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Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - August 2000 : employees industry + 0.5%

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

Jan Feb March April May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec Year 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 98,6 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 2000 102,5 102.8 103,8 103.7 104,1 103,9 106,5 104,3 106,1 Totale industry, excluding construction 1999 99,0 98,8 98,8 98,7 98,8 98,7 98,7 98,8 98,7 98,7 98.8 99.4 98,8 2000 98,7 99,0 99,1 Construction 1999 101,7 103,6 102.0 102.2 102.5 101.1 102.8 103.0 103.1 103,6 103,7 103,9 102.8 104,5 2000 104,1 104,1 104,2 104,4 104,4 104,8 104,8 104,9

Seasonally adjusted indices (1995=100) After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; after elimination of seasonal and accidental variation

Gross indices (1995=100): :

102	
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Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices (1995=100)

> 1.5% 0.2% tot 1.5% -0.2% tot 0.2% -1.5% tot -0.2% <-1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	,	->	,	1
Total industry, excluding construction		->	,	-
Intermediate goods	1	,	,	-
Capital goods	-	,	,	->
Durable consumer goods	` `	`	11	,
Non-durable consumer goods	1	,	11	-
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	1	,	,	1
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	1	11	11	11
Non-metallic mineral products	*		1	11
Manufacture of basic metals	,	,	,	,
Electricity	` `	` `	*	`
Construction	,	,	11	





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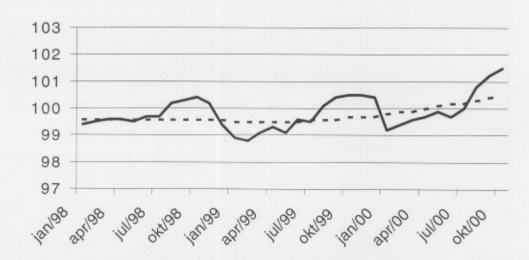
Gross indices (1995=100) Number of employees subject to social security

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Totale in	ndustry	exclu	ding cor	structi	on	A			1				
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	99,5	99,9	100,1			
Constru	ction												
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
2000	102,5	102,8	103,8	103,7	104,3	104,1	103,9	106,1	106,5	106,6			
Totale in	dustry	, exclu	ding cor	struction	on								
1999	99,0	98,8	98,8	98,7	98,8	98,8	98,7	98,6	98,6	98,7	98,7	99,4	98,8
2000	98,7	98,8	98,8	98,9	98,9	98,9	99,0	99,1	99,2	99,3			
Constru	ction												
1999	101,7	102,0	102,2	102,5	101,1	102,8	103,0	103,1	103,6	103,6	103,7	103,9	102,8
2000	104,1	104,1	104,2	104,4	104,4	104,6	104,8	104,9	104,9	105,1			

Seasonally adjusted indices (1995=100) After elimination of seasonal variation

> Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices (1995=100)

✓ > 1.5%
✓ 0.2% tot 1.5%
→ -0.2% tot 0.2%
→ -1.5% tot -0.2%
✓ < -1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry		1	1	->
Total industry, excluding construction	1	1	,	1
Intermediate goods		1	1	1
Capital goods	1	,	11	1
Durable consumer goods	1	->	11	1
Non-durable consumer goods	,	1	11	1
Mining and quarrying	` `	->	` `	->
Food products, beverages and tobacco	,	,	11	11
Textiles and textiles products	` `	`	11	1
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	*	`	-	1
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	1	,	7	11
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	,	,	,
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11	11	,	××
Non-metallic mineral products	` `	,	1	11
Manufacture of basic metals	1	,	,	-
Electricity	1	`	`	1
Construction	,	1	11	→
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Trend continuously and broadly upward in all regions and most sectors

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

Seasonally adjusted indices (1995=100) After elimination of seasonal variation

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total inc	lustry, o	excludi	ng cons	truction	n					-			
1999	98,7	98,4	Control of the Contro	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	99,5	99,8	100,0	100,2		
Constru	ction			-									
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
2000	102,5	102,8	103,8	103,7	104,3	104,1	103,9	106,1	106,6	107,0	107,0		
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	n		-						
1999	99.0	98,8	and the second s	98,7	98,8	98,8	98,7	98,6	98,7	98,7	98,7	99,4	98,8
2000	98,6	98,8	98,8	98,9	98,9	98,9	99,0	99,1	99,2	99,3	99,4		
Constru	ction												
1999	101,7	102,0	102,2	102,5	101,1	102,8	103,0	103,1	103,6	103,6	103,7	103,9	102,8
2000	104,1	104,2	104,2	104,4	104,5	104,6	104,9	105,0	105,1	105,3	105,5		

Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	1	1	1	1
Total industry, excluding construction	1	1	1	1
Intermediate goods	1	1	1	-
Capital goods	-	1	11	1
Durable consumer goods	1	1	1	1
Non-durable consumer goods	1	1	11	1
Mining and quarrying	→	1	-	**
Food products, beverages and tobacco	11	1	11	11
Textiles and textiles products	×	4	**	-
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	1	1	1	¥
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	1	1	1	11
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	1	1	1
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11	11	1	11
Non-metallic mineral products	×	-	*	,
Manufacture of basic metals	,	1	¥	,
Electricity	×	*	×	-
Construction	1	1	,	-





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Trend continuously and broadly upward

In December 2000, compared to Dezember of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium increased by 0,4%; in construction it rose by 1,8%.

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 (+0,3%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0,8%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0,5% for chemicals and +1,2% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0,6%.

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

Seasonally adjusted indices (1995=100) After elimination of seasonal variation

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	truction	n				7				
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	99,5	99,8	100,1	100,2	99,6	99,1
Constru	ction												
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
2000	102,5	102,8	103,8	103,7	104,3	104,1	103,9	106,1	106,6	107,1	107,2	106,8	104,9
Total inc	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	truction	n								
1999	99,0	98,8	98,8	98,7	98,8	98,8	98,7	98,7	98,7	98,7	98,8	99,3	98,8
2000	98,6	98,8	98,8	98,9	98,9	98,9	99,1	99,2	99,3	99,4	99,5	99,6	99,1
Constru	ction												
1999	101,7	102,0	102,2	102,5	101,1	102,8	103,0	103,1	103,6	103,6	103,7	103,8	102,8
2000	104,0	104,1	104,2	104,4	104,5	104,7	105,0	105,1	105,3	105.6	105.8	106.2	104,9

Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices (1995=100)

> 1.5% 0.2% tot 1.5% -0.2% tot 0.2% -1.5% tot -0.2% <-1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	,	1	,	,
Total industry, excluding construction	,	,	1	1
Intermediate goods	1	1	,	1
Capital goods	-	11	11	,
Durable consumer goods	1	,	,	11
Non-durable consumer goods	1	1	11	-
Mining and quarrying	→	1	-	**
Food products, beverages and tobacco	11	11	11	11
Textiles and textiles products	` `		**	11
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	1	11	1	11
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	1	1	,	11
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	1	,	-
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11	11	11	11
Non-metallic mineral products		→	×	-
Manufacture of basic metals	1	,	×	×
Electricity		×	4	~
Construction	,	,	,	,





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Upward trend seems to be slowing down slightly

In January 2001, compared to Januar of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium increased by 0.8%; 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 increase by 0.3% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0.2%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0.4% for chemicals and +0.7% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0.1%.

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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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	n	1							
2000	98,3	98,5	98,5	98,6	98,8	98,6	99,0	99,5	99,8	100,1	100,4	100,3	99,2
2001	99,1												
Constru	iction												
2000	102,5	102,8	103,8	103,7	104,3	104,1	103,9	106,1	106,6	107,1	107,3	106,8	104,9
2001	103,4												
Total inc	dustry, d	excludi	ng cons	truction	n								
2000	98,7	98,9	98,9	99,0	99,0	99,0	99,2	99,2	99,3	99,4	99,5	99,5	99,1
2001	99,4												
Constru	iction												
2000	104,2	104,3	104,4	104,5	104,6	104,7	104,9	105,0	105,0	105,2	105,3	105,5	104,8
2001	105,3												

Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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> 1.5%

0.2% tot 1.5%

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<-1.5%

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Total industry	1	1	1	1
Total industry, excluding construction	->	1	->	1
Intermediate goods	,	->	,	1
Capital goods	11	11	1	11
Durable consumer goods	->	1	1	11
Non-durable consumer goods	1	1	11	1
Mining and quarrying	` `	1	->	11
Food products, beverages and tobacco	11	11	11	11
Textiles and textiles products	` `	`	**	11
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	11	1	1	1
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	,	->	1	1
Metal products, machinery and equipment	,	1	,	1
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Non-metallic mineral products	→	1	`	-
Manufacture of basic metals	,	1	`	**
Electricity	`	`	*	1
Construction	->	->	->	111





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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 ususally 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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Constru	ction					-							
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Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n		-	-	-				
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Constru	ction												
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Total industry	1	1	- 4	*
Total industry, excluding construction	→	1	*	1
Intermediate goods	1	1	×	* *
Capital goods	×	1	1	**
Durable consumer goods	-	-	1	11
Non-durable consumer goods	1	1	,	11
Mining and quarrying	-	1	-	**
Food products, beverages and tobacco	*	*	*	××
Textiles and textiles products	×	*	**	1
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	*	*	*	11
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	*	-	1	**
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	1	1	*
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11	,	11	11
Non-metallic mineral products	-	1	*	**
Manufacture of basic metals	1	1	1	4
Electricity	×	**	**	4
Construction	→	→	→	11





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

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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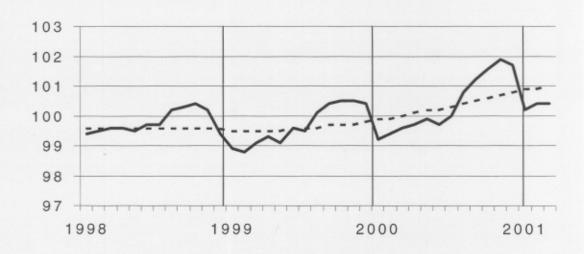
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2001	99,4	99,5	99,5										
Constru	ction												
2000	104,2	104,2	104,4	104,5	104,6	104,7	104,9	105,0	105,1	105,3	105,4	105,7	104,8
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Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





months
compared to the
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Gross indices
(1995=100)

> 1.5%

0.2% tot 1.5%

-0.2% tot 0.2%

-1.5% tot -0.2%

< -1.5%

Last three

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	٧L	WA	BR
Total industry	,	->	**	1
Total industry, excluding construction	-+	1	->	**
Intermediate goods	,	1	11	11
Capital goods	**	1	->	**
Durable consumer goods	` `	-	*	1
Non-durable consumer goods	,	1	1	111
Mining and quarrying	->	`	,	11
Food products, beverages and tobacco	**	11	11	1 1
Textiles and textiles products	` `	*	**	*
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	**	*	*	1
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	->	,	1	**
Metal products, machinery and equipment	,	,	11	1
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11	1	11	1
Non-metallic mineral products	` `	->	`	1
Manufacture of basic metals	1	,	11	1
Furniture	1		->	11
Electricity	` `	*	`	1
Construction	,	,	,	1





STATISTICS BELGIUM

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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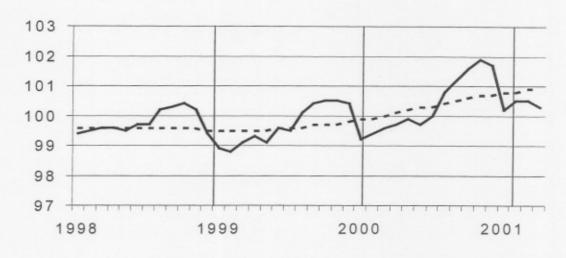
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2001	99,4	99,5	99,5	99,5									
Constru	ction												
2000	104,2	104,2	104,4	104,5	104.7	104,7	104,9	105.0	105,1	105.3	105,4	105.6	104.8
2001	105,4	105,6	105,6	105,7					-				. 3 110

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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	-+	1	,	-
Non-durable consumer goods	,	->	1	1
Mining and quarrying	->	*	-+	77
Food products, beverages and tobacco	**	**	*	77
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	11	,	,	**
Non-metallic mineral products	->	->	->	->
Manufacture of basic metals	,	,	,	*
Furniture	,	->	,	11
Electricity	` `	`	*	*
Construction	-+	,	,	`





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

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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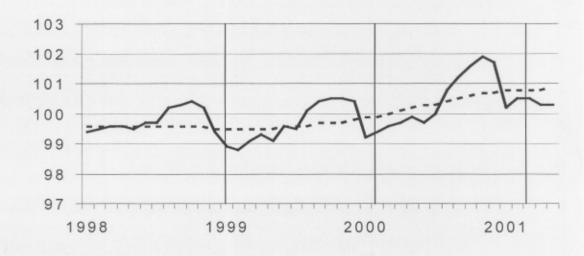
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Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices (1995=100):



Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices (1995=100)

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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	->	-+	*	11
Total industry,excluding construction	->	*	->	11
Intermediate goods	->	*	->	11
Capital goods	` `	->	*	11
Durable consumer goods	->	*	1	1
Non-durable consumer goods	->	->	1	**
Mining and quarrying	`*	*	*	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	` `	->	,	*
Textiles and textiles products	**	*	**	**
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	**	**	*	11
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	->	->	1	11
Metal products, machinery and equipment	->	,	->	-
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11	11	,	**
Non-metallic mineral products			->	1
Manufacture of basic metals	,	*	1	**
Furniture		1	1	11
Electricity	**	**	**	**
Construction	,	->	,	**





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

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%.

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

In spite of the slowdown of economic growth, the number of employees seems to remain more or less stable at the moment; after the dip of the growth curve at the end of last year, indices stay more or less the same month after month. All the important sectors show the same status quo situation, without any apparent upward or downward movement.

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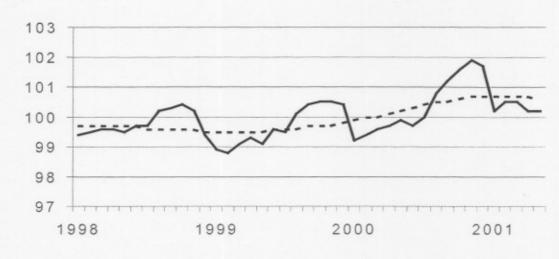
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	->		1	*
Total industry, excluding construction		->	,	*
Intermediate goods	>		,	-
Capital goods	*	*	`	**
Durable consumer goods		*	->	1
Non-durable consumer goods	->	->		* *
Mining and quarrying	` `	*	*	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	-+	,	,	11
Textiles and textiles products	` `	*	**	* *
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	` `	**	1	**
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products		->	->	*
Metal products, machinery and equipment		*	-+	-
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	1	,	1	**
Non-metallic mineral products		,	->	,
Manufacture of basic metals	-	`	,	**
Furniture	,	,	,	,
Electricity	**	`	*	*
Construction		->	*	**





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

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%.

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 a decrease by -0,3% 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 -0,2% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0,3%.

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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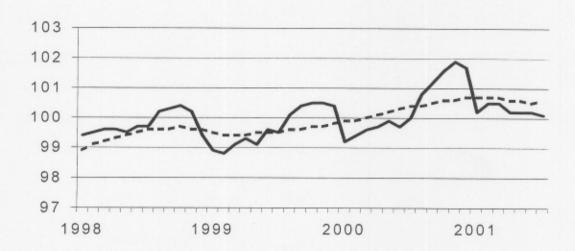
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Construct	tion												
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Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





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	BE : Belgium
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	BR : Brussels

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	→	->	,	×
Total industry, excluding construction	` `	*	->	*
Intermediate goods	→	-	1	1
Capital goods	*	**	,	**
Durable consumer goods	1	` `	,	,
Non-durable consumer goods	-		*	**
Mining and quarrying	` `	**	→	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	1		,	**
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	->	1	,	11
Non-metallic mineral products		->	**	*
Manufacture of basic metals	` `	*	→	,
Furniture	1	→	*	,
Electricity	**	**	**	**
Construction	1	1	-	*





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

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 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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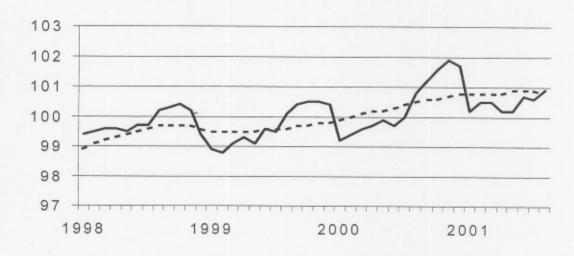
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Seasonally adjusted indices (1995=100) After elimination of seasonal variation

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
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2000	98,3	98,5	98,5	98,6	98,8	98,6	99,0	99,5	99,8	100,1	100.4	100.3	99,2
2001	99,2	99,4	99,3	99,0	98,9	99,5	99,4	99,5					
Constru	iction						-		-			-	
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	105,1	106,3					
Total inc	dustry, e	excludi	ng cons	truction	n		-						
2000	98,7	98,9	98,8	99.0	99,1	98,9	99,2	99.3	99.4	99.4	99.5	99.6	99.2
2001	99,4	99,5	99,5	99,4	99,4	99,6	99,4	99.4					
Constru	ction				-							-	
2000	104,2	104,4	104,4	104,4	104,7	104,7	104,8	105,2	105.2	105.4	105.5	105.6	104,9
2001	105,5	105,6	105,7	105,7	105,6	105.8	105.8	105.7					

Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





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Gross indices
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> 1.5%

