



## EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND GROSS AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, FIRST QUARTER OF 2015

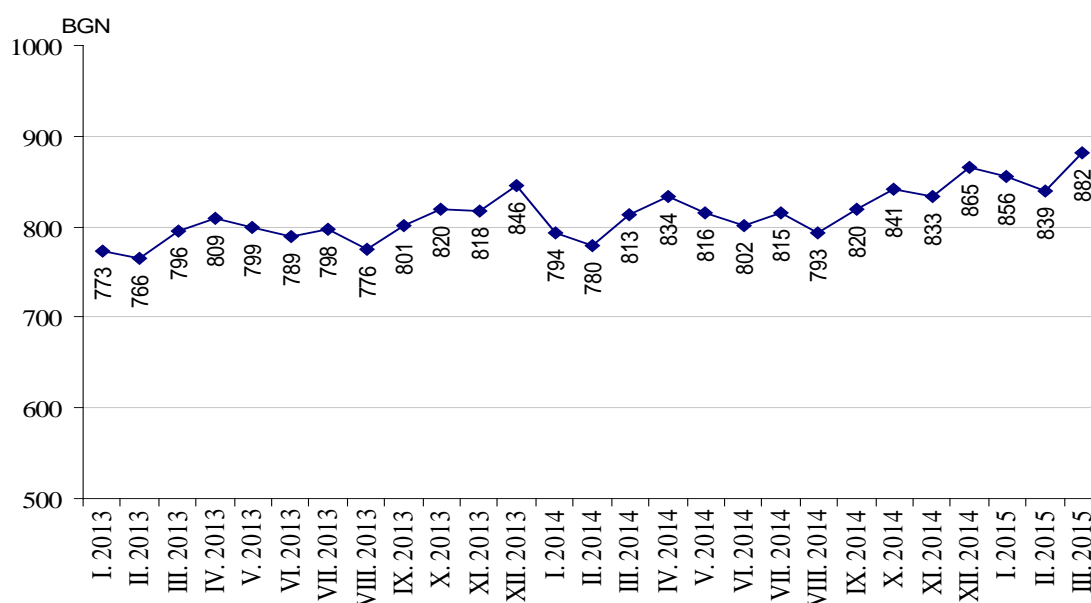
According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) at the end of March 2015 the **number of employees** under labour contract increased by 26.5 thousand or 1.2% as compared to the end of December 2014 and reached 2.23 million. The highest increase was observed in economic activities: ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - 9.0%, ‘Information and communication’ - 7.5% and ‘Other services activities’ - 7.2%. Decrease of employees was recorded in ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - 3.9% and ‘Real estate activities’ - 2.6%.

In the structure of employees by economic activities the biggest relative share of employees was in ‘Manufacturing’ - 22.3% and ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ - 17.3%.

At the end of March 2015 as compared to March 2014 the number of employees under labour contract increased by 13.5 thousand or 0.6%. The highest increase in absolute figures was observed in economic activities ‘Manufacturing’ - 10.1 thousand, ‘Information and communication’ - 5.4 thousand and ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - 2.6 thousand. In percentages the highest increase was in ‘Information and communication’ - 7.7% and ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - by 3.8%. The highest decrease at the end of March 2015 as compared to March 2014 was registered in economic activity ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - by 5.5 thousand and in percentages - in ‘Real estate activities’ - by 6.9%.

The **average monthly wages and salaries** of the employees under labour contract in January was 856 BGN, in February - 839 BGN, and in March 2015 - 882 BGN.

