



Indices of Production in Construction for March 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 March 2009 indicated that construction production rose by 7.3% compared to the previous month. The building construction was a significant part (66.8%) from the total production in construction and it recorded an increase by 5.2%, while the growth in the civil engineering reached 11.9% but because of its smaller share had no appreciable effect on the overall index of production in construction (tabl. 1).

In March 2009 the total production in construction fell by 4.3% compared to the same month of the previous year as a result of decline in building construction by 8.8%. Compared to March 2008 the civil engineering increased by 6.1% that confirm the trend construction contractors to guide their efforts to complete the construction equipment related to infrastructure.

¹ Data for March 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 no-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	143.6	107.3	95.7
Building construction	137.6	105.2	91.2
Civil engineering	157.4	111.9	106.1

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