5. SOCIAL SECURITY

For the needs of the CR's statistics on pension insurance benefits and sickness insurance benefits outputs from information systems operated by the Czech Social Security Administration are used, however, they do not include data for the pension insurance schemes managed by the Ministry of Defence of the CR, the Ministry of the Interior of the CR, and the Ministry of Justice of the CR.

Pension insurance benefits

The pension insurance scheme secures citizens in the case of old age, disability, or loss of breadwinner. This scheme provides old-age, disability, widow's, widower's, and orphan's pensions (the Act No. 155/1995 Sb., on pension insurance, as amended).

Tables list data on pensions paid in 1995 under the Act No. 100/1988 Sb., on pension insurance, as amended, and since 1996 under the Act No. 155/1995 Sb., on pension insurance, as amended. With effect from 1 January 2010, three levels of disability have been introduced; instead of full disability and partial disability pensions, pensions for disability of stage one, two and three started to be paid (the Act No. 306/2008 Sb.). There are the following pensions:

old-age pension (Section 29 of the Act No. 155/1995 Sb. and Section 26 of the Act No. 100/1988 Sb.);
early old-age pension - by 2 years (Section 30, in 2007 this provision has been cancelled);
early old-age pension - by 3 years (Section 31);
full disability pension (Section 38);
partial disability pension – until 2009 (Sections 43 and 44, in 2010 this provision has been cancelled);
disability pension of stage one, two, three invalidity – since 2010 (Sections 38 and 39);
widow's pension (Section 49 (1));
widower's pension (Section 49 (2)); and
orphan's pension (Section 52).

The average monthly amount of pension

This table shows data on pensioners who receive basic ("solo") pension, such as old-age, disability, widow's, or widower's pensions. Furthermore, it also gives widow's and widower's pensions paid in concurrence (an old-age pension or disability pension paid in concurrence with a widow's or widower's pension) where the average amount of a pension is calculated by adding the amounts of both pensions paid. The extra amounts of money paid as disability living allowance (DLA) and as the child benefit of guardian's allowance are excluded. The average monthly amount of the pensions paid means the average amount of pensions calculated per pensioner in the reference month. The average monthly amount of pension as at 31 December of the reference year is thus the amount of pension paid in December in average per pensioner.

The average number of the sickness insured

The indicator shows the average number of persons who are sickness insured under the Act No. 187/2006 Sb., on sickness insurance, as amended. The "civil sector" is monitored here, which means that members of the Ministry of Defence of the CR and Ministry of Justice of the CR (i.e. Police of the CR, Fire and Rescue Service of the CR, Customs Administration of the CR, Prison Service of the CR, Security Information Service, Office for Foreign Relations and Information, and the professional soldiers) are not included.

The table is broken down by classification to employees or the self-employed (sickness-insured ones), which replaced the so far used classification by sector due to its little capacity to provide relevant information.

State social support benefits paid

*The presented figures on state social support benefits paid (see the Act No. 117/1995 Sb., on state social support, as amended) include benefits provided depending on the family income – **tested benefits**, i.e. such as child allowance, social allowance, and housing allowance, and **non-tested benefits** (where eligibility for these benefits is not limited by the family income) such as parental allowance, foster care benefit, birth grant, and funeral grant. Since 2011 the birth benefit belongs to tested benefits as it is newly paid only for a first-born child in a family having the income of maximally the living minimum for the family multiplied by 2.4.*