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Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - September 2000 : hours worked industry + 0.2%

Gradually higher

In September 2000, compared to September of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 3,1%; in construction it fell by 3,5%. 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 a status quo in Flanders (0,0%); in Wallonia the number expanded by 0,1%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0,4% for chemicals, +0,8% for metal products, machinery and equipment and +1,4% for construction.

The number of hours worked 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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Hours worked Gross indices (1995=100) Hours worked by employees (blue collar and white collar)

Indeces per working day (1995=100) Taking into account the differances in lenght and composition of months

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Totale in	ndustry	, exclu	ding cor	structi	on			-					
1999	104,7	101,3	116,0	104,9	94,5	111,1	75,2	91,2	110,3	108,3	100,5	94.3	101.0
2000	103,4	109,0	116,1	98,4	111,8	101,2	73,2	91,2	106,9		1		
Constru	ction												
1999	105,7	95,7	129,3	117,2	111,8	141,8	61,2	123,3	141,1	136,2	120,2	100.8	115.4
2000	96,4	123,8	140,1	114,7	142,3	127,4	55,8	128,6	136,1				
Totale in	ndustry	exclud	ding con	struction	on								
1999	100,8	100,3	118,7	106,0	92,9	113,9	72,6	91,4	111,4	105,4	102.1	98.9	101.2
2000	101,9	113,8	118,2	94,8	114,6	102,2	68,2	92,3	105,4	-		-	THE LIBOUR
Constru	ction												
1999	98,9	92,8	131,9	115,8	105,0	143,5	57,6	122,8	142,8	132,6	115,7	103,4	113,6
2000	92,8	123,7	142,7	103,9	141,8	126,0	49,0	128,1	134,7		-		

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

Gross indices (1995=100):

Trend:

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> 2.5% 0.5% to 2.5% - 0.5% to 0.5% - 2.5% to -0.5% < -2.5%

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





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Belgium - October 2000: hours worked industry + 4,8%

Activity increase in all regions and practically all sectors

In October 2000 , compared to October of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium increased by 4.8%; in construction it rose by 1.7%. The trend of the last three months, 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 0.4% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0.6%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0.9% for chemicals, +0.4% for metal products, machinery and equipment; in the construction, the number of hours worked rose with 1.3%.

The number of hours worked in industry and construction keeps on rising gradually. Very exceptionnally, no sector or region at all is showing a downward trend. This indicates a widespread business cycle high and a general increase of demand for labour, which is confirmed also by other indicators such as the fall of unemployment and a relatively high producer confidence.

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> Indices per working day (1995=100) Allowing for differences in lenght and composition

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2000	103,4	109,0	116,1	98,4	111,8	101,2	73,2	91,2	107,1	113,5			
Construc	tion												
1999	105,7	95,7	129,3	117,2	111,8	141,8	61,2	123,3	141,1	136,2	120,2	100,8	115,4
2000	96,4	123,8	140,1	114,7	142,3	127,4	55,8	128,8	136,8	136,6		1	
Totale in	dustry, e	xcludin	g constr	uction									
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2000	101,9	113,8	118,2	94,7	114,6	102,2	68,2	92,3	105,6	113,8			
Construc	tion												
1999	98,9	92,8	131,9	115,8	105,0	143,5	57,6	122,8	142,8	132,6	115,7	103,4	113,6
2000	92,8	123,7	142,7	103,9	141,8	126,0	49,0	128,3	135,4	136,1		- 1	

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

between months

Gross indices (1995=100) :

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70 -				-	-

Last	three
m	onths
compared	to the
previous	three
m	onths
Gross i	ndices
(1995	5=100)
11 3	2.5%
≠ 0.5% to	2.5%
→ -0.5% to	0.5%
> -2.5% to	-0.5%
** <	-2.5%
BE : B	elgium
VL : Fla	anders
WA: W	allonia
BR : Br	ussels

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





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Activity increase in all regions and all sectors

In November 2000, compared to November of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium increased by 5.6%; 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 (+0.1%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0.8% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0.2%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows +1.2% for chemicals and +0.6% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked rose with 1.7%.

The number of hours worked in industry and construction keeps on rising gradually. Very exceptionnally, all sectors and all region are showing an upward trend (except only for the slight fall by 0.3% of textiles and clothes). This indicates a widespread business cycle high and a continuing strong labour demand, which is also confirmed by other indicators such as the fall of unemployment and a relatively high producer confidence.

