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Material Costs Index in Construction of New Residential Buildings ^{1,2,3} (2005=100.0)

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The Material Costs Index in June 2009 as compared to June 2008 recorded a fall of 2.8%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the Material Costs Index was increased by 8.2%.

The Material Costs Index in June 2009 as compared to May 2009 recorded a rise of 0.1%. A year earlier, the index was increased by 1.6%.

In the twelve-month period July 2008 – June 2009 the annual average rate of change of the Material Costs Index was 3.4%. A year earlier, the annual average rate of change of the index was 5.9%.

More information for the above index is available in the NSSG website (<u>www.statistics.gr</u>) in a special methodological note.

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¹ The Material Costs Index in Construction of New Residential Buildings is a monthly index and constitutes a component index of the Overall Construction Cost Index of New Residential Buildings. The Material Costs Index expresses the price change of building materials used in the construction industry of new residential buildings. It was compiled and released for the first time, in 1975 based on 1971. Afterwards, that index was revised based on 1980, 1990,2000 and lately on 2005.

² The last Material Costs Index revision, was done in conformity with the requirements of the Council Regulation (EC) 1165/98 "on short term statistics", where it is stated in the article 11 that, "every five years Member States shall readapt the weighting system of short-term indices, using as base years the years ending with a 0 or a 5".

³ The Material Costs Index in Construction of New Residential Buildings with base year 2005=100,0 is published from February 2009 onwards, with January 2009, as first reference month. The available revised time series of the index with base year 2005=100.0 start from January 2000 and onwards.

Table 1. Annual rates of change of the Material Costs Index in Construction of New Residential Buildings

(2005=100.0)

		June				Change (%)			
a/a	Material groups	2009	2008	2007	2006	June2009/ June2008	June2008/ June2007	June2007/ June2006	
	Overall Index	118.2	121.6	112.4	105.5	-2.8	8.2	6.5	
1	Cement, mortars and Ready - mixed concrete	113.9	112.2	108.2	102.6	1.5	3.7	5.5	
2	Natural stone	115.3	113.6	109.3	101.7	1.5	4.0	7.5	
3	Marble products, granites	118.4	117.6	113.4	107.2	0.7	3.7	5.8	
4	Artificial stone	132.6	137.7	131.9	104.7	-3.7	4.4	26.0	
5	Timber and builders' carpentry	117.5	115.7	108.8	103.9	1.6	6.3	4.7	
6	Basic metals	121.8	136.6	114.9	107.0	-10.8	18.9	7.4	
7	Plumbing, heating and drainage equipment and supplies	122.2	124.4	117.3	110.9	-1.8	6.1	5.8	
8	Door and window fittings	118.5	115.2	109.4	105.0	2.8	5.3	4.2	
9	Electrical equipment	117.4	124.6	116.8	113.4	-5.7	6.7	3.0	
10	Glass products	112.0	111.7	109.1	101.4	0.3	2.4	7.7	
11	Paints and varnishes	113.4	111.9	108.4	105.6	1.4	3.2	2.7	
12	Floor and wall tiles and sanitary ware	112.0	111.0	106.1	102.3	0.9	4.6	3.7	
13	Insulating materials	115.8	113.7	110.9	105.3	1.8	2.5	5.4	
14	Elevators	110.7	108.9	107.8	104.3	1.7	1.0	3.3	
15	Fuel for machinery (diesel), electricity, water	117.7	132.9	108.5	105.6	-11.4	22.5	2.8	

Note:

^{1.} The indices are calculated with infinite decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published.

^{2.} Percentage changes are calculated on the basis of indices with five decimal figures and are rounded up to one decimal figure when published.