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BE: Belgium

Last three

VL : Flanders WA : Wallonia BR : Brussels

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	->	->	1	1
Total industry, excluding construction	-	-	1	1
Intermediate goods	` `	` `	1	11
Capital goods	` `	**	,	1 1
Durable consumer goods	11	11	*	11
Non-durable consumer goods	-		->	1
Mining and quarrying	*	1		
Food products, beverages and tobacco	-+	->	,	1
Textiles and textiles products	` `	*	**	11
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	1	*	11	*
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	*	-+	``	14
Metal products, machinery and equipment	-	`	->	1
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	` `	-+	,	
Non-metallic mineral products	` `	*	**	*
Manufacture of basic metals	*	*	11	11
Furniture 4	11	11	**	,
Electricity	**	`\	`	*
Construction	->	,		11





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

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 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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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	tructio	n								
2000	98,3	98,5	98,5	98,6	98,8	98,6	99,0	99,5	99,8	100,1	100,4	100.3	99.2
2001	99,2	99,4	99,3	99,0	98,9	99,5	99,6	99,7	99,6		-		
Constru	iction												
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	106,5	107,2				
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	n			-					
2000	98,7	98,9	98,8	99,0	99,1	98,9	99.2	99.2	99.4	99.4	99.5	99.6	99.1
2001	99,4	99,5	99,5	99,5	99,4	99,6	99,5	99,5	99.4				
Constru	ction												
2000	104,2	104,4	104,4	104,4	104,7	104,7	104,8	105,2	105.1	105.4	105.5	105.6	104.9
2001	105,5	105,6	105,7	105,8	105,8	106.0	106.0	105.9	106.1	-			.5110

Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	→	-	1	1
Total industry, excluding construction	→		1	1
Intermediate goods	*	-	1	11
Capital goods	*	**	11	**
Durable consumer goods	*	*	,	**
Non-durable consumer goods	→			1
Mining and quarrying	` `	-	*	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	-	->		1
Textiles and textiles products	` `	1	**	**
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	-		1	*
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	*	*	` `	**
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	11	->	1
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	1	1	1	
Non-metallic mineral products	*	*	**	×
Manufacture of basic metals	×	*	,	1
Furniture	1	*	*	->
Electricity	**	*	*	1
Construction	-+	,	1	**





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

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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Seasonally adjusted indices (1995=100) After elimination of seasonal variation

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Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	tructio	n								
2000	98,3	98,5	98,5	98,6	98,8	98,6	99,0	99,5	99,8	100,1	100,4	100,3	99,2
2001	99,2	99,4	99,3	99,0	98,9	99,5	99,6	99,2	99,1	98,8			
Constru	ction							-					
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2001	103,8	104,3	105,1	104,9	105,1	105,5	105,4	106,8	107,4	107,7			
Total inc	lustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	n								
2000	98,7	98,9	98,9	99,0	99,1	98,9	99,1	99,3	99,4	99,5	99,6	99,6	99.2
2001	99,4	99,5	99,4	99,3	99,2	99,4	99,3	99,1	99,1	98,9			
Constru	ction												
2000	104,2	104,4	104,4	104,4	104,7	104,7	104,8	105,1	105,1	105,4	105,5	105,6	104.9
2001	105,5	105,6	105,7	105.8	105.8	106.0	106.0	105,9	106.1	106.0			

Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices (1995=100)

> 1.5%

0.2% tot 1.5%

0.2% tot 0.2%

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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	` `		*	1
Total industry, excluding construction	` `	`	*	1
Intermediate goods	*	` `	->	1
Capital goods	1	*	11	**
Durable consumer goods	11	11	-	**
Non-durable consumer goods	-	->	**	11
Mining and quarrying	1	*	1	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	->	1	1	1
Textiles and textiles products	-	×	**	15
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	` `	*	**	1
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	` `	*	`	-
Metal products, machinery and equipment	11	*		×
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	1	1	,	
Non-metallic mineral products	*	*	*	*
Manufacture of basic metals	*	*	*	11
Furniture	11	11	*	-
Electricity	*	*	*	*
Construction	→	,	,	*





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

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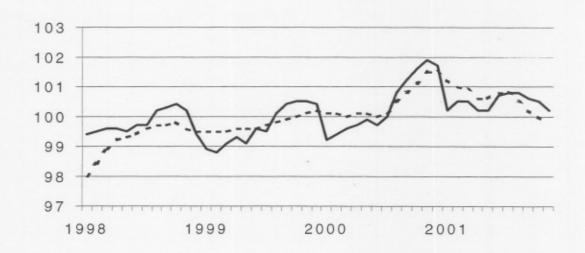
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2001	99,2	99,4	99,3	99,0	98,9	99,5	99,6	99,2	98,9	98,6	98,3		
Constru	ction												
2000	102,5	102,8	103,8	103,7	104,3	104,1	103,9	106,1	106,6	107,1	107,3	107,0	104,9
2001	103,8	104,3	105,1	104,9	105,1	105,5	105,4	106,8	107,5	107,8	107,5		
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Constru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

Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
	Total industry	` `	`	`	`
Last three	Total industry, excluding construction	`	`	-	*
months	Intermediate goods	` `	`	`	->
compared to the previous three	Capital goods	` `	1	1	**
months	Durable consumer goods	` `	**	1	11
Gross indices	Non-durable consumer goods	`	->	**	11
(1995=100)	Mining and quarrying	-	-	,	
> 1.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	1	*	1	`
0.2% tot 1.5%	Textiles and textiles products	*	`	**	**
→ -0.2% tot 0.2%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	*	*	**	*
> -1.5% tot -0.2%	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	*	->	1	-
★★ <-1.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	*	*	*	11
DF - Palaires	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	1	->	*	
BE : Belgium VL : Flanders	Non-metallic mineral products	` `	*	1	*
WA : Wallonia	Manufacture of basic metals	`	*	*	11
BR : Brussels	Furniture	11	*	11	11
	Electricity	11	**	**	11
	Construction	→		,	*





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

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%.

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 0.6%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0.2% for chemicals and -0.8% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0.1%.

Employment is not yet to improve. Indices of new orders and production of December 2001even 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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2000	98,3	98,5	98,5	98,6	98,8	98,6	99,0	99,5	99.8	100,1	100,4	100.3	99,2
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
Constru	ction										,-	0.10	00,0
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
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Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	n	-							
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
Constru	ction							-					00,0
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

Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices (1995=100) :

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1998	1999	2000	2001

Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices (1995=100)

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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BF
Total industry	` `	-	-	1
Total industry, excluding construction	*	*	*	1
Intermediate goods	` `	*		1
Capital goods	*	*	,	*
Durable consumer goods	*	11	-	11
Non-durable consumer goods	->		*	-
Mining and quarrying	,	-		
Food products, beverages and tobacco	-	`		*
Textiles and textiles products	-	*	11	*
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing		*	**	*
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	→	-	*	*
Metal products, machinery and equipment	`	1	*	*
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	-	*	*	
Non-metallic mineral products	*	*	*	*
Manufacture of basic metals	`	*	*	"
Furniture	` `	*	1	11
Electricity	**	**	**	*1
Construction		-		-





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

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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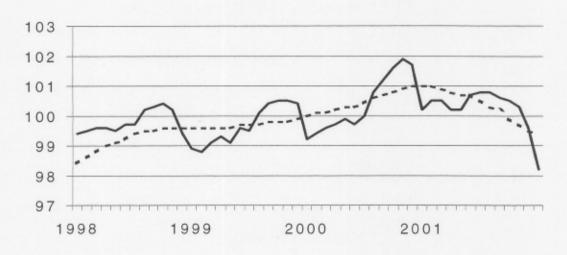
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2001	99,2	99,4	99,3	99,0	98,9	99,5	99,6	99,2	98,9	98,6	98,3	97,8	99,0
2002	96,5												
Constru	ction												
2001	103,8	104,3	105,1	104,9	105,1	105,5	105,4	106,8	107,5	107,9	107,7	106,8	105,9
2002	104,7												
Total inc	dustry, e	excludi	ng cons	truction	n								
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												
Constru	ction												
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												

Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices (1995=100):



Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices (1995=100)

1.5%
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1.5% tot -0.2%
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	` `	*	*	1
Total industry, excluding construction	` `	*		**
Intermediate goods	` `	*	->	-
Capital goods	**	**	`	**
Durable consumer goods	->	1	**	11
Non-durable consumer goods	→	1		11
Mining and quarrying	` `	-	`	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	*		1	11
Textiles and textiles products	**	**	1	11
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	*	**	`	11
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	` `	`	`	1
Metal products, machinery and equipment	` `	`	*	11
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	*	*	*	
Non-metallic mineral products	*	*	**	*
Manufacture of basic metals	*	*	1	11
Furniture	` `	`	**	11
Electricity	11	**	**	**
Construction		-	*	





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

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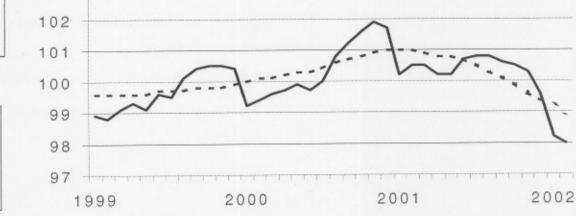
Gross indices (1995=100) Number of employees subject to social security

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n	-							
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											
Constru	ction												
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	104,4	104,3										-	
Total inc	dustry,	e xclud	ing cons	truction	n								
2001	99,7	99,8	99,6	99,2	99,1	99,5	99,4	98,8	98,4	98,0	97,8	97,6	98,9
2002	97,1	96,7											
Constru	ction										-		
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											

Seasonally adjusted indices (1995=100) After elimination of seasonal variation

> Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

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Gross indices (1995=100):

Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices (1995=100)

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0.2% tot 1.5%

-0.2% tot 0.2%

-1.5% tot -0.2%

< -1.5%

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

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	*	`	*	111
Total industry, excluding construction	*	*	**	**
Intermediate goods	,	77	**	11
Capital goods	**	11	**	11
Durable consumer goods	,	11	**	11
Non-durable consumer goods	-	1	*	11
Mining and guarrying	77	1	11	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	*	1	**	11
Textiles and textiles products	**	**	1	11
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	*	**	*	**
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	*	`	- /	*
Metal products, machinery and equipment	**	11	*	11
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel		1	-+	
Non-metallic mineral products	*	1	**	11
Manufacture of basic metals	*	1	**	11
Furniture	1	1	**	1
	**	**	**	1
Electricity Construction	-+	->	*	-





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

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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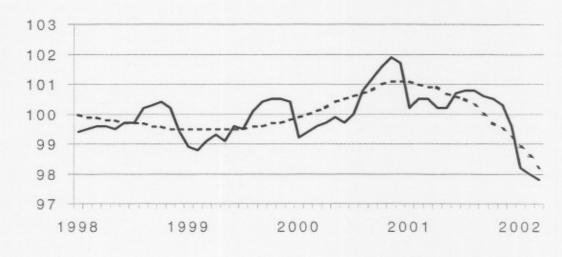
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2001	103,8	104,3	105,1	104,9	105,1	105,5	105,4	106,8	107,5	107,9	107,7	106,6	105,9
2002	104,3	104,3	104,1										
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	n								
2001	99,7	99,8	99,7	99,3	99,1	99,5	99,4	98,8	98,4	98,0	97,8	97,6	98,9
2002	97,1	96,8	96,4										
Constru	iction												
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										

Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices (1995=100):



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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	` `	1	*	11
Total industry, excluding construction		*	**	**
Intermediate goods	` `	`	**	11
Capital goods	**	**	*	**
Durable consumer goods	,	11	**	**
Non-durable consumer goods	-	1	1	**
Mining and quarrying	11	`	11	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	`	1		11
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	**	1	**	**
Manufacture of basic metals	1	1	**	1
Furniture	,	1	**	**
Electricity	**	**	**	**
Construction	` `	1	*	->





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

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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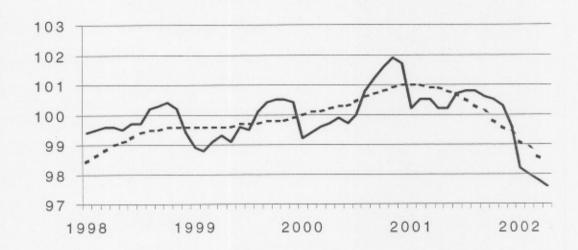
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2002	96,6	96,3	96,1	95,9									
Constru	ction												
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2002	104,3	104,3	104,0	104,2									
Total inc	lustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								
2001	99,7	99,8	99,7	99,3	99,1	99,5	99,4	98,8	98,4	98,0	97,8	97,6	98,9
2002	97,1	96,7	96,4	96,3									
Constru	ction												
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									

Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	٧L	WA	BR
Total industry	*	*	*	111
Total industry, excluding construction	*	*	*	111
Intermediate goods	*	11	11	111
Capital goods	**	**	*	11
Durable consumer goods	*	*	**	11
Non-durable consumer goods	1	-+	1	11
Mining and quarrying	11	111	11	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	/	1	*	11
Textiles and textiles products	*	**	1	11
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	**	*	*	* >
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	` `	*	*	11
Metal products, machinery and equipment	**	**	*	11
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11	1	1	
Non-metallic mineral products	*	*	**	111
Manufacture of basic metals	*	*	11	1
Furniture	-	1	**	**
Electricity	11	**	11	11
Construction	*		1	1





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

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%.

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 0.5%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0.9% for chemicals and -1.1% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0.4%.

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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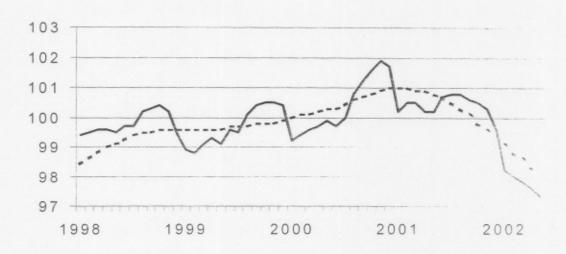
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Constru	ction		,						,				
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2002	104,3	104,3	104,1	104,5	103,6								
Total inc	dustry, e	excludi	ng cons	truction	n								
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2002	97,1	96,7	96,3	96,1	95,8								-
Constru	ction						-	-	-			- 1	
2001	105,4	105,6	105,9	105.8	105,9	106,0	106.0	105.9	105.9	105.8	105.8	105.5	105.8
2002	105,6	105.5	105.2	105.2	104.9								

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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	` `	-	'	>>
Total industry, excluding construction		-		"
Intermediate goods	` `	1	11	
Capital goods	`	-	-	**
Durable consumer goods	,	-	"	
Non-durable consumer goods		-	1	1
Mining and quarrying	11	**	-	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	,	1	`	111
Textiles and textiles products	`	**	1	>>
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	*	-	-	11
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	,	*	1	11
Metal products, machinery and equipment	`	`		>>
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11	*	11	
Non-metallic mineral products	-	-	**	"
Manufacture of basic metals	`	1	2.7	144
Furniture	` `		**	14
Electricity	100	**	1 11	1
Construction	N .	-	1	





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

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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2002	104,3	104,3	104,1	104,7	104,6	103,2							
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2002	97,1	96,7	96,3	96,1	95,8	95,5						-	
Constru	ction			-					-				
2001	105,5	105,7	105,9	105,8	105,8	105,9	105,9	105,8	105,9	105,9	105.8	105.6	105.8
2002	105,8	105,7	105.5	105,6	105,5	103.7							

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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	` `	1	-	1
Total industry, excluding construction	` `	`	*	1
Intermediate goods	` `	`	`	1
Capital goods	→	-	1	**
Durable consumer goods	` `	`	**	1
Non-durable consumer goods	-	*		**
Mining and quarrying	*	**		
Food products, beverages and tobacco	-	*	*	**
Textiles and textiles products	*	**	1	111
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing		*	**	1
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	` `	`	-+	11
Metal products, machinery and equipment		*	*	**
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11	*	11	
Non-metallic mineral products	` `	`	*	11
Manufacture of basic metals	*	*	*	**
Furniture	1	*	*	1
Electricity	11	**	**	**
Construction		×		-+





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium – July 2002: employees in industry - 4.2%, in construction – 1.1%

In July 2002, compared to July of the previous year, the **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 4,2%; 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 (-0,9%). At the regional level, there's an a decrease by 0,8% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,5%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,9% for chemicals and -0,3% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0,3%.

