

Introduction

In November 2016 in most basic areas of the economy, upward tendencies were observed. Sold production of industry grew in annual terms, following a drop recorded in the previous month. The growth in retail sales and in the sales of services in transport strengthened. The scale of drop in construction and assembly production decreased.

In November 2016, the prices of consumer goods and services, following over two years of decrease, maintained at the level recorded a year before. The growth in producer prices in industry accelerated; the drop in the prices of construction and assembly production stopped. A better situation on the labour market, as compared to the previous year, was accompanied by a steady growth in wages and salaries in the enterprise sector.

The average paid employment in the enterprise sector, in November 2016, was by 3.1% higher than a year before (in the period of the eleven months it grew by 2.9% in annual terms). The registered unemployment rate did not change in comparison with the previous month, and at the end of November 2016 it amounted to 8.2% (i.e. by 1.4 percentage points less than a year before). According to the results of the labour demand survey, in the period of the three quarters of 2016, more new jobs were created than in the corresponding period of the previous year, and fewer jobs were liquidated.

The average monthly nominal gross wages and salaries in the enterprise sector, and their purchasing power, grew in November 2016 to a greater extent than a month before. The growth rate of the nominal and real retirement and other pensions both in the employee and in the farmers' system did not differ considerably from the one recorded in the previous month. In the period of the eleven months of 2016, the average monthly nominal gross wages and salaries grew faster, in annual terms, than in the corresponding months of the previous year, and the drop in consumer prices had a positive influence on the dynamics of their purchasing power. The growth rate of the nominal and real retirement and other pensions both in the employee and in the farmers' system was slower than in the period of January-November of the previous year.

The sold production of industry in November 2016 was by 3.3% higher than a year before (after eliminating the influence of seasonal factors it was by 3.0% higher). A growth in sales was recorded in manufacturing and water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities, whereas a drop was recorded in electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, as well as in mining and quarrying. The production of consumer and intermediate goods was higher than a year before, whereas the production of energy and capital goods was lower. In the period of January-November 2016, sold production of industry grew by 3.1% in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year (by 4.7% a year before), and labour productivity in industry was by 0.8% higher than a year before. Construction and assembly production in November 2016 decreased by 12.8% in annual terms (and after eliminating the influence of seasonal factors a drop of 13.2% was recorded). Production decreased in all divisions of construction, with the deepest drop occurring in construction of buildings. Retail sales in November 2016 grew by 7.4% in annual terms.

In December 2016, the general business tendency climate in manufacturing is assessed unfavourably, similarly to a month before. The assessments regarding order-books are still negative, though the assessments regarding foreign order-books are less pessimistic than

in November 2016, and those regarding domestic order-books are worse. The diagnoses of current production are slightly less unfavourable than a month before. The current financial situation is assessed in a more negatively. Forecasts regarding domestic order-books, production and the financial situation are unfavourable and worse than in November 2016. Construction entities in December 2016 assess the business tendency climate more negatively than a month before. The current assessments and projections made by those entities regarding order-books, production and the financial situation are pessimistic and worse than in the preceding months. In retail trade, entrepreneurs assess the business tendency climate as worse than a month before. The projections made by those entities regarding the demand for goods, sales and the financial situation are negative, as compared to the positive ones recorded in the preceding months. The diagnoses regarding sales are still positive, and the unfavourable assessments of the current financial situation continue. Consumers' sentiments regarding the current and future tendencies are worse than a month before. The assessments of the current financial situation of households and changes to the future unemployment level weakened to the greatest extent.

In November 2016 on the agricultural market, the procurement prices of most basic agricultural products were lower than a year before; only the procurement prices of pigs for slaughter and milk were higher. In the marketplace turnover, the prices of most crop products were lower, and the prices of animal products were higher. The output estimate performed in November 2016 confirms that this year's cereal crops in total were higher than the previous year's ones and than the average crops for the period of 2006–2010. The production of sugar beets, tree fruit and berries was also higher as compared to the previous year and to the average production in the multi-annual period. Potatoes and field vegetables crops were higher than a year before but lower than the average crops for the period of 2006-2010. The production of rape and turnip rape was lower than a year before but higher than the average production in the multi-annual period.

In the period of January-October 2016, the increase in foreign trade turnover (expressed in PLN), in annual terms, was slightly slower than a year before. Exports grew faster than imports, and the exchange closed with a positive balance, which was much higher than a year before. The turnover with developed countries (including with the EU countries) increased, and so did exports to the Central and Eastern European countries and imports from developing countries. In the period of January-September 2016, the terms of trade index in total reached a more favourable level than in the corresponding period of the previous year, amounting to 101.3 (against 100.3 a year before).

