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**Average net salary in July: 1,556 BAМ**

**Real wage growth on an annual basis: 4.7%**

The average monthly net salary paid in Republika Srpska in July 2025 amounted to 1,556 BAM. Compared to June 2025, it was lower nominally by 0.5% and in real terms by 0.8%, while compared to the same month of the previous year, it was nominally higher by 9.9% and in real terms by 4.7%. The average monthly gross salary amounted to 2,394 BAM.

By activity sector, the highest average net salary in July 2025 was paid in *Financial activities and insurance*, amounting to 2,007 BAM, while the lowest average net salary in July was paid in *Civil engineering*, amounting to 1,206 BAM.

In July 2025, compared to July 2024, all sectors recorded a nominal increase in net salary, with the highest growth observed in *Professional, scientific and technical activities* *(16.7%), Education* (15.4%) and *Public administration and defence; compulsory social security (15.0%).*

BAM

Chart 1. Average net salary by month

**Monthly inflation in July 2025: 0.3%**

**Annual inflation (July 2025/July 2024): 5.0%**

The prices of goods and services for personal consumption in Republika Srpska, measured by the Consumer Price Index, were on average 0.3% higher in July 2025 compared to the previous month, and 5.0% higher compared to the same month of the previous year. Of the 12 main sections of goods and services, prices increased year-on-year in nine divisions, decreased in two, and remained unchanged in one.

The highest annual price increase in July 2025 was recorded in *Food and non-alcoholic* *beverages* (10.6%) due to higher prices in the group non-alcoholic beverages (43.6%), fruit (21.4%) and vegetables (16.7%). This was followed by *Health* (8.3%) due to higher prices in the group medical services (37.9%), and by *Restaurants and hotels* (7.2%) due to an 8.3% increase in the group food and beverage services.

This is followed by *Recreation and culture* with an increase of 5.6%, due to a 12.4% rise in the group recreation and sport services and a 11.1% rise in the group package holidays, followed by *Other* *goods and services*, also up by 4.2%, driven by a 10.7% increase in the group personal care services and finally *Alcoholic beverages and tobacco* with an increase of 4.0% due to an 5.5% rise in the group wine.

Prices in *Education* rose by 2.8%, driven by a 10.8% increase in the group pre-school education. An increase of 2.0% was also recorded in *Housing*, due to a 9.6% rise in the groupother sevices related to the dwelling, while prices saw an increase of 1.0% in *Furniture and household equipment* due to a 3.3% rise in the group carpets and other floor coverings. Prices in *Communications* remained unchanged.

Year-on-year price decreases in July 2025 were recorded in *Clothing and footwear* (3.0%) as a result of seasonal discounts on clothing and footwear throughout the year and in *Transport* (2.9%) due to a 9.2% decrease in the group motorcycles and a 8.2% decrease in the group and fuels and lubricants.

Monthly inflation Annual inflation

Graph 2. Monthly and annual inflation

**Seasonally adjusted industrial production (July 2025/June 2024) down by 1.8%**

Seasonally adjusted industrial production in Republika Srpska in July 2025 increased by 1.8% compared to June 2025. Calendar-adjusted industrial production in July 2025 was 4.0% lower compared to July 2024.

In the period January–July 2025, calendar-adjusted industrial production in Republika Srpska was 4.0% lower compared to the same period in 2024.

Graph 3. Indices of industrial production, July 2021 – July 2025 (∅2021=100)

**Number of persons employed in industry (July 2025/June 2025) down by 0.3%**

The number of persons employed in industry in July 2025 was 0.3% lower compared to June of the same year. Compared to the 2024 average, the number of employed persons in industry in July 2025 was down by 2.6%, and compared to the same month of the previous year, it was down by 2.5%.

**In the period January–July 2025, exports increased by 7.3%, while imports increased by 3.6%**

In the period January–July 2025, exports amounted to 3.104 billion BAM, which is 7.3% more than in the same period in 2024, while imports amounted to 4.371 billion BAM, an increase of 3.6% compared to January–July 2024. The export-import coverage ratio was 71.0%.

In July 2025, exports amounted to 491 million BAM, which is 11.1% more than in July 2024, while imports amounted to 693 million BAM, up by 4.2% compared to July 2024. The export-import coverage ratio for May was 70.8%.

Regarding the geographical distribution of foreign trade in the period January–July 2025, Republika Srpska exported the most to Croatia, with a value of 556 million BAM (17.9%) and to Serbia with 518 million BAM (16.7%). In the same period, the highest import values were recorded from Serbia, 783 million BAM (17.9%) and from Italy, 615 million BAM (14.1%).

By product groups, in the period January–July 2025, the largest share of exports was accounted for by electricity, worth 309 million BAM (9.9% of total exports), while the largest share of imports was made up of petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals (other than crude), valued at 272 million BAM (6.2% of total imports).

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Graph 4. Export and import by months

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