

Belgium - ~~August~~ 2000 : employees industry + 0.5%

September

Gradually higher

In September 2000, compared to september of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium increased by 0,5%; in construction it rose by 1,1%. The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo for Belgium as a whole (0,2%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0,2% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number expanded by 1,2%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows + 0,7% for chemicals, +0,7% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +0,3% for construction.

The number of employees in industry and construction keeps on rising gradually, somewhat more in Wallonia than in Flanders. This confirms the positive picture of the labour market which is also shown by other indicators: the fall of unemployment and the relatively high producer confidence.

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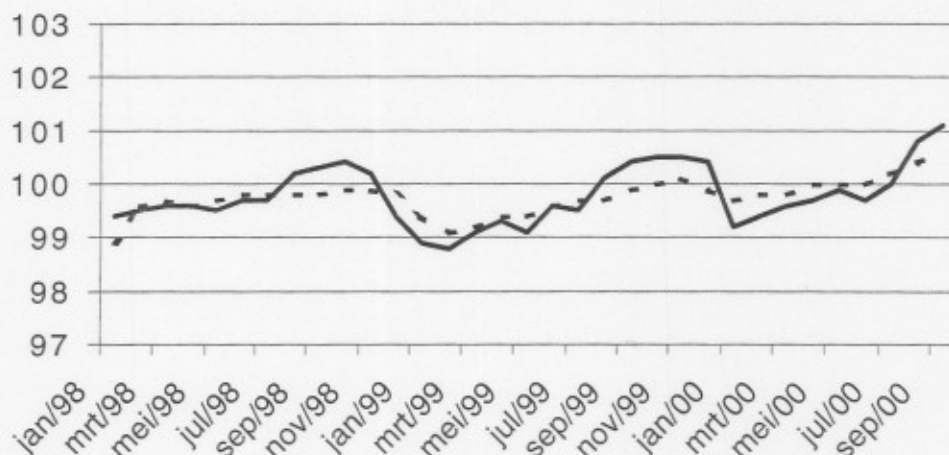
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Number of employees subject to social security

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Totale industry, excluding construction													
1999	98,7	98,4	98,5	98,4	98,6	98,8	98,7	99,0	99,2	99,4	99,4	99,2	98,9
2000	98,3	98,5	98,5	98,6	98,8	98,6	99,0	99,4	110,0				
Construction													
1999	99,6	100,5	101,8	102,6	101,1	102,6	102,6	104,3	105,3	104,9	104,8	104,9	102,9
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Non-durable consumer goods	/	/	//	/
Mining and quarrying	\	\	-	//
Food products, beverages and tobacco	-	/	/	/
Textiles and textiles products	\	\	//	//
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	\	\	//	\
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	/	/	/	/
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Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	/	//	//	//
Non-metallic mineral products	\	-	\	//
Manufacture of basic metals	/	/	/	/
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Belgium - October 2000 : employees industry + 0,7%

Trend continuously and broadly upward in all regions and most sectors

In October 2000, compared to October of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium increased by 0,7%; in construction it rose by 1,6%. The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase for Belgium as a whole (0,3%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0,4% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0,6%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows 0,7% for chemicals, 1,0% for metal products, machinery and equipment, in the construction, the number of employees rose with 0,4%.

The number of employees in industry and construction has shown a noticeable increase especially in the past year. The rise, moreover, appears to be broad: in Flanders as well as in Wallonia and in almost all sectors. Some important sectors, however, fall against the general trend : textiles and clothes (probably due to further delocalisation and some bankruptcies), paper, publishing and printing, non-metallic mineral products.

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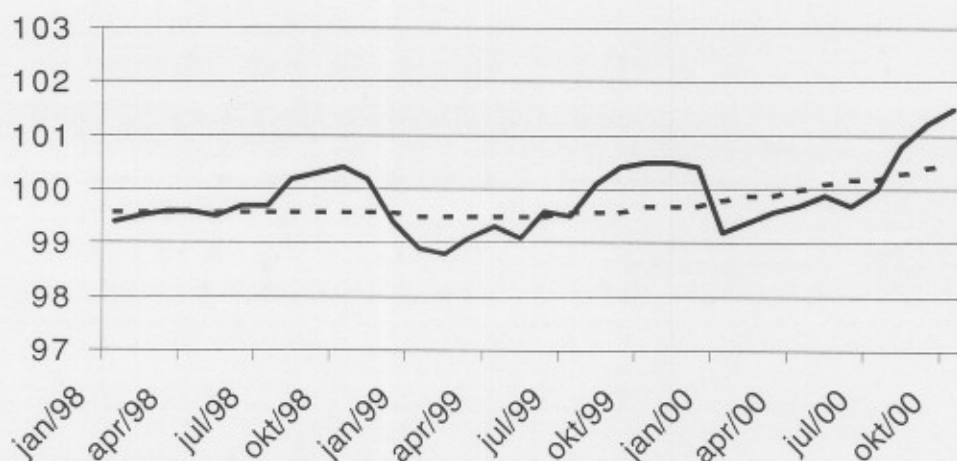
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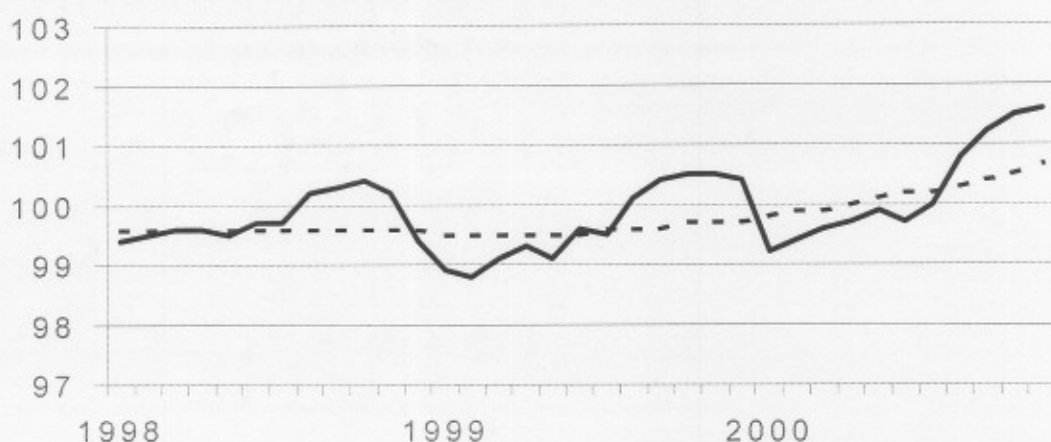
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The number of employees in industry and construction has shown a noticeable increase especially since the beginning of the year 2000; for the year as a whole the gross index has risen by 0.6%. This increase is fairly general across regions and sectors. Flanders (+ 0.8%) and Wallonia (+ 0.5%) show about the same growth rate; the decrease for Brussels has but a small overall impact and is probably due to further disindustrialization. At the level of main industrial groupings the increase is about the same everywhere: intermediate goods (+ 1.6%), non-durable consumer goods (+ 1.5%), capital goods (+ 1.3%) and durable consumer goods (+ 0.8%). Construction has increased by 1.9%.

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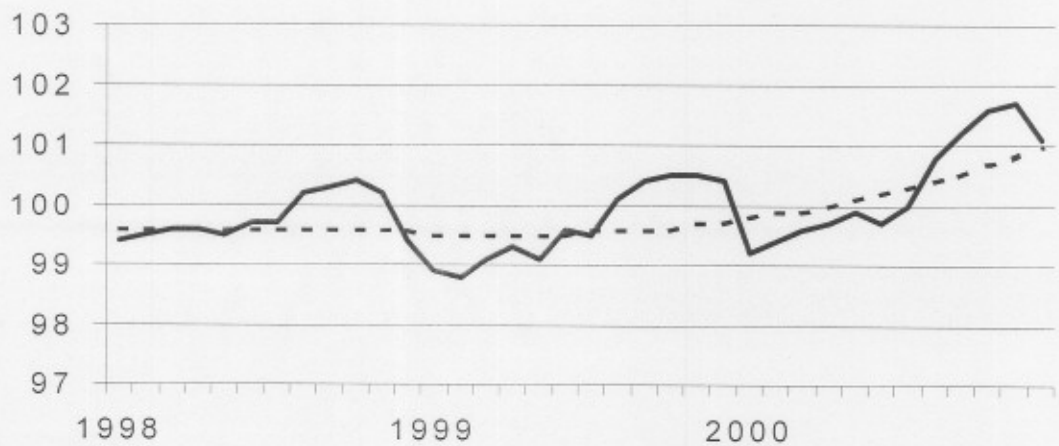
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Belgium – January 2001 : employees industry + 0.8%, construction + 0.9%

Upward trend seems to be slowing down slightly

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The marked increase of the number of employees in the year 2000 seems to slow down somewhat in these latest figures; an increase of industry and a decrease of construction both by 0.1%, can hardly be called a clear trend. At the level of sectors too, no large decreases in important sectors can be seen and most rises are minimal, with two exceptions: food products (+ 1.9%) and non-metallic mineral products (+ 1.6%).

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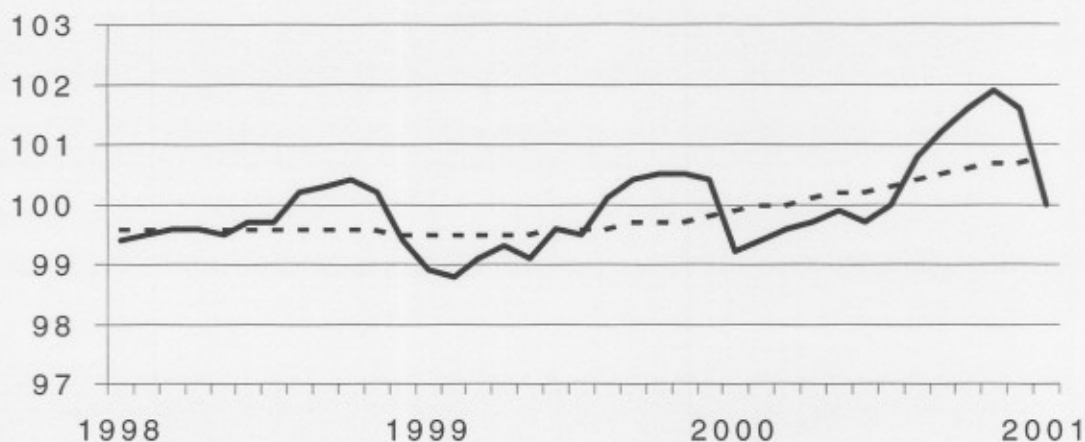
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After the marked increase of the number of employees in the year 2000, the growth rate seems to slow down somewhat in the beginning of 2001 ; an increase of industry by 0.1% can hardly be called a clear trend. Compared to the situation one month ago, many more sectors at present show a decrease; Although falls are usually unspectacular (varying, according to the sector, from - 0.2% to -0.9%), they still might indicate a decline of confidence and an imminent economic slowdown.

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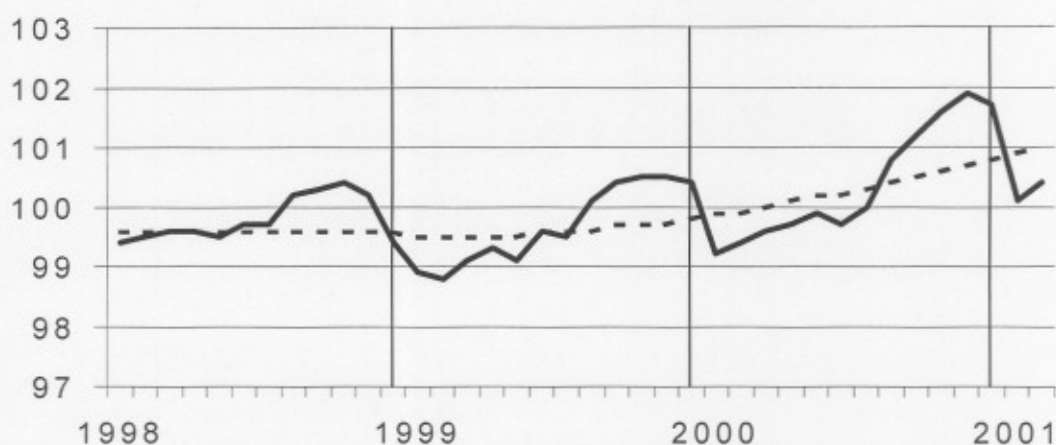
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2001	99,2	99,3											
Construction													
2000	102,5	102,8	103,8	103,7	104,3	104,1	103,9	106,1	106,6	107,1	107,3	107,0	104,9
2001	103,6	104,5											
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2001	99,5	99,5											
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2001	105,6	105,8											

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Manufacture of basic metals	↗	↗	↗	↘
Electricity	↘	↘	↘	↘
Construction	→	→	→	↗

Belgium – March 2001 : employees industry + 0.7%, construction + 1.1%

Upward trend seems to be slowing down slightly

After the marked increase of the number of employees in 2000, the growth rate seems to slow down somewhat in the beginning of 2001 ; an increase of industry by 0.2% can hardly be called a clear trend. Compared to the situation of some months ago, there are very few sectors where the number of employees is still rising, and none of these increases is either marked or important.

In March 2001, compared to March of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium increased by 0,7%; in construction it rose by 1,1%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo for Belgium as a whole (+0,0%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0,2% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number of employees shows a status quo (+ 0.0%). A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,1% for chemicals and +0,4% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0,3%.

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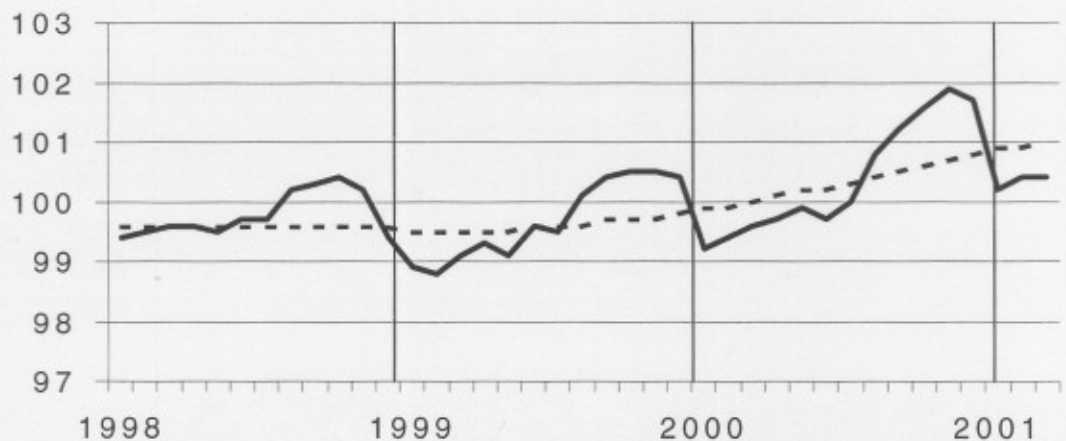
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Furniture	↘	↘	→	↘
Electricity	↘	↘	↘	↘
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium – April 2001 : employees in industry + 0.5%, in construction + 1.1%

Trend is no longer upward

In April 2001, compared to April of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium increased by 0.5%; in construction it rose by 1.1%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo for Belgium as a whole (+0.0%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0.2% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.1%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0.4% for chemicals and +0.3% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0.7%.

After a marked increase in the number of employees in 2000, the upward trend has come to an end during the last few months. No economic sector shows an apparent growth any longer; paper, publishing and printing (-2.1%). and food products (-1.6%) are clearly decreasing.

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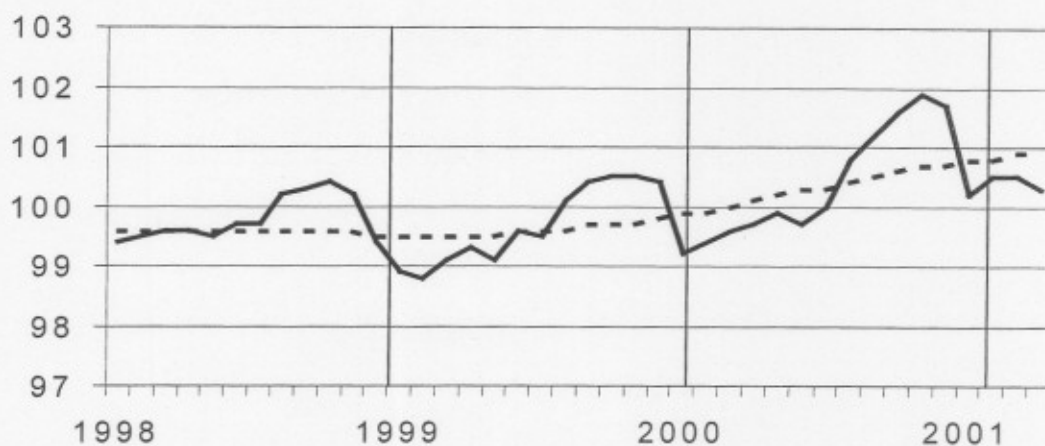
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Electricity	↘	↘	↘	↘
Construction	→	↗	↗	↘

Belgium – May 2001: employees in industry +0.2%, in construction +0.9%

Still no decrease

In May 2001, compared to May of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium increased by 0,2%; in construction it rose by 0,9%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo for Belgium as a whole (-0,1%). At the regional level, there's an a decrease by 0,2% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number remained steady (+0,0%). A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,1% for chemicals and +0,2% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 2,7%.

In spite of the decrease of production and new orders, the number of employees seems to remain stable at the moment; after the easing of the growth at the end of last year, indices remain more or less the same month after month. The overview of sectors and regions shows the same situation; without any apparent upward or downward movement.

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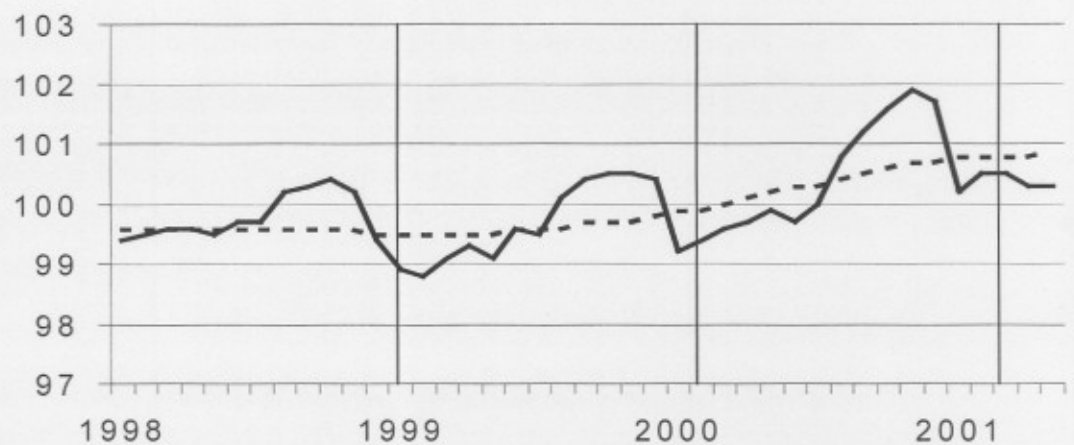
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Construction													
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Construction	↗	→	↗	↘

Belgium – June 2001: employees in industry +0.2%, in construction –1.2%

Trend stable for the last months

In June 2001, compared to June of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium increased by 0,2%; in construction it fell by 1,2%.

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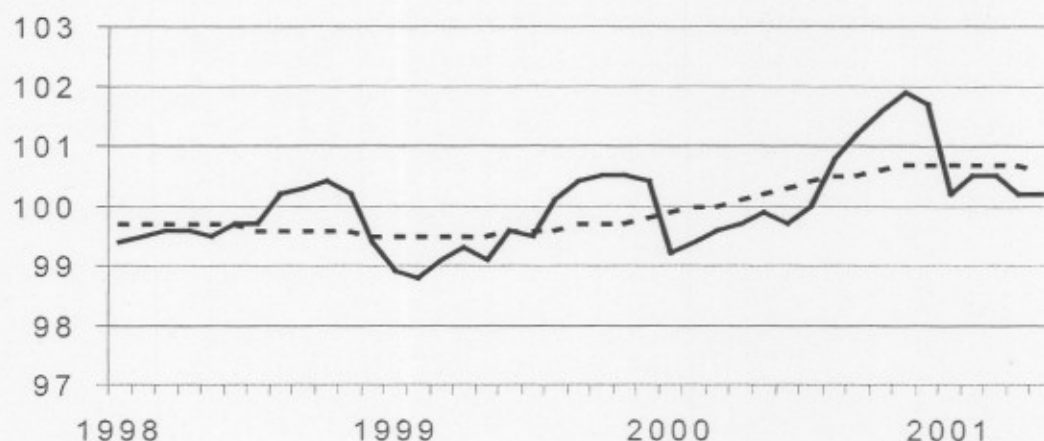
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Belgium – July 2001: employees in industry -0.3%, in construction +1.3%

Economy slows down, number of employees stable for the time being

In July 2001, compared to July of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by -0,3%; in construction it rose by 1,3%.

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The economic slowdown, which appears in other indicators, has not yet resulted in a significant fall of the number of employees; all differences are minimal. After last year's general increase, we now see, since the beginning of this year, a status quo; especially the last months offer a hesitating picture: sometimes a slight decrease, sometimes an equally slight increase.

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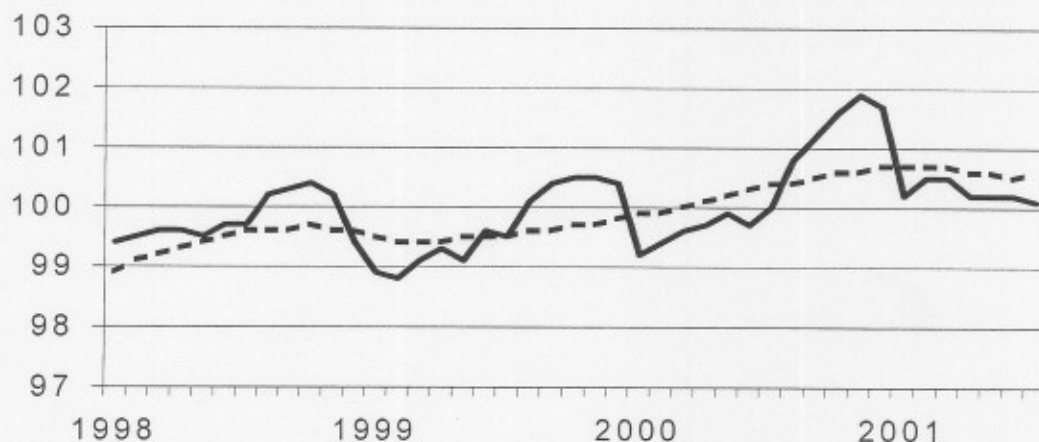
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Furniture	↘	↗	↘	↘
Electricity	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘
Construction	↘	↘	↗	↘

Belgium – Augustus 2001: employees in industry 0.0%, in construction +0.2%

In August 2001, compared to August of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium remained stable (0,0%); in construction it rose by 0,2%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo for Belgium as a whole (0,0%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0,1% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0,4%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,4% for chemicals and +0,1% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0,1%.

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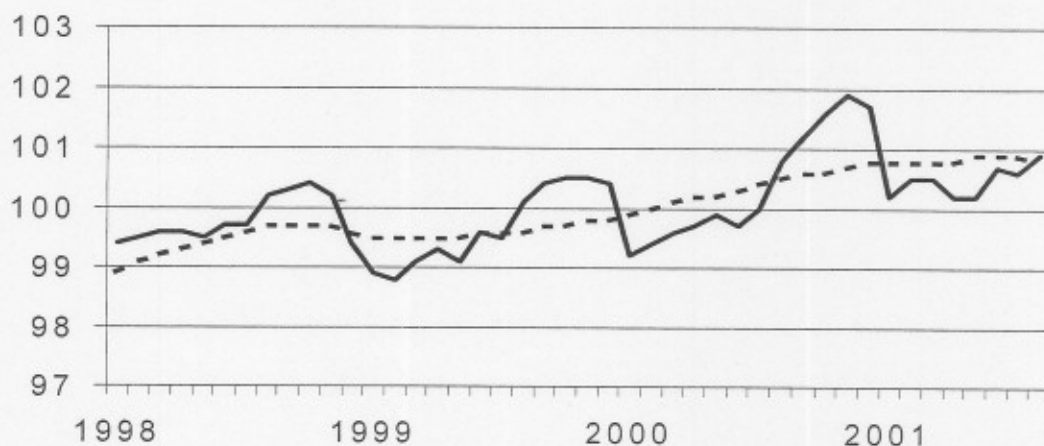
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Construction	→	↘	→	↘

Belgium – September 2001: employees in industry -0.2%, in construction +0.6%

In September 2001, compared to September of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 0,2%; in construction it rose by 0,6%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo for Belgium as a whole (+0,0%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0,1% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0,6%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,8% for chemicals and +0,8% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0,2%.

