

## EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND GROSS AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, SECOND QUARTER OF 2020

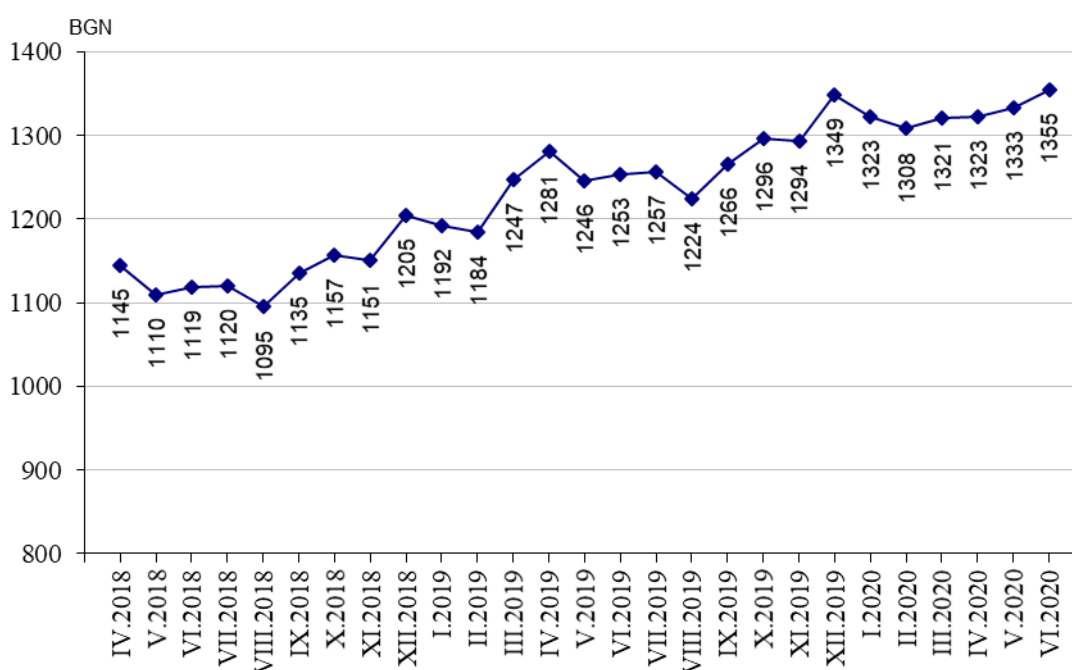
According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) at the end of June 2020 the **number of employees** under labour contract decreased by 23.5 thousand or 1.0% as compared to the end of March 2020 and reached 2.24 million. The highest decrease was observed in economic activities: 'Arts, entertainment and recreation' - 4.5%, 'Manufacturing' - 3.5% and in 'Mining and quarrying' - by 2.9%. The highest increase of the number of employees was recorded in the seasonal activities: 'Accommodation and food service activities' - by 8.4% and 'Agriculture, forestry and fishing' - by 5.0%.

In the structure of employees by economic activities the biggest relative share of employees was in 'Manufacturing' - 21.0% and 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles' - 17.3%.

At the end of June 2020 as compared to June 2019 the number of employees under labour contract decreased by 111.5 thousand or 4.7%. The highest decrease in absolute figures was observed in economic activities 'Accommodation and food service activities' - 48.8 thousand, 'Manufacturing' - 31.0 thousand, and 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles' - 12.8 thousand and the highest increase - in 'Information and communication' - 6.0 thousand. In percentages the highest decrease at the end of June 2020 as compared to June 2019 was in economic activity 'Accommodation and food service activities' - by 34.9%, 'Real estate activities' - by 7.4%, and 'Arts, entertainment and recreation' - by 7.2%, as the highest increase was reported in 'Information and communication' - by 6.3%.

