

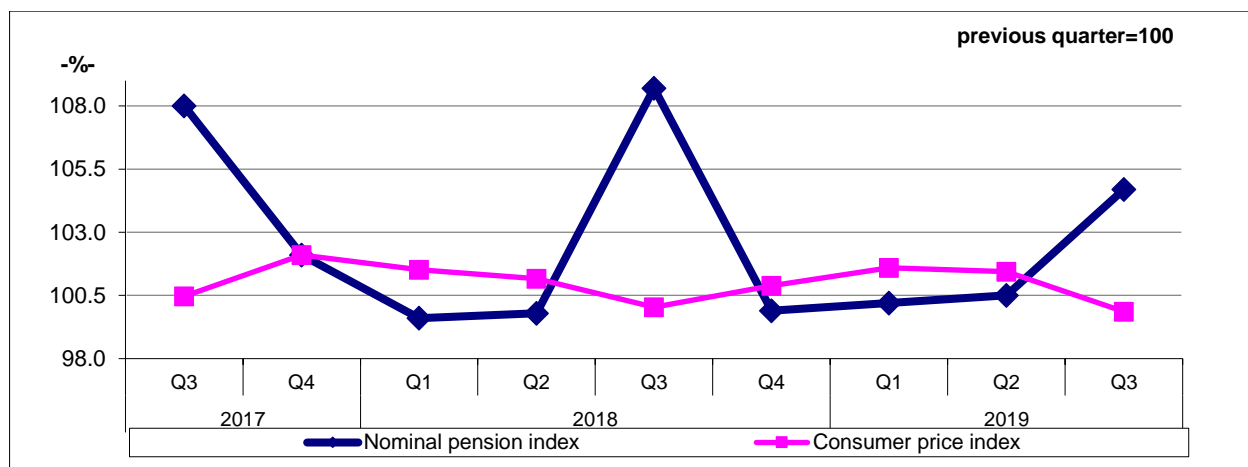
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## 13 THOUSANDS PENSIONERS LESS IN THIRD QUARTER 2019 AS AGAINST OF THE PREVIOUS QUARTER

In the third quarter of 2019:

- **the average number of pensioners** was 5146 thousands persons, decreasing with 13 thousands persons as against of the previous quarter; average number of state social insurance pensioners was 4668 thousands persons, decreasing with 2 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 Houses<sup>1</sup>) was 1296 lei, increasing with 4.9% as against the previous quarter;
- **the average state monthly social insurance pension** was 1249 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 48.7% (as compared to 45.9% 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 104.8%.

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



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

### Third quarter of 2019 compared with third quarter of 2018 (table pag.2)

- As compared with second quarter of the previous year average number of pensioners decrease with 55 thousands persons, and the average number state social insurance pensioners decrease with 15 thousands persons;
- Monthly average pension and average state monthly social insurance pension increased as compared with third quarter of the previous year, with 6.1% respectively 5.8%.

### Third quarter of 2019 compared with the second quarter of 2019 (table pag.2)

- The average number of pensioners decreased with 13 thousands persons as against of the previous quarter, while the average number of state social insurance pensioners decreased with 2 thousands persons;

<sup>1</sup> 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 monthly pension and the average state monthly social insurance pension increased as against of the previous quarter, with 4.9% respectively 5.2%.

**The average number of pensioners and average monthly pension\*\***

	Average number - thousands persons -			Average monthly pension - lei/month -		
	Q.III 2018	Q.II 2019	Q.III 2019	Q.III 2018	Q.II 2019	Q.III 2019
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5201</b>	<b>5159</b>	<b>5146</b>	<b>1222</b>	<b>1235</b>	<b>1296</b>
<i>Of which, by pension system:</i>						
<b>Social insurance</b>	<b>5198</b>	<b>5157</b>	<b>5144</b>	<b>1222</b>	<b>1235</b>	<b>1296</b>
Of which, state social insurance	4683	4670	4668	1180	1187	1249
<i>Of which, social insurance by categories of pension :</i>						
A) Old age	3992	3989	3989	1376	1389	1456
B) Anticipated	20	19	19	1416	1436	1518
C) Partial anticipated	89	92	92	1087	1125	1186
D) Disability	545	517	510	667	644	668
E) Survivor	552	540	534	673	680	714

Data of the table (xls).

**Third quarter 2019**

The social insurance pensioners represent the majority ( 99.96%) of the total number of pensioners.

The state social insurance pensioners represent 90.7% out of the total insurance pensioners.

By categories of pensions, the number of social insurance pensioners was represented mainly (77.5%) 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 county, to 16 pensioners to 10 employees in Teleorman county, 15 to 10 in Giurgiu, and 14 to 10 in Botoșani, Călărași and Vaslui county.

The average state monthly social insurance pension shows significant territorial disparities, the gap between the minimum and maximum value being 635 lei (997 lei in Botoșani county, 1004 lei in Giurgiu, 1024 lei in Vrancea as compared to 1632 lei Hunedoara, 1582 lei in Bucharest, and 1487 lei in Brașov county).

In the third quarter of 2019, the total number of beneficiaries of *EGO<sup>2</sup> no 6/2009 regarding the minimum guaranteed social pension* (social indemnity) was 1025.9 thousands persons, of which:

- 850.4 thousands persons from state social insurance system, representing 18.2% out of the total pensioners of this category;
- 172.3 thousands persons from the former system of farmers representing 58.8% out of the total pensioners of this category;
- 3.2 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 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](#).

<sup>2</sup> 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.

The next press release on the average number of pensioners and average monthly pension will be on 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2020. Press release archive: <http://www.insse.ro/cms/en/comunicate-de-presa-view> .  
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