



EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND GROSS AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, FIRST QUARTER OF 2019

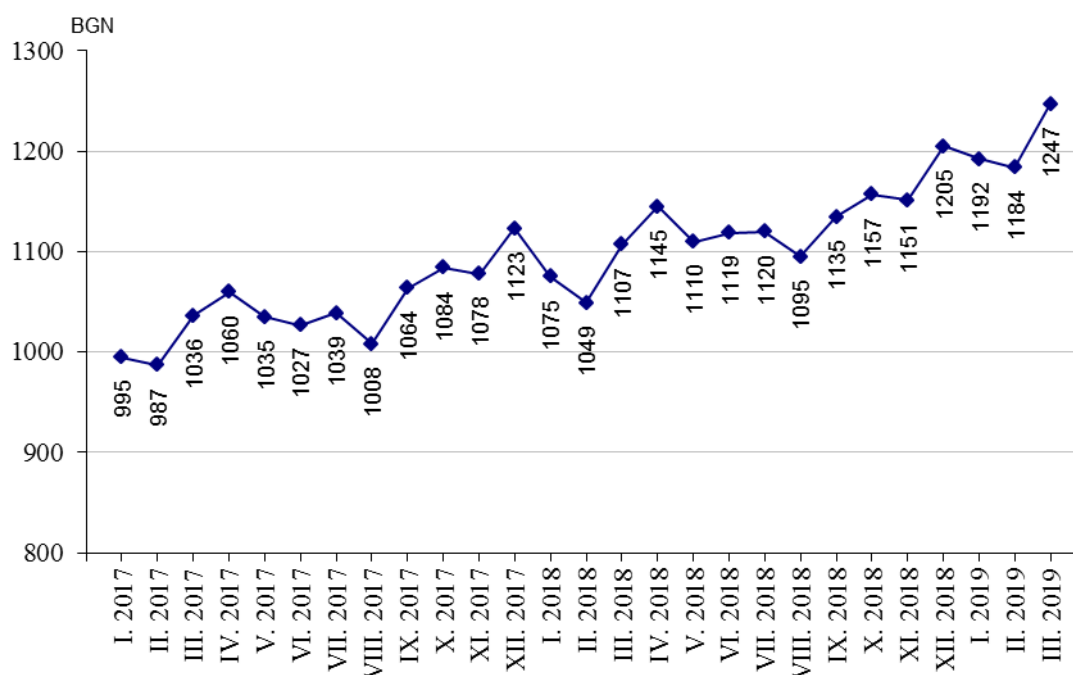
According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) at the end of March 2019 the **number of employees** under labour contract increased by 26.3 thousand or 1.1% as compared to the end of December 2018 and reached 2.32 million. The highest increase was observed in economic activities: ‘Arts, entertainment and recreation’ - 5.9%, ‘Information and communication’ - 4.3% and in ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - by 4.0%. The highest decrease of the number of employees was recorded in ‘Mining and quarrying’ - by 0.6%.

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’ - 17.1%.

At the end of March 2019 as compared to March 2018 the number of employees under labour contract increased by 5.7 thousand or 0.2%. The highest increase in absolute figures was observed in economic activities ‘Construction’ - 7.4 thousand, ‘Information and communication’ - 4.5 thousand, and ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - 2.9 thousand and the highest decrease - in ‘Manufacturing’ - 11.1 thousand. In percentages the highest increase at the end of March 2019 as compared to March 2018 was also in economic activity ‘Construction’ - by 6.0% and ‘Information and communication’ - by 5.0%, as the highest decrease was reported in ‘Mining and quarrying’ - by 4.8%.

The **average monthly wages and salaries** of the employees under labour contract in January was 1 192 BGN, in February - 1 184 BGN and in March 2019 - 1 227 BGN.

