



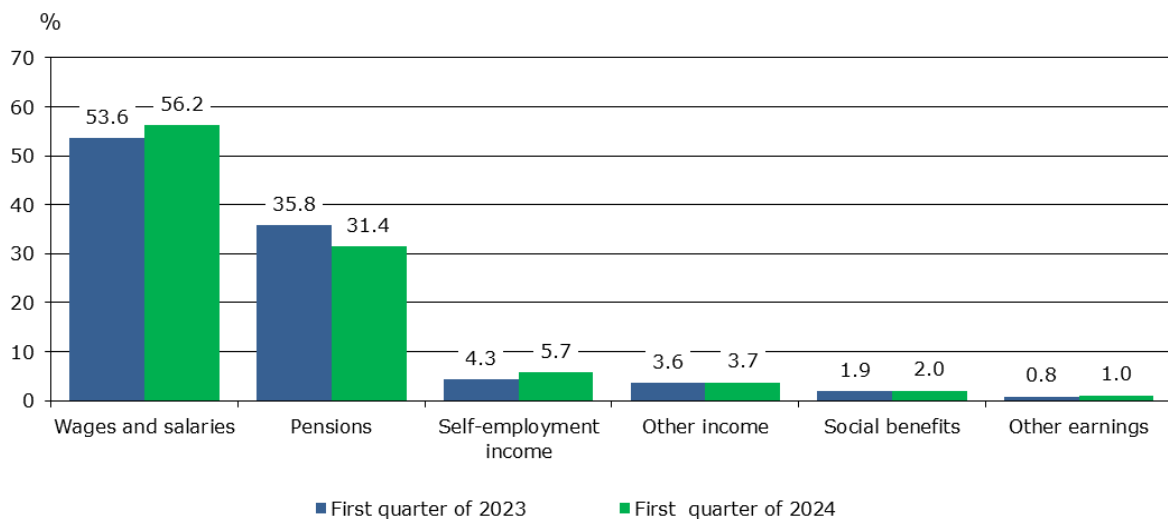
HOUSEHOLD INCOME, EXPENDITURE AND CONSUMPTION DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2024

Household Income

The **total income** average per household member during the first quarter of 2024 was 2 840 BGN and increased by 18.6% compared to the same quarter of 2023.

The highest relative share of income within the total income was the one from wages and salaries (56.2%). The relative share of income from pensions was 31.4%, and from self-employment - 5.7%. Compared to the first quarter of 2023, the relative share of income from wages and salaries increased by 2.6 percentage points (pp) and income from self-employment - by 1.4 pp. The share of income from pensions decreased by 4.4 pp.

Figure 1. Structure of the total household income during the first quarter of 2023 and 2024



The nominal income by source average per capita during the first quarter of 2024 compared to the same quarter of 2023 changed as follows:

- Income from **wages and salaries** increased from 1 284 BGN to 1 597 BGN (by 24.4%);
- **Self-employment** income increased from 102 to 161 BGN (by 58.5%);
- Income from **pensions** increased from 856 BGN to 892 BGN (by 4.2%);
- Income from **social benefits** increased from 46 BGN to 55 BGN (by 19.6%).

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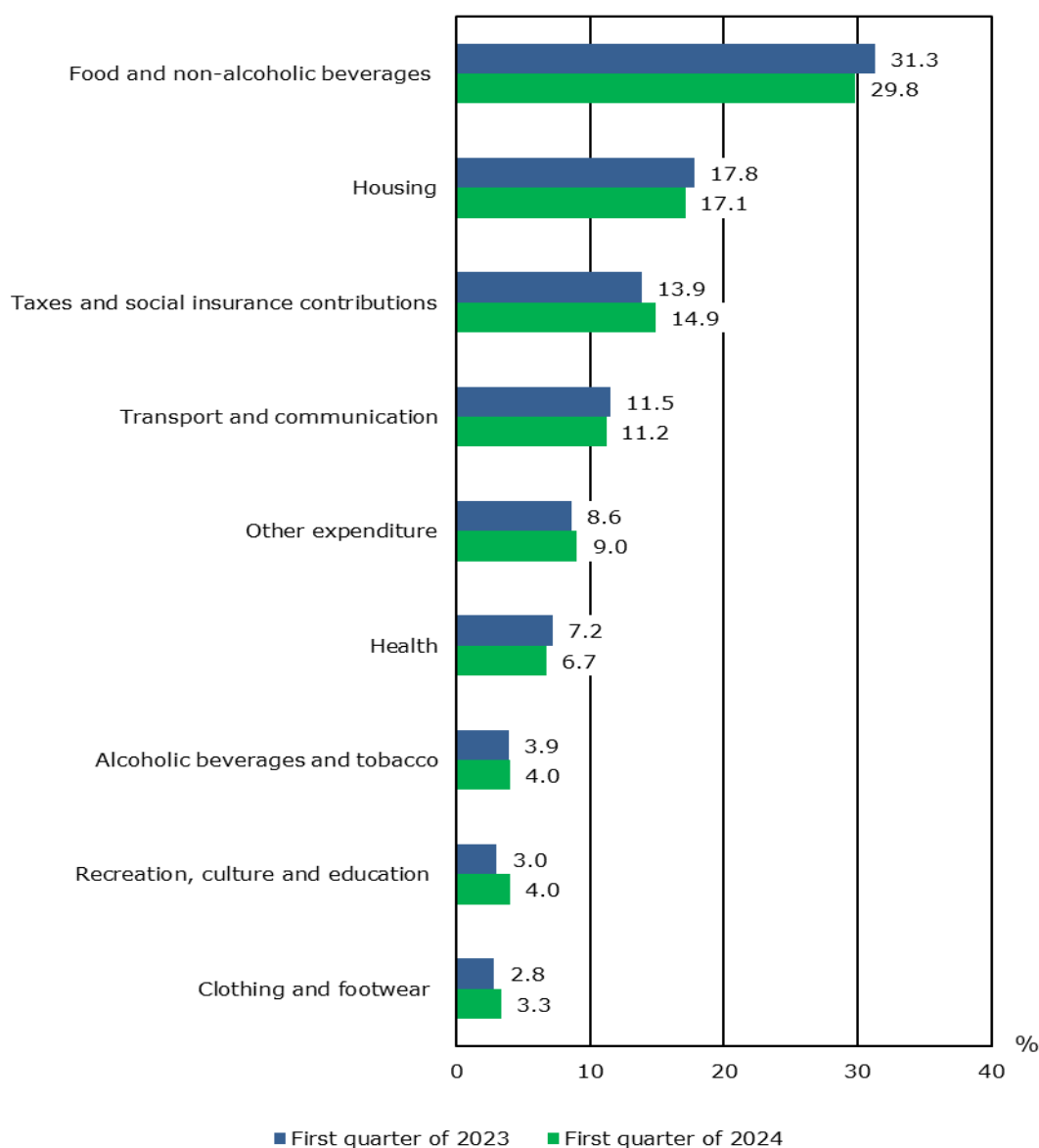
The relative share of monetary income in the total income during the first quarter of 2024 was 99.6% and the share of income in kind was 0.4%.

