

# **GENERAL OVERVIEW OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC SITUATION IN ST. PETERSBURG**

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## 1. CITY ADMINISTRATION

### APPOINTMENTS, GOVERNMENT COUNCILS

#### New Chairman of the Transport Infrastructure Development Committee

On April 24, 2024, the Governor of St. Petersburg dismissed A. Fedotov from the post of Chairman of the Committee for the Development of Transport Infrastructure. A. Fedotov was the head of the Committee since 2022, and before that he worked in the Directorate of Transport construction and at Sevzappravtodor (FKU "Uprдор" North-West") of the Federal Road Agency. The Deputy Chairman of the Committee, D. Galkaev, was temporarily assigned the duties of the Chairman.

#### Changes in the composition of the Government of St. Petersburg

In accordance with the decree of the Governor of St. Petersburg dated May 15, 2024, V. Pikalev was removed from the Government of St. Petersburg. A day before he was appointed the Head of the Federal Customs Service of the Russian Federation.

#### New head of the Internal Policy Department of the Governor's Administration

On May 20, 2024, Yu. Savina was appointed the Head of the Internal Policy Department of the St. Petersburg Governor's Administration. Previously, she worked in the Territorial Development Committee and in the Committee for Work with Executive Bodies of State Power and Interaction with Local Self-Government Bodies.

#### A reshuffle of the management staff at the committees of the property block

On June 5, 2024, L. Kulakov was dismissed from the post of Chairman of the Property Relations Committee. The duties of the Chairman of the PRC from June 6, 2024 were temporarily assigned to S. Makarov. The latter was dismissed from the post of the Chairman of the Committee for the State Use and Protection of Monuments. His First Deputy Chairman A. Mikhailov was temporarily assigned the duties of the Chairman of that Committee.

### LEGISLATION

#### The Law on tax benefits has been amended

The Law of St. Petersburg of April 5, 2024 No.217-54 amended the Law of St. Petersburg of June 28, 1995 No.81-11 "On tax benefits". Changes have been made to the list of organizations exempt from property tax. This list is supplemented by payers of the organization's property tax in respect of real estate objects created under concession agreements concluded with the Russian

Federation or with St. Petersburg, and used for transportation on the high-speed railway line St. Petersburg-Moscow.

#### Amendments to the Law on industrial policy

Based on the Law of St. Petersburg of April 5, 2009 No. 189-46, amendments were made to the Law of St. Petersburg No. 221-47 of May 13, 2009 "On Industrial Policy in St. Petersburg". The changes relate to clarifying the goals and objectives of the industrial policy and the regulations on the Industrial Council of St. Petersburg.

#### Amendments to the Law on strategic investment projects

In accordance with the Law of St. Petersburg of April 5, 2024 No.187-4-45, amendments were made to the Law of St. Petersburg of November 19, 2008 No. 742-1-136 "On strategic investment projects, strategic investors and strategic partners of St. Petersburg". The amendments relate to the requirements for an investment project to be granted the status of a strategic investment project. The main criterion for assigning the status is the volume of investments. For projects of a scientific or sports and entertainment profile, it must be at least 750 million rubles. For projects related to innovation, tourism (including hotels, etc.), sanatorium activities, and healthcare – at least 1 billion rubles. For industrial, transport and logistics projects – at least 2 billion rubles. When implementing other projects – at least 15 billion rubles. The status of a strategic investment project cannot be assigned to an investment project aimed at creating and (or) reconstructing real estate objects on land plots that allow residential development, retail trade, banking, insurance, agricultural, veterinary, entertainment and exhibition activities, as well as activities in the areas of public catering and the operation of service garages.

#### Amendments to the Environmental Code of St. Petersburg

Based on the Law of St. Petersburg of April 22, 2024 No.223-5-56 amendments were made to the Law of St. Petersburg of June 29, 2016 No.455-88-88 "Environmental Code of St. Petersburg". The amendments relate to the powers of the city Government in the field of hunting and conservation of hunting resources in St. Petersburg. The Government is authorized to provide life and health insurance to state hunting inspectors who provide federal state hunting control (supervision) on the territory of St. Petersburg, with the exception of specially protected natural areas of federal significance.

In accordance with the Law of St. Petersburg No. 350-75 of June 6, 2024, the Environmental Code was amended regarding the powers of the Government of St. Petersburg in determining the

structure, composition and content of the Red Book of St. Petersburg.

### **Amendments to the Social Code of St. Petersburg**

St. Petersburg Law No. 278-57 of April 25, 2024 has introduced an additional measure of social support for families with a newborn child (children). It implies financing the costs associated with the provision of a gift set of baby accessories for a newborn child in the amount of 100% of its cost. The estimated cost of a gift set of children's accessories will be 15 thousand rubles.

The Law of St. Petersburg of June 6, 2024 No.348-74 supplemented the list of preferential categories of citizens who need clinical enteral and / or parenteral nutrition for vital reasons. In particular, budget funding for the provision of enteral and / or parenteral nutrition, supplies, and equipment for clinical enteral and / or parenteral nutrition at home is provided for military veterans.

### **Amendments to the Law on social services to the population**

Based on the Law of St. Petersburg No. 264-65 of May 2, 2024, amendments were made to the Law of St. Petersburg No. 717-13 of December 24, 2014 "On Social Services to the Population in St. Petersburg". The changes affected the nomenclature of social service organizations. It is supplemented with the category "Social service homes, including children's homes".

### **Changes to the Procedure for organizing and conducting public hearings and public discussions on urban planning activities**

In accordance with the Law of St. Petersburg No. 262-64 of May 2, 2024, amendments were made to the Law of St. Petersburg No. 400-61 of July 5, 2006 "On the procedure for organizing and conducting public hearings and public discussions on the implementation of urban development activities in St. Petersburg". The amendments were made to ensure the legal implementation of the rights of owners of premises in an apartment building to form land plots under their apartment building as common property. The provisions of the adopted Law clarified the basic concepts and terms, and additionally included a new article on public discussions on the layout of a land plot.

### **Approved procedure for granting subsidies to industrial entities for reimbursement of part of lease costs**

The procedure was approved by Decree of the Government of St. Petersburg 7 No. 338 of May 7, 2024. According to the Procedure, subsidies are provided on a gratuitous and non-refundable basis to industrial entities in order to reimburse part of the costs associated with lease payments for purchased technological equipment. Subsidies are provided based on the results of a selection. The

selection method is a request for proposals. The amount of subsidy provided to one organization may not exceed 20 million rubles.

### **Amendments to the Law on setting the price of land plots**

The Law of St. Petersburg No. 311-70 of May 23, 2024 amended the Law of St. Petersburg No. 59-19 of February 10, 2010 "On setting the price of land plots in St. Petersburg". The additions relate to the listing of cases when the coefficient of land purchase is equal to 1, i.e. 100% of the cadastral value.

### **Amendments to the Charter of St. Petersburg**

In accordance with the Law of St. Petersburg No. 305-67 of May 23, 2024, amendments were made to the Charter of St. Petersburg. The amendments relate to situations where a member of the Legislative Assembly or a Governor is recognized as a foreign agent. In the first case, the deputy's powers are recalled ahead of schedule. In the second case, the Legislative Assembly has the right to express non-confidence to the Governor.

