

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

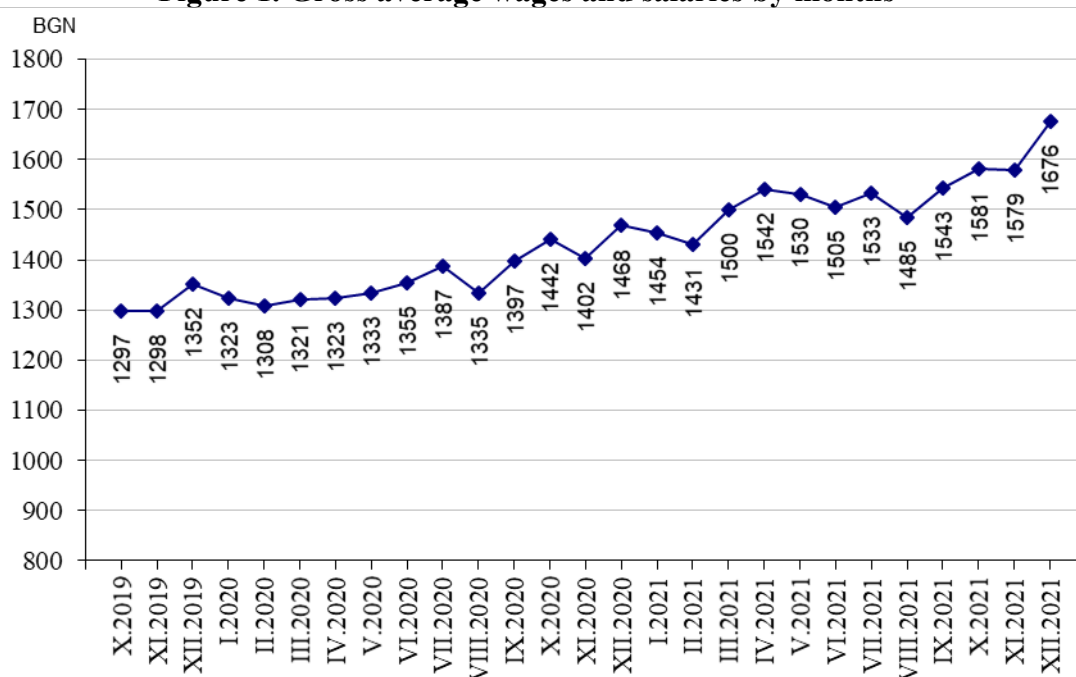
According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) at the end of December 2021 the **number of employees** under labour contract decreased by 16.2 thousand or 0.7% as compared to the end of September 2021 and reached 2.27 million. The highest decrease was observed in economic activities: ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - by 10.2%, ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - by 5.7%, and in ‘Construction’ and ‘Real estate activities’ - by 1.0%. The highest increase of the number of employees was recorded in economic activities: ‘Information and communication’ - by 1.5% and ‘Human health and social work activities’ - by 1.2%.

In the structure of employees by economic activities the biggest relative share of employees was in ‘Manufacturing’ - 20.8% and ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ - 17.0%.

At the end of December 2021 as compared to December 2020 the number of employees under labour contract increased by 37.2 thousand. The highest increase in absolute figures was observed in economic activities ‘Information and communication’ - 9.6 thousand, ‘Human health and social work activities’ - 8.8 thousand, and ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 8.0 thousand and the highest decrease was in ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ - 1.9 thousand and in ‘Mining and quarrying’ - 1.6 thousand. In percentages the highest increase at the end of December 2021 as compared to December 2020 was in economic activity ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - by 10.1%, ‘Information and communication’ - by 9.4%, and in ‘Human health and social work activities’ - by 5.7%, as the highest decrease was reported in ‘Mining and quarrying’ - by 7.6%.

