



Inventory of social assistance in a broader sense

Description

The inventory of social assistance in a broader sense lists the various cantonal means-tested benefits and summarises them in a benefits classification. It collects the corresponding legal bases and organises the information they contain under uniform headings. This enables users to get a quick overview of a canton's range of benefits and to make comparisons between the cantons.

The following criteria are significant for the inclusion of a social benefit in the inventory: it must be a cash benefit that is:

1. means-tested
2. personal
3. regulated by cantonal law
4. in the form of a general maintenance payment
5. targeted at combating poverty and
6. to which access is ensured if the personal eligibility criteria are fulfilled.

The inventory can be found at : www.sozialhilfeiws.bfs.admin.ch

The inventory is updated every year.

Available since: 2007

Methodology

The inventory lists the benefits by canton, category and year.

Application: Basis for the Swiss social assistance recipient statistics, the financial statistics on social assistance in a broader sense and for the poverty indicator as part of the new system of fiscal equalisation (NFE) between the Confederation and the cantons

Legal bases

Ordinance on the Conduct of Statistical Surveys by the Confederation of 30 June 1993 (RS 431.012.1)

Verordnung vom 7. November 2007 über den Finanz- und Lastenausgleich (SR 613.21)

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