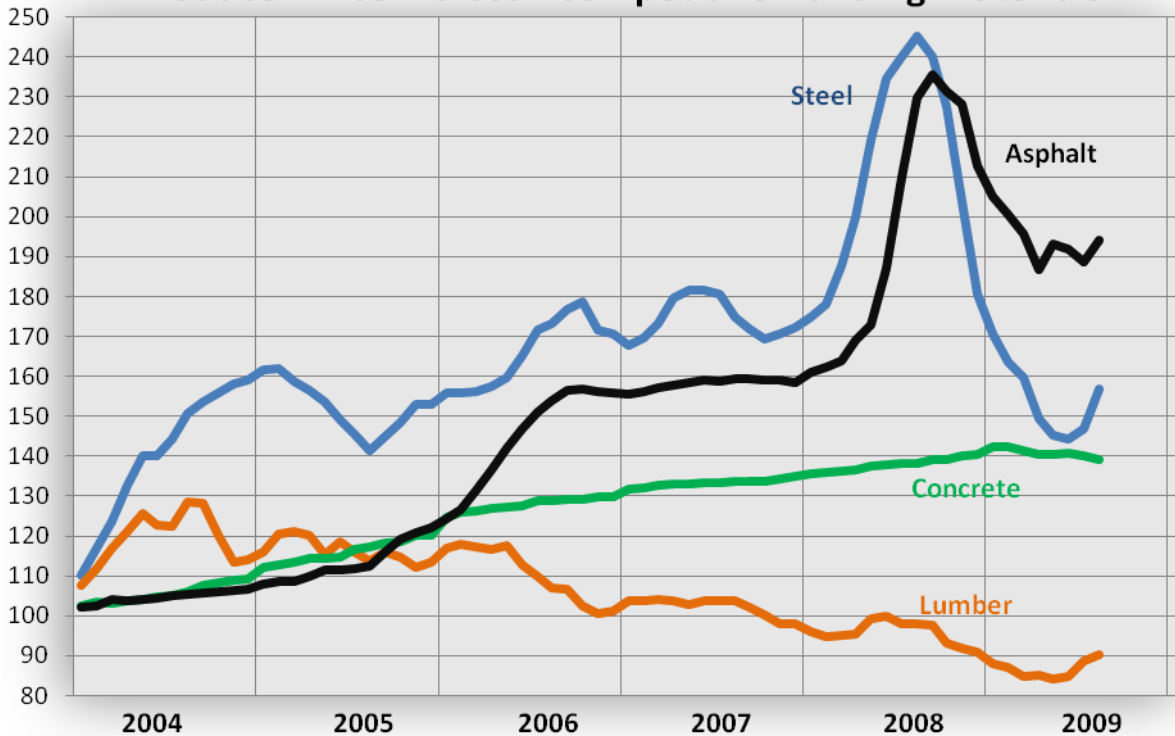


Market Research

Producer Price Indices - Competitive Building Materials



| | Annual | | | Monthly | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | Mar-09 | Apr-09 | May-09(p) | Jun-09(p) | Jul-09(p) | Aug-09(p) |
| Steel Mill Products | 166.1 | 174.5 | 211.2 | 180.6 | 149.8 | 145.3 | 144.2 | 146.7 | 156.7 |
| % Change Year Ago | 9.1% | 5.0% | 21.0% | -15.0% | -25.1% | -33.8% | -38.5% | -38.9% | -36.1% |
| % Change Month Ago | | | | -2.4% | -6.2% | -3.0% | -0.7% | 1.7% | 6.8% |
| Lumber | 110.6 | 102.4 | 95.8 | 84.9 | 85.0 | 84.3 | 85.0 | 88.6 | 90.2 |
| % Change Year Ago | -5.1% | -7.4% | -6.4% | -10.7% | -10.9% | -15.0% | -15.0% | -9.4% | -8.1% |
| % Change Month Ago | | | | -2.5% | 0.1% | -0.8% | 0.8% | 4.3% | 1.7% |
| Concrete Products | 127.8 | 133.3 | 138.0 | 141.3 | 140.8 | 140.4 | 140.6 | 140.1 | 139.1 |
| % Change Year Ago | 10.1% | 4.3% | 3.5% | 3.8% | 3.0% | 2.1% | 1.9% | 1.4% | 0.6% |
| % Change Month Ago | | | | -0.7% | -0.3% | -0.3% | 0.1% | -0.4% | -0.7% |
| Asphalt* | 144.9 | 158.2 | 197.4 | 195.8 | 186.6 | 193.1 | 191.9 | 188.6 | 194.0 |
| % Change Year Ago | 27.8% | 9.2% | 24.8% | 19.5% | 10.5% | 11.7% | 2.7% | -10.1% | -15.6% |
| % Change Month Ago | | | | -2.3% | -4.7% | 3.5% | -0.6% | -1.8% | 2.9% |

(p) = Preliminary data

Base Year: 2002 = 100

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Steel prices increased sharply, increasing by 6.8% from July to August. Asphalt prices increased 2.9% from the previous month. Lumber prices increased for the third consecutive month by 1.7% from July to August. Concrete prices decreased by 0.7% from the previous month.

Steel prices have decreased 36.1% within the last year. Asphalt prices have decreased 15.6% and lumber prices dropped by 8.1%. Over the last year concrete prices have increased slightly by 0.6%.

PCA Market Research provides this information to aid in the promotion of concrete and cement-based products.