

## Introduction

In November 2017 a significant, although slightly slower than a month before, increase in the sold production of industry in annual terms was observed. Indices of construction and assembly production remained at a high level, after a deep drop a year before. The growth of retail sales slightly accelerated, while the growth of sales of services in transport was similar to the one recorded in October.

The average paid employment in the enterprise sector in November 2017 was by 4.5% higher than a year before (in the period of eleven months it grew by 4.4% in annual terms). The registered unemployment rate dropped to 6.5%. According to the results of the labour demand survey in the period of three quarters of 2017, more new jobs were created than in the corresponding period of the previous year, simultaneously a decrease in the number of jobs liquidated was observed.

In November 2017 a significant growth in average gross nominal and real wages and salaries in the enterprise sector in annual terms maintained, although slower than in October. The growth of average nominal and real retirement and other pensions from the non-agricultural social security system was slightly faster, while growth of individual farmers benefits remained unchanged. In the period of eleven months of 2017 average nominal gross wages and salaries in the enterprise sector increased in annual terms by 5.8%, while real – by 3.8%. Growth in retirement and other pensions both in the farmers' and the non-agricultural social security systems was slower than that of wages and salaries. Along with consumer prices higher than a year before, the purchasing power of retirement and other pensions benefits in the non-agricultural social security system did not change significantly in comparison to the period of January-November of the previous year, while of individual farmers – decreased.

Increase in prices of consumer goods and services in annual terms in November 2017 accelerated to 2.5%, and was at the level of the inflation target set by the National Bank of Poland. To a greater extent than a month before increased prices of, among others, food and non-alcoholic beverages, as well as of goods and services related to transport and related to housing. The growth rate of producer prices in industry significantly slowed down, while in construction - slightly accelerated.

In November 2017 the sold production in industry was by 9.1% higher than a year before (after eliminating the influence of seasonal factors the increase amounted to 6.9%). An increase in sales was observed in manufacturing, electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply as well as in water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities. In turn, a drop was recorded in mining and quarrying. Sales in the main industrial groupings were higher than in November a year before; therein the highest growth was observed in production of capital goods and durable consumer goods. In the period of January-November 2017 the sold production of industry in total increased by 6.9% as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. In November 2017, the construction and assembly production was by 19.8% higher than a year before (after elimination of seasonal factors the increase amounted to 16.2%). An increase was observed in production in all construction divisions, the largest in the enterprises specialising in civil engineering. In the period of January-November 2017 construction and assembly

production was by 12.8% higher than in the corresponding period of the previous year. In November 2017, retail sales grew by 8.8% in annual terms, while in the period of eleven months of 2017– by 7.4%.

In December 2017 the general business tendency climate in manufacturing is assessed positively, but more cautiously than a month before (favourable assessments have been observed for the first time since 2010). The indications of the current production and order-books are less positive. Forecasts in this scope and assessments of the current financial situation are worse than the ones indicated in November. Construction entities assess business tendency climate more unfavourably than a month before, but better than in December of the last eight years. Assessments of the current order-books and construction and assembly production are more negative than the ones recorded in November, with the persisting unfavourable indications of the current financial situation. The respective forecasts are more pessimistic than the predictions formulated a month before. In the retail trade entrepreneurs assess the business tendency climate slightly less optimistically than in November, but better than in December of last seventeen years. Opinions concerning the current sales and financial situation remain favourable. Forecasts in those areas, such as those for demand for goods, are positive but weaker than a month before.

In December 2017 the consumer's sentiments regarding current and future tendencies are worse than in November. To the greatest extent weakened the assessments of future financial situation of a household and current and future economic situation of the country.

On the agricultural market in November 2017 the procurement prices of most basic agricultural products were higher than in the corresponding period of the previous year; only the procurement prices of potatoes and pigs for slaughter decreased. The output estimate conducted in November 2017 indicates that this year's production of the main crops was higher than in the previous year: an increase was recorded in production of cereals, rape and turnip rape, potatoes and sugar beets. Production of field vegetables was similar to the one recorded a year before. However, production of bush fruits and berries was lower than a year before.

In the period of January-October of 2017, in the foreign trade turnover, imports grew faster than exports in annual terms. The exchange closed with positive balance, but lower than a year before. An increase was recorded in turnover with all groups of countries; most of all with Central and Eastern European countries. In the period of January-September of 2017 the total terms of trade index was unfavourable and amounted to 99.6 (compared with 101.4 a year before).

