

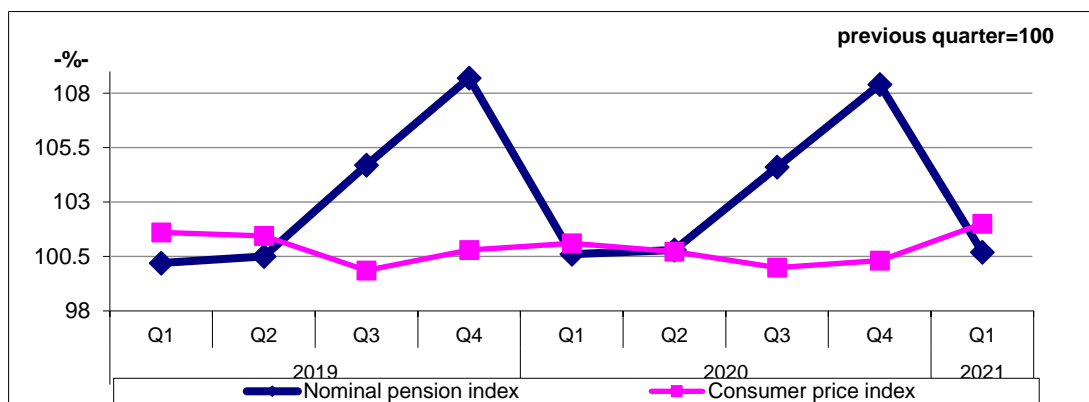
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THE AVERAGE MONTHLY PENSION INCREASED (+0.9%) IN FIRST QUARTER 2021 AS AGAINST OF THE PREVIOUS QUARTER

In the first quarter of 2021:

- **the average number of pensioners** was 5099 thousands persons, decreasing with 24 thousands persons as against of the previous quarter; average number of state social insurance pensioners was 4665 thousands persons, decreasing with 14 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 1650 lei, increasing with 0.9% as against the previous quarter;
- **the average state monthly social insurance pension** was 1597 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 54.6% (as compared to 54.2% 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 98.7%.

Evolution of nominal pension index and consumer price index during 2019-2021



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

First quarter of 2021 compared with first quarter of 2020 (table pag.2)

- As compared with first quarter of the previous year average number of pensioners decrease with 34 thousands persons, and the average number state social insurance pensioners decrease with 5 thousands persons;
- Monthly average pension and average state monthly social insurance pension increased as compared with first quarter of the previous year, with 16.0% respectively 16.2%.

First quarter of 2021 compared with the fourth quarter of 2020 (table pag.2)

- The average number of pensioners decreased with 24 thousands persons as against of the previous quarter, while the average number of state social insurance pensioners decreased with 14 thousands persons;
- The average monthly pension and the average state monthly social insurance pension increased as against of the previous quarter, with 0.9% respectively 0.4%.

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 2020	Q.IV 2020	Q.I 2021	Q.I 2020	Q.IV 2020	Q.I 2021
TOTAL	5133	5123	5099	1423	1636	1650
<i>Of which, by pension system:</i>						
Social insurance	5132	5122	5098	1423	1637	1651
Of which, state social insurance	4670	4679	4665	1374	1590	1597
<i>Of which, social insurance by categories of pension :</i>						
A) Old age	4001	4039	4028	1596	1829	1842
B) Anticipated	18	14	14	1686	2070	2132
C) Partial anticipated	92	92	96	1318	1623	1685
D) Disability	493	456	444	715	783	775
E) Survivor	528	521	516	782	883	889

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

First quarter 2021

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

The state social insurance pensioners represent 91.5% out of the total insurance pensioners.

By categories of pensions, the number of social insurance pensioners was represented mainly (79.0%) 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 4 pensioners to 10 employees in Ilfov, to 16 pensioners to 10 employees in Teleorman county, 15 to 10 in Giurgiu county and 14 to 10 in Botoşani and Vaslui counties.

The average state monthly social insurance pension shows significant territorial disparities, the gap between the minimum and maximum value being 849 lei (1269 lei in Botoşani county, 1276 lei in Giurgiu county, 1296 lei in Vrancea county as compared to 2118 lei Hunedoara county, 2017 lei in Bucharest, and 1886 lei in Braşov county).

In the first quarter of 2021, the total number of beneficiaries of *EGO² no 6/2009 regarding the minimum guaranteed social pension* (social indemnity) was 940.1 thousands persons, of which:

- 795.1 thousands persons from state social insurance system, representing 17.0% out of the total pensioners of this category;
- 140.3 thousands persons from the former system of farmers representing 57.8% out of the total pensioners of this category;
- 4.7 thousands persons from military system, representing 2.5% 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 13th of September 2021. 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.