September 25, 2023

**Overall confidence in the economy decreased**

**Business cycle survey – September 2023**

**The composite confidence indicator (economic sentiment indicator) – in the basis index form – decreased by 4.2 points to 89.2 m-o-m, with the same developments of its components. The business confidence indicator decreased by 4.5 percentage points to 89.4 and the consumer confidence indicator decreased by 2.7 points to 88.3.** 

The September decrease in economic sentiment among **entrepreneurs** is mainly due to a significant drop in confidence in the industry sector (-7.6 points). Confidence also fell in selected services (-2.2 points) and in trade (-1.2 points), slightly increased only in construction (+0.6 points).

**Consumer** confidence in the economy decreased m-o-m. The number of respondents expecting a deterioration of the overall economic situation in the Czech Republic in the next twelve months increased significantly in September. The number of households rating their current financial situation worse compared to the previous twelve months has hardly changed compared to August. The share of respondents who believe that the current time is not suitable for making large also remained approximately the same.

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More detailed information on the development of business and consumer confidence can be found in [*the supplementary information to the RI business surveys.*](https://www.czso.cz/documents/11350/189697697/akpr092523_komentar.pdf)

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indices of confidence indicators: <https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/kpr_ts>

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*Link to European database:* [*https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/euro-indicators/database*](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/euro-indicators/database)

Annex:

Additional information to NR Business cycle survey

Table Confidence Indicators – basic indices

Graph 1 Confidence indicators – base indices, seasonally adjusted (2003–2023)

Graph 2.1 Confidence Indicators for industry, construction, trade, and in selected services – base indices, seasonally adjusted (2003–2023)

Graph 2.2 Balances of seasonally adjusted confidence indicators for industry, construction, trade, and in selected services (2003–2023)

Graph 3 Economic Sentiment Indicators – international comparison, seasonally adjusted (2007-2023)