### **The procedure for granting subsidies to young scientists has been defined**

The procedure is established by the decree of the Government of St. Petersburg No. 529 of May 25, 2024. Subsidies are provided to young scientists and candidates of science of universities and academic institutions located in the territory of St. Petersburg. The age limit for applicants for subsidies is limited to 35 years. At the time of submitting the application, the scientist or candidate of sciences must be less than 36 years old. Subsidies are provided on a competitive basis, are gratuitous and irrevocable. The purpose of their provision is to provide reimbursement of expenses incurred in 2024 in course of the implementation of scientific projects. The maximum amount of cost recovery per recipient may not exceed 150 thousand rubles for a young scientist and 200 thousand rubles for a young candidate of sciences.

### **St. Petersburg Law on the support for socially oriented NPOs has been amended**

The provisions of the Law of St. Petersburg No. 344-79 of June 7, 2024 amended the Law of St. Petersburg No. 153-41 of March 23, 2011 "On the support of socially oriented non-profit organizations in St. Petersburg". The list of activities of socially oriented NPOs that are supported has been supplemented with several new ones. These include: activities in the field of family support, motherhood, fatherhood and childhood, organization and implementation of activities that promote the placement of children left without parental care in a family, as well as keeping animals in animal shelters.

### **The Law of St. Petersburg on employment of citizens in need of social protection was adopted**

The provisions of the Law of St. Petersburg of June 7, 2024 No. 342-78 "On determining the number of jobs for employment of citizens who are particularly in need of social protection" define categories of citizens who are particularly in need of social protection. These categories include: persons of pre-retirement age (5 years before retirement); refugees and internally displaced persons; minors aged 14 to 18; persons released from prison (looking for work within 1 year from the moment of release) and some others. Enterprises and organizations with more than 100 employees are required to create 2 jobs for the employment of citizens who are in need of social protection. The provisions of the Law do not apply to relations regulated by the St. Petersburg Law on job quotas for the employment of disabled people.

**The procedure for granting subsidies to industrial entities for reimbursement of part of the costs of training (retraining, advanced training) of personnel was approved**

The procedure was approved by the Decree of the Government of St. Petersburg No. 482 of 19 June 19, 2024. According to the Procedure, subsidies are provided on a gratuitous and irrevocable basis to subjects of industrial activity in St. Petersburg. Applicants should not be small businesses. Another important condition is that an applicant should be classified as a part of manufacturing industry (with the exception of certain categories). The maximum amount of subsidy that can be granted to one organization is 5 million rubles. To receive a grant, it must pass a selection process.

**MEETINGS, COOPERATION**

**St. Petersburg delegation paid an official visit to the Republic of Azerbaijan**

On April 2024 2-3, the delegation of St. Petersburg headed by the Governor A. Beglov paid an official visit to Azerbaijan. During the visit, A. Beglov met with President of the Republic of Azerbaijan I. Aliyev, the Minister of Economy M. Jabbarov, the Chief Executive of Baku E. Azizov, members of the Government of Azerbaijan, deputies of the Milli Majlis (Parliament), heads and representatives of other organizations. Within the framework of the visit, the IV meeting of the Commission on Economic and Humanitarian Cooperation between the governments of St. Petersburg and Azerbaijan was held. Following the meeting, the Governor of St. Petersburg and the Minister of Economy of Azerbaijan signed a roadmap for cooperation between the parties for 2024-2028. In addition, separate agreements were signed on a number of areas of cooperation. During the talks, the sides noted the high and multifaceted level of trade, economic and humanitarian relations. For example, a large wholesale distribution center for food products from Azerbaijan is being built in the village of Petro-Slavyanka (Kolpinsky district of St. Petersburg), a

monument to the outstanding Azerbaijani composer U. Hajibeyov will be erected in the Vyborg district of the city, and the issue of opening a branch of the St. Petersburg Academy of Restoration and Design in Baku is being considered.

**St. Petersburg strengthens cooperation with the Socialist Republic of Vietnam**

On April 23, 2024, the Governor of St. Petersburg A. Beglov held a working meeting in Smolny with the Minister of Public Security of Vietnam, General of the Army T. Lam. The meeting was attended by D. M. Khoi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Vietnam to Russia. During the conversation, issues related to the development of cooperation between St. Petersburg and Vietnam were discussed. At the meeting, it was noted that since 2020, cooperation between St. Petersburg and Vietnam has reached a new level and is being conducted on a systematic basis.

On May 20, 2024, in Smolny, an Agreement was signed between the A. I. Herzen Russian State Pedagogical University and the Vietnam-Russia Friendship Society.

**St. Petersburg strengthens cooperation with India**

On April 25, 2024, the Governor of St. Petersburg A. Beglov and the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of India to Russia V. Kumar discussed the course and prospects of further cooperation in Smolny. The parties expressed satisfaction with the current level of cooperation between the Northern Capital of Russia and India. According to the results of 2023, the trade turnover more than doubled. St. Petersburg enterprises participate in fulfilling orders of partners from India.

**The Governor addressed the deputies of the Legislative Assembly of St. Petersburg**

On May 10, 2024, the Governor of St. Petersburg, A. Beglov, delivered an annual address on the results of work in 2023 and plans for the current and subsequent years at the Oktyabrsky Concert Hall before the St. Petersburg parliamentarians and the public. Positively assessing the work done, the Governor said that the growth of the economy over the past 5 years gives grounds to talk about the possibility of achieving technological leadership by the city. Among the tasks set by the Governor should be noted: bringing by 2030 the revenues of the budget of St. Petersburg to 2 trillion rubles, doubling the expenditures on innovations in the scientific and industrial sphere, increasing the average monthly salary of one employee to 180 thousand rubles.

**St. Petersburg hosted the XII St. Petersburg International Legal Forum**

The XII St. Petersburg International Legal Forum was held at the Expocenter on May 26-28, 2024. The main theme of the forum is "Law as the

basis of global stability". The forum was attended by delegations from 81 countries and territories of the world. The total number of participants was about 5 thousand people. The opening ceremony of a monument to the outstanding Russian lawyer, statesman and public figure A. Koni was timed to coincide with the forum. The monument was opened on May 26, 2024 near the new building of the Russian National Library on Moskovsky Prospekt.

#### **St. Petersburg establishes cooperation with Saudi Arabia**

On May 31, 2024, the Governor of St. Petersburg A. Beglov held a meeting with the Prince T. Bin Faisal Al Saud. The meeting was held as part of the official visit of the Saudi delegation to Russia. During the conversation, it was noted that about 1 million people professing Islam live in St. Petersburg. The main shrines of this religion are located on the territory of Saudi Arabia, which creates good conditions for the development of spiritual, religious, educational and cultural tourism. The meeting discussed the possibility of establishing twinning relations between St. Petersburg and one of the cities of Saudi Arabia. The opening of the St. Petersburg Information and Business Center is being prepared in Riyadh. The organization of direct and transit flights between St. Petersburg and Saudi cities (Riyadh and Jeddah), as well as sea trade transportation routes are under discussion.

