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## **Pensions and pensioners: territorial analysis** *Year 2011*

In 2011 pension expenditure reached 265,975 million of euro. At the regional level the incidence on GDP reached the highest value in Liguria (21.25%) and minimum (11.47%) in the Autonomous Province of Bolzano.

The pension expenditure per capita reached its maximum (6,006 euro) in Liguria, while the minimum value (3,211 euro) is observed in Campania (this is also due to the different age structure of the population).

The highest share of expenditure (30.1%) was provided in the North-West area, while values close to 20% were observed in the South (18.6%), the Centre (21.4%) and in the North-East areas (20.3%). 9.1% of the share was paid to pensioners living in the Islands and the remaining 0.6% to those living abroad.

Compared to 2010, the total pension expenditure increased by 2.9%. The increase reached the highest value in the Islands (3.7%), and the lowest one Abroad (-4%).

Pensioners living in Lazio benefit on average of the highest annual pension income (18,885 euro), 40% higher than that pensioners of Basilicata (13,486 euro), the lowest among the Italian regions.

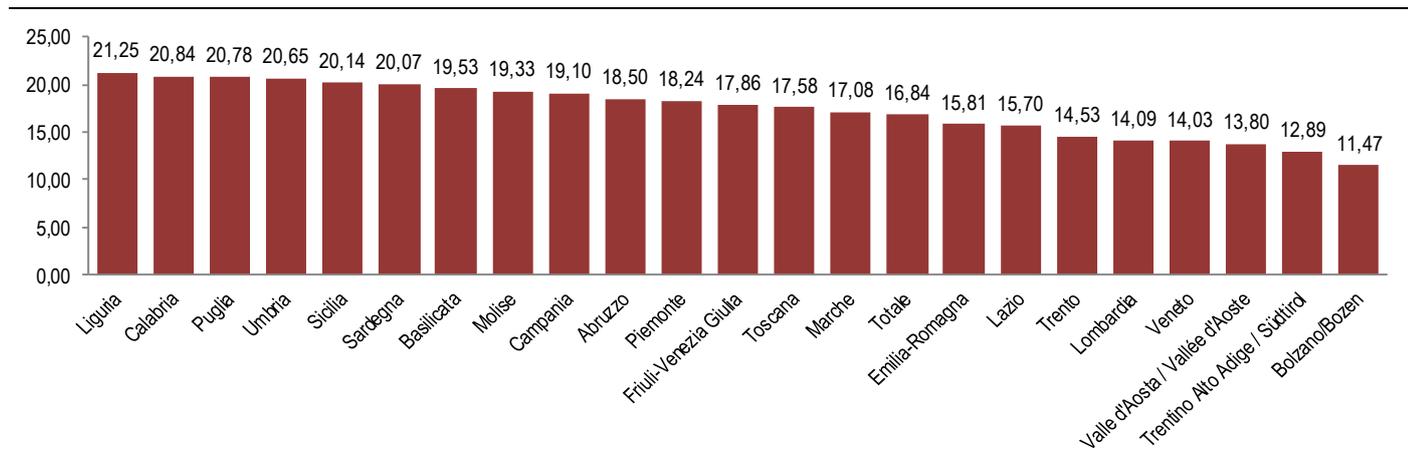
More than half pensioners in the Islands (52.7%) receive a monthly pension income of less than 1,000 euro, while 20,4% of North-Western pensioners benefit pensions exceeding 2,000 euro. This evidence is also associated with the incidence of different types of pension schemes in the area.

Indeed, in the North-West area, old-age pensions account for 59.8% of total expenditure, while welfare pensions covered only 12.9%. A reverse situation is to be found in the Islands, where the incidence is 27.4% for welfare pensions expenditure and 39.6% for the old age ones.

The ratio of pensioners to employees reached the highest value in Calabria: 88.1 pensioners for every 100 persons employed. The lowest value is observed in Trentino-Alto Adige (57.1).

In the North-western regions the incidence of pensions to former workers in the public sector is 9.5%; higher values were observed in the other areas, with the top (14.7%) in the Islands.

FIGURE 1. PENSION EXPENDITURE ON GDP BY REGION. Year 2011



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