

Area: Labour Market

AVERAGE GROSS EARNINGS ON TOTAL ECONOMY*) WERE 3108 LEI IN FEBRUARY 2017

- In February 2017, **the average gross nominal earnings** were 3108 lei, by 1.9% lower than the one registered in January 2017.
- **The average net nominal earnings** were 2236 lei, decreasing as against the previous month with 64 lei (-2.8%).
- **The highest values of the average net nominal earnings** were recorded in **computer programming, consultancy and related activities (including information service activities)** (5631 lei), while **the lowest** in **accommodation and food service activities** (1351 lei).

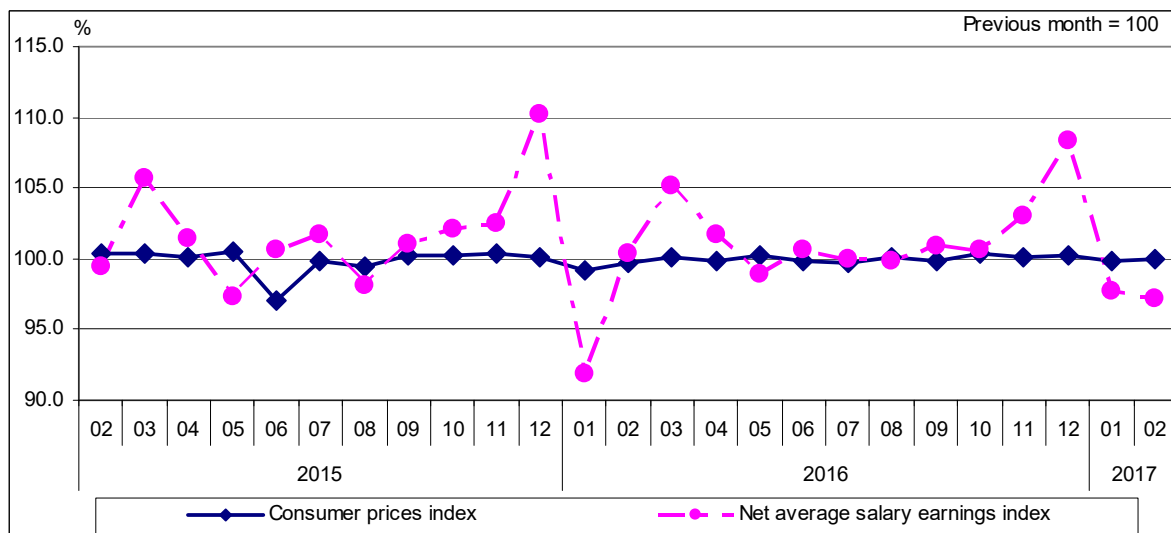
February 2017 as compared to February 2016

As compared to February of the previous year, the average net nominal earnings increased by 14.7%. **The real earnings index¹** in relation with the same period of previous year was 114.5%.

Earnings in relation with the evolution of consumer prices

The real earnings index was 97.3% for February 2017 as against previous month. As compared to October 1990, the real earnings index was 170.0% by 4.7 percentage points lower than the one recorded in January 2017.

Evolution of consumer price index and of net average earnings index during February 2015 - February 2017



[The data of the graph \(xls\)](#)

Fluctuations in earnings were recorded during the year, mainly determined by granting annual premiums and holiday bonuses (December, March/April). These are influencing the increases or decreases depending on the period they are granted, finally leading to smoothing the fluctuations in monthly earnings at the level of the whole year.

*) Please see Methodological notes from item 4. Concepts and definitions

¹ calculated as the ratio between the net nominal earnings index and the consumer prices index

February 2017 as compared to January 2017

In February 2017 as against January 2017, **the level of the average net earnings registered decreases in the majority of activities belonging to the economic sector²** due to granting the previous months of occasional bonuses (including quarterly, annual, for performance or holiday bonuses, the 13th salary), payments in kind and other allowances, amounts from the net profit and other funds (including meal vouchers and gift tickets). Also, the average net earnings in February decreased by comparison with the previous month due to lower production achievements or the receipts level (depending on contracts), as well as staff hiring with low earnings.

The most significant decreases in the average net earnings have been recorded as follows:

- By 41.1% in manufacture of tobacco products, respectively by 32.4% in insurance, reinsurance and pension funding (except compulsory social security);
- Between 10.0% and 22.5% in publishing activities, activities auxiliary to financial services and insurance activities, financial service activities (except insurance and pension funding), warehousing and support activities for transportation, extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas, manufacture of beverages, manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations, electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, real estate activities;
- Between 4.5% and 10.0% in manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products, professional, scientific and technical activities, telecommunications, wholesale and retail trade, manufacture of basic chemicals, fertilisers and nitrogen compounds, plastics and synthetic rubber in primary forms, manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products, mining support service activities, water collection, treatment and supply, mining of metal ores.

Increases of the average net earnings as compared to the previous month were due to granting the legal provisions³, as well as the occasional bonuses, payments in kind and other allowances, amounts for net profit and other funds, by production achievements or higher receipts (depending on contracts).

The most significant increases in the average net earnings have been recorded as follows:

- By 12.9% in arts, entertainment and recreation, respectively by 7.7% in other service activities;
- Between 4.5% and 6.5% in manufacture of furniture, printing and reproduction of recorded media, manufacture of wearing apparel, manufacture of paper and paper products, manufacture of textiles, water supply (including sewerage, waste management and remediation activities);
- Between 2.0% and 4.5% in manufacture of leather and related products, accommodation and food service activities, manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork (except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials), other manufacturing, crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities.

In the **budgetary sector⁴** were registered increases of the average net earnings as against the previous month due to the application of legal basis on the remuneration of the personnel paid from public funds, thus: in public administration (+7.5%) and in education (+2.5%). The average net earnings registered slight decreases in health and social assistance (-1.2%) as against the previous month.

Additional Information:

For an accurate interpretation of the indicators, please see the [Methodological notes](#) attached to the press release on the homepage.

The average monthly gross and net earnings are presented in the [Annex](#).

Additional information can be obtained:

- *on-line accessing TEMPO database (starting with 10th April 2017):*
<http://statistici.inse.ro/shop/index.jsp?page=tempo2&lang=en&context=15>
- *from the Monthly Statistical Bulletin no. 2/2017.*

The next press release on the average monthly earnings will be issued on May 9th, 2017.

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² Excluding activities of public administration, education, health and social assistance

³ G.D. no. 1/2017 establishing the minimum gross salary guaranteed in payment, G.E.O. no. 2/2017 regarding certain fiscal-budgetary measures, and also for modification and completion of some legislative acts

⁴ See the Methodological notes from point 3 regarding „budgetary sector”

⁵ See the legal acts from footnote 3, respectively G.E.O. no. 17/2017 regarding certain measures in education