Statistics on Elderly and Persons with Impairments – Management Form 2019

The purpose of these statistics is to show the distribution of management form for the most common types of assistance provided by municipalities for the elderly and persons with impairments. Over time, the proportion of care services provided under private management was higher among persons with impairments compared to the elderly.

Home care services under private management have increased over time

On 1 October 2019, almost 259,000 people were receiving home care in ordinary housing. Of that number, 22,000 were persons with impairments (0–64 years) while 237,000 were elderly (65 years and older).

Based on the proportion within each group, the percentage of home care provided under private management was at the same level for both persons with impairments and the elderly between 2007 and 2009. After that, the percentage increases for persons with impairments.

In 2019, 24 percent of the home care given to people with impairments in ordinary housing was provided under private management. The corresponding figure for the elderly was about 17 percent.

In total, the percentage of home care provided under private management has increased over time and in 2019, the figure was just over 17 percent (see Figure 1).

![Figure 1. Proportion granted home help service in ordinary housing under private management](image-url)
Private management – health and social care for which the municipality is ultimately responsible, but which is provided by someone other than the municipality, such as a company (incl. municipal companies), foundation or cooperative on behalf of, and compensated by the municipality, or where the municipality purchases places in residential care homes from such.

Municipal management – health and social care provided primarily by staff employed by the municipality.

Short-term housing – assistance in the form of a temporary care around the clock outside regular residence. This type of care can, for example, be rehabilitation, nursing, and intermittent care and relieving for relatives.

One fifth of special housing are under private management

On 1 October 2019, just over 91,000 people were living in special (forms of) housing. Of those people, 3,800 were persons with impairments while just over 87,000 were elderly.

The percentage of elderly people living in special housing under private management has increased every year from 2007 to 2014 and since then, about a fifth of the housing have been under private management. For persons with impairments, the percentage of special housing under private management has been somewhat higher, between 25 and 27 percent until 2016. Since then, the percentage has decreased and is now at the same level as that for the elderly, namely, about 20 percent (see Figure 2).

Figure 2. Proportion special housing in private management

Source: Statistics on care and help services to elderly and persons with Impairments, The National Board of Health and Welfare
The percentage of short-term housing under private management has decreased

On 1 October 2019, just over 7,700 people were in short-term housing. Of those people, 600 were persons with impairments while 7,100 were elderly.

For persons with impairments, 30 percent of the short-term housing were under private management compared with 6 percent for the elderly. In total, 8 percent of the short-term housing were under private management in 2019 which is a decrease of 3 percentage points compared with the year before.

Over time, the percentage of short-term housing under private management has changed noticeably for persons with impairments while the percentage for the elderly has been more stable. The highest percentage of persons in short-term housing under private management was in 2011 (16 percent) but since 2015, the percentage has decreased every year up until 2019 (see Figure 3).

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