

## Denmark

**Distinctive Features:** Universalism; generous and comprehensive cash benefits (which keeps poverty low) and early childhood education and care (ECEC) services; gender equality and reconciling work and family life; child orientation. Strong municipal role.

### Maternity / Parental Leave

Benefit	Taxable benefit and job-protected leave, includes adoption
Eligibility Criteria	Maternity Leave: all women; Parental Leave: all working parents; Paternity Leave: all fathers.
Duration of Leave	Maternity Leave: 52 wks with various possible distributions between parents; Parental Leave: up to 32 wks until child's ninth birthday.
Compensation Rate	Maternity Leave: 100% wage replacement. Parental Leave: 60% of Unemployment Insurance Benefit rate

### Early Childhood Education and Care

Age Group Served	6 months to 7 years
Eligibility Criteria	Universal: Working Parents (6 months to 5 years); all children (5 – 7)
Locus of Care	Preschool, centers, family day-care homes, own homes
Fees	Ages 5-7: Free; Ages 6 months to 5 years: Income-related parent fees
Funding Strategies	Mix of govt. (national and local) spending, 70%; and parent fees, 30%. Low-income families receive additional help.
Access/Coverage (%)	66% ½ –3 year olds; 93% 3 – 6 year olds.

### Family and Child Allowances

Benefit & Eligibility	Universal cash benefit for residents with one or more children under age 18.
Benefit Level	Varies by age of child. Generous benefits are higher for younger children.

### Child Support

Benefit	Guaranteed minimum child support advanced by government agency.
Maintenance Rate	

### Other Child-Conditioned Income Transfers

Benefits	Survivor's Benefits; social assistance.
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### Child and Adolescent Health

Access to Coverage	Universal coverage, provided by national health service; municipality-based health care delivery system; exemplary home health visiting service.
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### School-Age Children Policies

Compulsory School	Ages 7 – 16
School Hours	8:00 – 15:00

### Youth Policies

Distinctive Features	Local authorities provide extensive after-school programs and centers, as mandated by legislation. Youth policy voice.
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### Housing Benefits

Benefit	No national policy; if necessary, local efforts to find and subsidize housing.
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