There is no response, the data are collected via housing benefit register in Kommunedata, KMD A / S. Statistics Denmark receives an extract from Kommunedata, KMD A / S.

## **2.15 Comment**

On the web site of the Ministry of Children, Gender Equality, Integration and Social Affairs contains all laws on individual accommodation assistance, see [www.social.dk](http://www.social.dk)

### **3 Statistical processing**

The statistics since 1984 collected directly from KMD A / S, ie Kommunedata housing benefit register. Prior to that (1967-1983) we got lists from KMD which were counted together manually. The statistics are a year and only for December. The quality is high, since all information comes from KMD payment register as full coverage. Data enters via CEMOS. Data material is mechanically and made no further corrections of data beyond that. Here after formed tables Module Data, which is drawn figures to Statistics Denmark. The figures published in News from statistics Denmark.

#### **3.1 Source data**

The statistics register of housing benefits operated by KMD A/S i.e. the Danish Local Government Computing Centre.

#### **3.2 Frequency of data collection**

Annually in December.

#### **3.3 Data collection**

Register, collection from KMD.

#### **3.4 Data validation**

The quality is high, since all information is from KMD payment register with full coverage. Data material is mechanically.

#### **3.5 Data compilation**

Data comes directly from KMD - Kommunedata housing benefit register, from which it enters through CEMOS. There is a hardware debugging, whereupon tables Module Data, which is drawn figures to Statistics Denmark. Then published the figures in News from DST.

#### **3.6 Adjustment**

Prepare not corrections of data in addition to that already described with data validation and data processing.

### **4 Relevance**

Users of this statistic that various Ministries, municipalities and researchers, and Kommunernes Landsforening. The statistics are used internally in Statistics Denmark, Municipal budgets and to assess the law on individual housing benefits. There is no user selection associated statistics.

#### **4.1 User Needs**

##### *Users*

- Ministry of Children, Gender Equality, Integration and Social Affairs
- Ministry of Finance (Including "The Law Model")
- KL (KL).
- Municipalities
- Researchers

##### *Application*

- For internal purposes in Statistics Denmark: Linkage of data with other areas of statistics
- Municipal budgets
- Assessment of the Law on Housing Subsidies

#### **4.2 User Satisfaction**

It will not be presented on the user committee, etc.

#### **4.3 Data completeness rate**

Not relevant for these statistics.

### **5 Accuracy and reliability**

All municipalities are included, and in practice, all beneficiaries of housing subsidies.

- The variable that matters for payment of housing benefits, are of good quality. These variables are included in the statistics.
- The variables that are not used in the calculations for the allocation of housing subsidies may have poor quality.

#### **5.1 Overall accuracy**

Overall reliability is very high, since all data are from a payment register with full coverage. Data material is operated.

#### **5.2 Sampling error**

Not relevant for these statistics.

#### **5.3 Non-sampling error**

It must be regarded as very limited, as it is a total extract from the municipal payment system.

#### **5.4 Quality management**

Statistics Denmark follows the recommendations on organisation and management of quality given in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and the implementation guidelines given in the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF). A Working Group on Quality and a central quality assurance function have been established to continuously carry through control of products and processes.

#### **5.5 Quality assurance**

Statistics Denmark follows the principles in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and uses the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF) for the implementation of the principles. This involves continuous decentralized and central control of products and processes based on documentation following international standards. The central quality assurance function reports to the Working Group on Quality. Reports include suggestions for improvement that are assessed, decided and subsequently implemented.

#### **5.6 Quality assessment**

The overall quality is good, since all information is from KMD payment register with full coverage.

#### **5.7 Data revision - policy**

Statistics Denmark revises published figures in accordance with the [Revision Policy for Statistics Denmark](#). The common procedures and principles of the Revision Policy are for some statistics supplemented by a specific revision practice.

#### **5.8 Data revision practice**

When the final figures published in News from Statistics Denmark about 90 days after the end of the reference period, there is no immediate reason to calculate provisional figures. There are published only final figures.

### **6 Timeliness and punctuality**

The statistics are usually published 3 months after the census date.

#### **6.1 Timeliness and time lag - final results**

Published annually, but only contains numbers for December. The statistics are published approximately 90 days after the time of the census.

#### **6.2 Punctuality**

Depending on whether legislative changes like can vary a few weeks from year to year, but a production of max. 90 days As far as possible. The statistics are usually published without delay in relation to the scheduled date.

