

EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND GROSS AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, THIRD QUARTER OF 2020

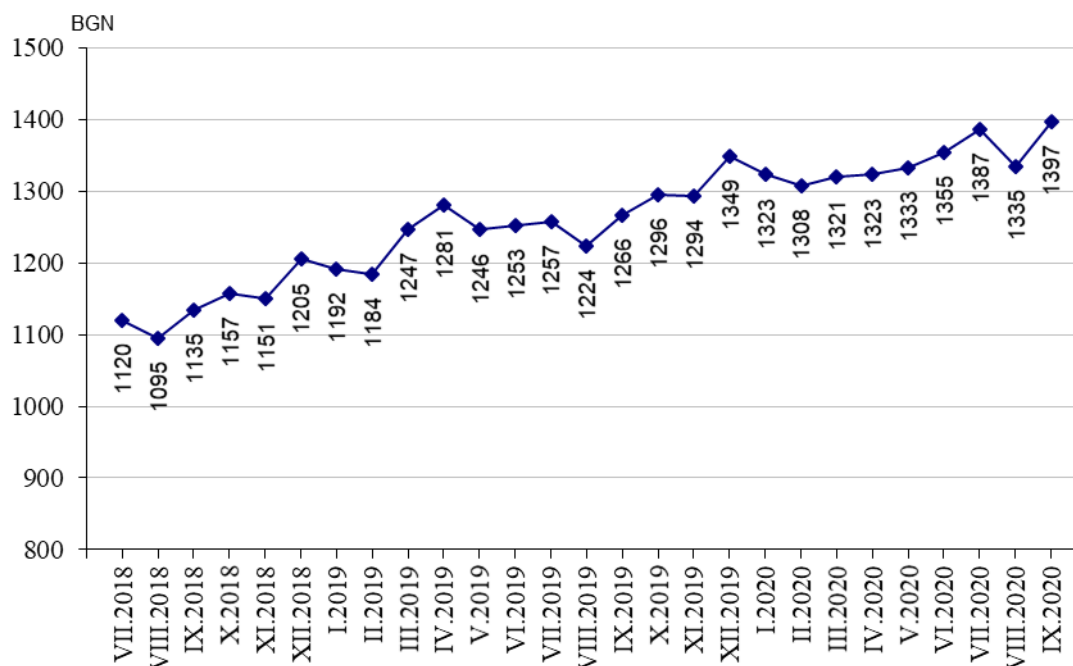
According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) at the end of September 2020 the **number of employees** under labour contract increased by 9.2 thousand or 0.4% as compared to the end of June 2020 and reached 2.25 million. The highest increase was observed in economic activities: ‘Arts, entertainment and recreation’ and ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - by 2.4% and in ‘Education’ and ‘Information and communication’ - by 1.6%. The highest decrease of the number of employees was recorded in economic activities: ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - by 1.5% and ‘Real estate activities’ - by 1.0%.

In the structure of employees by economic activities the biggest relative share of employees was in ‘Manufacturing’ - 20.9% and ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ - 17.1%.

At the end of September 2020 as compared to September 2019 the number of employees under labour contract decreased by 63.2 thousand or 2.7%. The highest decrease in absolute figures was observed in economic activities ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - by 25.8 thousand, ‘Manufacturing’ - by 24.9 thousand and ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ - by 8.8 thousand and the highest increase was in ‘Human health and social work activities’ - by 7.4 thousand and ‘Information and communication’ - by 6.4 thousand. In percentages the highest decrease at the end of September 2020 as compared to September 2019 was in economic activity ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - by 21.9%, ‘Manufacturing’ - by 5.0% and ‘Real estate activities’ - by 4.3%, as the highest increase was reported in ‘Information and communication’ - by 6.8%.