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Hours worked
Gross indices
(1995=100)
Hours worked by
employees (blue
collar and white
collar)

Indices per working day (1995=100) Allowing for differences in lenght and composition between months

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total inc	lustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								
1999	104,7	101,3	116,0	104,9	94,5	111,1	75,2	91,2	110,3	108,3	100,5	94,3	101,0
2000	103,4	109,0	116,1	98,4	111,8	101,2	73,2	91,2	107,0	113,2	106,1		
Constru	ction												
1999	105,7	95,7	129,3	117,2	111,8	141,8	61,2	123,3	141,1	136,2	120,2	100,8	115,4
2000	96,4	123,8	140,1	114,7	142,3	127,4	55,8	128,8	137,4	137,5	124,0		
Total inc	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	structio	n								
1999	100,7	100,4		and the second second	92,8	113,9	72,7	91,5	111,5	105,3	102,0	99,2	101,2
2000	101,9	113,8	118,3	94,8	114,6	102,2	68,0	92,4	105,3	113,5	109,0		
Constru	iction												
1999	98,9	92,8	132,0	115,8	105,0	143,6	57,5	122,8	142,9	132,5	115,6	103,5	113,6
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Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



130 120 110 100 90 80 70 1997 1998 1999 2000

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

> 2.5% 0.5% to 2.5% -0.5% to 0.5% -2.5% to -0.5%

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

< -2.5%

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





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Activity increase in all regions and most sectors

In December 2000, compared to December of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by -6,0%; 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 an increase for Belgium as a whole (+0,5%). 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 +0,9% for chemicals and +1,5% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked rose with 2.7%.

During the year 2000 the number of hours worked in industry and construction has kept on rising gradually; industry and construction as a whole show a rise by 1.2%. The hours worked of all regions increased, somewhat more in Flanders (+ 1.3%) than in Wallonia (+ 0.7%) and Brussels (+ 0.7%). At the level of main industrial groupings, capital goods (+ 1.8%) and intermediate goods (+ 0.7%) show an increase, non-durable consumer goods (+ 0.2%) remained status quo and durable consumer goods (- 2.3%) decreased. Construction has increased by 3.3%.

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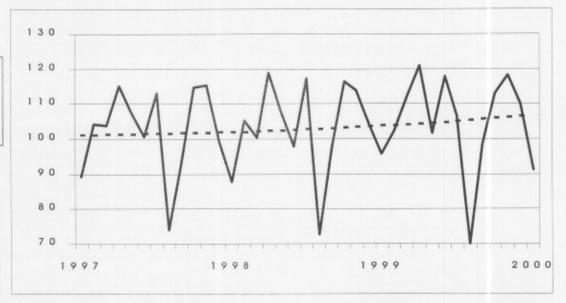
Indices per working day (1995=100) Allowing for differences in lenght and composition between months

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Total inc	lustry, e	excludi	ing cons	truction	n							-	
1999	104,7	101,3	116,0	104,9	94,5	111,1	75,2	91,2	110,3	108,3	100,5	94,3	101,0
2000	103,4	109,0	116,1	98,4	111,8	101,2	73,2	91,2	107,0	113,2	106,2	88,6	101,6
Constru	ction					1							
1999	105,7	95,7	129,3	117,2	111,8	141,8	61,2	123,3	141,1	136,2	120,2	100,8	115,4
2000	96,4	123,8	140,1	114,7	142,3	127,4	55,8	128,8	137,4	138,1	124,6	101,2	119,2
Total inc	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	truction	n								
1999	100,9	100,5	118,5	106,4	92,8	113,9	72,7	91,5	111,5	105,6	102,1	99,1	101,3
2000	101,9	113,8	118,3	95,2	114,6	102,2	68,0	92,4	105,4	113,5	108,9	86,2	101,7
Constru	ction												
1999	99,8	93,2	131,6	116,0	105,9	143,3	58,0	122,9	142,6	133,0	116,2	103,1	113,8
2000	93,2	123,8	142,4	105,2	141,9	126,2	49,9	128,4	136,2	137,7	123,4	95,3	117,0

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

Gross indices (1995=100) :

Trend:



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

> 2.5% > 0.5% to 2.5% - 0.5% to 0.5% -2.5% to -0.5% < -2.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	,	1	1	1
Total industry, excluding construction	→	→	1	-
Intermediate goods	-	→	-	→
Capital goods	-	-	1	1
Durable consumer goods	1	1	1	11
Non-durable consumer goods	-	1	1	4
Mining and quarrying	1	11	1	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	→	-	-	*
Textiles and textiles products	→	-	1	-
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	→	-	¥	7
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	1	1	1	1
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	1	-	1
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11	11	1	
Non-metallic mineral products	1	1	-	1
Manufacture of basic metals	*	*	-	*
Electricity	→	→	*	-
Construction	11	11	11	1





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Belgium - January 2001: hours worked industry + 7.8%, construction + 2.3%

Activity keeps on growing in all regions and most sectors

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The trend of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase for Belgium as a whole (+0.7%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0.7% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0.5%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0.8% for chemicals and +1.3% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked shows a status quo (+ 0.0%).

