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### *LATVIA*

#### *Nomenclature*

*Monetary unit:* In Millions Euro

#### *General notes*

The individual country notes of the OECD tax-benefit model ([How do countries calculate tax liabilities and social benefit entitlements? | OECD](#)) 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*

Data for 1990 onwards are based on the new ESSPROS methodology format. Coherent spending series for 1980 onwards at the individual programme level were obtained on basis of information for a few years in the early 1990s for which both historical spending series and information based on the new ESSPROS format were available. For certain programmes and aggregate categories, breaks in series (between 1989 and 1990) were inevitable. In general, programmes from the old ESSPROS format which could not be matched with a figure from the new ESSPROS format were set to “missing” from 1990 onwards; similarly, figures from the new ESSPROS format which could not be matched to a programme from the old methodology were set to “missing” for the period 1980-89.

Data on public expenditure are underestimated for the period 1980-89 because data on public expenditure on ALMP are available only from 1990 onwards.

Health Data refer to *OECD Health Data* since 1988 and to estimates from 1988 backwards from previous national accounts health spending series.

*Secretariat estimates:* No

#### *Sources*

##### **1980-89**

EUROSTAT (1995), *Social Protection Expenditure and Receipts 1980-1993*, Luxembourg.

EUROSTAT (1996), *Digest of Statistics on Social Protection in Europe – Old Age and Survivors: an update*, Luxembourg.

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### 1997 onwards

Data provided by EUROSTAT (ESSPROS database), except for:

**1997 onwards**      4. Health: OECD Health Data ([OECD Health Statistics | OECD](#))

**1997 onwards**      5.2.1.3 Childcare (pre-primary education): OECD Education database  
([OECD Data Explorer • Full dataset - Indicators, source, destination and nature of expenditure on education](#))

**1997 onwards**      6. ALMP: OECD Labour Market Policy database.

(See Table “Passage from ESSPROS to SOCX” next page).

### *Background information*

European Social Statistics, Social Protection, ESSPROS qualitative information  
[Qualitative information - Eurostat](#)

MISSOC, Mutual information system on social protection in the Member states of the European Union and of the European Economic Area

([http://ec.europa.eu/employment\\_social/social\\_protection/missoc\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/social_protection/missoc_en.htm))

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 Passage from Esspros to SOCX (public / mandatory-voluntary private)

Latvia, in millions national currency

ESSPROS/SOCX		Code	1997	2000	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
(1)	<b>ESSPROS Social protection benefits</b>	<b>1100000</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>3,582</b>	<b>3,733</b>	<b>3,916</b>	<b>4,369</b>	<b>4,708</b>	<b>5,183</b>	<b>6,355</b>
-	(2) - ESSPROS Disability Economic integration of the handicapped	1121114 1121122 1122114 1122122	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
-	(3) - ESSPROS Sickness Benefits in kind	1111200 1112200	125 1	154 1	536 32	701 0	729 0	774 0	953 0	1,088 0	1,209 0	1,707 0
-	(4) - ESSPROS Unemployment Cash - Vocational training allowance	1161114 1161121 1162114 1162121	1 0 0 0	1 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
		Benefits in kind	4 0	6 0	47 0	18 0	24 0	23 0	22 0	17 0	16 0	14 0
+	(5) SOCX/ Health HEALTH Public benefits in kind	428.10.4.0.0.0	126	189	664	815	869	923	1,080	1,220	1,395	2,110
+	(6) SOCX/ EDU-EAG FAMILY Services Child care (pre-primary education)	428.10.5.2.1.2	a	a	117	148	155	175	178	199	217	230
+	(7) SOCX/ALMP ACTIVE LABOUR MARKET PROGRAMMES	428.10.6.0.0.0	0	0	99	35	48	51	54	45	41	44
-	(8) = SOCX MANDATORY PRIVATE SOCIAL EXPENDITURE	428.20.90.0.0.0	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
-	(9) = SOCX VOLUNTARY PRIVATE SOCIAL EXPENDITURE	428.30.90.0.0.0	2	6	29	12	13	14	17	97	99	108
+	(10) SOCX / Health HEALTH Voluntary private insurance, benefits in kind	428.30.4.2.0.0	2	6	29	12	13	14	17	97	99	108
=	(11) SOCX PUBLIC SOCIAL EXPENDITURE	428.10.90.0.0.0	769	1,052	3,461	3,861	4,053	4,267	4,706	5,067	5,611	7,018

Notes:

- (1) "ESSPROS / Social protection benefits" are Total ESSPROS expenditures (1000000) less Administration costs (1200000) and other expenditure (1400000, property income and other).
- (2) The ESSPROS data within "Disability / Economic integration of the handicapped" are not included in SOCX database to avoid double counting with SOCX "Active Labour Market Programmes / Measures for the disabled".
- (3) The ESSPROS data within "Sickness / Benefits in kind" are not included in SOCX database to avoid double counting with SOCX "Health / Benefits in kind".
- (4) The ESSPROS data within "Unemployment / Cash Vocational training allowance" "Unemployment / Benefits in kind" are not included in SOCX database to avoid any double counting with SOCX "Active Labour Market Programmes".
- (5) SOCX Health benefits in kind are from "OECD Health Data ([www.oecd.org/health/healthdata](http://www.oecd.org/health/healthdata))".
- (6) SOCX includes public spending on pre-primary education from OECD education database, unless such data are already included in "5.2.1. Day care services".
- (7) SOCX Active Labour Market Programmes are from "OECD database on labour market programmes".
- (8) No programmes are classified in SOCX as Mandatory private.
- (9) Spending on some programmes recorded under the schemes below are categorised as Voluntary private in SOCX. (9) Includes (10).
- (10) SOCX Private insurance Health benefits in kind are from "OECD Health Data ([www.oecd.org/health/healthdata](http://www.oecd.org/health/healthdata))".
- (11) = (1) - (2) - (3) - (4) + (5) + (6) + (7) - (8) - (9) + (10)

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Code	Title of the programme	Description of the programme and attached notes
<b>1. OLD AGE</b>		
428.10.1.1.1.7	Old age pension (non means tested) : State pension insurance	The pensionable age in the mandatory pension system is to 62 years for both men and women. The pensionable age is set to increase with 3 months every year from 2014 to 2025, whereby the pensionable age will be 65 years. Legislation provides an opportunity to retire 2 years before the normal retirement age, if person's insurance record is 30 years or more. The amount of early retirement pension is 50% of pension amount. The full pension is restored after reaching normal retirement age. The minimum insurance period to qualify for an old-age pension was 10 years until 2013. From 2014, it has been extended to 15 years and from 2025 to 20 years.
<b>2. SURVIVORS</b>		
428.10.2.1.1.7	Survivor's pension (non means tested) : State pension insurance	Family members of a deceased provider who have been the said person's dependents and are incapable of work have the right to a survivor's pension. Children of the deceased are granted the survivor's pension irrespective of the fact if they have been the deceased person's dependents. The pension is paid to the person till the age of 18 or till the age of 24 if the person studies at institutions of general education, vocational education or higher educational institutions.
<b>3. INCAPACITY RELATED BENEFITS (Disability, Occupational injury and disease, Sickness)</b>		
428.10.3.1.1.2	Disability pension	Insured person who have been recognized to be disabled, have the right to receive a disability pension.
428.10.3.1.4.2	Paid sick leave	The sickness benefit is granted to a socially insured person if the said person fails to come to work and thus loses wages or income from work. The benefit is paid for the period starting with the 11th day of incapability for work till the recovery of capability for work but not for more than 26 weeks, starting with the first day of incapability for work, or not for more than 52 weeks during a three year period if incapability for work recurs with intervals. The sickness benefit is paid for 26 weeks if the person is sick continuously. The benefit is granted in the amount of 80% of the average insurance contribution wages of the recipient of the benefit.
<b>4. HEALTH</b>		
56.10.4.2.0.0	Public expenditure on health	See <i>OECD Health Statistics</i> .
<b>5. FAMILY</b>		
428.10.5.1.1.2	Family or child allowance ( non means tested) : State social benefits to the families with children.	The benefit is granted to one of the child's parents from the date the child was born or to the child's guardian or adoptive parent from the date of establishing guardianship or adoption or to the person who actually brings up the child. The benefit is granted for every child 1) who is under the age of 15 or 2) is over the age of 15 during the time the child attends school of general education and has not married. In such case, an allowance shall be granted for the time period during which a child attends an educational institution and up to, but not after, the day when he or she has reached 19 years of age or entered into marriage. The benefit amount depends on the number of children in the family.
428.10.5.1.2.1	Parental leave benefit (non means tested) : Maternity and paternity benefits.	Parent's benefit is paid to persons who are on child care leave or continue to work during child care period (are not on child care leave) and who are raising children under 1 year of age, if this person has been employed on the day the benefit is granted (is considered to be an employee or self-employed person in accordance with the Law on State Social Insurance). The benefit granted to one of the parents or a person who has taken guardianship of a child. The amount of parental benefit is 70% of the average gross wages upon which

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		contributions have been paid during 12 months, but not less than 89.64 EUR per month. This 12-month period applies from three months before the month of the child's birth.
<b>6.</b>	<b>ACTIVE LABOUR MARKET PROGRAMMES</b>	
		See OECD Labour Market Policy database.
<b>7.</b>	<b>UNEMPLOYMENT</b>	
428.10.7.1.1.3	Full unemployment benefits (means tested)	Persons, whose insurance period is not less than one year, compulsory social insurance contributions in the event of unemployment have been made for not less than 12 months during the preceding 16-month period, have the right to an unemployment benefit. If within the last preceding 16 months before obtaining of the status of unemployed the contributions for the case of unemployment are made on behalf of the unemployed for the period of less than 12 months, and also for the period after obtaining of the status of unemployed, then unemployment benefits are determined on the basis of the contributions made during the preceding 16 months before obtaining of the status of unemployed. The benefit amount for an unemployed person is determined in proportion to the length of the person's insurance period and incomes for which contributions in the event of unemployment have been made.