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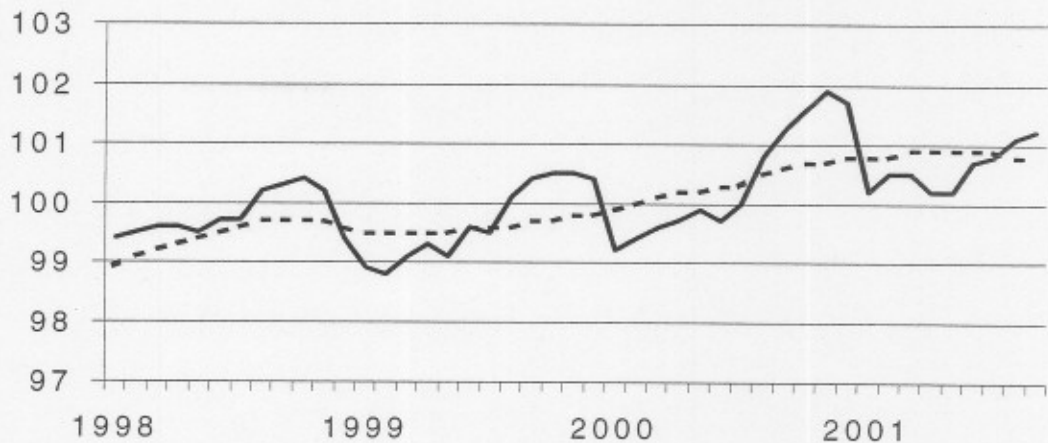
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2001	105,5	105,6	105,7	105,8	105,8	106,0	106,0	105,9	106,1				

Seasonally adjusted indices (1995=100)
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Electricity	↘	↘	↘	↘
Construction	→	↗	↗	↘

Belgium – Oktober 2001: employees in industry -1.3%, in construction +0.6%

Trend stable or slightly downward

In October 2001, compared to October of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 1,3%; in construction it rose by 0,6%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0,3%). At the regional level, there's an a decrease by 0,6% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,6%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,4% for chemicals and -1,7% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0,1%.

The effects of the economic downturn are becoming apparent in the number of employees in industry. The year-to-year comparison shows a marked decrease, as does the long-term trend, although less clearly. The sharpest decrease occurs in the sector of metal products, machinery and equipment, while the only significantly growing sector is furniture (+ 4.2%).

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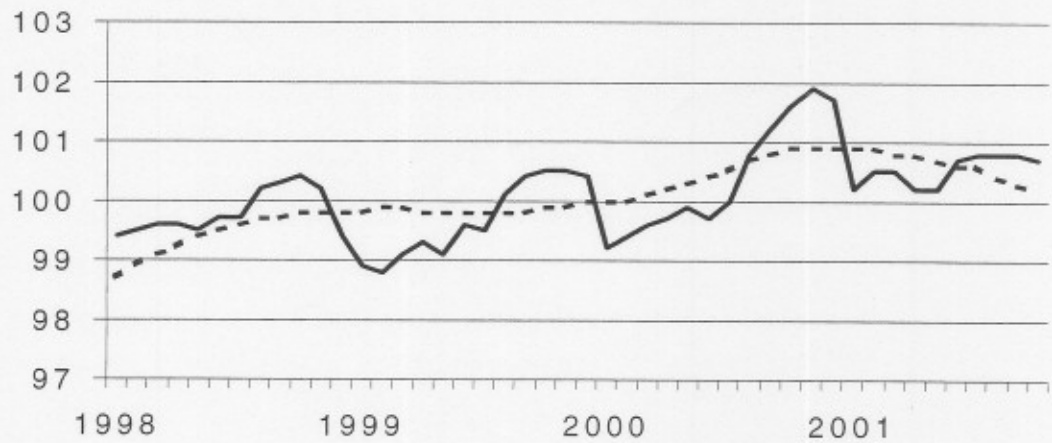
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Belgium – November 2001: employees in industry –2.1%, in construction +0.2%

Trend keeps on declining

In November 2001, compared to November of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 2.1%; in construction it rose by 0.2%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0.4%). At the regional level, there's an a decrease by 1.1% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.8%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0.2% for chemicals and -1.3% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0.1%.

The deceleration of economic growth is more and more affecting employment. The rather strong decline in the year-to-year comparison can partly be explained by the fact that in the reference month, November 2000, employment reached its peak. However, the long-term trend also shows a clear but more moderate decline. The same slight decline can be seen in a large part of industry. The only large sector that shows positive figures (+0.3%) is food products.

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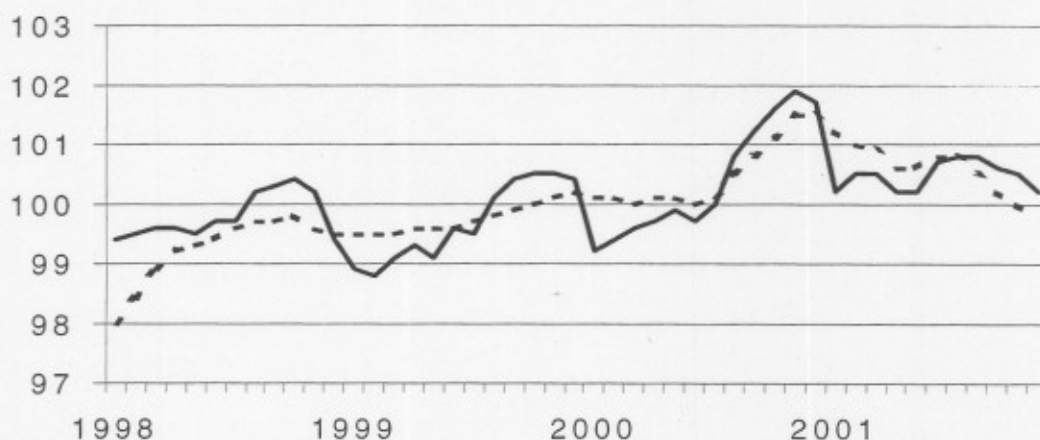
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Belgium – December 2001: employees in industry –2.5%, in construction -0.2%

Still no turnabout in sight

In December 2001, compared to December of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 2.5%; in construction it fell by 0.2%.

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Employment is not yet to improve. Indices of new orders and production of December 2001 even indicated a further deterioration of the economic situation. As employment is slower affected by turnabouts in the economic situation most recent employment figures are not surprising. In many sectors the trend is slightly downward: textile and clothing (-1.3%), paper and paperboard, publishing and printing (-1.3%) and fabricated metal products. However, in a number of larger sectors such as chemical industry and construction (higher figures) the decrease is marginal or there is a moderate increase as for the sector of food, beverage and tobacco (+0.2%). Especially the positive figures of chemical industry offer some hope because this sector is easily affected by the economic situation and is in general the first that could indicate a positive turn.

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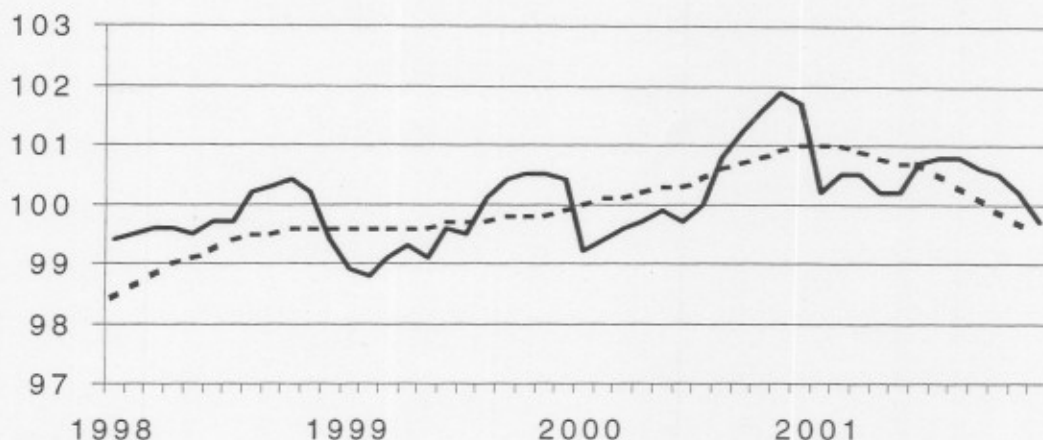
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2001	99,2	99,4	99,3	99,0	98,9	99,5	99,6	99,2	98,9	98,6	98,3	97,8	99,0
Construction													
2000	102,5	102,8	103,8	103,7	104,3	104,1	103,9	106,1	106,6	107,1	107,3	107,0	104,9
2001	103,8	104,3	105,1	104,9	105,1	105,5	105,4	106,8	107,5	107,9	107,5	106,8	105,9
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2000	98,7	98,9	98,8	99,0	99,1	98,8	99,0	99,3	99,4	99,5	99,7	99,8	99,2
2001	99,7	99,6	99,6	99,4	99,2	99,3	99,1	98,8	98,5	98,2	97,9	97,7	98,9
Construction													
2000	104,4	104,5	104,5	104,5	104,7	104,6	104,7	105,1	105,0	105,4	105,6	105,8	104,9
2001	105,6	105,7	105,8	105,8	105,8	105,9	105,9	105,8	105,9	105,9	105,8	105,7	105,8

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Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘↘
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	→	↘	↘	
Non-metallic mineral products	↘	↘	↘	↘
Manufacture of basic metals	↘	↘	↘	↘↘
Furniture	↘	↘	↘	↘↘
Electricity	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘
Construction	→	→	→	→

Belgium – January 2002: employees in industry –2.7%, in construction +0.9%

Trend still downwards in industrial sectors, stabilisation in construction

In January 2002, compared to January of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 2.7%; in construction it rose by 0.9%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0.9%). At the regional level, there's an a decrease by 0.7% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.1%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0.2% for chemicals and -1.4% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0.2%.



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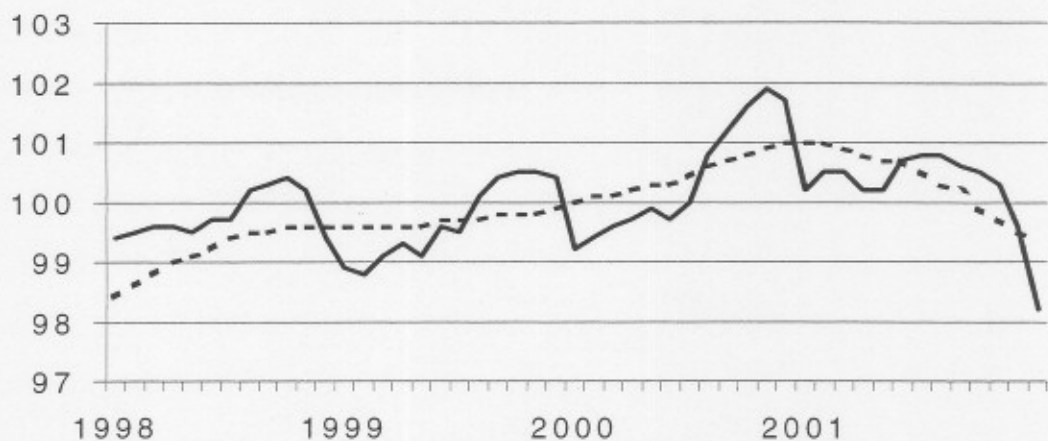
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2002	96,5												
Construction													
2001	103,8	104,3	105,1	104,9	105,1	105,5	105,4	106,8	107,5	107,9	107,7	106,8	105,9
2002	104,7												
Total industry, excluding construction													
2001	99,7	99,7	99,6	99,4	99,2	99,3	99,1	98,7	98,5	98,2	97,9	97,6	98,9
2002	97,3												
Construction													
2001	105,5	105,6	105,7	105,7	105,7	105,9	106,0	105,9	106,1	106,1	106,2	106,1	105,9
2002	106,4												

Seasonally adjusted indices (1995=100)

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Mining and quarrying	/	/	/	/
Food products, beverages and tobacco	/	->	/	//
Textiles and textiles products	//	//	/	//
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Non-metallic mineral products	/	/	//	/
Manufacture of basic metals	/	/	/	//
Furniture	/	/	//	//
Electricity	//	//	//	//
Construction	->	->	/	->

Belgium – February 2002: employees in industry –3.1%, in construction +0.0%

In February 2002, compared to February of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 3.1%; in construction it stayed stable (+ 0.0%).

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-1.0%). At the regional level, there's an a decrease by 0.7% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 1.6%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows –0.9% for chemicals and –1.8% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0.1%.

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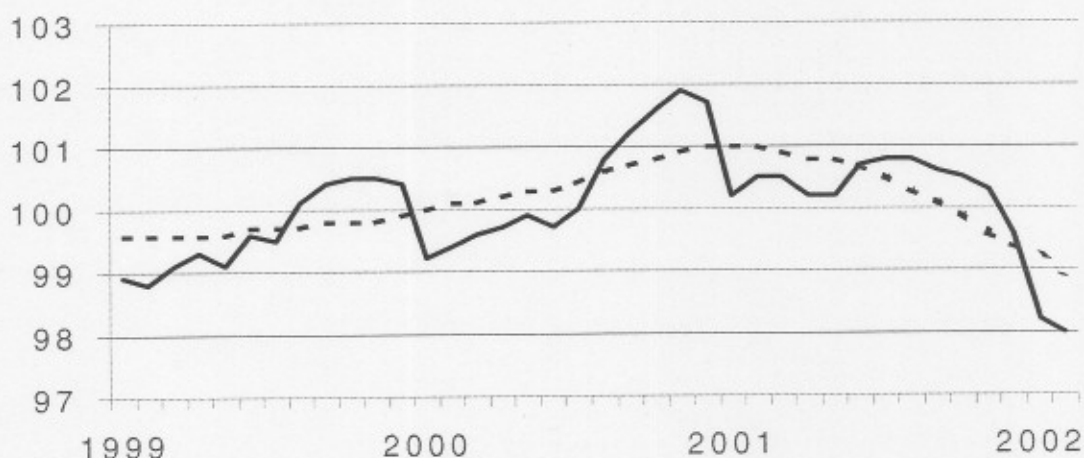
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Construction													
2001	103,8	104,3	105,1	104,9	105,1	105,5	105,4	106,8	107,5	107,9	107,7	106,6	105,9
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2002	97,1	96,7											
Construction													
2001	105,5	105,7	105,8	105,8	105,8	105,9	106,0	105,8	106,0	105,9	105,9	105,7	105,8
2002	106,0	105,9											

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Manufacture of basic metals	↘	↘	↘	↘
Furniture	↗	↗	↘	↘
Electricity	↘	↘	↘	↘
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↗

Belgium – March 2002: employees in industry –3.1%, in construction -1.0%

In March 2002, compared to March of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 3.1%; in construction it fell by 1.0%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-1.0%). At the regional level, there's an a decrease by 0.6% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 2.2%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows –0.7% for chemicals and –2.0% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0.3%.

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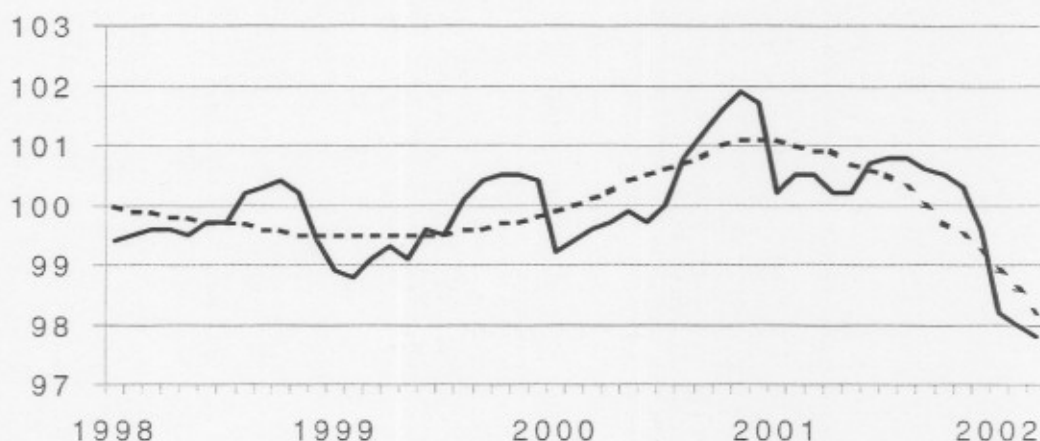
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2002	96,6	96,4	96,2										
Construction													
2001	103,8	104,3	105,1	104,9	105,1	105,5	105,4	106,8	107,5	107,9	107,7	106,6	105,9
2002	104,3	104,3	104,1										
Total industry, excluding construction													
2001	99,7	99,8	99,7	99,3	99,1	99,5	99,4	98,8	98,4	98,0	97,8	97,6	98,9
2002	97,1	96,8	96,4										
Construction													
2001	105,5	105,7	105,9	105,9	105,8	106,0	106,0	105,8	105,9	105,9	105,8	105,5	105,8
2002	105,7	105,6	105,3										

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Furniture	↘	↘	↘	↘
Electricity	↘	↘	↘	↘
Construction	↘	↘	↘	→

Belgium – April 2002: employees in industry –3.1%, in construction -0.7%

In April 2002, compared to April of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 3.1%; in construction it fell by 0.7%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-1.0%). At the regional level, there's an a decrease by 0.7% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 1.0%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows –0.9% for chemicals and –1.7% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0.3%.

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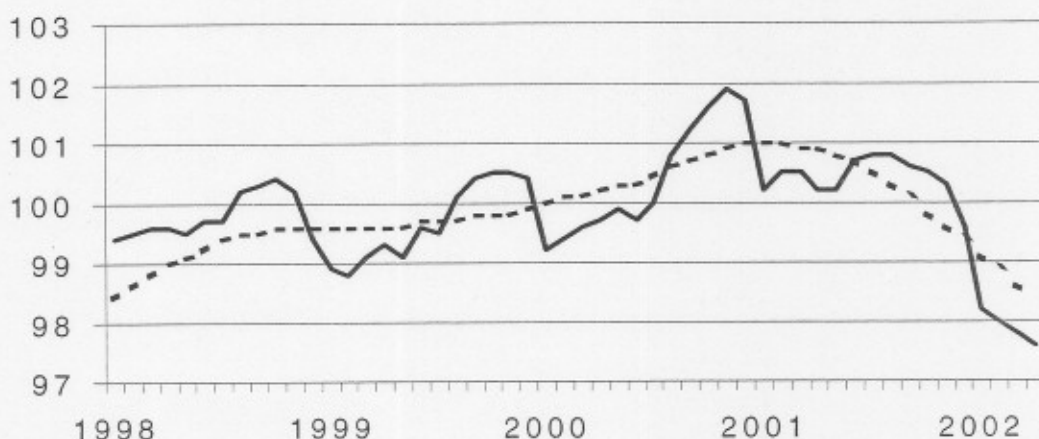
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Construction													
2001	103,8	104,3	105,1	104,9	105,1	105,5	105,4	106,8	107,5	107,9	107,7	106,6	105,9
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2002	97,1	96,7	96,4	96,3									
Construction													
2001	105,5	105,7	105,9	105,8	105,8	106,0	106,0	105,8	105,9	105,8	105,8	105,5	105,8
2002	105,7	105,6	105,3	105,3									

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Belgium – May 2002: employees in industry - 3.3%, in construction – 1.4%

Employment in industry still going down

In May 2002, compared to May of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 3.3%; in construction it fell by 1.4%.

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Business cycles usually show up in employment figures with a delay of several months, so it's not surprising that the economic upturn which is already visible in the new orders and production indices, doesn't appear yet in the number of employees. The fall of employment remains considerable, but no longer seems to accelerate.

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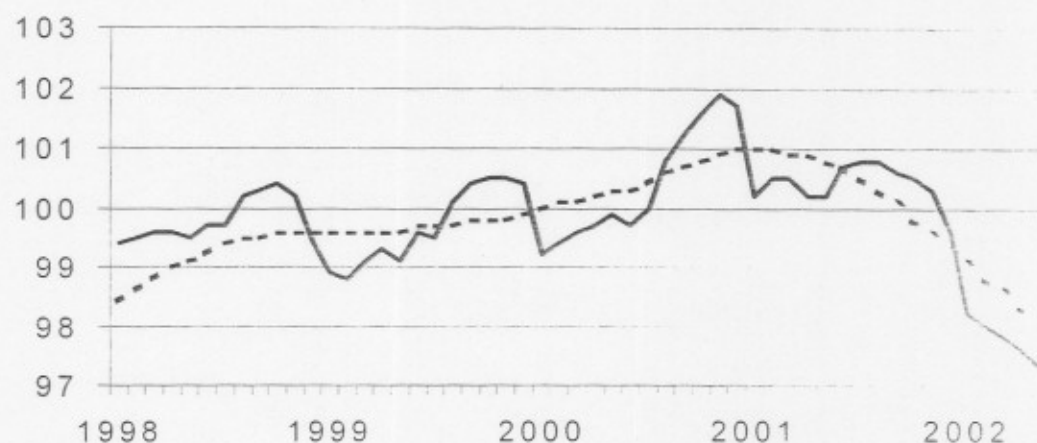
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Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

Belgium – June 2002: employees in industry - 4.0%, in construction – 2.2%

Employment in industry still downwards

In June 2002, compared to June of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 4.0%; in construction it fell by 2.2%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-1.0%). At the regional level, there's an a decrease by 0.8% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.6%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows 0.7% for chemicals and 0.6% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0.1%.

For a considerable time the trend has shown a moderate but continuous decrease. Since the beginning of the year the number of employees in business and construction has declined with 1.5%. As for the index of hours worked most positive results are taken down for the sector of food, beverage and tobacco (+0.2%) and construction.

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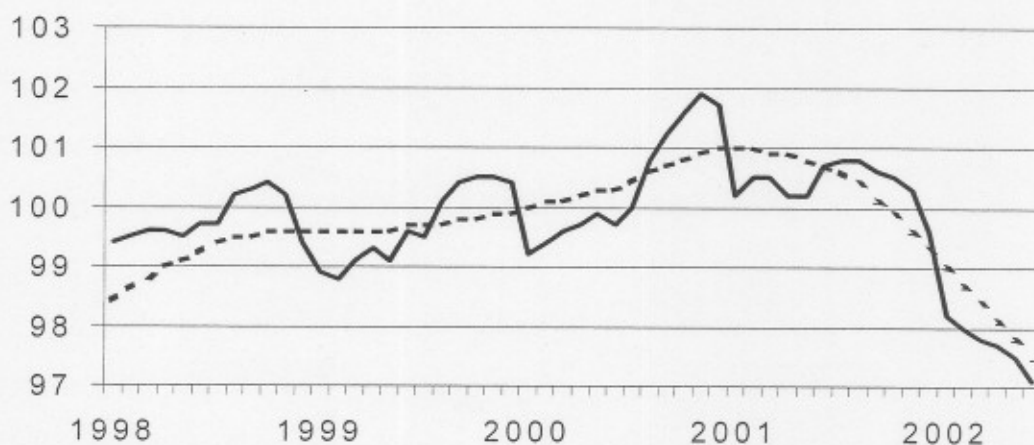
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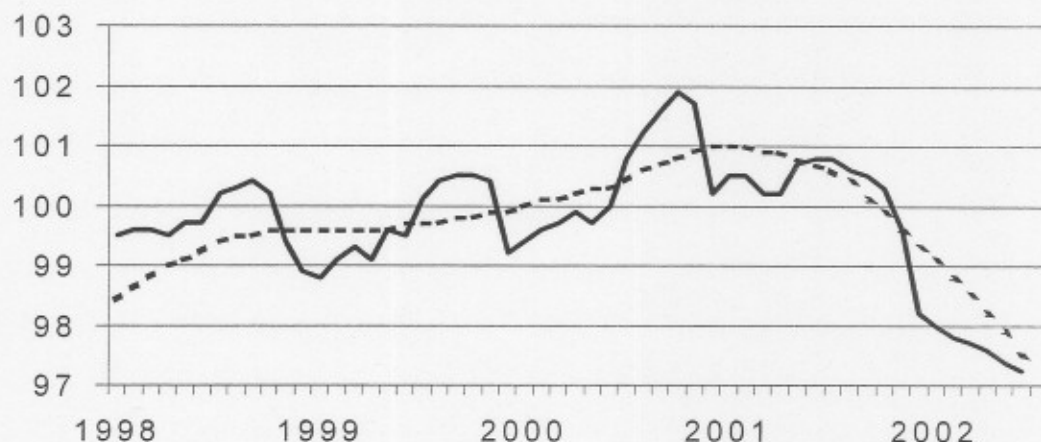
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Belgium – August 2002: employees in industry - 3.8%, in construction – 1.3%

In August 2002, compared to August of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by -3.8%; in construction it fell by 1.3%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0.9%). At the regional level, there's an a decrease by 0.8% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.7%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -1.0% for chemicals and -0.2% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0.3%.

