



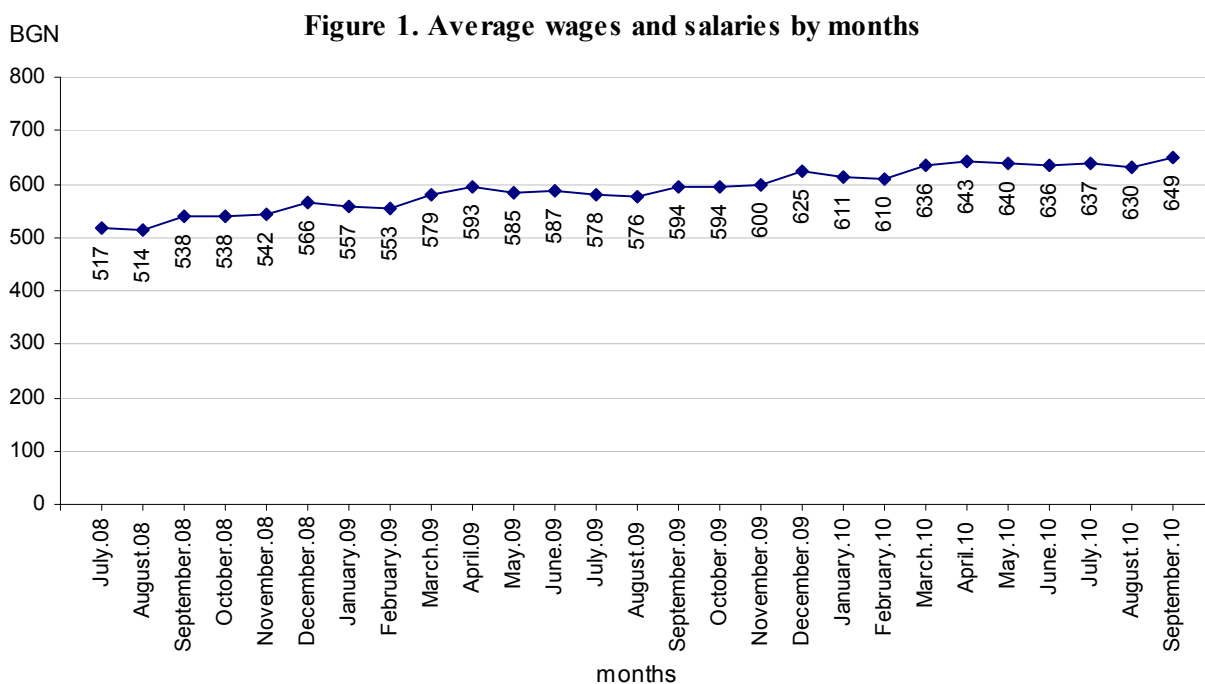
## EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, THIRD QUARTER OF 2010

According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) at the end of September 2010 the number of employees under labour contract decreased by 30 thous. or 1.3% as compared to the end of June 2010 and reached 2.20 millions. The highest decrease of employees was recorded in economic activities “Accommodation and food service activities” - 15.0% and “Arts, entertainment and recreation” - 10.0%, while the highest increase was in economic activity “Manufacturing” - 0.8%.

In the structure of employees by economic activities the biggest relative share of employees was in “Manufacturing” and “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles” – 23.4% and 18.3 % respectively. The number of employees at the end of September 2010 compared to June 2010 decreased by 0.6% in “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles”.

At the end of September 2010 as compared to September 2009 the number of employees under labour contract was declined by 140 th. or 6.0%. The highest decrease in absolute figures was observed in economic activities “Construction”- 32 thous., “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles” - 30 thous., and “Manufacturing” - 29 thousands. In percentages the highest decrease was in “Construction” - 18.0% and “Accommodation and food service activities” - 12.2%.

