

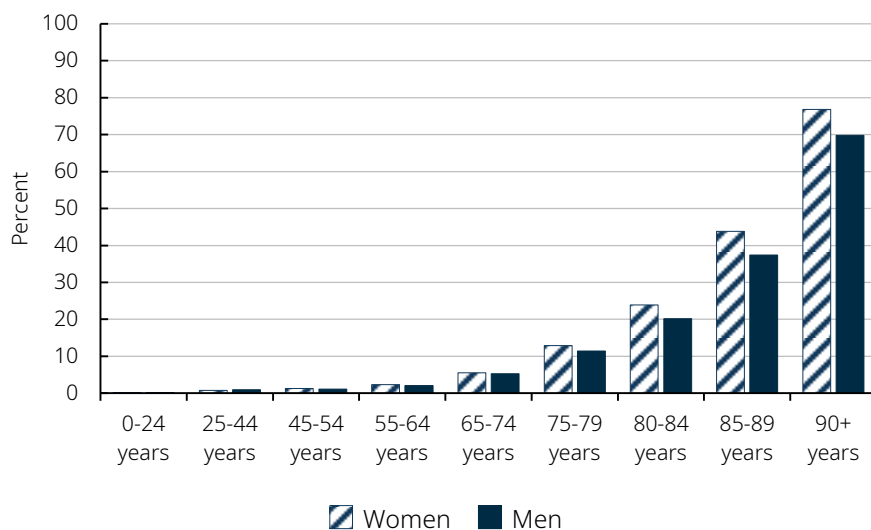
Statistics on the Health and Medical Services of Municipalities 2023

In 2023, almost 414,000 patients received care from Municipal health and medical services. For 82 percent of patients with municipal health care, there is information on patient-related interventions classified according to Classification of Care Measures (KVÅ).

Elderly women are the largest group

Almost 414,000 patients received care from Municipal health and medical services in 2023. Of these, over 342,000 patients were 65 years and older. Women aged 65 years and older make up for half of the patients with municipal health care. The second largest group is men aged 65 years and older, who make up for 33 percent. The gender distribution is uneven in the age group 65 years and older, 60 percent are women and 40 percent are men. While it is even in the age group younger than 65 years where 50 percent are women and 50 percent men. The uneven gender distribution is explained by the higher average life expectancy among women and that the proportion of people with municipal health care in the population is higher among women than among men in the older age groups, see figure 1.

Figure 1. Proportion of the population with at least one month of municipal health and medical care during 2023 by age and sex



Source: National Register of Interventions in Municipal Health Care, The National Board of Health and Welfare

Municipal health and medical care

Municipal health care refers to care and treatment, which through the municipality's responsibility, is provided in special forms of housing, day-to-day activities and home care in ordinary housing. Responsibility for home care in ordinary housing and in so-called aid-assessed security housing requires that the municipality has agreed with the regions to take over such responsibility. At the time of this publication, only the municipalities in Stockholm County (except for Norrtälje) do not have that responsibility.

Interventions in Municipal Health Care

Since 2019, the municipalities have been reporting data on interventions carried out by licensed healthcare professionals in the health and medical care with the municipality as the care provider. The interventions are classified according to the Classification of Care Measures (KVÅ). During the year 2023, the municipalities reported interventions for almost 331,000 patients, which corresponds to 82 percent of all patients with interventions within municipal health care. That is an increase of seven percent since the year 2022. The reason why the National Register of Interventions in Municipal Health Care lacks interventions for 18 percent of the patients has mainly two reasons. One is that a significant proportion of patients receive municipal healthcare from private healthcare providers who are not obliged to provide information to the register. The second reason is missing data. Due to technical problems, six municipalities have not been able to report interventions in 2023. This is an improvement since 2022, when thirteen municipalities did not report interventions.

Selection of interventions from KVÅ

The National Board of Health and Welfare has together with representatives of the occupation's nurses, occupational therapists and physiotherapists selected a number of KVÅ codes. The selection covers all age groups in municipal healthcare and is updated annually. The selection for 2023 consists of 412 codes, of which 377 are grouped according to diagnostic (D) and therapeutic (T) interventions regarding body functions, activities and participation, environment and medication and other interventions, see table 1. This gives a good overview of the health care that patients receive. The selection also includes 35 other interventions that are divided into interventions regarding plans, administrative handling, contact-related interventions and the additional code measures related to covid-19. The most common other interventions are conferences about and with a patient and external exchange of information, see the Excel file for statistics.

Table 1. Division of the selection of interventions in sections targeting International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF)

Section targeting ICF	D	T
Interventions targeting body functions		
Mental functions	PA	QA
Sensory functions and pain	PB	QB
Voice and speech functions	PC	QC
Functions of the cardiovascular, haematological, immunological and respiratory systems	PD	QD
Functions of the digestive, metabolic and endocrine systems	PE	QE
Genitourinary and reproductive functions	PF	QF
Neuromusculoskeletal and movement-related functions	PG	QG
Functions of the skin and related structures	PH	QH
Unspecified body functions	PI	QI
Interventions targeting activities and participation		
Learning and applying knowledge	PJ	QJ
General tasks and demands	PK	QK
Communication	PL	QL
Mobility	PM	QM
Self-care	PN	QN
Domestic life	PP	QP
Interpersonal interactions and relationships	PQ	QQ
Major life areas	PR	QR
Community, social and civic life	PS	QS
Interventions targeting environment and medication		
Environment	PT	QT
Medication	PU	QU
Other interventions	PV	QV

