

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC SITUATION IN ST. PETERSBURG



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1. CITY MANAGEMENT

APPOINTMENTS, GOVERNMENT COUNCILS

Changes in the Government of St. Petersburg

On February 6, 2024, Governor A. Beglov signed a decree on the dismissal of S. Dregval from the position of Vice-governor of St. Petersburg. The reason for the dismissal was the official's own request. S. Dregval has been working in the executive bodies of state power since 2020, and before that he was the General Director, Chairman of the Management Board of «IDGC of the Urals». From 2020 to 2021, he served as an advisor to the Governor of St. Petersburg, in 2021 he was appointed Vice-Governor, responsible for energy development and tariff regulation. After his dismissal from the post of Vice-Governor, S. Dregval took the post of the First Deputy Director General of «Inter RAO – Electric Generation» JSC.

In accordance with the decree of the Governor of St. Petersburg dated February 19, 2024, S. Kropachev was appointed to the post of Vice-Governor of St. Petersburg. In the area of responsibility of S. Kropachev is the coordination and control of the work of the Committee on Tariffs and the Committee on Energy and Engineering. In the period 2011-2024, S. Kropachev worked at JSC «St. Petersburg Sales Company», since 2019 - as the Director General. According to a number of media reports, Kropachev is the son of the rector of St. Petersburg State University N. Kropachev.

A meeting of the Operational Staff on security issues

The meeting was held in Smolny on January 18, 2024, under the chairmanship of Governor A. Beglov. The meeting was dedicated to the security situation in St. Petersburg.

A meeting on the development of the St. Petersburg agglomeration

The meeting was held on January 27, 2024, under the chairmanship of Russian President Vladimir Putin. The meeting was also attended by: Deputy Prime Ministers of Russia M. Khusnullin, A. Novak and T. Golikova, Minister of Economic Development M. Reshetnikov, Governors of St. Petersburg and the Leningrad Region A. Beglov and A. Drozdenko, Chairman of the Management Board of Gazprom A. Miller, General Director-Chairman of the Management Board of Russian Railways O. Belozеров. The meeting considered various aspects of the development of cooperation between St. Petersburg and the Leningrad region.

The President of Russia has met the Governor of St. Petersburg

The meeting took place on January 30, 2024 at the Konstantin Palace. The Governor of St. Petersburg, A. Beglov, reported to Russian President Vladimir Putin on the socio-economic situation in the city. The focus was on the most important areas of St. Petersburg's development related to solving the problems of import substitution, achieving technological sovereignty, eliminating the deficit of social infrastructure facilities, landscaping and creating public spaces, and building new metro stations. The Governor thanked the President for his help and support in solving the problems of St. Petersburg's development.

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

The meeting was held in Smolny on February 28, 2024, under the chairmanship of Governor A. Beglov. During the meeting, it was noted that the environment remained controlled and stable in St. Petersburg. The meeting participants discussed issues of ensuring security during the presidential elections, as well as preventing terrorism and countering the spread of ideas of terrorism and Nazism among young people.

An expanded board of the Management of the Federal Tax Service in St. Petersburg

The work of the board took place on March 1, 2024. The board was attended by the Governor of St. Petersburg A. Beglov, Chairman of the Legislative Assembly of St. Petersburg A. Belsky, Deputy Head of the Federal Tax Service of Russia K. Chekmyshev, Head of the Federal Tax Service of Russia for St. Petersburg A. Gnedych, Prosecutor of St. Petersburg V. Melnik, representatives of other city and federal authorities. The meeting participants summed up the results of the work in 2023 and outlined plans for the current year. It was noted at the board that by the end of 2023, the city budget received 1,147 billion rubles. The share of taxes was 90%. The city authorities have set themselves the task of increasing the revenue side of the budget to 1,5 trillion rubles by 2026.

An extended meeting of the St. Petersburg Anti-Drug Commission

The meeting was held on March 20, 2024, under the chairmanship of the Governor of St. Petersburg A. Beglov in the remote format. The meeting participants reviewed the situation with the distribution and consumption of narcotic drugs in 2023. In addition, the meeting summed up the results of the implementation of measures provided for in the List of priority areas of the Strategy of the State Anti-Drug Policy of Russia for the period up to 2030. During the meeting, it was noted that the situation

in the city in the area under consideration was stable and there were trends in reducing the spread of drug addiction.

LEGISLATION

Amendments have been made to the Law of St. Petersburg on the agreements on international cooperation and foreign economic relations

The Law of St. Petersburg No. 40-6 of February 7, 2024 amended the Law of St. Petersburg No. 420-68 of June 18, 2008 "On the agreements on international cooperation and foreign economic relations". An additional article "Initialing of draft agreements" is included in the text. According to the provisions of the article, draft agreements of St. Petersburg, agreements of the Government of St. Petersburg, agreements of the Legislative Assembly of St. Petersburg and agreements of executive bodies may be initialed (pre-approved) if an agreement has been reached between the parties. The Governor of St. Petersburg, the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly of St. Petersburg initialize draft agreements of St. Petersburg, agreements of the Government of St. Petersburg without presenting credentials. Other persons may initialize these draft agreements on the basis of the powers granted by the Governor of St. Petersburg.

Amendments to the Law of St. Petersburg on the turnover of alcoholic and alcohol-containing products

The Law of St. Petersburg dated February 7, 2024 No. 36-4 amended the Law of St. Petersburg dated February 5, 2014 No. 50-5 "On the turnover of alcoholic and alcohol-containing products in St. Petersburg". It has been established that the above-mentioned Law applies to the regulation of the retail sale of alcoholic beverages as a part of catering services.

Amendments and additions have been made to the Social Code of St. Petersburg

The Law of St. Petersburg dated February 7, 2024 No. 38-5 amended the Law of St. Petersburg dated November 9, 2011 No. 728-132 "Social Code of St. Petersburg". The amendments relate to the social protection of children who have lost both parents or a single parent during their studies. The provisions of the Law have been brought into line with federal legislation. The measures of support for orphans, children left without parental care, persons from among orphans and children left without parental care, as well as persons who lost both parents or a single parent during the period of education, have been clarified and supplemented.

A law has been adopted on the procedure for using budgetary funds to finance cultural heritage sites

The provisions of the Law of St. Petersburg dated February 14, 2024 No. 60-11 "On the procedure for the use of funds from the budget of St. Petersburg, additionally allocated to ensure the exercise of the powers of the Russian Federation in the field of conservation, use, promotion and state protection of cultural heritage objects transferred for implementation to the public authorities of St. Petersburg" stipulate that the amount of funds from the budget of St. Petersburg, additionally directed to ensure the exercise of the powers of the Russian Federation in the field of conservation, use, popularization and state protection of cultural heritage objects, is established by the law of St. Petersburg on the budget of St. Petersburg for the next financial year and for the planning period. The control of the proper use of budgetary funds, additionally allocated to ensure the implementation of the above-mentioned powers, is carried out by state financial control bodies in accordance with the requirements of budget legislation.

The Plan of normative work of the executive bodies of state power of St. Petersburg for 2024

The plan of normative work was approved by the decree of the Government of St. Petersburg dated February 14, 2024 No. 4-rp. The plan includes measures to update the legal framework of St. Petersburg and amend the Urban Planning Code of the Russian Federation. The plan is in a tabular form containing information about the working title of the draft legal act, the responsible developer, the timing of submitting the project for review, and the brief outline of the regulation.

Amendments have been made to the city Law on the Commissioner for Children's Rights

The Law of St. Petersburg No. 44-8 of February 15, 2024 amended the Law of St. Petersburg "On the Commissioner for the Rights of the Child in St. Petersburg". According to the amendments, a citizen of Russia at least 30 years old, permanently residing in Russia, who does not have citizenship (citizenship) of a foreign state or a residence permit or other document confirming the right to permanent residence in the territory of a foreign state, may be appointed to the post of the Commissioner. The citizen appointed to the above position must have an impeccable reputation, higher education and work experience in the implementation and protection of the rights and legitimate interests of children, restoration of the violated rights and legitimate interests of children, and experience in human rights activities.

The powers of the city Government in the field of housing construction have been clarified

In accordance with the Law of St. Petersburg dated February 20, 2024 No. 87-19, the Law of St. Petersburg dated February 3, 2010 No. 38-21

"On Measures to implement the Federal Law "On Assistance to the Development of Housing Construction" was amended. The provisions of the Law define the powers exercised by the Government of St. Petersburg.

Amendments have been made to the Law of St. Petersburg on the organization of local self-government

In accordance with the Law of St. Petersburg dated February 20, 2024 No. 81-16, amendments were made to the Law of St. Petersburg "On the Organization of Local Self-government in St. Petersburg". According to the changes, the obligation to clean the coverings of the territories of children's and sports grounds is excluded from the list of issues of local importance of municipal districts.