Table 2. Monthly rates of change of the Material Costs Index in Construction of New Residential Buildings

(2005=100.0)

a/a	Material groups	June 2009	May 2009	Change (%)	June 2008	May 2008	Change (%)	June 2007	May 2007	Change (%)
	Overall Index	118.2	118.0	0.1	121.6	119.6	1.6	112.4	112.3	0.1
1	Cement, mortars and ready-mixed concrete	113.9	113.7	0.2	112.2	111.7	0.5	108.2	108.2	0.1
2	Natural stone	115.3	115.3	0.0	113.6	112.5	1.0	109.3	109.3	0.0
3	Marble products, granites	118.4	118.4	0.0	117.6	117.3	0.3	113.4	113.4	0.0
4	Artificial stone	132.6	132.2	0.3	137.7	137.3	0.3	131.9	130.8	0.9
5	Timber and builders' carpentry	117.5	117.5	0.0	115.7	114.4	1.1	108.8	108.7	0.1
6	Basic metals	121.8	122.0	-0.1	136.6	130.3	4.9	114.9	115.2	-0.3
7	Plumbing, heating and drainage equipment and supplies	122.2	121.5	0.6	124.4	123.8	0.5	117.3	117.0	0.2
8	Door and window fittings	118.5	118.5	0.0	115.2	115.0	0.1	109.4	108.9	0.5
9	Electrical equipment	117.4	116.2	1.1	124.6	124.0	0.5	116.8	116.8	0.0
10	Glass products	112.0	112.0	0.0	111.7	111.5	0.2	109.1	109.1	0.0
11	Paints and varnishes	113.4	113.4	0.0	111.9	111.7	0.2	108.4	108.1	0.3
12	Floor and wall tiles and sanitary ware	112.0	112.0	0.0	111.0	110.4	0.6	106.1	106.1	0.0
13	Insulating materials	115.8	115.7	0.1	113.7	112.8	0.8	110.9	110.9	0.1
14	Elevators	110.7	110.9	-0.2	108.9	108.8	0.0	107.8	107.7	0.1
15	Fuel for machinery (diesel), electricity, water	117.7	115.0	2.3	132.9	130.7	1.7	108.5	108.0	0.5

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Table 3: Material Cost Price Indices Changes

(2005=100.0)

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Year and month		Overall Index	Monthly changes %	Annual changes %	12-month moving average	12-month moving average changes %	
2007:	2007 : 1 10		0.4%	7.0%	106.1	5.8%	
	2 109.8		0.6%	7.1%	106.7	6.1%	
	3	110.7	0.8%	7.3%	107.4	6.3%	
	4	111.7	0.9%	7.4%	108.0	6.6%	
	5	112.3	0.5%	7.0%	108.6	6.7%	
	6	112.4	0.1%	6.5%	109.2	6.7%	
	7	112.7	0.3%	6.6%	109.8	6.8%	
	8	112.7	0.0%	6.0%	110.3	6.8%	
	9	113.3	0.6%	5.6%	110.8	6.7%	
	10	113.7	0.4%	5.5%	111.3	6.6%	
	11	113.9	0.1%	5.0%	111.8	6.5%	
	12	114.1	0.2%	4.9%	112.2	6.3%	
Annual A	Average	112.2			112.2	6.3%	
2008:	1	114.9	0.7%	5.3%	112.7	6.2%	
	2	115.5	0.5%	5.1%	113.2	6.0%	
	3	117.1	1.4%	5.7%	113.7	5.9%	
	4	118.0	0.8%	5.7%	114.2	5.7%	
	5	119.6	1.3%	6.6%	114.8	5.7%	
	6	121.6	1.6%	8.2%	115.6	5.9%	
	7	123.5	1.5%	9.5%	116.5	6.1%	
	8	123.0	-0.4%	9.2%	117.4	6.4%	
	9	121.7	-1.1%	7.4%	118.1	6.5%	
	10	120.3	-1.1%	5.8%	118.6	6.6%	
	11	119.1	-1.0%	4.6%	119.0	6.5%	
	12	118.6	-0.4%	4.0%	119.4	6.4%	
Annual Average		119.4			119.4	6.4%	
2009:	1	118.3	-0.3%	2.9%	119.7	6.2%	
	2	118.0	-0.2%	2.2%	119.9	6.0%	
	3	117.5	-0.4%	0.4%	119.9	5.5%	
	4	117.7	0.2%	-0.3%	119.9	5.0%	
	5	118.0	0.2%	-1.3%	119.8	4.3%	
	6	118.2	0.1%	-2.8%	119.5	3.4%	

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