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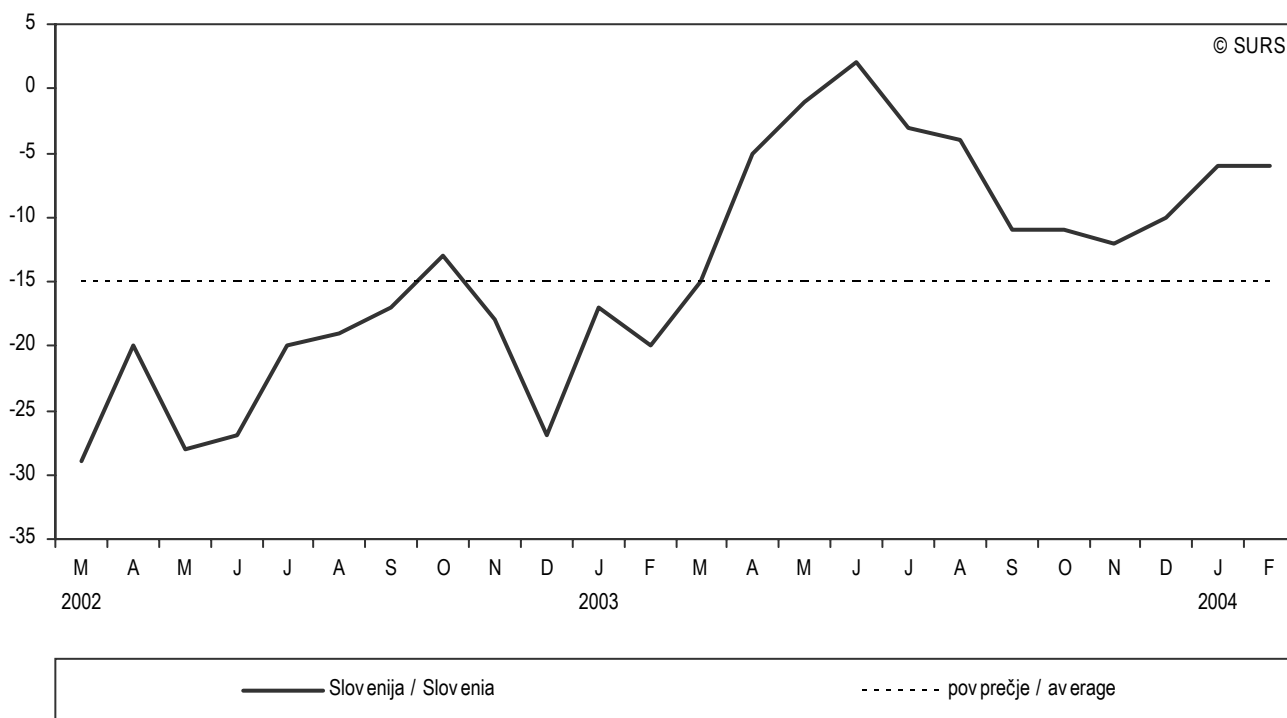
POSLOVNE TENDENCE V GRADBENIŠTVU, SLOVENIJA, MAREC 2002 - FEBRUAR 2004

BUSINESS TENDENCY IN CONSTRUCTION, SLOVENIA, MARCH 2002 - FEBRUARY 2004

- Anketo o poslovnih tendencah v gradbeništvu izvajamo od marca 2002 s poenotenim vprašalnikom, na podlagi poenotene metodologije in z enako periodiko, kot jo izvajajo v državah članicah Evropske unije že več desetletij.
- Namen kvalitativne Ankete o poslovnih tendencah v gradbeništvu (PA-GRAD/M) je mesečno pridobivanje informacij o trenutnih stanjih glavnih ekonomskih kazalcev ter ocenitev njihovega gibanja v naslednjih mesecih. Rezultati anket so osnova za izračun kazalca zaupanja v gradbeništvu.
- Februarja so direktorji tendence v gradbeništvu ocenili enako kot pretekli mesec. Kazalec zaupanja je bil v primerjavi z istim mesecem lani za 14 odstotnih točk višji, hkrati pa za 3 odstotne točke nad lanskim povprečjem.
- The Business Tendency Survey in Construction has been carried out since March 2002 with the harmonised questionnaire, methodology and periodicity, which have been used in EU Member States for several decades.
- The purpose of the qualitative Business Tendency Survey in Construction (PA-GRAD/M) is to collect monthly information on the current situation of major economic indicators and to evaluate their development in the following months. Survey results are the basis for calculating the construction confidence indicator.
- In February, managers estimated business tendencies in construction the same as in the previous month. The confidence indicator increased by 14 percentage points compared to February 2003 and by 3 percentage points compared to last year's average.

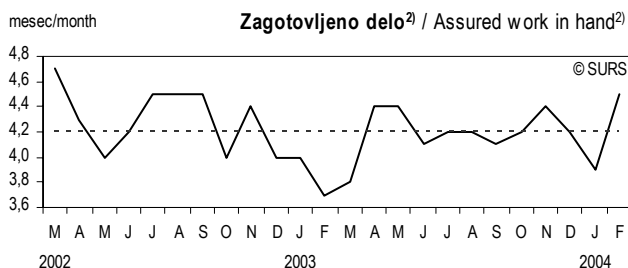
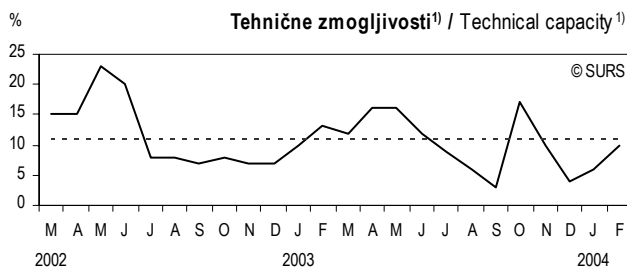
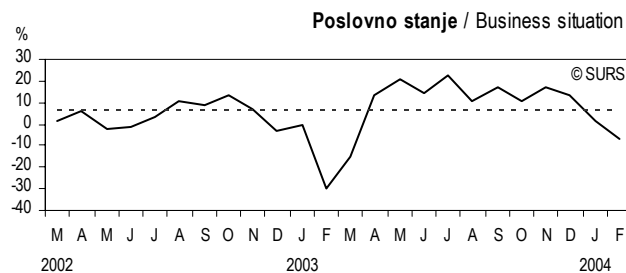
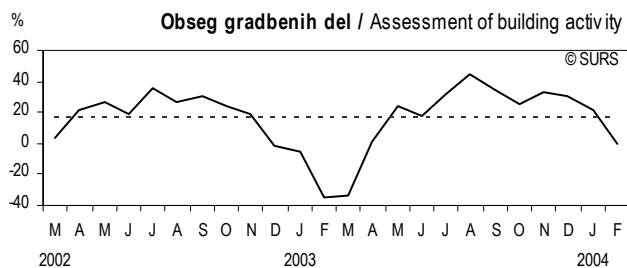
1. KAZALEC ZAUPANJA V GRADBENIŠTVU ¹⁾

