

Area: Labour Market

THE AVERAGE GROSS EARNINGS*) ON TOTAL ECONOMY IN JANUARY 2020 WERE 5225 LEI AND THE NET 3189 LEI

- In January 2020, the **average gross nominal earnings** were 5225 lei, with 240 lei (-4.4%) lower than the one registered in December 2019.
- The **average net nominal earnings** were 3189 lei, decreasing as against the previous month with 151 lei (-4.5%).
- The **highest values of the average net nominal earnings** were recorded in **computer programming, consultancy and related activities (including information service activities)** (7478 lei), while the **lowest** in **accommodation and food service activities** (1803 lei).

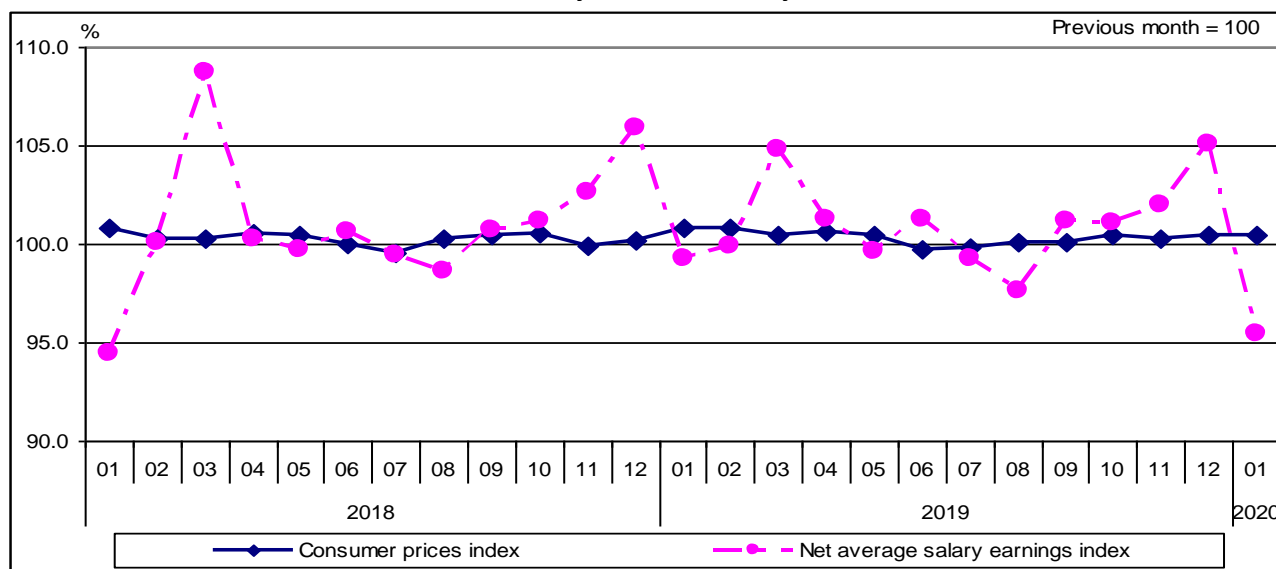
January 2020 as compared to January 2019

- As compared to January of the previous year, the average net nominal earnings increased by 8.6 %**).

Earnings in relation with the evolution of consumer prices

- The real earnings index¹ was 104.8% for January 2020 in relation with the same period of previous year.
- The real earnings index was 95.1% for January 2020 as against previous month.
- As compared to October 1990, the real earnings index was 216.9%, by 11.2 percentage points lower than the one recorded in December 2019.

Evolution of consumer price index and of net average earnings index during January 2018 – January 2020



[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

**) The evolution of the average net nominal earnings for the period January 2019 - January 2020 is presented in the Annex

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

January 2020 as compared to December 2019

In January 2020 as against the previous month, **the level of the average net earnings registered decreases in the majority of activities belonging to the economic sector²** due to granting in December 2019 of occasional bonuses (quarterly, annual, winter holidays, performance bonuses or the 13th salary), payments in kind and other allowances, amounts from the net profit and other funds (including value tickets). Also, the average net earnings in January were lower compared to the previous month due to production un-achievements or lower receipts (depending on contract/projects), as well as hiring staff with lower earnings as against the average, in certain economic activities.

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

- Between 19.5% and 22.5% in other mining and quarrying, financial service activities (except insurance and pension funding), manufacture of basic metals, mining of coal and lignite;
- Between 12.0% and 16.0% in real estate activities, manufacture of basic chemicals, fertilisers and nitrogen compounds, plastics and synthetic rubber in primary forms, manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations, printing and reproduction of recorded media, activities auxiliary to financial services and insurance activities, electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, warehousing and support activities for transportation, scientific research and development, sewerage, professional, scientific and technical activities, forestry and logging (including fishing and aquaculture);
- Between 9.0% and 11.5% in motion picture, video and television programmes production, sound recording and music publishing activities (including programming and broadcasting activities), manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products, repair and installation of machinery and equipment, manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products, manufacture of textiles, water collection, treatment and supply.

Increases of the average net earnings as compared to the previous month were registered in the economic sector for mining of metal ores (13.3%), insurance, reinsurance and pension funding (except compulsory social security) (4.3%), publishing activities (4.2%), respectively in arts, entertainment and recreation (2.9%). These increases were due to the occasional bonuses granted, payments in kind and other allowances, amounts from the net profit and other funds (including value tickets), the application of legal basis³, production achievements or receipts level (depending on contracts/projects), as well as laying off the staff with lower earnings as against the average, in certain economic activities.

In the **budgetary sector⁴** were registered increases of the average net earnings as against the previous month, mainly due to the application of legal basis⁵ on the remuneration of the personnel paid from public funds, as following: education (+3.6%), health and social assistance (+2.0%), respectively public administration (+1.7%).

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 March 16th 2020): <http://statistici.insse.ro/shop/index.jsp?page=tempo2&lang=en&context=15>

• from the Monthly Statistical Bulletin no. 1/2020.

The next press release on the average monthly earnings will be issued on April 9th 2020.

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

³ Ordinance no. 935/2019 for setting up the national minimum gross guaranteed wage

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

⁵ Law No. 153/2017 on the remuneration of personnel paid from public funds