

Employment and average monthly wage in selected sectors of economy in January 2026

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In January, real wage growth was still maintained in most of the monthly monitored sectors

Wage growth adjusted for inflation was recorded in 6 out of 10 monthly monitored sectors. Employment decreased year-on-year in 4 sectors.

The **average monthly wage**¹⁾ in January 2026 increased year-on-year in 8 out of 10 monthly monitored sectors. Its development ranged from a decrease of 2.1% in sale and repair of motor vehicles to an increase of 6.6% in food and beverage service activities.

Real wage growth, i.e., after adjusting for the impact of inflation, was observed in 6 sectors, while 4 sectors experienced a decrease in purchasing power of wages. Real year-on-year changes ranged from -5.9% in sale and repair of motor vehicles to +2.5% in food and beverage service activities. Inflation-adjusted wage declines were also recorded in the sectors of information and communication (-4%), accommodation (-2.3%), and wholesale (-1.4%).

Employment development

Employment²⁾ in January 2026 was higher year-on-year in 6 out of 10 sectors monitored monthly. Accommodation saw the most significant increase by 8.8%. A decline was recorded in 4 sectors, with wholesale recording the largest decrease by 3.8%. Employment also decreased in retail trade, as well as in transportation and storage, and also in industry, with decreases up to 2.1%.

Note: Data are obtained from monthly surveys and are preliminary.

- 1) wages are without business income, including wages of employees at self-employed persons
- 2) employed persons are employees and entrepreneurs

Data source: DATAcube. database:

- Indices of employment in selected branches - monthly [\[od0007ms\]](#)
- Average monthly wages in selected branches - monthly [\[od0008ms\]](#)
- Indices of average nominal monthly wages in selected branches - monthly [\[od0009ms\]](#)
- Indices of real monthly wages in selected branches - monthly [\[od0010ms\]](#)

Outputs on the topic of employment and average monthly wages in selected sectors:

Monthly data on nominal wages and employment represent the first preliminary data on wages in selected sectors. The Statistical Office of the SR publishes them only for 10 selected sectors - industry; construction; transport and storage; information and communication; selected market services; internal trade (retail, wholesale, sale and repair of motor vehicles, accommodation, food and beverage service activities). The data are prepared on the basis of **monthly reports**.

The **reference data on average wages in Slovakia are data for the quarter**, which contain data in summary for 19 sectors of the economy (among others. - Education; Health care and social assistance; Professional scientific and technical activities; etc.) and the average wage for the Slovak Republic is also compiled from them. The data are prepared on the basis of **quarterly reports**.

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