

Glossary: Basic and supplementary benefits

Statistics Explained

Basic [benefits](#) guarantee a base level of protection (based on the number of years of contributions, work or residency) but not necessarily up to the level of resources required for a minimum, socially-acceptable, standard of living. Supplementary/complementary benefits top-up basic benefits, extend the coverage of basic benefits, or replace basic benefits where the recipient does not fulfil the initial entitlement conditions.

Further information

[European system of integrated social protection statistics — ESSPROS Manual and User guidelines. 2019 edition](#)