

High level of income equality

Denmark is one of the countries in the world with the most equal income distribution. Of course incomes after tax differ, but – compared to other countries – not much money needs to be redistributed for all Danes to have the same income.

Danish family incomes differ according to the municipality of residence. In general, the metropolitan area and the large cities account for the greatest taxable incomes. In Denmark as a whole, Danish families had an average income before taxes of DKK 349,500 in 2003. In the municipalities north of Copenhagen, a family in, for example, Søllerød municipality had an average income of DKK 635,500 a year, while a family in Syddjurs municipality had an average income before taxes of DKK 278,500.

After taxes and transfer payments, Denmark is characterised by having a very high degree of income equality. Denmark is one of the countries in the world with the most equally distributed incomes after taxes and transfer payments.

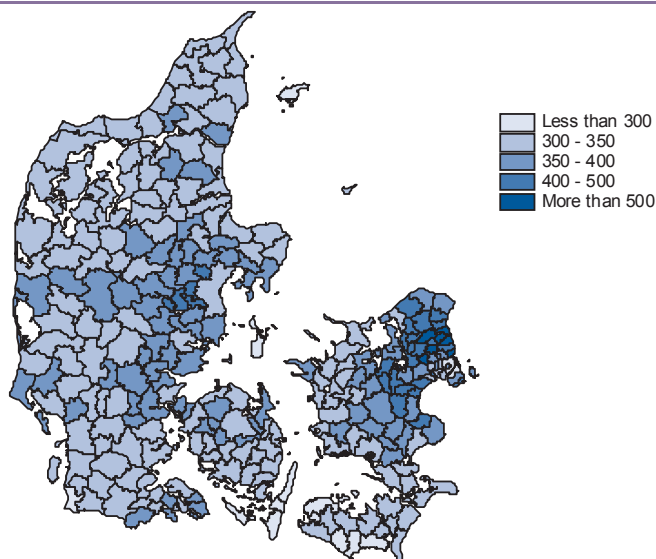


FAMILY INCOME

A family is defined as one or more persons living at the same address, be it singles, couples or children younger than 18 living with their parents. Family income should not be mistaken for "household income", used in the consumer survey.

In the statistics, families include both couples and singles, with and without children. Couples with children had the highest average family income of DKK 596,000 in 2003. Incomes also differ from men to women. In 2003, men's average personal income was DKK 259,400, while that of women was DKK 195,300.

AVERAGE FAMILY INCOME BEFORE TAXES 2003 (DKK 1 000)



FAMILY INCOME BEFORE TAXES

	No. of families 1 000s	Type of ownership		Use of cars		
		owner	tenant	no car	1 car	2 cars +
		per cent				
Total (DKK 1 000)	2 859.7	50.2	49.8	47.9	44.7	7.4
Under DKK 99	251.8	36.2	63.8	91.7	7.7	0.6
DKK 100 - 199	740.6	24.9	75.1	77.7	21.4	0.9
DKK 200 - 299	562.6	39.2	60.8	51.6	45.7	2.7
DKK 300 - 399	359.2	54.3	45.7	32.6	61.3	6.2
DKK 400 - 499	294.9	70.2	29.8	18.5	69.3	12.3
DKK 500 - 599	255.1	78.4	21.6	12.8	70.7	16.5
DKK 600 - 699	160.5	82.9	17.1	13.0	67.4	19.6
DKK 700 - 799	90.2	85.2	14.8	15.8	62.5	21.7
DKK 800 - 899	50.5	86.5	13.5	19.2	57.6	23.2
DKK 900 - 999	29.6	88.0	12.0	21.8	53.5	24.6
DKK 1 million +	64.7	89.6	10.4	27.6	47.3	25.1