

Area: Labour Market

## THE AVERAGE GROSS EARNINGS<sup>\*)</sup> ON TOTAL ECONOMY IN SEPTEMBER 2018 WERE 4482 LEI AND THE NET 2688 LEI

- In September 2018, **the average gross nominal earnings** were 4482 lei, by 0.7% higher than the one registered in August 2018.
- **The average net nominal earnings** were 2688 lei, increasing as against the previous month with 19 lei (+0.7%).
- **The highest values of the average net nominal earnings** were recorded in **extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas** (6465 lei), while **the lowest** in **accommodation and food service activities** (1567 lei).

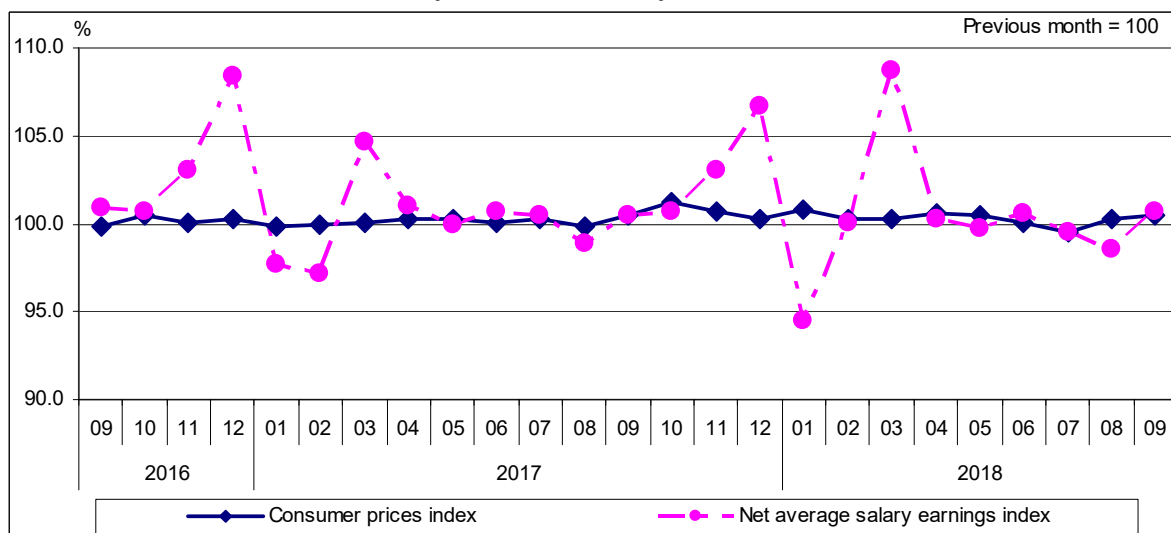
### September 2018 as compared to September 2017

- As compared to September of the previous year, the average net nominal earnings increased by 13.1%.

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

- The real earnings index<sup>1</sup> in relation with the same period of previous year was 107.7%.
- The real earnings index was 100.2% for September 2018 as against previous month.
- As compared to October 1990, the real earnings index was 192.1%, by 0.5 percentage points higher than the one recorded in August 2018.

### Evolution of consumer price index and of net average earnings index during September 2016 - September 2018



[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.

<sup>\*)</sup> Please see Methodological notes from item 4. Concepts and definitions

<sup>1</sup> calculated as the ratio between the net nominal earnings index and the consumer prices index

## September 2018 as compared to August 2018

In September 2018, in the majority of activities belonging to **the economic sector**<sup>2</sup> **the level of the average net earnings was higher** as against August 2018 due to granting of occasional bonuses (quarterly, annual, performance bonuses or for "Oilman Day"), payments in kind and other allowances, amounts from the net profit and other funds (including meal vouchers and gift tickets). Also, the increases of the average net earnings were due to higher production achievements or receipts level (depending on contracts/projects), as well as laying off the staff with low earnings, in certain economic activities.

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

- By 21.1% in extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas;
- Between 5.0% and 10.0% in manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products, other mining and quarrying, manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products, other manufacturing, publishing activities, activities auxiliary to financial services and insurance activities;
- Between 2.5% and 4.5% in manufacture of textiles, manufacture of rubber and plastic products, scientific research and development, manufacture of leather and related products, motion picture, video and television programmes production, sound recording and music publishing activities (including programming and broadcasting activities), arts, entertainment and recreation.

The **decreases of the average net earnings** as against the previous month were determined by occasional bonuses, payments in kind and other allowances, amounts from the net profit and other funds (including meal vouchers and gift tickets) granted in the August 2018. Also, the decreases of the average net earnings were caused by production unachievements or lower receipts (depending on contracts/projects), as well as hiring employees with lower earnings in certain economic activities.

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

- By 5.0% in manufacture of other transport equipment, respectively by 4.2% in telecommunications;
- Between 2.0% and 4.0% in forestry and logging (including fishing and aquaculture), manufacture of basic metals, water transport, manufacture of basic chemicals, fertilisers and nitrogen compounds, plastics and synthetic rubber in primary forms, mining of metal ores, warehousing and support activities for transportation.
- Between 1.0% and 2.0% in repair and installation of machinery and equipment, manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers, electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply.

In the **budgetary sector**<sup>3</sup> were registered slight increases of the average net earnings as against the previous month in education (+3.3% due to amounts representing the hourly payments of teaching staff), in health and social assistance (+0.2%), respectively in public administration (+0.1%). (The evolution of the average monthly net earnings is presented in the [Annex](#).)

### Additional Information:

**\*) The average gross monthly earnings are determined by reporting the amounts from the salary fund, net profit and other funds (excl. severance payments, backdated paid arrears as consequence of winning the lawsuits involving the money rights related to previous years, nominal value of holiday vouchers) 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 November 8<sup>th</sup> 2018): <http://statistici.insse.ro/shop/index.jsp?page=tempo2&lang=en&context=15>

• from the Monthly Statistical Bulletin no.9/2018.

The next press release on the average monthly earnings will be issued on December 11<sup>th</sup> 2018. Press release archive: <http://www.insse.ro/cms/en/comunicate-de-presa-view>

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<sup>2</sup> Excluding activities of public administration, education, health and social assistance

<sup>3</sup> See the Methodological notes from point 3 regarding „budgetary sector”