



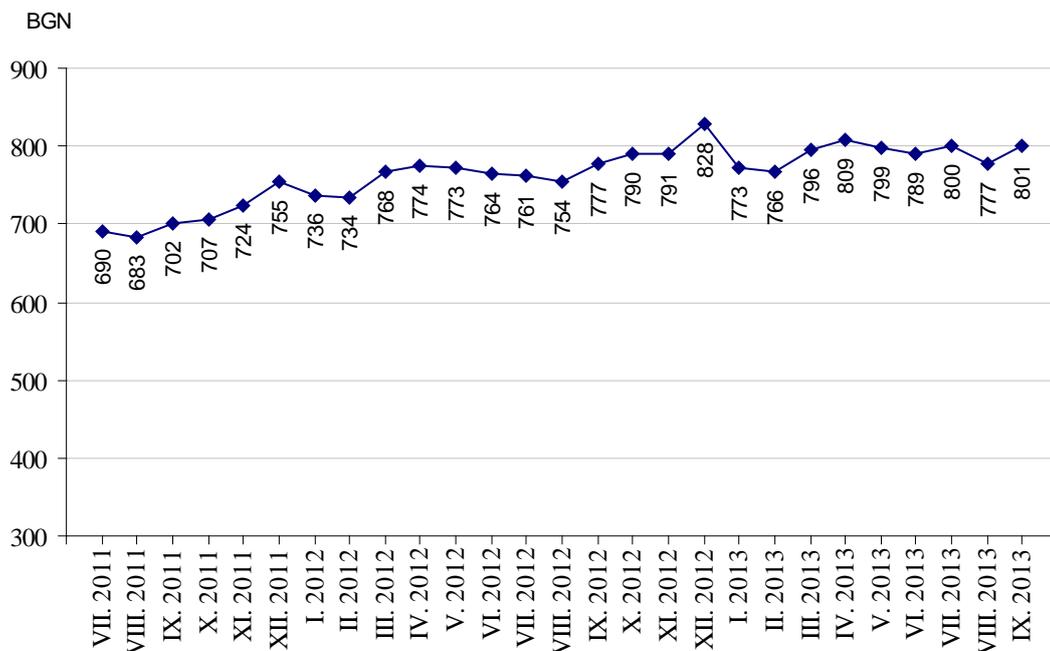
EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, THIRD QUARTER OF 2013

According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) at the end of September 2013 the **number of employees** under labour contract decreased by 40.8 thousands or 1.8% as compared to the end of June 2013 and reached 2.26 million. The highest decrease was observed in economic activities “Accommodation and food service activities” - 19.7%, “Arts, entertainment and recreation” - 5.6% and “Real estate activities”- 4.6%. Increase of employees was recorded in “Education” - 1.3% and “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles” - 0.3%. In the structure of employees by economic activities the biggest relative share of employees was in “Manufacturing” - 21.5% and “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles” - 17.1%.

At the end of September 2013 as compared to September 2012 the number of employees under labour contract declined by 20.7 thousands or 0.9%. The highest decrease in absolute figures was observed in economic activities “Manufacturing” - 14.9 thousands and “Construction” - 6.9 thousands. In percentages the highest decrease was in “Other service activities” - 8.1%, “Construction” - 5.0% and “Real estate activities”- by 4.7%.

The **average monthly wages** and salaries of the employees under labour contract in July was 800 BGN, in August - 777 BGN and in September 2013 - 801 BGN.

