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| **June 2025** |

**Average net salary in May: 1,549 BAМ**

**Real wage growth on an annual basis: 6.1%**

The average monthly net salary paid in Republika Srpska in May 2025 amounted to 1,549 BAM. Compared to April 2025, it was nominally higher by 5.2% and in real terms by 4.8%, while compared to the same month of the previous year, it was nominally higher by 10.4% and in real terms by 6.1%. The average monthly gross salary amounted to 2,382 BAM.

By activity sector, the highest average net salary in May 2025 was paid in the *Information and communication*, amounting to 1,927 BAM, while the lowest average net salary was paid in the *Civil engineering*, amounting to 1,192 BAM.

In May 2025, compared to May 2024, all sectors recorded a nominal increase in net salary, with the highest growth observed in *Public administration and defence; compulsory social security (16.7%), Education* (13.1%) and *Health and social work activities (13.1%).*

BAM

Chart 1. Average net salary by month

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

**Annual inflation (May 2025/May 2024): 4.1%**

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 May 2025 compared to the previous month, and 4.1% 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 May 2025 was recorded in *Food and non-alcoholic* *beverages* (10.1%) due to higher prices in the group non-alcoholic beverages (49.9%), fruit (15.3%) and oil and fat (14.4%). This was followed by *Health* (8.8%) due to higher prices in the group medical services (37.9%), and by *Restaurants and hotels* (7.0%) due to an 8.0% increase in the group food and beverage services.

Next came *Recreation and culture* with an increase of 5.4%, due to a 10.4% rise in the group veterinary and related services for pets and a 9.8% rise in the group recreation and sport services, followed by *Alcoholic beverages and tobacco*, also up by 4.2%, driven by a 6.4% increase in the group Wine. *Other* *goods and services* increased by 3.4% due to an 11.5% rise in the group personal care services.

Prices in *Housing* rose by 1.4%, driven by a 9.6% increase in the group other sevices related to the dwelling. An increase of 1.4% was also recorded in *Education*, due to a 10.8% rise in the group pre-school education, while prices saw an increase of 0.9% in *Furniture and household equipment* due to a 6.3% rise in the group repair of household appliances. Prices in *Communications* remained unchanged.

Year-on-year price decreases in May 2025 were recorded in *Transport* (6.7%) due to a 14.1% decrease in the group fuels and lubricants, and in *Clothing and footwear* (3.1%) as a result of seasonal discounts on clothing and footwear throughout the year.

Monthly inflation Annual inflation

Graph 2. Monthly and annual inflation

**Seasonally adjusted industrial production (January-May 2025/January-May 2024) down by 5.2%**

In the period January–May 2025, calendar-adjusted industrial production in Republika Srpska was 5.2% lower compared to the same period in 2024.

Seasonally adjusted industrial production in Republika Srpska in May 2025 decreased by 13.8% compared to April 2025. Calendar-adjusted industrial production in May 2025 was 12.5% lower compared to May 2024.

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

**Number of persons employed in industry (May 2025/April 2025) down by 0.1%**

The number of persons employed in industry in May 2025 was 0.1% lower compared to April of the same year. Compared to the 2024 average, the number of employed persons in industry in May 2025 was down by 1.9%, and compared to the same month of the previous year, it was down by 2.2%.

**In the period January–May 2025, exports increased by 6.2%, while imports increased by 5.5%**

In the period January–May 2025, exports amounted to 2.165 billion BAM, which is 6.2% more than in the same period in 2024, while imports amounted to 3.076 billion BAM, an increase of 5.5% compared to January–May 2024. The export-import coverage ratio was 70.4%.

In May 2025, exports amounted to 449 million BAM, which is 16.5% more than in May 2024, while imports amounted to 603 million BAM, down by 4.8% compared to May 2024. The export-import coverage ratio for May was 74.5%.

Regarding the geographical distribution of foreign trade in the period January–May 2025, Republika Srpska exported the most to Croatia, with a value of 387 million BAM (17.9%) and to Serbia with 365 million BAM (16.9%). In the same period, the highest import values were recorded from Serbia, 552 million BAM (17.9%) and from Italy, 428 million BAM (13.9%).

By product groups, in the period January–May 2025, the largest share of exports was accounted for by electricity, worth 234 million BAM (10.8% 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 191 million BAM (6.2% of total imports).

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Graph 4. Export and import by months

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