



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

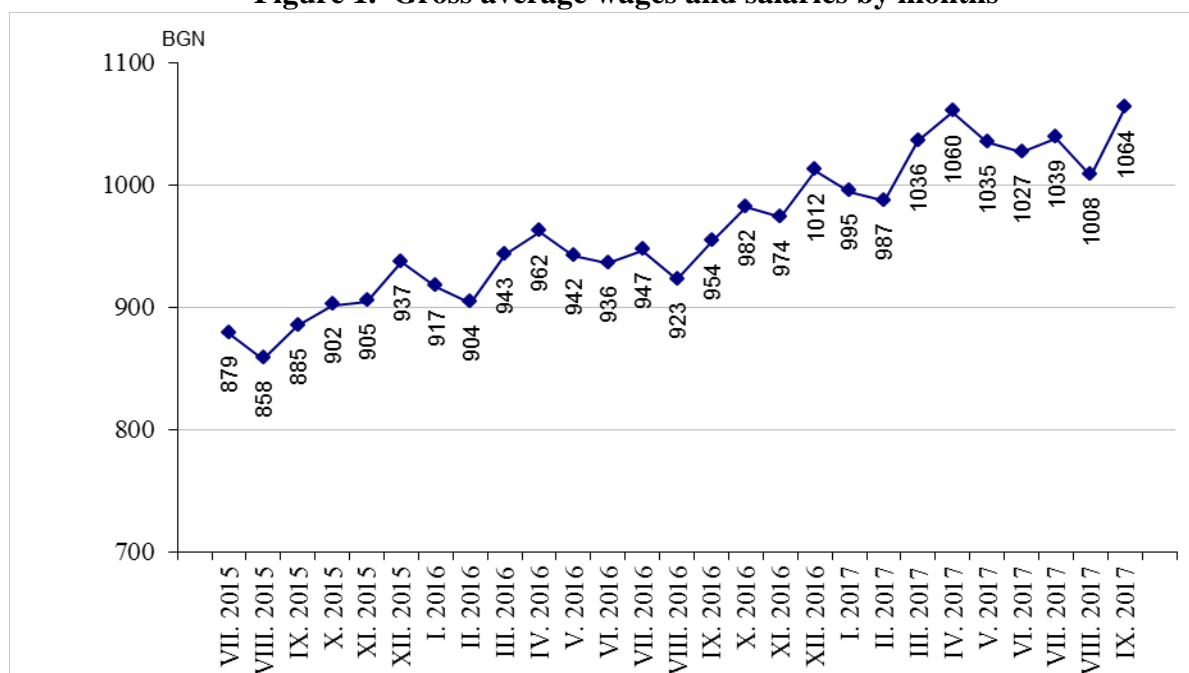
According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) at the end of September 2017 the **number of employees** under labour contract decreased by 30.1 thousand or 1.3% as compared to the end of June 2017 and reached 2.31 million. The highest decrease was observed in economic activities: ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 17.7%, ‘Arts, entertainment and recreation’ - 8.1% and ‘Real estate activities’ - 3.5%. The highest increase of the number of employees was recorded in ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - by 4.0%.

In the structure of employees by economic activities the biggest relative share of employees was in ‘Manufacturing’ - 22.1% and ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ - 17.0%.

At the end of September 2017 as compared to September 2016 the number of employees under labour contract remains on the same level. The highest decrease in absolute figures was observed in economic activities ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - 4.0 thousand and ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ - 3.7 thousand, and the highest increase - in ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - 5.6 thousand. In percentages the highest decrease at the end of September 2017 as compared to September 2016 was also in economic activity ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - by 5.0% and the highest increase in ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - by 4.9%.

