

Harmonised Labour Cost Index (HLCI). Base 2008
First quarter of 2012. *Provisional data*

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National index

Total and by activity section

	General index		Index seasonally adjusted and adjusted for calendar effects	
	Index ²	Rate ¹	Index ²	Rate ¹
TOTAL	99.4	1.6	108.8	1.8
B. Extractive industries	109.6	5.4	118.1	4.5
C. Manufacturing industry	99.4	2.7	109.7	2.9
D. Supply of electrical energy, gas, steam and air conditioning	115.9	7.8	114.3	7.2
E. Water supply, waste management and decontamination activities	98.6	-0.8	106.4	-0.5
F. Construction	102.3	2.5	112.3	3.5
G. Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	107.2	0.8	112.7	1.2
H. Transport and storage	102.8	1.7	107.7	1.5
I. Accommodation	101.8	2.3	108.0	2.3
J. Information and communications	99.2	0.3	105.5	0.6
K. Financial and insurance activities	118.8	5.0	114.1	4.8
L. Real estate activities	94.8	-3.3	103.7	-2.8
M. Professional, scientific and technical activities	98.9	1.2	107.5	1.3
N. Administrative and support service activities	99.6	0.6	105.0	1.0
O. Public Administration and Defence; Compulsory Social Security	89.0	1.8	103.1	2.0
P. Education	88.9	1.1	103.7	0.9
Q. Health activities and social services	90.8	-0.7	103.1	-0.1
R. Arts, recreation and entertainment activities	95.5	-1.6	103.9	-0.3
S. Other services	102.8	3.2	111.0	3.3

¹ Same quarter from the previous year

² Base year 2008

On the other hand, the provisional data for the Harmonised Labour Cost Index corresponding to the fourth quarter of 2011 was reviewed, with the final index standing at 113.5 in terms of gross data. Adjusted for calendar and seasonal effects, the growth rate decreased one tenth and stood at 2.7%.

The data from the Harmonised Labour Cost Index (HLCI) is sent each 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