In spite of announcements of a slowing down of growth, the latest data on hours worked still show the gradual and continuous rise of the past years. The growth rates are more or less the same in the different regions and in most sectors; none of the important sectors is falling and declines elsewhere are slight.

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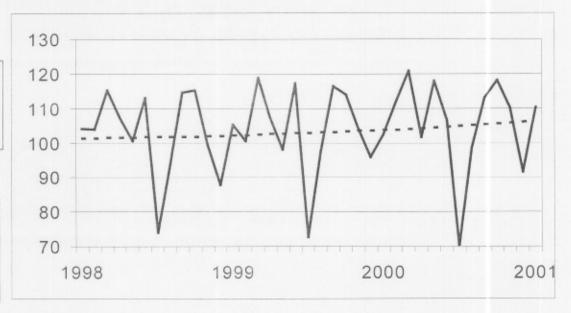
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2001	111,5												
Constru	ction												
2000	96,4	123,8	140,1	114,7	142,3	127,4	55,8	128,8	137,4	138,1	125,3	102,1	119,4
2001	103,5												
Total inc	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	truction	n								
2000	101,8	114,0	118,1	95,8	114,9	101,8	68,4	92,6	105,0	113,6	109,2	86,4	101,8
2001	114,6												
Constru	iction												
2000	93,3	123,5	142,3	105,5	141,9	126,2	50,0	128,4	136,2	137,7	124,1	96,3	117,1
2001	103,1												

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

Gross indices (1995=100):

Trend



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> 2.5% 0.5% to 2.5% - 0.5% to 0.5% -2.5% to -0.5%

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





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The fall in February, compared to February 2000, apparently is nothing but an accidental effect; this can also be noticed when comparing the gross data of January and February 2001 with the corresponding figures of 2000: they show a marked increase and an equally marked decline, respectively. The underlying trend remains slightly upward, as in the previous years. At the sector or regional levels, no noteworthy changes up or down can be found.

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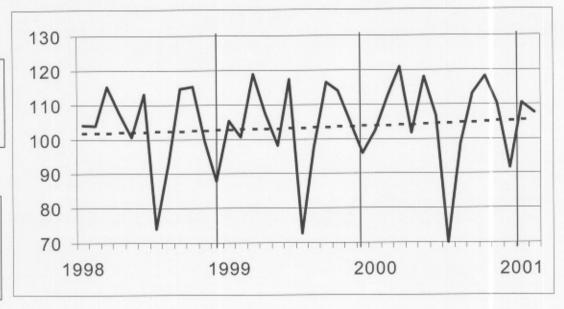
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2000	103,4	109,0	116,1	98,4	111,8	101,2	73,2	91,2	107,0	113,2	106,4	88,88	101,6
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2000	96,4	123,8	140,1	114,7	142,3	127,4	55,8	128,8	137,4	138,1	125,3	102,8	119,4
2001	104,6	118,5											
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2000	101,8	113,6	118,1	95,7	114,9	101,8	68,5	92,6	105,0	113,6	109,2	86,2	101,8
2001	114,3	103,5											
Constru	ction												
2000	93,3	123,2	142,3	105,5	141,9	126,2	50,0	128,4	136,2	137,7	124,1	97,0	117,2
2001	104,2	118,9											

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)

> 2.5% 0.5% to 2.5% -0.5% to 0.5% -2.5% to -0.5% < -2.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	→	→	1	-
Total industry, excluding construction	→	-	-	-
Intermediate goods	→	-	-	-
Capital goods	1	1	1	-
Durable consumer goods	→	→	1	1
Non-durable consumer goods	→	1	*	*
Mining and quarrying	*	1	7	
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	→	1	-	*
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	1	1	-
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11	1	11	
Non-metallic mineral products	→	1	-	7
Manufacture of basic metals	→	-	1	1
Electricity	1	1	-	-
Construction	→	-	1	1





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium – March 2001: hours worked industry – 3.1%, construction – 6.7%

But the long-term trend stays positive

In March 2001, compared to March of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 3.1%; in construction it fell by 6.7%.

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 0.2% 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 +0.9% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In construction, the number of hours worked remained stable (+0.0%).

The fall of the gross indices in February and March, compared to the same period in 2000, seems to be a mere coincidence: the underlying trend remains slightly upward, as in previous years. The same situation occurs in construction: the significant fall of the gross figures is probably due to extremely wet weather conditions. The trend (+0.8% compared to the previous quarter) remains markedly positive, though. At the sectoral or regional level, no noteworthy upward or downward changes are showing.

