

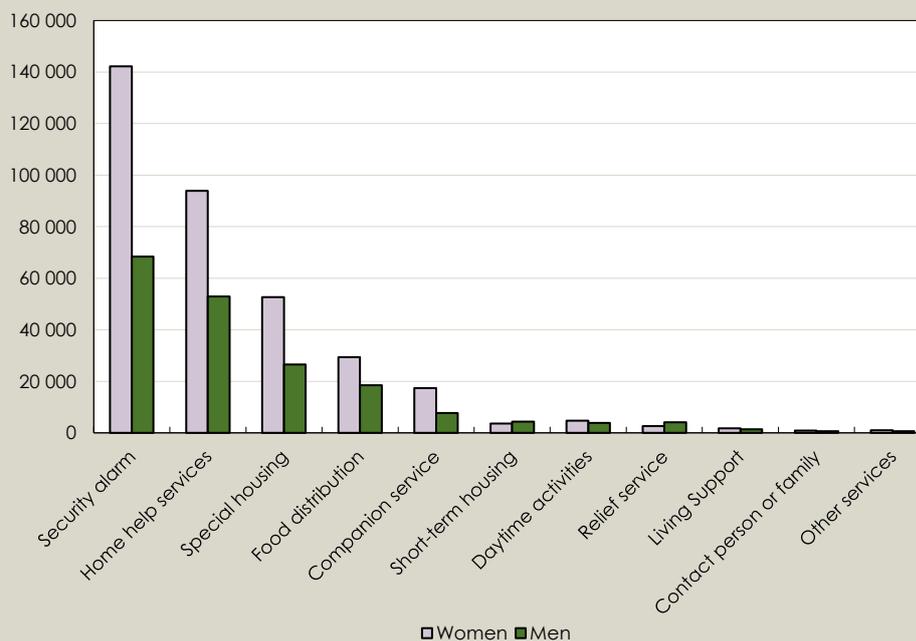
Statistics on Care and Services for the Elderly 2021

The most common services provided to the elderly (65 years and older) in accordance with the Social Services Act, SoL, in 2021 were *security alarm*, *home help service*, and *special housing*.

Security alarms most common service

326,231 elderly (65 years or older) people had at least one service under the Social Services Act (2001: 453), on 31 October 2020. The social services reported in the official statistics are *Home help services*, *Special forms of housing*, *Security alarms*, *Food distribution*, *Companion service*, *Daytime activities*, *Short-term housing*, *Contact person or -family*, *Living support*, *Relief service in the home*, and *Other services*. (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Number of men and women 65 years and older receiving services according to the Social Services Act, 31 October 2021



Källa: National Register of Care and Social Services for the Elderly and Persons with Impairments, The National Board of Health and Welfare.

Services more common with increasing age

Table 1 below shows the proportion (per cent) of the population with social services in different gender and age groups. Nearly one-fifth of all women and just over one-tenth of all men, 65 years and older, had some service on 31 October 2021. Within the oldest age group (95+ years), 86 per cent of women and 75 per cent of men had some form of service.

Tabell 1. Proportion of the population in each gender and age group with social services on 31 October 2021, per cent