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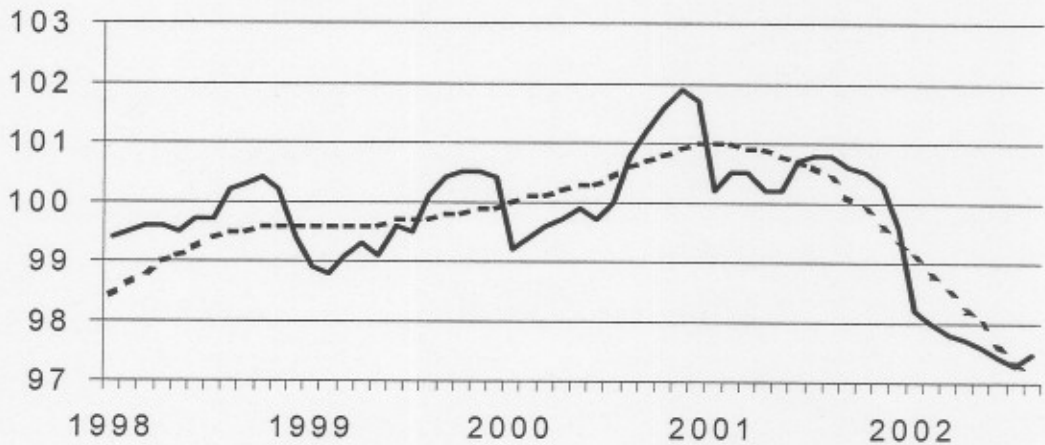
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2002	105,8	105,6	105,4	105,4	105,4	105,2	105,1	104,9					

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Construction	↘	→	↘	→

Belgium – September 2002: employees in industry – 3.4%, in construction – 1.3%

Employment in industry and constructions apparently stable

In September 2002, compared to September of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 3.4%; in construction it fell by 1.3%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0.8%). At the regional level, there's an a decrease by 0.8% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.7%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -1.0% for chemicals and -0.3% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0.4%.

Although the year-to-year comparison still shows very negative figures, the most recent data do not indicate a further decrease of the number of employees. Since two months, gross indexes are stable or even slightly increasing: by 0,5 % since July, for industry and construction together.

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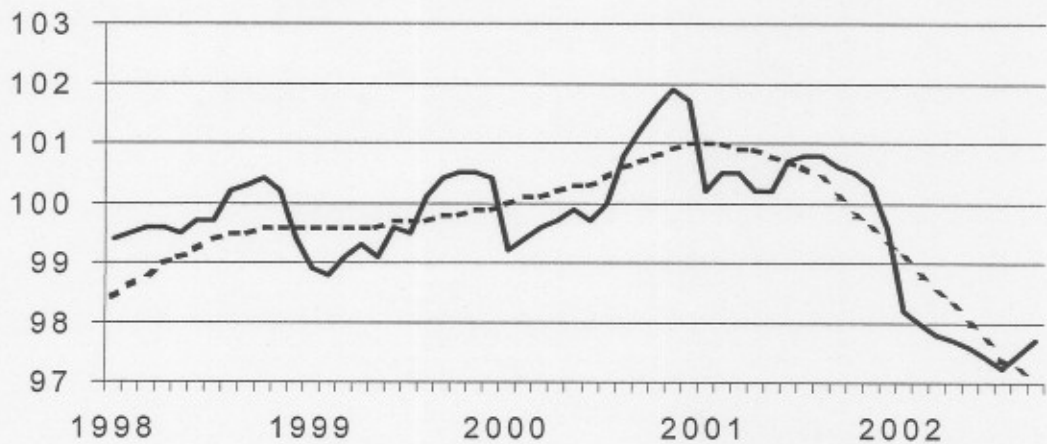
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**Belgium – October 2002: employees in industry – 3.4%,
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Employment in industry and constructions still slightly decreasing

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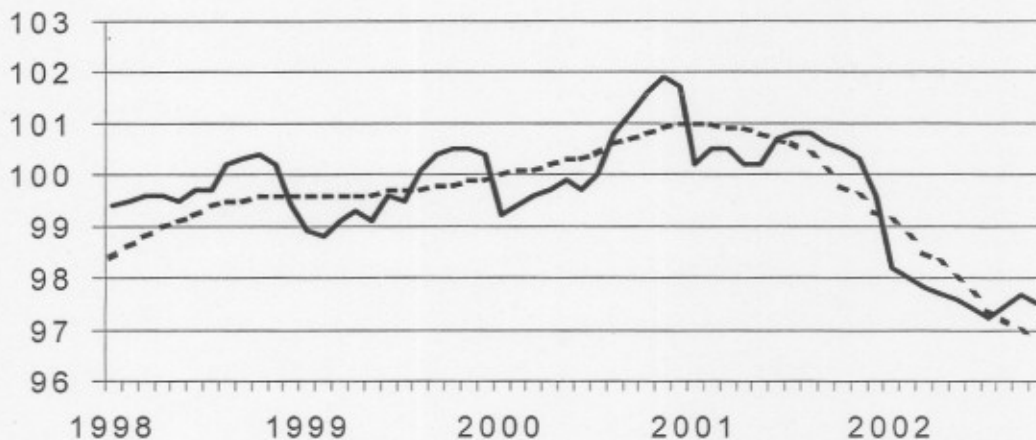
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Belgium – November 2002: employees in industry – 3.1%, in construction – 2.3%

In November 2002, compared to November of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 3,1%; in construction it fell by 2,3%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0,4%). At the regional level, there's an a decrease by 0,6% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number stayed stable (+ 0,0%). A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,7% for chemicals and -0,3% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0,7%.

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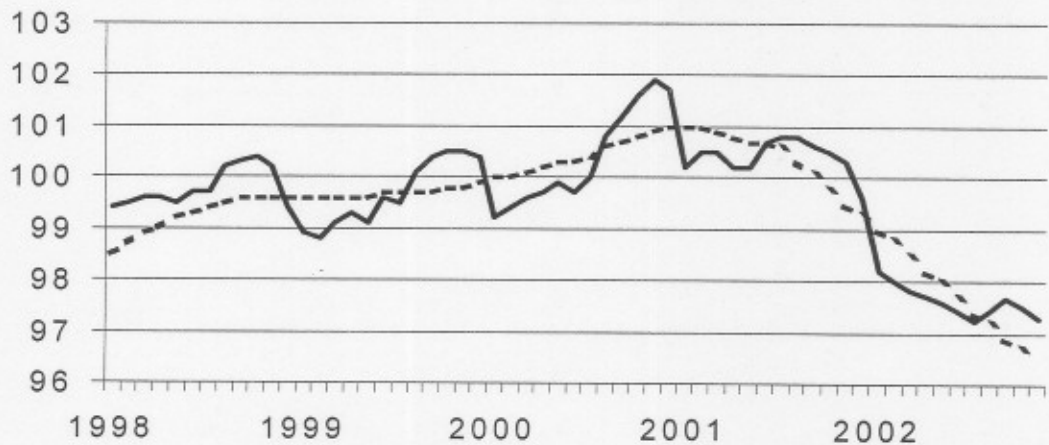
Employees

Gross indices (1995=100)
Number of employees subject to social security

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Total industry, excluding construction													
2001	99,2	99,4	99,3	99,0	98,9	99,5	99,6	99,2	98,9	98,6	98,3	97,8	99,0
2002	96,6	96,3	96,1	95,8	95,7	95,4	95,3	95,3	95,5	95,4	95,2		
Construction													
2001	103,8	104,3	105,1	104,9	105,1	105,5	105,4	106,8	107,5	107,9	107,7	106,6	105,9
2002	104,3	104,3	104,1	104,7	104,8	105,0	104,8	105,7	106,1	105,8	105,2		
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2001	99,6	99,7	99,5	99,2	99,1	99,5	99,4	98,9	98,5	98,1	97,9	97,7	98,9
2002	97,0	96,6	96,3	96,1	95,9	95,4	95,2	95,1	95,1	94,9	94,8		
Construction													
2001	105,5	105,7	105,9	105,8	105,8	105,9	105,9	105,9	106,0	106,0	106,0	105,7	105,8
2002	105,9	105,7	105,4	105,4	105,3	105,1	104,9	104,7	104,4	104,1	103,9		

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Capital goods	↘	↘	↗	↘
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Non-durable consumer goods	↘	↗	→	↘
Mining and quarrying	→	↗	↘	↘
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Manufacture of basic metals	↘	↘	→	↘
Furniture	↘	↘	↘	↘
Electricity	↗	↗	↗	↗
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

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**Belgium – December 2002: employees in industry – 3.1%,
in construction – 2.2%**

In December 2002, compared to December of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 3.1%; in construction it fell by 2.2%.

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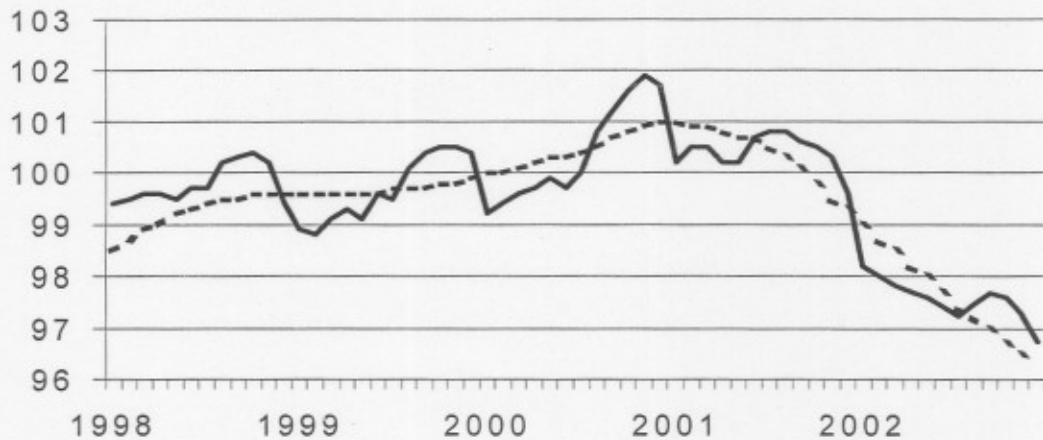
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2002	97,0	96,6	96,3	96,1	95,9	95,4	95,2	95,1	95,1	95,0	94,8	94,6	95,6
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Electricity	↘	↘	↘	↘
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

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**Belgium – January 2003: employees in industry – 3.1%,
in construction – 2.8%**

In January 2003, compared to January of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 3,1%; in construction it fell by 2,8%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0,6%). At the regional level, there's an a decrease by 0,8% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,4%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,8% for chemicals and -1,4% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0,8%.

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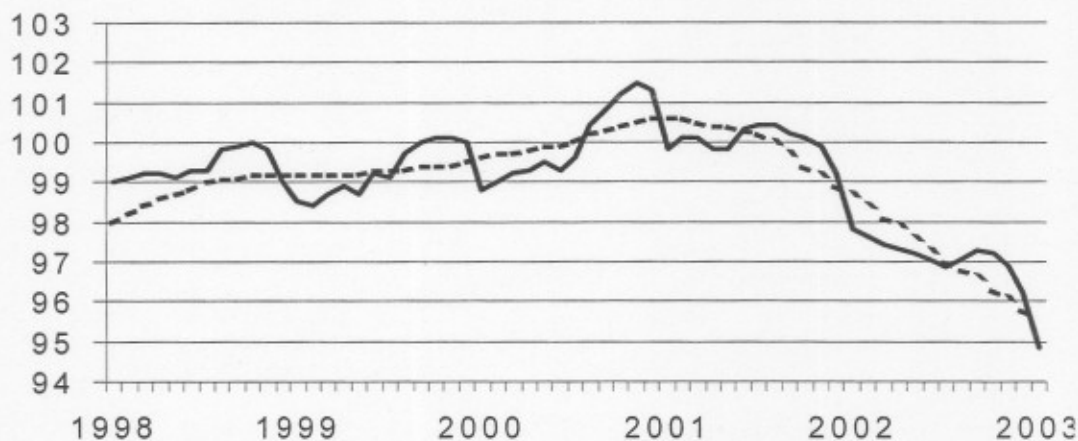
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2003	94,3												
Construction													
2002	99,4	99,4	99,2	99,8	99,8	100,1	99,8	100,7	101,1	100,8	100,2	99,3	100,0
2003	96,6												
Total industry, excluding construction													
2002	97,9	97,5	97,1	96,9	96,7	96,2	96,0	95,8	95,7	95,7	95,5	95,1	96,3
2003	94,9												
Construction													
2002	100,9	100,7	100,4	100,5	100,3	100,1	99,9	99,7	99,4	99,1	98,9	98,7	99,9
2003	98,4												

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Food products, beverages and tobacco	↗	→	↘	↗↗
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Manufacture of basic metals	↘	↘	↘	↘
Furniture	↘	↘	↘	↘↘
Electricity	→	↗	↘	↘
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↗

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**Belgium – February 2003: employees in industry + 3.2%,
in construction – 3.0%**

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In February 2003, compared to February of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium increased by 3.2%; in construction it fell by 3.0%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-1.1%). At the regional level, there's an a decrease by 0.6% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.7%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -1.2% for chemicals and -2.5% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0.8%.



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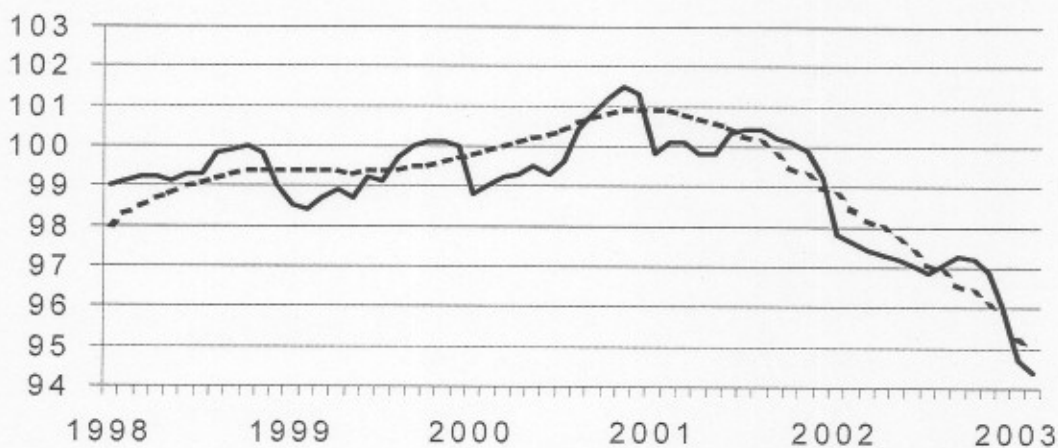
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2003	100,4	100,2											
Construction													
2002	99,4	99,4	99,2	99,8	99,8	100,1	99,8	100,7	101,1	100,8	100,2	99,2	100,0
2003	96,6	96,4											
Total industry, excluding construction													
2002	98,0	97,5	97,2	96,9	96,7	96,2	95,9	95,7	95,8	95,6	95,4	94,9	96,3
2003	101,1	100,6											
Construction													
2002	100,9	100,8	100,5	100,5	100,3	100,1	99,9	99,7	99,4	99,1	98,8	98,5	99,9
2003	98,3	98,0											

Seasonally adjusted indices
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Trend cycle
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**Belgium – March 2003: employees in industry - 3.4%,
in construction – 2.1%**

In March 2003, compared to March of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 3.4%; in construction it fell by 2.1%.

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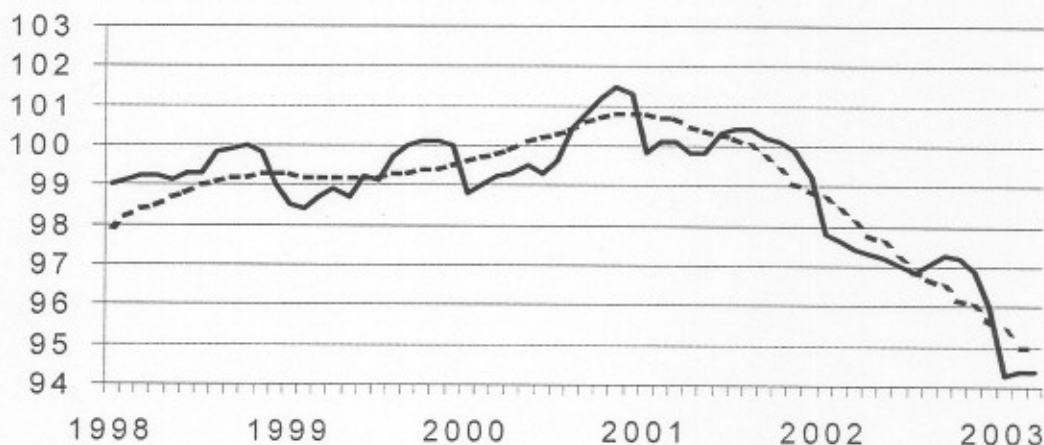
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Construction													
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2003	96,6	96,2	97,1										
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2003	94,3	94,1	93,9										
Construction													
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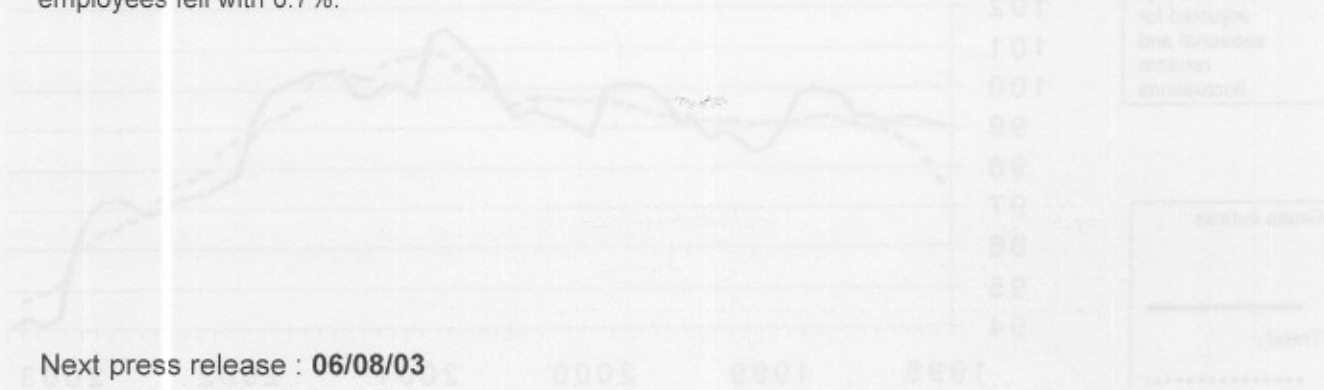
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Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

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**Belgium – April 2003: employees in industry - 0.2%,
 in construction – 0.4%**

In April 2003, compared to the previous month, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 0.2%; in construction it fell by 0.4%.

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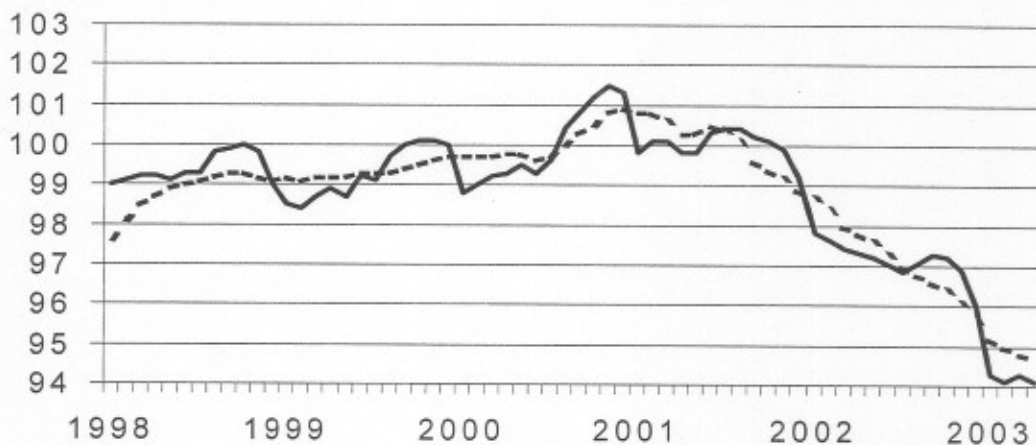
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2003	93,7	93,5	93,4	93,2									
Construction													
2002	99,4	99,4	99,2	99,8	99,8	100,1	99,8	100,7	101,1	100,8	100,2	99,2	100,0
2003	96,6	96,3	97,3	97,2									
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2003	94,2	93,9	93,7	93,5									
Construction													
2002	100,9	100,8	100,3	100,5	100,3	100,1	99,9	99,7	99,5	99,2	98,9	98,7	99,9
2003	98,3	98,1	98,2	97,8									

Seasonally adjusted indices
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NIS Persbericht

**Belgium – May 2003: employees in industry - 0.2%,
in construction – 0.3%**

In April 2003, compared to May of the month, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 0.2%; in construction it fell by 0.3%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-1.4%). At the regional level, there's an a decrease by 1.7% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.6%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -1.0% for chemicals and -1.5% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0.7%.



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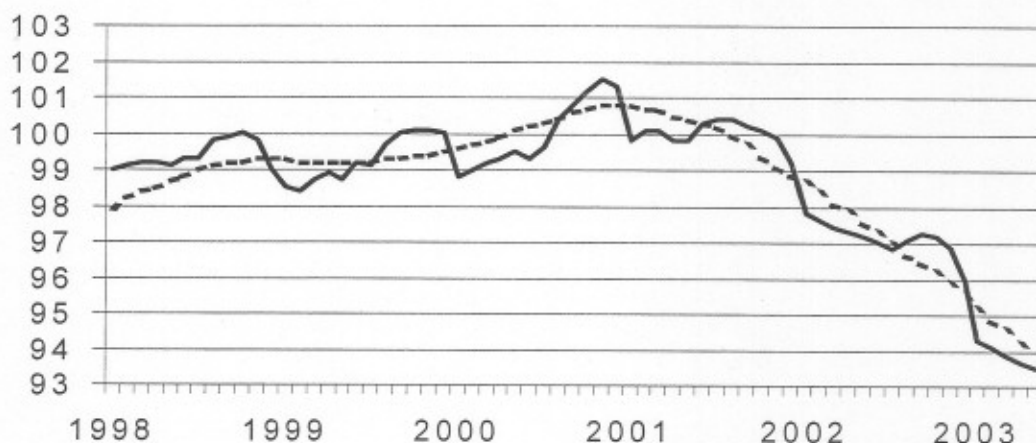
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Construction													
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2003	98,4	98,1	98,1	97,8	97,5								

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Electricity	↘	↘	↘	↘
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

NIS Persbericht

**Belgium – June 2003: employees in industry - 0.9%,
 in construction + 4.6%**

In June 2003, compared to the previous month, the seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 0,9%; in construction it rose by 4,6%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-1,3%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 1,6% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,8%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,4% for chemicals and -1,2% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0,6%.



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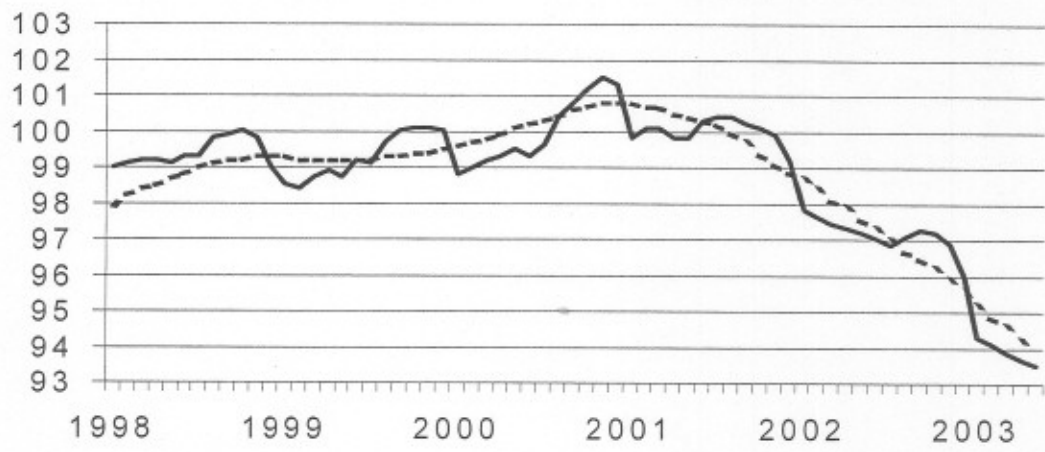
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Manufacture of basic metals	→	→	↘	↘
Furniture	↘	↘	↘	↘
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Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

Belgium – July 2003 : employees in industry - 0,6%, in construction - 0,7%

In July 2003, compared to the previous month, the seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 0,6%; in construction it fell by 0,7%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0,9%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 1,4% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,8%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0,0% for chemicals and -1,2% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 1,0%.