#### **St. Petersburg hosted the XXVII St. Petersburg International Economic Forum**

The forum was held on June 14-17, 2024 at the Expocenter. The main theme of the forum is "The foundation of a multipolar world - creating new growth points". The forum (SPIEF-2024) was attended by the Russian President Vladimir Putin, the Presidents of Bolivia, Zimbabwe, Abkhazia and Republika Srpska (Bosnia and Herzegovina), as well as by more than 120 other high-ranking officials, including members of the royal families of Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. The most representative delegations came to the forum from China (192 participants), the United Arab Emirates (105), Zimbabwe (86), Kazakhstan (84), India (80) and Oman (75). Taking into account the delegates who worked at the forum in the video conference mode, the total number of participants was more than 21.8 thousand people from 139 countries and territories of the world. As part of SPIEF 2024, 1073 agreements were signed (900 in 2023) for a total amount of 6492 billion rubles (3860 billion rubles in 2023) (including agreements whose amount is not a trade secret). 55 agreements were signed with foreign companies. St. Petersburg has signed 69 agreements worth 1227 billion rubles (in 2023 – 62 agreements worth 661 billion rubles).

#### **The XII International Naval Salon "Fleet-2024" was held in St. Petersburg**

Events of the naval salon were held in the period of June 19-23, 2024 in Kronstadt. The main event venue was the Congress and Exhibition Center at the Museum of Naval Glory. The Naval Salon in Kronstadt was held in the "Island of Forts" complex. As part of the complex, a number of historical buildings and structures were reconstructed and restored in Kronstadt, a modern congress and exhibition infrastructure was created, and the quality of the urban environment was improved.



## **2. EMPLOYMENT**

In March 2024, 1597.8 thousand people worked at large and medium-sized enterprises. In the structure of employment, 94.4% were full-time employees, 2.2% were by-workers, and 3.4% of the total number of employees were hired under civil law contracts. 51% of employees work in small and medium-sized enterprises.

Compared to the previous month, the number of full-time employees increased by 0.2%, the number of by-workers increased by 0.9%, and the number of employees employed under civil-law contracts - by 2.7%.

In January-March 2024, the number of employees employed at large and medium-sized enterprises increased by 1.7% compared to the same period in 2023. The number of full-time employees remained the same. The number of by-workers increased by 3.2%, the number of employees working under contracts increased by 3.9%.

In March 2024, education, transport and communications, manufacturing, healthcare, wholesale and retail trade accounted for the largest number of jobs, while agriculture and forestry, hotels and restaurants, and other types of services accounted for the smallest number. 47.3% of all employees employed at large and medium-sized enterprises of the city worked in the public sector of the economy.

In February-April 2024, the economically active population amounted 3262.0 thousand people, of which 3212.6 thousand were employed and 49.3 thousand were unemployed. Persons outside of the labor force accounted for 1532.9 thousand people. During the period under review, the employment rate was 67.0% (the share of the number of employees in the total population aged 15 to 72 years), the level of economic activity – 68.0% (the share of the number of 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 second quarter of 2024 in organizations of St. Petersburg (excluding small businesses) amounted to 957 people, or 0.06% of the total number of employees of organizations of St. Petersburg (excluding small businesses) in March 2024. At the same time, the number of employees required for vacant jobs at

the end of the first quarter of 2024, in organizations of St. Petersburg (excluding small businesses) amounted to 138.8 thousand people.

In April 2024, the demand of St. Petersburg enterprises for employees amounted to 56.5 thousand people (Table 1). By the end of April 2024, the number of unemployed people registered with the employment service per one declared vacancy was 0.2 people compared to 0.8 people at the end of April 2023.

At the end of May 2024, the need for employees declared by employers to the Employment Service amounted to 58 992 vacancies, the vacancy rate for working professions was 64.0%.

In May 2024, as in the same period in 2023, programmers, engineers, doctors and craftsmen remained among the most sought-for specialists. Compared to the same period of the last year, the rating of engineers and doctors in the top ten sought-for specialists grew, the rating of programmers remained at the same level, and the rating of masters decreased. In May 2024., new positions of employees appeared in the ranking of scarce specialists: administrators, legal advisers, designers, technologists, managers and pharmacists. Among the specialists of working specialties that fell into the top ten sought-for, the most popular are electric and gas welders, turners and tractor drivers. In May 2024, new professions of workers appeared in the rating of scarce specialists: car and loader drivers,

tunnelers, fixers, installers and regulators of radio-electronic equipment and devices, and installers (<http://ktzn.gov.spb.ru/analiticheskaya-informaciya/>).

An increase in the shortage of personnel in St. Petersburg is observed in almost all areas where migrant workers are involved. Since the beginning of April 2024., the number of applicants from Tajikistan has decreased by 60% in the labor market of St. Petersburg, and from Uzbekistan - by 40%. Among applicants from Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, cashiers, couriers, consultants, and warehouse workers are most actively sought for ([https://www.rbc.ru/spb\\_sz/](https://www.rbc.ru/spb_sz/)).

The need for new employees continues to grow. Compared to February of last year, not a single professional sector showed a drop in demand for personnel. Employers from all industries are actively looking for employees, especially in the field of "Personnel management, training". The number of such vacancies increased by 55%. St. Petersburg companies have increased their interest in employees over the age of 50. Last year, the city's companies sent more than 525 thousand job invitations to applicants aged 50-60, which is 39% more than in 2022. The dynamics of invitations to people over 60 years of age showed even greater growth. During the year, their number increased by 73%, to 84.3 thousand. (<https://www.superjob.ru/research/>).

**TABLE 1. St. Petersburg enterprises' demand for workforce, January 2022-April 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
February	54.1	0.2	66.7	18.2
March	52.5	0.2	100	22.2
April	56.5	0.2	100	25.0

At the same time, there are fewer and fewer people who are looking for work: in December, the number of resumes posted by citizens on the "Work of Russia" service decreased by 22.5% compared to November. In addition, in three years the self-employment has sharply increased — from almost zero to 600 thousand people. All this has led to a more complicated search for personnel: there are no ready-to start specialists on the market, and competition for people is high.

By the end of April 2024, 12.1 thousand unemployed citizens were registered at the State Employment Service (Table 2). In April 2024, 81.0% of those registered with the Employment Service were officially recognized as unemployed.

In April 2024, 1.9 thousand people received the status of unemployed (by 0.5 thousand people or by 21.9% less than in April 2023). The job-placement of unemployed people in April 2024 was 0.2 thousand people or 18.8% less than in the same period in 2023, and amounted to 1.0 thousand people

The number of unemployed citizens at the end of May 2024 was 9258, including women – 66.4%; young people aged 16-29 – 8.4%; citizens of pre-retirement age - 20.7%; disabled people - 10.6% (at the end of May 2023, the number of unemployed was 12 686 people).

