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**Average net salary in April: 1,473 BAМ**

**Real wage growth on an annual basis: 1.6%**

The average monthly net salary paid in Republika Srpska in April 2025 amounted to 1,473 BAM. Compared to March 2025, it was nominally lower by 0.2% and in real terms by 0.5%, while compared to the same month of the previous year, it was nominally higher by 5.2% and in real terms by 1.6%. The average monthly gross salary amounted to 2,260 BAM.

By activity sector, the highest average net salary in April 2025 was paid in the *Financial and insurance activities*, amounting to 1,910 BAM, while the lowest average net salary was paid in the *Accommodation and food service activities* (hotels and restaurants), amounting to 1,193 BAM.

In April 2025, compared to April 2024, all sectors recorded a nominal increase in net salary, with the highest growth observed in *Professional, scientific and technical activities* (18.0%), *Information and communication* (8.0%) and *Manufacturing* (7.9%).

BAM



Chart 1. Average net salary by month

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

**Annual inflation (April 2025/April 2024): 3.6%**

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 April 2025 compared to the previous month, and 3.6% 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 April 2025 was recorded in *Health* (8.7%) due to higher prices in the group medical services (37.9%) and medical products, appliances and equipment (6.2%). This was followed by *Food and non-alcoholic* *beverages* (8.1%) due to a 40.0% increase in the group non-alcoholic beverages, and *Restaurants and hotels* (7.3%) due to an 8.5% increase in the group food and beverage services.

Next came *Alcoholic beverages and tobacco* with an increase of 4.2%, due to a 5.1% rise in the group tobacco, followed by the *Recreation and culture*, also up 4.2%, driven by an 11.5% increase in the group veterinary and related services for pets. *Other* *goods and services* increased by 3.3% due to an 11.8% rise in the group personal care services.

Prices in *Housing* rose by 1.7%, driven by a 10.6% increase in the group other sevices related to the dwelling. An increase of 1.0% was recorded in *Furniture and household equipment*, due to an 11.3% rise in the group repair of household appliances, while *Education* saw an increase of 0.8% due to a 4.7% rise in the group pre-school education. Prices in *Communications* remained unchanged.

Year-on-year price decreases in April 2025 were recorded in *Transport* (5.5%) due to a 12.1% decrease in the group fuels and lubricants, and in *Clothing and footwear* (3.6%) 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 (April 2025/March 2025) up by 0.2%**

Seasonally adjusted industrial production in Republika Srpska in April 2025 increased by 0.2% compared to March 2025. Calendar-adjusted industrial production in April 2025 was 1.1% lower compared to April 2024.

In the period January–April 2025, calendar-adjusted industrial production in Republika Srpska was 3.4% lower compared to the same period in 2024.

Seasonally adjucted indices Trend indices

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

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

The number of persons employed in industry in April 2025 was 0.1% lower compared to March of the same year. Compared to the 2024 average, the number of employed persons in industry in April 2025 was down by 1.8%, and compared to the same month of the previous year, it was down by 2.5%.

**In the period January–April 2025, most exports went to Croatia and most imports came from Serbia**

In the period January–April 2025, exports amounted to 1.716 billion BAM, which is 3.8% more than in the same period in 2024, while imports amounted to 2.473 billion BAM, an increase of 5.7% compared to January–April 2024. The export-import coverage ratio was 69.4%.

In April 2025, exports amounted to 466 million BAM, which is 1.0% less than in April 2024, while imports amounted to 636 million BAM, down by 3.0% compared to April 2024. The export-import coverage ratio for April was 73.3%.

Regarding the geographical distribution of foreign trade in the period January–April 2025, Republika Srpska exported the most to Croatia, with a value of 315 million BAM (18.4%) and to Serbia with 283 million BAM (16.5%). In the same period, the highest import values were recorded from Serbia, 450 million BAM (18.2%) and from Italy, 342 million BAM (13.8%).

By product groups, in the period January–April 2025, the largest share of exports was accounted for by electricity, worth 181 million BAM (10.5% 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 158 million BAM (6.4% of total imports).

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Graph 4. Export and import by months

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