

Key facts and figures on people with disabilities in Hungary

The number of people with mental disabilities

According to the most comprehensive set of data published by the Hungarian Central Statistical Office in 2011, almost 500,000 people with disabilities live in the country.¹

Out of this, approximately 43.000 people are people with intellectual disabilities, more than 46.000 are people with mental health issues and 5.000 with autism.

Almost 1% of the total population has some form of mental disability.

The number of people living in residential social care institutions

More than 90.000 people live in residential social care institutions – including elderly, people with mental disabilities, homeless people or addicts.²

In total, approximately 25.000 people with intellectual disabilities and mental health issues are placed in institutions.

Around 16.000 people with intellectual disabilities live in so-called ‘homes for people with disabilities’ and 8.800 people with mental health issues live in ‘homes for psychiatric patients’.

In 2011, there were 87 homes for psychiatric patients and 303 homes for people with disabilities in the country - with an average of 53 and 92 places respectively.³

The biggest home for psychiatric patients is located on the Austrian border, in Szentgotthárd, almost 300 kilometers far from Budapest.⁴ The institution has 734 places.

¹ Központi Statisztikai Hivatal, 2011. évi népszámlálás, 11. Fogyatékossgal élők, 1.7 A magánháztartásban és az intézeti háztartásban fogyatékossgal élők a fogyatékossgal típusa szerint, 18. oldal (Hungarian Central Statistical Office, 2011 Census, 11. People with disabilities, 1.7 The number of people living at home and institutions based on the type of impairment), page 18:

http://www.ksh.hu/docs/hun/xftp/idoszaki/nepsz2011/nepsz_11_2011.pdf

² Központi Statisztikai Hivatal, A tartós bentlakásos és átmeneti elhelyezést nyújtó szociális intézményekben ellátottak az intézmény típusa szerint (1993–) (Hungarian Central Statistical Office, The number of people placed in long- and short term residential social care institutions (1993-)):

http://www.ksh.hu/docs/hun/xstadat/xstadat_eves/i_fsi001.html

³ Központi Statisztikai Hivatal, Magyar Statisztikai Évkönyv, 2011, 129. oldal, (Hungarian Central Statistical Office, Statistical Yearbook of Hungary, 2011, page 129.):

http://www.ksh.hu/docs/hun/xftp/idoszaki/evkonyv/evkonyv_2011.pdf

⁴ Webpage of the institution in Szentgotthárd: http://www.gotthardotthon.hu/?page_id=161



Another example of a bigger institution is the home for people with disabilities in Bóly with 235 beds (200 for adults and 35 for children).⁵

Placement of people with disabilities in long-term institutions breaches the Government's obligations under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Despite the Government's commitment to enable people with disabilities to move out from the large institutions to the community, there has been no considerable progress on deinstitutionalisation in the last 10 years.

According to information released to MDAC from the Directorate-General for Child Protection - an agency of the Ministry of Human Capacities -, in 2015 there had been 4,042 deaths of people in institutions that are under the state's supervision.

Finances of the Topház institution

The 2016 annual budget of the social care institution in Topház was 542 701 000 HUF (approximately 1.75 million EUR).⁶

This equals to approximately 205.570 HUF/person/month (approximately 660 EUR/person/month).

A bulk of this amount is spent on the maintenance and staffing of the institution.

In comparison, if one of the family members needs to stay at home to care for a disabled relative, as a 'nursing fee' he/she receives a maximum of 50.000 HUF/month (approximately 161 EUR).

⁵ Rules of organisation and operation of the institution in Bóly: http://baranya.szgyf.gov.hu/images/docs/boly-gorcsony_eszi/Boly-Gorcsony_ESZI_SZMSZ.pdf

⁶ SZGYF Pest, Közzétételi lista: Pest Megyei Topház Egyesített Szociális Intézmény - Éves költségvetések, (Directorate-General for Child Protection, Publication list – annual budgets for the Topház social care institution), available at <http://pest.szgyf.gov.hu/index.php/kozerdeku-adatok/16-kozzeteteli-lista-integralt-szocialis/48-kozzeteteli-lista-pestmegyei-tophaz-egyесitett-szocialis-intezmeny>