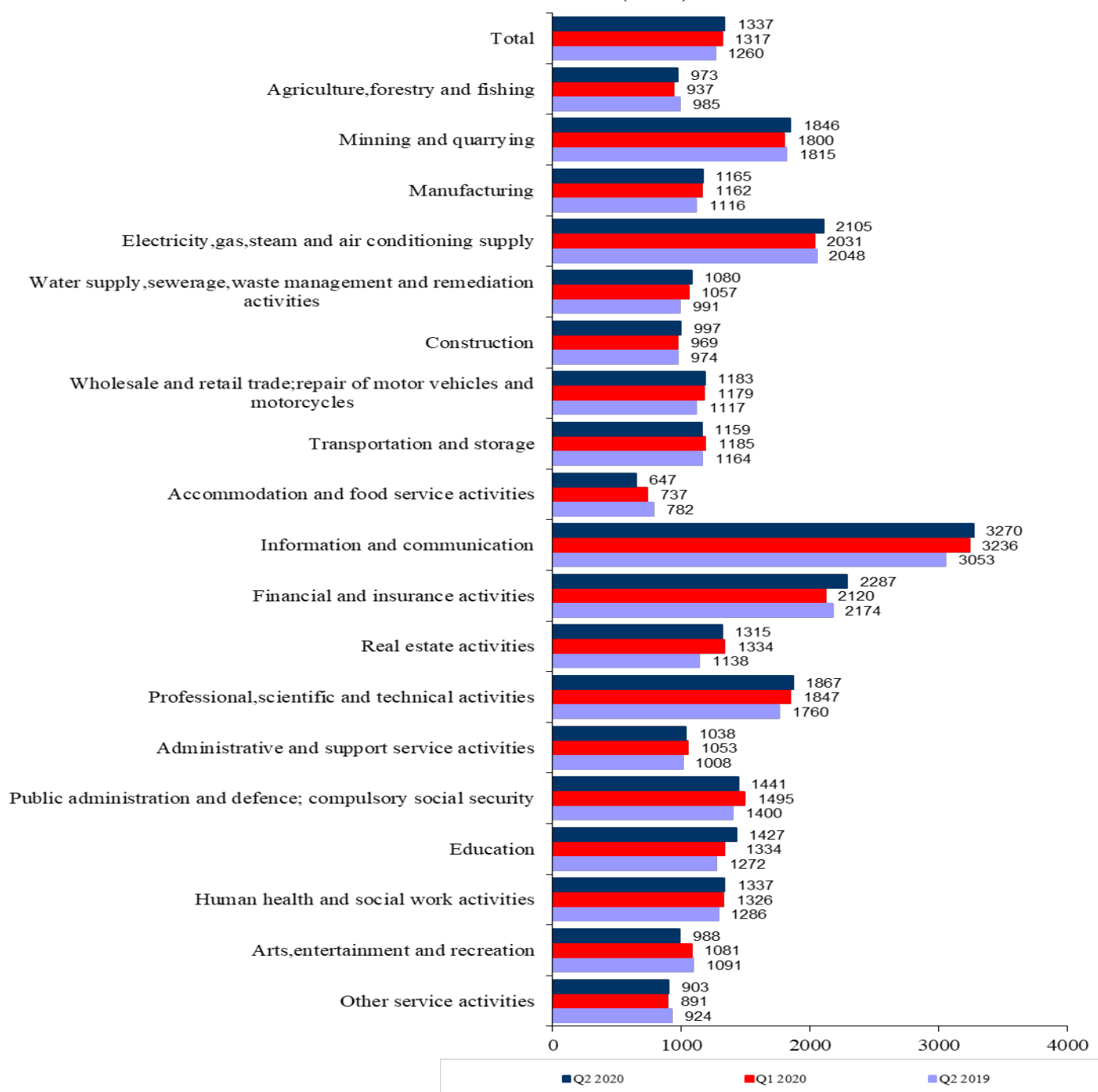
The **average monthly wages and salaries** of the employees under labour contract in April was 1 323 BGN, in May - 1 333 BGN and in June 2020 - 1 355 BGN.

**Figure 1. Gross average wages and salaries by months**



In the second quarter of 2020 in comparison with the first quarter of 2020 the average monthly wages and salaries increased by 1.5% getting 1 337 BGN. The highest increase in wages and salaries was reported in 'Financial and insurance activities' - by 7.9% and in 'Education' - by 7.0%. The highest decrease was in the economic activities 'Accommodation and food service activities' - by 12.2%, and in 'Arts, entertainment and recreation' - by 8.6%.

