



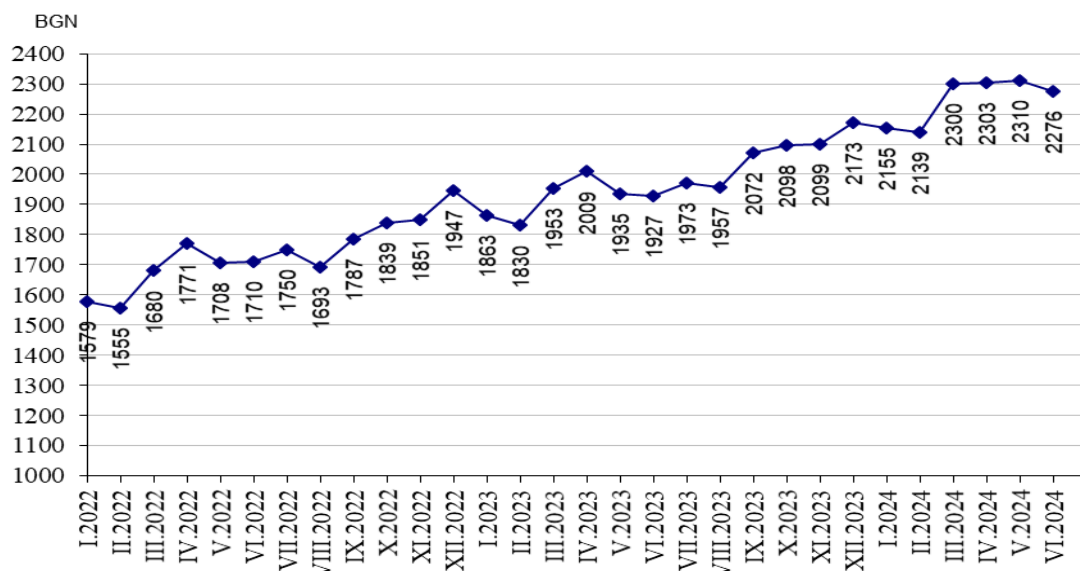
EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND GROSS AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, SECOND QUARTER OF 2024

The **number of employees** under labour contract at the end of June 2024 increased by 28.1 thousand, or 1.2%, as compared to the end of March 2024 and reached 2.35 million according to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI). The highest increase was observed in the economic activities: 'Accommodation and food service activities' - by 24.0%, 'Agriculture, forestry and fishing' - by 4.5%, and 'Administrative and support service activities' - by 1.8%. The highest decrease of the number of employees - by 1.7% was recorded in the economic activity 'Manufacturing'.

At the end of June 2024, as compared to June 2023, the number of employees under labour contract increased by 15.6 thousand, or 0.7%. The highest increase in absolute figures was observed in economic activities 'Human health and social work activities' - 12.4 thousand, 'Information and communication' - 6.2 thousand, and 'Accommodation and food service activities' - 4.1 thousand, and the highest decrease was in 'Manufacturing' - 13.0 thousand, and in 'Administrative and support service activities' - 2.3 thousand. In percentages, the highest increase at the end of June 2024 as compared to June 2023 was in economic activity 'Human health and social work activities' - by 6.8%, 'Information and communication' - by 5.1%, and in 'Arts, entertainment and recreation' - by 4.1%, as the highest decrease was reported in 'Mining and quarrying' - by 3.2%, and in 'Manufacturing' - by 2.8%.

The **average monthly wages and salaries** of the employees under labour contract in April was 2 303 BGN, in May - 2 310 BGN, and in June 2024 - 2 276 BGN.

