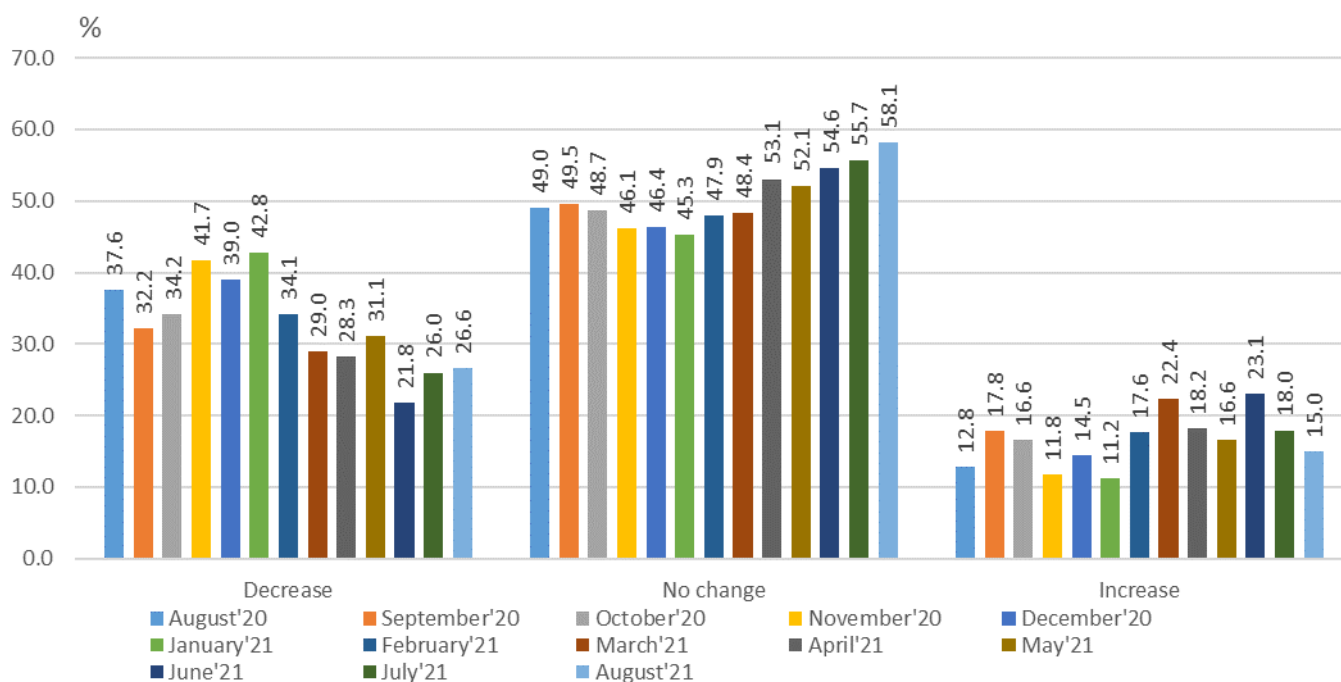


SITUATION OF THE NON-FINANCIAL ENTERPRISES IN THE EPIDEMIC SITUATION AUGUST 2021

The National Statistical Institute of Bulgaria conducted short business survey amongst non-financial enterprises aiming to collect and present to the society and policy makers information on the economic effects from the declared state of emergency and the ensuing epidemic situation in the country due to COVID-19.

