

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

Type of assistance	1999 Total	Women	Men	2000 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 Total	Women	Men	2000 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-