

**Question for written answer E-003179/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Early retirement of officials of the European institutions

The retirement age of an official working in the European institutions (both officials and temporary staff) is 65, but may be reduced to 63 at the official's request. The maximum retirement pension is 70% of the final basic salary. Officials who have reached the age of at least 55 and have completed at least 10 years' service may take early retirement, in which case their pension is reduced by 3.5% for every year before they reach retirement age. The Commission may in exceptional cases waive the right to apply the 3.5% per year reduction. I should like to ask for precise figures in answer to the following questions:

How many officials (including temporary staff) who worked in all the institutions, and how many in the Commission, have since 2011 taken early retirement by the age of 56 without the reduction of 3.5% per year in their retirement pension before reaching pensionable age and receive a pension of over EUR 7 000?

What was the highest amount in early retirement pension paid to officials after 2011 and in how many cases was or is this sum paid?

What was the lowest age at which an official took early retirement after 2011?