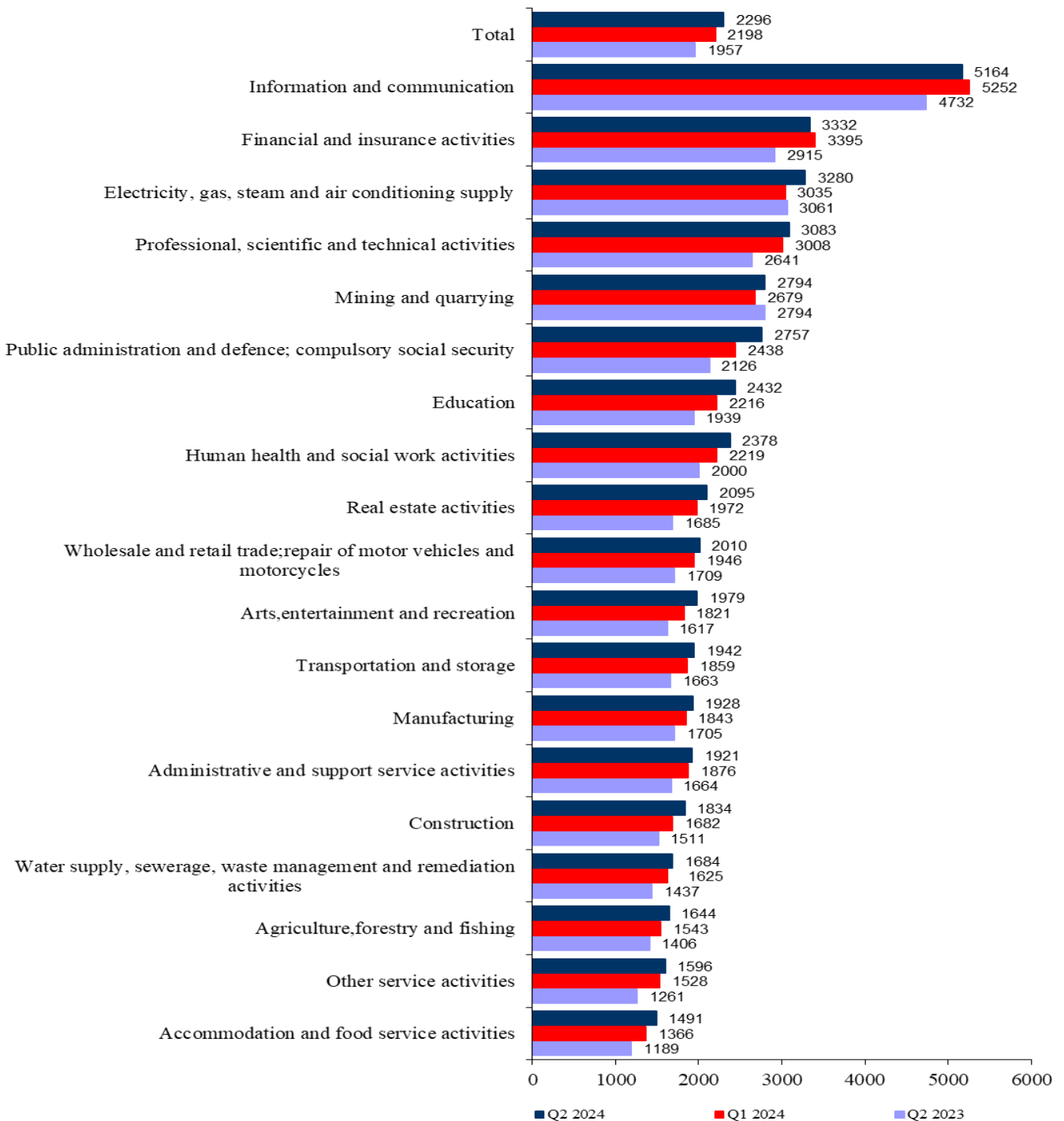
Figure 1. Gross average wages and salaries by months



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In the second quarter of 2024, in comparison with the first quarter of 2024, the average monthly wages and salaries increased by 4.5% and reached 2 296 BGN. The highest increase in wages and salaries was reported in 'Public administration and defence; compulsory social security' - by 13.1%, 'Education' - by 9.7%, and in 'Accommodation and food service activities' - by 9.2%.