In the period of January-November 2016, the State Budget revenue amounted to PLN 294.5 bn (i.e. 93.8% of the amount assumed in the Budget Act for 2016), and expenditure – to PLN 322.1 bn (respectively 87.4%). The deficit reached the level of PLN 27.6 bn, which accounted for 50.4% of the plan.

SELECTED INDICATORS REGARDING THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE COUNTRY

Specification a – 2015 b – 2016	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	
Paid employment in the enterprise sector ¹ in thous. persons	a	5573	5573	5576	5575	5577	5578	5583	5588	5593	5608	5617	5626
	b	5703	5711	5727	5730	5734	5753	5762	5761	5771	5779	5792	
Registered unemployed persons (end of period) in thous. persons	a	1919	1919	1861	1782	1702	1622	1586	1564	1539	1517	1531	1563
	b	1648	1653	1601	1522	1457	1393	1362	1347	1324	1308	1314	
Unemployment rate (end of period) in %	a	11,9	11,9	11,5	11,1	10,7	10,2	10,0	9,9	9,7	9,6	9,6	9,7
	b	10,2	10,2	9,9	9,4	9,1	8,7	8,5	8,4	8,3	8,2	8,2	
Average monthly nominal gross wage and salary in the enterprise sector ¹ :													
in zloty	a	3942,78	3981,75	4214,14	4123,26	4002,16	4039,70	4095,26	4024,95	4059,19	4110,77	4164,01	4515,28
	b	4101,36	4137,55	4351,45	4313,57	4166,28	4252,19	4291,85	4212,56	4217,96	4259,37	4329,71	
previous month=100	a	90,0	101,0	105,8	97,8	97,1	100,9	101,4	98,3	100,9	101,3	101,3	108,4
	b	90,8	100,9	105,2	99,1	96,6	102,1	100,9	98,2	100,1	101,0	101,7	
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	103,6	103,2	104,9	103,7	103,2	102,5	103,3	103,4	104,1	103,3	104,0	103,1
	b	104,0	103,9	103,3	104,6	104,1	105,3	104,8	104,7	103,9	103,6	104,0	
sector ¹ — corresponding month of previous year=100	a	105,2	105,0	106,6	104,9	104,1	103,4	104,1	104,1	105,2	104,2	104,7	103,8
	b	104,9	104,8	104,3	105,9	105,2	106,1	105,9	105,7	104,4	103,7	104,0	
Average monthly real gross retirement pay and pension: from non-agricultural social security system													
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	104,5	104,6	104,8	103,3	103,1	102,8	103,1	103,1	103,3	103,3	103,4	103,4
	b	103,8	103,7	102,3	102,4	102,3	102,2	102,2	102,4	102,1	101,8	101,4	
of farmers													
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	102,9	103,2	104,9	104,4	105,5	104,3	103,6	103,1	103,3	103,0	102,9	102,7
	b	103,1	103,1	100,6	100,3	99,3	100,0	100,7	101,0	100,7	100,5	100,4	
Price indices of consumer goods and services:													
previous month=100	a	99,8	99,9	100,2	100,4	100,0	100,0	99,9	99,6	99,7	100,1	99,9	99,8
	b	99,5	99,9	100,1	100,3	100,1	100,2	99,7	99,8	100,0	100,5	100,1	
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	98,6	98,4	98,5	98,9	99,1	99,2	99,3	99,4	99,2	99,3	99,4	99,5
	b	99,1	99,2	99,1	98,9	99,1	99,2	99,1	99,2	99,5	99,8	100,0	
December of previous year=100	a	99,8	99,6	99,8	100,3	100,3	100,3	100,2	99,9	99,6	99,7	99,6	99,5
	b	99,5	99,4	99,5	99,8	99,9	100,1	99,8	99,5	99,5	100,1	100,2	
Price indices of sold production of industry:													
previous month=100	a	99,9	99,9	100,1	99,6	100,4	100,6	99,6	99,3	99,9	100,1	100,0	99,8
	b	99,5	99,6	99,7	100,3	101,2	100,2	99,9	99,6	100,3	100,5	101,1	
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	97,2	97,2	97,5	97,3	97,9	98,6	98,2	97,3	97,2	97,7	98,2	99,2
	b	98,8	98,5	98,1	98,8	99,6	99,2	99,5	99,9	100,2	100,6	101,7	
Price indices of construction and assembly production:													
previous month=100	a	99,9	99,9	100,0	100,0	99,9	100,0	99,9	99,9	99,9	99,9	99,9	99,9
	b	99,9	99,9	99,9	100,0	100,0	100,1	100,1	100,1	100,0	100,0	100,1	
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	99,5	99,6	99,7	99,7	99,7	99,6	99,6	99,4	99,4	99,3	99,3	99,1
	b	99,3	99,3	99,2	99,3	99,4	99,5	99,6	99,8	99,8	99,9	100,0	

1 Data concern economic entities employing more than 9 persons.

SELECTED INDICATORS REGARDING THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE COUNTRY (cont.)

