

QUALITY REPORT

ESSPROS PENSION BENEFICIARIES

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MEMBER STATE: GREECE

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1. Accuracy and Reliability / Geographical coverage

1.1 Coverage of data sources* (part 1)

Name of data source	Type of data source used ⁽¹⁾ <i>(see regulation point 1.1.1.1)</i>	Frequency of the data source ⁽²⁾ <i>(see regulation point 1.1.1.1)</i>	Time lag in months ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ <i>(see regulation point 1.1.1.1)</i>	Schemes covered (please indicate which scheme numbers are covered by this data source) <i>(see regulation point 1.1.1.1)</i>
Ministry of Labour as supervisor authority of the Social Security Funds	administrative data	annually	15 months	scheme 1
General Secretariat for Information Systems (GSIS)	administrative data	annually	15 months	scheme 2 and 9
Ministry of Rural Development and Food	administrative data	annually	15 months	scheme 9 partly
Private Insurance Enterprises (Occupational Insurance)	survey	annually	15 months	scheme 7
Banks & Public Corporation (Employer statutory provided benefits)	survey	annually	15 months	scheme 8

* Please be exhaustive by mentioning all pension schemes

1. Please specify: "Administrative data", "Register based data", "National Accounts", "Survey", "Census", "Other". For category "Other", please specify the type

2. Please specify: "12 months" or "6 months", etc.

3. The time lag is the period between the reference date (31st of December of reference year or 1st January of reference year + 1) and the moment in which data sources are available

1.1 Coverage of data sources (part 2) – please note that part 1 and part 2 is in fact one table and have only been separated to facilitate the completion of the table

Name of data source <i>(Please indicate the same data sources as in table 1.1 part 1)</i>	Any additional information regarding this data source (i.e. reports on problems -including delays- which lead to estimation of data) ⁽⁴⁾ <i>(see regulation point 1.1.1.1)</i>	Geographical coverage (i.e. which parts of the country are covered by this data source) ⁽⁵⁾ <i>(see regulation point 1.2.1)</i>
Ministry of Labour as supervisor authority of the Social Security Funds		Full coverage
General Secretariat for Information Systems (GSIS)		Full coverage
Ministry of Rural Development and Food		Full coverage
Private Insurance Enterprises (Occupational Insurance)		Full coverage
Banks & Public Corporation (Employer statutory provided benefits)		Full coverage

4. Please fill in this column only in cases of: delays, data source contains estimates, incomplete coverage for some schemes. In cases of schemes not complete covered, please, specify the number of the scheme and the code of the item for which no data are available and estimations are needed.

5. Please indicate "Full coverage" if the data source covers the whole country. If the data source contains data for some regions only, please specify the region.

1.2 Geographical comparability* *(see regulation point 2.2)*

Degree of coverage in terms of schemes⁽⁶⁾ <i>(if there are cases of schemes, to be potentially included in ESSPROS that are completely or partially missed or not available)</i>	Degree of coverage in terms of beneficiaries <i>(whether for the schemes included that data provided are exhaustive or if a number of pension beneficiaries are not available (partial return))</i>	Cases of non-application of the ESSPROS methodology in the form of a comprehensive list <i>(whether there are cases (both schemes and benefits) of possible non-adherence with the ESSPROS methodology: provision from specific sources, for example, could imply the use of definitions and methodologies not in line with our Manual)</i>
Banks & Public Corporation-Scheme 8 (Employer statutory provided benefits)	<p>There is no centralized authority holding the information of the enterprises that are offering programs of early retirement benefit for labour market reasons for their employees. The research is addressed to the entities for which we have the information through the press that they are running such programs. We are not aware whether the total population is captured.</p>	<p>An investigation is going to take place within next months in order to clarify whether this scheme should exist in the pension beneficiaries' questionnaire.</p>
Private Insurance Enterprises – Scheme 7 (Occupational Insurance)	<p>The Supervision of Private Insurance-Bank of Greece, in reply to our letter, informed ELSTAT that in Greece, in the area of group life insurance operate 22 companies. From the 22 Insurance Enterprises the 10 biggest have replied to our research. This has no significant effect to the number of beneficiaries at all schemes level since the beneficiaries are already included in one of the basic schemes (1 or 2). Estimates were not implemented.</p>	
<p>There are no cases of schemes included in ESSPROS that are completely missed or not available.</p>		<p>Non-adherence with the ESSPROS methodology: Greece is not providing information on early retirement benefits due to reduced capacity to work. This benefit is not provided from Social Protection Schemes in Greece. Furthermore, for the reference year 2012, ELSTAT has not recorded a number under code 1161113 after an exchange of e-mails with Eurostat which provided explanations on the definition of this code and the correct recording of the respective data.</p>

* Please note that this table is referred to coverage and consistency with ESSPROS methodology of final figures.

