

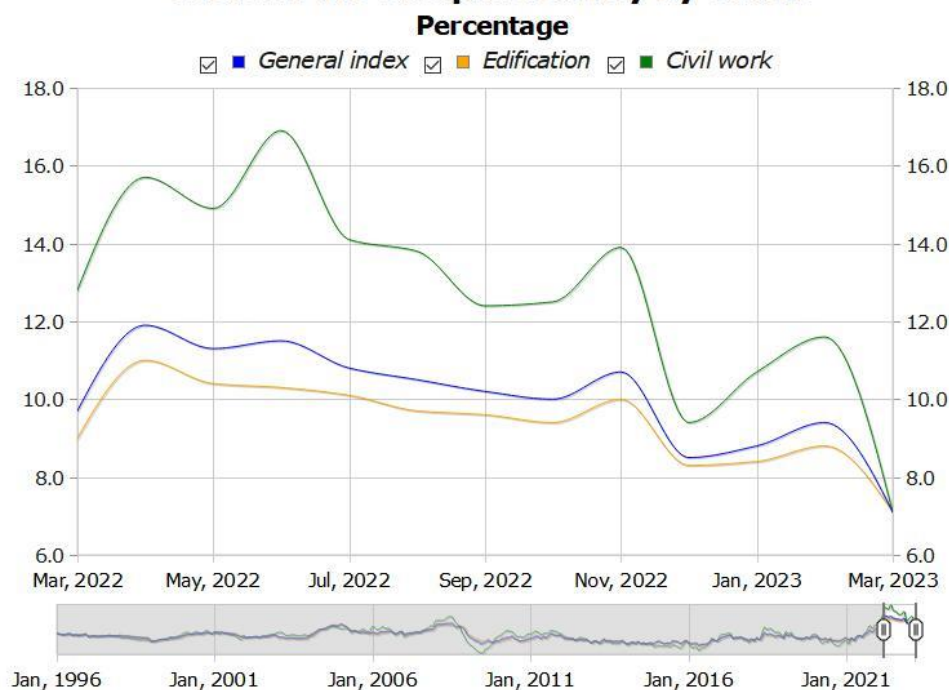
Construction Costs in the Basque Country fell by 0.1% in March 2023

In year-on-year terms, March 2023 compared to March 2022, prices increased by 7.1%

The Construction Costs Index in the Basque Country fell by 0.1% in the third month of 2023 in respect of the second, according to Eustat data. Costs increased by 7.1% compared to the same month of 2022.

In month-on-month terms, costs in the Building sector were down 0.1% and those in the Civil Works sector decreased by 0.4%. In relation to March 2022, prices increased by 7.1% in both Civil Works and in Building.

Year-on-year variation rate of the Index of construction costs in the Basque Country by sector



Source: Eustat. Construction costs index

Compared to the previous month (February 2023), costs of **raw materials** dropped by 0.2%, and **labour costs** remained constant. In year-on-year terms, however, the cost of raw materials rose by 8.6% and labour costs were up 2.1%.

There was a month-on-month decrease in the cost of raw materials of 0.1% in the Building sector, and of 0.5% in the Civil Works sector. In their year-on-year evolution, costs of raw materials in Building increased by 8.7% and those in Civil Works rose by 8.5%.

Index of construction costs of the Basque Country. Rates of variation (p). March 2023

	Index	Increase (%)	
		m/m-1	m/m-12
Total	126,6	-0,1	7,1
Edification	125,9	-0,1	7,1
Civil work	129,6	-0,4	7,1
Raw materials	129,0	-0,2	8,6
Edification	128,1	-0,1	8,7
Civil work	132,8	-0,5	8,5
Labour	119,1	0,0	2,1

Base 2015=100

m / m-1 Variation rate of the last observed month (m) compared to the previous month (m-1)

m / m-12 Year-on-year variation rate of the last observed month (m) compared to the same month of the previous year (m-12)

(p)Provisional data

Date April 25, 2023

Source: Eustat Construction costs index

Prices of raw materials used by the Construction sector which registered the biggest increases in March 2023 on March 2022 were those in the following sectors: *Non-Metallic Minerals*, up 17.0%, *Timber and Cork Industry*, with a rise of 16.1%, *Non-metallic Minerals Industry*, with a 15.0% increase, and *Rubber and Plastics*, up 12.8%. In contrast, the only two sectors that saw a decrease in prices of their raw materials were: *Electricity and Gas*, down 17.6%, and *Oil Refining*, with a decrease of 14.7%.

Prices of raw materials consumed in the Basque Country by sector A64. Year-on-year rate of change (p) . March 2023

	m / m-12
Non metal minerals	15,0
Timber and cork industry	16,1
Petroleum refining	-14,7
Chemical industry	6,8
Rubber and plastic	12,8
Non-metallic mineral industries	17,0
Metallurgy	8,1
Metal articles	5,0
Electronic material	2,3
Electrical material	2,4
Manufacture of machinery	5,7
Manufacturing of furniture	7,8
Electrical energy and gas	-17,6

Base 2015=100

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