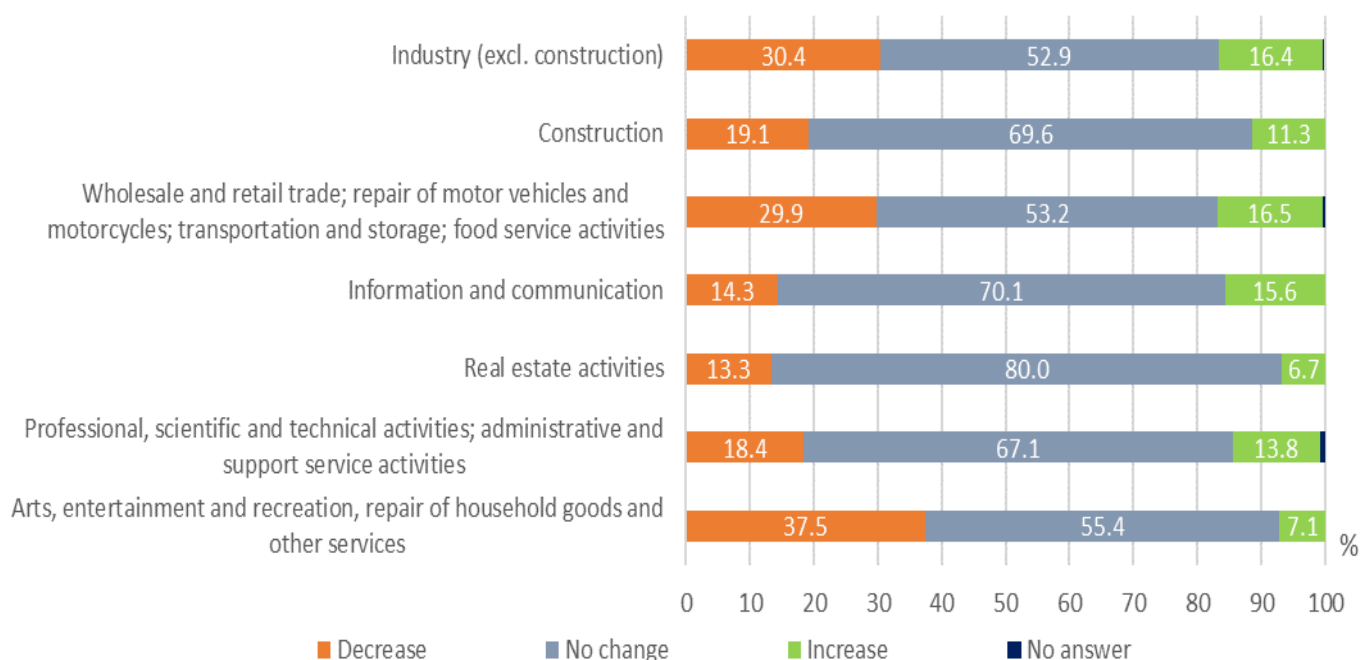
In August 2021, 26.6% of the responded non-financial enterprises declared a decrease in revenues from sales of goods and services compared to July 2021, 58.1% declared no change and 15.0% - an increase. A year earlier (August 2020) a decrease in revenues from sales of goods and services compared to previous month declared 37.6% of the responded non-financial enterprises, 49.0% declared no change and 12.8% - an increase (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Change in revenues from sales of goods and services in non-financial enterprises as compared to previous month, 2021



The breakdown by economic sectors showed that in August 2021, 37.5% of the non-financial enterprises in ‘Arts, entertainment and recreation, repair of household goods and other services’ had a decrease in revenues from sales of goods and services, followed by ‘Industry’ with 30.4% and ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles; transportation and storage; food service activities’ with 29.9% (Figure 2).

Figure. 2. Change in revenues from sales of goods and services in non-financial enterprises in August 2021 as compared to previous month, by economic sectors



As regards the employees, 20.9% from the responding non-financial enterprises answered that they had to use ‘Paid leave’ as a measure for reducing the effects from the state of emergency and the epidemic situation (27.6% in August 2020), followed by ‘Teleworking’ - 8.4% (9.4% in August 2020), and ‘Unpaid leave’ - 8.0% (11.5% in August 2020). In August 2021, 5.6% from the responding non-financial enterprises answered that they had to employ new staff, in August 2020 this share was 6.6% (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Measures taken concerning employees in the enterprise

