



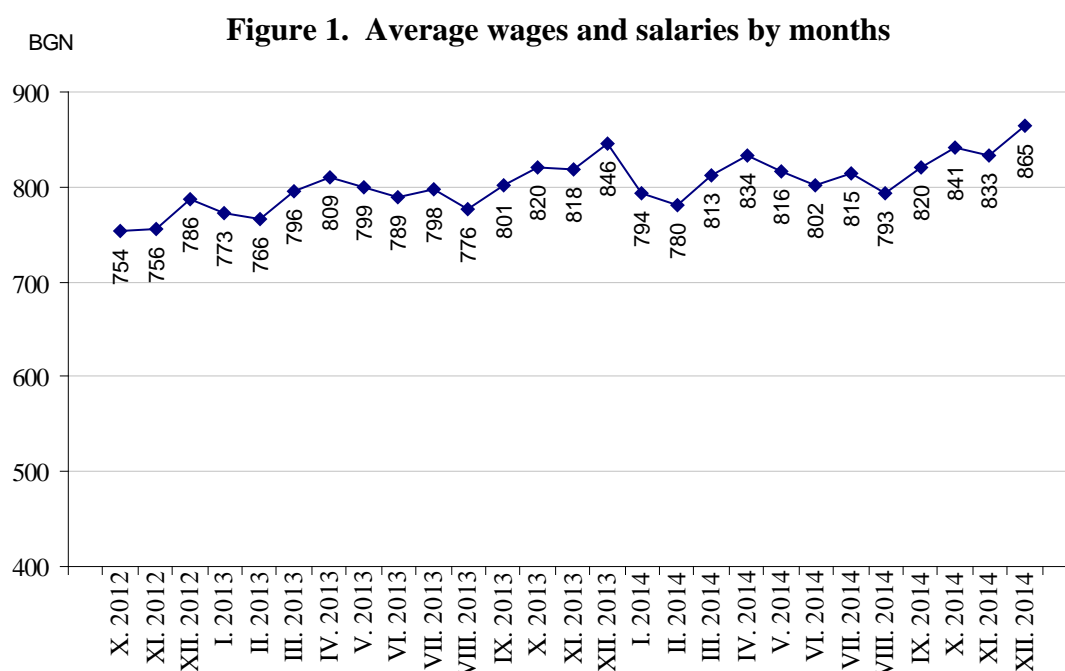
EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND GROSS AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, FOURTH QUARTER OF 2014

According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) at the end of December 2014 the **number of employees** under labour contract decreased by 47.4 thousand or 2.1% as compared to the end of September 2014 and reached 2.20 million. The highest decrease was observed in economic activities: ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 20.1%, ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - 9.9% and ‘Arts, entertainment and recreation’ - 6.9%. Increase of employees was recorded in ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ - 1.1%.

In the structure of employees by economic activities the biggest relative share of employees was in ‘Manufacturing’ - 22.2% and ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ - 17.7%.

At the end of December 2014 as compared to December 2013 the number of employees under labour contract has declined by 4.5 thousand or 0.2%. The highest decrease in absolute figures was observed in economic activities ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - 9.6 thousand, ‘Construction’ - 4.8 thousand and ‘Transportation and storage’ - 3.4 thousand. In percentages the highest decrease was in ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - 7.8%, ‘Other services activities’ - 6.0% and ‘Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities’ - by 4.6%. The highest increase at the end of December 2014 as compared to December 2013 was registered in economic activity ‘Manufacturing’ - by 6.7 thousand and in percentages - in ‘Professional, scientific and technical activities’ and ‘Information and communication’ - by 3.0%.

