In Quarter II 2019 the adjusted hourly labour cost (working days adjusted) registered an increase rate of 5.70% by comparison with the previous quarter and of 12.46% by comparison with the same quarter of the previous year.

Quarter II 2019 compared to Quarter I 2019

Compared to Quarter I 2018, the hourly labour cost (working days adjusted) increased all economic activities.

The most significant increases were recorded in electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply (21.68%), in financial and insurance activities (16.88%) and in real estate activities (11.43%).

As against the previous quarter, the increase of the direct costs component (wages and salaries) was 5.66%, respectively of 7.25% regarding the other costs (non-wages costs) component.

Quarter II 2019 compared to Quarter II 2018

As against the same quarter of the previous year, the hourly labour cost increased in all economic activities.

The highest increases of the hourly labour cost (working days adjusted) were found in education (21.81%), as an effect of the application of legal basis, followed by construction (18.28%) and by arts, entertainment and recreation (17.78%).

The lowest increases of the hourly labour cost (working days adjusted) were registered in information and communication (6.67%), in mining and quarrying (7.48%), in human health and social work activities (8.09%) and in financial and insurance activities (8.47%).

The whole series of data (2000-2018) were recalculated by changing the base year from 2012 to 2016.

for the working days adjusted index

Framework law no.153/2017 on remuneration of personnel paid from public funds.
The quarterly labour cost index\(^p\) - percentage change, Quarter II 2019 compared to Quarter II 2018 - (working days adjusted)

\(^p\) provisional data

The meaning of the NACE sections is presented in “Methodological notes”.

Graph data (xls)

As against the same quarter of the previous year, the increase for the direct costs component\(^2\) (wages and salaries) was of 12.51%, while for the other costs component\(^2\) (non-wages costs) of 10.87%.

Additional information

The quarterly labour cost index is a short-term indicator that allows the evaluation of the tendencies of the hourly costs incurred by employers with labour force.

For an accurate interpretation of the indicators, please see the Methodological notes attached to the press release on the homepage.

The quarterly labour cost index are presented in the Annex.

Additional information can be obtained from the publication Monthly Statistical Bulletin no.7/2019 or on-line accessing TEMPO database (starting with 3\(^{rd}\) September 2019):

http://statistici.insse.ro:8077/tempo-online/

The next press release on labour cost index (Quarter III 2019) will be issued on December 4\(^{th}\), 2019.

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