

Harmonised Labour Cost Index (HLCI). Base 2008
First quarter 2009. Provisional data

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The gross figure shows a smaller increase as a result of the higher number of hours worked during the quarter, due to the fact that Easter Week was held in April.

National index

Total and by activity section

	General index		Index adjusted for calendar and seasonal effects	
	Index ²	Rate ¹	Index ²	Rate ¹
TOTAL	96.8	2.8	102.9	4.8
B. Extractive industries	93.7	1.3	102.4	3.3
C. Manufacturing industry	96.9	4.5	103.6	5.9
D. Supply of electrical energy, gas, steam and air conditioning	101.1	2.9	99.9	4.0
E. Water supply, waste management and remediation activities	96.3	-0.4	101.4	1.5
F. Construction	97.3	5.2	103.8	6.3
G. Wholesale and retail trade; Repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	101.4	7.2	104.9	7.5
H. Transport and storage	97.6	1.1	100.7	2.4
I. Accommodation	96.5	2.4	101.4	3.0
J. Information and communication	98.8	3.8	103.7	5.2
K. Financial and insurance activities	108.3	-3.4	100.4	1.2
L. Real estate activities	96.8	2.5	102.1	3.9
M. Professional, scientific and technical activities	98.0	5.0	103.8	5.7
N. Administrative and support service activities	97.8	-0.1	100.7	1.0
O. Public administration and defence; Compulsory social security	90.1	-0.1	... ⁽³⁾	... ⁽³⁾
P. Education	90.3	0.6	102.0	3.6
Q. Health activities and social services	92.3	1.8	102.8	3.8
R. Artistic, recreational and entertainment activities	96.3	1.8	101.9	4.3
S. Other services	93.7	0.5	100.3	1.5

¹ Same quarter from the previous year

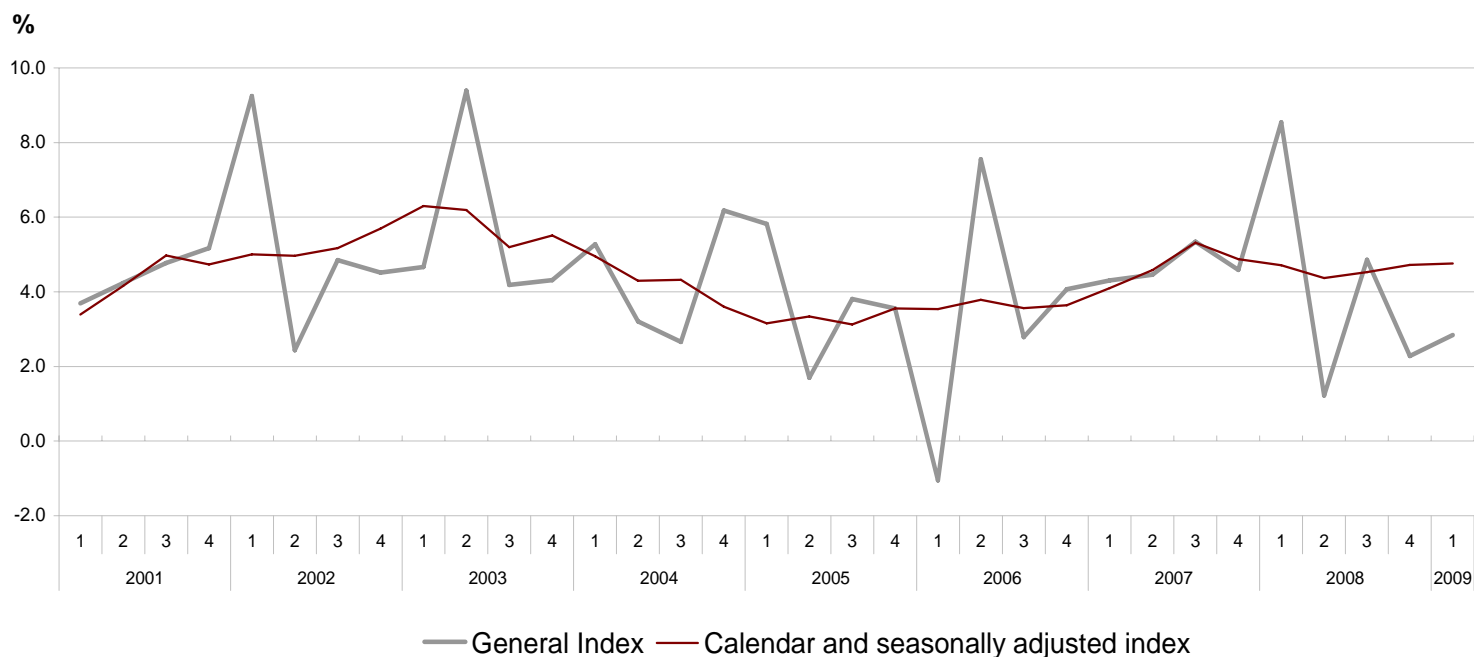
² Base year 2008

³ Until 2010 it is not possible to obtain adjusted seasonal or calendar effect series

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Annual variations

General index, calendar and seasonally adjusted index



Change of base year and adaptation to the NCEA-2009

The INE is publishing today, for the first time, data for the Harmonised Labour Cost Index under the new National Classification of Economic Activities (NCEA-2009). This new index includes important new features as well as methodological improvements. Thus, the year 2008 is defined as a new base year, data is provided for the first time regarding Public Administration, and seasonal and calendar effect adjustment procedures are reviewed.

Given that these changes imply a break with the previously published HLCI series, the INE has compiled and posted on its website a new series starting with the year 2000 with retrospective estimates. The NCEA-2009 implementation process will conclude until the end of this year, and therefore **the data provided by these statistics will be of a provisional nature during the four quarters of the current year.**

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