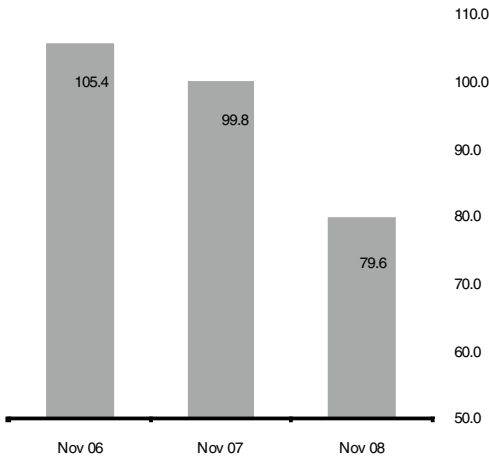




**Employment in Construction Index**  
(Base year 2000=100)



## Index of Employment in Construction

November 2008 (Provisional)  
October 2008 (Final)

### Employment in Construction (Base year 2000=100)

	Monthly Index
November 2007	99.8
November 2008	79.6
<b>% annual change</b>	<b>-20.2%</b>

### Numbers employed down 20.2% in November

Employment in private firms (with five or more persons engaged) in the construction industry decreased by 20.2% in November 2008 by comparison with November 2007. The monthly employment index decreased from 99.8 in November 2007 to 79.6 in November 2008. *See Table 1.*

The final figure for October 2008 showed a decrease of 17.7% when compared with October 2007. *See Table 1.*

This data series is available on the CSO's data dissemination service. See [www.cso.ie](http://www.cso.ie) and go to Database Direct.

*This inquiry covers private firms with five or more persons engaged.*

In order to reduce burden on respondents and in an attempt to streamline surveys in the CSO, this inquiry will be discontinued from February 2009. The last release of this inquiry will contain provisional figures for December 2008 reference period.

Please see results from the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) for an alternative short-term indicator concerning employment in the construction sector. For a copy of the latest QNHS release, please see the following:

[http://www.cso.ie/releasespublications/documents/labour\\_market/current/qnhs.pdf](http://www.cso.ie/releasespublications/documents/labour_market/current/qnhs.pdf)

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**Table 1 Monthly Index of Employment in Construction<sup>1</sup> - January 2000 to November 2008**

Base Year 2000=100

Month	2000 Index	2001 Index	2002 Index	2003 Index	2004 Index	2005 Index	2006 Index	Annual Change	2007 Index	Annual Change	2008 Index	Annual Change
January	100.5	103.4	102.5	102.0	102.8	107.5	108.1	+0.6%	110.0	+1.8%	99.0	-10.0%
February	100.3	104.0	101.1	102.1	103.1	107.6	109.8	+2.0%	110.7	+0.8%	98.7	-10.8%
March	102.5	105.4	102.0	102.5	103.1	107.5	110.1	+2.3%	110.1	0.0%	96.4	-12.4%
April	100.9	104.4	100.6	101.0	102.0	106.3	109.2	+2.7%	109.1	-0.1%	94.4	-13.5%
May	99.2	103.2	99.2	99.7	101.4	106.3	109.0	+2.5%	108.7	-0.3%	92.9	-14.5%
June	99.5	103.5	100.7	101.3	105.1	108.1	111.1	+2.8%	109.8	-1.2%	93.2	-15.1%
July	102.6	105.6	102.4	103.2	108.3	110.6	113.5	+2.6%	111.2	-2.0%	93.4	-16.0%
August	101.2	103.1	100.0	100.5	106.0	110.0	112.8	+2.5%	110.1	-2.4%	90.3	-18.0%
September	103.9	103.6	101.3	101.9	107.0	111.0	113.8	+2.5%	110.1	-3.3%	89.5	-18.7%
October	97.5	96.7	95.0	95.3	100.7	104.0	107.1	+3.0%	102.1	-4.7%	84.0 <sup>2</sup>	-17.7% <sup>2</sup>
November	95.7	93.8	92.9	93.4	98.9	102.8	105.4	+2.5%	99.8	-5.3%	79.6 <sup>3</sup>	-20.2% <sup>3</sup>
December	96.3	93.7	93.6	94.2	99.6	102.6	105.0	+2.3%	98.4	-6.3%		
<b>Year (average)</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>101.7</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>99.7</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>107.0</b>	<b>109.6</b>	<b>+2.4%</b>	<b>107.5</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Private firms with 5 or more persons engaged<sup>2</sup> Revised<sup>3</sup> Provisional

## Background Notes

### Scope and Background

This series of monthly indices is based on trends shown by a monthly employment sample inquiry covering approximately 1,000 private building and construction firms with 5 or more persons engaged; i.e. firms classified to division 45 of the NACE Industrial Classification of Economic Activity in the European Communities (NACE Rev.1.1).

This series is also available using the interactive tables in Database Direct on [www.cso.ie](http://www.cso.ie).

### Definition of Persons Engaged

The number of persons engaged is defined to include proprietors and family members working in the firm, employees (operatives, managerial, technical and clerical staff) and persons working for the firms on a labour-only subcontract basis. The number of persons in the latter category is not always known to the respondent firms and this influences the accuracy of the index.

### Methodology

Respondent firms to the monthly sample inquiry are classified into three size categories, namely 5-19, 20-99 and 100 or more persons engaged. The percentage changes in employment levels for the current month over the same month in the previous year, derived from matched samples of respondents in each of these three size categories, are weighted together to give an overall percentage change. This annual change is applied to the index for the corresponding month of the previous year to give the index for the current month.