## **7 Comparability**

The statistics are very high, especially on the variables of housing in total, and housing allowances in total. Renters, Owners, Cooperative members: good comparability over time. Anyway back to 1982. Since legislation has changed over the years, it is by significant changes in legislation, that it may be difficult to compare. Since 1982 there have been no actual data breaches. By contrast, there have been changes in terms of the types of housing benefits may occur.

### **7.1 Comparability - geographical**

There are no international standards or statistics published by international organizations directly comparable with these statistics.

### **7.2 Comparability over time**

Figures from 1967 and 1977 are exclusive housing assistance to people in nursing homes. Before 1973, they paid housing benefit amount only recorded as annual figures. In order to make it comparable with the monthly figures are these divided by 12. The statistics are very high, especially on the variables of housing in total, and housing allowances in total. Renters, Owners, Cooperative members: good comparability over time. Anyway back to 1982. Since legislation has changed over the years, it is by significant changes in legislation, that it may be difficult to compare. Since 1982 there have been no actual data breaches. By contrast, there have been changes in terms of the types of housing benefits may occur. Housing benefits to pensioners homes were deleted in 1993, while new forms have come in the form of senior housing (1989) and group homes (1994). In 2003, legislation was amended for new disability pensioners and severely disabled, who were awarded disability pension after retirement reform, which came into force on 1 January 2003. They receive housing benefits according to special rules. In 2004, legislation amendments resulted that for households with persons who have received cash assistance for six consecutive months as a ceiling for the sum of cash benefits and housing benefits.

### **7.3 Coherence - cross domain**

Housing benefits are allocated (for non-pensioners and for early retirees who are awarded pensions after 1 January 2003) and housing allowances (for pensioners), but is granted to the household, not the participants. Therefore statistics may be difficult to compare with other statistics, which have persons or families as the unit. Housing benefits register has since 1982 had person linked to the household (applicant, the spouse and other people), making it possible to *sankørsler* and compare with other statistics. There are no comparable statistics concerning housing benefits in Denmark, but in BBR ie Buildings and Dwellings, information about all dwellings in Denmark, which can be identified by a dwelling address (but not by the person of those who live there). It is possible - for a fee - to link data statistics of housing benefits and BBR using the home address, but only for the month of December. Or linking with housing census, which contains social security numbers. The statistics on housing also includes the number of recipients (households) of housing benefit in older homes. The statistics "Social Resource Count" contains figures on the total number of homes for the elderly in Denmark, but the term "senior housing" covers different content in different statistics. The reason is that the term "senior housing" is perceived differently and legislation defines the concept elderly dwelling differently in different contexts.

### **7.4 Coherence - internal**

Not relevant for these statistics.

## 8 Accessibility and clarity

Statistics on housing benefits published in NYT from Statistics Denmark.

The statistics is also published in Statistical Yearbook and Statistical Ten.

Also included figures in Social Security in the Nordic countries published by NOSOSCO where the publication is online or can be purchased from Schultz Information

### 8.1 Release calendar

The publication date appears in the release calendar. The date is confirmed in the weeks before.

### 8.3 User access

Statistics are always published at 8:00 a.m. at the day announced in the release calendar. No one outside of Statistics Denmark can access the statistics before they are published.

### 8.2 Release calendar access

The Release Calendar can be accessed on our English website: [Release Calendar](#).

### 8.4 News release

There is an annual News from Statistics Denmark figures for the month of December.

### 8.5 Publications

- [Statistisk Årbog](#)
- [Statistisk Tiårsoversigt](#)

### 8.6 On-line database

- [BOST11](#)
- [BOST22](#)
- [BOST33](#)
- [BOST44](#)
- [BOST55](#)

### 8.7 Micro-data access

Data is stored in twenty years in Statistics Denmark, but until a few years ago was only kept five years, Statistics Denmark. Then handed datasets by the National Archives. This procedure has been followed since housing benefits register has been established in 1982.

### 8.8 Other

It is possible for a fee to get made special statistics.



### **8.9 Confidentiality - policy**

The final statistics are no individual information. There is no discretion.

### **8.10 Confidentiality - data treatment**

There is no discretion.

### **8.11 Documentation on methodology**

The statistics on housing benefit is documented in Statistics Denmark's newest software tool. Furthermore, each year the Statistical News in the series Social conditions, health and justice gives a comprehensive description of legislation, including any legislative changes since the previous year. The last number is the series Social conditions, health and justice, 2006: 2, 8 March 2006 (Statistical News), Housing Benefit December 2005 ". As of the statistics for December 2006, this article will no longer be published; instead main figures will be available in StatBank.

### **8.12 Quality documentation**

Results from the quality evaluation of products and selected processes are available in detail for each statistics and in summary reports for the Working Group on Quality.

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