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Statistics Portugal makes available the weekly report for monitoring the social and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This report covers the press releases concerning:

- New housing construction cost index – August 2021, published on October 07;
- Indices of production, employment, and wages in construction – August 2021, published on October 08;
- Business turnover, employment, wages, and hours worked indices in industry – August 2021, published on October 08.

For further details, see the links available throughout this press release.

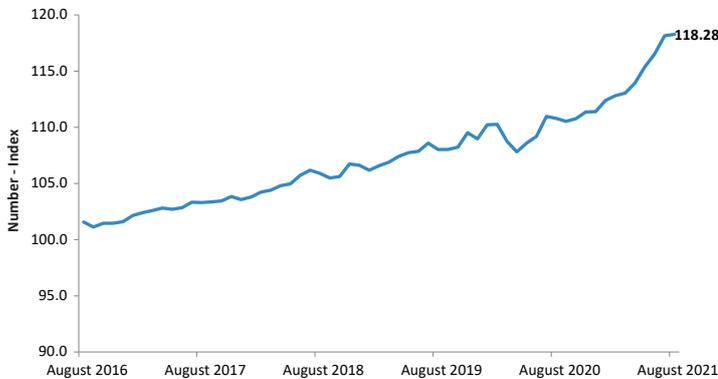
Housing construction costs rose by 6.8% year-on-year

The New Housing Construction Costs Index (NHCCI) registered, in August 2021, a year-on-year growth of 6.8% (+0.3 percentage points (p.p.) than in the previous month).

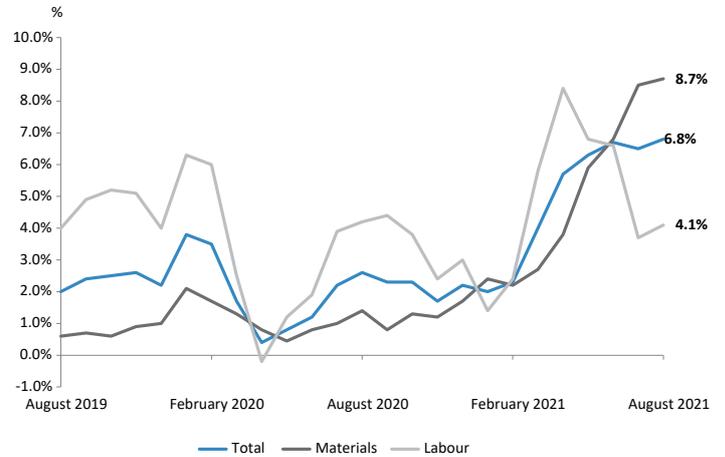
The price of materials and the labour costs presented, respectively, rates of change of 8.7% and 4.1% in comparison with the same period of the previous year.



Construction Costs Index for New Housing
(100=2015)



Construction Costs Index for New Housing
(year-on-year rate of change)



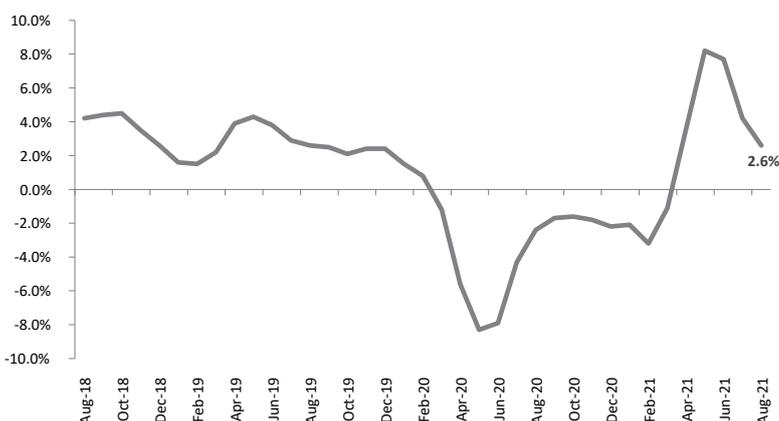
In terms of the month-on-month rates of change, the estimated rates for August 2021 were:

- NHCCI: 0.1% (1.4% in the previous month);
- Price of materials: 0.5% (1.8% in the previous month);
- Labour costs: -0.4% (0.8% in the previous month).

