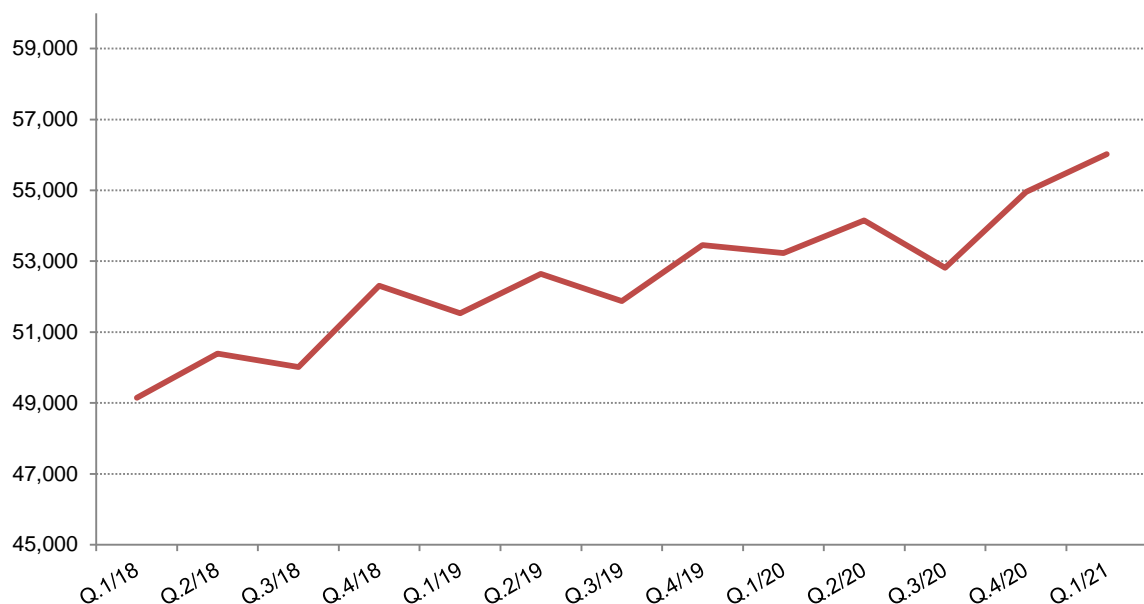


# Wage Statistics

## Quarter 1/2021

**Tirana, 11 June 2021:** During the first quarter of 2021, the average gross monthly wage per employee in Albania is 56,019 ALL, showing an increase by 5.2 % compared to the same quarter in the last year.

Fig. 1 Average gross monthly wage per employee in Albania (ALL)

