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Nomenclature

NII	National Insurance Institute of Israel
NPI's	Non-profit Institutions

Monetary units

Social spending is expressed in millions of shekels (NIS).

General notes

Financial year from 1 January.

Data reflect actual expenditure and include administrative expenses for special units only.

Data include the outlays of General Government sector. The general government sector includes the government ministries, the National Insurance Institute, national institutions, local institutions, and public non-profit institutions.

The individual country notes of the OECD Benefits and Wages (www.oecd.org/els/social/workincentives) provide a comprehensive description of characteristics of social programmes (e.g. conditions for receipt, calculation of payment rates, tax treatment of social support, benefit duration, etc.) for the working-age population, including: unemployment insurance and assistance, social assistance, employment-conditional benefits, housing benefits, family benefits, childcare support, and support for sole parent households.

Break in series: No

Secretariat estimates

Sources

Data supplied by Central Bureau of Statistics.

The budgetary expenditure data are based on the analysis of the Accountant General's budget performance reports, and of budget provisions.

The estimates of expenditures by local authorities, national institutions, and non-profit institutions are based on data obtained from analysis of the units financial and budget accounts.

The data on NII expenditure are based on National Insurance Institute Annual and Quarterly Surveys from 1995 to 2016. The data on Public Non-profit Institutions are based on findings of a survey of non-profit institutions expenditures.

The mandatory and voluntary private social expenditure data are based on reports of pension funds and insurance companies to the Ministry of Finance Capital Markets, Insurance and Savings Division.

1. Public Social Expenditure Programmes

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Code	Title of the programme	Description of the programme and attached notes
1.	OLD AGE	
376.10.1.1.1.1	Public employee retirement (Central government)	Pension paid to the retired workers of budgetary government, national institutions public NPIs and professional army.
376.10.1.1.1.2	Public employee retirement (Local government)	Pension paid to the retired local authorities workers.
376.10.1.1.3.1	Old age pension (NII)	Monthly benefit payable to an insured person aged 70 (not means-tested) and means tested from the age of 67 for men and 64 for women (as since 2004). An increment to the basic old age pension for a spouse and for children as well as seniority increment and a deferred pension increment.
376.10.1.1.3.2	Rent assistance	Monthly benefit - participation in rent payments for the elderly.
376.10.1.2.1.1	Residential care in institutions	Central and local government and public NPIs expenditures for operating institutions for the elderly.
376.10.1.2.1.2	Housing provision to the elderly	Protected accommodation program started in 1996.
376.10.1.2.1.3	Home-help and community services for the elderly (NPI's)	Public NPIs operated home-help and community centers programmes.
376.10.1.2.1.4	Long-term care (NII)	Benefits in kind provided to every elderly person, who is an Israeli resident, whose function is restricted and who passes the means test and the test of dependency on others in daily activities, providing that he resides in the community. The long-term care services provided by private organizations and NPIs.
376.10.1.2.2.1	Long-term rent	Programme started in 2004 for long-term rent agreement for the elderly.
376.10.1.2.2.2	Services to the elderly	Community centers and services, institutional and other assistance.
376.10.1.2.2.3	Subsidized public transportation	Government payments to public transportation companies to cover subsidized ticket price for the elderly
2.	SURVIVORS	
376.10.2.1.1.1	Survivors pension (Central government)	Monthly benefit payable to a surviving family of war fatalities.
376.10.2.1.2.1	Survivors allowance (NII)	NII allowance paid to the insured person survivors after his death. The basic allowance is paid with an increment for children. A widower is defined as being eligible to a survivors' pension if he has children and passes the means test as required by law.
376.10.2.2.1.1	Funeral expenses (NII)	Lump sum paid on the death of an insured person to a spouse or children, or to the funeral company.
376.10.2.2.2.1	Survivors rehabilitation (NII)	Benefits in kind received by widow/er who cannot support himself and needs professional training.
3.	INCAPACITY-RELATED BENEFITS (Disability, Occupational injury and disease, Sickness)	
376.10.3.1.1.1	Disability pensions – Central government	Monthly benefit payable to the person injured during compulsory or reserve army service.
376.10.3.1.1.2	Disability benefits (NII)	Benefits received by an insured person who as a result of an impairment meets one of the following conditions: (a) lacks the capacity to earn a living from work or vocation and does not earn an

