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Overall confidence in the economy declined m-o-m at the end of the year

Additional information to NR Business cycle survey – December 2025

The composite confidence indicator (economic sentiment indicator), expressed as a basic index, fell by 1.7 points m-o-m to 100.2, with both of its components showing the same development. The business confidence indicator fell by 1.9 points to 98.0 and the consumer confidence indicator fell slightly by 0.6 points to 111.1. Compared to December last year, the composite indicator, business indicator and consumer indicator at higher levels y-o-y.

In **industry**, business confidence in the economy declined m-o-m. The confidence indicator fell by 2.0 points to 91.2. The share of entrepreneurs who assess their *current overall demand* negatively remained virtually unchanged m-o-m. Industrial entrepreneurs' expectations of the *pace of growth in production activity* over the next three months declined for the second time in a row. *Finished product inventories* increased slightly. Entrepreneurs *do not expect the prices of their products to rise* in the next three months. Compared to December last year, confidence in industry is higher.

Business confidence in **construction** sector rose m-o-m. The confidence indicator increased by 3.5 points to 117.6. The share of entrepreneurs *assessing their current demand* for construction work negatively decreased slightly. Compared to November, the share of construction companies *expecting an increase in their current number of employees* over the next three months increased. The share of respondents *expecting an increase in construction work prices* over the next three months increased slightly. Compared to December 2024, confidence in the construction industry is higher.

Confidence in the economy slightly decreased in **trade** sector compared to November. The confidence indicator fell by 0.6 points to 96.4. The share of entrepreneurs who reported an *improvement in their overall economic situation* in the last three months increased. The share of respondents *expecting an improvement in their economic situation* in the next three months decreased slightly m-o-m. Inventories of goods in warehouses increased. The share of entrepreneurs *expecting prices to rise* in the next three months increased slightly. Y-o-y, confidence in trade is slightly lower.

Business confidence in **selected service** sectors (including the financial sector) declined compared to November. The confidence indicator fell by 2.5 points to 103.1. The share of entrepreneurs in selected services who *assessed their current economic situation* declined slightly. The share of entrepreneurs who assessed their *current demand for services positively* and the share of respondents *expecting an increase in demand* in the next three months also

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declined m-o-m. The share of entrepreneurs expecting an increase in the prices of services offered in the next three months declined. Y-o-y, confidence in selected service sectors is slightly lower.

Consumer confidence in the economy declined slightly m-o-m. The confidence indicator fell by 0.6 points to 111.1. Compared to November, in December there was a slight predominance of consumers *expecting the overall economic situation* in Czechia to deteriorate over the next twelve months. The share of households *expecting their financial situation to improve* over the next twelve months did not change much m-o-m. The share of respondents who *assess their current financial situation* as worse than in the previous twelve months remained the same as in November. The number of respondents who *do not plan to make any major purchases* in the next twelve months decreased slightly for the second time in a row. Consumers' *concerns about price increases* have increased compared to last month, and concerns about *further increases in unemployment* have also risen, but only slightly. Consumer confidence is higher y-o-y.

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