

Main tendencies

In October of 2014, the dynamics in the basic areas of the economy was not significantly different from the one observed in the 3rd quarter. The rate of increase in the sold production of industry in annual terms was slower than in September of 2014 and close to the one observed in the period July-September of 2014. The construction and assembly production, after an increase in the previous month, again shaped at a level lower than the year before. Sales of transport services increased at a similar rate as in the 3rd quarter; the dynamics of retail sales slightly strengthened.

The prices of consumer goods and services in the fourth successive month decreased in annual terms, affecting positively the purchasing power of average monthly gross wages and salaries in the enterprise sector and of retirement and other pensions. On the labour market a slight increase of the employment and a decrease in the unemployment was maintained.

Financial results obtained in the period January-September of 2014 by the surveyed enterprises were better than in the corresponding period of the previous year; the investment activity of the companies has visibly improved.

In October of 2014, the sold production of industry increased by 1.6% in annual terms (after eliminating seasonal factors the increase amounted to 1.5%), of which only the production in manufacturing was higher than the year before. Among the main industrial groupings, the increase was observed in the production of consumer durable goods, investment goods and intermediate goods. The construction and assembly production declined by 1.0% in annual terms (after eliminating seasonal factors the decline amounted to 0.2%). Retail sales was by 3.7% higher than in October of 2013.

According to the surveys carried out in November of 2014, the general business tendency climate in manufacturing is assessed positively, similarly to the previous month. The current assessments regarding the domestic and foreign order-books, production and financial situation are positive, with the negative forecasts in those areas. In the construction, the general business tendency climate is assessed more pessimistically than the month before. Diagnoses and forecasts regarding the domestic order-books, production, and financial situation are more negative than those formulated in October of 2014. Retail sales entities assess the general business tendency climate positively, similarly to the October of 2014. Favourable projections regarding the demand for goods, sale and financial situation maintain.

A decline in prices of consumer goods and services in annual terms, observed since July of 2014, in October was a little deeper than in the previous months, which was caused by, among others, the weakening dynamics of the prices of food and non-alcoholic beverages. Prices of goods and services in the field of transport, as well as those of clothing and footwear also were still below the level from the previous year. A decline in prices of the sold production of industry and construction and assembly production was slightly lower in October than in September.

Average monthly nominal gross wages and salaries in the enterprise sector in October grew in annual terms faster than in the previous months. As a result, with the low dynamics of consumer prices, the growth of the purchasing power of wages and salaries strengthened.

Nominal and real retirement and other pensions both in the employee and in the farmers system grew in the rate slower than wages and salaries.

On the labour market, a continuation of positive trends was observed. Similarly to the previous months, the average employment rate in the enterprise sector was slightly higher than the year before. The registered unemployment rate decreased – to 11.3% at the end of October of 2014. The preliminary results of the Labour Force Survey for the 3rd quarter of 2014 confirm an improvement of the situation on the labour market situation as compared to the year before. The number of the unemployed persons decreased, while the number employed persons – increased. The unemployment rate declined; the employment rate increased. The relation of the number of not employed to employed persons was better than the year before.

Non-financial enterprises in the period January-September of 2014 had better financial results than in the corresponding period of the previous year. Most economic and financial relations of the surveyed enterprises were slightly higher than in the nine-month period of the previous year. The share of enterprises showing net profit in the total number of the surveyed companies increased. The level of export sales increased; the indicators achieved by exporters have improved and were more favourable than for entities in total. Investment inputs of the general surveyed companies were higher than the year before (at constant prices – by 15.0% when compared to the growth by 2.2% in the period January-September of 2013). The investment activity of entities with foreign capital participation increased but at a slower rate than for the enterprises in total. The surveyed entities in total started more new investments than the year before but their estimated value was lower.

In October of 2014, on the agricultural market, with the supply of basic plant products (except for potatoes) was lower than the year before, prices of these products in both markets were significantly below the level from the year before. The prices of all basic types of animals for slaughter and milk were also lower than in the October of the previous year.

In foreign trade turnover the increase in annual terms over a period of three quarters of 2014 was weaker than in the first half of 2014. The exports grew slightly slower than the imports, which resulted in the deepening of the negative balance in total. The exchange with all groups of countries increased, with the exception of the Central and Eastern European countries. In the period January-August of 2014, the terms of trade index was better than the year before (104.3 compared to 101.6), which resulted from a decline in imports prices.