More information is available at:
[New housing construction costs index – August 2021](#)
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Production in Construction grew by 2.6%

Index of Production in Construction
(year-on-year rate of change)

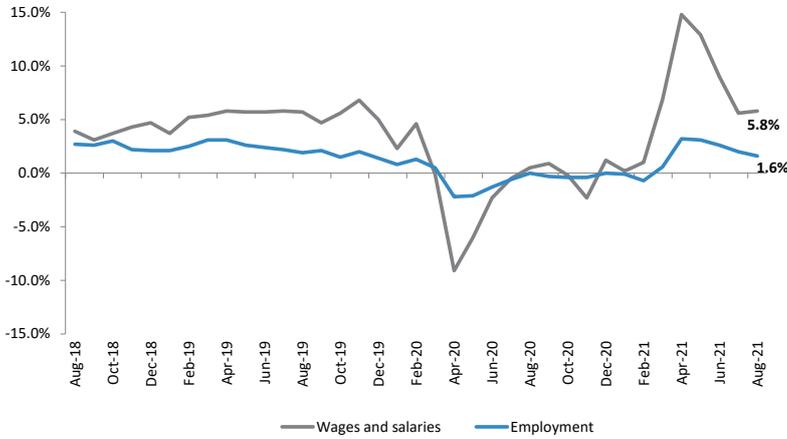


In August 2021, the Construction Production Index grew by 2.6% year-on-year (4.2% in the previous month).

There were also the following increases concerning its segments:

- *Building construction*: 0.1% (1.2% in July);
- *Civil engineering*: 6.5% (9.0% in July).

Indices of employment, wages and salaries in Construction
(year-on-year rate of change)



In August 2021, the indices of employment, wages and salaries in Construction registered:

- Year-on-year rates of changes of 1.6% and 5.8%, respectively (2.0% and 5.6% in the previous month, in the same order);
- Compared to July, decreases of 0.2% and 11.3%, respectively (+0.2% and -11.5% in August 2020, in the same order).

More information is available at:

[Indices of production, employment, and wages in Construction – August 2021](#)
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Industry turnover increases by 13.8%

In August 2021, the Industry Turnover Index (ITI) registered an year-on-year rate of change of 13.8% (12.2% in the previous month).

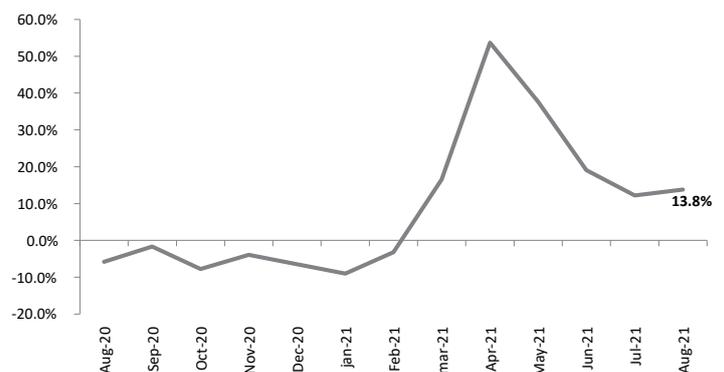
By type of market, industry sales registered the following rates of change in comparison with the same month of 2020:

- Domestic market: 11.8% (8.1% in July);
- Non-domestic market: 17.4% (18.4% in July).

It should be noted that, when compared with August 2019, the recorded rates of change in the three indices were all positive:

- Total: 7.3%;
- Domestic market: 4.2%;
- Non-domestic market: 12.6%.

