



EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND GROSS AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, FIRST QUARTER OF 2014

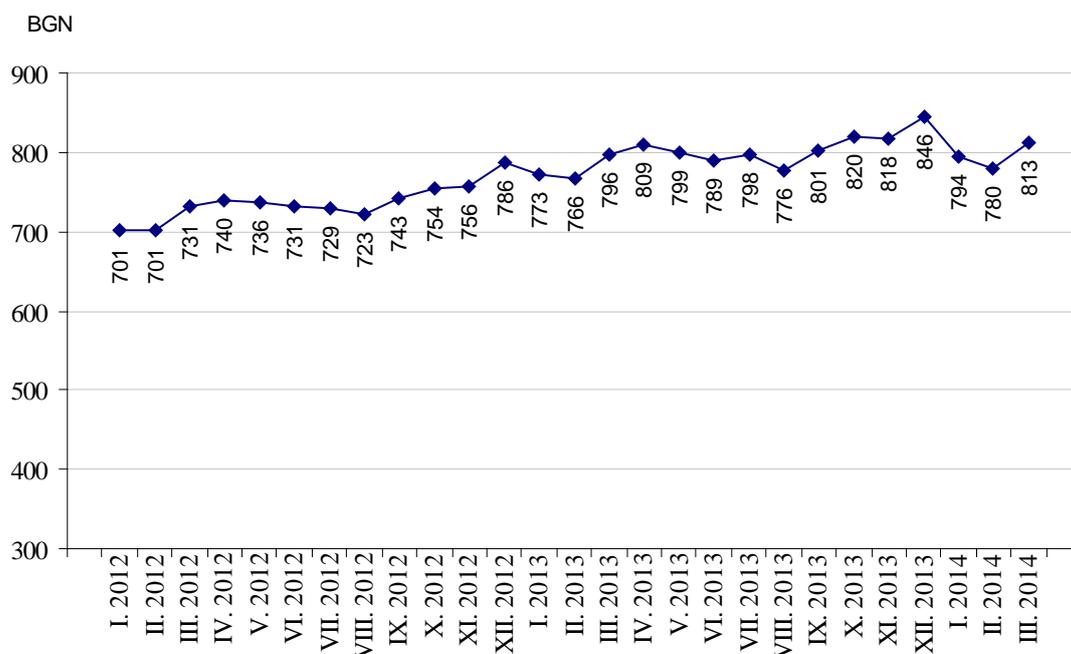
According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) at the end of March 2014 the **number of employees** under labour contract has increased by 8.5 thousand or 0.4% as compared to the end of December 2013 and reached 2.22 million. The highest increase was observed in economic activities “Agriculture, forestry and fishing” - 6.6%, “Professional, scientific and technical activities” - 3.1% and “Information and communication”- 2.9%. The highest decrease of employees was recorded in “Administrative and support service activities” - 6.9% and “Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities” - 3.4%.

In the structure of employees by economic activities the biggest relative share of employees was in “Manufacturing” - 21.9% and “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles” - 17.4%.

At the end of March 2014 as compared to March 2013 the number of employees under labour contract has declined by 14.5 thousand or 0.7%. The highest decrease in absolute figures was observed in economic activities “Administrative and support service activities” - 20.2 thousand, “Other services activities” - 1.8 thousand and “Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities” - 1.4 thousand. In percentages the highest decrease was in “Administrative and support service activities” - 15.1% and “Other services activities”- by 5.0%.

The **average monthly wages and salaries** of the employees under labour contract in January was 794 BGN, in February - 780 BGN and in March 2014 - 813 BGN.

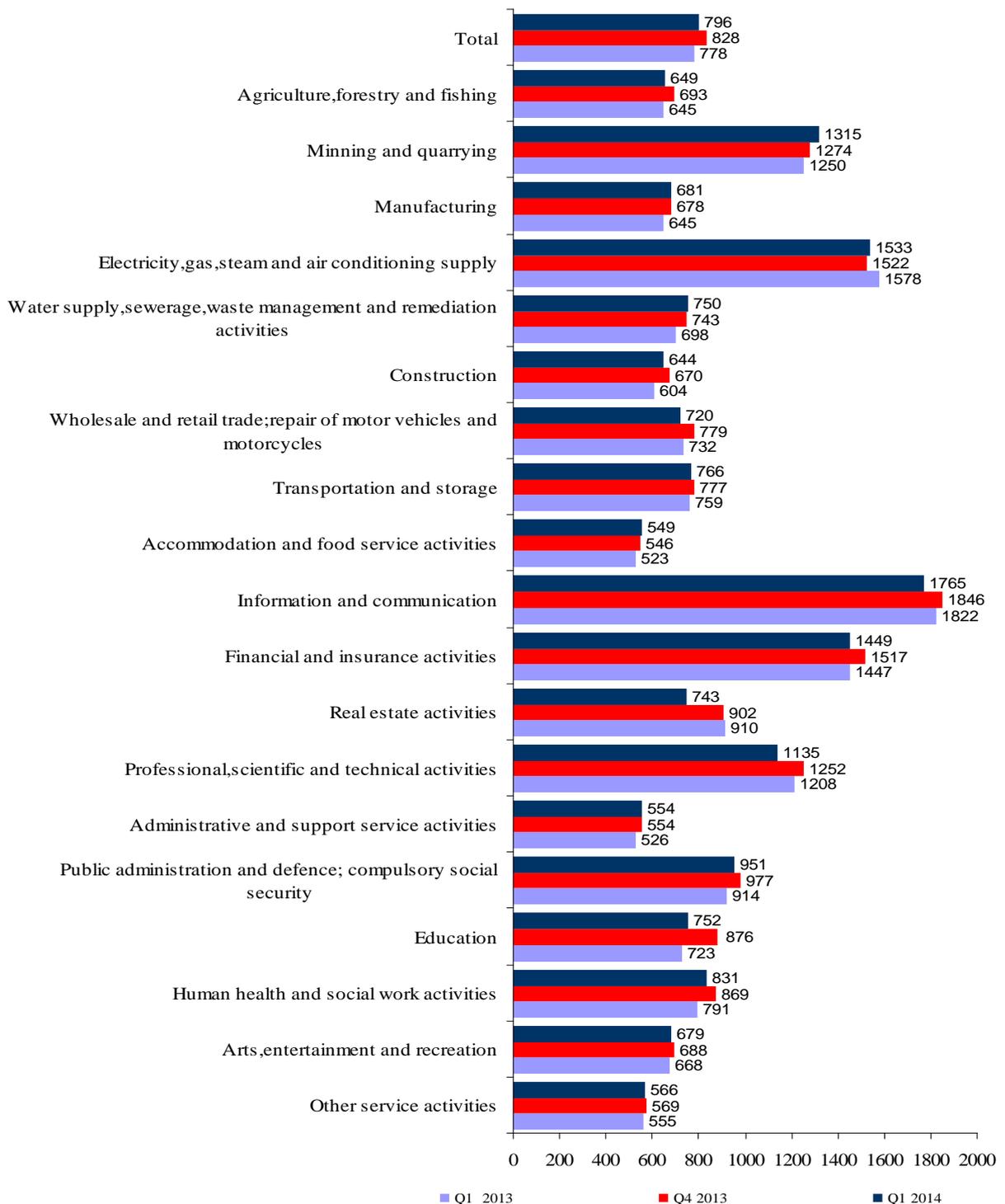
Figure 1. Average wages and salaries by months