A law has been adopted on the verification of the reliability and completeness of information submitted by citizens applying for senior positions in municipal institutions

The provisions of the Law of St. Petersburg No. 77-14 of February 20, 2024 regulate the procedure for verifying the reliability and completeness of information on income, property and property obligations submitted by citizens applying for positions of heads of municipal institutions in St. Petersburg. The provisions of the Law relate to municipal institutions established by inner-city municipal entities of St. Petersburg.

The mask regime was canceled at medical and social institutions of St. Petersburg

The basis is the resolution of the Chief State Sanitary Doctor for St. Petersburg dated February 21, 2024 No. 1. The abolition of the mask regime will be introduced from February 22, 2024.

Municipal councils of two municipal districts have been dissolved in St. Petersburg

In accordance with the Laws of St. Petersburg dated March 21, 2024 No. 172-39 and 172-40, the representative bodies (municipal councils) of the inner-city municipal formations Smolninskoye and Ligovka-Yamskaya are subject to dissolution. The reason for the dissolution was the facts established by the Court that the municipal councils had not held competent meetings in the competent structures for 3 months in a row.

The powers of the Notary Chamber of St. Petersburg have been clarified

In accordance with the Law of St. Petersburg dated March 26, 2024 No. 176-43, amendments were made to the Law of St. Petersburg "On the organization of the activities of notaries in St. Petersburg". The provisions of the Law determine that the Notary Chamber annually establishes the size of regional tariffs that are mandatory for notaries to apply, not exceeding the maximum size of regional tariffs established by the Federal Notary Chamber. The Notary Chamber places information

on the approved size of regional tariffs on its official website on the Internet.

MEETINGS, COOPERATION

St. Petersburg strengthens cooperation with Gazprom

On January 11, 2024, the meeting of the Interdepartmental Council for the Implementation of the Cooperation Agreement between St. Petersburg and Gazprom was held. The meeting was held by the Governor of St. Petersburg A. Beglov and the Chairman of the Board of Gazprom A. Miller. During the meeting, the progress of the implementation of the Program of Cooperation between the city and the largest Russian gas company, signed at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum 2022, was considered. The cooperation program includes more than 60 projects in the areas of creating public and business spaces and landscaping, 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.

Commemorative and festive events dedicated to the 80th anniversary of the complete liberation of Leningrad from the Siege were held

On January 27, 1944, Leningrad was completely liberated from the Siege, which was organized by the German fascist troops and their allies. Leningrad was besieged completely on September 8, 1941. The Lake Ladoga became the only way to connect the city with the rest of the territory of the USSR, which was not occupied by the enemy. Hundreds of thousands of Leningrad residents became victims of mass starvation, cold, barbaric shelling and bombing. The duration of the Siege was 872 days until September 1944. A large number of commemorative and festive events were timed to the 80th anniversary of the complete liberation of Leningrad from the Siege. The leaders of the country and the city congratulated the residents of Leningrad / St. Petersburg on the memorable date. The plenary session of the XXIX International Congress of the Siege survivors was held in Smolny. It was attended by about 140 delegates who arrived in St. Petersburg from Russian regions and foreign countries. A solemn funeral ceremony of laying wreaths and flowers took place at the Piskarevsky Memorial Cemetery, which was attended by representatives of government authorities, organizations of the Siege survivors, the diplomatic corps, and public organizations. The Lenrezerv patriotic association hosted a meeting of the city's leadership with representatives of Russian regions and foreign countries participating in events dedicated to the 80th anniversary of the complete liberation of Leningrad from the Siege. Festive concerts took place, and the sky of the evening city was illuminated by fireworks.

Improving the quality of industrial engineering personnel training were discussed in St. Petersburg

On January 29, 2024, a meeting with the heads of state authorities, industrial enterprises, scientific and educational organizations was held at the St. Petersburg Maritime Technical University under the chairmanship of the Secretary of the Russian Security Council N. Patrushev. The meeting was attended by the governors of St. Petersburg and the Leningrad Region A. Beglov and A. Drozdenko, as well as the Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Navy N. Evmenov.

The Governor met with representatives of ethnic cultural associations of St. Petersburg

The meeting was held on February 6, 2024 in Smolny. The Chairman of the Legislative Assembly, A. Belsky, also took part in the conversation. Governor A. Beglov thanked representatives of ethnic cultural associations for their joint work for the benefit of the city. The Governor noted that St. Petersburg has been a multinational city throughout its history. Today, representatives of more than 173 ethnicities live in the city.

In St. Petersburg, the issues of creating a tourist cluster "Gorskaya" were considered

On February 9, 2024, Deputy Chairman of the Government of Russia D. Chernyshenko held a meeting in St. Petersburg on the implementation of a project for the development of a tourist territory on the coast of the Gulf of Finland near the intersection of the Primorsky Highway with the Ring Road and the Gorskaya railway station. January 23, 2024 JSC "Corporation Tourism RF" has concluded an investment agreement on the implementation of the project. A master plan and urban planning documentation are being prepared. The work in Gorskaya is part of the large-scale project "Five Seas". Hotels, a large marina for parking yachts, an embankment and a walking park area, a swimming pool with water attractions will be built in the Gorskaya area. At least 7 thousand employees are required to maintain these facilities.

The Governor of St. Petersburg has visited Pskov region

On February 13, 2024, Governor A. Beglov has visited the Pskov region. During the visit, the Governor of the Northern Capital met with the Governor of the Pskov region M. Vedernikov and visited the Museum of Partisans' Glory in Dedovichi village. The museum was created with the assistance of St. Petersburg and is a branch of the State Memorial Museum of the Defense and Siege of Leningrad. A. Beglov met with veterans of the Great Patriotic War and residents of besieged Leningrad living in the Pskov region. The director of the State Memorial Museum of Defense and Siege of Leningrad, E. Lezik, also took part in the event. During

the visit, a Roadmap for the development of cooperation between St. Petersburg and the Pskov Region for 2024-2027 was signed.

St. Petersburg Polytechnic University celebrates the 125th anniversary of its foundation

As part of the celebration, a solemn meeting of the Academic Council was held on February 19, 2024. It was attended by the Rector of the Polytechnic A. Rudskoy, the representative of the President of Russia in the Northwestern Federal District A. Gutsan, the Governor of St. Petersburg A. Beglov, the Director General of the State Hermitage Museum, Honorary citizen of St. Petersburg M. Piotrovsky and other officials. During the meeting, the Polytechnic University's great role in training highly professional personnel and conducting scientific research and development was noted.

St. Petersburg strengthens cooperation with Belarus

On February 21, 2024, the Governor of St. Petersburg, A. Beglov, held a working meeting in Smolny with the State Secretary of the Union State of Russia and Belarus, D. Mezentsev. During the conversation, the directions of cooperation between St. Petersburg and Belarus were discussed. The issues of implementing the Program of trade, economic, scientific, technical and humanitarian cooperation were considered. The program was signed in March 2022 by the Governor of St. Petersburg A. Beglov and the Prime Minister of the Republic of Belarus R. Golovchenko during the work of the XII Business Cooperation Council.

The VIII International Labor Forum

The work of the Forum took place in the period of February 20-22, 2024. The venues of the forum's events were: The Taurida Palace, the St. Petersburg State University and the Expoforum Exhibition Center. The main theme of the forum is "Labor, employment, human capital: new challenges and new solutions". The forum was attended by over 7.5 thousand people from 85 Russian regions and more than 20 foreign countries. The President of Russia sent greetings to the forum. The forum participants discussed the situation on the labor market, issues of personnel management, the use of artificial intelligence, labor protection, vocational education and advanced training, and reviewed the best practices of labor market regulation.

St. Petersburg State University celebrates the 300th anniversary of its foundation

As part of the celebration, a solemn meeting of the Academic Council of St. Petersburg State University was held on February 26, 2024. The Governor of St. Petersburg, A. Beglov, took part in the meeting. During the meeting, the great role of St. Petersburg State University in the training of highly professional personnel and conducting scientific research was noted. St. Petersburg State

University was founded on February 8, 1724 simultaneously with the Academy of Sciences. There are 9 Nobel Prize laureates among the graduates of St. Petersburg State University. Today, 27 thousand students from 100 countries of the world study and 12 thousand employees work at St. Petersburg State University. Governor A. Beglov presented the Rector of St. Petersburg State University N. To Kropachev the badge of honor "For service to St. Petersburg".

St. Petersburg and Moscow strengthen cooperation in the field of healthcare

On February 29, 2024, the Governor of St. Petersburg, A. Beglov, and the Mayor of Moscow, S. Sobyanin, signed an Agreement on cooperation in the implementation of measures for the introduction of information technologies in inpatient medical organizations of the state health system of St. Petersburg. Moscow specialists will help to use the positive experience of the capital in the use of information technologies in the work of clinics and hospitals in the Northern capital of Russia.

The annual congress of the Council of Municipal Formations of St. Petersburg

The work of the congress was held on March 1, 2024 at the Moskovsky Cultural Center. The congress was attended by: the Governor A. Beglov, the Chairman of the Legislative Assembly A. Belsky, the Prosecutor of St. Petersburg V. Melnik, the Federal inspector for St. Petersburg T. Kubrakova and the chairman of the All-Russian Association for the Development of Local Self-Government I. Guseva, representatives of the Legislature, heads of executive bodies of state power and bodies local government. The participants of the congress summed up the results of the activities of local governments of St. Petersburg in 2023 and defined the tasks for 2024.

