

## **5. SOCIAL SECURITY**

The pension insurance scheme secures citizens in the case of old age, disability, or loss of breadwinner. This scheme, effective since 1 January 1996 (the Act No. 155/1995 Sb., on pension insurance), provides old-age, disability (full and partial), widows', widowers', and orphans' pensions. According to the Act wives' pensions, long-term service pensions, social pensions, and pensions granted before 1 January 1957 are provided as either disability or old-age pensions.

The Czech statistical service uses outputs from information systems operated by the Czech Social Security Administration (information on sickness insurance benefits, pension insurance benefits, yet 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 is excluded).

### **Pensions and pension insurance benefits paid**

Tables list 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.

### **The average monthly amount of pension**

This table shows data on pensioners who receive basic ("solo") pension, such as old-age, disability, widows', and widowers' pensions, from which the average level of solo-pensions is calculated. Furthermore, it also gives combined widows' and widower's pensions where the amounts of both pensions paid are added up (till 1995 in compliance with Section 56 of the Act No. 100/1988 Sb. and since 1996 with Section 59 of the Act No. 155/1995 Sb.). 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, as calculated by the following formula:

$$A = \frac{B}{C}$$

where A is the average monthly amount of the pensions paid,  
B is the sum of the amounts of pensions paid in the last month of the reference period,  
C is the number of pensions paid.

The average monthly amount of pension as at 31 December of the reference year is thus the average amount of the pension paid per pensioner in December.

### **The number and average amount of new pensions granted: by type and sex**

Tables give pensions provided in accordance with relevant Sections of the Act No. 155/1995 Sb., on pension insurance (except for proportional old-age pensions) or relevant provisions of preceding regulations:

- full old-age pension (Section 29 (a));
- proportional old-age pension (Section 26 of the Act No. 100/1988 Sb. and Section 29 (b) of the Act No. 155/1995 Sb.);
- early old-age pension - by 2 years (Section 30): since 2004 it was limited by law; since 2007 this provision has been cancelled;
- early old-age pension - by 3 years (Section 31);
- full disability pension (Section 38);
- full disability pension (the so-called disability originating from young age) (Section 42);
- partial disability pension (Section 43);
- widow's pension (Section 49 (1));
- widower's pension (Section 49 (2)); and
- orphan's pension (Section 52).

### ***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 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 newly broken down by classification of employees and self-employed (sickness-insured ones), which replaced the so far given 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.*