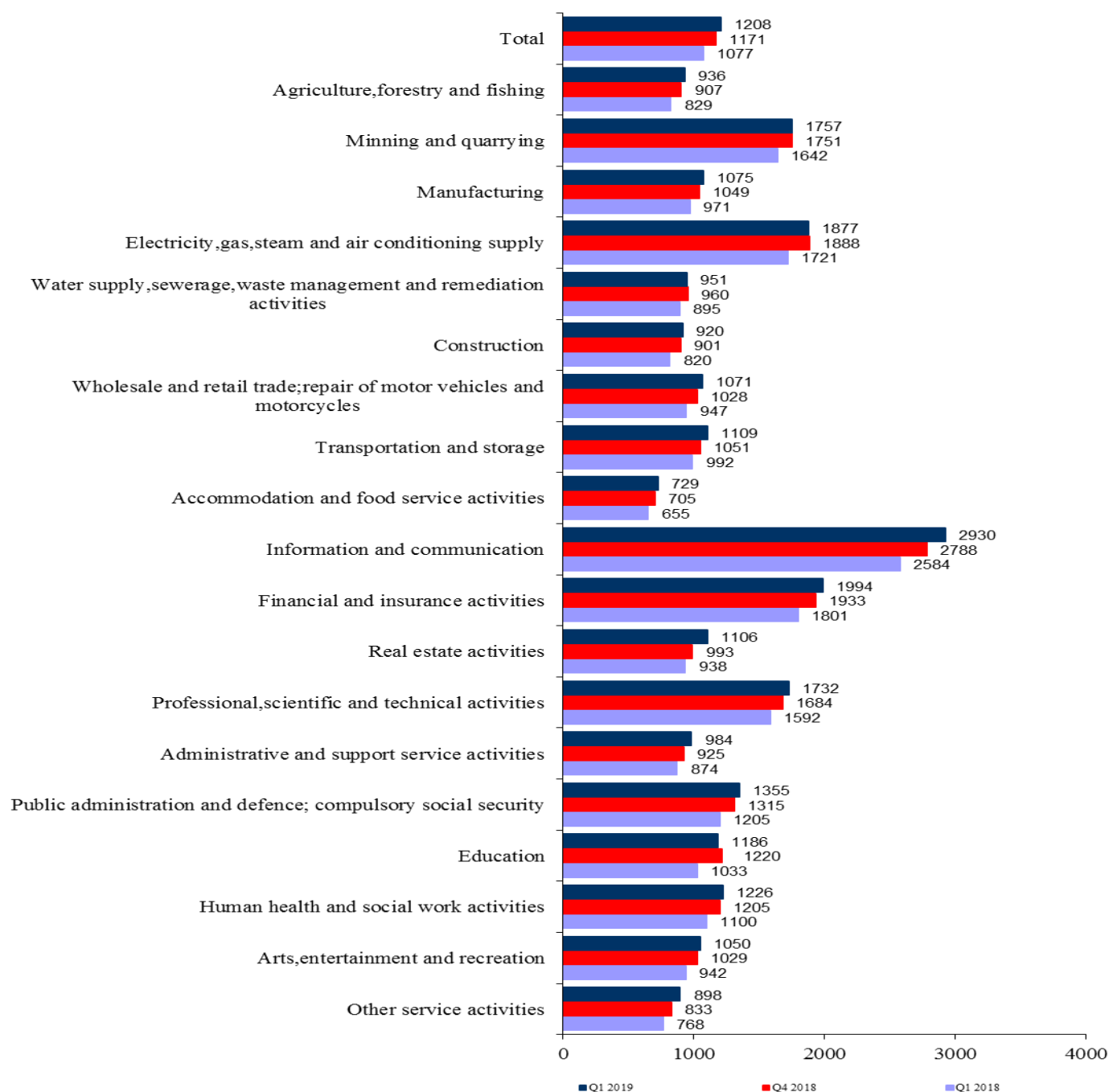
Figure 1. Gross average wages and salaries by months





In the first quarter of 2019 in comparison with the fourth quarter of 2018 the average monthly wages and salaries increased by 3.2% getting 1 208 BGN. The highest increase in wages and salaries was reported in 'Real estate activities' - by 11.4%, 'Other service activities' - by 7.8% and 'Administrative and support service activities' - by 6.4%.

