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Average wages – Q1 2022

**In the Q1 2022, the average gross monthly nominal wage per full-time equivalent (FTE) employee in the national economy increased by 7.2% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. In real terms, it decreased by 3.6%. The median wage was CZK 31 923.**

*“In the Q1 2022, the average gross monthly nominal wage per full-time equivalent (FTE) employee was CZK 37 929, which is by 7.2% more compared to the corresponding period of 2021. However, consumer prices increased by 11.2% in that period and therefore the wage decreased in real terms, this time by 3.6%,”* Jitka Erhartová, Head of the Labour Statistics Unit, comments.

**In the Q1 2022**, the average gross monthly nominal wage[[1]](#footnote-1)\*) (hereinafter only referred to as ‘the average wage’) per FTE employee in the national economy in total was CZK 37 929, which is by CZK 2 533 (7.2%) more than in the corresponding period of 2021. In the aforementioned period, consumer prices increased by 11.2% and the wage thus decreased by 3.6% in real terms. The volume of wages increased by 8.4%; the number of employees increased by 1.1%.

**Compared to the previous quarter**, the seasonally adjusted average wage increased by 2.0% in the Q1 2022.

According to the breakdown of economic activities (industries) by CZ-NACE section, the highest increase of the average wage **compared to the corresponding period of 2021** was recorded in the following economic activities (CZ-NACE sections): ‘financial and insurance activities’ (15.9%), ‘real estate activities’ (13.9%) and ‘accommodation and food service activities’ (11.2%). The smallest growth by 1.9% was in ‘public administration and defence; compulsory social security’.

The median wage (CZK 31 923) increased by 6.6% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. The male median wage reached CZK 34 362 and the female one was CZK 29 262. Eighty per cent of employees earned wages within the interval from CZK 16 733 to CZK 60 467.

*Notes:*

The data are preliminary. Refined data will be available in September 2022.

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Annexes:

Table 1 Employees, average gross monthly wages by economic activity in Q1 2022 (absolute numbers, changes year-on-year)

Table 3 Employees, average gross monthly wages by territory of CZ-NUTS in Q1 2022 (absolute numbers, changes year-on-year)

Table 5 Gross monthly median wages by sex

Chart 1 Average gross monthly wages, quarterly data (absolute numbers, changes year-on-year)

1. *\*)* *The average gross monthly wage is a share of wage funds (including extra pay for overtime work, bonuses, compensation of wages, etc.) per one employee per month. Therefore, it does not indicate what wage one specific employee has. The earnings structure statistics, in which data on earnings of individual employees are available, show that about two thirds of employees have a wage below the national average.*

*The median wage represents a value of an employee wage in the middle of the wage distribution. It means that one half of the wages is lower and the second half of the wages is higher than the median wage. Unlike the average wage, which is calculated based on background data from enterprise reports, the median must be derived from a statistical-mathematical model based on a sample survey, because enterprise questionnaires (reports) only contain aggregated data for a whole enterprise or an organisation.*

*It has to be kept in mind that from the gross wages the employers pay appropriate amounts for premiums for health insurance and social security and income tax advances of natural persons for their employees. The employees are paid net wages.*  [↑](#footnote-ref-1)