

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC SITUATION IN ST. PETERSBURG



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1. CITY MANAGEMENT

APPOINTMENTS, GOVERNMENT COUNCILS

The head of the State Procurement Committee was replaced

In accordance with the order of the Governor of St. Petersburg dated October 10, 2022, A. Zhemyakin was dismissed from the position of the Chairman of the State Procurement Committee of St. Petersburg. A. Zhemyakin was appointed the Deputy Head of the Administration of the Moskovsky District of St. Petersburg. Since October 11, 2022, the temporary performance of the duties of the chairperson of the State Procurement Committee of St. Petersburg has been entrusted to the Deputy Chairman of the same Committee, D. Tolstykh.

In the Mobilization Department of the Administration of the Governor of St. Petersburg, the head was replaced

In accordance with the order of the Governor of St. Petersburg on October 17, 2022, V. Shevchenko was dismissed from the position of the Head of the Mobilization Department of the Administration of the Governor of St. Petersburg. On October 17, 2022, V. Buyanov has been appointed the head of this Department. Prior to this appointment, V. Buyanov worked as the first deputy head of the Mobilization Department.

Personnel changes took place in the Administration of the Kronstadt district

In accordance with the order of the Governor of St. Petersburg dated October 21, 2022, O. Dovganyuk was dismissed from the position of the Head of the Administration of the Kronstadt district. Since October 24, 2022, the temporary performance of the duties of the Head of the Administration of the Kronstadt district has been assigned to A. Kononov. In turn, O. Dovganyuk was appointed to the position of the Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Labor and Employment of the Population of St. Petersburg.

The head of the Committee on the Rule of Law, Order and Security was replaced

In accordance with the order of the Governor of St. Petersburg dated October 21, 2022, O. Arishina was dismissed from the position of the Chairperson of the Committee on the Rule of Law, Order and Security. The reason for the dismissal was the transfer to another job. O. Arishina was appointed to the position of the Deputy Head of the Administration of the Governor of St. Petersburg. The temporary performance of the duties of the Chairman of the Committee on the Rule of Law, Order and Security was entrusted to the Deputy Chairman of the same Committee, M. Sobolev.

New head of the Tariffs Committee

In accordance with the order of the Governor of St. Petersburg, on October 31, 2022, D. Koptin was dismissed from the position of the Chairman of the St. Petersburg Tariffs Committee. The reason for the dismissal was the transition to another job. Since November 1, 2022, D. Koptin has been working as the First Deputy General Director of the State Unitary Enterprise "Fuel and Energy Complex of St. Petersburg". Since November 1, 2022, A. Malukhin has been appointed the Chairman of the St. Petersburg Tariff Committee.

The head of the Vasileostrovsky District Administration was replaced

On December 9, 2022, the Governor of St. Petersburg, A. Beglov, signed an order dismissing from December 10, 2022 E. Ilyin from the position of the head of the Vasileostrovsky District Administration. On December 11, 2022, M. Sobolev has been appointed the head of the Administration of the Vasileostrovsky District.

The regional agreement on increasing the minimum wage and the Trilateral agreement have been signed

The agreements were signed on October 12, 2022 by the Governor of St. Petersburg A. Beglov, the President of the regional association of employers "Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs" A. Turchak and the Chairman of the Interregional Association of Trade Union Organizations "Leningrad Federation of Trade Unions" V. Derbin. The validity period of the agreements covers the period 2022-2023. Since October 1, 2022, the minimum wage in St. Petersburg has been set at 23.5 thousand rubles, which is 33% more than the subsistence minimum for the able-bodied population. In addition to the size of remuneration, the agreements contain obligations of the parties in the areas of public employment, labor protection, environmental safety, education, social services, housing and communal services, transport and

A joint meeting of the Antiterrorist Commission and the Operational Headquarters of St. Petersburg was held

The meeting was held on December 13, 2022, under the chairmanship of Governor A. Beglov. During the meeting, it was noted that the situation remained stable and calm in St. Petersburg. The participants of the meeting considered new measures to counter terrorism, first of all, in places of mass presence of people, industrial enterprises, engineering, energy and transport infrastructure facilities, social institutions.

The final meeting of the Commission on Road Traffic Safety under the Governor of St. Petersburg

The meeting of the Commission was held on December 14, 2022 under the chairmanship of Governor A. Beglov. The meeting participants discussed the road transport situation, transportation safety issues, and the results of the implementation of the relevant state program of St. Petersburg. During the meeting, it was noted that in 11 months of 2022, the accident rate decreased by 16%, the number of deaths in road accidents - by 34%. The cancellation of small-sized shuttle buses and the renewal of the city bus fleet made it possible to increase the safety of passenger transportation.

Regular meetings of the Headquarters for improving business conditions in St. Petersburg

The meetings were held on October 12 and December 28, 2022, under the chairmanship of the Governor of St. Petersburg. The participants of the meeting, held on December 28, 2022, noted that in 2022 the city authorities adopted 12 packages of state support measures, including 120 measures in the areas of administrative, property, tax and financial assistance to the business community. It is planned to adopt a Regional Investment Standard in 2023. To improve the interaction between the government and the business community, an Investment Committee will be formed based on the Headquarters for Improving Business Conditions. During the meeting, awards were presented to the enterprises that won the Investor of the Year competition.

LEGISLATION

Certain categories of citizens will receive additional social support in connection with the SMO

The provision of additional support measures is determined by the decree of the Government of St. Petersburg of October 10, 2022 No. 928. The support is provided to persons participating in the SMO, conscripted for mobilization into the Armed Forces of Russia and their family members. Additional support measures will also be provided to citizens who were forced to leave the territory of the DPR, LPR, Ukraine and arrived in Russia after February 18, 2022. The basis is the Decree of the Government of St. Petersburg No. 921 of October 6, 2022.

A program to promote youth employment in St. Petersburg

The Employment Assistance Program for the youth of St. Petersburg until 2030 was approved by the Order of the Government of St. Petersburg No. 22-rp dated November 1, 2022. It defines the main areas of assistance to youth employment. These include ensuring the functioning of a system of accessible professional orientation, guaranteed general

and vocational education and training aimed at acquiring in-demand skills.

The parameters of the budget of St. Petersburg have been clarified

In accordance with the Law of St. Petersburg No. 625-100 of November 10, 2022, amendments were made to the Law of St. Petersburg No. 558-119 of November 24, 2021 "On the Budget of St. Petersburg for 2022 and for the planned period 2023 and 2024". The budget's revenues and expenditures have been increased. In 2022, revenues should amount to 1107.9 billion rubles, expenditures - 1066.1 billion rubles.

Amendments to the tax legislation of St. Petersburg

Based on the Law of St. Petersburg dated November 10, 2022 No. 627-101, amendments were made to the Law of St. Petersburg dated June 28, 1995 No. 81-11 "On Tax Benefits". For organizations that have been granted the status of a regional operator for the management of solid waste in accordance with the Federal Law "On residential and industrial waste", a zero rate of corporate profit tax payable to the city budget has been established. In addition, amendments have been made to the following laws of St. Petersburg: dated April 22, 2009. No. 185-36 "On the Establishment of a Tax rate on the Territory of St. Petersburg for Organizations and Individual Entrepreneurs Applying the Simplified Taxation System", dated October 16, 2013 No. 551-98 "On the Introduction of a Patent Taxation System on the Territory of St. Petersburg", dated November 26, 2014 No. 643-109 "On Taxation on the property of individuals in St. Petersburg".

The Law on the assessment of the regulatory impact of draft normative legal acts of St. Petersburg and the examination of normative legal acts

Based on the Law of St. Petersburg No. 621-99 of November 10, 2022, the legal basis for assessing the regulatory impact of draft regulatory legal acts of St. Petersburg has been established. In addition, the legal basis for the examination of regulatory legal acts of St. Petersburg has been created. The purpose of the regulatory impact assessment is to identify provisions that establish excessive obligations, prohibitions and restrictions for business entities and other economic activities or contribute to their introduction, as well as provisions that contribute to the occurrence of unreasonable expenses for them and the budget of St. Petersburg. The Law applies to relations related to the assessment of the regulatory impact of draft regulatory legal acts containing mandatory requirements related to entrepreneurial and other economic activities, the assessment of compliance with which is carried out within the framework of regional state control (supervision), attracting to administrative responsibility, the provision of licenses and other per-

mits, accreditation, conformity assessment of products, other forms of assessments and examinations.