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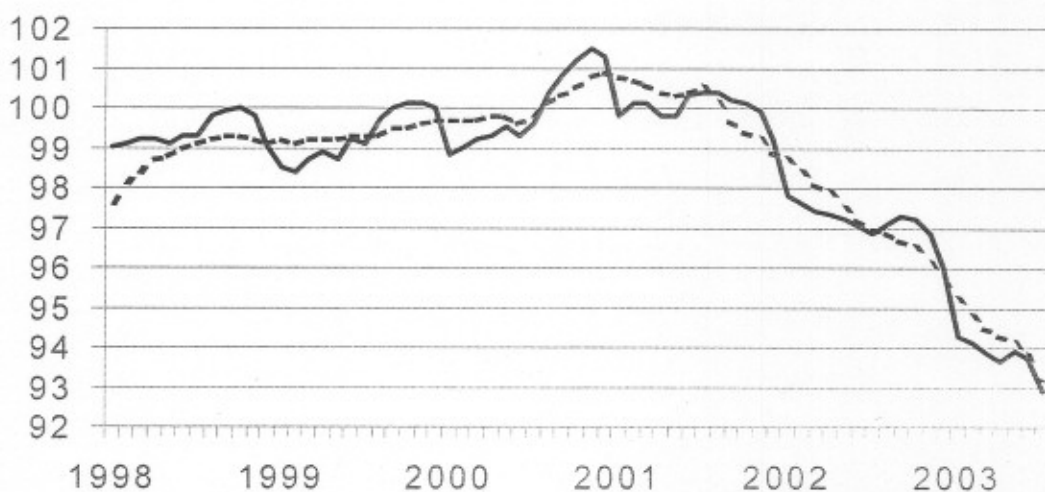
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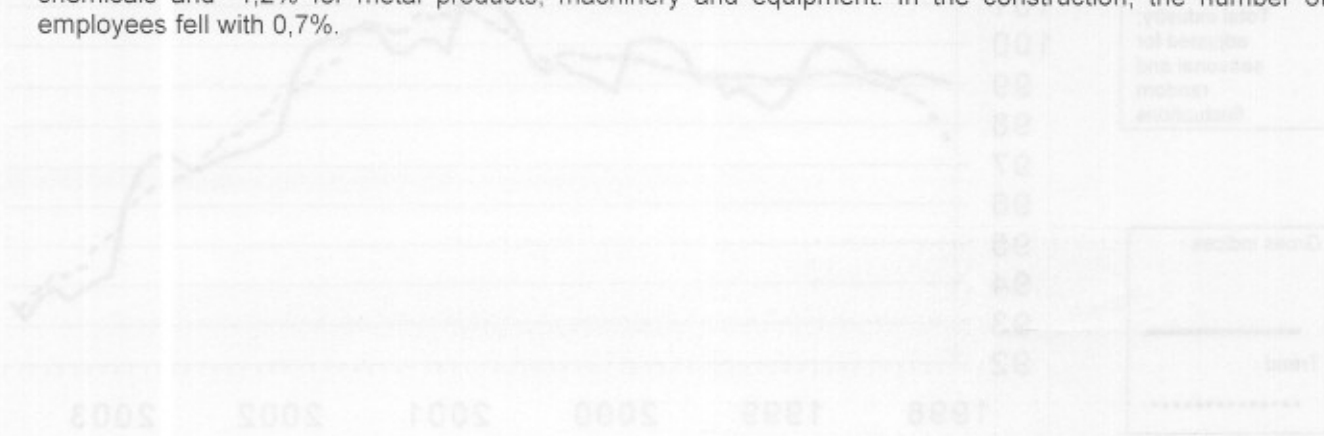
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Furniture	↘	↘	↘	↘
Electricity	↘	↘	↘	↘
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

**Belgium – August 2003 : employees in industry + 0,0%,
in construction - 0,1%**

Trend keeps on falling.

In August 2003, compared to the previous month, the seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium stayed stable (+0,0%); in construction it fell by 0,1%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0,8%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 1,2% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,7%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0,0% for chemicals and -1,2% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0,7%.



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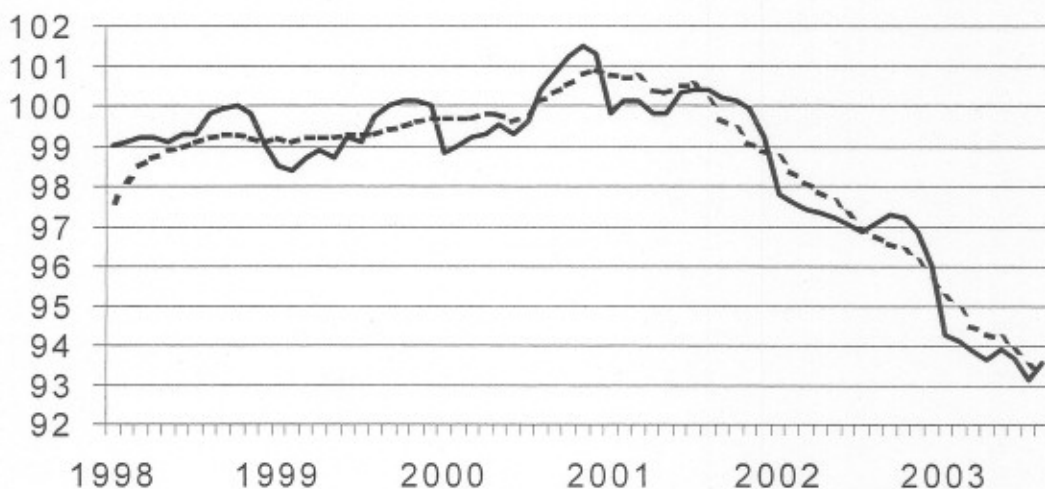
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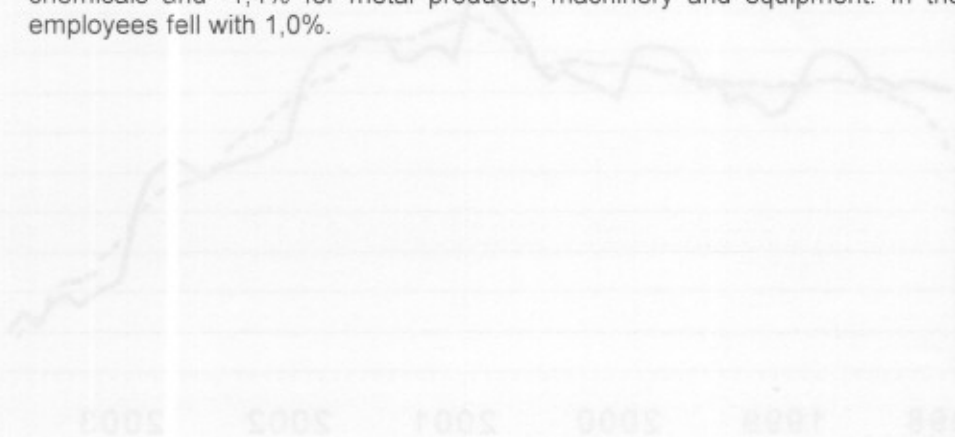
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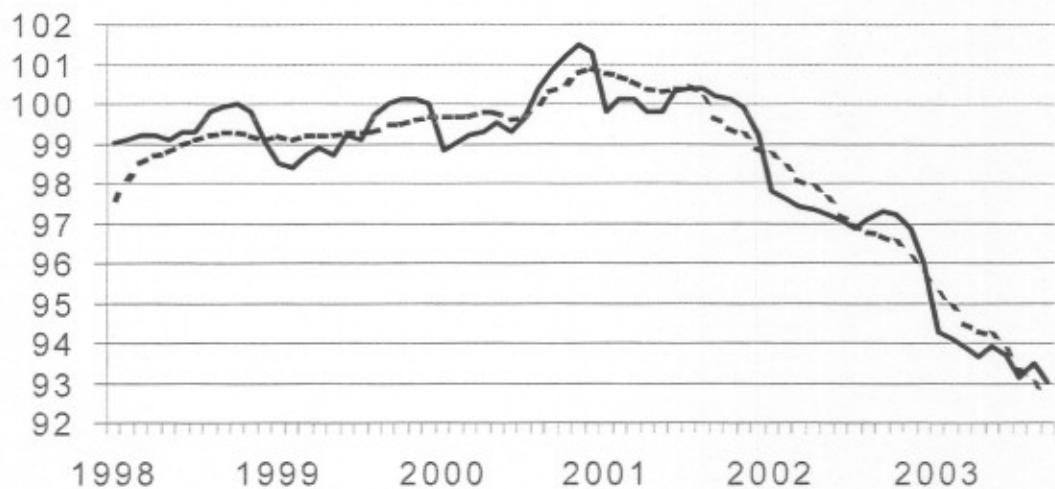
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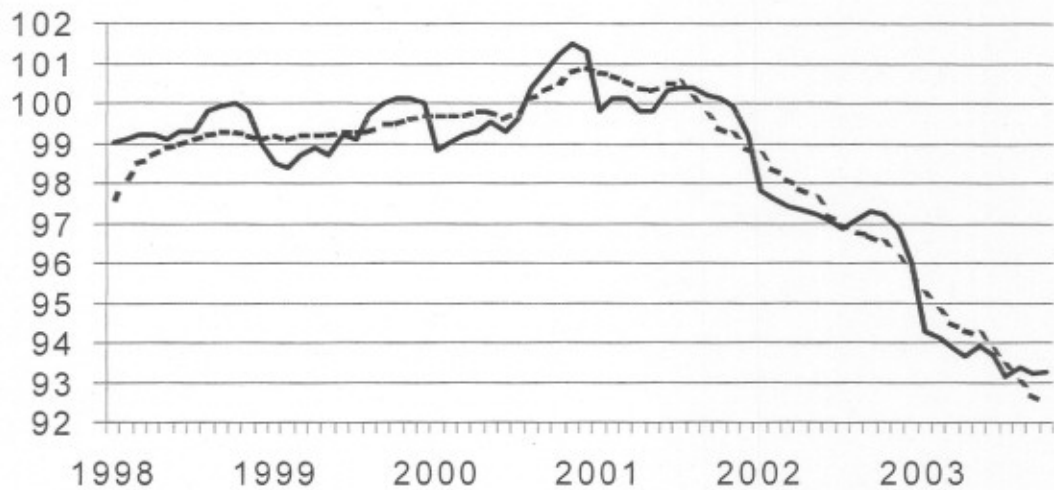
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Construction													
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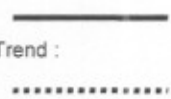
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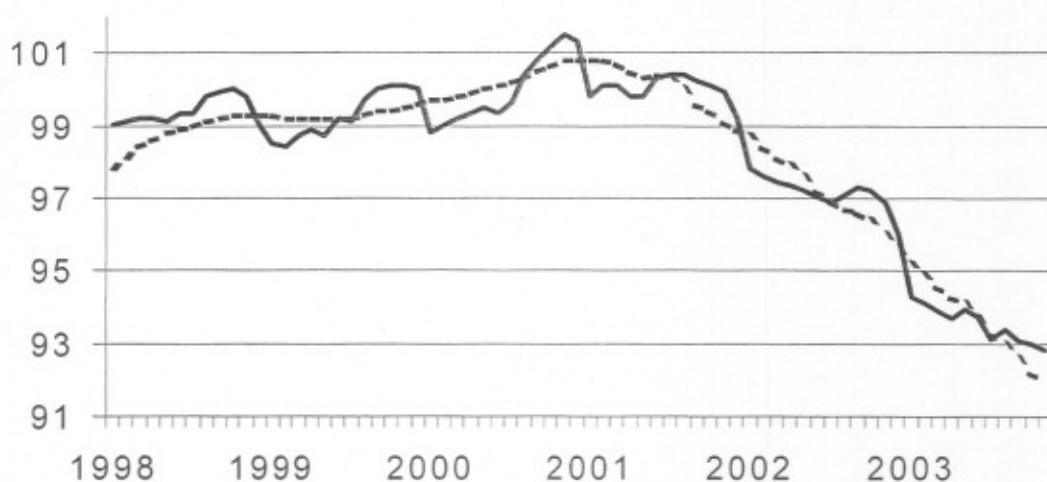
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Construction													
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2003	98,4	98,1	98,1	97,7	97,5	97,2	96,9	96,6	96,3	96,0	95,8		

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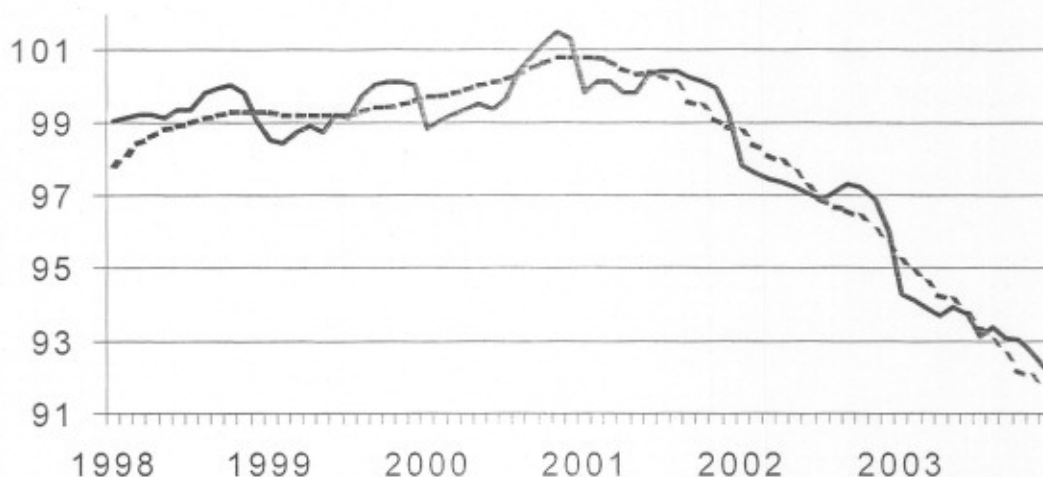
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Construction													
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NIS Persbericht

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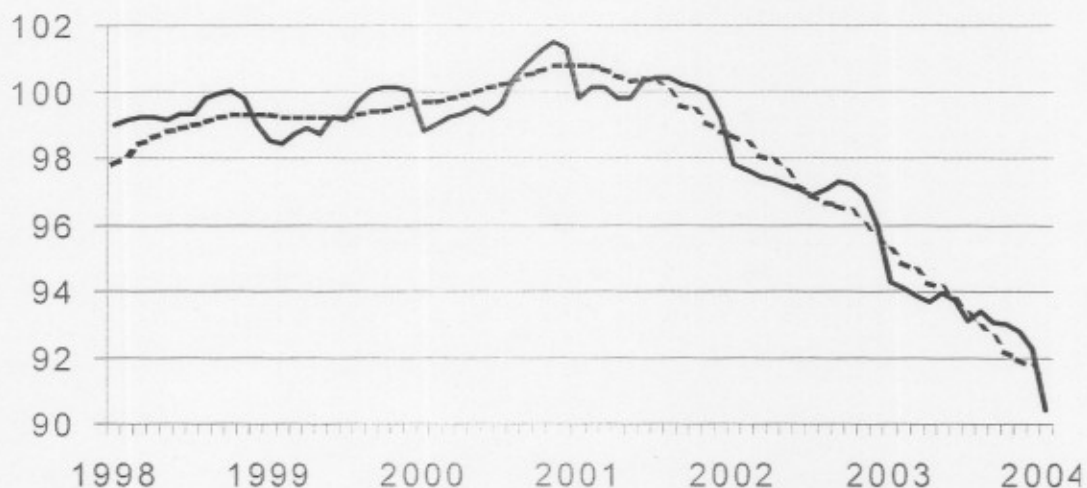
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Construction													
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2004	93,7												

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NIS Persbericht

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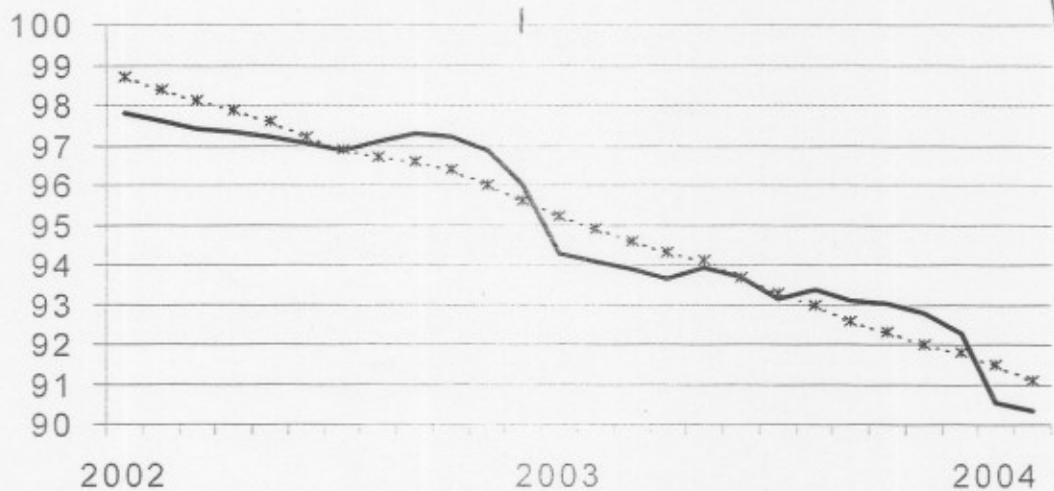
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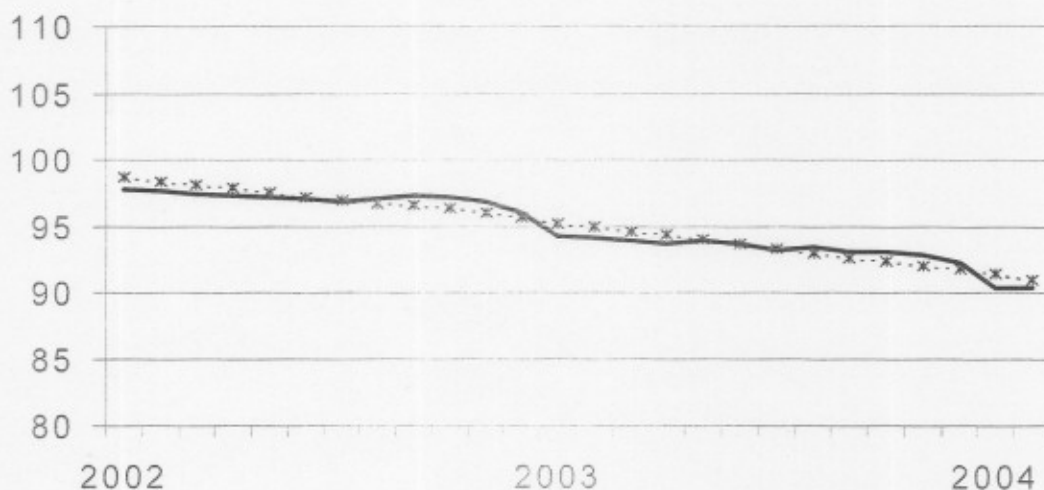
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Construction													
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2004	95,5	95,3	94,9										

Trend cycle
Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	//	//	//	//
Non-metallic mineral products	//	//	//	//
Manufacture of basic metals	//	//	//	/
Furniture	//	//	//	//
Electricity	//	//	//	//
Construction	/	/	/	/

Press Release

Short Term Indicators

Thursday July, 1st 2004

Belgium – April 2004* : employees in industry – 0.9%, in construction – 0.8%

Trend still downward

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 0.9%; in construction it fell by 0.8%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0.8%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 1.0% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 1.2%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -1.2% for chemicals and -1.2% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 1.0%.

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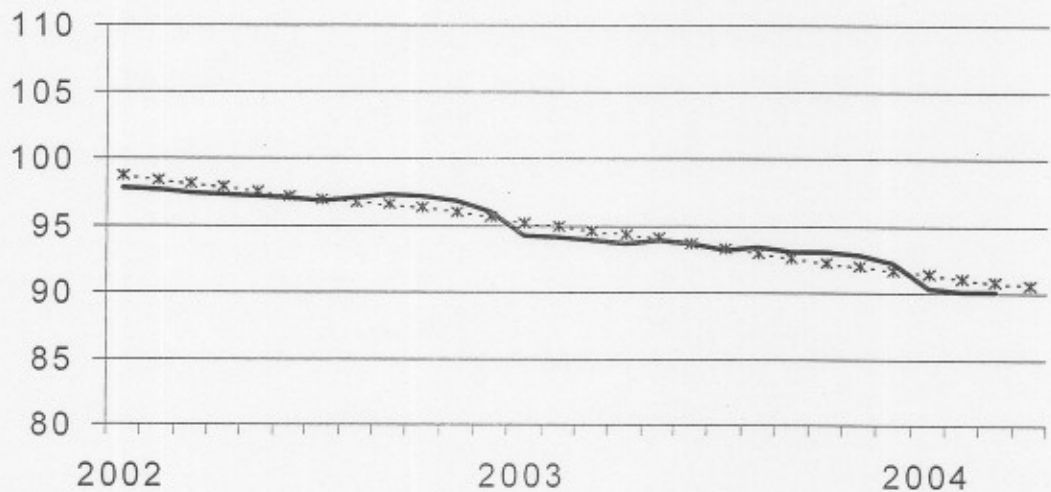
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Furniture	//	//	/	/
Electricity	//	//	//	/
Construction	/	/	/	/

Press Release

Short Term Indicators

Thursday August, 5st 2004

Belgium – May 2004* : employees in industry – 1.1%, in construction – 1.0%

Trend still downward

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 1.1%; in construction it fell by 1.0%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-1.0%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 0.7% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 1.1%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -1.3% for chemicals and -1.1% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 1.2%.

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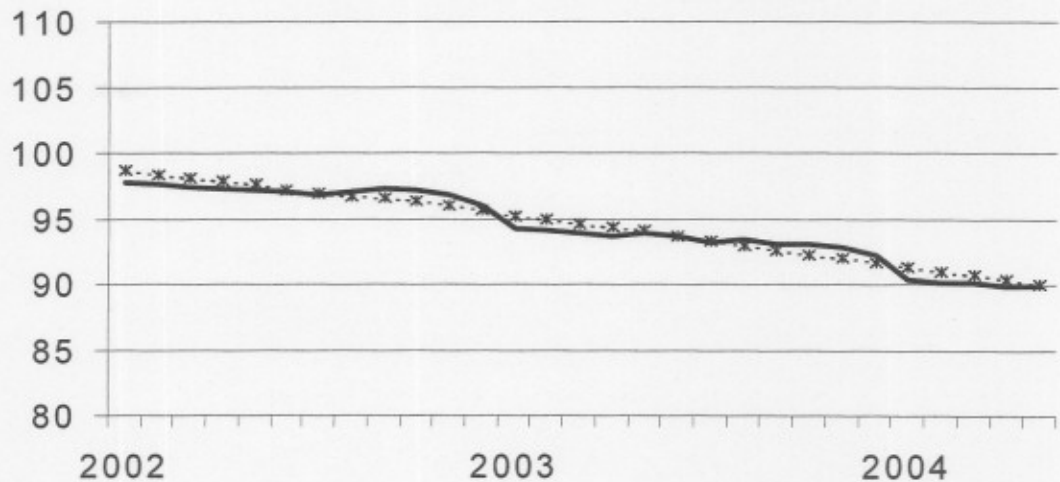
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Number of
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Seasonally
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Trend cycle

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Non-metallic mineral products	↘	↘	↘	↘
Manufacture of basic metals	↘	↘	↘	→
Furniture	↘	↘	↘	↘
Electricity	↘	↘	↘	↘
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

Thursday September, 2st 2004

Belgium – June 2004* : employees in industry - 0.9%, in construction - 1.4%

Trend still downward

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A split down to the level of important sectors shows -1.1% for chemicals and -1.0% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 1.4%.

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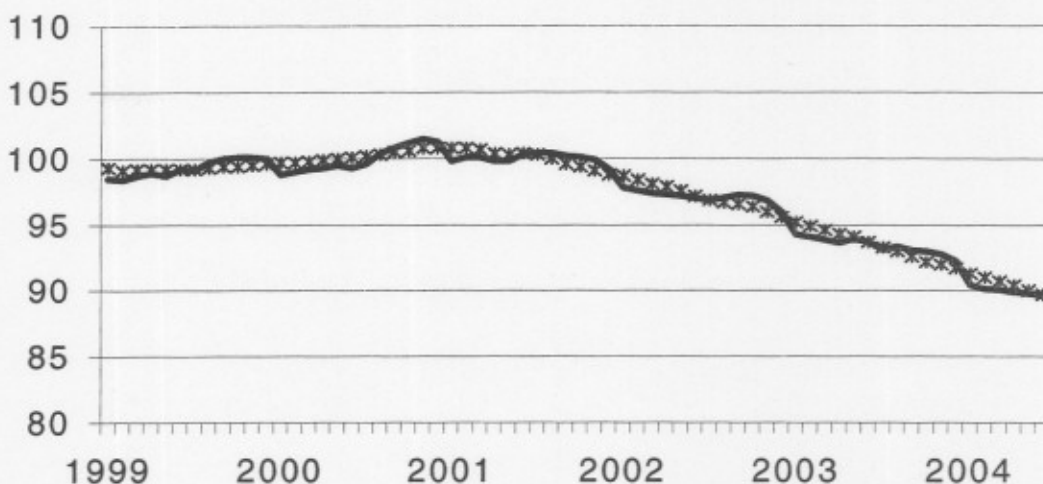
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Construction													
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Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

Press Release

Short Term Indicators

Thursday October, 7st 2004

Belgium – July 2004* : employees in industry - 0,7%, in construction - 1,4%

Trend still downward

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 0,7%; in construction it fell by 1,4%.

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A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,7% for chemicals and -0,8% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 1,3%.

