

EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, THIRD QUARTER OF 2009¹

According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) the number of employees under labour contract at the end of September 2009 decreased by 2.7% as compared to the end of June 2009 and reached to 2.34 millions. The highest decrease was reported in economic activities “Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities” - 14.0%, “Accommodation and food service activities” - 13.0% and “Construction” - 7.0%. An increase in number of employees under labour contract is registered in “Information and communication” - 1.9%.

In the structure of employees by economic activities the biggest relative share of employees was in “Manufacturing” - 23.2% and “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles” - 18.5%, where the number of employees at the end of September 2009 compared to June 2009 decreased by 1.9% and 0.9% respectively.

At the end of September 2009 as compared to September 2008 the number of employees under labour contract was declined by 6.3%. The highest decrease was observed in economic activities “Construction” - 16.3% and “Other service activities” - 11.2%.

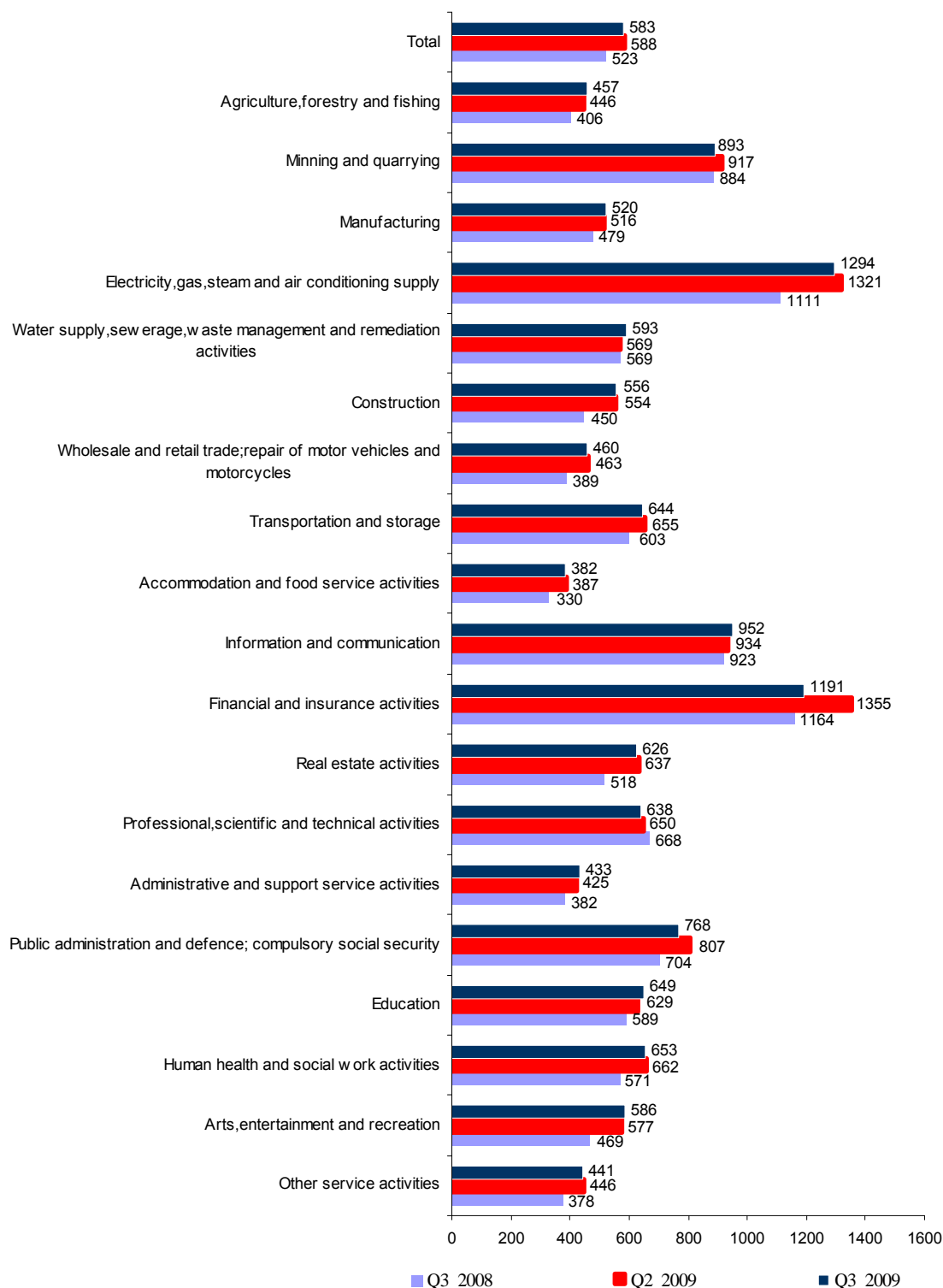
The average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract in September 2009 increased by 7 levs in nominal terms compared to June 2009.



