

## EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND GROSS AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, THIRD QUARTER OF 2021

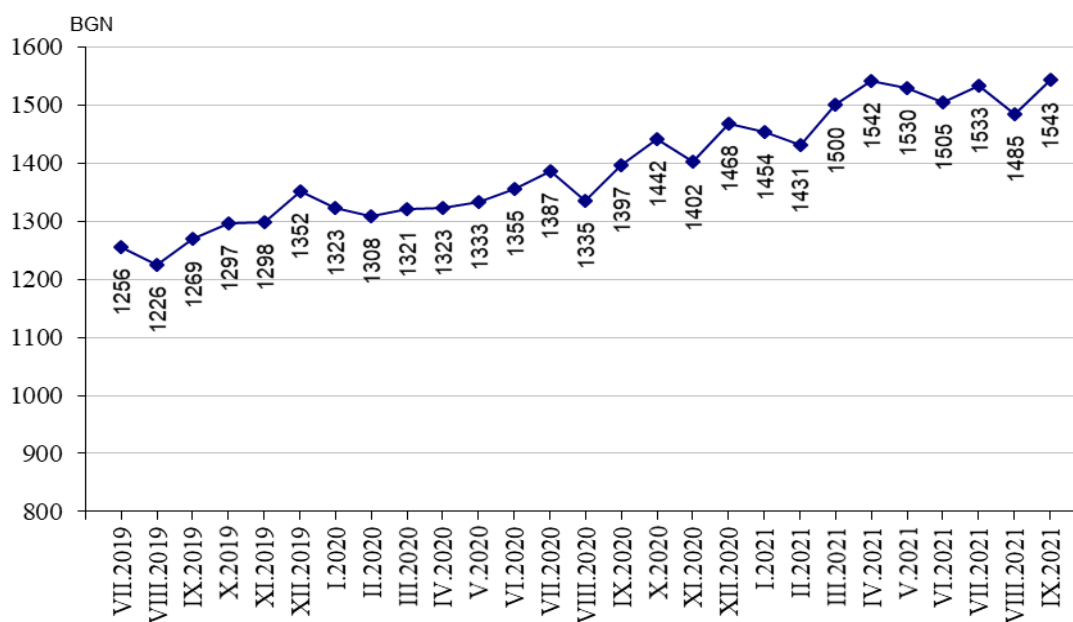
According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) at the end of September 2021 the **number of employees** under labour contract decreased by 23.7 thousand, or by 1.0%, as compared to the end of June 2021 and reached 2.28 million. The highest decrease was observed in economic activities: ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - by 11.0%, ‘Real estate activities’ - by 4.8% and in ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - by 2.7%. The highest increase of the number of employees was recorded in economic activities: ‘Education’ - by 1.3% and ‘Human health and social work activities’ - by 1.0%.

In the structure of employees by economic activities the biggest relative share of employees was in ‘Manufacturing’ - 20.7% and ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ - 16.9%.

At the end of September 2021 as compared to September 2020 the number of employees under labour contract increased by 32.5 thousand. The highest increase in absolute figures was observed in economic activities ‘Information and communication’ - 8.7 thousand, ‘Human health and social work activities’ - 8.4 thousand and ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 4.8 thousand. The highest decrease was in ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - 3.5 thousand. In percentages the highest increase at the end of September 2021 as compared to September 2020 was in economic activity ‘Information and communication’ - by 8.6%, ‘Human health and social work activities’ - by 5.5% and in ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - by 5.2%. The highest decrease was reported in ‘Mining and quarrying’ - by 7.0%.

