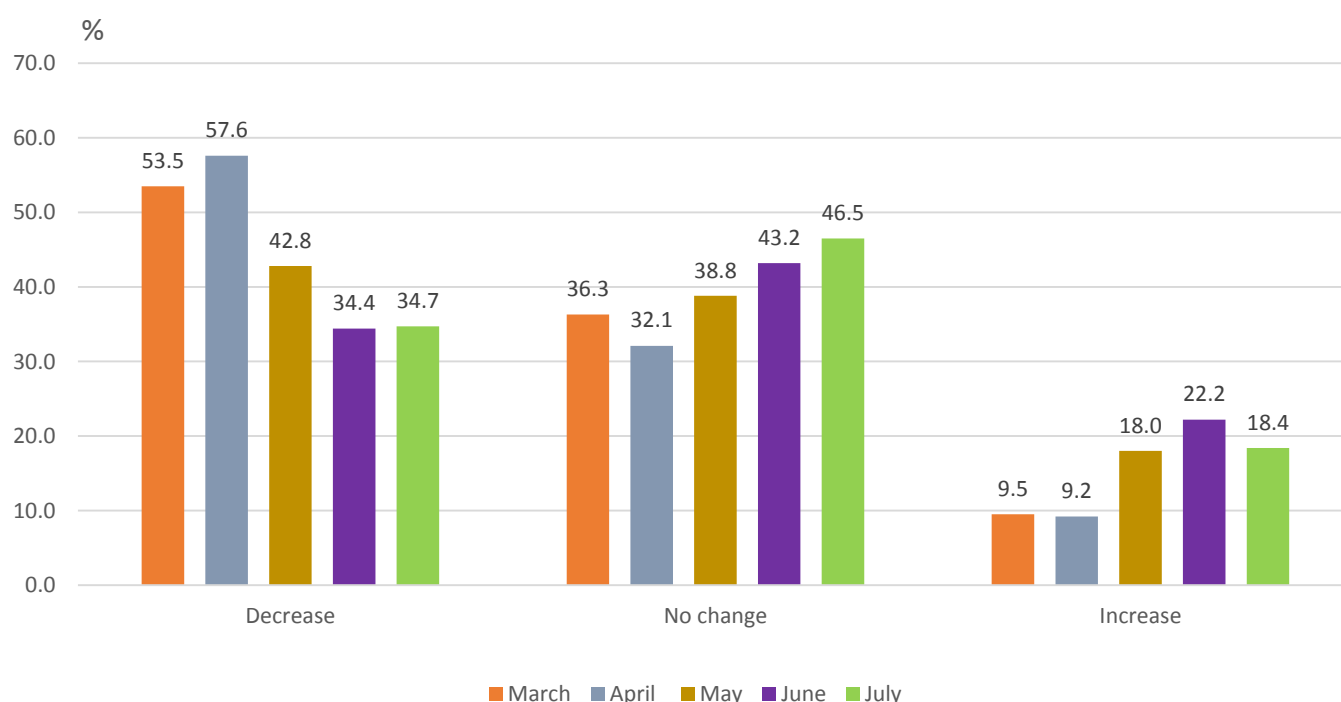


SITUATION OF THE NON-FINANCIAL ENTERPRISES IN THE STATE OF EMERGENCY AND THE ENSUING EPIDEMIC SITUATION JULY 2020

The National Statistical Institute of Bulgaria conducted for the first time short business survey amongst non-financial enterprises. The object of the survey was to collect and present to the society and policy makers information on the economic effects from the declared state of emergency and the ensuing epidemic situation in the country due to COVID-19.

Amongst the responded enterprises, 34.7% declared a decrease in revenues from sales of goods and services in July compared to June 2020, 46.5% declared no change and 18.4% an increase (Figure 1).

