

## EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND GROSS AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, SECOND QUARTER OF 2021

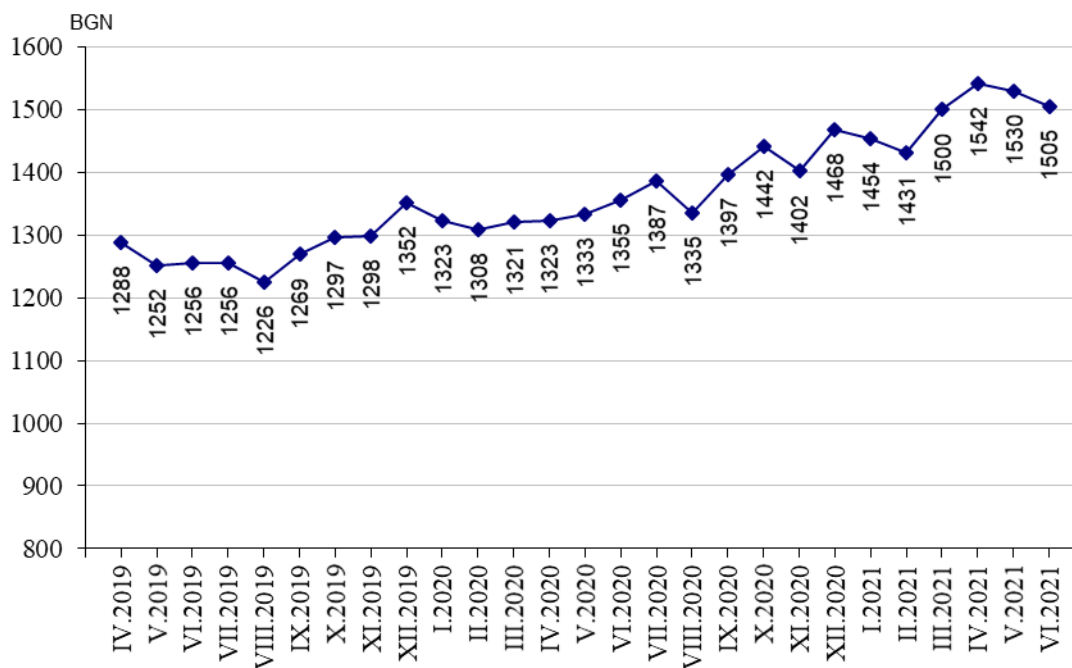
According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) at the end of June 2021, the **number of employees** under labour contract increased by 42.7 thousand or 1.9% as compared to the end of March 2021 and reached 2.31 million. The highest increase was observed in economic activities: 'Accommodation and food service activities' - by 32.0%, 'Administrative and support service activities' - by 5.1%, and in 'Arts, entertainment and recreation' - by 4.3%. The highest decrease in the number of employees was recorded in economic activities: 'Education' - by 1.3% and 'Manufacturing' - by 0.4%.

In the structure of employees by economic activities the biggest relative share of employees was in 'Manufacturing' - 20.7% and 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles' - 16.8%.

At the end of June 2021 as compared to June 2020 the number of employees under labour contracts increased by 65.4 thousand. The highest increase in absolute figures was observed in economic activities 'Accommodation and food service activities' - 17.8 thousand, 'Information and communication' - 10.1 thousand, and 'Human health and social work activities' - 9.1 thousand and the highest decrease was in 'Mining and quarrying' - 1.2 thousand. In percentages the highest increase at the end of March 2021 as compared to March 2020 was in economic activity 'Accommodation and food service activities' - by 19.5%, 'Information and communication' - by 10.1%, and in 'Arts, entertainment and recreation' - by 6.1%, as the highest increase was reported in 'Mining and quarrying' - by 5.8%.