**SELECTED INDICATORS REGARDING THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE COUNTRY**

Specification a - 2016 b - 2017	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	
Paid employment in the enterprise sector <sup>1</sup> in thous. persons	a	5703	5711	5727	5730	5734	5753	5762	5761	5771	5779	5792	5799
	b	5960	5976	5982	5991	5990	6002	6022	6026	6031	6036	6053	
Registered unemployed persons (end of period) in thous. persons	a	1648	1653	1601	1522	1457	1393	1362	1347	1324	1308	1314	1335
	b	1397	1383	1324	1253	1202	1152	1140	1136	1117	1070	1068	
Unemployment rate (end of period) in %	a	10,2	10,2	9,9	9,4	9,1	8,7	8,5	8,4	8,3	8,2	8,2	8,2
	b	8,5	8,4	8,0	7,6	7,3	7,0	7,0	7,0	6,8	6,6	6,5	
Average monthly nominal gross wage and salary in the enterprise sector <sup>1</sup> :													
in zloty	a	4101,36	4137,55	4351,45	4313,57	4166,28	4252,19	4291,85	4212,56	4217,96	4259,37	4329,71	4635,77
	b	4277,32	4304,95	4577,86	4489,07	4390,99	4508,08	4501,52	4492,63	4473,06	4574,35	4610,79	
previous month=100	a	90,8	100,9	105,2	99,1	96,6	102,1	100,9	98,2	100,1	101,0	101,7	107,1
	b	92,3	100,6	106,3	98,1	97,8	102,7	99,9	99,8	99,6	102,3	100,8	
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	104,0	103,9	103,3	104,6	104,1	105,3	104,8	104,7	103,9	103,6	104,0	102,7
	b	104,3	104,0	105,2	104,1	105,4	106,0	104,9	106,6	106,0	107,4	106,5	
sector <sup>1</sup> — corresponding month of previous year=100	a	104,9	104,8	104,3	105,9	105,2	106,1	105,9	105,7	104,4	103,7	104,0	101,8
	b	102,6	101,8	103,1	102,1	103,4	104,5	103,2	104,8	103,9	105,4	104,1	
Average monthly real gross retirement pay and pension:													
from non-agricultural social security system													
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	103,8	103,7	102,3	102,4	102,3	102,2	102,2	102,4	102,1	101,8	101,4	100,7
	b	99,9	99,3	100,2	100,1	100,3	100,4	100,1	100,2	99,7	100,8	101,4	
of farmers													
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	103,1	103,1	100,6	100,3	99,3	100,0	100,7	101,0	100,7	100,5	100,4	99,2
	b	98,6	98,0	99,7	99,5	99,4	99,7	99,4	99,4	99,0	99,3	99,0	
Price indices of consumer goods and services:													
previous month=100	a	99,5	99,9	100,1	100,3	100,1	100,2	99,7	99,8	100,0	100,5	100,1	100,7
	b	100,4	100,3	99,9	100,3	100,0	99,8	99,8	99,9	100,4	100,5	100,5	
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	99,1	99,2	99,1	98,9	99,1	99,2	99,1	99,2	99,5	99,8	100,0	100,8
	b	101,7	102,2	102,0	102,0	101,9	101,5	101,7	101,8	102,2	102,1	102,5	
December of previous year=100	a	99,5	99,4	99,5	99,8	99,9	100,1	99,8	99,5	99,5	100,1	100,2	100,8
	b	100,4	100,7	100,7	100,9	101,0	100,8	100,6	100,5	100,9	101,4	101,9	
Price indices of sold production of industry:													
previous month=100	a	99,5	99,6	99,7	100,3	101,2	100,2	99,9	99,6	100,3	100,5	101,2	101,2
	b	100,3	100,1	99,9	99,8	99,4	99,6	100,3	100,4	100,5	100,3	100,1	
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	98,8	98,5	98,1	98,8	99,6	99,2	99,5	99,9	100,2	100,6	101,8	103,2
	b	104,0	104,5	104,8	104,2	102,4	101,8	102,2	103,0	103,2	103,0	101,8	
Price indices of construction and assembly production:													
previous month=100	a	99,9	99,9	99,9	100,0	100,0	100,1	100,1	100,1	100,0	100,0	100,1	100,1
	b	100,0	99,9	100,0	100,1	100,0	100,0	100,1	100,2	100,3	100,3	100,3	
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	99,3	99,3	99,2	99,3	99,4	99,5	99,6	99,8	99,8	99,9	100,0	100,2
	b	100,3	100,3	100,4	100,4	100,4	100,3	100,3	100,4	100,7	101,0	101,3	

