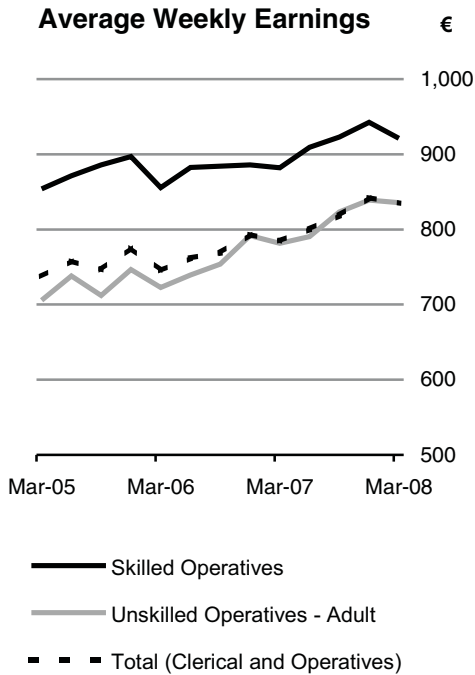




Earnings and Hours Worked in Construction

March 2008 (Provisional)
December 2007 (Final)

Average Weekly Earnings



Averages (total clerical and operatives)

| | Weekly rate | Hourly rate | Hours worked |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| March 2007 | €784.41 | €18.25 | 43.0 |
| March 2008 | €834.84 | €19.05 | 43.8 |
| % annual change | +6.4% | +4.4% | +1.9% |

6.4% increase in average weekly earnings

The average weekly earnings for clerical and operative workers in the construction industry increased from €784.41 to €834.84 in the 12 months between March 2007 and March 2008, a rise of 6.4%. There was an increase of 4.4% in the hourly rate paid to all grades - from €18.25 to €19.05 - and the number of hours worked per week increased by 1.9% from 43.0 hours to 43.8 hours. *See Table 1.*

Weekly earnings for adult unskilled workers rose by 6.9% from €781.55 to €835.41 between March 2008 and the same month in 2007. The hourly rate rose from €17.03 to €17.90 and the number of hours worked each week increased from 45.9 to 46.7.

Skilled operatives saw their weekly earnings increase by 4.4% from €882.16 to €921.18 over the same period. The hourly rate rose from €20.94 to €21.46 and the number of hours worked each week increased from 42.1 to 42.9.

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Table 1 Average Earnings and Hours Worked for Main Categories of Employees

