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Average number of pensioners and average monthly pension, In 2013

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In 2013, the average number of pensioners was 5410 thousands persons, decreasing with 77 thousands persons as against of the previous year and with 179 thousands persons less than the 2011.

The average monthly pension was, in 2013, 805 lei, increasing with 4.1% as against the previous year and with 6.9% higher than the 2011.

Social insurance pensioners represented the majority (99.9%) of the total number of pensioners.

State social insurance pensioners represented 86.6% out of the total insurance pensioners.

Average state monthly social insurance pension was 805 lei, in 2013, with big differences in the territorial area (according to NUTS 3), the gap between the minimum and maximum value being over 350 lei (648 lei in Giurgiu as against 1022 lei in Bucharest).

The average number of pensioners and average monthly pension, by pension system

	Average number - thousands persons-			Average monthly pension -lei/month -		
	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013
TOTAL (I+II+III)	5589	5487	5410	753	773	805
I. Social insurance - total	5580	5480	5404	753	774	806
of which:						
- state social insurance	4744	4702	4681	773	778	809
II. Beneficiaries of social support – type of pension	1	1	1	193	194	202
III. I.O.V.R.	8	6	5	242	238	234

By categories of pensions, the number of social insurance pensioners was represented mainly (72.6%) by the number **old age pensioners**.

The anticipated and partial anticipated old age categories of pensioners represented 2.2%.

The average number of social insurance pensioners and average monthly pension, by categories of pension

	Average number - thousands persons-			Average monthly pension -lei/month -		
	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	5580	5480	5404	753	774	806
<i>of which:</i>						
A) Old age	3951	3936	3925	856	877	912
B) Anticipated	9	11	14	968	938	984
C) Partial anticipated	125	114	102	682	638	628
D) Disability	847	787	742	563	561	574
E) Survivor	648	632	621	390	418	439

As against of the previons year, in 2013, the real pension index, calculated as the ratio between the nominal pension index and the consum prices index, was 100.0%.

In 2013, the total number of beneficiaries of *EGO no 6/2009 regarding the minimum guaranteed social pension* (social indemnity) was 544.7 thousands persons, of which:

- 391.3 thousands persons from state social insurance system, representing 8.4% out of the total pensioners of this category;
- 153.4 thousands persons from the former system of farmers representing 27.2% out of the total pensioners of this category.

Methodological notes

1. Data collection was performed based on the questionnaires filled in by National House of Public Pensions (for state social insurance and farmers pensioners), Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Romanian Intelligence Service, Ministry of Culture, Insurance House of Lawyers.

2. Concepts and definitions

The average number of pensioners includes the total pensioners from Romania, by any pension system, that of public system of pensions (including social support – type of pension, IOVR - disabled, veterans and war widows) and non-integrated pension systems (lawyers, cults). The indicator is computed by summing up of the total number of paid monthly pensioners divided by the number of months from the reference period.

- **Average number of social insurance pensioners** includes:
 - state social insurance pensioners;
 - social insurance coming from the former sistem for farmers;
 - social insurance pensioners from Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Romanian Intelligence Service;
 - social insurance - cults;
 - pensioners from Insurance House of Lawyers.
- **Average monthly pension** is computed by dividing the entitled amounts of the paid pensioners from the reference quarter/year by the average monthly number multiplied by 3 (months), and, respectively 12 (months)
- **By categories, the pensions are:**
 - Old age pension,
 - Anticipated old age pension,
 - Partial anticipated old age pension,
 - Disability pension,
 - Survivor pension,
 - Social support – type of pension,
 - IOVR pensions.
- **Old age pension** is granted to persons who met both the condition of age and years of contribution according to the in force legal provisions (Law no 263/2010).
- **Anticipated old age pension** is granted, with at least 5 years before reaching the retirement age, to people whose contribution period is at least 8 years bigger than the complete contribution stage according to the Law no. 263/2010.
- **Partial anticipated pension** is granted, with at least 5 years before reaching the retirement age, to people whose contribution stage is complete and also to those who exceeded the complete contribution stage of up to 8 years.
- **Disability pension** is granted to people who have completely lost or at least half of the capacity to work because of conditions specified by the law in force.
- **The survivor pension** is granted to children and surviving spouse if the defunct was retired or meeting the conditions for obtaining a pension.

Children have the right to the survivor pension:

 - a) until the age of 16;
 - b) if they continue their studies in an organized education form, up to graduation, without exceeding the age of 26 years;
 - c) throughout the period of disability of any degree, if it occurred in the period when they were in one of the categories mentioned above at a) or b).
- **IOVR pensions** are granted to disabled and injured war, survivors of the dead or missing in the war and as well, to survivors of disabled retirees and injured war and are established according to the Law no. 49/1999 regarding the IOVR pensions.

- **Social support - type of pension** is paid from the the Social Insurance State Budget, this type of pension being paid under Law no. 27/1966 regarding the state pension of social insurance and supplementary pension, normative act repealed.
- **The pension** represents the right monetary return established by the pension decision.
- **The number of pensioners, beneficiaries of social indemnity (social minimum guaranteed pension)** represents the number of pensioners from the pension system for whom the level of entitled pension is under the level of minimum guaranteed pension established by EGO no 6/2009.

3. Additional information can be obtained from the publication "*Number of pensioners and average monthly pension in 2013*".

Next press release, regarding average data for first quarter of 2014, will be issued on 13 th of June 2014.