

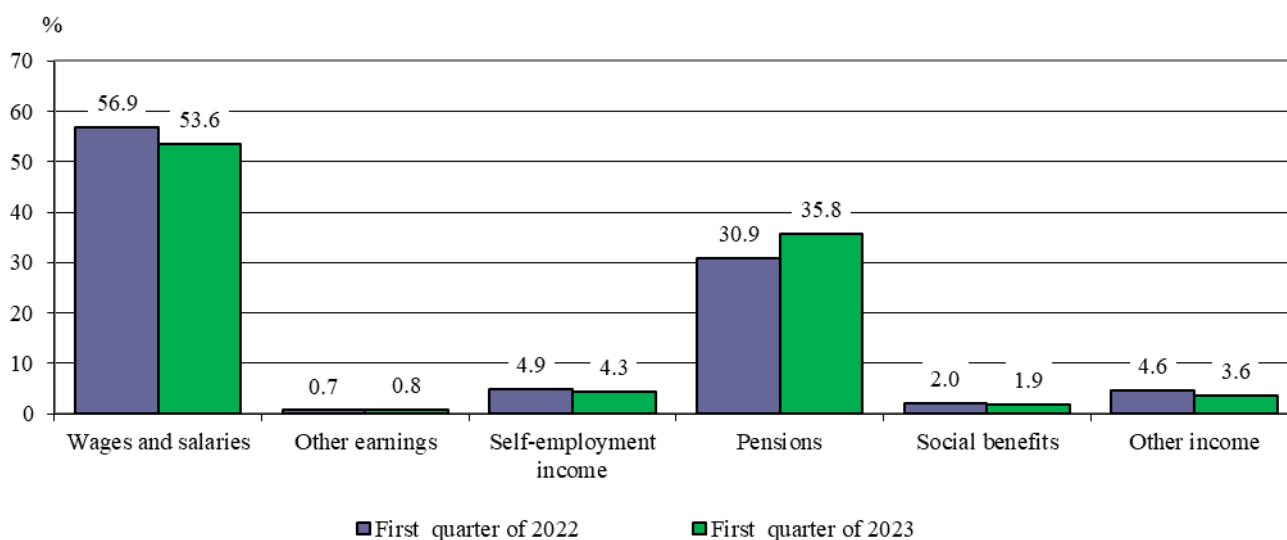
HOUSEHOLD INCOME, EXPENDITURE AND CONSUMPTION DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2023

Household Income

The **total income** average per household member during the first quarter of 2023 is 2 394 BGN and increases by 19.3% compared to the same quarter of 2022.

The highest relative share of income within the total income is the one from wages and salaries (53.6%). The relative share of income from pensions is 35.8% and from self-employment - 4.3%. Compared to the first quarter of 2022, the relative share of income from wages and salaries decreases by 3.3 percentage points (pp) and income from self-employment - by 0.6 pp. The share of income from pensions increases by 4.9 pp.

Figure 1. Structure of the total household income during the first quarter of 2022 and 2023



The nominal income by source average per capita during the first quarter of 2023 compared to the first quarter of 2022 changes as follows:

- Income from **wages and salaries** increases from 1 142 BGN to 1 284 BGN (by 12.4%);
- **Self-employment** income increases from 97 to 102 BGN (by 4.6%);
- Income from **pensions** increases from 619 BGN to 856 BGN (by 38.3%);
- Income from **social benefits** increases from 40 BGN to 46 BGN (by 16.7%).

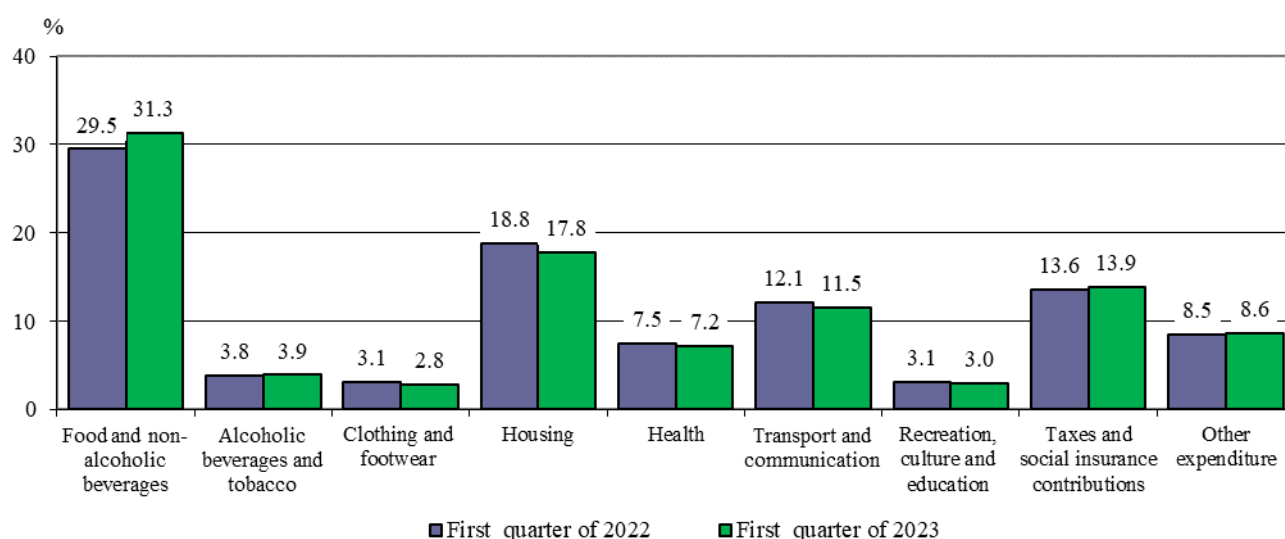
The relative share of monetary income in the total income during the first quarter of 2023 is 99.6% and the share of income in kind is 0.4%.

