



EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND GROSS AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, SECOND QUARTER OF 2018

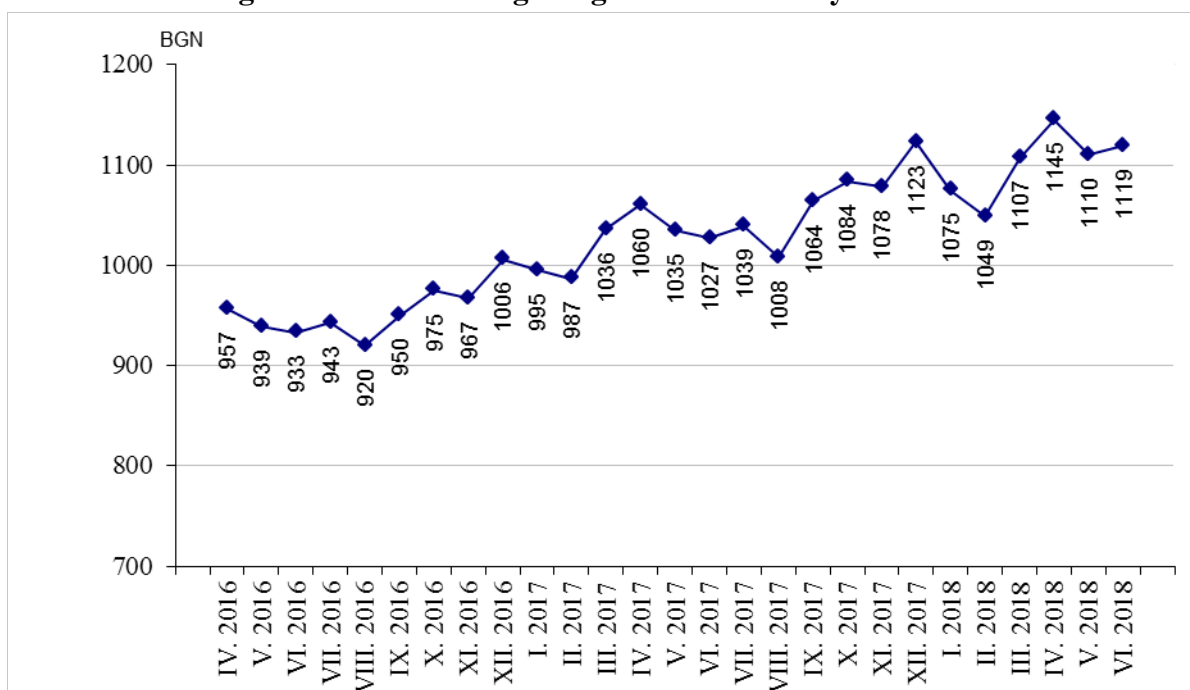
According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) at the end of June 2018 the **number of employees** under labour contract increased by 42.6 thousand or 1.8% as compared to the end of March 2018 and reached 2.35 million. The highest increase was observed in seasonal economic activities: ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 30.7% and ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - 7.9% and also in ‘Construction’ - by 3.7%. The highest decrease of the number of employees was recorded in ‘Education’ - by 2.7%.

In the structure of employees by economic activities the biggest relative share of employees was in ‘Manufacturing’ - 21.8% and ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ - 16.9%.

At the end of June 2018 as compared to June 2017 the number of employees under labour contract increased by 13.7 thousand or 0.6%. The highest increase in absolute figures was observed in economic activities ‘Construction’ - 6.4 thousand, ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ - 3.6 thousand, and ‘Transportation and storage’ - 3.4 thousand and the highest decrease - in ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 7.6 thousand. In percentages the highest increase at the end of June 2018 as compared to June 2017 was in economic activity ‘Construction’ - by 5.4% and ‘Information and communication’ - by 3.9%, as the highest decrease was reported in ‘Arts, entertainment and recreation’ - by 6.6%.

