



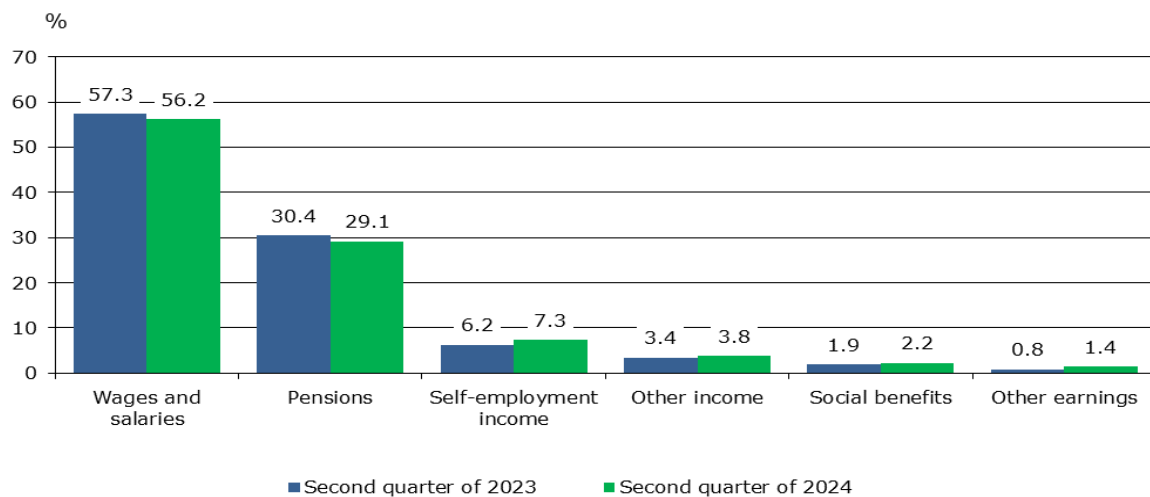
## HOUSEHOLD INCOME, EXPENDITURE AND CONSUMPTION DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2024

### Household Income

**The total income** average per household member was 3 216 BGN during the second quarter of 2024 and increased by 20.5% compared to the same quarter of 2023.

The highest relative share of income within the structure of the total income was the one from wages and salaries (56.2%). The relative share of income from pensions was 29.1%, and from self-employment - 7.3%. Compared to the second quarter of 2023, the relative share of income from self-employment increased by 1.1 percentage points (pp). The share of income from pensions decreased by 1.3 pp. and the share of income from wages and salaries – by 1.1 pp.

**Figure 1. Structure of the total household income during the second quarter of 2023 and 2024**



In nominal terms during the second quarter of 2024 compared to the same quarter of 2023, the average income per capita by source of income changed as follows:

- Income from **wages and salaries** increased from 1 528 BGN to 1 808 BGN (by 18.3%);
- **Self-employment** income increased from 165 to 235 BGN (by 42.6%);
- Income from **pensions** increased from 812 BGN to 935 BGN (by 15.2%);
- Income from **social benefits** increased from 51 BGN to 71 BGN (by 39.1%).

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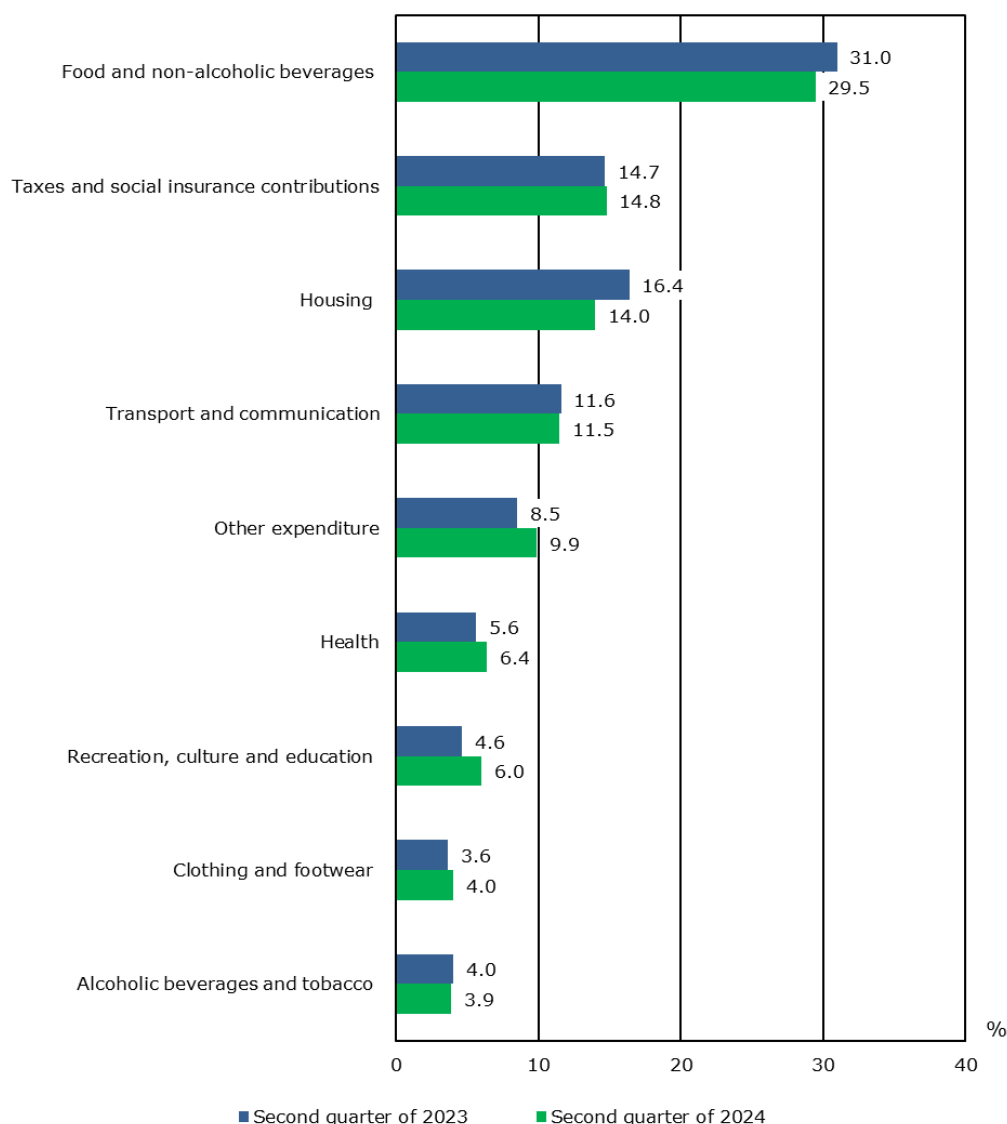
The relative share of monetary income in the structure of the total income during the second quarter of 2024 was 99.4% and the share of income in kind was 0.6%.

