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## **Benefits for Families with Children in Social Legislation of the Federation BiH**

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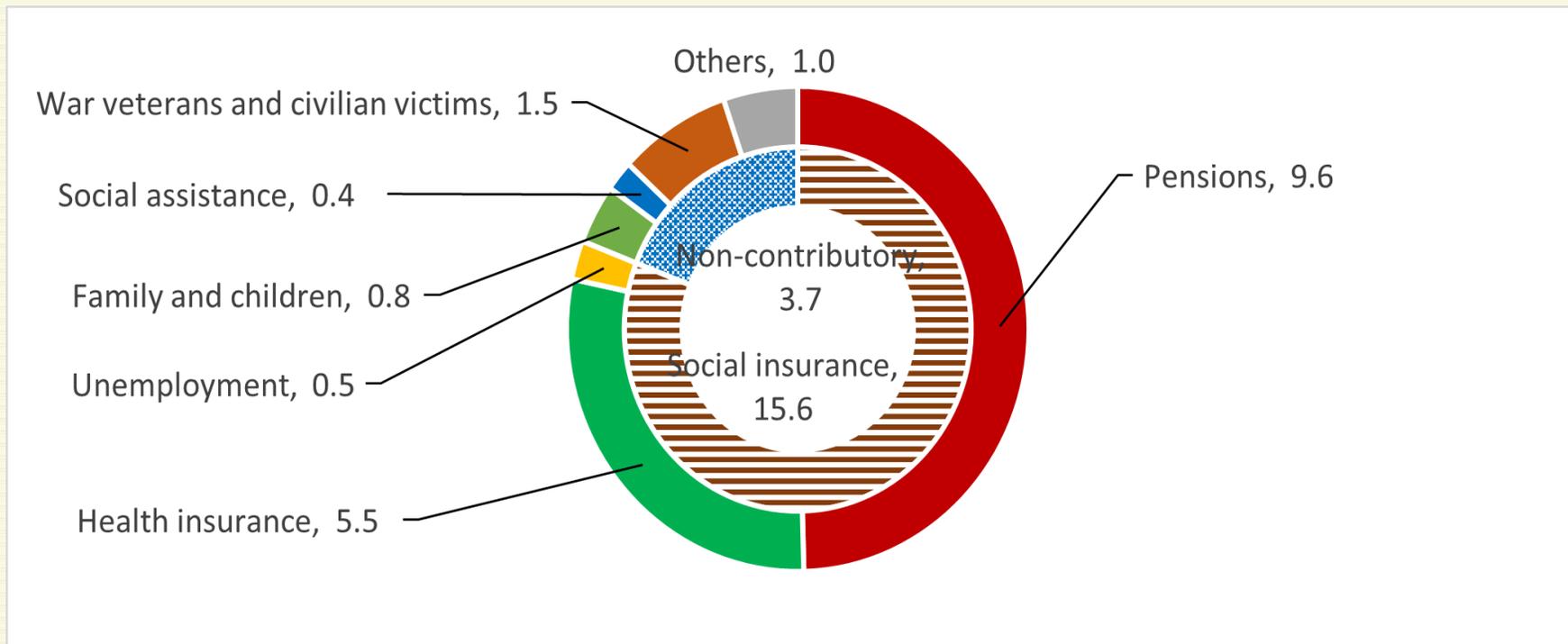
Child Population by ages 0 – 4 in the overall population in BiH, according to the censuses of: 1971, 1981, 1991 and 2013

Census Year	1971	1981	1991	2013
<b>Total Population</b>	3.746.111	4.124.256	4.377.033	3.531.159
<b>Children by ages 0–4</b>	405.505	365.332	332.422	174.064
<b>%</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>4.9</b>

