

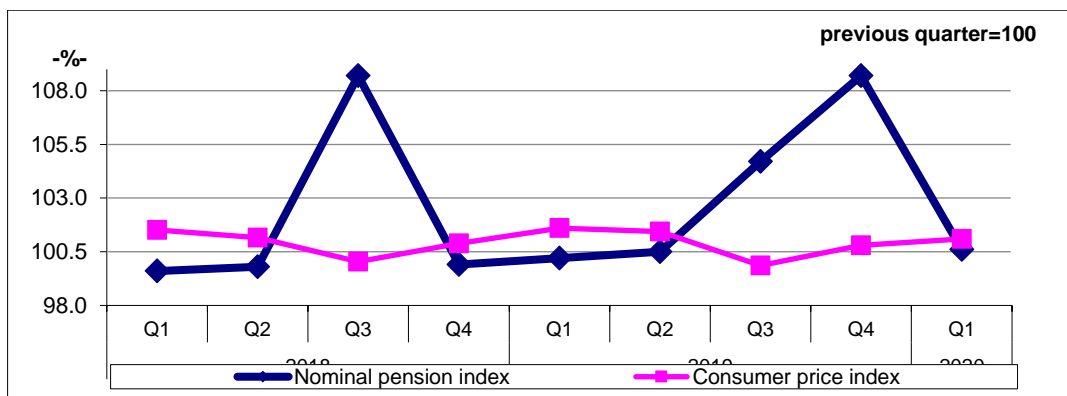
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THE AVERAGE MONTHLY PENSION SLIGHT INCREASED (+0.8%) IN FIRST QUARTER 2020 AS AGAINST OF THE PREVIOUS QUARTER

In the first quarter of 2020:

- **the average number of pensioners** was 5133 thousands persons, decreasing with 7 thousands persons as against of the previous quarter; average number of state social insurance pensioners was 4670 thousands persons, increasing with one thousand 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 1423 lei, increasing with 0.8% as against the previous quarter;
- **the average state monthly social insurance pension** was 1374 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 50.8% (as compared to 51.1% 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 99.5%.

Evolution of nominal pension index and consumer price index during 2018-2020



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

First quarter of 2020 compared with first quarter of 2019 (table pag.2)

- As compared with fourth quarter of the previous year average number of pensioners decrease with 47 thousands persons, and the average number state social insurance pensioners decrease with 10 thousands persons;
- Monthly average pension and average state monthly social insurance pension increased as compared with fourth quarter of the previous year, with 16.0% respectively 16.3%.

First quarter of 2020 compared with the fourth quarter of 2019 (table pag.2)

- The average number of pensioners decreased with 7 thousands persons as against of the previous quarter, while the average number of state social insurance pensioners increased with one thousand persons;
- The average monthly pension and the average state monthly social insurance pension increased as against of the previous quarter, with 0.8% 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 2019	Q.IV 2019	Q.I 2020	Q.I 2019	Q.IV 2019	Q.I 2020
TOTAL	5180	5140	5133	1227	1412	1423
<i>Of which, by pension system:</i>						
Social insurance	5178	5138	5132	1227	1413	1423
Of which, state social insurance	4680	4669	4670	1181	1372	1374
<i>Of which, social insurance by categories of pension :</i>						
A) Old age	3995	3992	4001	1380	1586	1596
B) Anticipated	21	19	18	1427	1675	1686
C) Partial anticipated	92	92	92	1110	1294	1318
D) Disability	526	503	493	652	723	715
E) Survivor	544	532	528	677	771	782

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

First quarter 2020

The social insurance pensioners represent the majority (99.98%) of the total number of pensioners.

The state social insurance pensioners represent 91.0% out of the total insurance pensioners.

By categories of pensions, the number of social insurance pensioners was represented mainly (78.0%) 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 4 pensioners to 10 employees in Ilfov county, to 16 pensioners to 10 employees in Teleorman county, 14 to 10 in Botoșani, Giurgiu and Vaslui counties.

The average state monthly social insurance pension shows significant territorial disparities, the gap between the minimum and maximum value being 730 lei (1095 lei in Botoșani county, 1102 lei in Giurgiu county, 1120 lei in Vrancea county as compared to 1825 lei Hunedoara county, 1738 lei in Bucharest, and 1635 lei in Brașov county).

In the first quarter of 2020, the total number of beneficiaries of *EGO² no 6/2009 regarding the minimum guaranteed social pension* (social indemnity) was 966.4 thousands persons, of which:

- 803.6 thousands persons from state social insurance system, representing 17.2% out of the total pensioners of this category;
- 159.5 thousands persons from the former system of farmers representing 57.4% out of the total pensioners of this category;
- 3.3 thousands persons from military system, representing 1.9% 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 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 11th of September 2020. 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.