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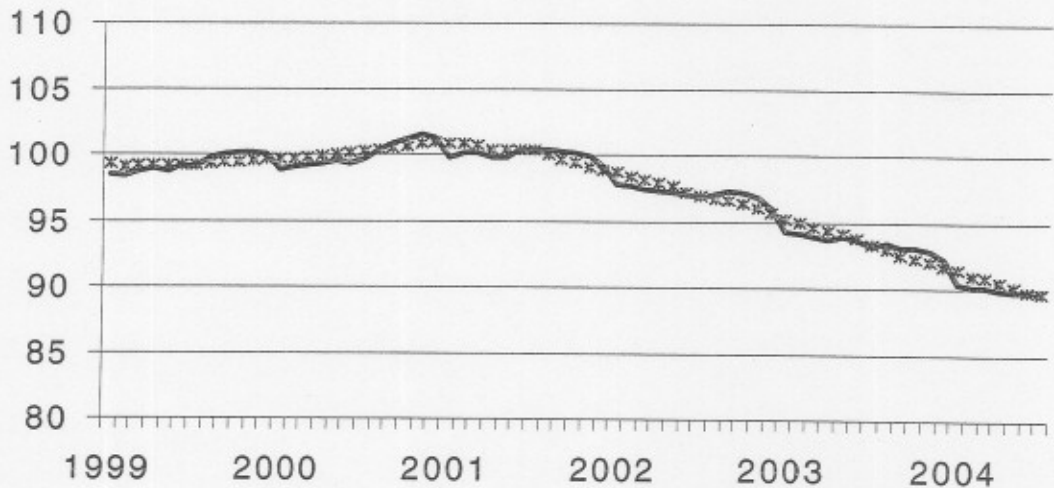
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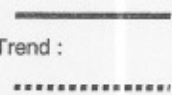
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Electricity	↘↘	↘	↘	↘
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘↘

Press Release

Short Term Indicators

Thursday November, 4st 2004

Belgium – August 2004* : employees in industry - 0,6%, in construction - 1,3%

Trend still downward

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 0,6%; in construction it fell by 1,3%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0,6%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 0,5% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,3%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0,5% for chemicals and -0,6% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 1,3%.

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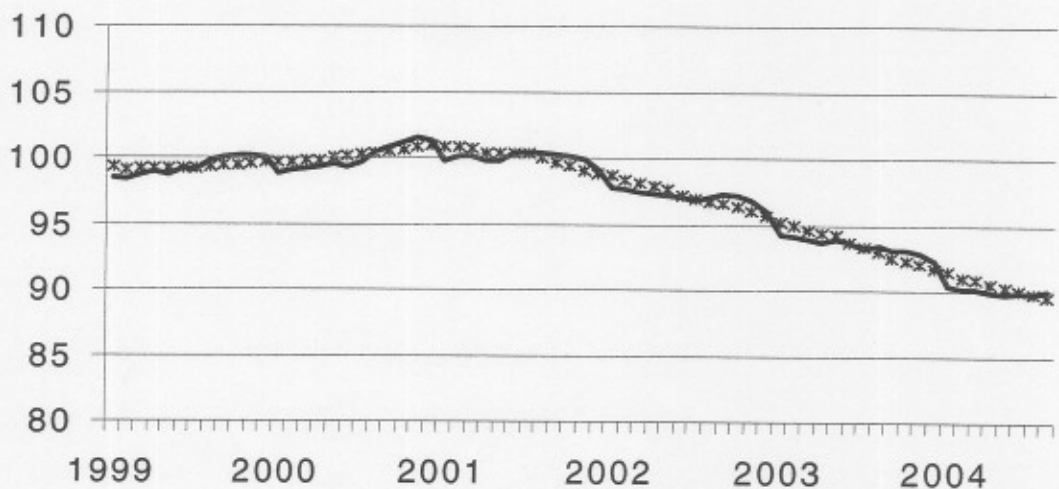
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Furniture	↘	↘	→	
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Press Release

FOD ECONOMIE - Statistics Belgium

Thursday December, 2st 2004

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A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0,5% for chemicals and -0,5% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 1,4%.

Next press release : 13/1/2005

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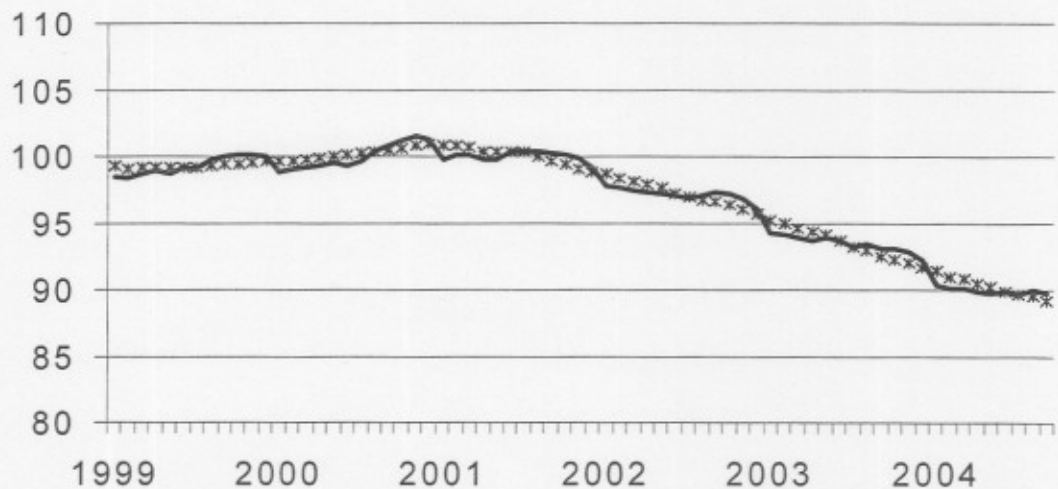
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Thursday January, 13st 2005

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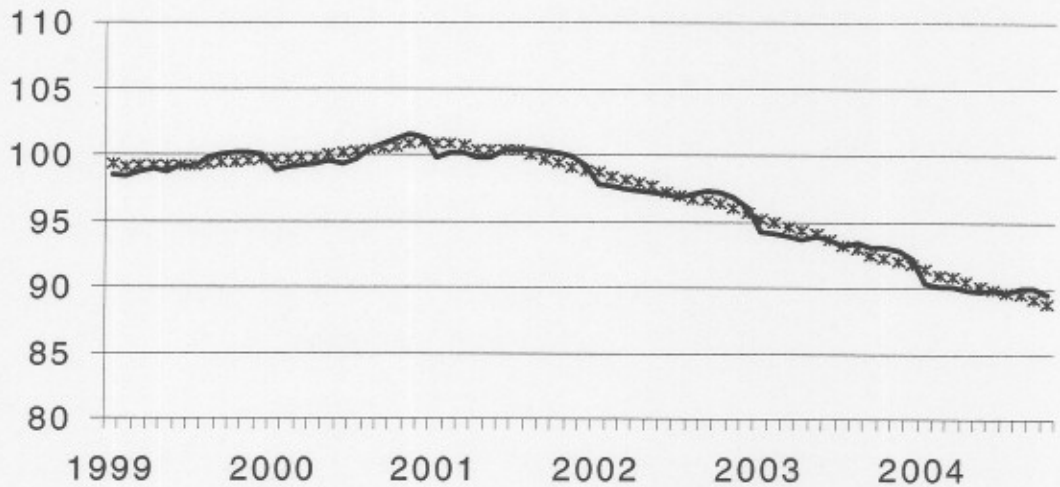
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Furniture	↘	↘	↘	↘
Electricity	↘	↘	↘	↘
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

Thursday February, 3rd 2005

Belgium – November 2004* : employees in industry - 0,7%, in construction - 2,2%

Trend still downward

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A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,1% for chemicals and -0,5% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 1,2%.

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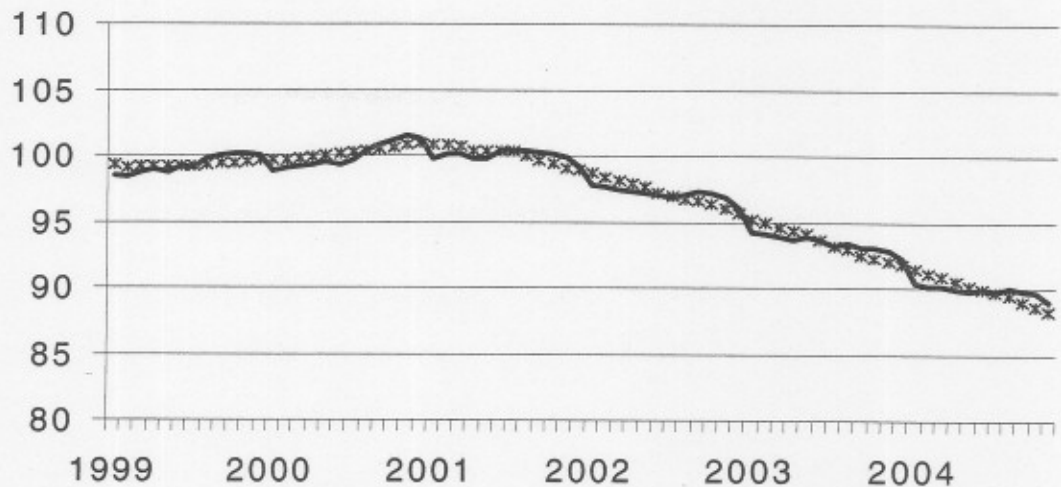
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Manufacture of basic metals	//	→	/	//
Furniture	//	//	//	//
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Press Release

Short Term Indicators

Thursday March, 3rd 2005

Belgium – December 2004* : employees in industry - 1,2%, in construction - 2,0%

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A split down to the level of important sectors shows -1,2% for chemicals and -0,8% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 1,4%.

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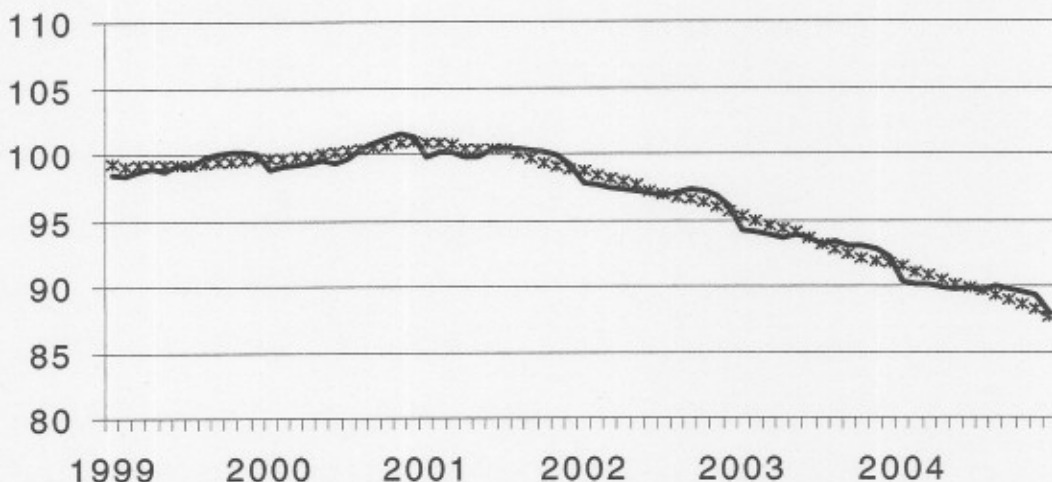
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Construction	//	//	//	//

Press Release

FOD ECONOMIE - Statistics Belgium

Thursday March, 31st 2005

Belgium - January 2005*: Employees Industry: -0,5%; Construction: -1,2%

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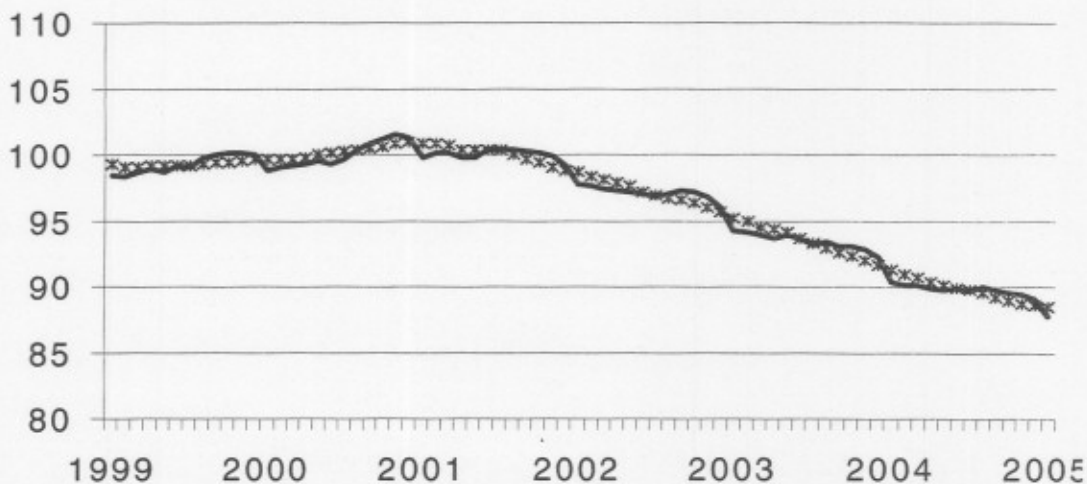
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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total industry, excluding construction													
2004	89,5	89,2	89,2	88,9	88,9	89,1	89,0	89,1	88,9	88,7	88,6	88,3	88,9
2005	87,2												
Construction													
2004	93,9	93,4	93,3	93,3	93,0	92,9	91,8	93,3	93,2	92,7	92,4	92,0	92,9
2005	89,8												
Total industry, excluding construction													
2004	90,2	89,8	89,7	89,4	89,0	88,9	88,8	88,5	88,4	88,2	88,0	87,9	88,9
2005	87,9												
Construction													
2004	95,0	94,8	94,2	93,9	93,5	93,1	92,6	92,5	92,1	91,6	91,3	90,9	93,0
2005	90,7												

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Gross indices :

Trend :

Last three months compared to the previous three months
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Total industry, excluding construction	↘	↘	↘	↘
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Durable consumer goods	↗	↘	↘	↘
Non-durable consumer goods	↘	↘	↘	↘
Mining and quarrying	→	↘	↗	↘
Food products, beverages and tobacco	↘	↘	↗	↘
Textiles and textiles products	↘	↘	↘	↘
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	↘	↘	↘	↘
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	↘	↘	↗	↘
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	→	↘
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	↘	↘	↗	↘
Non-metallic mineral products	↘	↗	↘	↘
Manufacture of basic metals	→	→	→	↗
Furniture	↘	↘	↘	↘
Electricity	↘	↘	↘	↘
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

FOD ECONOMIE, K.M.O., MIDDENSTAND EN ENERGIE

Press Release

Wednesday May, 4st 2005

Belgium - February 2005*: Employees
Industry: -0,4%; Construction: -0,9%

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, is remained constant (-0,4%); in construction it fell by 0,9%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo for Belgium as a whole (-0,4%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 0,5% in Flanders; in Wallonia there's a status quo (-0,4%)**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,5% for chemicals and -0,2% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0,9%.

Next press release : 2/6/2005

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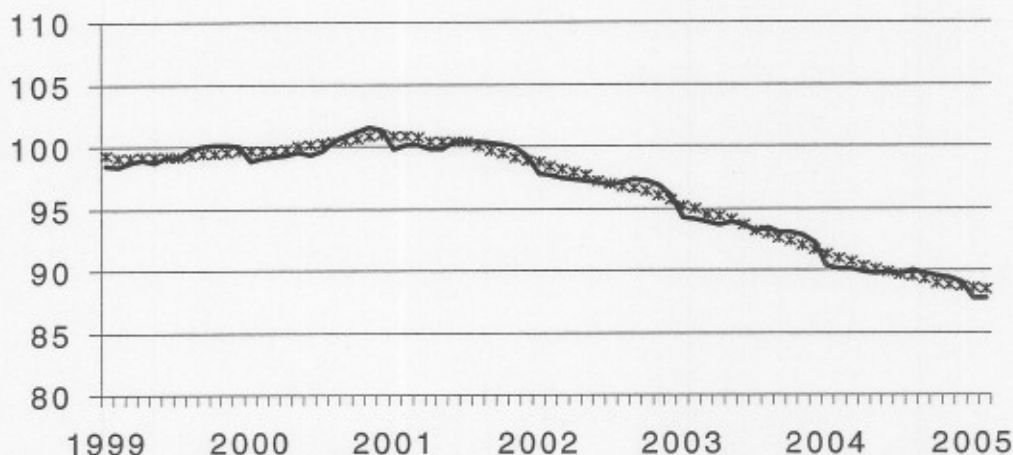
Employees

Gross indices (2000=100)
Number of employees subject to social security

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total industry, excluding construction													
2004	89,5	89,2	89,2	88,9	88,9	89,1	89,0	89,1	88,9	88,7	88,6	88,4	89,0
2005	87,2	87,0											
Construction													
2004	93,9	93,4	93,3	93,3	93,0	92,9	91,8	93,3	93,2	92,7	92,4	91,8	92,9
2005	89,8	90,5											
Total industry, excluding construction													
2004	90,2	89,9	89,7	89,4	89,1	88,9	88,8	88,5	88,4	88,1	88,0	87,9	88,9
2005	87,8	87,7											
Construction													
2004	95,1	94,6	94,1	93,8	93,4	93,1	92,7	92,5	92,2	91,8	91,5	91,2	93,0
2005	91,0	90,9											

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Trend cycle
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Durable consumer goods	↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘
Non-durable consumer goods	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘
Mining and quarrying	→	↘↘	↗	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	↘	↘	↘	↘↘
Textiles and textiles products	↘	↘	↘↘	↗↗
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	↘↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	↘	↘	↘	↘
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	→	→	→
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	↘↘	↘↘	↘	
Non-metallic mineral products	↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘
Manufacture of basic metals	→	↘	↘	↗
Furniture	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	
Electricity	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

FOD ECONOMIE, K.M.O., MIDDENSTAND EN ENERGIE

Press Release

Thursday June, 2nd 2005

Belgium - March 2005*: Employees
Industry: +0,5%; Construction: -0,8%

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, increased by 0,5%; in construction it fell by 0,8%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo for Belgium as a whole (-0,4%). At the regional level, the trend shows a status quo (-0,1%) in Flanders; in Wallonia production remained constant (+0,1%)**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -1,4% for chemicals and +0,0% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0,9%.

Next press release : 30/6/2005

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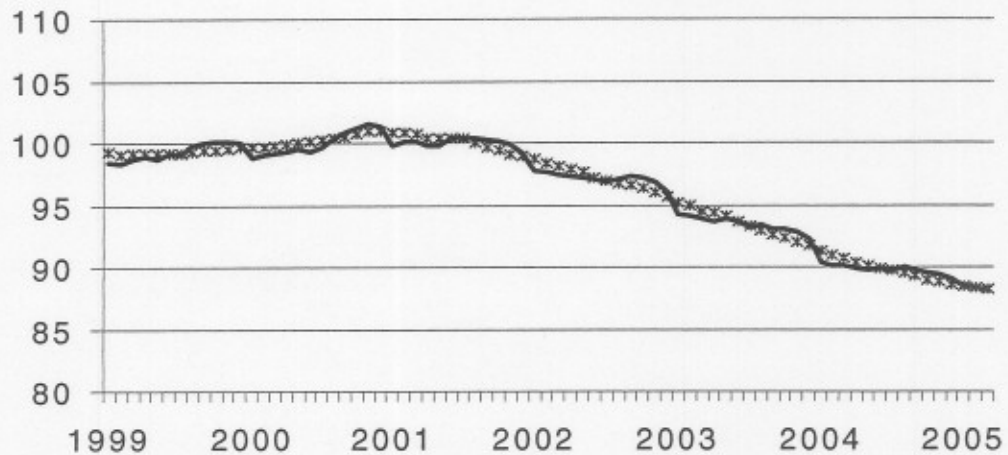
Employees

Gross indices (2000=100)
Number of employees subject to social security

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total industry, excluding construction													
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2005	87,9	87,8	87,6										
Construction													
2004	93,9	93,4	93,3	93,3	93,0	92,9	91,8	93,3	93,2	92,7	92,4	91,8	92,9
2005	90,4	90,4	89,8										
Total industry, excluding construction													
2004	90,2	89,8	89,7	89,4	89,1	88,9	88,8	88,5	88,3	88,1	88,0	87,9	88,9
2005	88,7	88,4	88,1										
Construction													
2004	95,0	94,6	94,2	93,9	93,5	93,1	92,7	92,5	92,2	91,8	91,5	91,1	93,0
2005	91,1	90,8	90,4										

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	→	→	↗↗
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	↘↘	↘	↘↘	
Non-metallic mineral products	↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘
Manufacture of basic metals	→	↘	↗	↗
Furniture	↘↘	↘↘	↘	
Electricity	↗	→	→	→
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

FPS ECONOMY, SMEs, SELF-EMPLOYED AND ENERGY

Press Release

Thursday June, 30st 2005

Belgium - April 2005*: Employees
Industry: status quo; Construction: -0,3%

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, is remained constant (+0,0%); in construction it fell by 0,3%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo for Belgium as a whole (-0,2%). At the regional level, there's a status quo in Flanders (-0,1%) and in Wallonia (-0,2%)**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -1,2% for chemicals and -0,1% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0,8%.

Next press release : 4/8/2005

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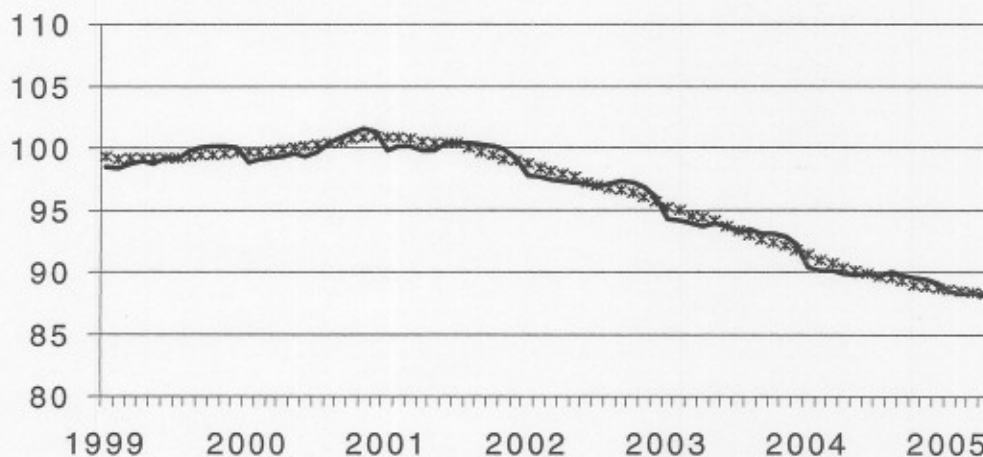
Employees

Gross indices (2000=100)
Number of employees subject to social security

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Total industry, excluding construction													
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2005	87,9	87,7	87,8	87,6									
Construction													
2004	93,9	93,4	93,3	93,3	93,0	92,9	91,8	93,3	93,2	92,7	92,4	91,8	92,9
2005	90,4	90,2	90,3	90,3									
Total industry, excluding construction													
2004	90,2	89,9	89,7	89,4	89,1	88,9	88,8	88,5	88,3	88,1	88,0	87,9	88,9
2005	88,8	88,4	88,2	88,0									
Construction													
2004	95,0	94,7	94,1	93,8	93,4	93,1	92,7	92,6	92,2	91,8	91,5	91,2	93,0
2005	91,2	90,9	90,7	90,4									

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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Mining and quarrying	↘	↘↘	↗	
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Non-metallic mineral products	↘↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘
Manufacture of basic metals	↗	↗	↗	↗
Furniture	↘	↘	↘	
Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

FPS ECONOMY, SMEs, SELF-EMPLOYED AND ENERGY

Press Release

Thursday August , 4st 2005

**Belgium - May 2005*: Employees
Industry: -0,5%; Construction: -0,7%**

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 0,5%; in construction it fell by 0,7%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0,3%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 0,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,3%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,9% for chemicals and -0,1% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0,7%.

Next press release : **1/9/2005**

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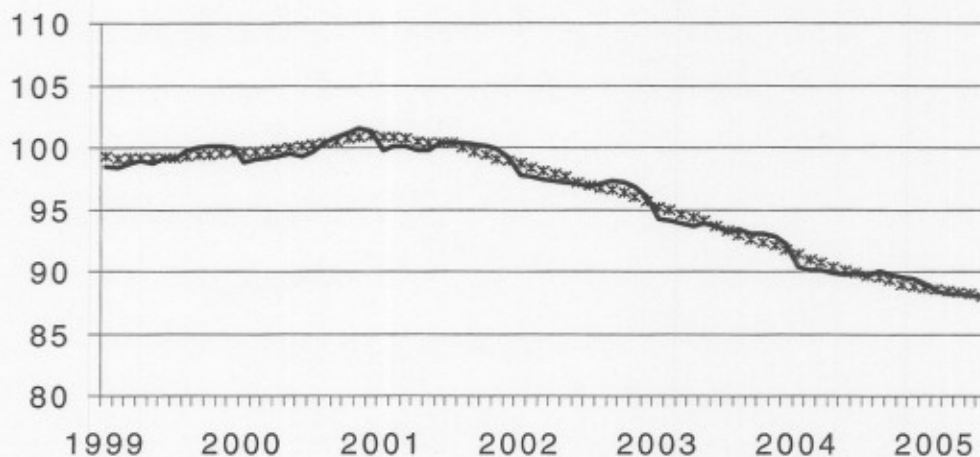
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2005	87,9	87,7	87,7	87,5	87,4								
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Construction													
2004	94,9	94,7	94,2	93,8	93,4	93,0	92,6	92,5	92,2	91,8	91,5	91,2	93,0
2005	91,2	91,0	90,6	90,5	90,3								

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Manufacture of basic metals	↗	↗	↗	↘
Furniture	↘	↘	↘	↘
Electricity	↗	↗	↗	↗
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

FPS ECONOMY, SMEs, SELF-EMPLOYED AND ENERGY

Press Release

Thursday August , 25st 2005

**Belgium - June 2005*: Employees
Industry: -1,1%; Construction: -1,1%**

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 1,1%; in construction it fell by 1,1%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0,5%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 0,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,6%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -1,1% for chemicals and +0,0% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 1,0%.

