

EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND GROSS AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, FOURTH QUARTER OF 2019

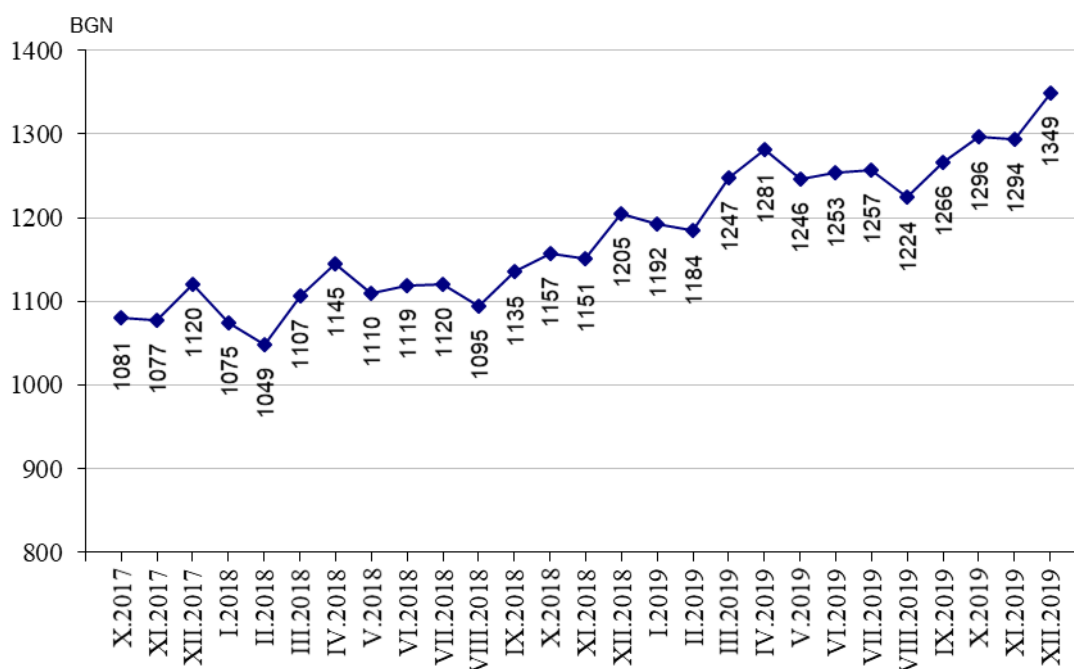
According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) at the end of December 2019 the **number of employees** under labour contract decreased by 23.7 thousand or by 1.0% as compared to the end of September 2019 and reached 2.29 million. The highest decrease was observed in economic activities: ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 11.1%, ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - 7.4% and in ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - by 2.2%. The highest increase of the number of employees was recorded in ‘Human health and social work activities’ - by 1.6%.

In the structure of employees by economic activities the biggest relative share of employees was in ‘Manufacturing’ - 21.5% and ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ - 17.3%.

At the end of December 2019 as compared to the end of December 2018 the number of employees under labour contract decreased by 2.6 thousand or by 0.1%. The highest decrease in absolute figures was observed in economic activities ‘Manufacturing’ - 12.9 thousand, ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 3.3 thousand, and ‘Transportation and storage’ - by 1.3 thousand and the highest increase - in ‘Information and communication’ - by 7.0 thousand. In percentages the highest decrease at the end of December 2019 as compared to December 2018 was in economic activity ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - by 3.1% and ‘Manufacturing’ - by 2.6%, as the highest increase was reported in ‘Information and communication’ - by 7.8%.

The **average monthly wages and salaries** of the employees under labour contract in October was 1 296 BGN, in November - 1 294 BGN and in December 2019 - 1 349 BGN.