	amount that exceeds 25% of the average wage determined by the law; or (b) his capacity to earn a living from work or vocation as well as actual earnings were reduced by at least 50 % as a result of the impairment.
376.10.3.1.2.1 Work injury allowance and work disability benefit (NII)	Work injury allowance - allowance paid to an employee or self-employed worker who, as a result of a work accident, is unable to engage in his work or other suitable work. The maximum period for getting the allowance was 26 weeks till 2002 and was shortened. The amount paid is 75% of the injured person's income during the quarter – year prior to the injury. Work disability benefit – paid to a work injured person who, following the injury, remained disabled for a limited period or permanently. The disability benefits are: a temporary disability pension, paid to work injured person with a temporary disability degree of 9% at least; a permanent disability pension paid to work injured person with permanent disability degree of 20 % at least; a disability grant paid to person with permanent degree of disability of 9-19%; a special grant for one-time arrangements for person with disability degree of 75% and more.
376.10.3.1.5.2 Assistance to the disabled	Benefits for the disabled for special purposes and tax returns.
376.10.3.1.5.4 Hostile action injury allowance (NII)	Medical treatment and disability benefits for injured in hostile action determined by the law.
376.10.3.2.1.1 Residential care for the disabled	Local authorities and NPI operated institutions for the disabled.
376.10.3.2.1.2 Home-help services for the disabled	Mostly household and food preparing help for the disabled.
376.10.3.2.2.1 Rehabilitation services for the disabled	Government, local authorities, NPIs and national institution programmes for medical and vocational rehabilitation of the disabled
376.10.3.2.2.2 Rehabilitation services for the disabled and injured (NII)	Vocational rehabilitation for those who are unable to return to their previous jobs.
376.10.3.2.3.1 Services for the disabled	Benefits in kind provided by government to the disabled persons (general and rehabilitation services, administration attached to specific programmes, tax exempts etc.)
4. HEALTH	
General government expenditure for health by COFOG	
5. FAMILY	
376.10.5.1.1.1 Child allowance (NII)	Monthly paid to all families with children in Israel.
376.10.5.1.1.2 Study grant (NII)	In addition to child allowances paid to all families with children, a study grant is paid to single-parent families and families with four or more children who receive a subsistence benefit from NII.
376.10.5.1.1.3 Alimony (NII)	Monthly benefit paid to women who are divorced, separated, common-law wives or women who are remarried, in favor of whom a court determined alimony, when the person obligated does not pay. The amount due is determined in the court judgment or that set in the Alimony Law regulations – the lower of the two; when the amount of alimony determined is higher than that compelled by the regulations, the latter is paid, subject to an income test.
376.10.5.1.1.4: Savings plan for each child (NII)	Monthly deposit in savings plans for children up to the age of 18, in addition to the child allowance paid to all families with children.

376.10.5.1.2.1	Maternity allowance and vacation pay (NII)	Allowances given due to the maternity leave to an employee or self employed woman aged 18 and over, working in Israel or studying at vocational training programme or woman employee working abroad under certain conditions.
376.10.5.1.3.1	Cash benefits for needy families	Specific aid for needy families.
376.10.5.1.3.2	Birth grant (NII)	A grant given to an insured woman or a wife of insured person giving birth.
376.10.5.2.1.1	Local authorities day care programmes	Local authorities operated day care centers for infants.
376.10.5.2.1.2	Child care programmes (Public NPIs)	Public NPIs operated day care centers for disabled children.
376.10.5.2.1.3	Pre-primary educational institutions	Government, local authorities, NPIs and national institution expenditures for pre-primary (under age of 6) educational institutions and programmes
376.10.5.2.2.1	Child and family welfare services	Government, local authorities, NPIs and national institution programmes for children and family welfare.
376.10.5.2.2.2	Rehabilitation programmes for youth	Government and public NPIs operated programmes for educational system drop-outs and children from needy families as well as juvenile delinquents.
6. ACTIVE LABOUR MARKET PROGRAMMES		
376.10.6.0.1.1	Local authorities employment programmes	Training programmes for job search and business training , vocational training grants etc, participants are appointed by government offices.
376.10.6.0.1.2	Central Government employment services incl. administration	Government employment services are intended to match potential employees to employers and manage labour training.
376.10.6.0.1.3	Welfare Reform Pilots (Wisconsin Program) incl. administration	Pilot welfare-to-work programme for long-term unemployed intended to help the participants return to employment.
376.10.6.0.2.1	Labour market training programmes	Government funded programmes for vocational education
376.10.6.0.2.2	Labour market training - grants	Grants paid to persons participating in vocational training programmes.
376.10.6.0.4.1	Subsidized employment for new immigrants and the needy	Government funded employment for new immigrants and socially excluded persons.
376.10.6.0.5.1	Employment programmes for the disabled	Government funded employment for the disabled.
376.10.6.0.7.1	Support for individual inventors	R&D grants for individual inventors
376.10.6.0.7.2	Support for technological incubators	R&D grants for technological incubators
7. UNEMPLOYMENT		
376.10.7.1.1.1	Unemployment benefits (NII)	An unemployment benefit is paid to an unemployed person who worked prior to becoming unemployed for a period of 12 months' work out of the 18 months prior to unemployment. An unemployment benefit is paid for a maximum period of 50-175 days, depending to the age and marital status. The benefit is calculated in accordance with the unemployed person's salary prior to unemployment up to a ceiling.
376.10.7.1.1.2	Workers in leave of absence (NII) (COVID-19 programmes)	A cash benefit paid to furloughed workers and long-term unemployment grant. The entitlement conditions changed some times to match lockdown limitations
8. HOUSING		
376.10.8.2.1.1	Housing assistance (Amigour)	The Amigour Housing Management Company supervises and maintains real estate property owned by the Jewish Agency and Government. The apartments house new immigrants, young couples, large families and the elderly at low rent.
376.10.8.2.1.2	Capital transfers for dwelling purchases	Capital grants to new immigrants and the needy, means-tested, intended for dwelling purchase and the expenditure on bank commissions for loan management.
9. OTHER SOCIAL POLICY AREAS		