CONSTRUCTION CONFIDENCE INDICATOR ¹⁾

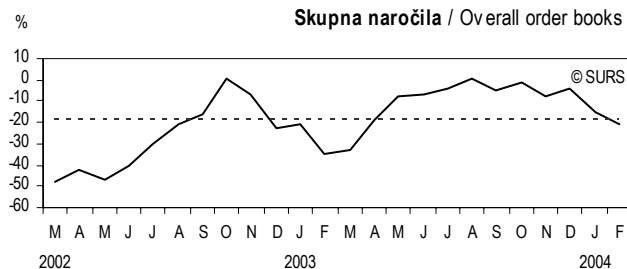


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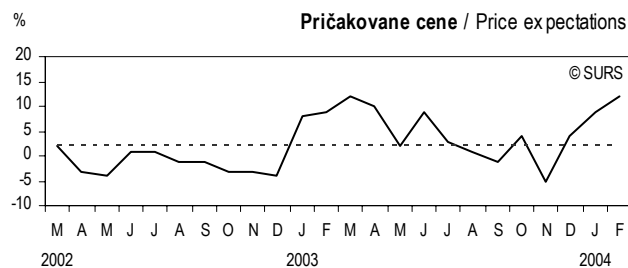
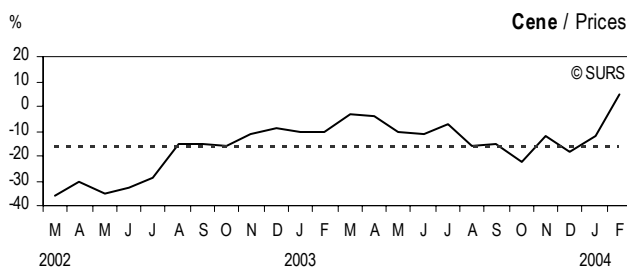
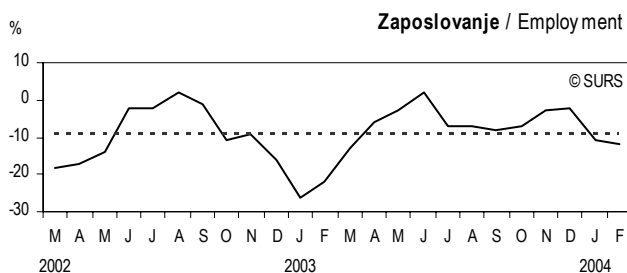
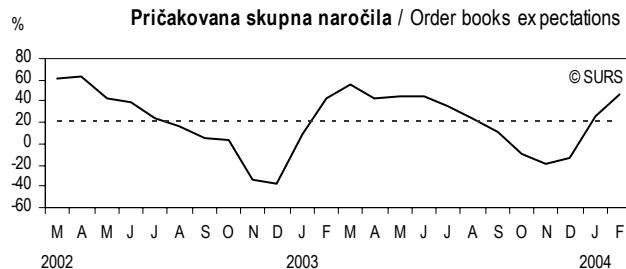
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2. GIBANJE EKONOMSKIH KAZALCEV V GRADBENIŠTVU V SLOVENIJI, MAREC 2002 - FEBRUAR 2004**EVOLUTION OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS IN CONSTRUCTION IN SLOVENIA, MARCH 2002 - FEBRUARY 2004**

Ocena stanj
Appreciation of situation



Pričakovanja v naslednjih 3 mesecih
Expectations over the next 3 months



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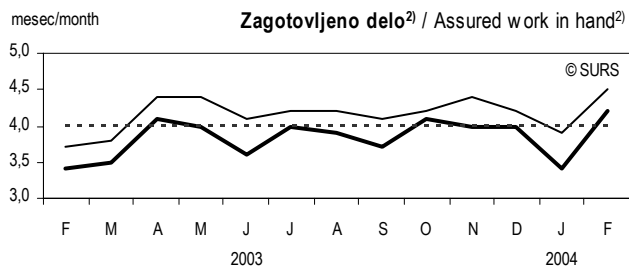
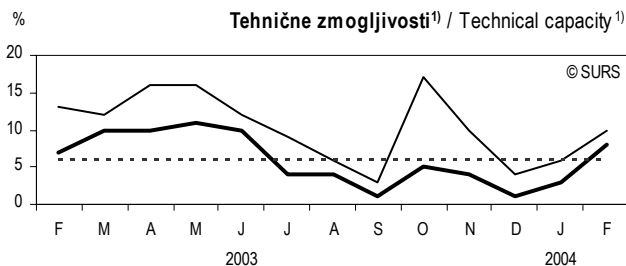
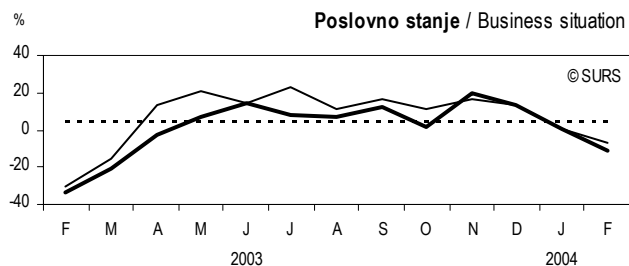
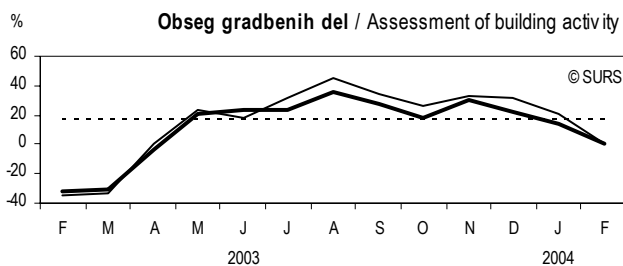
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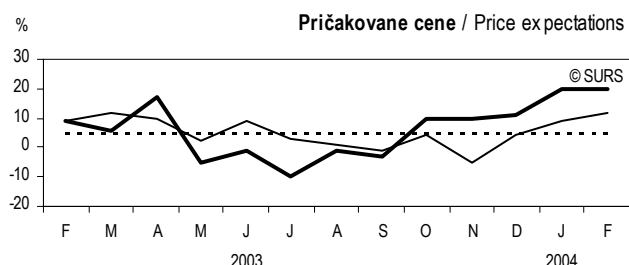
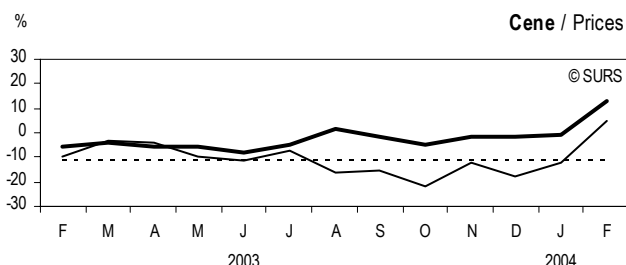
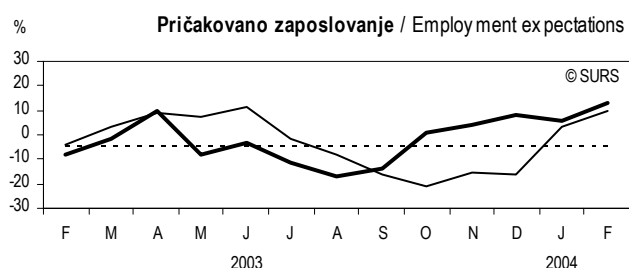
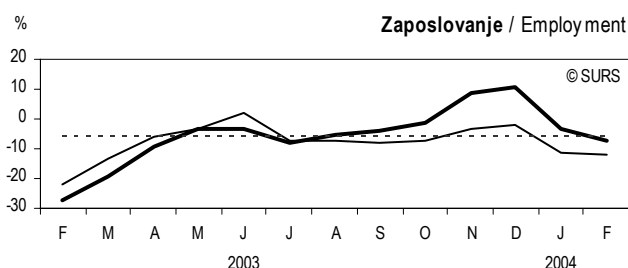
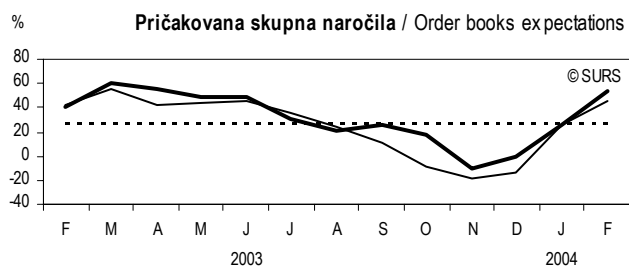
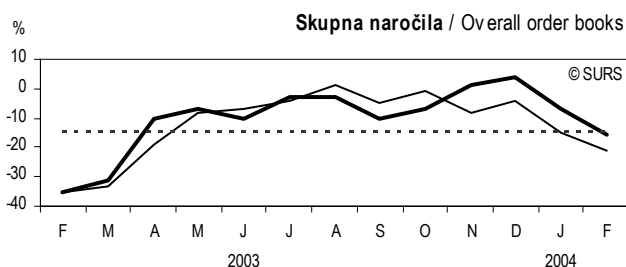
3.1 Gibanje ekonomskih kazalcev glede na vrsto gradbenih objektov, stavbe, februar 2003 - februar 2004

