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Costs for the construction of residential buildings increased by 2.3% in 2025

Increases of construction costs also in all civil engineering sectors

Vienna, 2026-01-15 – In 2025, construction costs for residential buildings were 2.3% higher than in the previous year, as Statistics Austria reports based on preliminary data. In road construction, costs rose by an average of 0.3%, in bridge construction by 1.5% and in sanitary engineering by 1.7% in the same period.

The construction cost index for **residential buildings** reached 130.2 index points on average in **2025**. This represents an increase of 2.3% over 2024. In comparison, the construction cost index of 2024 increased by 3.6% over 2023. For the month of **December 2025**, the construction cost index amounted to 130.9 points, representing an increase of 2.3% year-on-year (see table 1). Compared to the previous month of November 2025, costs for construction of **residential buildings** increased by 0.1% (see table 2).

The index for **road construction** increased to 135.8 index points on average in 2025 (+0.3% in annual comparison), the index for **bridge construction** changed to 130.8 points (+1.5% over 2024), and the index for **sanitary engineering** reached 133.3 points (+1.7% in annual comparison).

Regarding December 2025, the index for **road construction** reached 135.8 index points (+0.6% in annual and −0.3% in a monthly comparison). The index for **bridge construction** was at 131.3 index points, which represents an increase of 1.7% compared to December 2024 and a decrease of 0.2% against November 2025. The index for **sanitary engineering** reached 133.9 points (+1.5% in annual and −0.2% 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 %
Overall Index 2025[1]	**130.2**	**2.3**	**135.8**	**0.3**	**130.8**	**1.5**	**133.3**	**1.7**
December 2025[1]	130.9	2.3	135.8	0.6	131.3	1.7	133.9	1.5
November 2025[1]	130.8	2.3	136.2	0.7	131.6	1.9	134.2	1.7
October 2025	130.5	1.9	135.5	0.7	130.9	1.3	133.5	1.4
September 2025	130.4	1.7	135.9	0.5	131.1	1.2	133.4	1.2
August 2025	130.6	1.7	136.2	−0.2	131.2	0.8	133.8	1.1
July 2025	130.6	1.6	136.4	−0.4	131.4	0.7	134.0	1.0
June 2025	130.7	1.6	136.1	−0.6	131.5	0.8	133.8	1.0
May 2025	130.5	1.6	135.9	−0.9	131.0	0.6	133.5	0.8
April 2025	129.5	3.2	135.0	0.3	129.6	2.1	132.0	2.2
March 2025	129.6	3.3	135.3	1.0	129.9	2.1	132.5	2.6
February 2025	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**

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, construction cost index. – Overall costs. – Base year 2020.
1) Preliminary results; final results will be available 75 days after the reference period (T+75).

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 %
Overall Index 2025[1]	**130.2**		**135.8**		**130.8**		**133.3**	
December 2025[1]	130.9	0.1	135.8	−0.3	131.3	−0.2	133.9	−0.2
November 2025[1]	130.8	0.2	136.2	0.5	131.6	0.5	134.2	0.5
October 2025	130.5	0.1	135.5	−0.3	130.9	−0.2	133.5	0.1
September 2025	130.4	−0.2	135.9	−0.2	131.1	−0.1	133.4	−0.3
August 2025	130.6	0.0	136.2	−0.1	131.2	−0.2	133.8	−0.1
July 2025	130.6	−0.1	136.4	0.2	131.4	−0.1	134.0	0.1
June 2025	130.7	0.2	136.1	0.1	131.5	0.4	133.8	0.2
May 2025	130.5	0.8	135.9	0.7	131.0	1.1	133.5	1.1
April 2025	129.5	−0.1	135.0	−0.2	129.6	−0.2	132.0	−0.4
March 2025	129.6	0.2	135.3	−0.4	129.9	0.1	132.5	−0.2
February 2025	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**	

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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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