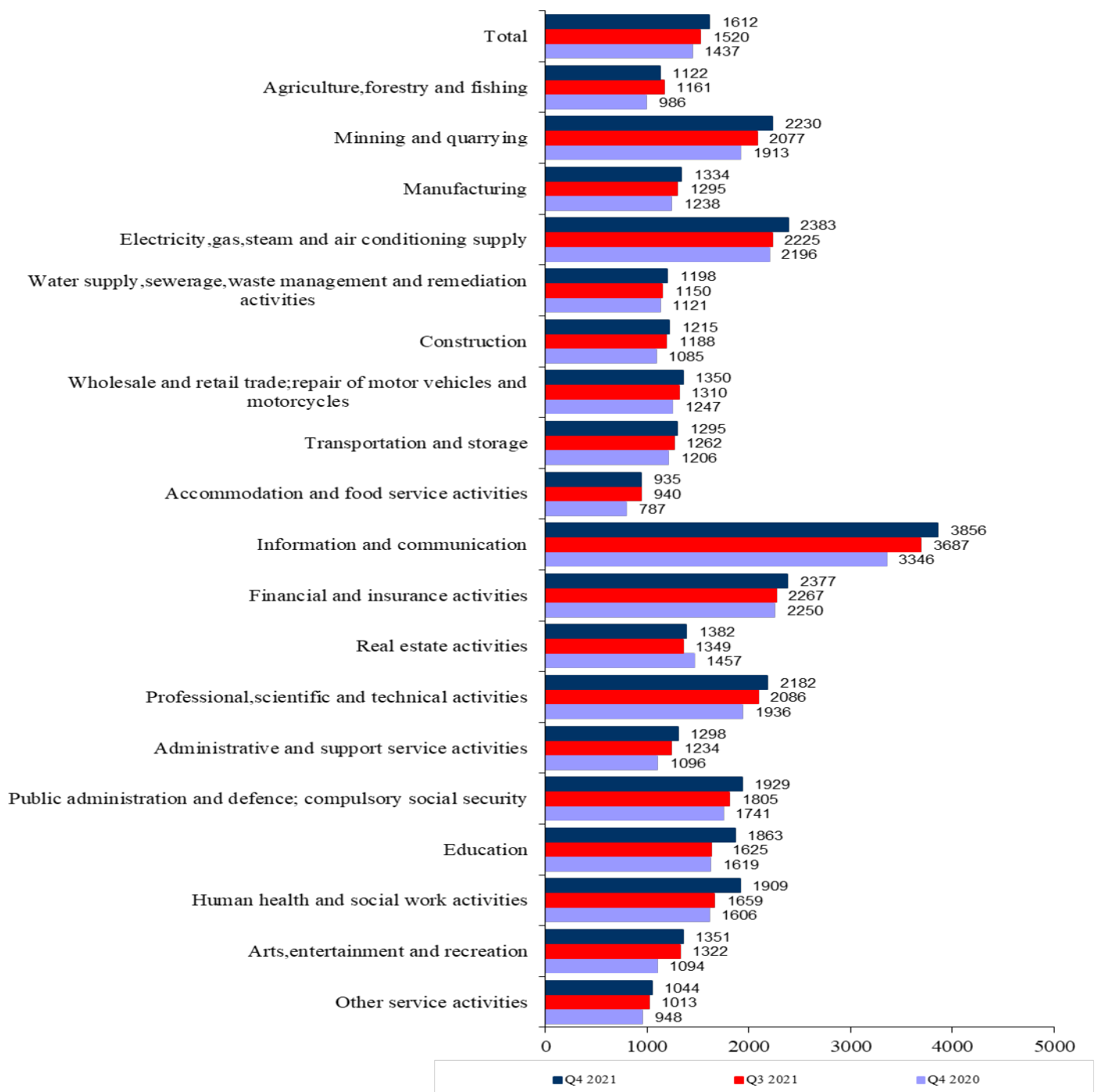
The **average monthly wages and salaries** of the employees under labour contract in October was 1 581 BGN, in November - 1 579 BGN and in December 2021 - 1 676 BGN.

