



## EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND GROSS AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, SECOND QUARTER OF 2017

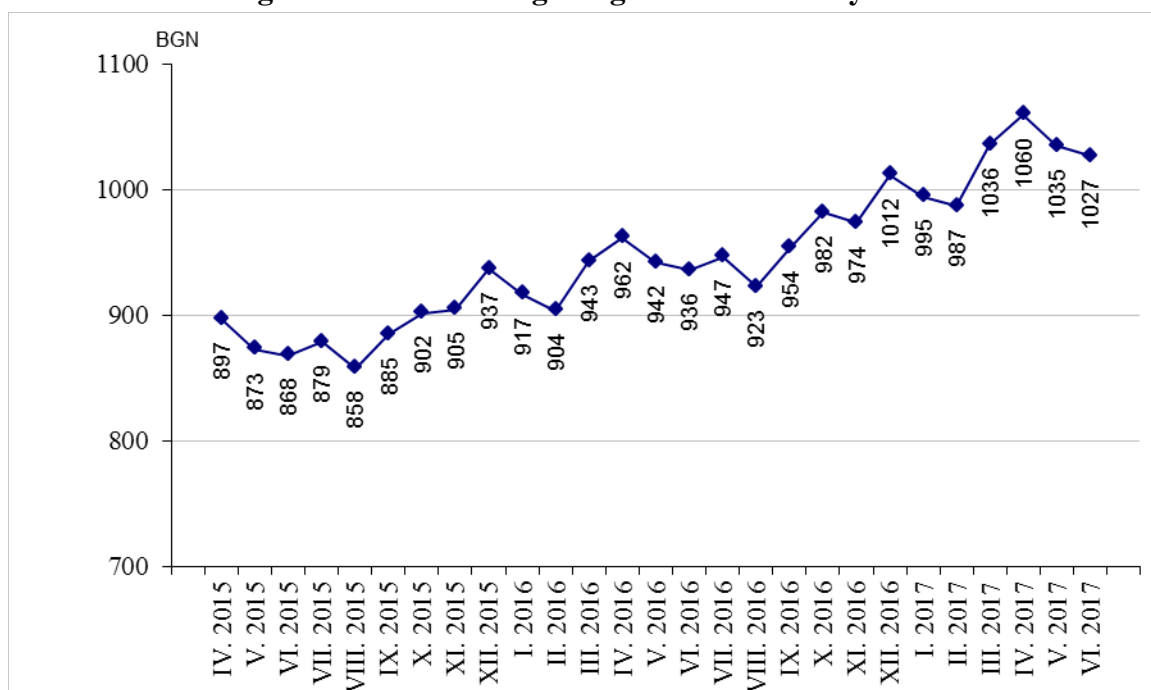
According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) at the end of June 2017 the **number of employees** under labour contract increased by 63.4 thousand or 2.8% as compared to the end of March 2017 and reached 2.34 million. The highest increase was observed in seasonal economic activities: ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 44.9%, ‘Arts, entertainment and recreation’ - 11.9% and ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - 7.3%. The highest decrease of the number of employees was recorded in ‘Education’ - by 3.0%.

In the structure of employees by economic activities the biggest relative share of employees was in ‘Manufacturing’ - 21.9% and ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ - 16.8%.

At the end of June 2017 as compared to June 2016 the number of employees under labour contract decreased by 15.9 thousand or 0.7%. The highest decrease in absolute figures was observed in economic activities ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - 9.7 thousand, ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 8.3 thousand and ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ - 4.6 thousand. In percentages the highest decrease was also in ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - by 11.6% and ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - by 5.3%. The highest increase at the end of June 2017 as compared to June 2016 in absolute figures was registered in economic activity ‘Information and communication’ - by 4.1 thousand and in percentages - in ‘Arts, entertainment and recreation’ - by 9.0%.

