



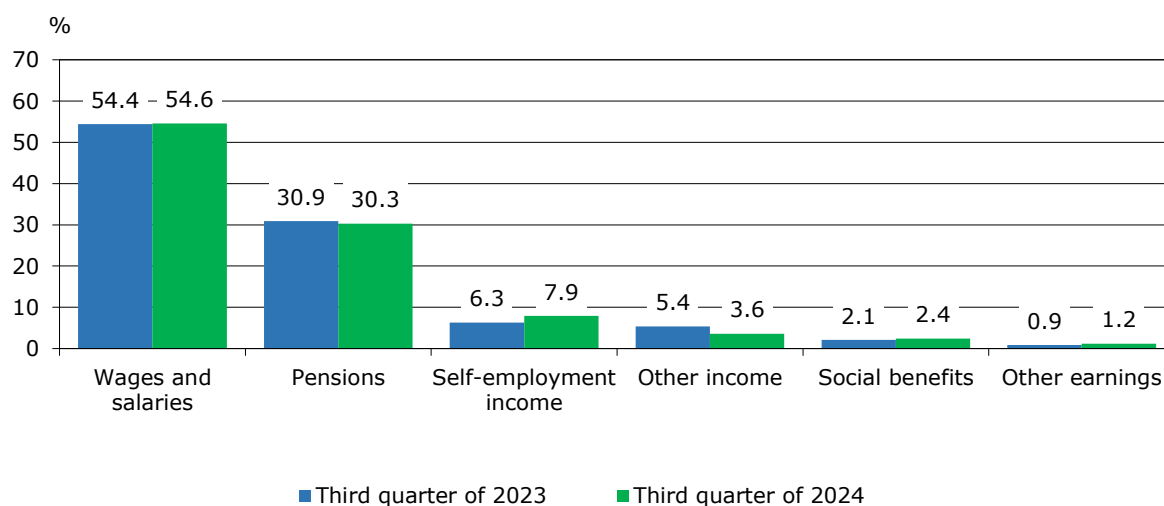
HOUSEHOLD INCOME, EXPENDITURE AND CONSUMPTION DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2024

Household Income

The quarterly total income average per household member was 3 351 BGN during the third quarter of 2024 and increased by 16.6% 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 (54.6%). The relative share of income from pensions was 30.3%, and from self-employment - 7.9%. Compared to the third quarter of 2023, the relative share of income from self-employment increased by 1.6 percentage points (pp) and from wages and salaries - by 0.2 percentage points. The share of income from pensions decreased by 0.6 percentage points.

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



In nominal terms, during the third 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** increased from 1 563 BGN to 1 830 BGN (by 17.1%);
- from **self-employment** increased from 182 to 265 BGN (by 45.6%);
- from **pensions** increased from 888 BGN to 1015 BGN (by 14.4%);
- from **social benefits** increased from 59 BGN to 79 BGN (by 34.4%).

