



BITRE STATISTICAL ALERT

Road and Bridge Construction Price Index (ABS cat. no. 6427.0)
September Quarter 2019

1 November 2019

Overview

On 1 November 2019, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) released the September quarter 2019 edition of Producer Price Indexes, Australia (ABS cat. no. 6427.0). The Producer Price Indexes include indexes on road and bridge construction.

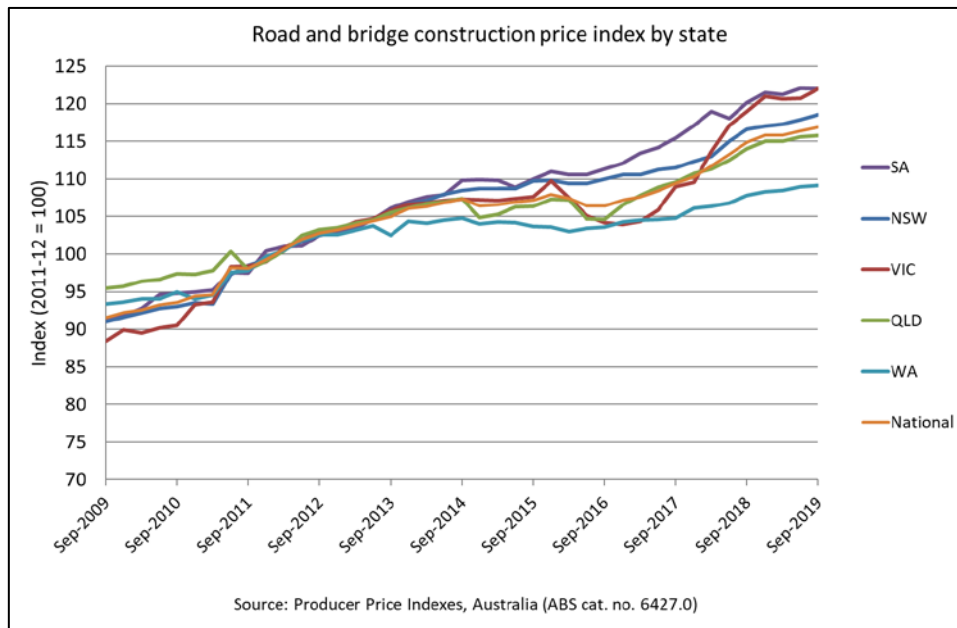
The price of road and bridge construction influences the value of road and bridge engineering projects. The price indexes are released one quarter earlier than the value of road and bridge engineering construction data¹. This statistical alert compares these price indexes across the mainland states.

National road and bridge construction index

The road and bridge construction price index for Australia increased by 0.4 per cent in the September quarter 2019 relative to the previous quarter. This is the third consecutive quarter where growth was below the ten year average of 0.6 per cent increase per quarter. Compared to the same quarter in 2018, the index rose 1.7 per cent, which is below the ten year annual average of 2.4 per cent.

State road and bridge construction indexes

The road and bridge construction price indexes increased in the mainland states this quarter except South Australia, which fell by 0.1 per cent. Victoria experienced the highest growth compared to the previous quarter (1.1 per cent), followed by New South Wales (0.5 per cent), Queensland (0.2 per cent) and Western Australia (0.1 per cent). Victoria maintained a strong growth rate at 1.4 per cent average increase per quarter over the past two years despite a slow down in the past two quarters (-0.3 and 0.1 per cent respectively).



¹ Road and bridge construction data were presented in ABS Engineering Construction Activity, Australia (ABS cat. no. 8762.0). A statistical alert for the June quarter 2019 was provided on 25 September 2019.

Next scheduled release

31 January 2020 - Producer Price Indexes, Australia - ABS cat. no. 6427.0 (December quarter 2019)

Related releases

27 November 2019 - Construction Work Done, Australia - ABS cat. no. 8755.0 (September quarter 2019)

15 January 2020 - Engineering Construction Activity, Australia - ABS cat. no. 8762.0 (September quarter 2019)

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