

OECD-SOCR metadata on income replacement programmes – Cyprus*

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* Note by Turkey: The information in this document with reference to « Cyprus » relates to the southern part of the Island. There is no single authority representing both Turkish and Greek Cypriot people on the Island. Turkey recognizes the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). Until a lasting and equitable solution is found within the context of United Nations, Turkey shall preserve its position concerning the “Cyprus issue”.

* Note by all the European Union Member States of the OECD and the European Union: The Republic of Cyprus is recognized by all members of the United Nations with the exception of Turkey. The information in this document relates to the area under the effective control of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus.

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INTRODUCTION

This note includes a comprehensive list of the social programmes included in the SOCR database, accessible via OECD.Stat [<http://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=SOCR>].

Based on information collected in five rounds of the SOCR questionnaire, the database distinguishes between priority and optional programmes. Priority programmes have the following characteristics:

- They are main income replacement benefits, meaning they are not supplements but are typically received in their own right, independently of other benefits; and
- Their volume is significant or highly variable:
 - programmes with a significant number of recipients or expenditure (regardless whether open to new recipients or not); or
 - programmes open to new recipients that are highly sensitive to economic or social conditions.

All other programmes are considered as optional. For instance, very small programmes that are being phased out, as are benefit “top-ups” of unemployment benefits or pensions.

Priority programmes are made publicly available through OECD.Stat, optional programmes are not published. Programmes are organised by social protection branch (e.g. ‘OLD AGE’) and sub-branch (e.g. ‘Pensions’) under the form of programme tables. The aim of them is to include essential information needed by users to identify the benefit and to know methodological details that may be relevant for a correct interpretation of recipients figures.

Data sources of local administrations. Web links to official administrative databases and reports are provided when the sources are publicly available. These web pages are subject to changes by local administrations, which implies that in the future some links may not work.

Other sources of qualitative information on social benefits: [TaxBEN country policy descriptions](#), [MISSOC policy tables](#), [ESSPROS Qualitative](#).

Other OECD sources of information on social protection: [Social Expenditure \(SOCX\)](#), [Tax-Benefit model \(TaxBEN\)](#), [Family database](#), [Pensions at a Glance](#).

OLD AGE

Pensions

4 programmes reported

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| Programme Name [English] | Social Insurance Scheme- Old Age Pension |
| Programme Name [Original] | Σχέδιο Κοινωνικών Ασφαλίσεων: Σύνταξη γήρατος |
| Means-tested | No |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | Individual recipients, average or point-in-time |
| Other remarks | |
| Source | Social Insurance Services |
| Programme Name [English] | Social Pension + Pensions to Chairmen Village Commission + Other Governmental Social Protection |
| Programme Name [Original] | Κοινωνική Σύνταξη + Σύνταξη Κοινοταρχών + Άλλες Κρατικές Κοινωνικές Παροχές |
| Means-tested | Yes |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | Individual recipients, average or point-in-time |
| Other remarks | |
| Source | Social Insurance Services |
| Programme Name [English] | Government, Civil Service Social Protection (Old Age)+ Local Government Scheme (Old Age and Anticipated Old Age) |
| Programme Name [Original] | Κοινωνική Προστασία Δημοσίων Υπαλλήλων- σύνταξη γήρατος+ Κοινωνική Προστασία Δήμων-(σύνταξη γήρατος, Πρόωρη Σύνταξη Γήρατος) |
| Means-tested | No |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | Individual recipients, average or point-in-time |
| Other remarks | |
| Source | Statistical service |
| Programme Name [English] | Occupational Social Insurance Institutions: Old Age Pension+ Anticipated old age pension |
| Programme Name [Original] | Ημιαυτόνομα Ιδρύματα Προνοίας: σύνταξη γήρατος + Πρόωρη Σύνταξη Γήρατος |
| Means-tested | No |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | Individual recipients, average or point-in-time |
| Other remarks | |
| Source | Statistical service |

SURVIVORS

Survivor Pensions

2 programmes reported

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| Programme Name [English] | Widow's pension + Orphan's benefit + Missing Person allowance, Social Insurance Scheme |
| Programme Name [Original] | Σύνταξη Χηρείας, επίδομα ορφάνιας, επίδομα αγνοουμένου, Πρόγραμμα Κοινωνικής Ασφάλισης |
| Means-tested | No |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | Individual recipients, average or point-in-time |
| Other remarks | |
| Source | Social Insurance Services |

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| Programme Name [English] | Government Widow's and Survivors' pension: Civil Service Social Protection + Local Government Scheme |
| Programme Name [Original] | Κοινωνική Προστασία Δημοσίων Υπαλλήλων + Κοινωνική Προστασία Δήμων |
| Means-tested | No |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | Individual recipients, average or point-in-time |
| Other remarks | |
| Source | Treasury of the Republic of Cyprus |

INCAPACITY

Disability Pensions

6 programmes reported

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| Programme Name [English] | Social Insurance Scheme: Invalidity Pension |
| Programme Name [Original] | Σχέδιο Κοινωνικών Ασφαλίσεων: Σύνταξη Ανικανότητας |
| Means-tested | No |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | Individual recipients, average or point-in-time |
| Other remarks | |
| Source | Social Insurance Services |