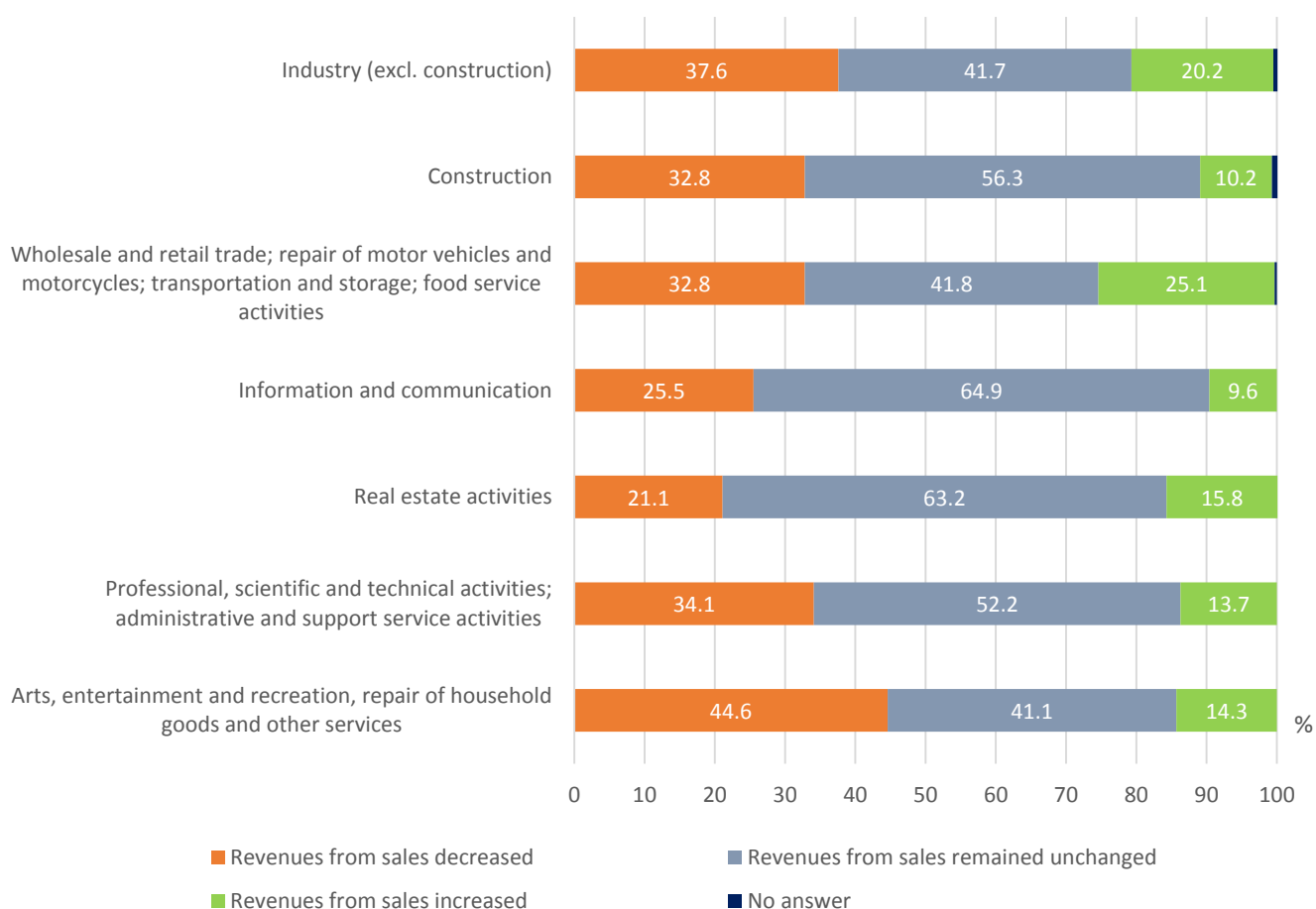
Figure 1. Change in revenues from sales of goods and services in non-financial enterprises as compared to previous month, 2020



The breakdown by economic sectors showed that 44.6% of the non-financial enterprises in activities ‘Arts, entertainment and recreation, repair of household goods and other services’ had a decrease in revenues from sales of goods and services. For the Industry this share was 37.6% and for the ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles; transportation and storage; food service activities’ and ‘Construction’ by 32.8% each (Figure 2).

Figure. 2. In July 2020 was it any change in revenues from sales of goods and services in your enterprise as compared to previous month (June)?

(Distribution by economic activities)



As regards the employees, 23.4% from the responding non-financial enterprises answered that they had to use 'paid leave' as a measure for reducing the effects from the state of emergency and the epidemic situation, followed by 'unpaid leave' - 12.7% and 'teleworking' - 10.7%. Lay-off of employees was done by 7.9% from responded enterprises (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Measures taken concerning employees in the enterprise