| Period | Average Earnings | | Average Hours Worked | Average Earnings | | Average Hours Worked | |
|-------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| | Per Hour | Per Week | Per Week ¹ | Per Hour | Per Week | Per Week ¹ | |
| | € | € | | € | € | | |
| | Total (Clerical and Operatives) | | | Foremen | | | |
| 2004 | 15.99 | 703.87 | 44.1 | 20.02 | 906.50 | 45.3 | |
| 2005 | 17.13 | 754.36 | 44.1 | 21.75 | 994.01 | 45.7 | |
| 2006 | 17.49 | 767.00 | 43.9 | 22.13 | 993.38 | 44.9 | |
| 2007² | 18.48 | 811.38 | 43.9 | 23.67 | 1059.16 | 44.8 | |
| 2004 | March | 15.67 | 678.22 | 43.3 | 19.45 | 872.90 | 44.9 |
| | June | 15.89 | 698.25 | 44.0 | 19.85 | 892.16 | 45.0 |
| | September | 16.14 | 712.62 | 44.2 | 19.89 | 905.64 | 45.5 |
| | December | 16.25 | 726.38 | 44.7 | 20.89 | 955.29 | 45.7 |
| 2005 | March | 16.67 | 737.19 | 44.2 | 21.29 | 977.34 | 45.9 |
| | June | 17.31 | 758.23 | 43.8 | 21.76 | 1,007.26 | 46.3 |
| | September | 17.05 | 745.97 | 43.8 | 21.65 | 975.88 | 45.1 |
| | December | 17.49 | 776.05 | 44.4 | 22.28 | 1,015.57 | 45.6 |
| 2006 | March | 17.29 | 743.78 | 43.0 | 21.56 | 958.31 | 44.5 |
| | June | 17.29 | 761.83 | 44.1 | 22.07 | 992.44 | 45.0 |
| | September | 17.47 | 768.76 | 44.0 | 22.22 | 1,000.89 | 45.1 |
| | December | 17.90 | 793.61 | 44.3 | 22.68 | 1,021.86 | 45.1 |
| 2007 | March | 18.25 | 784.41 | 43.0 | 23.22 | 1,038.00 | 44.7 |
| | June | 18.46 | 800.05 | 43.3 | 23.65 | 1,049.55 | 44.4 |
| | September | 18.44 | 818.76 | 44.4 | 23.74 | 1,070.32 | 45.1 |
| | December ² | 18.77 | 842.29 | 44.9 | 24.06 | 1,078.76 | 44.8 |
| 2008 | March ³ | 19.05 | 834.84 | 43.8 | 24.33 | 1,085.14 | 44.6 |
| | | Male Clerical | | | Female Clerical | | |
| 2004 | | 15.14 | 616.06 | 40.7 | 12.45 | 453.49 | 36.4 |
| 2005 | | 16.30 | 662.48 | 40.7 | 13.26 | 486.21 | 36.7 |
| 2006 | | 16.56 | 663.68 | 40.1 | 13.75 | 496.43 | 36.1 |
| 2007² | | 17.65 | 708.52 | 40.2 | 14.64 | 532.02 | 36.4 |
| 2004 | March | 14.90 | 597.41 | 40.1 | 12.21 | 440.15 | 36.0 |
| | June | 14.58 | 597.41 | 41.0 | 12.29 | 449.83 | 36.6 |
| | September | 15.27 | 626.88 | 41.1 | 12.52 | 454.91 | 36.3 |
| | December | 15.82 | 642.53 | 40.6 | 12.77 | 469.08 | 36.7 |
| 2005 | March | 16.36 | 671.94 | 41.1 | 12.92 | 467.77 | 36.2 |
| | June | 16.26 | 669.34 | 41.2 | 13.28 | 489.49 | 36.9 |
| | September | 16.24 | 648.86 | 39.9 | 13.05 | 475.85 | 36.4 |
| | December | 16.35 | 659.76 | 40.4 | 13.77 | 511.72 | 37.2 |
| 2006 | March | 15.99 | 638.51 | 39.9 | 13.59 | 494.35 | 36.4 |
| | June | 16.32 | 655.78 | 40.2 | 13.54 | 490.37 | 36.2 |
| | September | 16.54 | 665.19 | 40.2 | 13.73 | 501.21 | 36.5 |
| | December | 17.37 | 695.24 | 40.0 | 14.13 | 499.79 | 35.4 |
| 2007 | March | 17.48 | 695.92 | 39.8 | 14.26 | 513.45 | 36.0 |
| | June | 17.49 | 704.16 | 40.3 | 14.43 | 526.06 | 36.5 |
| | September | 17.71 | 712.22 | 40.2 | 14.63 | 528.15 | 36.1 |
| | December ² | 17.90 | 721.79 | 40.3 | 15.23 | 560.41 | 36.8 |
| 2008 | March ³ | 17.86 | 721.19 | 40.4 | 14.97 | 555.28 | 37.1 |

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Table 1 Average Earnings and Hours Worked for Main Categories of Employees - Continued