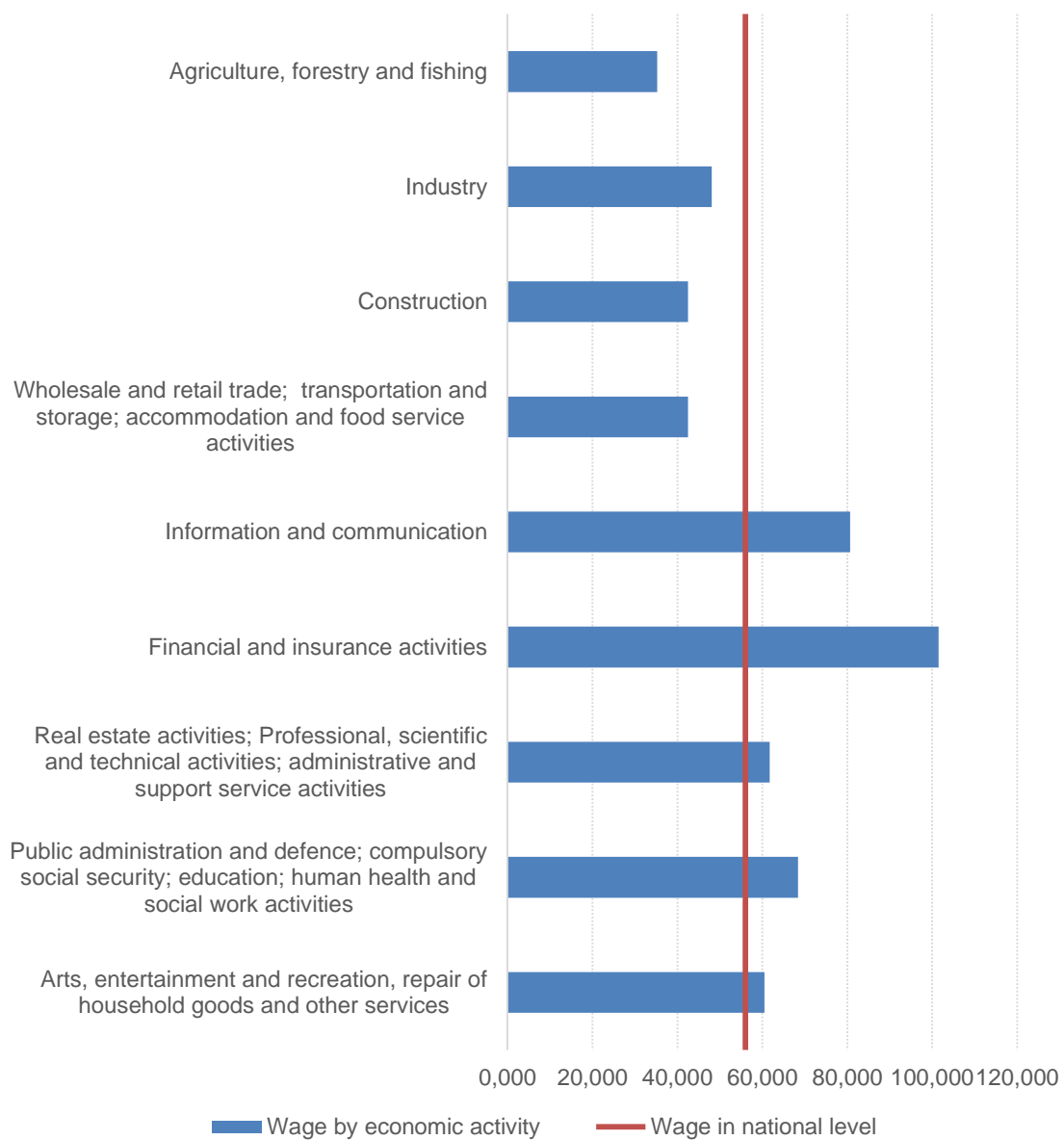


During the first quarter of 2021, the average gross monthly wage per employee for financial and insurance activities is higher 81.2 % compared to the national average, while the average gross monthly wage in group-activity of Agriculture, forestry and fishing<sup>1</sup> is lower by 37.1 %.

In the fourth quarter of 2021, the group-activity of Public administration and defence; compulsory social security; education; human health and social work activities has the highest increase, 8.3 % compared to the same quarter of last year while the group-activity of Financial and insurance activities show a decrease of 3.3 %.

<sup>1</sup> For salary contributors in the sector of Agriculture, forestry and fishing, see the methodological note