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2002	96,6	96,3	96,1	95,8	95,7	95,5	95,4				************		
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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	104,7	104,2						
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								
2001	99,7	99,8	99,6	99,3	99,1	99,5	99,4	98,8	98,4	98,1	97.8	97,6	98,9
2002	97,1	96,7	96,3	96,1	95,9	95,5	95,4						
Constru	ction												
2001	105,5	105,7	105,9	105,8	105,7	106,0	106,0	105,9	106,0	105,9	105,8	105,6	105,8
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Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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Total industry, excluding construction	*	*	1	**
Intermediate goods	` `	1	*	1
Capital goods	1	*	1	**
Durable consumer goods	**	1	**	**
Non-durable consumer goods	*	**		**
Mining and quarrying	` `	**	->	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	,	*	*	**
Textiles and textiles products	` `	1	1	,
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	,	1	11	
Non-metallic mineral products	*	*	*	11
Manufacture of basic metals	*	*	*	**
Furniture	**	`	**	**
Electricity	1	*	*	**
Construction	*	1	*	-+





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

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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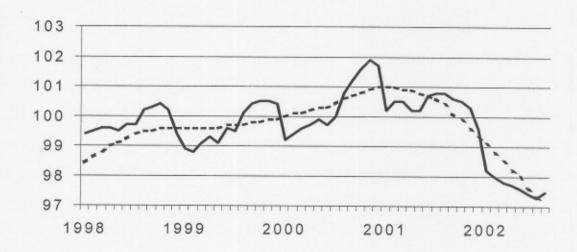
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Total in	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	tructio	n	500							
2001	99,2	99,4	99,3	99,0	98,9	99,5	99,6	99,2	98,9	98,6	98,3	97.8	99,0
2002	96,6	96,3	96,1	95,8	95,7	95,4	95,4	95,4					
Constru	ction											-	
2001	103,8	104,3	105,1	104,9	105,1	105,5	105,4	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	104,6	105,5					-
Total inc	dustry, e	excludi	ng cons	truction	1					-			
2001	99,7	99,8	99,6	99,2	99,1	99,5	99,4	98,8	98.4	98.1	97.8	97.6	98,9
2002	97,1	96,7	96,3	96,1	95,9	95,4	95,3	95,1	-				
Constru	ction							-				-	
2001	105,5	105,7	105,9	105,8	105,8	105,9	106,0	105,9	106.0	105.9	105.9	105.6	105,8
2002	105,8	105,6	105,4	105,4	105,4	105.2	105.1	104.9					

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Gross indices (1995=100): Trend:



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SE: Belgium

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	*	*	1	**
Total industry, excluding construction	1	1	1	1 11
Intermediate goods	*	*	1	1
Capital goods	1	*	11	**
Durable consumer goods	**	*	**	**
Non-durable consumer goods	*	*	1	**
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	-	1		*
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	*	*	,	
Non-metallic mineral products	*	11	*	*
Manufacture of basic metals	×	*	-	**
Furniture	**	*	**	**
Electricity	1	*	*	**
Construction	1 4	->		





STATISTICS BELGIUM

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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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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
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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
2002	96,6	96,3	96,1	95,8	95,7	95,4	95,3	95,3	95,5				
Constru	iction												
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2002	104,3	104,3	104,1	104,7	104,8	105,0	104,8	105,7	106,1				
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2001	99,7	99,8	99,6	99,2	99,1	99,5	99,4	98,9	98,4	98,1	97,8	97,6	98,9
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Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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Total industry	*	*	*	**
Total industry, excluding construction	*	*	*	**
Intermediate goods	*	->	*	1
Capital goods	->	->	11	**
Durable consumer goods	**	*	*	**
Non-durable consumer goods	` `	1	-	**
Mining and quarrying	->	**	*	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	->	1	*	**
Textiles and textiles products	*	`	1	**
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	**	-	**	**
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	*	` `	->	**
Metal products, machinery and equipment	*	*	*	1
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	→	**	1	
Non-metallic mineral products	*	*	*	1
Manufacture of basic metals	*	->		**
Furniture	**	*	*	**
Electricity	->	1	1	,
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings





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Belgium - October 2002: employees in industry - 3.4%, in construction - 1.3%

Employment in industry and constructions still slightly decreasing

In October 2002, compared to October of the previous year, the number of employees in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 3.3%; in construction it fell by 2.0%.

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 (-0.6%). At the regional level, there's an a decrease by 0.8% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by -0.2%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0.9% for chemicals and -0.3% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with -0.6%.

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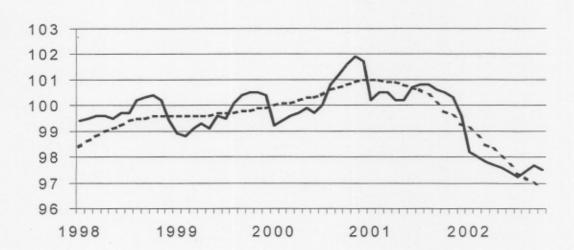
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2001	99,2	99,4	99,3	99,0	98,9	99,5	99,6	99,2	98,9	98,6	98,3	97,8	99,0
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Constru	ction												
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Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





Last three months
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Capital goods	-	*	11	**
Durable consumer goods	*	*	*	**
Non-durable consumer goods	*	,	1	11
Mining and quarrying	`	`	*	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	->	. *	*	**
Textiles and textiles products	*	*	-	**
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	` `	*	1	**
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	*	*	1	**
Metal products, machinery and equipment	` `	*	*	1
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	1	**	**	
Non-metallic mineral products	*	*	*	1
Manufacture of basic metals	*	->	->	**
Furniture	*	*	*	**
Electricity	1	1	,	11
Construction	*	*	`	11

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Non-durable consumer goods	*	,	->	**
Mining and quarrying	→	1	*	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	1	->	*	*
Textiles and textiles products		*	*	**
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing		*	1	*
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	*		,	**
Metal products, machinery and equipment	*	*	->	`
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	1	*	**	
Non-metallic mineral products	*	*	*	,
Manufacture of basic metals	*	*	->	`
Furniture	` `	*	`	,
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2002	96,6	96,3	96,1	95,8	95,7	95,4	95,3	95,3	95,5	95,5	95,3	94,8	95,6
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Constru	ction												
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	104,6	104,4	104,1	103,9	103,6	104,9

Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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BE: Belgium
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	*	*	`	* >
Total industry, excluding construction	`	*	*	**
Intermediate goods	` `	*	->	->
Capital goods	*	*	11	**
Durable consumer goods	*	*	*	->
Non-durable consumer goods	-	1	->	* >
Mining and quarrying	->	1	*	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	,	1	*	*
Textiles and textiles products	-	*	*	*
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	*	*	1	*
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	*	-+	->	* >
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	*	->	*
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11	*	**	
Non-metallic mineral products	1	*	`	*
Manufacture of basic metals	*	`	`	*
Furniture	1	*	`	*>
Electricity	1	1	,	1
Construction	` `	*	`	1

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SEI Persbericht

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

Seasonally adjusted indices (1995=100) After elimination of seasonal variation

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n	100							
2002	97,4	97,1	96,9	96,6	96,5	96,2	96,1	96,1	96,3	96,3	96,0	95,4	96,4
2003	94,3												
Constru	iction												
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 inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								
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												
Constru	ction												
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												

Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	` `	*	-	*
Total industry, excluding construction	` `	*	*	**
Intermediate goods	` `	*	,	*
Capital goods	`	11	11	11
Durable consumer goods	→	**	*	**
Non-durable consumer goods	→	1	-	11
Mining and quarrying	->	1	*	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	,	-	*	11
Textiles and textiles products	**	**	*	**
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	` `	*	`	-
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	1	*	1	11
Metal products, machinery and equipment	*	1	*	*
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	,	*	*	
Non-metallic mineral products	*	*	*	**
Manufacture of basic metals	*	*	*	*
Furniture	*	*	*	**
Electricity	-	1	*	*
Construction	*	*	*	1

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NIS Persbericht

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

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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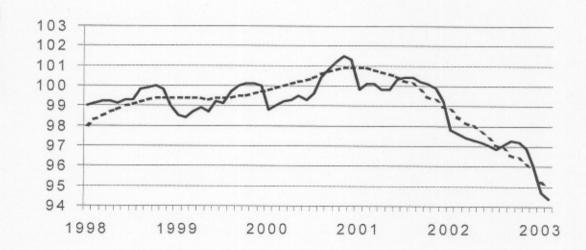
After elimination of seasonal variation

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								
2002	97,4	97,1	96,9	96,6	96,5	96,2	96,1	96,1	96,3	96,3	96,0	95.2	96,4
2003	100,4	100,2									-		
Constru	ction							-					
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 inc	dustry, o	excludi	ing cons	truction	1			-				-	
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											
Constru	ction					-				-	-	-	
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									-		

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	*	1	*	**
Total industry, excluding construction	*	1	*	*
Intermediate goods		->	` `	11
Capital goods	*	1	**	11
Durable consumer goods	*	1	**	**
Non-durable consumer goods	`	1	1	11
Mining and quarrying	**	*	**	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	1	*	*	**
Textiles and textiles products	111	**	**	**
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	**	*	**	**
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	1	**	,	**
Metal products, machinery and equipment	**	**	*	*
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	→	*	,	
Non-metallic mineral products	*	`	*	**
Manufacture of basic metals	*	*	*	*
Furniture	**	*	**	**
Electricity	*	->	-	**
Construction	1	-	**	-

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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%.

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 (-1,2%). At the regional level, there's an a decrease by 1,2% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,8%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -1,0% for chemicals and -1,1% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0,6%.

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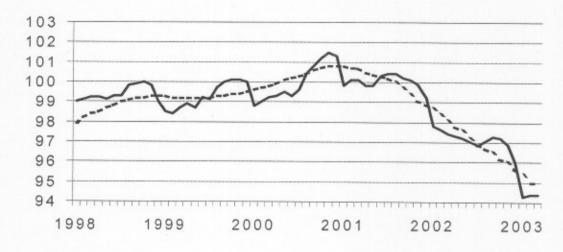
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Total in	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	truction	n								
2002	97,4	97,1	96,9	96,6	96,5	96,2	96,1	96,1	96,3	96,3	96,0	95.2	96,4
2003	93,7	93,6	93,6									-	
Constru	ction												-
2002	99,4	99,4	99,2	99,8	99,8	100,1	99,8	100,7	101,1	100,8	100,2	99.2	100.0
2003	96,6	96,2	97,1										
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	1		-						
2002	98,1	97,5	97,2	96,9	96,7	96,2	95,9	95,7	95,7	95,6	95,4	94.9	96.3
2003	94,3	94,1	93,9										
Constru	ction								-	***************************************			
2002	100,9	100,8	100,3	100,4	100,2	100,1	99,9	99,6	99,5	99,2	98,9	98.8	99,9
2003	98,5	98,2	98,3								-		

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Trend:



Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	*	*	*	**
Total industry, excluding construction	` `	*	*	*
Intermediate goods	×	`	` `	11
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	*	1	->	`
Furniture	*	**	**	**
Electricity	**	**	**	**
Construction	*	*	`	**

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NIS Persbericht

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%.

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 (-1.2%). At the regional level, there's an a decrease by 1.2% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.8%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -1.1% for chemicals and -1.3% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0.7%.

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

> Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								
2002	97,4	97,1	96,9	96,6	96,5	96,2	96,1	96,1	96,3	96,3	96,0	95.2	96,4
2003	93,7	93,5	93,4	93,2									
Constru	ction											-	-
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									
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	n								
2002	97,9	97,5	97,2	96,9	96,7	96,3	96,0	95,8	95.8	95.6	95.4	94.9	96.3
2003	94,2	93,9	93,7	93,5							-	-	
Constru	ction					-							
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		**********				-			30,0

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	- 1	1	` `	11
Total industry, excluding construction	1	1	1	1
Intermediate goods	` `	11	1	11
Capital goods		*	**	,
Durable consumer goods	**	**	**	**
Non-durable consumer goods	,	1	1	**
Mining and quarrying	27	*	**	
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	→	->	1	*
Furniture	**	**	*	**
Electricity	**	**	**	**
Construction	*	`	` `	**

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

> Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	tructio	n		1		1				
2002	97,4	97,1	96,9	96,6	96,5	96,2	96,1	96,1	96,3	96,3	96,0	95,2	96.4
2003	93,7	93,5	92,9	92,7	92,6								
Constru	ction												
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	97,3	97,0								
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	1								
2002	98,0	97,5	97,2	96,9	96,7	96,2	95,9	95,7	95,7	95.6	95,3	94,8	96,3
2003	94,3	93,9	93,3	93,0	92,8	-							
Constru	ction												
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	98,4	98,1	98,1	97,8	97,5								

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices

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Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	` `	1	*	`
Total industry, excluding construction	*	**	*	*
Intermediate goods	*	*	`	**
Capital goods	` ` `	*	**	-
Durable consumer goods	**	**	**	**
Non-durable consumer goods	` `	-	,	**
Mining and quarrying	**	11	**	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	**	**	*	11
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	*	*	1	-

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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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Seasonally adjusted indices

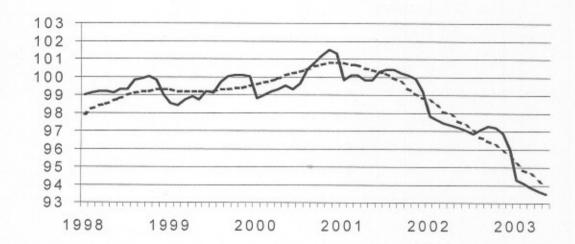
After elimination of seasonal variation

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	tructio	n								
2002	97,4	97,1	96,9	96,6	96,5	96,2	96,1	96,1	96,3	96,3	96.0	95.2	96,4
2003	93,7	93,5	92,9	92,7	92,6	910	**********						
Constru	ction					110							-
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	97,3	97,0	4210	2						
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	n								
2002	98,0	97,5	97,2	96,9	96,7	96,2	95,9	95,7	95,7	95,6	95.3	94.8	96,3
2003	94,3	93,9	93,3	93,0	92,8	27	9				-		
Constru	ction					1		-	-				
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	98,4	98,1	98,1	97,8	97,5	dag,	4-9				-		

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	- 1	×	`	*
Total industry, excluding construction		**	*	-
Intermediate goods	*	1	1	11
Capital goods	*	*	**	->
Durable consumer goods	**	**	**	**
Non-durable consumer goods	`	*	-	××
Mining and quarrying	**	11	**	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	**	**	*	11
Textiles and textiles products	**	*	**	-
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	**	1	*	**
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	*	*	-+	**
Metal products, machinery and equipment	**	1	*	-+
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	-	-		
Non-metallic mineral products	**	*	**	**
Manufacture of basic metals	→	-	-	-
Furniture	**	**	**	**
Electricity	` `	*	`	*
Construction	*	*	`	*

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NIS Persbericht

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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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 in	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	tructio	n	. 3				1			
2002	97,4	97,1	96,9	96,6	96,5	96,2	96,1	96,1	96,3	96,3	96,0	95,2	96,4
2003	93,7	93,5	92,9	92,7	93,0	92,7	92,2		-				
Constru	ction												
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	97,3	97,4	97,5	95,6						
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								
2002	97,9	97,5	97,2	96,9	96,6	96,2	96,0	95,8	95,8	95,6	95,4	94,9	96,3
2003	94,2	93,9	93,2	93,0	93,1	92,7	92,1						
Constru	ction												-
2002	100,9	100,8	100,3	100,5	100,2	100,0	100,1	99,8	99,6	99,3	99,0	98,7	99,9
2003	98,3	97,9	97,9	97,4	97,1	96,9	96,2						

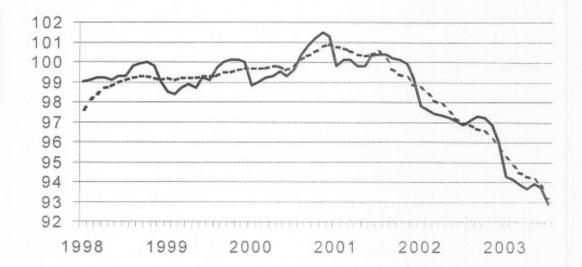
Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

> 1.5% 0.2% tot 1.5% - 0.2% tot 0.2% -1.5% tot -0.2% < -1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	`	1	*	1
Total industry, excluding construction	`	`	*	**
Intermediate goods	` `	`	*	1
Capital goods	->	*	*	`
Durable consumer goods	**	**	**	11
Non-durable consumer goods	` `	*		1
Mining and quarrying	11	11	1	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	*	*	**	1
Textiles and textiles products	**	**	*	11
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	-	*	1	**
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	-	-	*	*
Metal products, machinery and equipment	` `	-	`	**
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	,	->	*	
Non-metallic mineral products	`	1	*	1
Manufacture of basic metals	→	1	-+	*
Furniture	`	1	**	
Electricity	` `	*	~	*
Construction	` `	*	*	,

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

Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	n								
2002	97,4	97,1	96,9	96,6	96,5	96,2	96,1	96,1	96,3	96,3	96,0	95,2	96,4
2003	93,7	93,5	92,9	92,7	93,0	92,7	92,2	92,5					
Constru	iction		1										
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	97,3	97,4	97,5	96,8	97,7					
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	n				-				
2002	97,9	97,5	97,2	96,9	96,6	96,3	96,0	95,8	95,8	95,6	95,4	94,9	96,3
2003	94,2	93,9	93,2	93,0	93,1	92,7	92,1	92,1	-				
Constru	ection		-										
2002	100,9	100,8	100,3	100,5	100,2	100,1	100,0	99,7	99,5	99,2	98,9	98,7	99,9
2003	98,3	98,0	98,1	97,7	97,5	97,3	97,0	96,9					

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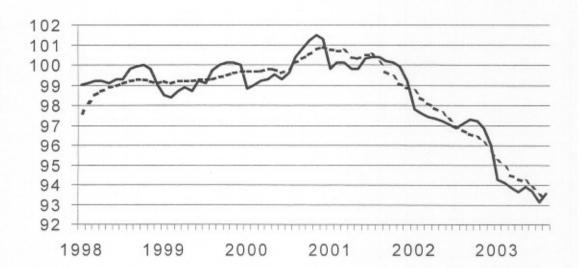
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Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Total industry;
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Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	` `	`	*	×
Total industry, excluding construction	`		*	**
Intermediate goods	` `	*	*	-
Capital goods	->	*	*	11
Durable consumer goods	**	**	**	**
Non-durable consumer goods	*	*	-	-
Mining and quarrying	**	11	*	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	× .	*	1	1
Textiles and textiles products	**	**	**	11
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	*	*		`
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	-	->		*
Metal products, machinery and equipment	*	`	*	* 1
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	**	**	*	
Non-metallic mineral products	`	*	*	-
Manufacture of basic metals	-	->		* 1
Furniture	×	*	**	
Electricity	` `	*	*	*
Construction	-	*		,

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NIS Persbericht

Belgium – September 2003 : employees in industry - 0,4%, in construction - 0,5%

In September 2003, compared to the previous month, the seasonally adjusted **number of employees** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 0,4%; 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 a decline for Belgium as a whole (-1,1%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 1,0% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 1,0%. 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 fell with 1,0%.