After ten months of this year, the state budget deficit amounted to PLN 27.2 bn, which accounted for 57.4% of the amount assumed in the Budget Act for 2014. The revenue amounted to PLN 235.8 bn and expenditure – PLN 263.0 bn, i.e., respectively 84.9% and 80.9% of the planned amount.

SELECTED INDICATORS REGARDING THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE COUNTRY

Specification													
a – 2013	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	
b – 2014													
Paid employment in the enterprise sector¹													
in thous. persons	a	5507	5497	5489	5478	5479	5488	5489	5494	5495	5500	5501	5491
	b	5506	5508	5515	5515	5515	5526	5531	5535	5537	5545		
Registered unemployed persons (in thous. persons; end of period).....	a	2296	2337	2315	2256	2176	2109	2093	2083	2083	2075	2116	2158
	b	2261	2256	2182	2079	1987	1913	1879	1853	1822	1785		
Unemployment rate (in %; end of period)	a	14,2	14,4	14,3	14,0	13,6	13,2	13,1	13,0	13,0	13,0	13,2	13,4
	b	13,9	13,9	13,5	13,0	12,5	12,0	11,8	11,7	11,5	11,3		
Average monthly nominal gross wage and salary in the enterprise sector ¹ (in zl)	a	3680,30	3709,99	3832,81	3830,89	3699,67	3808,63	3830,07	3760,45	3770,91	3834,17	3897,88	4221,50
	b	3805,28	3856,56	4017,75	3976,80	3878,31	3943,01	3964,91	3893,23	3900,49	3980,92		
previous month=100	a	89,5	100,8	103,3	99,9	96,6	102,9	100,6	98,2	100,3	101,7	101,7	108,3
	b	90,1	101,3	104,2	99,0	97,5	101,7	100,6	98,2	100,2	102,1		
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	100,4	104,0	101,6	103,0	102,3	101,4	103,5	102,0	103,6	103,1	103,1	102,7
	b	103,4	104,0	104,8	103,8	104,8	103,5	103,5	103,5	103,4	103,8		
Average monthly real gross wage and salary in the enterprise sector¹													
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	98,7	102,8	100,6	102,2	101,8	101,1	102,4	100,9	102,6	102,3	102,5	102,1
	b	103,0	103,3	104,2	103,5	104,6	103,2	103,6	103,7	103,7	104,3		
Average monthly real gross retirement pay and pension:													
from non-agricultural social security system													
corresponding month of previous year=100.....	a	104,1	104,0	104,3	104,5	104,6	104,9	103,9	104,1	104,0	104,4	104,4	104,8
	b	103,9	104,3	102,1	103,2	103,6	103,4	104,2	103,7	103,7	103,7		
of farmers													
corresponding month of previous year=100.....	a	106,7	107,2	104,7	104,8	105,3	105,6	104,3	104,5	104,5	104,7	105,0	105,0
	b	103,7	103,8	100,8	101,0	101,2	101,3	101,7	101,9	101,9	102,0		
Price indices of consumer goods and services:													
previous month=100	a	100,1	100,0	100,2	100,4	99,9	100,0	100,3	99,7	100,1	100,2	99,8	100,1
	b	100,1	100,1	100,1	100,0	99,9	100,0	99,8	99,6	100,0	100,0		
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	101,7	101,3	101,0	100,8	100,5	100,2	101,1	101,1	101,0	100,8	100,6	100,7
	b	100,5	100,7	100,7	100,3	100,2	100,3	99,8	99,7	99,7	99,4		
December of previous year=100	a	100,1	100,0	100,2	100,6	100,5	100,5	100,8	100,5	100,5	100,7	100,5	100,7
	b	100,1	100,2	100,3	100,2	100,1	100,1	99,9	99,5	99,4	99,5		
Price indices of sold production of industry:													
previous month=100	a	100,0	100,3	99,7	99,3	100,1	100,7	100,2	99,7	100,1	99,3	99,7	99,9
	b	100,0	99,9	99,8	99,8	99,8	99,9	99,9	100,3	100,0	99,7		
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	98,8	99,7	99,3	97,9	97,5	98,7	99,2	98,9	98,6	98,6	98,5	99,0
	b	99,0	98,6	98,7	99,3	99,0	98,2	97,9	98,5	98,4	98,8		
Price indices of construction and assembly production:													
previous month=100	a	99,8	99,8	99,8	99,9	99,8	99,9	99,9	99,8	99,9	99,9	99,9	99,9
	b	99,8	99,8	99,9	99,9	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0		
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	98,6	98,4	98,2	98,1	98,0	98,0	98,1	98,1	98,2	98,2	98,3	98,3
	b	98,3	98,4	98,5	98,5	98,6	98,7	98,8	99,1	99,2	99,3		

¹ Data concern economic entities employing more than 9 persons.

