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The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) released the September quarter 2016 edition of Producer Price Indexes, Australia (ABS cat. 6427.0) on 28 October 2016. The Producer Price Indexes include indexes on road and bridge construction.

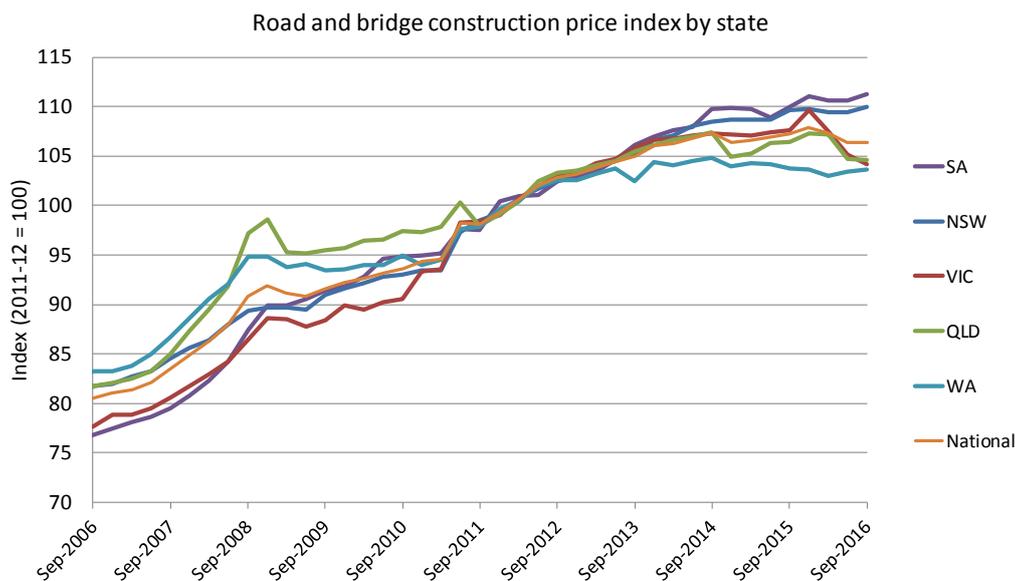
The price of road and bridge construction influences the value of road and bridge engineering projects. The price index is released one quarter earlier than the value of road and bridge engineering construction data¹. This statistical alert compares these price indexes across states.

Road and bridge construction index, National

In the September quarter 2016, the road and bridge construction price index for Australia was unchanged relative to the June quarter 2016. This is in contrast to the long-term (10-year) average of 0.7 per cent increase per quarter. This is the eleventh consecutive quarter where the rate of growth has been below the 10-year average.

State road and bridge construction indexes

Compared to the June quarter 2016, the road and bridge construction price indexes fell for Victoria (0.9 per cent). This follows recent large decreases in the past two quarters (2.2 per cent and 2.0 per cent for the June and March quarters respectively). There was little change for Queensland (down 0.1 per cent) and Western Australia (up 0.2 per cent), compared to the June quarter 2016. The index rose for New South Wales (0.5 per cent) and South Australia (0.6 per cent).



Source: Producer Price Indexes, Australia (ABS cat. no. 6427.0)

¹ Road and bridge construction data is presented in Engineering Construction Activity, Australia (ABS cat. no. 8762.0) for which a Statistical Alert was provided on 29 September 2016.

Next scheduled release

27 January 2017 - Producer Price Indexes, Australia - ABS cat. 6427.0 (December quarter 2016)

Related releases

24 August 2016 - Construction Work Done, Australia - ABS cat. 8755.0 (June quarter 2016)

28 September 2016 - Engineering Construction Activity, Australia - ABS cat. 8762.0 (June quarter 2016)

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