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| Programme Name [English] | Other Governmental Social Protection: Severe Motor Disability Allowance |
| Programme Name [Original] | Άλλες Κρατικές Κοινωνικές Παροχές: Επίδομα Βαριάς Μορφής Κινητικής Αναπηρίας |
| Means-tested | No |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | Individual recipients, average or point-in-time |
| Other remarks | |
| Source | Department for Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities |

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| Programme Name [English] | Other Governmental Social Protection: Care Allowance Scheme for Paraplegic |
| Programme Name [Original] | Άλλες Κρατικές Κοινωνικές Παροχές: Επίδομα Φροντίδας σε Άτομα με Παραπληγία |
| Means-tested | No |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | Individual recipients, average or point-in-time |
| Other remarks | |
| Source | Department for Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities |

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| Programme Name [English] | Other Governmental Social Protection: Care Allowance Scheme for Quadriplegic |
| Programme Name [Original] | Άλλες Κρατικές Κοινωνικές Παροχές: Επίδομα Φροντίδας σε Άτομα με Τετραπληγία |
| Means-tested | No |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | Individual recipients, average or point-in-time |
| Other remarks | |
| Source | Department for Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities |

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| Programme Name [English] | Other Governmental Social Protection: Special Allowance for Blind Persons |
| Programme Name [Original] | Άλλες Κρατικές Κοινωνικές Παροχές: Χορηγία Τυφλών |
| Means-tested | No |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | Individual recipients, average or point-in-time |
| Other remarks | |
| Source | Department for Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities |

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| Programme Name [English] | Other Governmental Social Protection: Mobility Allowance. |
| Programme Name [Original] | Άλλες Κρατικές Κοινωνικές Παροχές: Επίδομα Διακίνησης |
| Means-tested | No |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | Individual recipients, average or point-in-time |
| Other remarks | |
| Source | Department for Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities |

Paid Sick Leave

2 programmes reported

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| Programme Name [English] | Occupational Social Insurance Institutions + Employer Provider Social Protection + Social Insurance Scheme: Sickness + Injury benefits |
| Programme Name [Original] | Ημιαυτόνομα Ιδρύματα Προνοίας + Υποχρεωτικές Παροχές Εργοδοτών προς εργαζομένους + Σχέδιο Κοινωνικών Ασφαλίσεων: (Επίδομα ασθενείας + επίδομα σωματικής βλάβης) |
| Means-tested | No |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | Full-year equivalent |
| Other remarks | |
| Source | Social Insurance Services |

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| Programme Name [English] | Central Government Health Services + Local Government Scheme: Paid Sick Leave |
| Programme Name [Original] | Κρατικές Υπηρεσίες Υγείας + Κοινωνική Προστασία Δήμων : (ασθένεια μετα απολαβών) |
| Means-tested | No |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | |
| Other remarks | No data available |
| Source | |

FAMILY

Maternity and Parental Leaves

2 programmes reported

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| Programme Name [English] | Social Insurance Scheme: Maternity allowance |
| Programme Name [Original] | Σχέδιο Κοινωνικών Ασφαλίσεων: Επίδομα μητρότητας |
| Means-tested | No |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | Individual recipients, average or point-in-time |
| Other remarks | |
| Source | Social Insurance Services |

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| Programme Name [English] | Other Governmental Social Protection: Mother's Benefit |
| Programme Name [Original] | Άλλες Κρατικές Κοινωνικές Παροχές : Επίδομα μάνας |
| Means-tested | No |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | Individual recipients, average or point-in-time |
| Other remarks | Phased out in 2013. |
| Source | Administrative data |

UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment Compensations

1 programme reported

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| Programme Name [English] | Social Insurance Scheme: Unemployment benefit |
| Programme Name [Original] | Σχέδιο Κοινωνικών Ασφαλίσεων: Επίδομα Ανεργίας |
| Means-tested | No |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | Individual recipients, average or point-in-time |
| Other remarks | |
| Source | Social Insurance Services |

OTHER SOCIAL

Income Maintenance

2 programmes reported

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| Programme Name [English] | Income support - General schemes : Local Government Scheme, Monetary Allowances to Distressed Persons, Other Governmental Social Protection |
| Programme Name [Original] | Γενικά Σχέδια: Οικονομική Ενίσχυση, Κοινωνική Προστασία Δήμων, χρηματικά επιδόματα σε δυσπραγούντες, Άλλες Κρατικές Κοινωνικές Παροχές |
| Means-tested | Yes |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | Individual recipients, average or point-in-time |
| Other remarks | |
| Source | Social Welfare Services , Welfare Benefits Administration Service |

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| Programme Name [English] | Income Support - Other schemes |
| Programme Name [Original] | Άλλες Κρατικές Κοινωνικές Παροχές |
| Means-tested | Yes |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | Individual recipients, average or point-in-time |
| Other remarks | Includes Missing person's allowance , Social Insurance Scheme, Monetary Allowances and Relief to Inhabitants of Occupied Areas, Monetary Allowances to Displaced Persons, Other Governmental Social Protection. Figure refers to Monetary Allowances and Relief to Inhabitants of Occupied Areas. |
| Source | Administrative data |

HOUSING

Housing Benefits

1 programme reported

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| Programme Name [English] | Housing: Rent Subsidy |
| Programme Name [Original] | Στεγαστική Προστασία: Επιχορήγηση ενοικίου |
| Means-tested | Yes |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | Individual recipients, average or point-in-time |
| Other remarks | |
| Source | Social Welfare Services, Ministry of Interior , Welfare Benefits Administration Service |