



EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, THIRD QUARTER OF 2012 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

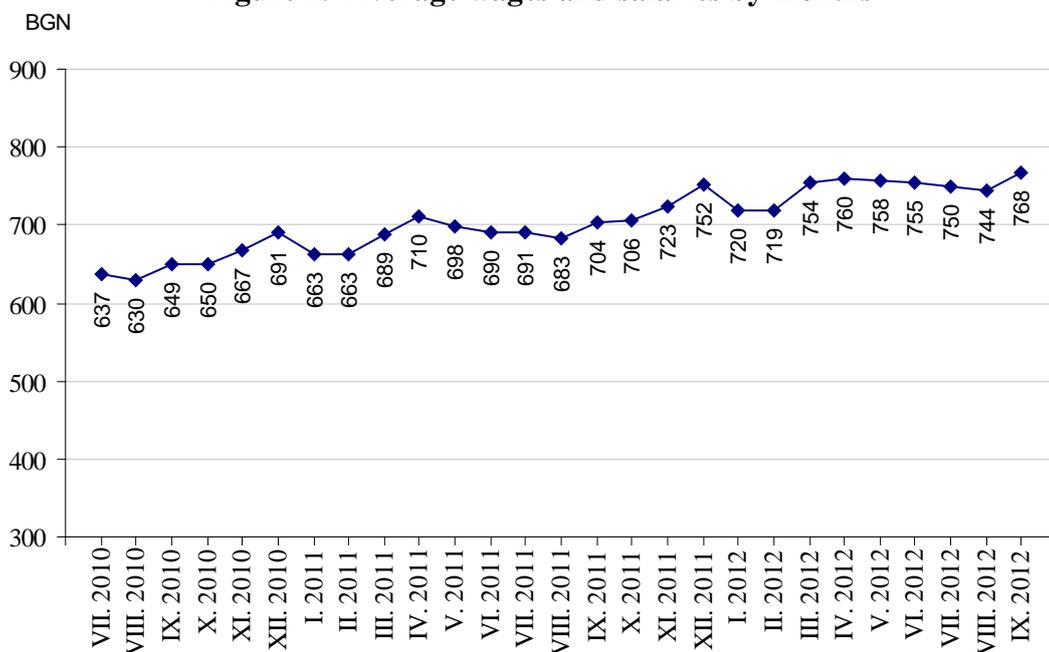
According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) at the end of September 2012 the number of employees under labour contract decreased by 22.4 thousands or 1.0% as compared to the end of June 2012 and reached 2.13 Million. The highest decrease was observed in economic activities “Accommodation and food service activities” - 17.7%, “Real estate activities”- 4.9% and “Arts, entertainment and recreation” - by 4.4%. The highest increase of employees was recorded in “Administrative and support service activities” and “Education”- 1.2%.

In the structure of employees by economic activities the biggest relative share of employees was in “Manufacturing” - 22.2% and “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles” - 17.9%.

At the end of September 2012 as compared to September 2011 the number of employees under labour contract declined by 59.2 thousands or 2.7%. The highest decrease in absolute figures was observed in economic activities “Manufacturing” - 23.0 thousands and “Accommodation and food service activities” - 10.7 thousands. In percentages the highest decrease was in “Accommodation and food service activities” - 10.3% and “Agriculture, forestry and fishing” - 8.7%.

The average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract in July was 750 Levs, in August - 744 Levs and in September 2012 - 768 Levs.

