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Construction costs in Austria in August 2026 once again higher than a year before

Slight cost increases across all sectors compared to previous month

Vienna, 2026-09-15 – According to preliminary data from Statistics Austria, costs for residential and housing construction were 5.3 % higher in August 2026 than in August 2025. In road construction, costs rose by 8.2 % compared to August 2025, in bridge construction they grew by 6.6 % and in sanitary engineering by 7.1 %.

The construction cost index for **construction of residential buildings** stood at 105.6 points in August 2026. Compared to August 2025, this corresponds to an increase of 5.3 % (see table 1). Compared to July 2026, costs for construction of residential buildings increased by 0.1 % (see table 2).

The index for **road construction** reached 108.5 index points (+8.2 % in annual and +0.2 % in a monthly comparison). The index for **bridge construction** reached 106.9 index points, which represents an increase of 6.6 % compared to August 2025 and 0.4 % compared to July 2026. The index for **sanitary engineering** was at 107.5 points (+7.1 % in annual comparison, +0,5 % month-on-month).

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 %
August 2026[1]	105.6	5.3	108.5	8.2	106.9	6.6	107.5	7.1
July 2026[1]	105.5	5.2	108.3	7.9	106.5	6.0	107.0	6.5
June 2026	105.8	5.4	108.5	8.3	106.5	6.0	107.0	6.6
May 2026	105.9	5.7	109.0	8.9	107.1	6.9	107.2	7.0
April 2026	103.9	4.4	107.3	7.9	105.0	6.0	105.2	6.3
March 2026	102.4	2.9	104.1	4.5	103.2	3.9	103.1	3.7
February 2026	101.3	2.0	100.6	0.6	100.9	1.7	100.8	1.3
January 2026	101.1	1.9	100.4	0.5	100.7	1.4	100.7	1.2
Overall Index 2025	**100.0**		**100.0**		**100.0**		**100.0**	

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA. construction cost index. – Overall costs. – Base year 2025. – 1) Preliminary 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 %
August 2026[1]	105.6	0.1	108.5	0.2	106.9	0.4	107.5	0.5
July 2026[1]	105.5	−0.3	108.3	−0.2	106.5	0.0	107.0	0.0
June 2026	105.8	−0.1	108.5	−0.5	106.5	−0.6	107.0	−0.2
May 2026	105.9	1.9	109.0	1.6	107.1	2.0	107.2	1.9
April 2026	103.9	1.5	107.3	3.1	105.0	1.7	105.2	2.0
March 2026	102.4	1.1	104.1	3.5	103.2	2.3	103.1	2.3
February 2026	101.3	0.2	100.6	0.2	100.9	0.2	100.8	0.1
January 2026	101.1	0.6	100.4	0.4	100.7	0.3	100.7	0.2
Overall Index 2025	**100.0**		**100.0**		**100.0**		**100.0**	

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For detailed results and further information please refer to our website.

Information on methodology:

What is the construction cost index?

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.

Since January 2026, the construction cost 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 cost index 2025 is standardised to 100.0 for the base year 2025.

What is the difference between construction costs and construction prices?

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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