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THE AVERAGE GROSS EARNINGS*) ON TOTAL ECONOMY IN APRIL 2025 WERE 9415 LEI AND THE NET 5647 LEI

- In April 2025, the average gross earnings were 9415 lei, with 80 lei (-0.8%) lower than the one registered in March 2025.
- The average net earnings were 5647 lei, decreasing with 44 lei (-0.8%) as against March 2025.
- The highest values of the average net earnings were recorded in extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas (14021 lei) and in computer programming, consultancy and related activities (including information service activities) (12599 lei), while the lowest in accommodation and food service activities (3332 lei) and in manufacture of wearing apparel (3430 lei).

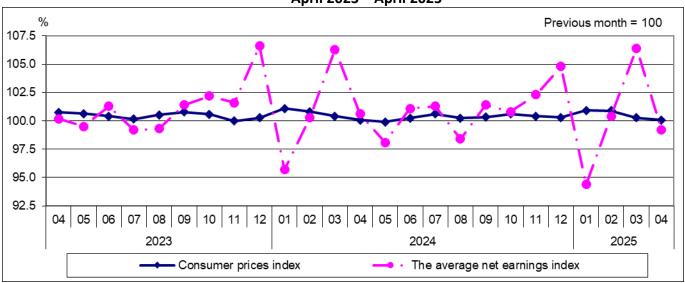
April 2025 as compared to April 2024

As compared to April of the previous year, the average net earnings increased by 8.2%**).

Earnings in relation with the evolution of consumer prices

- The real earnings index¹ was 103.2% in April 2025 as against April 2024.
- The real earnings index was 99.1% in April 2025 as against March 2025.
- As compared to October 1990, the real earnings index was 262.2%, by 2.2 percentage points lower than the one recorded March 2025.

Evolution of the consumer price index and of the average net earnings index during April 2023 – April 2025



The data of the graph (xls)

During the year, there are fluctuations of the earnings, mainly determined by granting of annual and holiday bonuses, especially in the months taken as comparison base (December, March/April). These influence 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.

The evolution of real earnings depends on both the fluctuations of the average net earnings and the inflation rate.

^{*)} Please see Methodological notes from item 4. Concepts and definitions

^{**)} The evolution of the average net earnings for the period April 2024 – April 2025 is presented in the Annex

 $^{^{\}mathrm{1}}$ Calculated as the ratio between the average net earnings index and the consumer prices index

April 2025 as compared to March 2025

In April 2025, in the majority of activities belonging to the economic sector², the level of the average net earnings increased due to granting of the occasional bonuses (quarterly, annual, for outstanding performance or Easter holiday bonuses), payments in kind and other allowances, amounts from the net profit and other funds (including value tickets). Also, the increases of the average net earnings were due to higher production achievements or receipts level (depending on contracts/projects).

The most significant increases in the average net earnings at section/division level of CANE Rev.2 have been recorded as follows:

- By 35.6% in extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas;
- Between 10.0% and 16.0% in electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, mining support service activities, manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products, water transport;
- Between 5.0% and 9.0% in manufacture of other transport equipment, repair and installation of machinery and equipment, manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers, other mining and quarrying, manufacture of rubber and plastic products;
- Between 3.0% and 4.5% in mining of metal ores, warehousing and support activities for transportation, manufacture of basic metals, insurance, reinsurance and pension funding (except compulsory social security), land transport and transport via pipelines, mining of coal and lignite, printing and reproduction of recorded media.

Decreases of the average net earnings as against March 2025 were determined by the occasional bonuses (quarterly, annual, for outstanding performance or Easter holiday bonuses), payments in kind and other allowances, amounts from the net profit and other funds (including value tickets) granted in the previous months. Also, the decreases of the average net earnings were caused by the production un-achievements or lower receipts (depending on contracts/projects).

The most significant decreases in the average net earnings at section/division level of CANE Rev.2 have been recorded as follows:

- By 34.8% in manufacture of tobacco products;
- Between 8.0% and 13.5% in publishing activities, manufacture of beverages, telecommunications, manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products, financial service activities (except insurance and pension funding), computer programming, consultancy and related activities (including information service activities);
- Between 3.0% and 7.5% in manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c, professional, scientific and technical activities, real estate activities, motion picture, video and television programmes production, sound recording and music publishing activities (including programming and broadcasting activities).

In the **budgetary sector**³, the average net earnings registered slight decreases as against the previous month, as follows: education (-2.4%), public administration (-0.6%), respectively human health and social work activities (-0.2%).

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 wining 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 <u>Methodological notes</u> attached to the press release on the homepage. The average monthly gross and net earnings are presented in the <u>Annex</u>. Additional information can be obtained:

• accessing on-line TEMPO database (starting June 16th 2025): http://statistici.insse.ro:8077/tempo-online/#/pages/tables/insse-table

• from the Monthly Statistical Bulletin no. 04/2025: https://insse.ro/cms/en/publicatii-statistice-in-format-electronic
The next press release on the average monthly earnings will be issued on July 11th 2025.

Press release archive: http://www.insse.ro/cms/en/comunicate-de-presa-view

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² Excluding activities of public administration, education, human health and social work activities

³ See the Methodological notes from point 3 regarding "budgetary sector"