Figure 1. Average wages and salaries by months

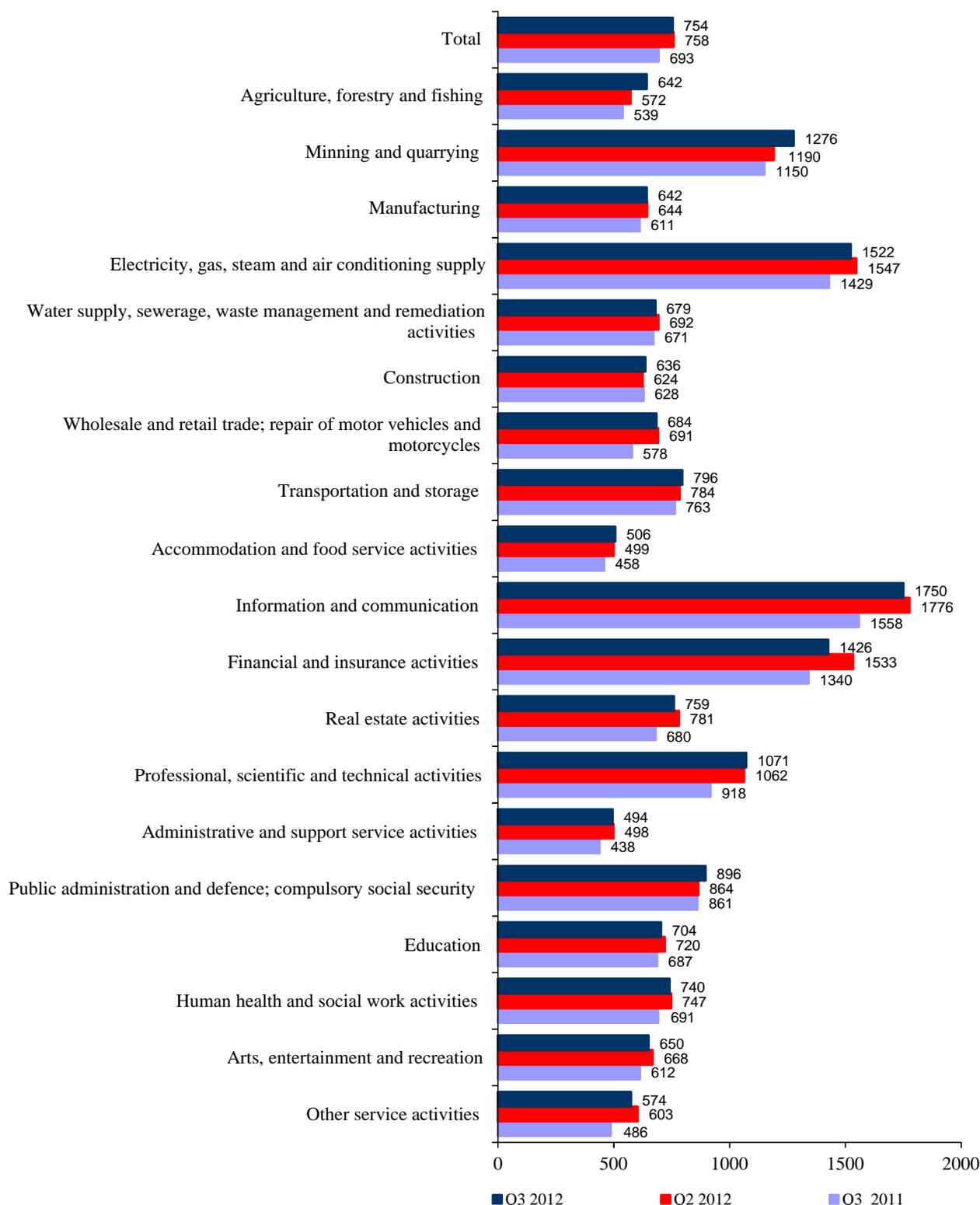


In the third quarter of 2012 in comparison with the second quarter of 2012 the average monthly wages and salaries decreased by 0.5% getting 754 Levs. The highest decrease in wages and salaries was reported in “Financial and insurance activities” - 7.0%, “Other service activities” - 4.8% and “Real



estate activities” - 2.8%, as the highest increase was registered in “Agriculture, forestry and fishing” - 12.2% and “Mining and quarrying” - 7.2%.

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





Compared to the third quarter of 2011 the average monthly wages and salaries in the third quarter of 2012 rose by 8.8%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: “Agriculture, forestry and fishing” - 19.1%, “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles” - 18.3% and “Other services” - 18.1%.

The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the third quarter of 2012 were:

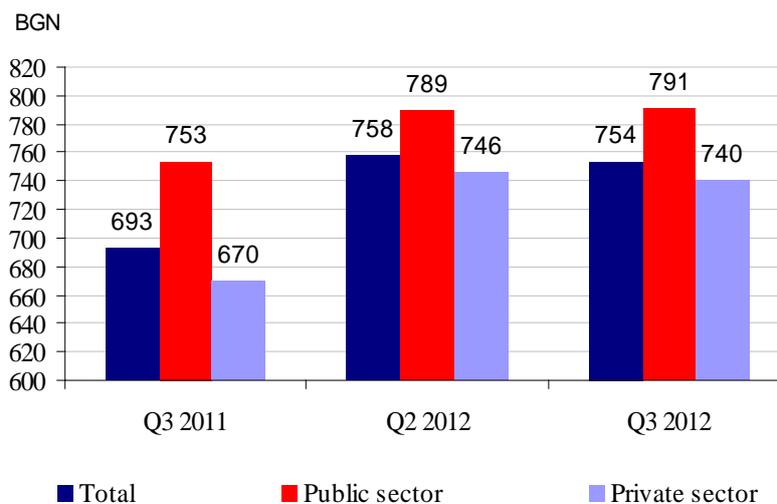
- “Information and communication” - 1 750 Levs
- “Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply” - 1 522 Levs
- “Financial and insurance activities” - 1 426 Levs.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- “Administrative and support service activities” - 494 Levs
- “Accommodation and food service activities” - 506 Levs
- “Other services” - 574 Levs.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 5.0%, while in private sector - by 10.4%.

Figure 3. Average monthly wages and salaries





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>.



Annex

Table 1

Employees under labour contract at the end of the month by economic activities in 2012¹

Economic activity	2012		
	July	August	September
Total	2159531	2151680	2129567
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	61309	60577	60100
Mining and quarrying	24797	24816	24628
Manufacturing	478703	476800	473446
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	30680	30635	30517
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	36423	36411	36312
Construction	125291	124835	123990
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	386497	385125	381906
Transportation and storage	124658	124215	123692
Accommodation and food service activities	115540	110221	93073
Information and communication	63265	63190	62946
Financial and insurance activities	54435	54448	54072
Real estate activities	20737	20596	19494
Professional, scientific and technical activities	60765	60856	60713
Administrative and support service activities	111123	115399	117033
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	115963	115842	115900
Education	158839	157645	164133
Human health and social work activities	130597	130678	130560
Arts, entertainment and recreation	29901	29658	28320
Other service activities	30008	29733	28732

¹Preliminary data.



Table 2

Average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2012¹

(Levs)

Economic activity	2012		
	July	August	September
Total	750	744	768
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	613	584	730
Mining and quarrying	1168	1199	1463
Manufacturing	644	637	646
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1485	1465	1618
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	668	669	701
Construction	631	632	646
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	675	682	694
Transportation and storage	816	776	797
Accommodation and food service activities	502	501	518
Information and communication	1763	1737	1751
Financial and insurance activities	1454	1406	1416
Real estate activities	768	743	766
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1074	1044	1096
Administrative and support service activities	492	495	496
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	906	930	852
Education	686	679	744
Human health and social work activities	742	734	745
Arts, entertainment and recreation	665	634	651
Other service activities	534	531	661

¹Preliminary data.