



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

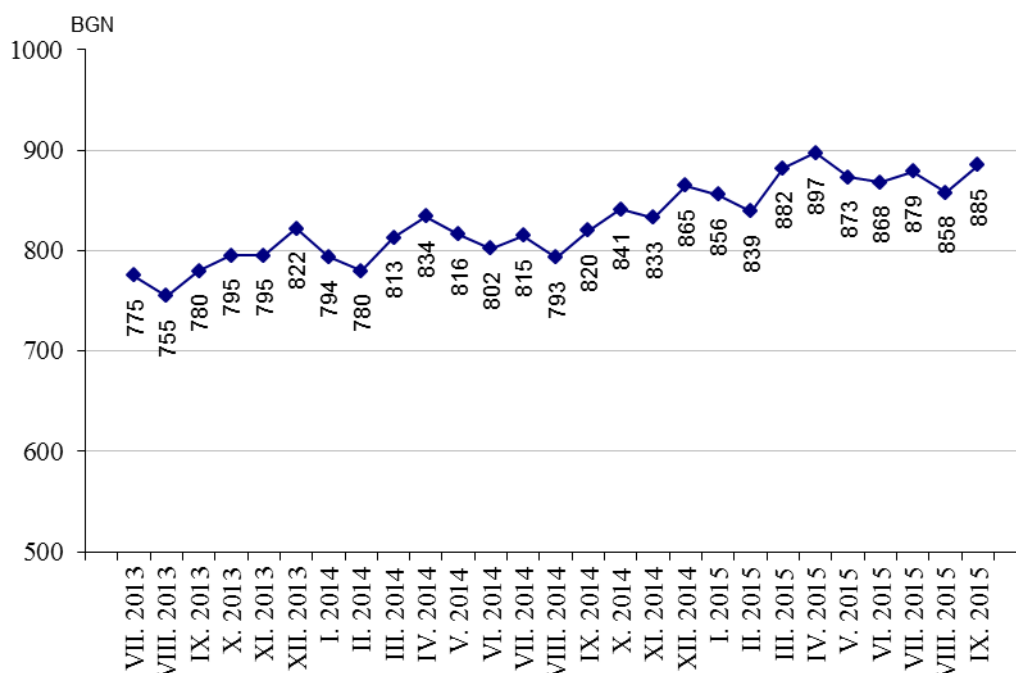
According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) at the end of September 2015 the **number of employees** under labour contract decreased by 38.9 thousand or 1.7% as compared to the end of June 2015 and reached 2.27 million. The highest decrease was observed in economic activities: ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 22.1%, ‘Arts, entertainment and recreation’ - 6.8% and ‘Other service activities’ - 4.9%. The highest increase of employees was recorded in ‘Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities’ - 1.6% and ‘Education’ - 1.2%.

In the structure of employees by economic activities the biggest relative share of employees was in ‘Manufacturing’ - 22.0% and ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ - 17.2%.

At the end of September 2015 as compared to September 2014 the number of employees under labour contract increased by 21.0 thousand or 0.9%. The highest increase in absolute figures was observed in economic activities ‘Information and communication’ - 6.4 thousand, ‘Manufacturing’ - 5.7 thousand and ‘Transportation and storage’ - 4.4 thousand. In percentages the highest increase was in ‘Information and communication’ - 9.1%, ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - by 4.1% and ‘Transportation and storage’ - by 3.4%. The highest decrease at the end of September 2015 as compared to September 2014 was registered in economic activity ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - by 2.5 thousand and in percentages - in ‘Arts, entertainment and recreation’ - by 2.8%.

The **average monthly wages and salaries** of the employees under labour contract in July was 879 BGN, in August - 858 BGN and in September 2015 - 885 BGN.