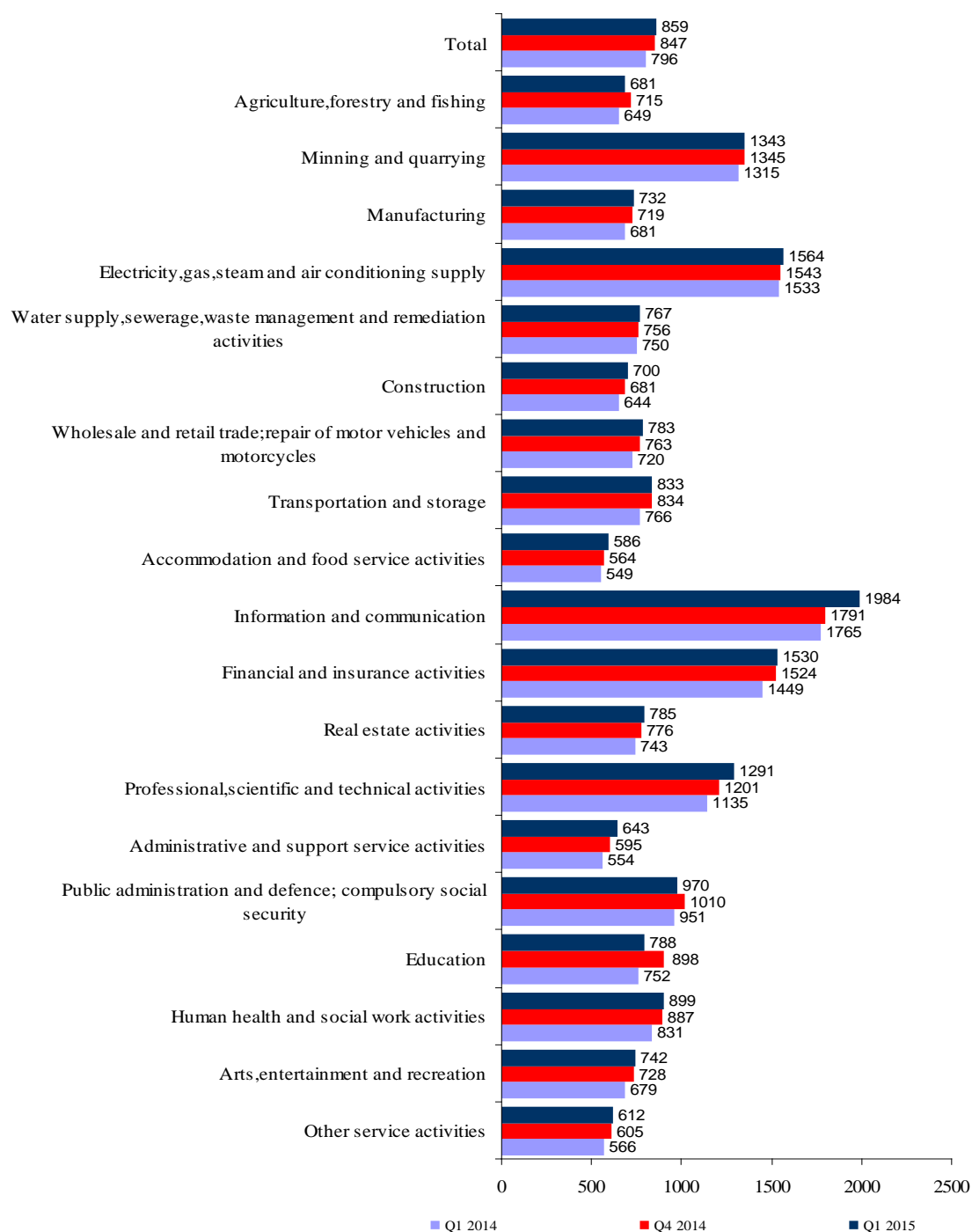
**Figure 1. Average wages and salaries by months**





In the first quarter of 2015 in comparison with the fourth quarter of 2014 the average monthly wages and salaries increased by 1.4% getting 859 BGN. The highest increase in wages and salaries was reported in 'Information and communication' - 10.8% and 'Administrative and support service activities' - 8.1%.

**Figure 2. Average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities (BGN)**





Compared to the fourth quarter of 2014 the average monthly wages and salaries in the first quarter of 2015 rose by 7.9%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - 16.1%, ‘Professional, scientific and technical activities’ - 13.7%, and ‘Information and communication’ - 12.4%.

