

EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND GROSS AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, THIRD QUARTER OF 2022

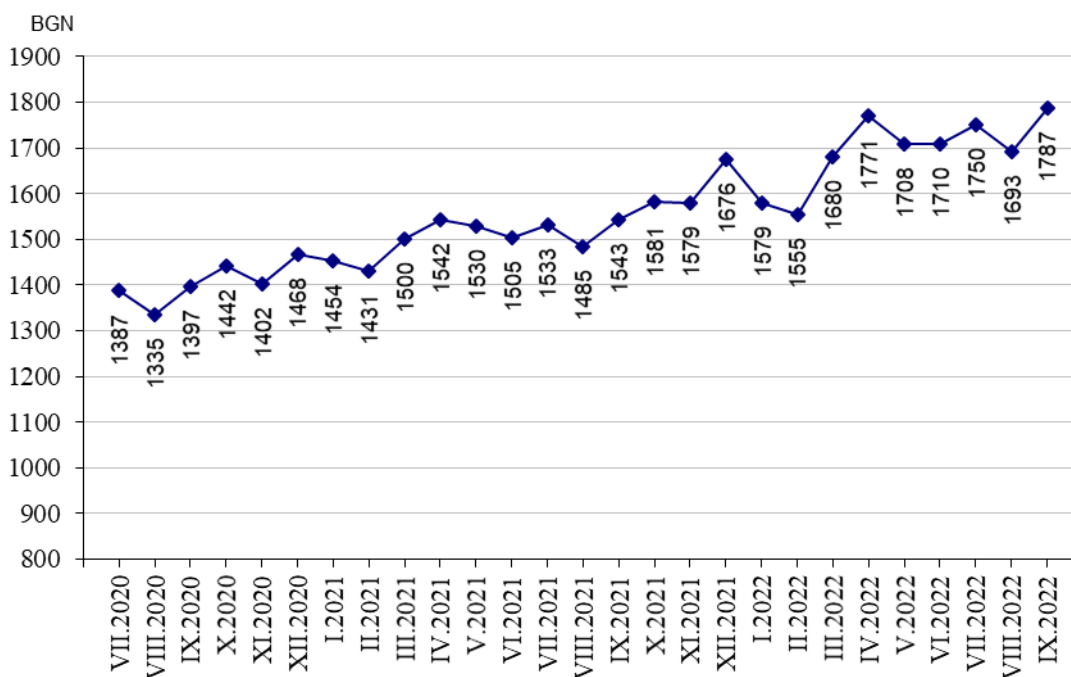
According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI), at the end of September 2022, the **number of employees** under labour contract decreased by 32.0 thousand, or 1.4%, as compared to the end of June 2022 and reached 2.28 million. The highest decrease was observed in economic activities: ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - by 17.0%, ‘Arts, entertainment and recreation’ and ‘Real estate activities’ - by 2.2%. The highest increase of the number of employees was recorded in economic activities: ‘Information and communication’ - by 1.1% and ‘Education’ - by 1.0%.

In the structure of employees by economic activities, the biggest relative share of employees was in ‘Manufacturing’ - 20.5% and ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ - 16.7%.

At the end of September 2022, as compared to September 2021, the number of employees under labour contract decreased by 5.3 thousand, or 0.2%. The highest decrease in absolute figures was observed in economic activities ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ - 7.3 thousand, ‘Manufacturing’ - 7.1 thousand and ‘Construction’ - 5.0 thousand, and the highest increase was in ‘Information and communication’ - 6.8 thousand and in ‘Administrative and support service activities’ - 5.4 thousand. In percentages, the highest decrease at the end of September 2022, as compared to September 2021, was in economic activity ‘Construction’ - by 3.9%, ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - by 2.6% and in ‘Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply’ - by 2.4%, as the highest increase was reported in ‘Real estate activities’ - by 8.1% and in ‘Information and communication’ - by 6.1%.