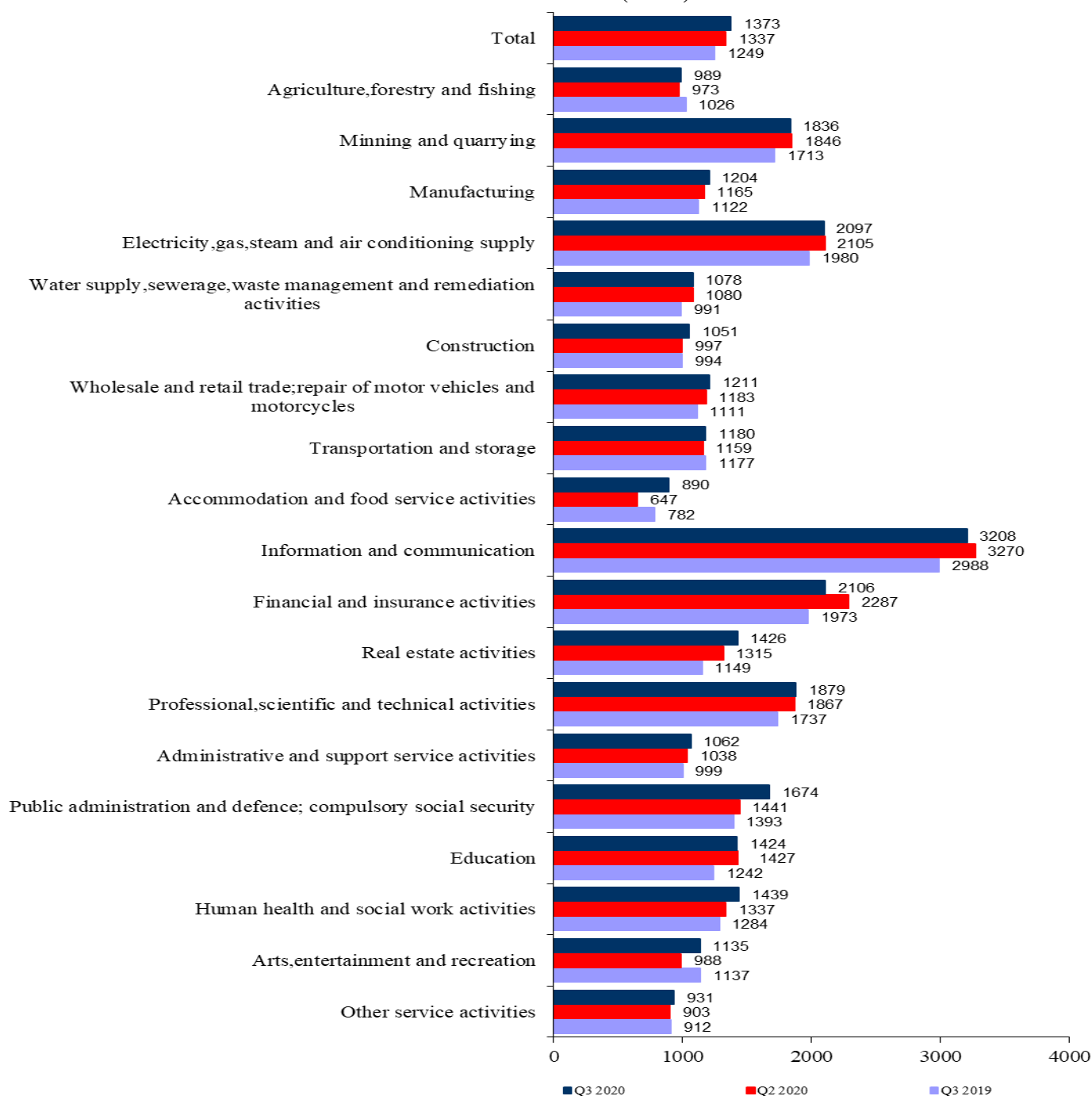
The **average monthly wages and salaries** of the employees under labour contract in July was 1 387 BGN, in August - 1 335 BGN and in September 2020 - 1 397 BGN.

