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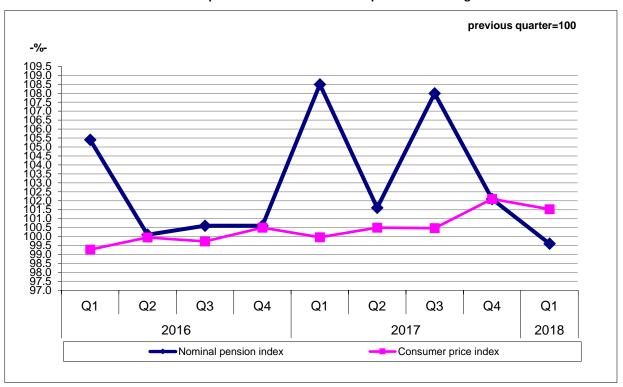
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6 THOUSANDS PENSIONERS LESS IN FIRST QUARTER 2018 AS AGAINST OF THE PREVIOUS QUARTER

In the fisrt quarter of 2018:

- the average number of pensioners was 5223 thousands persons, descreasing with 6 thousands persons as against of the previous quarter; average number of state social insurance pensioners was 4686 thousands persons;
- the average monthly pension was 1122 lei, descreasing with 0.9% as against the previous quarter;
- the average state monthly social insurance pension was 1072 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 51.3% (as compared to 52.5% in the previous quarter);
- 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 98.1%.

Evolution of nominal pension index and consumer price index during 2016-2018



Data of the graph (xls).

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, Călăraşi, Dâmboviţa and Neamţ county.

The average state monthly social insurance pension shows significant territorial disparities, the gap between the minimum and maximum value being 503 lei (860 lei in Botoşani county, 864 lei in Giurgiu, 885 lei in Vrancea as compared to 1363 lei in Bucharest, 1356 lei Hunnedoara and 1279 lei in Braşov county).

The social insurance pensioners represent the majority (99.9%) of the total number of pensioners. The state social insurance pensioners represent 89.8% out of the total insurance pensioners. By categories of pensions, the number of social insurance pensioners was represented mainly (76.5%) by the number of old age pensioners. The anticipated and partial anticipated old age categories of pensioners represented 2.1%.

	Average number			Average monthly pension		
	- thousands persons-			-lei/month -		
	Q.I 2017	Q.IV 2017	Q.I 2018	Q.I 2017	Q.IV 2017	Q.I 2018
TOTAL	5234	5229	5223	1016	1132	1122
Of which, by pension system:						
Social insurance	5231	5226	5220	1017	1132	1122
Of which, state						
social insurance	4672	4688	4686	981	1071	1072
Of which, social insurance by categories of pension :						
A) Old age	3959	3988	3991	1150	1277	1266
B) Anticipated	23	22	22	1168	1278	1280
C) Partial						
anticipated	76	84	86	716	905	924
D) Disability	607	574	565	598	646	623
E) Survivor	566	558	556	567	625	620

Data of the table (xls).

In the first quarter of 2018, the total number of beneficiaries of EGO¹ no 6/2009 regarding the minimum quaranteed social pension (social indemnity) was 812.0 thousands persons, of which:

- 662.6 thousands persons from state social insurance system, representing 14.1% out of the total pensioners of this category;
- 147.8 thousands persons from the former system of farmers representing 42.2% out of the total pensioners of this category;
- 1.6 thousands persons from military system, representing 0.9% 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 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 <u>Methodological notes attached to the press release</u> on homepage.

The next press release on the average number of pensioners and average monthly pension will be on 12th of September 2018. Press release archive: http://www.insse.ro/cms/en/comunicate-de-presa-view.

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^{**} 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 3 (months).

¹ 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.