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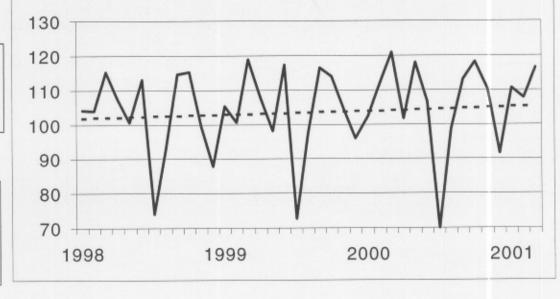
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2001	114,6	103,7	110,9										
Constru	ction												
2000	93,3	122,9	142,4	105,4	141,9	126,2	50,0	128,4	136,2	137,7	124,1	97,0	117,1
2001	104,9	120,0	130,3										

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

Gross indices (1995=100):

Trend:



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	→	->	1	->
Total industry, excluding construction	->	->		->
Intermediate goods	->	->		->
Capital goods	,	1	1	->
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	->	*	1	1
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	->	1	1	1
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1		1	->
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11	->	11	
Non-metallic mineral products	->	-	1	->
Manufacture of basic metals	->	->	1	1
Furniture	->	->	1	->
Electricity	1	1	->	->
Construction	->	->	1	*





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - April 2001: hours worked industry + 1.3%, construction + 0.6%

Slight increase of overall activity, sectors growing and falling in balance

In April 2001, compared to April of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium increased 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 status quo for Belgium as a whole (+0.2%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0.1% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 1.3%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0.2% for chemicals and +0.6% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 0.2%.

For the whole of industry and construction and for quite a number of sectors, there is a slight increase or a status quo. Only some important sectors show a more marked increase: metal products, machinery and equipment (+ 2.3%) and construction (+ 0.6%). In Wallonia the fall of hours worked in industry (- 1.3%) contrasts with a rise in construction (+ 1.6%); in Flanders a small increase of respectively 0,2% and 0,6% can be observed.

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2000	103,4	109,0	116,1	98,4	111,8	101,2	73,2	91,2	107,0	113,2	106,4	88,88	101,6
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2001	105,3	119,9	131,2	113,3									
Total inc	dustry, o	excludi	ng cons	truction	n		-						
2000	101,7	113,6	118,1	95,6	114,9	101,7	68,5	92,6	105,2	113,4	109,1	86,1	101,7
2001	114,6	103,8	111,5	98,8									
Constru	ction												
2000	93,1	122,6	142,5	104,9	141,8	126,1	49,6	128,3	136,1	137,6	124,0	96,6	116,9
2001	104,8	120,5	130,7	106,3									

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

Gross indices (1995=100):

Trend:

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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	-	-	->	-
Total industry, excluding construction		->	1	->
Intermediate goods	->	->		->
Capital goods	,	-+	,	
Durable consumer goods	*	**		11
Non-durable consumer goods	->	*	-	*
Mining and quarrying	` `	-	1	
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	->	->	*	->
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	,	1	->
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	*		11	
Non-metallic mineral products	->	,	*	*
Manufacture of basic metals	->	->	1	*
Furniture	->	*	-	**
Electricity	11	,	1	11





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium – May 2001: hours worked industry – 6.4%, construction – 7.0%

Trend however slowly keeps on rising

In May 2001, compared to May of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 6,4%; in construction it fell by 7,0%.

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 (+0,8%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0,8% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0,1%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0,9% for chemicals and +1,4% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked rose with 0.2%.

The decline in the year-to-year comparison is probably entirely due to a calendar effect: last year Ascension Day fell in June, this year it fell on Thursday the 24th of May; the additional holiday possibly combined with an extra day off may easily explain the apparent fall of 6 to 7%.

This upward trend contrasts with the decrease of production and new orders, but it is confirmed by the index of employees, which shows no downturn (yet) either.

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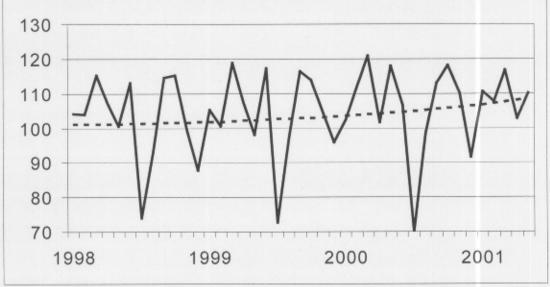
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2000	103,4	109,0	116,1	98,4	111,8	101,2	73,2	91,2	107,0	113,2	106,4	88,8	101,6
2001	111,5	104,7	112,9	99,8	104,6								
Constru	iction												
2000	96,4	123,8	140,1	114,7	142,3	127,4	55,8	128,8	137,4	138,1	125,3	102,8	119,4
2001	105,3	119,9	131,9	113,9	132,4								
Total inc	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	truction	n								
2000	100,8	112,3	117,9	90,8	111,4	100,2	68,4	90,8	106,0	112,8	105,4	84,0	100,1
2001	111,1	103,7	112,5	94,4	104,2								
Constru	iction												
2000	93,1	122,6	142,5	105,0	141,8	126,1	49,7	128,3	136,1	137,6	124,0	96,7	117,0
2001	104,8	120,5	131,4	107,0	131,9								

