

Count of Regular Home-Care Clients

Data description

Organisation: National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), Information Department

Description: Data on regular home care concern the number of clients receiving home care on November 30. The count of regular home-care clients was conducted every other year (in odd-numbered years, 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2005) up to 2005. From 2007 onwards, the count has been conducted each year in November. The figures include clients in services provided by municipalities, joint municipal boards and private service providers.

Data content: The data concern home-care providers and clients and the services received by them. The data include client identification data, age, gender, municipality of residence, previous place of treatment, reason for entering care, need for care, and appropriate place of treatment. The data is in particular used to report data on clients who have received home-care visits (home nursing, home-help services). These clients are seen as receiving regular home care.

Classifications used: Any regional classification that is in compliance with municipal boundaries is possible. Classifications used in the care notification.

Data collection methods and data sources: The service provider is responsible for notifying data for the count of regular home care.

The Count of Regular Home-Care Clients includes clients who, on the day of count, have a valid service and care plan (a care plan for social welfare or jointly for social and health care, or a home-nursing plan for health care) or who regularly (without a service and care plan) receive home-help services, home nursing or day hospital services at least once a week.

These care notifications are compiled into the national care register for home care.

Update frequency: Annually

Time of completion and release: The information is completed in June.

Time series: 1995–

Keywords: Home care, home-help services, home nursing, day hospital

Services: The data are intended to support planning and monitoring at the national level as well as at the level of municipalities, service providers and provinces. The data in the care register for home care are used to describe the use of regular home care in different client groups.

Products available: THL produces statistical publications based on care register data and counts municipality-specific indicators to be transferred to the SOTKAnet Statistics and Indicator Bank.

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