### Household Expenditure

The total expenditure average per household member during the second quarter of 2024 was 2 826 BGN and it increased by 18.8% compared to the same quarter of 2023.

The greatest share in the formation of the total expenditure was expenditure on food and non-alcoholic beverages - 29.5%, as well as expenditure on taxes and social insurance contributions - 14.8%, housing - 14.0%, and transport and communication - 11.5%.

**Figure 2. Structure of the total household expenditure during the second quarter of 2023 and 2024**



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The relative share of housing decreased by 2.4 pp compared to the second quarter of 2023, and the relative share of food and non-alcoholic beverages decreased by 1.5 pp. The share of recreation, culture and education increased by 1.4 pp.

During the second quarter of 2024, compared to the same quarter of 2023, as absolute values, the average per capita expenditure by group changed as follows:

- Expenditure on **food and non-alcoholic beverages** increased from 738 BGN to 835 BGN (by 13.2%);
- Expenditure on **alcoholic beverages and tobacco** increased from 95 BGN to 109 BGN (by 15.5%);
- Expenditure on **clothing and footwear** increased from 85 BGN to 112 BGN (by 32.9%);
- Expenditure on **housing (water, electricity, heating, furnishing and maintenance of the house)** increased from 389 BGN to 397 BGN (by 1.9%);
- Expenditure on **health** increased from 133 BGN to 181 BGN (by 36.3%);
- Expenditure on **transport and communication** increased from 276 BGN to 325 BGN (by 17.7%);
- Expenditure on **recreation, culture and education** increased from 110 BGN to 170 BGN (by 54.3%);
- Expenditure on **taxes and social insurance contributions** increased from 348 BGN to 418 BGN (by 20.3%).

### Household Consumption

**The consumption of most basic food products** on average per household member during the second quarter of 2024 compared to the same quarter of 2023 changed as follows:

- Consumption of fruit increased from 10.0 to 12.0 kg, vegetables - from 19.2 to 20.2 kg and meat - from 9.6 to 10.1 kg;
- The biggest decrease was in bread and paste products consumption - from 17.7 kg to 16.9 kg;
- The consumption of white cheese and potatoes remained unchanged (See Table 1).

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**Table 1. Consumption of main food products on average per household member  
during the second quarter of 2023 and 2024**

<b>Foods</b>	<b>Second quarter of 2023</b>	<b>Second quarter of 2024</b>
Bread and paste products - kg	17.7	16.9
Meat - kg	9.6	10.1
Meat products - kg	3.7	4.1
Milk - litres	4.6	4.9
Yoghurt - kg	6.8	7.2
White cheese - kg	2.9	2.9
Eggs - number	42	43
Vegetable oils - litres	2.6	2.5
Fruit (fresh and frozen) - kg	10.0	12.0
Vegetables (fresh and frozen) - kg	19.2	20.2
Dry beans - kg	1.0	0.9
Potatoes - kg	6.7	6.7
Sugar - kg	1.5	1.3

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### **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 website of NSI: [www.nsi.bg](http://www.nsi.bg) under the heading 'Households Income and Expenditure' and in the Information System INFOSTAT.