



BITRE STATISTICAL ALERT

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

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Overview

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) released the June quarter 2019 edition of Producer Price Indexes, Australia (ABS cat. no. 6427.0) on 2 August 2019. The Producer Price Indexes include indexes on road and bridge construction.

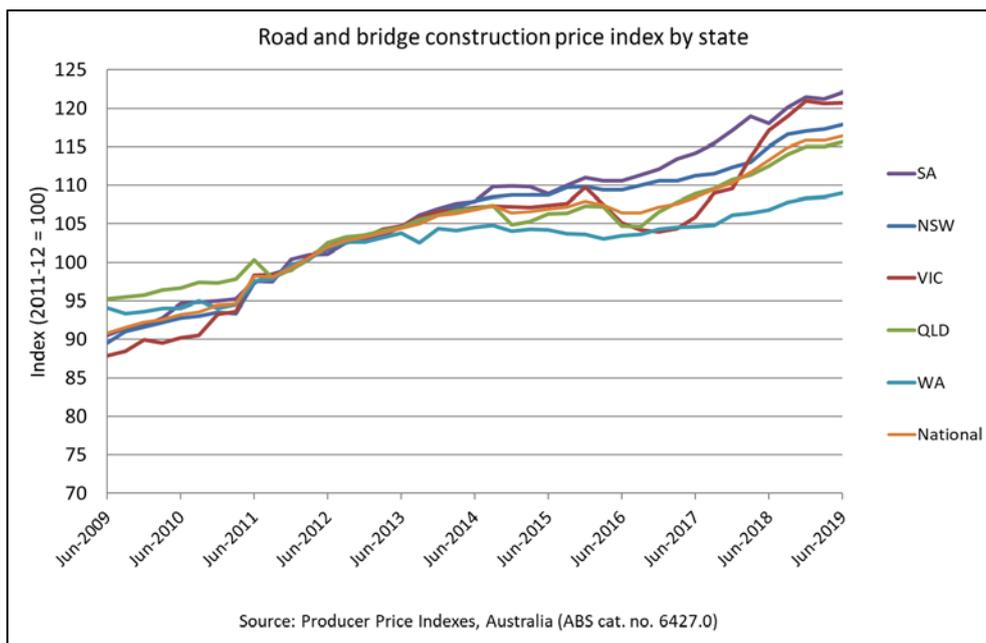
The price of road and bridge construction influences the value of road and bridge engineering projects. The price index is released one quarter earlier than the value of road and bridge engineering construction data¹. This statistical alert compares these price indexes across the mainland states.

National road and bridge construction index

The road and bridge construction price index for Australia increased by 0.5 per cent in the June quarter 2019 relative to the previous quarter. This is the second consecutive quarters 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 2.7 per cent, still above the ten year annual average of 2.5 per cent.

State road and bridge construction indexes

The road and bridge construction price indexes increased in all five mainland states this quarter with South Australia experiencing the highest growth compared to the previous quarter (0.7 per cent), followed by New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia (0.5 per cent). Growth in Victoria slowed down in the past two quarters (-0.3 and 0.1 per cent respectively) after a strong period of growth at 1.9 per cent average increase per quarter over the past two years.



¹ Road and bridge construction data is presented in Engineering Construction Activity, Australia (ABS cat. no. 8762.0) for which a statistical alert for the March quarter 2019 was provided on 26 June 2019.

Next scheduled release

1 November 2019 - Producer Price Indexes, Australia - ABS cat. no. 6427.0 (September quarter 2019)

Related releases

28 August 2019 - Construction Work Done, Australia - ABS cat. no. 8755.0 (June quarter 2019)

25 September 2019 - Engineering Construction Activity, Australia - ABS cat. no. 8762.0 (June quarter 2019)

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