



PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES IN INDUSTRY¹

MARCH 2009

1. Producer Price Indexes on domestic market²

Producer Price Index on Domestic Market in March 2009 rose 1.1 per cent compared to the previous month. In mining and quarrying industry prices increased by 2.7 per cent, in electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply prices by 2.3 per cent, in manufacturing industry by 0.3 per cent. The more significant increases of prices in manufacturing industry were: 4.1 per cent in manufacture of chemicals and chemical products, 1.4 per cent in manufacture of tobacco products. The prices in manufacture of basic metals fell by 2.5 per cent, in repair and installation of machinery and equipment by 2.4 per cent. In mining and quarrying industry between February to March producer prices in mining of metal ores rose 5.9 per cent.

Producer Price Index on Domestic Market in March 2009 decreased by 1.1 per cent comparing to the same month of 2008. In manufacturing industry, prices fell by 10.0 per cent comparing to March 2008, while in electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply prices increased by 25.8 per cent.

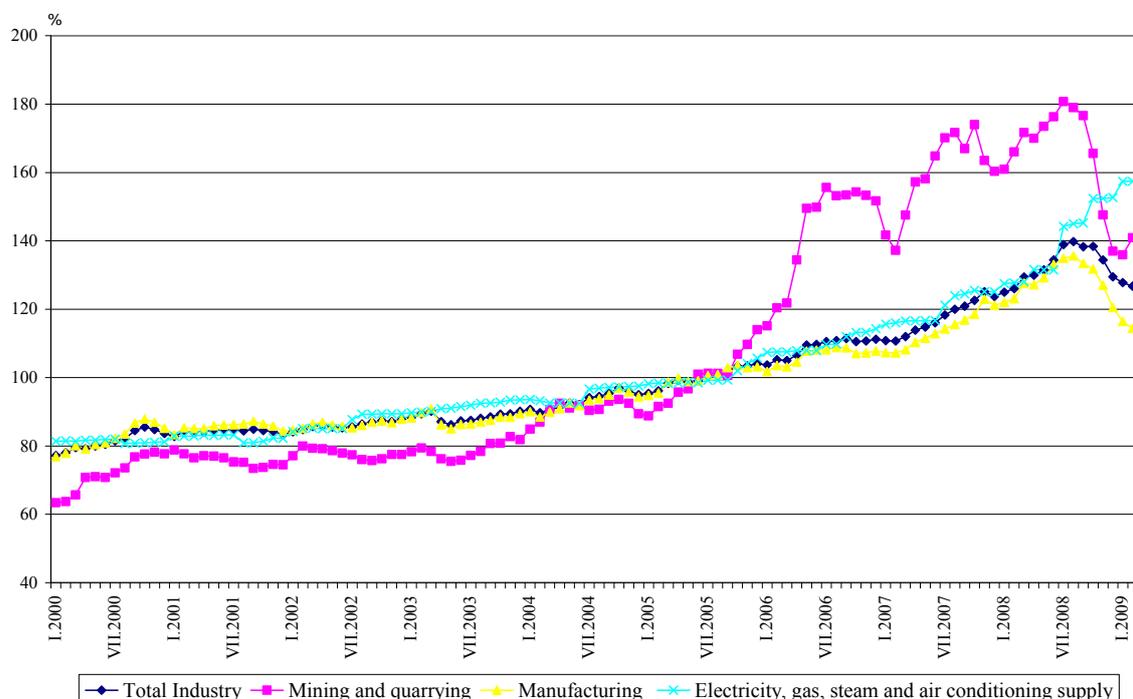
In manufacturing industry comparing to the same month of 2008 the prices decreased in manufacture of basic metals by 29.8 per cent, in manufacture of food products by 4.1 per cent, in manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products by 3.5 per cent, in manufacture of rubber and plastic products by 3.1 per cent. The prices rose 11.6 per cent in manufacture of beverages, 10.6 per cent in manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment, 8.3 per cent in manufacture of chemicals and chemical products.

