Terms used in official statistics

Social Assistance Benefits

Definition:
Social assistance in the form of monetary benefits and non-monetary benefits.

Supplementary methodological explanations
Social assistance benefits are:
1.Monetary benefits:
- permanent allowance,
- temporary allowance,
- earmarked allowance and special earmarked allowance,
- allowance and loan to reach financial self-dependence,
- assistance to reach self-dependence and to continue education,
- benefit in cash for the maintenance and coverage of expenses connected with the learning of Polish language for foreigners who obtained the status of refugee, supplementary protection or a permit for temporary stay in Poland granted in compliance with the Act on Foreigners,
- remuneration for caretaking for the carer admitted by the court.
2. Non-monetary benefits:
- social work,
- credited ticket,
- health insurance contributions,
- social insurance contributions,
- benefit in kind including assistance to reach financial self-dependence,
- funeral making,
- specialised guidance,
- crisis intervention,
- providing shelters,
- meal,
- clothes,
- care services provided at homes, support centres and family-based assistance houses and neighbourhood services,
- special care services provided at homes and in support centres,
- training and supported accommodation,

- residence and services in social assistance house, including short-term support services,
- assistance in gaining adequate housing conditions including training and supported accommodation, in gaining employment and assistance for running one's own household in non-monetary form for self-dependenced persons.

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Low-level terms:

- Crisis intervention
- Income criterion for peopleapplying for social assistance
- Assistance to reach financial self-dependence
- Specialised guidance
- Social work
- Care services
- Earmarked allowance
- Temporary allowance
- Permanent allowance

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