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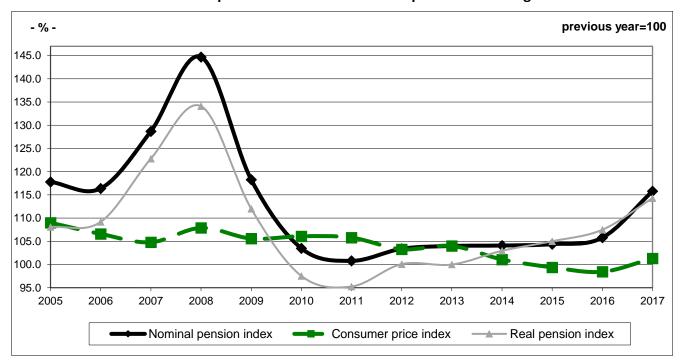
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29 THOUSANDS PENSIONERS LESS IN 2017 AS AGAINST OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR

In 2017:

- the average number of pensioners was 5228 thousands persons, decreasing with 29 thousands persons as against of the previous yea; the ratio between the average number of state social insurance pensioners and the one of employees was of 9 to 10;
- the average monthly pension was 1069 lei, increasing with 12.8% as against the previous year;
- average state monthly social insurance pension was 1026 lei, and the ratio between the average pension of state social insurance old age with full contribution stage (without tax and without health insurance contribution) and the average net earnings was 52.8% (as compared to 53.3% in the previous year);
- the real pension index as against of the previous year, calculated as the ratio between the nominal pension index* and the consumer prices index, was 114.3%.

Evolution of nominal pension index and consumer price index during 2005-2017



Data of the graph (xls).

The ratio between the average number of state social insurance pensioners and the one of employees varies widely at territorial level, from only 5 pensioners to 10 employees in Bucharest and Ilfov, to 17 to 10 in Teleorman county, 16 to 10 in Giurgiu county and 15 to 10 in Vaslui county.

Average state monthly social insurance pension shows significant territorial disparities, with a gap between the minimum and maximum value of over 400 lei (825 lei in Botosani county, 827 lei in Giurgiu county, 850 lei in Vrancea county as compared to 1304 lei in Bucharest, 1282 lei in Hunedoara county, 1226 in Brasov county).

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

State social insurance pensioners represent 89.5% out of the total insurance pensioners.

By categories of pensions, the number of social insurance pensioners was represented mainly (76.0%) by the number old age pensioners.

The anticipated and partial anticipated old age categories of pensioners represented 1.9%.

The average number of pensioners and average monthly pension**

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	Average number - thousands persons-		Average monthly pension -lei/month -	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
TOTAL	5257	5228	948	1069
Of which, by pension system:				
Social insurance	5254	5225	949	1069
Of which, state social insurance	4678	4678	931	1026
Of which, social insurance by categories of pension :				
A) Old age	3946	3971	1077	1208
B) Anticipated	23	23	1114	1220
C) Partial anticipated	75	79	643	825
D) Disability	633	590	582	617
E) Survivor	577	562	508	594

Data of the table (xls).

In 2017, the total number of beneficiaries of EGO¹ no 6/2009 regarding the minimum quaranteed social pension (social indemnity) was 828.5 thousands persons, of which:

- 660.2 thousands persons from state social insurance system, representing 14.1% out of the total pensioners of this category;
- 160.3 thousands persons from the former system of farmers representing 42.8% out of the total pensioners of this category;
- 8.0 thousands persons from military system, representing 4.8% out of the total of this category.

Additional information:

*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 calculated for pensioners from state social insurance and for those from MApN, MAI, SRI.

For a correct interpretation of the indicators, please refer to the Methodological notes attached to the press release on homepage. The next press release on the average number of pensioners and average monthly pension will be on 13th of June 2018. Press release archive: http://www.insse.ro/cms/en/comunicate-de-presa-view **Communication department** e-mail: <u>biroupresa@insse.ro</u> Tel: +4021 3181868

^{**} Average monthly pension is computed by dividing the entitled amounts of the paid pensioners from the reference quarter by the average monthly number multiplied by 12 (months).

¹ Starting with 1st of March 2017, EGO no.6/18.02.2009 was updated by establishing the social indemnity for pensioners in the military system, as well.