¹ Since January 2009, Producer Price Indexes are calculated according to the new Classification of Economic Activities NACE.BG 2008. At the same time, the base year has been changed and indexes are calculated at 2005 as a base year. Historical data series have been recalculated back to 2000 and they are posted in NSI web-site (http://www.nsi.bg/Index_e.htm).

Producer price indexes measure the average change in the prices of industrial products, which are produced and sold by Bulgarian enterprises. They can be considered as an early measure of the current inflation process in the economy and also they can be used for international comparisons. Information for calculation of Producer price indexes is received on the bases of monthly surveys on producer prices of industrial products, sold on domestic market and on industrial products sold on non-domestic market. Producer price surveys are based on constant sample of groups of products, and that sample is representative for total industrial production.

² Producer price indexes on domestic market are calculated at constant base (2005) weighed with turnover structure on domestic market.

Producer Price Indexes on Domestic Market in Industry (2005 = 100)



2. Total Producer Price Indexes in Industry³

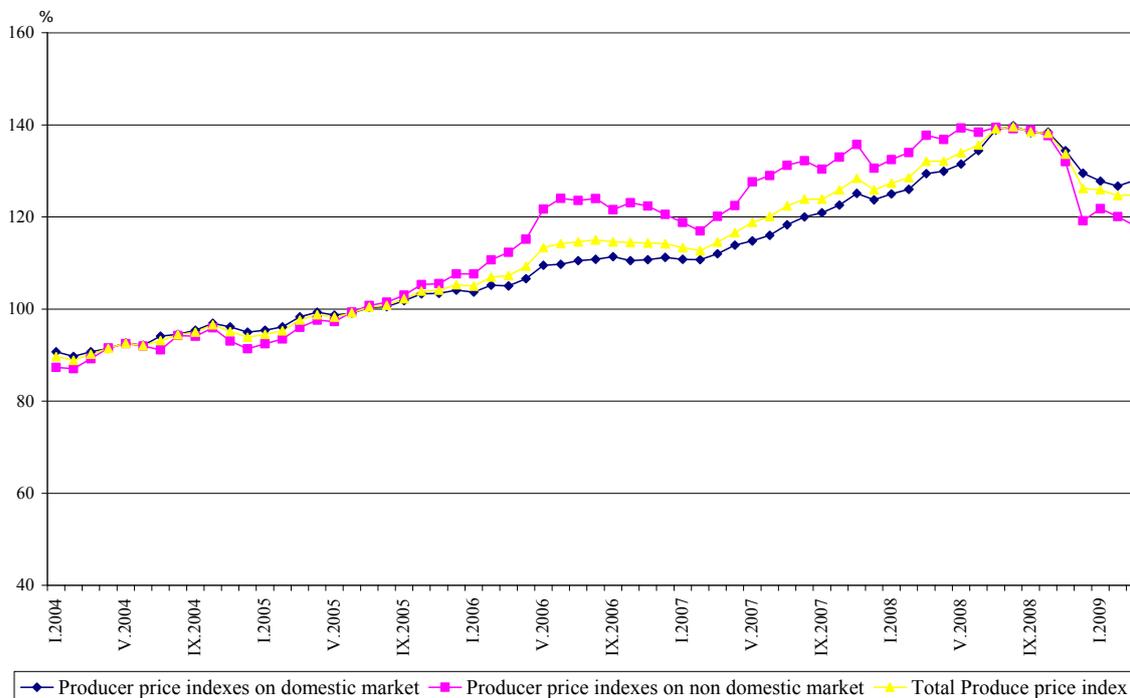
Total Producer Price Index in industry in March 2009 increased by 0.2 per cent compared with February 2009, in manufacturing industry prices increased by 0.1 per cent and in electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply by 0.9 per cent. The prices rose 2.9 per cent in manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations, 2.0 per cent in manufacture of chemicals and chemical products, while comparing to February the prices fell by 2.2 per cent in repair and installation of machinery and equipment, by 1.2 per cent in manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers.

