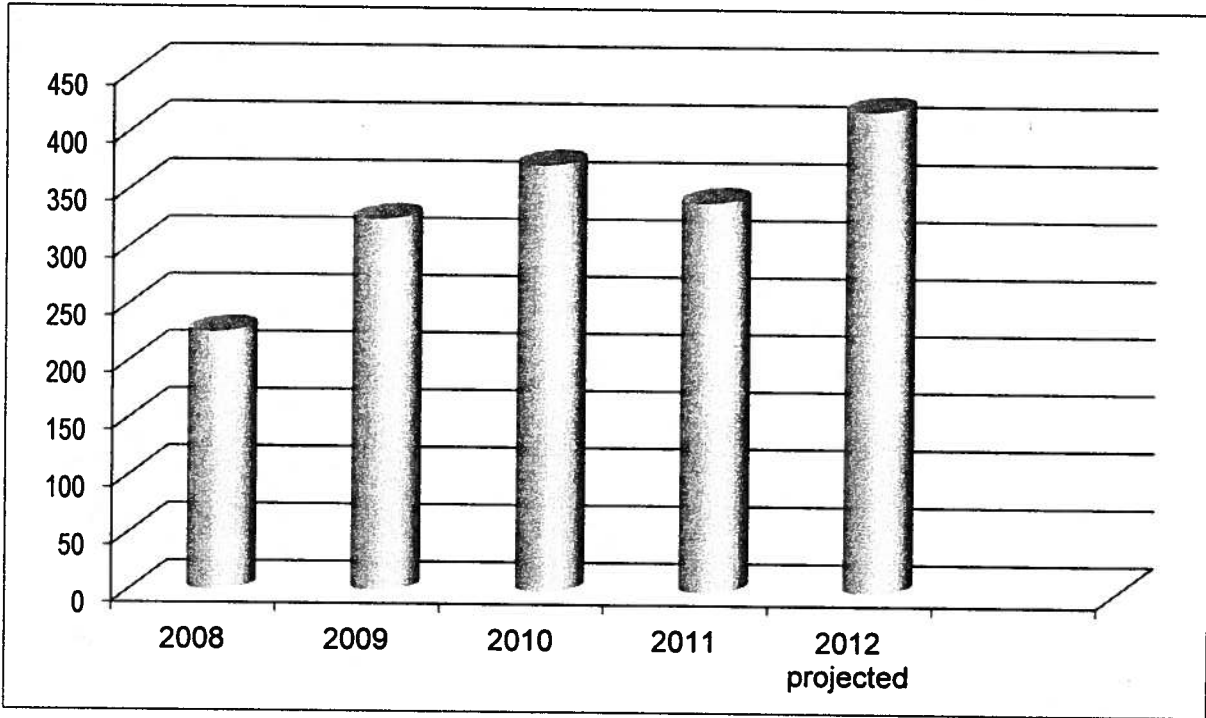
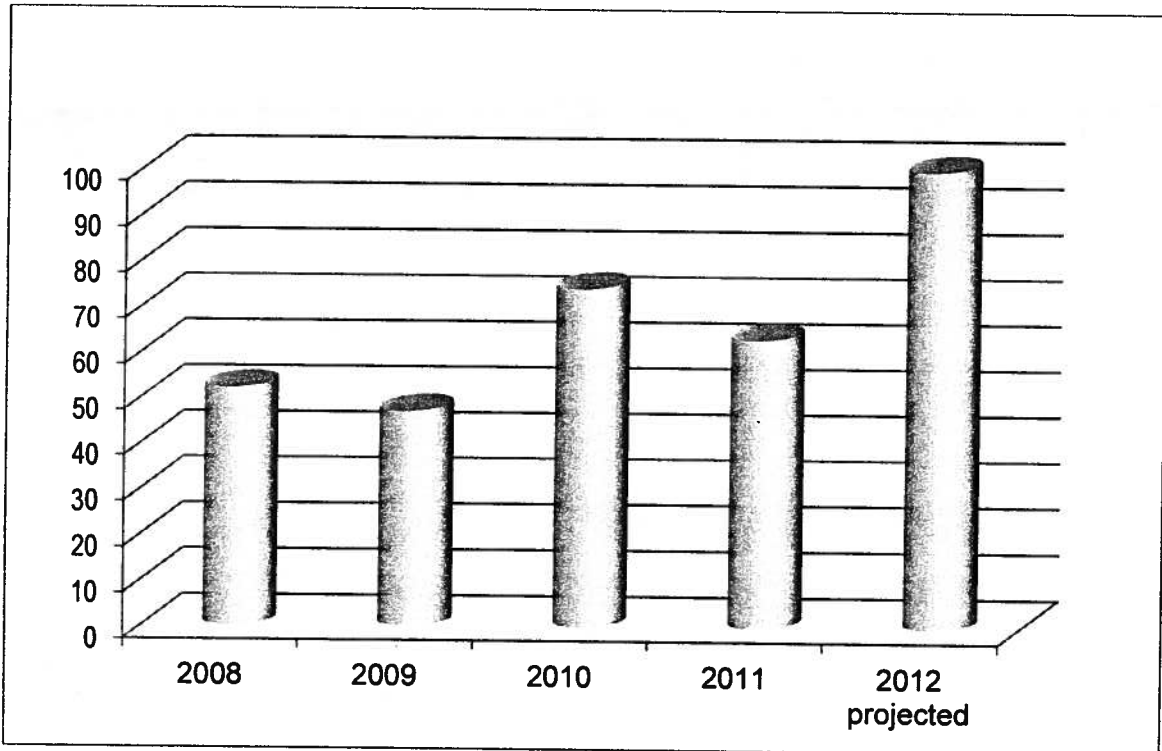


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Fun Factoids

The first examples in the history of land surveying date back to the ancient Egyptians during the building of the Great Pyramid at Giza in 2700 BC. There is evidence of the Egyptians using basic geometry to redraw boundary lines when the Nile overflowed its banks.

- LandSurveyor.com

The term *engineer* dates back to 1325. An *engine'er* meant literally, 'one who operates an engine'. This originally referred to a constructor of military contraptions of war, such as the catapult.

- Oxford English Dictionary

The era of Pericles, when tyrants ruled the city-states of ancient Greece (5th – 7th centuries BCE) resulted in a flowering of architecture as the despots of each city-state attempted to outdo one another in the magnificence of their public works buildings.

- historyofrchitecture.blogspot.com

In Cornell University's course *Parks and Flora of Imperial Rome*, taught by Kathryn Gleason, a stroll through the streets of Rome is an exercise in time travel. Students pound the Roman pavements, looking for clues to elaborate gardens built more than 2,000 years ago. Only one of the 12 parks has been excavated. The rest will lie forever buried 10 feet below today's apartment buildings, offices, and restaurants.

- Cals.cornell.edu