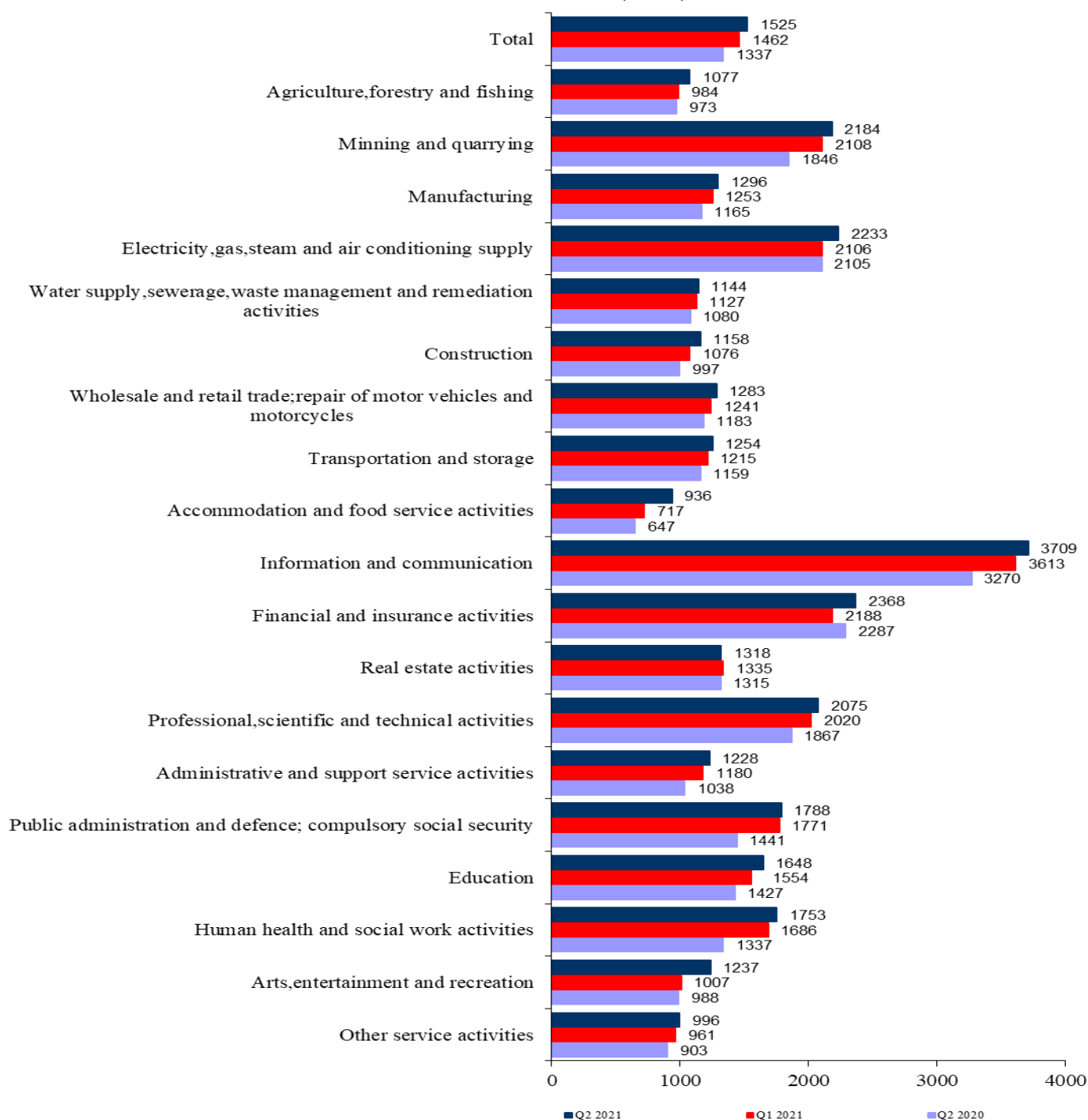
The **average monthly wages and salaries** of the employees under labour contract in April was 1 542 BGN, in May - 1 530 BGN and in June 2021 - 1 505 BGN.

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



In the second quarter of 2021, in comparison with the first quarter of 2021 the average monthly wages and salaries increased by 4.3% getting 1 525 BGN. The highest increase in wages and salaries was reported in ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - by 30.5%, ‘Arts, entertainment and recreation’ - by 22.8% and in ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - by 9.5%. A decrease in wages and salaries by 1.3% was recorded in economic activity ‘Real estate activities’.

