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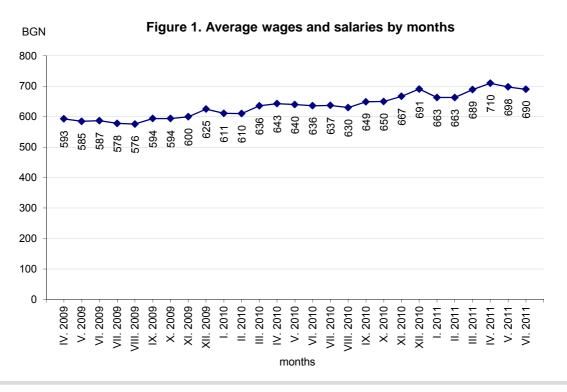
EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, SECOND QUARTER OF 2011

According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) at the end of June 2011 the number of employees under labour contract increased by 50.3 thousands or 2.3% as compared to the end of March 2011 and reached 2.20 millions. The highest increase was observed in economic activity "Accommodation and food service activities" - 41.7% and "Agriculture, forestry and fishing" - 5.3%. Decrease of employees was recorded in economic activities "Education" - 2.1% and "Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles" - 0.3%.

In the structure of employees by economic activities the biggest relative share of employees was in "Manufacturing" - 22.5% and "Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles" - 17.7%.

At the end of June 2011 as compared to June 2010 the number of employees under labour contract was declined by 29 thousands. or 1.3%. The highest decrease in absolute figures was observed in economic activities "Construction" - 16.3 thousands, "Manufacturing" - 15.5 thousands. and "Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles" - 14.5 thousands. In percentages the highest decrease was in "Construction" - 11.1%, "Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply" - 4.7% and "Public administration and defence; compulsory social security" - 4.1%.

The average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract in April, May and June 2011 was 710, 698 and 690 levs respectively.



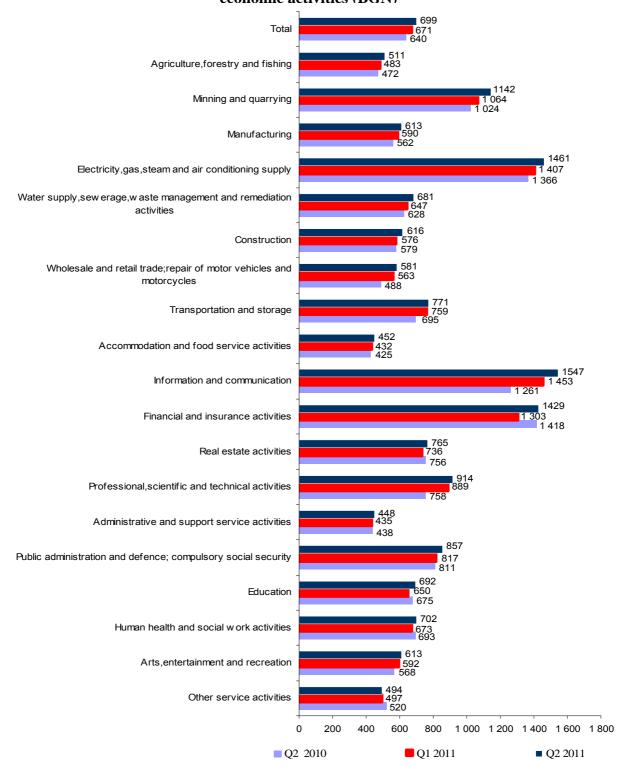




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In the second quarter of 2011 in comparison with the first quarter of 2011 the average monthly wages and salaries increased by 4.2% getting 699 levs. The highest increase in wages and salaries was reported in "Financial and insurance activities" - 9.7%, "Mining and quarrying" - 7.3% and "Construction" - 6.9%.

Figure 2. Average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities (BGN)







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In "Other service activities" a decrease by 0.6% in average monthly wages and salaries in second quarter of 2011 as compared to the first quarter of 2011 was observed.

Compared to the second quarter of 2010 the average monthly wages and salaries in the second quarter of 2011 rose by 9.2%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: "Information and communication" - 22.7%, "Professional, scientific and technical activities" - 20.6% and "Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles" - 19.1%.

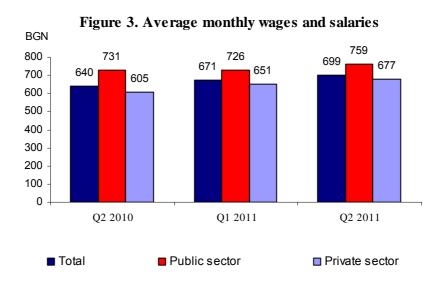
The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the second quarter of 2011 were:

- "Information and communication" 1 547 levs;
- ➤ "Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply" 1 461 levs;
- ➤ "Financial and insurance activities" 1 429 levs.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- "Administrative and support service activities" 448 levs;
- ➤ "Accommodation and food service activities" 452 levs;
- > "Other service activities" 494 levs.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 3.8%, while in private sector - by 11.9%.







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Methodological notes

The source of information is the Quarterly Survey on employees, hours worked, wages and salaries, and other expenditures paid by the employer. It is sample survey which main purpose is to make a study of the current state and dynamics of some main aspects of labour market. The sample used for the survey is a stratified random sample without replacement. Stratification criteria used include: economic activity (NACE rev. 2), size of the enterprise (according to the number of employees) and regional breakdown (28 districts, NUTS3).

More methodological information on the quarterly survey and data could be found on NSI official web page - http://www.nsi.bg/otrasalen.php?otr=51.





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Annex

Table 1

Employees under labour contract at the end of the month by economic activities in 2011¹

			(Numbers)
Economic activity	April	May	June
Total	2160819	2185613	2199445
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	62087	63257	63992
Mining and quarrying	25145	25162	25275
Manufacturing	491062	493276	494385
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	30931	30904	31038
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and			
remediation activities	33727	33905	34173
Construction	131140	131936	131516
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and			
motorcycles	389092	387113	389590
Transportation and storage	123983	125220	127448
Accommodation and food service activities	94679	112849	118862
Information and communication	60864	61212	61255
Financial and insurance activities	55186	55122	55401
Real estate activities	22088	22579	22876
Professional, scientific and technical activities	62713	62690	62565
Administrative and support service activities	104924	107595	110122
Public administration and defence; compulsory social			
security	115112	115544	115859
Education	168859	167828	165210
Human health and social work activities	130240	130149	130482
Arts, entertainment and recreation	29283	29651	29824
Other service activities	29704	29621	29572

¹Preliminary data.





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 $\label{eq:thm:contract} \textbf{Table 2} \\ \textbf{Average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 20111}$

			(BGN)
Economic activity	April	May	June
Total	710	698	690
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	502	491	537
Mining and quarrying	1052	1054	1318
Manufacturing	616	609	613
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1475	1474	1435
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation			
activities	706	671	667
Construction	609	622	616
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	594	577	570
Transportation and storage	787	774	754
Accommodation and food service activities	459	457	442
Information and communication	1577	1534	1530
Financial and insurance activities	1576	1280	1432
Real estate activities	776	779	741
Professional, scientific and technical activities	929	901	911
Administrative and support service activities	467	437	441
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	862	888	820
Education	668	744	664
Human health and social work activities	722	696	689
Arts, entertainment and recreation	617	624	599
Other service activities	500	493	489

¹Preliminary data.