

# Average paid employment<sup>1</sup> and average gross wages and salaries in enterprise sector in August 2020

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**1.5%**

Decrease y/y average paid employment in enterprise sector

In August 2020, average paid employment in enterprise sector was lower by 1.5% y/y and amounted to 6295.0 thousand, while average gross wages and salaries were higher by 4.1% y/y and amounted to 5337.65 PLN.

Data regarding the enterprise sector concerns units conducting economic activity classified into selected<sup>2</sup> kinds of activity by NACE Rev.2 and employing more than 9 persons. Data source is "Report on economic activity" (DG-1). Within the scope of this survey, for the entities with 50 and more persons employed it is a census survey, while for the entities employing from 10 to 49 persons it is a sample one<sup>3</sup>.

**Table 1. Average paid employment and average gross wages and salaries in enterprise sector in August 2020**

| Specification                                 | VIII 2020           |              |               | I-VIII 2020     |
|---|---------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
|   | in absolute numbers | VII 2020=100 | VIII 2019=100 | I-VIII 2019=100 |
| Average paid employment in thousands          | 6295.0              | 100.7        | 98.5          | 99.1            |
| Average gross wages and salaries total in PLN | 5337.65             | 99.2         | 104.1         | 104.3           |
| of which excluding payments from profit       | 5337.46             | 99.3         | 104.1         | 104.3           |

In August 2020 compared to the previous month, in enterprise sector average paid employment increased, while average gross wages and salaries dropped by 0.8%

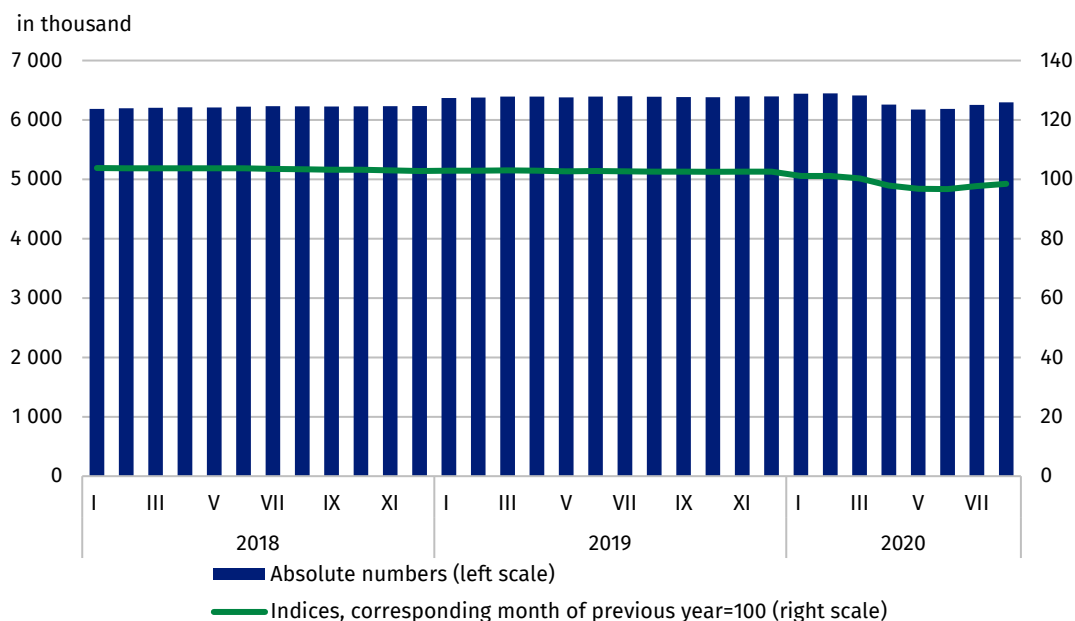
In August 2020, in enterprise sector restoring pre-pandemic full-time jobs, admissions in the units, as well as returning of employees from care benefits, sickness benefits and unpaid leaves was observed. It translated into growth in average paid by 0.7% compared to the July this year (in July this year compared to June this year an increase of 1.1% was observed). In comparison to the same period last year, in August this year the decline in average paid employment was continued (by 1.5%), but to a lesser extent than in the previous month, when it amounted to 2.3%.

<sup>1</sup> Average paid employment after converting the dimensions of part-time employees into full-time jobs.