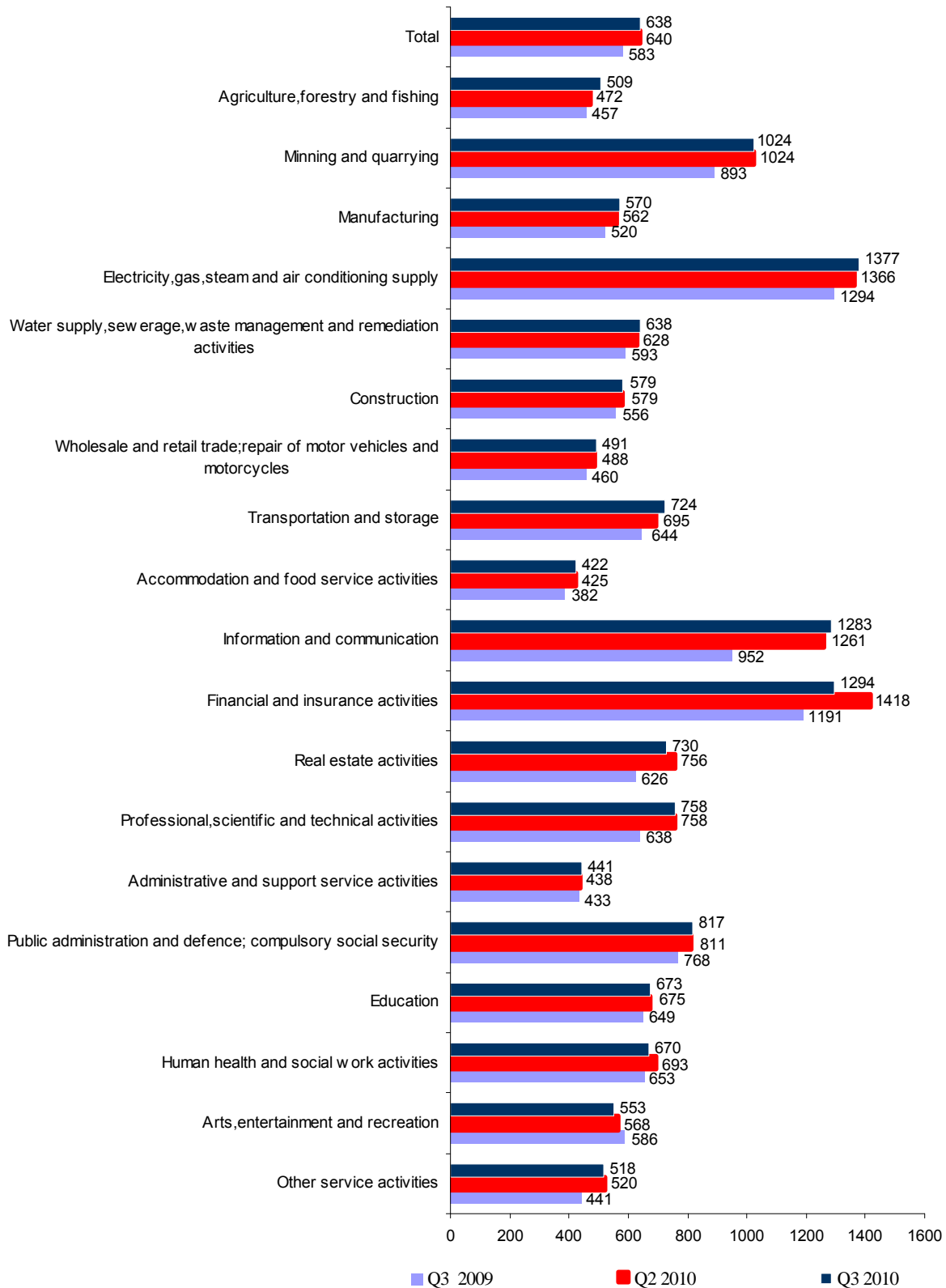
The average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract in July, August and September 2010 was 637, 630, and 649 levs respectively.





In the third quarter of 2010 in comparison with the second quarter of 2010 the average monthly wages and salaries decreased by 0.3% getting 638 levs. The highest decrease in wages and salaries was reported in “Financial and insurance activities” - 8.7% and “Real estate activities” - 3.4%.