¹ Since first quarter of 2009 the data are published according to the new classification of economic activities NACE rev. 2. Reclassified data for 2008 are available on the NSI official web page (http://www.nsi.bg/Labour_e/Labour_e.htm)

In third quarter of 2009 in comparison with the second quarter of 2009 the average monthly wages and salaries decreased by 0.9% getting 583 levs. The highest drop in wages and salaries was reported in “Financial and insurance activities” - 12.1% and “Public administration and defence; compulsory social security” - 4.8%, while increase was observed in “Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities” - 4.2% and “Education” - 3.2%.

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



Compared to the third quarter of 2008 the average monthly wages and salaries in the third quarter of 2009 rose by 11.5%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: “Arts, entertainment and recreation” - 24.9%, “Construction” - 23.6% and “Real estate activities” - 20.8%. Decrease in wages and salaries was observed in “Professional, scientific and technical activities” - 4.5%.

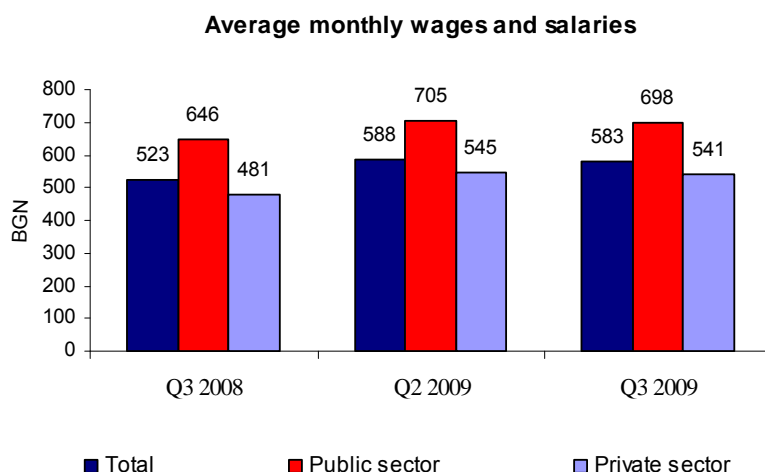
The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in third quarter of 2009 were:

- “Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply” - 1 294 levs
- “Financial and insurance activities” - 1 191 levs
- “Information and communication” - 952 levs

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- “Accommodation and food service activities” - 382 levs
- “Administrative and support service activities” - 433 levs
- “Other service activities” - 441 levs.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 8.0%, while in private sector - by 12.5%.



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/Labour_e/Labour_e.htm.

Table 1

Employees under labour contract at the end of the month by economic activities in 2009*

Economic activity	July	August	(Numbers) September
Total	2398168	2374967	2338296
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	68390	67514	67480
Mining and quarrying	26698	26641	26438
Manufacturing	550576	546600	542921
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	32833	32753	32660
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	31997	30847	30695
Construction	185823	182722	175871
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	436626	434672	431656
Transportation and storage	136307	135797	134345
Accommodation and food service activities	134926	130418	112594
Information and communication	56145	56281	56158
Financial and insurance activities	50551	50478	50341
Real estate activities	18965	18485	18238
Professional, scientific and technical activities	71884	71210	70184
Administrative and support service activities	105202	101612	99545
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	132324	131726	129642
Education	169557	167938	171917
Human health and social work activities	130946	130950	130917
Arts, entertainment and recreation	29101	29032	28301
Other service activities	29317	29291	28393

*Preliminary data

Table 2

Average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2009*

Economic activity	July	August	(BGN)
			September
Total	578	576	594
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	458	445	467
Mining and quarrying	886	878	916
Manufacturing	519	517	523
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1264	1300	1317
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	572	594	614
Construction	551	553	563
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	460	459	460
Transportation and storage	638	641	654
Accommodation and food service activities	379	379	390
Information and communication	958	937	962
Financial and insurance activities	1205	1181	1187
Real estate activities	641	611	627
Professional, scientific and technical activities	645	640	629
Administrative and support service activities	427	434	439
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	790	778	737
Education	599	590	757
Human health and social work activities	655	641	663
Arts, entertainment and recreation	581	587	591
Other service activities	441	440	441

*Preliminary data