Next press release : **6/10/2005**

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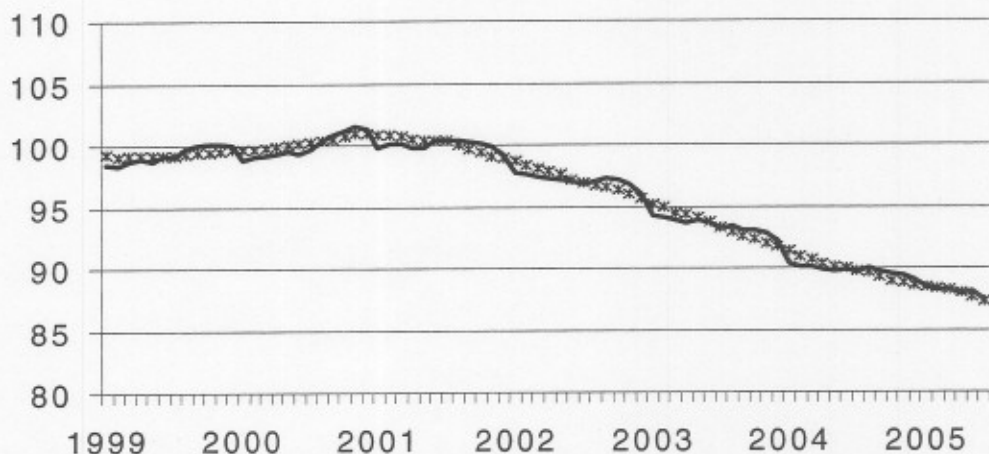
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2005	88,7	88,3	87,9	87,8	87,3	87,0							
Construction													
2004	94,9	94,7	94,2	93,8	93,3	93,2	92,7	92,6	92,2	91,8	91,5	91,2	93,0
2005	91,1	90,8	90,3	90,1	89,9	89,3							

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Gross indices :
Trend :

Last three months compared to the previous three months
Gross indices

↗ > 1.5%
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	↘	↘	↘	↘↘
Total industry, excluding construction	↘	↘	↘	↘
Intermediate goods	↘	↘	↘	↘
Capital goods	↘	↘	↘	↘↘
Durable consumer goods	↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘
Non-durable consumer goods	↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘
Mining and quarrying	↘	↘	↗	↘
Food products, beverages and tobacco	↘	↘	↘	↘
Textiles and textiles products	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	↘	↘	↘	↗
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	↘	↘	↗↗	↗
Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	→	↗	↘
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	↘	↘	↘↘	↘
Non-metallic mineral products	↘↘	↘	↘↘	↗
Manufacture of basic metals	↘	↘	↘	↘
Furniture	↘	↘	↘↘	↘
Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘↘

FPS ECONOMY, SMEs, SELF-EMPLOYED AND ENERGY

Press Release

Thursday October, 6st 2005

Belgium - July 2005*: Employees
Industry: -0,9%; Construction: -0,4%

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 0,9%; in construction it fell by 0,4%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0,5%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 1,0% in Flanders; in Wallonia there's a status quo (+0,0%)**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,5% for chemicals and -0,2% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0,4%.

Next press release : 27/10/2005

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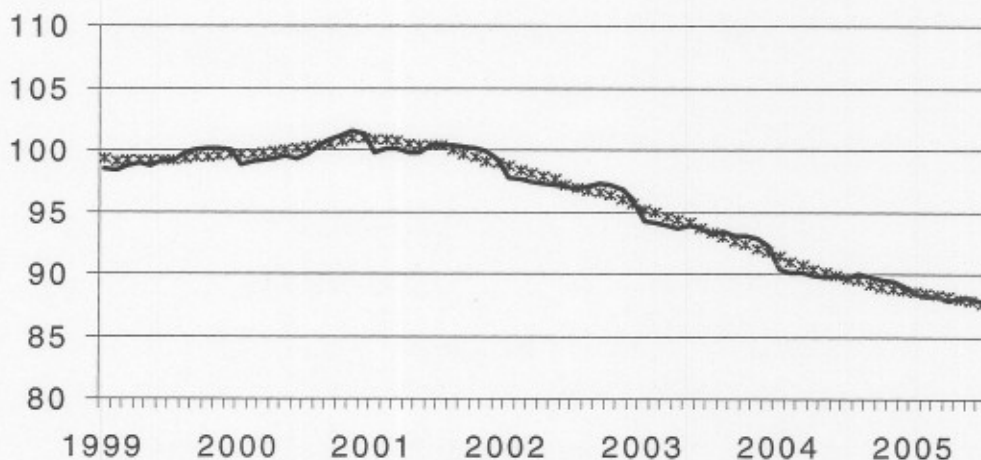
Employees

Gross indices (2000=100)
Number of employees subject to social security

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total industry, excluding construction													
2004	89,5	89,2	89,2	88,9	88,9	89,1	89,0	89,1	88,9	88,7	88,6	88,4	89,0
2005	87,9	87,7	87,7	87,2	87,4	87,4	87,2						
Construction													
2004	93,9	93,4	93,3	93,3	93,0	92,9	91,8	93,3	93,2	92,7	92,4	91,8	92,9
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Total industry, excluding construction													
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2005	88,7	88,3	88,0	87,6	87,4	87,2	86,9						
Construction													
2004	94,9	94,7	94,2	93,8	93,3	93,0	92,5	92,5	92,1	91,8	91,5	91,3	93,0
2005	91,3	91,1	90,9	90,7	90,7	90,5	90,5						

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

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Capital goods	↘	↘	↘	↘↘
Durable consumer goods	↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘
Non-durable consumer goods	↘	↘	↘	↘
Mining and quarrying	↘	↘	↘	↘
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Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↗	→
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	→	→	↘	↘
Non-metallic mineral products	↘	↘	↘↘	↗
Manufacture of basic metals	↘	↘	↗	↘
Furniture	↘	↘	↘↘	↘
Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

FPS ECONOMY, SMEs, SELF-EMPLOYED AND ENERGY

Press Release

Thursday October, 27st 2005

**Belgium - August 2005*: Employees
Industry: -0,8%; Construction: -0,2%**

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 0,8%; in construction it fell by 0,2%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0,6%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 1,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 1,0%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,4% for chemicals and -0,3% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0,2%.

Next press release : **1/12/2005**

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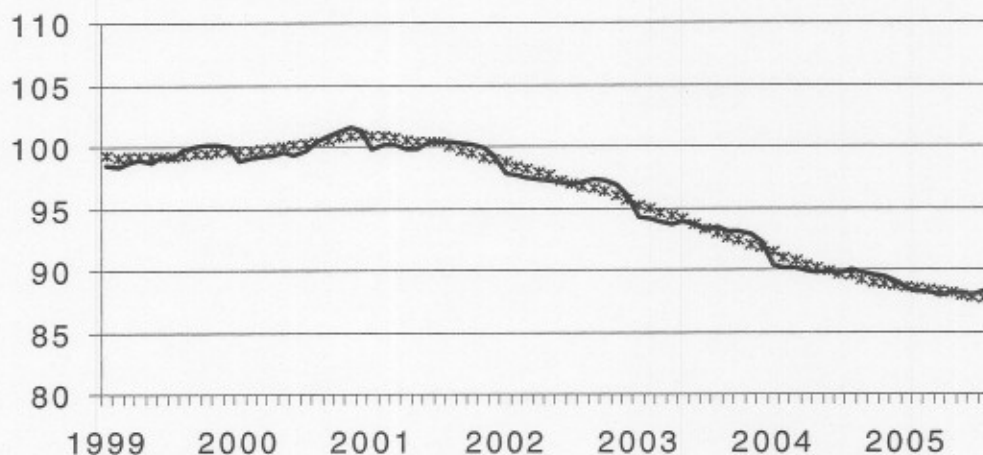
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Gross indices (2000=100)
Number of employees subject to social security

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2005	87,9	87,7	87,7	87,2	87,4	87,5	87,3	87,2					
Construction													
2004	93,9	93,4	93,3	93,3	93,0	92,9	91,8	93,3	93,2	92,7	92,4	91,8	92,9
2005	90,4	90,2	89,8	90,2	90,7	90,7	90,1	92,5					
Total industry, excluding construction													
2004	90,2	89,8	89,7	89,4	89,0	89,0	88,8	88,6	88,4	88,2	88,0	87,9	88,9
2005	88,7	88,3	88,0	87,6	87,4	87,2	86,9	86,7					
Construction													
2004	94,9	94,7	94,2	93,8	93,3	93,0	92,6	92,3	92,1	91,7	91,5	91,3	93,0
2005	91,3	91,2	91,0	90,9	90,9	90,8	90,7	90,8					

Seasonally adjusted indices
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Trend cycle
Total industry, adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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Trend :

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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
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Total industry, excluding construction	↘	↘	↘	↘
Intermediate goods	↘	↘	↘	↘
Capital goods	↘	↘	↘	↘↘
Durable consumer goods	↘	↘	↘↘	↘
Non-durable consumer goods	→	→	↘↘	↘
Mining and quarrying	↘	↘	↘	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	↘	↘	↗	↘↘
Textiles and textiles products	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	→	↗	↘	↗
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	↘	↘	↗	↘
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↗	↘
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	↘	↘	↘	
Non-metallic mineral products	↘↘	↘	↘↘	↗
Manufacture of basic metals	↘	↘	↗	↘
Furniture	↘	↘	↘	
Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	→	↘	↘	→

**FPS ECONOMY, SMEs, SELF-EMPLOYED AND ENERGY
Press Release**

Thursday December, 1st 2005

**Belgium - September 2005*: Employees
Industry: -0,8%; Construction: -0,8%**

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 0,8%; in construction it fell by 0,8%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0,7%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 0,8% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,4%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0,0% for chemicals and -0,4% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0,9%.

Next press release : **22/12/2005**

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Employees

Gross indices (2000=100)
Number of employees subject to social security

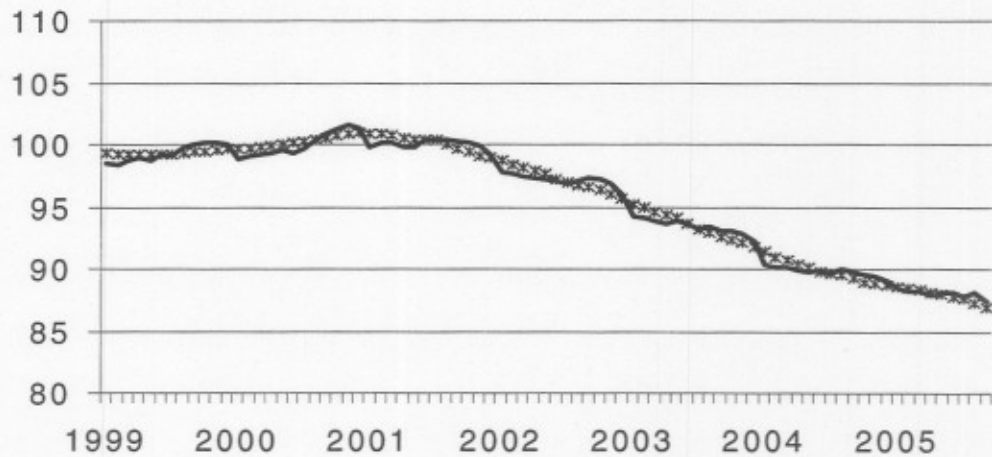
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Total industry, excluding construction													
2004	89,5	89,2	89,2	88,9	88,9	89,1	89,0	89,1	88,9	88,7	88,6	88,4	89,0
2005	87,9	87,7	87,7	87,2	87,4	87,5	87,1	87,3	86,8				
Construction													
2004	93,9	93,4	93,3	93,3	93,0	92,9	91,8	93,3	93,2	92,7	92,4	91,8	92,9
2005	90,4	90,2	89,8	90,2	90,7	90,7	90,1	91,2	89,7				
Total industry, excluding construction													
2004	90,2	89,8	89,7	89,4	89,0	88,9	88,8	88,6	88,4	88,2	88,0	87,9	88,9
2005	88,7	88,3	88,0	87,6	87,4	87,1	86,9	86,7	86,4				
Construction													
2004	94,9	94,7	94,2	93,8	93,3	93,0	92,5	92,4	92,3	91,9	91,6	91,3	93,0
2005	91,3	91,1	90,7	90,6	90,4	90,2	90,0	89,7	89,2				

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Gross indices :

Trend :

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Last three months compared to the previous three months
Gross indices

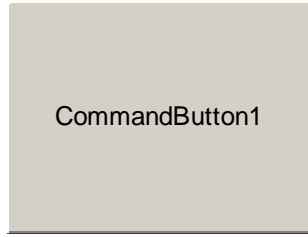
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings

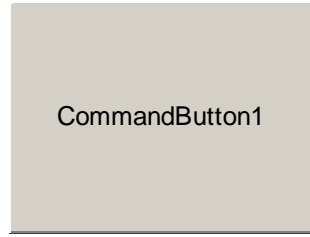
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Total industry, excluding construction	↘	↘	↘	↘
Intermediate goods	↘	↘	↘	→
Capital goods	↘	↘	→	↘↘
Durable consumer goods	↘	↘	↘↘	↘
Non-durable consumer goods	↘	↘	↘	↗
Mining and quarrying	↘	↘	↘	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	↘	↘	↗	↘↘
Textiles and textiles products	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	↘	↘	↘↘	→
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	→	↗	→	↘↘
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Non-metallic mineral products	↘	↘	↘↘	↘
Manufacture of basic metals	↘	↘	↗	↘
Furniture	↘	↘	↘	
Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

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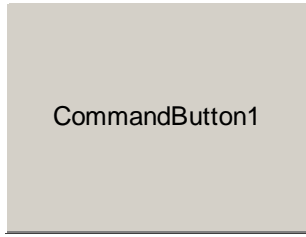


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FPS ECONOMY, SMEs, SELF-EMPLOYED AND ENERGY
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE

Thursday April, 6 2006

Belgium - January 2006*: Employees Industry: -0,3%; Construction: +0,1%

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 0,3%; in construction the number of employees remained constant (+ 0,1%).

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0,3%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 0,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,5%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0,1% for chemicals and -0,5% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees remained constant (+0,0%).

Next press release : **4/5/2006**

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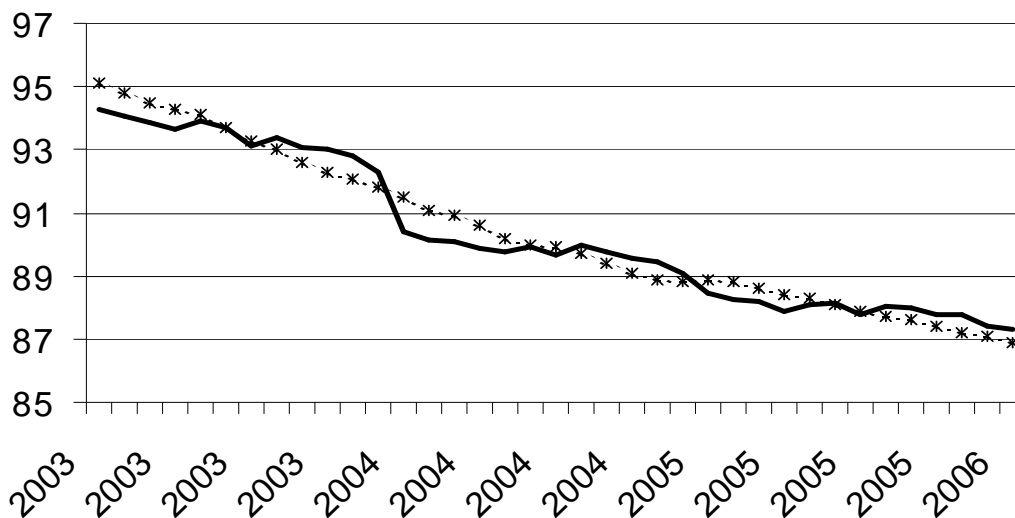
Employees

Gross indices (2000=100)
Number of employees subject to social security

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2006	86,4												
Construction													
2005	90,4	90,2	89,8	90,2	90,7	90,7	90,1	91,2	91,5	91,3	91,5	91,0	90,7
2006	90,6												
Total industry, excluding construction													
2005	88,0	87,9	87,7	87,5	87,4	87,2	87,1	86,9	86,8	86,7	86,6	86,5	87,2
2006	86,5												
Construction													
2005	91,1	91,0	90,8	90,7	90,8	90,7	90,7	90,5	90,6	90,6	90,6	90,6	90,7
2006	90,7												

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After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Gross indices :
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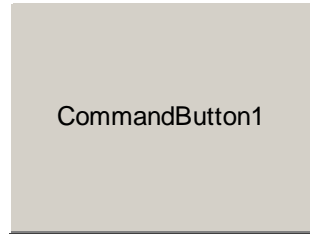
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Mining and quarrying	→	↘	↗	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	→	↗	↘	↘
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Non-metallic mineral products	↘	→	↘	
Manufacture of basic metals	↘	↘	↘	↘
Furniture	↘	↘	↗	→
Electricity	→	→	→	
Construction	→	→	→	→

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FPS ECONOMY, SMEs, SELF-EMPLOYED AND ENERGY
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE

Thursday 8 June 2006

**Belgium - March 2006*: Employees
Industry: -0,2%; Construction: +0,5%**

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 0,2%; in construction it rose by 0,5%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0,2%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0,6% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,1%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,5% for chemicals and -0,2% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0,5%.

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Construction													
2005	91,1	91,0	90,6	90,7	90,7	90,6	90,7	90,6	90,7	90,8	90,9	90,9	90,8
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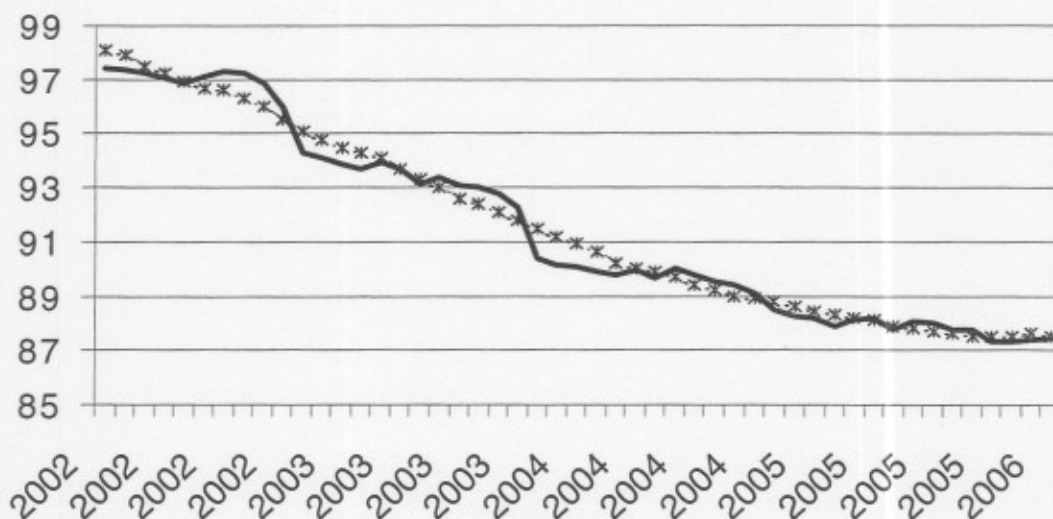
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Gross indices :

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Durable consumer goods	↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘
Non-durable consumer goods	↘	→	↘	↘↘
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Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	↘	↘	↘	
Non-metallic mineral products	→	↗	→	↘↘
Manufacture of basic metals	→	→	↘	↘↘
Furniture	↘	↘	↘↘	
Electricity	↗↗	↗	↗	↗↗
Construction	↗	↗	↘	↗



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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE

Thursday June, 29 2006

Belgium - April 2006*: Employees Industry: -0,1%; Construction: +0,5%

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, remained constant (-0,1%); in construction it rose by 0,5%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo for Belgium as a whole (-0,1%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0,5% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number remained constant (+0,0%)**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,5% for chemicals and -0,2% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0,5%.

Next press release : **3/8/2006**

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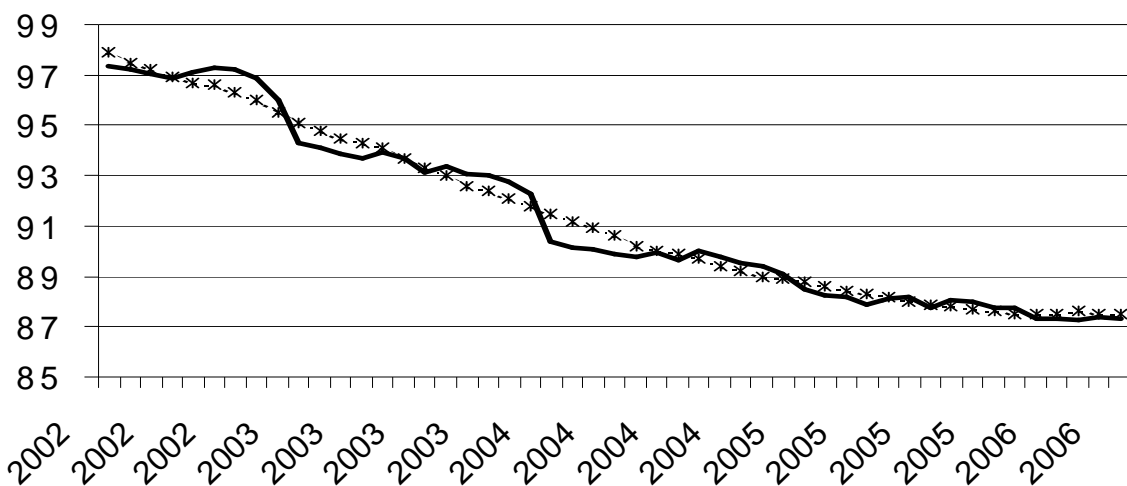
Employees

Gross indices (2000=100)
Number of employees subject to social security

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Manufacture of basic metals	↘	→	↘↘	↘↘
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Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↗	↗	→	↗

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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE

Thursday Augustus, 3 2006

Belgium - May 2006*: Employees
Industry: -0,2%; Construction: +0,5%

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 0,2%; in construction it rose by 0,5%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo for Belgium as a whole (-0,2%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0,2%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,1% for chemicals and +0,0% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0,4%.

Next press release : **7/9/2006**

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Gross indices
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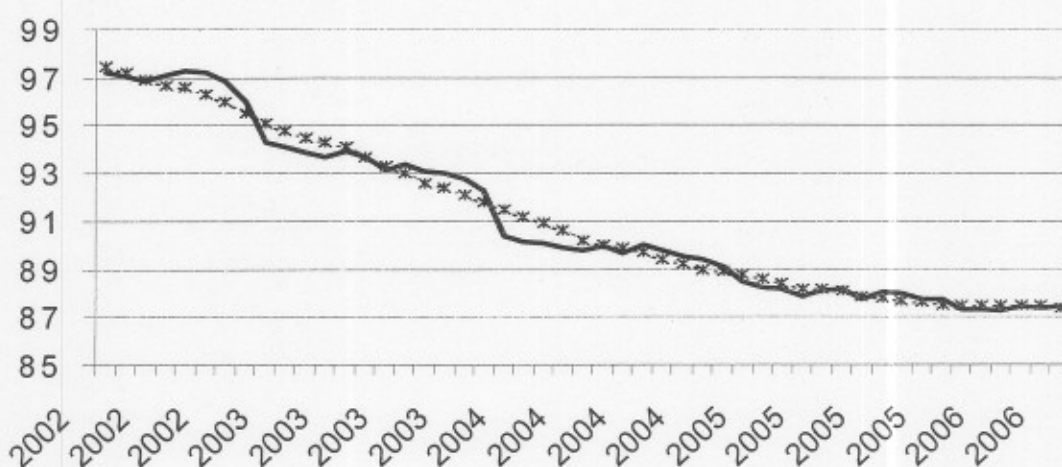
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Construction													
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2006	91,2	91,3	91,5	91,6	91,6								



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Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	→	↘	↘	↘
Non-metallic mineral products	→	↗	↘	↘
Manufacture of basic metals	↘	→	↘	↘
Furniture	↘	↘	↘	↘
Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↗

FPS ECONOMY, SMEs, SELF-EMPLOYED AND ENERGY
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE

Thursday September, 7 2006

Belgium - June 2006*: Employees Industry: -0,2%; Construction: +0,1%

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 0,2%; in construction it rose by 0,1%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a slight decline for Belgium as a whole (-0,2%). At the regional level, there's a status quo (+0,0%) in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0,3%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,2% for chemicals and -0,1% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0,3%.

