

Statistics on Care and Services for the Elderly 2024

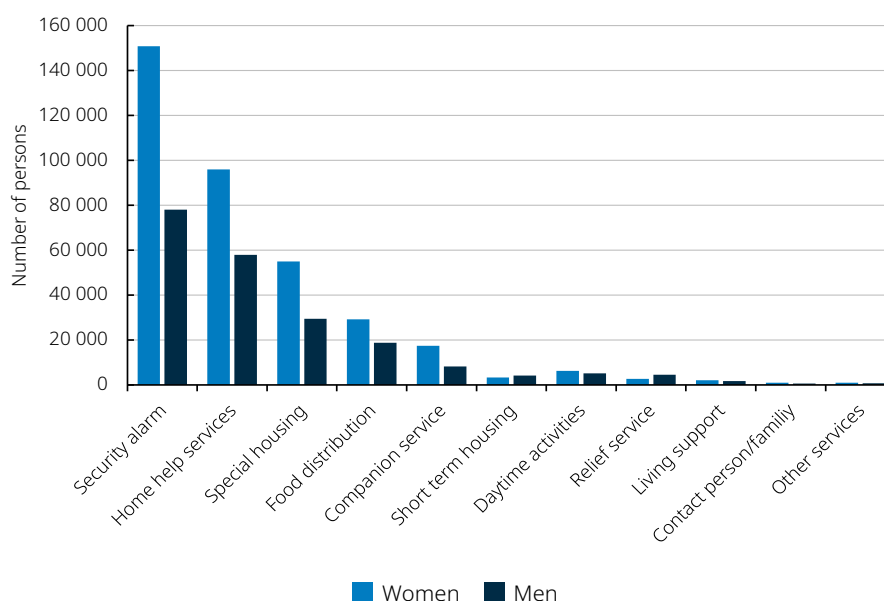
The most common services provided to the elderly, (65 years and older) in accordance with the Social Services Act in 2024 were security alarm, home help service and special housing. In total 352 000 elderly people had at least one service under the Social Services Act (2001:453) on October 31st 2024. This represents an increase since 2023 by two percent.

Security alarm most common service

In total 352 000 elderly people had at least one service under the Social Services Act (2001:453) on October 31st 2024. The most common service was security alarm (229 000 people), home help service (154 000 people) and special housing (84 000 people). There were 226 000 female and 126 000 male recipients of services.

The social services reported are home help services, special housing, security alarm, food distribution, companion service, daytime activities, short term housing, contact person/family, living support, relief service in the home and other services.

Figure 1. Number of individuals receiving services October 31st 2024, by age, sex and type of service

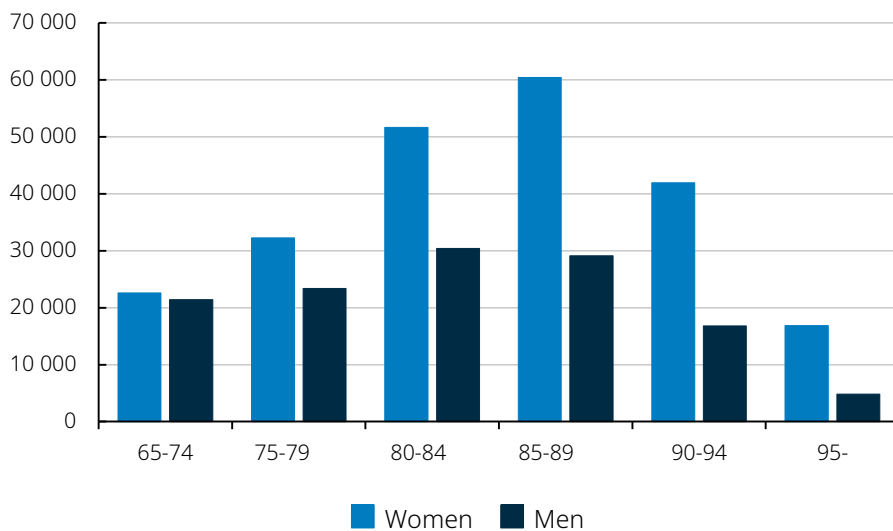


Source: National Register of Care and Social Services for the Elderly and Persons with Impairments, The National Board of Health and Welfare

Services more common at older age groups

For female recipients of social services 85 to 89 is the most common age group. There were 60 000 women in this age group receiving at least one service October 31st 2024. For male recipients the most common age group is 80 to 84, with more than 30 000 receiving at least one service.