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



Compared to the second quarter of 2019 the average monthly wages and salaries in the second quarter of 2020 rose by 6.1%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: 'Real estate activities' - 15.6%, 'Education' - 12.2% and 'Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities' - 9.0%.

The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the second quarter of 2020 were:

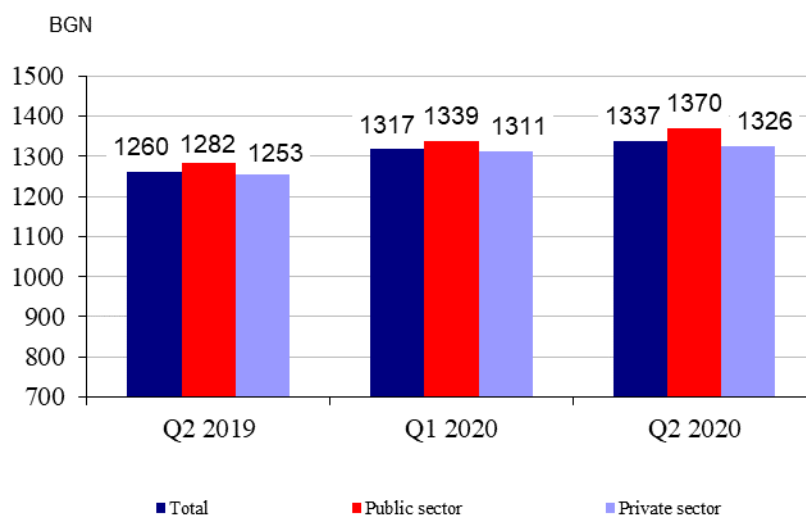
- 'Information and communication' - 3 270 BGN
- 'Financial and insurance activities' - 2 287 BGN
- 'Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply' - 2 105 BGN.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- 'Accommodation and food service activities' - 647 BGN
- 'Other service activities' - 903 BGN
- 'Agriculture, forestry and fishing' - 973 BGN.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 6.9% while in private sector - by 5.8%.

**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/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 2020<sup>1</sup>

(Number)

Economic activities	2020		
	April	May	June
<b>Total</b>	<b>2218104</b>	<b>2212673</b>	<b>2239910</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	69441	69706	71782
Mining and quarrying	20820	20613	20439
Manufacturing	473872	470209	469921
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	29827	29756	29658
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	36644	36353	36398
Construction	124664	124311	126093
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	382149	381689	386465
Transportation and storage	138698	137791	138134
Accommodation and food service activities	72410	77192	91108
Information and communication	100496	100209	100190
Financial and insurance activities	57082	56580	56473
Real estate activities	21499	21172	21234
Professional, scientific and technical activities	80705	80001	79836
Administrative and support service activities	116244	115735	117064
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	113797	113435	113677
Education	164717	163761	162405
Human health and social work activities	150365	150590	151543
Arts, entertainment and recreation	30429	29726	33211
Other service activities	34245	33844	34279

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary data.

**Table 2**

**Gross average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2020<sup>1</sup>**

Economic activities	(BGN)		
	2020		
	April	May	June
<b>Total</b>	<b>1323</b>	<b>1333</b>	<b>1355</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	969	954	997
Mining and quarrying	1989	1727	1822
Manufacturing	1140	1154	1200
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	2112	2077	2126
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1083	1091	1064
Construction	949	1017	1024
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1175	1179	1197
Transportation and storage	1123	1174	1182
Accommodation and food service activities	537	654	736
Information and communication	3267	3230	3312
Financial and insurance activities	2557	2127	2177
Real estate activities	1264	1298	1383
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1874	1852	1875
Administrative and support service activities	1033	1041	1041
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1463	1424	1435
Education	1368	1472	1440
Human health and social work activities	1292	1340	1381
Arts, entertainment and recreation	909	973	1076
Other service activities	877	900	931

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary data.