Evolution of economic indicators by the type of construction, buildings, February 2003 - February 2004



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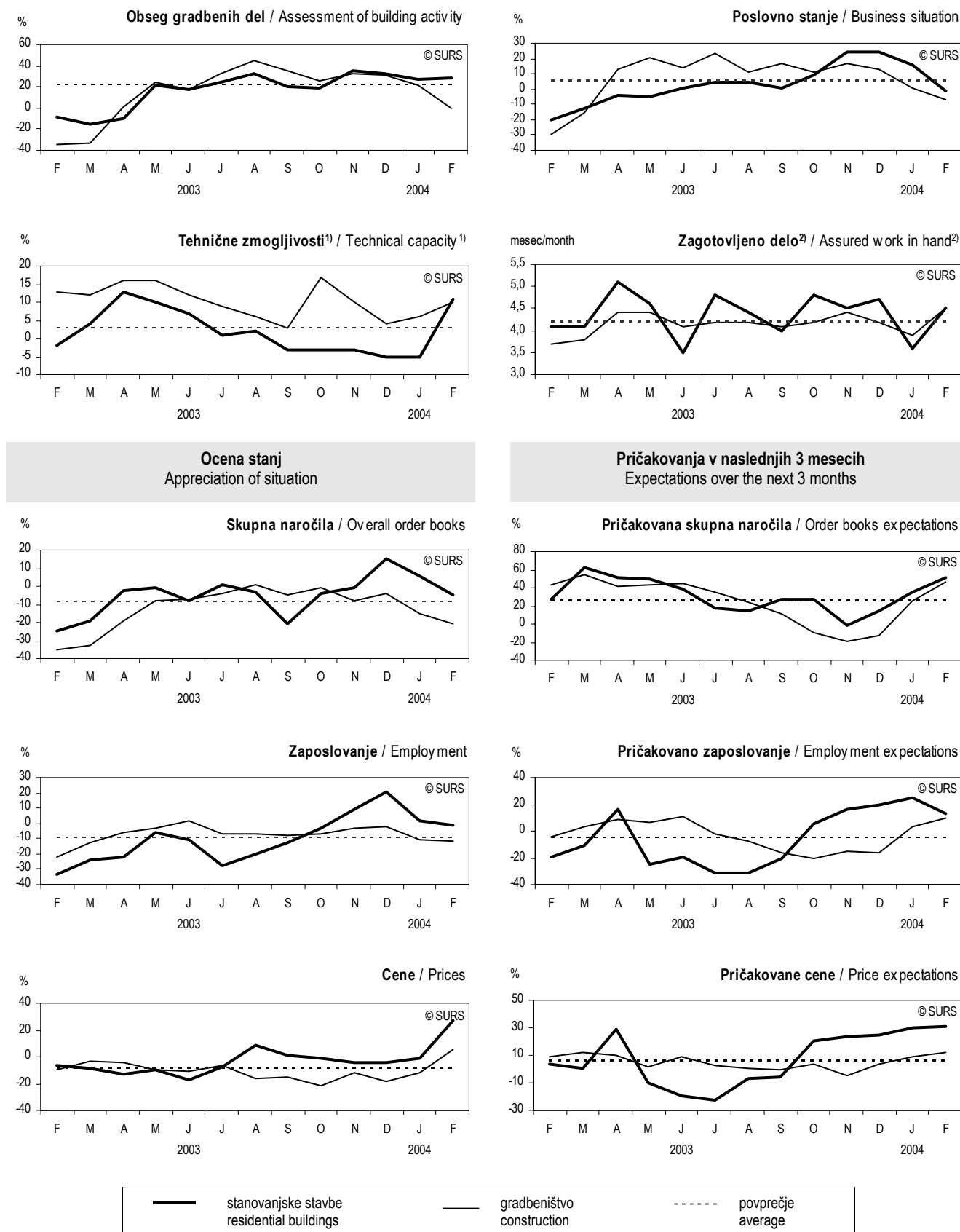
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Evolution of economic indicators by the type of construction, residential buildings, February 2003 - February 2004

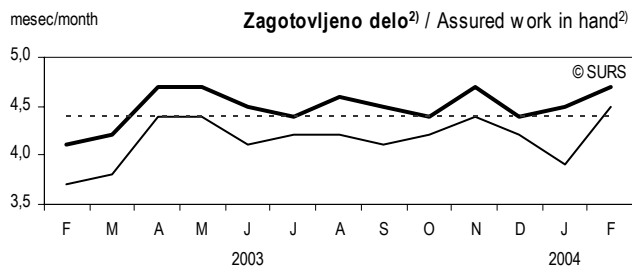
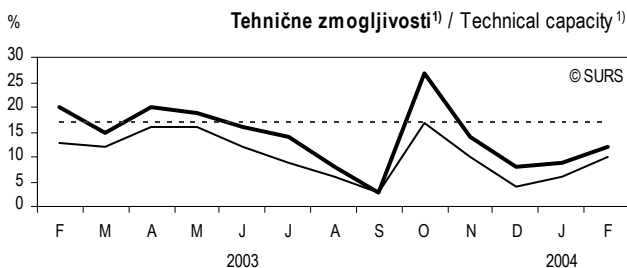
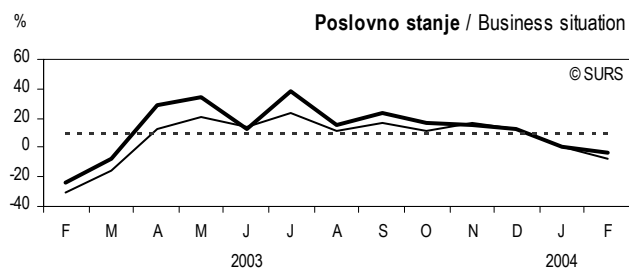
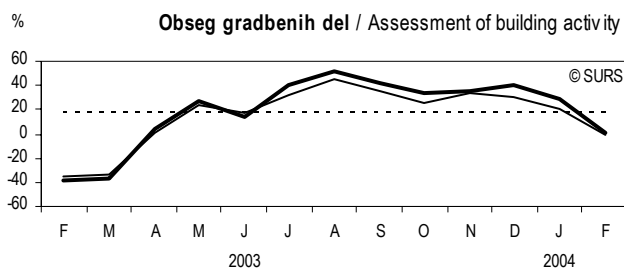


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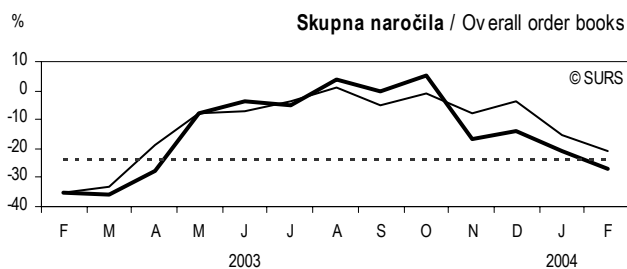