Figure 1. Gross average wages and salaries by months



In the third quarter of 2020 in comparison with the second quarter of 2020 the average monthly wages and salaries increased by 2.7% getting 1 373 BGN. The highest increase in wages and salaries was reported in ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - by 37.6%, ‘Public administration and defence; compulsory social security’ - by 16.2% and in ‘Arts, entertainment and recreation’ - by 14.9%. The highest decrease was in the economic activities ‘Financial and insurance activities’ - by 7.9.

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



Compared to the third quarter of 2019 the average monthly wages and salaries in the third quarter of 2020 rose by 9.9%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: ‘Real estate activities’ - by 24.1%, ‘Public administration and defence; compulsory social security’ - by 20.2% and ‘Education’ - by 14.7%.

The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the third quarter of 2020 were:

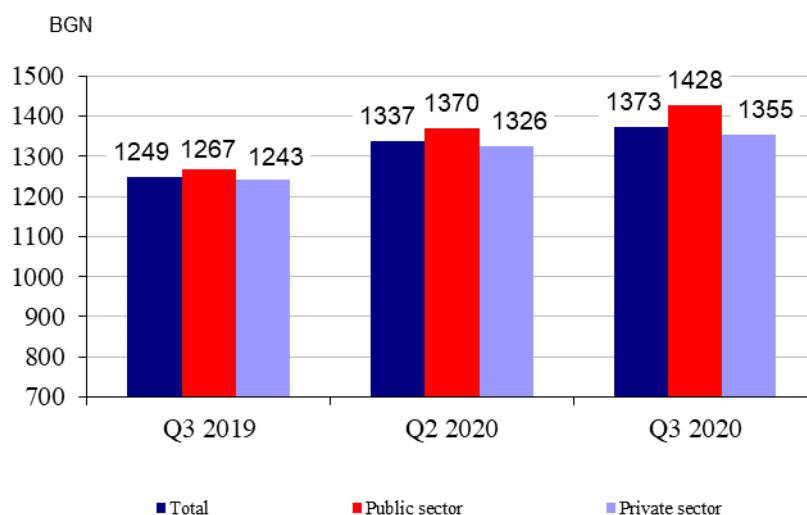
- ‘Information and communication’ - 3 208 BGN
- ‘Financial and insurance activities’ - 2 106 BGN
- ‘Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply’ - 2 097 BGN.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 890 BGN
- ‘Other service activities’ - 931 BGN
- ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - 989 BGN.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 12.7% while in private sector - by 9.0%.

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, NUTS 3).

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 2020¹

(Number)

Economic activities	2020		
	July	August	September
Total	2257680	2255721	2249110
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	72242	71555	70683
Mining and quarrying	20383	20326	20569
Manufacturing	469958	468394	469567
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	29567	29567	29520
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	36382	36408	36372
Construction	127117	126647	126016
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	388240	387399	385713
Transportation and storage	138697	138254	138248
Accommodation and food service activities	102737	103760	92089
Information and communication	100908	101255	101798
Financial and insurance activities	56770	56693	56489
Real estate activities	21577	21407	21030
Professional, scientific and technical activities	79834	79798	79756
Administrative and support service activities	118280	119695	119900
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	114347	114291	114210
Education	159513	158307	165028
Human health and social work activities	152347	153103	153770
Arts, entertainment and recreation	34047	34263	34017
Other service activities	34734	34599	34335

¹ Preliminary data.

Table 2

Gross average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2020¹

Economic activities	(BGN)		
	2020		
	July	August	September
Total	1387	1335	1397
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1001	968	998
Mining and quarrying	1846	1737	1925
Manufacturing	1193	1186	1233
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	2008	1986	2297
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1068	1066	1101
Construction	1056	1032	1067
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1217	1197	1219
Transportation and storage	1168	1168	1205
Accommodation and food service activities	876	887	906
Information and communication	3243	3156	3226
Financial and insurance activities	2139	2084	2095
Real estate activities	1445	1366	1468
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1899	1831	1908
Administrative and support service activities	1060	1046	1079
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1999	1422	1601
Education	1400	1354	1514
Human health and social work activities	1421	1428	1467
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1148	1117	1139
Other service activities	927	921	943

¹ Preliminary data.