Subsidies to state healthcare institutions to ensure a high level of medical services and strengthen human resources

The order of the Government of St. Petersburg No. 1058 of November 25, 2022 has approved the Procedure for granting subsidies to public healthcare institutions of the city in 2022. Financial assistance is provided on a gratuitous and irrevocable basis to cover costs generated in 2022. The costs may include labor costs and accruals for employee compensation payments in order to achieve the target values of wage indicators for various categories of employees in the budgetary sphere. Expenses for the maintenance of buildings (premises) and for payment of utility services are not reimbursable.

The Law of St. Petersburg on regional labor market

Based on the Law of St. Petersburg No. 647-105 of November 29, 2022 "On the establishment of a coefficient reflecting the regional characteristics of the labor market in St. Petersburg for 2023", the coefficient used to calculate the cost of a patent for foreign citizens has been increased. As a result, for foreign citizens wishing to work in St. Petersburg, the cost of the patent will be 4.4 thousand rubles per month. The establishment of such a cost will make it possible to equalize the tax burden on Russian and foreign workers. A similar patent value is expected to be established in the Leningrad Region.

The Territorial program of state guarantees of free medical care to citizens in St. Petersburg and the main parameters of the budget of the Territorial Fund of Compulsory Medical Insurance

The main parameters of the budget of the Territorial Fund of Compulsory Medical Insurance of St. Petersburg (TFOMS) for 2023-2025 are approved by the Law of St. Petersburg No. 668-110 of November 29, 2022. The TFOMS budget for 2023-2025 is balanced. Total revenues and expenses for 2023 are determined in the amount of 142.4 billion rubles, for 2024 – 151.9 billion rubles, for 2025 – 159.9 billion rubles. The territorial program of state guarantees of free provision of medical care to citizens was approved by the Law of St. Petersburg No. 737-121 of December 21, 2022. The document was developed in order to ensure the free provision of medical assistance in St. Petersburg to citizens who are entitled to receive such assistance in accordance with Russian legislation. The provisions of the Territorial Program define a list of conditions for the provision of free medical care, the procedure and conditions for its provision, the cost of state guarantees for the free provision of medical care to citizens and some other parameters.

The Environmental Code of St. Petersburg has been amended

The amendments were made in accordance with the Law of St. Petersburg No. 681-115 dated December 9, 2022. The changes relate to clarifying the responsibilities of the Government of St. Petersburg in the field of environment and water protection. In particular, the list of powers of the city Government includes the filing of claims for compensation for damage caused to the environment due to violations of mandatory requirements.

The procedure for providing payments for the purchase of housing to involuntary migrants from the Kherson region has been established

In order to provide one-time social payments for the purchase of housing to residents of Kherson and part of the Kherson region who were forced to leave their place of permanent residence, the decree of the Government of St. Petersburg No. 1254 of December 21, 2022 was issued. This resolution approved two procedures. The first is the procedure for the implementation of measures to provide lump-sum payments for the acquisition of property to residents of Kherson and parts of the Kherson region, who were forced to leave their place of permanent residence and arrived en masse on the territory of St. Petersburg for a permanent place of residence. The second is the procedure for implementing measures to provide social benefits for the purchase of residential premises on the basis of state housing certificates issued to residents of Kherson and part of the Kherson region who were forced to leave their place of permanent residence and arrived in an emergency mass order on the territory of St. Petersburg for permanent residence. The St. Petersburg Housing Committee has the authority to implement the above-mentioned measures.

The Law on Street Musicians

The provisions of the Law of St. Petersburg No. 725-137 of December 21, 2022 define the procedure for organizing and conducting street performances. They are understood as the performance of musical, literary, dance and other nature, as well as various performances (costumed, etc.) carried out in public areas in St. Petersburg for the purpose of organizing leisure and meeting citizens' needs in the field of culture and leisure. The conduct of street performances should be carried out in coordination with the authorized executive bodies of state power of St. Petersburg. The Law defines the types of venues for street performances. Administrative responsibility is provided for violation of the order of conducting and requirements for conducting street performances. The corresponding additions were made to the Law of St. Petersburg dated May 12, 2010 No. 273-70 "On Administrative Law violations in St. Petersburg".

A cash payment has been established for the 80th anniversary of the breaking of the Siege of Leningrad

The payment is established in accordance with the Law of St. Petersburg No. 810-130 of December 21, 2022. A one-time cash payment is provided to Russian citizens living in St. Petersburg and citizens without a fixed place of residence, subject to confirmation of their last place of residence in St. Petersburg (Leningrad). Payment in the amount of 10 thousand rubles is made to the participants of the Great Patriotic War, veterans of the Great Patriotic War, former prisoners of concentration camps, ghettos and other places of forced detention created by the fascists and their allies during World War II, as well as persons who lived (were born) in Leningrad in the period from September 8, 1941 to January 27, 1944. The payment in the amount of 5 thousand rubles is for widows (widowers) of servicemen who died during the war with Finland, the Great Patriotic War, the war with Japan, widows (widowers) of deceased invalids of the Great Patriotic War and participants of the Great Patriotic War, as well as citizens born before September 3, 1945.

Amendments to the Social Code of St. Petersburg

The amendments were made in accordance with the Laws of St. Petersburg on amendments to the Law of St. Petersburg dated November 9, 2011 No. 728-132 "Social Code of St. Petersburg", adopted in November and December 2022. The amendments are related to the support of investors and citizens who find themselves in a difficult life situation, the introduction of a single allowance for children and pregnant women, as well as an increase in the maximum amount of a one-time social benefit provided to citizens who have concluded a social contract for the implementation of individual entrepreneurial activity.

MEETINGS, COOPERATION

The Xth St. Petersburg International Health Forum

The forum was held on October 25-27, 2022 at the Expoforum Exhibition Center. The forum was attended by representatives of the World Health Organization (WHO), BRICS countries, SCO, authorities, healthcare specialists, developers and manufacturers of medical equipment and products. On the sidelines of the forum, the Governor of St. Petersburg A. Beglov met with the WHO Special Representative in Russia M. Vujnovich and the Governor of the Vologda Region, Chairman of the Russian Association "Healthy Cities, Districts and Towns" O. Kuvshinnikov.

The Governor of St. Petersburg held a meeting with the Artistic Director of the "Sirius Educational Center", the Director of the Dresden Opera Ball

Meeting of A. Beglov and H.J. Fry took place on November 1, 2022. During the conversation, international cultural projects were discussed. The parties reached an agreement on the establishment of the Tchaikovsky-Strauss International Cultural Center based on the Tchaikovsky Center. The Center will prepare and implement international projects in the field of culture. The parties considered the possibility of restoring the historical building of the Pavlovsk Railway Station, which in the years of its existence, in addition to its transport function, had great cultural significance.

The IVth International Municipal Forum of the BRICS countries

The forum was held on November 24-25, 2022 at the Expoforum Exhibition Center. The forum was attended by more than 3 thousand people from 40 countries of the world and from most Russian regions. The forum participants considered and discussed ideas to improve the efficiency of social and economic development, improve the investment attractiveness of the BRICS+ countries, and strengthen cooperation between the countries of the world. The participants and guests of the forum were welcomed by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov via video link.

St. Petersburg develops cooperation with Iran

On November 29, 2022, the Governor of St. Petersburg A. Beglov held a working meeting with the Governor of Isfahan Province of the Islamic Republic of Iran S.R. Mortazavi. The Governor of Isfahan arrived in St. Petersburg at the head of a delegation of business circles. During the meeting, the issues of developing cooperation between the regions were discussed. Among the priority areas of cooperation were industry, transport, construction, education, culture and tourism.

The St. Petersburg International Tourism Forum Travel Hubb - 2022 was held

The forum was held in St. Petersburg from December 7 to December 9, 2022. The Forum was organized by the St. Petersburg Tourism Development Committee and the Convention and Exhibition Bureau. The key topic of the forum was the sustainable development of tourism and its impact on the socio-economic development of regions and the country in modern conditions.