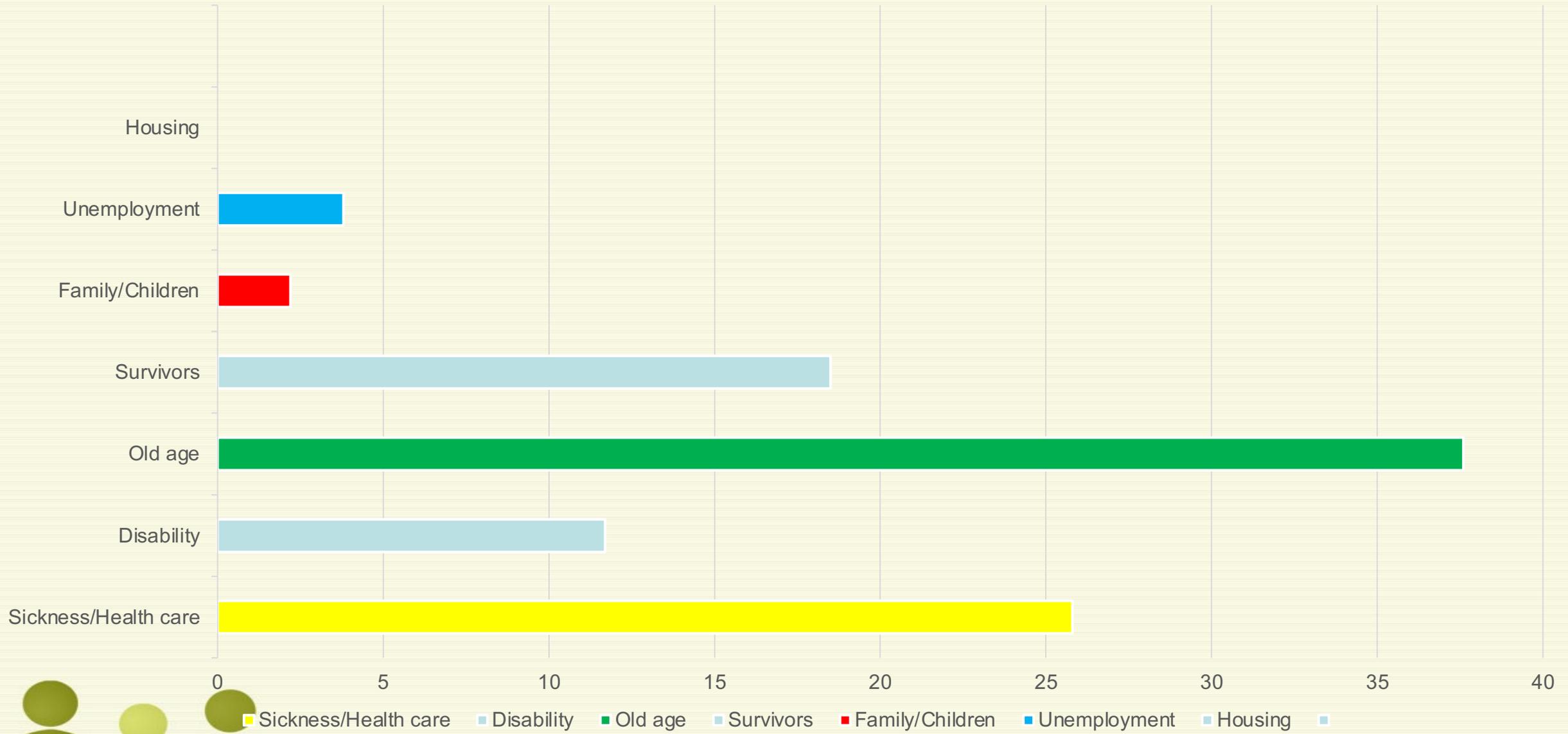
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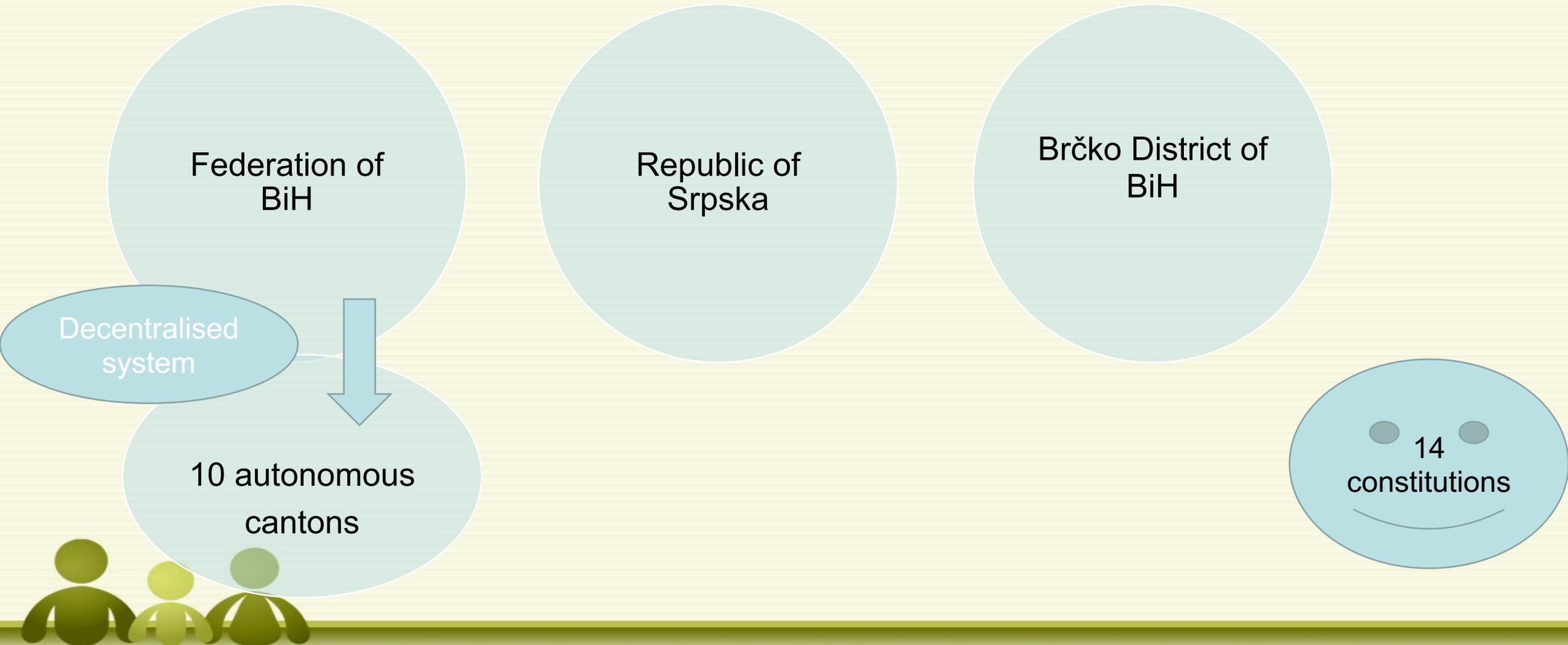
# Social protection expenditure, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2019 (% of GDP)