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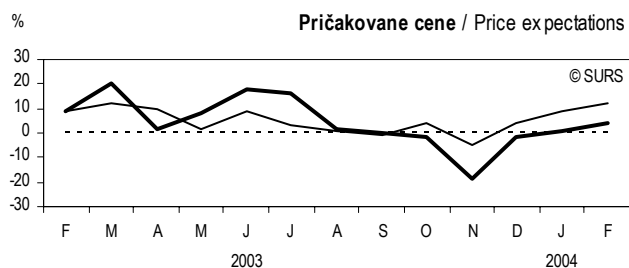
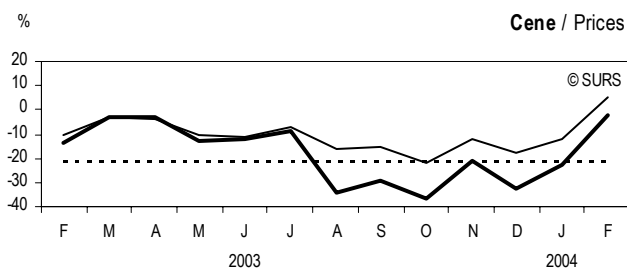
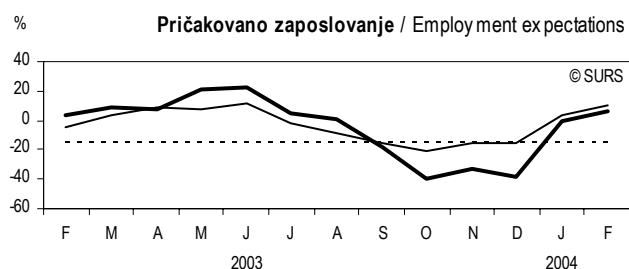
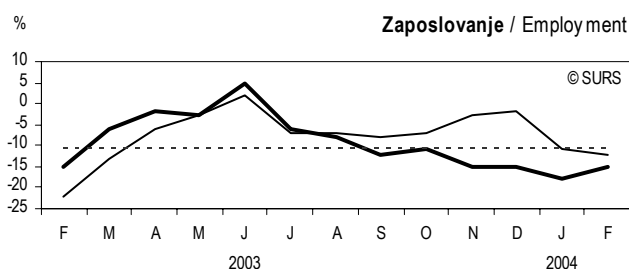
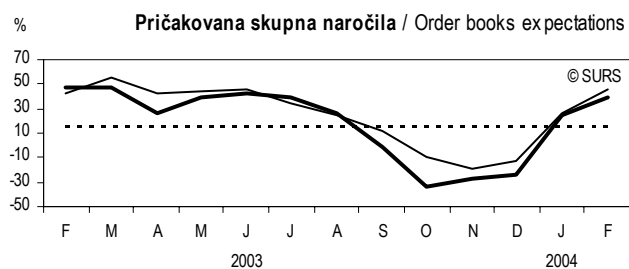
Evolution of economic indicators by the type of construction, civil engineering, February 2003 - February 2004



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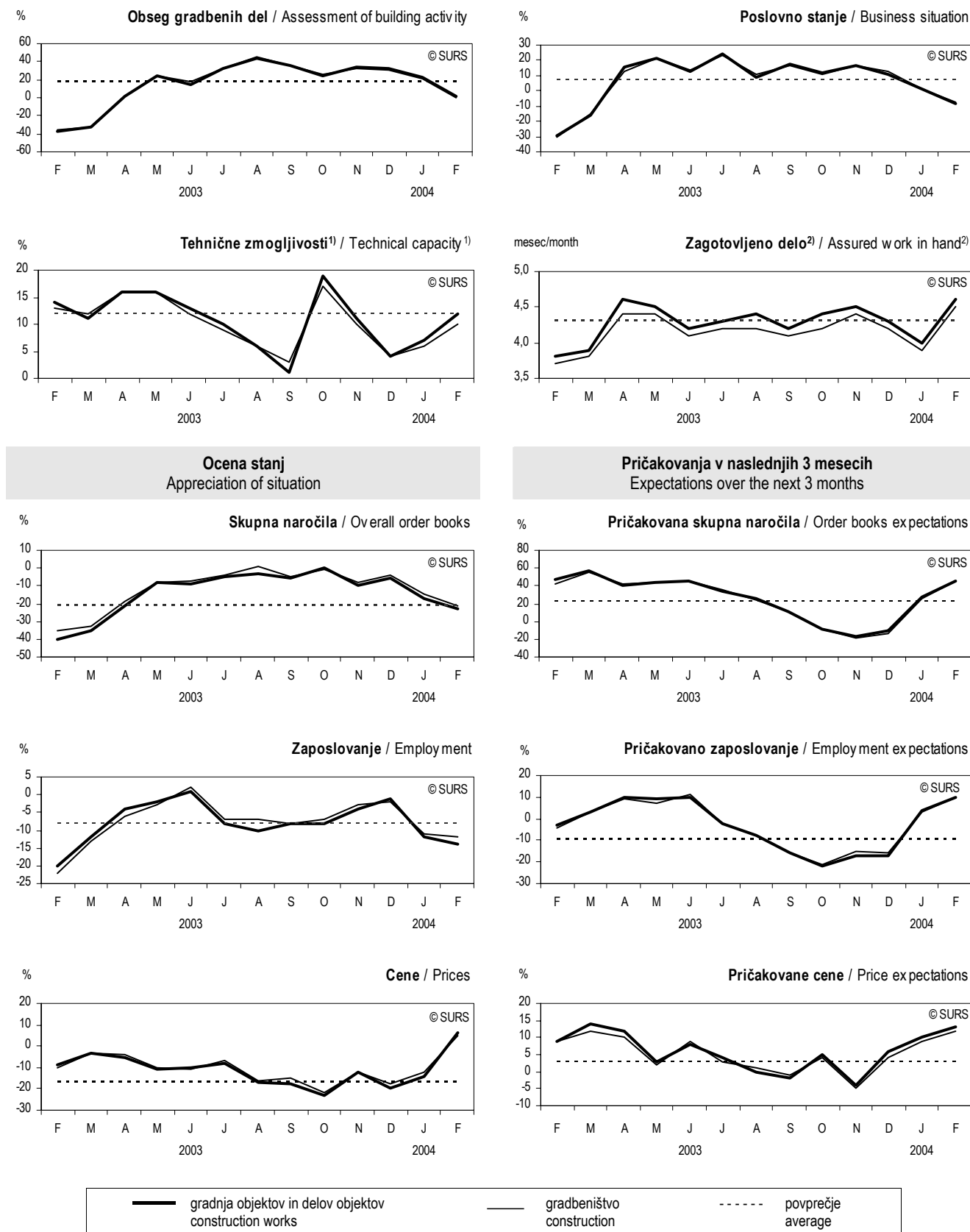


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4.1 Gibanje ekonomskih kazalcev v podjetjih z dejavnostjo gradnja objektov in delov objektov, februar 2003 - februar 2004

Evolution of economic indicators in enterprises engaged in construction works, February 2003 - February 2004



