

Area: Labour Market

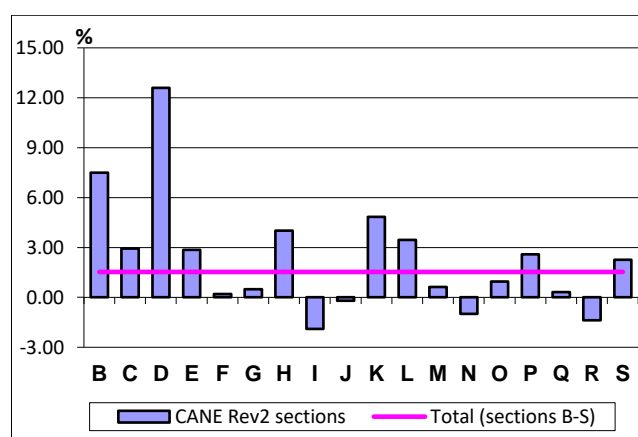
HIGHER HOURLY LABOUR COST IN QUARTER II 2025

- In quarter II 2025 compared to the quarter I 2025, **the adjusted hourly labour cost (working days adjusted)** registered an increase of 1.53%.
- In quarter II 2025 compared to the quarter II 2024, **the adjusted hourly labour cost (working days adjusted)** registered an increase of 10.34%.

Quarter II 2025 compared to Quarter I 2025

As against the Quarter I 2025, hourly labour cost (working days adjusted) increased in the majority of economic activities.

The quarterly labour cost index^{p)}
- percentage change, Quarter II 2025 compared to
Quarter I 2025 -
(working days adjusted)



^{p)} provisional data

The CANE Rev.2 sections are detailed in "Methodological notes".

[Graph data \(xls\)](#)

The most significant increases of the hourly labour cost (working days adjusted) were found in electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply (12.60%), mining and quarrying (7.50%), financial and insurance activities (4.83%), respectively in transportation and storage (4.01%).

The only decreases of the hourly labour cost (working days adjusted) were noticed in accommodation and food service activities (-1.90%), arts, entertainment and recreation (-1.37%), administrative and support service activities (-0.99%), respectively in information and communication (-0.20%).

As against the previous quarter, the direct costs¹ component (wages and salaries) increased by 1.53% and the other costs¹ component (non-wages costs) by 1.44%.

Quarter II 2025 compared to Quarter II 2024

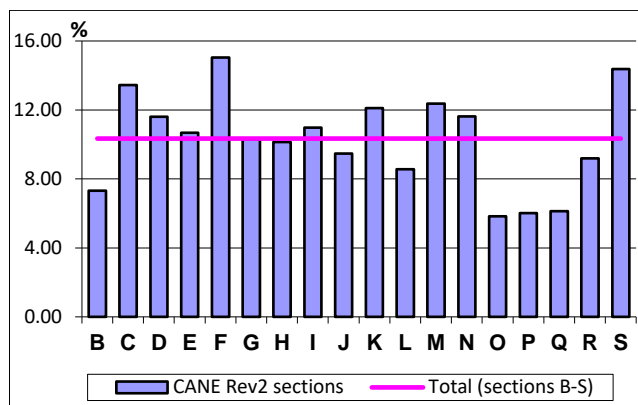
As compared to the same quarter of the previous year, the hourly labour cost (working days adjusted) increased in all economic activities.

The most significant increases of the hourly labour cost (working days adjusted) were found in construction (15.04%), other service activities (14.37%), respectively in manufacturing (13.44%).

As compared to quarter II 2024, the hourly labour cost (working days adjusted) increased the least in public administration (5.84%), education (6.02%), respectively in human health and social work activities (6.12%).

¹ for the working days adjusted index

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As against the same quarter of the previous year, the direct costs component¹ (wages and salaries) increased in quarter II 2025 by 10.33% and the other costs component¹ (non-wages costs) by 10.54%.

Additional information:

The **quarterly labour cost index** is a short-term indicator that reflects 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.

The quarterly labour cost index is presented in the [Annex](#).

Additional information can be obtained on-line accessing:

- *TEMPO database (starting with September 3rd, 2025):*
<http://statistici.insse.ro:8077/tempo-online/#/pages/tables/insse-table>
- *the publication Monthly Statistical Bulletin no. 7/2025:*
<https://insse.ro/cms/en/publicatii-statistice-in-format-electronic>

The next press release on *labour cost index* (Quarter III 2025) will be issued on December 4th, 2025.

Press release archive:

<http://www.insse.ro/cms/en/comunicate-de-presa-view>

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