St. Petersburg strengthens cooperation with Gazprom

On December 14, 2022, the meeting of the Interdepartmental Council on Cooperation between St. Petersburg and Gazprom was held. During the meeting, the interim results of the implementation of the Cooperation Program between the city and the largest gas company in Russia, signed at the Yekaterinburg International Economic Forum 2022, were considered. The cooperation program includes 64 projects in the areas of creation of public

and business spaces and landscaping of territories, culture, sports, construction and reconstruction of socio-cultural facilities, development of transport and gas filling infrastructure, industrial cooperation and import substitution, improving the reliability of the gas supply system and modernization of the heat supply system.



2. EMPLOYMENT

In September 2022, 1535 thousand people worked at large and medium-sized enterprises. Among the employed, 94.9% were full-time employees, 2.3% were by-workers and 2.8% worked under civil contracts.

Compared to the previous month, the number of full-time employees increased by 0.2%, the number of by-workers increased by 15.6%, and the number of employees hired under contracts decreased by 0.8%

In September 2022, the largest number of filled jobs was in education, transport and communications, processing industries, healthcare, wholesale and retail trade, and the smallest - in agriculture and forestry, hotels and restaurants, and other types of services. 48.5% of all employees at large and medium-sized enterprises of the city worked in the public sector of the economy.

In August - November 2022, the number of economically active population (EAN) was 3095.8 thousand people, including 3013.7 thousand employed and 82.1 thousand unemployed. 1449.8 thousand people are not part of the workforce. During the period under review, the employment rate was 66.3% (the share of the number of employed in the total population aged 15 to 72 years), the level of economic activity was 68.1% (the share of the economically active population in the total population aged 15 to 72 years) (<http://ktzn.gov.spb.ru/analiticheskaya-informaciya/>).

According to Petrostat, the number of employees scheduled for discharge in Q4 of 2022 in St. Petersburg organizations (without small businesses) amounted to 2439 people or 0.16% of the total number of employees of St. Petersburg organizations (without small businesses). At the same time, the number of required employees for vacant jobs at the end of Q3 of 2022 in St. Petersburg organizations (excluding small businesses) amounted to 109.0 thousand people.

The mood of job seekers in the labor market of the Russian Federation in 2022 remained generally at a neutral level. However, among the most depressed were employees of Moscow, Moscow region and St. Petersburg (hh.ru). The overall index of the well-being of working St. Petersburg residents in Q4 of 2022 was at the level of -0.07 points. This is 0.01 points higher than in Q3.

At the same time, according to the study, most of the pessimistic citizens work in the fields of art and entertainment, IT and senior management.

The general pessimistic trend is characteristic in St. Petersburg for the sphere of "Marketing, PR" (-2.3% of new vacancies per month), "Art and Mass Media" (-6.5%), "Auto Business" (-10.4%), the study notes.

At the same time, in October and the first 2 weeks of November, the demand for temporary staff in retail increased by an average of 20% compared to the same period last year. The largest contribution was made by cashiers (+12%) and sales consultants (+25%). High demand after the start of mobilization is also observed for movers (+18%) and drivers (+15%) (https://www.dp.ru/a/2022/11/16/Podjonshhina_v_trende).

In October 2022, the need of Petersburg enterprises for employees amounted to 34.2 thousand people (Table 1).

The pressure in the labor market (the number of unemployed citizens registered with the Employment Service, per vacancy according to the ECP "Work in Russia") at the end of November 2022 was 0.55 people / vacancy (at the end of November 2021 – 0.91 people / vacancy).

According to the Employment Service, in January - November 2022, the largest number of vacancies was declared by organizations related to the following types of economic activity: administrative activities and related additional services - 22.7%; processing industries - 8.2%; transportation and storage - 7.9%; education – 7.5%; real estate transactions - 5.5%; activities of hotels and catering establishments – 5.4%; wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles - 5.3%; activities in the field of healthcare and social services - 4.1%; construction – 3.5%. (<http://ktzn.gov.spb.ru/analiticheskaya-informaciya/>).

In October 2022, 20.1 thousand people were registered with the Employment Service of St. Petersburg (Table 2). 84.1% of them were officially recognized as unemployed. 15.9 thousand people were registered as unemployed, including 10.7 thousand people who received unemployment benefits. In October 2022, 3.0 thousand people received the status of unemployed (by 2.1 thousand people or 41.2% less than in October 2021). In October 2022, 1.7 thousand people have been job-placed, 0.2 thousand people or 12.7% less than in the same period of 2021.

According to Petrostat, in Q3 of 2022, 18.2% of those employed at large and medium-sized enterprises worked part-time or were on vacation without pay.

In January-November 2022, the Employment Service received 185621 applications from citizens for the provision of public services, including 60779 applications for vocational guidance, 15983 applications for informing about the situation on the labor market. At the end of November 2022,

the need for workers, declared by employers through the Unified Digital platform "Work in Russia", amounted to 34577 vacancies. According to the Employment Service, the vacancy rate for working professions was 76.7%.

At the end of November, the number of unemployed citizens amounted to 15246 people, of which 65.4% were women; 11.8% were young people aged 16-29; 15.4% were citizens of pre-retirement age; 8.6% were disabled (at the end of November 2021, the number of unemployed was 24,952 people). (<http://ktzn.gov.spb.ru/analiticheskaya-informaciya/>).

According to Rosstat, in August - October 2022, the unemployment rate (according to the methodology of the International Labor Organiza-

tion) was 2.7% of the economically active population (EAN). St. Petersburg had one of the lowest unemployment rates among the subjects of the Russian Federation (in the North-Western Federal District – 3.6%, Moscow – 2.2%, the Russian Federation – 3.8%).

The level of registered unemployment (the ratio of the number of registered unemployed to the number of the workforce on average for 2021 at the end of November 2022 was 0.49% (at the end of November 2021, this indicator was 0.81%). (www.rspb.ru) (Figure 1). This is the lowest indicator among the regions of the North-Western Federal District.

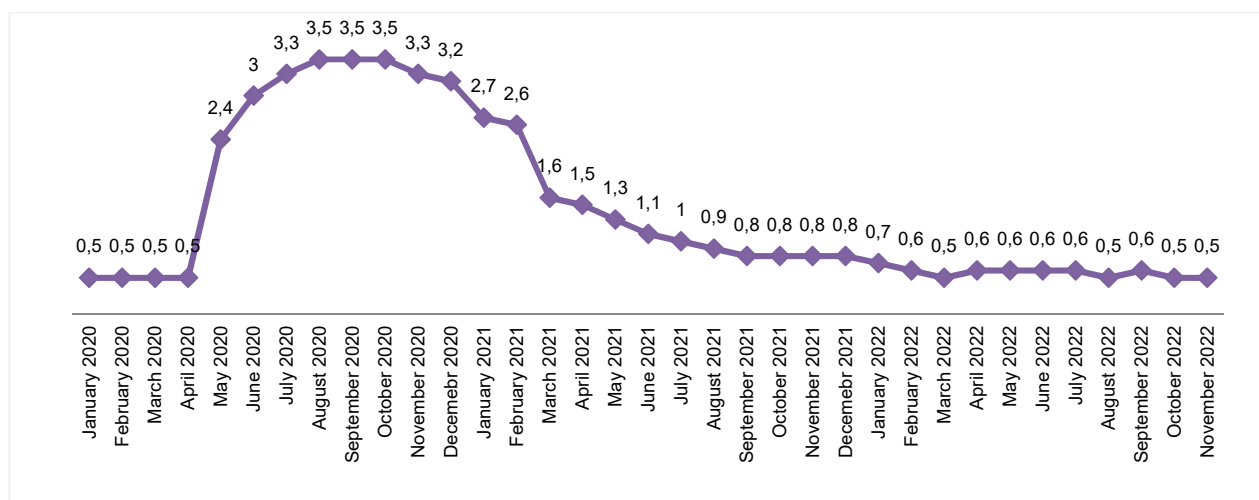
TABLE 1. St. Petersburg enterprises' demand for workforce, January 2021 – October 2022