Figure 2. Number of individuals receiving services October 31st 2024, by age and sex

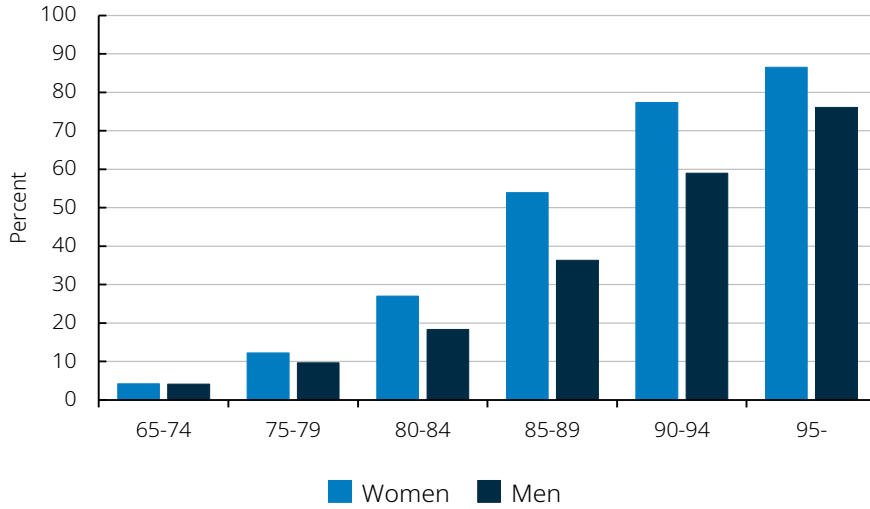


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The proportion of persons receiving services increases with age. While at age group 65 to 74 there are four percent of men and women receiving services at age group 95 and older there are 87 percent of women and 76 percent of men receiving services.

Female recipients outnumber men. This is partly due to there being more elderly women than elderly men and partly due to a higher proportion of women receiving services.

Figure 3. Percentage of individuals receiving services October 31st 2024, by age and sex

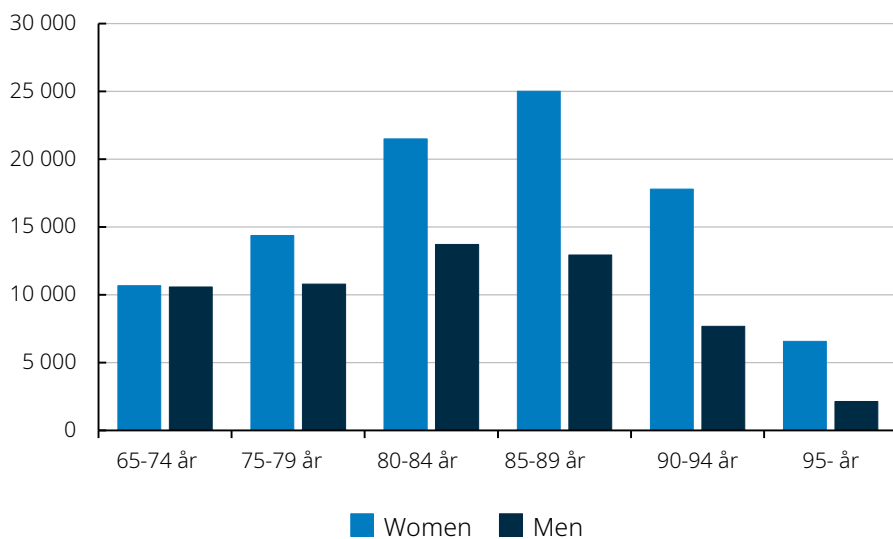


Source: National Register of Care and Social Services for the Elderly and Persons with Impairments, The National Board of Health and Welfare and The Total Population Register, Statistics Sweden

More women than men receive home help services or special housing

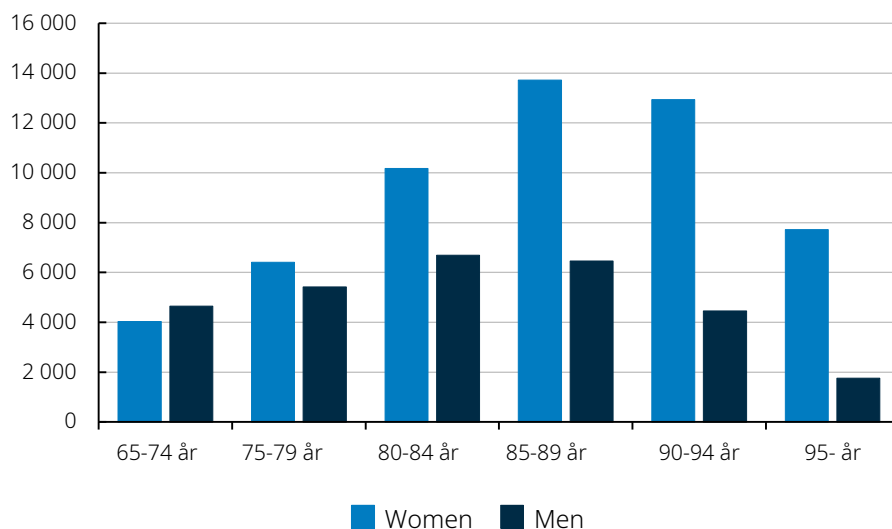
Female recipients of home help services outnumber men, with 17 female recipients to every 10 male recipients. For special housing the difference between the sexes is even greater, with 19 female recipients to 10 male recipients.

