

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

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National index

Total and by activity section

| | General index | | Index seasonally adjusted adjusted for calendar effect | |
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| | Index ² | Rate ¹ | Index ² | Rate ¹ |
| TOTAL | 98,3 | 1,5 | 105,7 | 2,1 |
| B. Extractive industries | 95,2 | 1,7 | 104,4 | 2,3 |
| C. Manufacturing industry | 98,7 | 1,8 | 106,7 | 2,3 |
| D. Supply of electrical energy, gas, steam and air conditioning | 104,5 | 3,2 | 105,6 | 3,6 |
| E. Water supply, waste management and decontamination activities | 96,7 | 0,7 | 103,0 | 1,3 |
| F. Construction | 98,1 | 0,9 | 106,0 | 1,6 |
| G. Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles | 106,0 | 3,2 | 110,3 | 3,0 |
| H. Transport and storage | 98,4 | 0,5 | 103,4 | 1,0 |
| I. Accommodation | 98,5 | 1,9 | 103,2 | 2,1 |
| J. Information and communications | 100,0 | 1,6 | 105,0 | 1,7 |
| K. Financial and insurance activities | 110,5 | 1,8 | 103,9 | 3,1 |
| L. Real estate activities | 98,2 | 4,1 | 103,6 | 4,1 |
| M. Professional, scientific and technical activities | 97,3 | 0,2 | 104,6 | 0,7 |
| N. Administrative and support service activities | 97,7 | 1,0 | 101,8 | 1,4 |
| O. Public Administration and Defence; Compulsory Social Security | 90,6 | 0,4 | 102,7 | 0,6 |
| P. Education | 91,7 | 2,2 | 104,8 | 1,7 |
| Q. Health activities and social services | 94,3 | 2,4 | 104,8 | 1,8 |
| R. Arts, recreation and entertainment activities | 93,8 | -2,5 | 101,6 | -0,9 |
| S. Other services | 97,9 | 4,6 | 104,6 | 4,3 |

¹ Same quarter from the previous year

² Base year 2008

On the other hand, the provisional data from the Harmonised Labour Cost Index corresponding to the fourth quarter of 2009 was reviewed. The general index stood at 110.4, indicating a definitive interannual increase of 4.9%, as compared with the same period from the previous year. Once adjusted for calendar and seasonal effects, the growth rate stood at 4.0%.

The data from the Harmonised Labour Cost Index (HLCI) is sent every quarter to the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat) for its subsequent publication by this body, thus complying with the statistical requirement established in the action plan of the European Monetary Union.

Annual variations

General index, calendar and seasonally adjusted index