Specification a - 2015 b - 2016	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII
Sold production of industry ¹ (constant prices ²):												
previous month=100	a 96,8	101,4	113,4	92,0	98,6	104,6	98,7	92,9	115,1	101,9	97,4	96,4
	b 91,9	106,9	107,0	96,9	96,1	107,4	90,0	103,4	110,4	97,5	101,9	
corresponding month of previous year=100	a 101,6	105,0	108,8	102,4	102,8	107,4	103,8	105,3	104,0	102,4	107,8	106,7
	b 101,3	106,8	100,7	106,0	103,2	106,0	96,6	107,5	103,2	98,7	103,3	
Construction and assembly production (constant prices ²):												
previous month=100	a 34,8	116,7	128,2	108,7	106,4	112,5	103,4	99,2	111,6	104,2	96,6	127,7
	b 31,9	114,3	120,6	109,9	107,8	113,4	96,6	97,2	118,7	98,3	105,4	
corresponding month of previous year=100	a 101,3	99,7	102,9	108,5	101,3	97,5	99,9	104,8	97,5	94,8	101,2	99,6
	b 91,4	89,5	84,2	85,1	86,3	87,0	81,2	79,5	84,7	79,9	87,2	
Dwellings completed (from the beginning of year)	a 11748	21241	31703	42138	52548	63966	76852	88067	101331	116296	130032	147711
	b 12776	25059	37442	51158	62071	73773	86651	99401	112071	126781	143316	
Retail sales of commodities ¹ (constant prices ³):												
previous month=100	a 78,0	98,4	117,1	97,4	100,5	101,0	102,2	98,2	99,9	104,7	94,1	122,0
	b 75,1	101,3	113,6	99,7	99,3	103,1	100,2	101,4	98,6	103,0	96,6	
corresponding month of previous year=100	a 103,6	102,4	106,6	101,5	104,7	106,6	103,5	102,0	102,9	103,6	105,7	107,0
	b 103,2	106,2	103,0	105,5	104,3	106,5	104,4	107,8	106,3	104,6	107,4	
State budget balance - from the beginning of year (in mln zł)	a -586,9	-11324,0	-16660,1	-16693,1	-19631,1	-26139,8	-26591,6	-25860,4	-31136,1	-34487,9	-36128,7	-42606,7
	b 1759,9	-3098,3	-9587,2	-11125,5	-13482,5	-18683,8	-14387,3	-14929,4	-20615,4	-24641,3	.	
Average exchange rates in zł – National Bank of Poland:												
100 USD	a 367,39	367,66	381,38	373,47	365,20	371,03	377,34	376,85	375,13	378,07	395,71	394,17
	b 403,97	395,65	386,44	379,85	389,91	392,00	397,07	383,54	385,67	390,75	406,00	
100 EUR	a 427,97	417,76	412,78	402,91	407,83	415,97	415,40	419,36	421,69	424,60	425,03	429,05
	b 439,35	439,60	429,34	430,68	440,76	440,19	439,66	430,03	432,50	430,86	438,39	
100 CHF	a 392,73	393,22	389,12	388,12	392,11	398,17	396,27	389,29	386,05	390,37	392,36	396,23
	b 401,76	398,95	393,11	393,89	398,74	403,74	404,65	395,49	395,86	396,15	407,49	
Foreign trade ⁴ in mln zł:												
exports	a 59078,5	59866,7	66087,0	60697,3	60056,4	63477,6	61858,2	56006,2	67099,8	69393,8	66998,7	60215,6
	b 60118,9	65630,2	68421,0	67841,5	65970,2	69443,3	62147,4	61476,9	68729,5	65507,5	.	
imports	a 57030,8	57402,1	64269,2	61125,9	57414,1	62907,7	63813,0	56835,9	66435,3	67425,7	66370,0	59943,6
	b 57543,1	63586,8	66169,0	64675,1	62664,7	65972,3	61238,1	62101,3	67539,8	64664,7	.	
balance	a 2047,7	2464,6	1817,8	-428,6	2642,3	569,9	-1954,8	-829,7	664,5	1968,1	628,7	272,0
	b 2575,8	2043,4	2252,0	3166,4	3305,5	3471,0	909,3	-624,4	1189,7	842,8	.	

1 Data concern economic entities employing more than 9 persons. 2 The average current prices from 2010. 3 The current prices from the period preceding the surveyed period. 4 For 2016 - preliminary data.