OECD-SOCR metadata on income replacement programmes - Malta

OECD Database on social benefit recipients - www.oecd.org/social/recipients.htm

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

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	**Retirement Pensions**
Programme Name [Original]	Retirement Pensions
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Include Retirement Pension (RP), Increased Retirement Pension (IRP), National Minimum Retirement Pension (NMP), Decreased National Minimum Pension (DNMP),Two-Thirds Pension (TTP) and Increased National Minimum Pension (INMP)
Source	Social Security Benefits System (SABS)

Programme Name [English]	**Old Age Pension - non-contributory Social Security Benefits**
Programme Name [Original]	Old Age Pension - non-contributory Social Security Benefits
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Social Security Benefits System (SABS)

SURVIVORS

Survivor Pensions

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	**Survivors Pensions**
Programme Name [Original]	Survivors Pensions
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Include Widows' Pension (WP), National Minimum Widows' Pension (NMWP), Orphans Allowance (OA), Early Survivors' Pension (ESRP), Widows with Children Pension (WCH), Survivors' Pension (SRP) and Widows who re-marry Pension (WRM)
Source	Social Security Benefits System (SABS)

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INCAPACITY

Disability Pensions

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	**Non means-tested incapacity benefits**
Programme Name [Original]	Non means-tested incapacity benefits
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Includes National Minimum Invalidity Pension (NMIP), Increased Invalidity Pension (IIP), Invalidity Pension (IP), Decreased National Invalidity Pension (DNIP), Leprosy Allowance (LA), Tuberculosis Allowance (TA), and Disablement Gratuity (DG)
Source	Social Security Benefits System (SABS)

Programme Name [English]	**Means-tested Incapacity benefits**
Programme Name [Original]	Means-tested Incapacity benefits
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Includes Pension for the Visually Impaired (BLD), Disability Pension (HP) and Severe Disability Pension (SHP)
Source	Social Security Benefits System (SABS)

Paid Sick Leave

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	**Sickness Benefit**
Programme Name [Original]	Sickness Benefit
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Full-year equivalent
Other remarks	Figures refer to private sector employees only.
Source	Social Security Benefits System (SABS)

Programme Name [English]	**Injury Benefit**
Programme Name [Original]	Injury Benefit
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Full-year equivalent
Other remarks	
Source	Social Security Benefits System (SABS)

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FAMILY

Maternity and Parental Leave

4 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	**Non means-tested Family benefits**
Programme Name [Original]	Non means-tested Family benefits
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Include Children's Allowance Flat Rate (CAFR), Fostered Child Allowance (FCA) and Disabled Child Allowance (DCA)
Source	Social Security Benefits System (SABS)

Programme Name [English]	**Means-tested Family benefits**
Programme Name [Original]	Means-tested Family benefits
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Include Sickness Assistance (SKA), Milk Grant (MG) and Children's Allowance (CA)
Source	Social Security Benefits System (SABS)

Programme Name [English]	**Maternity Benefit**
Programme Name [Original]	Maternity Benefit
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Length: 14 weeks
Source	Social Security Benefits System (SABS)

Programme Name [English]	**Maternity Leave**
Programme Name [Original]	Maternity Leave
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Social Security Benefits System (SABS)

Other (Lone Parent Benefits, etc.)

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	**Carer's Pension (Pensjoni Wens - PW)**
Programme Name [Original]	Carer's Pension (Pensjoni Wens - PW)
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Social Security Benefits System (SABS)

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UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment Compensations

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	**Special Unemployment Benefit (SUB), Unemployment Assistance (UA)**
Programme Name [Original]	Special Unemployment Benefit (SUB), Unemployment Assistance (UA)
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Includes Special Unemployment Benefit (SUB) and Unemployment Assistance (UA).
Source	Social Security Benefits System (SABS)

Programme Name [English]	**Unemployment benefit (UB)**
Programme Name [Original]	Unemployment benefit (UB)
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Social Security Benefits System (SABS)

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OTHER SOCIAL

Income Maintenance

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	**Social assistance programmes**
Programme Name [Original]	Social assistance programmes
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Include Social Assistance (SA), Social Assistance for Carers (SAF), Social Assistance for Single Unmarried Parents (SUP), Social Assistance for Drug Addicts (DAD) and Social Assistance Board (SAB).
Source	Social Security Benefits System (SABS)

Programme Name [English]	**Supplementary Allowance**
Programme Name [Original]	Supplementary Allowance
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Aggregated to Family Benefits in 2007 and 2008.
Source	Social Security Benefits System (SABS)

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HOUSING

Housing Benefits

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	**Rent Subsidy**
Programme Name [Original]	Rent Subsidy
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Housing authority

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