



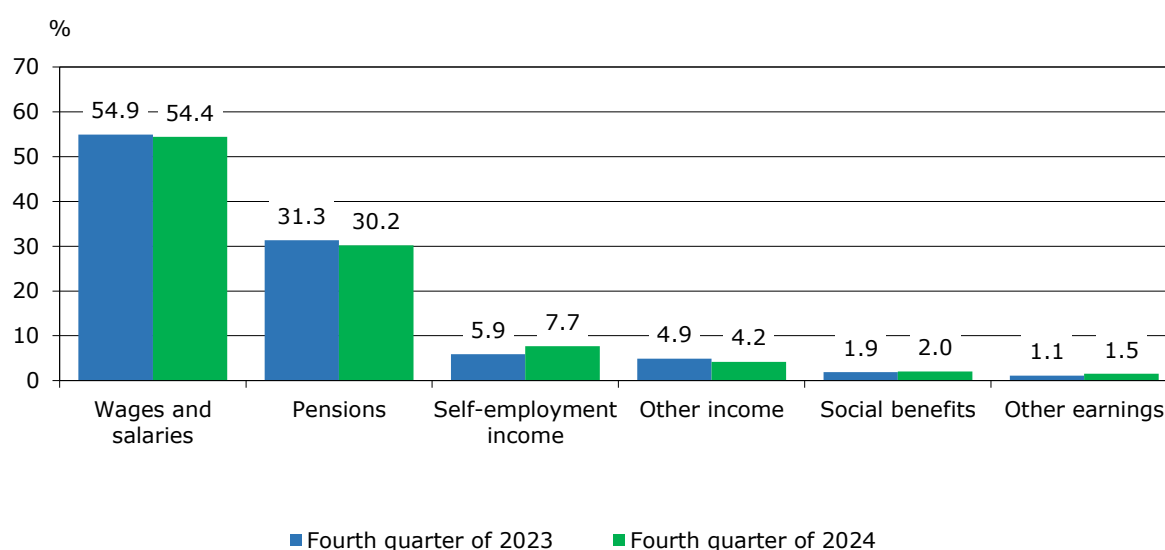
## HOUSEHOLD INCOME, EXPENDITURE AND CONSUMPTION DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2024

### Household Income

**The quarterly total income** average per household member was 3 371 BGN during the fourth quarter of 2024 and increased by 17.6% compared to the same quarter of 2023.

The highest relative share of income within the structure of the total income was the one from wages and salaries (54.4%). The relative share of income from pensions was 30.2%, and from self-employment - 7.7%. Compared to the fourth quarter of 2023, the relative share of income from self-employment increased by 1.8 percentage points (pp). The share of income from wages and salaries decreased by 0.5 pp and from pensions - by 1.1 percentage points.

**Figure 1. Structure of the total household income during the fourth quarter of 2023 and 2024**



In nominal terms, during the fourth quarter of 2024 compared to the same quarter of 2023, the average income per capita by source of income changed as follows:

- from **wages and salaries** it increased from 1 574 BGN to 1 835 BGN (by 16.5%);
- from **self-employment** it increased from 169 to 260 BGN (by 53.9%);
- from **pensions** it increased from 896 BGN to 1019 BGN (by 13.7%);
- from **social benefits** it increased from 56 BGN to 69 BGN (by 23.1%).

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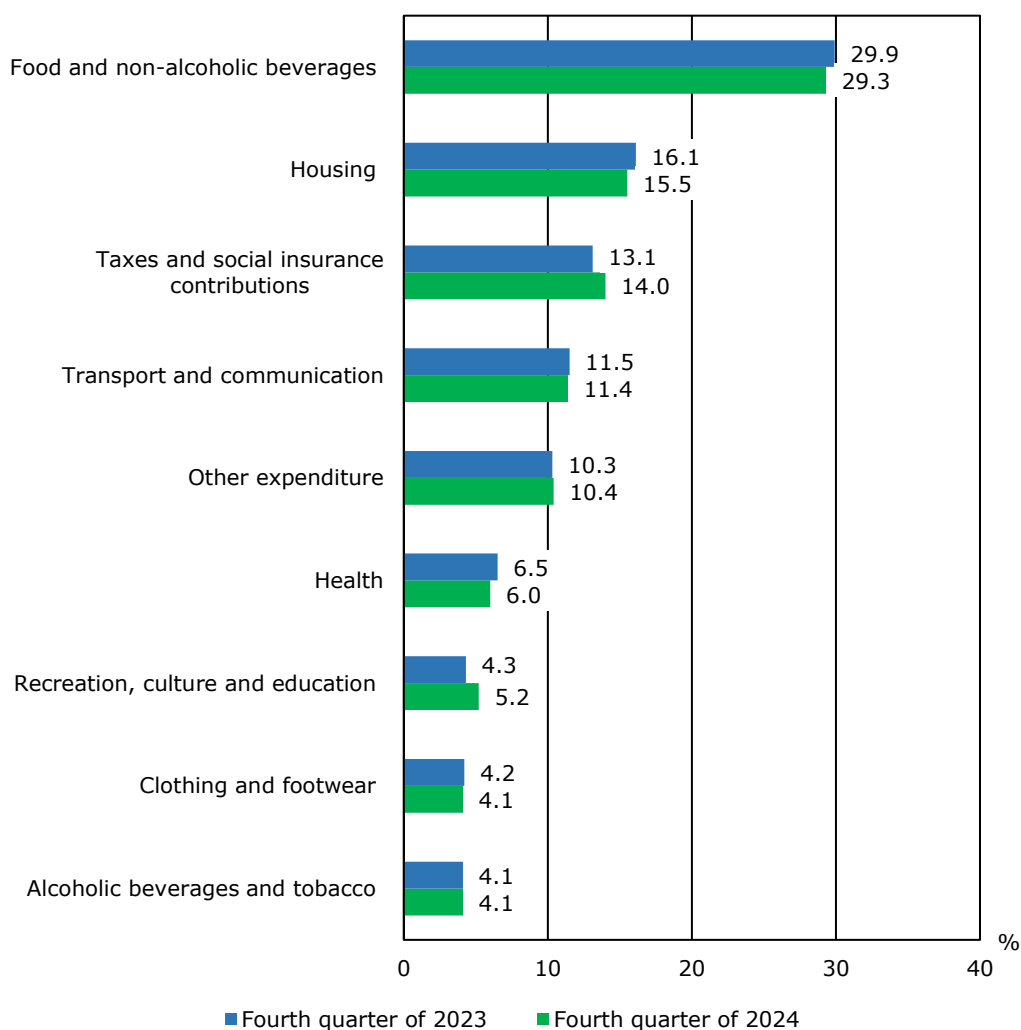
The relative share of monetary income in the structure of the total income during the fourth quarter of 2024 was 99.5% and the share of income in kind was 0.5%.