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)

> 2.5% > 0.5% to 2.5% - 0.5% to 0.5% - 2.5% to -0.5% < -2.5%

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	×	*	*	1
Non-durable consumer goods	1	->		*
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	1	,	*	**
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	*	-	->
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	*	->	11	
Non-metallic mineral products	->	->	*	->
Manufacture of basic metals	*	*	*	*
Furniture	1	-	→	11
Electricity	,	1	*	1





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - June 2001: hours worked industry + 2.5%, construction + 3.1%

Trend as well slowly keeps on rising

In June 2001, compared to June of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium increased by 2,5%; in construction it rose by 3,1%.

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 (-0,2%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0,3% 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 staus quo (+0,0%) for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 1,3%.

The year on year rise is mostly due to a calendar effect: Ascension Day, last year in June, fell this year on Thursday the 24th of May; the extra holiday can quite easily explain an apparent rise of some 3%. The slight increase of industry and construction together (+ 0.8%) and the unclear pattern of the sector and regional data is a confirmation of the hesitant economy which can also be seen in other short term indicators. The trend curve shows, after the increase of recent years, a status quo but no downturn; at the moment it is not at all clear in which direction the business cycle will move.

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2000	106,2	103,4	113,7	101,4	108,4	100,8	78,1	89,1	108,5	113,7	103,5	92,0	101,6
2001	108,1	105,7	113,3	101,4	102,4	106,2							
Constru	ction					-							
2000	100,5	126,4	136,9	127,2	142,8	128,9	63,6	129,3	138,9	138,6	126,8	110,6	122,5
2001	105,8	118,6	132,4	122,9	133,3	136,5							

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

Gross indices (1995=100) :

Trend :

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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	BR
Total industry	-	,		->
Total industry, excluding construction				-
Intermediate goods	`	->	-	11
Capital goods	->	-	-	-
Durable consumer goods	*	*	*	1
Non-durable consumer goods	1	->	1	11
Mining and quarrying	→	11		
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	1	*	->
Metal products, machinery and equipment	->	**	>	->
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	->	1	*	
Non-metallic mineral products	->	1	*	->
Manufacture of basic metals	-		7	
Furniture	->	-		*
Electricity	1	1	,	1





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - July 2001: hours worked industry + 8.5%, construction + 16.1%

Status quo all along the line

In July 2001, compared to July of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium increased by 8,5%; in construction it rose by 16,1%.

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 an decrease by 0,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,9%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -2,4% for chemicals and +0,3% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 0,4%.

The strong increase of the gross indices can easily be explained by calendar effects, which also can be deduced from the status quo of the indices per working day. July 2001 numbered two extra working days compared to July 2000 and the additional increase of construction is due to a shift of the holiday period in that sector.

The most striking phenomenon in the working hours data is the overall status quo: apart from only one exception, the chemical industry which fell by 2.4%, all changes are just below or just above zero. Growth has disappeared for some time now, but a marked decrease is not (yet) apparent.

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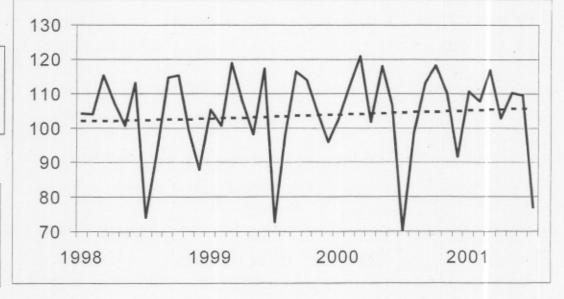
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Constru	iction												
2000	96,4	123,8	140,1	114,7	142,3	127,4	55,8	128,8	137,4	138,1	125,3	102,8	119,4
2001	105,3	119,9	131,9	114,1	133,3	134,7	64,8						
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	n						-		
2000	106,8	104,9	113,5	105,6	112,2	105,4	79,5	91,6	108,2	113,6	107,6	95,1	103,7
2001	111,9	105,7	113,3	103,9	107,9	107,5	79,8						
Constru	iction												
2000	101,1	120,2	136,2	117,4	136,1	123,4	64,8	126,5	138,4	139,2	122,9	103,9	119,2
2001	99,1	119,9	133,3	116,5	130,7	133,4	63,2						

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

Gross indices (1995=100):

Trend:



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

> 2.5% > 0.5% to 2.5% - 0.5% to 0.5% -2.5% to -0.5% < -2.5%

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





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - August 2001: hours worked industry - 1.4%, construction - 1.2%

In August 2001, compared to August of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 1,4%; 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 an increase for Belgium as a whole (+0,3%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0,2% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0,3%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,8% for chemicals and 0,0% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 0,7%.

