

OECD-SOCR metadata on income replacement programmes - Germany

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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 OECD sources of qualitative information on social benefits: [Country policy descriptions](#).

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

OLD AGE

Pensions

9 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	Regular old age pension
Programme Name [Original]	Regelaltersrente ab dem 65. Lebensjahr
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time ¹
Other remarks	
Source	Deutsche Rentenversicherung Report

Programme Name [English]	Old-age pension for the long-term insured
Programme Name [Original]	Altersrente für langjährige Versicherte
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Deutsche Rentenversicherung Report

Programme Name [English]	Old-age pension for particularly long-term period insured
Programme Name [Original]	Altersrente für besonders langjährig Versicherte
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Deutsche Rentenversicherung Report

Programme Name [English]	Old age pension of the Mineworkers scheme
Programme Name [Original]	Altersrente für langjährig unter Tage beschäftigte Bergleute
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Deutsche Rentenversicherung Report

¹ In Germany, point-in-time figures correspond to the number of recipients on 31 December of each year.

Programme Name [English]	Old age pension for civil servants
Programme Name [Original]	Altersrente der Beamtenversorgung
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Destatis Statistisches Bundesamt Database

Programme Name [English]	Old age pension for farmers
Programme Name [Original]	Rente wegen Alters der Alterssicherung der Landwirte (ADL)
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Social insurance for agriculture, forestry and horticulture (SVLFG) Statistics

Programme Name [English]	Old age pension of the liberal professions' pension scheme
Programme Name [Original]	Altersrente der Versorgungswerke
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	

Programme Name [English]	Old age pension for women
Programme Name [Original]	Altersrente für Frauen
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Deutsche Rentenversicherung Report

Programme Name [English]	Basic income support for old age or reduced earning capacity
Programme Name [Original]	Empfänger von Grundsicherung im Alter und bei Erwerbsminderung
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Genesis Online Datenbank Database

SURVIVORS

Survivor Pensions

6 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	Survivors' Pension
Programme Name [Original]	Witwen und Witwerrente
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Deutsche Rentenversicherung Report

Programme Name [English]	Orphans' Pension
Programme Name [Original]	Waisenrente (Halb und Voll)
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Statistics of the German pension insurance, Report

Programme Name [English]	Survivors' Pension paid to the insured individual after an occupational accident
Programme Name [Original]	Witwen- und Witwerrente der Unfallversicherung
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	DGUV-Deutsche Gesetzliche Unfallversicherung Report

Programme Name [English]	Survivors' pension for farmers
Programme Name [Original]	ADL (Alterssicherung der Landwirte) Renten wegen Todes
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Includes Widows, widowers and Orphans.
Source	Social insurance for agriculture, forestry and horticulture (SVLFG), Statistics

Programme Name [English]	Survivors' Pension liberal professions
Programme Name [Original]	Hinterbliebenenrente der berufsständischen Versorgungswerke
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Includes widows, widowers and orphans.
Source	

Programme Name [English]	Survivors' Pension for civil servants
Programme Name [Original]	Hinterbliebenenrente der Beamtenversorgung
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Destatis Statistisches Bundesamt Database

INCAPACITY

Disability Pensions

11 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	Pension for reduced earning capacity
Programme Name [Original]	Rente wegen verminderter Erwerbfähigkeit
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Deutsche Rentenversicherung Report

Programme Name [English]	Disability Pension for liberal professions
Programme Name [Original]	Berufsunfähigkeitsrente der berufständischen Versorgungswerke
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	

Programme Name [English]	Disability pension for civil servants
Programme Name [Original]	Berufsunfähigkeitsrente der Beamtenversorgung
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	
Other remarks	Included in Old age pension for civil servants.
Source	Destatis Statistisches Bundesamt Database

Programme Name [English]	Farmers' pension for reduced earning capacity
Programme Name [Original]	Rente wegen verminderter Erwerbsfähigkeit der Alterssicherung der Landwirte
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Social insurance for agriculture, forestry and horticulture (SVLFG), Statistics

Programme Name [English]	Retirement pension for the severely disabled
Programme Name [Original]	Altersrente für schwerbehinderte Menschen
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Deutsche Rentenversicherung Report

