



Indices of Production in Construction for January 2009^{1,2}

Since January 2009 Indices of Production in Construction are calculated under the new classification NACE rev. 2. At the same time the base year was changed and indices were calculated on the base 2005. Data for the previous periods back to 2000, has been recalculated under NACE rev. 2.

Preliminary data for January 2009 indicated that construction production was 10.2% below the level in December 2008. The building construction was a significant part (70.7%) from the total production in construction and it recorded decrease by 7.6%, while in the civil engineering - by 15.8% (tabl. 1).

In January 2009 the total production in construction fell by 6.1% compared to the same month of the previous year as a result of decline in building construction by 7.0%. Compared to January 2008 the civil engineering decreased by 3.9%, but because of its smaller share had no significant effect on the overall index of production in construction. Unfavourable weather conditions for the outdoor activities and the smaller decrease in the civil engineering compared with January 2008, indicated that in the beginning of the year construction contractors have difficulties for completing the buildings and guide their efforts to complete the construction equipment.

¹ Data for January 2009 is preliminary.

² The monthly indices show the short-term changes in the construction production between two comparable periods. This information can be used to analyze the current state of the construction activity in the country, as well as short-term forecast for its future development. The indices are calculated on the base of information on hours worked in the construction. The data is collected with monthly sample survey, which includes construction enterprises, which production exceeds 75% of the total production in construction.

Indices of production in construction - total and separately for building construction and civil engineering are calculated on the base (2005 = 100) for actual hours worked from all directly employed with the construction works.

According to the Classification of types of constructions (CC) the building construction includes construction of residential and non-residential buildings and civil engineering - infrastructure construction of roads, bridges, pipelines, power lines, telecommunication and other construction equipment.

Table 1

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(Preliminary data)

	2005 = 100	Preceding month = 100	Corresponding month of 2008 = 100
Construction - total	130.2	89.8	93.9
Building construction	132.1	92.4	93.0
Civil engineering	126.0	84.2	96.1

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