

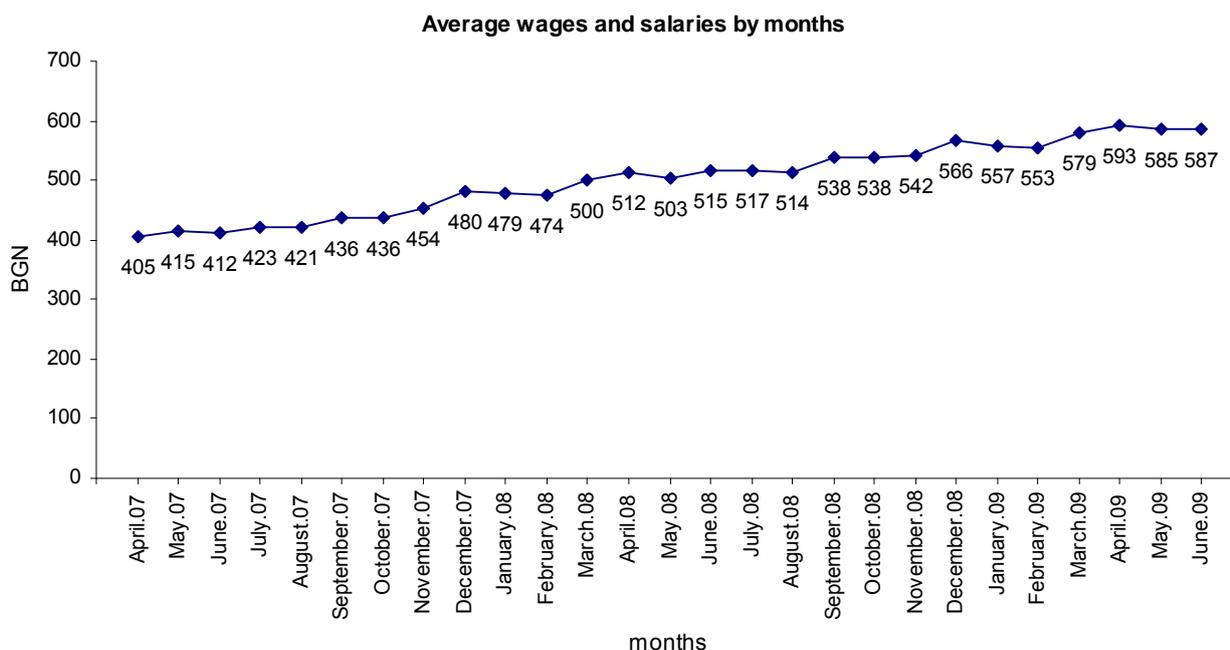
## EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, SECOND QUARTER OF 2009<sup>1</sup>

According to the preliminary data of National Statistical Institute (NSI) the number of employees under labour contract at the end of June 2009 decreased by 0.4% as compared to the end of March 2009 and reached to 2.4 millions. The highest decrease was reported in economic activities “Construction” – 4.9% and “Administrative and support service activities” – 4.7%. Increase in number of employees under labour contract is registered in: “Accommodation and food service activities” – 26.0% and “Agriculture, forestry and fishing” – 10.9%.

The relative share of employees in the structure of employees by economic activities was the biggest in “Manufacturing” – 23.0% and “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles” – 18.1%, where the number of employees at the end of June 2009 compared to March 2009 decreased by 3.5% and 0.7% respectively.

At the end of June 2009 as compared to June 2008 the number of employees under labour contract was down by 4.1%. The highest decrease was observed in economic activities “Other service activities” – 12.3%, “Manufacturing” – 10.8% and “Construction” – 7.7% (Table 1).

The average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract in June 2009 increased in nominal terms with 8 levs compared to March 2009.