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

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Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	tructio	n	and the same							
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2003	93,7	93,5	92,9	92,7	93,0	92,7	92,1	92,4	92,1			-	
Constru	ction												
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	97,3	97,4	97,5	96,8	97,6	96,3				
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								
2002	97,9	97,5	97,2	96,9	96,6	96,3	96,0	95,7	95,8	95,6	95,4	94,9	96,3
2003	94,2	93,9	93,2	93,0	93,1	92,7	92,0	92,0	91,6				-
Constru	ction				-								
2002	101,1	101,1	100,7	100,8	100,7	100,5	100,4	100,2	100,1	99,8	99,5	99,3	100,4
2003	99,0	98,6	98,6	98,2	97,9	97,7	97,3	97,0	96,5				
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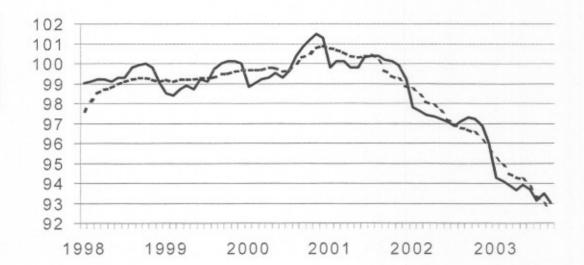
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After elimination of seasonal variation

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Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	` `	`	`	11
Total industry, excluding construction	` `	*	`	**
Intermediate goods	` `	`	*	11
Capital goods	→	-	*	11
Durable consumer goods	**	**	**	**
Non-durable consumer goods	→	*	-	1
Mining and quarrying	**	**	**	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	*	*	11	**
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	*	1		
Non-metallic mineral products	`	`	*	1
Manufacture of basic metals	/	1	-	*
Furniture	`	`	**	
Electricity	`	`	`	*
Construction	-	1	**	1

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NIS Persbericht

Belgium - October 2003*: employees in industry - 1,1%, in construction - 0,6%

Trend still downward

The seasonally adjusted number of employees in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 1,1%; in construction it fell 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 (-1,1%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 0,8% 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 -1,4% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0,7%.

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- *(% increase of the last three months, till October 2003 inclusive, compared to the preceding trimester, seasonally-adjusted values)

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

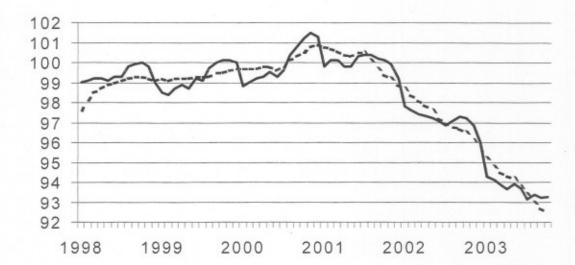
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Constru	iction												
2002	99,4	99,4	99,2	99,8	99,8	100,1	99,8	100,7	101,1	100,8	100,2	99,2	100,0
2003	96,6	96,3	97,3	97,3	97,4	97,5	96,8	97,4	97,7	97,6			
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n						.		
2002	97,9	97,5	97,2	96,9	96,6	96,3	96,0	95,8	95,8	95,6	95,4	94,9	96,3
2003	94,2	93,9	93,2	93,0	93,1	92,7	92,1	91,9	91,5	91,5			
Constru	ction												
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2003	98,4	98,1	98,1	97,8	97,5	97,5	97,3	97,0	96,8	96,6			

Seasonally adjusted indices After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

Total industry;
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Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

> 1.5%

0.2% tot 1.5%

-0.2% tot 0.2%

-1.5% tot -0.2%

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

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	`	`	`	11
Total industry, excluding construction	*	*	`	11
Intermediate goods	*	*	*	11
Capital goods	` `	-	11	11
Durable consumer goods	**	**	11	11
Non-durable consumer goods		*	. *	->
Mining and quarrying	11	**	11	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	*	*	11	11
Textiles and textiles products	**	*	**	11
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		1	1	
Non-metallic mineral products	*	*	*	
Manufacture of basic metals	-	*	-	1
Furniture	` `	*	**	
Electricity	**	**	**	11
Construction	*	*	1	*

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Belgium – November 2003*: employees in industry - 1,3%, in construction - 0,9%

Trend still downward

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*(% increase of the last three months, till November 2003 inclusive, compared to the preceding trimester, seasonally-adjusted values)

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

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Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	tructio	n					1			
2002	97,4	97,1	96,9	96,6	96,5	96,2	96,1	96,1	96,3	96,3	96,0	95,2	96,4
2003	93,7	93,5	92,9	92,7	93,0	92,7	92,1	92,3	91,9	91,8	91,7		
Constru	ction												
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	97,3	97,4	97,5	96,8	97,4	97,5	97,4	97,2		UR HILLIAM IN
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	n								
2002	97,9	97,5	97,3	97,0	96,7	96,4	96,1	95,8	95,7	95,4	95,0	94,7	96,3
2003	94,3	94,0	93,6	93,3	93,0	92,6	92,2	91,9	91,4	91,0	90,7		
Constru	ction												
2002	100,9	100,8	100,3	100,5	100,3	100,1	100,0	99,7	99,6	99,2	98,9	98,7	99,9
2003	98,4	98,1	98,1	97,7	97,5	97,2	96,9	96,6	96,3	96,0	95,8		

Seasonally adjusted indices

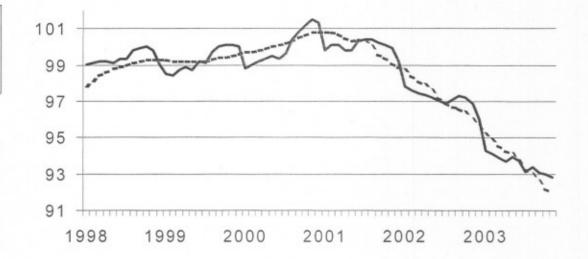
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Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Trend: ************



Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

> 1.5% 0.2% tot 1.5% - 0.2% tot 0.2% -1.5% tot -0.2%

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

< -1.5%

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Belgium – December 2003*: employees in industry – 1.3%, in construction – 0.9%

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 1.3%; in construction it fell by 0.9%.

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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 ind	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	tructio	n								
2002	97,4	97,1	96,9	96,6	96,5	96,2	96,1	96.1	96,3	96,3	96,0	95,2	96,4
2003	93,7	93,5	92,9	92,7	93,0	92,7	92,1	92,3	91,9	91,8	91,6	91,1	92,4
Constru	iction												
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	97,3	97,4	97,5	96,8	97,4	97,5	97,4	96,9	96,5	97,1
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n							-	
2002	97,9	97,5	97,3	97,0	96,7	96,4	96,1	95,8	95,7	95,4	95,0	94,7	96,3
2003	94,3	94,0	93,6	93,3	93,0	92,6	92,2	91,9	91,4	91,0	90,7	90,3	92,4
Constru	ction				-								
2002	100,9	100,8	100,3	100,5	100,3	100,1	100,0	99,7	99,6	99,2	98,9	98,7	99,9
2003	98.4	98,1	98,1	97,7	97,5	97,2	96,9	96,6	96,3	96,0	95,8	95,5	97,0

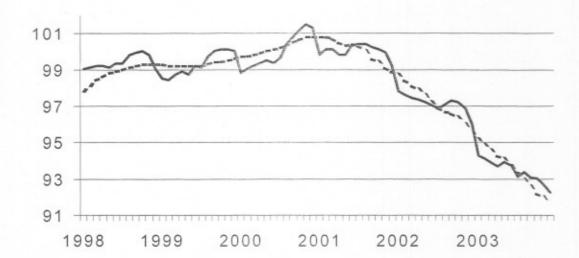
Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

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Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

> 1.5% 0.2% tot 1.5% - 0.2% tot 0.2% -1.5% tot -0.2% < -1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	` `	*	`	11
Total industry, excluding construction	*			**
Intermediate goods	` `	-	,	11
Capital goods	` `		**	-
Durable consumer goods	'	1	**	**
Non-durable consumer goods	*	1	-	**
Mining and quarrying		`	**	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	*	`	`	11
Textiles and textiles products	**	`	**	**
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	*		1	11
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	*	`	11	* *
Metal products, machinery and equipment	*	**	*	1
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11	**	**	
Non-metallic mineral products	` `			*
Manufacture of basic metals	-	`		11
Furniture	` `	`	`	
Electricity	**	**	**	**
Construction	*	*	*	15

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NIS Persbericht

Belgium – January 2003*: employees in industry - 1,1%, in construction - 0,7%

Trend still downward

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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 ind	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	tructio	n								
2003	93,7	93,6	92,9	92,7	93,0	92,7	92,1	92,3	91,9	91,8	91,6	91,1	92,4
2004	89,5												-
Constru	ction												
2003	96,6	96,0	97,3	97,3	97,4	97,5	96,8	97,4	97,5	97,4	97,2	96,4	97,1
2004	93,7												
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								
2003	94,3	94,0	93,6	93,2	93,0	92,6	92,2	91,9	91,5	91,1	90,8	90,5	92,4
2004	90,2		-								-		
Constru	ction												
2003	98,4	98,0	98,1	97,7	97,5	97,2	96,9	96,6	96,3	96,1	95,9	95,7	97,0
2004	95,4												

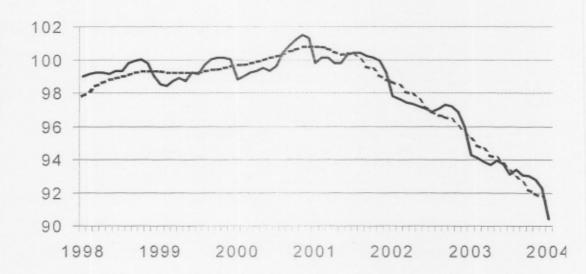
Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Total industry; adjusted for
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	` `	*	-	`
Total industry, excluding construction	*	*	*	*
Intermediate goods	` `	*		-
Capital goods	11	**	11	**
Durable consumer goods	*	,	11	**
Non-durable consumer goods		-	-	
Mining and quarrying	"	11	-	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	` `	`	*	*
Textiles and textiles products	11	*	11	11
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	*	*	1	**
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	,	*	,	**
Metal products, machinery and equipment	11	**	*	,
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	**	**	**	
Non-metallic mineral products	-	`	*	**
Manufacture of basic metals	*	*	*	1
Furniture	`		**	
Electricity	**	**	**	**
Construction	` `	`	*	**

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NIS Persbericht

Belgium – February 2004*: employees in industry – 1.1%, in construction – 0.,5%

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 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 (-1.1%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 1.1% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.9%. 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 fell with 0.6%.

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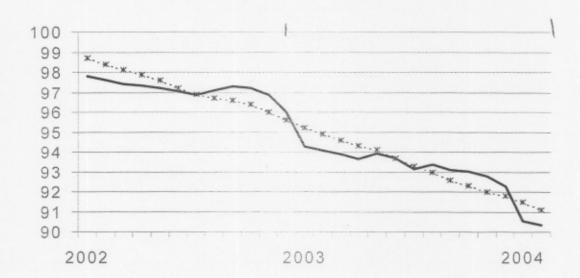
Gross indices	
(2000=100)	
Number of	
employees subject	
to social security	

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								
2003	93,7	93,6	92,9	92,7	93.0	92,7	92,1	92,3	91,9	91,8	91,6	91,1	92,4
2004	89,6	89,4											
Constru	ction												
2003	96,6	96,0	97,3	97,3	97,4	97,5	96,8	97,4	97,5	97,4	97,2	96,5	97,1
2004	93,9	93,8			-								
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	1					-			
2003	94,2	94,0	93,6	93,2	93,0	92,6	92,2	91,9	91,5	91,1	90,8	90,5	92,4
2004	90,2	89,8											
Constru	ction												
2003	98,4	97,9	98,0	97,6	97.4	97,2	96,9	96,7	96,4	96,2	96,1	95,9	97,1
2004	95,7	95,6						1					

Seasonally adjusted indices
After elimination of seasonal variation

Frend Cycle
Total industry;
adjusted for
seasonal and
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	Last three
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	` `	`	1	-
Total industry, excluding construction	`	*	*	-
Intermediate goods	` `	11	*	-
Capital goods	**	**	**	11
Durable consumer goods	**		**	11
Non-durable consumer goods	•	`	*	-+
Mining and quarrying	**	**	,	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	`	`	**	*
Textiles and textiles products	"	**	**	11
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	1		11	**
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	-+		**	11
Metal products, machinery and equipment	` `	**	*	1
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11	**	11	
Non-metallic mineral products	` `	-	`	**
Manufacture of basic metals		`	**	-
Furniture	`	`	*	
Electricity	**	**	**	**
Construction	1		`	*

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NIS Persbericht

Belgium – March 2004*: employees in industry – 0.8%, 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 0.8%; 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 (-0.8%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 1.1% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 1.1%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0.9% for chemicals and -1.3% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 0.8%.

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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 ind	lustry,	exclud	ing cons	truction	п								
2003	93,7	93,6	92,9	92.7	93.0	92,7	92,1	92,3	91,9	91,8	91,6	91,1	92,4
2004	89,5	89,3	89,2										
Constru	ction												
2003	96,6	96,0	97,3	97,3	97,4	97,5	96,8	97,4	97,5	97,4	97,2	96,5	97,1
2004	93,9	93,7	94,2								-		
Total inc	lustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								
2003	94,3	94,1	93,5	93,2	92.9	92.6	92,2	91,9	91,4	91,1	90,8	90,6	92,4
2004	90,3	90,0	89,9								1001000000		
Constru	ction												
2003	98,4	97,9	98,2	97.7	97,5	97,2	96,9	96,7	96,3	96,2	96,0	95,8	97,1
2004	95,5	95,3	94,9										

Seasonally adjusted indices After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle	110 —			
Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and	105			
random fluctuations	100	K		
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Gross indices :	90 —			XX
	85 —			
Trend:	80			
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prev	vious three
	months
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· 0.2	2% tot 1.5%
→ -0.2	2% tot 0.2%
×-1.59	6 tot -0.2%
**	< -1.5%
В	E : Belgium
VI	L: Flanders
W	A: Wallonia
BF	R : Brussels

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	`	*	-	*
Total industry, excluding construction	*	*	-	-+
Intermediate goods	`	11	*	-
Capital goods	11	11	**	11
Durable consumer goods	11	11	**	11
Non-durable consumer goods	*	*	*	111
Mining and quarrying	11	11	,	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	*	` `	**	*
Textiles and textiles products	**	11	**	1
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	1	1	,	11
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	`	*	**	**
Metal products, machinery and equipment	*	**	`	1
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11	11	11	
Non-metallic mineral products	*	` `	1	11
Manufacture of basic metals	*	*	11	1
Furniture	**	`	**	
Electricity	**	**	**	*
Construction	-	`	`	*

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Press Release

Short Term Indicators

Thursday July, 1st 2004

Statistick en Economische Informatte 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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- ** 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.

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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 ind	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	truction	n					1			
2003	93,7	93,6	92,9	92,7	93,0	92,7	92,1	92,3	91,9	91,8	91,6	91,1	92.4
2004	89,5	89,2	89,2	89,1									321
Constru	ction												
2003	96,6	96,0	97,3	97,3	97.4	97,5	96,8	97.4	97,5	97,4	97,2	96.5	97.1
2004	93,9	93,4	93,7	93,6									
Total inc	lustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	1								
2003	94,3	94,1	93,5	93,2	92,9	92,6	92,2	91,9	91,4	91,1	90,8	90,6	92,4
2004	90,3	89,9	89,8	89,6							**********		
Constru	ction							-					
2003	98,4	97,9	98,2	97,8	97,5	97,3	96,9	96,6	96,3	96,1	95.8	95.6	97.0
2004	95,3	95,1	94,6	94,3							-		

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle	110		
Total industry; adjusted for	105		
seasonal and random fluctuations	100		
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Gross indices :	90		*******
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Trend:	80		
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Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	×	`	*	×
Total industry, excluding construction	` `	`	1	*
Intermediate goods	` `	**	**	*
Capital goods	**	**	*	**
Durable consumer goods	**	**	**	**
Non-durable consumer goods			-	**
Mining and quarrying	×	**	->	
Food products, beverages and tobacco		*	**	×
Textiles and textiles products	11	**	**	,
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing		1	,	**
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	*	*	**	11
Metal products, machinery and equipment	` `	*	*	×
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11	**	11	
Non-metallic mineral products	1	`	`	*
Manufacture of basic metals	`	-+	**	,
Furniture	**	**	*	
Electricity	1 44	**	11	*
Construction	*	`	*	*

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Press Release

Short Term Indicators

Thursday August, 5st 2004

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

Trend still downward

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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 1.1%; in construction it fell by 1.0%.

