



EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2013

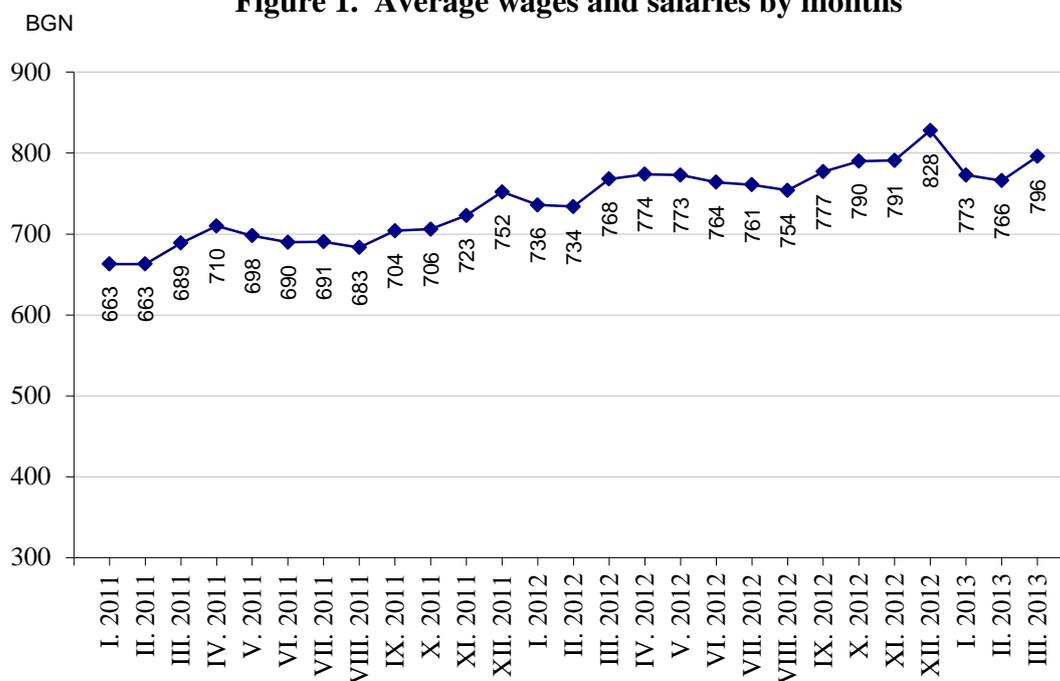
According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) at the end of March 2013 the number of employees under labour contract increased by 10.5 thousands or 0.5% as compared to the end of December 2012¹ and reached 2.23 million. The highest increase was observed in economic activities “Administrative and support service activities” - 5.7% and “Agriculture, forestry and fishing”- 3.8%. The highest decrease of employees was recorded in “Accommodation and food service activities” - 2.3% and “Construction” - 2.2%.

In the structure of employees by economic activities the biggest relative share of employees was in “Manufacturing” - 21.8% and “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles” - 17.2%.

At the end of March 2013 as compared to March 2012 the number of employees under labour contract declined by 24.9 thousands or 1.1%. The highest decrease in absolute figures was observed in economic activities “Manufacturing” - 13.3 thousands and “Accommodation and food service activities” - 9.8 thousands. In percentages the highest decrease was in “Accommodation and food service activities” - 9.2% and “Construction” - by 5.6%.

The average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract in January was 773 Levs, in February - 766 Levs and in March 2013 - 796 Levs.