| Period | Average Earnings | | Average Hours Worked | Average Earnings | | Average Hours Worked | |
|-------------------------|---|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|------|
| | Per Hour | Per Week | Per Week ¹ | Per Hour | Per Week | Per Week ¹ | |
| | € | € | | € | € | | |
| | Skilled Operatives | | | Unskilled Operatives- Adults | | | |
| 2004 | 18.62 | 820.62 | 44.1 | 14.64 | 676.46 | 46.2 | |
| 2005 | 19.94 | 876.96 | 44.0 | 15.72 | 725.63 | 46.2 | |
| 2006 | 20.03 | 877.03 | 43.8 | 16.34 | 751.82 | 46.0 | |
| 2007² | 20.85 | 914.22 | 43.8 | 17.34 | 808.53 | 46.6 | |
| 2004 | March | 18.05 | 782.36 | 43.3 | 14.42 | 653.38 | 45.3 |
| | June | 18.68 | 824.57 | 44.1 | 14.44 | 667.97 | 46.3 |
| | September | 18.96 | 840.04 | 44.3 | 14.75 | 681.00 | 46.2 |
| | December | 18.79 | 835.49 | 44.5 | 14.93 | 703.47 | 47.1 |
| 2005 | March | 19.54 | 853.79 | 43.7 | 15.09 | 705.80 | 46.8 |
| | June | 20.24 | 871.37 | 43.1 | 15.92 | 738.08 | 46.4 |
| | September | 19.91 | 885.94 | 44.5 | 15.69 | 712.18 | 45.4 |
| | December | 20.08 | 896.75 | 44.7 | 16.19 | 746.44 | 46.1 |
| 2006 | March | 19.73 | 855.50 | 43.4 | 16.26 | 722.62 | 44.4 |
| | June | 20.07 | 882.65 | 44.0 | 15.89 | 739.33 | 46.5 |
| | September | 20.27 | 884.29 | 43.6 | 16.23 | 753.77 | 46.5 |
| | December | 20.04 | 885.68 | 44.2 | 16.98 | 791.57 | 46.6 |
| 2007 | March | 20.94 | 882.16 | 42.1 | 17.03 | 781.55 | 45.9 |
| | June | 20.80 | 909.23 | 43.7 | 17.33 | 790.40 | 45.6 |
| | September | 20.64 | 922.98 | 44.7 | 17.45 | 823.19 | 47.2 |
| | December ² | 21.02 | 942.51 | 44.8 | 17.56 | 838.96 | 47.8 |
| 2008 | March ³ | 21.46 | 921.18 | 42.9 | 17.90 | 835.41 | 46.7 |
| | Unskilled Operatives - Juveniles | | | Apprentices | | | |
| 2004 | 9.08 | 369.69 | 40.7 | 10.45 | 425.54 | 40.7 | |
| 2005 | 10.15 | 397.96 | 39.2 | 11.19 | 452.80 | 40.5 | |
| 2006 | 11.53 | 464.10 | 40.2 | 10.78 | 442.29 | 41.0 | |
| 2007² | 13.47 | 549.90 | 40.9 | 11.85 | 477.75 | 40.3 | |
| 2004 | March | 8.85 | 368.63 | 41.6 | 10.07 | 403.35 | 40.1 |
| | June | 8.57 | 353.16 | 41.2 | 10.48 | 415.35 | 39.6 |
| | September | 9.07 | 368.00 | 40.6 | 10.58 | 433.32 | 41.0 |
| | December | 9.84 | 388.98 | 39.5 | 10.68 | 450.13 | 42.2 |
| 2005 | March | 9.87 | 400.95 | 40.6 | 10.91 | 444.04 | 40.7 |
| | June | 10.27 | 413.28 | 40.2 | 11.63 | 460.12 | 39.6 |
| | September | 10.32 | 389.97 | 37.8 | 11.22 | 450.50 | 40.1 |
| | December | 10.12 | 387.65 | 38.3 | 11.01 | 456.52 | 41.5 |
| 2006 | March | 10.50 | 398.54 | 38.0 | 10.75 | 431.55 | 40.1 |
| | June | 11.90 | 475.58 | 40.0 | 10.53 | 427.47 | 40.6 |
| | September | 10.75 | 441.76 | 41.1 | 10.65 | 437.89 | 41.1 |
| | December | 12.97 | 540.50 | 41.7 | 11.17 | 472.26 | 42.3 |
| 2007 | March | 13.44 | 553.18 | 41.2 | 11.38 | 445.19 | 39.1 |
| | June | 13.18 | 558.55 | 42.4 | 11.97 | 463.05 | 38.7 |
| | September | 13.28 | 563.84 | 42.4 | 11.88 | 487.24 | 41.0 |
| | December ² | 13.98 | 524.04 | 37.5 | 12.15 | 515.53 | 42.4 |
| 2008 | March ³ | 13.78 | 518.46 | 37.6 | 12.32 | 502.77 | 40.8 |