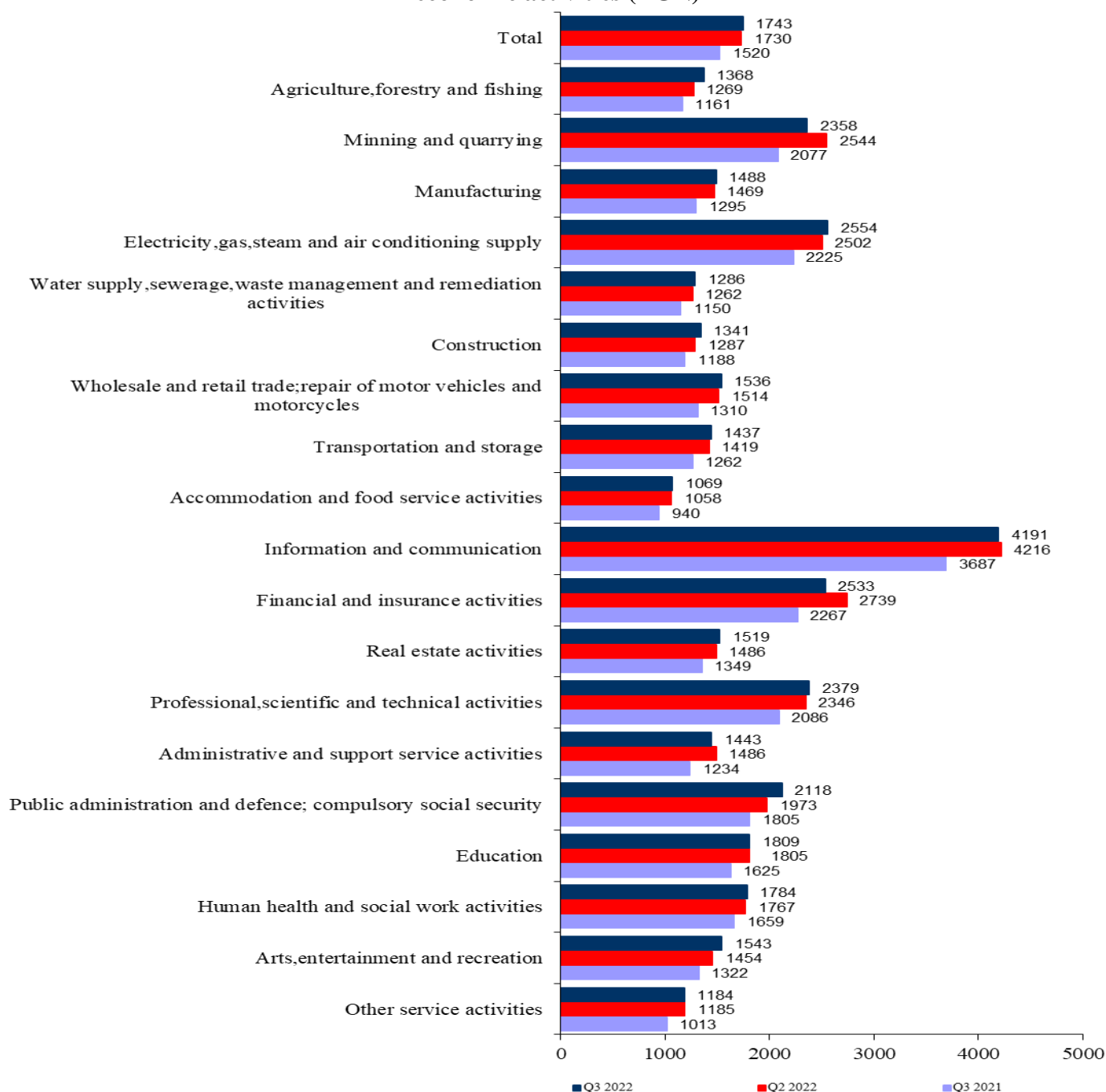
The **average monthly wages and salaries** of the employees under labour contract in July were 1 750 BGN, in August - 1 693 BGN and in September 2022 - 1 787 BGN.

Figure 1. Gross average wages and salaries by months



In the third quarter of 2022, in comparison with the second quarter of 2022, the average monthly wages and salaries increased by 0.8% and reached 1 743 BGN. The highest increase in wages and salaries was reported in ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - by 7.8%, ‘Public administration and defence; compulsory social security’ - by 7.3% and in ‘Arts, entertainment and recreation’ - by 6.1%. The highest decrease in wages and salaries was recorded in economic activity ‘Financial and insurance activities’ - by 7.5% and in ‘Mining and quarrying’ - by 7.3%.