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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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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 inc	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	tructio	n								
2003	93,7	93,6		92,7	93,0	92,7	92,1	92,3	91,9	91,8	91,6	91,1	92,4
2004	89,5	89,2	89,2	89,0	89,0								
Constru	ction												
2003	96,6	96,0	97,3	97,3	97,4	97,5	96,8	97,4	97,5	97,4	97,2	96,5	97,1
2004	93,9	93,4	93,3	93,3	93,1								
Total inc	lustry,	exclud	ing cons	truction	n								
2003	94,3	94,1	93,5	93,2	93,0	92,7	92,2	91,9	91,5	91,2	90,8	90,6	92,4
2004	90,2	89,8	89,6	89,3	88,8								-
Constru	ction												
2003	98,4	97,9	98,2	97,8	97,6	97,3	97,0	96,6	96,3	96,0	95,8	95,5	97,0
2004	95,1	94,9	94,3	94,0	93,6								

Seasonally adjusted indices After elimination of

seasonal variation

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Gross indices

> 1.5%
0.2% to 1.5%
0.2% to 0.2%
1.5% to -0.2%
1.5% to -0.2%
1.5% to Flanders
WA: Wallonia
BR: Brussels

Trend:

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Last three

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	,	*	1	1
Total industry, excluding construction	`	*	*	11
Intermediate goods	` `	*	**	1
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		*	*	1
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	1	**	11	1
Non-metallic mineral products	*	*	*	*
Manufacture of basic metals	*	-	**	-
Furniture	**	**	*	
Electricity	11	**	**	*
Construction	1	1	*	**

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Press Release

Short Term Indicators

Thursday September, 2st 2004

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Statistiek en Economische Informatie

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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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Gross indices
(2000=100)
Number of
ployees subject
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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	ustry, ex	cluding	construc	tion	17.79		15 24 34	W		100			
2003	93.7	93.6		92.7	93.0	92.7	92.1	92.3	91.9	91.8	91.6	91.1	92.4
2004	89.5	89.2	89.2	88.9	88.9	88.9							
Construc	tion												
2003	96.6	96.0	97.3	97.3	97.4	97.5	96.8	97.4	97.5	97.4	97.2	96.5	97.1
2004	93.9	93.4	93.3	93.3	93.2	92.2					1	1	
Total inde	ustry, ex	cluding	construc	tion									
2003	94.3	94.1	93.5	93.2	93.0	92.6	92.2	91.9	91.5	91.1	90.8	90.5	92.4
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Construc	tion												
2003	98.4	97.9	98.2	97.8	97.5	97.4	97.0	96.7	96.3	96.1	95.8	95.4	97.0
2004	95.0	94.7	94.1	93.7	93.3	92.7							

Seasonally adjusted indices After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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**	< -1.5%
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	` `	1	*	**
Total industry, excluding construction	*	*	*	**
Intermediate goods	*	*	*	1
Capital goods	*	**	*	1 22
Durable consumer goods	*	**	**	**
Non-durable consumer goods	*		**	**
Mining and quarrying	`	`	->	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	` `		**	**
Textiles and textiles products	`	*	11	11
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	*	*	-	1
Furniture	1	*	->	
Electricity	11		->	*
Construction	*	*	*	**

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Press Release

Short Term Indicators

Thursday October, 7st 2004

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2004	89,5	89,2	89,2	88,9	88,9	88,9	88,9			***************************************			
Constru	ction						***************************************						
2003	96,6	96,0	97,3	97,3	97,4	97,5	96,8	97,4	97,5	97,4	97,2	96.5	97,1
2004	93,9	93,4	93,3	93,3	93,0	93,0	92,0						
Total inc	lustry, e	excludi	ng cons	truction	1								
2003	94,3	94,1	93,5	93,2	93,1	92,7	92,2	91,9	91,4	91,1	90.7	90,5	92,4
2004	90,2	89,8	89,7	89,4	89,1	89,0	88,9						
Constru	ction										-		
2003	98,4	97,9	98,2	97,8	97,6	97,3	97,0	96,7	96,3	96,1	95.8	95.5	97.1
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Seasonally adjusted indices

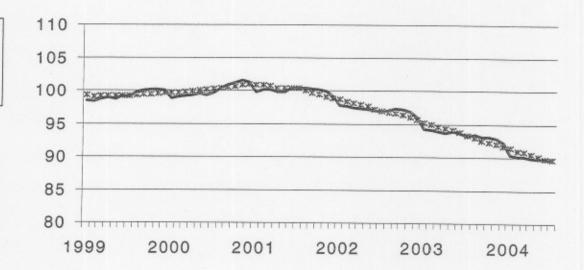
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Trend cycle

	Total industry adjusted for seasonal and random
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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%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	*	1	*	111
Total industry, excluding construction	*	*	*	**
Intermediate goods	1	*	*	**
Capital goods	*	1 ×	1	**
Durable consumer goods	*	22	**	1 22
Non-durable consumer goods	*	->	*	**
Mining and quarrying	` `	*	7	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	*	-+	22	22
Textiles and textiles products	1	*	**	**
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	*	*	**	*
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	*	->	-	->
Vietal products, machinery and equipment	*	*	*	×
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	1 1	*	1	
Non-metallic mineral products	*	*	*	100
Manufacture of basic metals	*	*	,	,
Furniture	*	*	->	
Electricity	**	**	m-þ	*
Construction	*	4	4	* *

FEDERALE OVERHEIDSDIENST ECONOMIE: K.M.O., MIDDENSTAND & ENERGIE SB Statistics Belgium

Press Release

Short Term Indicators

Thursday November, 4st 2004

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

Trend still downward

Statistick en Economische Informatie

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

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Total inc	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	truction	n								
2003	93,7	93,6	92,9	92,7	93,0	92,7	92,1	92,3	91,9	91,8	91,6	91,1	92,4
2004	89,5	89,2	89,2	88,9	88,9	89,1	89,1	89,2					*************
Constru	ction												
2003	96,6	96,0	97,3	97,3	97,4	97,5	96,8	97,4	97,5	97,4	97.2	96.5	97,1
2004	93,9	93,4	93,3	93,3	93,0	92,9	91,9	93,0					
Total inc	dustry, e	excludi	ng cons	truction	1						-		
2003	94,3	94,1	93,5	93,2	93,1	92,6	92,1	91,9	91,4	91,1	90.8	90.5	92.4
2004	90,2	89,9	89,7	89,5	89,1	89,0	88,9	88,7					
Constru	ction									-			Antonomonomo
2003	98,4	97,9	98,2	97,8	97,6	97,3	97,1	96,6	96,3	96,0	95.7	95.5	97,0
2004	95,1	94,8	94,2	93,9	93,5	93,1	92.6	92,3					

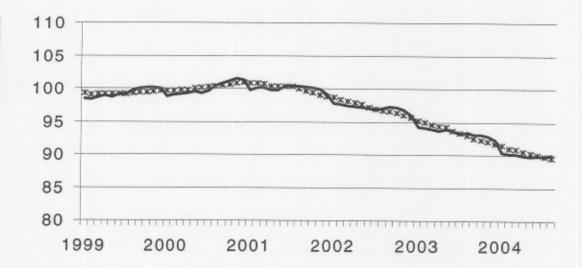
Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for
seasonal and
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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%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	-	*	1	111
Total industry, excluding construction	×	*	*	1
Intermediate goods	*	->	*	1
Capital goods	→	-	1	1 22
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	1	-+	11	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	*	*	*	*
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel			,	
Non-metallic mineral products	` `	*	*	*
Manufacture of basic metals	*	`	,	,
Furniture	*	`	→	
Electricity	**	`	*	**
Construction	*	*	*	**

Press Release

FOD ECONOMIE - Statistics Belgium

Thursday December, 2st 2004

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2004	89,5	89,2	89,2	88,9	88,9	89,1	89,0	89,1	89,1				
Constru	ction												
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Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								
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Constru	ction												
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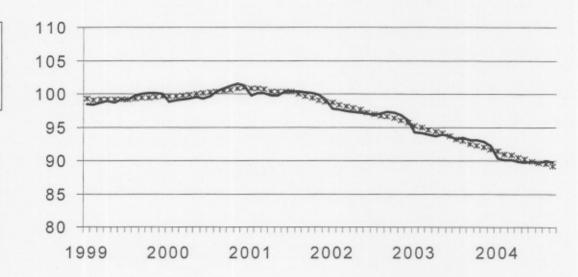
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Total industry;
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Trend cycle

Gross indices :

Last three months compared to the



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ndices
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1.5%
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	` `	*	*	11
Total industry, excluding construction	` `	*	*	*
Intermediate goods	` `	-	*	*
Capital goods	,	1	1	**
Durable consumer goods	` `	**	**	**
Non-durable consumer goods	-	`	-	-
Mining and quarrying	` `	11		
Food products, beverages and tobacco	` `	*	,	11
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	1	`	-	-
Furniture	` `	**		
Electricity	11	*	*	**
Construction	×	1	*	11

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Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								-
2003	93,7	93,6	92,9	92,7	93,0	92,7	92,1	92,3	91,9	91,8	91,6	91,1	92,4
2004	89,5	89,2	89,2	88,9	88,9	89,1	89,0	89,1	89,1	89,0			
Constru	ction												
2003	96,6	96,0	97,3	97,3	97,4	97,5	96,8	97,4	97,5	97,4	97,2	96,5	97,1
2004	93,9	93,4	93,3	93,3	93,0	92,9	91,8	93,3	93,4	91,7			
Total inc	dustry, e	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								
2003	94,3	94,1	93,5	93,2	93,1	92,6	92,1	91,9	91,4	91,1	90,8	90,5	92,4
2004	90,2	89,9	89,7	89,5	89,1	89,0	88,8	88,6	88,5	88,3			
Constru	ction											-	************
2003	98,4	97,9	98,2	97,8	97,6	97,3	97,1	96,6	96,2	96,0	95,7	95,5	97,0
2004	95,1	94,9	94,2	94,0	93,6	93,2	92,7	92,6	92,2	90,2			***************************************

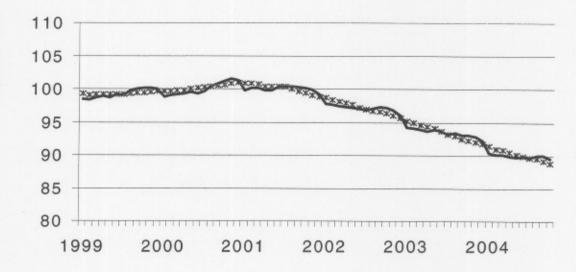
Seasonally adjusted indices After elimination of seasonal variation

adjusted for seasonal and
random fluctuations

Trend cycle



Last three months compared to the



F	revious three months
	Gross indices
,,	> 1.5%
"	0.2% to 1.5%
-	-0.2% to 0.2%
N-1	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	` `	*	*	1
Total industry, excluding construction	`	-	*	1
Intermediate goods	`	->	*	-
Capital goods	-	1	*	**
Durable consumer goods	*	**	**	**
Non-durable consumer goods		*	-	11
Mining and quarrying	*	**	**	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	*	*	-	*
Textiles and textiles products	*	**	*	**
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	11	*	**	*
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	1	->	11	*
Metal products, machinery and equipment	` `	*	-	*
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	/	*	1	
Non-metallic mineral products	*	*	*	1
Manufacture of basic metals	` `	*	,	**
Furniture		*	-	
Electricity	11	*	*	**
Construction	1	*	*	-

FEDERALE OVERHEIDSDIENST ECONOMIE, K.M.O., MIDDENSTAND & ENERGIE

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Press Release

Short Term Indicators

Thursday February, 3st 2005

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

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 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 (-0,7%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 0,9% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,8%**.

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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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 inc	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	truction	n								
2003	93,7	93,6	92,9	92,7	93,0	92,7	92,1	92,3	91,9	91,8	91,6	91.1	92,4
2004	89,5	89,2	89,2	88,9	88,9	89,1	89,0	89,1	88,9	88,8	88,6		
Constru	ction												***************************************
2003	96,6	96,0	97,3	97,3	97,4	97,5	96,8	97,4	97,5	97,4	97,2	96,5	97.1
2004	93,9	93,4	93,3	93,3	93,0	92,9	91,8	93,3	93,2	92,8	89,9		
Total inc	lustry, e	excludi	ng cons	truction	1								***************************************
2003	94,3	94,1	93,5	93,2	93,1	92,6	92,1	91,9	91,4	91,1	90,8	90,6	92.4
2004	90,2	89,9	89,7	89,5	89,1	88,9	88,8	88,5	88,3	88,1	87,9		on reserved as
Constru	ction												
2003	98,4	97,9	98,2	97,8	97,6	97,3	97,1	96,6	96,3	96,1	95,8	95,5	97,1
2004	95,1	94,8	94,2	93,9	93,5	93,1	92,6	92,4	92,0	91,5	88,4		

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle	110					
Total industry; adjusted for	105			2		
seasonal and random fluctuations	100	A ROOM AND A STREET	CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE	WAXES VERY		WAXXA XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
	95				XXXX	
Gross indices :	90					XXX XXX
	85					
Trend:	80					
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004

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%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	` `	1	*	**
Total industry, excluding construction		*	*	*
Intermediate goods	*	1	1	*
Capital goods	-	1	*	**
Durable consumer goods	*	**	**	**
Non-durable consumer goods	`	*	->	11
Mining and quarrying	→	**	-+	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	*	*	1	**
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	1	*	11	
Non-metallic mineral products	*	*	**	**
Manufacture of basic metals	*		1	**
Furniture		*	**	
Electricity	**	*	*	**
Construction	*	*	*	*

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Press Release

Short Term Indicators

Thursday March, 3st 2005

Statistiek en Economische Informatie Belgium - December 2004*: employees in industry - 1,2%, in construction - 2,0%

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

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 a decrease by 1,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 1,1%**.

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

T	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	tructio	n								
2003	93,7	93,6	92,9	92,7	93,0	92,7	92,1	92,3	91,9	91,8	91,6	91,1	92,4
2004	89,5	89,2	89,2	88,9	88,9	89,1	89,0	89,1	88,9	88,7	88,5	87,4	88,9
Constru	ction												
2003	96,6	96,0	97,3	97,3	97,4	97,5	96,8	97,4	97,5	97,4	97,2	96,5	97,1
2004	93,9	93,4	93,3	93,3	93,0	92,9	91,8	93,3	93,2	92,7	92,4	90,1	92,8
Total inc	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	tructio	n								
2003	94,3	94,1	93,5	93,2	93,1	92,6	92,1	91,9	91,4	91,1	90,8	90,6	92,4
2004	90,3	90,0	89,8	89,5	89,1	89,0	88,7	88,4	88,1	87,7	87,4	86,9	88,7
Constru	ction												
2003	98,4	97,9	98,2	97,8	97,6	97,3	97,1	96,6	96,2	96,1	95,8	95,5	97,0
2004	95,1	94,9	94,2	93,9	93,5	93,1	92,6	92,4	91,9	91,4	91,0	89,0	92,8

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of

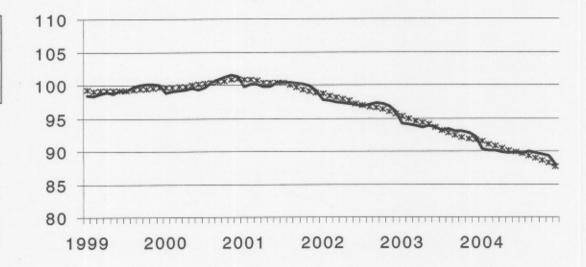
seasonal variation

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Trend cycle

Gross indices :

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	*	*	`	11
Total industry, excluding construction	*	*	*	**
Intermediate goods	*	*	*	*
Capital goods	**	**	*	**
Durable consumer goods	11	*	**	**
Non-durable consumer goods	**	**	**	**
Mining and quarrying	*	11	->	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	*	*	1	**
Textiles and textiles products	**	**	**	**
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	**	**	*	**
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	*	*	11	*
Metal products, machinery and equipment	` `	*	*	*
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	1	*	11	
Non-metallic mineral products	*		**	**
Manufacture of basic metals	-	1	*	**
Furniture	*	*	**	
Electricity		*	*	**
Construction		**	*	**

Press Release

FOD ECONOMIE - Statistics Belgium

Thursday March, 31st 2005

Belgium - January 2005*: Employees Industry: -0,5%; 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 0,5%; 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 status quo for Belgium as a whole (-0,4%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 0,6% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,5%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,5% for chemicals and -0,4% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees fell with 1,2%.

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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 inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								
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												
Constru	ction						***************************************				***************************************		-
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 inc	dustry, e	excludi	ing cons	truction	n		-						
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												
Constru	ction												
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	110	T						
Total industry; adjusted for	105	-						
seasonal and random fluctuations	100	XXXXXXXXX			XXXX			
	95					WALKE THE PARTY OF	-	
Gross indices :	90						TAXABLE TAXABL	XXXX
	85	-						
Frend :	80	-						mmm
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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%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	` `	*	*	11
Total industry, excluding construction	`	-	*	**
Intermediate goods	` `	`	*	-
Capital goods	**	**	**	**
Durable consumer goods	,	1	**	**
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	-	*	1	*
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	*	→	*
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	*	**	1	
Non-metallic mineral products	*	1	**	11
Manufacture of basic metals	-+		->	*
Furniture	**	**	**	
Electricity	*	-	`	*
Construction	-	*	*	*

FEDERALE OVERHEIDSDIENST ECONOMIE, K.M.O., MIDDENSTAND & ENERGIE

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%.

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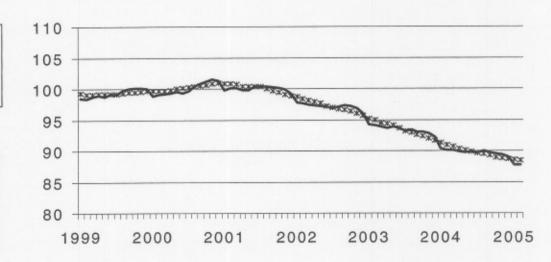
Gross Indices
(2000=100)
Number of
employees subject
to social security

1	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	struction	n							- 1	
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											
Constru	iction			-									
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 inc	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	struction	n								
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											
Constru	ction						1						
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											

Seasonally adjusted indices After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle
Total industry;
adjusted for
seasonal and
random
fluctuations

Gross indices :



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% V-1.5% to -0.2% V-1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	И	И	И	ZZ
Total industry, excluding construction	И	И	Я	ZZ
Intermediate goods	И	ZZ	77	ZZ
Capital goods	77	ZZ	77	ZZ
Durable consumer goods	R	Я	777	ZZ
Non-durable consumer goods	77	ZZ	77	ZZ
Mining and quarrying	→	ЯЯ	7	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	И	И	Я	717
Textiles and textiles products	И	Я	777	77
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	77	И	ZZ	77
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	И	И	И
Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	>	>	>
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	ZZ	ZZZ	И	
Non-metallic mineral products	И	И	777	ZZ
Manufacture of basic metals	→	Я	И	7
Furniture	77	777	777	
Electricity	אר	ZZ	ZZ	717
Construction	И	И	И	И

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

Thursday June, 2st 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%.