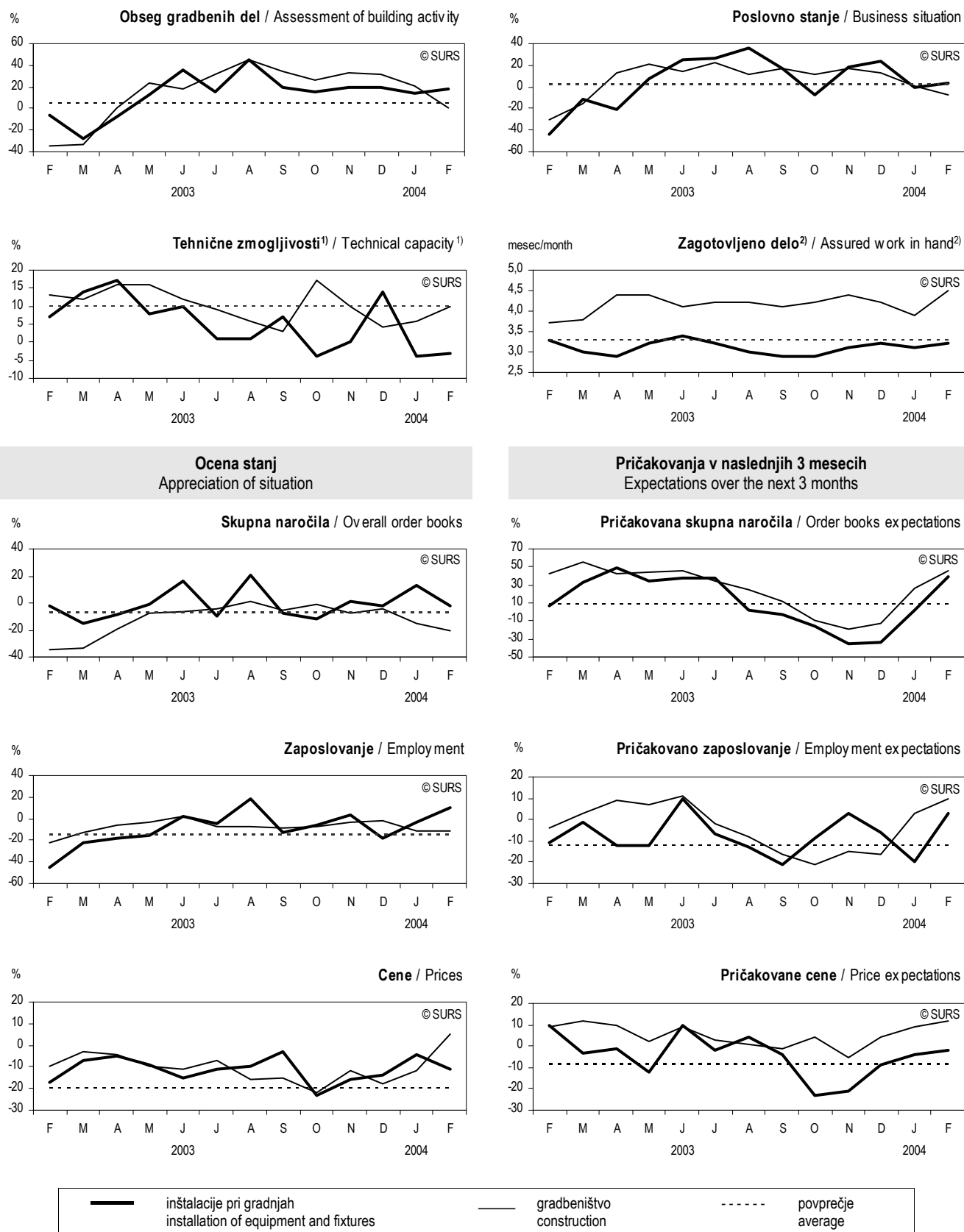
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4.2 Gibanje ekonomskih kazalcev v podjetjih z dejavnostjo inštalacije pri gradnjah, februar 2003 - februar 2004

Evolution of economic indicators in enterprises engaged in installing equipment and fixtures, February 2003 - February 2004

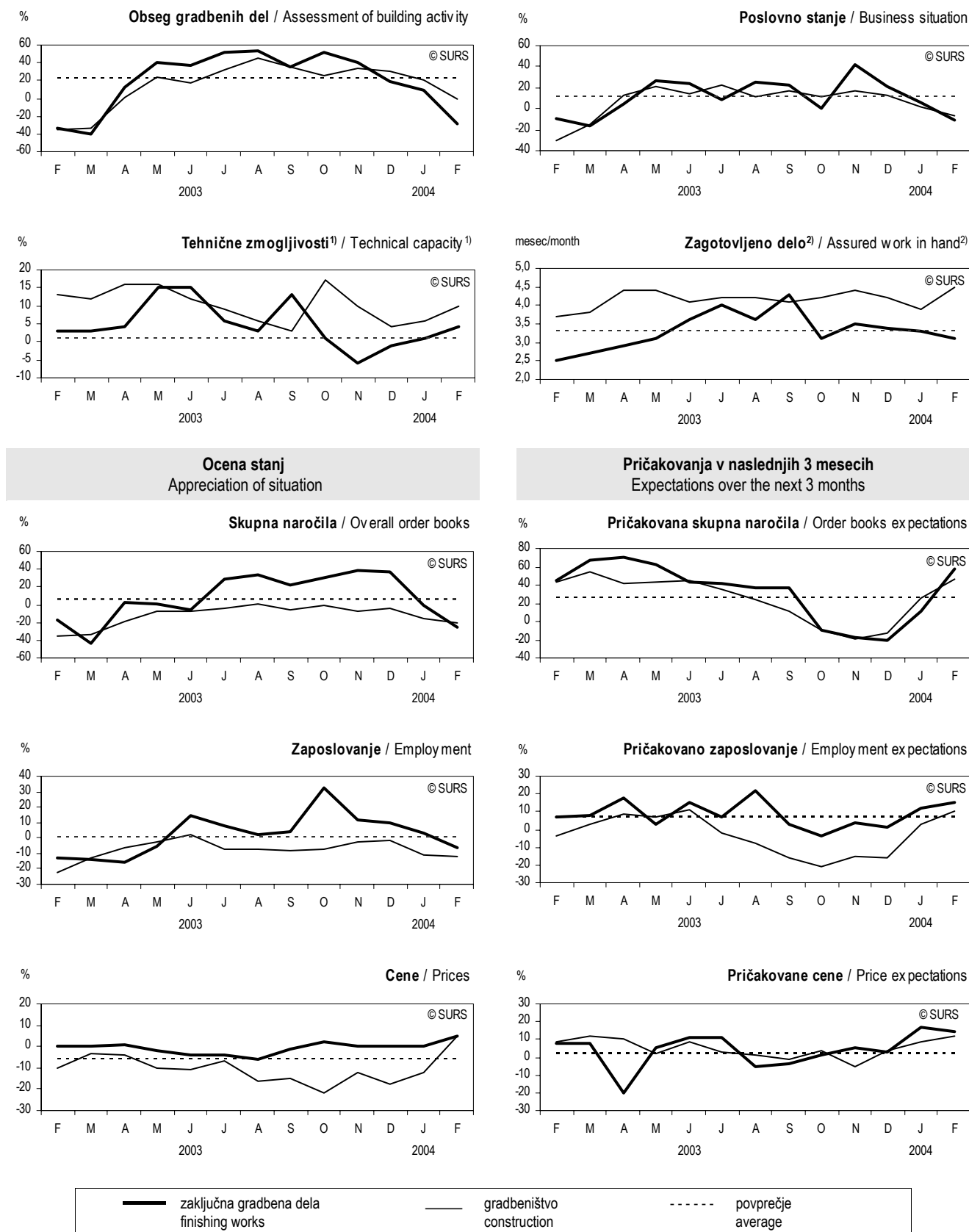


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4.3 Gibanje ekonomskih kazalcev v podjetjih z dejavnostjo zaključna gradbena dela, februar 2003 - februar 2004

Evolution of economic indicators in enterprises engaged in finishing works, February 2003 - February 2004