The Governor held a working meeting with the plenipotentiary representative of the President of Russia in the Northwestern Federal District

At the working meeting held on March 11, 2024, A. Beglov and A. Gutsan discussed the issues of the city's readiness to host the elections of the President of Russia.

The Governor of St. Petersburg held a meeting with the Chairman of the State Fund for the Support of the SMO participants "Defenders of the Fatherland"

At the meeting held on March 13, 2024, A. Beglov and A. Tsvileva discussed the work of the St. Petersburg branch of the "Defenders of the Fatherland" Fund. During the conversation, it was noted that during the 9 months of their work, the staff of the St. Petersburg branch of the fund provided assistance to 8 thousand citizens who asked for support.

The Governor of St. Petersburg held a working meeting with the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation

At the working meeting held on March 16, 2024, A. Beglov and T. Moskalkova discussed the implementation of citizens' electoral rights during the ongoing presidential elections in Russia. The chairman of the St. Petersburg Election Commission, M. Meiksin, took part in the conversation.

The Governor of St. Petersburg held a meeting with the Minister of Science and Higher Education of Russia

At the meeting held on March 22, 2024, Governor A. Beglov and Minister V. Falkov discussed the development of higher education and science. The world-class university campuses construction program was at the center of attention. The federal authorities have approved 17 similar projects. A total of 40 campuses are to be built in Russia. In St. Petersburg, work is underway to create 4 campuses as part of scientific and technological centers of universities: ITMO University Highpark, Primorsky Valley of the Technical University, the Technopolis of Peter the Great Polytechnic University and Nevsky Delta of St. Petersburg State University.

The Governor of St. Petersburg held a meeting with the curator of the regional branch of the All-Russian movement "Volunteer Company of the Combat Brotherhood"

The meeting took place on March 26, 2024 in Smolny. Governor A. Beglov and A. Amelin discussed the issues of assistance to new Russian regions and to the participants of the SMO. The Governor noted that over 150 tons of humanitarian supplies were sent from St. Petersburg to the SMO zone.

The Governor of St. Petersburg held a meeting with the Metropolitan of Murmansk and Monchegorsk

At the meeting held on March 29, 2024, Governor A. Beglov and Metropolitan Mitrofan discussed the possibility of holding the III Alexander Nevsky All-Russian Sports Games and the Faith and Sport Forum in 2025 in St. Petersburg. According to the established tradition, teams of various traditional faiths will be able to participate in the competitions. St. Petersburg has experience in holding such competitions. This year, the 9th interfaith Spartakiad will be held in the city.

International Educational Forum in St. Petersburg

The work of the forum "Creating the future of Today" took place on March 25-29, 2024. More than 35 thousand employees of the Russian education system participated in it (including remote training). The plenary session, held in the Atrium of the

building of the Main Headquarters of the State Hermitage Museum, was attended by the Governor of St. Petersburg A. Beglov.

The Governor of St. Petersburg held a working meeting with the General Director of JSC Dom. RF

The meeting took place on March 29, 2024 in Smolny. A. Beglov and V. Mutko discussed the implementation of the Agreement of Intent between St. Petersburg and JSC Dom. RF. The agreement was signed in 2022 as part of the work of the St. Petersburg Economic Forum. Among the areas of cooperation are the construction of transport, engineering and communal infrastructure facilities - for example, the creation of a high-speed tram service along the Kupchino – Shushary - Slavyanka route, the replacement of elevators in residential buildings, etc.



2. EMPLOYMENT

In December 2023, 1586.6 thousand people worked at large and medium-sized enterprises. In the structure of employment, 93.4% were full-time employees, 2.2% were by-workers and 4.4% of the total number of employees were hired under civil law contracts.

Compared to the previous month, the number of full-time employees increased by 0.1%, the number of by-workers increased by 0.6%, and the number of employees hired under contracts decreased by 0.9%

In January-December 2023, the number of employees at these enterprises increased by 0.7% compared to the same period in 2022. The number of full-time employees remained the same over the same period. The number of by-workers decreased by 0.8%, the number of employees working under contracts increased by 26.7%.

In December 2023, the largest number of occupied jobs were 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. 47.7% of all employees at large and medium-sized enterprises of the city worked in the public sector of the economy.

In November 2023 - January 2024, the number of economically active population (EAN) amounted to 3,264.3 thousand people, including 3,215.2 thousand employed and 49.1 thousand unemployed. Persons outside the labor force accounted for 1,541.7 thousand people. During the period under review, the employment rate was 66.9% (the share of the number of employed in the total population aged 15 to 72 years), the level of

economic activity was 67.9% (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 discharging in the first quarter of 2024 in St. Petersburg organizations (without small businesses) amounted to 1,236 people or 0.08% of the total number of employees of St. Petersburg organizations (without small businesses) in December 2023. At the same time, the number of required employees for vacant jobs at the end of the fourth quarter of 2023 in St. Petersburg organizations (excluding small businesses) amounted to 133.2 thousand people.

In January 2024, the need of Petersburg enterprises for employees amounted to 51.2 thousand people (Table 1).

The tension in the labor market (the number of unemployed citizens registered with the Employment Service, per vacancy) at the end of February 2024 amounted to 0.24 people /vacancy (at the beginning of 2024 – 0.27 people /vacancy).

According to the Employment Service, as of 02/29/2024, the largest number of vacancies were declared by organizations related to the following types of economic activity: manufacturing - 17.4%; wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles - 9.0%; education - 9.0%; professional, scientific and technical - 7.2%; activities in the field of healthcare and social services - 7.0%; transportation and storage - 5.7%; activities of hotels and catering enterprises - 5.7%; construction - 5.4%; real estate transactions - 5.0%; administrative activities and related additional services - 4.9%; public administration and military security; social security - 3.5%.

In February 2024, as in the same period last year, turners, tractor drivers and automobile drivers remain the most in demand among the specialists of working specialties that fell into the top ten of the scarce ones. Compared to the same period in 2023, the rating of turners in the top ten qualified specialists has increased, the rating of car drivers and tractor drivers has decreased. In February 2024 new professions have appeared in the rating of sought-for specialists: assemblers of metal hulls, milling machines, electric and gas welders, installers of external pipelines, loader drivers, roofers on steel roofs and concrete workers. (<http://ktzn.gov.spb.ru/analiticheskaya-informaciya/>).

According to the Superjob portal, in 2023, the demand for staff in St. Petersburg increased by more than a third over the year (+37%), and the resumes number became a little less (minus 5%). The competition for vacancies decreased by 31% (<https://www.superjob.ru/research/>).

TABLE 1. St. Petersburg enterprises' demand for workforce, January 2022 –January 2024

| 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 |
| November | 24,5 | 0,8 | 133,3 | 88,9 |
| December | 22,4 | 0,8 | 100 | 88,9 |
| January 2023 | 15,1 | 1,1 | 137,5 | 122,2 |
| February | 15,1 | 1,1 | 100 | 122,2 |
| March | 19,9 | 0,9 | 81,8 | 100 |
| April | 20,9 | 0,8 | 88,9 | 72,7 |
| May | 25,7 | 0,7 | 87,5 | 77,8 |
| June | 26,2 | 0,7 | 100 | 77,8 |
| July | 24,5 | 0,6 | 85,7 | 75,0 |
| August | 24,3 | 0,6 | 100 | 66,7 |
| September | 51,6 | 0,3 | 50 | 33,3 |
| October | 57,8 | 0,3 | 100 | 50,0 |
| November | 60,1 | 0,3 | 100 | 37,5 |
| December | 51,5 | 0,3 | 100 | 37,5 |
| January 2024 | 51,2 | 0,3 | 100 | 27,3 |

By the end of January 2024, 13.4 thousand unemployed citizens were registered at the Employment service (Table 2). In January 2024, 79.9% of those enrolled in the Employment Service were officially recognized as unemployed.

By the end of January 2024, 13.1 thousand unemployed citizens were registered at the Employment Service, 10.7 thousand people were registered as unemployed, including 7.3 thousand people who received unemployment benefits. In January 2024, 1.3 thousand people received the status of unemployed (0.3 thousand people or 20.4% less than in January 2023). The size of the unemployed in January 2024 was 0.2 thousand people or 17.4% less than in the same period of 2023, and they amounted to 0.7 thousand people.

The State Employment Service of St. Petersburg registers employed and unemployed citizens who applied to find a suitable job. At the end of January 2024, their total number was 14,170 people (at the end of January 2023 – 17,544 people).