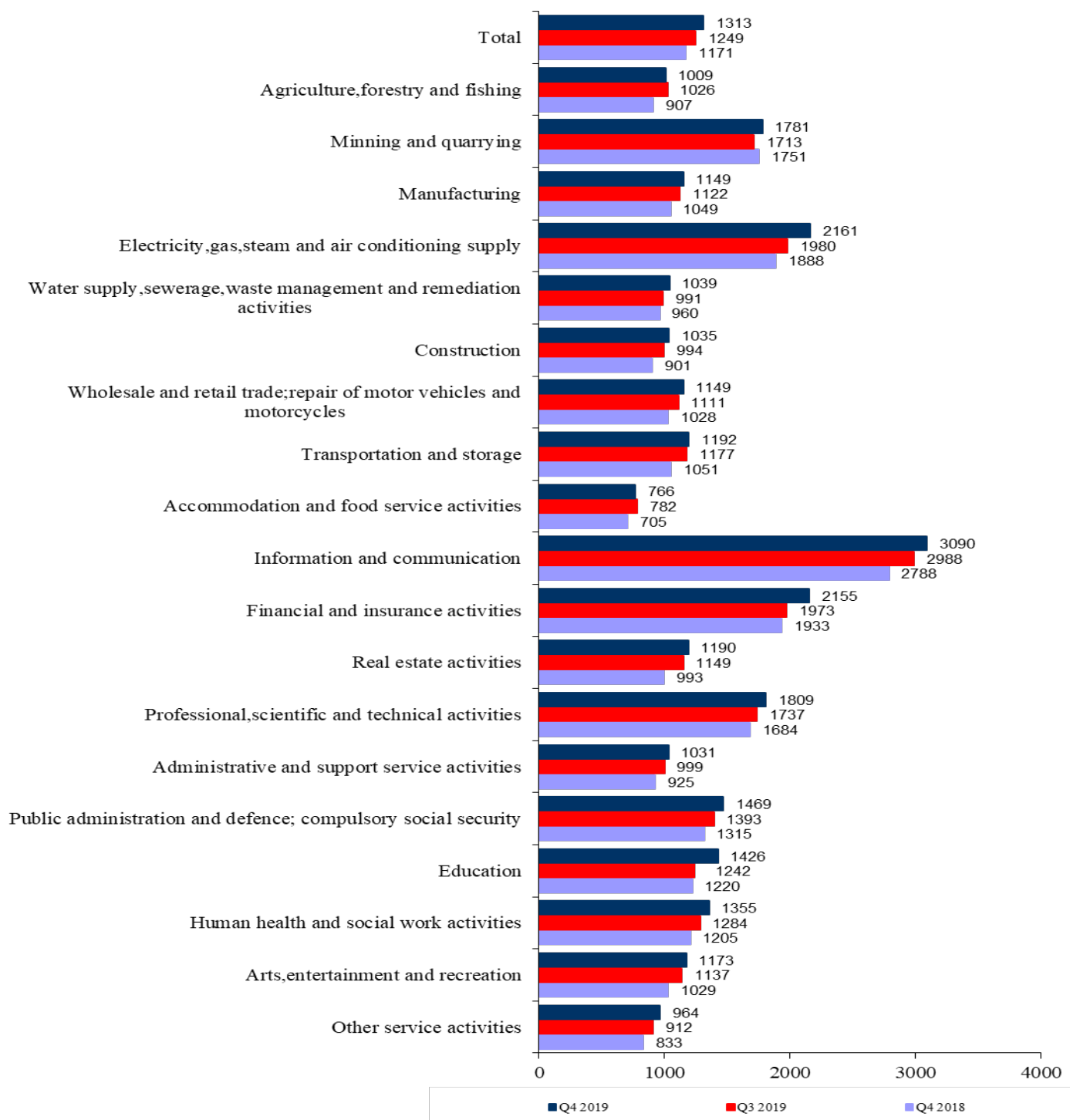
Figure 1. Gross average wages and salaries by months



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In the fourth quarter of 2019 in comparison with the third quarter of 2019 the average monthly wages and salaries increased by 5.1% getting 1 313 BGN. The highest increase in wages and salaries was reported in 'Education' - by 14.8%, and in 'Financial and insurance activities' - by 9.2% and 'Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply' - by 9.1%.