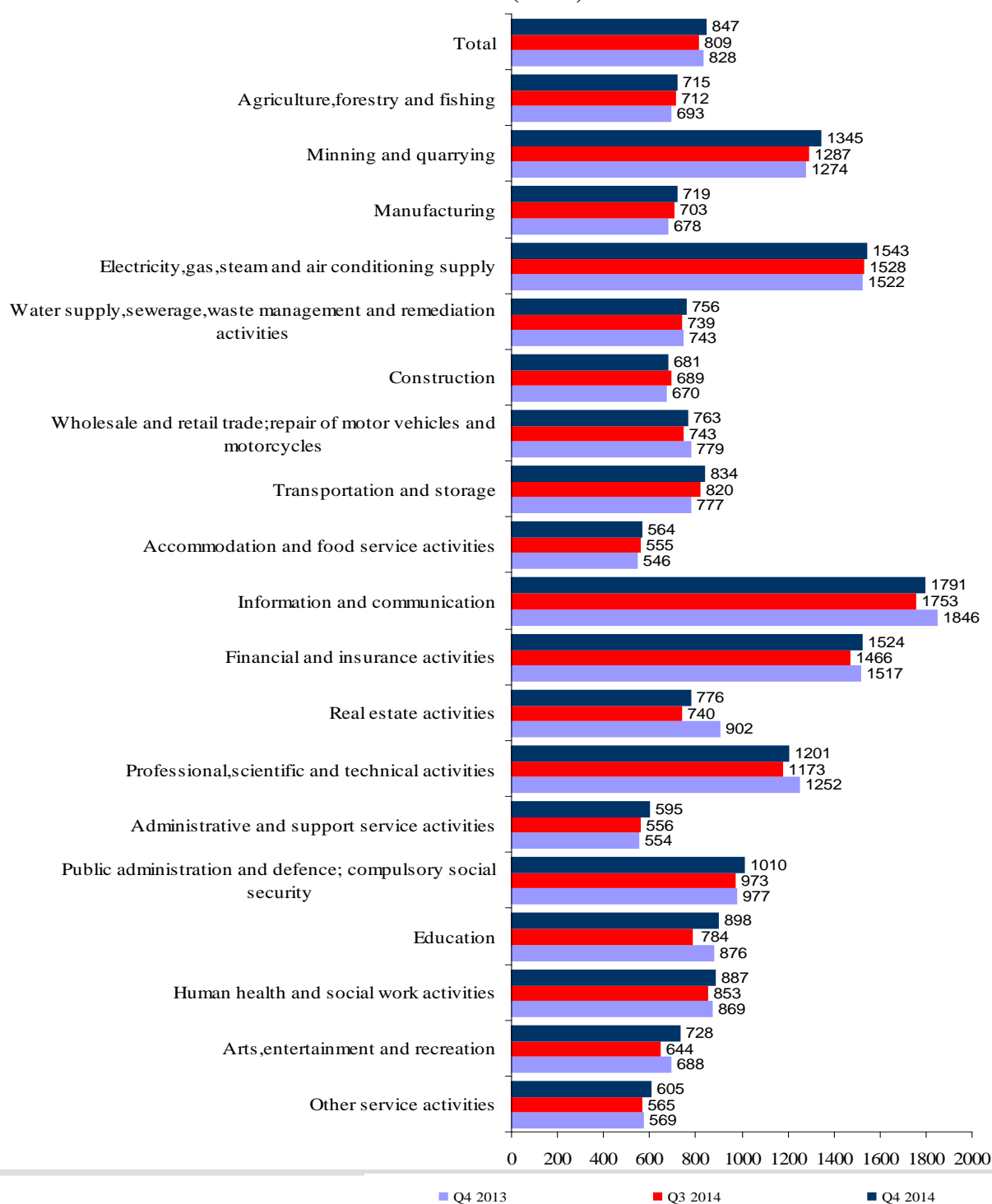
The **average monthly wages and salaries** of the employees under labour contract in October was 841 BGN, in November - 833 BGN, and in December 2014 - 865 BGN.





In the fourth quarter of 2014 in comparison with the third quarter of 2014 the average monthly wages and salaries decreased by 4.7% getting 847 BGN. The highest increase in wages and salaries was reported in 'Education' - 14.5% and 'Arts, entertainment and recreation' - 13.0%.

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





Compared to the fourth quarter of 2013 the average monthly wages and salaries in the fourth quarter of 2014 rose by 2.3%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - 7.4%, ‘Transportation and storage’ - 7.3%, and ‘Other services activities’ - 6.3%. The biggest drop for this period was in economic activity ‘Real estate activities’ - 14.0%.

