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**Average number of pensioners and
average monthly pension,
In 2012**

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In 2012, the average number of pensioners was 5487 thousands persons, decreasing with 102 thousands persons as against of the previous year and with 188 thousands persons less than the 2010.

The average monthly pension was, in 2012, 773 lei, increasing with 2.7% as against the previous year and with 8.0% higher than the 2010.

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

State social insurance pensioners represented 85.8% out of the total insurance pensioners.

Average state monthly social insurance pension was 773 lei, in 2012, with big differencies in the teritorial area (according to NUTS 3), the gap between the minimum and maximum value being over 350 lei (624 lei in Giurgiu as against 982 lei in Bucharest).

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

	Average number - thousands persons-			Average monthly pension -lei/month -		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
TOTAL (I+II+III)	5675	5589	5487	716	753	773
I. Social insurance - total	5664	5580	5480	717	753	774
<i>of which:</i>						
- state social insurance	4767	4744	4702	739	773	778
II. Beneficiaries of social support – type of pension	2	1	1	192	193	194
III. I.O.V.R.	9	8	6	244	242	238

By categories of pensions, the number of social insurance pensioners was represented mainly (71.8%) by the number **old age pensioners**.

The anticipated and partial anticipated old age categories of pensioners represented 2.3%.

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

	Average number - thousands persons-			Average monthly pension -lei/month -		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	5664	5580	5480	717	753	774
<i>of which:</i>						
A) Old age	3960	3951	3936	813	856	877
B) Anticipated	9	9	11	980	968	938
C) Partial anticipated	123	125	114	696	682	638
D) Disability	902	847	787	552	563	561
E) Survivor	670	648	632	369	390	418

As against of the previons year, in 2012, the real pension index, calculated as the ratio between the nominal pension index and the consum prices index, was 100.1%.

In 2012, the total number of beneficiaries of *EGO no 6/2009 regarding the minimum guaranteed social pension* (social indemnity) was 608.4 thousands persons, of which:

- 421.5 thousands persons from state social insurance system, representing 9.0% out of the total pensioners of this category;
- 186.9 thousands persons from the former system of farmers representing 30.2% 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 2012*".

Next press release, regarding average data for first quarter of 2013, will be issued on 14 th of June 2013.