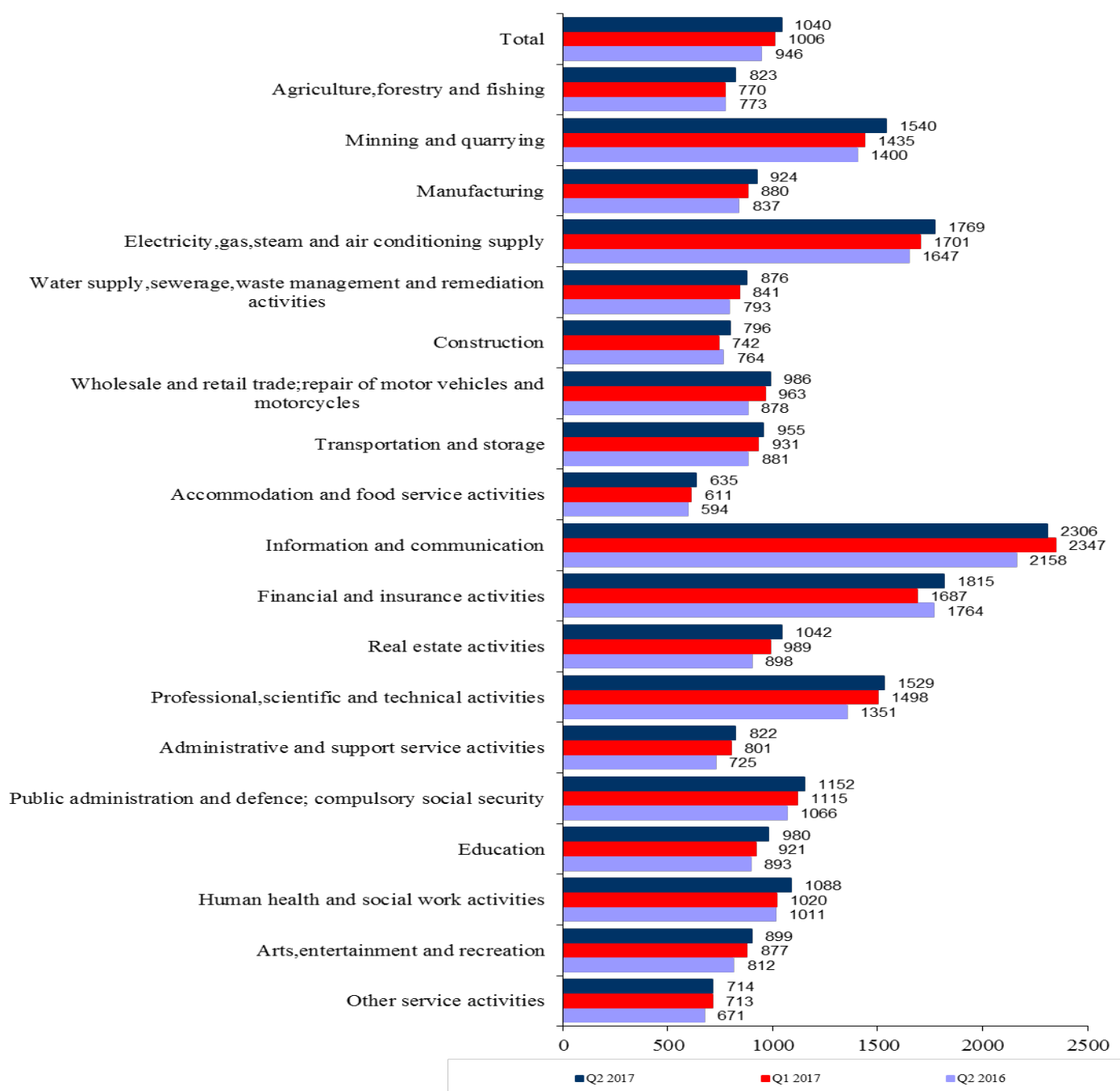
The **average monthly wages and salaries** of the employees under labour contract in April was 1 060 BGN, in May - 1 035 BGN and in June 2017 - 1 027 BGN.