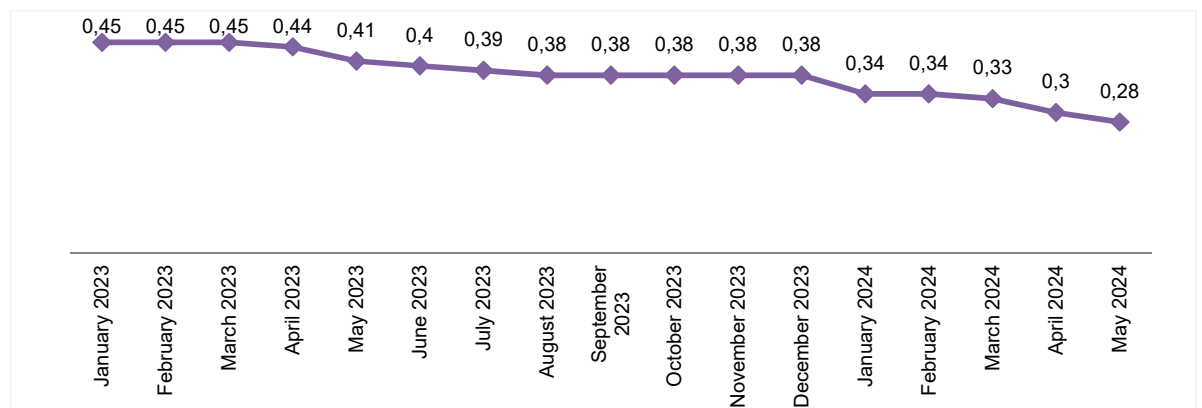
The State Employment Service of St. Petersburg (the Employment Service) registers employed and unemployed citizens who have applied for a suitable job. At the end of May 2024, their total number was 15 054 people (at the end of May 2023 – 21 686 people). (<http://ktzn.gov.spb.ru/analiticheskaya-informaciya/>).

According to Rosstat, in February-April 2024, the unemployment rate (according to the methodology of the International Labor Organization) was 1.5% of the economically active population. St. Petersburg had one of the lowest levels of unemployment among the constituent entities of the Russian Federation (in the North-Western Federal District – 2.3%, in Moscow – 1.1%, in the Russian Federation – 2.7%).

**TABLE 2. Change in the number of officially registered unemployed people in St. Petersburg, January 2023 - April 2024 r.**

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 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
February	13.0	10.6	99.3	76.3
March	12.6	10.2	95.9	73.6
April	12.1	9.8	96.2	71.7

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



The registered unemployment rate (the ratio of the number of registered unemployed to the average labor force in 2023) at the end of May 2024 was 0.28% (at the end of May 2023, this figure was 0.41%) (www.rspb.ru) (Figure 1). This is the lowest figure among the regions of the Northwestern Federal District.

food prices was 0.5% higher than the national average.

Prices for foodstuff in April 2024 in St. Petersburg increased by 0.8%, for non-food products – by 0.5%.

ROMIR calculates a statistical deflator index that reflects real changes in the general level of prices for consumer goods (FMCG) for a certain period of time. On the basis of the ROMIR data panel, information about actual purchases made at real prices is analyzed, so the deflator actually shows the average personal inflation of each consumer. According to the ROMIR monitoring, consumer prices in Russia increased by 19.2% compared to March last year. The accumulated inflation since the beginning of 2024 is 4.6% (https://romir.ru/index), which is 2 times more than Rosstat inflation data.

In April 2024, there was an increase in prices for bread and bakery products (by 3.1%), cereals and legumes (by 2.1%), fish (by 2.0%), butter and fats, alcoholic beverages, milk and dairy products (by 1.5%), confectionery products (by 1.3%), fruit and vegetable products (by 1.0%), meat and poultry (by 0.6%), and cheeses (by 0.1%),

In April 2024, fruit and vegetable products fell in price by 0.8%, including onions - by 7.5%, bananas - by 1.5%, tomatoes - by 1.3%, while carrots rose in price by 7.9%, grapes - by 2.5%. Cocoa became more expensive by 5.6%, canned tomatoes - by 3.5%, black tea - by 3.4%, dumplings, manti, ravioli, rye bread, rye-wheat – by 3.3%, salted herring fillet - by 3.2%, cottage cheese - by 2.7%, salt, natural instant coffee – by 2.4%.

### 3. PERSONAL INCOMES AND EXPENDITURES

#### PRICES

In January-April 2024, the consumer sector of the St. Petersburg economy saw a 2.8% increase in prices.

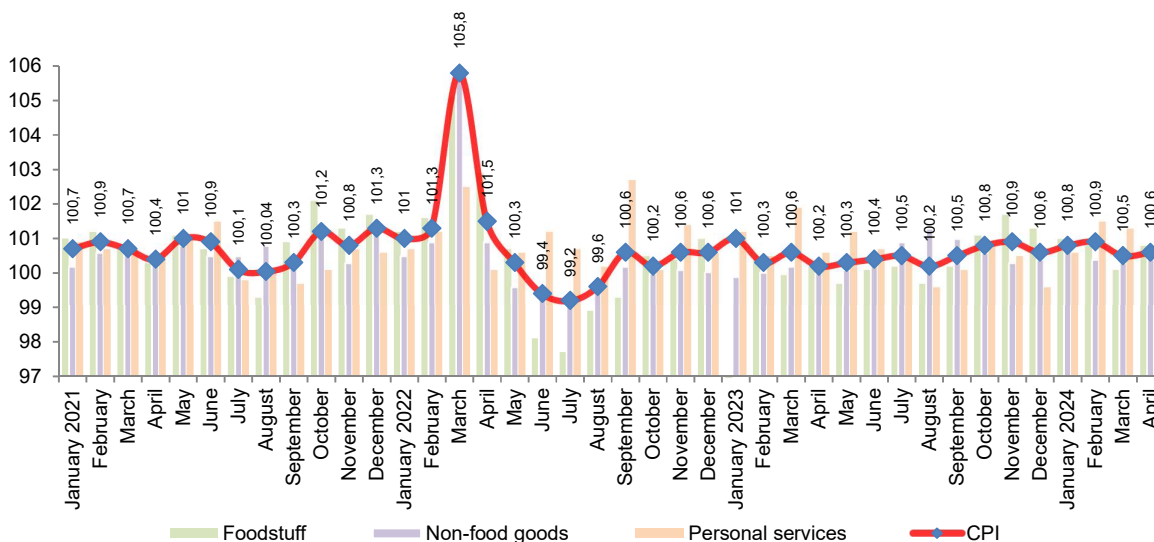
Consumer price growth in January-April 2024 in St. Petersburg was 0.1% higher than the national average. In April 2024, consumer prices increased by 0.6% (Figure 2).

In January-April 2024, in St. Petersburg, tariffs for paid services to the population increased by 4.0%.

The growth of prices for paid services in St. Petersburg in January-April 2024 was 0.7% above the Russia's average. Tariffs for paid services increased by 0.6% in April 2024.

In January-April 2024, prices for foodstuff and for non-food products increased by 2.7% and 1.9%, respectively. The rate of growth of food prices in St. Petersburg in January-April 2014 was the same as the national average, while that of non-

**FIGURE 2. Consumer price index dynamics in January 2021- April 2024, % compared to the previous month**





Among non-food products in April 2024, St. Petersburg saw an increase in prices for perfume and cosmetics (by 2.2%), medicines (by 1.6%), hosiery (by 1.3%), electrical goods (by 0.6%), building materials (by 0.5%), haberdashery, fabrics (by 0.4%), furniture (by 0.3%), tobacco products (by 0.2%), and office supplies (by 0.1%).