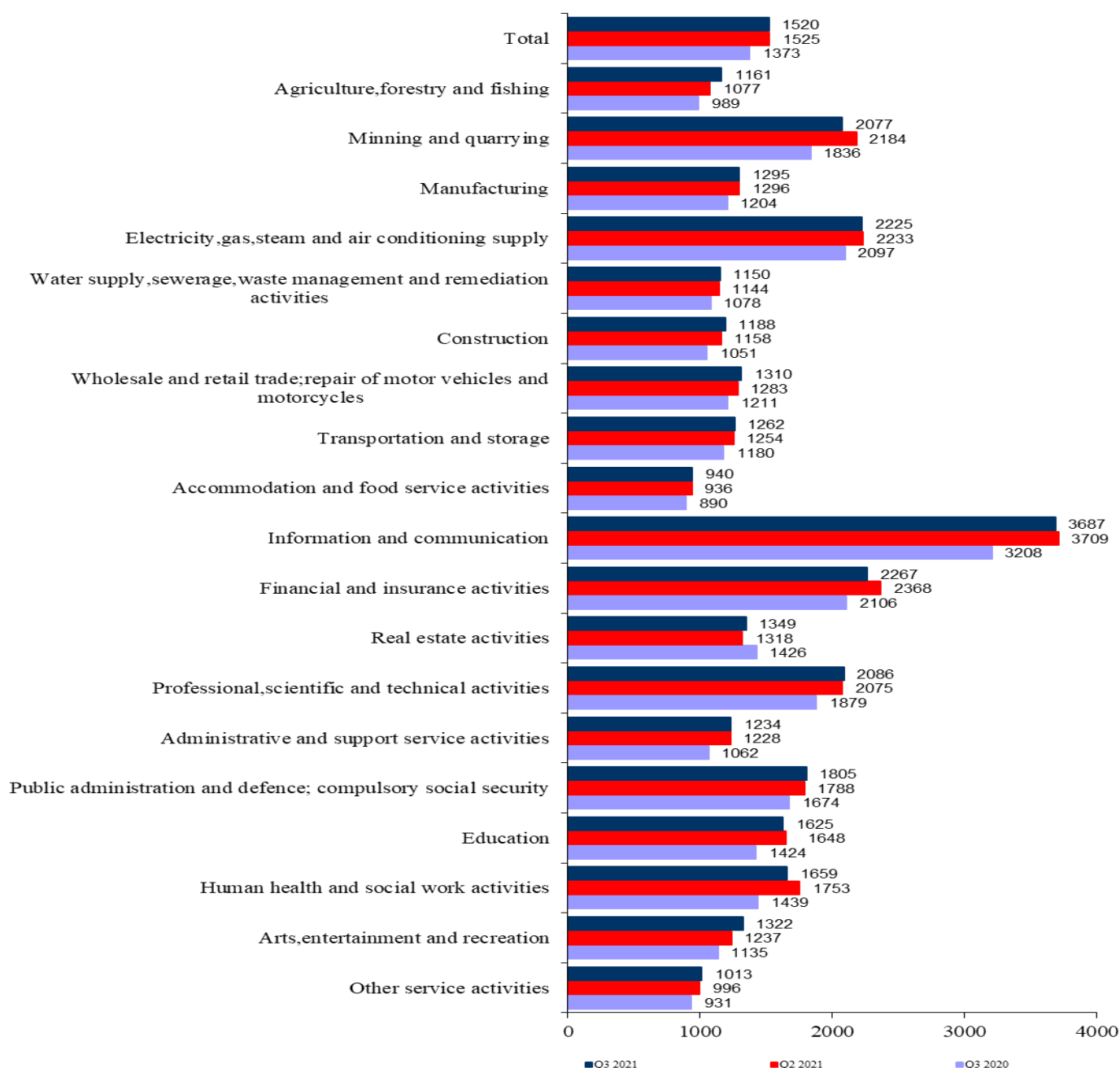
The **average gross monthly wages and salaries** of the employees under labour contract in July was 1 533 BGN, in August - 1 485 BGN and in September 2021 - 1 543 BGN.

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



In the third quarter of 2021 in comparison with the second quarter of 2021 the average monthly wages and salaries decreased by 0.3% - getting to 1 520 BGN. The highest decrease in wages and salaries was reported in 'Human health and social work activities' - by 5.4%, 'Mining and quarrying' - by 4.9% and in 'Financial and insurance activities' - by 4.3%. The highest increase of wages and salaries was recorded in economic activities 'Agriculture, forestry and fishing' - by 7.8% and 'Arts, entertainment and recreation' - by 6.9%.

