



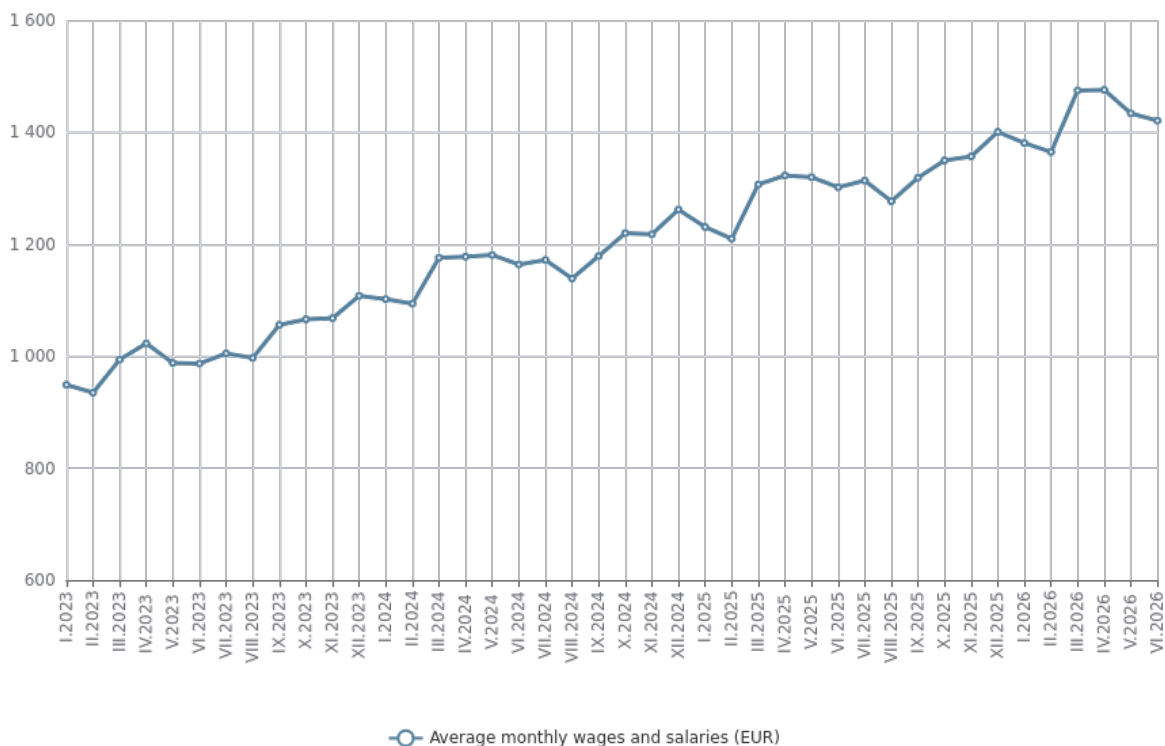
EMPLOYEES AND AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES - SECOND QUARTER OF 2026

The **number of employees** under labour contract at the end of June 2026 increased by 14.8 thousand, or by 0.6% compared to the end of March 2026, and reached 2.37 million according to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI). The highest increase was observed in the following economic activities: 'Accommodation and food service activities' - by 23.9%, and 'Agriculture, forestry and fishing' - by 5.0%. The highest decrease of the number of employees - by 2.0%, was recorded in the economic activity 'Manufacturing'.

At the end of June 2026, compared to June 2025, the number of employees under labour contract decreased by 16.7 thousand, or by 0.7%. The highest decrease in absolute figures was observed in the economic activities 'Manufacturing' - by 19.4 thousand, 'Administrative and support service activities' - by 3.5 thousand, and 'Agriculture, forestry and fishing' - by 3.1 thousand, and the highest increase was in 'Human health and social work activities' - by 10.8 thousand, and in 'Accommodation and food service activities' - by 1.5 thousand. In percentages, the highest decrease at the end of June 2026, compared to June 2025, was in the economic activity 'Real estate activities' - by 5.6%, and in 'Agriculture, forestry and fishing' - by 4.8%, as the highest increase was reported in 'Human health and social work activities' - by 5.2%.

