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# Construction prices increased in Q1 2026

## Growth across all segments, both year-on-year and quarter-on-quarter

Vienna, 2026-05-08 – In the first quarter of 2026, the construction price index for the entire building construction and civil engineering sector reached 101.7 index points, as Statistics Austria reports. This represents an increase of 2.2% compared to the first quarter of 2025 and 1.3% to the fourth quarter of 2025.

With the first quarter 2026, the construction price indices were rebased from 2020=100 to the base year 2025. Thus, the construction price index for **building construction** stood at 101.5 points in the first quarter of 2026. Compared to the first quarter of 2025, this corresponds to an increase of 2.0% and compared to the fourth quarter of 2025 an increase of 1.1%. In the same period, the index for **residential buildings** reached 101.5, which represents an increase in annual comparison by 2.1%. For the same period, the index for **other building construction** reached 101.6 index points, which represents an increase in annual comparison by 2.1% (see table 1 and 2).

**Table 1: Construction price indices total and building construction, compared to previous year**

Quarter/Year	Building construction and civil engineering		Building construction		Residential buildings		Other building construction	
	Index	Change to previous year period in %	Index	Change to previous year period in %	Index	Change to previous year period in %	Index	Change to previous year period in %
Q1/2026	101.7	2.2	101.5	2.0	101.5	2.1	101.6	2.1
<b>Year 2025</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>100.0</b>		<b>100.0</b>		<b>100.0</b>	

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, construction price index. – Base year 2025.

**Table 2: Construction price indices total and building construction, compared to previous quarter**

Quarter/Year	Building construction and civil engineering		Building construction		Residential buildings		Other building construction	
	Index	Change to previous quarter in %	Index	Change to previous quarter in %	Index	Change to previous quarter in %	Index	Change to previous quarter in %
Q1 2026	101.7	1.3	101.5	1.1	101.5	1.1	101.6	1.3
<b>Year 2025</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>100.0</b>		<b>100.0</b>		<b>100.0</b>	

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, construction price index. – Base year 2025.

The index for the **civil engineering sector overall** (102.0) increased by 2.5% in annual comparison and by 1.6% in quarterly comparison. The index for **road construction** (102.3) increased year-on-year by 2.9%, the index for **bridge construction** (101.8) by 2.3% and the index for **other civil engineering** (101.8) by 2.1% (see table 3 and 4).

**Table 3: Construction price indices civil engineering sector, compared to previous year**

Quarter/Year	Civil engineering		Road construction		Bridge construction		Other civil engineering	
	Index	Change to previous year period in %	Index	Change to previous year period in %	Index	Change to previous year period in %	Index	Change to previous year period in %
Q1 2026	102.0	2.5	102.3	2.9	101.8	2.3	101.8	2.1
<b>Year 2025</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>100.0</b>		<b>100.0</b>		<b>100.0</b>	

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, construction price index. – Base year 2025.

**Table 4: Construction price indices civil engineering sector, compared to previous quarter**

Quarter/Year	Civil engineering		Road construction		Bridge construction		Other civil engineering	
	Index	Change to previous quarter in %	Index	Change to previous quarter in %	Index	Change to previous quarter in %	Index	Change to previous quarter in %
Q1 2026	102.0	1.6	102.3	1.8	101.8	1.4	101.8	1.5
<b>Year 2025</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>100.0</b>		<b>100.0</b>		<b>100.0</b>	

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, construction price index. – Base year 2025.

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

#### Information on methodology, definitions:

The **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.

Since the first quarter 2026, the construction price index has been published with 2025 as the base year. Previous time series can be continued concatenated. Each index series is labelled with the base year, i.e. the average annual measure of the current construction price index 2025 is standardised to 100.0 for the base year 2025.

In contrast to construction prices, **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.

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