Paper fell in price (by 1.6%), so did clothing (by 0.7%), detergents and cleaning products (by 0.2%), and shoes (by 0.1%).

In April 2024, the tariffs for electricity, cold and hot water supply, water disposal, gas, housing maintenance and repairs remained unchanged.

In April 2024, the subscription fees for a mobile service package increased by 8.6%, for sight-seeing services increased by 3.8%, for hotel accommodation – by 3.4%, for veterinary services – by 2.5%, while the cost of air travel became lower by 8.3%, and services in the field of foreign tourism – by 5.9%.

In January-April 2024, gasoline prices increased by 1.3%, diesel fuel prices - by 0.8%. In April 2024, prices for gasoline and diesel fuel increased by 0.5%.

#### PERSONAL INCOMES AND EXPENDITURES

Real accrued wages calculated taking into account the consumer price index in March 2024 amounted to 98.8% compared to February 2024 and 105.5% compared to March 2023 (Table 3).

The average nominal salary in March 2024 was 104108 rubles. The average nominal salary of Russian citizens in March 2024 was 15.7% less than in St. Petersburg and amounted to 87740 rubles. The average median salary in St. Petersburg in the first quarter of this year was 72500 rubles per month.

#### DIFFERENTIATION OF INCOMES AND SALARIES IN ST. PETERSBURG

The gap between the highest salary (mining) and the lowest (hotel and restaurant activities) in March 2024 was 4.2 times, compared to 7.5 times in December 2023, 4.2 times in September, 4.4 times in June and 4.9 times in March 2023 (figure 3).

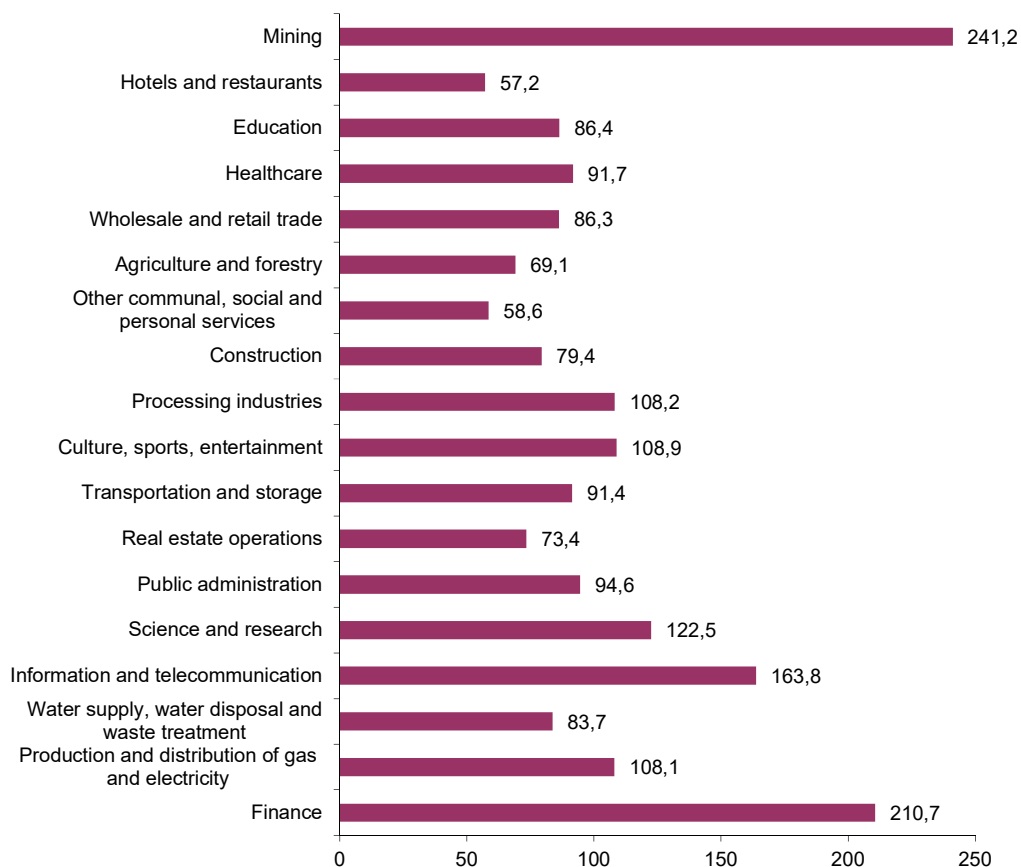
The highest salaries in March 2024 were paid in the mining industry (the salary of employees in this industry was 2.4 times higher than the average salary in St. Petersburg).

In March 2024, the average salary in St. Petersburg was significantly exceeded by that in the field of financial activities (by 2.1 times), in the field of information and communications (by 63.8%) and in scientific and technical activities (by 22.5%).

And the lowest salaries were paid to those employed in hotels and restaurants (57.2% of the average salary), and in the provision of other public, social and personal services (58.6% of the average salary).

**TABLE 3. Real wage dynamics in St. Petersburg and the Russian Federation in January 2022. - March 2024, %**

	<i>St. Petersburg</i>		<i>Russian Federation</i>	
	<i>Real wages</i>		<i>Real wages</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
January 2024	70.4	104.9	71.4	108.5
February	110.3	108.6	103.2	110.8
March	98.8	105.5	111.4	112.9

**FIGURE 3. Inter-industry differentiation of average salary in March 2024 in St. Petersburg, % of the average level (average salary = 100%)**

#### 4. INDUSTRY

The index of industrial production in St. Petersburg was 111.8% in January-April 2024 compared to January-April 2023, in April 2024 compared to April 2023 - 113.1%.

On June 20, in the Primorsky district of St. Petersburg, a new medicines production line by Pharmacor was launched. The full-cycle plant will be able to produce up to 600 million tablets per year. 80 new jobs have been created at the plant. The capacity of the modern equipment of the enterprise will allow to produce 250 thousand tablets per hour, 2.8 thousand capsules per minute and more than three tons of mixtures per day. The new production line includes sections for the preparation of mixtures, encapsulation, tableting, and secondary packaging. It is planned to produce both well-known medicines and new medicines unique for the Russian market at the site (spb.mk.ru.mk.ru 20.06.2024).

On the site of the former Scania and MAN tractor plant in St. Petersburg, the production of Russian truck cabins of the Bryansk Automobile

Plant has begun. In April 2023, the Bryansk Automobile Plant presented a completely new model of heavy domestic civilian tractor BAZ-S36A11. The development of the novelty was carried out by the Obukhov Plant engineering center. The BAZ vehicle weighing almost 36 tons has a load capacity of 22 tons and is powered by a YAMZ diesel engine with a capacity of 422 hp. The company "Truck Production Rus", which produced trucks under the Scania and MAN brands, ceased operations due to liquidation. The plant in St. Petersburg produced heavy trucks of both brands (usedcars.ru.ru 11.06.2024).

