# EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, SECOND QUARTER OF 2013
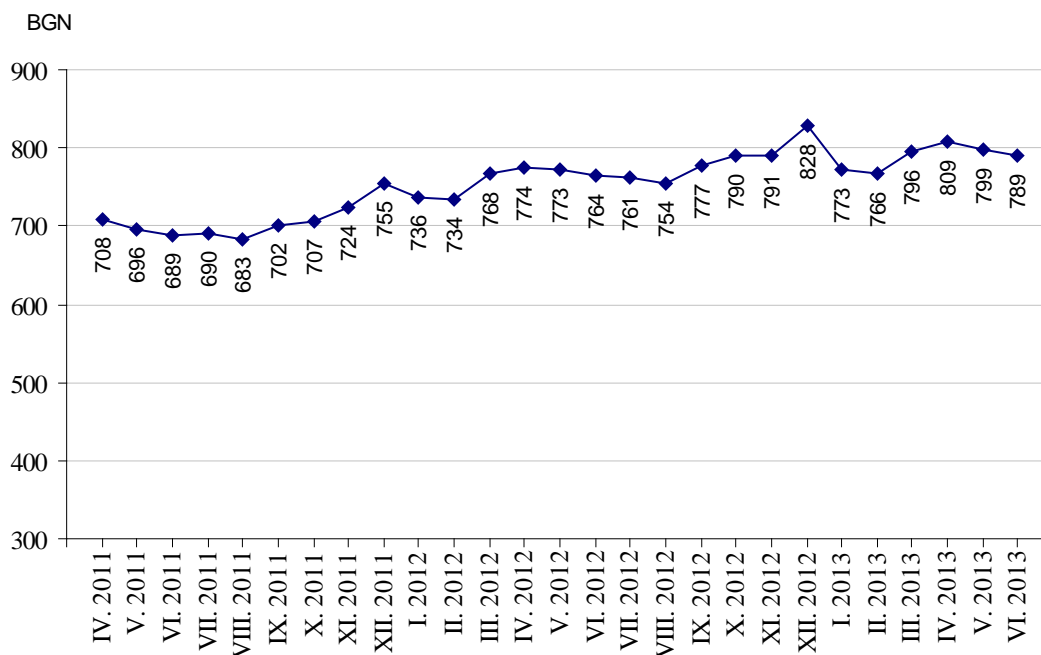
According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute at the end of June 2013 the number of employees under labour contract increased by 74.9 thousands or 3.4% as compared to the end of March 2013 and reached 2.31 million. The highest increase was observed in seasonal economic activities "Accommodation and food service activities" - 52.9%, "Arts, entertainment and recreation" - 13.6% and "Agriculture, forestry and fishing"- 10.5%. A decrease of employees was recorded in "Education" - 2.0% and "Administrative and support service activities" - 0.4%.

In the structure of employees by economic activities the biggest relative share of employees was in "Manufacturing" - 21.3% and "Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles" - 16.7%.

At the end of June 2013 as compared to June 2012 the number of employees under labour contract declined by 13.3 thousands or 0.6%. The highest decrease in absolute figures was observed in economic activities "Manufacturing" - 15.6 thousands and "Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles" - 8.7 thousands. In percentages the highest decrease was in "Other service activities" - 7.8% and "Construction" - by 4.9%.

The average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract in April was 809 Levs, in May - 799 Levs and in June 2013 - 789 Levs.