The **average monthly gross wages and salaries** of the employees under labour contract in April 2026 was 1 476 EUR, in May 2026 - 1 434 EUR, and in June 2026 - 1 421 EUR.

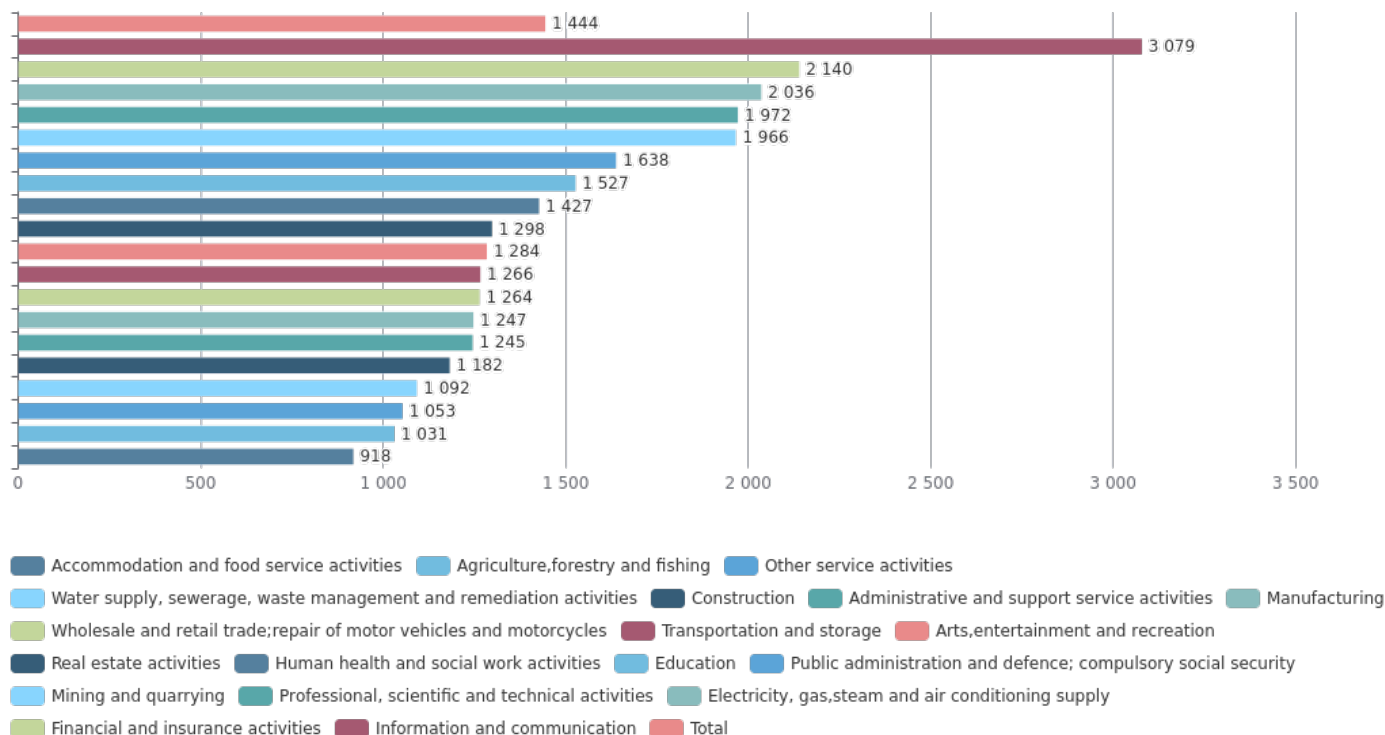
Figure 1. Gross average wages and salaries by months



In the second quarter of 2026, in comparison with the first quarter of 2026, the average monthly wages and salaries increased by 2.6% and reached 1 444 EUR. The highest increase in the wages and salaries was reported in: 'Mining and quarrying' - by 14.8%, 'Construction' - by 6.5%, and in 'Education' - by 6.3%.