A new plant of the United Production Company — Voskhod (OPK-Voskhod) has opened in St. Petersburg on the territory of the Arsenal industrial zone. It will be engaged in serial production of polymer fittings with embedded heaters. The total cost of the production line was 150 million rubles. The company will produce about 650 thousand electro-welded and cast fittings made of polymer materials with a diameter of 32 to 160 mm, that is about 209 thousand tons of products annually. Gas fittings are used as connecting parts for pipes. The launch of the new production facility will provide import-substituting products to such large enterprises as Gazprom Mezhrefiongaz, Mosgaz and Mosoblغاز. The

main customer is Gazprom Mezhrefiongaz, which needs about 2 million fittings per year. The new plant will partially replace imports, meeting 32% of the holding's demand (tvspb.ru.ru 17.04.2024).

The Obukhov Plant has started production of sand 3D printers "Barkhan-1200". The first two serial samples have already been manufactured by the company for delivery to customers. The printer-generated molds can be used for casting steel, cast iron, non-ferrous metals, and magnesium alloys. "Barkhan-1200" is used to create one-time casting molds, and quartz sand and binding resin are used

as raw materials. Creating a single form on such a 3D printer can take from several hours to several days, but in 2025 the plant promises to start mass production of sand printers with a doubling of the printing speed. The 3D printer was developed directly by the Obukhov Plant, which is part of the Almaz-Antey concern. The printer is powered by a 380 Volt network, and its weight, excluding auxiliary equipment, is no more than 5 tons. The sand printer "Barkhan-1200" is able to create complex shapes, as well as helps reduce waste and time to prepare for casting ([https://t.me/s/mash\\_tech](https://t.me/s/mash_tech) 20.03.2024).

**FIGURE 4. Industrial production index by industry, January-April 2024 to January-April 2023.**



## 5. FINANCE

In January–April 2024, the net financial result (profit minus loss) of organizations amounted to 386.2 billion rubles, which is 30.2% less than in the corresponding period of 2023.

In January-April 2024., the share of unprofitable organizations was 24.7%. Compared to January-April 2023, the number of unprofitable organizations decreased by 10 units or 1.0%, and the amount of loss increased 1.9 times

According to the operational data of the Federal Tax Service Office for St. Petersburg, in January–May 2024, the budget system received taxes, fees and other mandatory payments in the amount of 926 billion rubles, which in nominal terms is 2.8% less than in January-May 2023.

According to the St. Petersburg Finance Committee, in January-April 2024, revenues of the consolidated budget of St. Petersburg amounted to 315.8 billion rubles, which is 20.7% less in nominal terms than in January–April 2023., and consolidated budget expenditures amounted to 349.3 billion rubles, which is 31.2% more than in the same period last year.

### STATE DEBT

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

## 6. CITY AFFAIRS

### BEAUTIFICATION, RESTORATION, CAPITAL REPAIRS

The restoration of the Moscow Triumphal Gate will be completed by September 1, 2024. The

total cost of the work is 332.5 million rubles. The project is partially funded by the new resort fee introduced by the administration of St. Petersburg from April 1 of this year. The works include restoration of sculptures, strengthening of the foundation and stairs, restoration of ventilation, as well as the creation of a new scheme of artistic illumination of the monument. (Based on materials of Interfax and TASS)

The restoration of the facades of the St.s Peter and Paul Fortress, scheduled for December 2024, has been postponed till 2026. In the process of carrying out restoration works with a total cost of 1.36 billion rubles, problems were discovered that require additional time to be solved. On the Gosudarev and Naryshkin bastions, restorers had to dismantle the granite facing of the walls, and on the Ioannovsky Ravelin, the foundation needed to be additionally strengthened. An additional agreement on the extension of the terms of work between the State Museum of History of St. Petersburg and the company "PSB Zhilstroy" was concluded on June 20. (Based on the materials of Business Petersburg).

Major repairs of the metro will be carried out simultaneously at several stations in 2024. The metro station "Udelnaya" was closed for an 11-month repair on June 1. As part of the repair work, it is planned to restore the inclined course, repair the premises of the escalator, cash register and machine rooms, as well as update the engineering networks.

In July, work on the Chernyshevskaya metro station, which began in October 2022, is to be completed. Certain types of repair works continue at the Grazhdansky Prospekt and Novocherkasskaya metro stations. A competition has also been announced for the development of a major renovation project for the Pushkinskaya metro station. (Based on the materials of Business Petersburg).

**Table 4. St. Petersburg's state debt structure on July 1, 2024**

	Min rubles
Public domestic debt, including:	77 742.8
Securities	53 606.1,
Budget loans from other budgets of the budgetary system of the Russian Federation	24 136.7
State external debt:	0.0
TOTAL public debt of St. Petersburg	77 742. 8

Source: Committee on finance of St. Petersburg

**Table 5. Debt service expenditures of the budget of St. Petersburg, as of July 1, 2024 (min rubles)**

Name	Updated plan for 2024	Executed as of 01.07.2024
Expenses for servicing the state internal debt	5 080.4	2 262.5
Total expenses for servicing the state debt of St. Petersburg	5 080.4	2 262.5

Source: Committee on finance of St. Petersburg

SUE TEK SPb and JSC Teploset of St. Petersburg plan to replace 36 km of heating networks in the Nevsky district in 2024. In particular, it is planned to update the heat input of the Novoselov distribution network, as well as to repair the Porokhovskaya and Rybatskaya heating lines. Pipelines and sections of heating networks on Tsymbalina Str, Obukhovskoy Oborony Ave., Tkachey Str., and Elizarova Ave. will also be replaced. (Based on the materials of the press service of SUE TEK SPb)

#### TRANSPORTATION, ENERGY, WATER SUPPLY

Passenger traffic at Pulkovo Airport in January-April 2024 amounted to 5.8 million passengers, which is 7% more than in the same period in 2023. During the period, 4.7 million passengers were transported on domestic flights via Pulkovo, and 1.1 million passengers on international flights. The most popular domestic destinations in addition to Moscow were Kaliningrad, Sochi, Yekaterinburg and Kazan. Among the most popular foreign destinations are Istanbul, Dubai, Minsk, Antalya and Tashkent. In the first quarter of 2024, the number of flights to Shanghai increased (flights became daily), flights to Tbilisi, Ferghana, and Gomel were launched. In October 2024, it is planned to launch direct flights between St. Petersburg and Muscat, the capital of Oman (flights will be operated by Oman Air). The leaders in terms of traffic volume in 2024 among Russian airlines were Rossiya, Pobeda and Smartavia, and among foreign airlines — Turkish Airlines, Uzbekistan Airlines and Belavia. (Based on the materials of VVSS LLC)

In January-April 2024, St. Petersburg transport organizations transported 6.9 million tons of cargo (9% less than in January-April 2023) and 229.5 million passengers (7.4% more than in the same period in 2023). At the same time, cargo turnover amounted to 1.150 million ton-km (10% lower than in January-April 2023). Passenger turnover is 1.591 million pass-km (9% higher than in the same period of 2023). A significant reduction in cargo turnover is associated with a decrease in container cargo transshipment through the Large Port of St. Petersburg. The number of road accidents in January-April 2024 was 1.1% lower than in the same period of 2023. At the same time, the number of road accidents involving children under 16 years of age in January-April 2024 was 8.8% higher than in January-April 2023. (According to Petrostat)

