

5. SOCIAL SECURITY

Pension insurance benefits

The pension insurance scheme provides citizens with security for the case of old age, disability, or loss of the breadwinner. The scheme provides old-age, disability, widow's, widower's, and orphan pensions pursuant to the Act No 155/1995 Sb, on pension insurance, as amended. (Translator's note: "Sb" stands for the Collection of Laws of the Czech Republic.)

Up until 1995, tables provide data on pensions paid under the Act No 100/1988 Sb, on pension insurance, as amended. In the following years, it applies to pensions provided pursuant to the Act No 155/1995 Sb, on pension insurance, as amended.

Three degrees of disability were introduced effective since 1 January 2010 and the previous full disability and partial disability pensions were replaced by pensions for the first, the second, and the third degree disabilities by the Act No 306/2008 Sb.

Since 2010, data provided are for pensions as follows:

- *old-age pensions (Section 29 of the Act No 155/1995 Sb and Section 26 of the Act No 100/1988 Sb);*
- *early old-age pensions - (Section 31 of the Act);*
- *the first degree, the second degree, and the third degree disability pensions – (Sections 38 and 39 of the Act);*
- *widows' pensions (Section 49 (1) of the Act);*
- *widowers' pensions (Section 49 (2) of the Act);*
- *orphan pensions (Section 52 of the Act).*

Outputs from information systems of the Czech Social Security Administration, which do not include data on pension insurance provided and administered by the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of the Interior, and the Ministry of Justice, are used for the needs of the statistics on pension insurance benefits.

Pension recipients

Tables 5-11, 5-1, and 5-2 differ in the methodology applied. The Table 5-11 with international comparison is processed using the ESSPROS core system methodology, while data in Tables 5-1 and 5-2 are processed using the national methodology for old-age pensions, disability pensions, and widows' and widowers' pensions.

The average monthly amount of a pension

The Table 5-7 shows separately the following: data on full old-age pensions (paid separately as single pensions), on widow's or widower's pensions paid separately, and also on widows' and widowers' pensions paid in combination with disability or old-age pensions. In the case of combined pensions, the average amount of a pension is calculated as the sum of amounts of both the pensions paid. The Table 5-8 shows disability pensions paid separately. Additional amounts of money provided before 2007 as the helplessness allowance are not included in the amounts of pensions. The average monthly amount of a pension as at 31 December of the reference year is the amount of a pension paid in average per pensioner in December.