6. If a scheme is completely missed in final figures please specify its number in the first column and in the second column specify "Missing". If only some items are missing, please specify in the first column the number of the scheme and in the second column the items that are missing.

2. Methodologies and assumptions used in the treatment of double counting and in estimates (please give details for all cases)

2.1 Estimates for schemes on which no data are available (see regulation point 2.1.2)

Schemes	Items ⁽⁷⁾	Type of estimate ⁽⁸⁾	Summary of estimation procedure
7	all	Breakdown of a total by gender	Based on known distribution

7. Specify only the codes of the items concerned. In cases of breakdowns, please specify: "breakdown of a total by gender", or "breakdown of a total between MT and NMT pensions", etc.

8. Specify one of the following estimation methods: "based on known distributions", "based on previous data", "based on a hypothesis", "based on a survey", "based on extrapolation", and "other". For category "other", please specify the method.

2.2 Information on the treatment of double counting (please indicate all types of double counting occurring in your country and specify the treatment, if any, for each of these cases) (see regulation point 2.1.2)

(a) for a pension category inside a single scheme

Item	Scheme	Treatment (yes or not)	Type of treatment ⁽⁹⁾	Summary of the treatment
1121111				
1121112				
1122111				
1122112				
1131111				
1131112				
1131113				
1132111				
1132112				

1132113				
1141111				
1141112				
1161113				
1162113				

9. Specify one of the following methods: "using a personal identification number", "using micro level data", "estimation based on previously known data", "estimation based on a hypothesis", "estimation based on a survey", "other". For category "other", please specify the method.

Comments on this type of double counting:

Scheme 1: The Social Security Funds (SSFs) are providing us with information on the beneficiaries acquiring a benefit of the same type from more than one SSFs. This number is deducted from each benefit category respectively.

Scheme 2: The tax identification number is used for the treatment of double counting.

(b) between schemes (a pension category for all schemes):

Item	Schemes	Treatment (yes or not)	Type of treatment ⁽¹⁰⁾	Summary of treatment
1121111				
1121112				
1122111				
1122112				
1131111				
1131112				
1131113				
1132111				
1132112				
1132113				

1141111				
1141112				
1161113				
1162113				

10. Specify one of the following methods: "using a personal identification number", "using micro level data", "estimation based on previously known data", "estimation based on a hypothesis", "estimation based on a survey", "other". For category "other", please specify the method.

Comments on this type of double counting:

Schemes 7, 8 and 9 are mainly providing supplementary pensions, thus the beneficiaries receiving a benefit from these schemes are consider to receiving a benefit from either scheme 1 or scheme 2. The data at all schemes level for each category is derived from the sum of the respective values in schemes 1 and 2.

(c) between non-means-tested and means-tested

Item	Double counting (yes or not)	Treatment (yes or not)	Type of treatment ⁽¹¹⁾	Summary of treatment
1121111 - 1122111	yes	yes	using micro level data	See the comments below
1121112 - 1122112	not			Not applicable-benefits equal to zero
1131111 - 1132111	yes	yes	using micro level data	See the comments below
1131112 - 1132112	yes	yes	using micro level data	See the comments below
1131113 - 1132113	not			Not applicable-benefits equal to zero
1141111 - 1142111	yes	yes	using micro level data	See the comments below
1161113 - 1162113	not			Not applicable-benefits equal to zero

11. Specify one of the following methods: "using a personal identification number", "using micro level data", "estimation based on previously known data", "estimation based on a hypothesis", "estimation based on a survey", "other". For category "other", please specify the method.

Comments on this type of double counting:

Almost all pensioners who receive a means tested benefit are also receiving a non means tested benefit. Exception to the aforementioned are two kinds of benefits (one for old age function - part of 1132111 and one for survivors –part of 1142111) which although they are means tested benefits their recipients do not receive a non means tested benefit as well. The number of the beneficiaries for these benefits is added to the number of the non means tested beneficiaries for the respective category (1131111,1141111) and thus the aggregated number for these categories is produced (1130111, 1140111). For the rest aggregated categories the value of means tested beneficiaries is ignored and the aggregated value for these pensioners coincides with the value of non means tested pensioners (1131112=1130112 and 1121111=1120111).

