

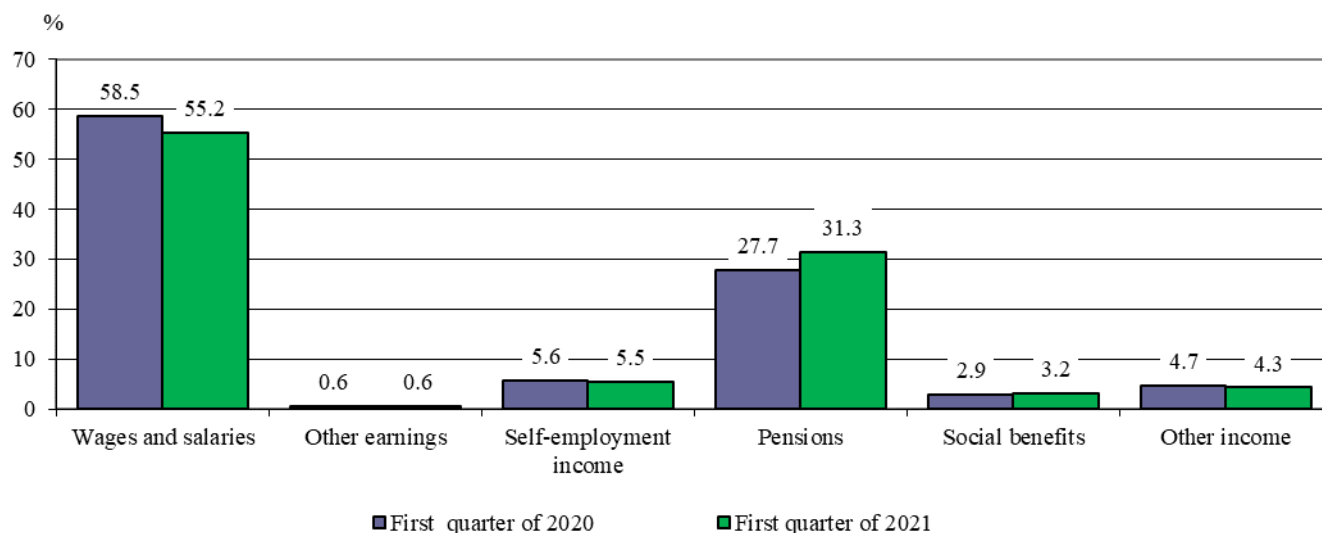
## HOUSEHOLD INCOME, EXPENDITURE AND CONSUMPTION DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2021

### Household Income

The **total income** average per household member during the first quarter of 2021 is 1 830 BGN and increases by 6.9% compared to the same quarter of 2020.

The highest relative share of income within the total income is this from wages and salaries (55.2%). The relative share of income from pensions is 31.3% and from self-employment - 5.5%. Compare to the first quarter of 2020 the relative share of income from wages and salaries decreases by 3.3 percentage points (pp) and income from pensions increases by 3.6 pp.

**Figure 1. Structure of the total household income during the first quarter of 2020 and 2021**



The nominal income by source average per capita during the first quarter of 2021 compared to the first quarter of 2020 changes as follows:

- Income from **wages and salaries** increases from 1002 BGN to 1011 BGN (by 0.9%);
- **Self-employment** income increases from 96 to 100 BGN (by 3.9%);
- Income from **pensions** increases from 473 BGN to 574 BGN (by 21.2%);
- Income from **social benefits** increases from 50 BGN to 57 BGN (by 15.0%).