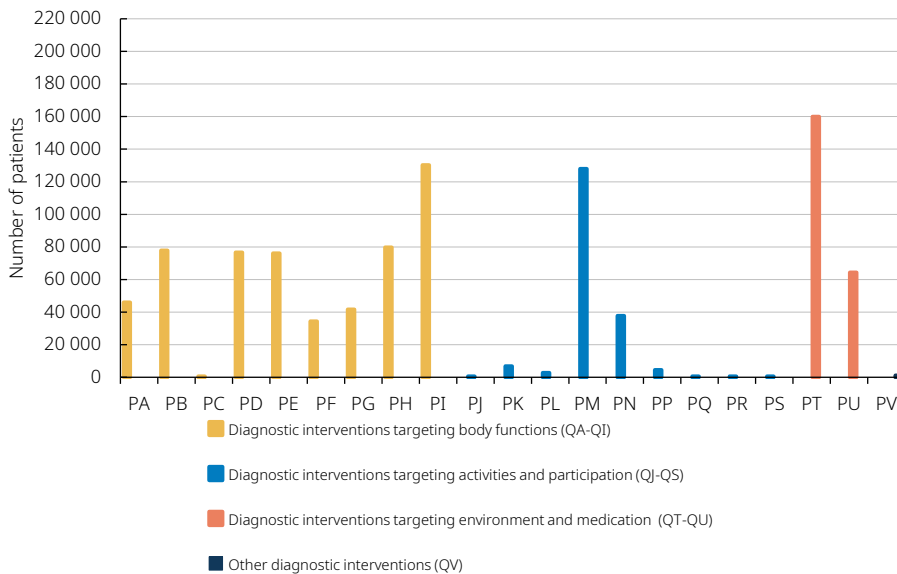
D=Diagnostic, T=Therapeutic

The sections PI, QI, PU, QU, PV and QV have been developed to group interventions in the selection that do not appear among the other sections in table 1.

Diagnostic interventions

Of patients with at least one reported intervention, almost 271,000 patients (82 percent) had received a diagnostic intervention. The most common diagnostic intervention was found under the section environment (PT) and was follow-up of assistive aid prescription and assessment of aid need. Then follows the intervention sampling UNS which is found under the section unspecified body functions (PI). Next comes mobility (PM), where a common intervention is assessment of changing body position. Very few patients have received diagnostic interventions in the sections communication (PL), domestic life (PP), community, social and civic life (PS), interpersonal interactions and relationships (PQ) and voice and speech functions (PC).

Figure 2. Number of patients who received at least on diagnostic intervention in each section year 2023

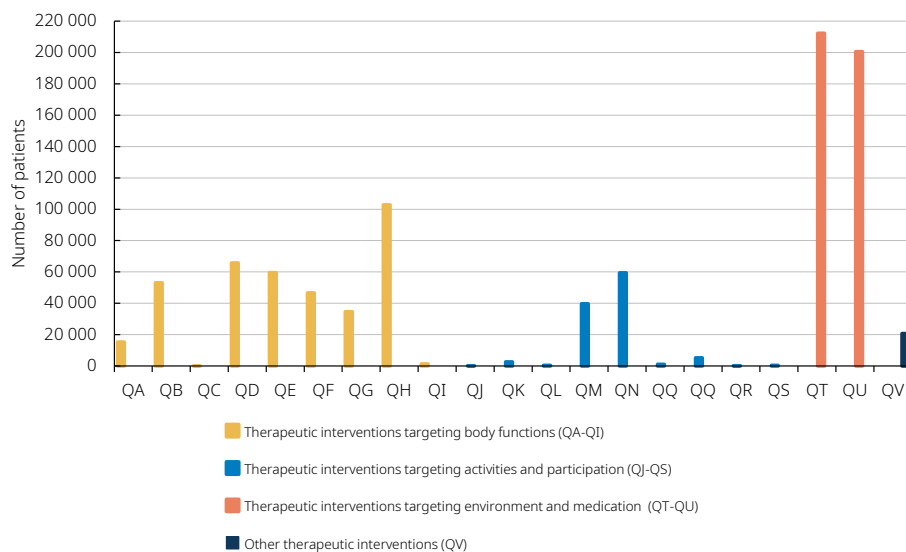


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Therapeutic interventions

Roughly 296,000 patients (90 percent) have received a therapeutic intervention. The most frequent therapeutic intervention is found under the sections environmental (QT) and medication (QU). The most common intervention under environment concerned testing and prescribing aids. Many patients also receive therapeutic interventions under the section functions of the skin and related structures (QH), where wound care is the most common intervention. Very few patients have received therapeutic interventions in the sections; communication (QL), voice and speech functions (QC) and domestic life (QP).

Figure 3. Number of patients who received at least on therapeutic intervention in each section year 2023



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More information

You can find more tables, graphs and information here (select Tillhörande dokument och bilagor):

www.socialstyrelsen.se/statistik-och-data/statistik/statistikamnen/insatser-i-kommunal-halso-och-sjukvard/ (in Swedish, but with English list of terms).

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