Month	Demand for workforce reported to the Employment service, thous. people	Number of unemployed people per 1 vacancy		
		persons	In % to the previous month	In % to the same month of the previous year
January 2022	29,2	0,9	100,0	36,0
February	25,6	0,9	100,0	39,1
March	24,1	0,9	100,0	60,0
April	21,6	1,1	122,2	84,6
May	26,4	0,9	81,8	90,0
June	27,5	0,9	100,0	100,0
July	26,2	0,8	88,9	114,3
August	24,6	0,9	112,5	128,6
September	24,6	0,9	100,0	128,6
October	34,2	0,6	66,7	75,0

TABLE 2. Change in the number of officially registered unemployed people in St. Petersburg, January-October 2022

Month	Number of unemployed people registered at the Employment Service	Those with the status of an unemployed person		
		'000 people	% to previous month	% to the same month of the previous year
January 2022	26,2	20,3	84,3	24,9
February	23,5	18,1	89,0	22,8
March	25,5	16,6	91,5	33,2
April	23,3	17,6	106,4	38,9
May	23,1	17,5	99,5	45,2
June	23,5	17,6	100,6	52,1
July	21,6	17,0	96,6	55,0
August	21,2	16,9	99,1	60,1
September	21,1	17,1	101,2	66,4
October	20,1	16,9	93,1	63,6

FIGURE 1. The level of registered unemployment in St. Petersburg, % of the economically active population



3. PERSONAL INCOMES AND EXPENDITURES

PRICES

In January-October 2022, prices in the consumer sector of the economy of St. Petersburg increased by 10.2%. In the same period of 2021, the price growth was 6.4%.

The growth of consumer prices during this period in St. Petersburg was 0.5% lower than the national average. In October 2022, consumer prices increased by 0.2% (Figure 2).

In January-October 2022, in St. Petersburg, tariffs for paid services to the population increased by 10.7%. For comparison, their growth in 2021 was 6.7%.

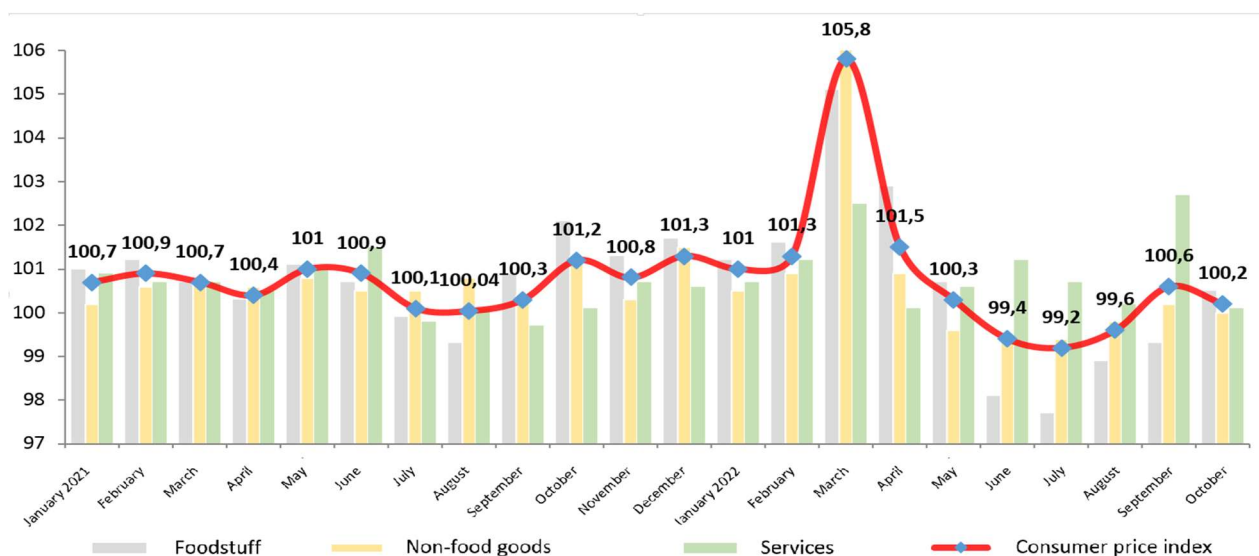
The increase in prices for paid services in Petersburg, January-October 2022 was 0.6%

higher than the average Russian level. Prices for paid services increased by 0.1% in October 2022.

In January-October 2022, prices for food and non-food products increased by 6.7% and 13.7%, respectively. The increase in prices for food products in the city in January-October 2022 was below the average Russian level by 2.5%, for non-food products - above the average Russian level by 1.1%.

The study of price increases by other organizations shows a large increase in prices. Thus, the research holding Romir, based on the calculation of the statistical deflator index, which reflects the actual changes in the general level of prices for goods, showed that in November the prices of everyday goods increased in monthly terms. The FMCG deflator index increased by 1.5% (2.7 percentage points) compared to October and amounted to 189.1%. Compared to the same period last year, the index is 41% higher.

FIGURE 2. Consumer price index dynamics in January- October 2022, % to the previous month



The calculation methodology is based on data on real prices and real consumption of Russians obtained using the Romir Data Panel. The price level of January 2019 is taken as 100% for the calculation of the index. More than 15 million purchases actually made by residents of Russian cities in 2008-2020 were subjected to a complex multifactorial analysis. Based on the results of the analysis, the structure of consumption of Russian households was constructed, commodity groups with a high degree of demand were identified, in each of which individual goods were selected. In total, about 200 items were selected, which are constantly updated taking into account the seasonality factor.

The FMCG deflator index actually reflects the dynamics of prices for FMCG goods. Unlike Rosstat, the FMCG Deflator measures prices for a basket of products that Russians actually buy, and not for the basic one (<https://romir.ru/studies/romir-v-noyabre-ceny-na-tovary-fmkg-vyrosli-na-15>).

According to Rosstat, in October 2022 there was an increase in prices for fruit and vegetable products (by 8.0%), meat and poultry (by 0.8%), fish (by 1.4%), milk and dairy products (by 1.1%), confectionery, bread and bakery products, alcoholic beverages (by 0.1%).

This month, there was a decrease in prices for cheeses (by 2.9%), cereals and beans (by 1.7%), butter and fats (by 1.1%).

In October 2022, prices rose for bananas by 17.9%, potato - by 7.7, fresh cucumbers – by 6.6 at the same time, lemons fell by 5.5%. Cocoa has become more expensive by 4.7%, canned meat – by 4.2, chicken eggs - by 2.0, while wheat flour has fallen in price by 2.2%.

Among non-food products in October 2022, in St. Petersburg, an increase in prices for fabrics,

tobacco products (by 1.2%), detergents and cleaning products (by 0.5%), white paper and stationery (by 0.2%) was recorded. Tableware (by 2.7%), electrical goods (by 2.1%), perfumes and cosmetics (by 2.0%), furniture, construction materials (by 1.5%), hosiery, medicines (by 0.8%), shoes, clothing (by 0.6%), knitted products, haberdashery (by 0.4%).

In October 2022, the payment for electricity, for the maintenance and repair of housing, operating costs, for cold and hot water supply, sanitation, for gas, contributions for major repairs remained unchanged.

In October 2022, the use of consumer credit became more expensive by 12.8%, airplane flights - by 11.7%, city telephone services – by 10.2%, theater tickets – by 8.4%, veterinary services – by 6.2%, taxi rides – by 5.6%, shipping fees the cost of parcels within Russia has become higher by 4.7%.

In January-October 2022, gasoline prices increased by 2.0%, and diesel fuel prices increased by 3.3%. In October 2022, gasoline prices increased by 0.2%, and diesel fuel prices increased by 0.7%.