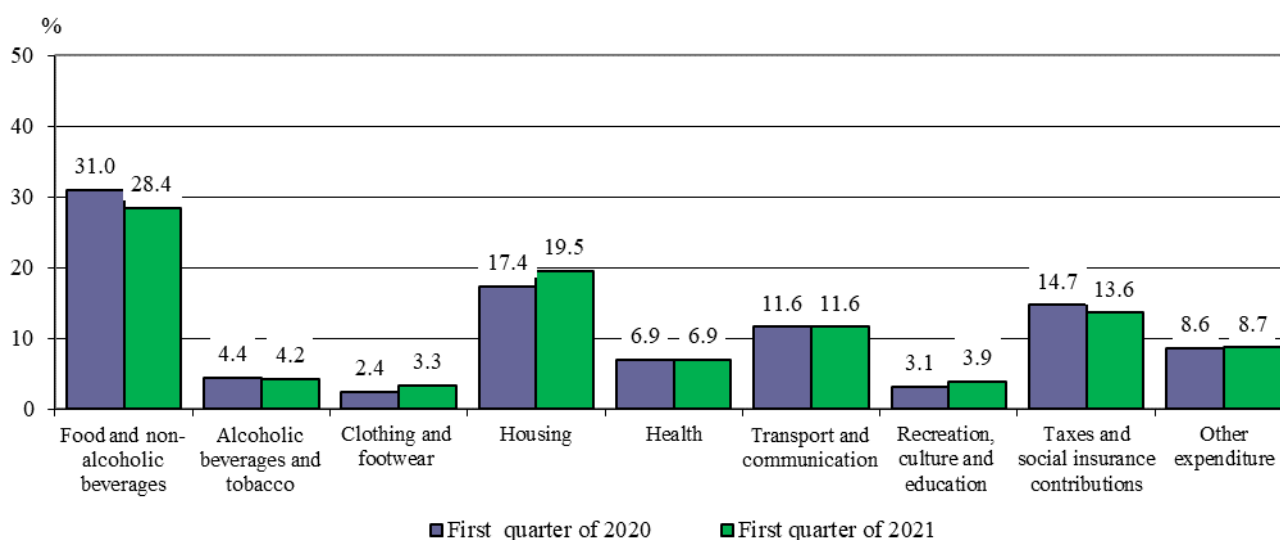
The relative share of monetary income into the total income during the first quarter of 2021 is 99.5% and the share of income in kind is 0.5%.

## Household Expenditure

The **total expenditure** average per household member during the first quarter of 2021 is 1 607 BGN and increases by 8.2% in comparison to the same quarter of 2020.

The greatest share in forming the total expenditure has expenditure on food and non-alcoholic beverages - 28.4% as well as expenditure on housing - 19.5%, taxes and social insurance contributions - 13.6% and transport and communication - 11.6%.

**Figure 2. Structure of the total household expenditure during the first quarter of 2020 and 2021**



The relative share of food and non-alcoholic beverages decreases by 2.6 pp compare to the first quarter of 2020. The relative share of housing increases by 2.1 pp, the share of clothing and footwear - by 0.9 pp and the share of recreation, culture and education - by 0.8 pp.

The expenditure by group average per capita changes as absolute values during the first quarter of 2021 compared to the same quarter of 2020 as follows:

