

SLOVAK REPUBLIC

Monetary units

Social expenditures are expressed in millions of Slovak crowns (SKK).

General notes

The individual country notes of the OECD Benefits and Wages (www.oecd.org/els/social/workincentives) provide a comprehensive description of characteristics of social programmes (e.g. conditions for receipt, calculation of payment rates, tax treatment of social support, benefit duration, etc.) for the working-age population, including: unemployment insurance and assistance, social assistance, employment-conditional benefits, housing benefits, family benefits, childcare support, and support for sole parent households.

Break in series: None

Secretariat estimates:

Spending on Health was missing for 1995 and 1996; it was estimated by using the 1997-98 growth rate.

Sources

Data sources

1995-2001

Data provided by EUROSTAT (ESSPROS database).

OECD Health Data 2003 (www.oecd.org/health/healthdata).

Publications

Compendium about conditions and level of benefits: pension secure, the sickness insurance, the state social benefits, the social assistance benefits, the specific cash benefits for the hard health disability and old age persons, cash benefits on the compensation of social effects for hard disability, 1999, 2000, 2001.

Social Policy of the Slovak Republic, Ministry of the Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak republic, 1998, 1999, 2000

Report on social situation of population in the Slovak Republic in 1999 and trend for ten years, Ministry of the Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic, 2000

Statistical Yearbook of the Social Insurance Company, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000.

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Code	Title of the programme	Description of the programme and attached notes
1.	OLD AGE	
703.10.1.1.1.2	Spouse's pension (means-tested)	The pension scheme includes widow's pensions, available to married women who are fully disabled or have reached 65 years of age but who do not qualify for old-age cash benefits in their own right
703.10.1.1.1.3	Social pension (means-tested)	A means-tested benefit for the disabled or those of 65 years and over
703.10.1.1.1.4	Old age pension (specific funds) (non means-tested)	Periodic cash benefits are paid by specific funds under Acts 73/1998, 114/1998, 100/1988, 200/1998 and 385/2000.
703.10.1.1.2.1	Anticipated pension (non means-tested)	Persons in some occupations qualify for a pension under more preferential conditions compared with old-age pension rules.
703.10.1.1.3.1	Pension supplement - sole source of income (means-tested)	A supplement is paid on old age, disability and survivor's pensions when these benefits are the only source of income.
703.30.1.1.1.1	Supplementary old age pension (non means-tested)	Periodic cash benefits, based on contributory record.
703.30.1.1.2.1	Supplementary anticipated pension (non means-tested)	
2.	SURVIVORS	
703.10.2.1.1.1	Widow's pension (except in old age) (non means-tested)	Contributory survivors benefit.
703.10.2.1.3.1	Death grant from specific funds (non means-tested)	Benefits are paid by specific funds under Acts: 73/1998, 114/1998, 200/1998 and 385/2000.
703.10.2.2.1.1	Funeral contribution (non means-tested)	Lump-sum towards funeral costs.
703.30.2.1.1.1	Supplementary survivor's pension (non means-tested)	Cash payment paid by private insurance company depending on contributory record. This looks like a private programme to me.
3.	INCAPACITY RELATED BENEFITS (Disability, Occupational injury and disease, Sickness)	
703.10.3.1.1.1	Disability pension (except in old age) (non means-tested)	Payments are dependent on disability and on failure to meet the conditions for an old-age pension. Claimants whose impairment was caused by industrial accident entitled regardless of contributory record.
703.10.3.1.4.1	Sickness benefits (non means-tested)	Sickness benefits are payable for a maximum of one year.
703.10.3.1.4.2	Sickness benefits (specific funds) (non means-tested)	See 3.1.4.1. Benefits are paid from specific funds under Acts 73/1998, 114/1998, 200/1998 and 385/2000.
703.10.3.1.5.1	Other cash periodic benefits (non means-tested)	Includes financial support towards adjusted motor vehicles, for persons with impaired eyesight and for adaptation of housing.
703.10.3.1.5.2	Other cash lump sum benefits (non means-tested)	Support towards purchasing special aids, modification of housing, individual transport, the purchase, general overhaul or special modification of a motor vehicle.
703.10.3.1.5.4	Cash benefit for care of disabled person (means-tested)	Financial support for those who care for a disabled person.
703.10.3.2.1.1	Home for disabled persons (non means-tested)	Social services homes for disabled children or adults
703.20.3.1.2.1	Cash lump sum retribution (non means-tested)	Compensation is paid under the Act on Safety and Protection of Health at Work and other laws: 297/1999, 374/1990, 74/1996 and 377/1999. These benefits do not include expenditure on disability, sickness or survivor's benefits arising from an accident at work.
703.30.3.1.4.1	Continued wage payment in case of sickness or maternity: public sector (non means-tested)	Payments to public sector employees.
703.30.3.1.4.2	Continued wage payment in case of sickness or maternity: private sector (non means-tested)	Payments to private sector employees.
703.30.3.2.3.1	Private social services for disabled people (non means-tested)	Non-government organisations registered in the Slovak Republic, that provide social services for disabled persons.
4.	HEALTH	