The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the first quarter of 2015 were:

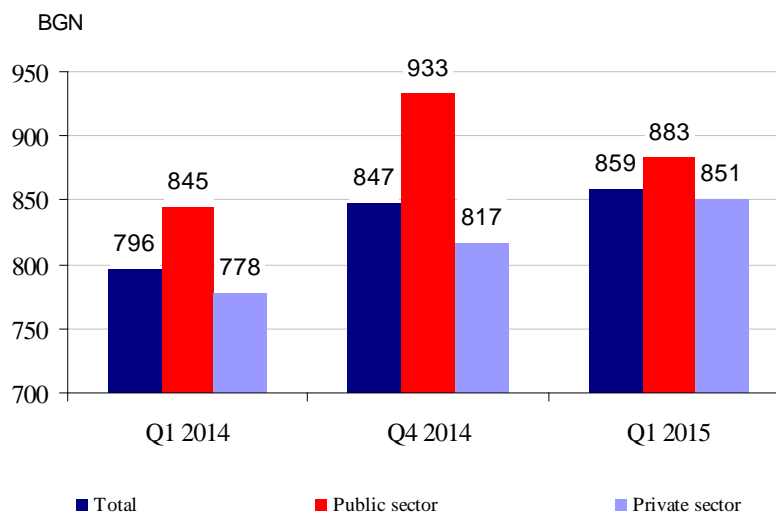
- ‘Information and communication’ - 1 984 BGN
- ‘Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply’ - 1 564 BGN
- ‘Financial and insurance activities’ - 1 530 BGN.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 586 BGN
- ‘Other services activities’ - 612 BGN
- ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - 643 BGN.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 4.5% while in private sector - by 9.4%.

**Figure 3. Average monthly wages and salaries by kind of ownership**





### **Methodological notes**

The source of information is the Quarterly Survey on employees, hours worked, wages and salaries, and other expenditures paid by the employer. It is sample survey which main purpose is to make a study of the current state and dynamics of some main aspects of labour market. The sample used for the survey is a stratified random sample without replacement. Stratification criteria used include: economic activity (NACE rev.2), size of the enterprise (according to the number of employees) and regional breakdown (28 districts, NUTS3).

More methodological information on the quarterly survey and data could be found on the NSI official website:

[http://www.nsi.bg/sites/default/files/files/metadata/Labour\\_Method\\_1.1\\_EN.pdf](http://www.nsi.bg/sites/default/files/files/metadata/Labour_Method_1.1_EN.pdf)

<http://www.nsi.bg/en/content/6398/short-term-statistics>



## Annex

**Table 1**

### Employees under labour contract at the end of the month by economic activities in 2015<sup>1</sup>

(Number)

Economic activities	2015		
	January	February	March
<b>Total</b>	<b>2229993</b>	<b>2233554</b>	<b>2229584</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	68135	68929	72617
Mining and quarrying	23735	23600	23800
Manufacturing	497998	498353	496453
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	30745	30722	30558
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	35131	35173	34938
Construction	123559	124378	125363
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	387309	387326	386480
Transportation and storage	133594	133910	133954
Accommodation and food service activities	96582	97068	95529
Information and communication	74534	74878	75378
Financial and insurance activities	57147	57137	57030
Real estate activities	21925	21781	21582
Professional, scientific and technical activities	75300	75751	75609
Administrative and support service activities	114310	112354	108681
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	114319	114650	114579
Education	170454	170610	170417
Human health and social work activities	137940	139476	139485
Arts, entertainment and recreation	32494	32618	32112
Other service activities	34782	34840	35019

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary data.



**Table 2**

**Average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2015**

(BGN)

Economic activities	2015		
	January	February	March
<b>Total</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>882</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	667	669	705
Mining and quarrying	1259	1231	1538
Manufacturing	724	718	754
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1490	1554	1649
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	743	757	801
Construction	686	694	721
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	776	768	804
Transportation and storage	815	844	840
Accommodation and food service activities	586	575	597
Information and communication	1986	1888	2079
Financial and insurance activities	1553	1491	1545
Real estate activities	774	781	801
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1282	1258	1333
Administrative and support service activities	632	627	672
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1095	906	912
Education	789	781	793
Human health and social work activities	889	873	936
Arts, entertainment and recreation	726	718	783
Other service activities	602	618	616

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary data.