

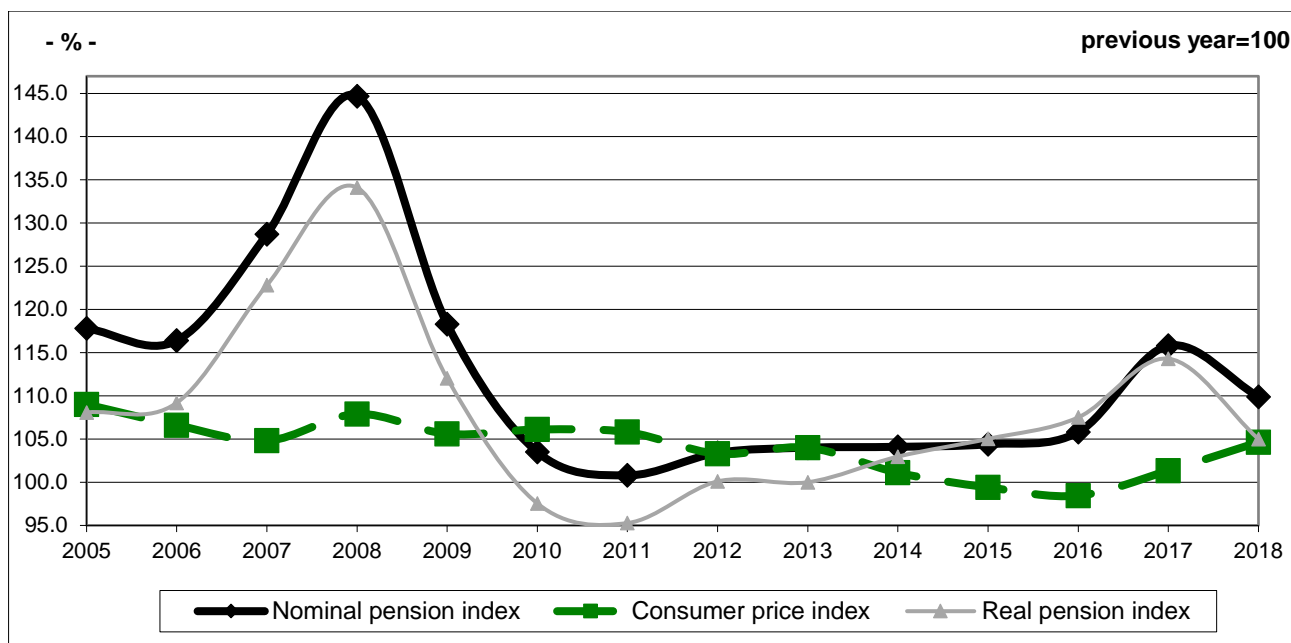
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21 THOUSANDS PENSIONERS LESS IN 2018 AS AGAINST OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR

In 2018:

- **the average number of pensioners** was 5207 thousands persons, decreasing with 21 thousands persons as against of the previous year; average number of state social insurance pensioners was 4684 thousands persons increasing with 6 thousands persons as against of the previous year;
- **the average monthly pension** (is determined based on all amounts of pensions for all categories of pensioners –social insurance, invalidity, survivors etc.- paid by Pensions Houses¹) was 1172 lei, increasing with 9.6% as against the previous year;
- **the average state monthly social insurance pension** was 1126 lei, and the ratio between the average nominal net pension of state social insurance for old age with full contribution stage (without tax and without health insurance contribution) and the average net earnings was 50.9% (as compared to 52.8% in the previous year);
- **the real pension index** as against of the previous year, calculated as the ratio between the nominal pension index (for calculation of real pension)* and the consumer prices index, was 105.0%.

Evolution of nominal pension index and consumer price index during 2005-2018



[Data of the graph \(xls\).](#)

In 2018 compared with 2017 (table pag.2)

- As compared with the previous year average number of pensioners decrease with 21 thousands persons, and the average number state social insurance pensioners increase with 6 thousands persons;
- Monthly average pension and average state monthly social insurance pension increased as compared with the previous year, with 9.6% respectively with 9.7%.

¹ Average monthly pension is determined based on the amounts paid pensioners by National House of Public Pensions, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Romanian Intelligence Service, Ministry of Culture and National Identity, Insurance House of Lawyers.

The average number of pensioners and average monthly pension**

	Average number - thousands persons-		Average monthly pension -lei/month -	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
TOTAL	5228	5207	1069	1172
<i>Of which, by pension system:</i>				
Social insurance	5225	5204	1069	1172
Of which, state social insurance	4678	4684	1026	1126
<i>Of which, social insurance by categories of pension :</i>				
A) Old age	3971	3993	1208	1321
B) Anticipated	23	21	1220	1349
C) Partial anticipated	79	88	825	1022
D) Disability	590	550	617	641
E) Survivor	562	552	594	647

Data of the table (xls).

In 2018

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

The state social insurance pensioners represent 90.0% out of the total insurance pensioners.

By categories of pensions, the number of social insurance pensioners was represented mainly (76.7%) by the number of old age pensioners. The anticipated and partial anticipated old age categories of pensioners represented 2.1%.

The total ratio between the average number of state social insurance pensioners and the one of employees was of 9 to 10; this ratio varies widely at territorial level, from only 5 pensioners to 10 employees in Bucharest, to 16 pensioners to 10 employees in Teleorman county, 15 to 10 in Giurgiu and Vaslui, and 14 to 10 in Botoşani and Călăraşi county.

The average state monthly social insurance pension shows significant territorial disparities, the gap between the minimum and maximum value being 531 lei (903 lei in Botoşani county, 909 lei in Giurgiu, 930 lei in Vrancea as compared to 1434 lei in Bucharest, 1427 lei in Hunedoara and 1343 lei in Braşov county).

In 2018, the total number of beneficiaries of *EGO² no 6/2009 regarding the minimum guaranteed social pension* (social indemnity) was 943.2 thousands persons, of which:

- 765.8 thousands persons from state social insurance system, representing 16.3% out of the total pensioners of this category;
- 169.4 thousands persons from the former system of farmers representing 50.5% out of the total pensioners of this category;
- 8.0 thousands persons from military system, representing 4.5% out of the total of this category.

Thousand 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 determined taking into account the amounts for pensions paid pensioners from state social insurance and for those from MAPN, MAI, SRI.

** 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).

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 2019. Press release archive: <http://www.insse.ro/cms/en/comunicate-de-presa-view> .

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² 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.