Area: Labour Market

**THE AVERAGE GROSS EARNINGS*) ON TOTAL ECONOMY IN JUNE 2019 WERE 5127 LEI AND THE NET 3142 LEI**

- In June 2019, the *average gross nominal earnings* were 5127 lei, with 49 lei (+1.0%) more than the one registered in May 2019.
- The *average net nominal earnings* were 3142 lei, increasing as against the previous month with 41 lei (+1.3%).
- The *highest values of the average net nominal earnings* were recorded in *manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products* (8245 lei), while the *lowest* in *manufacture of wearing apparel* (1776 lei).

**June 2019 as compared to June 2018**

- As compared to June of the previous year, the average net nominal earnings increased by 15.5%.

**Earnings in relation with the evolution of consumer prices**

- The real earnings index\(^1\) in relation with the same period of previous year was 111.2%.
- The real earnings index was 101.5% for June 2019 as against previous month.
- As compared to October 1990, the real earnings index was 216.8%, by 3.3 percentage points higher than the one recorded in May 2019.

**Evolution of consumer price index and of net average earnings index during June 2017 – June 2019**

![Graph showing the evolution of consumer price index and net average earnings index](graph.png)

*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.

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*) 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
June 2019 as compared to May 2019

In June 2019 as against the previous month, the level of the average net earnings registered increases in the majority of activities belonging to the economic sector\(^2\) and were due to granting of occasional bonuses (quarterly, annual, the 13\(^{\text{th}}\) salary, performance bonuses), payments in kind and other allowances, amounts from net profit and other funds (including value tickets). Also, the increases of the average net earnings as against the previous month were determined by higher production achievements or receipts level (depending on contracts/projects), as well as laying off the staff with lower earnings as the average, in certain economic activities.

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

- By 47.2\% in manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products;
- Between 9.0\% and 12.5\% in water collection, treatment and supply, electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, publishing activities, printing and reproduction of recorded media;
- Between 3.5\% and 5.5\% in manufacture of basic chemicals, fertilisers and nitrogen compounds, plastics and synthetic rubber in primary forms, manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c., arts, entertainment and recreation, motion picture, video and television programmes production, sound recording and music publishing activities (including programming and broadcasting activities), telecommunications, crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities, real estate activities, manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations.

The decreases of the average net earnings as against May 2019, were due to granting of occasional bonuses in the previous months (quarterly, annual or performance bonuses), payments in kind and other allowances, amounts from net profit and other funds (including value tickets). Also, the average net earnings decreased due to lower production achievements or the receipts level (depending on contracts/projects), as well as hiring staff with lower earnings as the average, in certain economic activities.

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

- By 15.4\% in mining of coal and lignite, with 14.4\% in financial service activities (except insurance and pension funding), respectively with 14.1\% in extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas;
- Between 4.0\% and 6.5\% in manufacture of tobacco products, mining support service activities, manufacture of basic metals, water transport;
- Between 2.0\% and 4.0\% in manufacture of paper and paper products, manufacture of leather and related products, wholesale and retail trade (including repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles), postal and courier activities.

In the budgetary sector\(^3\), the average net earnings registered increases as against the previous month, due to granting of value tickets (holiday vouchers), thus: education (+7.2\%), public administration (+3.5\%), respectively health and social assistance (+2.3\%).

Additional Information:

*) The average gross monthly earnings are determined by reporting the amounts from the salary fund, net profit and other funds (excluding severance payments, backdated paid arrears as consequence of winning the lawsuits involving the money rights related to previous years) to the average number of employees.

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 August 8\(^{\text{th}}\) 2019): http://statistici.insse.ro:8077/tempo-online/#/pages/tables/insse-table

The next press release on the average monthly earnings will be issued on September 9\(^{\text{th}}\) 2019.

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\(^2\) Excluding activities of public administration, education, health and social assistance

\(^3\) See the Methodological notes from point 3 regarding „budgetary sector”