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Hours worked Gross indices (1995=100) Hours worked by employees (blue collar and white collar)

	Indices per
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	(1995=100)
	Allowing for
	differences in
	lenght and
-	composition
	between months

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								
2000	103,4	109,0	116,1	98,4	111,8	101,2	73,2	91,2	107,0	113,2	106,4	88,88	101,6
2001	111,5	104,7	112,9	99,7	104,5	103,9	79,8	89,9					
Constru	iction												
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2001	105,3	119,9	131,9	114,1	133,3	134,4	64,2	127,2					
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	n								
2000	106,0	103,9	113,8	102,7	108,7	101,0	77,6	89,0	108,5	113,7	103,5	93,0	101,8
2001	108,4	105,6	113,3	102,3	103,5	105,4	78,7	88,6					
Constru	ction												
2000	101,7	125,6	136,1	125,9	142,9	134,0	65,7	129,4	139,3	138,7	127,2	112,7	123,3
2001	105,9	118,8	132,5	120,7	138,6	141,0	64,8	127,8					
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Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices (1995=100) :

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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	->	->	->	->
Total industry, excluding construction	→	->		->
Intermediate goods	->	->	-	**
Capital goods		->		->
Durable consumer goods	→	->	**	1
Non-durable consumer goods	->	*	*	->
Mining and quarrying		11		
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	` `		*	**
Metal products, machinery and equipment	->	*	-+	-
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	1	**	77	
Non-metallic mineral products	` `	->	*	-
Manufacture of basic metals	` `		1	,
Furniture	1	->	*	**
Electricity	1	,		-





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - September 2001: hours worked industry -3.6%, construction -0.5%

In September 2001, compared to September of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 3,6%; 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 (-0,3%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0,2% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0,4%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0,9% for chemicals and +0,0% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 1,8%.

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Hours worked Gross indices (1995=100) Hours worked by employees (blue collar and white collar)

Indices per working day (1995=100) Allowing for differences in lenght and composition between months

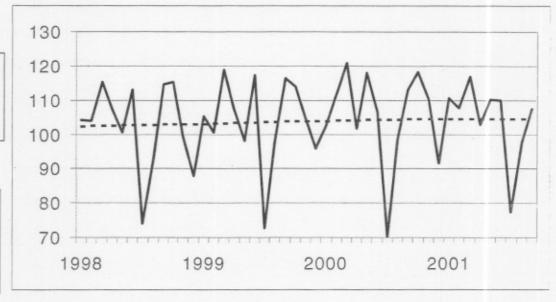
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2001	111,5	104,7	112,9	99,7	104,5	103,9	79,9	90,4	103,1				
Constru	ction												
2000	96,4	123,8	140,1	114,7	142,3	127,4	55,8	128,8	137,4	138,1	125,3	102,8	119,4
2001	105,3	119,9	131,9	114,1	133,3	134,4	64,5	127,2	124,5				
Total inc	dustry, e	excludi	ng cons	truction	1	-	-		-				
2000	106,0	103,8	113,7	102,8	108,6	100,9	77,8	89,0	108,5	113,7	103,4	93,0	101,8
2001	108,3	105,6	113,3	102,3	103,4	105,4	78,6	89,0	107,5				
Constru	ction											-	
2000	101,8	125,5	135,9	126,3	142,9	134,2	66,0	129,4	139,4	138,7	127,3	113,0	123,4
2001	105,9	118,8	132,5	120,9	138,7	141,2	65,1	127,8	131,3				

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

Gross indices (1995=100):

Last three months

Trend:



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





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - October 2001: hours worked industry -1.3%, construction -2.0%

In October 2000, compared to October of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 1.3%; 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 (-1.1%). At the regional level, there's a status quo(+0.0%) in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.1%. 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 hours worked fell with 0.9%.

