

**Disability, old age, length of service and survivors' pensions:** paid in case of impaired work abilities; due to age limits or at the end of a full insurance career; to survivors in case of death of the pensioner or insured person provided that all insurance and contribution requirements are met

**Compensatory pensions:** indemnities paid by reason of impairment or death (to survivors in this case) caused by an event occurred on the job

**Social assistance pensions:** include non-contributory pensions, social allowances, pensions for the blind and partially-sighted, for the deaf and the invalid and war pensions

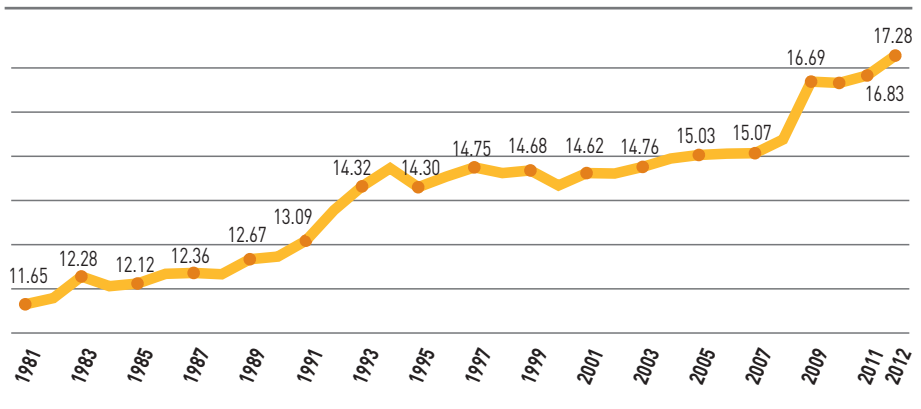
**Retirement rate:** per cent ratio of pensions to resident population on 31 December of the reference year

**Relative benefit index:** per cent ratio of average amount of pension to GDP per inhabitant

**PENSIONS**  
2012

	Disability, old age and length of service, survivors	Compensatory	Assistance	Total
Number (thousand)	18,470	827	4,281	23,578
Total amount (millions of euro)	244,929	4,515	21,276	270,720
Average yearly amount (euro)	13,261	5,458	4,970	11,482
Expenditure/GDP	15.62	0.29	1.36	17.28
Retirement rate	30.95	1.39	7.17	39.50
Relative benefit index	50.47	20.79	18.97	43.74

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR PENSIONS**  
1981-2012, percentage of GDP



**PENSIONERS AND AVERAGE ANNUAL GROSS PENSION INCOMES BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA**  
2011 and 2012

	2011		2012	
	number	average income (euro)	number	average income (euro)
North	7,845,588	17,088	7,800,629	17,478
Centre	3,255,408	17,445	3,239,826	17,804
South and the Islands	5,093,952	14,447	5,089,987	14,765
<b>Italy*</b>	<b>16,194,948</b>	<b>16,329</b>	<b>16,130,442</b>	<b>16,687</b>

\* the total does not include pensioners residing abroad and a few cases for which it was not possible to identify the residence