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



Compared to the third quarter of 2020 the average monthly wages and salaries in the third quarter of 2021 rose by 10.7%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - by 17.4%, ‘Arts, entertainment and recreation’ - by 16.5% and ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - by 16.2%.

The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the third quarter of 2021 were:

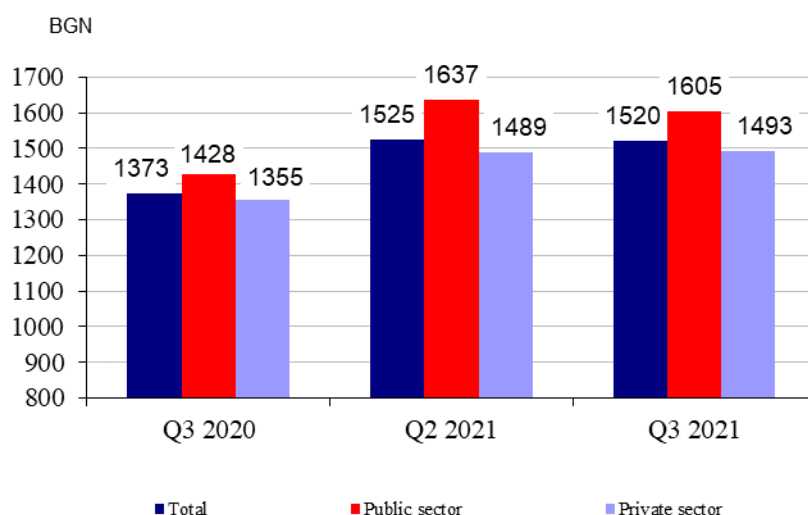
- ‘Information and communication’ - 3 687 BGN
- ‘Financial and insurance activities’ - 2 267 BGN
- ‘Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply’ - 2 225 BGN.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 940 BGN
- ‘Other service activities’ - 1 013 BGN
- ‘Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities’ - 1 150 BGN.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 12.4% while in private sector - by 10.2%.

**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 a 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 includes: 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 can 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/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 2021<sup>1</sup>

(Number)

Economic activities	2021		
	July	August	September
<b>Total</b>	<b>2309855</b>	<b>2299971</b>	<b>2281650</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	71638	71775	71467
Mining and quarrying	19247	19192	19137
Manufacturing	476933	474477	473028
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	29600	29516	29448
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	37138	37101	36838
Construction	129312	128714	126838
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	388463	387640	386356
Transportation and storage	142045	141470	141416
Accommodation and food service activities	117202	113532	96905
Information and communication	109824	110478	110505
Financial and insurance activities	56690	56695	56351
Real estate activities	20217	20115	19928
Professional, scientific and technical activities	81013	80937	81090
Administrative and support service activities	119620	118847	116360
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	115540	115443	114876
Education	162893	161443	168761
Human health and social work activities	161208	161535	162192
Arts, entertainment and recreation	35467	35204	34670
Other service activities	35805	35857	35484

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary data.

Table 2

Gross average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2021<sup>1</sup>

Economic activities	2021 (BGN)		
	July	August	September
<b>Total</b>	<b>1533</b>	<b>1485</b>	<b>1543</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1162	1083	1237
Mining and quarrying	2161	1945	2125
Manufacturing	1297	1276	1313
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	2192	2155	2328
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1142	1137	1169
Construction	1206	1174	1184
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1320	1296	1315
Transportation and storage	1251	1263	1272
Accommodation and food service activities	938	936	946
Information and communication	3748	3610	3704
Financial and insurance activities	2261	2298	2240
Real estate activities	1338	1343	1365
Professional, scientific and technical activities	2099	2055	2105
Administrative and support service activities	1221	1228	1253
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2135	1638	1643
Education	1592	1537	1740
Human health and social work activities	1591	1634	1752
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1309	1265	1394
Other service activities	1017	1005	1016

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary data.