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I quarter 2013

– Preliminary data –

Operating income in non-financial business economy in the Republic of Serbia in the first quarter of 2013 increased by 7.3% relative to the same period of the previous year, while compared to the fourth quarter of 2012, the decrease of 16.1% was noted.

Operating costs in non-financial business economy in the first quarter of 2013 increased by 4.2% relative to the same period of the previous year, while compared to the fourth quarter of 2012, the decrease of 17.9% was noted.

Indices of operating income and costs in non-financial business economy

Republic of Serbia¹⁾

	I quarter 2013/ I quarter 2012	I quarter 2013/ IV quarter 2012
Operating income		
TOTAL	107.3	83.9
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	104.3	64.5
Industry and construction ²⁾	107.6	82.4
Services	107.1	86.6
Trade	107.8	86.7
Transportation and storage	101.6	88.0
Accommodation and food service activities	121.1	99.4
Information and communications	106.4	90.0
Other services ³⁾	111.4	79.7
Operating costs		
TOTAL	104.2	82.1
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	104.4	65.9
Industry and construction ²⁾	104.6	80.6
Services	103.9	84.5
Trade	104.9	86.4
Transportation and storage	94.3	82.0
Accommodation and food service activities	120.9	90.5
Information and communications	108.5	85.7
Other services ³⁾	108.6	73.3

¹⁾ Without data for AP Kosovo and Metohia.

²⁾ Covers: mining and quarrying; manufacturing; electricity, gas, steam and conditioning supply; water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities and construction.

³⁾ Covers: real estate activities; professional, scientific and technical activities; administrative and support service activities; education, human health and social work activities; arts, entertainment and recreation and other service activities.

Methodological notes

This statistical release is the result of the regular statistical survey “Quarterly structural report on business activity of enterprises” – SBS – 03 (results for 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 are published in scope of the edition *Working documents* no. 64, 68, 71,76 and 79).

The survey is conducted on the sample of selected enterprises and other legal entities that manufacture and provide services, mainly for market purposes, i.e. the entities that are, by the way of functioning, classified in non-financial business economy. According to CA, non-financial business economy does not include the following sections: K (Financial and insurance activities) and O (Public administration and Defense; Compulsory social security). The frame for sample selection was based on the set of enterprises from the Statistical Business Register (SBR). Stratified random sample of 2860 enterprises was selected, out of which 2473 enterprises (86%) was included in realized sample. Related to index first quarter 2013 to the first quarter 2012, the standard error estimate³⁾ of operating income and operating cost is the same and equals 3.2. Regarding index first quarter 2013 to the fourth quarter 2012, the standard error estimate of operating income equals 2.4 and referring to operating costs, it equals 2.0.

Unincorporated enterprises are excluded.

The enterprises are classified *by the main activity* (for the reporting unit as a whole).

The principal data sources for completing the reports are *bookkeeping records* of enterprises (financial and cost accounting) and other records (tax, staff) and accounts.

The data are expressed at current prices.

Starting from 1999 the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia has not at disposal and may not provide available certain data relative to AP Kosovo and Metohia and therefore these data are not included in the coverage for the Republic of Serbia (total).

Methodological notes of the Quarterly structural report on business activity of enterprises are available on the website of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia

<http://webrzs.stat.gov.rs/WebSite/Public/PageView.aspx?pKey=171>.

Series of quarterly indices (chain and base) at current prices are obtainable on the website of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia in the database

<http://webrzs.stat.gov.rs/WebSite/public/ReportView.aspx>.

³⁾ Standard error is a measure of deviation. It is equal to the square root of the variance of an estimate.