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## MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS AND DATA ON ACHIEVED FOUNDRY PRODUCTION IN SLOVENIA FOR THE YEAR 2011

In the first half of 2011 there was a slight economic growth in Slovenia. Unfortunately, such growth is also noted in the second half of 2011. The economic activity has been reducing in the third and fourth quarter. So, at the end of 2011 Slovenia was on the edge to face a recession. There was a fall in the gross domestic product by 0.2%. A standard rate of unemployment was 8.1%, the working population or those employed was decreased by 1.3%. The average inflation was 1.8%.

Slovenian macroeconomic indicators attained in 2011 are presented in the following chart:

**Chart 1: Macroeconomic figures in the year 2011**

Growth rate % in real terms	2011
<b>GDP</b>	-0,2
Private spending	-0,2
State spending	-0,9
Investment spending	-10,7
Export of goods and services	6,8
Import of goods and services	4,7
Unemployment (ILO rate)	8,1
Employment	-1,3
Salary per employee (in real terms)	0,2
Inflation (year average)	1,8

Source: SKEP- Analytical group, Chamber of Commerce Slovenia

But what is interesting, is that the Slovenian foundries did much better than other industrial branches. Foundries' total production in 2011 was approximately 181.000 (one hundred and eighty-one thousand) tons which is 10 % higher than in 2010. Trends by type of casts were as follows: production of grey castings was increased by 4%, nodular castings by 29%, steel castings, malleable and steel granulate by 3%, aluminium by 11% and zinc even by 19%.

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Better results are achieving foundries which are programmatically bounded to the automotive industry. Problems due to the high price of raw materials and energy as well as due to very low investment activities and development investments are notable by all foundries.

In the following chart foundry production is classified according to different types of casting:

Castings production of the Slovenian Foundries in tons/year\*

Year	Grey Iron	Ductile Iron	Steel, Malleable and Granulate	Cu base	Al	Mg	Zink	Other nonferrous	Total
2010	73.441	25.576	34.171	1.021	27.228	0.661	2.443	0.175	164.716
2011	76.765	33.205	35.279	1.582	30.377	0.650	2.910	0.210	180.767
Index 2011/2010	1,04	1,29	1,03	1,54	1,11	0,98	1,19	1,2	1,1

\*statistical data and analysis prepared annually at the Slovenian Foundrymen Society level

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