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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
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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	87,8	87,6										
Constru	ction												
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 inc	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	truction	n								-
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										
Constru	ction										-		
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										

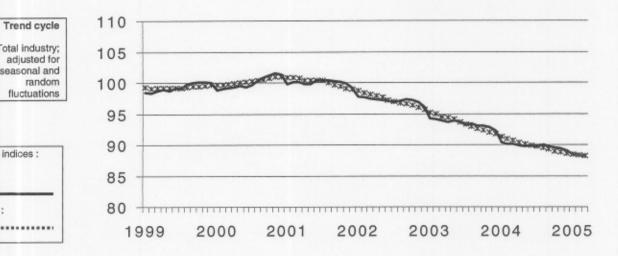
Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

> 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%

ndustrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	И	>	>	7
Total industry, excluding construction	Я	→	>	7
ntermediate goods	И	И	И	И
Capital goods	77	ЯЯ	RK	RK
Durable consumer goods	Я	>	ZZ	ИZ
Von-durable consumer goods	77	777	777	ЯЯ
Mining and quarrying	И	אה	71	
ood products, beverages and tobacco	И	n	RR	77
l'extiles and textiles products	77	71	אא	77
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	R	R	ZZ	77
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	71	И	И
Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	→	>	77
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	77	7	77	
Non-metallic mineral products	И	71	777	ЯЯ
Manufacture of basic metals	→	И	71	7
Furniture	777	אמ	И	
Electricity	7	>	>	>
Construction	И	И	И	N

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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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 inc	lustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n		1			1	1		
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	87,8	87,6									
Constru	ction			1									
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 inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n			-		-	-		
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									
Constru	ction												
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	110						
Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and	105						
random fluctuations	100		NO.	WAXE OF THE PARTY			
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Gross indices :	90					The same	NOTE AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR
	85						
Trend:	80						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005

Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

77	> 1.5%	
7	0.2% to 1.5%	
→ -0.2% to 0.2%		
→ -0.2% to -0.2%		
→ -1.5% to -0.2%		
□ → -1.5%		

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	Я	>	>	И
Total industry, excluding construction	→	>	>	>
Intermediate goods	7	И	Я	И
Capital goods	R	И	ממ	717
Durable consumer goods	И	7	И	717
Non-durable consumer goods	И	И	ЯЯ	717
Mining and quarrying	И	777	71	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	И	>	777	717
Textiles and textiles products	И	И	ZZ	И
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	И	И	RR	777
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	Я	Я	И	И
Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	>	71	Я
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	Я	→	RR	
Non-metallic mineral products	77	Я	אא	77
Manufacture of basic metals	71	7	7	7
Furniture	Я	Я	И	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	И	И	И	N

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%.

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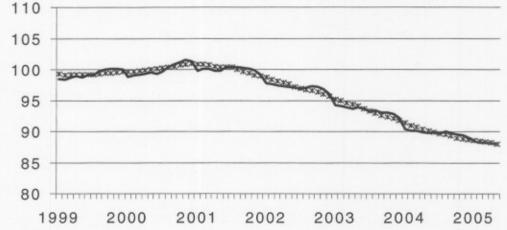
Gross indices (2000=100) Number of employees subject to social security

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	dustry, e	exclud	ng cons	truction	n								
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	87,5	87,4								
Constru	ction												
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	90,3	90,3								
Total inc	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	truction	n								
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	88,7	88,4	88,1	87,9	87,7								
Constru	ction												
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							-	

Seasonally adjusted indices After elimination of

seasonal variation

110 -Trend cycle Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations Gross indices: 85



Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

Trend:

7 0.2% to 1.5% → -0.2% to 0.2% ⊻-1.5% to -0.2% < -1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	R	И	И	И
Total industry, excluding construction	И	И	И	>
Intermediate goods	И	Я	И	Я
Capital goods	K	И	И	77
Durable consumer goods	R	И	777	717
Non-durable consumer goods	И	И	ZZ	717
Mining and quarrying	→	И	71	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	И	И	ИZ	>
Textiles and textiles products	אר אר	אא	ZZ	717
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	И	И	И	717
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	И	И	>	7
Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	>	>	И
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	→	И	RK	
Non-metallic mineral products	77	И	RK	717
Manufacture of basic metals	71	7	7	И
Furniture	И	И	И	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	И	И	И	ZZ

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%.

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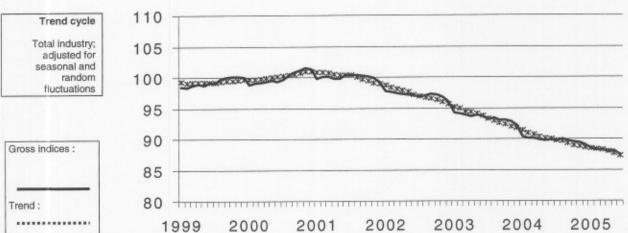
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Gross indices (2000=100) Number of employees subject to social security

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n	- 1							
2004	89,5	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	87,6	87,1							
Constru	ction					- 1	-						
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	90,3	88,7							
Total inc	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	struction	n								
2004	90,2	89,9	\$ ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	89,5	88,7	89,0	88,9	88,6	88,5	88,2	88,0	87,9	88,9
2005	88,7	88,3	87,9	87,6	87,3	87,0							
Constru	ction												
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



Last three

months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

> 1.5%

> 0.2% to 1.5%

-0.2% to 0.2%

-0.2% to 0.2%

3-1.5% to -0.2%

≥ -1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	И	Я	Я	77
Total industry, excluding construction	И	Я	Я	И
Intermediate goods	7	Я	Я	И
Capital goods	Я	Я	Я	777
Durable consumer goods	7	Я	ЯЯ	777
Non-durable consumer goods	7	Я	777	ЯЯ
Mining and quarrying	И	Я	7	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	Я	Я	Я	И
Textiles and textiles products	77	777	ЯЯ	77
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	7	Я	Я	7
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	71	77	7
Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	\rightarrow	7	И
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	7	Я	ЯЯ	
Non-metallic mineral products	777	Я	ЯЯ	7
Manufacture of basic metals	Я	Я	И	И
Furniture	И	Я	ZZ	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	Я	Я	И	717

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%.

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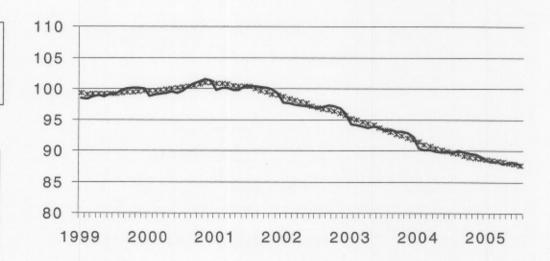
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Total in	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	truction	n	1	1						
2004	89,5	89,2	89,2	88,9	88,9	89,1	89,0	89,1	88,9	88,7	88,6	88,4	89,0
2005	87,9	87,7	87,7	87,2	87,4	87,4	87,2						
Constru	ction												
2004	93,9	93,4	93,3	93,3	93,0	92,9	91,8	93,3	93,2	92,7	92,4	91,8	92,9
2005	90,4	90,2	89,8	90,2	90,7	90,7	90,1						
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								
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						
Constru	ction			-		1		-					
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

Trend cycle
Total industry;
adjusted for
seasonal and
random
fluctuations

Gross indices :



Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

> 1.5% 0.2% to 1.5% -0.2% to 0.2% -0.2% to 0.2% -0.2% to -0.2% -1.5% to -0.2%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	И	И	>	И
Total industry, excluding construction	И	И	>	И
Intermediate goods	И	И	И	И
Capital goods	И	И	И	ZZ
Durable consumer goods	И	И	77	77
Non-durable consumer goods	Я	И	И	И
Mining and quarrying	Я	И	И	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	И	И	7	И
Textiles and textiles products	ממ	אא	אה	RK
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	Я	71	И	И
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	И	71	71	И
Metal products, machinery and equipment	И	71	71	>
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	→	>	И	
Non-metallic mineral products	Я	И	אר	71
Manufacture of basic metals	Я	И	7	И
Fumiture	И	И	אר	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	И	И	И	И

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

Thursday October, 27st 2005

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

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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 (-0,6%). 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%.

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89,5			88,9	88,9	89,1	89,0	89,1	88,9	88,7	88,6	88,4	89,0
87,9	87,7	87,7	87,2	87,4	87,5	87,3	87,2					
ction												
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
90,4	90,2	89,8	90,2	90,7	90,7	90,1	92,5					
dustry,	exclud	ing cons	truction	n								
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
88,7	88,3	88,0	87,6	87,4	87,2	86,9	86,7					
ction												
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
91,3	91,2	91,0	90,9	90,9	90,8	90,7	90,8					
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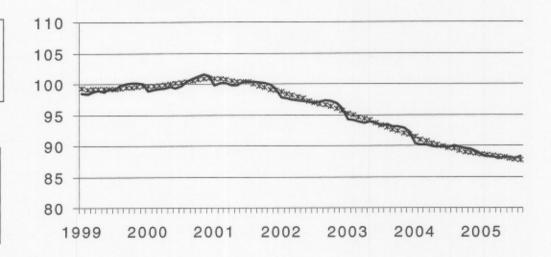
Seasonally adjusted indices

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%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	И	И	И	71
Total industry, excluding construction	И	Я	И	И
Intermediate goods	R	И	И	И
Capital goods	R	И	И	ZZ
Durable consumer goods	Я	И	תע	K
Non-durable consumer goods	→	>	ЯЯ	И
Mining and quarrying	И	Я	Я	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	И	И	71	אא
Textiles and textiles products	77	אא	ЯЯ	ZZ
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	→	7	Я	7
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	И	И	71	И
Metal products, machinery and equipment	И	Я	7	Я
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	И	Я	Я	
Non-metallic mineral products	77	71	777	7
Manufacture of basic metals	И	Я	71	Я
Furniture	И	Я	Я	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	→	7	И	>

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

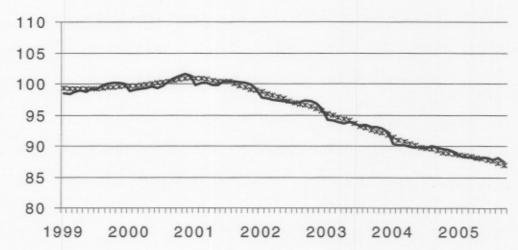
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	struction	n								
2004	89,5	89,2	89,2	88,9	88,9	89,1	89,0	89,1	88,9	88,7	88,6	88,4	89,0
2005	87,9	87,7	87,7	87,2	87,4	87,5	87,1	87,3	86,8				
Constru	ction												
2004	93,9	93,4	93,3	93,3	93,0	92,9	91,8	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 inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	struction	n								
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				
Constru	ction												
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



Trend:

Gross indices:

Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

77 > 1.5%
7 0.2% to 1.5%

7 0.2% to 1.5% → -0.2% to 0.2% 3 -0.2% to 0.2% 3 -1.5% to -0.2% 3 -1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	Я	Я	И	И
Total industry, excluding construction	7	Я	И	И
Intermediate goods	7	Я	И	>
Capital goods	7	Я	>	777
Durable consumer goods	R	И	ZZ	И
Non-durable consumer goods	7	И	И	7
Mining and quarrying	И	Я	И	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	7	И	7	717
Textiles and textiles products	77	אה	777	717
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	7	Я	ZZ	>
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	→	7	>	717
Metal products, machinery and equipment	И	אה	7	И
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	77	N	71	
Non-metallic mineral products	И	N	עע	И
Manufacture of basic metals	Я	И	7	И
Furniture	И	И	И	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	7	И	И	И









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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Gross indices (2000=100) Number of

Number of employees subject to social security

Seasonally	
adjusted indices	

After elimination of seasonal variation

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	structio	n								
2005	87,9	87,7	87,7	87,2	87,4	87,5	87,1	87,2	87,0	86,8	86,8	86,4	87,2
2006	86,4												
Constri	uction												
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 in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	structio	n								
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												
Constru	uction												
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												

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

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Trend:

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95	******
93 -	
91 -	**************************************
89 -	*********
87	*·*·*·*·*
85 -	
2003	Log

Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

> 1.5%
つ 0.2% to 1.5%
つ 0.2% to 0.2%
・ 0.2% to 0.2%
以-1.5% to -0.2%
以-1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	٧L	WA	BR
Total industry	Я	И	И	И
Total industry, excluding construction	Z	И	И	И
Intermediate goods	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	И
Capital goods	И	И	И	ИZ
Durable consumer goods	Z	אר	ZZ	И
Non-durable consumer goods	Z	И	И	ZZ
Mining and quarrying	\rightarrow	И	7	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	7	И	И
Textiles and textiles products	77	И	ZZ	7
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	И	\rightarrow	И	ИZ
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	\rightarrow	7	7	\rightarrow
Metal products, machinery and equipment	И	И	7	И
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	77	\rightarrow	И	\rightarrow
Non-metallic mineral products	И	\rightarrow	И	
Manufacture of basic metals	И	И	И	И
Furniture	И	И	7	\rightarrow
Electricity	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	
Construction	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow



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%.

Next press release: 29/6/2006

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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 ind	lustry,	exclud	ing cons	truction	n								
2005	87,9	87,7	87,7	87,2	87,4	87,5	87,1	87,2	87,0	86,8	86,8	86,4	87,2
2006	86,3	86,4	86,5										
Constru	ction												
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	91,2										
Total inc	lustry,	exclud	ing cons	truction	n							-	
2005	88,0	87,8	87,7	87,5	87,4	87,3	87,1	86,9	86,8	86,7	86,6	86,5	87,2
2006	86,5	86,5	86,4	-			-						
Constru	ction												
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
2006	91,2	91,3	91,5										

Seasonally adjusted indices

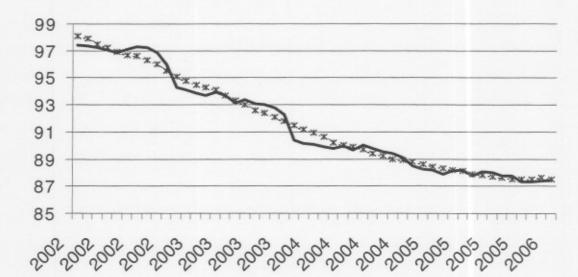
After elimination of seasonal variation

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% NU <-1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	→	7	7	->
Total industry, excluding construction	И	7	>	7
Intermediate goods	→	7	И	>
Capital goods	Я	>	И	717
Durable consumer goods	И	И	777	7/7
Non-durable consumer goods	И	>	И	717
Mining and quarrying	Я	ЯЯ	7	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	→	7	И	ZZ
Textiles and textiles products	Я	И	RR	71
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	→	7	RR	717
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	И	И	>	>
Metal products, machinery and equipment	И	>	>	71
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	И	И	Я	
Non-metallic mineral products	→	7	>	ЯЯ
Manufacture of basic metals	→	>	И	717
Furniture	Я	И	מע	
Electricity	77	71	71	77
Construction	7	7	И	7



FPS ECONOMY, SMEs, SELF-EMPLOYED AND ENERGY 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%.