### Household Expenditure

**The quarterly total expenditure** average per household member during the fourth quarter of 2024 was 3 033 BGN and it increased by 13.7% compared to the same quarter of 2023.

The greatest share in the formation of the total expenditure was the expenditure on food and non-alcoholic beverages - 29.3%, as well as the expenditure on housing - 15.5%, taxes and social insurance contributions - 14.0%, and transport and communication - 11.4%.

**Figure 2. Structure of the total household expenditure during the fourth quarter of 2023 and 2024**



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The relative share of food and non-alcoholic beverages and of housing decreased by 0.6 pp compared to the fourth quarter of 2023. The share of recreation, culture and education and the share of taxes and social insurance contributions increased by 0.9 percentage points.

During the fourth quarter of 2024, compared to the same quarter of 2023, as absolute values, the average per capita expenditure by group changed as follows:

- on **food and non-alcoholic beverages** it increased from 798 BGN to 888 BGN (by 11.3%);
- on **alcoholic beverages and tobacco** it increased from 110 BGN to 123 BGN (by 11.4%);
- on **clothing and footwear** it increased from 111 BGN to 125 BGN (by 12.8%);
- on **housing (water, electricity, heating, furnishing and maintenance of the house)** it increased from 429 BGN to 469 BGN (by 9.4%);
- on **health** it increased from 174 BGN to 182 BGN (by 4.5%);
- on **transport and communication** it increased from 306 BGN to 348 BGN (by 13.9%);
- on **recreation, culture and education** it increased from 115 BGN to 157 BGN (by 36.0%);
- on **taxes and social insurance contributions** it increased from 350 BGN to 425 BGN (by 21.3%).

### Household Consumption

The consumption of the most basic food products on average per household member during the fourth quarter of 2024 compared to the same quarter of 2023 changed as follows:

- The biggest increase was in fruit consumption - from 13.6 to 14.4 kg, and meat - from 10.1 to 10.6 kilograms;
- The biggest decrease was in bread and paste products consumption - from 18.2 kg to 17.4 kg, and vegetables - from 17.6 to 17.2 kilograms;
- The consumption of milk, eggs and dry beans remained unchanged (Table 1).

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**Table 1. Consumption of main food products on average per household member  
during the fourth quarter of 2023 and 2024**

<b>Foods</b>	<b>Fourth quarter of 2023</b>	<b>Fourth quarter of 2024</b>
Bread and paste products - kg	18.2	17.4
Meat - kg	10.1	10.6
Meat products - kg	4.4	4.5
Milk - litres	4.9	4.9
Yoghurt - kg	6.8	6.9
White cheese - kg	2.9	2.8
Eggs - number	41	41
Vegetable oils - litres	2.6	2.5
Fruit (fresh and frozen) - kg	13.6	14.4
Vegetables (fresh and frozen) - kg	17.6	17.2
Dry beans - kg	1.0	1.0
Potatoes - kg	6.9	6.7
Sugar - kg	1.4	1.3

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### Methodological notes

The source of data is the quarterly household budget survey. It is a sample survey. The sample used for the survey is a random sample of 3 060 households.

**A regular household** consists of two or more persons living in one dwelling or part of a dwelling, having their meals together and having a common budget, irrespective of whether they are relatives. A household is also one person living alone, having meals separately and having his/her separate budget.

The household budgets survey does not study institutional households.

The main indicators for income, expenditure and consumption are estimated quarterly and annually as average values and relative share.

**Household income** in cash and kind includes all receipts of household members from wages and salaries, pensions, entrepreneurship, unemployment benefits, social benefits, etc. Other regular or irregular transfers from other households and property sales are also included.

**Household expenditure** includes expenditure for food, beverages, tobacco, housing (water, electricity, heating, furnishing and maintenance), transport, communications, health, taxes, social insurance contributions, etc.

**Consumption** average per household member includes the quantities of foods and beverages consumed at home and does not include consumption in public catering establishments.

More information on the household budget survey and its results can be found on the website of NSI ([www.nsi.bg](http://www.nsi.bg)) under the heading 'Households Income and Expenditure' and in the Information System INFOSTAT.