



EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND GROSS AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, THIRD QUARTER OF 2016

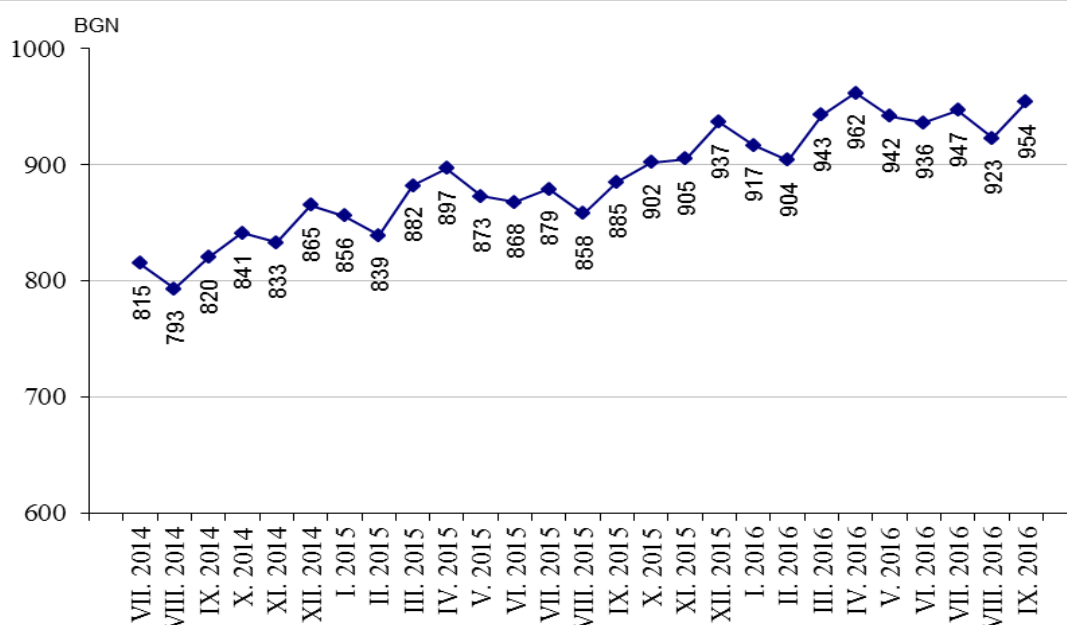
According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) at the end of September 2016 the **number of employees** under labour contract decreased by 45.9 thousand or 1.9% as compared to the end of June 2016 and reached 2.31 million. The highest decrease was observed in economic activities: ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 20.0%, ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - 7.2% and ‘Arts, entertainment and recreation’ - 4.2%. The highest increase of the number of employees was recorded in ‘Information and communication’ - by 1.5%, and ‘Construction’ - by 0.4%.

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 2016 as compared to September 2015 the number of employees under labour contract increased by 39.2 thousand or 1.7%. The highest increase in absolute figures was observed in economic activities ‘Manufacturing’ - 9.6 thousand, ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ - 7.8 thousand and ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 6.1 thousand. In percentages the highest increase was in ‘Other services activities’ - 11.7% and ‘Professional, scientific and technical activities’ - by 6.0%. The highest decrease in absolute figures by 7.4 thousand at the end of September 2016 as compared to the end of September 2015 was registered in economic activity ‘Construction’ and in percentages - by 7.2% in ‘Mining and quarrying’.

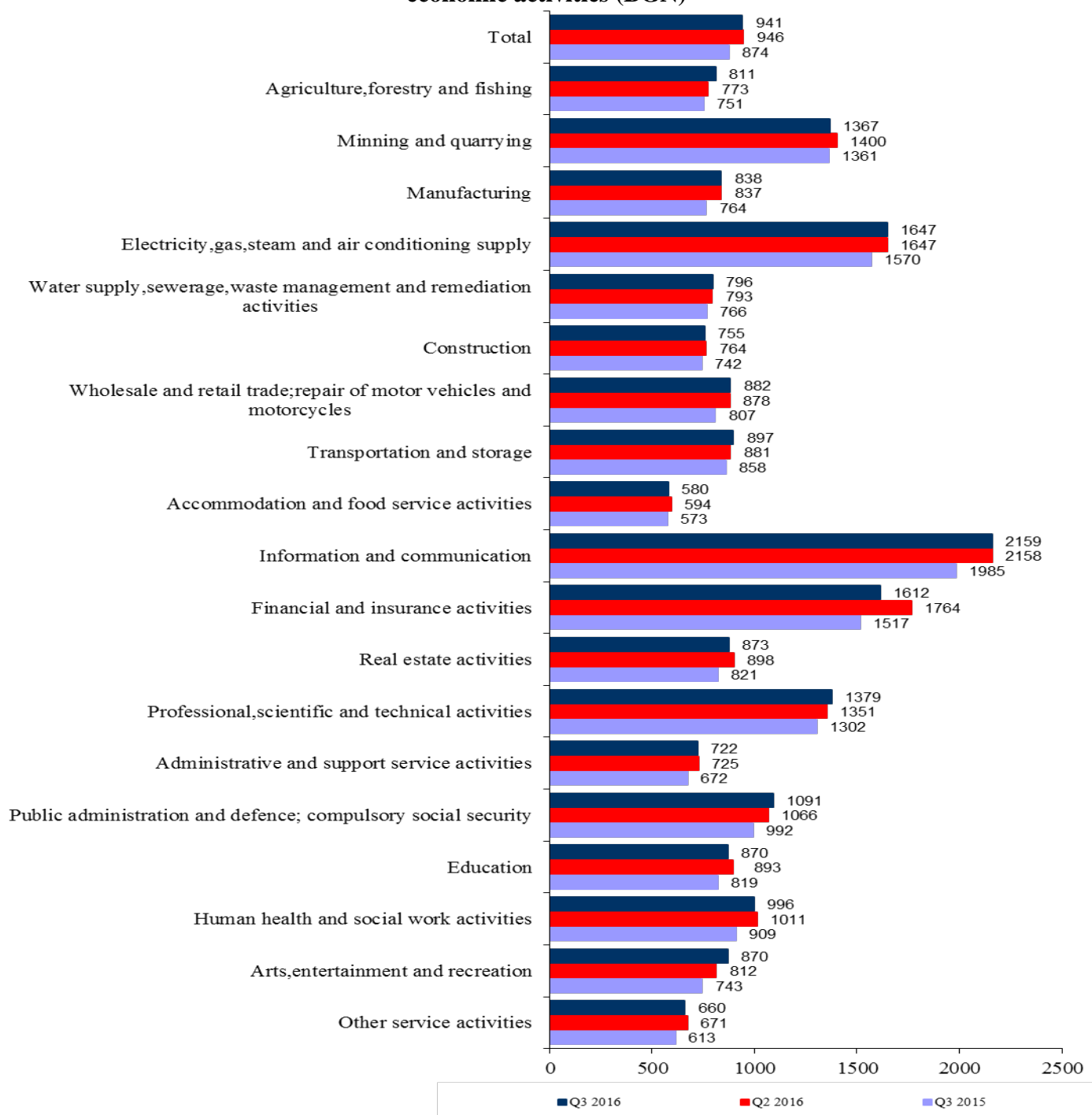
The **average monthly wages and salaries** of the employees under labour contract in July was 947 BGN, in August - 923 BGN and in September 2016 - 954 BGN.