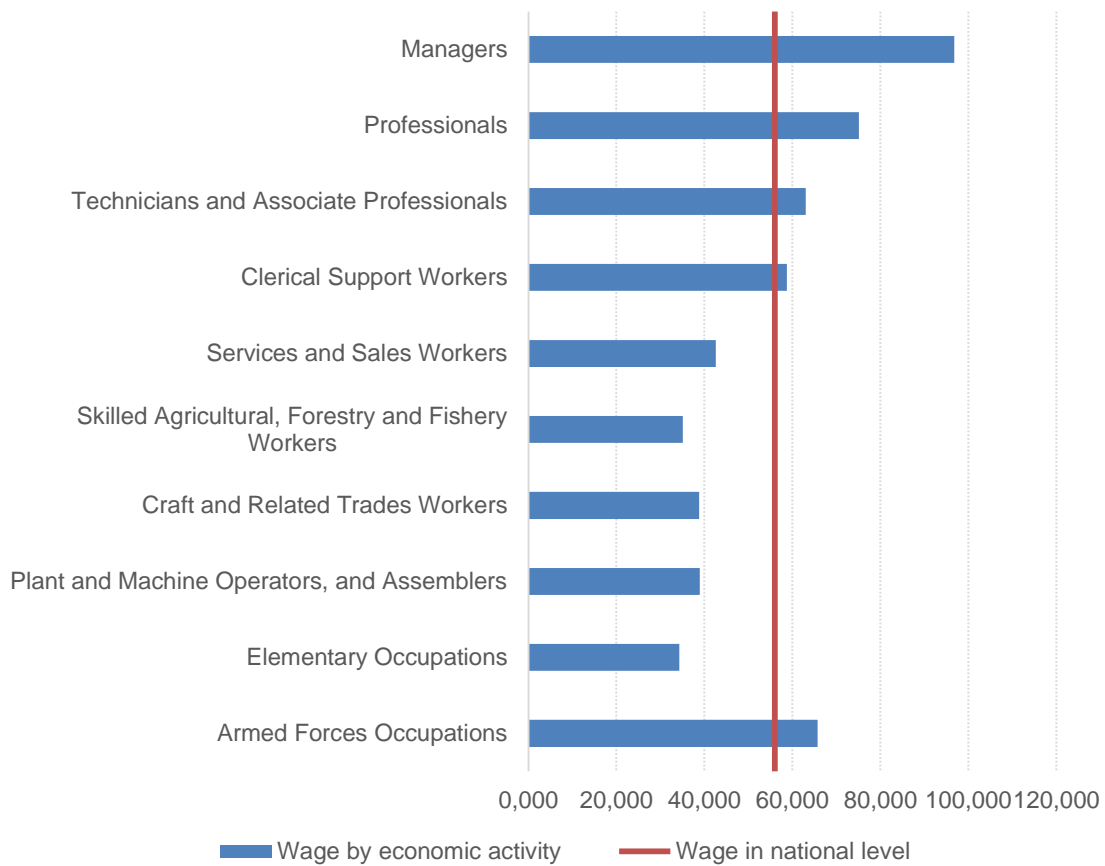
Fig. 2 Average gross monthly wage by economic activities (ALL)



During the first quarter of 2021, the average gross monthly wage for an employee in a group profession of legislators, senior officials of state administrators and executive directors is higher by 72.8 % compared to the national average, while for Elementary Occupations is lower by 38.8 %.

In the first quarter 2021, the group-occupation of Elementary Occupations has the highest increase, 7.8 % compared to the same quarter of 2020, while the group-occupation of legislators, senior officials of state administrators and executive directors has increased, with 2.2 %.

Fig. 3 Average gross monthly wage by group-occupations (ALL)



Tab. 1 Average gross monthly wage per employee and approved minimum wage

Description	Q.1/18	Q.2/18	Q.3/18	Q.4/18	Q.1/19	Q.2/19	Q.3/19	Q.4/19	Q.1/20	Q.2/20	Q.3/20	Q.4/20	Q.1/21
<b>Average monthly wage per employee</b>	49,145	50,392	50,015	52,312	51,531	52,645	51,870	53,458	53,232	54,149	52,815	54,951	56,019
Average monthly wage per employee in public sector	59,728	60,595	60,494	63,276	61,384	63,207	63,911	63,826	63,116	63,389	64,334	66,479	67,769
Average monthly wage per employee in private sector	44,796	45,667	45,274	47,299	46,982	47,894	46,473	48,767	48,272	49,280	47,486	49,440	50,330
<b>Approved minimum wage</b>	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	30,000

Source of information: General Directorate of Taxation, social insurance contributors; INSTAT's calculation