The number of unemployed citizens at the end of February 2024 amounted to 10,592 people, of whom 65.4% were women; 9.7% were youth aged 16-29; 20.4% were citizens of pre-retirement

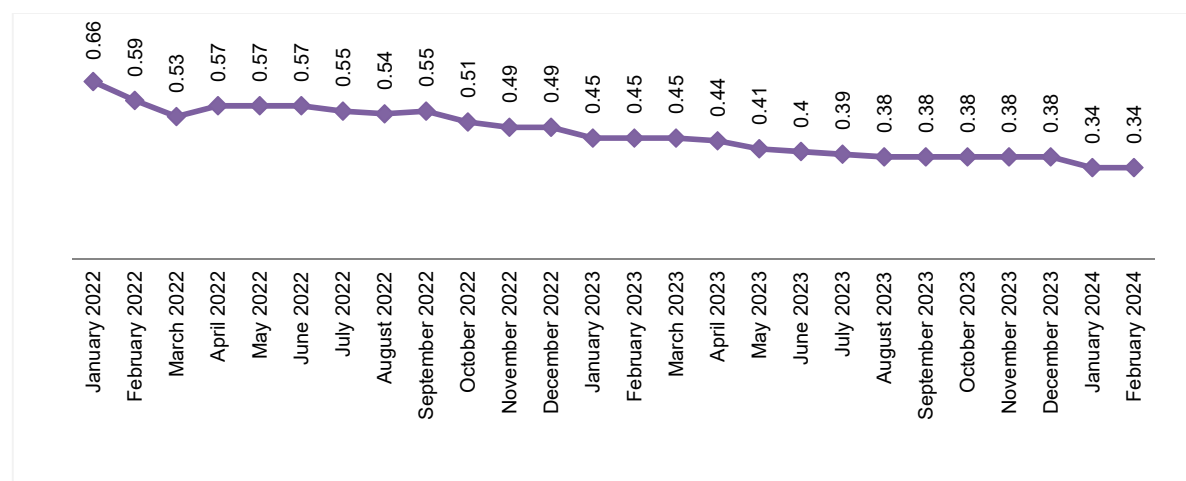
age; 10.2% were disabled (at the end of February 2023, the number of unemployed was 13,891 people). The level of registration unemployment (the ratio of the number of registered unemployed to the number of the labor force on average for 2022) at the end of February 2024 was 0.34% (at the end of February 2023, this indicator was 0.45%) (<http://ktzn.gov.spb.ru/analiticheskaya-informaciya/>).

According to Rosstat, in November 2023 - January 2024, the unemployment rate (according to the methodology of the International Labor Organization) amounted to 1.5% of the economically active population (EAN). St. Petersburg had one of the lowest unemployment rates among the subjects of the Russian Federation (in the Northwestern Federal District - 2.5%, Moscow – 1.5%, the Russian Federation – 2.9%).

The level of registered unemployment (the ratio of the number of registered unemployed to the number of the workforce on average for 2022) at the end of February 2024 was 0.34% (at the end of February 2023, this indicator was 0.45%). (www.rspb.ru) (Figure 1). This is the lowest indicator among the regions of the Northwestern Federal District.

TABLE 2. Change in the number of officially registered unemployed people in St. Petersburg, January 2022 – January 2024

| 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 |
| November | 19,1 | 15,2 | 95,8 | 61,1 |
| December | 17,1 | 15,2 | 99,4 | 62,8 |
| January 2023 | 17,1 | 14,0 | 92,4 | 68,8 |
| February | 17,1 | 13,9 | 99,2 | 76,7 |
| March | 17,5 | 13,8 | 99,3 | 83,3 |
| April | 17,3 | 13,6 | 98,8 | 77,3 |
| May | 17,7 | 12,7 | 93,1 | 72,3 |
| June | 17,2 | 12,3 | 97,0 | 69,7 |
| July | 15,9 | 11,9 | 97,0 | 70,1 |
| August | 15,4 | 11,6 | 97,3 | 68,8 |
| September | 15,7 | 11,9 | 102,2 | 69,4 |
| October | 15,9 | 11,8 | 99,3 | 74,0 |
| November | 15,4 | 11,8 | 100,4 | 77,6 |
| December | 13,8 | 11,7 | 99,2 | 77,4 |
| January 2024 | 13,4 | 10,7 | 90,9 | 76,1 |

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

3. PERSONAL INCOMES AND EXPENDITURES

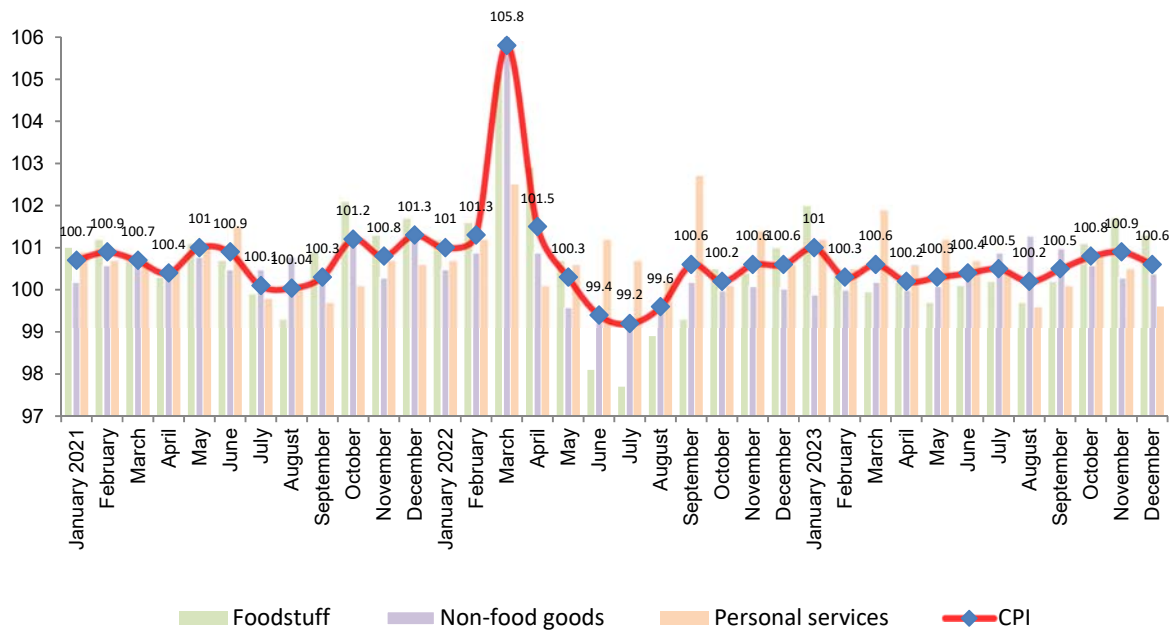
PRICES

In January-December 2023, prices in the consumer sector of the St. Petersburg economy increased by 6%.

The growth of consumer prices in January - December 2023 in St. Petersburg was 1.4% less than the national average. In January 2024, consumer prices increased by 0.8% (Figure 2).

In January-December 2023, in St. Petersburg, tariffs for paid services to the population increased by 7.5%.

The increase in prices for paid services in Petersburg, January-December 2023, was 0.8% lower than the national average. Prices for paid services increased by 0.6% in January 2024.

FIGURE 2. Consumer price index dynamics in January 2022 – December 2023, % to the previous month

In January-December 2023, prices for food and non-food products increased by 6.5% and 4.4%, respectively. The increase in food prices in Yekaterinburg in January-December 2023 was lower by 1.7% than the national average, and non-food prices were 1.6% lower than the average Russian level.

Prices for food products in January 2024 in St. Petersburg increased by 1.0%, for non-food products - 0.8%.

ROMIR calculates a statistical deflator index reflecting the real changes in the general price level for everyday goods (FMCG) over a certain period. On the basis of a Single ROMIR data panel, an analysis of information about actual purchases made at real prices is carried out, therefore, the Deflator actually demonstrates the average personal inflation of each consumer. According to Romir monitoring, consumer prices in Russia increased by 17% in 2023 (<https://romir.ru/index>).

In December 2023, there was an increase in prices for fruits and vegetables (by 24.8%), meat and poultry (by 18.1%), cheeses (by 5.3%), butter and fats, sausages (by 3.5%), fish (by 3.3%), confectionery (by 1.4%), alcohol-cold drinks (by 1.1%).

In December, there was a decrease in prices for milk and dairy products (by 1.9%), cereals and legumes (by 0.8%), bread and bakery products (by 0.7%).

In 2023, fruit and vegetable products increased in price by 24.3%, including tomatoes - by 46.4%, white cabbage - by 43.7%, bananas - by

38.2%, grapes - by 37.2%, oranges - by 31.2%. The price increase was noted for chicken eggs - 40.2%, boneless pork - 20.1%, salt - 9.6%, natural vegetables, pickled - 7.2%, carbonated drinks - 7.0%, frozen fish - 6.6%, granulated sugar - 6.2%. Buckwheat groats became cheaper by 7.8%, domestic salmon roe - by 6.1%, pasta made from wheat flour of the highest grade - by 5.8%, drinking cream - by 4.5%, dumplings, manti, ravioli - by 3.9%, sunflower oil - by 3.3%.