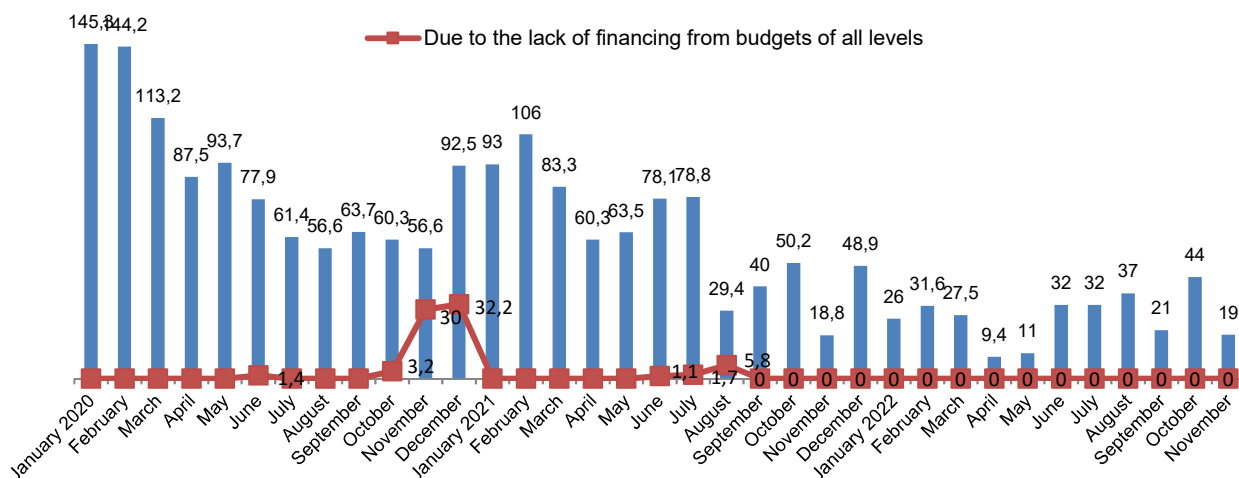
PERSONAL INCOMES AND EXPENDITURES

The real accrued salary, calculated taking into account the consumer price index, in September 2022 amounted to 103.7% compared to the level of August 2022 and 95.7% compared to the level of September 2021 (Table 3).

The average nominal salary accrued for September 2022 was 80770 rubles. The average nominal salary of Russian citizens in December 2021 was 23.4% less than in St. Petersburg and amounted to 61879 rubles.

TABLE 3. Real wage dynamics in St. Petersburg and the Russian Federation in 2021, January-September 2022, %

	St. Petersburg		Russian Federation	
	Real wage		Real wage	
	To the previous month	To the same month of the previous year	To the previous month	To the same month of the previous year
January 2021	71,2	99,5	71,1	101,1
February	106,7	103,8	101,7	102
March	104,6	99,2	107,1	101,8
April	101,0	116,9	102,5	107,8
May	95,7	108,5	98,3	103,3
June	105,0	104,9	103,6	104,9
July	93,4	102,0	93,5	102,2
August	94,1	103,0	94,5	101,5
September	106,9	103,3	103,7	102,0
October	96,2	99,4	98,6	100,6
November	101,8	104,5	100,7	103,4
December	135,2	103,6	138,8	103,6
January 2022	70,4	101,3	70,5	101,9
February	106,4	101,1	100,8	102,6
March	105,1	101,4	108,2	103,6
April	91,4	91,3	91,7	92,8
May	97,9	93,6	100,1	93,9
June	110,4	97,4	106,9	96,8
August	94,1	111,2	96,6	98,8
September	104,3	108,8	103,2	98,6

FIGURE 3. Dynamics of salary arrears in St. Petersburg, January 2020 – November 2022 (on the first day of each month), mln rubles

According to the data of organizations of the observed types of economic activity (excluding small business entities) that provided information on overdue wage arrears as of November 1, 2022, the total debt amounted to 18.9 million rubles. The volume of debt amounted to 42.5% by the level of October 1, 2022, and 100.2% by November 1, 2021. Manufacturing accounted for 89.4% of the total debt, construction – for 9.5%, transport – for 1.1%.

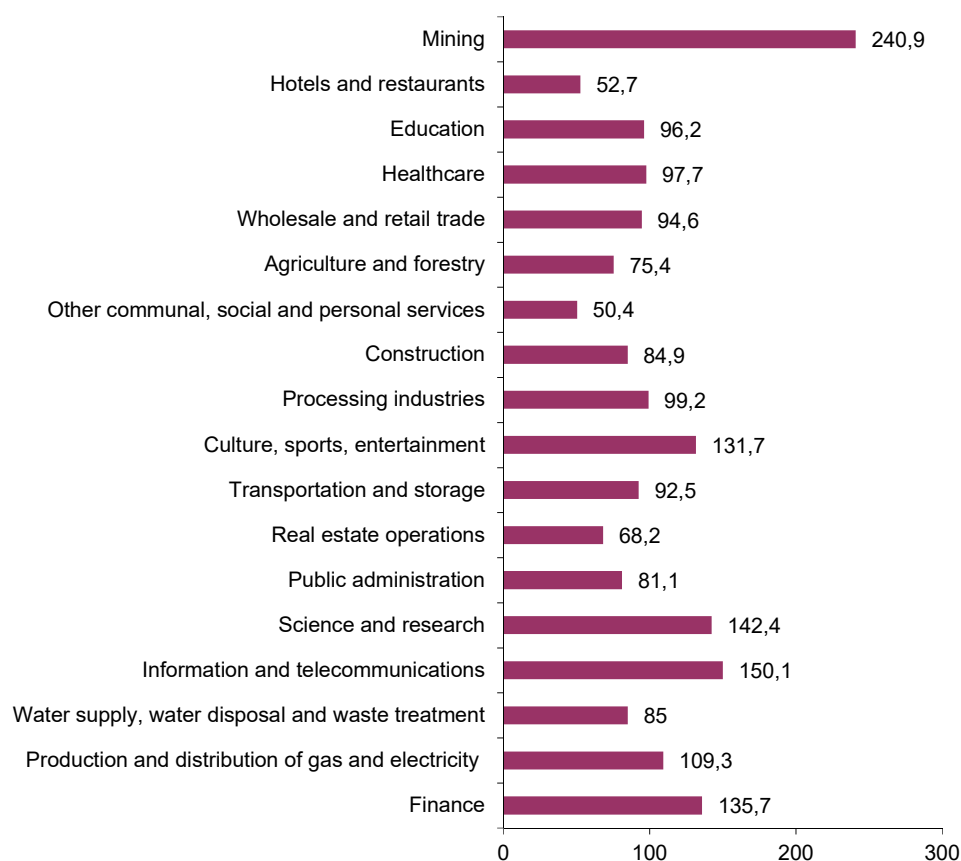
DIFFERENTIATION OF INCOMES AND SALARIES IN ST. PETERSBURG

The gap between the highest salary (mining) and the lowest (provision of social services) was 4.6 times in September 2022 (Figure 4).

The highest wages in September 2022 were paid in mining (the salary of workers in this industry was 2.4 times higher than the average salary in St. Petersburg).

In September 2022, the average salary in St. Petersburg was significantly exceeded by the remuneration of employees in the field of information and communications (by 50.1%), in scientific and technical sphere (by 42.4%) and in financial sphere (by 35.7%).

The lowest wages were paid to those employed at hotels and resorts (52.7% of the average salary), and in the provision of other communal, social and personal services (60.2% of the average salary).

FIGURE 4. Inter-industry differentiation of average salary in September 2022 in St. Petersburg, % of the average salary (the average salary = 100%)

