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Family Policy in Russia: Current Issues

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Marriage & childbearing

(Goskomstat Rossii 2007, Council of Europe 2006)

per 1000 inh.	1990	2005-6
Crude mar. rate	8.9	7.8
Crude div. rate	3.8	4.5
Tot. fert. rate	1.9	1.3

1995 (f), years	Russia	CoE aver.
Mean age 1st mar	22	24.8
Mean age 1st child	22.7	25.4

Types of household, %

Single-person	22.3
2-pers	27.6
3-pers	23.8
4-pers	26.4

(Goskomstat 2005)

1-child households	68
2-children households	27
Couples, no children	28
Single mothers	22.9

(Philipov 2006)

Structural reforms

- Four non-governmental insurance funds (Pension, Employment, Health Care and Social Insurance)
 - contributions are wage-related;
 - employers contribute via a unified social tax that equals 26 per cent of their payments to employees;
 - universal entitlement
- Childcare provision transferred to the jurisdiction of local authorities

Benefits

- lump-sum benefit at birth (ca 166.2 Euro)
 - Universal
- means-tested child allowance for families with children aged 1.5–16 years old (ca 2 Euro)
 - no instruments that allow evaluating the effect

Leave regulations

Maternity Leave	
Who is entitled	All employed (employees and self-employed)
Duration	70 calendar days before the delivery, 70 days after
Level of compensation	Average wage during the previous 12 months
Parental leave	
Who is entitled	Any caregiver
Duration	Until the child reaches the age of 1.5 years old (3 years – unpaid)
Level of compensation	40% of previous income, the lower and the upper limits are established. The minimum size equals ca 44 Euro for first child, 88 Euro for the second child. And the maximum size is established at 176 Euro

Childcare provision

By region (per cent of total population, 0–7 years old), 2003

Northwestern	72.6
Volga	64.5
Urals	64.4
Far Eastern	61.4
Central	59.8
Siberian	51.8
Southern	40.4

By age (per cent of total population of all enrolled children)

	under 1.5 years	1.5–3 years	over 3 years
1990	0.7	21.1	78.2
1995	0.4	14.8	84.8
2000	0.8	17.7	81.5
2001	0.8	17.9	81.3
2002	0.8	18.7	80.5

Statistika rossijskogo obrazovanija (2006), Goskomstat (2006)