

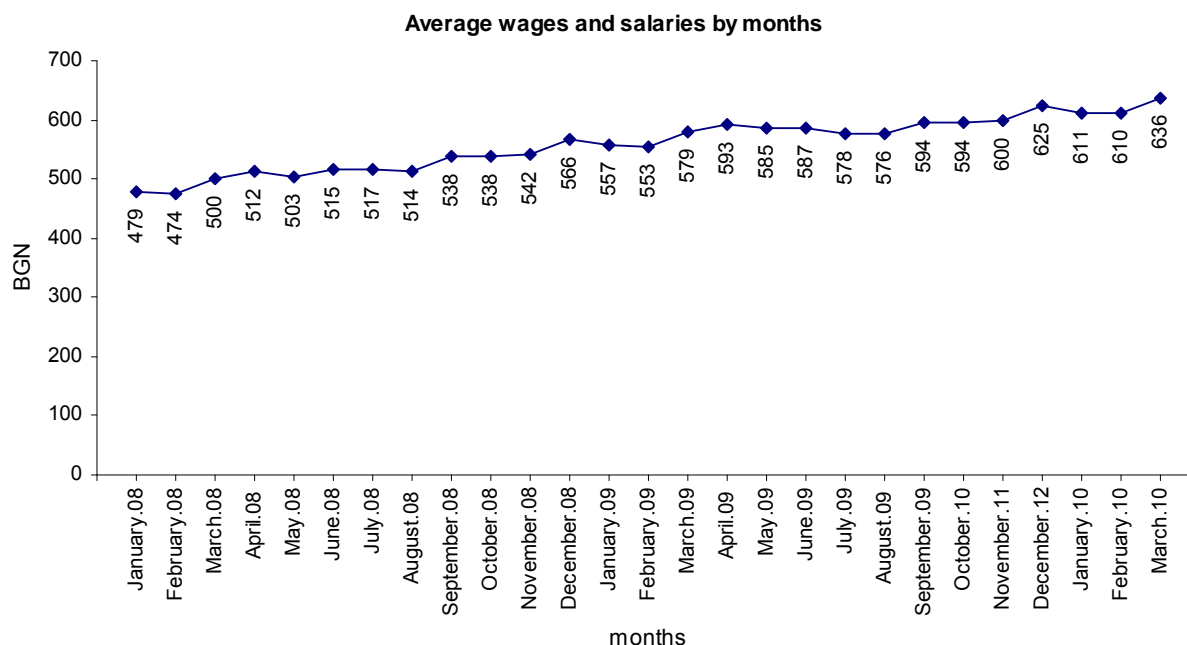
## EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, FIRST QUARTER OF 2010

According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) the number of employees under labour contract at the end of March 2010 decreased by 64 th. or 2.8% as compared to the end of December 2009 and reached 2.19 millions. The highest decrease was reported in economic activities “Accommodation and food service activities” - 9.4%, “Construction” - 7.4% and “Professional, scientific and technical activities” - 6.2%.

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” - 18.4%, where the number of employees at the end of March 2010 compared to December 2009 decreased by 2.5 and 5.4% respectively.

At the end of March 2010 as compared to March 2009 the number of employees under labour contract was declined by 222 th. or 9.2%. The highest decrease in absolute figures was observed in economic activities “Manufacturing” - 65 th., “Construction”- 51 th. and “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles” - 36 thousands. In percentages the highest decrease was in “Construction” - 25.5% and “Accommodation and food service activities” - 17.3%.

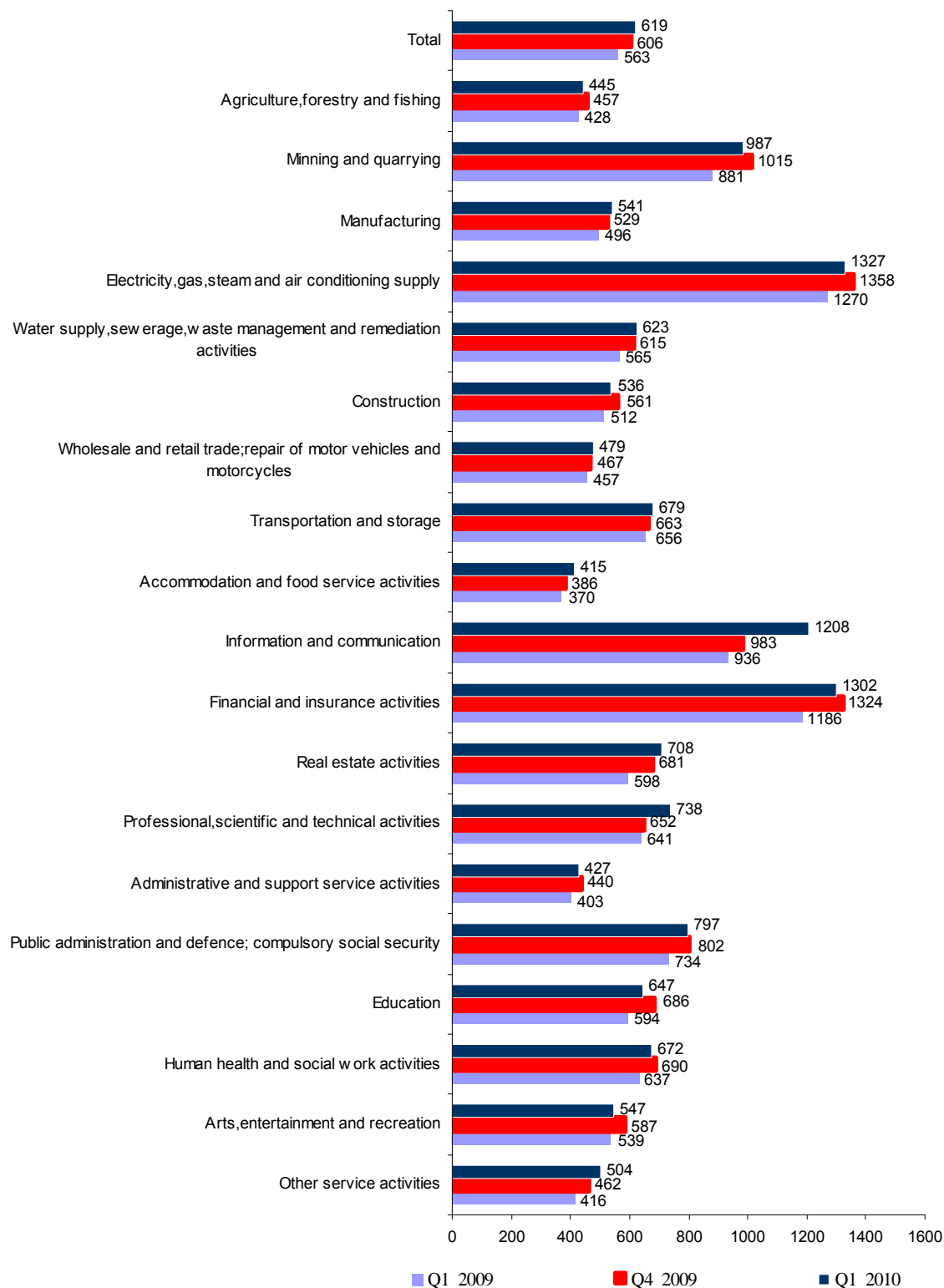
The average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract in March 2010 increased by 11 levs in nominal terms compared to December 2009.



