

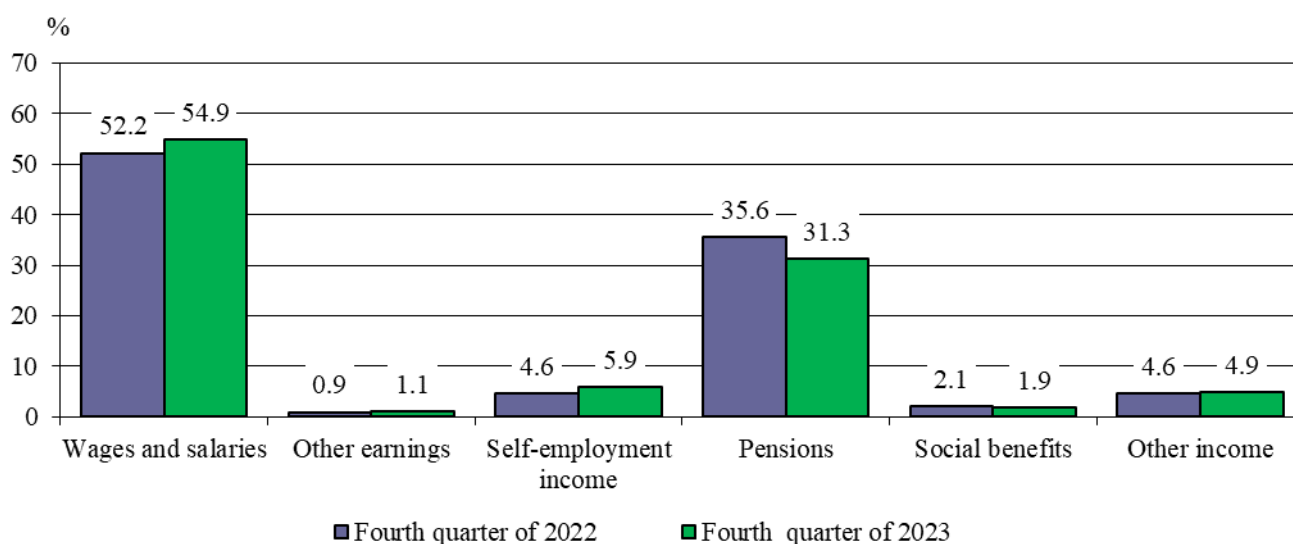
## HOUSEHOLD INCOME, EXPENDITURE AND CONSUMPTION DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2023

### Household Income

The **total income** average per household member during the fourth quarter of 2023 is 2 866 BGN and increases by 18.1% compared to the same quarter of 2022.

The highest relative share of income within the total income is the one from wages and salaries (54.9%). The relative share of income from pensions is 31.3% and from self-employment - 5.9%. Compared to the fourth quarter of 2022, the relative share of income from wages and salaries increases by 2.7 percentage points (pp) and income from self-employment - by 1.3 pp. The share of income from pensions decreases by 4.3 pp.

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



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

- Income from **wages and salaries** increases from 1 267 BGN to 1 574 BGN (by 24.2%);
- **Self-employment** income increases from 111 to 169 BGN (by 52.9%);
- Income from **pensions** increases from 865 BGN to 896 BGN (by 3.7%);
- Income from **social benefits** increases from 51 BGN to 56 BGN (by 10.8%).

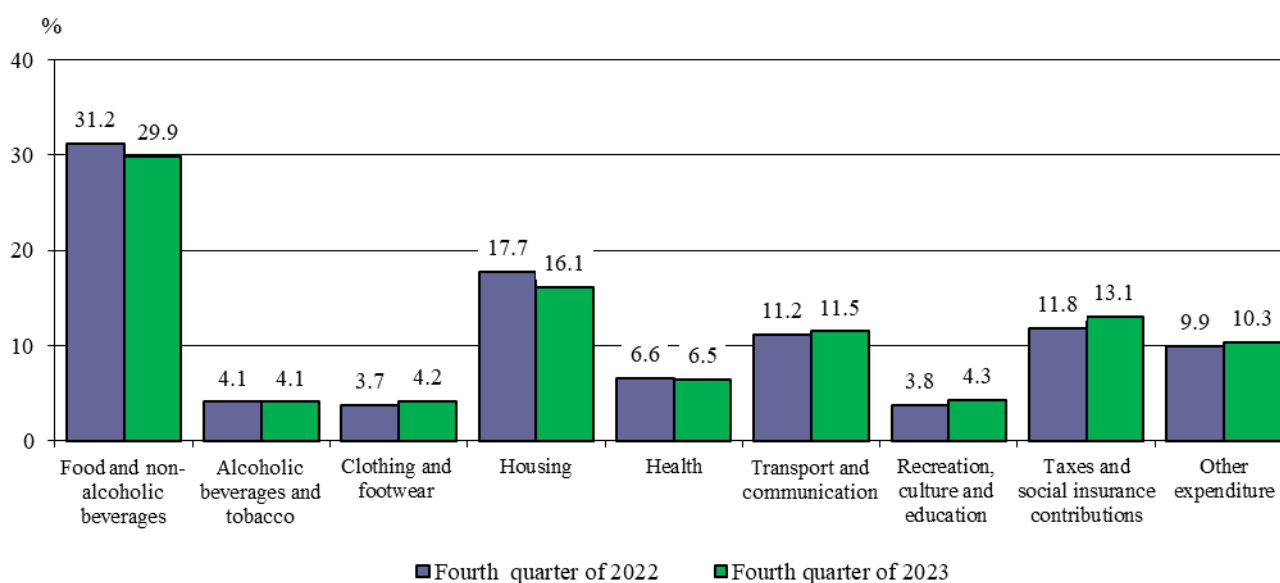
The relative share of monetary income in the total income during the fourth quarter of 2023 is 99.4% and the share of income in kind is 0.6%.