Household Expenditure

The **total expenditure** average per household member during the first quarter of 2023 is 2 149 BGN and increases by 18.0% compared to the same quarter of 2022.

The greatest share in the formation of the total expenditure is expenditure on food and non-alcoholic beverages - 31.3%, as well as expenditure on housing - 17.8%, taxes and social insurance contributions - 13.9% and transport and communication - 11.5%.

Figure 2. Structure of the total household expenditure during the first quarter of 2022 and 2023



The relative share of food and non-alcoholic beverages increases by 1.8 pp compared to the first quarter of 2022. The share of housing decreases by 1.0 pp and the share of spending on transport and communication - by 0.6 pp.

The expenditure by group average per capita changes as absolute values during the first quarter of 2023 compared to the same quarter of 2022 as follows:

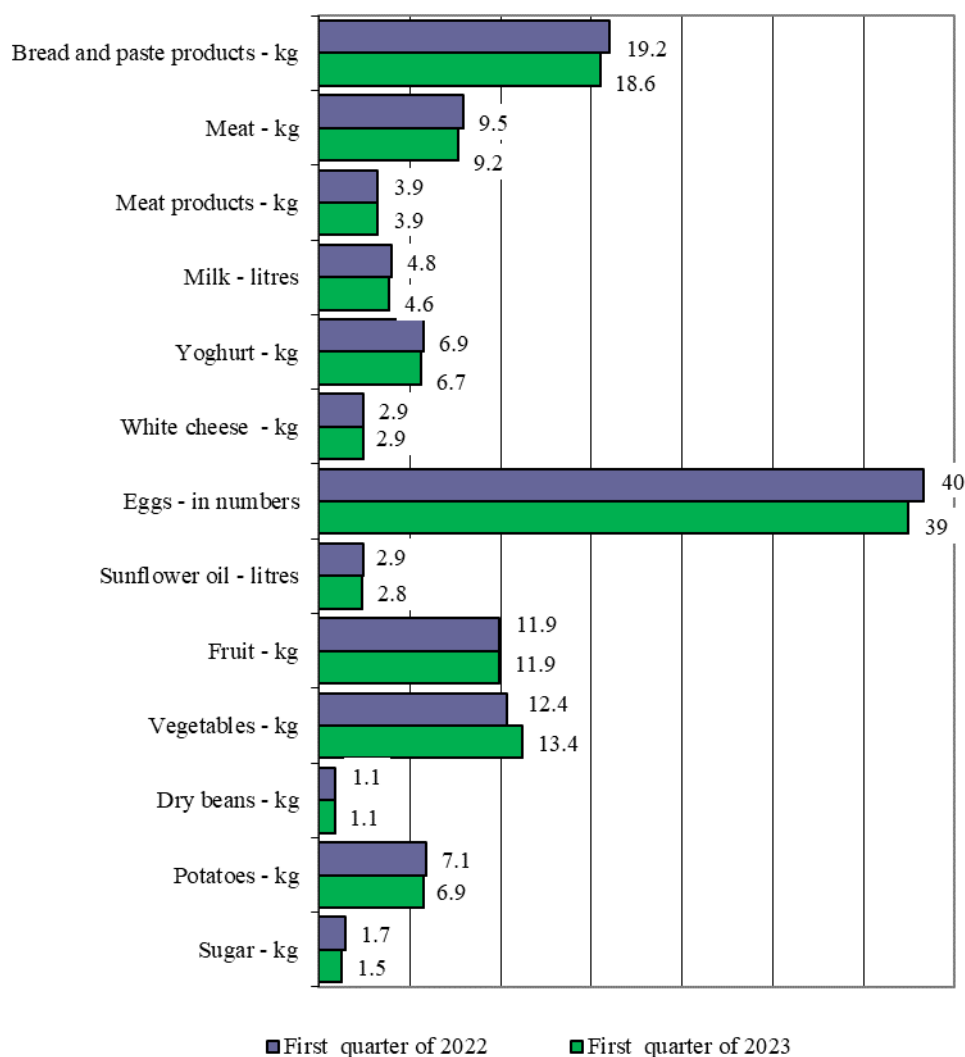
- Expenditure on **food and non-alcoholic beverages** increases from 537 BGN to 673 BGN (by 25.3%);
- Expenditure on **alcoholic beverages and tobacco** increases from 70 BGN to 84 BGN (by 19.8%);
- Expenditure on **clothing and footwear** increases from 56 BGN to 60 BGN (by 6.9%);
- Expenditure on **housing (water, electricity, heating, furnishing and maintenance of the house)** increases from 343 BGN to 381 BGN (by 11.1%);
- Expenditure on **health** increases from 137 BGN to 155 BGN (by 13.0%);
- Expenditure on **transport and communication** increases from 220 BGN to 246 BGN (by 12.0%);
- Expenditure on **recreation, culture and education** increases from 56 BGN to 64 BGN (by 15.3%);
- Expenditure on **taxes and social insurance contributions** increases from 247 BGN to 299 BGN (by 20.9%).