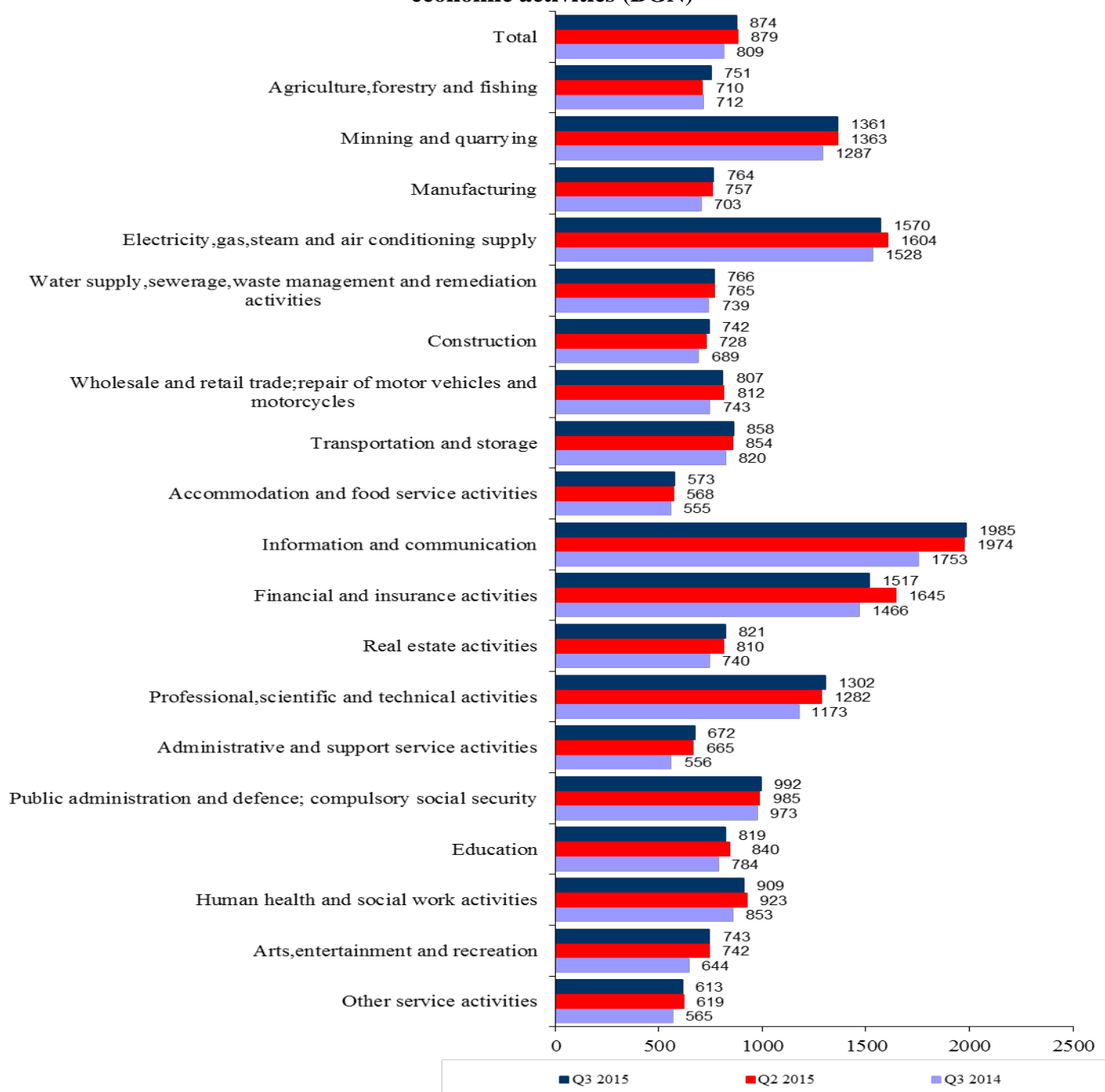
Figure 1. Gross average wages and salaries by months





In the third quarter of 2015 in comparison with the second quarter of 2015 the average monthly wages and salaries decreased by 0.6% getting 874 BGN. The highest decrease in wages and salaries was reported in 'Financial and insurance activities' - 7.8%, 'Education' - 2.5% and 'Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply' - 2.1%.

