



Construction Production Indices in August 2009^{1,2}

According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute, the construction production fell by 11.9% in August 2009 compared to the previous month. A decrease of 11.8% was registered in the production of building construction, as well in the civil engineering production - by 12.1%.

In August 2009, the total production in construction decreased by 17.0% compared to the same month of the previous year. A drop of 22.6% was registered in the production of the building construction, while in the civil engineering production it was only 4.2% compared to August 2008.

The total production in construction during the period January - August 2009 fell by 10.4% compared to the same period of 2008. The building construction constituted a significant part (66.0%) of the total construction production and it decreased by 15.1%, while the growth in the civil engineering was 0.5% but as it had small share there was no significant effect on overall Construction Production Index.

¹ Data for August 2009 is preliminary.

² Since January 2009 Construction Production Indices 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.

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.

Construction Production Indices - 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.

Construction Production Indices in August 2009 (Preliminary data)

	August			January - August
	2005 = 100	Previous month = 100	The same month of 2008 = 100	The same period of 2008 = 100
Construction - total	127.2	88.1	83.0	89.6
Building construction	117.9	88.2	77.4	84.9
Civil engineering	148.3	87.9	95.8	100.5

Construction Production Indices (2005 = 100)

