



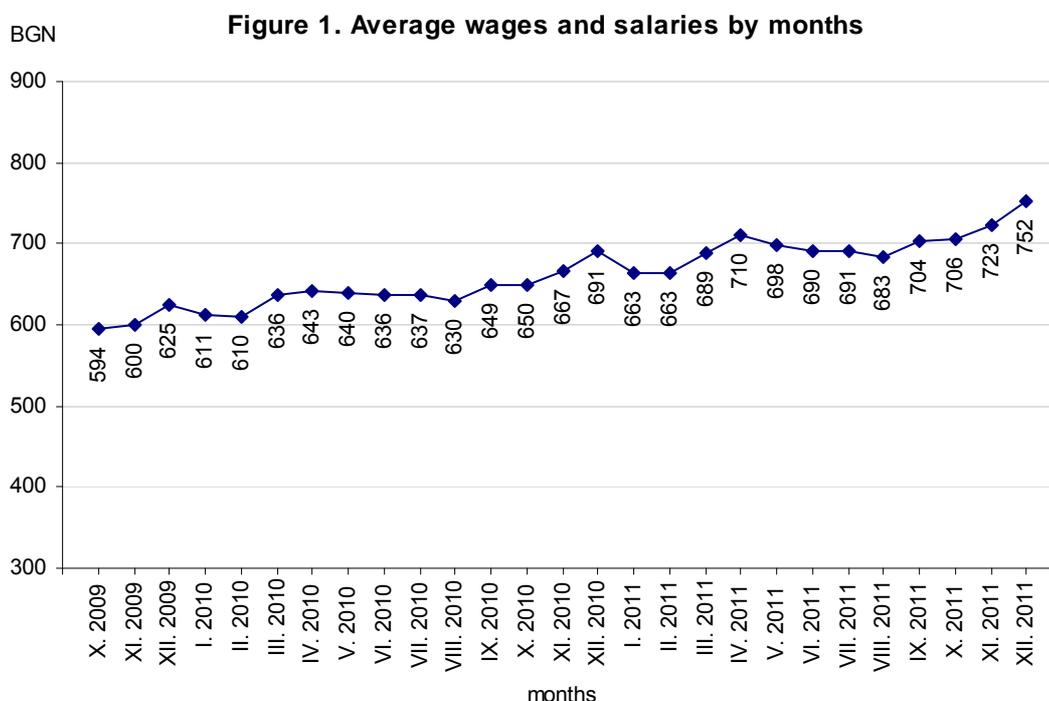
EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, FOURTH QUARTER OF 2011

According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) at the end of December 2011 the number of employees under labour contract decreased by 56.4 thousands or 2.6% as compared to the end of September 2011 and reached 2.13 millions. The highest decrease was observed in economic activity “Accommodation and food service activities”- 17.4%, “Agriculture, forestry and fishing”- 14.0% and “Construction” - 5.0%. The highest increase of employees was recorded in economic activity “Administrative and support service activities”- 2.4%.

In the structure of employees by economic activities the biggest relative share of employees was in “Manufacturing” - 22.7% and “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles” - 18.1%.

At the end of December 2011 as compared to December 2010 the number of employees under labour contract was declined by 15.4 thousands or 0.7%. The highest decrease in absolute figures was observed in economic activities “Manufacturing” - 18.9 thousands, “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles” - 11.7 thousands and “Construction” - 8.9 thousands. In percentages the highest decrease was in “Construction” - 6.7%, “Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply” - 5.7% and “Manufacturing” - 3.8%.

The average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract in October, November and December 2011 was 706, 723 and 752 levs respectively.