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



Compared to the fourth quarter of 2018 the average monthly wages and salaries in the fourth quarter of 2019 rose by 12.1%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: ‘Real estate activities’ - 19.8%, ‘Education’ - 16.9% and ‘Other service activities’ - 15.7%.

The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the fourth quarter of 2019 were:

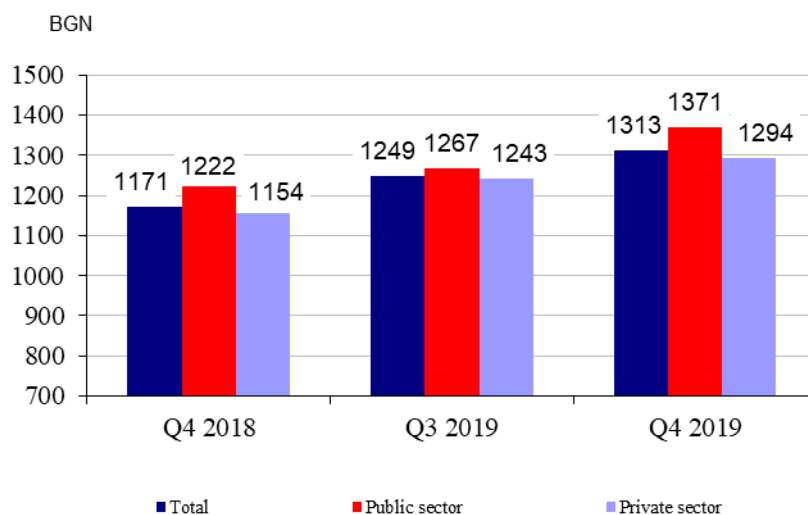
- ‘Information and communication’ - 3 090 BGN
- ‘Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply’ - 2 161 BGN
- ‘Financial and insurance activities’ - 2 155 BGN.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 766 BGN
- ‘Other service activities’ - 964 BGN
- ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - 1 009 BGN.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 12.2% while in private sector - by 12.1%.

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 2019¹

(Number)

Economic activities	2019		
	October	November	December
Total	2302846	2301355	2288609
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	71006	69446	66894
Mining and quarrying	20894	20879	20550
Manufacturing	494698	494873	491236
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	29875	29851	29822
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	37096	37121	36940
Construction	130868	130972	128890
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	396630	397581	396355
Transportation and storage	141370	141285	140123
Accommodation and food service activities	105672	103785	104890
Information and communication	96021	96321	96320
Financial and insurance activities	57327	57417	57325
Real estate activities	20765	20996	21512
Professional, scientific and technical activities	79827	79871	79423
Administrative and support service activities	119164	118595	117123
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	114729	113855	113448
Education	167747	168382	167839
Human health and social work activities	148329	149087	148685
Arts, entertainment and recreation	35355	35231	35446
Other service activities	35473	35807	35788

¹ Preliminary data.

Table 2

Gross average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2019¹

Economic activities	(BGN)		
	2019		
	October	November	December
Total	1296	1294	1349
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1001	995	1032
Mining and quarrying	1715	1771	1856
Manufacturing	1121	1162	1165
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	2042	2203	2238
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	997	1053	1066
Construction	1025	1066	1014
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1117	1136	1193
Transportation and storage	1161	1180	1234
Accommodation and food service activities	759	754	785
Information and communication	3018	3003	3248
Financial and insurance activities	2004	2154	2307
Real estate activities	1202	1170	1197
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1764	1809	1855
Administrative and support service activities	1001	1010	1082
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1740	1294	1373
Education	1449	1331	1499
Human health and social work activities	1311	1361	1393
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1129	1176	1213
Other service activities	940	944	1006

¹ Preliminary data.