Figure 1. Average wages and salaries by months

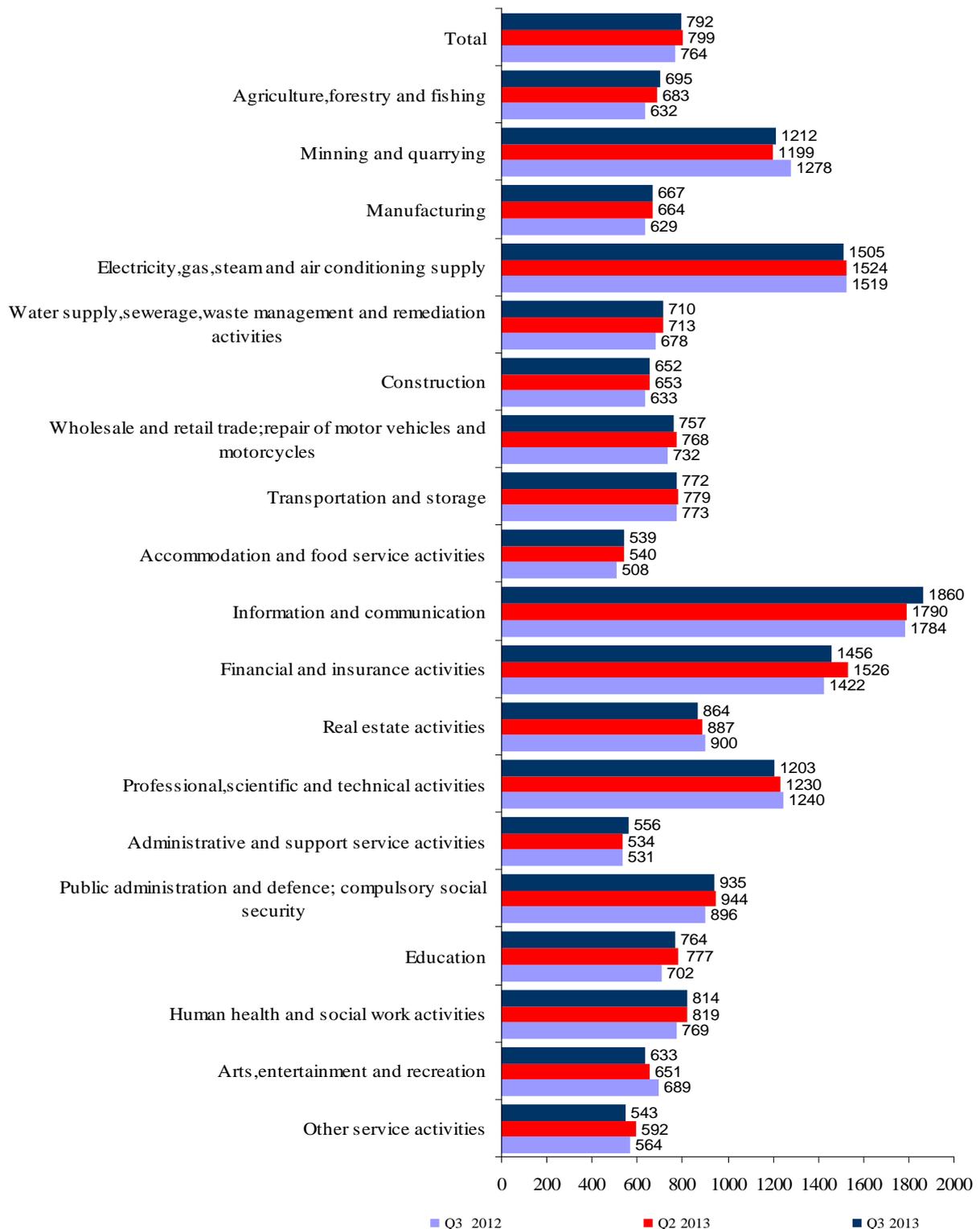




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In the third quarter of 2013 in comparison with the second quarter of 2013 the average monthly wages and salaries decreased by 0.9% getting 792 BGN. The highest decrease in wages and salaries was reported in “Other service activities” - 8.3% and “Financial and insurance activities” - 4.6%.

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





Compared to the third quarter of 2012 the average monthly wages and salaries in the third quarter of 2013 rose by 3.7%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: “Agriculture, forestry and fishing” - 10.0%, “Education” - 8.8% and “Accommodation and food service activities” - 6.1%.

The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the third quarter of 2013 were:

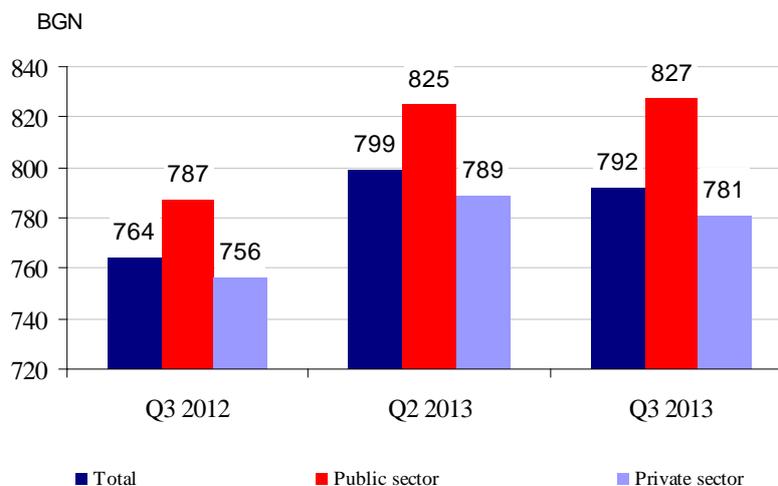
- “Information and communication” - 1 860 BGN
- “Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply” - 1 505 BGN
- “Financial and insurance activities” - 1 456 BGN.

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- “Accommodation and food service activities” - 539 BGN
- “Other services activities” - 543 BGN
- “Administrative and support service activities” - 556 BGN.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 5.1%, while in private sector - by 3.3%.

Figure 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/otrasalen.php?otr=51>.

Annex

Table 1

Employees under labour contract at the end of the month by economic activities in 2013¹

Economic activity	(Number)		
	2013		
	July	August	September
Total	2313375	2302360	2264725
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	73077	72399	72496
Mining and quarrying	24680	24484	24306
Manufacturing	492284	490500	487544
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	30576	30378	30414
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	37169	37079	36857
Construction	131656	130881	130028
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	389941	389876	386615
Transportation and storage	135217	136174	134785
Accommodation and food service activities	153475	148760	118885
Information and communication	67732	67649	67424
Financial and insurance activities	56623	56519	55888
Real estate activities	23518	23299	22701
Professional, scientific and technical activities	72062	72155	71894
Administrative and support service activities	132532	131988	130913
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	116696	116381	116142
Education	162019	160808	167450
Human health and social work activities	139840	139428	139190
Arts, entertainment and recreation	37058	36581	35148
Other service activities	37220	37021	36045

¹Preliminary data



Table 2

Average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2013¹

(BGN)

Economic activity	2013		
	July	August	September
Total	800	777	801
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	689	659	738
Mining and quarrying	1158	1123	1357
Manufacturing	667	664	670
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1502	1436	1576
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	696	706	727
Construction	659	639	659
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	753	747	770
Transportation and storage	766	766	783
Accommodation and food service activities	535	535	548
Information and communication	1981	1804	1794
Financial and insurance activities	1449	1484	1436
Real estate activities	860	862	870
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1205	1187	1217
Administrative and support service activities	574	550	542
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1071	864	870
Education	746	735	808
Human health and social work activities	818	805	820
Arts, entertainment and recreation	632	634	634
Other service activities	542	537	550

¹Preliminary data.