

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 Defense, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Romanian Intelligence Service;
 - social insurance - cults;
 - pensioners from Insurance House of Lawyers.
- **Average monthly pension** is determined based on all amounts of pensions for all categories of pensioners – social insurance, invalidity, survivors etc.- paid by Pensions Houses mentioned above, and 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 average nominal net pension** for computing the real pension is established by deducting the tax and the health social insurance contributions from the amounts representing the pensions. According to EGO 130/2021 on some fiscal-budgetary measures, the contribution for health insurance will be collected only for persons who have pensions exceeding 4000 lei. The tax on pension income will be established by deducting from the pension income the monthly non-taxable amount of 2000 lei and, as the case may be, the social health insurance contribution due.
- **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. EGO no. 125/2021 sets the level of social allowance for pensioners at 1000 lei starting with January 1, 2022. According to art.7 of the Law no.118 / 2010 "... within the legal acts in force, the term guaranteed minimum social pension is replaced by the term social indemnity for pensioners" and from 1 March 2017, EGO no.6 /18.02 .2009 was updated, with the introduction of social indemnity for pensioners in the military system, as well.
- **Financial aid for pensioners who receive between 1001 - 1600 lei.** According to GEO 132/2021, a differentiated financial aid is granted for retirees of the public pension system with pensions less than or equal to 1600 lei. Thus, all those who qualify in this category will have an income of 2200 lei in January 2022.
- **Financial aid for pensioners who receive less than 1000 lei.** According to GEO 132/2021, a financial aid in the amount of 1200 lei is granted to pensioners of the public pension system and beneficiaries of rights provided by special laws, paid by territorial pension houses / sectoral pension houses, whose incomes are lower or equal with 1000 lei, in January 2022.
- **Financial aid of 700 lei,** EGO 74/2022 in July, to pensioners whose income is less than or equal to 2000 lei. The ordinance was adopted at the beginning of June and is part of the package of economic and social measures "Support for Romania". This aid will be granted only once for pensioners in the public system, the state military pension system and for the beneficiaries of rights provided by special laws.
- **Issuance of social vouchers in the amount of 250 lei,** also through the "Support for Romania" package, for pensioners from the public pension system, pensioners registered in sector pension houses and beneficiaries of rights provided by special laws, paid by territorial pension houses / sectoral pension houses, whose net monthly income is less than or equal to 1500 lei. Social vouchers will be awarded once every two months.
- **Real pension** expresses the equivalent of goods and services that can be purchased or used with the average nominal net pension in a certain period of time compared to other periods, given the evolution of consumer prices index. The indicator is determined taking into account the amounts for pensions paid pensioners from state social insurance and for those from MAPN, MAI, SRI.
- **Real pension index** is calculated as ratio between the nominal pension (for calculation of real pension) and consumer price index.