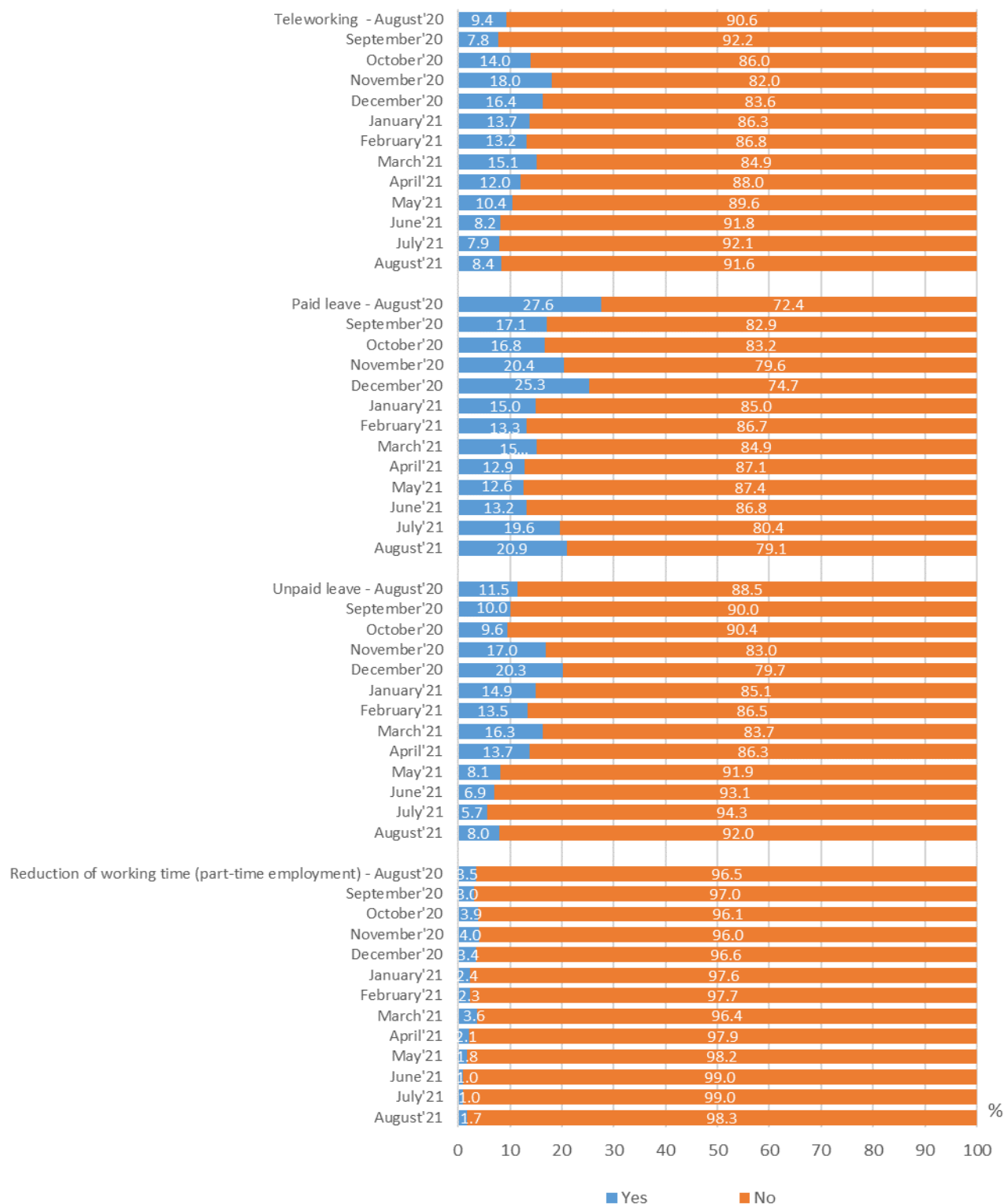


Figure 3. Measures taken concerning employees in the enterprise (continued and end)