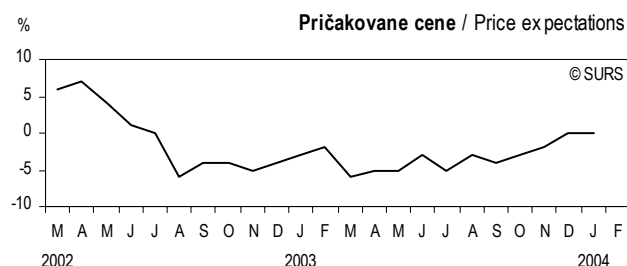
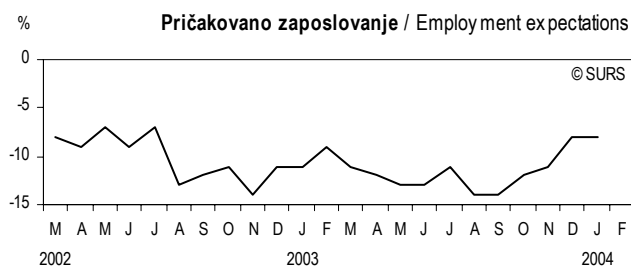
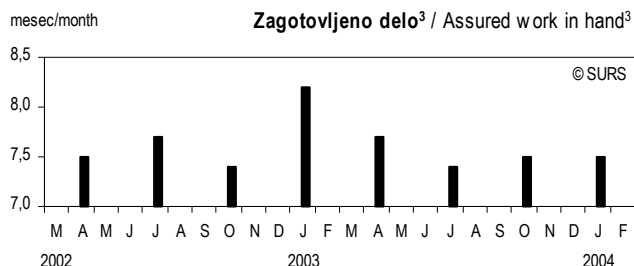
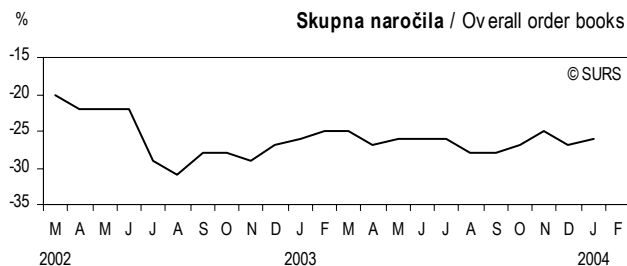
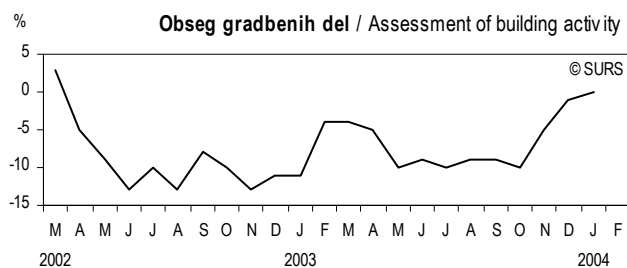
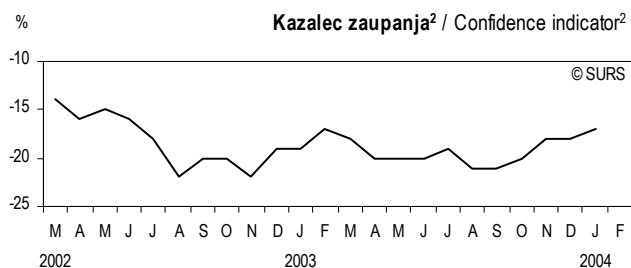


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5. GIBANJE EKONOMSKIH KAZALCEV V GRADBENIŠTVU V EU, MAREC 2002 - FEBRUAR 2004¹⁾

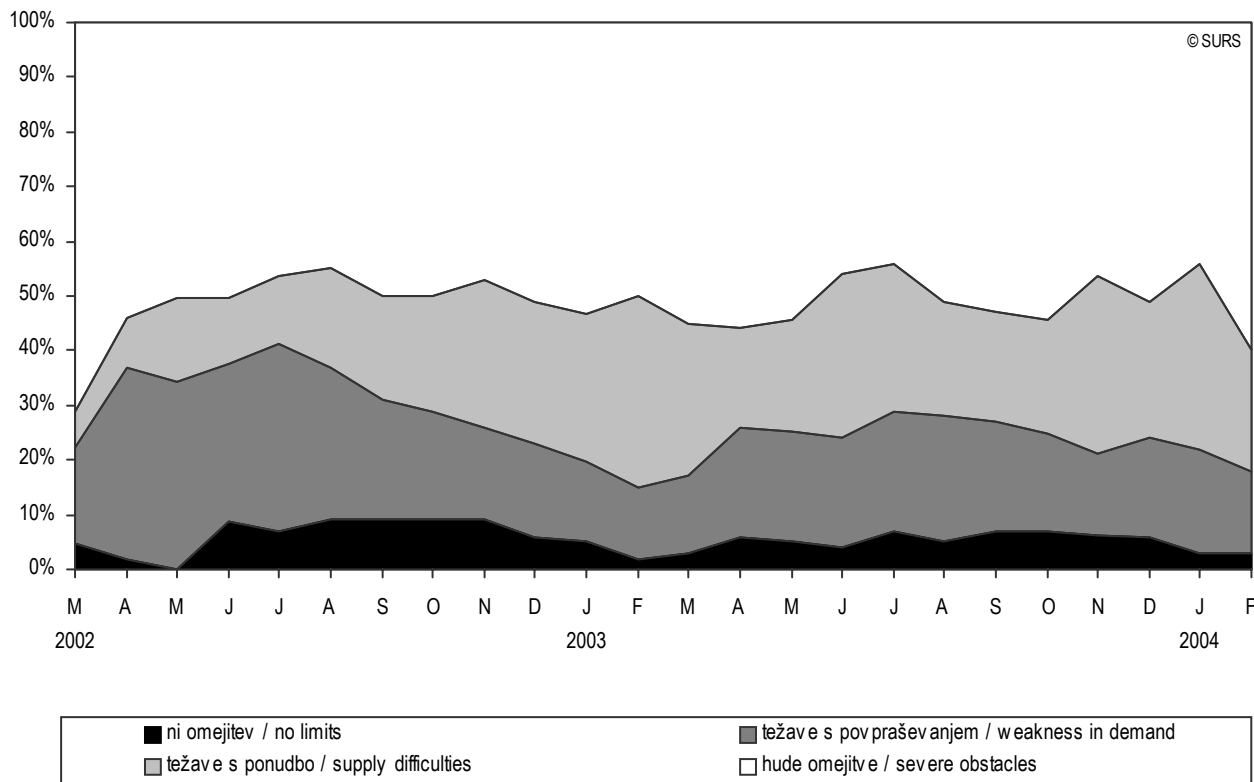
EVOLUTION OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS IN CONSTRUCTION IN THE EU, MARCH 2002 - FEBRUARY 2004¹⁾



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6. OMEJITVENI DEJAVNIKI V GRADBENIŠTVU V SLOVENIJI, MAREC 2002 - FEBRUAR 2004

FACTORS LIMITING BUILDING ACTIVITY IN SLOVENIA, MARCH 2002 - FEBRUARY 2004



Graf ponazarja delež zaposlenih v gradbeništvu, ki se soočajo z naslednjimi skupinami težav:

- Skupina **"ni omejitev"** zajema zaposlene, ki nimajo omejitev.
- Skupina **"težave s povpraševanjem"** zajema zaposlene, ki imajo težave z nezadostnim povpraševanjem in konkurenco v dejavnosti.
- Skupina **"težave s ponudbo"** zajema zaposlene, ki imajo težave s slabimi vremenskimi pogoji, visokimi finančnimi stroški, visokimi stroški materiala in dela, težave pri pridobivanju kreditov. V to skupnino sodijo tudi podjetja, ki imajo težave s pomanjkanjem usposobljenih delavcev, opreme in materialov.
- Skupina **"hude omejitve"** zajema zaposlene, ki imajo hkrati težave tako z dejavniki iz skupine "šibko povpraševanje" kot tudi z dejavniki iz skupine "težave s preskrbo".