Household Expenditure

The total expenditure average per household member during the first quarter of 2024 was 2 524 BGN and increased by 17.4% compared to the same quarter of 2023.

The greatest share in the formation of the total expenditure was expenditure on food and non-alcoholic beverages - 29.8%, as well as expenditure on housing - 17.1%, taxes and social insurance contributions - 14.9%, and transport and communication - 11.2%.

Figure 2. Structure of the total household expenditure during the first quarter of 2023 and 2024



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The relative share of food and non-alcoholic beverages decreased by 1.5 pp compared to the first quarter of 2023, and the relative share of housing decreased by 0.7 pp. The share of taxes and social insurance contributions and the share of recreation, culture and education increased by 1.0 pp.

The expenditure by group average per capita changed as absolute values during the first quarter of 2024 compared to the same quarter of 2023 as follows:

- Expenditure on **food and non-alcoholic beverages** increased from 673 BGN to 753 BGN (by 11.8%);
- Expenditure on **alcoholic beverages and tobacco** increased from 84 BGN to 102 BGN (by 22.0%);
- Expenditure on **clothing and footwear** increased from 60 BGN to 83 BGN (by 38.5%);
- Expenditure on **housing (water, electricity, heating, furnishing and maintenance of the house)** increased from 381 BGN to 431 BGN (by 13.1%);
- Expenditure on **health** increased from 155 BGN to 168 BGN (by 8.6%);
- Expenditure on **transport and communication** increased from 246 BGN to 285 BGN (by 15.7%);
- Expenditure on **recreation, culture and education** increased from 64 BGN to 101 BGN (by 55.9%);
- Expenditure on **taxes and social insurance contributions** increased from 299 BGN to 375 BGN (by 25.5%).

Household Consumption

The consumption of most basic food products on average per household member during the first quarter of 2024 compared to the same quarter of 2023 changed as follows:

- Consumption of vegetables increased from 13.4 to 14.3 kg, meat - from 9.2 to 10.0 kg and fruit - from 11.9 to 12.4 kg;
- The biggest decrease was in bread and paste products consumption - from 18.6 kg to 18.0 kg and vegetable oils - from 2.8 to 2.5 litres.

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**Table 1. Consumption of main food products on average per household member
during the first quarter of 2023 and 2024**

Foods	First quarter of 2023	First quarter of 2024
Bread and paste products - kg	18.6	18.0
Meat - kg	9.2	10.0
Meat products - kg	3.9	4.3
Milk - litres	4.6	4.9
Yoghurt - kg	6.7	6.8
White cheese - kg	2.9	2.8
Eggs - number	39	41
Vegetable oils - litres	2.8	2.5
Fruit (fresh and frozen) - kg	11.9	12.4
Vegetables (fresh and frozen) - kg	13.4	14.3
Dry beans - kg	1.1	1.0
Potatoes - kg	6.9	6.8
Sugar - kg	1.5	1.3

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Methodological notes

The source of data is the quarterly household budget survey. It is a sample survey. The sample used for the survey is a random sample of 3 060 households.

A regular household consists of two or more persons living in one dwelling or part of a dwelling, having their meals together and having a common budget, irrespective of whether they are relatives. A household is also one person living alone, having meals separately and having his/her separate budget.

The household budgets survey does not study institutional households.

The main indicators for income, expenditure and consumption are estimated quarterly and annually as average values and relative share.

Household income in cash and kind includes all receipts of household members from wages and salaries, pensions, entrepreneurship, unemployment benefits, social benefits, etc. Other regular or irregular transfers from other households and property sales are also included.

Household expenditure includes expenditure for food, beverages, tobacco, housing (water, electricity, heating, furnishing and maintenance), transport, communications, health, taxes, social insurance contributions, etc.

Consumption average per household member includes the quantities of foods and beverages consumed at home and does not include consumption in public catering establishments.

More information on the household budget survey and its results can be found on the NSI website: www.nsi.bg under the heading of Households Income and Expenditure and the Information System INFOSTAT.