

**Key Table 18.5 Social expenditure in 1999 and 2000 distributed by type of assistance and sex**

| Type of assistance                            | 1999<br>Total      | Women              | Men                | 2000<br>Total      | Women              | Men                |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Assistance, total</b>                      | <b>584,634,413</b> | <b>298,520,803</b> | <b>286,113,609</b> | <b>578,581,592</b> | <b>295,851,451</b> | <b>282,729,817</b> |
| Regulation assistance, unemployment           | 18,416,802         | 7,525,077          | 10,891,725         | 17,710,302         | 7,114,960          | 10,595,342         |
| Regulation assistance, illness/accident       | 5,401,920          | 3,430,548          | 1,971,371          | 6,358,929          | 3,960,349          | 2,398,580          |
| Means-tested assistance                       | 76,839,077         | 36,803,181         | 40,035,896         | 72,936,771         | 35,180,229         | 37,756,217         |
| Maternity leave pay etc.                      | 16,844,377         | 16,206,299         | 638,077            | 16,410,971         | 15,782,750         | 628,221            |
| Non-recurring assistance                      | 8,561,001          | 4,009,622          | 4,551,379          | 7,693,348          | 3,679,731          | 4,013,617          |
| Extended means-tested assistance              | 7,939,596          | 3,644,680          | 4,294,916          | 7,367,174          | 3,364,926          | 4,002,249          |
| Early retirement pension                      | 163,900,858        | 79,672,364         | 84,228,493         | 165,266,774        | 79,296,641         | 85,970,132         |
| Early retirement pension - child allowance    | 9,065,587          | 4,518,442          | 4,547,146          | 9,242,836          | 4,746,573          | 4,496,262          |
| Early retirement pension - personal allowance | 7,180,393          | 3,682,770          | 3,497,622          | 7,658,488          | 3,858,273          | 3,800,215          |
| Old-age pension                               | 257,367,229        | 132,769,138        | 124,598,091        | 254,744,995        | 132,334,028        | 122,410,967        |
| Old-age pension - child allowance             | 664,650            | 313,054            | 351,596            | 667,936            | 308,506            | 359,430            |
| Old-age pension- personal allowance           | 12,452,924         | 5,945,628          | 6,507,296          | 12,523,069         | 6,224,486          | 6,298,584          |

Note: Figures for Qeqertarsuaq municipality are not included.  
Source: Statistics Greenland.

**Key Table 18.6 Average annual benefit payments in DKK distributed by type of assistance and sex**

| Type of assistance                            | 1999<br>Total | Women  | Men    | 2000<br>Total | Women  | Men    |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|--------|
| Regulation assistance, unemployment           | 6,603         | 5,811  | 7,290  | 6,589         | 5,832  | 7,218  |
| Regulation assistance, illness/accident       | 2,491         | 2,689  | 2,208  | 2,879         | 2,996  | 2,704  |
| Means-tested assistance                       | 9,111         | 10,050 | 8,390  | 8,875         | 9,633  | 8,271  |
| Maternity leave pay etc.                      | 17,294        | 20,033 | 3,867  | 19,016        | 22,261 | 4,079  |
| Non-recurring assistance                      | 3,810         | 3,737  | 3,877  | 3,609         | 3,580  | 3,636  |
| Extended means-tested assistance              | 4,051         | 3,861  | 4,227  | 4,153         | 3,922  | 4,369  |
| Early retirement pension                      | 75,174        | 73,416 | 76,986 | 74,861        | 72,743 | 76,890 |
| Early retirement pension - child allowance    | 11,002        | 11,023 | 10,982 | 10,300        | 10,374 | 10,223 |
| Early retirement pension - personal allowance | 7,526         | 7,744  | 7,320  | 6,569         | 6,630  | 6,512  |
| Old-age pension                               | 74,171        | 72,808 | 75,573 | 72,527        | 71,023 | 74,192 |
| Old-age pension - child allowance             | 9,565         | 9,096  | 9,712  | 11,163        | 13,231 | 9,096  |
| Old-age pension - personal allowance          | 6,980         | 6,342  | 7,685  | 6,605         | 5,834  | 7,412  |

Note: Average allowances are calculated by dividing total expenditure on the allowance in question with the total number of recipients. Thus the figures express the average amount received by all recipients and also include those persons who have received the allowance for less than 12 months.  
Source: Statistics Greenland.

influences the level of social expenditure. This has been very evident for old-age and early retirement pensions in which a combination of an increase in the basic amount, a decrease in supplementary income, and the marked increase in the number of old people have resulted in a considerable increase in the expenditure on public pensions. The result has been that a new agreement has been reached between the Home Rule and the municipal authorities that the municipalities will receive a refund of 90 per

cent of the expenditure on basic amounts and child maintenance assistance which would replace the former block grant.

As from 2002 the refund scheme for early retirement pensions and rehabilitation has been changed. This means that the Home Rule authorities in future will pay the municipal authorities a refund of 50 per cent of early retirement pensions and rehabilitation, whereas earlier the expenditure on rehabilitation rested with the municipalities alone. During the peri-