Among non-food products in October 2023, St. Petersburg saw an increase in prices for stationery (by 13.3%), furniture (by 9.6%), tobacco products (by 6.9%), building materials (by 5.9%), paper and white products (by 5.3%), parfum and cosmetics goods (by 4.5%), washing and cleaning products (by 3.8%), clothing (by 2.6%), hosiery (by 1.5%), medicines (by 1.4%), fabrics (by 0.6%).

Shoes fell in price (by 2.3%), accessories (by 1.2%), electrical goods (by 0.1%).

In December 2023, the payment for electricity, for cold and hot water supply, sanitation, for gas, contributions for major repairs remained unchanged, for the maintenance and repair of housing, operating costs remained unchanged.

In 2023, the fee for using a consumer loan increased by 28.7%, the cost of sightseeing services - by 20.4, services in the field of foreign tourism - by 19.1, air travel - by 16.1, veterinary services - by 15.3, travel on long-distance trains became more expensive by 14.6%, while the cost of the policy of voluntary car insurance (CASCO) became lower by 8.4%.

In January-December 2023, gasoline prices increased by 6.4%, and diesel fuel prices increased by 7.5%. In January 2024, gasoline prices decreased by 0.9%, and diesel fuel prices decreased by 0.4%

PERSONAL INCOMES AND EXPENDITURES

The volume of monetary income of the population in the fourth quarter of 2023 amounted to 1,429.0 billion rubles, in January–December 2023 – 4,717.9 billion rubles. In real terms, cash incomes calculated taking into account the consumer price index increased by 5.3% in the fourth quarter and by 4.6% in January-December 2023. Household spending in the fourth quarter of 2023 amounted to 1,260.3 billion rubles, in January–December 2023 – 4,559.6 billion rubles, and in nominal terms increased by 18.8% and 15.8%, respectively.

Real accrued salary, calculated taking into account the consumer price index, in December 2023 amounted to 139.2% compared to the level of

November 2023 and 104.5% to the level of December 2022 (Table 3).

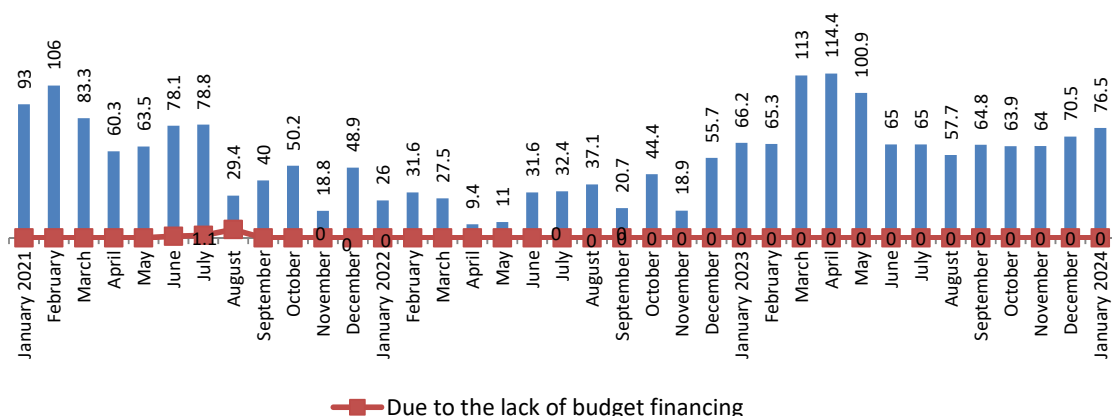
The average nominal salary accrued for December 2023 amounted to 130,720 rubles. The average nominal salary of Russian citizens in December 2023 was 20.6% less than in St. Petersburg and amounted to 103,815 rubles. The median salary of St. Petersburg residents during this period amounted to 70.7 thousand rubles, which is much less than the average.

According to the organizations of the observed types of economic activity (excluding small business entities) that provided information on overdue wage arrears as of January 1, 2024, the total arrears amounted to 76.5 million rubles. The volume of arrears amounted to 108.5% compared to December 1, 2023, and 115.5% by January 1, 2023. The manufacturing sector accounted for 100% of the total arrears.

TABLE 3. Real salaries dynamics in St. Petersburg and the Russian Federation in January 2022-December 2023, %

| | <i>St. Petersburg</i> | | <i>Russian Federation</i> | |
|--------------|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|
| | <i>Real salary</i> | | <i>Real salary</i> | |
| | <i>To the previous month</i> | <i>To the same month of the previous year</i> | <i>To the previous month</i> | <i>To the same month of the previous year</i> |
| 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 |
| October | 99,8 | 99,2 | 100,5 | 100,4 |
| November | 101,5 | 98,9 | 100,5 | 100,3 |
| December | 141,8 | 101,9 | 139,0 | 100,6 |
| January 2023 | 67,7 | 97,7 | 70,9 | 100,6 |
| February | 108,6 | 103,1 | 101,4 | 102,0 |
| March | 101,4 | 100,1 | 109,1 | 102,7 |
| April | 100,0 | 109,6 | 99,1 | 110,4 |
| May | 100,8 | 112,8 | 102,1 | 113,3 |
| June | 108,0 | 109,7 | 104,8 | 110,5 |
| July | 90,2 | 107,9 | 92,3 | 109,2 |
| August | 96,1 | 107,8 | 96,8 | 109,5 |
| September | 102,7 | 106,8 | 101,2 | 107,2 |
| October | 103,4 | 111,0 | 103,0 | 109,9 |
| November | 97,0 | 106,0 | 98,3 | 107,2 |
| December | 139,2 | 104,5 | 140,5 | 108,5 |

FIGURE 3. Dynamics of salary arrears in St. Petersburg, January 2021 – January 2024 (on the first day of each month), mln rubles



DIFFERENTIATION OF INCOMES AND SALARIES IN ST. PETERSBURG

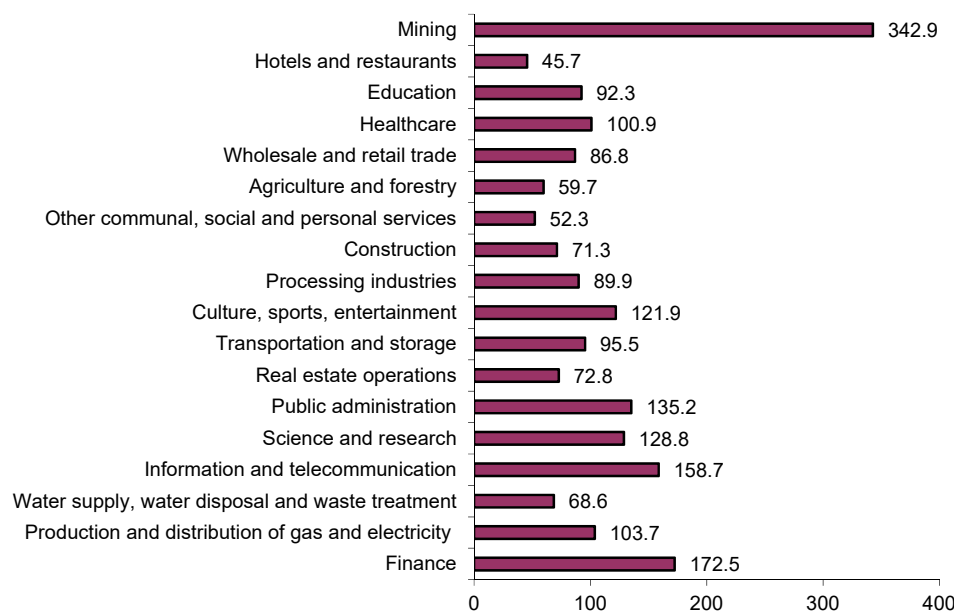
The gap between the highest salary (mining) and the lowest (hotel and restaurant activities) in December was 7.5 times compared to 4.2 times in September, 4.4 times in June and 4.9 times in March 2023. (Figure 4).

The highest salaries in December 2023 were for mining (the salary of workers in this industry was 3.4 times higher than the average salary in St. Petersburg).

In December 2023, the average salary in St. Petersburg was significantly exceeded by the remuneration of employees engaged in financial activities (by 72.5%), activities in the field of information and communications (by 58.7%), in public administration (by 35.2%), in the field of culture, sports, leisure (by 52.3%) in the field of scientific and technical activity (by 28.8%).

And the lowest wages were paid to those employed in hotels and restaurants (45.7% of the average salary), providing other communal, social and personal services (52.3% of the average salary).

FIGURE 4. Inter-industry differentiation of average salary in December 2023 in St. Petersburg, % of the average salary (the average salary = 100%)



4. INDUSTRY

The industrial production index in St. Petersburg in January-December 2023 compared to January-December 2022 was 109.9%, in January 2024 compared to January 2023 - 110.6%.

The Obukhov plant, which is part of the Almaz-Antey concern, has started production of 3D sand printers "Barkhan-1200". The first two serial samples have already been manufactured by the company for delivery to customers. "Barkhan-1200" is used to create one-time molds - quartz sand and binder resin act as raw materials. The creation of a single mold on such a 3D printer can take from several hours to several days, but in 2025 the factory promises to start mass production of sand printers with a doubling of the printing speed. The 3D printer was developed by the Obukhov Plant itself (https://t.me/s/mash_tech 03/20/2024).