Figure 1. Gross average wages and salaries by months



In the third quarter of 2016 in comparison with the second quarter of 2016 the average monthly wages and salaries decreased by 0.5% getting 941 BGN. The highest decrease in wages and salaries was reported in 'Financial and insurance activities' - 8.6%, and 'Real estate activities' - 2.8%.

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





Compared to the third quarter of 2015 the average monthly wages and salaries in the third quarter of 2016 rose by 7.7%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: ‘Public administration and defence; compulsory social security’ - 10.0%, ‘Manufacturing’ - 9.7%, and ‘Human health and social work activities’ - 9.6%.

The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the third quarter of 2016 were:

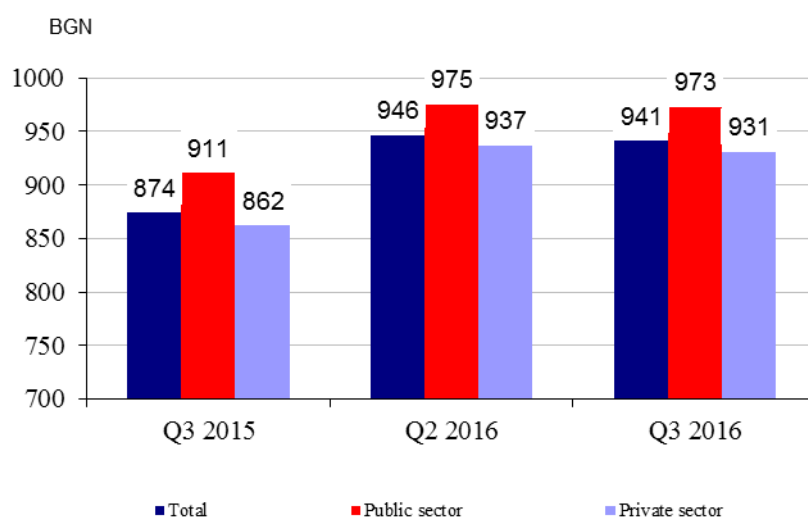
- ‘Information and communication’ - 2 159 BGN
- ‘Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply’ - 1 647 BGN
- ‘Financial and insurance activities’ - 1 612 BGN.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 580 BGN
- ‘Other services activities’ - 660 BGN
- ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - 722 BGN.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 6.8% while in private sector - by 8.0%.

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 2016¹

(Number)

Economic activities	2016		
	July	August	September
Total	2359853	2345528	2310707
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	81126	81238	80973
Mining and quarrying	22490	22319	22170
Manufacturing	508950	510229	508372
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	30190	29976	29813
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	35342	35242	34996
Construction	121929	123598	122711
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	400932	399724	397382
Transportation and storage	141604	141422	141398
Accommodation and food service activities	163370	152094	124211
Information and communication	81295	81880	81988
Financial and insurance activities	58037	58140	57785
Real estate activities	22861	22582	22144
Professional, scientific and technical activities	79183	79378	79062
Administrative and support service activities	121990	119380	114624
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	113301	113371	113209
Education	160459	158693	166439
Human health and social work activities	141649	141528	141315
Arts, entertainment and recreation	36274	36023	33993
Other service activities	38871	38711	38122

¹ Preliminary data.



Table 2

Gross average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2016¹

Economic activities	(BGN)		
	2016		
	July	August	September
Total	947	923	954
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	823	774	836
Mining and quarrying	1378	1290	1435
Manufacturing	836	829	849
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1618	1545	1779
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	798	785	806
Construction	754	763	747
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	875	878	894
Transportation and storage	901	879	910
Accommodation and food service activities	575	570	598
Information and communication	2164	2137	2175
Financial and insurance activities	1652	1577	1606
Real estate activities	868	869	883
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1356	1401	1380
Administrative and support service activities	707	712	748
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1291	991	990
Education	850	837	920
Human health and social work activities	1000	987	1001
Arts, entertainment and recreation	906	835	869
Other service activities	659	656	665

¹ Preliminary data.