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



Compared to the third quarter of 2021, the average monthly wages and salaries in the third quarter of 2022 rose by 14.7%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: ‘Agriculture, forestry and fishing’ - by 17.8%, and in ‘Public administration and defence; compulsory social security’ and ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ - by 17.3%.

The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the third quarter of 2022 were:

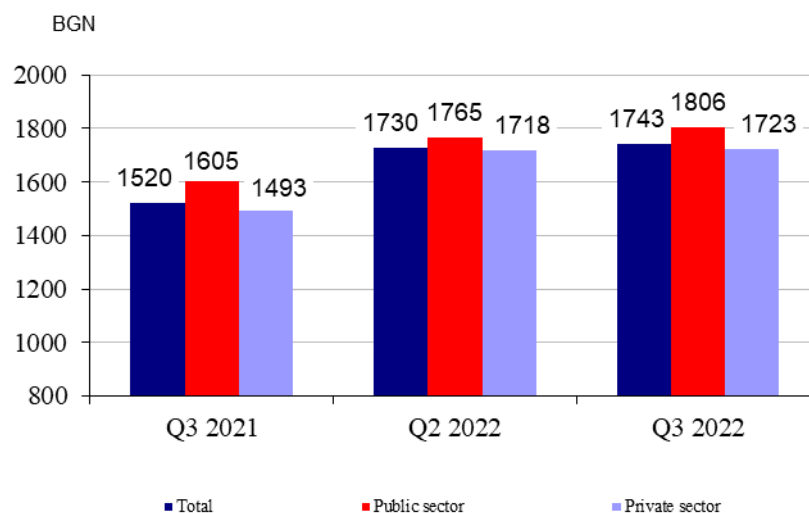
- ‘Information and communication’ - 4 191 BGN;
- ‘Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply’ - 2 554 BGN;
- ‘Financial and insurance activities’ - 2 533 BGN.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- ‘Accommodation and food service activities’ - 1 069 BGN;
- ‘Other service activities’ - 1 184 BGN;
- ‘Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities’ - 1 286 BGN.

In comparison with a year earlier, the average monthly wages and salaries in the public sector grew by 12.5%, while in the private sector - by 15.4%.

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 a sample survey and its 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 can 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 2022¹

(Number)

Economic activities	2022		
	July	August	September
Total	2314267	2298141	2276349
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	70329	70342	70318
Mining and quarrying	19028	19117	19155
Manufacturing	468827	466477	465966
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	28874	28850	28751
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	36921	36755	36818
Construction	123152	121568	121874
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	384231	381690	379038
Transportation and storage	142145	141745	141187
Accommodation and food service activities	124026	117829	94429
Information and communication	116606	116891	117262
Financial and insurance activities	56266	56190	55703
Real estate activities	22274	22173	21547
Professional, scientific and technical activities	82486	82517	82361
Administrative and support service activities	122717	121775	121777
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	114106	113719	113438
Education	162511	161164	168033
Human health and social work activities	166616	166975	167386
Arts, entertainment and recreation	36392	35790	35173
Other service activities	36760	36574	36133

¹ Preliminary data.



Table 2

Gross average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2022¹

(BGN)

Economic activities	2022		
	July	August	September
Total	1750	1693	1787
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1336	1297	1469
Mining and quarrying	2339	2262	2472
Manufacturing	1469	1462	1532
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	2407	2449	2806
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	1256	1278	1323
Construction	1324	1336	1363
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1533	1514	1561
Transportation and storage	1437	1419	1455
Accommodation and food service activities	1061	1062	1085
Information and communication	4197	4099	4276
Financial and insurance activities	2536	2480	2583
Real estate activities	1462	1451	1646
Professional, scientific and technical activities	2448	2317	2374
Administrative and support service activities	1427	1423	1480
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2619	1848	1885
Education	1743	1712	1968
Human health and social work activities	1736	1762	1853
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1570	1457	1604
Other service activities	1162	1173	1216

¹ Preliminary data.