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Hours worked Gross indices (1995=100) Hours worked by employees (blue collar and white collar)

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2000	103,4	109,0	116,1	98,4	111,8	101,2	73,2	91,2	107,0	113,2	106,4	88,8	101,6
2001	111,5	104,7	112,9	99,7	104,5	103,9	79,9	89,8	102,6	114,7			
Constru	ction												
2000	96,4	123,8	140,1	114,7	142,3	127,4	55,8	128,8	137,4	138,1	125,3	102,8	119,4
2001	105,3	119,9	131,9	114,1	133,3	134,4	64,5	127,9	125,5	145,1			
Total inc	dustry, e	excludi	ng cons	truction	n								
2000	105,9	105,2	113,7	102,8	108,6	100,5	78,3	89,3	108,6	113,4	103,1	92,7	101,8
2001	108,3	105,1	113,4	102,1	103,6	105,4	77,9	88,2	107,1	111,6			
Constru	ction												
2000	101,9	125,5	135,9	126,4	142,9	134,2	66,1	129,4	139,4	138,7	127,3	113,1	123,4
2001	105,9	118,8	132,5	120,9	138,8	141,2	65,1	128,5	132,3	140,9			

Indices per working day (1995=100) Allowing for differences in lenght and composition between months

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	,	,	*	11
Total industry, excluding construction	`	->	-	
Intermediate goods	`	*	*	-+
Capital goods	-	->		-+
Durable consumer goods	-	11	**	1
Non-durable consumer goods	-	*	`	-+
Mining and quarrying		11	->	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	-	-	-+	-+
		-	**	15
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	11		
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel		-	1	->
Non-metallic mineral products		-	1	->
Manufacture of basic metals	,		1	1
Furniture	1	1	,	1
Electricity	1	-	1	1
Construction	1			1





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - November 2001: hours worked industry -4.0%, construction -2.5%

Trend still slowly declining

In November 2001, compared to November of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 4.0%; in construction it fell by 2.5%.

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 (-0.8%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0.7% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.1%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0.5% for chemicals and 0.2% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked rose with 0.1%.

The rather strong decline of gross figures can largely be explained by the different number of working days in 2001 compared to 2000. The moderate decrease of the long-term trend is practically general; no economic sector shows extremely positive or negative values.

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Hours worked
Gross indices
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Hours worked by
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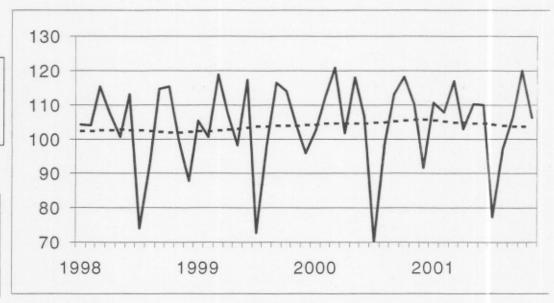
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Constru	ction												
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Total inc	dustry, e	excludi	ng cons	truction	n								
2000	107,4	105,9	113,0	107,0	112,3	106,2	80,8	91,7	108,5	113,7	107,9	96,4	104,2
2001	112,0	105,3	113,4	104,7	108,5	108,9	80,4	90,3	106,6	110,3	103,6		
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Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices (1995=100) :

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

2.5%
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3.0.5% to 2.5%
3.0.5% to 0.5%
3.2.5% to -0.5%
4.2.5%
BE: Belgium VL: Flanders WA: Wallonia BR: Brussels

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





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - December 2001: hours worked industry -4.8%, construction -2.5%

Trend slightly downwards in almost all subsectors of industry

In December 2001, compared to December of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 4.8%; in construction it fell by 2.5%.

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 (-0.7%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0.5% 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 hours worked fell with 0.8%.

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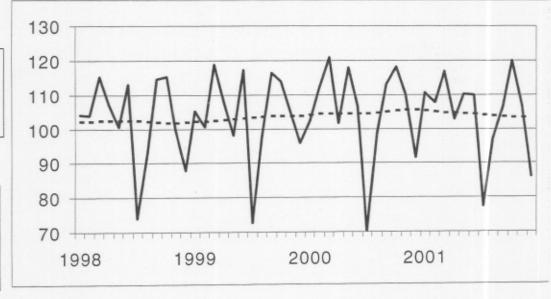
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2001	111,5	104,7	112,9	99,7	104,5	103,9	79,9	89,8	101,6	113,4	102,2	84,5	100,7
Constru	ction												
2000	96,4	123,8	140,1	114,7	142,3	127,4	55,8	128,8	137,4	138,1	125,3	102,8	119,4
2001	105,3	119,9	131,9	114,1	133,3	134,4	64,5	127,9	125,8	146,5	123,6	91,7	118,2
Total inc	dustry, e	excludi	ng cons	truction	n			-	-				
2000	107,4	105,9	113,0	107,0	112,3	106,2	80,8	91,7	108,5	113,7	107,9	96,4	104,2
2001	112,0	105,3	113,4	104,7	108,5	108,9	80,4	90,3	106,6	110,3	103,7	92,1	103,0
Constru	ction												
2000	101,8	127,1	136,0	126,2	142,9	134,2	66,0	129,4	139,4	138,7	127,3	113,0	123,5
2001	105,9	118,3	132,5	120,9	138,7	141,2	65,1	128,5	132,6	142,4	125,6	101,9	121,1