#### MAJOR CITY PROJECTS

St. Petersburg City Administration and Synergy JSC signed an agreement on the construction of two new skyscrapers in the Lakhta area at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum. The design names of the buildings are "Lakhta-2" and "Lakhta-3" (the buildings are 555 and 703 m high). To provide access to the new complex of buildings, it is also planned to build the M-32 motorway with a length of 7.7 km and an estimated speed limit of 80

km/h. The construction works are scheduled to be completed in December 2027 and cost 18.4 billion rubles. In addition to this agreement, the City Administration signed a number of significant contracts at the forum with a total value of 1.2 trillion rubles, including an agreement with VTB on the construction of a new theater and concert complex on Novo-Admiralteiskiy Island with a capacity of 1.8 thousand spectators and a number of agreements on the modernization of public transport payment services. (Based on the materials of the portal Nedvizhimost SPb and Interfax)

Preparations are underway for the construction of the Moscow-St. Petersburg high-speed railway. In early June, the Russian Government approved a decree on the construction of a high-speed railway, but the concessionaire for the project with a total cost of 2 trillion rubles is not selected yet. The future HSR carrier is VSM-400 LLC, the founder of which is the Moscow Metro. In addition, in April, Russian Railways signed a contract for the supply of two electric trains for HSR with a total cost of 12 billion rubles. The contractor will be Ural Locomotives LLC. (Based on the materials of Business Petersburg)



## 7. REAL ESTATE

### HOUSING AND CIVIL CONSTRUCTION

As reported by the site [restate.ru](http://restate.ru), since the beginning of 2024, more than 1.231 million sq. meters of housing have been built in St. Petersburg. At the same time, in May, a total of 56 951.70 sq. meters of housing were commissioned, according to the Construction Committee. In total, three multi-apartment buildings with 638 apartments and 89 residential housing units with a total area of more than 16 thousand sq. meters were completed. In April, developers commissioned 104 102 thousand sq. meters of housing, which is 2256 apartments, the Construction Committee reported. During the month, the city built seven new multi-apartment buildings and 97 residential housing units with a total area of more than 18 thousand sq. meters. For comparison, in March, 271 567.3 sq. meters of housing were commissioned (5 356 apartments in 15 apartment buildings). According to the Unified Register of Developers, in terms of housing commissioning in the four months of 2024, the LSR Group is the leader (almost 182 thousand sq. meters were commissioned). Setl Group is in the second place (103 thousand sq. meters). BFA-Development Group took the third place (88 thousand sq. meters).

In the five months of 2024, more than 46% of the housing planned by the Ministry of Construction for this year was put into operation in the city as a whole. The annual plan for commissioning, agreed

by the Smolny with the Ministry of Construction, is 2.65 million sq. meters.

For comparison: a year earlier, more than 236 thousand sq. meters were commissioned in a month, and in January-May 2023 - more than 1.42 million sq. meters of new buildings were already commissioned. The current decline in housing commissioning compared to the same period last year is 15%.

St. Petersburg took the second place in the rating of the quality of life of Russian regions over the past year, the press service of the City Government reported. The results of the updated list were presented at the meeting of the Supervisory Board of the Agency for Strategic Initiatives (ASI), which was held by the Russian President Vladimir Putin on May 21. In the first place is the city of Moscow.

In the rating, St. Petersburg has managed to achieve high results in several areas. These are "Security", "Opportunities for work and business", "Consumption and leisure", as well as growth in the indicator "The share of entrepreneurs / people who have / are preparing to open their own business in the total number of respondents". (bsn.ru)

#### TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT, REGULATION

According to the Ministry of Construction, at the plenary session of the V International Forum on Urban Development and Digital Transformation "Smart City" in Perm, the results of calculating the Urban Digitalization Index "IQ of cities" for 2023 were summed up. The City IQ index is determined annually from 2020. The IQ of Cities index is evaluated within the Smart City project in four categories – major, very large and large cities, as well as administrative centers.

The work of intelligent heat, water and gas supply systems, air quality monitoring sensors and other indicators is evaluated. According to the Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation Marat Khusnullin, these high-tech processes are aimed at creating an effective management system for urban infrastructure, as well as comfortable and safe living conditions for citizens. According to the results of the index, its average score has reached 61 points out of 120 possible, which is 11% higher than in 2022.

The Smart City concept is aimed at improving the quality of life of citizens. It affects all aspects of urban development—from transport infrastructure and housing and communal services to the social sphere and the environment. The IQ index allows you to assess the level of digitalization of the urban economy and the effectiveness of implementing Smart City solutions, as well as identify promising areas for further development of modern cities.

As the Minister of Construction and Housing of the Russian Federation Irek Fayzullin said, in 2023, the index is calculated for 235 cities. The leaders in each category were Moscow, Tyumen,

Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk and Chernushinsky City District. Compared to the base year of 2018, the level of digitalization of Russian cities increased by 55%.

The Smart City departmental project has been implemented by the Russian Ministry of Construction since 2018 as part of the national Housing and Urban Environment project and the Digital Economy program. The goal is to increase the competitiveness of Russian cities, create an effective urban management system and provide safe and comfortable living conditions for citizens.

Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin signed a decree prepared by the Ministry of Construction of the Russian Federation, which will enable the regions to involve more land plots in turnover and develop them in a comprehensive manner. " ... The regions have the opportunity to combine two land plots in one lot – one attractive for investment and one unattractive, but which needs comprehensive development to improve people's lives. The new approach will allow us to involve more urban spaces in the process of large-scale renovation. It is important that we can help develop territories that may have been overlooked by investors. This will make comprehensive urban renewal more uniform and efficient" said Marat Khusnullin, Deputy Prime Minister of Russia.

The possibility of combining several land plots and objects in one lot will also allow public authorities to reduce the cost and time for bidding, as well as speed up the implementation of the program for resettling emergency housing stock. Regions will be able to involve in the process of comprehensive development territories with a large concentration of dilapidated housing stock simultaneously with undeveloped territory. Compensation for part of the costs is possible due to the relocation of people to houses built on undeveloped territories, and not to apartments purchased at market value, as well as from the profit from the sale of the remaining apartments. A resolution has been adopted that will allow involving more land plots in the mechanism of integrated development of territories. (minstroyrf.gov.ru)

Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin signed a decree establishing the rules for forming and maintaining a register of capital construction projects that are built at the expense of the federal budget. The register will replace the Federal Targeted Investment Program (FAIP). The federal targeted investment program became the basis for the approval of the five-year comprehensive state program "Construction". Its implementation began on January 1, 2023. It is designed to increase the efficiency of budget funds allocated to the industry, speed up the commissioning of facilities, and ensure the achievement of priority goals of state policy in the construction sector.

The program includes all state programs and national projects in terms of capital investments in a comprehensive manner and covers almost all sectors. Educational, scientific, medical, cultural institutions and other social facilities are built under it.