376.10.9.1.1.1	Income support benefit (NII)	Monthly benefit for workers and those lacking earnings whose income is lower than the amount determined by Income Support Law. Another condition for getting the benefit is employment test for persons at work age.
376.10.9.1.1.2	A grant for every citizen and special grant for Passover (NII) (COVID-2019 programmes)	Non-income tested cash grant for households aimed to help them cope with the consequences of the COVID-19 crises
376.10.9.1.2.1	Cash benefits for socially excluded	Cash benefits paid to new immigrants and socially excluded persons: delinquents, drug and alcohol abusers, homeless etc.
376.10.9.1.2.2	Cash benefits for the needy	Cash benefits paid by the government, public NPIs and national institutions to the needy.
376.10.9.1.2.3	Earned income tax credit: cash part (EITC)	A subsidy for low wage earners purposed to encourage individuals with low earning potential to enter the labour market.
376.10.9.1.2.4	Increased income tax credit (COVID-2019 programmes)	A subsidy for low wage earners purposed to encourage individuals with low earning potential to enter the labour market – advance payment.
376.10.9.2.1.1	Assistance to socially excluded	Assistance to socially excluded funded and operated by the government, local authorities, public NPIs
376.10.9.2.1.2	Assistance to new immigrants	Assistance to new immigrants funded and operated by public NPIs and national institutions.
376.10.9.2.2.2	Food provision for the needy	Food distribution centers (soup kitchens) operated by NPIs.
376.10.9.2.2.3	Philanthropy funds	Grant-making foundations for welfare.
376.10.9.2.2.4	Subsidized public transportation	Government payments to public transportation companies to cover subsidized ticket price for the needy and socially excluded

2. Mandatory Private Social Expenditure Programmes

Code	Title of the programme	Description of the programme and attached notes
3.	INCAPACITY-RELATED BENEFITS (Disability, Occupational injury and disease, Sickness)	
376.20.3.1.4.1	Sick Leave	Wage reimbursement for sick employees.
7.	UNEMPLOYMENT	
376.20.7.1.1.1	Unemployment compensation	Severance pay by provident funds to insured persons whose employment is terminated.

3. Voluntary Private Social Expenditure Programmes.

Code	Title of the programme	Description of the programme and attached notes
1.	OLD AGE	
376.30.1.1.1.1	Old age pension (pension funds)	Pension paid to the insured retired workers by pension funds. Since 2008, the contributions to pension funds are mandatory. Presuming that pension funds payments being made during last few years, derive mostly from previous voluntary contributions, the programme is listed under voluntary social expenditure. The private pension payments are to be enrolled under mandatory private expenditure in the following reports.
2.	SURVIVORS	
376.30.2.1.1.1	Survivors pension (pension funds)	Monthly benefit paid to the insured person survivors after his death by pension funds.
3.	INCAPACITY-RELATED BENEFITS (Disability, Occupational injury and disease, Sickness)	
376.30.3.1.1.1	Disability pensions (pension funds)	Work disability benefit paid to a work injured person who, following the injury, remained disabled for a limited period or permanently.