

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 as laid down by 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. Three levels of disability were introduced effective since 1 January 2010 and the previous full disability and partial disability pensions were replaced by pensions for first, second, and third level 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 - granted by 3 years earlier (Section 31 of the Act);*
- first level, second level, and third level disability pensions – effective since 2010 (Sections 38 and 39 of the Act);*
- widows' pensions (Section 49 (1) of the Act);*
- widowers' pensions (Section 49 (2) of the Act); and*
- 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.

The average monthly amount of pension

Table 5-1 shows data on pensioners who receive a pension paid separately, so-called single pension such as old-age, disability, widow's, or widower's pension, and also on pensioners who receive widows' and widowers' pensions paid in combination with disability or old-age pensions. In the case of the combined pensions, the average amount of a pension is calculated as the sum of amounts of both the pensions paid. The additional amounts of money provided till 2006 as the helplessness allowance and as the child raising allowance and were paid as a supplement to pensions are excluded. The average monthly amount of pension as at 31 December of the reference year is the amount of pension paid in average per pensioner in December.

The number of pensioners

Table 5-4 and Table 5-5 differ in the methodology applied. The Table 5-4 is processed using the ESSPROS core system methodology while data in Table 5-5 are processed using the national methodology for disability and old-age pensions.