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



Compared to the second quarter of 2020 the average monthly wages and salaries in the second quarter of 2021 rose by 14.1%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - by 44.7%, ‘Human health and social work activities’ - by 31.1% and ‘Arts, entertainment and recreation’ - by 25.2%.

The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the second quarter of 2021 were:

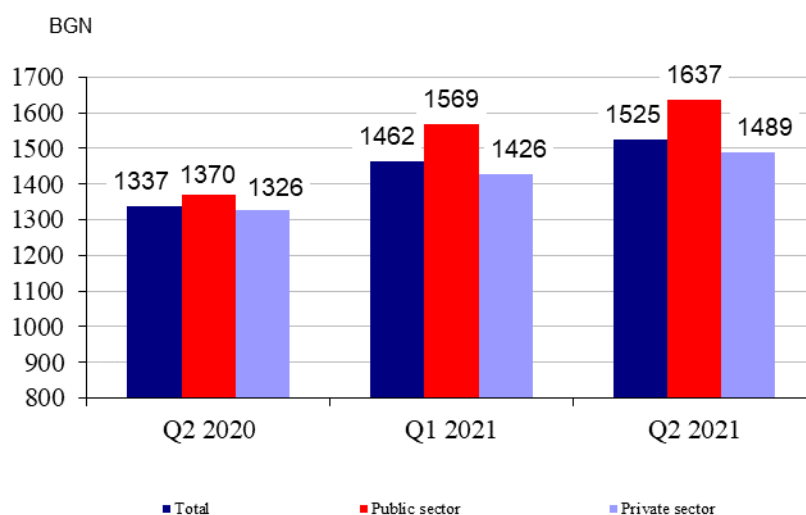
- ‘Information and communication’ - 3 709 BGN
- ‘Financial and insurance activities’ - 2 368 BGN
- ‘Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply’ - 2 233 BGN.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 936 BGN
- ‘Other service activities’ - 996 BGN
- ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - 1 077 BGN.

In comparison with a year earlier, the average monthly wages and salaries in the public sector grew by 19.5% while in the private sector - by 12.3%.

**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 a sample survey whose main purpose is to make a study of the current state and dynamics of some main aspects of the 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 2021<sup>1</sup>

(Number)

Economic activities	2021		
	April	May	June
<b>Total</b>	<b>2272464</b>	<b>2275093</b>	<b>2305292</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	70106	70483	71406
Mining and quarrying	19279	19207	19246
Manufacturing	479473	476830	477600
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	29781	29680	29705
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	36989	37071	37168
Construction	130687	128690	129668
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	383846	384144	387668
Transportation and storage	141512	141113	141888
Accommodation and food service activities	85695	91931	108846
Information and communication	109421	109736	110276
Financial and insurance activities	56159	56014	56423
Real estate activities	20312	20344	20926
Professional, scientific and technical activities	80746	80821	81077
Administrative and support service activities	114360	114998	119570
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	115701	115137	115412
Education	168945	168243	166555
Human health and social work activities	159662	160193	160660
Arts, entertainment and recreation	34171	34583	35251
Other service activities	35619	35875	35947

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary data.

Table 2

**Gross average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2021<sup>1</sup>**

Economic activities	2021 (BGN)		
	April	May	June
<b>Total</b>	<b>1542</b>	<b>1530</b>	<b>1505</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1065	1072	1092
Mining and quarrying	2242	2245	2065
Manufacturing	1293	1301	1296
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	2246	2306	2149
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1123	1172	1136
Construction	1146	1139	1190
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1266	1299	1285
Transportation and storage	1235	1285	1242
Accommodation and food service activities	877	980	944
Information and communication	3774	3621	3731
Financial and insurance activities	2597	2200	2307
Real estate activities	1297	1338	1320
Professional, scientific and technical activities	2101	2038	2087
Administrative and support service activities	1206	1266	1214
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2064	1647	1654
Education	1607	1747	1588
Human health and social work activities	1796	1798	1665
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1146	1286	1276
Other service activities	998	997	993

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary data.