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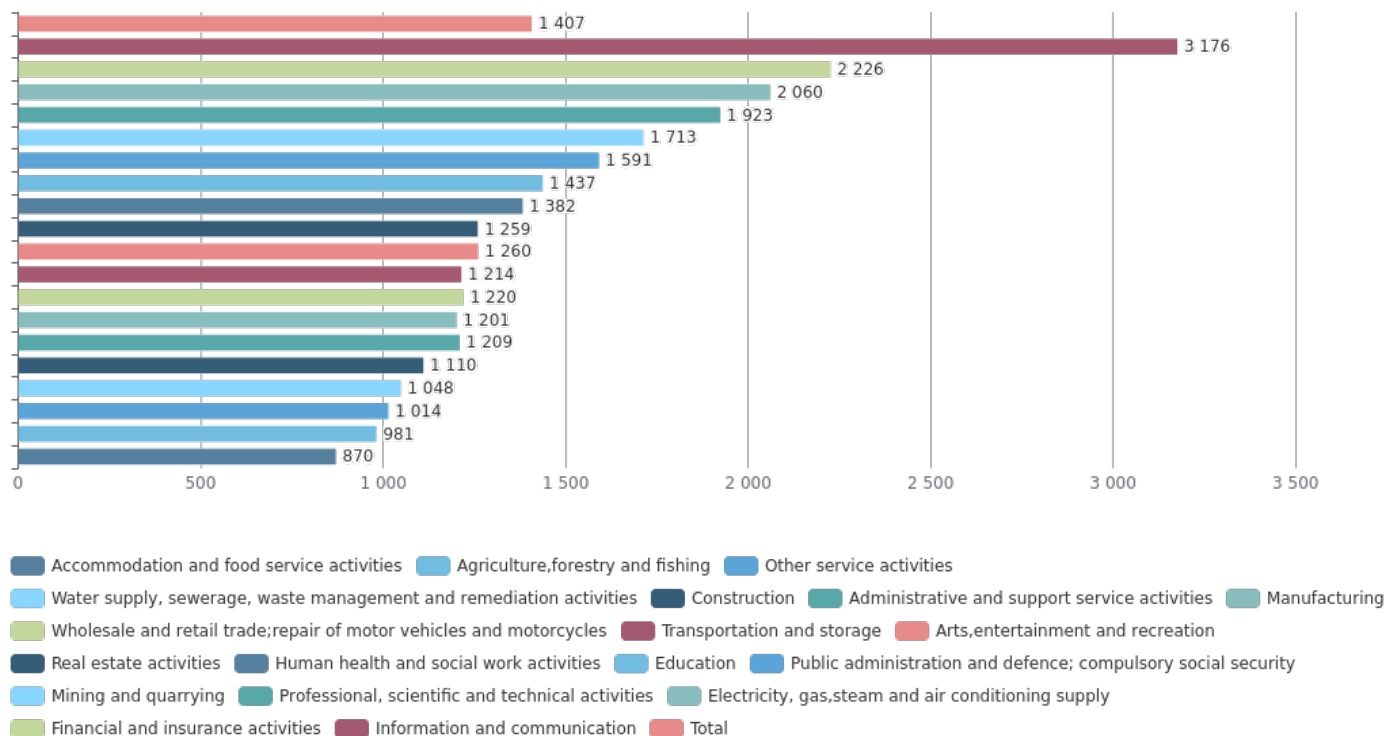
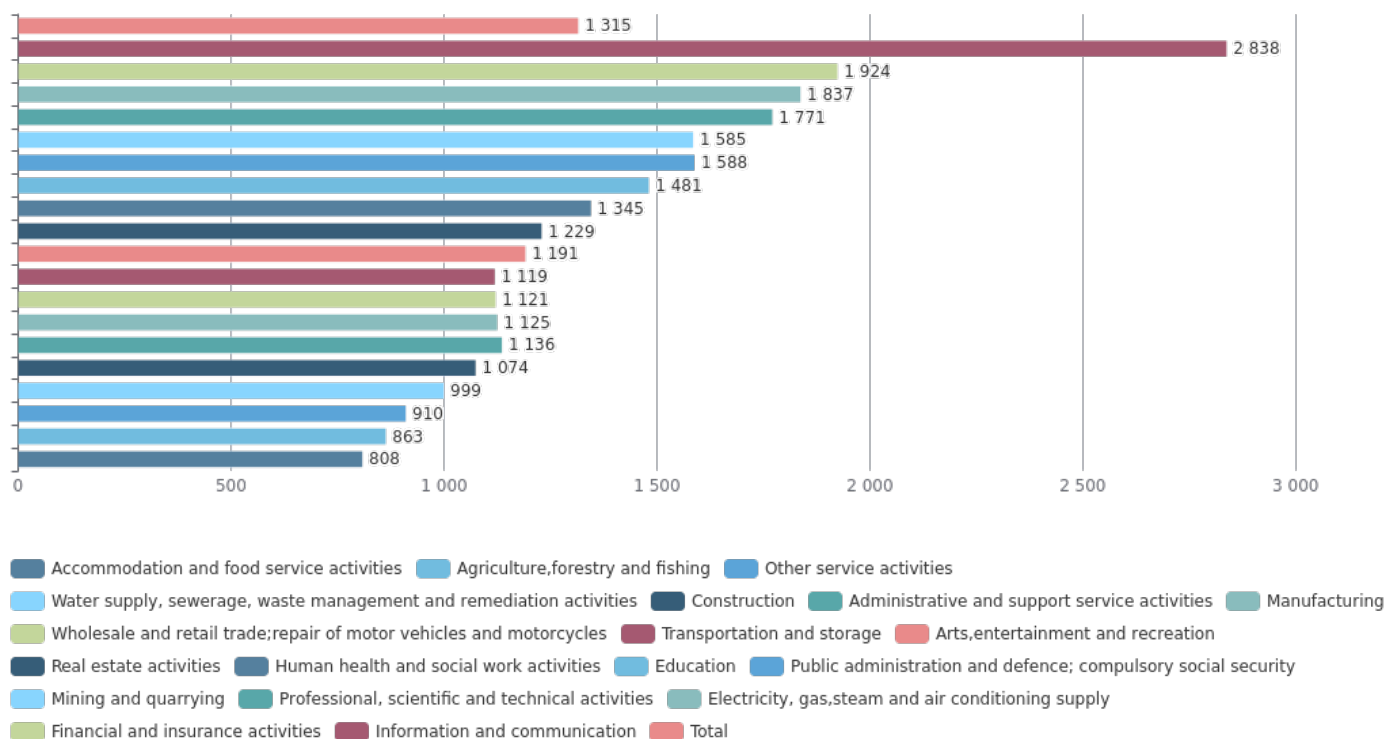