Figure 4. Number of individuals receiving home help services October 31st 2024, by age and sex



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

Figure 5. Number of individuals receiving special housing October 31st 2024, by age and sex.



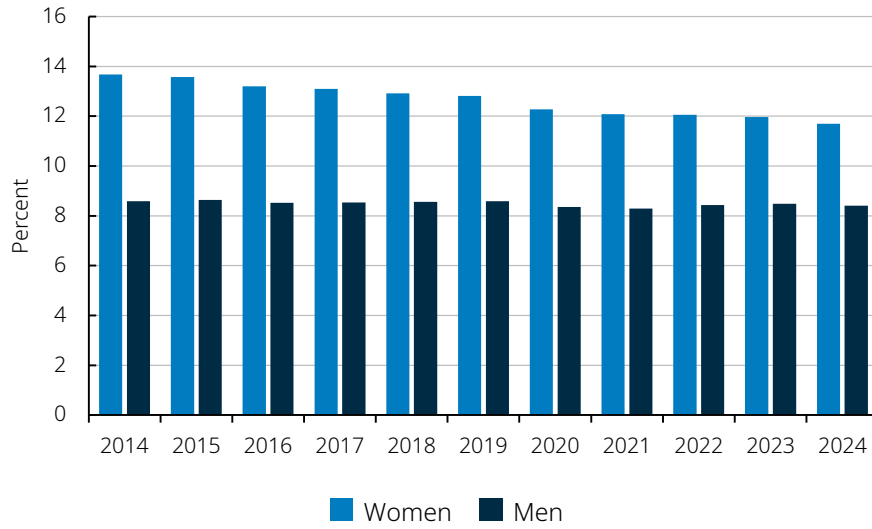
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The proportion of women receiving home help services or special housing has decreased

The proportion of women receiving home help services has decreased in recent years, from 13,7 percent in 2014 to 11,7 percent in 2024. For special housing the proportion has decreased from 7,2 percent to 6,1 percent.

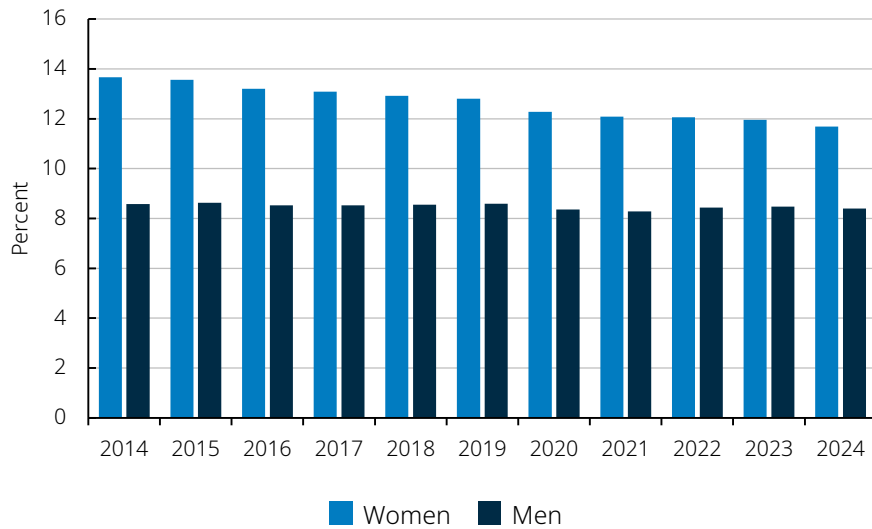
For men the proportion receiving home help services has varied between 8,3 and 8,6 percent. The proportion receiving special housing has decreased slightly, from 4,1 percent in 2014 to 3,8 percent in 2024.

Figure 6. Percentage of individuals receiving home help services 2014–2024, by age and sex



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

Figure 7. Percentage of individuals receiving special housing 2014–2024, by age and sex



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

More information

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

<http://www.socialstyrelsen.se/statistik-och-data/statistik/alla-statistikammen/socialtjanstinsatser-till-aldre/> (in Swedish, but with English list of terms).

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