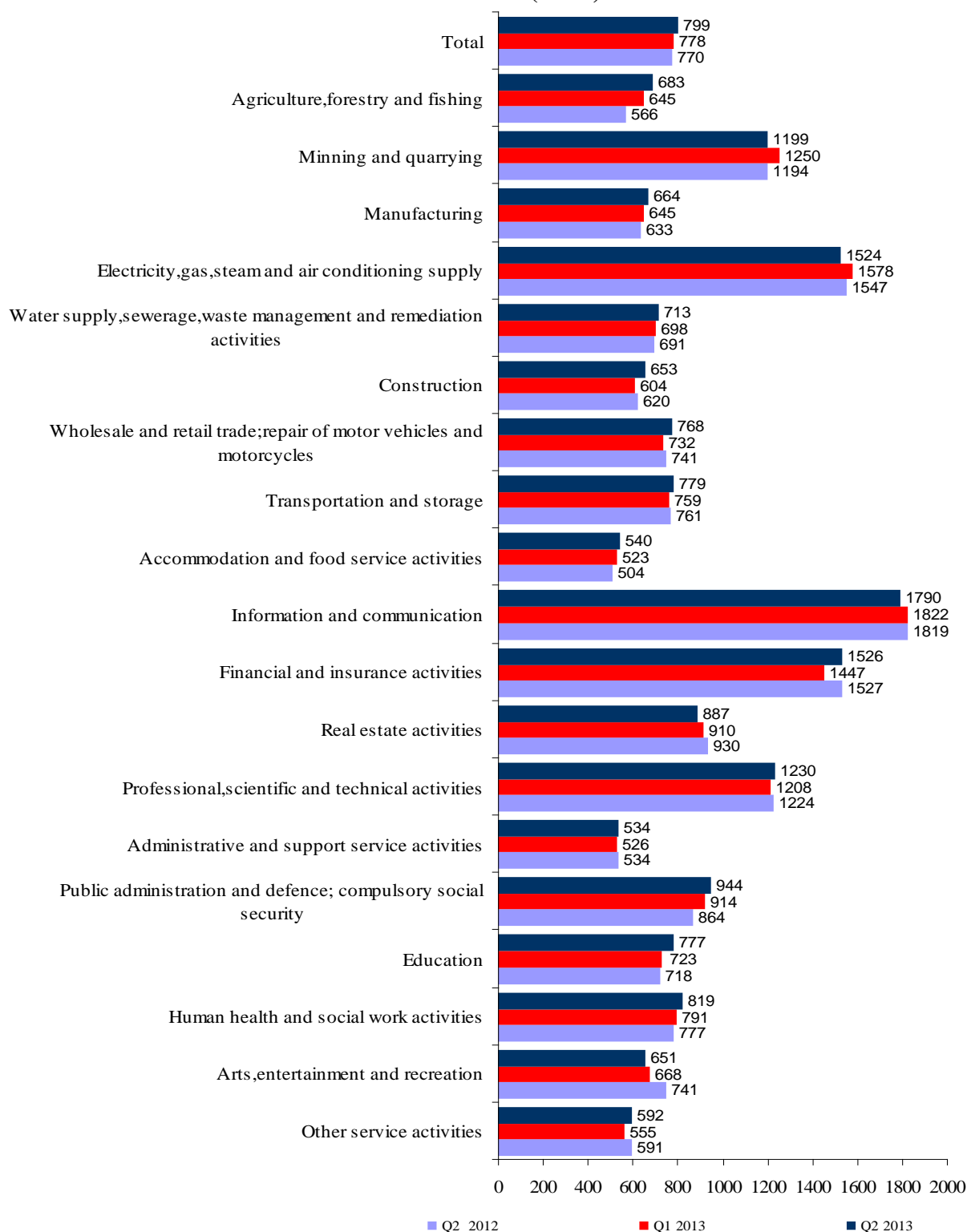## Figure 1. Average wages and salaries by months

In the second quarter of 2013 in comparison with the first quarter of 2013 the average monthly wages and salaries increased by 2.7% getting 799 Levs. The highest increase in wages and salaries was reported in "Construction - 8.1% and "Education" - 7.5%.

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

| Economic activity | Q2 2012 | Q1 2013 | Q2 2013 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total | 770 | 778 | 799 |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 566 | 645 | 683 |
| Minning and quarrying | 1194 | 1250 | 1199 |
| Manufacturing | 633 | 645 | 664 |
| Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply | 1547 | 1578 | 1524 |
| Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities | 691 | 698 | 713 |
| Construction | 620 | 604 | 653 |
| Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles | 741 | 732 | 768 |
| Transportation and storage | 761 | 759 | 779 |
| Accommodation and food service activities | 504 | 523 | 540 |
| Information and communication | 1819 | 1822 | 1790 |
| Financial and insurance activities | 1527 | 1447 | 1526 |
| Real estate activities | 930 | 910 | 887 |
| Professional, scientific and technical activities | 1224 | 1208 | 1230 |
| Administrative and support service activities | 534 | 526 | 534 |
| Public administration and defence; compulsory social security | 864 | 914 | 944 |
| Education | 718 | 723 | 777 |
| Human health and social work activities | 777 | 791 | 819 |
| Arts, entertainment and recreation | 741 | 668 | 651 |
| Other service activities | 591 | 555 | 592 |

Q2 2012   Q1 2013   Q2 2013

Compared to the second quarter of 2012 the average monthly wages and salaries in the second quarter of 2013 rose by 3.8%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: "Agriculture, forestry and fishing" - 20.7%, "Public administration and defence; compulsory social security" - 9.3% and "Education" - 8.2%.