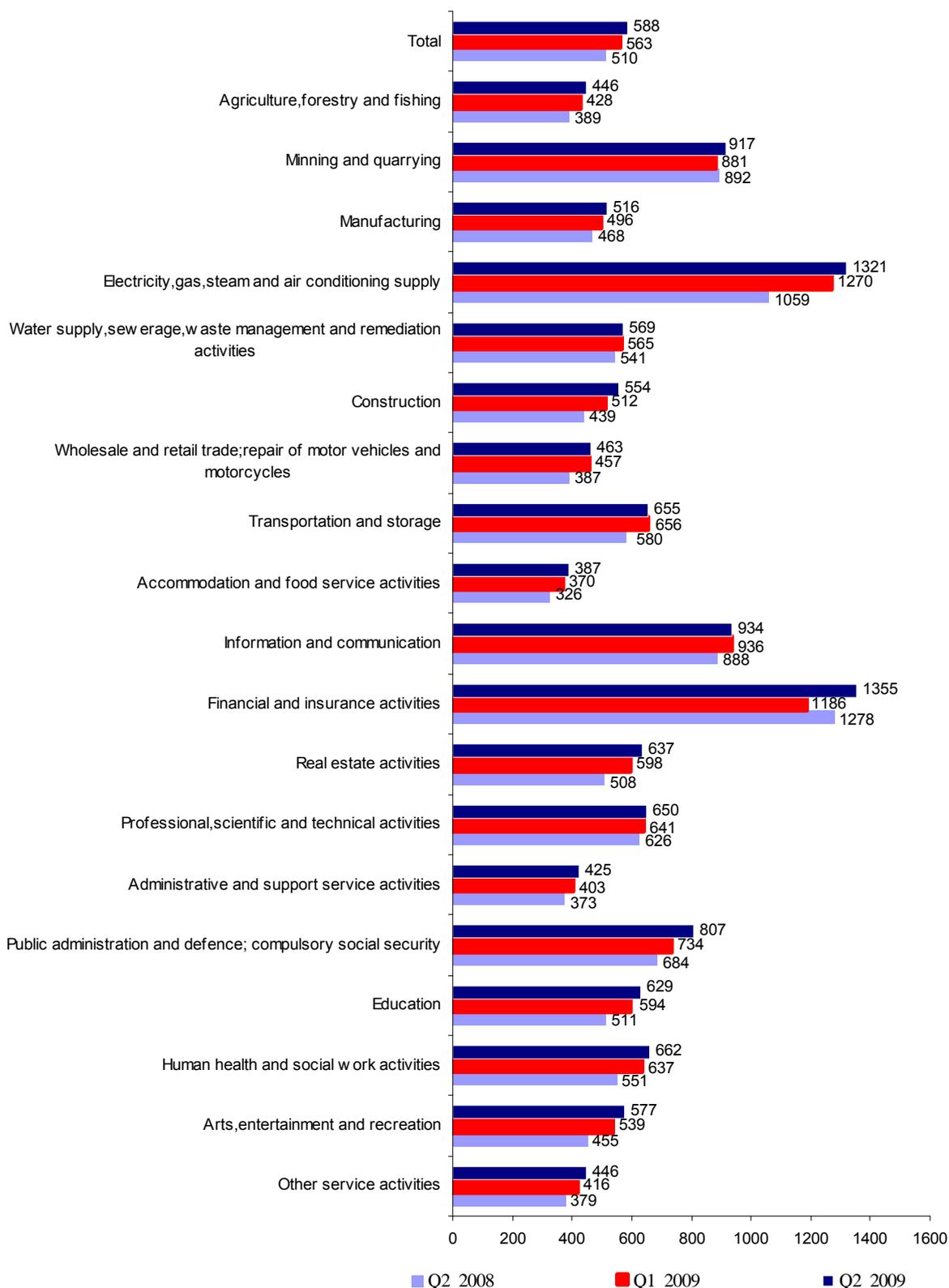


<sup>1</sup> Since first quarter of 2009 the data are published according to the new classification of economic activities NACE rev. 2. Reclassified data for 2008 are available on the NSI official web page ([http://www.nsi.bg/Labour\\_e/Labour\\_e.htm](http://www.nsi.bg/Labour_e/Labour_e.htm))



In second quarter of 2009 in comparison with the first quarter of 2009 the average monthly wages and salaries grew by 4.4% getting 588 levs. The highest increase in wages and salaries was reported in: “Financial and insurance activities” - 14.2% and “Public administration and defence; compulsory social security” - 9.9%, while a drop was observed in “Transportation and storage” and “Information and communication” – 0.2%.