**Figure 1. Gross average wages and salaries by months**



In the second quarter of 2017 in comparison with the first quarter of 2017 the average monthly wages and salaries increased by 3.4% getting 1 040 BGN. The highest increase in wages and salaries was reported in 'Financial and insurance activities' - by 7.6%, and 'Construction' and 'Mining and quarrying' - by 7.3%.

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





Compared to the second quarter of 2016 the average monthly wages and salaries in the second quarter of 2017 rose by 9.9%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: ‘Real estate activities’ - 16.0%, ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - 13.4% and ‘Professional, scientific and technical activities’ - 13.2%.

The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the second quarter of 2017 were:

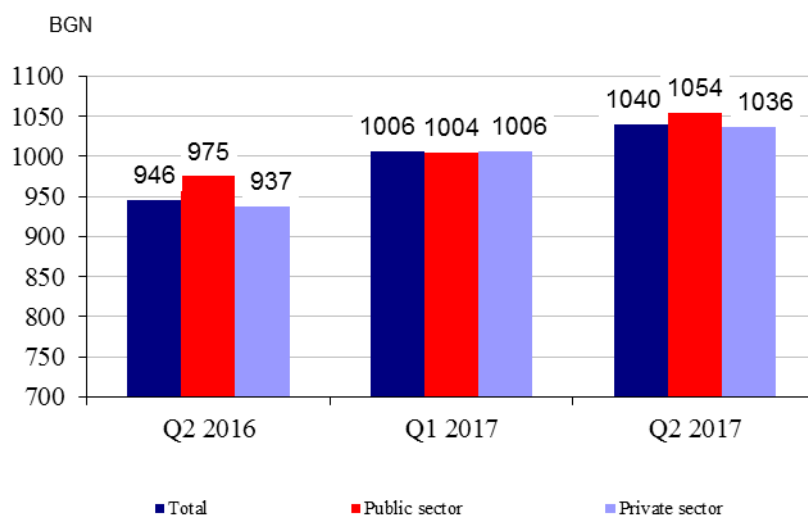
- ‘Information and communication’ - 2 306 BGN
- ‘Financial and insurance activities’ - 1 815 BGN
- ‘Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply’ - 1 769 BGN.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 635 BGN
- ‘Other services activities’ - 714 BGN
- ‘Construction’ - 796 BGN.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 8.1% while in private sector - by 10.6%.

**Figure 3. Gross 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 website:

<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 2017<sup>1</sup>

(Number)

Economic activities	2017		
	April	May	June
<b>Total</b>	<b>2290413</b>	<b>2318573</b>	<b>2340682</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	71224	74362	73949
Mining and quarrying	22377	22307	22232
Manufacturing	511945	512143	511452
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	29664	29801	29658
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	35918	35773	35934
Construction	118516	118504	120063
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	392430	392077	394251
Transportation and storage	140225	141021	142148
Accommodation and food service activities	108852	129417	147079
Information and communication	85138	85150	84929
Financial and insurance activities	57301	57349	57510
Real estate activities	22561	23032	23298
Professional, scientific and technical activities	81337	81441	81223
Administrative and support service activities	116138	118456	119696
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	112678	112919	113131
Education	168798	167778	163969
Human health and social work activities	142456	142655	142781
Arts, entertainment and recreation	35342	36274	38666
Other service activities	37513	38114	38713

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary data.



**Table 2**

**Gross average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2017<sup>1</sup>**

Economic activities	(BGN)		
	2017		
	April	May	June
<b>Total</b>	<b>1060</b>	<b>1035</b>	<b>1027</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	812	806	850
Mining and quarrying	1523	1576	1522
Manufacturing	921	926	926
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1751	1717	1837
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	875	901	854
Construction	790	797	802
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	999	986	974
Transportation and storage	961	950	954
Accommodation and food service activities	645	643	622
Information and communication	2318	2283	2318
Financial and insurance activities	1984	1707	1754
Real estate activities	1022	1041	1061
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1539	1491	1555
Administrative and support service activities	832	826	807
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1336	1055	1064
Education	964	1031	946
Human health and social work activities	1102	1080	1081
Arts, entertainment and recreation	916	907	876
Other service activities	737	703	704

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary data.