

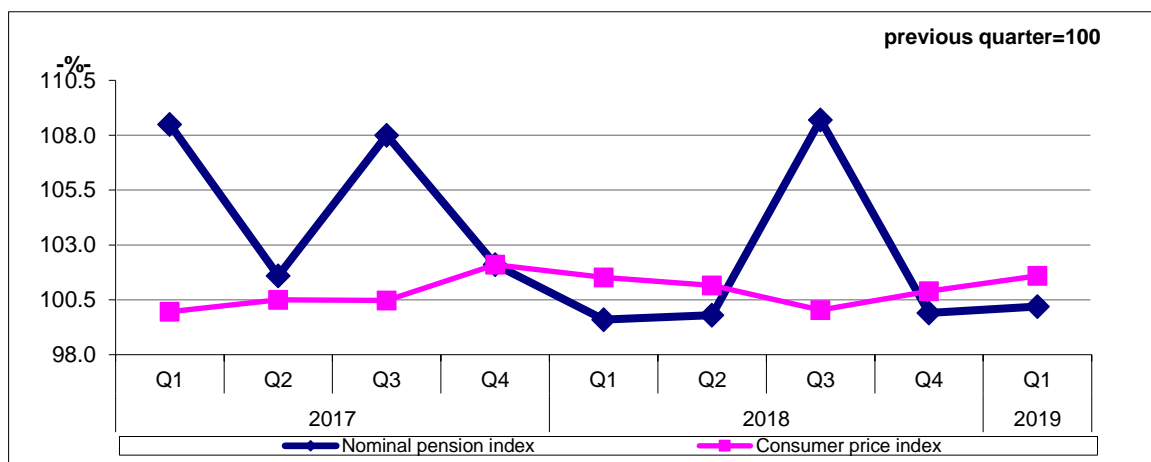
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17 THOUSANDS PENSIONERS LESS IN FIRST QUARTER 2019 AS AGAINST OF THE PREVIOUS QUARTER

In the first quarter of 2019:

- **the average number of pensioners** was 5180 thousands persons, decreasing with 17 thousands persons as against of the previous quarter; average number of state social insurance pensioners was 4688 thousands persons, decreasing with 8 thousands persons as against of the previous quarter;
- **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 1227 lei, increasing with 0.3% as against the previous quarter;
- **the average state monthly social insurance pension** was 1181 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 47.8% (as compared to 50.7% in the previous quarter);
- **the real pension index** as against of the previous quarter, calculated as the ratio between the nominal pension index (for calculation of real pension)* and the consumer prices index, was 98.6%.

Evolution of nominal pension index and consumer price index during 2017-2019



Data of the graph (xls).

First quarter of 2019 compared with first quarter of 2018 (table pag.2)

- As compared with first quarter of the previous year average number of pensioners decrease with 43 thousands persons, and the average number state social insurance pensioners decrease with 6 thousands persons;
- Monthly average pension and average state monthly social insurance pension increased as compared with fourth quarter of the previous year, with 9.4% respectively 10.2%.

First quarter of 2019 compared with the fourth quarter of 2018 (table pag.2)

- The average number of pensioners decreased with 17 thousands persons as against of the previous quarter, while the average number of state social insurance pensioners decreased with 8 thousands persons;
- The average monthly pension and the average state monthly social insurance pension increased as against of the previous quarter, with 0.3% respectively 0.1%.

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 -		
	Q.I 2018	Q.IV 2018	Q.I 2019	Q.I 2018	Q.IV 2018	Q.I 2019
TOTAL	5223	5197	5180	1122	1223	1227
<i>Of which, by pension system:</i>						
Social insurance	5220	5195	5178	1122	1223	1227
Of which, state social insurance	4686	4688	4680	1072	1180	1181
<i>Of which, social insurance by categories of pension :</i>						
A) Old age	3991	3999	3995	1266	1376	1380
B) Anticipated	22	21	21	1280	1423	1427
C) Partial anticipated	86	90	92	924	1101	1110
D) Disability	565	536	526	623	659	652
E) Survivor	556	549	544	620	673	677

Data of the table (xls).

First quarter 2019

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

The state social insurance pensioners represent 90.4% out of the total insurance pensioners.

By categories of pensions, the number of social insurance pensioners was represented mainly (77.2%) 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 Botoşani, Călăraşi and Vaslui county.

The average state monthly social insurance pension shows significant territorial disparities, the gap between the minimum and maximum value being 558 lei (946 lei in Botoşani county, 954 lei in Giurgiu, 973 lei in Vrancea as compared to 1504 lei in Bucharest, 1499 lei Hunedoara and 1408 lei in Braşov county).

In the first quarter of 2019, the total number of beneficiaries of *EGO² no 6/2009 regarding the minimum guaranteed social pension* (social indemnity) was 1061.2 thousands persons, of which:

- 872.8 thousands persons from state social insurance system, representing 18.6% out of the total pensioners of this category;
- 185.7 thousands persons from the former system of farmers representing 59.4% out of the total pensioners of this category;
- 2.7 thousands persons from military system, representing 1.5% 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 3 (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 12th of September 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.