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Gross indices (2000=100) Number of

employees subject to social security

Seasonally
adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
dustry,	e xcludi	ng cons	tructio	n								
87,9	87,7	87,7	87,2	87,4	87,5	87,1	87,2	87,0	86,8	86,8	86,4	87,2
86,3	86,3	86,3	86,2									
ıction			Ī									
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
90,9	90,9	91,3	91,5									
dustry,	excludi	ing cons	tructio	n								
88,0	87,9	87,8	87,5	87,4	87,2	87,0	86,9	86,8	86,7	86,6	86,5	87,2
86,5	86,5	86,4	86,5									
ıction												
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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Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices:

Trend:

99 97 95 93 91 89 87 85

Last three
months
compared to the
previous three
months
Gross indices

7 0.2% to 1.5% -0.2% to 0.2% 1.5% to -0.2%**ــلا** < -1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	\rightarrow	7	7	\rightarrow
Total industry, excluding construction	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow	R
Intermediate goods	\rightarrow	7	И	И
Capital goods	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow	אר
Durable consumer goods	И	И	ZZ	R
Non-durable consumer goods	Я	И	Я	אר
Mining and quarrying	И	אר	7	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	7	И	אר
Textiles and textiles products	И	И	ZZ	7
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	И	\rightarrow	ZZ	מע
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	И	И	И	\rightarrow
Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	R
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	И	И	ZZ	
Non-metallic mineral products	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow	ZZ
Manufacture of basic metals	И	\rightarrow	ZZ	ZZ
Furniture	И	И	ZZ	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	7	7	\rightarrow	7

FPS ECONOMY, SMEs, SELF-EMPLOYED AND ENERGY 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 (2000=100) Number of employees subject to social security

Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
ustry,	exclud	ing cons	truction	n								
87,9	87,7	87,7	87,2	87,4	87,5	87,1	87,2	87,0	86,8	86,8	86,4	87,2
86,3	86,3	86,4	86,3	86,3								
ction									-			
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
90,9	90,9	91,3	91,6	91,7								
ustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	1								
88,0	87,9	87,7	87,5	87,4	87,3	87,1	87,0	86,8	86,7	86,6	86,5	87,2
86,4	86,4	86,3	86,3	86,3								
ction												
91,1	91,0	90,6	90,6	90,8	90,7	90,7	90,6	90,7	90,8	90,9	90,9	90,8
91,2	91,3	91,5	91,6	91,6								
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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

77 > 1.5% 7 0.2% to 1.5% → -0.2% to 0.2% 3-1.5% to -0.2% 3-1.5% to -0.2%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	→	7	7	И
Total industry, excluding construction	>	7	>	Я
Intermediate goods	→	7	Я	Я
Capital goods	→	7	N	ZZ
Durable consumer goods	И	Я	777	И
Non-durable consumer goods	→	И	И	RK
Mining and quarrying	Я	777	7	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	7	7	И	ZZ
Textiles and textiles products	77	И	77	ZZ
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	И	→	77	Я
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	→	73	7	N
Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	>	И	N
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	→	И	777	
Non-metallic mineral products	→	7	И	777
Manufacture of basic metals	И	→	И	Z
Furniture	И	И	777	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	7	7	71	7



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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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 in	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	tructio	n								
2005	87,9	87,7	87,7	87,2	87,4	87,5	87,1	87,2	87,0	86,8	86,8	86,4	87,2
2006	86,3	86,3	86,4	86,3	86,3	86,4							
Constru	ıction												
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	91,7	91,2							
Total in	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	tructio	n								
2005	88,0	87,9	87,7	87,5	87,4	87,3	87,1	87,0	86,9	86,7	86,6	86,5	87,2
2006	86,4	86,4	86,3	86,3	86,2	86,1							
Constru	ıction												
2005	91,1	91,0	90,6	90,6	90,7	90,7	90,7	90,6	90,7	90,8	90,9	90,9	90,8
2006	91,2	91,2	91,4	91,4	91,4	91,4							

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend :

99
97
98
98
99
98
99
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98
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Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

> 1.5%

> 0.2% to 1.5%

→ 0.2% to 0.2%

→ -0.2% to 0.2%

□ 1.5% to -0.2%

□ 4.1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow	И
Total industry, excluding construction	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	אר
Intermediate goods	\rightarrow	7	И	И
Capital goods	7	7	7	צע
Durable consumer goods	R	И	אר	צע
Non-durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	И	7	Я
Mining and quarrying	\rightarrow	И	\rightarrow	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	7	7	צע
Textiles and textiles products	77	И	אר	אר
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	R	И	אר	И
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	\rightarrow	И	7	И
Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	И	И
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	אר	
Non-metallic mineral products	И	\rightarrow	אר	אר
Manufacture of basic metals	7	7	И	И
Furniture	R	И	אר	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	7	7	\rightarrow	7



DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM PRESS RELEASE

Thursday October, 5 2006

Belgium - July 2006*: Employees Industry: -0,1%; 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, 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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Gross indices
(2000=100)
Number of
employees subject
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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	structio	n								
2005	87,9	87,7	87,7	87,2	87,4	87,5	87,1	87,2	87,0	86,8	86,8	86,4	87,2
2006	86,3	86,3	86,4	86,3	86,3	86,4	86,5						
Constru	uction												
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	91,7	91,2						
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	structio	n								
2005	88,0	87,9	87,8	87,5	87,5	87,3	87,1	86,9	86,8	86,7	86,6	86,4	87,2
2006	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,3	86,3	86,4						
Constru	uction												
2005	91,1	91,0	90,6	90,6	90,7	90,7	90,7	90,6	90,7	90,8	90,9	90,9	90,8
2006	91,2	91,3	91,5	91,6	91,6	91,7	91,8						

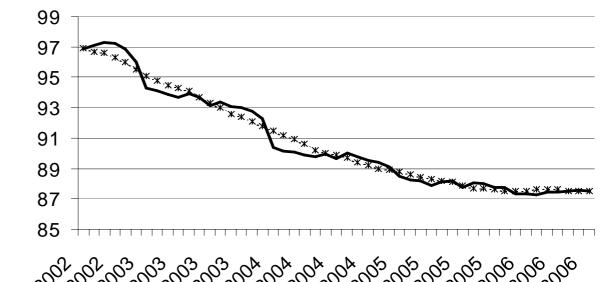
Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :



Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

> 1.5%

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□ 4.1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	ZZ
Total industry, excluding construction	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	Z	ZZ
Intermediate goods	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	И
Capital goods	7	7	77	ZZ
Durable consumer goods	И	И	ZZ	И
Non-durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
Mining and quarrying	7	7	\rightarrow	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	7	7	ZZ
Textiles and textiles products	И	И	И	ZZ
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	И	И	ZZ	7
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	\rightarrow	И	7	И
Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	7	И	И
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	И	אר	Z	
Non-metallic mineral products	И	\rightarrow	ZZ	ZZ
Manufacture of basic metals	\rightarrow	7	И	\rightarrow
Furniture	И	И	ZZ	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	7	7	\rightarrow	И



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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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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	tructio	n								
2005	87,9	87,7	87,7	87,2	87,4	87,5	87,1	87,2	87,0	86,8	86,8	86,4	87,2
2006	86,3	86,3	86,4	86,3	86,3	86,5	86,7	87,0					
Constri	uction												
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 in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	tructio	n								
2005	88,0	87,9	87,8	87,5	87,5	87,3	87,0	86,9	86,8	86,7	86,6	86,4	87,2
2006	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,5	86,6					
Constru	uction												
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					

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

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Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

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< -1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow	ZZ
Total industry, excluding construction	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	ZZ
Intermediate goods	71	7	\rightarrow	И
Capital goods	7	7	77	אר
Durable consumer goods	И	И	אר	И
Non-durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7
Mining and quarrying	7	7	\rightarrow	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	7	77	ZZ
Textiles and textiles products	Я	И	И	ZZ
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	Я	\rightarrow	И	7
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	И
Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	\rightarrow	7
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	И	אר	И	
Non-metallic mineral products	И	\rightarrow	אר	ZZ
Manufacture of basic metals	И	7	И	И
Furniture	И	И	אר	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	7	7	7	И



Thursday December, 7th 2006

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

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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 in	Total industry, excluding construction												
2005	87,9	87,7	87,7	87,2	87,4	87,5	87,1	87,2	87,0	86,8	86,8	86,4	87,2
2006	86,3	86,3	86,4	86,3	86,3	86,5	86,6	86,9	87,0				
Constru	uction												
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	91,9	94,2	94,4				
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	structio	n								
2005	88,0	87,9	87,8	87,5	87,5	87,3	87,0	86,9	86,8	86,7	86,6	86,4	87,2
2006	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,5	86,6	86,7				
Constru	uction												
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	92,3	92,6	93,0	93,2				

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 compared to the previous three months

Gross indices

77 > 1.5% 7 0.2% to 1.5%→ -0.2% to 0.2% **1.5% to -0.2%** ИK < -1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	٧L	WA	BR
Total industry	7	7	\rightarrow	K
Total industry, excluding construction	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	ZZ
Intermediate goods	7	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
Capital goods	7	7	77	ZZ
Durable consumer goods	И	И	RR	ZZ
Non-durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	77
Mining and quarrying	7	7	И	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	7	77	ZZ
Textiles and textiles products	И	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	ZZ
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	\rightarrow	7	RR	7
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	\rightarrow	7	Z
Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	\rightarrow	7
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	И	ZZ	\rightarrow	
Non-metallic mineral products	И	7	RR	Z
Manufacture of basic metals	И	\rightarrow	И	Z
Furniture	И	И	И	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	7	7	7	Z



Thursday January, 11 2007

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

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

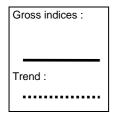
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Total in	Total industry, excluding construction												
2005	87,9	87,7	87,7	87,2	87,4	87,5	87,1	87,2	87,0	86,8	86,8	86,4	87,2
2006	86,3	86,3	86,4	86,3	86,3	86,5	86,6	86,9	86,9	87,1			
Constru	uction												
2005	90,4	90,2	89,8	90,2	90,7	90,7	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	91,9	94,2	94,4	94,1			
Total in	dustry,	e xcludi	ng cons	structio	n								
2005	88,0	87,9	87,8	87,5	87,5	87,3	87,1	86,9	86,8	86,7	86,6	86,4	87,2
2006	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,5	86,6	86,8	87,0			
Constru	ıction												
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
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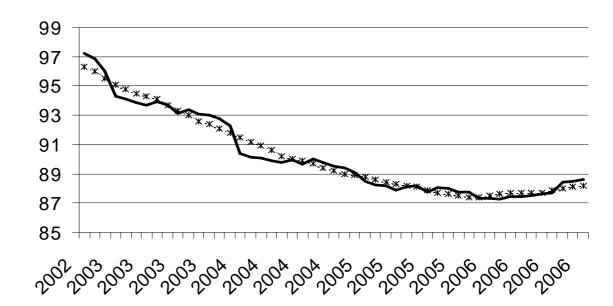
Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

> 1.5%

> 0.2% to 1.5%

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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	7	7	7	K
Total industry, excluding construction	7	\rightarrow	7	И
Intermediate goods	7	7	\rightarrow	7
Capital goods	7	7	77	Z
Durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	И	ZZ	ИZ
Non-durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	77
Mining and quarrying	7	77	И	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	7	\rightarrow	77	ИZ
Textiles and textiles products	И	И	И	K
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	\rightarrow	7	И	K
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	7	7	И
Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	\rightarrow	7
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	ZZ	ZZ	\rightarrow	
Non-metallic mineral products	\rightarrow	7	RR	И
Manufacture of basic metals	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	ZZ
Furniture	\rightarrow	И	77	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	7	7	7	Z



Thursday February, 1 2007

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Total in	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	structio	n								
2005	87,9	87,7	87,7	87,2	87,4	87,5	87,1	87,2	87,0	86,8	86,8	86,4	87,2
2006	86,3	86,3	86,4	86,3	86,3	86,5	86,6	86,9	86,8	87,1	87,1		
Constru	uction												
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	91,9	94,2	94,5	95,1	95,1		
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	structio	n								
2005	88,0	87,9	87,8	87,5	87,5	87,3	87,0	86,9	86,8	86,6	86,6	86,5	87,2
2006	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,5	86,6	86,6	86,8	86,9		
Constru	uction												
2005	91,1	91,0	90,6	90,6	90,8	90,7	90,7	90,4	90,6	90,6	90,8	90,9	90,7
2006	91,3	91,4	91,8	92,0	92,1	92,4	92,7	93,2	93,4	93,9	94,1		

Seasonally adjusted indices

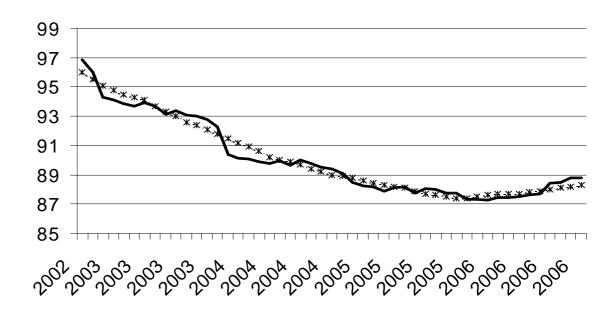
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Trend cycle

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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	٧L	WA	BR
Total industry	7	\rightarrow	7	И
Total industry, excluding construction	71	\rightarrow	7	И
Intermediate goods	71	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7
Capital goods	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	77	7
Durable consumer goods	7	Z	ZZ	ZZ
Non-durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	Z	7	77
Mining and quarrying	77	77	77	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	77	ZZ
Textiles and textiles products	Z	Z	ZZ	77
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	Z	\rightarrow	И	И
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	7	7	И
Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	7	7
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	ממ	אר	\rightarrow	
Non-metallic mineral products	٧	7	ZZ	И
Manufacture of basic metals	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	77
Furniture	\rightarrow	И	77	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	7	7	77	И



Thursday March, 1 2007

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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total industry, excluding construction						- Cuit		710.9	000		1101		
2005	87,9	87,7	87,7	87,2	87,4	87,5	87,1	87,2	87,0	86,8	86,8	86,4	87,2
2006	86,3	86,3	86,4	86,3	86,3	86,5	86,6	86,9	86,8	87,2	87,2	86,9	86,6
Constru	ıction												
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	91,9	94,2	94,5	95,2	96,0	95,9	93,0
Total in	dustry,	e xcludi	ng cons	tructio	n								
2005	88,0	87,9	87,8	87,5	87,5	87,3	87,0	86,9	86,8	86,6	86,6	86,5	87,2
2006	86,5	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,4	86,5	86,6	86,6	86,8	86,9	87,0	86,6
Constru	ıction												
2005	91,1	91,0	90,6	90,6	90,8	90,7	90,7	90,4	90,6	90,6	90,7	90,7	90,7
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

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

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Total industry, excluding construction	7	\rightarrow	7	И
Intermediate goods	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7
Capital goods	И	И	77	\rightarrow
Durable consumer goods	7	И	ZZ	ИZ
Non-durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	77
Mining and quarrying	77	7	77	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	77	ZZ
Textiles and textiles products	И	И	ZZ	77
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	И	И	7	И
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	7	7	И
Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	7	7
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	ZZ	ZZ	7	
Non-metallic mineral products	И	7	И	И
Manufacture of basic metals	7	7	7	77
Furniture	\rightarrow	И	77	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	7	7	77	7



Thursday April, 5 2007

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

Seasonally adjusted indices After elimination of

seasonal variation

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total in	dustry,	xcludi	ing cons	tructio	n								
2006	86,3	86,3	BACKSON STATES OF THE PARTY OF	86,3	86,3	86,5	86,6	86,9	86,8	87,2	87,1	86,8	86,6
2007	86,7												
Constru	ction												
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												
Total in	lustry,	exclud	ing cons	tructio	n								
2006	86,5	86,5		86,5	86,4	86,4	86,5	86,5	86,6	86,7	86,7	86,8	86,5
2007	86,8												
Constru	ction									1			
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												

Trend cycle

Total industry;
adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	7	71	71	И
Total industry, excluding construction	→	>	>	7
Intermediate goods	71	Я	>	>
Capital goods	7	ЯЯ	77	N
Durable consumer goods	7	И	777	77
Non-durable consumer goods	→	Я	7	777
Mining and quarrying	77	ЯЯ	77	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	И	7	7	ZZ
Textiles and textiles products	N N	И	777	>
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	И	И	И	717
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	→ ·	>	7	- 71
Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	7	7
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	77	ZZ	7	
Non-metallic mineral products	\rightarrow	7	И	ZZ
Manufacture of basic metals	71	7	. 71	77
Furniture	7	И	777	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	7	7	77	· >



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%.

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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 in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	structio	n								
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	86,5	87,3											
Constru	uction												
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 in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	structio	n								
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											
Constru	uction												
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

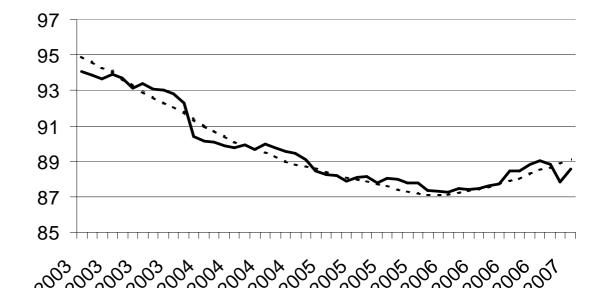
After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

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%

→ -0.2% to 0.2%

□ 1.5% to -0.2%

□ 4.1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	И
Total industry, excluding construction	7	\rightarrow	Я	ZZ
Intermediate goods	7	И	И	עע
Capital goods	И	אר	7	צע
Durable consumer goods	אר	И	אר	אר
Non-durable consumer goods	7	\rightarrow	7	ZZ
Mining and quarrying	7	אר	77	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	7	7	\rightarrow	אר
Textiles and textiles products	אר	И	אר	אר
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	אר	ZZ
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	И	И	7	77
Metal products, machinery and equipment	И	\rightarrow	7	7
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	אר	אר	77	
Non-metallic mineral products	И	7	И	RR
Manufacture of basic metals	7	\rightarrow	7	RR
Furniture	И	И	אר	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	7	7	И	7



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%.

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

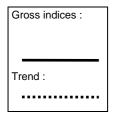
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Total in	Total industry, excluding construction												
2006	86,3	86,3	86,4	86,3	86,3	86,5	86,6	86,9	86,8	87,2	87,1	86,9	86,6
2007	86,0	86,0	86,2										
Constr	uction												
2006	90,9	90,9	91,3	91,7	91,8	91,9	91,9	94,2	94,5	95,2	96,1	95,9	93,0
2007	92,8	92,9	93,4										
Total in	dustry,	e xcludi	ng cons	structio	n								
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										
Constr	uction												
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										

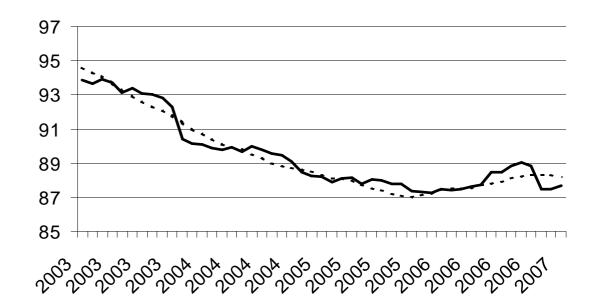
Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

> 1.5%

> 0.2% to 1.5%

→ 0.2% to 0.2%

→ -0.2% to 0.2%

□ 1.5% to -0.2%

□ 4.1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	٧L	WA	BR
Total industry	\rightarrow	И	\rightarrow	И
Total industry, excluding construction	Z	И	И	אר
Intermediate goods	\rightarrow	И	И	\rightarrow
Capital goods	Z	אר	7	ZZ
Durable consumer goods	ממ	И	אר	ZZ
Non-durable consumer goods	Z	\rightarrow	И	אר
Mining and quarrying	קק	ZZ	אר	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	7	Z	ZZ
Textiles and textiles products	ממ	אר	אר	ZZ
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	Z	И	אר	ZZ
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	٧	И	\rightarrow	И
Metal products, machinery and equipment	٧	И	7	\rightarrow
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	7	7	אר	
Non-metallic mineral products	٧	7	И	אר
Manufacture of basic metals	7	\rightarrow	7	אר
Furniture	Z	И	אר	
Electricity	77	7	7	77
Construction	7	7	7	7



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 contstant $(+0,0\%)^{**}$.