Tab. 2 Average gross monthly wage per employee by economic activity

NACE Rev2 (sections)	Economic activity by NACE Rev2	Q.1/18	Q.2/18	Q.3/18	Q.4/18	Q.1/19	Q.2/19	Q.3/19	Q.4/19	Q.1/20	Q.2/20	Q.3/20	Q.4/20	Q.1/21
	<b>Total</b>	<b>49,145</b>	<b>50,392</b>	<b>50,015</b>	<b>52,312</b>	<b>51,532</b>	<b>52,645</b>	<b>51,870</b>	<b>53,458</b>	<b>53,232</b>	<b>54,149</b>	<b>52,815</b>	<b>54,951</b>	<b>56,019</b>
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	36,822	36,961	36,334	37,343	37,956	39,313	36,397	35,105	33,850	33,856	33,500	32,474	35,256
B,C,D,E	Industry	41,023	41,464	41,711	44,672	43,463	43,607	44,134	45,418	45,088	45,536	45,264	45,954	48,06
F	Construction	43,630	43,654	43,749	43,475	42,428	42,521	41,715	42,292	41,560	41,531	41,845	41,532	42,519
G,H,I	Wholesale and retail trade; transportation and storage; accommodation and food service activities	35,375	36,561	36,555	38,292	38,558	38,892	38,577	40,147	39,964	39,415	39,051	41,148	42,516
J	Information and communication	71,497	78,423	75,597	77,719	76,037	87,605	76,500	80,003	78,460	84,589	76,763	82,851	80,707
K	Financial and insurance activities	100,455	114,162	100,609	111,626	101,734	113,339	100,547	115,094	104,985	117,941	102,262	115,189	101,521
L,M,N	Real estate activities; Professional, scientific and technical activities; administrative and support service activities	57,819	58,247	59,157	60,807	59,726	60,102	57,871	60,214	60,355	60,963	60,333	62,505	61,745
O,P, Q	Public administration and defense; compulsory social security; education; human health and social work activities	60,306	60,756	61,103	62,070	61,554	63,276	64,065	63,577	63,134	63,860	64,591	66,435	68,385
R,S,T,U	Arts, entertainment and recreation, repair of household goods and other services	49,349	49,740	49,168	56,560	57,402	56,295	56,012	60,431	57,814	57,140	56,921	60,736	60,532

Source of information: General Directorate of Taxation, social insurance contributors; INSTAT's calculation

Tab. 3 Average gross monthly wage per employee by group-occupations

Group-occupations ISCO-08	Q.1/18	Q.2/18	Q.3/18	Q.4/18	Q.1/19	Q.2/19	Q.3/19	Q.4/19	Q.1/20	Q.2/20	Q.3/20	Q.4/20	Q.1/21
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,145</b>	<b>50,392</b>	<b>50,015</b>	<b>52,312</b>	<b>51,532</b>	<b>52,645</b>	<b>51,870</b>	<b>53,458</b>	<b>53,232</b>	<b>54,149</b>	<b>52,815</b>	<b>54,951</b>	<b>56,019</b>
Managers	96,166	100,035	97,297	101,886	96,656	100,049	97,951	99,166	94,709	95,987	93,738	99,259	96,836
Professionals	66,097	67,491	68,024	70,032	68,667	70,706	71,158	72,350	70,540	71,024	71,325	74,172	75,158
Technicians and Associate Professionals	54,650	55,562	56,168	59,932	58,923	59,773	59,236	60,151	59,175	59,508	59,830	61,573	63,031
Clerical Support Workers	51,082	51,758	52,981	56,312	55,213	55,756	55,624	57,668	56,550	58,501	56,929	60,633	58,762
Services and Sales Workers	37,770	38,077	37,040	38,235	39,081	39,736	38,797	39,733	40,259	40,951	39,823	41,186	42,584
Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery Workers	30,861	30,932	31,151	31,164	32,370	32,462	32,777	33,040	33,426	32,934	32,882	32,753	35,073
Craft and Related Trades Workers	33,898	34,516	34,782	36,438	35,578	35,958	36,091	36,831	36,517	36,733	36,759	37,346	38,785
Plant and Machine Operators, and Assemblers	34,653	35,141	35,439	36,637	35,781	36,232	36,381	37,253	36,315	36,719	36,622	37,999	38,995
Workers (Elementary Occupations)	29,910	30,344	30,407	31,334	31,409	31,941	31,757	32,247	31,814	31,898	31,874	32,454	34,295
Armed Forces Occupations	59,613	59,645	59,087	59,150	59,379	63,522	63,802	64,274	63,448	63,662	64,041	64,495	65,705

Source of information: General Directorate of Taxation, social insurance contributors; INSTAT's calculation

For more information, visit INSTAT webpage: <http://www.instat.gov.al/>

# Methodology

This publication contains detailed data on the level of wages, their distribution and the change over the quarters, These statistics offer an opportunity to compare salaries in different industries and for different occupational groups, Wage statistics are also of particular importance to the monitoring of economic indicators that are used by policy-makers, employers and trade unions to assess job supply and job requirements,

