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Monetary unit

Social expenditures are expressed in millions of Turkish liras (TRL).

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

Data on total public expenditure are underestimated for periods 1981-1985 and 1990-95 because data on public expenditure on LMP are not available for these years.

Spending for 2000 and 2001 are not available.

Secretariat estimates

Veteran's old age pension: for the years 1998 and 1999, the extrapolations have been based on average annual growth rate during the preceding two years.

Data on public health services are estimated for the period 1981-1983, the extrapolations have been based on linear increase for the period 1980-1984.

Sources

Ministry of Labour and Social Security.

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

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Code	Title of the programme	Description of the programme and attached notes
1.	OLD AGE	
792.10.1.1.1.1	Old age pension	The general programme covers all employees, while there are special systems for public, self-employed, farmers, bank, insurance companies, stock exchange and agricultural workers. To establish entitlement, 5 000 days of paid contribution or be 55 years of age for men (50 for women) with an insurance record of 25 years for men (20 for women) Payments correspond to 60% of average earnings over the last five years.
2.	SURVIVORS	
792.10.2.1.1.2	Survivors pension	Survivor pension is paid if the deceased had met the contribution requirements for invalidity pension or was a pensioner. There is no contribution requirement if death was caused by a work injury or occupational disease. It corresponds to the same amount as for old age pension but minimum replacement ratio is 70 per cent this is unclear 70% of what the minimum wage, if we do not know then drop the last line..
792.10.2.1.2.1	Survivors other cash benefits	Spouses, children and, in some cases, the parents of the insured are eligible for death benefits subject to meeting the minimum contributory requirements (5 years of insurance or 1 800 days of contributions or an annual average of 180 days of contributions). In the absence of children, the spouse receives 75% of the deceased's retirement pension entitlement. In the presence of children, the spouse's pension is 50% while the children receive 25% of the retirement pension (doubled for orphans). It is paid until age 18 (25 if full-time students) or marriage.
792.10.2.2.2.1	Survivors benefits in kind	Includes public spending on lump sum funeral grants.
3.	INCAPACITY-RELATED BENEFITS (Disability, Occupational injury and disease, Sickness)	
792.10.3.1.1.2	Disability pension	A loss of the two thirds of working capacity and five years of insurance or 1 800 days of contribution are required to obtain a disability pension. It corresponds to 70% of average earnings during the last five years (and 80% in certain circumstances).
792.10.3.1.4.1	Sickness benefits	Those who work and paid contributions for 120 days (240 for self-employed) over the last are entitled to a cash benefit for temporary incapacity of work. The maximum medical treatment period is equal to 18 months. Payments can continue for 6 months after the worker is dismissed.
4.	HEALTH	
792.10.4.2.0.0	<i>See OECD Health Data, 2003.</i>	
5.	FAMILY	
792.10.5.1.2.1	Maternity benefits	Income support worth two-thirds of earnings payable for up to 6 weeks before and 6 weeks after confinement. Workers and civil servants are covered. The minimum contributory requirement is 90 days of paid contributions.
6.	ACTIVE LABOUR MARKET PROGRAMMES	
792.10.6.0.2.1	Skills training	Manpower training courses are available to each person of working age.
9.	OTHER SOCIAL POLICY AREAS	
792.10.9.1.2.3	Cash benefits for immigrants/refugees	The 1999 figure has dramatically increased due to the earthquake in the same year.