

5. SOCIAL SECURITY

Pension insurance benefits

The pension insurance scheme secures citizens in the case of old age, disability, or loss of the breadwinner. The 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 5-1 and 5-2 provide data on pensions paid in 1995 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. With effect from 1 January 2010, three levels of disability have been introduced (the previous full disability and partial disability pensions were replaced by pensions for first level disability, second level disability, and third level disability (the Act No. 306/2008 Sb.)).

Since 2010 data for the following pensions have been provided:

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 the provision of law was cancelled;

early old-age pension - by 3 years (Section 31);

full disability pension until 2009 (Sections 38 and 39), in 2010 the provision of law was cancelled;

partial disability pension – until 2009 (Sections 43 and 44), in 2010 the provision of law was cancelled;

first level, second level, and third level disability pension – since 2010 (Sections 38 and 39);

widow's pension (Section 49 (1));

widower's pension (Section 49 (2));

orphan's pension (Section 52).

For the needs of statistics on pension insurance benefits, outputs from information systems of the Czech Social Security Administration are used, which do not include data on pension insurance of the Ministry of Defence of the CR, the Ministry of the Interior of the CR, and the Ministry of Justice of the CR.

The average monthly amount of pension

Table 5-1 shows data on pensioners who receive a separate pension ("solo" pensions such as old-age, disability, widow's, or widower's pensions) and also widow's and widower's pensions paid in combination with disability or old-age pensions. In the case of the combined pension, the average amount of a pension is calculated by adding the amounts of both pensions paid. The extra amounts of money provided previously as the helplessness supplement and as the child raising allowance paid to pension recipients are excluded. The average monthly amount of pension as at 31 December of the reference year is the amount of pension paid in December in average per pensioner.

There is different methodology in case of tables 5-4 (national methodology of disability and old-age pensions) and 5-5 (ESSPROS).