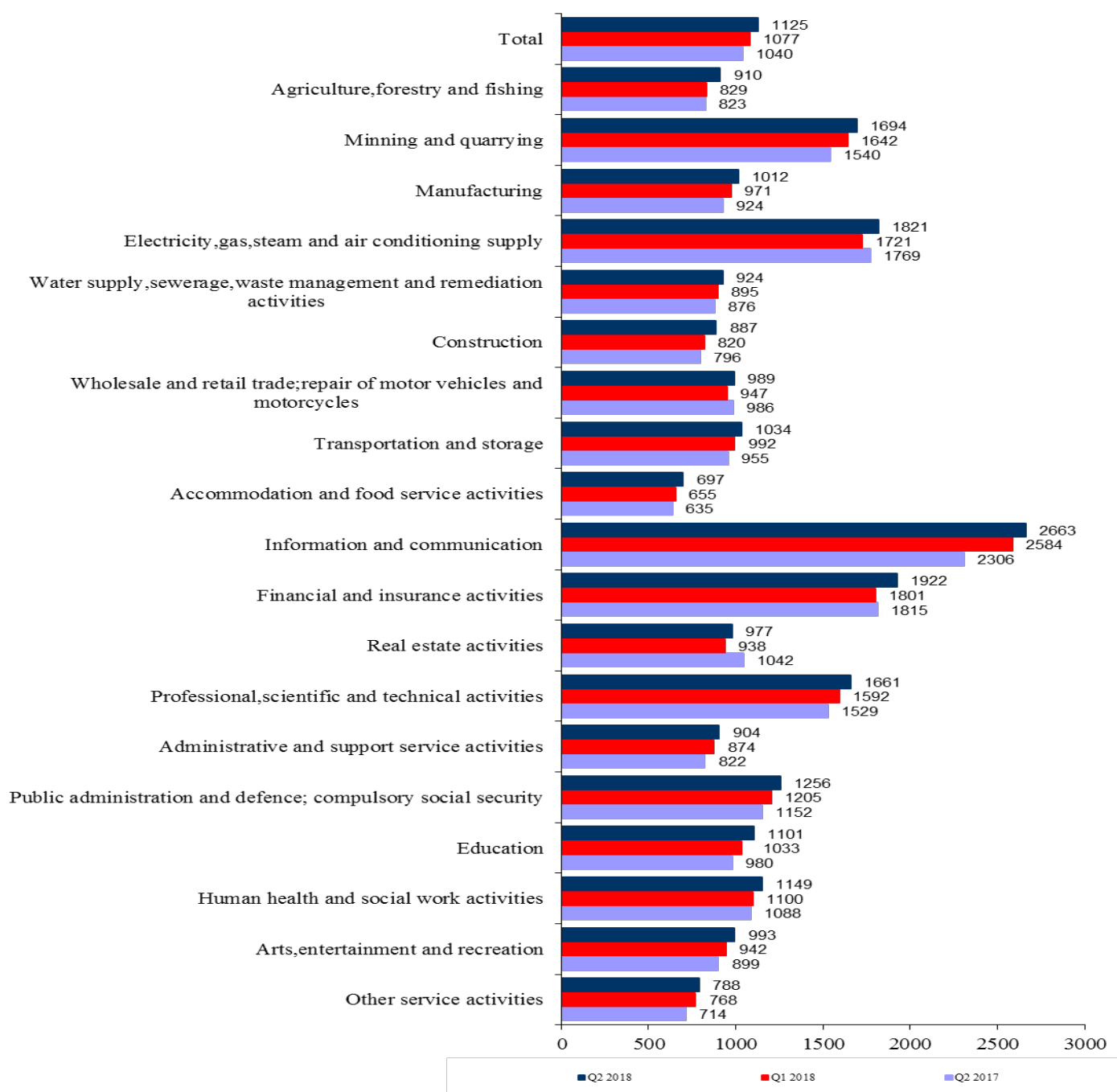
The **average monthly wages and salaries** of the employees under labour contract in April was 1 145 BGN, in May - 1 110 BGN and in June 2018 - 1 119 BGN.