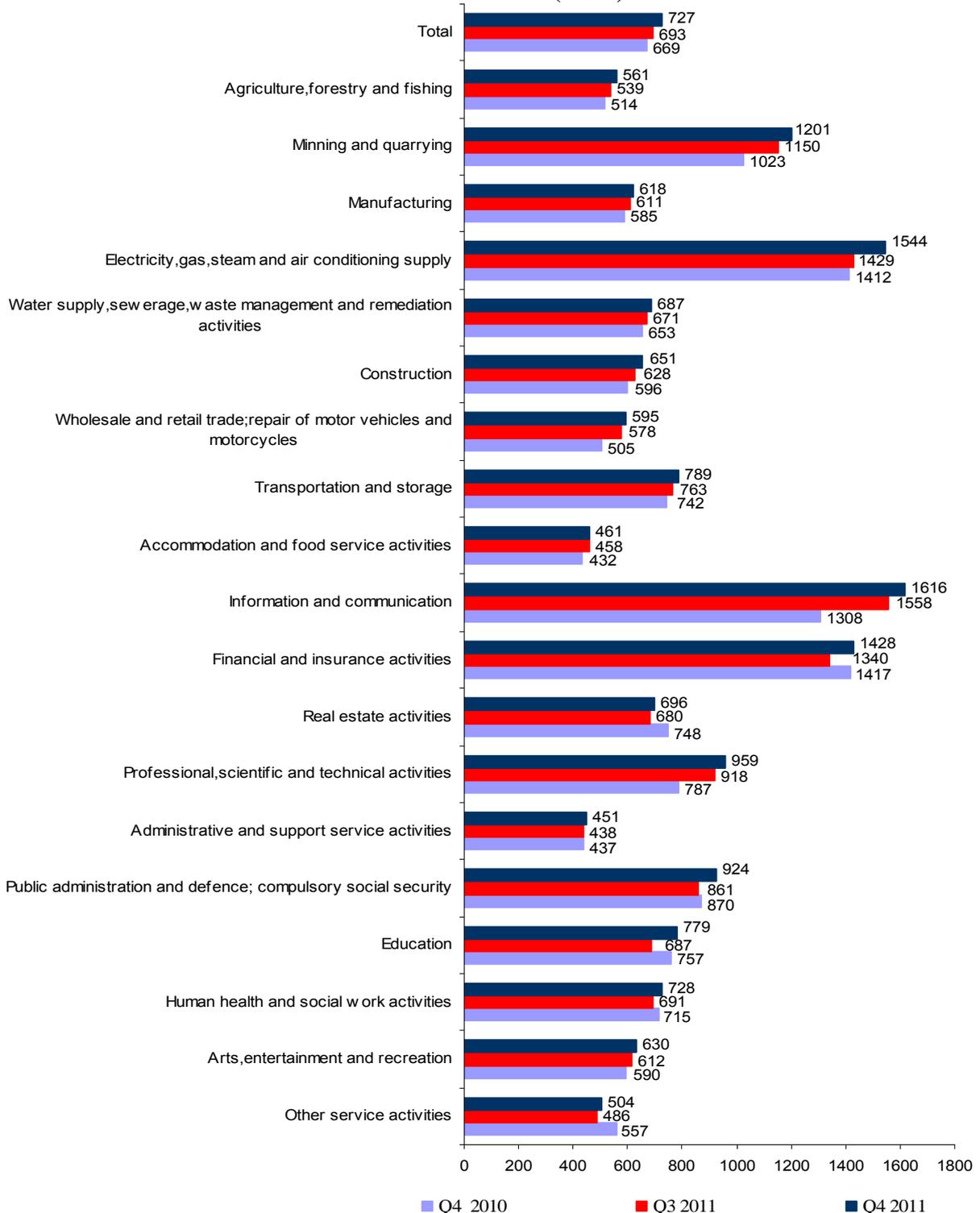




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In the fourth quarter of 2011 in comparison with the third quarter of 2011 the average monthly wages and salaries increased by 4.9% getting 727 levs. The highest increase in wages and salaries was reported in “Education” - 13.4% “Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply” - 8.0% and “Public administration and defence; compulsory social security” - 7.3%.

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





Compared to the fourth quarter of 2010 the average monthly wages and salaries in the fourth quarter of 2011 rose by 8.7%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: “Information and communication” - 23.5% and “Professional, scientific and technical activities” - 21.9%.

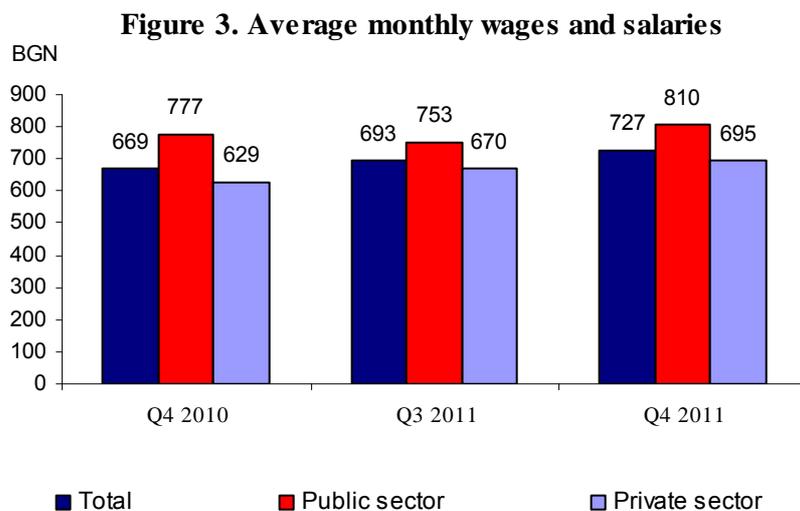
The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the fourth quarter of 2011 were:

- “Information and communication” - 1 616 levs
- “Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply” - 1 544 levs
- “Financial and insurance activities” - 1 428 levs.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- “Administrative and support service activities” - 451 levs
- “Accommodation and food service activities” - 461 levs
- “Other service activities” - 504 levs.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 4.2%, while in private sector - by 10.5%.





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>.



Table 1

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

Economic activity	(Numbers)		
	October	November	December
Total	2171257	2156531	2132376
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	64607	60151	56564
Mining and quarrying	25367	25124	24780
Manufacturing	493808	489353	483195
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	30423	30407	30291
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	34571	34392	34065
Construction	131840	130692	125368
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	388367	387412	386144
Transportation and storage	125282	124662	122437
Accommodation and food service activities	87430	84880	85786
Information and communication	62462	62630	62357
Financial and insurance activities	54842	55001	54800
Real estate activities	19758	18814	18963
Professional, scientific and technical activities	62074	62119	61824
Administrative and support service activities	115835	116542	114173
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	116881	116910	115866
Education	168119	168537	167261
Human health and social work activities	131208	131274	130739
Arts, entertainment and recreation	28834	28425	28587
Other service activities	29549	29206	29176

¹Preliminary data.



Table 2

Average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2011¹

Economic activity	(BGN)		
	October	November	December
Total	706	723	752
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	519	549	623
Mining and quarrying	1098	1216	1290
Manufacturing	612	618	625
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1489	1545	1597
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	666	676	720
Construction	647	662	643
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	585	590	609
Transportation and storage	762	781	825
Accommodation and food service activities	455	453	476
Information and communication	1550	1587	1710
Financial and insurance activities	1325	1416	1544
Real estate activities	683	688	718
Professional, scientific and technical activities	935	940	1003
Administrative and support service activities	438	444	472
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	866	966	940
Education	776	745	816
Human health and social work activities	705	730	749
Arts, entertainment and recreation	619	631	642
Other service activities	491	502	518

¹Preliminary data.