## Legal Base

- Law No,17/2018 on Official Statistics
- Official Statistics National Programme 2017-2021
- Memorandum of Cooperation with the General Directorate of Taxation

## Source of Information

The source of Information on wages is the General Directorate of Taxation, based to the memorandum of cooperation. The data are from the enterprises payroll (E- SIG 025 form),

This form serves to declare three types of tax liabilities:

- Social Security Contributions,
- Health Insurance Contributions
- Income from Employment of Employees,

Variables are three types: original variables from DPT, additional variables from INSTAT and derived variables. The two main variables of interest are the number of employees and the gross wage paid to the employee.

## Definitions

*Average monthly wage* - is the gross wage of an employee for the work performed per month,

This is constituted by the following elements:

- Basic wage for job performed
- Additional payment for managerial duties
- Additional payment for years at work
- Additional payment for difficult working conditions
- Other regular additional payments

Social security contributions and taxation on income are not deducted from the average monthly wage,

*Monthly minimum wage* - is the official minimum wage approved by a Decision of the Council of Ministers,

*Salary contributors in the sector of Agriculture, Forestry and fishing* - are considered all employees declared

in the General Directorate of Taxation, by farms / agricultural enterprises.

### Classifications

- The classification of enterprises is done according to the Nomenclature of Economic Activities, NACE Rev, 2 as follows:

Nace Rev2, (Sections)	Description
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing
B	Mining and quarrying
C	Manufacturing
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply
E	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities
F	Construction
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles
H	Transportation and storage
I	Accommodation and food service activities
J	Information and communication
K	Financial and insurance activities
L	Real estate activities
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities
N	Administrative and support service activities
O	Public administration and defense; compulsory social security
P	Education
Q	Human health and social work activities
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation
S	Other service activities
T	Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use
U	Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies

- Classification of occupations is done according to International Classification of Occupations, ISCO-08 as follows:

ISCO_08	Description
<b>1. Managers</b>	
11	Chief executives, senior officials and legislators
12	Administrative and commercial managers
13	Production and specialized services managers
14	Hospitality, retail and other services managers
<b>2. Professionals</b>	
21	Science and engineering professionals
22	Health professionals
23	Teaching professionals
24	Business and administration professionals
25	Information and communications technology professionals
26	Legal, social and cultural professionals
<b>3. Technicians and associate professionals</b>	
31	Science and engineering associate professionals
32	Health associate professionals
33	Business and administration associate professionals
34	Legal social, cultural and related associate professionals
35	Information and communications technicians

ISCO_08	Description
<b>4.</b>	<b>Clerical support workers</b>
41	General and keyboard clerks
42	Customer services clerks
43	Numerical and material recording clerks
44	Other clerical support workers
<b>5.</b>	<b>Service and sales workers</b>
51	Personal service workers
52	Sales workers
53	Personal care workers
54	Protective services workers
<b>6.</b>	<b>Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers</b>
61	Market-oriented skilled agricultural workers
62	Market-oriented skilled forestry, fishery and hunting workers
63	Subsistence farmers, fishers, hunters and gatherers
<b>7.</b>	<b>Craft and related trades workers</b>
71	Building and related trade's workers, excluding electricians
72	Metal, machinery and related trades workers
73	Handicraft and printing workers
74	Electrical and electronic trades workers
75	Food processing, Wood working, garment and other craft and related trades workers
<b>8.</b>	<b>Plant and machine operators, and assemblers</b>
81	Stationary plant and machine operators
82	Assemblers
83	Drivers and mobile plant operators
<b>9.</b>	<b>Elementary occupations</b>
91	Cleaners and helpers
92	Agricultural, forestry and fishery employees
93	Employees in mining, construction, manufacturing and transport
94	Food preparation assistants
95	Street and related sales and service workers
96	Refuse workers and other elementary workers
<b>0.</b>	<b>Armed forces occupations</b>
01	Commissioned armed forces officers
02	Non-commissioned armed forces officers
03	Armed forces occupations, other ranks