4. INDUSTRY

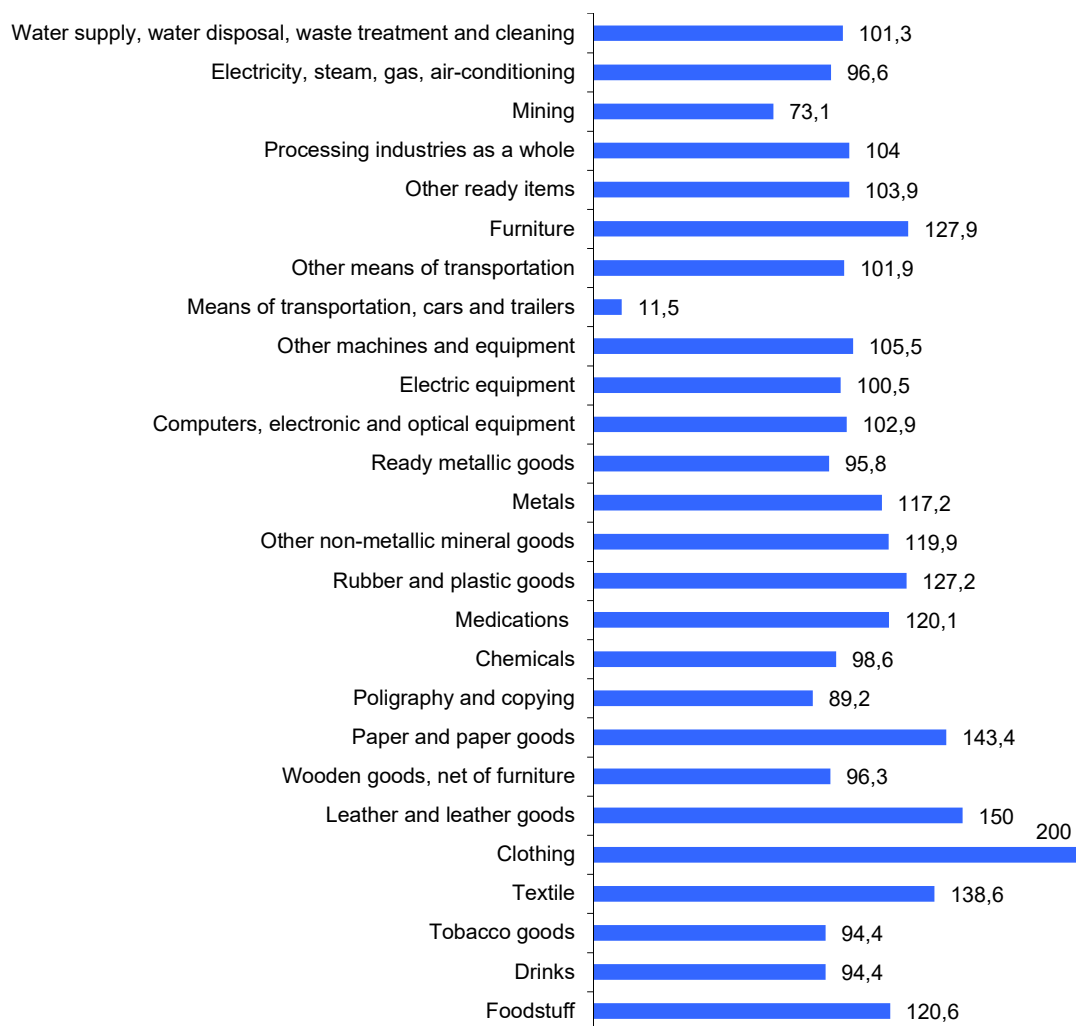
The industrial production index in St. Petersburg in January-October 2022 compared to January-October 2021 was 102.8%.

ROSTerm, the largest producer of pipes and fittings made of polymer materials in the North-West of Russia, has launched a line for the production of PVC cable channels. According to Ivan Bagaev, CEO of ROSTerm North-West, the company has been moving towards a new direction in the processing of complex polymers for a long time, already having a high level of competence in the creation and production of pipes and fittings. Since 2014, ROSTerm has produced 150 million meters of pipes and implemented more than 2.5 thousand projects in new housing construction. The volume of the permanent warehouse program is 600 million rubles, the product range is about 25 thousand commodity items (asninfo.ru 23.11.2022).

The St. Petersburg plant, which is part of the multi-profile holding S8 Capital, has started mass production of a new product - an elevator with increased load capacity, which will cover more than 50% of the demand for this type of equipment, which is needed, first of all, during the construction

of infrastructure facilities. The new elevator complies with international standards, while the level of its localization at the current moment already exceeds 70%. In July 2022, the multi-profile holding S8 Capital acquired all the assets of the American Otis Elevator Company in Russia. Since the beginning of August, the company has renewed the acceptance of new orders (minpromtorg.gov.ru 24.10.2022).

Pantes Group has opened an electronics manufacturing plant on the territory of the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) "St. Petersburg". Investments in the project amounted to 700 million rubles, said Gennady Korshunov, Director for Scientific and Innovative Activities of OOO Pantes. The launch of the new plant will help significantly reduce dependence on foreign-made products on the Russian electronics market. The planned production capacity at the first stage will be up to 1 million electronic units per year. Mass production of products is set up in automatic mode. The opening of a new production facility will create more than 200 jobs (tass.ru 03.10.2022).

FIGURE 5. Industrial production dynamics in St. Petersburg by industry, January-October 2022 in % to January-October 2021

5. FINANCE

The Law on the budget of St. Petersburg for 2023-2025

In accordance with the Law of St. Petersburg No. 625-100 of November 10, 2022, amendments were made to the Law of St. Petersburg No. 558-119 of November 24, 2021 "On the Budget of St. Petersburg for 2022 and for the planned period 2023 and 2024". The budget's revenues and expenditures have been increased. In 2022, revenues should amount to 1107.9 billion rubles, expenditures - 1066.1 billion rubles.

In accordance with the Law of St. Petersburg dated November 29, 2022 No. 666-104 "On the budget of St. Petersburg for 2023 and for the planned period of 2024 and 2025", the budget parameters of St. Petersburg for the next 3 years have been approved. The total revenue of the St. Petersburg budget for 2023 is determined in the amount

of 1048.5 billion rubles, expenditures - 1195.3 billion rubles, deficit – 146.7 billion rubles.

For 2024, revenues are planned in the amount of 1137.1 billion rubles, expenditures – 1176 billion rubles, for 2025 – 1187.2 billion rubles and 1233.2 billion rubles, respectively.

In the next 3 years, the budget will have deficit. The budget deficit will be in 2023 – 146.8 billion rubles, in 2024 – 38.9 billion rubles, in 2025 – 46.1 billion rubles. In 2023, 1092 billion rubles (91% of all expenditures) will be allocated from the budget to finance 18 state programs of St. Petersburg. The main priority areas of budget financing in 2023 will be the transport system (22.9% of all expenditures), education (20.1%), healthcare (13.4%), social support for citizens (10%). 200.8 billion rubles will be allocated to finance the Targeted Investment Program.

In January-September 2022, the net financial result (profit minus loss) of organizations amounted to 2484.4 billion rubles, which is 14.1% less than in the corresponding period of 2021.

In January-September 2022, consolidated

budget revenues amounted to 881.7 billion rubles, which in nominal terms is 1.5 times more than in January-September 2021. Consolidated budget expenditures amounted to 584.5 billion rubles, which is 16.4% more than the same period last year.

In January-September 2022, the number of loss-making organizations increased by 174 units or by 23.9% compared to the same period in 2021, and the amount of loss increased by 20.7%.

According to the operational data of the Federal Tax Service of the Russian Federation for St. Petersburg in January-October 2022, the budget system received taxes, fees and other mandatory payments in the amount of 1164 billion rubles, which in nominal terms is 7.6% less than in January-October 2021.

STATE DEBT

The information on the structure of the state debt as of December 1, 2022 is presented in tables 4 and 5.



6. CITY AFFAIRS

BEAUTIFICATION, RESTORATION, CAPITAL REPAIRS

The next stage of the overhaul of the Fontanka River embankment opposite the Anichkov Palace is scheduled for 2023. The total length of the site is 53 meters, the cost of work is 102 million rubles, the contractor is the St. Petersburg GBU

"Mostotrest". By the beginning of 2023, the contractor will have to develop working documentation, and by the end of 2023 - to carry out work to prevent the destruction of the rubble masonry of the embankment and to correct other defects. (Based on the materials of the St. Petersburg authorities)

The State Procurement Committee of St. Petersburg has announced a competition for the improvement of the Aviators Park in the Moskovsky district. The works are divided into two stages, the first – with a total cost of 410 million rubles, the second – 465 million rubles. In addition to the general improvement of the territory, it is planned that sports grounds, bicycle parking lots will be created in the park, and greenery will be restored. (Based on the materials of Kommersant)

The Committee for State Control, Use and Protection of Historical and Cultural Monuments has sent a number of claims to the Arbitration Court of St. Petersburg and the Leningrad Region demanding the restoration of cultural heritage objects (federal and regional monuments). In particular, the Arsenal Shopping Complex Company must renovate the Shed for the Imperial Trains of the Warsaw Railway Station on Malaya Mitrofanyevskaya Street, and St. Petersburg State University, in accordance with the KGIOP order, is obliged to restore the Stieglitz House. In case of non-fulfillment of obligations, 50 thousand rubles may be collected from the plaintiffs, and in case of further non-fulfillment - 100 thousand rubles monthly. (Based on the materials of Kommersant)