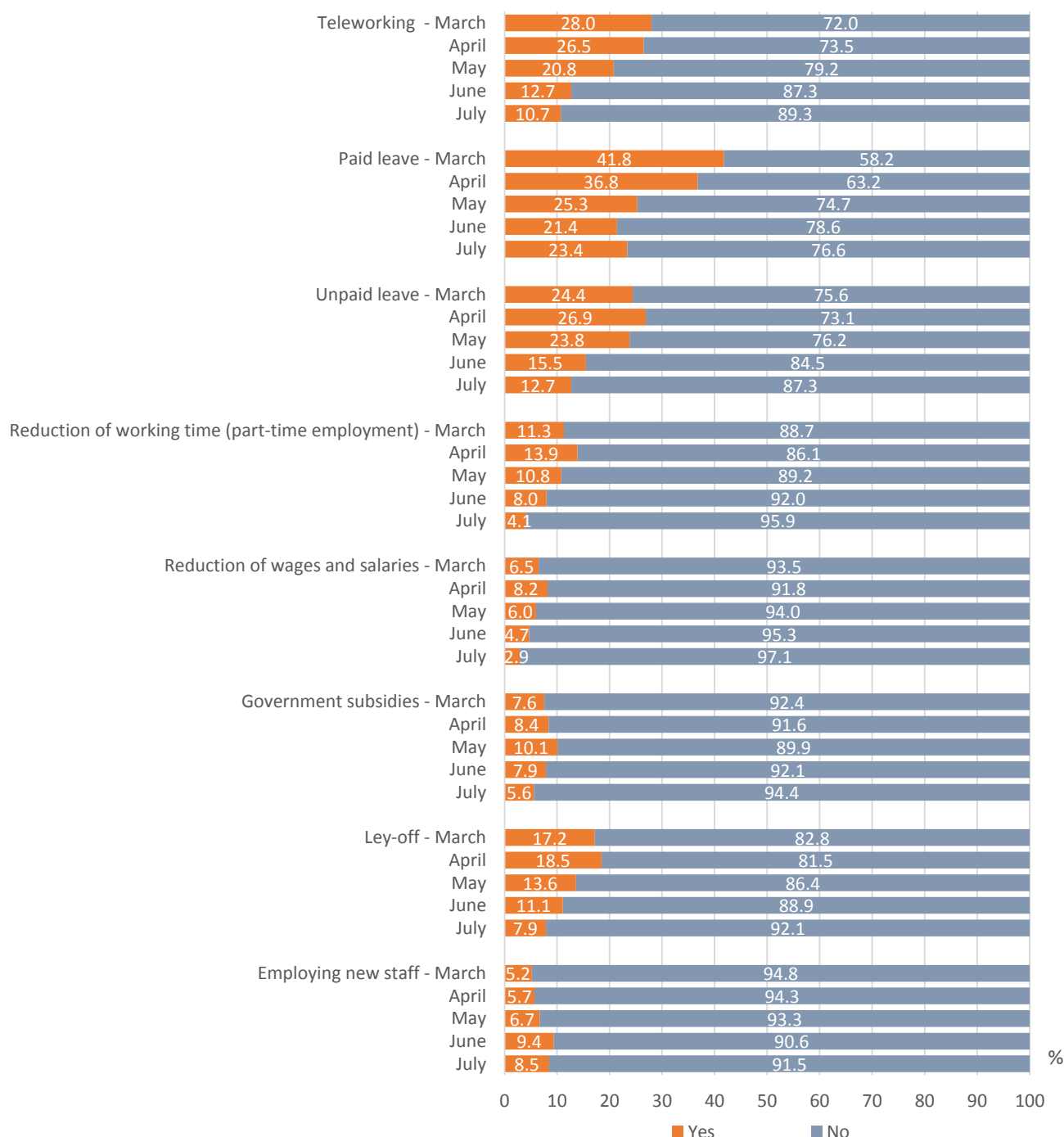
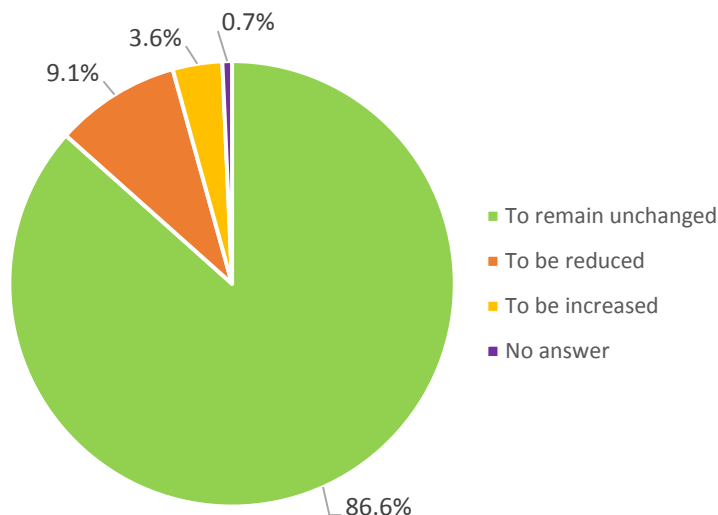
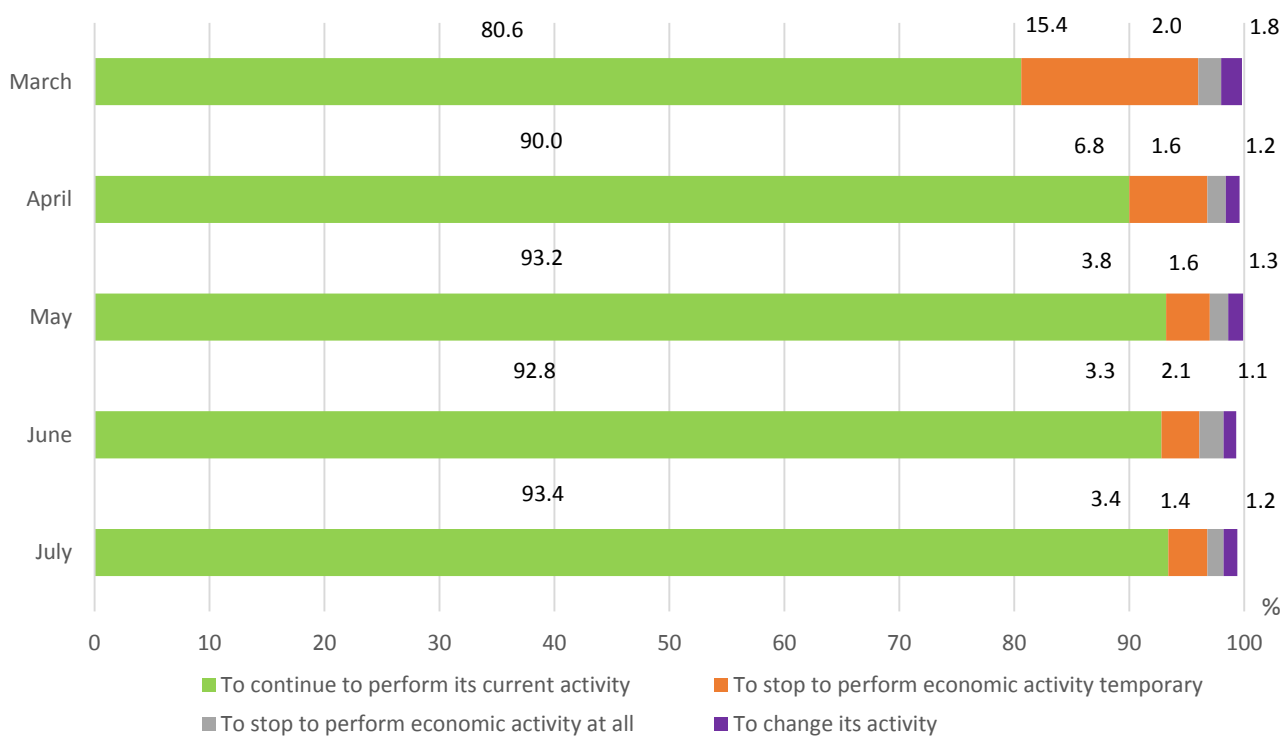


