

The Survivors' function includes benefits that:

- provide a temporary or permanent income to people who have suffered from the loss of the spouse or a next-of-kin, usually when the latter represented the main breadwinner for the beneficiary;
- compensate survivors for funeral costs for any hardship caused by the death of a family member;
- provide goods and services to eligible survivors.

Survivors eligible for benefit may be the spouse or ex-spouse of the deceased person, his or her children, grandchildren, parents or other relatives. In some cases, the benefit may also be paid to someone outside the family.

Further information

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

[Regulation \(EC\) No 458/2007](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 April 2007 on the European system of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS)

[Regulation \(EC\) No10/2008](#) of 8 January 2008 implementing Regulation (EC) No 458/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European system of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS)

Statistical data

[Social protection statistics - overview](#)

[Social protection statistics - social benefits](#)