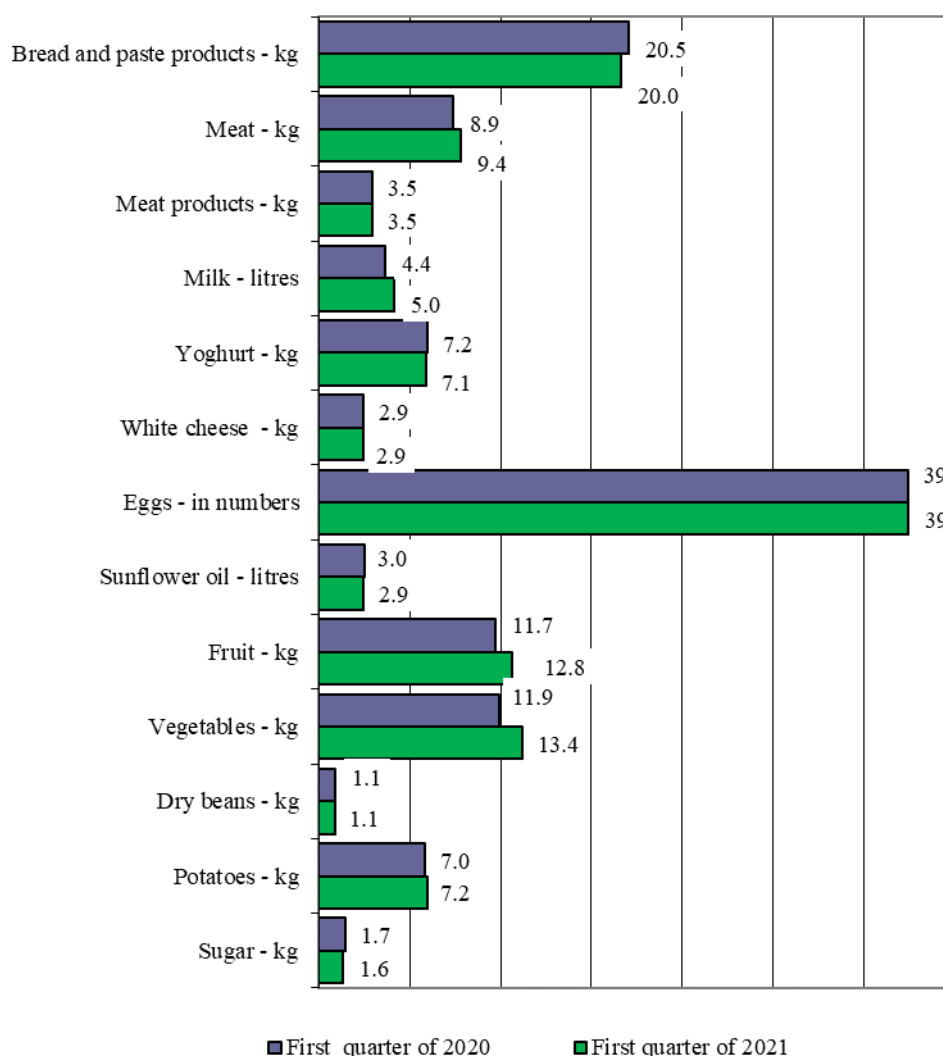
- Expenditure on **food and non-alcoholic beverages** decreases from 461 BGN to 456 BGN (by 1.1%);
- Expenditure on **alcoholic beverages and tobacco** increases from 65 BGN to 67 BGN (by 2.6%);
- Expenditure on **clothing and footwear** increases from 35 BGN to 53 BGN (by 52.1%);
- Expenditure on **housing (water, electricity, heating, furnishing and maintenance of the house)** increases from 258 BGN to 313 BGN (by 21.2%);
- Expenditure on **health** increases from 102 BGN to 111 BGN (by 9.3%);
- Expenditure on **transport and communication** increases from 172 BGN to 186 BGN (by 8.3%);
- Expenditure on **recreation, culture and education** increases from 47 BGN to 63 BGN (by 34.6%);
- Expenditure on **taxes and social insurance contributions** remains without change - 218 BGN.

## Household Consumption

The consumption of main food products average per household member during the first quarter of 2021 compared to the same quarter of 2020 changes as follows:

- Consumption of fruit increases from 11.7 to 12.8 kg, vegetables - from 11.9 to 13.4 kg, meat - from 8.9 to 9.4 kg, milk - from 4.4 litres to 5.0 litres, potatoes - from 7.0 to 7.2 kg;
- Consumption of bread and paste products decreases from 20.5 kg to 20.0 kg, sugar - from 1.7 to 1.6 kg, yoghurt - from 7.2 to 7.1 kg and sunflower oil - from 3.0 litres to 2.9 litres;
- The consumption of meat products, white cheese, eggs and dry beans remains without change.

**Figure 3. Consumption of main food products average per household member during the first quarter of 2020 and 2021**



## Methodological notes

The source of data is the quarterly household budget survey. It is sample survey. The sample used for the survey is a random sample of 3 060 households.

A regular household are two or more persons who live in one dwelling or part of a dwelling, having their meals together and having a common budget irrespective of the fact whether they are relatives. A household is also one person living alone, having meals separately and having his/her separate budget. Institutional households are not studied by the household budgets survey.

