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Profit rate of corporations increased, quarter-on-quarter

Quarterly sector accounts – the third quarter of 2017

According to seasonally adjusted data, household real income increased by 1.3%, quarter-on-quarter (q-o-q), and real consumption per capita increased by 1.2% in the Q3 2017. Investment rate of non-financial corporations increased by 0.4 percentage point (p.p.), q-o-q.

Non-financial corporations: profit rate increasing again

The **profit rate**1 in the Q3 2017 was 49.5%, which is by 0.3 p.p. more, q-o-q, and by 0.6 p.p. less, year-on-year. Total labour costs of non-financial corporations increased by 8.9%, y-o-y. The profit rate of domestic corporations still remains above average, because based on the available data of Eurostat the average profit rate of non-financial corporations for the EU is about 40.0% for a long-term. The **investment rate**2 increased by 0.4 p.p., q-o-q, and reached 29.4%. In the y-o-y comparison it increased by 0.3 p.p.

Households: real income increased by 1.3% in the Q3

Household real income per capita3 increased by 1.3%, quarter-on-quarter, in the Q3; in the y-o-y comparison it was 3.1% up. Household real consumption per capita4 grew slower, i.e. by 1.2%, q-o-q; in the y-o-y comparison it increased by 3.8%.

**Average monthly income of households** per capita in nominal terms5 was CZK 24 8606; of that, CZK 4 1136 consisted of individual services and goods7 provided by the general government and non-profit institutions serving households.

**Average monthly income from employment**8 reached CZK 30 1426 in the Q3 and it increased in real terms by 0.8%, q-o-q; in the y-o-y comparison it was 4.1% up.

**Average monthly consumption of households** per capita in nominal terms9 reached CZK 22 9666.

Resulting from the slower growth of household expenditure compared to their income was a higher **saving rate**10 compared to the previous quarter, namely 10.1%. **Investment rate** in the household sector remained almost unchanged, quarter-on-quarter, and reached 8.8%.

When compiling sector accounts for the Q3 2017, also new data for the general government sector were incorporated; it had no impact on the growth rate of the gross domestic product (GDP). The GDP increased by 5.0%, y-o-y, in the Q3 2017; in the q-o-q comparison it was 0.5% up. For the time series of GDP resources and uses see: <https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/hdp_ts>.

Notes:

1. *The profit rate of non-financial corporations is defined as the gross operating surplus divided by the gross value added (B.2g/B.1g). The indicator refers to profitability of production factors from the production process.*
2. *The investment rate of non-financial corporations is defined as the gross fixed capital formation divided by the gross value added (P.51g/B.1g). The indicator refers to the investments in non-financial assets (buildings, machinery etc.) divided by the value created during the production process.*
3. *Household real income per capita is defined as the adjusted gross disposable income of households, in nominal terms, divided by the mid-year population and deflated by the deflator (price index) of final consumption expenditure of households.*
4. *Household real consumption per capita is defined as real final consumption of households, in nominal terms, divided by the mid-year population and deflated by the deflator (price index) of final consumption expenditure of households.*
5. *Average monthly income of households per capita, in nominal terms, is defined as the adjusted disposable income of households divided by the mid-year population.*
6. *Seasonally non-adjusted piece of data.*
7. *Individual services and goods provided to households by the general government and non-profit institutions serving households (NPISHs) refer to the value of products and services provided in the form of health and social care, education, housing, and the like. They include especially benefits in kind related to health insurance (payments for health aids, medical and dental treatment, medical operations, and the like) paid by health insurance companies to providers of such goods and services. Social transfers in kind (D.63) also include benefits in kind provided by municipalities (including reimbursements for approved household expenditure for certain types of products and services) and all the value of non-market services of the general government and non-profit institutions serving households provided for individual consumption. The same value is imputed in the sector of households on the income side (adjusted disposable income) as well as on the expenditure side (real final consumption of households).*
8. *Average monthly income from employment is defined as wages and salaries for the national economy (D.11) in average per month divided by the number of employees (full-time equivalent). The wages and salaries indicator includes all income from employment, namely in cash as well as in kind (employee benefits) regardless of whether they have been officially reported or not. The number of employees (full-time equivalent) includes all forms of employment, formal and informal. Various types of agreements are also included. The calculation does not include hours worked by working owners of enterprises, who are according to national accounts definitions included in the category of employees.*
9. *Average monthly consumption of households per capita, in nominal terms, is defined as the real final consumption of households divided by the mid-year population.*
10. *The household saving rate is defined as gross saving divided by gross disposable income, with the latter including the change in the net equity of households in pension funds reserves (B.8g/(B.6g+D.8)). Gross saving is the part of the gross disposable income which is not spent as final consumption expenditure.*

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*Data of quarterly sector accounts are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise stated.*

*The news releases of Eurostat on quarterly sector accounts are published later. The latest published information for the second quarter of 2017 is available at:*

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-press-releases/-/2-05102017-AP*,*

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-press-releases/-/2-05102017-BP,

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-press-releases/-/2-27102017-AP.

*Quarterly sector accounts data are published on the CZSO website in the tables of Transactions in Products and Distributive Transactions by Sector:* <http://apl.czso.cz/pll/rocenka/rocenkavyber.kvart_qsa?mylang=EN>

*and Quarterly Non-Financial Sector Accounts (Current and Capital Accounts, not seasonally adjusted):*

<http://apl.czso.cz/pll/rocenka/rocenkavyber.kvart_qsa_mat?mylang=EN>