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Chart 2: Scale of trading partner countries according to export/import share in 2010

Rank	Export partner	Import partner
1	Germany	Germany
2	Italy	Italy
3	Austria	Austria
4	France	France
5	Croatia	Hungary
6	Poland	Croatia
7	Serbia	Netherlands
8	Hungary	Czech Republic
9	Russia	Spain
10	Bosnia and Herzegovina	China
11	Great Britain	Belgium
12	Czech Republic	Poland
13	Netherlands	Serbia
14	Romania	Bosnia and Herzegovina
15	United States of America	Slovakia

Source: SURS

In the last two years the fall of investment activity was significant. It is estimated that in 2011 there will be no significant improvement in this field.

In the year 2010, conditions in the labour market are slightly improved in some branches of the economy, among which also foundry can be found. However, there was a significant deterioration in the market labour of construction sector. ILO unemployment rate in 2010 was 7,2%.

2. Slovenian foundry industry in 2010

The situation in Slovenian foundry industry was much better in the year 2010 than in 2009. The complete production in 2010 was about 164.000 tons and only 127.000 tons in the year 2009. What is the most important, as we can see, large and middle-sized foundry companies survived, only some small foundries had to close their business due to bankruptcy or winding up. The export grew for 5%, the financial situation was much better. As in the entire European foundry industry, there was the problem of raw material and energy prices. This could be a reason for not good result of the final balance. In the following chart foundry production is classified according to different types of casting.