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





The highest increase in average monthly wages and salaries in third quarter of 2010 as compared to the second quarter of 2010 was observed in economic activities: “Agriculture, forestry and fishing” - 7.8% and “Transportation and storage” - 4.2%.

Compared to the third quarter of 2009 the average monthly wages and salaries in the third quarter of 2010 rose by 9.4%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: “Information and communication” - 34.8% and “Professional, scientific and technical activities” - 18.8%.

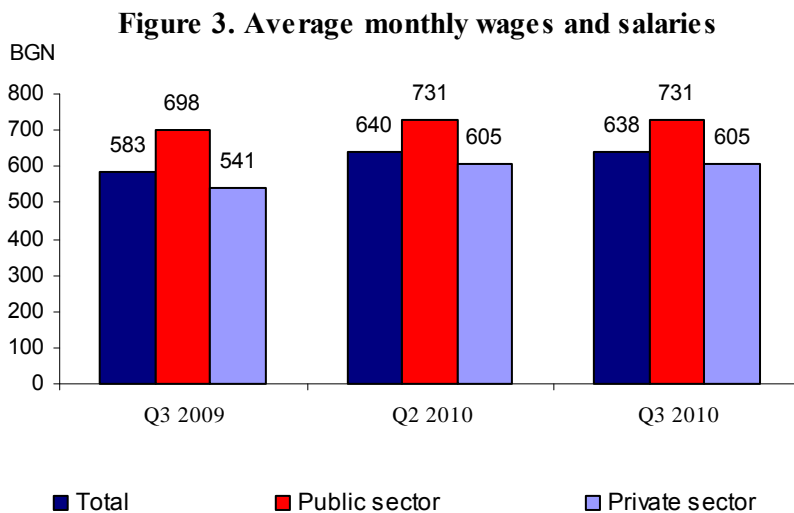
The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the second quarter of 2010 were:

- “Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply” - 1 377 levs
- “Financial and insurance activities” - 1 294 levs
- “Information and communication” - 1 283 levs

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- “Accommodation and food service activities” - 422 levs
- “Administrative and support service activities” - 441 levs
- “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles” - 491 levs.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 4.7%, while in private sector - by 11.8%.





### **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/otrasal-metodologiaen.php?otr=51>.



**Table 1**

**Employees under labour contract at the end of the month by economic activities in 2010\***

Economic activity	July	August	(Numbers) September
<b>Total</b>	<b>2238135</b>	<b>2227939</b>	<b>2198087</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	65151	64845	64577
Mining and quarrying	25904	25961	25860
Manufacturing	514605	514866	513952
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	32650	32695	32578
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	32458	32418	32284
Construction	147165	146019	144287
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	406774	405695	401648
Transportation and storage	129586	129568	128950
Accommodation and food service activities	120643	116880	98847
Information and communication	56310	56070	56019
Financial and insurance activities	53234	53135	52701
Real estate activities	19798	19717	18711
Professional, scientific and technical activities	64101	63377	62863
Administrative and support service activities	100313	100600	98791
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	118777	118181	117425
Education	162218	160670	165361
Human health and social work activities	128273	127962	127268
Arts, entertainment and recreation	31163	30536	27807
Other service activities	29012	28744	28158

\*Preliminary data



Table 2

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

Economic activity	July	August	(BGN) September
<b>Total</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>649</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	513	487	527
Mining and quarrying	1013	933	1125
Manufacturing	569	564	576
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1362	1404	1366
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	614	620	680
Construction	578	577	583
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	487	490	495
Transportation and storage	723	715	733
Accommodation and food service activities	416	419	432
Information and communication	1267	1269	1314
Financial and insurance activities	1317	1282	1281
Real estate activities	742	718	729
Professional, scientific and technical activities	769	746	757
Administrative and support service activities	444	442	438
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	830	831	788
Education	648	639	730
Human health and social work activities	687	652	671
Arts, entertainment and recreation	540	550	569
Other service activities	514	515	524

\*Preliminary data