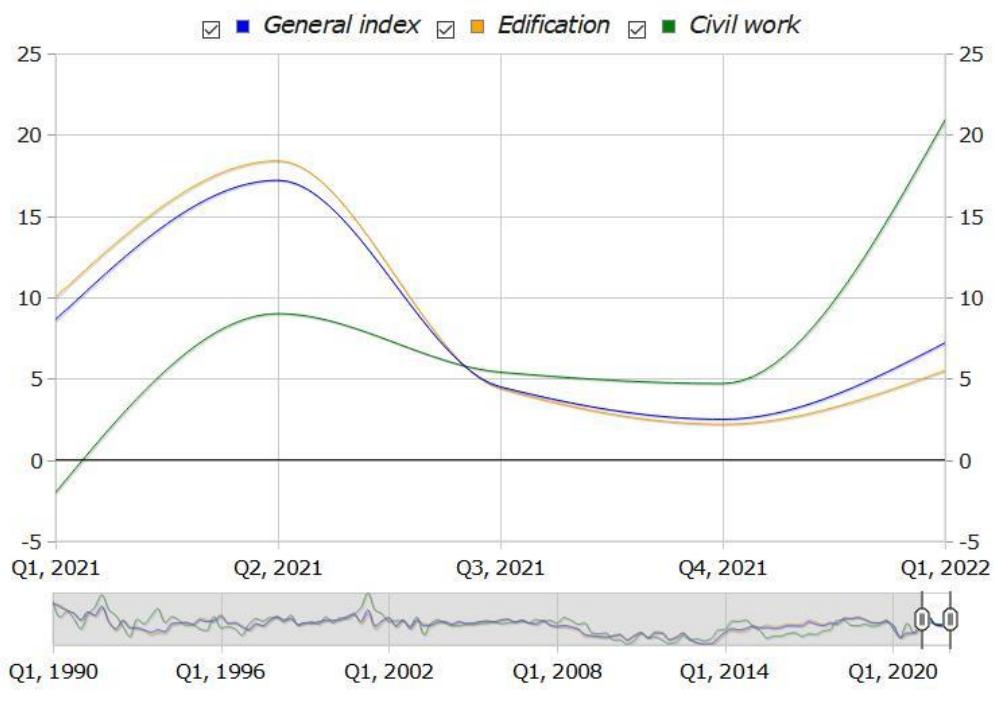


Production of the construction sector in the Basque Country rose by 7.2% in the first quarter of 2022

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Activity in the Construction sector in the Basque Country in the first quarter of 2022 was 7.2% higher in current prices than that of the same quarter of the previous year, according to Eustat data. In relation to the previous quarter, the increase in activity rose 6% in current prices, once corrected for seasonal effects.

Year-on-year variation rate. Construction index in the Basque Country (%) Corrected for calendar effects



The year-on-year upturn at current prices in this quarter is explained both by the behaviour of the *Building* sub-sector, which grew 5.5% in year-on-year terms, and, especially, that of *Civil Works*, which this quarter grew by 20.9% in relation to the previous year.

A comparison between the activity of the sector in this first quarter of 2022 and that of the previous quarter, once corrected for seasonal effects and at current prices, reveals an increase of 6%. *Building* posted a positive quarter-on-quarter evolution of 4.8% and *Civil Works* rose in relation to the previous quarter by 14%.

Construction index of the Basque Country. Variation Rates (%). Current prices (p). 2022/I

	Fixed calendar effect		Deseasonalised	
	I 2022/I 2021	At/At-1	I 2022/IV 2021	IV 2021/III 2021
Production Index	7,2	7,2	6,0	0,0
Edification	5,5	5,5	4,8	0,7
Civil work	20,9	20,9	14,0	-4,3
Index of employed personnel	1,9	1,9	0,1	0,8

Base 2015

(p)Provisional data

At/At-1 : Year on year variation rate of the accumulated period from the first quarter to the last quarter of year t compared to the same period of the year t-1

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The index of employed personnel in the first quarter of 2022, following a 0.1% increase in relation to the fourth quarter of the previous year, stood 1.9% above that observed in the first quarter of 2021.

Notes

The models used in the correction of calendar effects and deseasonalisation of the series include the effect of COVID-19 on the variables studied, following the recommendations of the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat) in its methodological note [Guidance on Time Series Treatment in the context of the COVID-19 crisis](#).

Coverage of the Construction Index for the first quarter of 2022 was **94.5%**. Eustat would like to thank all establishments that participated in this survey for their effort.

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