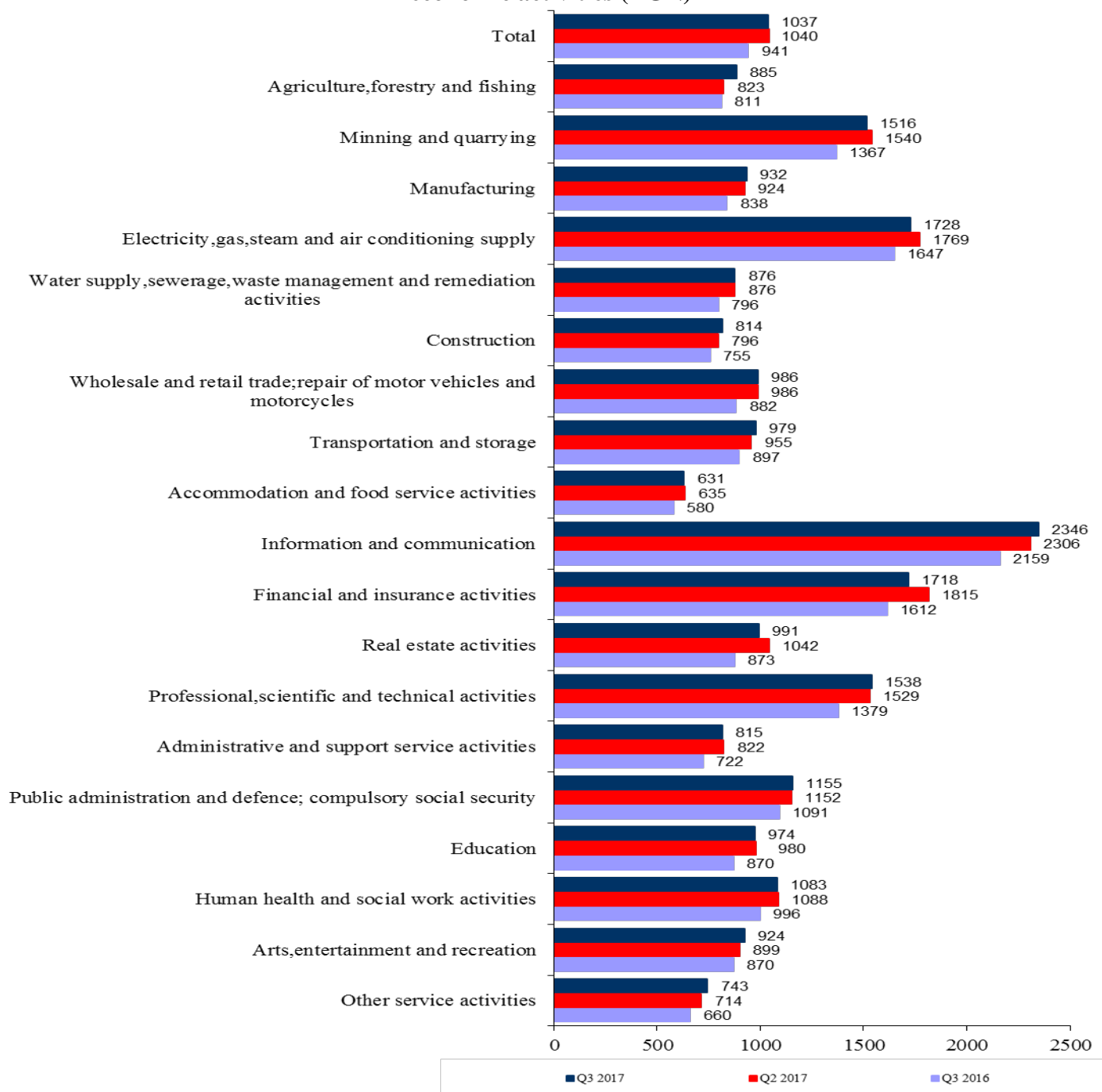
The **average monthly wages and salaries** of the employees under labour contract in July was 1 039 BGN, in August - 1 008 BGN and in September 2017 - 1 064 BGN.