(d) between categories in aggregation:

To obtain functions at "all schemes" level

Item	Double counting (yes or not)	Treatment (yes or not)	Type of treatment ⁽¹²⁾	Summary of treatment
1120111 – 1120112	not			Not applicable-1120112 equal to zero
1130111 – 1130112 – 1130113	not			

To obtain the totals of survivors and old age pensioners and the total of pensioners in the country

Item	Double counting (yes or not)	Treatment (yes or not)	Type of treatment ⁽¹²⁾	Summary of treatment
1190110	yes	yes	other	See the comments below
1120110 - 1130110 - 1140111 - 1160113	yes	yes	other	See the comments below

12. Specify one of the following methods: "using a personal identification number", "using micro level data", "estimation based on previously known data", "estimation based on a hypothesis", "estimation based on a survey", "other". For category "other", please specify the method.

Comments on this type of double counting:

Ministry of Labour is providing ELSTAT with the total number of an approximate for the net beneficiaries of scheme 1 for codes 1000000 and 1190110. These numbers refer to the number of pensioners of each SSF that pay contributions for health care. This implies that the relevant number corresponds only to main pensions since a pensioner might receive more than one pension from one or more SSFs but they usually pay contributions for health care only to one SSF. These numbers for scheme 1 are added to the corresponding numbers for scheme 2. In case those SSFs do not provide the specific net number, a proxy is used by deducting from the total number of pensioners: a) the number of pensioners receiving more than one pension of the same category from different SSFs and b) the number of pensioners receiving more than one pension from the same fund. The aggregated number at all scheme level for codes 1000000 and 1190110 is calculated by adding the net number of scheme 1 to the number of scheme 2 and deducting by the sum the number for common pensioners between scheme 1 and 2.

3. Revision of statistics (In the first column, please indicate the scheme involved, in the second column, the items involved, then tick with an 'X' the column that corresponds to the type of the revision and, where it is the case, please describe in the last column each revision with a few words, specifying if it is extraordinary (very rare) or ordinary (it can happen regularly). (see regulation point 2.1.3))

Scheme	Items	Type of revision					Details on the revision
		Changes in the data sources used ⁽¹³⁾	Changes in the methods used for estimating data ⁽¹⁴⁾	Revisions of data due to conceptual adjustments ⁽¹⁵⁾	Revisions of data due to availability of final statistics ⁽¹⁶⁾	Other revisions of data (e.g. due to quality review actions)	

13. E.g. changes in the set of the data sources (new data sources, disappearing of an old one); additional information supplied by certain data sources; other changes in data sources.

14. E.g. changes in the methods used: to put in line information supplied by data sources with the ESSPROS methodology; to estimate the missing breakdown (or part of schemes) or other changes in methods.

15. E.g. changes in the ESSPROS methodology; in the social protection system; in classifications or definitions other than ESSPROS; etc.

16. E.g. final figures are provided by the data sources; or provisional estimation are replaced by information that was missing in the last data collection; etc.

4. Other information related to quality

4.1 Dissemination policy in the country*

Are these data published in your country?⁽¹⁷⁾	At what timeliness? (in months)⁽¹⁸⁾	State any specific publication (and eventually the link)	Are they part of regular publications? (yes or not)
Yes everything	22 months	http://www.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/PAGE-themes?p_param=A2104	yes

**Optional*

17. Please specify "yes everything", "yes, only the following part...", "yes, but not in the ESSPROS format" or no". In case of "yes, but not in the ESSPROS format", please explain.

18 Please specify how many months after the period of reference the data are published (31st of December of reference year or 1st January of reference year + 1).

4.2 Other information

Scheme1, item 1132112, data for 2012 has been reported in consistency with the questionnaire received by Ministry of Labour.

Scheme8, item 1161113, after an exchange of e-mails with Eurostat it came up that the item under code 1161113 was misreported since it occurred to lump sum payments. For 2012 the relevant amounts were reported under code 1161122.

Scheme8, items 1122111, 1132111, 1141111, 1142111. Data for 2012 has been reported in consistency with the questionnaire received by GSIS.