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Compared to the second quarter of 2025, the average monthly wages and salaries in the second quarter of 2026 rose by 9.8%. The highest growth rates were recorded in the following economic activities: 'Mining and quarrying' - by 24.0%, 'Agriculture, forestry and fishing' - by 19.5%, and 'Other service activities' - by 15.7%.

The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the second quarter of 2026 were:

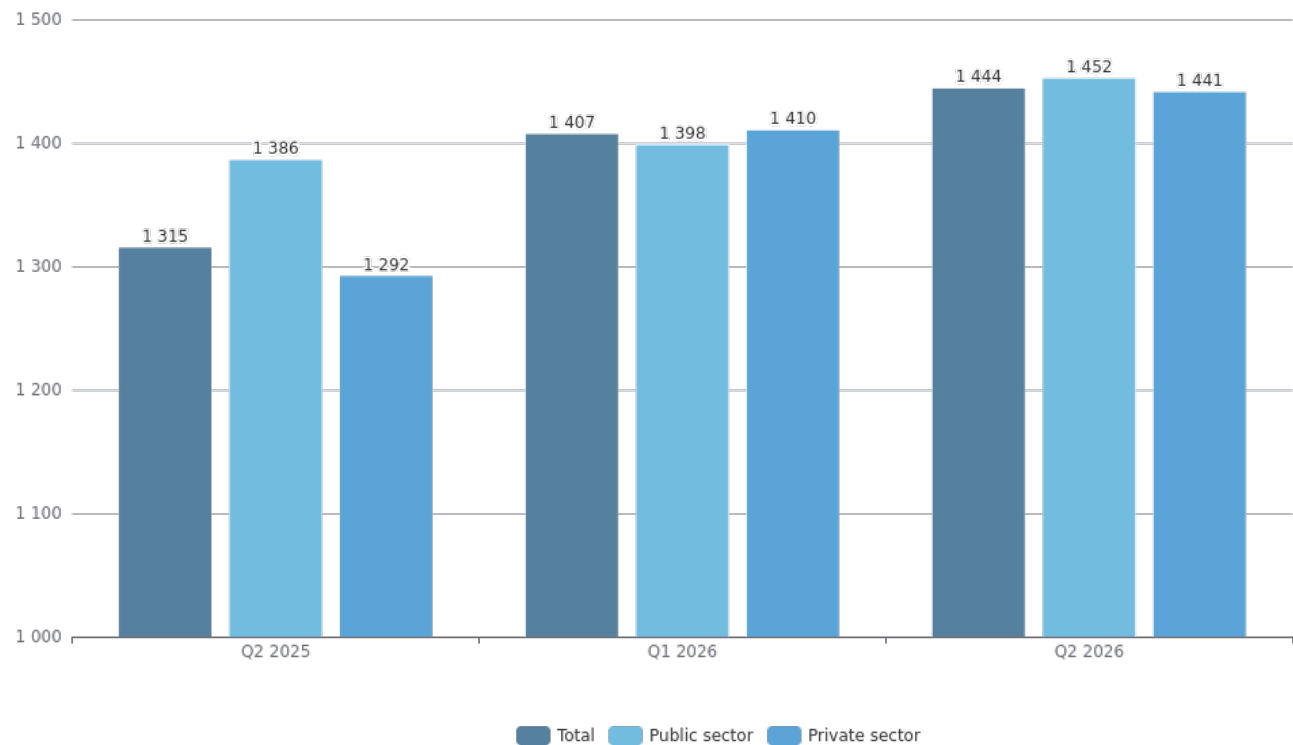
- 'Information and communication' - 3 079 EUR;
- 'Financial and insurance activities' - 2 140 EUR;
- 'Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply' - 2 036 EUR.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- 'Accommodation and food service activities' - 918 EUR;
- 'Agriculture, forestry and fishing' - 1 031 EUR;
- 'Other service activities' - 1 053 EUR.

In comparison with a year earlier, the average monthly wages and salaries in the public sector grew by 4.8% and in the private sector - by 11.5%.

Figure 3. Gross average monthly wages and salaries by kind of ownership (EUR)



Methodological notes

The source of information is the 'Quarterly Survey on employees, hours worked, wages and salaries, and other expenditures paid by the employer'. The main purpose of this sample survey is to make a study of the current state and dynamics of some main aspects of the 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).

Annex

Table 1. Employees under labour contract at the end of the month by economic activities in 2026 (Numbers)[1]

Economic activities	IV.2026	V.2026	VI.2026
Total	2350260	2350785	2367642
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	60482	60979	62882
Mining and quarrying	17417	17331	17319
Manufacturing	426297	422484	421132
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	28478	28276	28335
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	37050	36942	36961
Construction	139284	138805	138649
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	392540	391199	394302
Transportation and storage	141658	141466	142447
Accommodation and food service activities	110041	118943	131221
Information and communication	129891	129144	129049
Financial and insurance activities	57563	57389	57498
Real estate activities	20851	20919	21251
Professional, scientific and technical activities	88392	87739	87988
Administrative and support service activities	114261	113687	113623
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	114806	114644	114652
Education	176374	175558	173461
Human health and social work activities	216563	216872	217682
Arts, entertainment and recreation	39651	39788	40454
Other service activities	38661	38620	38736
[1] Preliminary data.			

Table 2. Gross average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2026 (EUR)[1]

Economic activities	IV.2026	V.2026	VI.2026
Total	1476	1434	1421
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1031	1022	1040
Mining and quarrying	2087	1926	1883
Manufacturing	1253	1246	1243
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	2037	2066	2004
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1096	1120	1059
Construction	1187	1175	1184
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1285	1253	1254
Transportation and storage	1264	1259	1274
Accommodation and food service activities	924	938	896
Information and communication	3117	3002	3117
Financial and insurance activities	2286	2070	2065
Real estate activities	1302	1306	1285
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1983	1969	1962
Administrative and support service activities	1292	1234	1207
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1927	1496	1489
Education	1507	1598	1475
Human health and social work activities	1454	1420	1407
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1316	1283	1253
Other service activities	1052	1047	1060
[1] Preliminary data.			