## Household Expenditure

The total expenditure average per household member during the fourth quarter of 2023 is 2 668 BGN and increases by 18.1% 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 - 29.9%, as well as expenditure on housing - 16.1%, taxes and social insurance contributions - 13.1% and transport and communication - 11.5%.

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



The relative share of food and non-alcoholic beverages decreases by 1.3 pp compared to the fourth quarter of 2022, and the relative share of housing decreases by 1.6 pp. The share of taxes and social insurance contributions increases by 1.3 pp.

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

- Expenditure on **food and non-alcoholic beverages** increases from 705 BGN to 798 BGN (by 13.1%);
- Expenditure on **alcoholic beverages and tobacco** increases from 92 BGN to 110 BGN (by 19.9%);
- Expenditure on **clothing and footwear** increases from 84 BGN to 111 BGN (by 32.6%);
- Expenditure on **housing (water, electricity, heating, furnishing and maintenance of the house)** increases from 400 BGN to 429 BGN (by 7.2%);
- Expenditure on **health** increases from 149 BGN to 174 BGN (by 17.0%);
- Expenditure on **transport and communication** increases from 254 BGN to 306 BGN (by 20.5%);
- Expenditure on **recreation, culture and education** increases from 87 BGN to 115 BGN (by 32.9%);
- Expenditure on **taxes and social insurance contributions** increases from 267 BGN to 350 BGN (by 31.2%).

## Household Consumption

The consumption of most basic food products on average per household member during the fourth quarter of 2023 compared to the same quarter of 2022 changes as follows:

- Among the products where consumption increases, the largest increase is consumption of fruit - from 12.8 to 13.6 kg, vegetables - from 17.1 to 17.6 kg, and meat - from 9.6 to 10.1 kg;
- The biggest decrease is in bread and paste products consumption - from 18.9 kg to 18.2 kg and sugar - from 1.6 to 1.4 kg;
- The consumption of potatoes remains unchanged.

### 1. Consumption of main food products on average per household member during the fourth quarter of 2022 and 2023

Foods	Fourth quarter of 2022	Fourth quarter of 2023
Bread and paste products - kg	18.9	18.2
Meat - kg	9.6	10.1
Meat products - kg	4.1	4.4
Milk - litres	4.7	4.9
Yoghurt - kg	6.9	6.8
White cheese - kg	3.0	2.9
Eggs - number	39	41
Vegetable oils - litres	2.7	2.6
Fruit (fresh and frozen) - kg	12.8	13.6
Vegetables (fresh and frozen) - kg	17.1	17.6
Dry beans - kg	1.1	1.0
Potatoes - kg	6.9	6.9
Sugar - kg	1.6	1.4



## 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 can be found on the 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 household income by source during the fourth quarter of 2022 and 2023

Sources	Fourth quarter of 2022			Fourth quarter of 2023		
	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>4963.78</b>	<b>2426.46</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5684.25</b>	<b>2866.10</b>
<i>Total gross income</i>	97.3	4829.09	2360.62	96.9	5508.52	2777.50
Wages and salaries	52.2	2592.24	1267.17	54.9	3122.38	1574.36
Other earnings	0.9	46.20	22.58	1.1	64.08	32.31
Self-employment income	4.6	226.16	110.56	5.9	335.20	169.02
Property income	0.8	37.96	18.55	0.7	37.48	18.90
Pensions	35.6	1768.59	864.55	31.3	1777.42	896.21
Unemployment benefits	0.3	16.19	7.92	0.2	12.30	6.20
Family allowances	0.8	37.91	18.53	0.9	52.54	26.49
Other social benefits	1.0	49.39	24.14	0.8	46.37	23.38
Regular transfers from other households	1.1	54.46	26.62	1.1	60.74	30.63
<i>Receipt sale</i>	0.1	5.43	2.65	0.3	15.94	8.04
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	2.6	129.25	63.18	2.8	159.79	80.57
Drawn savings	x	199.51	97.53	x	244.65	123.36
Loans and credits	x	14.94	7.30	x	27.44	13.84

Table 2

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

Expenditure groups	Fourth quarter of 2022			Fourth quarter of 2023		
	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>4622.00</b>	<b>2259.38</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5291.60</b>	<b>2668.13</b>
<i>Consumer monetary expenditure</i>	82.5	3812.00	1863.43	80.9	4283.52	2159.83
Foods and non-alcoholic beverages	31.2	1442.10	704.95	29.9	1581.72	797.53
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	4.1	188.43	92.11	4.1	219.12	110.48
Clothing and footwear	3.7	171.20	83.69	4.2	220.04	110.95
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	13.0	601.34	293.95	11.4	602.86	303.98
Furnishing and maintenance of the house	4.7	217.12	106.14	4.7	247.55	124.82
Health	6.6	304.41	148.81	6.5	345.22	174.07
Transport	7.1	328.68	160.67	7.4	391.36	197.33
Communication	4.1	190.22	92.99	4.1	214.77	108.29
Recreation, culture and education	3.8	177.13	86.59	4.3	228.28	115.10
Miscellaneous goods and services	4.1	191.36	93.54	4.4	232.58	117.27
<i>Taxes</i>	4.8	220.86	107.96	5.3	281.76	142.07
<i>Social insurance contributions</i>	7.0	325.25	158.99	7.8	412.67	208.08
<i>Regular transfers to other households</i>	0.9	42.06	20.56	1.1	58.00	29.24
<i>Other expenditure</i>	4.8	221.82	108.43	4.8	255.66	128.91
Saving deposits	x	361.70	176.81	x	392.41	197.86
Debt paid out and loan granted	x	75.61	36.96	x	105.42	53.15