1 Data concern economic entities employing more than 9 persons.

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

Specification a - 2016 b - 2017	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	
Sold production of industry <sup>1</sup> (constant prices <sup>2</sup> ):													
previous month=100	a	91,9	106,9	107,0	96,9	96,1	107,4	90,0	103,4	110,4	97,5	101,8	95,5
	b	98,2	99,0	117,6	86,7	105,5	102,7	91,5	105,8	105,9	105,1	98,8	
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	101,3	106,8	100,7	106,0	103,2	106,0	96,6	107,5	103,2	98,7	103,1	102,1
	b	109,1	101,1	111,1	99,4	109,2	104,4	106,2	108,7	104,2	112,3	109,1	
Construction and assembly production (constant prices <sup>2</sup> ):													
previous month=100	a	31,9	114,3	120,6	109,9	107,8	113,4	96,6	97,2	118,7	98,3	105,4	134,8
	b	35,4	106,0	149,3	97,9	112,1	116,6	103,6	100,2	110,8	102,6	105,0	
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	91,4	89,5	84,2	85,1	86,3	87,0	81,2	79,5	84,7	79,9	87,2	92,0
	b	102,1	94,7	117,2	104,3	108,4	111,6	119,8	123,5	115,3	120,3	119,8	
Dwellings completed (from the beginning of year)	a	12771	25027	37423	51134	62041	73741	86624	99352	112017	128637	145210	163325
	b	15355	26899	40587	51853	65499	78379	95719	110126	124343	139898	157483	
Retail sales of commodities <sup>1</sup> (constant prices <sup>3</sup> ):													
previous month=100	a	75,1	101,3	113,6	99,7	99,3	103,1	100,2	101,4	98,6	103,0	96,6	120,6
	b	77,7	97,2	116,5	98,6	100,0	101,6	101,2	101,5	99,1	102,5	98,1	
corresponding month of previous year=100	a	103,2	106,2	103,0	105,5	104,3	106,5	104,4	107,8	106,3	104,6	107,4	106,1
	b	109,5	105,2	107,9	106,7	107,4	105,8	106,8	106,9	107,5	107,1	108,8	
State budget balance - from the beginning of year (in mln zł)	a	1759,9	-3098,3	-9587,2	-11125,5	-13482,5	-18683,8	-14387,3	-14929,4	-20615,4	-24641,3	-27567,7	-46159,5
	b	6749,4	856,1	-2284,3	-982,7	-160,6	5860,4	2351,6	4888,0	3775,1	2669,3	.	
Average exchange rates in zł – National Bank of Poland:													
100 USD	a	403,97	395,65	386,44	379,85	389,91	392,00	397,07	383,54	385,67	390,75	406,00	420,49
	b	411,66	404,87	401,84	395,62	380,70	375,04	368,05	361,27	357,99	363,03	360,31	
100 EUR	a	439,35	439,60	429,34	430,68	440,76	440,19	439,66	430,03	432,50	430,86	438,39	443,71
	b	437,06	430,97	429,21	423,85	420,40	420,83	423,61	426,65	427,02	426,68	422,93	
100 CHF	a	401,76	398,95	393,11	393,89	398,74	403,74	404,65	395,49	395,86	396,15	407,49	412,56
	b	407,92	404,24	400,88	395,34	385,80	387,08	382,91	374,71	372,20	369,68	363,28	
Foreign trade <sup>4</sup> in mln zł:													
exports	a	60048,0	65693,5	68288,2	67421,7	66092,2	69818,4	62752,8	62213,8	70043,6	69990,3	73932,6	67182,7
	b	69402,6	69340,9	81041,0	68826,9	72586,2	72535,5	66946,7	68402,5	76280,0	76124,4	.	
imports	a	58015,1	64223,6	66715,5	65315,6	63554,5	66706,1	62008,7	63386,1	69396,6	68873,8	71415,7	66858,8
	b	67624,6	70225,3	79006,0	66403,2	72651,5	73419,5	67493,0	67457,4	74096,5	73809,7	.	
balance	a	2032,9	1469,9	1572,7	2106,1	2537,7	3112,3	744,1	-1172,3	647,0	1116,5	2516,9	323,9
	b	1778,0	-884,4	2035,0	2423,7	-65,3	-884,0	-546,3	945,1	2183,5	2314,7	.	

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 Since 2017 - preliminary data.