

Domain: Short-term Surveys

TRENDS IN THE EVOLUTION OF THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN THE PERIOD MARCH - MAY 2018

- Increase of activity in construction and retail trade
- Moderate growth in the number of employees in construction, retail trade and services
- Price growth in construction and retail trade

Trends in the economic activity

Evolutions	Manufacturing		Construction		Retail trade		Services	
	Feb.-Apr. 2018	Mar.-May. 2018	Feb.-Apr. 2018	Mar.-May. 2018	Feb.-Apr. 2018	Mar.-May. 2018	Feb.-Apr. 2018	Mar.-May. 2018
Economic situation	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗
Number of employees	→	→	→	↗	→	↗	↗	↗
Prices	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗

The balance indicates the perception of the companies' managers concerning the dynamics of a phenomenon, which should NOT be seen as the intensity of increase or decrease of any statistical indicator value that is produced by the NIS.

The balance is calculated as a difference between the percentage of respondents who chose the positive alternative of the phenomenon and the percentage of those who indicated the negative alternative.

Manufacturing

According to the business tendency survey of March 2018, managers from the manufacturing industry forecast a moderate growth of the production volume (balance +13%) for the next three months. For the manufacturing of beverages and the manufacturing of other non-metallic mineral products, a significant growth trend will be registered (balance +44%, 43% respectively).

For the prices of the industrial products, a moderate growth is forecasted for the next three months (balance +12%).

Regarding the number of employees, a relative stability is estimated, the balance being 0% per total manufacturing.

Construction

According to March 2018 estimations, there will be a growth in the production volume of the construction activity for the next three months (balance +24%). Managers forecast a moderate growth in the number of employees (balance +7%).

As to the prices of construction works, a growth is forecasted (balance +23%).

Retail trade

In the retail trade sector, managers estimate a growth trend in the economic activity for the next three months (balance +20%). The volume of orders placed by the trade units to the suppliers of goods will register a moderate growth (balance +7%).

Employers forecast a moderate growth in the number of employees (balance +8%) for the next three months.

For the next period, managers of trade companies estimate a growth of the retail prices (balance +23%).

Services

According to March 2018 estimations, the demand for services (turnover) will register a moderate growth for the next three months (balance +12%).

For the services sector it is forecasted a moderate growth in the number of employees (balance +7%).

According to the managers, the selling or invoice prices of provisions will register a moderate growth trend (balance +12%).

Additional information:

For the correct interpretation of results, kindly see the [Methodological Note attached to the press release on the homepage](#).

The next press release on the trends of the economic activity will be issued on April 27, 2018.

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