Figure 1. Gross average wages and salaries by months



In the third quarter of 2017 in comparison with the second quarter of 2017 the average monthly wages and salaries decreased by 0.3% getting 1 037 BGN. The highest decrease in wages and salaries was reported in 'Financial and insurance activities' - by 5.3%, and 'Real estate activities' - by 4.9%. The highest increase was in 'Agriculture, forestry and fishing' - by 7.5%.

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





Compared to the third quarter of 2016 the average monthly wages and salaries in the third quarter of 2017 rose by 10.2%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: ‘Real estate activities’ - 13.5%, ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - 12.9% and ‘Other services activities’ - 12.6%.

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

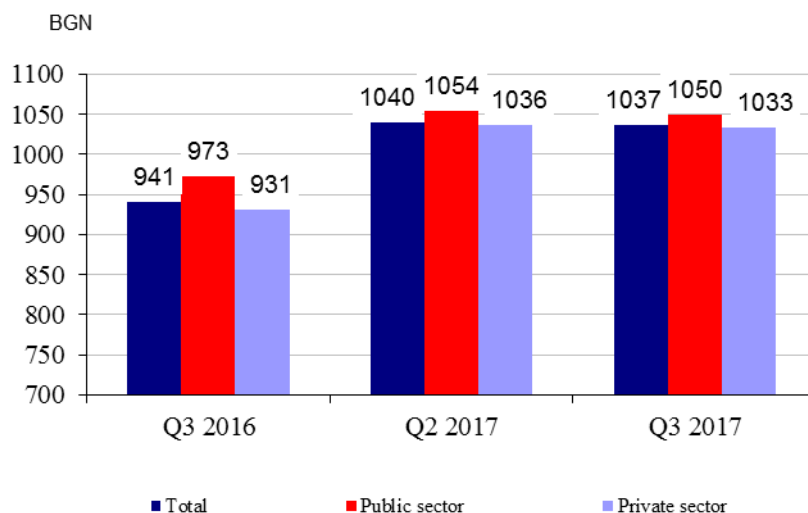
- ‘Information and communication’ - 2 346 BGN
- ‘Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply’ - 1 728 BGN
- ‘Financial and insurance activities’ - 1 718 BGN.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 631 BGN
- ‘Other services activities’ - 743 BGN
- ‘Construction’ - 814 BGN.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 7.9% while in private sector - by 11.0%.

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 2017¹

(Number)

Economic activities	2017		
	July	August	September
Total	2364651	2349167	2310591
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	76434	76620	76941
Mining and quarrying	22083	21982	21818
Manufacturing	512156	510896	509914
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	29756	29724	29691
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	35932	35828	35765
Construction	122346	121669	121947
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	398209	397536	393667
Transportation and storage	142456	142521	141648
Accommodation and food service activities	164574	154798	121113
Information and communication	84733	84533	84540
Financial and insurance activities	57604	57685	57421
Real estate activities	23414	23310	22491
Professional, scientific and technical activities	81094	80728	80183
Administrative and support service activities	120408	120673	120230
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	113211	113308	113292
Education	159700	158231	164841
Human health and social work activities	142503	142498	141997
Arts, entertainment and recreation	39095	38311	35544
Other service activities	38943	38316	37548

¹ Preliminary data.



Table 2

Gross average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2017¹

(BGN)

Economic activities	2017		
	July	August	September
Total	1039	1008	1064
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	870	837	948
Mining and quarrying	1539	1418	1590
Manufacturing	928	915	952
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1672	1639	1873
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	899	850	880
Construction	794	806	842
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	980	974	1004
Transportation and storage	977	961	999
Accommodation and food service activities	622	615	660
Information and communication	2363	2295	2378
Financial and insurance activities	1791	1670	1692
Real estate activities	959	976	1038
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1522	1501	1592
Administrative and support service activities	805	810	830
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1344	1049	1072
Education	948	922	1049
Human health and social work activities	1075	1067	1107
Arts, entertainment and recreation	914	860	1004
Other service activities	731	718	780

¹ Preliminary data.