The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the second quarter of 2013 were:
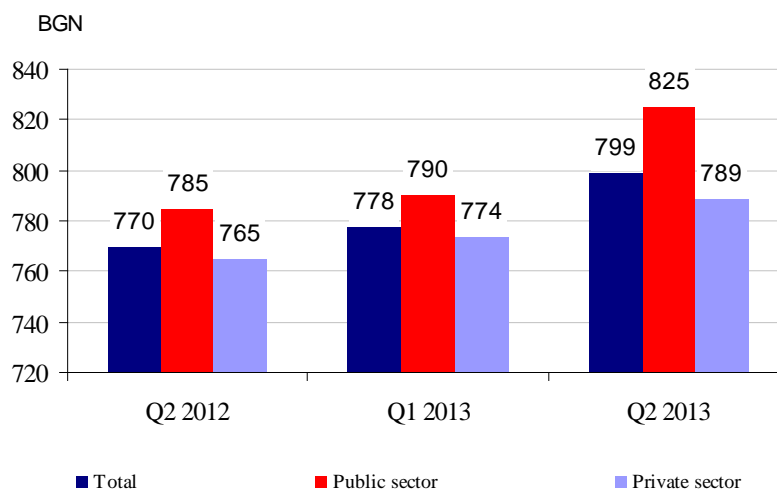  ➢ "Information and communication" - 1 790 Levs
  ➢ "Financial and insurance activities" - 1 526 Levs
  ➢ "Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply" - 1 524 Levs.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:
  ➢ "Administrative and support service activities" -  534 Levs
  ➢ "Accommodation and food service activities" - 540 Levs
  ➢ "Other services activities" - 592 Levs.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 5.1%, while in private sector - by 3.1%.

**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 2013[1]**

(Numbers)

| Economic activity | 2013 | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | April | May | June |
| **Total** | **2248925** | **2280139** | **2305513** |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 69916 | 71916 | 73517 |
| Mining and quarrying | 24589 | 24613 | 24764 |
| Manufacturing | 488675 | 489275 | 490759 |
| Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply | 30521 | 30564 | 30681 |
| Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities | 37143 | 37277 | 37263 |
| Construction | 129595 | 130306 | 130939 |
| Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles | 383030 | 384599 | 385648 |
| Transportation and storage | 133736 | 134219 | 135167 |
| Accommodation and food service activities | 106305 | 128560 | 148078 |
| Information and communication | 67647 | 67620 | 67629 |
| Financial and insurance activities | 55900 | 56070 | 56273 |
| Real estate activities | 23241 | 23426 | 23790 |
| Professional, scientific and technical activities | 72210 | 72036 | 72005 |
| Administrative and support service activities | 133366 | 134126 | 133994 |
| Public administration and defence; compulsory social security | 116061 | 116390 | 116482 |
| Education | 168593 | 167755 | 165235 |
| Human health and social work activities | 138239 | 138862 | 139547 |
| Arts, entertainment and recreation | 34003 | 36079 | 37242 |
| Other service activities | 36155 | 36446 | 36500 |

[1]Preliminary data.

**Table 2**

**Average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2013[1]**

(BGN)

| Economic activity | 2013 | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | April | May | June |
| **Total** | **809** | **799** | **789** |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 683 | 654 | 712 |
| Mining and quarrying | 1078 | 1156 | 1361 |
| Manufacturing | 653 | 665 | 672 |
| Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply | 1535 | 1548 | 1489 |
| Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities | 702 | 731 | 707 |
| Construction | 647 | 654 | 657 |
| Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles | 775 | 770 | 758 |
| Transportation and storage | 767 | 812 | 759 |
| Accommodation and food service activities | 522 | 562 | 534 |
| Information and communication | 1764 | 1796 | 1810 |
| Financial and insurance activities | 1698 | 1400 | 1481 |
| Real estate activities | 909 | 887 | 865 |
| Professional, scientific and technical activities | 1235 | 1219 | 1237 |
| Administrative and support service activities | 527 | 546 | 530 |
| Public administration and defence; compulsory social security | 1087 | 880 | 867 |
| Education | 772 | 810 | 747 |
| Human health and social work activities | 825 | 827 | 804 |
| Arts, entertainment and recreation | 676 | 662 | 618 |
| Other service activities | 605 | 588 | 582 |

[1] Preliminary data.