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Construction costs in March 2025 still above previous year

Construction costs for residential buildings 3.3% higher than in March 2024

Vienna, 2025-04-15 – According to preliminary data from Statistics Austria, the costs of residential and housing construction was in March 2025 3.3% higher than in March of the previous year. In road construction, costs rose by 1.1% compared to March 2024, in bridge construction by 2.2% and in sanitary engineering by 2.7%.

The construction cost index for **construction of residential buildings** was 129.6 index points in March 2025. Compared to March 2024, this corresponds to an increase of 3.3% (see table 1). Against February 2025, costs for construction of residential buildings increased by 0.2% (see table 2).

In civil engineering, costs also rose year-on-year in all sectors. The index for **road construction** reached 135.5 index points (+1.1% in annual and –0.2% in a monthly comparison). The index for **bridge construction** reached 130.0 index points, which represents an increase of 2.2% compared to March 2024 and 0.2% compared to February 2025. The index for **sanitary engineering** reached 132.6 points (+2.7% in annual comparison, –0.1% in monthly comparison).

For detailed results and further information please refer to our [website](#).

Table 1: Construction cost indices, compared to previous year

Month/Year	Residential buildings		Road construction		Bridge construction		Sanitary engineering	
	Index	Compared to same month of previous year in %	Index	Compared to same month of previous year in %	Index	Compared to same month of previous year in %	Index	Compared to same month of previous year in %
March 2025 ¹	129.6	3.3	135.5	1.1	130.0	2.2	132.6	2.7
February 2025 ¹	129.3	2.9	135.8	0.8	129.8	1.6	132.7	2.8
January 2025	129.2	3.2	135.7	1.3	129.9	2.5	132.6	3.4
Overall Index 2024	127.3	3.6	135.4	3.5	128.9	2.6	131.1	4.0
December 2024	128.0	3.9	135.0	1.4	129.1	2.8	131.9	3.5
November 2024	127.9	4.0	135.3	0.8	129.1	2.5	131.9	3.1
October 2024	128.1	4.1	134.6	0.1	129.2	2.2	131.7	2.6
September 2024	128.2	4.0	135.2	1.2	129.5	2.1	131.8	2.6
August 2024	128.4	4.3	136.5	3.4	130.1	3.1	132.4	3.6
July 2024	128.6	4.4	136.9	4.3	130.5	3.7	132.7	4.4
June 2024	128.6	3.5	136.9	4.4	130.5	3.0	132.5	4.2
May 2024	128.5	2.8	137.2	4.7	130.2	1.9	132.5	4.2
April 2024	125.5	3.0	134.6	5.8	126.9	2.5	129.2	5.0
March 2024	125.5	3.1	134.0	5.5	127.2	2.7	129.1	5.0
February 2024	125.6	3.0	134.7	5.9	127.7	3.0	129.1	4.9
January 2024	125.2	3.0	133.9	5.4	126.7	2.4	128.3	4.6

Month/Year	Residential buildings		Road construction		Bridge construction		Sanitary engineering	
	Index	Compared to same month of previous year in %	Index	Compared to same month of previous year in %	Index	Compared to same month of previous year in %	Index	Compared to same month of previous year in %
Overall Index								
2023	122.9	1.1	130.8	3.2	125.6	-1.5	126.1	3.7

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, construction cost index. – Overall costs. – Base year 2020.

1) Preliminary results: t+75 final results.

Table 2: Construction cost indices, compared to previous month

Month/Year	Residential buildings		Road construction		Bridge construction		Sanitary engineering	
	Index	Compared to previous month in %	Index	Compared to previous month in %	Index	Compared to previous month in %	Index	Compared to previous month in %
March 2025 ¹	129.6	0.2	135.5	-0.2	130.0	0.2	132.6	-0.1
February 2025 ¹	129.3	0.1	135.8	0.1	129.8	-0.1	132.7	0.1
January 2025	129.2	0.9	135.7	0.5	129.9	0.6	132.6	0.5
Overall Index								
2024	127.3		135.4		128.9		131.1	
Dezember 2024	128.0	0.1	135.0	-0.2	129.1	0.0	131.9	0.0
November 2024	127.9	-0.2	135.3	0.5	129.1	-0.1	131.9	0.2
October 2024	128.1	-0.1	134.6	-0.4	129.2	-0.2	131.7	-0.1
September 2024	128.2	-0.2	135.2	-1.0	129.5	-0.5	131.8	-0.5
August 2024	128.4	-0.2	136.5	-0.3	130.1	-0.3	132.4	-0.2
July 2024	128.6	0.0	136.9	0.0	130.5	0.0	132.7	0.2
June 2024	128.6	0.1	136.9	-0.2	130.5	0.2	132.5	0.0
May 2024	128.5	2.4	137.2	1.9	130.2	2.6	132.5	2.6
April 2024	125.5	0.0	134.6	0.4	126.9	-0.2	129.2	0.1
March 2024	125.5	-0.1	134.0	-0.5	127.2	-0.4	129.1	0.0
February 2024	125.6	0.3	134.7	0.6	127.7	0.8	129.1	0.6
January 2024	125.2	1.6	133.9	0.6	126.7	0.9	128.3	0.7
Overall Index								
2023	122.9		130.8		125.6		126.1	

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Information on methodology, definitions:

Construction costs represent the costs incurred by construction companies (master builders, professionals) in the execution of construction work. The construction cost index shows the monthly change in material, energy, transportation and wage costs as well as the costs for the use of machinery that construction companies in Austria have to bear for ongoing construction projects in Austria. The index is calculated for construction of residential buildings and for the three civil engineering sectors of road, bridge and sanitary engineering. In the base year of an index period, the mean annual index number is standardised to the value 100.0. This index period is defined as the base year. The mean index number of the construction cost index for the year 2020 is therefore 100.0.

In contrast to construction costs, **construction prices** are the actual prices that clients have to pay to construction companies for the respective construction services. The construction output price index shows the quarterly price changes for construction services provided by companies in Austria and purchased by clients in Austria. The index thus not only provides information on the cost development of the production

factors used in the construction process (such as materials and wages), but also on the change in productivity, profit margin etc. of construction companies. The index is calculated for the sectors construction of residential buildings and other structural engineering as well as road and bridge construction along with other civil engineering. Data on the construction output price index can be found on our website.

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