

**Key Table 18.1 Recipients of regulation assistance 1999-2000 distributed by age**

|                | Regulation assistance |              |                   |                        |              |                   |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
|                | Unemployment          |              |                   | Illness, accident etc. |              |                   |
|                | 1999                  | 2000         | Change (per cent) | 1999                   | 2000         | Change (per cent) |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>2,789</b>          | <b>2,688</b> | <b>-3.6</b>       | <b>2,169</b>           | <b>2,209</b> | <b>1.8</b>        |
| 15-19          | 33                    | 42           | 27.3              | 12                     | 14           | 16.7              |
| 20-24          | 204                   | 166          | -18.6             | 103                    | 98           | -4.9              |
| 25-29          | 312                   | 277          | -11.2             | 166                    | 161          | -3.0              |
| 30-34          | 557                   | 509          | -8.6              | 409                    | 349          | -14.7             |
| 35-39          | 555                   | 562          | 1.3               | 437                    | 432          | -1.1              |
| 40-44          | 375                   | 393          | 4.8               | 299                    | 335          | 12.0              |
| 45-49          | 293                   | 277          | -5.5              | 280                    | 281          | 0.4               |
| 50-54          | 228                   | 234          | 2.6               | 198                    | 240          | 21.2              |
| 55-59          | 188                   | 182          | -3.2              | 209                    | 229          | 9.6               |
| 60 +           | 43                    | 46           | 7.0               | 55                     | 69           | 25.5              |
| No information | 1                     | -            | .                 | 1                      | 1            | -                 |

Note: The age refers to the person's age on 1 January 1999 and 1 January 2000.  
Source: Statistics Greenland.

wage for an unskilled worker, employed for a maximum of 40 hours per week. The minimum rate is 14 hours per week. This amount is paid to, for example self-employed and assisting partners to a self-employed person, who are unable to document a direct loss of income.

Students on study leave receive a maintenance allowance equal to their study grant. Pupils on leave from school are paid an amount equal to the grant received by pupils in the 10th and 11th grade if they have a right to maternity leave.

### Public Pensions

On 1 March 1999, the *Landsting Order No. 10 of 30th October 1998 on Public Pensions* came into force. Early retirement pension paid by public authorities can be granted to people between 18 and 63 years of age. Breadwinners younger than 18 may also be granted public early retirement pension if they meet the requirements.

Public old-age pension may also be granted to persons who are 63 years old or older. Pension may also be granted in accordance with the Nordic Convention on Social Security.

The amount receivable in case of public early retirement pension is fixed annually in the Landsting Finance Act. The amount of the pension is regulated according to income based on the taxable income, apart from the public pensions, for the latest known income year. At a lower income level the amount of the pension is reduced and at an upper income level payment of the pension ceases completely. However, early retirement pensioners are entitled to 20 per cent of the highest amount of pension as fixed in the

Landsting Finance Act, irrespective of the amount of taxable income. The pension may be supplemented with child allowances if the pensioner is the provider responsible for children and adolescents younger than 18 years of age.

In addition, the municipal council may grant personal allowances for the payment of regular outlays or as a lump sum for the payment of special expenses according to an individual evaluation of the need.

As from 1 September 1998, the amount of the pension has been fixed at DKK 88,812 for singles and DKK 133,212 for couples. As from 1 January 1999 the lower income limit for singles is DKK 28,000 and for couples DKK 42,000. The upper income level for singles is DKK 172,000 and for couples DKK 265,000.

In the autumn of 1993, the Greenland Parliament adopted the Nordic Convention on Social Security, which means that the regulations pertaining to pensions make it possible to pay and export pensions to citizens of the other Nordic countries if they have been permanent residents in Greenland for at least 3 years which entitles one to receive a pension.

### Child allowances and alimony etc

As a special assistance scheme for low-income families with children a quarterly allowance for children below the age of 18 is paid when the family's taxable income does not exceed a fixed limit.

Another social security scheme for families with children makes it possible for the public authorities to pay the provider child maintenance equivalent to the normal amount, when the person liable to pay this maintenance does not pay on time. This scheme presupposes that a maintenance allowance for the