

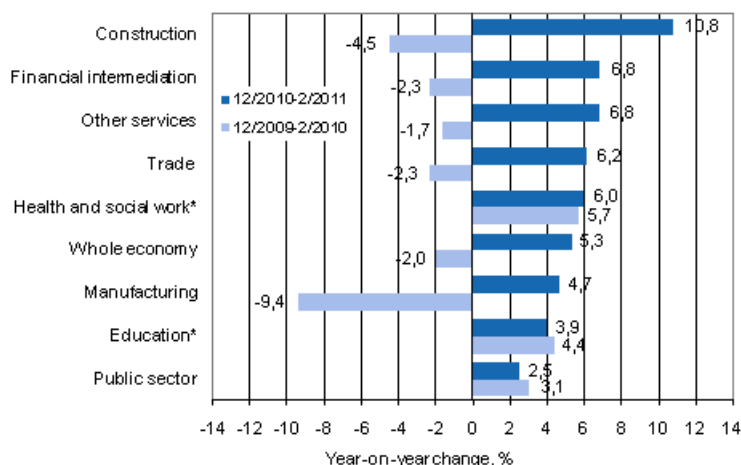
# Wage and salary indices

2011, February

## Wages and salaries sum grew by 5.3 per cent in December to February

According to Statistics Finland, the wages and salaries sum of the whole economy was 5.3 per cent greater in the past December to February period than in the corresponding period twelve months earlier. In February alone, the wages and salaries sum of the whole economy grew by 5.8 per cent year-on-year. In the December to February period one year ago, the wages and salaries sum fell by 2 per cent.

### Year-on-year change in wages and salaries sum in the 12/2010-2/2011 and 12/2009-2/2010 time periods, % (TOL 2008)



Source: Statistics Finland

The wages and salaries sum went up in the December to February period in all the industries for which statistics are compiled. The growth was fastest in the activities of construction (10.8%), financial intermediation (6.8%) and other services (6.8%). The rising of the wages and salaries sum was most moderate in the public sector where it grew by 2.5 per cent from the comparison period of the year before.

The wages and salaries sum refers to the sum total of the gross wages and salaries paid to employees without incentive stock options. The wages and salaries sum is influenced by changes in employment and in the earnings level of wage and salary earners.

### ***Data on casual wage and salary payers included as of January 2011***

As of the data concerning January 2011, data on casual payers of wages and salaries are included in the calculations of wage and salary indices. Data on casual payers of wages and salaries have been included in the source data for the wage and salary indices since the tax account reform of January 2010 but have been excluded from the calculations of the indices for a year due to their incomparability. Casual wage and salary payers account for a small amount of the total wage and salary sum and the revision does not influence the comparability of the indices between years.

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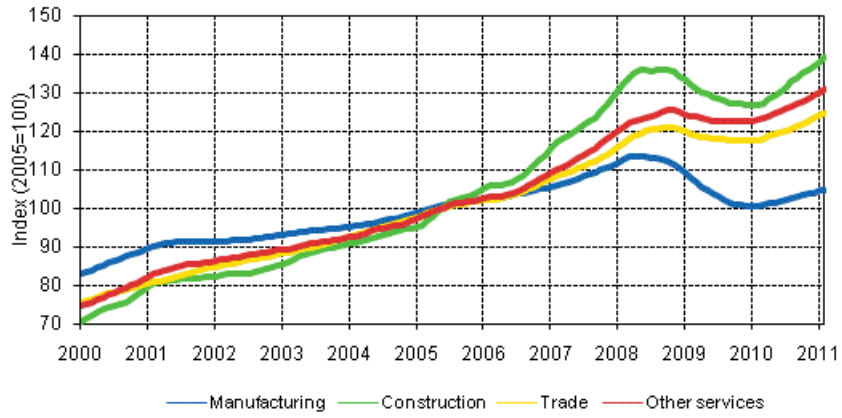
**Appendix table 1. Year-on-year change in the sum of wages and salaries by industry, % (TOL 2008)**

	Year-on-year change by three-month period, % <sup>1)</sup>				Year-on-year change in the latest month, % <sup>1)</sup>
	03-05/2010	06-08/2010	09-11/2010	12/2010-02/2011	02/2011
Whole economy (A-X)	1,4	2,7	3,6	5,3	5,8
Industri (BCDE)	-1,2	0,1	2,6	4,7	5,9
Construction (F)	0,0	2,6	6,9	10,8	10,7
Trade (G)	0,4	1,7	3,6	6,2	6,3
Other services (HIJLMNRS)	0,4	3,1	4,1	6,8	7,1
Financial intermediation (K)	1,1	2,7	3,7	6,8	7,6
Public sector (OPQ)	4,3	3,8	2,5	2,5	2,4
Education (P) excl. Public sector	4,6	4,6	3,7	3,9	4,4
Health and social work (Q) excl. Public sector	5,6	6,0	4,3	6,0	6,5

1) Year-on-year change compares the value for an examined time period to the value for the corresponding time period twelve months back.

## Appendix figures

**Appendix figure 1. Trends in the sum of wages and salaries by industry (TOL 2008)**



Source: Statistics Finland

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