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Income of households increased in real terms by 3.1%

Quarterly sector accounts – the first quarter of 2019

According to seasonally adjusted data, the total of monetary and non-monetary income of households increased in real terms by 3.1%, quarter-on-quarter (q-o-q). The real consumption per capita increased by 3.8%, q-o-q, and the saving rate dropped by 0.8 percentage point (p. p.). The investment rate of non-financial corporations decreased by 1.4 p. p. compared to the previous quarter.

Non-financial corporations: investment rate decreased, q-o-q

The *profit rate* in the Q1 2019 was 46.3%, which is by 0.2 percentage point less, quarter-on quarter, and by 0.9 p. p.1 less, year-on-year. The total labour costs of non-financial corporations increased by 7.7%1, y-o-y. The *investment rate* decreased more markedly by 1.4 p. p., q-o-q, and reached 27.7%. It decreased by 1.0 p. p.1, year-on-year.

Households: household income increased, q-o-q

*The total of real monetary and non-monetary income of households per capita* increased in the Q1 2019 by 3.1%, q-o-q, and by 2.8%1 in the year-on-year comparison. The *household real consumption per capita* grew even faster, q-o-q, namely by 3.8%, q-o-q, and by 2.3%1 in the year-on-year comparison.

The ***average monthly income from employment*** reached CZK 33 5811 in the Q1 and it increased in real terms by 0.8%, q-o-q; in the y-o-y comparison it was 2.4%1 up.

Resulting from the faster growth of household expenditure compared to their income was a lower ***saving rate*** compared to the previous quarter, i.e. 10.6%. The ***investment rate*** in the household sector increased by 0.2 p. p., quarter-on-quarter, and reached 8.8%.

**GDP estimate refinement**

Concurrently, the gross domestic product (GDP) estimate has been refined. The GDP increased by 0.6%, q-o-q, in the Q1 2019 and in the y-o-y comparison it was 2.8% up. For the time series of GDP resources and uses see: <https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/hdp_ts>.

In accordance with the revision policy of the CZSO, annual national accounts have been refined; for more information see: <https://apl.czso.cz/nufile/Comment_28_06_2019.pdf>. Related to that, relevant quarterly outputs have been also harmonised.

1 Seasonally non-adjusted piece of data.

All terms are in terms of national accounts; for explanations of terms written in **bold italics** see: <https://apl.czso.cz/nufile/Definitions.pdf>.

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*Data of quarterly sector accounts are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise stated.*

*The news releases of Eurostat on quarterly sector accounts are published later. The latest published information for the fourth quarter of 2018 is available at:*

https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-press-releases/-/2-04042019-AP,

https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-press-releases/-/2-04042019-BP,

https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-press-releases/-/2-29042019-AP.

*Quarterly sector accounts data are published on the CZSO website in the tables of Transactions in Products and Distributive Transactions by Sector:* <http://apl.czso.cz/pll/rocenka/rocenkavyber.kvart_qsa?mylang=EN&oblast=@RU>

*and Quarterly Non-Financial Sector Accounts (Current and Capital Accounts):*

<http://apl.czso.cz/pll/rocenka/rocenkavyber.kvart_qsa_mat?mylang=EN&oblast=@RU>