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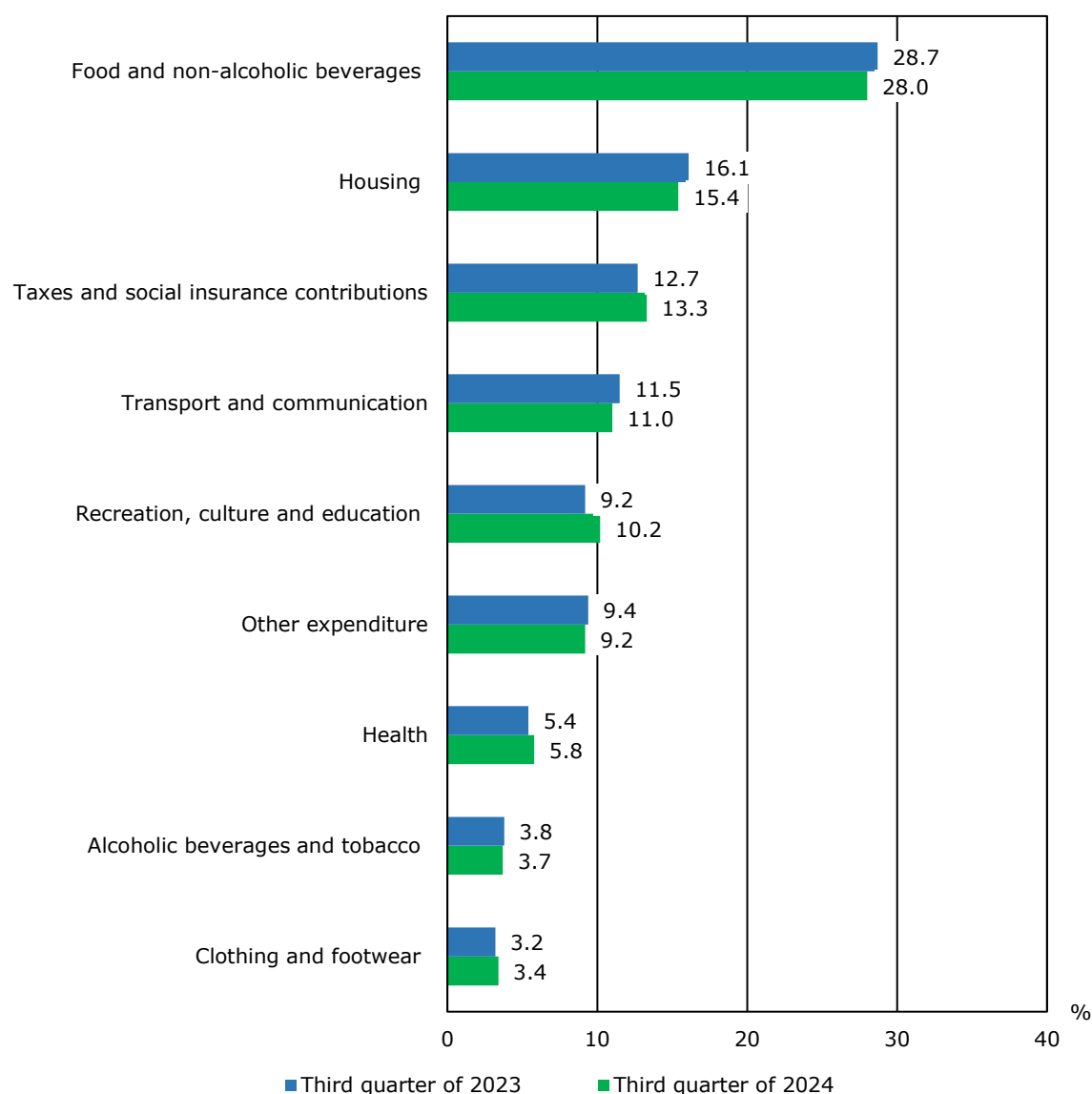
The relative share of monetary income in the structure of the total income during the third quarter of 2024 was 99.2% and the share of income in kind was 0.8%.

Household Expenditure

The quarterly total expenditure average per household member during the third quarter of 2024 was 3 153 BGN and it increased by 16.2% compared to the same quarter of 2023.

The greatest share in the formation of the total expenditure was expenditure on food and non-alcoholic beverages - 28.0%, as well as expenditure on housing - 15.4%, taxes and social insurance contributions - 13.3%, and transport and communication - 11.0%.

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



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The relative share of food and non-alcoholic beverages and of housing decreased by 0.7 pp compared to the third quarter of 2023. The share of recreation, culture and education increased by 1.0 percentage points.

During the third 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** increased from 780 BGN to 881 BGN (by 13.1%);
- on **alcoholic beverages and tobacco** increased from 102 BGN to 118 BGN (by 15.9%);
- on **clothing and footwear** increased from 88 BGN to 108 BGN (by 22.9%);
- on **housing (water, electricity, heating, furnishing and maintenance of the house)** increased from 436 BGN to 485 BGN (by 11.3%);
- on **health** increased from 147 BGN to 183 BGN (by 24.6%);
- on **transport and communication** increased from 311 BGN to 349 BGN (by 12.3%);
- on **recreation, culture and education** increased from 251 BGN to 322 BGN (by 28.4%);
- on **taxes and social insurance contributions** increased from 345 BGN to 420 BGN (by 21.8%).

Household Consumption

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

- Consumption of fruit increased - from 18.7 to 21.2 kg, and meat - from 9.1 to 9.7 kilograms;
- The biggest decrease was in bread and paste products consumption - from 18.0 kg to 16.8 kg, and vegetables - from 24.9 to 24.4 kilograms;
- The consumption of white cheese remained unchanged (See Table 1).

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

Foods	Third quarter of 2023	Third quarter of 2024
Bread and paste products - kg	18.0	16.8
Meat - kg	9.1	9.7
Meat products - kg	4.1	4.3
Milk - litres	4.6	4.9
Yoghurt - kg	7.0	7.2
White cheese - kg	3.0	3.0
Eggs - number	39	40
Vegetable oils - litres	2.6	2.4
Fruit (fresh and frozen) - kg	18.7	21.2
Vegetables (fresh and frozen) - kg	24.9	24.4
Dry beans - kg	1.0	0.9
Potatoes - kg	6.7	6.6
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) under the heading 'Households Income and Expenditure' and in the Information System INFOSTAT.