Figure 1. Gross average wages and salaries by months



In the second quarter of 2018 in comparison with the first quarter of 2018 the average monthly wages and salaries increased by 4.5% getting 1 125 BGN. The highest increase in wages and salaries was reported in 'Agriculture, forestry and fishing' - by 9.8%, 'Construction' - by 8.2% and 'Financial and insurance activities' - by 6.7%.

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





Compared to the second quarter of 2017 the average monthly wages and salaries in the second quarter of 2018 rose by 8.2%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: ‘Information and communication’ - 15.5%, ‘Education’ - 12.3% and ‘Construction’ - 11.4%.

The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the second quarter of 2018 were:

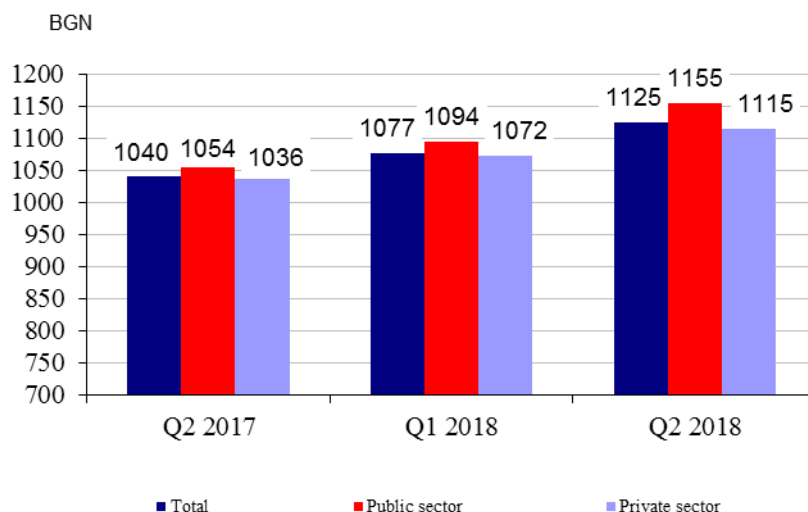
- ‘Information and communication’ - 2 663 BGN
- ‘Financial and insurance activities’ - 1 922 BGN
- ‘Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply’ - 1 821 BGN.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 697 BGN
- ‘Other service activities’ - 788 BGN
- ‘Construction’ - 887 BGN.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 9.6% while in private sector - by 7.6%.

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 2018¹

(Number)

Economic activities	2018		
	April	May	June
Total	2322691	2335730	2354411
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	74532	75331	76035
Mining and quarrying	21894	21900	21823
Manufacturing	515629	513662	513887
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	30055	30098	30119
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	36764	36782	36885
Construction	125112	125076	126497
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	394288	394958	397880
Transportation and storage	144438	145258	145588
Accommodation and food service activities	113998	126857	139439
Information and communication	88927	88494	88228
Financial and insurance activities	57831	57949	58033
Real estate activities	21668	21616	21837
Professional, scientific and technical activities	81135	81489	81656
Administrative and support service activities	117684	117728	120180
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	113715	113745	113981
Education	167811	167179	163765
Human health and social work activities	144702	144309	144235
Arts, entertainment and recreation	34829	35095	36122
Other service activities	37679	38204	38221

¹ Preliminary data.



Table 2

Gross average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2018¹

Economic activities	(BGN)		
	2018		
	April	May	June
Total	1145	1110	1119
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	897	874	958
Mining and quarrying	1790	1512	1780
Manufacturing	1013	1008	1016
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1804	1779	1880
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	918	935	918
Construction	876	894	892
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	994	991	983
Transportation and storage	1041	1031	1029
Accommodation and food service activities	686	705	700
Information and communication	2703	2535	2752
Financial and insurance activities	2130	1755	1880
Real estate activities	970	985	977
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1662	1644	1677
Administrative and support service activities	923	909	882
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1458	1139	1173
Education	1080	1157	1066
Human health and social work activities	1161	1147	1139
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1020	971	989
Other service activities	796	781	788

¹ Preliminary data.