Programme Name [English]	Long-term care pension, in care level 1
Programme Name [Original]	Leistungsempfänger der Pflegeversicherung in Pflegegrad 1
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Data can also include in-kind benefits. Eligibility criteria were changed in 2008.
Source	Bundesministerium für Gesundheit Statistics

Programme Name [English]	Long-term care pension, in care level 2
Programme Name [Original]	Leistungsempfänger der Pflegeversicherung in Pflegegrad 2
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Data can also include in-kind benefits. Eligibility criteria were changed in 2008.
Source	Bundesministerium für Gesundheit Statistics

Programme Name [English]	Long-term care pension, in care level 3
Programme Name [Original]	Leistungsempfänger der Pflegeversicherung in Pflegegrad 3
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Data can also include in-kind benefits. Eligibility criteria were changed in 2008.
Source	Bundesministerium für Gesundheit Statistics

Programme Name [English]	Long-term care insurance - minor impairments (care level 1)
Programme Name [Original]	Leistungsempfänger der Pflegeversicherung in Pflegegrad 1
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Data can also include in-kind benefits. Eligibility criteria changed in 2008.
Source	Bundesministerium für Gesundheit Statistics

Programme Name [English]	Long-term care insurance - serious impairments (care level 2 & 3)
Programme Name [Original]	Leistungsempfänger der Pflegeversicherung in Pflegegrad 2 & 3
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Deutsche Rentenversicherung Report

Programme Name [English]	Long-term care insurance - severe impairments (care level 4 & 5)
Programme Name [Original]	Leistungsempfänger der Pflegeversicherung in Pflegegrad 4 & 5
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Deutsche Rentenversicherung Report

Pensions (Occupational injury and Disease)

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	Pension to the insured person after an occupational accident
Programme Name [Original]	Renten an Versicherte der gesetzlichen Unfallversicherung
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	DGUV-Deutsche Gesetzliche Unfallversicherung Report

Paid Sick Leave

3 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	Paid Sick leave from accident insurance
Programme Name [Original]	Verletztengeld der Unfallversicherung
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Total number of recipients over the year
Other remarks	
Source	DGUV-Deutsche Gesetzliche Unfallversicherung Statistics

Programme Name [English]	Paid sick leave of the statutory health insurance
Programme Name [Original]	Krankengeld der gesetzlichen Krankenversicherung
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Full-year equivalent
Other remarks	
Source	Destatis Statistisches Bundesamt Report

Programme Name [English]	Paid sick leave for civil servants
Programme Name [Original]	Krankengeld der Beihilfe
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	
Other remarks	No data available
Source	

FAMILY

Maternity and Parental Leave

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	Parental Allowance
Programme Name [Original]	Elterngeld
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Total number of recipients over the year
Other remarks	Data refer to reported terminated reciprocity of benefit and were collected only from 2008.
Source	Destatis Statistisches Bundesamt Statistics

UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment Compensations

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	Unemployment Benefit
Programme Name [Original]	Arbeitslosengeld bei Arbeitslosigkeit und bei Weiterbildung nach dem SGB III
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Federal Employment Agency, database

Programme Name [English]	Basic income support for job seekers
Programme Name [Original]	Grundsicherung für Arbeitssuchende (Arbeitslosengeld II und Sozialgeld)
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Federal Employment Agency, database

Early retirement for labour market reasons

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	Pension for the unemployed or those taking partial retirement
Programme Name [Original]	Altersrente wegen Arbeitslosigkeit oder nach Altersteilzeitarbeit
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Federal Employment Agency, database

OTHER SOCIAL

Income Maintenance

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	Social Payments
Programme Name [Original]	Sozialhilfe - Hilfe zum Lebensunterhalt
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients , average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Genesis Online Databank, tab 22121-0001

HOUSING

Housing Benefits

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	Housing Benefits
Programme Name [Original]	Wohngeld
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients , average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Destatis Statistisches Bundesamt Database

IN-WORK

In-work benefits

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	Short term work benefit
Programme Name [Original]	Kurzarbeitergeld
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients , average or point-in-time
Other remarks	The duration for short term work has been prolonged to up to 24 months in case of exceptional circumstances in the labour market. The extension was applied in 2009.
Source	Budesagentur für Arbeit Statistics and OECD Labour Force Statistics Database