Next press release : **5/10/2006**

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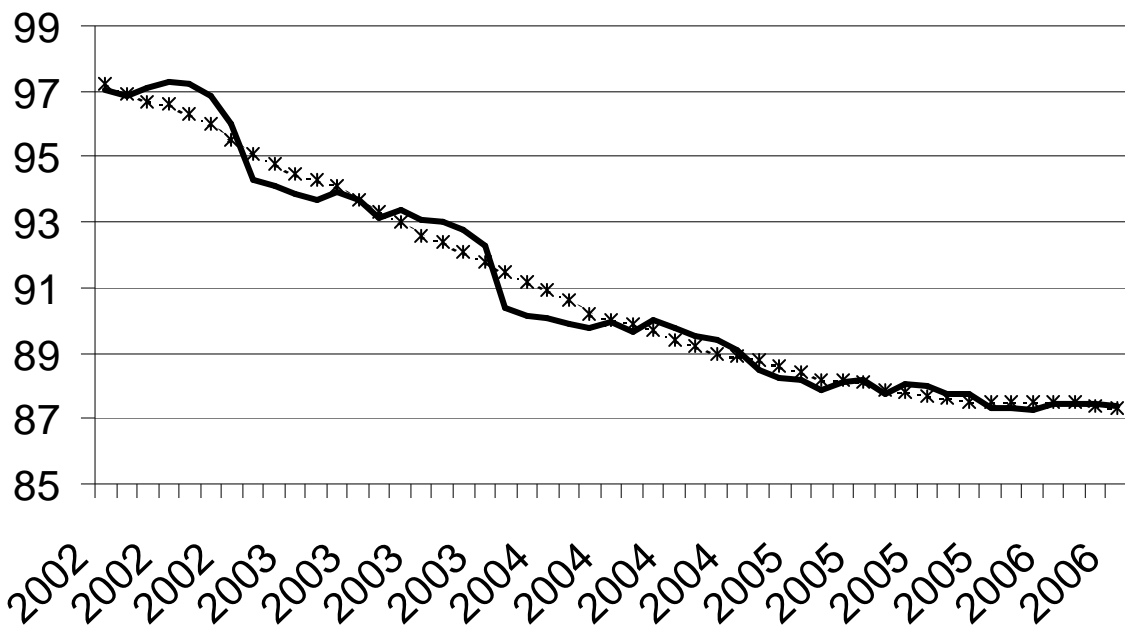
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Construction													
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2006	91,2	91,2	91,4	91,4	91,4	91,4							

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Non-metallic mineral products	↘	→	↘↘	↘↘
Manufacture of basic metals	↗	↗	↘	↘
Furniture	↘	↘	↘↘	
Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↗	↗	→	↗



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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM PRESS RELEASE

Thursday October, 5 2006

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The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 0,1%; in construction it rose by 0,3%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a status quo in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,5%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0,0% for chemicals and +0,1% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0,3%.

Next press release : **26/10/2006**

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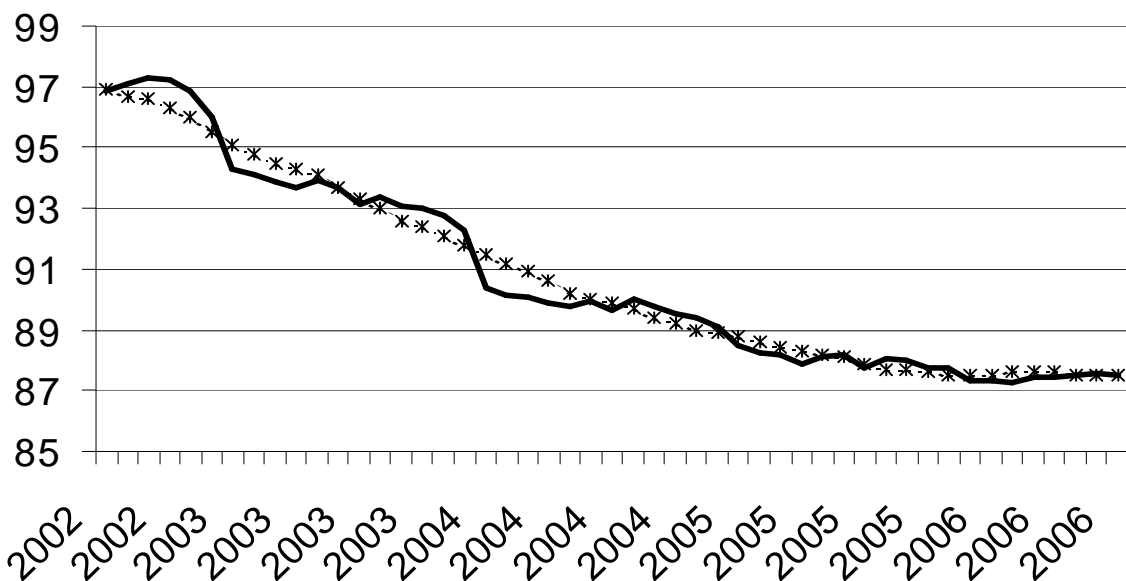
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Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↗	↗	→	↘



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Thursday October, 26 2006

Belgium - August 2006*: Employees Industry: +0,1%; Construction: +0,7%

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, increased by 0,1%; in construction it rose by 0,7%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a slight increase for Belgium as a whole (+0,1%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number remained constant (+0,0%)**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0,1% for chemicals and +0,3% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0,7%.

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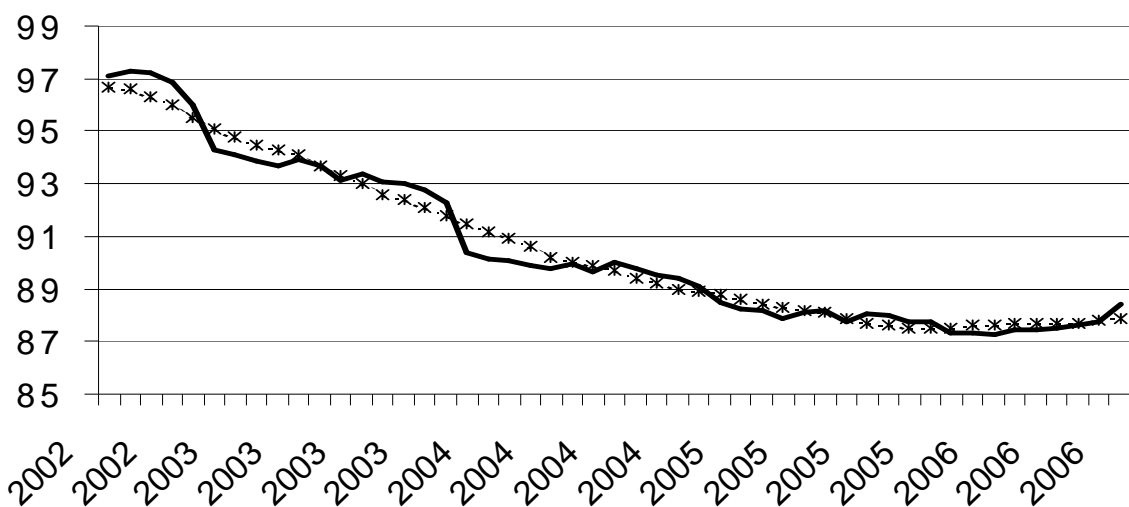
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2006	86,3	86,3	86,4	86,3	86,3	86,5	86,7	87,0					
Construction													
2005	90,4	90,2	89,8	90,2	90,7	90,7	90,1	91,2	91,5	91,3	91,5	90,9	90,7
2006	90,9	90,9	91,3	91,7	91,8	91,9	91,8	94,0					
Total industry, excluding construction													
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2006	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,5	86,6					
Construction													
2005	91,1	91,0	90,6	90,6	90,8	90,7	90,7	90,4	90,6	90,7	90,9	90,9	90,8
2006	91,3	91,4	91,7	91,9	92,0	92,2	92,5	92,9					

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Mining and quarrying	↗	↗	→	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	→	↗	↗↗	↘↘
Textiles and textiles products	↘	↘	↘	↘↘
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	↘	→	↘	↗
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	→	→	↗	↘
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↗	→	↗
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	↘	↘↘	↘	
Non-metallic mineral products	↘	→	↘↘	↘↘
Manufacture of basic metals	↘	↗	↘	↘
Furniture	↘	↘	↘↘	
Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↘

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

Thursday December, 7th 2006

Belgium - September 2006*: Employees Industry: +0,2%; Construction: +0,9%

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The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase for Belgium as a whole (+0,2%). At the regional level, there's a status quo (+0,0%) in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0,1%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0,2% for chemicals and +0,4% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0,9%.

Next press release : **11/1/2007**

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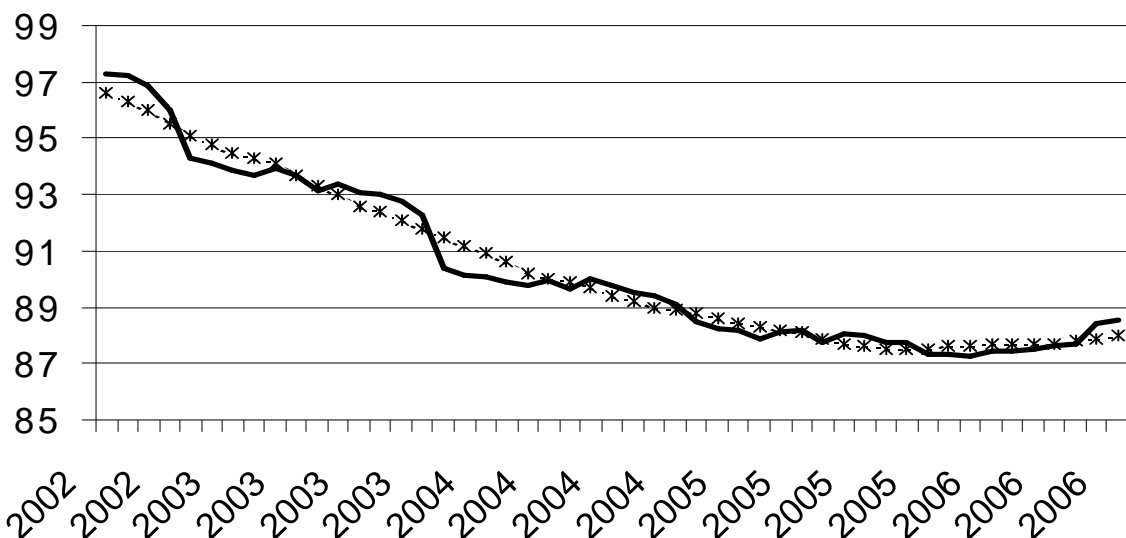
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Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↗	→	↗
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Non-metallic mineral products	↘	↗	↘↘	↘
Manufacture of basic metals	↘	→	↘	↘
Furniture	↘	↘	↘	
Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE

Thursday January, 11 2007

Belgium - October 2006*: Employees Industry: +0,4%; Construction: +1,0%

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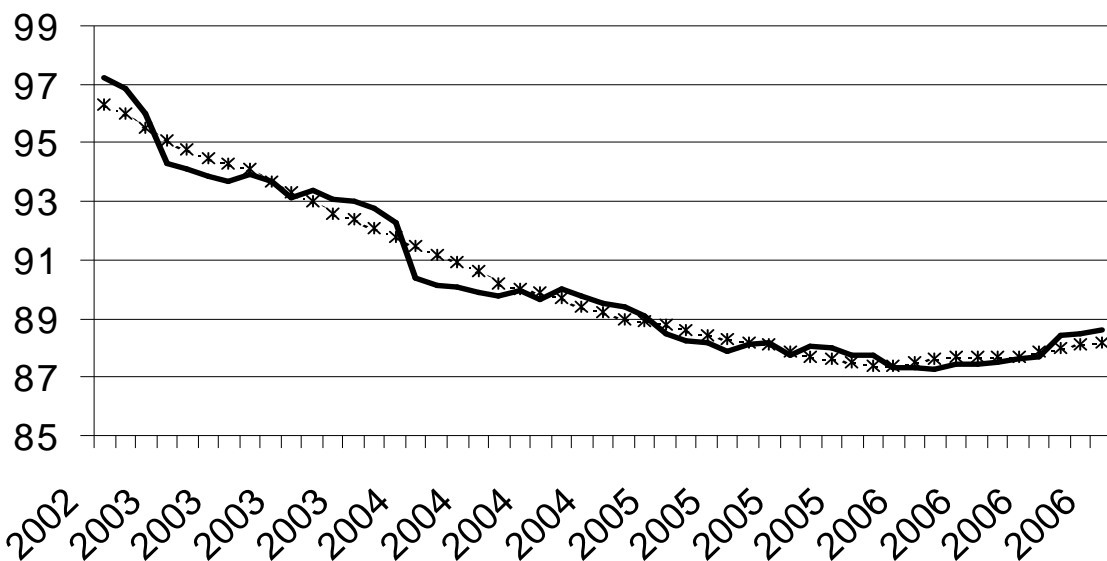
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Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	↘↘	↘↘	→	
Non-metallic mineral products	→	↗	↘↘	↘
Manufacture of basic metals	→	→	→	↘↘
Furniture	→	↘	↗↗	
Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↘

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

Thursday February, 1 2007

Belgium - November 2006*: Employees Industry: +0,3%; Construction: +1,1%

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Next press release : **1/3/2007**

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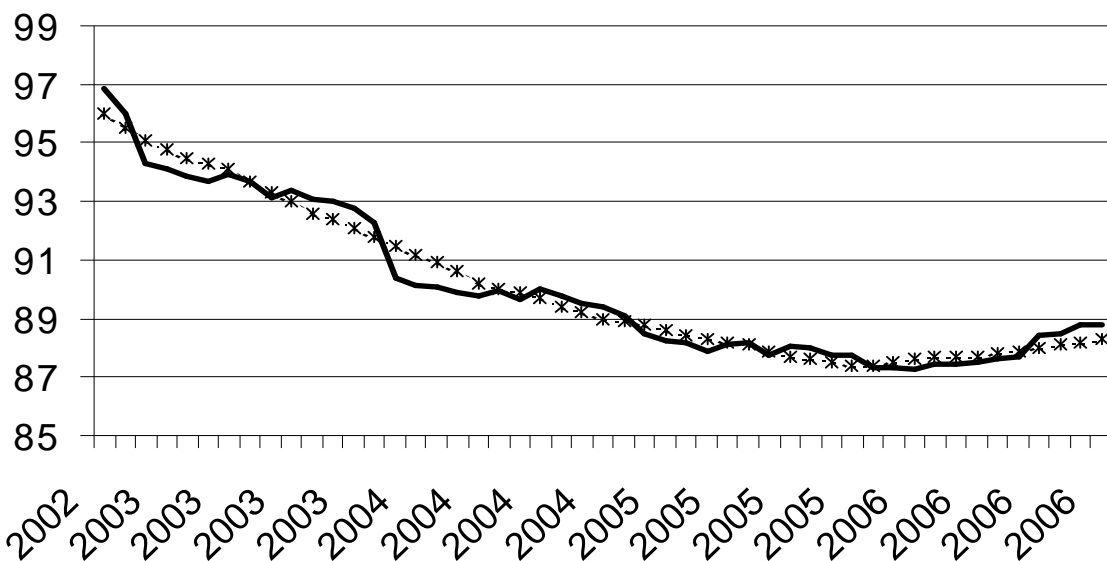
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Manufacture of basic metals	→	→	→	↗↗
Furniture	→	↘	↗↗	
Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↗	↗	↗↗	↘

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE

Thursday March, 1 2007

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A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0,4% for chemicals and +0,6% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 1,4%.

Next press release : **5/4/2007**

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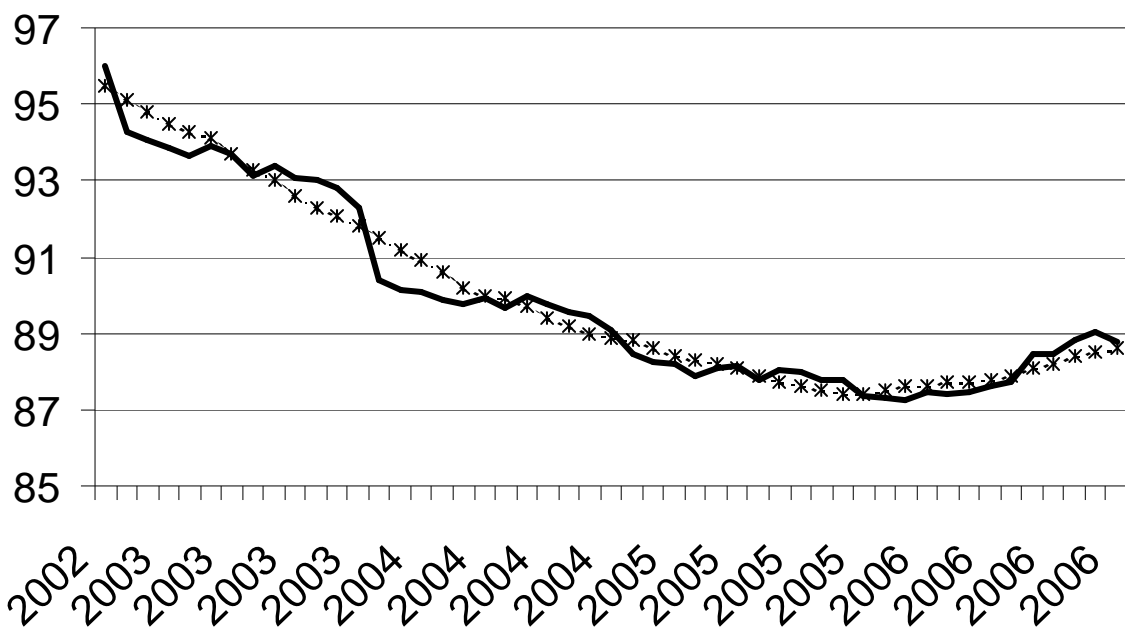
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**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

Thursday April, 5 2007

**Belgium - January 2007*: Employees
Industry: +0,2%; Construction: +0,4%**

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A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0,1% for chemicals and +0,5% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 1,5%.

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2007	92,8												
Total industry, excluding construction													
2006	86,5	86,5	86,4	86,5	86,4	86,4	86,5	86,5	86,6	86,7	86,7	86,8	86,5
2007	86,8												
Construction													
2006	91,2	91,4	91,7	92,0	92,2	92,5	92,9	93,5	93,8	94,3	94,8	95,3	93,0
2007	92,6												

Seasonally adjusted indices

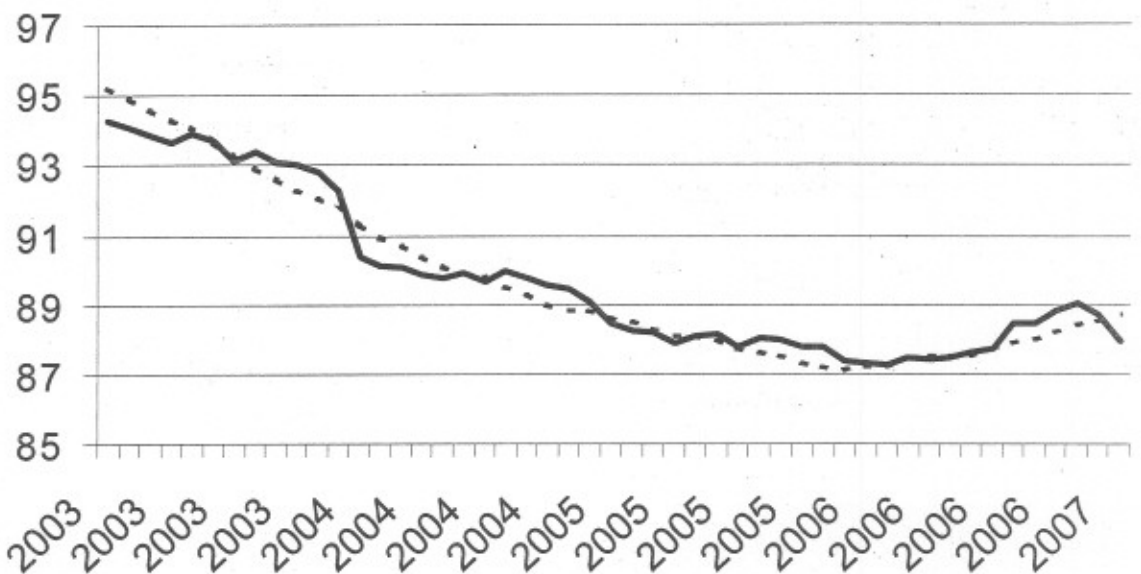
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Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend :



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Durable consumer goods	↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘
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Mining and quarrying	↗↗	↘↘	↗↗	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	↘	↗	↗	↘↘
Textiles and textiles products	↘	↘	↘↘	→
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	↘	↘	↘	↘↘
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	→	→	↗	↘
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↗	↗	↗	↗
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	↘↘	↘↘	↗	
Non-metallic mineral products	→	↗	↘	↘↘
Manufacture of basic metals	↗	↗	↘	↗↗
Furniture	↘	↘	↘↘	
Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↗	↗	↗↗	→

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

Thursday May, 3 2007

**Belgium - February 2007*: Employees
Industry: +0,3%; Construction: -0,5%**

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, increased by 0,3%; in construction it fell by 0,5%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase for Belgium as a whole (+0,5%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,3%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,3% for chemicals and -0,4% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 1,2%.

Next press release : **31/5/2007**

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Employees

Gross indices (2000=100)

Number of employees subject to social security

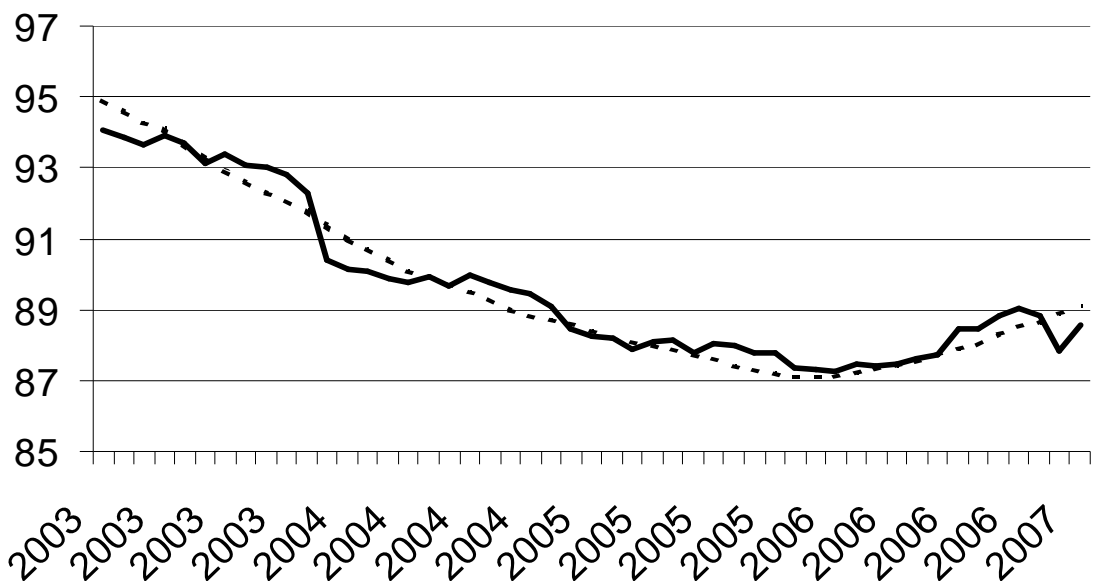
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2007	86,5	87,3											
Construction													
2006	90,9	90,9	91,3	91,7	91,8	91,9	91,9	94,2	94,5	95,2	96,1	95,9	93,0
2007	92,8	93,0											
Total industry, excluding construction													
2006	86,5	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,5	86,6	86,6	86,8	86,9	87,1	86,6
2007	86,6	87,5											
Construction													
2006	91,2	91,5	91,8	92,0	92,2	92,5	92,9	93,5	93,7	94,2	94,7	95,1	92,9
2007	92,5	93,6											

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

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Non-metallic mineral products	↘	↗	↘	↘↘
Manufacture of basic metals	↗	→	↗	↘↘
Furniture	↘	↘	↘↘	
Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↗	↗	↘	↗

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE****Thursday May, 31 2007****Belgium - March 2007*: Employees
Industry: -0,3%; Construction: -1,2%**

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 0,3%; in construction it fell by 1,2%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0,2%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 0,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,3%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,7% for chemicals and -0,6% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 1,0%.

Next press release : **28/6/2007**

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Gross indices (2000=100)

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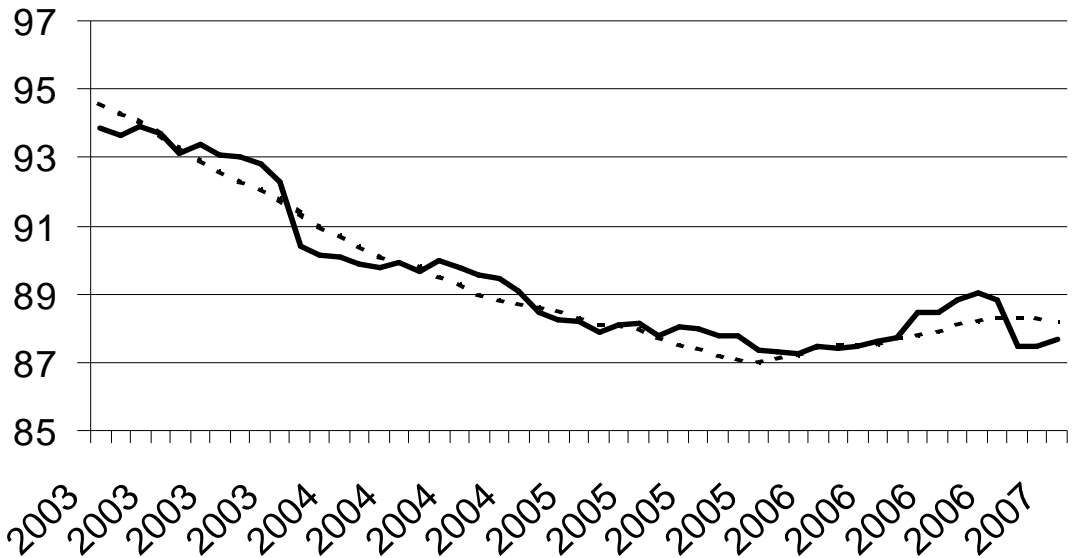
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2007	86,0	86,0	86,2										
Construction													
2006	90,9	90,9	91,3	91,7	91,8	91,9	91,9	94,2	94,5	95,2	96,1	95,9	93,0
2007	92,8	92,9	93,4										
Total industry, excluding construction													
2006	86,6	86,5	86,5	86,5	86,5	86,5	86,5	86,5	86,5	86,6	86,6	86,6	86,5
2007	86,4	86,4	86,3										
Construction													
2006	91,2	91,5	91,9	92,1	92,3	92,6	92,9	93,4	93,7	94,1	94,5	94,9	92,9
2007	92,3	93,4	94,3										

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

Total industry, adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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Capital goods	↘	↘↘	↗	↘↘
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Textiles and textiles products	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘
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Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	↘	↘	→	↘
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↗	→
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Non-metallic mineral products	↘	↗	↘	↘↘
Manufacture of basic metals	↗	→	↗	↘↘
Furniture	↘	↘	↘↘	
Electricity	↗↗	↗	↗	↗↗
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↗

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

Thursday June, 28 2007

**Belgium - April 2007*: Employees
Industry: +0,0%; Construction: +0,3%**

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, remained constant (+0,0%); in construction it rose by 0,3%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a slight increase for Belgium as a whole (+0,2%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number remained constant (+0,0%)**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -1,0% for chemicals and +0,4% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0,9%.

