

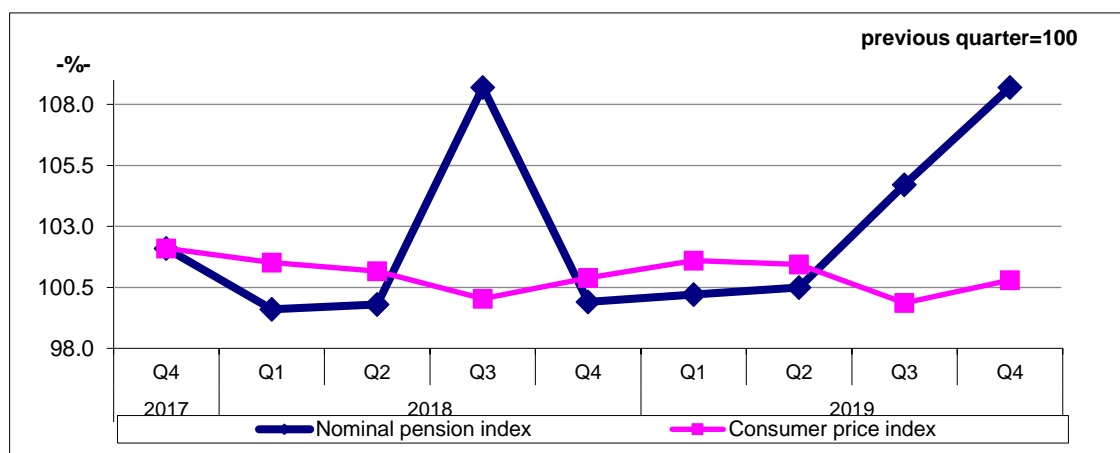
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6 THOUSANDS PENSIONERS LESS IN FOURTH QUARTER 2019 AS AGAINST OF THE PREVIOUS QUARTER

In the fourth quarter of 2019:

- **the average number of pensioners** was 5140 thousands persons, decreasing with 6 thousands persons as against of the previous quarter; average number of state social insurance pensioners was 4669 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 1412 lei, increasing with 9.0% as against the previous quarter;
- **the average state monthly social insurance pension** was 1372 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 51.1% (as compared to 48.7% 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 107.8%.

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



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

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

- As compared with fourth quarter of the previous year average number of pensioners decrease with 57 thousands persons, and the average number state social insurance pensioners decrease with 19 thousands persons;
- Monthly average pension and average state monthly social insurance pension increased as compared with fourth quarter of the previous year, with 15.5% respectively 16.3%.

Fourth quarter of 2019 compared with the third quarter of 2019 (table pag.2)

- The average number of pensioners decreased with 6 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 9.0% respectively 9.8%.

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.IV 2018	Q.III 2019	Q.IV 2019	Q.IV 2018	Q.III 2019	Q.IV 2019
TOTAL	5197	5146	5140	1223	1296	1412
<i>Of which, by pension system:</i>						
Social insurance	5195	5144	5138	1223	1296	1413
Of which, state social insurance	4688	4668	4669	1180	1249	1372
<i>Of which, social insurance by categories of pension :</i>						
A) Old age	3999	3989	3992	1376	1456	1586
B) Anticipated	21	19	19	1423	1518	1675
C) Partial anticipated	90	92	92	1101	1186	1294
D) Disability	536	510	503	659	668	723
E) Survivor	549	534	532	673	714	771

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 90.9% out of the total insurance pensioners.

By categories of pensions, the number of social insurance pensioners was represented mainly (77.7%) 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 county, and 14 to 10 in Botoșani, Călărași and Vaslui counties.

The average state monthly social insurance pension shows significant territorial disparities, the gap between the minimum and maximum value being 727 lei (1093 lei in Botoșani county, 1100 lei in Giurgiu county, 1120 lei in Vrancea county as compared to 1820 lei Hunedoara county, 1735 lei in Bucharest, and 1632 lei in Brașov county).

In the fourth quarter of 2019, the total number of beneficiaries of *EGO² no 6/2009 regarding the minimum guaranteed social pension* (social indemnity) was 970.1 thousands persons, of which:

- 802.4 thousands persons from state social insurance system, representing 17.2% out of the total pensioners of this category;
- 164.0 thousands persons from the former system of farmers representing 57.4% out of the total pensioners of this category;
- 3.7 thousands persons from military system, representing 2.1% 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 30th of March 2020. Press release archive: <https://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.