Industry Turnover Index
(year-on-year rate of change)
Total

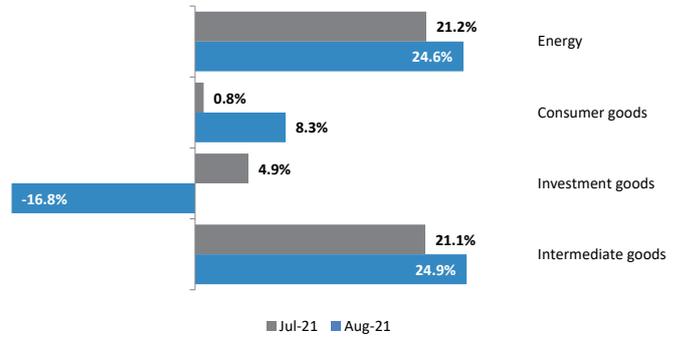


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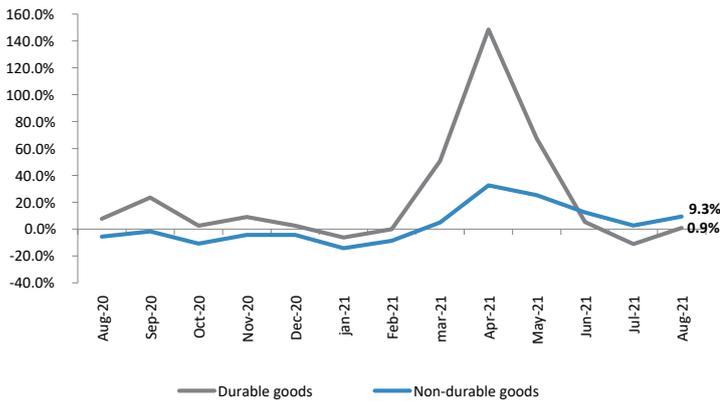
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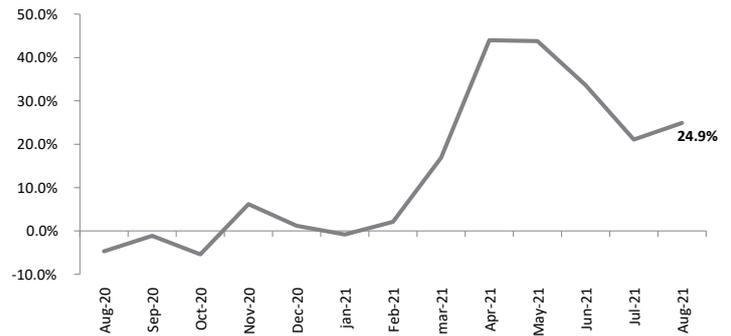
Industry Turnover Index - Major industrial groupings
(year-on-year rate of change)



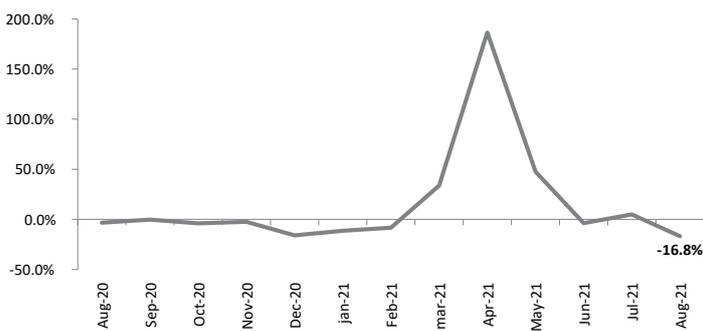
Industry Turnover Index (year-on-year rate of change)
Consumer goods



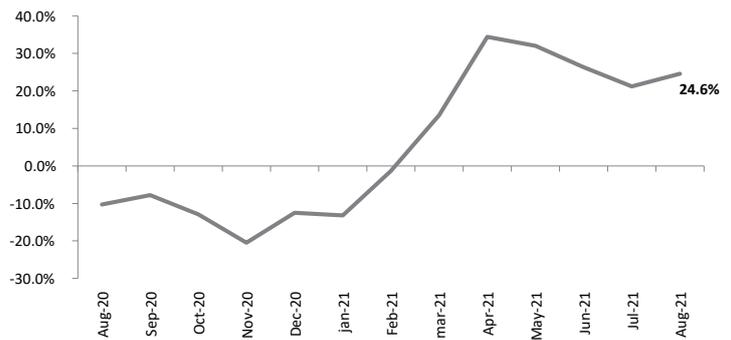
Industry Turnover Index (year-on-year rate of change)
Intermediate goods



