

Statistics on Care and Services for the Elderly 2016

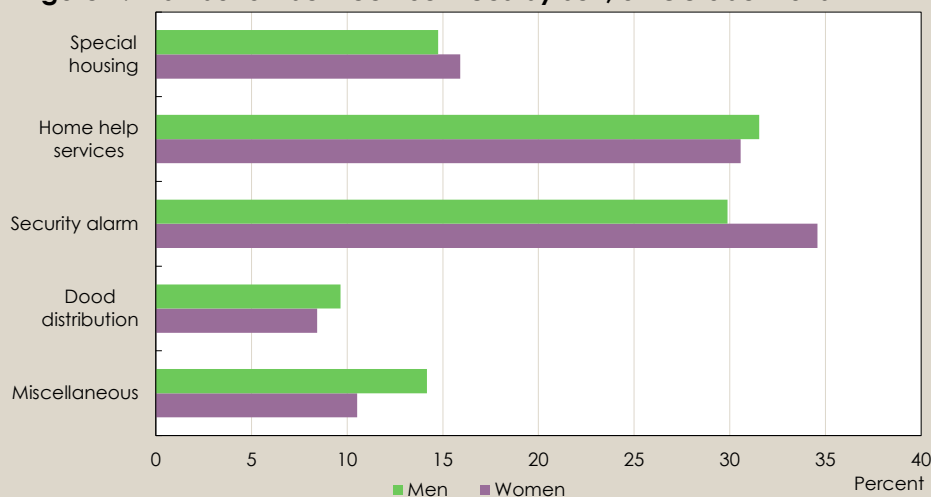
The Service Living support had the greatest growth compared to the previous year, among those provided to the elderly in accordance with the Social Services Act. The most common Services are Security alarm, Home help service and Special housing.

Women receive Security alarms more often than men

On the 31:st of October 2016, 317 000 elderly people received at least on Service in accordance with Social Service Act which was 16 percent of the Swedish population aged 65 and above. The corresponding number in 2015 was 315 500.

67 percent of the recipients were women and the distribution of both sexes is presented in Figure 1 below. Almost 35 percent of the Services provided to women were Security alarms. The equivalent value for men was 30 percent. The remaining distributions between the Services were quite similar between the sexes.

Figure 1. Distribution between Services by sex, 31 October 2016



Source: The register for care and social service for the elderly and for people with impairments, the national Board of Health and Welfare

Number of people per Service has decreased

In 2016 the most common Services were Security alarm, Home help service and special housing for people aged 65 and above.

Most forms of Services have increased slightly in number of recipients between October 2015 and October 2016, with Living support and Contact family / person seeing the largest growth with about 4 percent. The Services that decreased did so only marginally, where Food distribution had the greatest decrease with just above one percent.

Table 1. Number of people with Service 31 October and change in percent 2015–2016

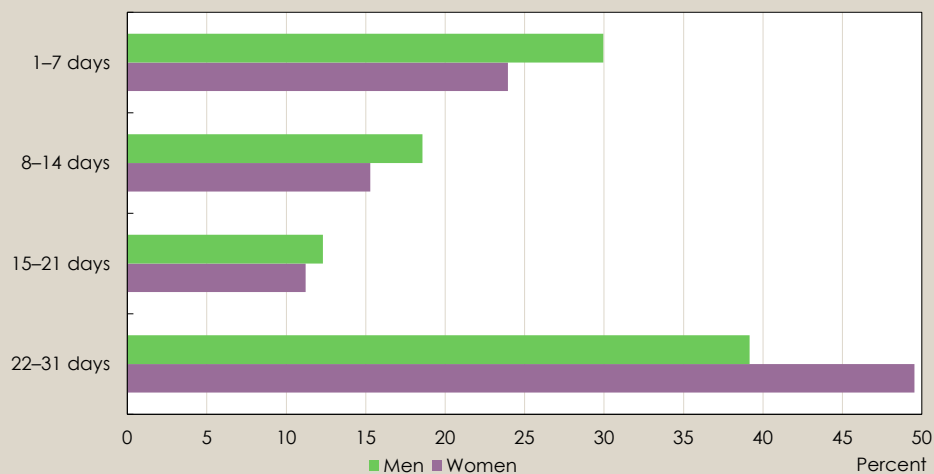
Service	2015	2016	Change, percent
Home help services	166 579	166 323	-0,2
Special housing	82 171	83 563	1,7
Living support	2 756	2 874	4,3
Security alarm	179 015	177 695	-0,7
Food distribution	48 211	47 567	-1,3
Companion service	27 109	26 838	-1,0
Daytime activities	10 927	11 031	1,0
Other services	3 215	3 307	2,9
Short-term housing	10 296	10 189	-1,0
Relief service in the home	7 173	7 298	1,7
Contact family / person	1 615	1 674	3,7

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More common with longer stays at Short-term housing

During October 2016 there were almost 10 200 people who had a bed to sleep in outside of their own housing for temporary around the clock care. Almost 45 percent of these people where in these Short-term housing for over three weeks, while slightly less than 30 percent had Short-term housing for a week or less.

Figure 2. Number of days with the service short-term housing during October 2016



Source: The register for care and social service for the elderly and for people 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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