

Swedish Family Support Policy

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Total fertility rate 2017

Number of children per generation

Important Family Policy Reforms



Separate income taxation 1971



Parental allowance 1974



Development of public child care 1974

A high employment rate is a prerequisite

%

Children aged 1-5 by form of pre-school in 2013

(per cent) of all children in pre-schooling

Age of child	<u>Preschool</u>	<u>Family day care</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 year	49,2	1.7	50.9
2 years	88.9	3.0	91.9
3 years	93,3	2.9	96.2
4 years	94.7	2.8	97.5
<u>5 years</u>	<u>94.6</u>	<u>2.5</u>	<u>97.1</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>84,2</u>	<u>2.6</u>	<u>86.8</u>

Source: Official statistics.

Social expenditure on families and children as a share of GDP 2015

Child allowance

- Child allowance is a general benefit that parents receive as support for all children up to the age of 16
- The allowance is 125 EUR per child and month
- Parents receive a supplement when they have more than one child
- To emphasise the importance of equal parenting and joint responsibility for the child the child allowance and the large family supplement is by default distributed by half to each parent unless they report that only one of them should be the recipient

Benefit structure in 2018

	Child allowance, EUR	Large family supplement, EUR	Monthly benefit, EUR	Annual benefit EUR	Average annual benefit per child EUR
1 child	125	x	125	1500	1500
2 children	250	15	265	3180	1590
3 children	375	73	448	5376	1792
4 children	500	174	674	8088	2022
5 children	625	299	924	11088	2218

Parental benefit in connection with childbirth or adoption

- 480 days per child - divided equally between parents with joint custody
- 390 days are compensated at 80 % of annual income. Parents with a low income or no income at all receive a minimum guaranteed benefit of SEK 250/day
- Parents can give days to each other, except 90 days each that constitute the so called mum's and dad's months.
- Can be used until the child is twelve years old
- The majority of the days must be used before the child turns four.