Household Consumption

The consumption of most basic food products average per household member during the first quarter of 2023 decreased compared to the same quarter of 2022. The biggest decrease is in the consumption of bread and paste products - from 19.2 kg to 18.6 kg and meat - from 9.5 kg to 9.2 kg.

Consumption increases for vegetables - from 12.4 kg to 13.4 kg. The consumption of meat products, white cheese, fruit and dry beans remains unchanged.

Figure 3. Consumption of main food products average per household member during the first quarter of 2022 and 2023





Methodological notes

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

A regular household consists of two or more persons living in one dwelling or part of a dwelling, having their meals together and having a common budget, irrespective of whether they are relatives. A household is also one person living alone, having meals separately and having his/her separate budget.

The household budgets survey does not study institutional households.

The main indicators for income, expenditure and consumption are estimated quarterly and annually 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 sales 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 and does not include consumption in public catering establishments.

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

Annex

Table 1

Total household income by source during the first quarter of 2022 and 2023

Sources	First quarter of 2022			First quarter of 2023		
	Structure - %	Average per household - BGN	Average per capita - BGN	Structure - %	Average per household - BGN	Average per capita - BGN
Total income	100.0	4131.51	2005.54	100.0	4874.52	2393.55
<i>Total gross income</i>	96.5	3987.51	1935.64	97.7	4763.03	2338.80
Wages and salaries	56.9	2352.13	1141.79	53.6	2614.01	1283.56
Other earnings	0.7	28.59	13.88	0.8	38.48	18.90
Self-employment income	4.9	200.46	97.31	4.3	207.30	101.79
Property income	0.2	10.25	4.98	0.2	10.68	5.24
Pensions	30.9	1274.82	618.83	35.8	1743.09	855.91
Unemployment benefits	0.3	11.72	5.69	0.2	11.52	5.66
Family allowances	0.8	32.62	15.83	0.8	37.21	18.27
Other social benefits	0.9	37.12	18.02	0.9	45.22	22.20
Regular transfers from other households	1.0	39.79	19.32	1.1	55.53	27.27
<i>Receipt sale</i>	0.2	7.49	3.64	0.1	4.85	2.38
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	3.3	136.51	66.27	2.2	106.64	52.36
Drawn savings	x	125.36	60.85	x	121.04	59.44
Loans and credits	x	19.47	9.45	x	4.99	2.45

Table 2

Total household expenditure by group during the first quarter of 2022 and 2023

Expenditure groups	First quarter of 2022			First quarter of 2023		
	Structure - %	Average per household - BGN	Average per capita - BGN	Structure - %	Average per household - BGN	Average per capita - BGN
Total expenditure	100.0	3751.98	1821.30	100.0	4376.39	2148.95
<i>Consumer monetary expenditure</i>	82.3	3089.66	1499.80	82.0	3588.20	1761.93
Foods and non-alcoholic beverages	29.5	1106.99	537.36	31.3	1371.54	673.47
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	3.8	143.67	69.74	3.9	170.16	83.55
Clothing and footwear	3.1	115.32	55.98	2.8	121.84	59.83
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	14.8	554.58	269.21	13.5	589.44	289.43
Furnishing and maintenance of the house	4.0	151.91	73.74	4.3	186.17	91.42
Health	7.5	283.16	137.45	7.2	316.16	155.25
Transport	7.5	280.87	136.34	7.1	310.58	152.51
Communication	4.6	172.02	83.50	4.4	190.88	93.73
Recreation, culture and education	3.1	115.22	55.93	3.0	131.31	64.48
Miscellaneous goods and services	4.4	165.92	80.54	4.6	200.12	98.27
<i>Taxes</i>	5.9	219.67	106.63	5.8	254.67	125.05
<i>Social insurance contributions</i>	7.7	289.51	140.54	8.1	353.74	173.70
<i>Regular transfers to other households</i>	0.9	34.89	16.94	0.8	35.80	17.58
<i>Other expenditure</i>	3.2	118.24	57.40	3.3	143.98	70.70
Saving deposits	x	242.11	117.53	x	348.01	170.88
Debt paid out and loan granted	x	70.84	34.39	x	78.47	38.53