

# Statistics on Care and Services for Persons with Impairments 2017

**Living support, Home help services and security alarms are the most common services under the Social Services Act to persons with impairment, 0–64 years old. In total, 52 250 persons received services on 31 October 2017.**

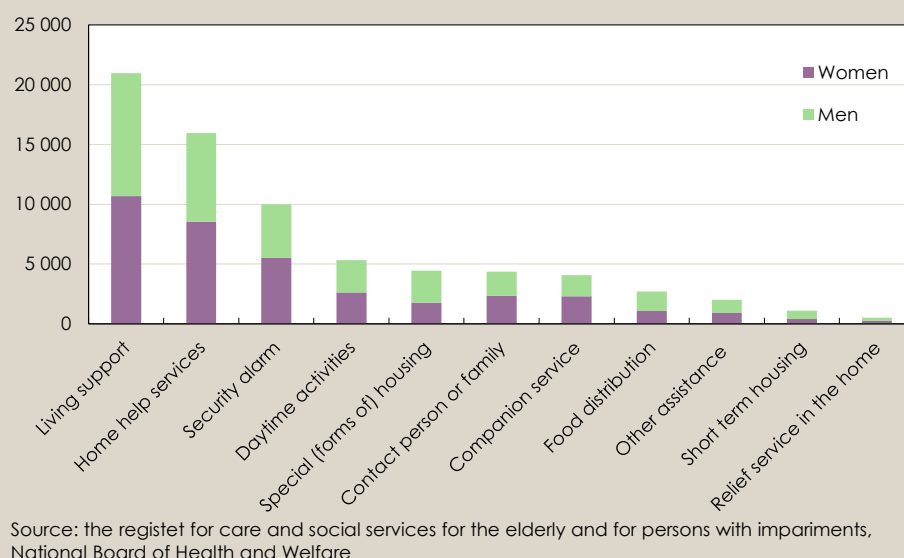
## **Municipal services for persons with impairments**

Persons with impairments may receive services from the municipality both according to the Social Services Act (SoL), which covers the services included in this report, but also from the Act concerning Support and Service for Persons with Certain Functional Impairments (LSS). Services under LSS are presented in another report. Some people have services provided from both Acts and appear in both reports. This report presents statistics for persons younger than 65 years who receive SoL-services.

## Living support the most common service

On the 31:st of October 2017 there were 52,250 people receiving some form of service due to physical or mental impairment in accordance with the Social Service Act. These individuals received in total over 64,200 services. The most common service received was Living support, a service in the form of support in daily life in the individuals own home. The second and third most common services were Home help services in ordinary housing and Security alarm. These three services comprised a total of two thirds of all the services given to people with impairments in accordance with the Social Service Act.

**Figure 1. Number of services to people with impairments in accordance with the Social Service Act, 31 October 2017**



Living support is a service to support the individual in practical and social activities of daily living in order to strengthen a person's ability to live independently and work in society.

Among the people who received services, there was an even distribution between the sexes, 51 percent women and 49 percent men. There are small variations between the sexes for the different types of services, where Short-term housing had the largest percentage of men (60 percent) and Companion service had the largest percentage of women with (57 percent). Compared to last year the number of people who receive services in accordance with the Social Service Act has decreased by 1.9 percent.

For the age groups 0–19 and 55–64 other services than Living support are the most common. For the age group 0–19 Relief service in the home is the most common service. For the oldest age group Home help services is the most common service. Table 1 shows the most common services received by the different age groups.

**Table 1. The three most common services for each age group and their share of the total number of services provided for that age group.**

Age group	Service 1 (%)	Service 2 (%)	Service 3 (%)
0–19 år	Relief service (23)	Living support (18)	Other assistance (17)
20–24 år	Living support (62)	Day time activities (9)	Home help services (9)
25–34 år	Living support (65)	Home help services (12)	Day time activities (11)
35–44 år	Living support (54)	Home help services (22)	Day time activities (11)
45–54 år	Living support (39)	Home help services (32)	Security alarm (20)
55–64 år	Home help service (46)	Security alarm (33)	Living support (21)

Source: the register for care and social services for the elderly and for persons with impairments, National Board of Health and Welfare

## Living support has doubled during last 10 years

Living support has increased and has almost doubled during the last 10 years whereas Home help services, Special housing, Day time activities and Security alarm have been relatively stable since 2007. On 1 October 2007 there were 10 700 persons who were granted Living support service, on 31 October 2017 21 000 people had Living support services.

### More information

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

[www.socialstyrelsen.se/publikationer2018/2018-9-5](http://www.socialstyrelsen.se/publikationer2018/2018-9-5)

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