SELECTED INDICATORS REGARDING THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE COUNTRY

(cont.)

Specification													
a - 2013	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	
b - 2014													
Sold production of industry¹ (constant prices²):													
previous month=100	a	105,5	97,2	109,3	97,8	99,3	102,6	101,5	95,6	109,7	106,1	93,8	90,4
	b	103,0	98,2	109,4	97,8	98,3	100,0	102,1	91,5	116,5	103,5		
corresponding month													
of previous year=100	a	100,4	97,9	97,1	102,8	98,2	102,8	106,3	102,2	106,3	104,6	102,9	106,7
	b	104,2	105,3	105,5	105,5	104,4	101,8	102,4	98,1	104,2	101,6		
Construction and assembly production (constant prices²):													
previous month=100	a	39,7	99,7	120,9	107,9	116,3	119,1	107,8	99,2	109,4	114,3	91,1	121,5
	b	36,0	118,7	124,2	103,2	114,0	116,8	100,9	94,6	119,8	107,2		
corresponding month													
of previous year=100	a	83,9	88,6	81,5	76,9	72,5	81,7	94,8	88,9	95,2	96,8	97,1	105,8
	b	96,1	114,4	117,4	112,2	110,0	108,0	101,1	96,4	105,6	99,0		
Dwellings completed (from the beginning of year)													
	a	14059	24999	37155	47771	57480	67962	80918	91380	102102	116540	129128	145136
	b	12566	24999	35601	47260	56154	66457	78897	88699	100138	114235		
Retail sales of commodities¹ (constant prices³):													
previous month=100	a	79,6	97,4	116,5	97,0	101,9	101,6	103,8	99,8	98,9	103,3	94,2	117,1
	b	78,7	99,5	112,5	102,3	97,5	99,2	105,2	99,6	99,0	104,0		
corresponding month													
of previous year=100	a	102,4	98,7	100,0	100,1	101,2	102,6	104,3	103,5	104,1	103,7	104,2	105,9
	b	104,8	107,0	103,3	108,9	104,3	101,8	103,1	102,8	103,0	103,7		
State budget balance - from the beginning of year (in mln zł)													
	a	-8440,9	-21684,6	-24452,7	-31717,0	-30951,2	-25873,7	-25949,6	-26811,1	-29643,4	-39481,2	-38569,1	-42194,1
	b	-2601,1	-11718,2	-17491,0	-21179,9	-22362,6	-25298,6	-26403,2	-24603,5	-22444,6	-27248,6		
Average exchange rates in zł - National Bank of Poland:													
100 USD													
	a	311,45	311,97	320,58	318,25	321,49	325,12	326,88	317,67	317,50	307,04	309,98	304,81
	b	306,50	306,13	303,78	302,93	304,15	304,25	305,98	314,82	324,75	331,52		
100 EUR													
	a	413,69	417,34	415,81	414,09	417,59	428,65	427,56	422,95	423,76	419,08	418,82	417,57
	b	417,76	417,86	419,72	418,41	417,90	413,69	414,47	419,32	419,01	420,50		
100 CHF													
	a	336,79	339,24	339,08	339,46	336,53	347,75	345,82	342,76	343,49	340,33	339,96	340,88
	b	339,35	342,05	344,71	343,17	342,44	339,65	341,14	346,02	346,95	348,14		
Foreign trade⁴ in mln zł:													
exports													
	a	50197,9	51233,0	52865,1	54595,6	51014,3	54495,8	55546,9	52051,9	59090,6	61895,0	56863,8	48028,9
	b	55408,9	53752,9	58192,5	58302,5	56000,6	55591,2	56364,0	49363,3	60222,3	.		
imports													
	a	51777,2	50757,1	56339,0	53298,0	52109,8	53463,5	56547,3	52500,3	57405,5	62871,1	58468,3	50561,1
	b	55684,7	54304,7	58993,6	57438,6	57953,2	55909,8	58007,7	50789,5	58161,0	.		
balance													
	a	-1579,3	475,9	-3473,9	1297,6	-1095,5	1032,3	-1000,4	-448,4	1685,1	-976,1	-1604,5	-2532,2
	b	-275,8	-551,8	-801,1	863,9	-1952,6	-318,6	-1643,7	-1426,2	2061,3	.		

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⁴ In 2014 -preliminary data.