The main indicators for income, expenditure and consumption are estimated quarterly and annual as average values and relative share.

**Household income** in cash and kind includes all receipts of household members from: wages and salaries, pensions, entrepreneurship, unemployment benefits, social benefits, etc. Other regular or irregular transfers from other households and property sale are also included.

**Household expenditure** includes expenditure for food, beverages, tobacco, housing (water, electricity, heating, furnishing and maintenance), transport, communications, health, taxes, social insurance contributions, etc.

**Consumption** average per household member includes the quantities of foods and beverages consumed at home. The catering data are not included.

More information on the household budget survey and its results could be found on NSI website: [www.nsi.bg](http://www.nsi.bg) under the heading of Households Income and Expenditure and the Information System INFOSTAT.

Annex

Table 1

**Total households income by source during the first quarter of 2020 and 2021**

Sources	First quarter of 2020			First quarter of 2021		
	Structure - %	Average per household - BGN	Average per capita - BGN	Structure - %	Average per household - BGN	Average per capita - BGN
<b>Total income</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3675.77</b>	<b>1711.90</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3920.09</b>	<b>1829.87</b>
<i>Total gross income</i>	96.8	3557.42	1656.78	96.9	3800.10	1773.86
Wages and salaries	58.5	2151.23	1001.88	55.2	2165.62	1010.89
Other earnings	0.6	22.44	10.45	0.6	22.15	10.34
Self-employment income	5.6	206.53	96.19	5.5	214.07	99.92
Property income	0.4	14.80	6.89	0.3	11.64	5.43
Pensions	27.7	1016.51	473.41	31.3	1228.88	573.63
Unemployment benefits	0.3	10.69	4.98	0.7	25.50	11.90
Family allowances	1.2	43.90	20.45	1.2	47.35	22.10
Other social benefits	1.4	52.26	24.34	1.3	49.80	23.25
Regular transfers from other households	1.1	39.06	18.19	0.9	35.10	16.38
<i>Receipt sale</i>	0.1	3.91	1.82	0.1	3.52	1.65
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	3.1	114.44	53.30	3.0	116.47	54.37
Drawn savings	x	73.03	34.01	x	86.93	40.58
Loans and credits	x	26.85	12.50	x	7.45	3.48

Table 2

**Total household expenditure by group during the first quarter of 2020 and 2021**

Expenditure groups	First quarter of 2020			First quarter of 2021		
	Structure - %	Average per household - BGN	Average per capita - BGN	Structure - %	Average per household - BGN	Average per capita - BGN
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3190.19</b>	<b>1485.76</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3442.97</b>	<b>1607.15</b>
<i>Consumer monetary expenditure</i>	81.0	2583.84	1203.36	82.2	2830.40	1321.21
Foods and non-alcoholic beverages	31.0	990.12	461.13	28.4	977.05	456.08
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	4.4	140.36	65.37	4.2	143.68	67.07
Clothing and footwear	2.4	75.00	34.93	3.3	113.83	53.14
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	13.8	440.77	205.28	14.8	508.13	237.19
Furnishing and maintenance of the house	3.6	113.60	52.91	4.7	162.39	75.80
Health	6.9	218.92	101.96	6.9	238.78	111.46
Transport	6.9	219.13	102.05	6.8	234.21	109.33
Communication	4.7	149.81	69.77	4.8	164.28	76.68
Recreation, culture and education	3.1	100.35	46.73	3.9	134.80	62.92
Miscellaneous goods and services	4.3	135.79	63.24	4.5	153.24	71.53
<i>Taxes</i>	6.2	199.36	92.85	6.1	208.59	97.37
<i>Social insurance contributions</i>	8.5	270.22	125.85	7.5	258.60	120.71
<i>Regular transfers to others households</i>	1.2	37.53	17.48	0.9	32.60	15.22
<i>Other expenditure</i>	3.1	99.24	46.22	3.3	112.78	52.64
Saving deposits	x	260.76	121.44	x	307.49	143.54
Debt paid out and loan granted	x	70.17	32.68	x	74.01	34.55