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%.

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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 in	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	86,4	86,5									
Constru	ıction												
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 in	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	structio	n								
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									
Constru	ıction												
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

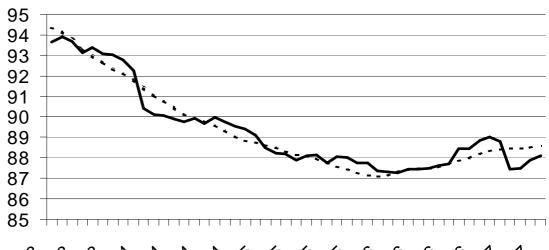
After elimination of seasonal variation

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

> 1.5%

> 0.2% to 1.5%

→ 0.2% to 0.2%

→ -0.2% to 0.2%

□ 1.5% to -0.2%

□ 4.1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	И
Total industry, excluding construction	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	אא
Intermediate goods	\rightarrow	Я	Я	Я
Capital goods	7	אר	7	אר
Durable consumer goods	И	Z	ZZ	ZZ
Non-durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	Я	7	אא
Mining and quarrying	ZZ	\rightarrow	ZZ	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	ZZ	ZZ
Textiles and textiles products	ZZ	אר	ZZ	ZZ
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	\rightarrow	7	ZZ	ZZ
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	И	Z	\rightarrow	ZZ
Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	7	И
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	77	77	ZZ	
Non-metallic mineral products	И	И	И	ZZ
Manufacture of basic metals	7	\rightarrow	7	ZZ
Furniture	И	И	אר	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	7	7	7	7



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

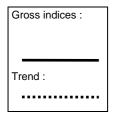
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Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	tructio	n								
2006	86,3	86,3	86,4	86,3	86,3	86,5	86,6	86,9	86,8	87,2	87,1	86,9	86,6
2007	86,0	86,0	86,5	86,3	86,1								
Constru	ıction												
2006	90,9	90,9	91,3	91,7	91,8	91,9	91,9	94,2	94,5	95,2	96,1	95,9	93,0
2007	92,8	92,9	93,7	94,2	94,5								
Total in	dustry,	e xcludi	ng cons	structio	n								
2006	86,6	86,6	86,5	86,5	86,5	86,5	86,6	86,6	86,6	86,7	86,7	86,7	86,6
2007	86,5	86,5	86,5	86,5	86,4								
Constru	ıction												
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	95,6								

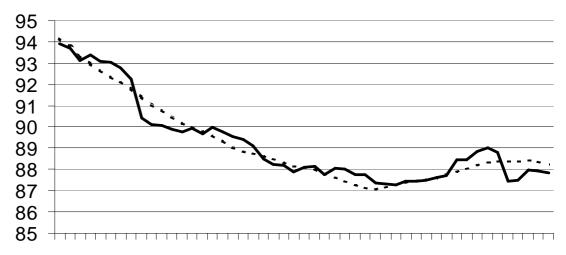
Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





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Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

> 1.5%

> 0.2% to 1.5%

→ 0.2% to 0.2%

→ -0.2% to 0.2%

□ 1.5% to -0.2%

□ 4.1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	רר
Total industry, excluding construction	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	ZZ
Intermediate goods	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7
Capital goods	И	И	7	צע
Durable consumer goods	Я	\rightarrow	И	אר
Non-durable consumer goods	Я	И	7	ZZ
Mining and quarrying	Я	\rightarrow	Я	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	И	אר	אר
Textiles and textiles products	Я	И	И	אר
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	И	ZZ
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	И	И	7	77
Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	7	7	צע
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	77	77	אר	
Non-metallic mineral products	И	\rightarrow	И	צע
Manufacture of basic metals	7	7	7	צע
Furniture	И	И	אר	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	7	7	7	7



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%.

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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 in	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	85,2							
Constru	uction												
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	94,7	94,2							
Total in	dustry,	e xcludi	ng cons	structio	n								
2006	86,6	86,6	86,5	86,5	86,5	86,6	86,7	86,7	86,7	86,8	86,7	86,7	86,6
2007	86,4	86,3	86,3	86,1	85,9	85,5							
Constru	uction												
2006	91,3	91,5	91,9	92,1	92,3	92,7	93,0	93,5	93,7	94,2	94,6	94,9	93,0
2007	92,3	93,3	94,2	94,8	95,4	95,7							

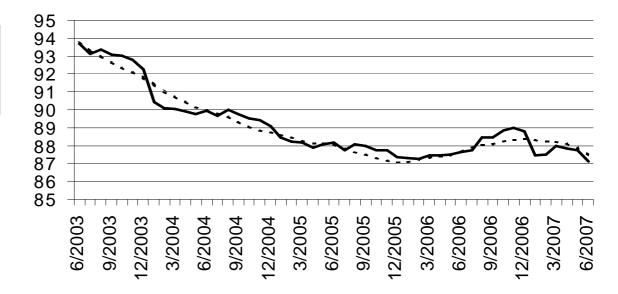
Seasonally adjusted indices

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

Gross indices

77 > 1.5% **7** 0.2% to 1.5% -0.2% to 0.2% **⊻-**1.5% to -0.2% ИZ < -1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	٧L	WA	BR
Total industry	И	И	7	אר
Total industry, excluding construction	Я	И	7	צע
Intermediate goods	Я	И	\rightarrow	И
Capital goods	Я	И	77	צע
Durable consumer goods	И	\rightarrow	Z	ZZ
Non-durable consumer goods	Я	И	\rightarrow	אר
Mining and quarrying	71	7	И	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	И	И	Z	ZZ
Textiles and textiles products	И	מע	Z	ZZ
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	И	И	Z	ZZ
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	И	И	7	И
Metal products, machinery and equipment	И	7	7	צע
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	אר	מע	אר	
Non-metallic mineral products	И	\rightarrow	И	77
Manufacture of basic metals	7	7	\rightarrow	И
Furniture	Я	И	אר	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	7	7	7	И



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%.

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

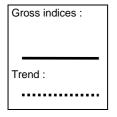
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Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	structio	n								
2006	86,3	86,3	86,4	86,3	86,3	86,5	86,6	86,9	86,8	87,2	87,1	86,9	86,6
2007	86,0	86,0	86,5	86,1	85,9	85,9	85,9						
Constru	uction												
2006	90,9	90,9	91,3	91,7	91,8	91,9	91,9	94,2	94,5	95,2	96,1	95,9	93,0
2007	92,8	92,9	93,7	94,3	94,8	95,2	94,7						
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	structio	n								
2006	86,6	86,6	86,5	86,6	86,5	86,5	86,6	86,6	86,6	86,7	86,6	86,7	86,6
2007	86,5	86,4	86,4	86,3	86,2	86,1	86,0						
Constru	uction												
2006	91,2	91,5	91,9	92,2	92,3	92,6	93,1	93,5	93,7	94,2	94,6	95,0	93,0
2007	92,4	93,4	94,3	95,0	95,6	96,1	96,4						

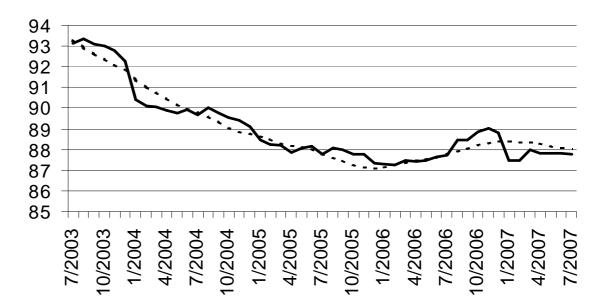
Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

> 1.5%

> 0.2% to 1.5%

-0.2% to 0.2%

-0.2% to 0.2%

3-1.5% to -0.2%

以-1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	Я	\rightarrow	7	אר
Total industry, excluding construction	И	И	7	ZZ
Intermediate goods	И	И	\rightarrow	И
Capital goods	И	И	7	ZZ
Durable consumer goods	И	И	\rightarrow	צע
Non-durable consumer goods	Ŋ	И	\rightarrow	K
Mining and quarrying	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	И	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	И	И	צע
Textiles and textiles products	Ŋ	ZZ	И	צע
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	Ŋ	И	И	R
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	Ŋ	И	7	77
Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	7	7	צע
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	ZZ	ZZ	ZZ	
Non-metallic mineral products	И	\rightarrow	И	7
Manufacture of basic metals	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow	77
Furniture	Ŋ	И	И	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	7	7	7	\rightarrow



Thursday October, 25 2007

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

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

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 (-0,3%). 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%.

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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 in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	tructio	n								
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	86,0	86,1					
Constru	ıction												
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	96,3					
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	structio	n								
2006	86,6	86,6	86,5	86,6	86,5	86,5	86,6	86,6	86,6	86,7	86,6	86,7	86,6
2007	86,5	86,4	86,4	86,3	86,2	86,1	86,0	85,9					
Constru	ıction												
2006	91,3	91,5	91,9	92,2	92,3	92,5	93,0	93,7	93,8	94,2	94,6	95,0	93,0
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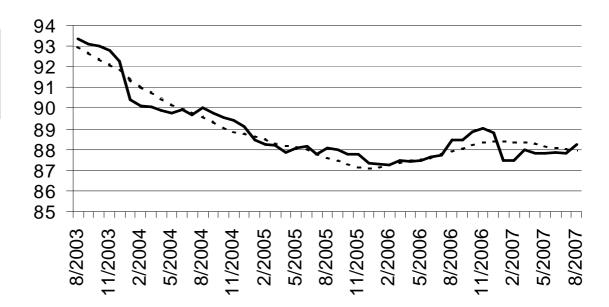
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Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend :



Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	אר
Total industry, excluding construction	И	И	\rightarrow	אר
Intermediate goods	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	И	И
Capital goods	И	\rightarrow	7	אר
Durable consumer goods	И	И	И	מע
Non-durable consumer goods	И	\rightarrow	И	И
Mining and quarrying	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	И	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	RR
Textiles and textiles products	И	И	И	И
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	ZZ	И	ZZ	И
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	И	И	7	И
Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	7	7	ZZ
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	ZZ	ZZ	И	
Non-metallic mineral products	И	\rightarrow	И	77
Manufacture of basic metals	7	7	\rightarrow	77
Furniture	И	И	И	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	7	7	7	И



Thursday December, 6 2007

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

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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 0,6%.

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

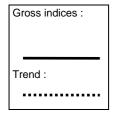
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2006	86,6	86,6	86,5	86,6	86,5	86,5	86,6	86,6	86,6	86,7	86,6	86,6	86,6
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Constru	ıction												
2006	91,2	91,5	91,9	92,2	92,3	92,5	93,0	93,6	93,8	94,2	94,6	95,0	93,0
2007	92,4	93,4	94,2	94,9	95,4	95,9	96,2	96,4	96,7				

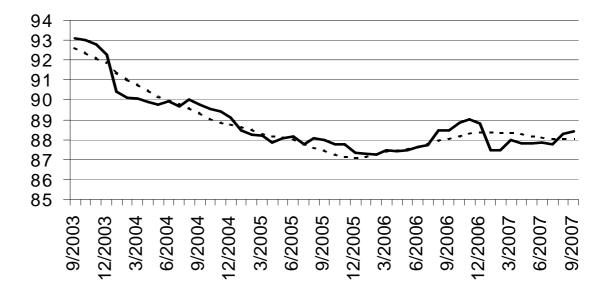
Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

77 > 1.5% **7** 0.2% to 1.5% -0.2% to 0.2% **⊻-**1.5% to -0.2% ИZ < -1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	אר
Total industry, excluding construction	Z	Z	\rightarrow	אר
Intermediate goods	Ŋ	И	И	И
Capital goods	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	77	צע
Durable consumer goods	Z	Z	אר	מע
Non-durable consumer goods	Z	\rightarrow	Z	7
Mining and quarrying	7	77	И	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	7	7	7	מע
Textiles and textiles products	Z	И	אר	И
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	אר	Ŋ	אר	И
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	И
Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	אר
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	אר	אר	אר	
Non-metallic mineral products	Z	И	אר	77
Manufacture of basic metals	7	7	7	77
Furniture	Ŋ	И	И	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	7	7	7	И



Friday January, 11 2008

Belgium - October 2007*: Employees Industry: -0,4%; 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 a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0,4%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 0,4% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0,1%**.

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%.

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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 in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	structio	n								
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	86,2	86,2			
Constru	uction												
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	97,0	97,2			
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	structio	n								
2006	86,6	86,6	86,5	86,6	86,5	86,5	86,6	86,6	86,6	86,7	86,7	86,7	86,6
2007	86,5	86,4	86,5	86,3	86,3	86,1	86,0	85,9	85,9	85,7			
Constru	uction												
2006	91,2	91,5	91,9	92,2	92,3	92,6	93,0	93,6	93,8	94,3	94,7	95,0	93,0

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Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

Trend cycle

2007

92,4

93,4

94,2

94,9

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Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

> 1.5%

> 0.2% to 1.5%

→ -0.2% to 0.2%

3-1.5% to -0.2%

<-1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	\rightarrow	Я	7	K
Total industry, excluding construction	Я	Я	\rightarrow	ZZ
Intermediate goods	Я	\rightarrow	Я	K
Capital goods	7	И	77	ZZ
Durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	И	אר	ZZ
Non-durable consumer goods	Я	Я	И	7
Mining and quarrying	7	77	Я	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	ZZ
Textiles and textiles products	Я	И	אר	Z
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	אר	ZZ	ZZ	Z
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	71	\rightarrow	7	ZZ
Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	ZZ
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	אר	אר	И	
Non-metallic mineral products	И	7	ZZ	77
Manufacture of basic metals	7	7	7	77
Furniture	И	И	7	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	7	7	7	\rightarrow



Tuesday February, 12 2008

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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 0,4%.

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

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Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	tructio	n								
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		
Constri	uction												
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		
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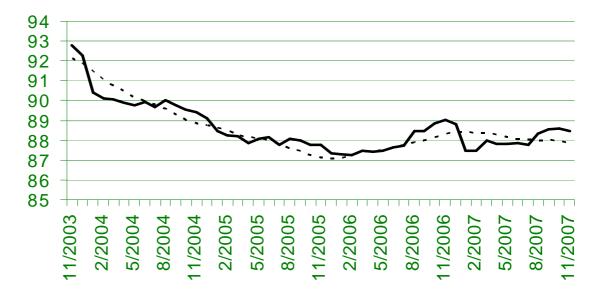
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Last three months compared to the previous three months Gross indices

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ИZ

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

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Total industry, excluding construction	Я	Я	\rightarrow	И
Intermediate goods	Я	\rightarrow	Я	\rightarrow
Capital goods	7	И	77	ZZ
Durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	И	ZZ	ZZ
Non-durable consumer goods	Я	Я	И	77
Mining and quarrying	\rightarrow	7	И	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	ZZ
Textiles and textiles products	Z	И	ZZ	ZZ
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	Ŋ	И	И	R
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	\rightarrow	7	ZZ
Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	7
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	ZZ	ZZ	И	
Non-metallic mineral products	И	7	ZZ	77
Manufacture of basic metals	\rightarrow	7	И	7
Furniture	И	И	77	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	7	7	7	7



Wednesday February, 27 2008

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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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Constri	uction												
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Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	structio	n								
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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
Constri	uction												

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Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

2006

2007

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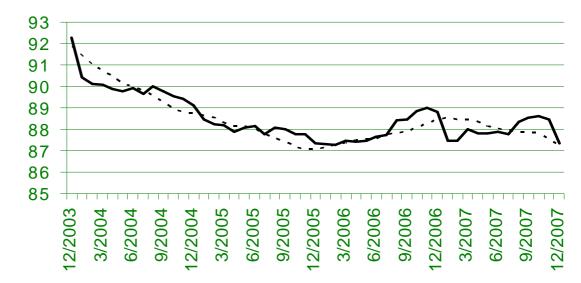
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Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





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%

以-1.5%

<-1.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	И	И	\rightarrow	И
Total industry, excluding construction	И	И	\rightarrow	ИZ
Intermediate goods	И	\rightarrow	И	\rightarrow
Capital goods	\rightarrow	И	77	ZZ
Durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	И	אר	ZZ
Non-durable consumer goods	И	Z	Z	ZZ
Mining and quarrying	7	И	7	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	И	\rightarrow	7	ZZ
Textiles and textiles products	И	ZZ	И	ZZ
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	И	И	И	ZZ
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	\rightarrow	И	7	ZZ
Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	7
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	ZZ	ZZ	И	
Non-metallic mineral products	\rightarrow	7	И	77
Manufacture of basic metals	\rightarrow	7	И	7
Furniture	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	77	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	7	\rightarrow	7	7