Next press release : **2/8/2007**

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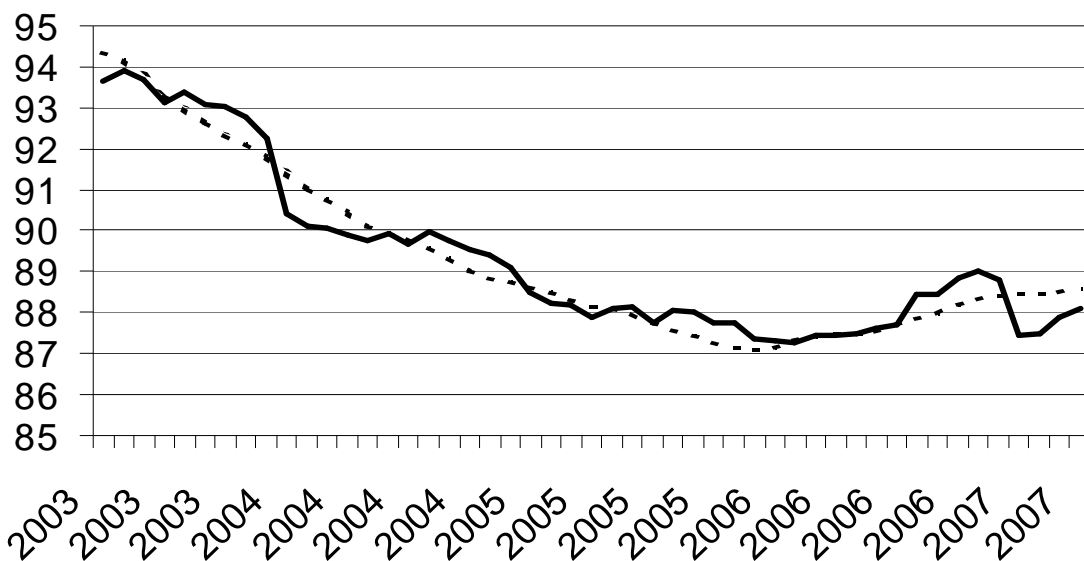
Gross indices (2000=100)
Number of employees subject to social security

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Total industry, excluding construction													
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2007	86,0	86,0	86,4	86,5									
Construction													
2006	90,9	90,9	91,3	91,7	91,8	91,9	91,9	94,2	94,5	95,2	96,1	95,9	93,0
2007	92,8	92,9	93,6	94,2									
Total industry, excluding construction													
2006	86,5	86,5	86,5	86,5	86,5	86,5	86,6	86,6	86,6	86,8	86,8	86,9	86,6
2007	86,1	86,3	86,6	86,8									
Construction													
2006	91,2	91,5	91,9	92,2	92,3	92,6	93,0	93,5	93,7	94,2	94,6	94,9	93,0
2007	92,4	93,4	94,3	95,0									

Seasonally adjusted indices
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Trend cycle
Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :
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Durable consumer goods	↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘
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Mining and quarrying	↘↘	→	↘↘	
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Textiles and textiles products	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	→	↗	↘↘	↘↘
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Furniture	↘	↘	↘↘	
Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↗

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

Thursday Augustus, 2 2007

**Belgium - May 2007*: Employees
Industry: -0,1%; Construction: +1,5%**

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 0,1%; in construction it rose by 1,5%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a slight decline for Belgium as a whole (-0,1%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0,4%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,8% for chemicals and -0,1% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0,9%.

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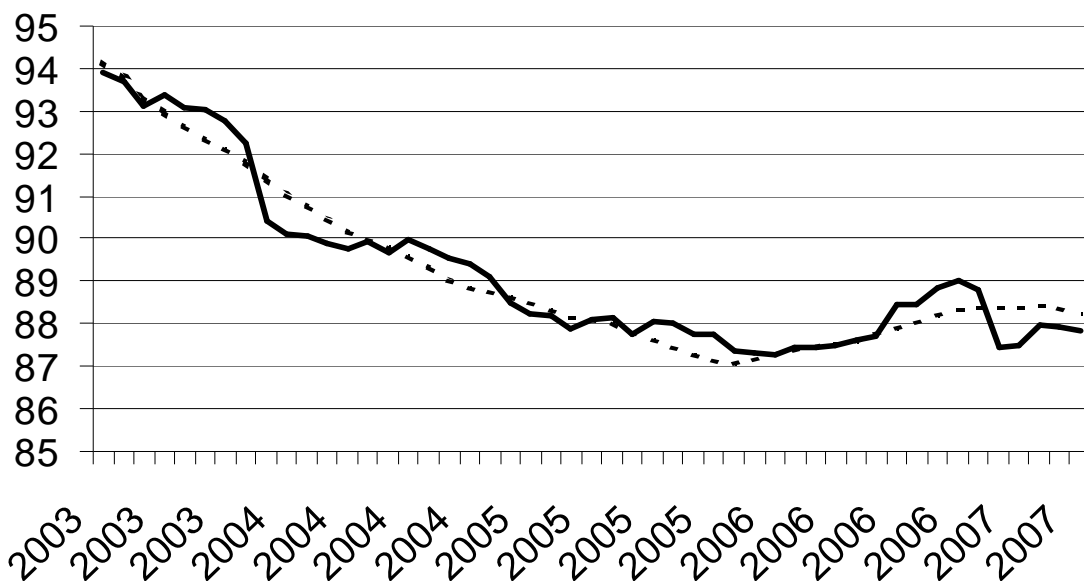
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2007	86,5	86,5	86,5	86,5	86,4								
Construction													
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**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

Thursday September, 6th 2007

***Belgium - June 2007*: Employees
Industry: -0,6%; Construction: +2,2%***

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 0,6%; in construction it rose by 2,2%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0,6%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 0,4% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0,3%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -1,2% for chemicals and -0,3% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0,7%.

Next press release : **4/10/2007**

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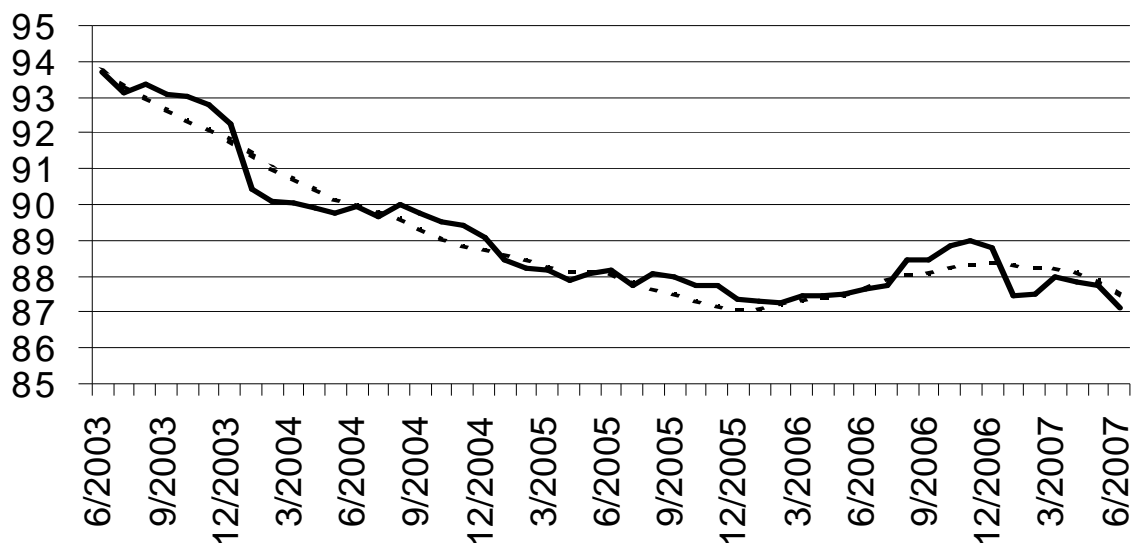
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Manufacture of basic metals	↗	↗	→	↘
Furniture	↘	↘	↘↘	
Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↘

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

Thursday October, 4 2007

**Belgium - July 2007*: Employees
Industry: -0,3%; Construction: +1,9%**

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 0,3%; in construction it rose by 1,9%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0,3%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 0,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0,3%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,7% for chemicals and +0,1% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0,9%.

Next press release : **25/10/2007**

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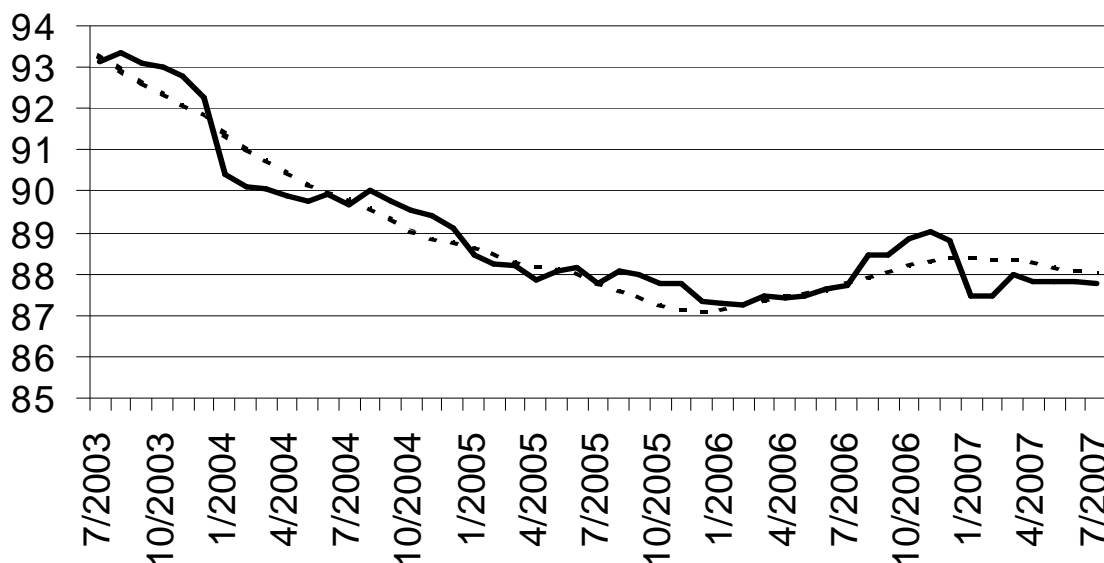
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Furniture	↘	↘	↘	
Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↗	↗	↗	→

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

Thursday October, 25 2007

**Belgium - August 2007*: Employees
Industry: -0,4%; Construction: +1,4%**

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The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0,3%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 0,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,1%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,4% for chemicals and +0,0% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0,7%.

Next press release : **6/12/2007**

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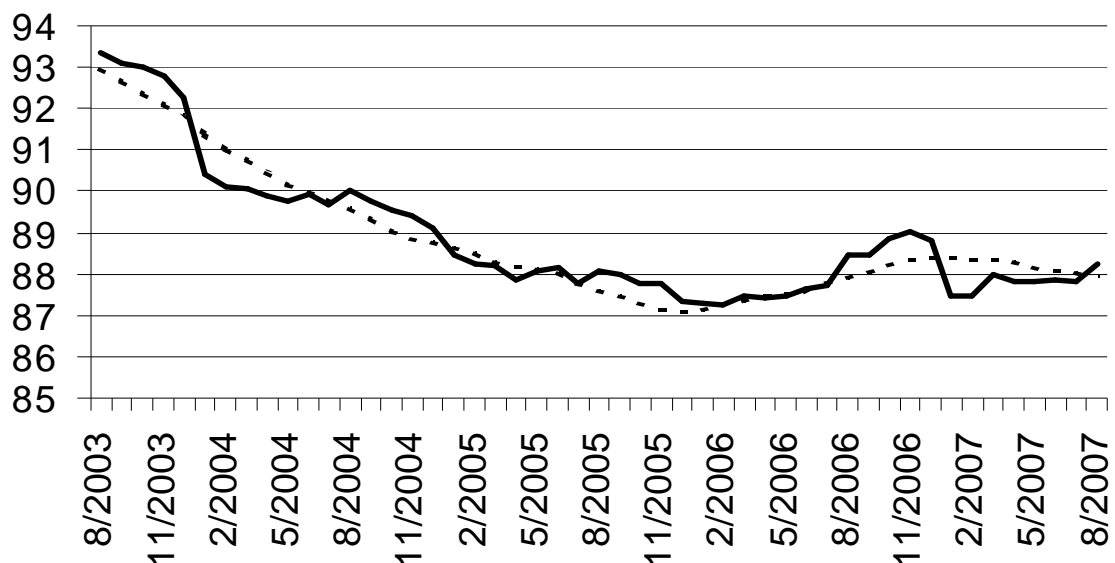
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Construction	↗	↗	↗	↘

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE

Thursday December, 6 2007

Belgium - September 2007*: Employees
Industry: -0,2%; Construction: +1,1%

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 0,2%; in construction it rose by 1,1%.

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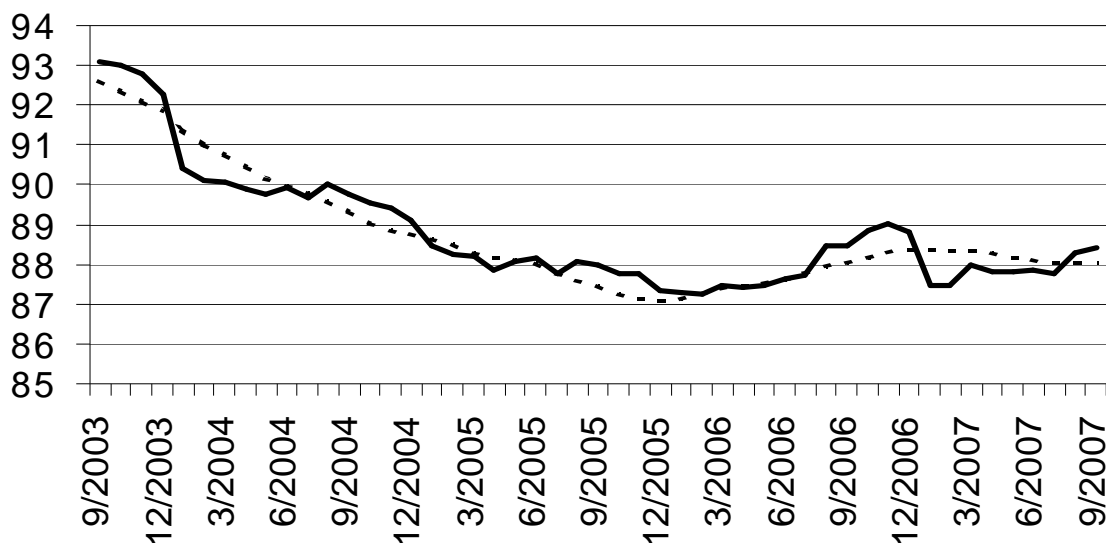
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Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↘

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE

Friday January, 11 2008

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A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0,4% for chemicals and +0,1% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0,5%.

Next press release : **15/2/2008**

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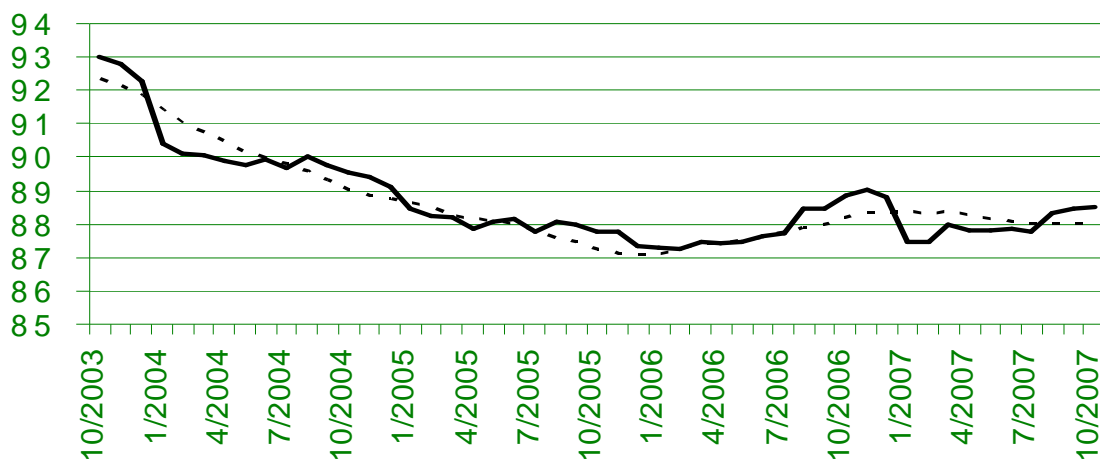
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**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
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Tuesday February, 12 2008

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Next press release : **5/3/2008**

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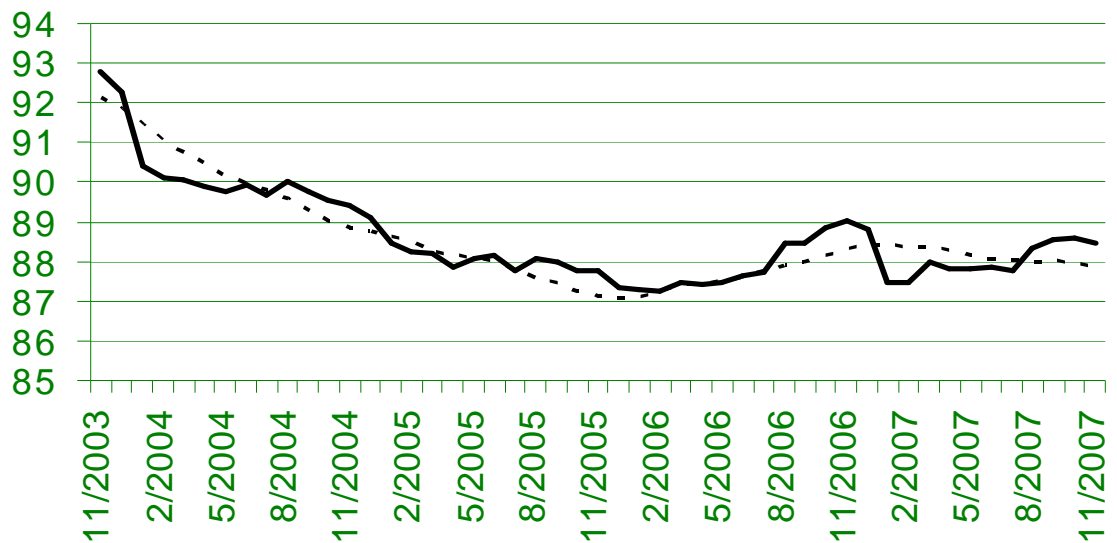
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Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	↗	→	↗	↘↘
Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	→	↗	↗
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	↘↘	↘↘	↘	
Non-metallic mineral products	↘	↗	↘↘	↗↗
Manufacture of basic metals	→	↗	↘	↗
Furniture	↘	↘	↗↗	
Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↗

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Belgium - December 2007*: Employees
Industry: -0,6%; Construction: +0,4%

The seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 0,6%; in construction it rose by 0,4%.

The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0,6%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 0,4% in Flanders; in Wallonia there's a status quo (+0,0%)**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0,2% for chemicals and -0,1% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0,2%.

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Credit: FPS Economy –Directorate-general Statistics Belgium

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⇒ To obtain an overview of Belgian and European business trends, please refer to the [short-term indicators portal site](#) on the internet (also in English) :

<http://statbel.fgov.be/indicators>

⇒ All [methodological explanations](#) of figures can be obtained from the Short-term Indicators Unit.

⇒ It is also possible to receive data on hours worked which are [broken down](#) (into sub sectors, regions) or [further processed](#) (e.g. seasonally adjusted), on a once-only or monthly (subscription) basis.

⇒ Besides the indices of employees, we also have [many other short-term data](#) : production, new orders, wages and salaries, hours worked, material costs, production price, building permits, turnover, ...

* % increase of the last three months, till December 2007 inclusive, compared to the preceding trimester, seasonally-adjusted values.

** Software for seasonal adjustment and trend calculations considers every series as such; this is why sums of partial results (by region or product type) can differ from total results.

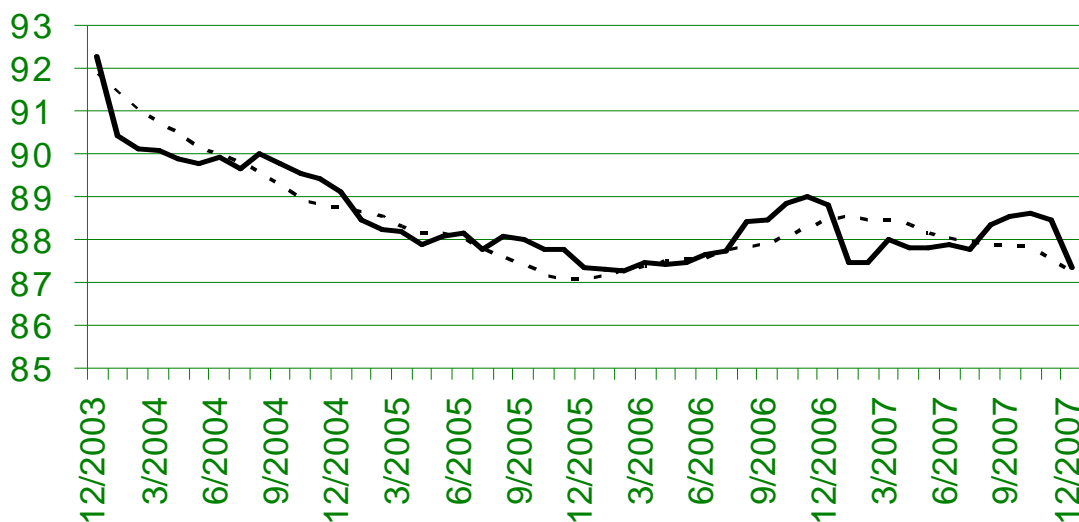
Employees

Gross indices (2000=100)
Number of employees subject to social security

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total industry, excluding construction													
2006	86,3	86,3	86,4	86,3	86,3	86,5	86,6	86,9	86,8	87,2	87,1	86,9	86,6
2007	86,0	86,0	86,5	86,1	85,9	85,9	85,9	86,1	86,3	86,3	86,1	84,9	86,0
Construction													
2006	90,9	90,9	91,3	91,7	91,8	91,9	91,9	94,2	94,5	95,2	96,1	95,9	93,0
2007	92,8	92,9	93,7	94,3	94,8	95,4	94,8	96,8	97,2	97,4	97,4	96,8	95,4
Total industry, excluding construction													
2006	86,6	86,6	86,5	86,5	86,5	86,5	86,6	86,6	86,5	86,6	86,6	87,1	86,6
2007	86,5	86,4	86,5	86,3	86,2	86,1	86,0	85,9	85,8	85,6	85,4	85,1	86,0
Construction													
2006	91,3	91,5	91,9	92,2	92,3	92,5	93,0	93,6	93,8	94,2	94,8	95,1	93,0
2007	92,5	93,5	94,3	94,9	95,3	95,8	95,9	96,1	96,3	96,4	96,4	96,5	95,3

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Total industry, adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Gross indices :
Trend :

Last three months compared to the previous three months
Gross indices

↗↗ > 1.5%
↗ 0.2% to 1.5%
→ -0.2% to 0.2%
↘ -1.5% to -0.2%
↘↘ < -1.5%

BE : Belgium
VL : Flanders
WA : Wallonia
BR : Brussels

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	↘	↘	→	↘
Total industry, excluding construction	↘	↘	→	↘↘
Intermediate goods	↘	→	↘	→
Capital goods	→	↘	↗↗	↘↘
Durable consumer goods	→	↘	↘↘	↘↘
Non-durable consumer goods	↘	↘	↘	↘↘
Mining and quarrying	↗	↘	↗	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	↘	→	↗	↘↘
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