In the first quarter of 2014 in comparison with the fourth quarter of 2013 the average monthly wages and salaries have decreased by 3.9% getting 796 BGN. The highest decrease in wages and salaries was reported in “Real estate activities” - 17.6%, “Education” -14.2% and “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles” - 7.6%.

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





Compared to the first quarter of 2013 the average monthly wages and salaries in the first quarter of 2014 have risen by 2.3%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: “Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities” - 7.4%, “Construction” - 6.6% and “Manufacturing” - 5.6%.

The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the fourth quarter of 2014 were:

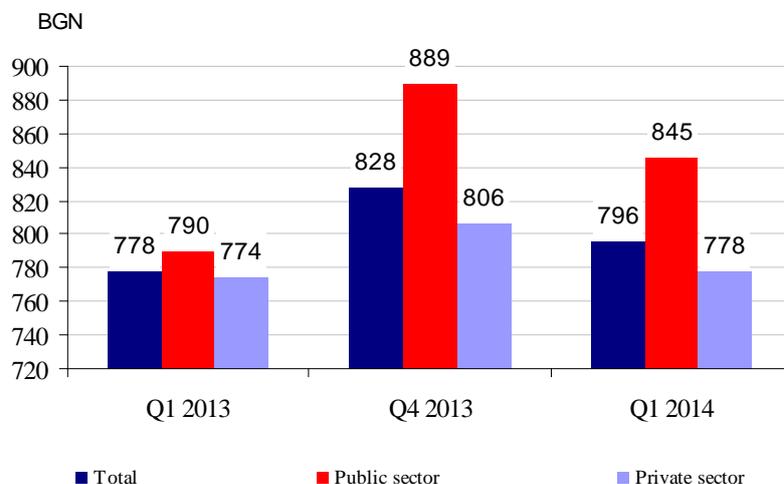
- “Information and communication” - 1 765 BGN
- “Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply” - 1 533 BGN
- “Financial and insurance activities” - 1 449 BGN.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- “Accommodation and food service activities” - 549 BGN
- “Administrative and support service activities” - 554 BGN
- “Other services activities” - 566 BGN.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector have grown by 7.0%, while in private sector - by 0.5%.

Figure 3. Average monthly wages and salaries by kind of ownership





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 2014¹

(Numbers)

Economic activity	2014		
	January	February	March
Total	2211578	2213618	2216090
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	64630	65593	69975
Mining and quarrying	23605	23587	23744
Manufacturing	484758	485442	486322
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	30822	30763	30787
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	35271	35130	35102
Construction	124201	125330	126152
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	386965	386872	386596
Transportation and storage	133310	133197	132509
Accommodation and food service activities	94530	94465	95777
Information and communication	69784	70108	70008
Financial and insurance activities	56863	56074	56497
Real estate activities	23325	23154	23175
Professional, scientific and technical activities	73854	73796	74199
Administrative and support service activities	121006	119878	114224
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	115110	115731	115697
Education	169357	169735	169510
Human health and social work activities	138299	138367	138376
Arts, entertainment and recreation	32228	32490	32968
Other service activities	33660	33906	34472

¹Preliminary data



Table 2

**Average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract
by economic activities in 2014¹**

(BGN)

Economic activity	2014		
	January	February	March
Total	794	780	813
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	628	634	684
Mining and quarrying	1284	1133	1528
Manufacturing	669	671	703
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1504	1573	1522
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	722	744	785
Construction	627	632	671
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	722	709	728
Transportation and storage	754	775	770
Accommodation and food service activities	550	536	561
Information and communication	1746	1716	1832
Financial and insurance activities	1441	1423	1484
Real estate activities	732	725	770
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1104	1131	1169
Administrative and support service activities	545	538	579
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1087	876	892
Education	751	747	759
Human health and social work activities	818	821	854
Arts, entertainment and recreation	691	646	701
Other service activities	563	561	573

¹Preliminary data