# Total Expenditures for Social Protection Benefits by Function in Federation of BiH (2016)



# Social protection in Bosnia and Herzegovina



# Sources of Law in Social Protection of Families with Children in Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Law on Principles of Social Protection, Protection of Civilian Victims of War, and Protection of Families with Children (1999)

- “Official Gazette of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina”, no. 36/99, 54/04, 39/06, 14/09, 45/16 and 40/18.

Law on Support to Families with Children in Federation BiH (2022)

- “Official Gazette of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina”, no. 52/22, od 01.07.2022. godine.
- This Law comes into force on the eight day, following the day of its publishing in the “Official Gazette of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina” – on July 9 2022
- the law will begin to apply 3 months after coming in force – on October 10 2022.

AIM:  
Provide all children with approximately equal material conditions for a healthy family life



## Fundamental Rights of the families with children in FBiH

9 rights stipulated by the FBiH

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Law on Principles of Social Protection, Protection of Civilian Victims of War, and Protection of Families with Children (1999)	Law on Support to Families with Children in FBiH (2022)
Child allowance	+
Allowance during the period of pregnancy and childbirth for unemployed wife/mother	+
Reimbursement of the salary to the employed wife/mother, for the period when she is absent from work due to the pregnancy, childbirth or care of the child	 <p>transfer to social insurance system</p>
One-time allowance for a newborn child equipment	-
Support in feeding the child under the age of 6 months and additional food supply for nursing mothers	-
Special psychosocial treatment of pregnant women and spouses that want children	-
Placement of children in pre-school institutions with meals provided	-
Ensuring one meal during classes in primary schools	-
School fees and scholarships for students	-



# Law on Principles of Social Protection, Protection of Civilian Victims of War, and Protection of Families with Children (1999)

- **Right to child allowance** belongs to family whose aggregate monthly income (realized through all means except the income realized from social protection and protection of families with children) per member of the household do not exceed the amount determined by the cantonal legislation as the lowest income sufficient for sustenance (article 91).



# Law on Principles of Social Protection, Protection of Civilian Victims of War, and Protection of Families with Children (1999)

- Favorable treatment in acquisition and exercise of rights, and higher amounts are given to:
  1. child without one or both parents,
  2. family with the child with disabilities
  3. family in which one of both parents are persons with disabilities.



## Child Allowance in FBiH in 2016

Cantons:	TK		ZDK	BPK	SBK	KS
Means test (monthly income per family member):	7% average wage in Canton		15% average wage in Canton	15% average wage in Canton	22% average wage in Canton	20% average wage in Canton
Monthly amount of child allowance in 2016:	20 KM 5% average wage in Canton	40KM for families for 3 or more children	14,5 KM 2% average wage in Canton	29KM 5% average wage in Canton	30,28 KM 4.5 % average wage in Canton	33 KM 5.5 % average wage in Canton



# Child Allowance (2022)

- It will be financed from the FBiH budget
- Conditions for exercising right:
  1. children up to 18 years of age
  2. the child is not placed in a foster family or social welfare institution.



## Child Allowance in FBiH in 2022

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Means test (monthly income per family member):	40 % minimum wage in FBiH 217.2 KM in 2022
Amount of child allowance in 2022:	19% minimum wage in FBiH 103.17 KM (monthly) in 2022



# Pregnancy allowance for unemployed wife/mother in 2016

Cantons name	Amount of pregnancy allowance	Duration (months)
USK	100 KM	1
PK	150 KM	6
TK	15 % average wage in Canton	12
ZDK	150 KM	1
BPK	25 % average wage in Canton	12

Cantons name	Amount of pregnancy allowance	Duration (months)
SBK	35% average wage in Canton	1
HNK	determend by cantonal goverment	6
ZHK	determend by cantonal goverment	6
KS	20% average wage in Canton	12
Kanton 10	100 KM	12



# Pregnancy allowance for unemployed wife/mother in 2022

- It will be financed from cantonal budgets
- Condition: mothers who are not employed or are studying will be entitled without additional conditions,
- Cantons have the right to increase amount.



# Pregnancy allowance for unemployed wife/mother in 2022

Amount of pregnancy allowance	Duration (months)
55% minimum wage in FBiH (298 KM)	12



# Conclusions

- Goal: to provide all children with approximately equal material conditions for a healthy family life is not reached
- Such a divided organizational structure without effective coordination mechanisms results in various inequalities based on the places of residence.
- The establishment of state-level coordination mechanisms is one of the prerequisites for the European Union accession. Nevertheless, there has been little sign of a willingness to take a harmonized and coordinated approach.
- The reform is a step in the right direction, but it is partial and is unlikely to benefit an average household with children

