

THE COST OF CORRUPTION IN ROMANIA

A hit to GDP of over €38.6 billion is lost each year in Romania due to corruption. That's **around 15.6% of GDP**.

THE IMPACT OF CORRUPTION ON SOCIAL POLICIES

This €38.6 billion annually lost to corruption in Romania is also **more than 187 times bigger than the entire annual budget for the unemployed** (around €206 million).

This figure is **almost 5 times the country's healthcare budget** (almost €7.9 billion) and **more than double the amount spent on the elderly** (€13.8 billion).

This figure is over **21 times the size of the policing budget** (€1.6 billion); or, over **86 times the size of the budget for the fire service** (€713 million).

It is an incredible **2,968 times the size of the housing budget** (about €12 million), and around **16 times the budget for family and children** (€2.2 billion).

The money lost to corruption in Romania is around **20 times the sickness and disability budget** (almost €1.7 billion).

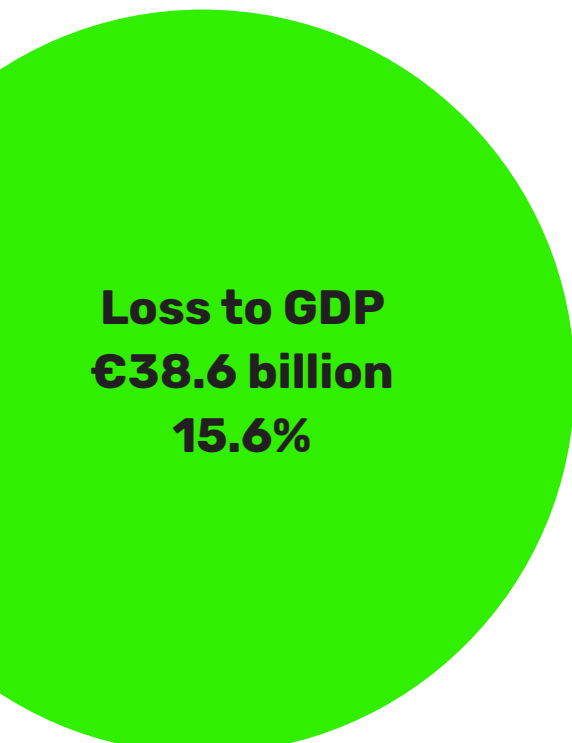
Romania spends €4.1 billion on **education**, which means the money lost to corruption is almost **9 times more** than that.

Indeed, the money lost to corruption is almost **twice the size of total social expenditure** (€19 billion).

THE CONTEXT FOR INDIVIDUALS

The €38.6 billion annually lost due to corruption in Romania is enough to give around **over 5.4 million people in the country** (around 27% of the population) the average Romanian wage (€7,114 net per year according to the most recent data from the Romanian institute for statistics; Romania's unemployment rate was 4.6% in April 2018).

How does receiving **€1,954 each year** for free sound? Well, that is how much each person would get if the money lost to corruption were to be distributed equally among everyone in Romania. If we divide the amount of money lost to corruption between all the newborn babies in a given year, each baby could receive more than €203,000!



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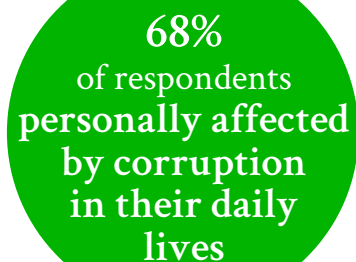
THE CONTEXT FOR INDIVIDUALS (continuation)

If Romania could spend the money it loses to corruption each year, it could buy more than **24 billion bottles of beer**, which is **1,237 1L beers for each person** in the country each year - that's more than 3 litres of beer a day.

With the money lost to corruption in Romania, **over 39 billion loaves of bread** could be purchased. This is **1,994 1kg loaves of bread for each person** each year, or more than 5 kilos of bread per day! If Romania were to spend all the money lost to corruption on red wine, that would buy more than **15.3 billion bottles**. That's **779 bottles per person** each year, which is more than 2 bottles of wine per person a day.

PERCEPTIONS OF CORRUPTION IN ROMANIA

Clearly, corruption is a priority for Romanians, as **68% of respondents** recognise they are **personally affected** by corruption in their daily lives. Over the past three years, **46% of people** in Romania say they think corruption has increased. **37%** responded that it had stayed the same, and **only 10%** thought that corruption had decreased.



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