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Social Assistance Statistics

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Executive Summary

The Social Assistance Statistics provides information about social assistance, help for people with a disability and long-term care allowance which are the most important social benefits at Laender level. Annual data on beneficiaries as well as on expenditure and receipts are collected. Time series illustrate trends in the number of beneficiaries and the amount of expenditure and receipts.

Statistical data on social assistance and help for people with a disability are based on the annual returns forwarded to Statistics Austria by the offices of the Laender governments and the Vienna Social Fund (Fonds Soziales Wien), whereas data on long-term care allowance are extracted from the Long-Term Care Report published by the Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection.

Concerning completeness, accuracy, comparability and timeliness statistical data on social assistance and help for people with a disability show several shortcomings. Some quality improvement is expected when the means-tested income scheme will come into force (2010).

Social Assistance Statistics – Main Features

Subject Matter	Beneficiaries as well as expenditure and receipts in the field of the Laender social benefits social assistance, help for people with a disability and long-term care allowance.
Population	Austrian population.
Type of statistics	Secondary statistics.
Data sources/Survey techniques	Social assistance and help for people with a disability: statistical reports by the offices of the Laender governments and the Vienna Social Fund (Fonds Soziales Wien). Long-term care allowance: Long-Term Care Report by the Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection.
Reference period or due day	2008.
Periodicity	Annually.
Survey participation (in case of a survey)	-
Main legal acts	Service contract with the Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection.
Most detailed regional breakdown	Laender.
Availability of results	Final results: t + 14 m.
Other	-