Total Producer Price Index in March 2009 r. decreased by 5.5 per cent comparing to the same month of 2008.

In manufacturing industry producer prices in March 2009 compared to the March 2008 decreased by 11.8 per cent, while in electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply prices increased by 21.5 per cent. In manufacturing industry more significant price decrease by 35.3 per cent was registered in manufacture of basic metals.

³ Total producer price index is calculated from Producer price index on domestic market and Producer price index on non-domestic market weighted with the turnover structure on domestic and on non-domestic market to the total value of turnover in the base year 2005.

Total Producer Price Indexes in Industry (2005 = 100)



Producer Price Indexes on Domestic Market in March 2009⁴

Economic activities	2005=100	The previous month=100	The same month of 2008=100
Industry	128.0	101.1	98.9
Mining and quarrying	144.7	102.7	84.3
of which:			
Mining of coal and lignite	159.0	102.3	128.2
Mining of metal ores	127.6	105.9	52.6
Other mining and quarrying	138.2	99.5	108.0
Manufacturing	114.8	100.3	90.0
of which:			
Manufacture of food products	138.4	99.7	95.9
Manufacture of beverages	137.2	100.9	111.6
Manufacture of tobacco products	90.3	101.4	103.4
Manufacture of textiles	118.2	100.0	107.4
Manufacture of wearing apparel	120.1	100.2	107.1
Manufacture of leather and related products	115.7	100.9	105.4
Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials	127.2	99.2	103.8
Manufacture of paper and paper products	118.3	100.2	102.0
Printing and reproduction of recorded media	109.4	99.6	101.7
Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	129.4	104.1	108.3
Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations	106.2	100.4	102.4
Manufacture of rubber and plastic products	108.3	101.1	96.9
Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	133.9	100.3	109.8
Manufacture of basic metals	96.5	97.5	70.2
Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	121.8	100.7	110.6
Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products	110.9	100.1	96.5
Manufacture of electrical equipment	126.8	100.1	100.0
Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c.	122.7	99.2	105.2
Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	121.6	100.1	103.5
Manufacture of other transport equipment	105.2	100.9	102.5
Manufacture of furniture	114.9	99.9	103.6
Other manufacturing	110.8	100.1	99.8
Repair and installation of machinery and equipment	129.4	97.6	108.2
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	161.0	102.3	125.8
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Economic activities	2005=100	The previous month=100	The same month of 2008=100
Industry	124.8	100.2	94.5
Mining and quarrying	153.2	98.1	87.7
of which:			
Mining of coal and lignite	159.0	102.3	128.2
Mining of metal ores	155.4	94.1	67.4
Other mining and quarrying	135.1	100.0	109.7
Manufacturing	114.8	100.1	88.2
of which:			
Manufacture of food products	138.5	99.8	95.0
Manufacture of beverages	134.6	100.8	111.0
Manufacture of tobacco products	93.4	100.8	106.4
Manufacture of textiles	112.6	99.4	107.9
Manufacture of wearing apparel	127.0	100.4	106.9
Manufacture of leather and related products	111.9	99.5	117.0
Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials	122.4	99.1	102.2
Manufacture of paper and paper products	117.3	100.1	99.4
Printing and reproduction of recorded media	108.9	99.4	102.2
Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	129.5	102.0	105.2
Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations	123.2	102.9	108.6
Manufacture of rubber and plastic products	112.5	101.1	99.0
Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	132.5	100.2	109.8
Manufacture of basic metals	103.0	101.8	64.7
Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	119.8	100.3	112.3
Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products	107.4	99.2	101.4
Manufacture of electrical equipment	123.2	100.7	99.2
Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c.	118.0	99.7	104.7
Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	99.8	98.8	92.5
Manufacture of other transport equipment	104.9	99.0	116.3
Manufacture of furniture	117.0	99.5	107.1
Other manufacturing	108.7	99.9	105.5
Repair and installation of machinery and equipment	125.6	97.8	109.9
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	161.2	100.9	121.5
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