The Rosseti has opened an Intelligent Digital Network Laboratory in St. Petersburg. The laboratory has no analogues in Russia and allows for the most complex research: testing digital systems, evaluating the effects of electromagnetic radiation and solar radiation, and studying new energy transfer technologies. In addition, it is possible to test equipment in extreme conditions, for example, for the development of the Arctic. The laboratory infrastructure is also designed for the implementation of educational programs for specialists of the Rosseti Group and other companies, the organization of industrial practice for students of professional universities. Investments in the project exceeded 3 billion rubles. (ruscable.ru 03/15/2024).

"Saint Petersburg Car-Making Plant", which used to produce Nissan, has started producing cars under its own XCITE brand. This is the first in-house project in the new history of the enterprise. The production of new models will be established in close cooperation with international partners. The first batch of several thousand cars has already been produced and the plant is now accumulating a stock. Sales are scheduled to begin this spring. AvtoVAZ, which now owns the plant, planned to start producing cars of segments C and D under a new brand this year (ntv.ru 30/01/2024).

"Power Machines" has completed the manufacture of the first serial high-power gas tur-

bine GTE-170 complete with a generator and a recovery boiler. The equipment was ordered for Nizhnekamsk CHP. According to the production schedule, in 2024, Power Machines will transfer the following two gas turbines to customers, in 2025 - six turbines, in 2026 — eight turbines. Starting in 2027, the company intends to supply 10 gas turbines per year with the prospect of further increase. The project to create an import-independent production of gas turbines is being implemented by the company with the support of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of Russia. The total volume of investments of Power Machines in the project is 25 billion rubles, of which 6.8 billion rubles for R&D were subsidized by the state (met-alinfo.ru 12/26/2023).

5. FINANCE

In February 2024, the net financial result (profit minus loss) of the organizations of St. Petersburg amounted to 156.5 billion rubles, which is 39.0% of the amount in the corresponding period in 2023.

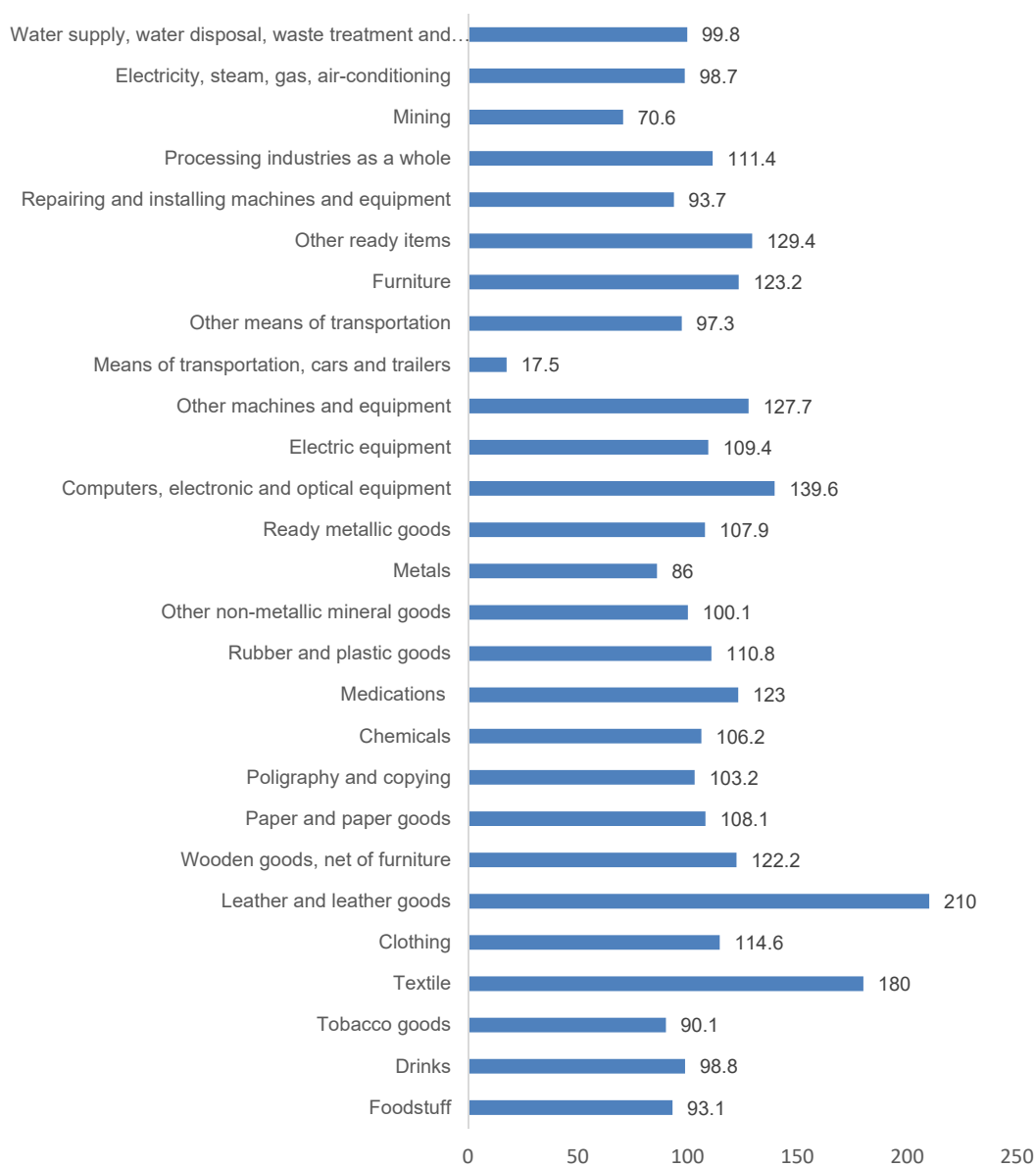
In January 2024, the share of unprofitable organizations amounted to 27.6%. Compared with the same period in 2023, the number of unprofitable organizations decreased by 140 units or by 11.8%, the amount of loss increased by 46.5%.

According to the operational data of the Federal Tax Service of the Russian Federation for St. Petersburg in January 2024, the budget system received taxes, fees and other mandatory payments in the amount of 103 billion rubles, which in nominal terms is 21.2% more than in January 2023.

In January 2024, the revenues of the consolidated budget of St. Petersburg amounted to 62.8 billion rubles, which in nominal terms is 1.6% more than in January 2023. The expenditures of the consolidated budget amounted to 734.9 billion rubles, which is 25.7% more than in the same period last year.

STATE DEBT

The information on the structure of the state debt as of April 1, 2024 is presented in tables 4 and 5.

FIGURE 5. Industrial production dynamics in St. Petersburg by industry, January-December 2023 in % to January-December 2022**TABLE 4. St. Petersburg's state debt structure on April 1, 2024**

| | Mln rubles |
|---|------------|
| State domestic debt of St. Petersburg, including: | 88 092,3 |
| Bonds | 63 506,1 |
| Budget Credits | 24 586,2 |
| State external debt of St. Petersburg | 0,0 |
| Total | 88 092,3 |

Source: Committee on finance of St. Petersburg

TABLE 5. Debt service expenditures of the budget of St. Petersburg, as of April 1, 2024 (mln rubles)

| | Plan for 2024 | Fact on 01.04.2024 |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Domestic debt service costs | 5 080,4 | 5 380,0 |
| Total | 5 080,4 | 5 380,0 |

Source: Committee on finance of St. Petersburg

6. CITY AFFAIRS

BEAUTIFICATION, RESTORATION, CAPITAL REPAIRS

In March, large-scale facade restoration and roof repair works began in the center of St. Petersburg. Additional 2.5 billion rubles were allocated from the city budget to carry out restoration work until 2027. In 2024, it is planned to complete work on 40 facades and 30 roofs, and a total of 85 facades and 62 roofs are expected to be repaired by 2027. In 2024, the work plan includes, among others, houses №3, 11/2, 18, 29-31, 53 and 63 on Nevsky Prospekt, houses No. 1/77 and 2/79 on Pushkinskaya Street, house No. 1/47 on Vladimirsky Prospekt and house No. 3/54 on Malaya Sadovaya Street. (Based on the materials of "Business Petersburg")

In March 2024, the Scientific Research Museum at the Russian Academy of Arts was included in the expanded list of objects, the reconstruction or construction of which will be carried out at the expense of the federal budget. The work will be carried out within the framework of the state program "Construction" for 2024-2028. The Museum of the Academy of Arts has become one of more than five thousand objects that will be financed under the state program, the total cost of which will amount to 4.7 trillion rubles (Based on the materials of Kommersant)

Restoration works are beginning in the building of the Radio House on Italian Street, which will be financed by VTB Bank as part of the Cultural Country program. The completion of the work, as a result of which the Radio House should become a multifunctional venue for creative events and cultural recreation, is planned at the end of 2026. The authors of the project are LLC NiiPI Spetsrestavratsiya and the architectural bureau Tsimaylo Lyashenko and Partners. The orchestra and the Music Aeterna theater group will continue to work at other concert venues in St. Petersburg. (Based on the materials of "Business Petersburg")

