

Electric utility construction price indexes, 2011 (preliminary data)

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Construction costs for the electric utility distribution systems series increased 3.3% in 2011 compared with 2010. Higher costs for labour (+6.4%) and construction indirects (+5.9%), which includes engineering, administration and overheads, were the major contributors to the advance in the index.

In 2011, construction costs for the transmission line system series rose 2.4%, while the transmission line component increased 3.5%, largely as a result of installation labour (+6.2%). The substation component increased 1.7%, led by a 4.9% increase in the construction indirects component.

Note to readers

This release presents data that are not seasonally adjusted and the indexes published are subject to a two-year revision period after dissemination of a given year's data.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2316.

The fourth quarter 2011 issue of *Capital Expenditure Price Statistics* (62-007-X, free) will soon be available.

The electric utility construction price indexes data for the first half of 2012 will be released on September 13.

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