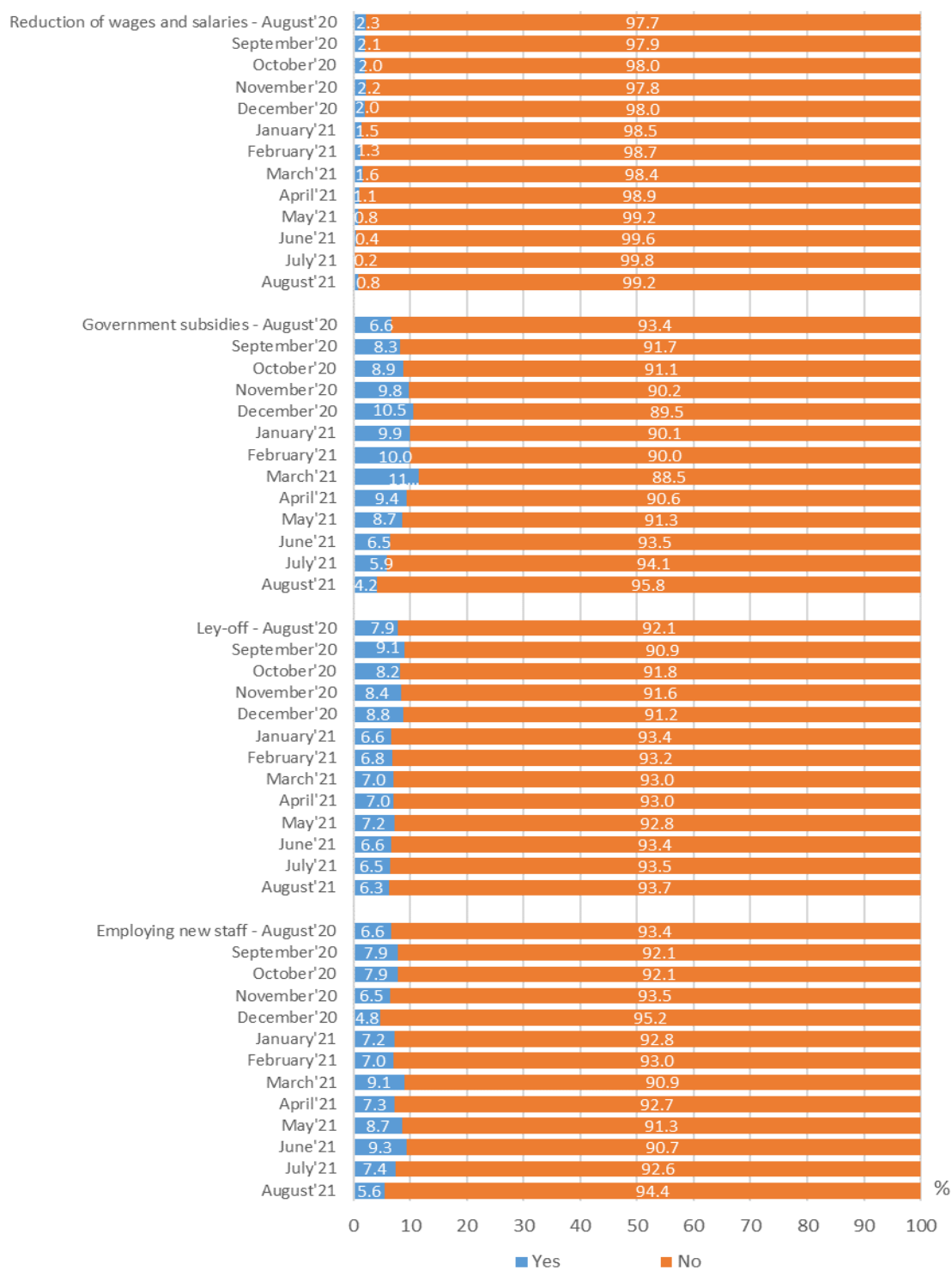
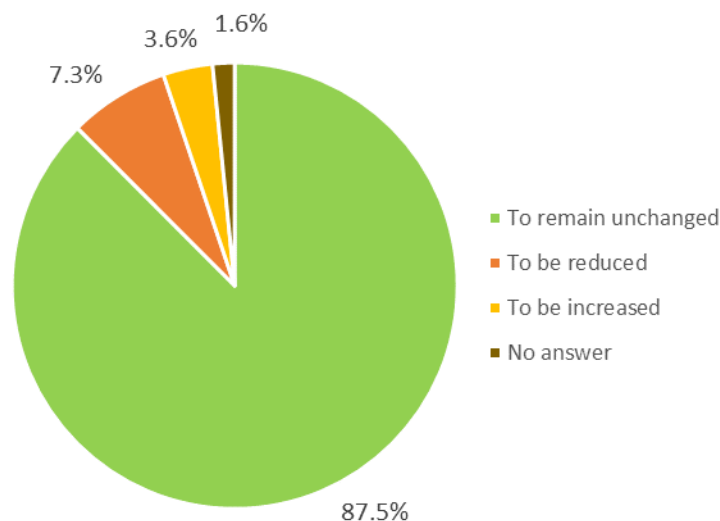


Figure 4. Expectations about the number of employees in the enterprise in short-term period (1 month)



In the following month 94.4% from the answered non-financial enterprises, expect that they will be able to continue their current activity, 1.6% expect to stop to perform economic activity temporary, while 2.2% expect to close down their business (Table 1).

1. Expectations about the enterprise future in short-term period (1 month)

(Per cent)

Period	To continue to perform its current activity	To stop to perform economic activity temporary	To stop to perform economic activity at all	To change its activity	No answer
August 2020	94.5	2.0	1.8	1.0	0.6
September 2020	95.1	1.9	2.2	0.6	0.2
October 2020	94.4	3.2	1.6	0.5	0.2
November 2020	92.5	4.5	2.1	0.8	0.1
December 2020	92.0	4.7	1.7	1.1	0.5
January 2021	92.9	3.4	2.0	1.1	0.5
February 2021	93.7	2.1	1.9	1.8	0.5
March 2021	93.4	2.3	1.9	1.4	1.1
April 2021	95.1	1.3	2.5	0.7	0.4
May 2021	94.6	1.7	2.2	0.9	0.7
June 2021	94.9	1.3	2.3	0.6	0.9
July 2021	95.8	1.6	1.5	0.3	0.7
August 2021	94.4	1.6	2.2	1.0	0.9

Methodological notes

The survey of 'Non-financial enterprises' was carried out in September, in the sample were included 3 770 enterprises with at about 230 thousand employees. The participation in the survey was voluntary.

The unit of observation is the enterprise, which carries out one or more activities on one or more locations and produces goods or services for third parties. The definition of the enterprise meets the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 696/93 for statistical units. The data refer to the activities of non-financial enterprises carried out on the territory of the country.

The coverage of economic activities is as follows: Industry; Construction; Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles; transportation and storage; food service activities; Real estate activities; Information and communication; Professional, scientific and technical activities; administrative and support service activities; Arts, entertainment and recreation, repair of household goods and other services.

Not covered by the survey are economic activities: Agriculture, forestry and fishing; Financial and insurance activities; Human health and social work activities; Education; Public administration and defense; compulsory social security.