<sup>2</sup> Activities included in the enterprise sector are listed on page 2.

<sup>3</sup> Methodological report Monthly activity report of enterprises: <https://stat.gov.pl/en/topics/economic-activities-finances/activity-of-enterprises-activity-of-companies/methodological-report-monthly-activity-report-of-enterprises,17,1.html> .

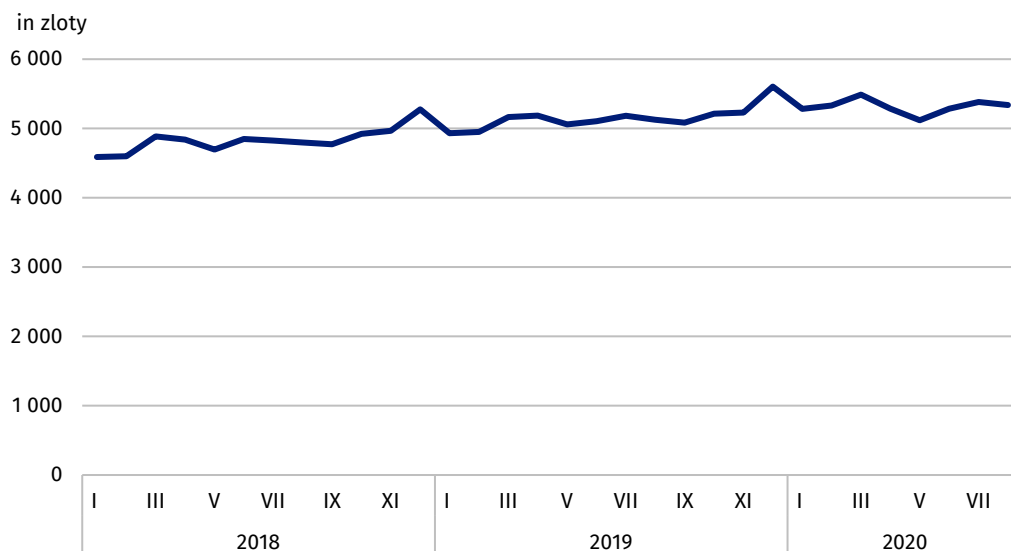
**Chart 1. Average paid employment in enterprises sector**



Due to the epidemic situation and its impact on the labour market, from March to May this year there was a decrease in the average paid employment month on month, while in the subsequent months of 2020 its increase began to be observed. Such changes in the average paid employment during the year did not occur in the previous years.

In August this year, compared to July this year, a decrease in average gross wages and salaries in enterprise sector was noted. It was caused among others by continuation of the payment of bonuses, quarterly, annual and jubilee awards and retirement severance pays (which beside the base remuneration are also included as components of wages and salaries) in the previous month.

**Chart 2. Average monthly gross wages and salaries in enterprise sector**



Annually (August 2020 to August 2019), average gross wages and salaries increased by 4.1%, and the growth rate was faster than that observed in previous months y/y.

In the cumulative period of eight months of 2020 average gross wages and salaries, compared to the same period of the previous year, increased in almost all NACE sections by between 0.2% in section "Other service activities" and 9.0% in section "Administrative and support service activities", which resulted in total average monthly wages and salaries increase of 4.3%. Decrease by 4.6% was noted in section "Agriculture, forestry and fishing".

## Methodological notes

**Enterprise sector concerns units employing more than 9 persons and conducting economic activity within the scope of the following areas:** forestry and logging; marine fishing; mining and quarrying; manufacturing; electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply; water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities; construction; wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles; transportation and storage; accommodation and food service activities; information and communication; real estate activities; legal and accounting activities; activities of head offices; management consultancy activities; architectural and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis; advertising and market research; other professional, scientific and technical activities; administrative and support service activities; arts, entertainment and recreation; repair of computers and personal and household goods; other personal service activities.

Labour market data on survey report DG-1 do not include persons employed under a mandate contract and contract for specified work - the detailed scope of exclusions along with methods of calculating labour market variables can be found in the explanations of the DG-1 report<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>4</sup> DG-1 report in English is available in Methodological report Monthly activity report of enterprises: <https://stat.gov.pl/en/topics/economic-activities-finances/activity-of-enterprises-activity-of-companies/methodological-report-monthly-activity-report-of-enterprises,17,1.html>.

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[Average paid employment](#)

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