The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the fourth quarter of 2014 were:

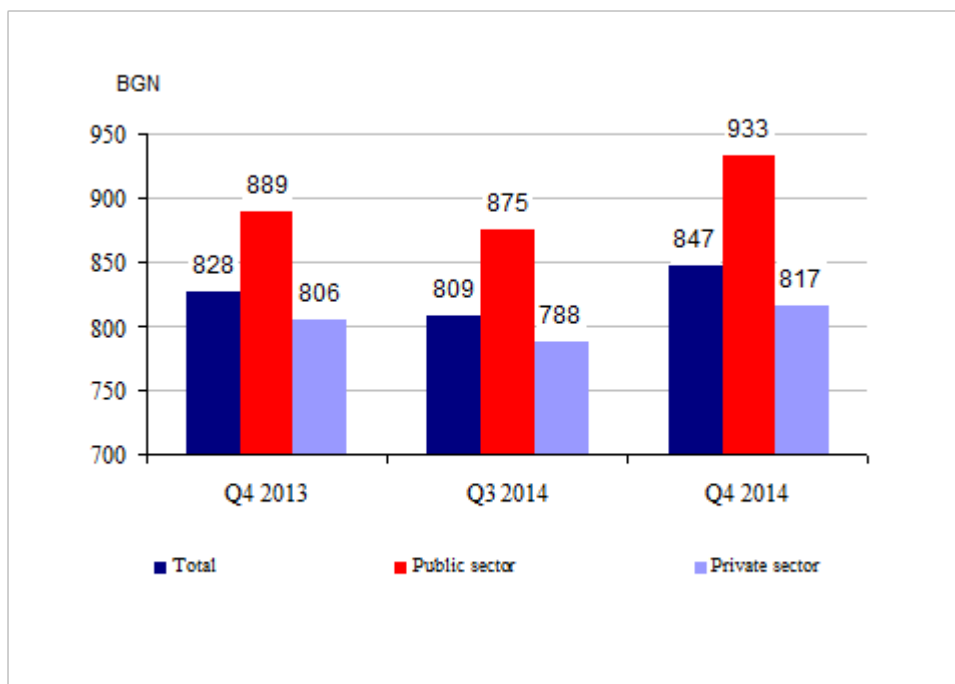
- ‘Information and communication’ - 1 791 BGN
- ‘Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply’ - 1 543 BGN
- ‘Financial and insurance activities’ - 1 524 BGN.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 564 BGN
- ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - 595 BGN
- ‘Other services activities’ - 605 BGN.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 4.9% while in private sector - by 1.4%.

Figure 3. Average monthly wages and salaries by kind of ownership





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 the NSI official web site:

http://www.nsi.bg/sites/default/files/files/metadata/Labour_Method_1.1_EN.pdf

<http://www.nsi.bg/en/content/6398/short-term-statistics>

Annex

Table 1

Employees under labour contract at the end of the month by economic activities in 2014¹

(Number)

Economic activities	2014		
	October	November	December
Total	2225109	2216111	2203127
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	72623	70336	66643
Mining and quarrying	23978	23922	23563
Manufacturing	491799	492149	488736
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	30734	30772	30523
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	34766	34836	34677
Construction	127528	125120	121589
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	388962	391335	389959
Transportation and storage	130424	129338	128747
Accommodation and food service activities	101789	96586	96425
Information and communication	70029	70153	70137
Financial and insurance activities	56291	56368	56435
Real estate activities	22622	22279	22161
Professional, scientific and technical activities	74674	74418	74171
Administrative and support service activities	110244	110458	113050
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	114691	114529	114052
Education	170639	171068	169825
Human health and social work activities	138446	138466	138126
Arts, entertainment and recreation	31998	31358	31633
Other service activities	32872	32620	32675

¹ Preliminary data.



Table 2

Average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2014

Economic activities	(BGN)		
	2014		
	October	November	December
Total	841	833	865
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	719	689	737
Mining and quarrying	1273	1265	1499
Manufacturing	706	722	729
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1500	1522	1607
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	739	751	777
Construction	675	689	678
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	744	756	789
Transportation and storage	813	833	856
Accommodation and food service activities	561	551	582
Information and communication	1822	1755	1796
Financial and insurance activities	1439	1535	1597
Real estate activities	758	769	800
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1158	1214	1230
Administrative and support service activities	586	594	605
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1190	904	934
Education	898	837	961
Human health and social work activities	861	903	898
Arts, entertainment and recreation	757	697	728
Other service activities	605	604	607

¹ Preliminary data.