The chart on production obstacles shows the share of employees who are facing the following groups of problems:

- Group **"no limits"** includes employees with no limits in building activity.
- Group **"weakness in demand"** includes employees who are facing insufficient demand and competition in own sector.
- Group **"supply difficulties"** includes employees who are facing bad weather conditions, high cost of finance, materials and/or labour; difficulties with access to bank credits, lack of equipment, and shortage of skilled labour and shortage of materials.
- Group **"severe obstacles"** includes employees who are facing at the same time problems from the group "weakness in demand" and those from the group "supply difficulties".

METODOLOŠKA POJASNILA

NAMEN STATISTIČNEGA RAZISKOVANJA

Namen kvalitativne Ankete o poslovnih tendencah v gradbeništvu (PA-GRAD/M) je mesečno pridobivanje informacij o trenutnih stanjih glavnih ekonomskih kazalcev ter ocenitev njihovega gibanja v naslednjih mesecih. Rezultati anket so osnova za izračun kazalca zaupanja v gradbeništvu.

Anketo o poslovnih tendencah v gradbeništvu izvajamo v Sloveniji od marca 2002 s poenotenim vprašalnikom, na podlagi poenotene metodologije in z enako periodiko, kot jo izvajajo v državah članicah Evropske unije že več desetletij. Zato so vsi podatki neposredno primerljivi.

ENOTE OPAZOVANJA

Opazujemo podjetja, ki so razvrščena v gradbeništvu, to je v oddelek Standardne klasifikacije dejavnosti (SKD) 45 in imajo 5 zaposlenih ali več, ter so bila izbrana v panel podjetij na podlagi dveh meril:

- in sicer velikosti (število zaposlenih, skladno z zakonom o gospodarskih družbah) in
- razvrstitve podjetja po SKD-ju.

VIRI

Na vprašalnik odgovarjajo direktorji podjetij ali drugi vodilni delavci med 1. in 10. v mesecu.

ZAJETJE

V anketi sodeluje približno 330 izbranih gradbenih podjetij. V anketo smo zajeli vsa velika podjetja, 98 % srednjevelikih (ali 98 % zaposlenih) in 82 % malih podjetij (ali 93 % zaposlenih). Anketa pokriva 87 % podjetij vzorčnega okvira ali 98 % zaposlenih v gradbeništvu.

NAČIN ZBIRANJA PODATKOV

Anketo izvajamo mesečno po pošti.

UTEŽEVANJE ODGOVOROV

Odgovori so uteženi tako, da odražajo relativno pomembnost posameznega podjetja v vzorcu. Znotraj oddelkov SKD so odgovori uteženi s številom zaposlenih.

NEODGOVORI

Neodgovore vsak mesec obdelamo skladno s poenoteno metodologijo; delež neodgovorov se giba med 5-10 % (povprečno 8 %).

DEFINICIJE

Grafikoni prikazujejo ravnotežja po posameznih vprašanjih. **Ravnotežje** je razlika med pozitivnimi in negativnimi odgovori, izražena v odstotkih. Ravnotežja prikazujejo

METHODOLOGICAL EXPLANATIONS

PURPOSE OF STATISTICAL SURVEY

The purpose of the qualitative Survey on Business Tendency in Construction (hereinafter: PA-GRAD/M) is to get monthly information about current situations of major economic indicators and to evaluate their movement in the following months. The results of the survey are the basis for evaluation of the construction confidence indicator.

We have been carrying out the Survey on Business Tendency in Construction in Slovenia since March 2002 with the harmonised questionnaire, methodology and periodicity, which have been used in EU Member States for several decades. Therefore, all data are directly comparable.

OBSERVATION UNITS

We are monitoring units that are registered in construction – division 45 of the Standard Classification of Activities (SKD) and have 5 or more employees. They were selected by two criteria:

- the size of the enterprise (the number of employees in accordance with the Companies Act)
- classification of the enterprise according to the SKD.

SOURCES

Persons responding to the monthly questionnaire are managers of enterprises or other executives. They respond between the 1st and the 10th in the month.

COVERAGE

Approximately 330 enterprises participate in the survey. We included all large enterprises, 98% of medium enterprises (or 98% of employees) and 82% of small enterprises (or 93% of employees); the survey covers 87% of the enterprises of the studied population or 98% of employees in construction.

METHOD OF DATA COLLECTING

The survey is carried out monthly by mail.

WEIGHTS FOR RESPONSES

Responses to individual questions are weighted so that they reflect relative importance of individual enterprise in the panel. Inside divisions of Standard Classification of Activities (SKD) responses are weighted with the number of employees.

NON-RESPONSES

Non-responses are processed every month in accordance with the harmonised methodology and vary between 5 and 10% (8% on average).

DEFINITIONS

The charts show the balance by individual questions. The **balance** is the difference between positive and negative answers, expressed in percent. The balance shows the



gibanje opazovanih ekonomskih spremenljivk (stanj in pričakovanj), ne pa dejanskih velikosti ekonomskih kazalcev.

Kazalec zaupanja je povprečje odgovorov (ravnotežij) na vprašanja o sedanjih skupnih naročilih in pričakovanemu zaposlovanju.

OBJAVLJANJE PODATKOV

Sodelujoči v anketi prejmejo informacijo o gradbeništvu kot celoti, o oddelku SKD, v katerega se po dejavnosti razvrščajo in glede na vrsto gradnje, vendar le, če so izpolnili vprašalnik za tekoči mesec.

Ostalim uporabnikom so dostopni podatki na ravni gradbeništva in njegovih skupin in informacije glede na vrsto gradnje. Slednji so mesečno objavljeni v Statističnih informacijah.

VPRAŠANJA:

- Obseg gradbenih del v zadnjih 3 mesecih: večji, enak, manjši?
- Dejavniki, ki omejujejo gradbeno dejavnost: ni omejitev, nezadostno povpraševanje, slabi vremenski pogoji, visoki stroški materiala, visoki stroški dela, visoki finančni stroški, težave pri pridobivanju kreditov, pomanjkanje usposobljenih delavcev, pomanjkanje opreme, pomanjkanje materialov, velika konkurenca v dejavnosti, ostalo?
- Sedanja naročila v tujini: višja kot normalna, normalna, nižja kot normalna?
- Sedanja domača naročila: višja kot normalna, normalna, nižja kot normalna?
- Sedanja skupna naročila: višja kot normalna, normalna, nižja kot normalna?
- Pričakovana naročila v naslednjih 3 mesecih: zrasla, ostala nespremenjena, padla?
- Zaposlovanje v zadnjem mesecu: povečalo, ostalo enako, zmanjšalo?
- Pričakovano zaposlovanje v naslednjih 3 mesecih: povečalo, ostalo enako, zmanjšalo?
- Cene so se: zvišale, ostale enake, znižale?
- Pričakovane cene v naslednjih 3 mesecih: naraščale, ostale enake, padale?
- Tehnične zmogljivosti glede na povpraševanje v naslednjih 12 mesecih: več kot zadostne, zadostne, nezadostne?
- V primeru normalnih delovnih ur že začeto ali s pogodbami zagotovljeno dela za: mesecev?
- Poslovno stanje v primerjavi s preteklim mesecem: boljše, enako, slabše?

movement of observed economic variables (present situation and future expectations), and not the real size of economic indicators.

Confidence indicator is defined as the arithmetic mean of the answers (balances) to the questions on order book assessments and employment expectations.

PUBLISHING

Persons participating in the survey get information for construction, division in which they are classified and for the type of construction. They get it only if they responded in the current month.

Other users can get data for construction and its groups, size of enterprises and type of construction. Data are published in the Rapid Reports.

