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| **March 2025** |

**Average net salary in March 1,476 BAM**

**Real annual salary growth 2.5%**

The average monthly net salary paid in Republika Srpska in March 2025 amounted to 1,476 BAM. Compared to February 2025, it recorded a nominal increase of 0.1%, while in real terms it remained at the same level. Compared to the same month of the previous year, it was nominally 5.9% higher and really 2.5% higher. The average monthly gross salary amounted to 2,264 BAM.

Observed by sections, in March 2025 the highest average net salary in Republika Srpska was paid in Financial and insurance activities, amounting to 2,078 BAM, while the lowest average net salary was paid in Real estate activities, amounting to 1,179 BAM.

In March 2025, compared to March 2024, all sections in Republika Srpska recorded a nominal increase in net salaries, with the highest growth observed in the sectors of Professional, scientific and technical activities (14.8%), Financial and insurance activities (12.0%), and Administrative and support service activities (9.0%)

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Graph 1. Average net salary by months

**Monthly inflation in March 2025: 0.1%**

**Annual inflation (March 2025 / March 2024): 3.3%**

The prices of goods and services used for personal consumption in Republika Srpska, measured by the Consumer Price Index, increased on average by 0.1% in March 2025 compared to the previous month, while compared to the same month of the previous year, they were on average higher by 3.3%. Of the twelve main sections of goods and services, eight recorded higher prices on an annual basis, two recorded lower prices, while prices remained unchanged in two sections.

The highest annual price growth in March 2025 was recorded in Health, at 8.7%, mainly due to an increase of 37.9% in the group medical services. This was followed by the Food and non-alcoholic beverages, with a growth of 7.0%, resulting from higher prices in the group non-alcoholic beverages (34.7%) and the group oils and fats (15.2%). Restaurants and hotels recorded a growth of 6.9%, owing to an increase of 8.0% in the group food and beverage services.

Alcoholic beverages and tobacco followed, with an increase of 4.3%, due to higher prices in the group wine (5.9%). Other goods and services recorded a growth of 2.8%, primarily due to an increase of 11.0% in the group personal care services. Recreation and culture saw a rise of 2.1%, mainly due to an 11.5% increase in the group veterinary and other services for pets.

An increase of 1.2% was recorded in Housing, due to higher prices in the group other services related to the dwelling (12.4%), while a 0.8% increase was observed in Education, mainly due to a 4.7% rise in the group pre-school education.

Prices remained unchanged in Furniture and furnishings and Communications.

Lower prices on an annual basis in March 2025 were recorded in Clothing and Footwear (5.4%), due to seasonal discounts on clothing and footwear throughout the year, and in Transport (3.0%), mainly due to a 7.6% decrease in the group fuels and lubricants.

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*Graph 1. Monthly and annual inflation*

**Seasonally adjusted industrial production (March 2025 / February 2025) decreased by 2.6%**

Seasonally adjusted industrial production in Republika Srpska in March 2025 decreased by 2.6% compared to February 2025. Calendar-adjusted industrial production in March 2025, compared to March 2024, decreased by 1.2%.

Working-day adjusted industrial production in Republika Srpska in the period January – March 2025, compared to the same period of 2024, decreased by 4.1%.

Graph 1. Indices of industrial production, March 2021 – March 2025. (∅2021=100)

**Number of persons employed in industry (March 2025 / February 2025) decreased by 0.1%**

The number of persons employed in industry in March 2025 decreased by 0.1% compared to February of the same year. Compared to the 2024 average, the number of persons employed in industry in March 2025 was lower by 1.7%, and compared to the same month of the previous year, it was lower by 2.7%.

**In the period January – March 2025, the highest export was to Croatia and the highest import was from Serbia**

In the period January – March 2025, exports amounted to BAM 1.25 billion, which is 5.7% more than in the period January – March 2024, while imports amounted to BAM 1.837 billion, representing an increase of 9.1% compared to the period January – March 2024. The export-to-import coverage ratio stood at 68.0%.

In March 2025, exports totalled BAM 463 million, which is 8.9% higher than in March 2024, while imports amounted to BAM 707 million, up by 7.1% compared to March 2024. The export-to-import coverage ratio for March 2025 was 65.5%.

Regarding the geographical distribution of foreign trade of Republika Srpska, in the period January – March 2025, the highest share of total exports was recorded with Croatia, amounting to BAM 230 million (18.4%), followed by Serbia, with BAM 202 million (16.2%). In the same period, the highest share of total imports was from Serbia, amounting to BAM 333 million (18.1%), and from Italy, amounting to BAM 255 million (13.9%).

Observed by product groups, in the period January – March 2025, the largest share of exports was accounted for by electricity, with a value of BAM 126 million, representing 10.1% of total exports, while the largest share of imports was recorded for petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals (excluding crude), with a total value of BAM 115 million, representing 6.3% of total imports.

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Graph 4. Export and import by months

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