

## Declared income falls 28.7 pct from 2011 to 2014, salaries and pensions suffer most

A total number of 8.52 million individuals declared annual net income of 73.93 billion euros in 2014, according to Finance Ministry (MoF) data reported in the local media.

This corresponds to a reduction of 28.7 percent compared to the last official data of 103.7 billion reported in 2011.

Salary-earners and pensioners consistently make up more than three quarters of total declared net income. Their 2014 figure stands at 56.73 billion euros, which represents a sharp drop of 30.7 percent over the last three years.

Net income from other activities fell by 21.4 percent since 2011 and landed at 17.21 billion euros in 2014.

The self-employed declared net income of 4.82 billion (6.5 percent of total) in 2014, while that for farmers reached 1.34 billion and accounted for just 1.8 percent of total.

In the cases of salary-earners and pensioners net income is defined as income from salaries and pensions, which is declared by their employers and pension funds respectively, deducted by social security contributions and tax exemptions, such as medical and mortgages' interest expenses.

For the self-employed and farmers net income is defined as revenues minus expenses based on their own declaration.

Income from real estate property (mostly rents) stood at 5.94 billion euros in 2014 corresponding to 8 percent of total individual income, while that from investments reached 4.15 billion (5.6 percent).

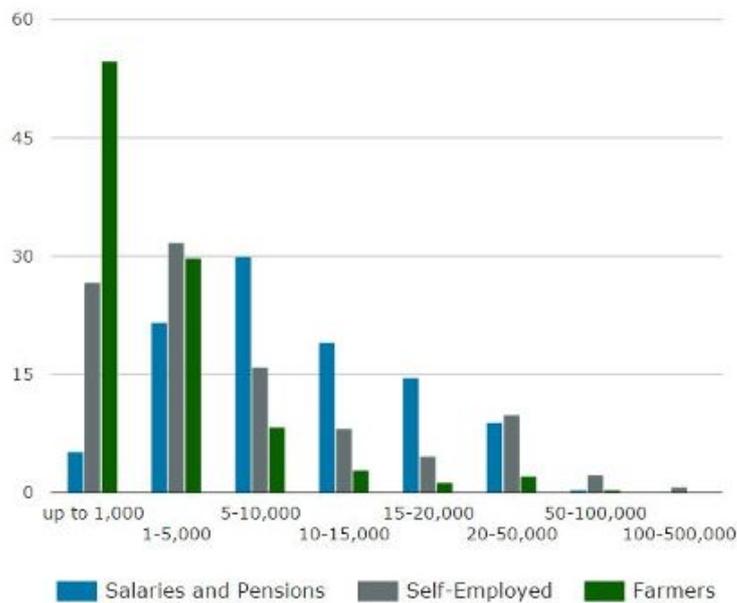
Overall, the average individual annual net income amounted to 8,681 euros in 2014 with that from salaries and pensions above at 10,562 euros and from self-employed lower at 9,745. Farmers' average income was way below at 3,113 euros.

The breakdown of the income brackets showed that 26.9 percent of salary-earners and pensioners, 58.3 percent of self-employed and 84.6 percent of farmers declare annual incomes below 5,000 euros.

Annual net income below 10,000 euros is declared by 56.9 percent of salary-earners and pensioners, 74.2 percent of self-employed and 93.1 percent of farmers.

## 2014 Declared Income Distribution, percent

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Source: Local Media, MacroPolis calculations

As far as salary-earners and pensioners are concerned, 30 percent declare net income between 5 and 10,000 euros, 26.9 percent below 5,000 euros and 19.1 percent between 10 and 15,000 euros.

The respective allocation for the self-employed shows more than half (58.3 percent) is concentrated in the low income bracket declaring annual net income below 5,000 euros, while income between 5 and 10,000 euros is declared by 15.9 percent.

This is more profound in farmers with more than half (54.8 percent) declaring annual net income up to 1,000 euros and almost 30 percent between 1,000 and 5,000 euros.

It is worth noting that 211 salary-earners and pensioners, 67 self-employed and only 2 farmers declared annual income above 500,000 euros in 2014.