703.10.4.2.0.0	Public expenditure on health	<i>see OECD Health Data 2003.</i>
5.	FAMILY	
703.10.5.1.1.1	Children allowance (means-tested)	Income-tested child allowance is payable since 1 September 1994 (payment rates vary with age).
703.10.5.1.1.2	Birth grant (non means-tested)	Annual payment to a mother who gives birth to a child. The child's father is entitled to the allowance if the mother dies, or the father was awarded custody of a child before the first birthday. An allowance is also payable when three or more children are born in the same delivery, or when two sets of twins are born within two years.
703.10.5.1.2.1	Financial assistance in maternity (non means-tested)	Income support during maternity, conditional on a contributory record of 270 days during the last two years before delivery..
703.10.5.1.2.2	Parental leave benefits (non means-tested)	A parental allowance is payable to a parent who, on a daily basis, takes care of a child up to three years of age, or, in the case of a long-term severely disabled child, up to seven years of age. All earnings by sole parents on benefit are disregarded.
703.30.5.1.3.1	Social support of apprenticeship: public sector (non means-tested)	Financial support for apprentices in the public sector.
703.30.5.1.3.2	Social support of apprenticeship: private sector (non means-tested)	Financial support for apprentices in the private sector.
703.10.5.2.1.1	Children's homes (non means-tested)	Residential support (full board and lodging) for children up to 25 years of age.
703.20.5.2.2.1	Social reduction for families (reduced fares) (non means-tested)	Reduced transport fares for children: free up to age 6, pupils and students half fare (municipal mass transportation, railway transport; data are not available for long-distance travel)
703.30.5.2.2.1	Private social service for children in family (non means-tested)	Social services provide homes for single parents, foster care facilities, shelters, and crisis centres.,
6.	ACTIVE LABOUR MARKET PROGRAMMES	
7.	UNEMPLOYMENT	
703.10.7.1.1.1	Unemployment benefits (non means-tested)	Statutory benefits are paid to registered unemployed persons if they have paid contributions for at least 6 full calendar months in the 3 years previous years or or SKK 3,000).
8.	HOUSING	
703.10.8.1.1.1	Rent benefit	Allowance towards the cost of housing to the family of a soldier on national service (or civilian service).
9.	OTHER SOCIAL POLICY AREAS	
703.10.9.1.1.1	Social help benefits (means-tested)	Means-tested social assistance benefits, including periodic cash support as well as benefits in kind.
703.30.9.2.2.1	Private social service (non means-tested)	Subsidies to non-government organisations that provide social support, e.g. shelters for homeless people.
703.10.9.2.2.2	Other benefits in kind (municipal services) (non means-tested)	Financial support to Municipalities that provide social services as shelter for the homeless, help for substance abusers, etc.