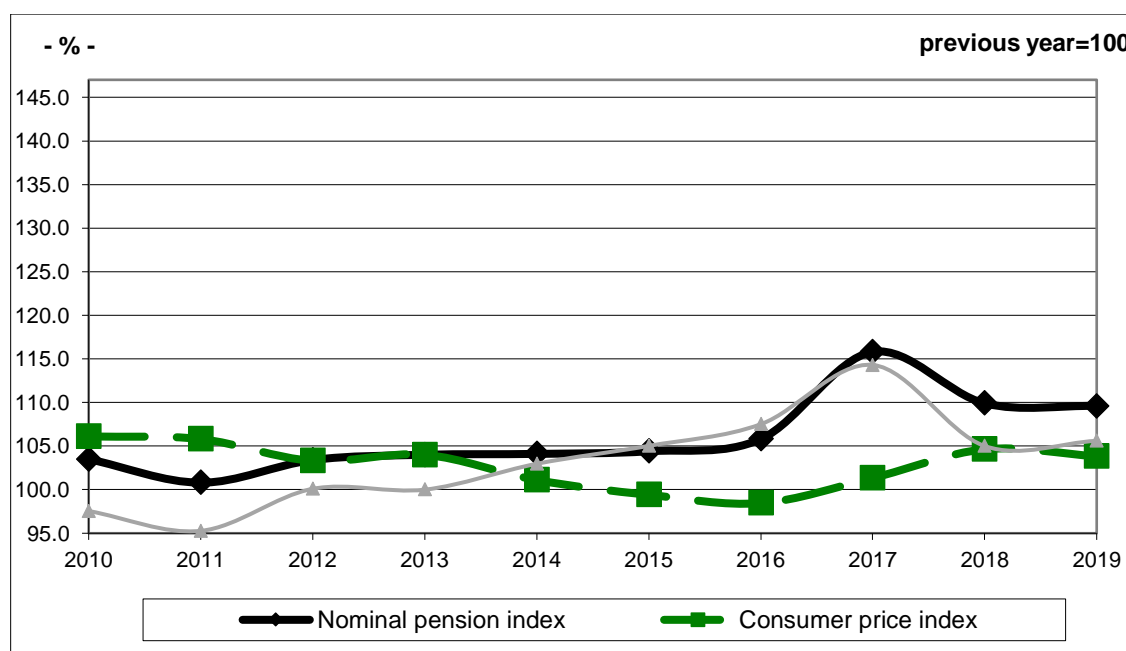Domain: Social Protection

50 THOUSANDS PENSIONERS LESS IN 2019 AS AGAINST OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR

In 2019:

- **the average number of pensioners** was 5157 thousands persons, descreasing with 50 thousands persons as against of the previous year; average number of state social insurance pensioners was 4672 thousands persons descreasing with 12 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 Houses[1]) was 1292 lei, increasing with 10.2% as against the previous year;
- **the average state monthly social insurance pension** was 1247 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 48.4% (as compared to 50.9% 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 105.6%.

Evolution of nominal pension index and consumer price index during 2010-2019

Data of the graph (xls).

In 2019 compared with 2018 (table pag.2)

- As compared with the previous year average number of pensioners decrease with 50 thousands persons, and the average number state social insurance pensioners with 12 thousands persons;
- Monthly average pension and average state monthly social insurance pension increased as compared with the previous year, with 10.2% respectively with 10.7%.

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[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 -	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
TOTAL	**5207**	**5157**	**1172**	**1292**
Of which, by pension system:				
Social insurance	**5204**	**5155**	**1172**	**1293**
Of which, state social insurance	4684	4672	1126	1247
Of which, social insurance by categories of pension :				
A) Old age	3993	3992	1321	1453
B) Anticipated	21	19	1349	1511
C) Partial anticipated	88	92	1022	1179
D) Disability	550	514	641	671
E) Survivor	552	538	647	710

Data of the table (xls).

In 2019

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

The state social insurance pensioners represent 9060% out of the total insurance pensioners.

By categories of pensions, the number of social insurance pensioners was represented mainly (77.4%) by the number of old age pensioners. The anticipated and partial anticipated old age categories of pensioners represented 2.2%.

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 14 to 10 in Botoșani and Vaslui county.

The average state monthly social insurance pension shows significant territorial disparities, the gap between the minimum and maximum value being 628 lei (996 lei in Botoșani county, 1003 lei in Giurgiu, 1023 lei in Vrancea as compared to 1624 lei in Hunedoara county, 1582 lei in Bucharest, and 1486 lei in Brașov county).

In 2019, the total number of beneficiaries of *EGO[2] no 6/2009 regarding the minimum guaranteed social pension* (social indemnity) was 1037.6 thousands persons, of which:

- 849.6 thousands persons from state social insurance system, representing 18.2% out of the total pensioners of this category;
- 175.4 thousands persons from the former system of farmers representing 58.8% out of the total pensioners of this category;
- 12.6 thousands persons from military system, representing 1.8% 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 year by the average 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: **https://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.