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Background Notes

- Background** This survey began in 1969. The results from quarter 3 of 1969 until quarter 1 of 1975 referred to enterprises in the Building and Construction sector with 15 or more employees. Since quarter 2 of 1975, the survey has covered enterprises with 10 or more employees. A full time series from 1986 onwards is available in the Database Direct service on www.cso.ie. Less detailed statistics prior to 1986 are also available electronically.
- Scope** Data are collected for a specific week in the middle of the last month of each quarter. The details collected each quarter are in respect of skilled and unskilled workers and other employees (managerial, technical, clerical and supervisory). The information collected for each category of employee are total number of persons engaged, total earnings and total hours worked during the survey week.
- Definitions**
- Total number engaged:** All persons who were at work or on holidays with pay during the week in question.
- Total weekly earnings:** Gross pay including overtime and all fixed allowances, before deduction of income tax and employee's social insurance payments. "Wet time" payments are also included but lodging allowance is not.
- Hours worked:** Respondents are asked to include overtime hours as hours actually worked and not as hours paid for. Travelling time, if applicable, and hours for which staff were paid for being available for work but were unable to do so due to the weather, are also included. The corresponding payments are included in the earnings total.
- Derived Averages** The average earnings and hours worked are derived from the total employment, earnings and hours worked of all businesses responding in the quarter. Comparisons between different periods can, therefore, be affected by the establishment or closure of businesses whose rates differ significantly from the average. The way employers report information on piece work may also affect the results. Businesses employing piece workers can only provide an estimate of hours worked which may, in some instances, differ significantly from hours actually worked.

Sample Size (Number of Persons) Surveyed In Each Occupational Category

| | | Clerical | | Foremen | Skilled Operatives | Unskilled Operatives | | Apprentices | Total Clerical and Operatives |
|------|-----------------------|----------|--------|---------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| | | Male | Female | | | Adults | Juveniles ¹ | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 2005 | March | 333 | 746 | 1,628 | 4,676 | 5,618 | 69 | 1,641 | 14,711 |
| | June | 384 | 937 | 1,732 | 3,984 | 5,096 | 118 | 1,565 | 13,816 |
| | September | 480 | 1,043 | 1,940 | 4,291 | 6,009 | 106 | 1,614 | 15,483 |
| | December | 539 | 1,191 | 2,190 | 5,226 | 6,923 | 83 | 1,692 | 17,844 |
| 2006 | March | 543 | 1,168 | 2,124 | 5,078 | 6,694 | 70 | 1,629 | 17,306 |
| | June | 556 | 1,151 | 1,943 | 5,196 | 6,532 | 235 | 1,466 | 17,079 |
| | September | 585 | 1,165 | 1,989 | 5,049 | 6,565 | 192 | 1,546 | 17,091 |
| | December | 511 | 1,090 | 1,864 | 4,535 | 6,276 | 101 | 1,351 | 15,728 |
| 2007 | March | 577 | 1,208 | 1,900 | 4,710 | 5,809 | 94 | 1,549 | 15,847 |
| | June | 670 | 1,307 | 2,083 | 4,950 | 6,390 | 248 | 1,532 | 17,180 |
| | September | 535 | 1,080 | 1,674 | 4,061 | 4,974 | 217 | 1,244 | 13,785 |
| | December ² | 541 | 1,119 | 1,882 | 4,316 | 5,469 | 70 | 1,397 | 14,794 |
| 2008 | March ³ | 513 | 1,022 | 1,503 | 3,650 | 4,965 | 52 | 1,005 | 12,710 |

NB These figures are presented for information purposes only, to indicate sample size. They are not, in any sense, an indicator of employment trends in the construction sector.

1. Juveniles may be defined (generally speaking) as workers under the minimum wage age threshold, and students on summer work.

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