

Domain: Social Protection

SOCIAL PROTECTION EXPENDITURES INCREASED IN 2022 BY 14.5% COMPARED TO 2021

In 2022:

- **social protection incomes**¹ amounted to 210608 million lei, 8.2% more compared to the previous year. Their share in the Gross Domestic Product² was 15.0%, a decrease of 1.4 percentage points compared to the previous year;
- **expenditures on social protection**¹ (including administrative costs of social protection schemes) amounted to 226526 million lei (of which 225236 million lei represent expenses on social benefits), experiencing a growth of 14.5% compared to the previous year. The share of social protection expenditures in the GDP was 16.2%, a decrease of 0.4 percentage points compared to 2021;
- **expenditures on social protection benefits** (excluding administrative costs and other expenditures) were 16.1% of the GDP, a 0.2 percentage points decrease compared to 2021.

As in previous years (2013-2022), social protection was mainly oriented to cover the risks of old age and of sickness or healthcare, which accounted for 49.9% and 27.9% of total expenditures on social protection benefits.

Expenditures on social protection benefits and the structure of expenditure on social protection functions (ESSPROS), in the period 2013 - 2022

Year	Total expenditures on social protection benefits - million lei -	Out of which, by functions ESSPROS (%)							
		Sickness/ Health care	Disability	Old age	Survivor	Family/ Children	Unempl oyment	Housing	Social exclusion
2013	92782	26.8	7.8	49.9	4.7	8.3	1.1	0.1	1.3
2014	96482	26.9	7.4	50.5	4.6	8.3	1.0	0.1	1.2
2015	101571	26.6	7.4	50.6	4.7	8.8	0.7	0.1	1.1
2016	110053	27.1	6.9	50.3	4.3	9.6	0.6	0.1	1.1
2017	124253	27.2	6.2	50.4	4.4	10.3	0.5	0.1	0.9
2018	140226	28.9	6.2	49.2	4.3	10.2	0.4	0.1	0.7
2019	158855	29.8	5.9	47.8	4.3	11.2	0.3	0.1	0.6
2020	180916	29.1	5.2	48.7	4.3	11.3	0.9	0.1	0.4
2021	194002	26.9	4.9	50.6	4.3	11.9	0.7	0.1	0.6
2022	225236	27.9	4.8	49.9	3.6	11.9	0.4	0.1	1.4

[Data from the table is available in the .xlsx format attached to the press release on homepage.](#)

¹ The data regarding social protection incomes and expenditures for the year 2022 are preliminary. The final data will be available in November 2024.

² The GDP data for the year 2022 are preliminary, while the data for the year 2021 are final.

Additional information:

For a correct interpretation of the indicators, please refer to the [Methodological notes attached to the press release on homepage](#).

For more information, kindly see the “Social Protection Statistics according to ESSPROS”, dissemination deadline: November 27, 2024.

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