



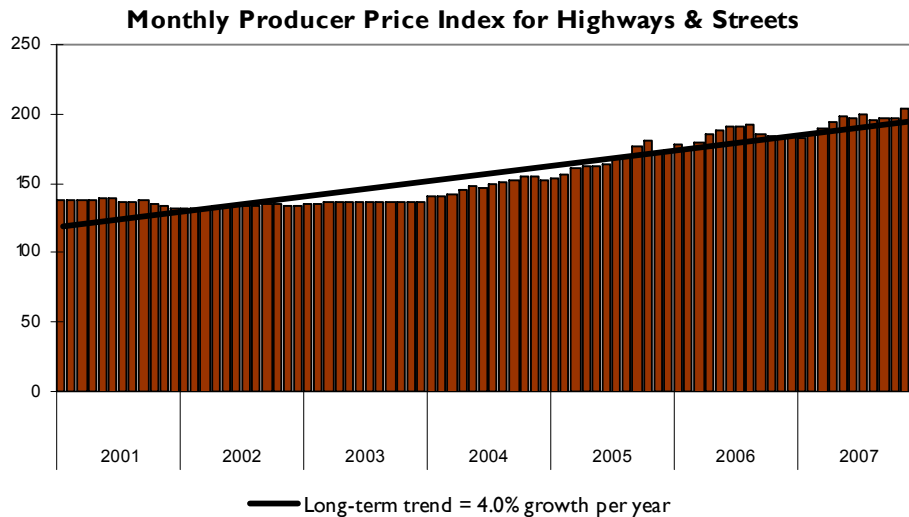
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The price of materials used for highway and street construction outpaced inflation in 2007.

On average, highway and street contractors paid 5.7 percent more for materials used on transportation construction projects in 2007 compared to prices for the same goods in 2006. The cost of general goods and services in the economy, as measured by the consumer price index (CPI), increased 2.8 percent in 2007.

Since 2003, the cost of materials for highway and street contractors has increased 43 percent, compared to a 12.7 percent increase in the consumer price index.

Annual Percentage Change in Transportation Construction Material Prices							
	2001- 2002	2002- 2003	2003- 2004	2004- 2005	2005- 2006	2006- 2007	% Change 2003-2007
Highway & Street Construction	-2.4%	2.2%	8.5%	12.6%	10.8%	5.7%	43.0%
Asphalt Paving & Block Mfg	3.2%	5.0%	1.3%	11.3%	25.5%	8.8%	50.6%
Cement	1.6%	-0.4%	3.0%	12.6%	13.0%	4.8%	37.4%
Concrete Block & Brick	1.7%	2.0%	3.0%	8.9%	8.0%	3.9%	25.7%
Equipment Mfg	1.4%	1.4%	3.2%	4.7%	4.5%	2.8%	16.0%
Crushed Stone	2.5%	2.4%	3.5%	9.0%	9.2%	8.6%	31.1%
Iron & Steel Scrap	17.8%	29.1%	76.8%	-9.9%	15.7%	21.7%	123.4%
Ready Mix Concrete	-0.1%	0.4%	5.2%	12.2%	11.8%	4.3%	37.4%
Inflation/Consumer Price Index	1.6%	2.3%	2.7%	3.4%	3.2%	2.8%	12.7%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Producer and Commodity Price Indices