In the first quarter of 2010 in comparison with the fourth quarter of 2009 the average monthly wages and salaries increased by 2.1% getting 619 levs. The highest increase in wages and salaries was reported in “Information and communication” - 22.9%, “Professional, scientific and technical activities” - 13.2% and “Other service activities” - 9.1%. The highest decreases in average monthly wages and salaries in first quarter of 2010 as compared to fourth

quarter of 2009 where observed in economic activities: “Arts, entertainment and recreation” - 6.8%, “Education” - 5.7% and “Construction” - 4.5%.

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



Compared to the first quarter of 2009 the average monthly wages and salaries in the first quarter of 2010 rose by 9.9%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities:

“Information and communication” - 29.1% and “Other service activities” - 21.2%. The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the first quarter of 2010 were:

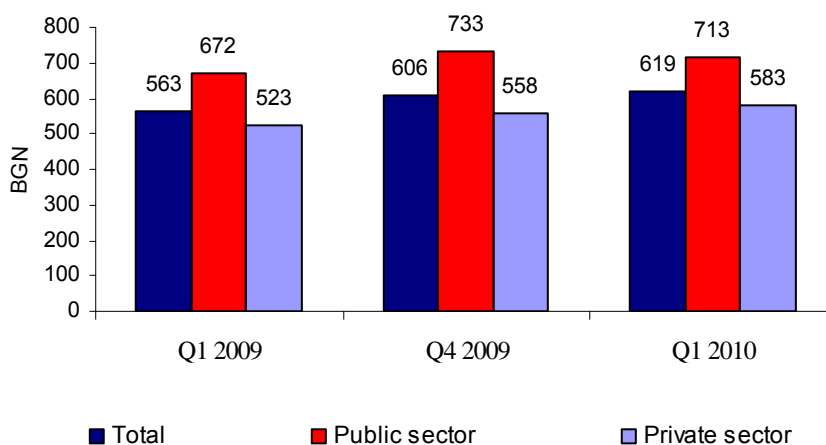
- “Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply” - 1 327 levs
- “Financial and insurance activities” - 1 302 levs
- “Information and communication” - 1 208 levs

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- “Accommodation and food service activities” - 415 levs
- “Administrative and support service activities” - 427 levs
- “Agriculture, forestry and fishing” - 445 levs.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 6.1%, while in private sector - by 11.5%.

**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/Labour\\_e/Labour\\_e.htm](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 2010\*

Economic activity	January	February	(Numbers) March
<b>Total</b>	<b>2197461</b>	<b>2184734</b>	<b>2190393</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	53223	53087	56792
Mining and quarrying	26354	26244	26225
Manufacturing	510574	507365	508574
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	33131	33265	33191
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	31786	31783	31865
Construction	152708	149396	148223
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	407632	404131	403446
Transportation and storage	129775	129017	128771
Accommodation and food service activities	85151	84278	84963
Information and communication	58152	57502	56287
Financial and insurance activities	52777	52601	52497
Real estate activities	18110	18067	18340
Professional, scientific and technical activities	64473	64204	64327
Administrative and support service activities	100449	100170	100846
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	118985	119010	121538
Education	168906	169370	169340
Human health and social work activities	128244	128217	128289
Arts, entertainment and recreation	28952	28978	28777
Other service activities	28079	28049	28102
*Preliminary data			

**Table 2**

Average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2010\*

Economic activity	January	February	(BGN) March
<b>Total</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>636</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	436	434	465
Mining and quarrying	917	939	1106
Manufacturing	531	530	560
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1346	1293	1342
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	603	597	668
Construction	520	531	558
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	473	474	490
Transportation and storage	701	661	675
Accommodation and food service activities	411	409	425
Information and communication	1170	1165	1293
Financial and insurance activities	1297	1252	1355
Real estate activities	715	698	710
Professional, scientific and technical activities	733	719	761
Administrative and support service activities	428	420	434
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	750	834	805
Education	655	639	647
Human health and social work activities	668	663	683
Arts, entertainment and recreation	546	542	553
Other service activities	499	499	513

\*Preliminary data