

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

1. The collection of data is carried out through statistical reports completed by self-registration, by the staff from the specialized departments of pension houses. The statistical reports are completed by the National House of Public Pensions (for state social insurance and farmers' pensioners), Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Romanian Intelligence Service, Ministry of Culture, Insurance House of Lawyers.
2. **The total average number of pensioners** includes the total pensioners from Romania, by any pension system, i.e. public system of pensions (including social support – type of pension, IOVR - disabled, veterans and war widows) and the systems not integrated into the public pension system (social insurance pensioners from the records of the Lawyers' Insurance House, the own social insurance systems of the cults recognized by law). The total average number of pensioners is determined by adding up the number of existing pensioners in payment each month, compared to the number of months in the reference period.
- **Average number of social insurance pensioners** includes:
 - state social insurance pensioners;
 - pensioners from the former insurance system for farmers;
 - social insurance pensioners from Ministry of National Defence, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Romanian Intelligence Service;
 - social insurance pensioners from State Secretariat for Cults;
 - social insurance pensioners from Insurance House of Lawyers.

Starting from September 1, 2024, Law no. 360/2023 regarding the public pension system came into force.

- **Average monthly pension** is determined based on all amounts of pensions for all categories of pensioners – social insurance pensions, disability pensions, survivors' pensions 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 and, also, divided by 3 (months), and respectively 12 (months).
- **By category, pensions are classified as follows:**
 - old age pension,
 - anticipated pension,
 - partial anticipated pension,
 - disability pension,
 - survivor pension,
 - pension-type social assistance,
 - IOVR pensions.
- **Old-age pension** is granted to persons who meet, cumulatively, on the date of retirement, the conditions regarding the standard retirement age and the minimum period of contributions or in the specialty, as the case may be, provided for by Law no. 263/2010, with subsequent amendments and completions.
- **Anticipated pension** is granted, with at least 5 years before reaching the standard retirement age, to persons whose contribution period is at least 8 years bigger than the complete contribution stage according to the Law no. 263/2010, with subsequent amendments and completions.
- **Partial anticipated pension** is granted, with at least 5 years before reaching the standard retirement age, to persons 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 persons who have completely lost or at least half of the capacity to work because of conditions specified by the law in force.
- **The survivor's pension** is granted to the children and surviving spouse if the deceased breadwinner was pensioner 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) letter, according to the Law no. 263/2010, with subsequent amendments and completions.
- **Pension for Invalids, Orphans and War Widows (IOVR)** are granted to disabled and injured war, survivors of the dead or missing in the war and as well, to survivors of former disabled retirees and injured war and are established according to the Law no. 49/1999, with subsequent amendments and completions regarding the IOVR pensions.
 - **The pension-type social aid** is paid in accordance with the legislation in force from the state social insurance fund.
 - **The pension** represents the right monetary 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. The tax on pension income will be established by deducting from the pension income the monthly non-taxable amount of 2000 lei.
 - **The social health insurance contributions** are no longer retained for pension income, for the part that exceeds the monthly amount 4000 lei, according to CCR Decision 650/2022, published in Official Journal from December 28, 2022.
 - **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 social indemnity established by EGO no 6/2009. EGO no. 115/2023 sets the level of social indemnity for pensioners at 1281 lei starting with January 1st, 2024. 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 March 1st, 2017, EGO no.6 /18.02.2009 was updated, with the introduction of social indemnity for pensioners in the military system, as well.
 - According to the Law no. 360/2023, art. 84 alin (6) "In 2024, pension point value for the year 2023, respectively 1785 lei, increases with 13.8% and will be 2032 lei."
 - **Issuance of social vouchers in the amount of 250 lei**, through the mechanism for the implementation of the measures for the granting of material support for certain categories of disadvantaged people, in 2024-2027 period, 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 2000 lei. Social vouchers will be awarded once every two months.
 - **Financial aid** to pensioners of the public pension system, pensioners of the state military pension system and beneficiaries of rights provided by special laws paid by territorial pension houses/sectoral pension houses whose monthly income is less than or equal to 3 000 lei according to EGO no 168/2022.
 - **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 and service tariffs. The indicator is determined taking into account the amounts for pensions paid to pensioners from state social insurance and to those from Ministry of National Defence, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Romanian Intelligence Service
 - **Real pension index** is calculated as ratio between the nominal pension (for calculation of real pension) and consumer price index.