

Social Assistance System in Poland

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Legal grounds

- Act of 12 March 2004 on Social Assistance acts are passed by the Sejm
- Implementing acts regulations of the Minister
- Resolutions of local governments bodies

Other acts – e.g. the Act of 13 June 2003 on Social Employment

Administration structure

minister competent for social security

MINISTER OF FAMILY, LABOR AND SOCIAL POLICY

local government voivodeship
MARSHAL OF THE VOIVODESHIP

Regional Social Policy Center (RSPC)

voivodeship (central government administration)
VOIVODE

Social Policy Department in the Voivodeship
Office

poviat

Povial Family Support Center (PFSC)

gmina

Social Assistence Center (SAC)

Conditions of and procedure for granting social assistance

income test



- PLN 634 (person living alone)
- PLN 514 (person in a family)

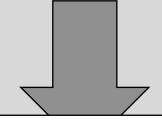
statutory conditions



- e.g.:
- poverty
- disability
- being unemployed
- mishap
- domestic violence

community interview

- carried out by a social worker
- assessment of the life situation



delivery of an administrative decision

Types of benefits

Cash benefits

- Benefits: permanent, periodic, expedient (including special), loan for becoming economically independent
- Assistance for becoming independent and continuation of education
- Cash benefit for foreigners
- Remuneration for a carer granted by the court

Non-cash benefits

- Social work
- In-kind support, also for becoming economically independent
- Specialist counselling
- Crisis intervention
- Shelter, meal, necessary clothing
- Care <u>services</u>, <u>including specialist ones</u>, <u>rendered at home or in support centers</u>
- Sheltered accommodation
- Stay and services in a <u>social assistance center</u>
- Support in obtaining adequate housing, employment, in-kind support for people who are to become independent

Beneficiaries of social assistance

The number of people who have been granted benefits by way of decision: 1,595,746

4.15% of the Polish population

The number of people in families of beneficiaries of assistance: 2,559,902

6.66% of the
Polish
population

^{*}Data for 2016

^{**} The total population in Poland: 38.43 million people

Funding of social assistance tasks

- Own tasks financed by local government bodies, co-financing from the state budget is also possible
- Commissioned tasks (related to central government administration) - financed from the state budget
- In 2015, PLN 4.7 billion was allocated to social assistance benefits, 53% of which came from the state budget

Act of Social Employment

- Social assistance and social inclusion
- Social employment and social economy
- Act of 13 June 2003 on Social Employment
- Social Integration Center
- Social Integration Club

Government programs and programs of the Minister

- State's Aid in Supplementary Alimentation
- Active Forms of Counteracting Social Exclusion a new dimension 2020
- Social Assistance for People with Mental Disorders
- Program addressing homelessness



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