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



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Compared to the second quarter of 2023, the average monthly wages and salaries in the second quarter of 2024 rose by 17.3%. The highest growth rates were recorded in the economic activities: 'Public administration and defence; compulsory social security' - by 29.7%, 'Other service activities' - by 26.6% and 'Accommodation and food service activities' and 'Education' - by 25.4%.

The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the second quarter of 2024 were:

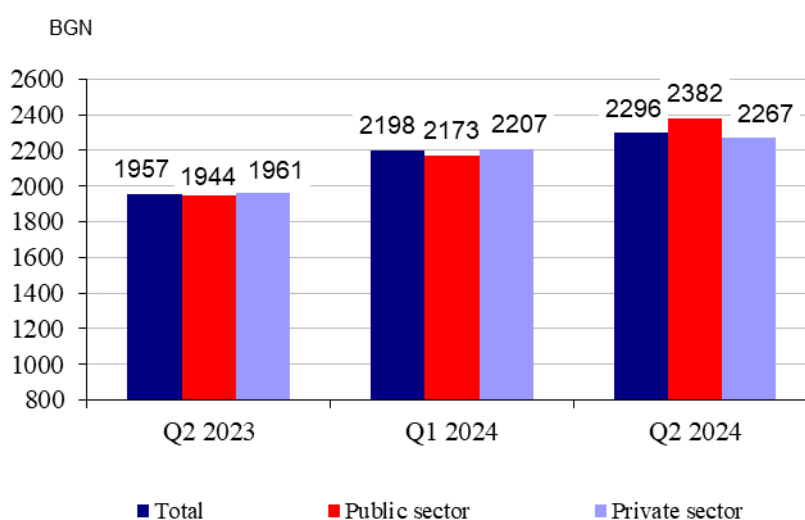
- 'Information and communication' - 5 164 BGN;
- 'Financial and insurance activities' - 3 332 BGN;
- 'Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply' - 3 280 BGN.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- 'Accommodation and food service activities' - 1 491 BGN;
- 'Other service activities' - 1 596 BGN;
- 'Agriculture, forestry and fishing' - 1 644 BGN.

In comparison with a year earlier, the average monthly wages and salaries in the public sector grew by 22.5% and in the private sector by 15.6%.

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'. The main purpose of this sample survey 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 can be found on 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>.

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Annex

Table 1

**Employees under labour contract at the end of the month by economic activities in
2024¹**

(Number)

Economic activities	2024		
	April	May	June
Total	2327275	2330124	2348196
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	67493	67604	69008
Mining and quarrying	18358	18323	18231
Manufacturing	455101	452093	450481
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	28837	28671	28539
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	36922	36933	36888
Construction	129929	129337	129921
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	384983	384921	388612
Transportation and storage	141695	141833	142044
Accommodation and food service activities	105301	111360	124309
Information and communication	127778	127280	127390
Financial and insurance activities	57185	57028	57170
Real estate activities	21592	21765	21863
Professional, scientific and technical activities	85038	85015	84997
Administrative and support service activities	113642	113884	114508
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	114227	114364	114335
Education	172364	171753	169989
Human health and social work activities	193432	194159	195159
Arts, entertainment and recreation	36780	37209	37902
Other service activities	36618	36592	36850

¹ Preliminary data.

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Table 2

**Gross average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract
by economic activities in 2024¹**

(BGN)

Economic activities	2024		
	April	May	June
Total	2303	2310	2276
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1629	1607	1695
Mining and quarrying	2992	2740	2649
Manufacturing	1925	1937	1921
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	3225	3301	3315
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1644	1727	1681
Construction	1864	1797	1841
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1989	2043	1997
Transportation and storage	1907	1981	1938
Accommodation and food service activities	1430	1550	1490
Information and communication	5160	5101	5229
Financial and insurance activities	3397	3181	3417
Real estate activities	2035	2125	2123
Professional, scientific and technical activities	3124	3076	3048
Administrative and support service activities	1944	1963	1858
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	3066	2715	2489
Education	2335	2546	2416
Human health and social work activities	2352	2394	2390
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1980	2054	1904
Other service activities	1614	1585	1588

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