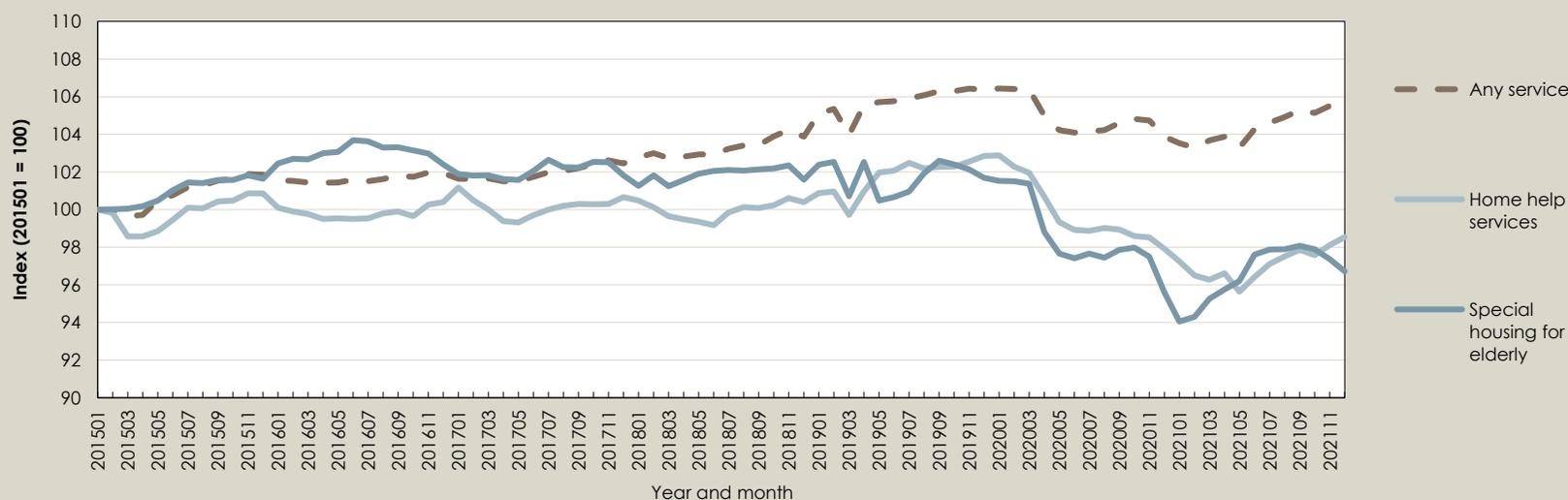
Insats enligt SoL	65–74 yo		75–79 yo		80–84 yo		85–89 yo		90–94 yo		95+ yo		All ages		
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Total
Security alarm	2.6	2.2	8.2	5.5	20.2	11.6	38.7	23.1	50.3	37.5	46.0	44.8	12.5	6.9	9.9
Home help services	2.1	2.0	5.5	4.4	12.4	8.6	23.5	16.6	33.5	27.2	35.0	34.4	8.3	5.3	6.9
Special housing	0.7	0.9	2.4	2.1	5.8	4.2	12.8	8.2	24.2	16.0	38.5	26.8	4.6	2.7	3.7
Food distribution	0.5	0.6	1.5	1.4	3.7	2.9	7.9	6.2	11.9	11.3	13.3	14.6	2.6	1.8	2.2
Companion service	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.7	2.2	1.2	4.0	2.2	6.3	3.7	7.7	5.0	1.5	0.8	1.2
Short-term housing	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.8	1.3	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.6	0.3	0.4	0.4
Daytime activities	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.8	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4
Relief service	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.5	1.4	0.4	1.7	0.4	1.5	0.2	0.4	0.3
Living Support	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Contact person or family	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other services	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Any service	4	4	12	9	29	19	55	36	77	59	86	75	19	11	15

Reduced number of people with services during the pandemic

Figure 2 below shows the indexed development of the number of people with three different interventions, month by month, January 2015 through December 2021. The development of 1) the number of people with any (at all) social services, and 2) the development of the number of people with home *help service in ordinary housing*, and finally 3) those with *special housing for the elderly*.

As an effect of the pandemic, fewer elderly people started receiving social services in April 2020. And the number of elderly people in special housing for the elderly reached a minimum in January 2021. A clear reduction in the number of people who moved in to special housing for the elderly has previously been observed during approximately the same period, as signs of general spread of infection began to appear. [1]

Figure 2. Number of people 65 years and older with selected interventions from 201501 to 202112, indexed development (201501 = 100), broken y-axis.



Source: National Register of Care and Social Services for the Elderly and Persons with Impairments, The National Board of Health and Welfare.

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