### Average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities (BGN)



Compared to the second quarter of 2008 the average monthly wages and salaries in the second quarter of 2009 rose by 15.3%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: “Arts, entertainment and recreation” - 26.8% and “Construction” - 26.2%, while the lowest were in “Mining and quarrying” - 2.8% and “Professional, scientific and technical activities” - 3.8%.

The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in second quarter of 2009 were:

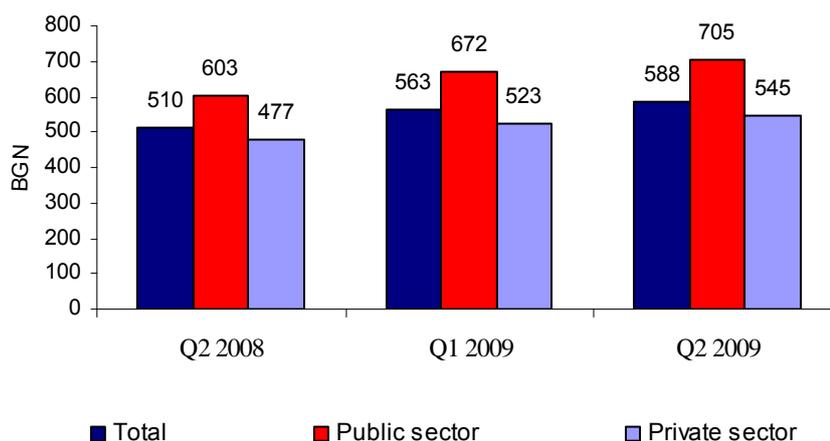
- “Financial and insurance activities” - 1 355 levs
- “Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply” – 1 321 levs
- „ Information and communication” – 934 levs

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- „ Accommodation and food service activities” - 387 levs
- „ Administrative and support service activities” - 425 levs
- „ Agriculture, forestry and fishing” - 446 levs.

Compared with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 16.9%, while in private sector by 14.3%.

**Average monthly wages and salaries**



### **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 NSI official web page – [http://www.nsi.bg/Labour\\_e/Labour\\_e.htm](http://www.nsi.bg/Labour_e/Labour_e.htm) .



**Table 1**

Employees under labour contract at the end of the month by economic activities in 2009\*

Economic activity	April	May	(Numbers) June
<b>Total</b>	<b>2404891</b>	<b>2402606</b>	<b>2402243</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	66771	68833	68686
Mining and quarrying	27151	26729	26707
Manufacturing	564815	558578	553296
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	32712	32736	32788
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	36692	36180	35711
Construction	194618	190299	189155
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	437593	435292	435734
Transportation and storage	136542	136065	136089
Accommodation and food service activities	105802	118648	129476
Information and communication	55851	55399	55120
Financial and insurance activities	50330	50042	50630
Real estate activities	18580	18764	18611
Professional, scientific and technical activities	72334	72174	72450
Administrative and support service activities	108064	107366	103277
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	131674	131415	132054
Education	176166	175202	172796
Human health and social work activities	131183	130986	130991
Arts, entertainment and recreation	29372	29381	29438
Other service activities	28641	28517	29234

\*Preliminary data

**Table 2**

Average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2009\*

Economic activity	April	May	(BGN) June
<b>Total</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>587</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	449	428	459
Mining and quarrying	853	860	1040
Manufacturing	511	518	521
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1300	1366	1296
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	561	585	561
Construction	545	553	563
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	474	458	456
Transportation and storage	656	660	648
Accommodation and food service activities	391	392	380
Information and communication	955	916	931
Financial and insurance activities	1573	1173	1316
Real estate activities	634	620	659
Professional, scientific and technical activities	661	642	646
Administrative and support service activities	420	425	431
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	815	801	807
Education	616	660	612
Human health and social work activities	661	660	665
Arts, entertainment and recreation	572	594	564
Other service activities	439	451	447

\*Preliminary data