Figure 1. Average wages and salaries by months

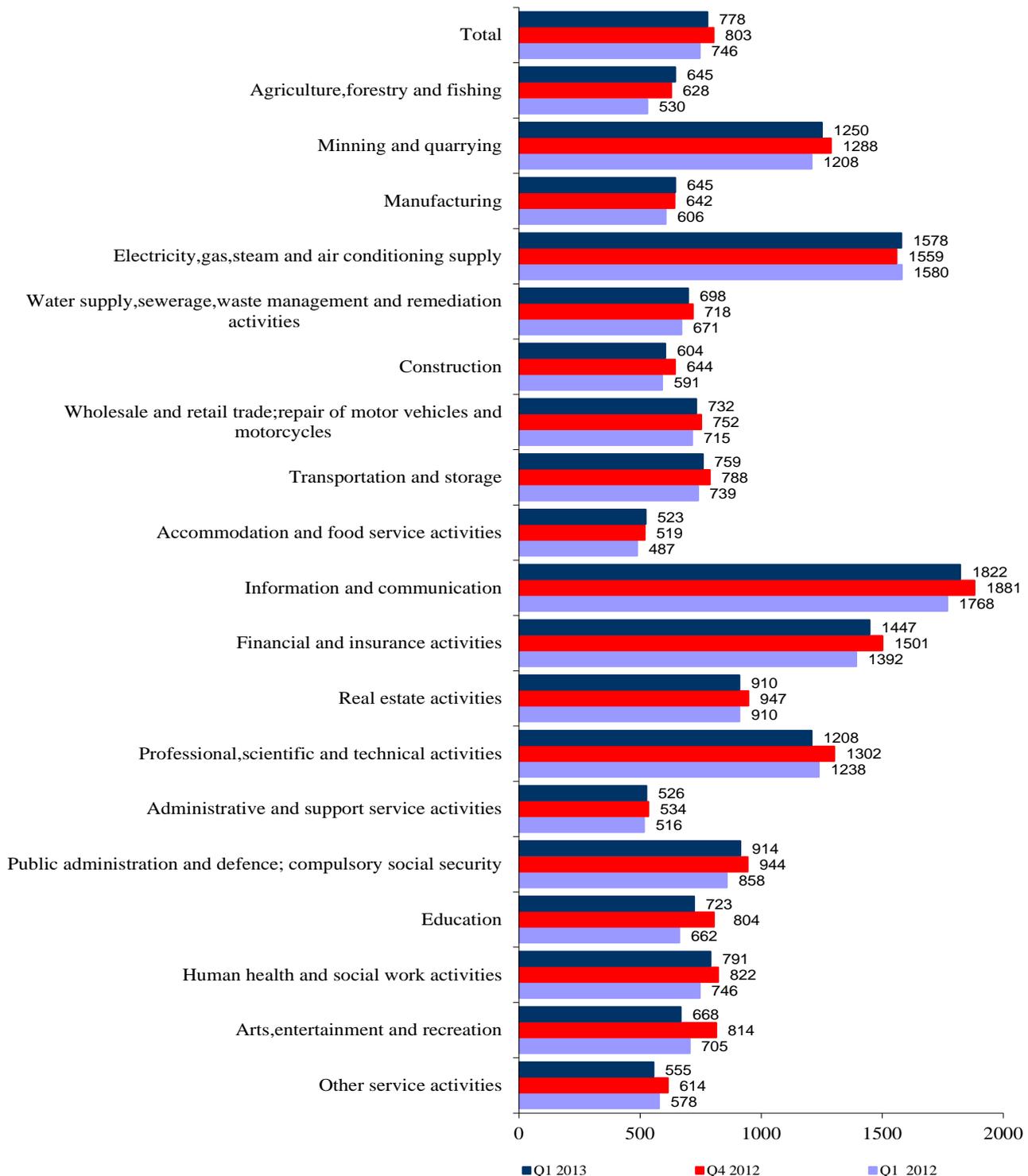


¹ The data for 2012 are revised on the base of the 2011 annual exhaustive enterprises' survey on employment.



In the first quarter of 2013 in comparison with the fourth quarter of 2012 the average monthly wages and salaries decreased by 3.1% getting 778 Levs. The highest decrease in wages and salaries was reported in “Arts, entertainment and recreation” - 17.9%, “Education” - 10.1% and “Professional, scientific and technical activities” - 7.2%.

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





Compared to the first quarter of 2012 the average monthly wages and salaries in the first quarter of 2013 rose by 4.3%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: “Agriculture, forestry and fishing” - 21.7%, “Education” - 9.2% and “Public administration and defence; compulsory social security” - 6.5%.

The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the first quarter of 2013 were:

- “Information and communication” - 1 822 Levs
- “Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply” - 1 578 Levs
- “Financial and insurance activities” - 1 447 Levs.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- “Accommodation and food service activities” - 523 Levs
- “Administrative and support service activities” - 526 Levs
- “Other services” - 555 Levs.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 5.8%, while in private sector - by 3.9%.



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 site - <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 2013¹

(Numbers)

Economic activity	2013		
	January	February	March
Total	2224022	2226206	2230612
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	63099	63025	66503
Mining and quarrying	24255	24251	24469
Manufacturing	487359	486879	487252
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	30939	30925	30520
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	36432	36283	36507
Construction	127321	126953	127212
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	381381	383047	384220
Transportation and storage	134760	134358	133754
Accommodation and food service activities	97459	96855	96842
Information and communication	67157	67218	66908
Financial and insurance activities	56023	56042	55770
Real estate activities	23304	23191	23451
Professional, scientific and technical activities	72007	72023	71791
Administrative and support service activities	132796	133999	134468
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	115631	115799	115687
Education	168356	168853	168544
Human health and social work activities	136765	137488	137652
Arts, entertainment and recreation	32802	32915	32783
Other service activities	36176	36102	36279

¹Preliminary data.



Table 2

Average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2013¹

(BGN)

Economic activity	2013		
	January	February	March
Total	773	766	796
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	616	638	679
Mining and quarrying	1132	1121	1496
Manufacturing	638	633	663
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1515	1591	1629
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	668	689	739
Construction	590	591	632
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	735	721	740
Transportation and storage	748	770	759
Accommodation and food service activities	525	514	531
Information and communication	1783	1782	1902
Financial and insurance activities	1456	1457	1428
Real estate activities	910	908	911
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1184	1186	1254
Administrative and support service activities	526	525	526
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1026	864	854
Education	691	709	768
Human health and social work activities	781	782	809
Arts, entertainment and recreation	662	648	695
Other service activities	537	574	553

¹Preliminary data.