The program also provides for the reconstruction and construction of roads and airports, port infrastructure, agriculture and much more.

"After the transfer of the Federal targeted investment program to the Ministry of Construction of the Russian Federation, the Government is carrying out comprehensive work to develop new approaches to managing state capital investments. Now the register of capital construction and real estate objects will operate instead of the FTIP. The new resolution simplifies the decision-making procedure and provides for digitalization of all processes. The formation and maintenance of the register, including approval and monitoring of construction, will be fully integrated into the state information system for public finance management "Electronic Budget". This will ensure transparency of all procedures, remove redundant paper documents, reduce the time for making decisions on capital investments, and generally reduce the investment and construction cycle," said the Deputy Prime Minister Marat Khusnullin. The register will be posted on the unified portal of the budget system of the Russian Federation.

Irek Fayzullin, Minister of Construction and Housing and Utilities of the Russian Federation, noted that the "amendments to the Budget Code of the Russian Federation, which excluded the provisions on the formation and implementation of the Federal Targeted Investment Program, were adopted in December 2023 and have already begun to take effect. At the same time, taking into account the transitional provisions, the register will be fully formed when drawing up the draft federal budget for 2025-2027. Starting from 2023, the comprehensive state program is approved for a period of five years. The document links the work of all departments and other main managers of federal budget funds in terms of implementing measures in the field of construction and managing state capital investments." The procedure for maintaining the register of capital construction objects instead of FTIP has been approved. ([minstroyrf.gov.ru](http://minstroyrf.gov.ru))

According to the press center, on June 6, the Ministry of Construction of the Russian Federation held a meeting of the Commission in the field of urban development and urban planning, and the Commission for the preservation of cultural heritage objects of the Public Council under the Ministry of Construction of the Russian Federation.

Pursuant to the instructions of the President of the Russian Federation, a draft federal law "On Amendments to the Federal Law "On Objects of Cultural Heritage (Historical and Cultural Monuments) of the Peoples of the Russian Federation" and certain legislative acts of the Russian Federation" has been prepared. It has already been discussed at the sites of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation, the Business Russia, the Public Chamber of Russia, and the State Duma. The draft law was supported by federal authorities - the Ministry of Construction

of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation, the Federal Antimonopoly Service, and Rosreestr. Now the document is under consideration by the State Council commissions and is undergoing public hearings. According to Dmitry Aratsky, Deputy Head of the Moscow Mayor's and Government's Office, "The law is aimed at removing administrative barriers to economic activity and the development of territories created by certain provisions of the legislation in the field of cultural heritage protection, which have been unchanged for many years."

First Deputy Minister of Construction and Housing and Communal Services of the Russian Federation Alexander Lomakin noted that this bill concerns the most important topic of preserving cultural heritage, including archaeological sites. "Today there are big tasks for commissioning housing and infrastructure facilities, so we must find compromises on the topic of the meeting," he stressed.

Leonid Kondrashov, First Deputy Head of the Department of Cultural Heritage of Moscow, noted that the permit system should be introduced, regional authorities should be given the opportunity to control it within the framework of the law, and criteria for evaluating a specialist's performance should be introduced.

According to the Rector of the Moscow Architecture Institute Dmitry Shvidkovsky, it is necessary to review the composition of documents, bring all registers into a single state, and carry out work on updating documents. With regard to the archaeological heritage, it is necessary to preserve the scientific component.



## 8. INVESTMENT PROJECTS

According to Petrostat, the volume of investments in fixed assets by the city's enterprises in January-March 2024 amounted to 238.9 billion rubles, which is 26% higher than in the same period last year. The specific structure of investments for this period is as follows: the largest share of capital investments was made in machinery and equipment (including household appliances), inventory and other objects - 53.2%; buildings (except residential) and structures - 28.1%; intellectual property objects - 10.3%; residential buildings and premises - 6.9%. The sources for the investments were own funds (61.1%) and attracted funds (38.9%), of which 19.8% came from the state budgets, including 15.3% from the budget of St. Petersburg.

**The development of the concept of the Museum of Architecture on Tuchkov Buyan has been completed.**

According to the JSC "Center for Exhibition and Museum Projects", the ultimate goal of developing this concept should be to create an exhibition

space of Soviet and Russian urban planning in St. Petersburg, which will form a comprehensive view of the architecture of St. Petersburg-Petrograd-Leningrad, as well as provide an understanding of the main factors influencing the change in the appearance of the city. In addition to the main exhibition about architecture, it is also necessary to create a platform for demonstrating modern architectural projects, holding architectural competitions, as well as temporary exhibitions.

**The company "Luzar"(part of the Management Company "Carville") has launched a new production of automotive components in St. Petersburg.**

It is a line for the production of radiators for cars, for the creation of which the company attracted a preferential loan in the amount of 74 million rubles from St. Petersburg Industrial Development Fund. In the new workshop of the company "Luzar" it is planned to produce products for cars with a large engine capacity - KAMAZ, MAZ, tractor production. The total investment in the project amounted to about 400 million rubles.

**Russia's first plant for the production of high-molecular-weight polyethylene will be launched in St. Petersburg.**

These products are intended for the production of bulletproof vests, bulletproof helmets and other personal protective equipment. "NPO Spetsmaterialov" plans to build research and production complexes by 2030, and one of the company's facilities may open as early as in July this year. The innovative plant will be located on a 6-hectare plot on the Neftyanaya Road near the Volkovsky Cemetery in the Frunzensky district. "NPO Spetsmaterialov" will invest 1 billion rubles in new production facilities.

**Invitro Medical Company has opened the first Vet Union laboratory for animals in St. Petersburg.**

The laboratory will operate in an express mode, providing results of a number of tests within 12 hours. It will conduct general clinical research and biochemical analysis for veterinary clinics in St. Petersburg. According to experts, the creation of such a laboratory with the installation of high-quality equipment costs about 10-15 million rubles.

**"CityStroyAlliance" plans to build a factory for the production of doors and wooden finishing panels**

The plant will be the second production facility in St. Petersburg to be awarded the status of a large-scale investment project by the city authorities, which makes it possible to obtain a land plot for the construction of industrial facilities without bidding. The first project in St. Petersburg to receive such status was the project of the company "Morsvyazavtomatika", which will build a workshop for the production of equipment for metal cutting.

The volume of investments in the project for the production of doors is estimated at 438 million rubles.

**The construction supervision agency of St. Petersburg has approved the construction of the second stage of the electronics manufacturing plant at the Novoorlovskaya site of the St. Petersburg Special Economic Zone (SEZ) by OOO Pantex**

It is planned that the company will produce ready-made electronic components and blocks in cooperation with other Russian enterprises. The investments in the construction is estimated at 1.5 billion rubles.

**The company "Kizlyar Extreme" plans to build a knife factory in St. Petersburg.**

The company will be located in the industrial park "Kievskoe-95" in the Pushkinsky district of St. Petersburg and will work on a full cycle, including quenching and grinding blades, producing approximately 10 thousand knives per month. The construction of the enterprise will allow doubling the company's production volumes at the first stage, and its expansion is planned in the future. The volume of investments will be about 200 million rubles.





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