

Statistics on the Health and Medical Services of Municipalities 2015

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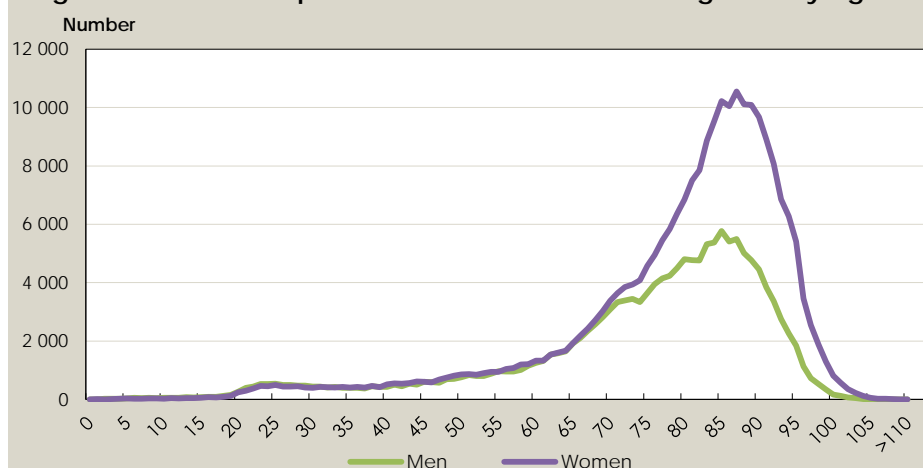
Municipal health and medical care

Municipal health and medical care is composed of care actions that the municipality provides the patients in their home or places they visit, such as special housing and daily activities. If the municipality has an agreement with the county council, they can also provide care actions in the patient's ordinary housing. The municipalities in Stockholm County (except Norrtälje) do not have that kind of agreement.

390,700 persons received care actions

In 2015 390,700 persons received at least one care action from municipal health and medical care. Of these, 23 per cent were women between 85 and 94 years old and there are clearly more women than men at these older ages. Figure A shows the number of men and women that received care actions in 2015 by age. The services can be given to anyone but, as Figure A shows, the absolute majority, 84 per cent, is 65 years or older. The percentage was the same in 2014.

Figure A. Number of persons with care actions during 2015 by age



Source: the register for care actions in municipal health and medical care, The National Board of Health and Welfare

More than two out of three also received social services

More than 71 per cent of those who received municipal health and medical care also received social services meant for elderly or persons with impairments. Of these patients, 33 per cent lived in special housing, either pursuant to the Social Service Act, or through the Support and Service for Persons with Certain Functional Impairments Act. Table A shows the proportion of those who received care actions that also received social services or lived in special housing by county. In Halland County, 84 per cent of the patients received social services too. Kalmar County had the lowest percentage, 59. Kalmar also had a low percentage that lived in special housing while receiving care actions, around 21 per cent. Only Örebro County had a lower proportion, with 19 per cent.

Table A. Proportion of persons receiving services other than municipal health and medical care

The five counties with the highest and lowest percentage.

County*	Percentage that also received social services	County*	Percentage that also lived in special housing
Halland	84	Gävleborg	51
Gävleborg	84	Västra Götaland	41
Västra Götaland	83	Västmanland	38
Västernorrland	77	Västerbotten	37
Södermanland	76	Östergötland	35
Kronoberg	64	Kronoberg	24
Örebro	63	Skåne	22
Värmland	61	Kalmar	21
Uppsala	60	Värmland	21
Kalmar	59	Örebro	19

*In Stockholm County only Norrtälje municipality provides care actions in ordinary housing. As a result, the percentage in Stockholm County is very high and not comparable to other counties.

Source: the register for care actions in municipal health and medical care, the LSS register and the register for care and social services for the elderly and for persons with impairments, The National Board of Health and Welfare

More information

You can find more tables, graphs and information in the following Excel file (in Swedish, but with English list of terms):

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