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Average number of pensioners and average monthly pension in the year 2011

For correct interpretation of results, please consult the Methodological notes from page 3 of the Press release

In 2011, the average number of pensioners was 5589 thousands persons, decreasing with 86 thousands persons as against the previous year. The average monthly pension was, in 2011, 753 lei, increasing with 5.2% as against the previous year.

Social insurance pensioners represented the majority (99.8%) of the total number of pensioners.

State social insurance pensioners represented 85.0% out of the total insurance pensioners.

Average state monthly pension was 773 lei, in 2011, with big differences in the teritorial area, the gap between the minimum and maximum value being over 350 de lei (620 lei în Giurgiu as against 974 lei in Bucharest).

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

	Average number - thousands persons-		Average monthly pension -lei/month -	
	Year 2010	Year 2011	Year 2010	Year 2011
TOTAL (I+II+III)	5675	5589	716	753
I. Social insurance*) - total	5664	5580	717	753
<i>of which:</i>				
- state social insurance	4767	4744	739	773
- social insurance coming from the former sistem for farmers	737	677	309	311
- social insurance - cults	2	2	536	454
- social insurance - lawyers	2	2	1796	1891
II. Beneficiaries of social support – type of pension	2	1	192	193
III. I.O.V.R.	9	8	244	242

*) including pensioners from Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Administration and Interior, Romanian Intelligence Service.

By pension systems, the maximum value of monthly average pension (1891 lei) was registered for the system of social insurance – lawyers and the minimum value, respectively 311 lei, was registered for the former system of social insurance of farmers.

By categories of pensions, the number of social insurance pensioners was represented mainly (70,8%) by the number **old age pensioners**.

The anticipated and partial anticipated old age categories of pensioners represented 2.4%, increasing by 2 thousands persons *as against the previous year*.

The average number of social insurance pensioners, the average monthly pension and the estimated average net pension ¹, by categories of pension

	Average number - thousands persons-		Average monthly pension -lei/month -		Average net pension estimated ¹ -lei/month -	
	Year 2010	Year 2011	Year 2010	Year 2011	Year 2010	Year 2011
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	5664	5580	717	753	703	713
<i>of which:</i>						
A) Old age	3960	3951	813	856	795	801
B) Anticipated	9	9	980	968	967	912
C) Partial anticipated	123	125	696	682	691	662
D) Disability	902	847	552	563	551	555
E) Survivor	670	648	369	390	368	384

In 2011, the estimated average net pension ¹ (the average monthly pension without taxes and without the health insurance contributions) was 713 lei for a social insurance pensioner, increasing by 1.4% *as against the previous year*.

The real pension index for 2011, as against the previous year, calculated as the ratio between the nominal pension index and the consum prices index, was 95,3%.

The total number of beneficiaries of *EGO no 6/2009 regarding the minimum guaranteed social pension (actually - social indemnity)*, in 2011, was 621,6 thousands persons, of which:

- 413,5 thousands persons from state social insurance system, representing 8.7% out of the total pensioners of this category;
- 208,1 thousands persons from the former system of farmers representing 30.7% out of the total pensioners of this category.

¹ Estimated and provisional data, see the methodological notes from page 4

Methodological notes:

1. Data collection was performed based on the questionnaires filled in completed by self-recording by the specialist staff from the pension departments of National House of Public Pensions (for state social insurance and farmers pensioners), Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Administration and Interior, Romanian Intelligence Service, Ministry of Culture, Cults and National Cultural Heritage, Insurance House of Lawyers.

2. 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 Administration and Interior, 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 montary return established by the pension decision.
- **The average net pension** is calculated by subtracting from the average monthly pension the taxes and the health insurance contribution.
Due to the missing data on health insurance contributions at the level of administrative data sources, the calculation of average net pension of social insurance contributions was conducted excluding the health insurance contributions related to the social insurance system of lawyers. Data on health insurance contributions corresponding to the state social insurance system include a part from the contribution due of those pensioners that receive revenues both from the state social insurance system and the former system of farmers (about 3%); data do not include contributions related to the survivor pension category; they are not available from administrative data sources.
- **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 pesnion established by EGO no 6/2009.

3. Additional information regarding the average number of pensioners and average monthly pension can be obtained from the publication "*Number of pensioners and average monthly pension - the year 2011*".

Next press release, regarding average data for the first quarter of 2012, will be issued on 14th of June a.c.