Average earnings (wages)

*February 2020*

The average earnings (gross) in Montenegro in February 2020 are 785 Euro, while the average earnings without taxes and contributions (net) are 523 Euro. The average earnings without taxes and contributions (net) in February 2020 comparing to January 2020 decreased 0.2% while the average earnings without taxes and contributions (net) in February 2020 comparing to February 2019 increased 1.8%. Having in mind that consumer prices in February 2020 comparing to January 2020 decreased 0.1%, the results is that real earnings without taxes and contributions (net) in the same period decreased 0.1%.

At the sector level the average earnings without taxes and contributions (net) in February 2020 compared to January 2020 increased in the following sectors: *Education* (2.3%), *Administrative and support service activities* (1.9%), *Public administration and defence, compulsory social security* (1.7%), *Manufacturing* (1.7%), *Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities* (1.2%), *Agriculture, forestry and fishing* (1.1%), *Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply* (1.0%), *Mining and quarrying* (0.7%), *Human health and social work activities* (0.5%), *Arts, entertainment and recreation* (0.5%) while there were a decrease in the following sectors: *Real estate activities* (12.5%), *Professional, scientific and technical activities* (3.3%), *Transport and storage* (2.9%), *Information and communications* (2.7%), *Other service activities* (2.2%), *Financial and insurance activities* (2.0%), *Accommodation and food service activities* (1.8%), *Construction* (0.4%) and *Wholesale and retail trade* (0.3%).
METHODOLOGICAL EXPLANATIONS

The data on average monthly earnings present earnings paid within a month, and they are received by the regular monthly survey Monthly report on employees and earnings (RAD–1 form).

The average earnings (gross) are calculated dividing the total earnings paid off in a month by the number of employees the paid earnings refer to. Earnings without taxes and contributions (net) comprise earnings (gross) reduced by taxes and contributions paid by employee.

The index on real average earnings without taxes and contributions (net) represent the ratio between index on nominal average earnings without taxes and contributions (net), and consumer price index.

The data are released 30th in a month for the previous one, as well as in our website: www.monstat.org