The State Administrative and Technical Inspection issued a warrant for the renovation of the facade of the Sheremetev Palace. Work will begin this year and will be completed by the end of May

2025. In addition, the palace is undergoing reconstruction work, including the restoration of the sculptural composition of the garden, the restoration of the lost fountain of the XVIII century, the restoration of small architectural forms and the restoration of the central walkway. (Based on the materials of Interfax)

TRANSPORTATION, ENERGY, WATER SUPPLY

The passenger traffic at Pulkovo Airport in January-December 2023 amounted to 20.4 million passengers. In 2023, the airport handled 12% more passengers than in 2022. During the period, 16.9 million passengers were transported on domestic flights (15.8 million in 2022), 3.5 million passengers - on international flights (2.4 million in 2022). The most popular domestic destinations besides Moscow are Sochi, Kaliningrad, Yekaterinburg and Kazan. Among the foreign destinations, Antalya, Istanbul, Minsk, Dubai and Yerevan are the most in demand. In January 2023 Flydubai (to Dubai) and Fly Arna (to Yerevan) airlines started operating flights from Pulkovo for the first time, and in February-March, direct flights to Beijing by Hainan Airlines and to Ganja by Azerbaijan Airlines resumed. In addition, flights to Abu Dhabi (Etihad Airways) and Algeria (Air Algerie) were launched during the year. The leaders in terms of transportation in 2023 among Russian airlines were Rossiya, Pobeda and Smartavia, and among foreign airlines - Turkish Airlines, Uzbekistan Airlines and Belavia. (According to the materials of VVSS LLC)

In January-December 2023, St. Petersburg transport organizations transported 18.4 million tons of cargo (9.5% lower than in January-December 2022) and 647.2 million passengers (22.5% higher than in the same period of 2022). At the same time, cargo turnover amounted to 3165 million ton-km (42% lower than in January-December 2022), and passenger turnover – 4,596 million passenger kilometers (27.6% higher than in the same period of 2022). A significant reduction in cargo turnover is primarily due to a decrease in the transshipment of container cargo through the Large Port of St. Petersburg. In January 2024, the trends observed in 2023 continued - cargo turnover decreased by 2.4% compared to January 2023, and passenger turnover increased by 8.5%. A moderately positive trend in 2023 was observed in relation to road safety in the city. The number of road accidents in 2023 was 2.8% lower than in 2022. The number of accidents involving children under 16 in

January-December 2023 was 5.2% lower than in January-December 2022. (According to Petrostat)

After an 11-month overhaul, Ladozhskaya metro station opened on January 30. The contractor was the company "Lenspetsavtomatika", the total cost of the work amounted to more than 2.3 billion rubles. As a result of the work carried out, the station's lobby was restored, including the replacement of coverings and lamps, escalators and an inclined passage were restored, and conditions for people with disabilities were improved. In June, the Udelnaya metro station will be closed for an 11-month reconstruction. As part of the work, which will also be carried out by Lenspetsavtomatika, it is planned to repair the vestibule and the inclined passage, update the engineering networks and reconstruct the premises of the escalator, cash register and machine halls. The total cost of the work will amount to more than 1.8 billion rubles (According to the materials of Vedomosti)

St. Petersburg State Unitary Enterprise "Passagiravtotrans" has received the first 30 large-class buses manufactured by LLC "LiAZ" under a leasing contract with JSC "State Transport Leasing Company" (GTLK). In total, as part of the execution of the previously concluded contract, 348 such buses with a total cost of more than 9 billion rubles will be delivered to the city. LiAZ buses are equipped with a low floor convenient for boarding and disembarking low-mobility passengers, a climate control system and USB charging for mobile devices. Until the end of 2024, the city administration intends to purchase 523 buses (including LiAZ and MAZ) and about 100 electric buses for the enterprise. (Based on the materials of "Business Petersburg")

MAJOR CITY PROJECTS

The St. Petersburg Metro has signed a contract with JSC Roads and Bridges for the reconstruction of the Frunzenskaya metro station. The total cost of the work will amount to 9.3 billion rubles, the completion date is the first half of 2029. The first stage includes the reconstruction of the station lobby and the inclined course of the escalator tunnel. The work is expected to be completed by the beginning of 2027. At the second stage, a single metro dispatch center will be created by the beginning of 2029, including an 8-storey building above the station lobby with a height of 28 meters and the corresponding engineering and technical infrastructure. Also, in the next three years, the metro plans to carry out repair work at the Udelnaya, Ozerki, Technological Institute-2 and Lenin Square stations. (According to the materials of "Business Petersburg")

The terms of the restoration of New Holland have been extended until 2031. By now, three stages of work out of five have been completed, total investments in the project amount to more than

14 billion rubles. In June 2022, restoration work (in particular, the reconstruction of the 17th building) was suspended due to the departure of one of the foreign partners of the project from Russia. (Based on the materials of "Business Petersburg")



7. REAL ESTATE

HOUSING AND CIVIL CONSTRUCTION

In St. Petersburg, in January 2024, 560,852.00 square meters of housing were put into operation - 76 houses and 12835 apartments. 46 residential housing units were built in the city on 10,568 sq. m. The traditional leaders are Vyborg district – the total area (sq. m) of commissioned housing is 110136.00 sq.m., 3 houses and 2382 apartments, as well as Krasnogvardeysky district — 93,663.50 sq.m. of housing was commissioned, these are 6 houses for 1904 apartments. Primorsky District is in third place, where 4 houses for 2,350 apartments with a total area of 80,602.80 sq.m were commissioned.

In February 2024, 237,683 square meters of housing were commissioned in St. Petersburg. These are 99 houses with 5,044 apartments, including individual residential construction. During the month, 82 residential buildings with a total area of 15,427 square meters were built in the city.

According to Igor Kreslavsky, chairman of the St. Petersburg Government's Construction Committee, "Since the beginning of the year, more than 798 thousand square meters of housing have been commissioned in St. Petersburg. Construction of 2.65 million square meters is planned for 2024. These are the Ministry's targets, and we will definitely fulfill them. Last year, 25% more housing was commissioned than was established by the plan of the Ministry of Construction." <https://komstroy.spb.ru/press/1797/>

In January 2024, 24 objects of general civil purpose were commissioned in St. Petersburg. Among them: a 420-seat kindergarten and an object of primary and secondary general education in the Krasnoselsky district; reconstruction of facilities for residential complexes with underground parking, a built-in garden for 60 places and built-in premises in the Petrogradsky district; warehouse complexes in the Pushkinsky district.

And in February, 16 objects of general civil purpose were commissioned. Among them: a kindergarten for 120 places and a boiler room in the Krasnogvardeysky district, an emergency department, a kindergarten for 220 places and a store in the Krasnoselsky district, as well as an intellectual laboratory of digital networks in the Primorsky district.

The Committee on Construction has summed up the results of the 2023 construction industry of St. Petersburg. Last year, a record-high number of social-purpose facilities were commissioned in the Northern Capital at the expense of the budget and investors – 81. In total, 31 facilities were built at the expense of the budget of St. Petersburg.

In 2023, the last residential complexes from the register of problematic objects were put into operation - 6 houses on 19,163 square meters, which amounted to 111,253 sq. m. On December 26, Gosstroy nadzor issued a permit for commissioning the fourth building of the last house from the register of problematic objects - the Lomonosov residential complex. Thus, the problem of defrauded shareholders was solved. In 5 years, St. Petersburg has commissioned 58 problematic houses for 19,163 apartments with a total area of 792,535 sq. m.

Also, since February 1, 2024, the St. Petersburg Construction Committee has been entrusted with overseeing the construction of the city's metro.

As Valery Uskov, Deputy Chairman of the St. Petersburg Construction Committee, said live on the Radio of Russia, "In 2024, we plan to introduce a record number of social facilities – 99, 39 of them will be built at the expense of a targeted investment Program, and 60 facilities are planned to be commissioned at the expense of extra-budgetary funds" <https://komstroy.spb.ru/press/1743/>.

A significant part of this number consists of educational facilities: schools, kindergartens, centers of additional education. At the moment, there are more than 130 facilities in various degrees of construction in St. Petersburg, which are being built on budget funds. 111 more facilities are in the design stage.

In total, 36 general education schools with 33,226 places will be built. Of these: 10 public schools, 21 – at the expense of investors and 5 – under concession agreements. Schools will be opened in almost all districts of the city. 38 kindergartens for 7,590 places and 1 combined education facility will also be built. Most of these will be free-standing buildings with swimming pools. It is planned to build 10 health facilities, including a clinic in Krasnogvardeysky district, and two ambulance stations in Petrodvorets and Krasnoselsky districts. This year, the construction of the largest medical cluster in the Primorsky district began. The construction of two hospitals on Avangardnaya Street and the new building of the 40th hospital continues. There are plans to introduce three sports facilities in 2024, including a judo school on Zamshina Street. There are also 11 other facilities under construction, including the building of a new art complex for St. Petersburg government institutions; two apartment buildings for waiting lists; a cinema and concert complex in Zelenogorsk.

TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT, REGULATION

New sets of rules were approved by the Ministry of Construction of the Russian Federation in the area "Urban Planning. Planning and development of urban and rural settlements". The regulatory documents, which entered into force at the end of February 2024, are aimed at introducing advanced approaches to integrated housing construction and the urban development process as a whole. The documents regulate the fundamental parameters affecting the quality of the urban environment, which before the development of the rule-books were absent from the normative field or were insufficient.

The four new sets of rules describe several models of the urban environment: low-rise - individual and blocked residential buildings, apartment buildings up to four floors, medium-rise - apartment buildings up to eight floors and high-rise accents, central - apartment buildings up to nine floors and high-rise accents. As the Deputy Director General, Denis Filippov emphasized "The basis for the development of codes of practice was largely the Standard of the CRT - a universal methodological document aimed primarily at improving the quality of life of people. The implementation of the rules allows regions and investors to create a comfortable living environment, modern eco-friendly areas with all necessary infrastructure within walking distance. Another advantage of the application is the efficient use of land resources and the regulation of building parameters, which is important for proactive urban development." Thus, it became possible for developers, chief architects and urban activists to refer to approved requirements when developing documentation and making adjustments to local regulations, if they still contain established approaches to urban development," the provisions of the rule-books can be taken into account at all stages of urban planning.

The transition to a new system of estimated construction costs in St. Petersburg in the form of the resource index method took place back in 2023. This applies to facilities that are being built at the expense of the budget of St. Petersburg. <https://komstroy.spb.ru/press/1787/>

As part of the work of the Consortium of the Construction Industry of the Northwestern Federal District, a conference was held on the transition of the estimated cost of construction in St. Petersburg to the resource index method, Deputy Chairman of the Construction Committee Valery Uskov spoke about the transition to it when designing facilities, the construction of which is carried out at the expense of the budget of St. Petersburg. "Every year, by order of the Construction Committee, the preparation of design estimates for more than 100 objects of the Targeted Investment Program (AIP) of St. Petersburg is carried out. The transition of the construction industry to the resource-index method took place on August 25, 2023. Estimated prices for

labor costs of employees, construction resources, cargo transportation and loading and unloading operations, as well as indices for groups of homogeneous resources were published in the FGIS CA."

Since 2024, all tasks for the design of social infrastructure facilities, for which the Construction Committee is the customer, must necessarily include the requirement to develop estimated documentation using the resource index method.

In Russia, in preparation for the transition to this method, a new estimated regulatory framework was approved on January 1, 2022, including more than 54 thousand norms and more than 43 thousand construction resources. In accordance with the All-Russian classification of products by types of economic activity, the classifier of construction resources has been updated. As noted by Deputy Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation Marat Khusnullin, "The main advantage of the resource-index method is the use of state element estimates used in federal, sectoral and territorial databases, rather than prices, for calculations. We will not stop there and in the future, for a painless transition to a full-fledged resource method for determining the estimated cost of construction, we will improve the updated pricing system".

Currently, the Ministry of Construction of Russia is simultaneously carrying out three reforms: in the field of technical regulation, pricing and digitalization. As Sergey Muzychenko, Deputy Minister of Construction and Housing and Communal Services of the Russian Federation, said in an interview to "Construction Business", "The requirements of standardization documents, technical regulation are the first, and there are strict limits to ensure the safety of the facility, the second is pricing. The connection between these two directions will be "digital" - through information systems and other digital tools. There is a huge amount of work ahead, because now a huge amount of data has been accumulated, but it is mostly kept in unreadable and incomprehensible formats by the machine. We need to bring all this into a single coherent system".



8. INVESTMENT PROJECTS

According to Petrostat, the volume of investments in fixed assets of city organizations in 2023 amounted to 21195.6 billion rubles, which is 3.4% higher than in 2023.

In 2023, the largest share of capital investments went into machinery and equipment - 53.3%, buildings (except residential) and buildings - 29.5% and intellectual property — 8.2%. The sources were more often investors' own funds (62%), attracted funds amounted to 37.8%, of which 22.5% came from budget funds, from the city budget — 15.8%, and from the federal budget — 6.6%.

The St. Petersburg Tractor Plant (PTZ, part of the Kirovsky Plant Group of Companies) is going to launch a new workshop where it will produce its own components for tractors and special equipment manufactured at the plant.

The new production will be gradually launched in the coming autumn, and by the end of this year, PTZ expects to establish serial production of axles, gearboxes and gearboxes. To date, these and other components are imported from Belarus and China. After the launch of the new workshop, the St. Petersburg Tractor Plant plans to completely abandon Chinese parts, but will retain part of the Belarusian imports.

The volume of investments in the import substitution project will amount to about 15 billion rubles. Part of the funds from this amount will be allocated within the framework of state support, a third of the costs will be covered by money from the Industrial Development Fund and the company's own funds.

The opening of new private medical institutions

The Beloostrov clinic in Vsevolozhsky district, the flagship project of the "My Medical Center" Group of companies, is an entire eco-system, a real "medical city", where all types of medical care are presented - from prevention, diagnosis and treatment to rehabilitation and palliative care with an emphasis on minimally invasive interventions and inpatient replacement technologies. According to experts, today it is the largest clinic in the country, built with private funds.

The SM Clinic is actively expanding. The sixth multidisciplinary medical center has opened in the Nevsky district of the city. Plans for further development include the opening of a new clinic in the north of the city with a hospital and a radiology department (CT and MRI). The volume of investments in the opening of the medical center amounted to about 460 million rubles.

The network of laboratory and diagnostic centers of Invitro SPb LLC has opened two more medical offices in St. Petersburg: one own in the Moskovsky district and one franchising. Plans for 2024 include the opening of about 10 new medical offices, mainly in residential areas of the city where there is a need for the development of medical infrastructure.

Medica Holding has announced the launch of a new multidisciplinary clinic on Svetlanovsky Prospekt. The network of clinics "Scandinavia" has already accepted the first patients in the new hospital on Leninsky Prospekt. According to experts, this project is interesting because one of the key competencies of the hospital is the direction of sports and ballet injury.

The opening of the world's largest orthopaedic center for non-surgical treatment of scoliosis

"Scoliologic" took place in the Vyborg district of the city. At the center, 3D technologies and robotic manufacturing are used in the treatment. Investments in the project amounted to 60 million rubles.

The brand store of the Finnish brand Lassie has started work in St. Petersburg at the Europolis shopping mall

The space, which presents models from all current collections, became the first single-brand store in the Northern capital.

Customers are offered clothes from the premium Lassie Star line and from the new winter collection, as well as Reima bestselling models - hoodies, trousers and suits made of fleece, knitwear and lining, as well as outerwear made of waterproof and "breathable" membrane fabrics. In addition, children's rubber boots and boots and accessories can be found in the store.

Ladoga Holding, a producer, importer and seller of wine and spirits, is investing in expanding the capacities of the plant in St. Petersburg

It is planned that an additional bottling line with a capacity of 18 thousand bottles per hour will be installed at the plant. The project is financed from its own funds and will increase production by 70%, the line is universal and suitable for bottling any product, but will focus on the production of key brands. It is planned to put it into operation in April 2024. The volume of investments is 500 million rubles.

Inreit Investment and Construction Company opens an apartment hotel in the city center

The hotel will open in the building of a former courtyard wing built at the beginning of the XIX century in Gritsov Lane, where the premises were redeveloped and engineering communications were replaced. The total volume of investments amounted to 347.7 million rubles.

St. Petersburg LLC Kingisepp Machine-Building Plant (KMZ) invests more than 150 million rubles in the construction of a warehouse and production within the framework of the implemented project

A warehouse complex and a workshop for the final assembly and testing of shut-off valves capable of operating in extreme temperatures are located on the territory of the former landfill, for which KMZ Spetsarmatura was created at the end of 2023 (investments in this project amount to about 2 billion rubles). In particular, it is planned to place a high-pressure hydraulic test bench in the new building.

The products of KMZ Spetsarmatura are ball valves designed for oil refineries, oil and gas production platforms operating in the Far North, as well as for natural gas liquefaction plants. The operating temperature range of such fittings is from

minus 196 to plus 1100 degrees. In the first case, we are talking about the production of LNG and the extraction of hydrocarbons in permafrost conditions, in the second - about the manufacture of fuel at oil refineries.

A data processing center has been opened in St. Petersburg, where operators can rent office space for their technical staff

The strategic partner of the project, which is called "Data Center No. 1", was the Bank St. Petersburg, and the key investor was the operator of IT solutions Obit. The number of racks is 236, the power supply level is 2 MW. Different rental options are available for companies: entire machine rooms, individual units and office areas with operational round-the-clock support. Data center No. 1 primarily provides rent, and the equipment is already brought by the client. The amount of investments is about 1 billion rubles.



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