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Over 1.1 Million Tenants Receive Rent Subsidies

THE HAGUE, 01/06/10 - Over 1.1 million households in the Netherlands received rent subsidies in 2008. In total, the government paid out nearly 2 billion euros, the Central Bureau for Statistics (CBS) reported yesterday.

In the Netherlands, there is a big market for rental homes, which are nearly all regulated and in the hands of the government. Tenants without work have part of the rent of their home reimbursed. Sometimes the subsidy is also available for working people in low-paid jobs.

In 2008, some three million households lived in a rental home, for an average of 440 euros per month. Around one in three received rent subsidies, averaging 145 euros a month.

Nearly 30 percent of total rent subsidies went to single people aged over 65, mainly women. Single people aged up to 65 accounted for 25 percent of the rental subsidies, while single-parent families - mainly single mothers - were good for 21 percent.

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