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



In the fourth quarter of 2021 in comparison with the third quarter of 2021 the average monthly wages and salaries increased by 6.1% getting 1 612 BGN. The highest increase in wages and salaries was reported in ‘Human health and social work activities’ - by 15.1%, ‘Education’ - by 14.6% and in ‘Mining and quarrying’ - by 7.4%. Decrease of wages and salaries was recorded in economic activities ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - by 3.4%, and ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - by 0.5%.

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



Compared to the fourth quarter of 2020 the average monthly wages and salaries in the fourth quarter of 2021 rose by 12.2%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: ‘Arts, entertainment and recreation’ - by 23.5%, ‘Human health and social work activities’ - by 18.9% and ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - by 18.8%.

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

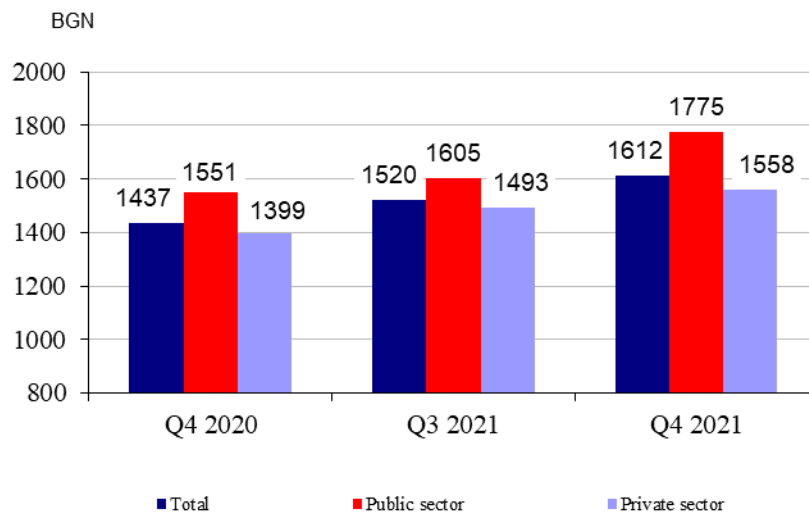
- ‘Information and communication’ - 3 856 BGN
- ‘Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply’ - 2 383 BGN
- ‘Financial and insurance activities’ - 2 377 BGN.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 935 BGN
- ‘Other service activities’ - 1 044 BGN
- ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - 1 122 BGN.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 14.4% while in private sector - by 11.4%.

**Figure 3. Gross average monthly wages and salaries by kind of ownership**





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## 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 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/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		
	October	November	December
<b>Total</b>	<b>2271391</b>	<b>2271953</b>	<b>2265433</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	70055	68860	67359
Mining and quarrying	19085	19039	18963
Manufacturing	473832	473740	470910
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	29311	29290	29222
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	36800	36634	36622
Construction	126803	127220	125613
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	385933	386674	385343
Transportation and storage	140591	140791	140121
Accommodation and food service activities	87593	85574	86975
Information and communication	110989	112016	112163
Financial and insurance activities	56220	56365	56271
Real estate activities	19899	19637	19720
Professional, scientific and technical activities	81285	81641	81853
Administrative and support service activities	115035	114984	115593
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	114791	114998	114490
Education	169964	170333	170003
Human health and social work activities	163150	163954	164113
Arts, entertainment and recreation	34298	34478	34770
Other service activities	35757	35725	35329

<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>

(BGN)

Economic activities	2021		
	October	November	December
<b>Total</b>	<b>1581</b>	<b>1579</b>	<b>1676</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1109	1145	1113
Mining and quarrying	2463	2003	2224
Manufacturing	1285	1351	1366
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	2260	2193	2695
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1142	1208	1245
Construction	1203	1232	1210
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1309	1340	1400
Transportation and storage	1264	1271	1351
Accommodation and food service activities	917	897	991
Information and communication	3747	3781	4038
Financial and insurance activities	2161	2370	2602
Real estate activities	1339	1386	1421
Professional, scientific and technical activities	2095	2161	2288
Administrative and support service activities	1245	1282	1368
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2220	1691	1875
Education	1877	1711	2002
Human health and social work activities	1835	1911	1981
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1294	1338	1420
Other service activities	996	1009	1128

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary data.