TABLE 4. St. Petersburg's state debt structure on December 1, 2022

	Mln rubles
State domestic debt of St. Petersburg, including:	94 675,7
Bonds	85 006,1
Budget Credits	9 669,6
State external debt of St. Petersburg	0,0
Total	94 675,7

Source: Committee on finance of St. Petersburg

TABLE 5. Debt service expenditures of the budget of St. Petersburg, as of December 1, 2022 (mln rubles)

	Plan for 2022	Fact on 01.12.2022
Domestic debt service costs	6 563,2	5 198,4
Total	6 563,2	5 198,4

Source: Committee on finance of St. Petersburg

TRANSPORTATION, ENERGY, WATER SUPPLY

Passenger traffic at Pulkovo Airport in January-August 2022 amounted to 11.9 million passengers, which is 2.6% higher than in the same period of 2021. At the same time, Pulkovo Airport served more than 10.4 million passengers on domestic routes, and 1.5 million passengers on international routes. The most popular domestic destinations besides Moscow were Sochi, Kaliningrad, Novosibirsk, Yekaterinburg, Kazan and Ufa. Among the foreign destinations, Antalya, Istanbul, Dubai, Minsk, Hurghada, Tashkent, Osh and Dushanbe are the most in demand. Rossiya, Pobeda, Smartavia, Aeroflot and S7 Airlines became the leaders in terms of traffic volume for the specified period among Russian airlines, while Turkish Airlines, Uzbekistan Airways, Belavia, Emirates and Finnair were among foreign ones. (Based on the materials of VVSS)

In January-April 2022, St. Petersburg transport organizations transported 5795 thousand tons of cargo (17% higher than in the same period of 2021) and 161.8 million passengers (6% higher than in the same period of 2021). At the same time, cargo turnover amounted to 1767.5 million ton-km (28.5% lower than in January-April 2021), and passenger turnover – 1012.2 million passenger-km (14.8% higher than in January-April 2021). The number of road accidents in January-April 2022 amounted to 1155, which is 23.5% lower than the level of the same period in 2021. The number of accidents involving children under 16 years of age was 92 in January-April 2022, which is 38.3% lower than the level of January-April 2021. (According to Petrostat)

In the summer of 2022, St. Petersburg State Unitary Enterprise "Passagiravtotrans" announced auctions for the purchase of 50 large-class buses (with a capacity of about 100 people) running on diesel fuel, with a total cost of 998 million rubles. It is expected that the delivery of new buses will be carried out in October 2022. The routes to which the new buses are supposed to be sent will be finalized after they are received. In total, in 2022, it is planned to purchase more than 207 buses of the brands "LiAZ", "NefAZ" and "MAZ" with a total cost of 3.9 billion rubles. (According to the materials of "Delovoy Peterburg")

By the end of 2022, SUE "TEK SPb" plans to complete the repair and reconstruction of 41.2 km of worn-out heating networks (5% of the total length of networks in the district) and intra-block networks in the Primorsky district of St. Petersburg. The total cost of the work is more than 1 billion rubles. (Based on the materials of SUE "TEK SPb")

MAJOR CITY PROJECTS

The Administration of St. Petersburg has received an infrastructure loan from the federal budget for the construction of two lines of the St. Petersburg metro. The total amount of the loan is 8

billion rubles, of which 6.3 billion rubles were allocated for the construction of the continuation of the Krasnoselsko-Kalininskaya line (Putilovskaya and Kazakovskaya stations), and 1.7 billion rubles for the construction of the section of the Lakhtinsko-Pravoberezhnaya line. The construction of these two lines is aimed at increasing the transport accessibility of the southwestern districts of the city, as well as of the Vasiliesky Island. (Based on Interfax materials)



7. REAL ESTATE

HOUSING AND CIVIL CONSTRUCTION

In October 2022, 160 houses for 8341 square meters (353349.20 square meters of housing), including individual construction (IHS), were put into operation in St. Petersburg. At the same time, most of all - 7 houses appeared in the Primorsky district. In addition, in October, 14 objects of general civil purpose were commissioned in St. Petersburg. Among them, there is a kindergarten for 140 places in the Primorsky district, a guest house in the Krasnogvardeysky district and an administrative public and business complex with an underground parking lot in the Central District.

In November, more than 157 thousand square meters of housing were commissioned in the city, 35 houses for 1992 apartments, including individual construction in four districts of the city: Primorskiy, Admiralteyskiy, Petrodvortsovy, Petrogradskiy. The largest amount of housing was commissioned in the Primorsky district: 1575 apartments were commissioned with a total area of 80117.6 sq. meters. In addition, 23 objects of general purpose have been put into operation. These are preschool educational organizations in the Vasileostrovsky district for 220 seats, in the Frunzensky district for 350 seats, in the Kolpinsky district for 220 seats, an apartment building with built-in premises and a built-in parking garage and a kindergarten in the Vyborg district.

In total, as of December 1, 2022, 3.055 million sq. meters of housing were commissioned in St. Petersburg. For 2022, the value of the target indicator of the volume of housing construction for St. Petersburg is 3.415 million m².

Since the beginning of 2022, - a total of 400 thousand sq. meters of new warehouse space has been introduced in the city. (nsp.ru)

CO-INVESTORS

On December 5, Russian President Vladimir Putin signed the law "On the Federal Budget for 2023 and for the planning period 2024-2025". The Government Commission approved the Federal Targeted Investment Program (FAIP) for 2023-2025 with a forecast period for 2026-2027, prepared by the Ministry of Construction of Russia in

accordance with an order of the President of the Russian Federation.

At a meeting of the Government Commission, Konstantin Timofeev, Executive Director of the PPK "Territorial Development Fund", made a report on the implementation of the program for restoring the rights of defrauded co-investors. He has noted that the problem of deceived co-investors is solved both by the regions independently, according to the approved "road maps", and with the involvement of the mechanisms of the Territorial Development Fund.

Following the results of the report, Marat Khusnullin instructed the heads of the regions to submit updated "road maps" to the TDF by December 30, indicating the implemented measures, the stages of their execution and deadlines, as well as additional plans to prevent the emergence of new problematic objects from among those that today, according to the results of monitoring, they are at risk. He called on the governors to personally keep such construction sites under control and strengthen the interaction of working groups with law enforcement agencies and the Fund.

During a direct line on December 10, Governor Alexander Beglov said that in 2023 it is planned to complete all problem houses with defrauded co-investors. "By the beginning of 2022, 54 houses were completed. There were 15 problematic objects left. Now we are completing ten of them. In 2023, we will introduce the remaining five," he said.

According to the Smolny, as of 2019, there were 1 million sq. meters of unfinished housing in the city. The city authorities have attracted new developers to complete the problematic facilities (bsn.ru).

The Government of St. Petersburg will create a register of unfinished capital construction projects. The relevant bill was approved by the parliamentarians in the third reading, the press service of the Legislative Assembly of the city reports. Smolny is given the authority to conduct the register.

During the discussion of the bill, the deputies noted that there were about 1500 long-term construction projects in St. Petersburg, including social infrastructure facilities. According to the parliamentarians, the criminogenic situation is noticeably deteriorating in the territories of delayed construction. Maintaining the register will allow the city to make "operational decisions" on unfinished buildings (RBC).

In St. Petersburg, with the assistance of the Construction Committee, the construction of another "problematic" house in the Pushkin district was completed. The residential complex "Bastion" is a low-rise club-type residential complex located at the address: Pavlovsk, Hospitalnaya ul., 20, bldg. 1, lit. A., which the company "R. K. G." began to build on a plot leased back in 2003. However, the developer went bankrupt, and in 2007, the construction was frozen. The object was transferred for

completion to the Bastion HOA created by shareholders. In 2015, the HOA attracted the development holding "LenSpetsStroy" for completion.

The residential complex "Bastion" consists of five 3-storey brick-monolithic buildings. The total area of the leased real estate is 5411 sq. m. In the houses there are 28 apartments of various planning solutions and square footage. Parking spaces are provided in the basement.

TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT, REGULATION

According to the Ministry of Construction of the Russian Federation, on December 12, methods for the formation of a unified urban planning policy in agglomerations were presented at the Ministry.