Figure 4. Expectations about the number of employees in the enterprise in short-term period (1 month)



In the following month 93.4% from the answered non-financial enterprises, expect that they will be able to continue their current activity, 3.4% expect to stop to perform economic activity temporary, while 1.4% expect to close down their business (Figure 5).

Figure 5. Expectations about the enterprise future in short-term period (1 month)



Methodological notes

The survey of „Non-financial enterprises“ was carried out in the period between 4th and 17th of August, in the sample were included 3 770 enterprises with at about 230 thousand employees. The participation in the survey was voluntary as in the period of data collection 1 318 enterprises responded (35.0% from the total sample), covering around 79.5 thousand employees.

The unit of observation is enterprise, which carries out one or more activities on one or more locations and produces goods or services for third parties. The definition of the enterprise meets the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 696/93 for statistical units. The data refer to the activities of non-financial enterprises carried out on the territory of the country in 2020.

The coverage of economic activities is as follows: Industry; Construction; Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles; transportation and storage; food service activities; Real estate activities; Information and communication; Professional, scientific and technical activities; administrative and support service activities; Arts, entertainment and recreation, repair of household goods and other services.

Not covered by the survey are economic activities: Agriculture, forestry and fishing; Financial and insurance activities; Human health and social work activities; Education; Public administration and defense; compulsory social security.