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





Compared to the third quarter of 2014 the average monthly wages and salaries in the third quarter of 2015 rose by 8.0%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - 20.9%, ‘Arts, entertainment and recreation’ - 15.4%, and ‘Information and communication’ - 13.2%.

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

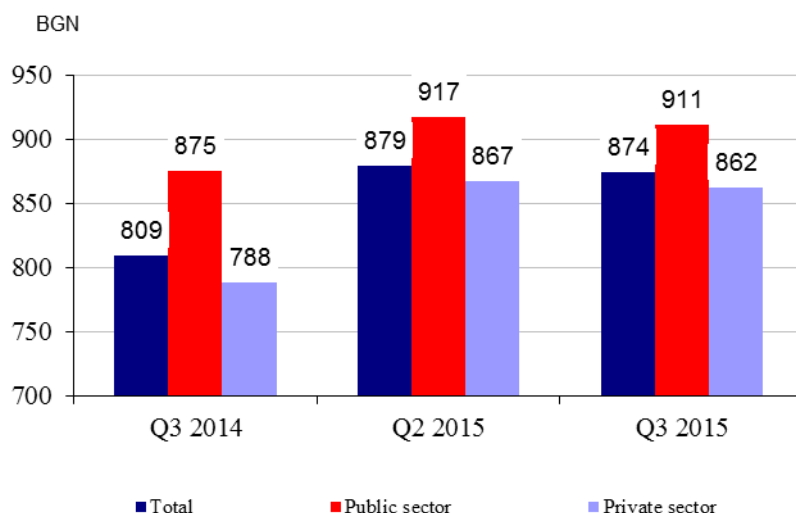
- ‘Information and communication’ - 1 985 BGN
- ‘Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply’ - 1 570 BGN
- ‘Financial and insurance activities’ - 1 517 BGN.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 573 BGN
- ‘Other services activities’ - 613 BGN
- ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - 672 BGN.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 4.1% while in private sector - by 9.4%.

Figure 3. Gross 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/en/content/6398/short-term-statistics>

Annex

Table 1

Employees under labour contract at the end of the month by economic activities in 2015¹

(Number)

Economic activities	2015		
	July	August	September
Total	2322495	2303813	2271547
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	77687	76968	76984
Mining and quarrying	23836	23894	23883
Manufacturing	498439	497792	498805
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	30485	30420	30579
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	35815	35612	35501
Construction	130721	130427	130146
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	394787	393089	389604
Transportation and storage	136684	136188	135484
Accommodation and food service activities	157905	147585	118126
Information and communication	76227	76075	76248
Financial and insurance activities	57634	57592	56744
Real estate activities	23359	23162	22567
Professional, scientific and technical activities	75044	74968	74595
Administrative and support service activities	117201	116888	114918
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	114077	113910	114016
Education	161543	160222	168047
Human health and social work activities	139517	138837	138130
Arts, entertainment and recreation	36534	35411	33045
Other service activities	35000	34773	34125

¹ Preliminary data.



Table 2

Gross average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2015¹

(BGN)

Economic activities	2015		
	July	August	September
Total	879	858	885
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	760	708	784
Mining and quarrying	1402	1265	1415
Manufacturing	765	756	772
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1480	1538	1691
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	754	760	785
Construction	747	743	737
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	807	800	813
Transportation and storage	861	848	866
Accommodation and food service activities	562	569	590
Information and communication	1983	1970	2002
Financial and insurance activities	1572	1465	1513
Real estate activities	813	815	836
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1336	1279	1290
Administrative and support service activities	658	664	693
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1134	921	922
Education	799	794	864
Human health and social work activities	915	900	911
Arts, entertainment and recreation	740	717	773
Other service activities	609	610	618

¹ Preliminary data.