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Increase social security benefits slows down

- 318 thousand social security benefits
- 3 thousand benefits more in 2nd quarter of 2011
- Marginal increase among men under the age of 27

The most recent figures released by Statistics Netherlands show that the number of social security benefits granted to people under the age of 65 has risen to 318 thousand in the second quarter of 2011, an increase by 3 thousand versus an increase by 8 thousand in the first quarter.

The number of social security benefits has risen for thirty months now. The net increase over this period was 59 thousand, an average increase per quarter of nearly 6 thousand. The increase in this year's second quarter is far below the average growth level per quarter over the past thirty months.

Altogether, the number of social security benefits grew by 1.1 percent in the second quarter of 2011. With 0.4 percent, the growth among men younger than 27 is marginal, whereas this age category showed the highest growth in the two prior quarters.

In municipalities with a population of 100 thousand or more, Almere shows the highest relative growth in two years. At the end of June this year, more than 4,500 social security benefits were granted in Almere, an increase by 36 percent from two years previously. The nationwide increase is 18 percent. The smallest increase in the category municipalities with more than 100 thousand residents is Breda, where the number of social security benefits grew by 3 percent.

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Table 1. Social security benefits to people living at home under the age of 65 ²⁾

	2010		2011		Change		
	31 March	30 June	30 Sep	31 Dec	31 March	30 June*	31 March '11 - 30 June '11*
<i>x 1,000</i>							
Total ¹⁾	292	300	302	307	315	318	3
Men	130	134	133	136	141	143	2
younger than 27 yrs	15	16	15	16	17	17	0
27 to 35 yrs	20	21	21	22	23	24	0
35 to 45 yrs	32	33	33	34	35	35	1
45 to 55 yrs	35	36	36	37	38	38	1
55 to 65 yrs	27	28	28	28	29	29	0
Women	163	166	168	171	173	175	2
younger than 27 yrs	17	18	19	19	20	21	1
27 to 35 yrs	24	25	25	26	26	27	1
35 to 45 yrs	40	41	41	41	42	42	0
45 to 55 yrs	42	43	43	44	45	45	1
55 to 65 yrs	40	40	40	40	41	41	0
Marital status							
Single	179	185	186	189	195	198	2
Single parent	72	74	76	77	78	79	1
(Married) couple	40	40	39	40	40	40	0
Otherwise	1	1	1	1	1	1	0

¹⁾ Including unknown

²⁾ Benefits paid under the WWB or WIJ

* Provisional figure

Source: Statistics Netherlands

Table 2. Number of social security benefits to people still living at home under the age of 65 ¹⁾ in municipalities with a population of 100 thousand or more

Municipality ²⁾	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011*	June'09- June'10	June'10- June'11*	June'09- June'11*
	Absolute figures			%		
Almere	3 340	4 000	4 520	20	13	36
Emmen	2 240	2 750	2 840	23	4	27
Amersfoort	1 970	2 310	2 450	17	6	24
Zwolle	2 140	2 520	2 640	18	5	24
The Hague	15 470	17 480	18 990	13	9	23
Zoetermeer	1 970	2 290	2 410	17	5	23
Haarlemmermeer	1 150	1 280	1 410	12	9	22
Rotterdam	27 950	30 390	33 630	9	11	20
's-Hertogenbosch	2 440	2 760	2 920	13	6	20
Haarlem	2 250	2 410	2 670	7	11	19
Zaanstad	2 100	2 410	2 460	15	2	17
Utrecht	6 020	6 460	6 980	7	8	16
Groningen	7 330	7 870	8 440	7	7	15
Leiden	2 370	2 460	2 710	4	10	15
Amsterdam	30 710	32 820	35 090	7	7	14
Tilburg	4 490	5 040	5 110	12	1	14
Nijmegen	4 730	5 050	5 380	7	7	14
Apeldoorn	2 210	2 370	2 480	7	4	12
Enschede	4 620	5 150	5 160	12	0	12
Dordrecht	2 860	3 150	3 160	10	0	11
Arnhem	4 890	5 100	5 350	4	5	9
Ede	1 110	1 170	1 210	5	3	9
Maastricht	2 750	3 030	2 990	10	-1	9
Eindhoven	4 960	5 370	5 200	8	-3	5
Breda	3 170	3 400	3 260	7	-4	3
Municipalities with a population of 100 000 or more	145 210	159 040	169 440	10	7	17
Municipalities with a population under 100 000	124 900	141 180	148 730	13	5	19
Netherlands	270 110	300 220	318 170	11	6	18

¹⁾ Benefits paid under the WWB or WIJ

²⁾ As from 1 January 2011

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