Industry Turnover Index (year-on-year rate of change)
Investment goods



Industry Turnover Index (year-on-year rate of change)
Energy



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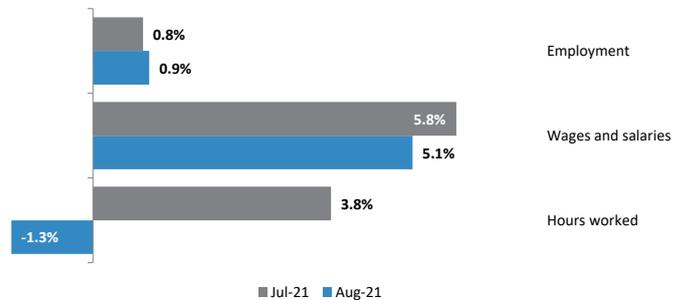
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In August 2021, the ITI registered a month-on-month decline of 18.7% (1.2 less percentage points than that recorded in the same month of the previous year).

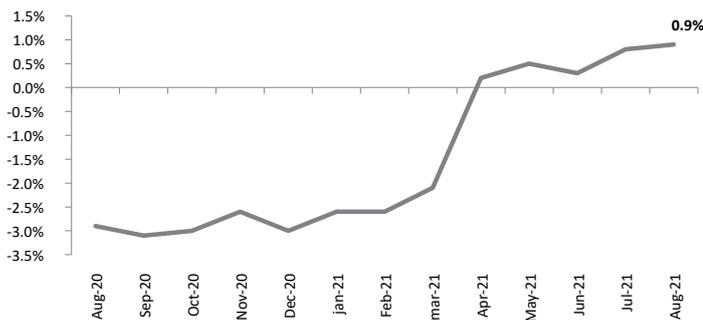
The following rates of change were also recorded in August 2021 in regards to Industry related indices:

- Employment: 0.9% (0.8% in July);
- Wages and salaries: 5.1% (5.8% in July);
- Hours worked (adjusted of calendar effects): -1.3% (+3.8% in July).

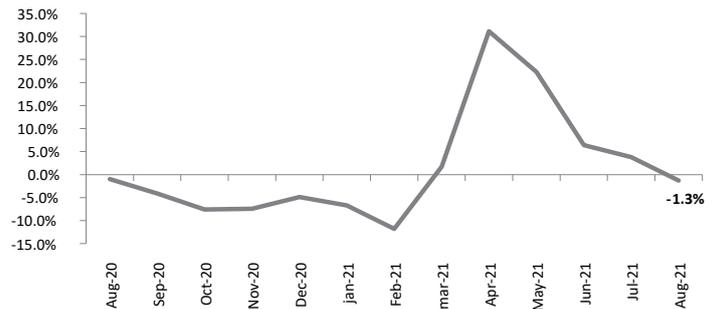
Employment, Wages, and Hours worked Index (year-on-year rate of change)



Industry Employment Index (year-on-year rate of change) Total



Industry Employment Index (year-on-year rate of change) Hours worked



More information is available at:
[Business turnover, employment, wages, and hours worked indices in Industry – August 2021](#)
 (08 October 2021)



The series "INE@COVID-19 Synthesis" began in April 2020, with the purpose of making available an aggregation of some of the most relevant official statistical findings released each week, taking into account the pandemic situation that was then declared in Portugal.

Statistics Portugal intends to continue to contribute this way to the monitoring of the social and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic by decision makers in public and private bodies and also by the general public.

The same intention also led to the creation of the "Special INE COVID-19" area in Statistics Portugal's portal, which also includes other aggregated contents under the same theme.

Press releases between 11-10-2021 and 15-10-2021:

Press releases	Reference period	Release date
International trade statistics	August 2021	11 October 2021
Business turnover, employment, wages, and hours worked indices in services	August 2021	11 October 2021
Air Emissions Accounts	2019	13 October 2021
Consumer price index	September 2021	13 October 2021
Tourism activity	August 2021	14 October 2021
Vital Statistics - Monthly data	September 2021	15 October 2021
Food Balance Sheet	2020	15 October 2021