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





Compared to the first quarter of 2018 the average monthly wages and salaries in the first quarter of 2019 rose by 12.2%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: ‘Real estate activities’ - 17.9%, ‘Other service activities’ - 16.9% and ‘Education’ - 14.8%.

The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the first quarter of 2019 were:

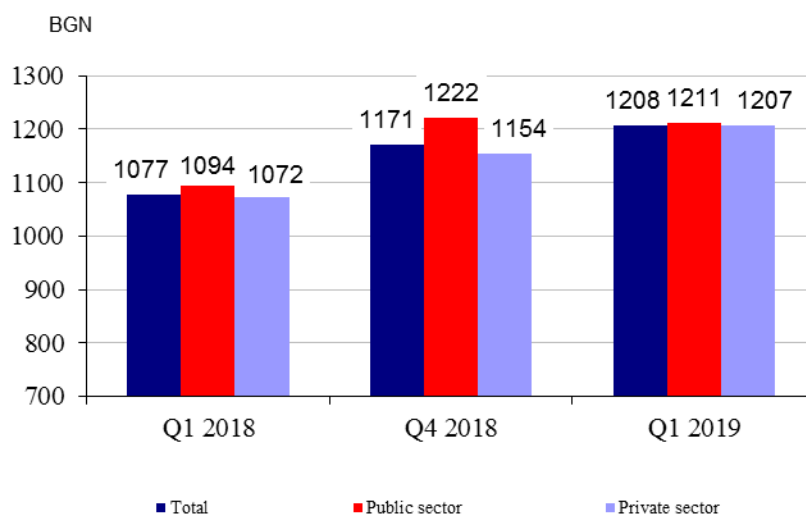
- ‘Information and communication’ - 2 930 BGN
- ‘Financial and insurance activities’ - 1 994 BGN
- ‘Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply’ - 1 877 BGN.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 729 BGN
- ‘Other service activities’ - 898 BGN
- ‘Construction’ - 920 BGN.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 10.7% while in private sector - by 12.6%.

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 2019¹

(Number)

Economic activities	2019		
	January	February	March
Total	2306668	2311050	2317480
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	67139	67849	70831
Mining and quarrying	20721	20705	20819
Manufacturing	508108	507708	507495
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	29744	29824	29898
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	36783	36758	36815
Construction	127194	127377	129378
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	397157	397509	397287
Transportation and storage	141591	141842	141962
Accommodation and food service activities	108495	109223	108955
Information and communication	92834	92963	93215
Financial and insurance activities	57289	57416	57323
Real estate activities	21103	21140	21242
Professional, scientific and technical activities	80959	81168	81010
Administrative and support service activities	119797	120608	120799
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	111960	112336	113400
Education	167544	167865	167869
Human health and social work activities	145324	145818	146513
Arts, entertainment and recreation	36445	36452	36197
Other service activities	36481	36489	36472

¹ Preliminary data.



Table 2

Gross average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2019¹

Economic activities	(BGN)		
	2019		
	January	February	March
Total	1192	1184	1247
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	889	916	1000
Mining and quarrying	1774	1605	1891
Manufacturing	1058	1056	1111
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1859	1849	1923
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	930	940	981
Construction	897	909	952
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1057	1051	1103
Transportation and storage	1106	1093	1127
Accommodation and food service activities	720	718	751
Information and communication	2882	2819	3087
Financial and insurance activities	1966	1928	2087
Real estate activities	1097	1101	1121
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1647	1715	1835
Administrative and support service activities	967	956	1030
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1457	1279	1330
Education	1145	1203	1210
Human health and social work activities	1201	1218	1258
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1043	1036	1070
Other service activities	883	892	919

¹ Preliminary data.