The development of methods is done by "Unified Institute of Spatial Planning of the Russian Federation" (UIPP RF) under the leadership of the Deputy Minister of Construction and Housing of the Russian Federation Sergey Muzychenko. The interim results were reviewed at an interdepartmental meeting with the participation of representatives of federal authorities, subjects of the Russian Federation, DOM.RF, experts from the Russian Academy of Architecture and Construction Sciences, Moscow State University, MADU and the Center for Strategic Research Foundation.

Nikolay Kikava, Deputy Director of the "Unified Institute of Spatial Planning of the Russian Federation", reported on the specific results of scientific research to the meeting participants. In particular, it was about the approach to defining the boundaries of agglomerations, in the development of which advanced domestic and foreign experience was used. The proposed methodology makes it possible to establish the boundaries of agglomeration by analyzing social, labor, economic, industrial, recreational and transport links between territories.

Another large-scale research work of the Institute is related to the development of a methodology for determining the urban potential of territories within the boundaries of agglomerations, providing planning of optimal settlement schemes and places of employment, as well as the formation of conditions for sustainable economic and social development of territories.

It is based on methods of economic and mathematical modeling of optimal parameters of urban development of territories that ensure sustainable socio-economic development, the growth of budgetary self-sufficiency of the subjects of the Russian Federation, including agglomerations, as well as the financial feasibility of the proposed urban planning solutions.

In addition, a system of crosscutting indicators was presented, which takes into account the provisions of the documents of the strategic planning of the Russian Federation in the field of spatial, socio-economic and other sectoral development.

As reported on October 7 by Kvadrat.ru, funds have been allocated from the federal budget to St. Petersburg to provide an infrastructure

budget loan totaling 8011.267 million rubles for the implementation of two projects:

- construction of the Krasnoselsko-Kalininskaya metro line from the Kazakovskaya station to the Obvodny Kanal-2 station with the Krasnoselskoye electric depot, including design, and a section from the station "Kazakovskaya" to the station "Putilovskaya" in the amount of 6264.949 million rubles;

- construction of the Lakhtinsko-Pravoberezhnaya metro line from the Spasskaya station to the Morskoy Fasad station (1st launch complex from the Spasskaya station to the Bolshoy Prospekt station) in the amount of 1746.318 million rubles.

The corresponding resolution of the Government of St. Petersburg was signed by Governor A. Beglov.

The City Law on the integrated development of territories (KRT) of panel Khrushchevskas built in 1957-1970 was adopted by the city Legislature at the end of June this year. At the same time, discontent among residents of these neighborhoods with developed infrastructure began, which, according to the law, can be relocated to any areas of the city, including the outskirts of the city. In August, the first court claim was filed in St. Petersburg to invalidate the regional law on the KRT. According to the calculations of deputies, about a million citizens may potentially be affected by the renovation. At a meeting on October 12 of the Legislative Assembly of St. Petersburg, a bill on suspending the operation of certain provisions of the law on complex development of territories until 2024 was adopted immediately in the second and final, third reading. Governor Alexander Beglov signed the Law of St. Petersburg "On suspension of certain Provisions of the Law of St. Petersburg "On Urban Development in St. Petersburg" in terms of complex development of residential development in St. Petersburg".

The signed law suspends the effect of articles 14.3 – 14.5 of the Law of St. Petersburg "On Urban Development Activities in St. Petersburg". These articles contain:

- criteria for classifying apartment buildings that are not recognized as emergency and are subject to demolition or reconstruction, to multi-apartment buildings, in respect of which the integrated development of the territory of residential development is carried out;

- the procedure for determining the boundaries of a residential territory subject to complex development;

- the procedure for implementing the decision on the complex development of the residential area;

- the deadline for holding the specified general meetings of owners of multi-apartment buildings that are not recognized as emergency and subject to demolition or reconstruction and included in the draft decision on the integrated development of residential territories.

The suspension of these provisions will allow to further work out the conditions that the residential

development area subject to integrated development should meet, as well as determine the need for amendments, including to federal legislation.



8. INVESTMENT PROJECTS

According to Petrostat, the volume of investments in the fixed capital of St. Petersburg organizations in January-September 2022 amounted to 546.7 billion rubles or 92% compared to the corresponding period last year.

The specific structure of investments in fixed capital is presented as follows:

- 45.5% is directed to machinery and equipment, including household inventory, and other objects;
- 29.0% – buildings (except residential) and equipment, land improvement costs;
- 15.5% - residential buildings and premises;
- 6.7% – intellectual property objects;
- 3.2% - other.

In the structure of investments by sources of financing, 63.0% were own funds, 37.0% were attracted, of which bank loans amounted to 10.4%, budgetary funds -18.6%, investments from abroad - 0%.

An innovative regional vascular center has been opened in the new building of the Alexandrovskaya Hospital

The center, equipped with the most modern equipment, will have cardiological and neurological departments, a vascular surgery department, two intensive care and intensive care units plus a block for three operating rooms.

Complex logistics has been thought out for patients with heart attacks and strokes. A comfortable environment and barrier-free environment have been created on all floors.

In St. Petersburg, Chaynaya Lozhka pancake chain has started working again on Gorokhovaya Street

The company plans to open about 30 establishments in 2023, the main bet is on affordable prices not only for buyers, but also for small business entrepreneurs when buying a franchise. Investments in the opening of a pancake house on Gorokhovaya ulitsa are estimated at 3 million rubles.

The company "Lonopharm", owned by "Grotex" (Solopharm), will build a complex for the production of medicines in the Special Economic Zone of St. Petersburg.

The new Solopharm site will be focused on the production of drugs for the hospital segment - plasma replacement and perfusion solutions, drugs for anesthesia, BSS solutions (used in ophthalmological operations). Investments in the project will amount to 3.8 billion rubles.

The first Russian multi-charging station for electric cars has opened in St.Petersburg

The station, developed by the Power Machines Company, is located in the parking lot of the Lenta hypermarket on Ligovsky Prospekt. The modular design makes it possible to assemble the capacity for specific infrastructure needs. Specialists can also remotely monitor the technical condition of the station. The company is preparing to launch serial production of stations; their cost is estimated in the range from 1.3 to 3.2 million rubles.

Nevsky Ecological Operator has opened its first waste recycling complex in St. Petersburg

The capacity of the first stage of Volkhonka complex is 200 thousand tons per year. The waste coming here will be sorted, thanks to which it will be possible to select fractions suitable for secondary use: PET, aluminum, iron, polyethylene, polypropylene, glass, waste paper, etc. In the future, the regional operator is considering the possibility of creating its own enterprises for the processing of plastics, as well as, possibly, other fractions. In the future, the NEO plans to make an alternative fuel from part of the waste, which may be supplied to cement plants. The reconstruction of real estate objects for the launch of the first stage cost about 400 million rubles. The second stage of the Volkhonka complex with a capacity of 400 thousand tons, according to plans, will begin approximately in a year. In the future, the construction of another plant in the city (in Levashovo) and three in the Leningrad region (on the site of the spent quarries "Dubrovka", "Ostrovsky" and "Brandovka"). The total capacity of all enterprises should be 3 million tons. This will be enough not only for St. Petersburg waste, but also for the waste of the Leningrad region. The total investment volume will be at least 30 billion rubles.

The operator of express delivery SDEK has opened a specialized sorting center on Sofiyskaya ulitsa in St. Petersburg.

A robotic sorting system is operating at Sofiyskaya ulitsa, on which 95 Geek+ S20C robots are "working" and which processes more than 4 thousand shipments per hour. According to preliminary calculations, the throughput capacity of the sorting center will double as a result.

The robots allow not only to speed up the processing of shipments, but also save warehouse space, they can sort both incoming and outgoing cargo traffic. The company emphasizes that their robotic warehouse is the first of its kind in Russia. Investments in construction amounted to 726.5 million rubles.

The opening of the food hall Vokzal 1853 took place in the building of the former Warsaw Railway Station

This is the largest gastronomic space in St. Petersburg, a project of the Adamant holding company and restaurateur Alexey Vasilchuk. The

launch took place in a technical mode, in the future more than 90 restaurant concepts will be available for visitors, and the total area of the food hall will be about 34 thousand sq. meters. It is also planned to open a concert venue, craft shops and co-working there. The cost of renovation of the former railway station exceeded 1.5 billion rubles.



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