QUESTIONS:

- Building activity over the past 3 months: increased, remained unchanged, decreased?
- Factors limiting building activity: none, insufficient demand, bad weather conditions, high cost of material, high cost of labour, high cost of capital, access to bank credit, shortage of skilled labour, shortage of equipment, shortage of material, competition in own sector, other?
- Assessment of foreign order books: above normal, normal, below normal?
- Assessment of domestic order books: above normal, normal, below normal?
- Assessment of overall order books: above normal, normal, below normal?
- Expected order books over the next 3 months: increase, remain unchanged, decrease?
- Assessment of employment: increased, remained unchanged, decreased?
- Employment expectations over the next 3 months: increase, remain unchanged, decrease?
- Assessment of prices: increased, remained unchanged, decreased?
- Expected prices over the next 3 months: increase, remain unchanged, decrease?
- Technical capacity regarding expected demand in the next 12 months: more than sufficient, sufficient, not sufficient?
- With normal working hours, the work in hand and work already contracted for months?
- Business situation compared to the previous month: better, the same, worse?

KOMENTAR

Anketo o poslovnih tendencah v gradbeništvu izvajamo od marca 2002 s poenotenim vprašalnikom, na podlagi poenotene metodologije in z enako periodiko, kot jo izvajajo v državah članicah Evropske unije že več desetletij.

Namen kvalitativne Ankete o poslovnih tendencah v gradbeništvu (PA-GRAD/M) je mesečno pridobivanje informacij o trenutnih stanjih glavnih ekonomskih kazalcev ter ocenitev njihovega gibanja v naslednjih mesecih. Rezultati anket so osnova za izračun kazalca zaupanja v gradbeništvu.

Februarja so direktorji tendence v gradbeništvu ocenili enako kot pretekli mesec. Kazalec zaupanja je bil v primerjavi z istim mesecem lani za 14 odstotnih točk višji, hkrati pa za 3 odstotne točke nad lanskim povprečjem.

POSLOVNO STANJE

Ocena poslovnega stanja se je v primerjavi s preteklim mesecem znižala za 8 odstotnih točk. V primerjavi z istim mesecem lani je bila višja za 23 odstotnih točk in 15 odstotnih točk pod lanskim povprečjem.

OBSEG GRADBENIH DEL

Ocena obsega gradbenih del se je v primerjavi s preteklim mesecem znižala kar za 21 odstotnih točk. V primerjavi z istim mesecem lani je bila višja za 35 odstotnih točk in 14 odstotnih točk pod povprečjem lanskega leta.

SKUPNA NAROČILA in PRIČAKOVANA SKUPNA NAROČILA

Vrednost kazalca skupnih naročil se je v primerjavi s preteklim mesecem znižala za 6 odstotnih točk. Glede na isti mesec lani je bila višja za 14 odstotnih točk in za 9 odstotnih točk pod lanskim povprečjem.

Vrednost kazalca pričakovanih skupnih naročil za naslednje 3 mesece se je v primerjavi s preteklim mesecem zvišala za 20 odstotnih točk. Glede na isti mesec lani je bila višja za 3 odstotne točke in 24 odstotnih točk nad lanskim povprečjem.

ZAPOSLOVANJE in PRIČAKOVANO ZAPOSLOVANJE

Ocena zaposlovanja se je v primerjavi s preteklim mesecem znižala za 1 odstotno točko. V primerjavi z istim mesecem lani je bila višja za 10 odstotnih točk in 3 odstotne točke pod povprečjem lanskega leta.

Ocena pričakovanega zaposlovanja se je v primerjavi s preteklim mesecem zvišala za 7 točk. Glede na isti mesec lani je bila višja za 14 točk in 15 točk nad povprečjem lanskega leta.

CENE in CENOVNA PRIČAKOVANJA

Vrednost kazalca cen se je v primerjavi s preteklim mesecem zvišala za 17 odstotnih točk. Glede na isti mesec lani je bila višja za 15 odstotnih točk in 17 odstotnih točk nad

COMMENT

The Business Tendency Survey in Construction has been carried out since March 2002 with the harmonised questionnaire, methodology and periodicity, which have been used in EU Member States for several decades.

The purpose of the qualitative Business Tendency Survey in Construction (PA-GRAD/M) is to collect monthly information on the current situation of major economic indicators and to evaluate their development in the following months. Survey results are the basis for calculating the construction confidence indicator.

In February, managers estimated business tendencies in construction the same as in the previous month. The confidence indicator increased by 14 percentage points compared to February 2003 and by 3 percentage points compared to last year's average.

BUSINESS SITUATION

The evaluation of the business situation fell by 8 percentage points compared to January 2004. Compared to February 2003 it was up by 23 percentage points while compared to last year's average it was down by 15 percentage points.

BUILDING ACTIVITY

The evaluation of the building activity dropped by 21 percentage points compared to January 2004. Compared to February 2003 it was up by 35 percentage points while compared to last year's average it was down by 14 percentage points.

OVERALL ORDERS and EXPECTED ORDERS

The value of the overall orders indicator fell by 6 percentage points compared to January 2004. Compared to February 2003 it was up by 14 percentage points while compared to last year's average it was down by 9 percentage points.

The value of the expected orders for the next three months jumped by 20 percentage points compared to January 2004. Compared to February 2003 it was up by 3 percentage points and compared to last year's average by 24 percentage points.

EMPLOYMENT and EXPECTED EMPLOYMENT

The evaluation of the employment indicator fell by 1 percentage point compared to January 2004. Compared to February 2003 it was up by 10 percentage points while compared to last year's average it was down by 3 percentage points.

The evaluation of expected employment rose by 7 percentage points compared to January 2004. Compared to February 2003 it was up by 14 percentage points and compared to last year's average by 15 percentage points.

PRICES and PRICE EXPECTATIONS

The value of the prices indicator rose by 17 percentage points compared to January 2004. Compared to February 2003 it was up by 15 percentage points and compared to last year's



lanskim povprečjem.

Cenovna pričakovanja za naslednje 3 mesece so se v primerjavi s preteklim mesecem zvišala za 3 odstotne točke. V primerjavi z istim mesecem lani so bila višja za 3 odstotne točke in 7 odstotnih točk nad povprečjem lanskega leta.

TEHNIČNE ZMOGLJIVOSTI

Vrednost kazalca tehničnih zmogljivosti vključuje oceno količine in kakovosti opreme glede na povpraševanje v naslednjih 12 mesecih.

Kazalec se je v primerjavi s preteklim mesecem zvišal za 4 odstotne točke. Glede na isti mesec lani je bil nižji za 3 odstotne točke in 1 odstotno točko pod povprečjem lanskega leta.

ZAGOTOVLJENO DELO

Vrednost kazalca zagotovljenega dela vključuje oceno števila mesecev, za katere je delo že začeto ali zagotovljeno s pogodbami.

V februarju je že začeto ali s pogodbami dogovorjeno delo zagotovljeno v povprečju za 4,5 meseca. Glede na isti mesec lani je bilo daljše za 0,8 meseca in 0,4 meseca nad lanskim povprečjem.

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average by 17 percentage points.

Price expectations for the next three months rose by 3 percentage points compared to January 2004. Compared to February 2003 they were up by 3 percentage points and compared to last year's average by 7 percentage points.

TECHNICAL CAPACITY

The value of the technical capacity indicator includes the evaluation of the quantity and quality of equipment regarding expected demand in the next 12 months.

Compared to January 2004 the indicator rose by 4 percentage points. Compared to February 2003 it was down by 3 percentage points and compared to last year's average by 1 percentage point.

ASSURED WORK

The value of the assured work indicator includes the evaluation of the number of months for which work is assured by contracts.

In February the work in hand and work already contracted is assured for 4.5 months on average. Compared to February 2003 it was up by 0.8 month and compared to last year's average by 0.4 month.

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