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

Gross indices (1995=100):

Trend:



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

> 2.5%

0.5% to 2.5%

-0.5% to 0.5%

-2.5% to -0.5%

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

< -2.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry		->	,	*
Total industry, excluding construction	1	`	-+	11
Intermediate goods		->	->	- 1
Capital goods	-	->		*
Durable consumer goods	1		11	1
Non-durable consumer goods	->	-	*	"
Mining and quarrying	-	*	-	
Food products, beverages and tobacco		-	-+	*
Textiles and textiles products	*	*	**	33
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	*	1	-	1
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products			->	
Metal products, machinery and equipment	-+			-
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel		11		
		->	*	1
Non-metallic mineral products		1	`	-
Manufacture of basic metals			`	1
Furniture	,	,	->	-
Electricity Construction	-	-	-	1





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - January 2002: hours worked industry -5.8%, construction -3.8%

Downward trend in most sectors, metal products and construction seem to stabilize

In January 2002, compared to January of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 5.8%; in construction it fell by 3.8%.

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 (-1.2%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0.9% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.1%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0.7% for chemicals and +0.2% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 0.1%.

In most sectors the trend keeps on going down slightly, as in the previous months. However, in two important sectors, metal works, machinery and equipment and construction, the downturn seems to come to an end and the number of hours worked is stabilizing. This could be the first sign of an economic trend reversal.

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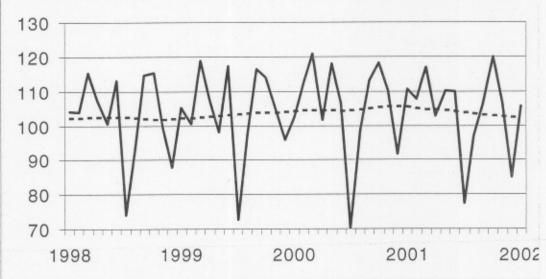
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2001	111,5	104,7	112,9	99,7	104,5	103,9	79,9	89,8	101,6	113,4	102,1	82,9	100,6
2002	105,0												
Constru	ction												
2001	105,3	119,9	131,9	114,1	133,3	134,4	64,5	127,9	125,8	146,5	123,9	92,3	118,3
2002	106,8												
Total inc	lustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								
2001	112,0	105,3	113,4	104,7	108,5	108,9	80,4	90,3	106,6	110,3	103,6	90,5	102,9
2002	105,5												
Constru	ction												
2001	105,9	118,3	132,5	120,9	138,7	141,2	65,1	128,5	132,6	142,4	125,9	102,5	121,2
2002	107,4									-			

Indices per working day (1995=100) Allowing for differences in lenght and composition between months

> 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	` `	-+	,	11
Total industry, excluding construction	` `	*	-+	11
Intermediate goods	*	*	*	*
Capital goods	→	-		*
Durable consumer goods	*	1	*	1
Non-durable consumer goods	→	*	*	*
Mining and quarrying	-	*	-+	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	->	-	-+	11
Textiles and textiles products	*	*	11	11
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	*	*	*	*
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	*	1	11	-
Furniture		→	1	1
Electricity	,	1	1	1
Construction	→	1	11	*





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - February 2002: hours worked industry -5.3%, construction -7.6%

In February 2002, compared to February of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 5.3%; in construction it fell by 7.6%.

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 (-1.2%). At the regional level, there's a decrease by 1.0% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.1%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0.6% for chemicals and -6.5% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 0.7%.

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Hours worked Gross indices (1995=100) Hours worked by employees (blue collar and white collar)

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2001	112,0	105,4	113,4	104,7	108,5	108,9	80,4	90,3	106.6	110.3	103.6	90,5	102.9
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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	`	1	->	**
Intermediate goods	1	-	*	-
Capital goods		-		**
Durable consumer goods	111	1	1	1
Non-durable consumer goods	*	*	-	*
Mining and quarrying	` `	11	*	
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	-	11	1	
Non-metallic mineral products	*	-	1	->
Manufacture of basic metals	*	*	1	1
Furniture	-		*	-
Electricity	,	1	-	-
Construction			11	4





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Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - March 2002: hours worked industry -7.5%, construction -4.1%

Trend in most sectors still slightly downwards.

In March 2002, compared to March of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 7.5%; in construction it fell by 4.1%.

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 (-1.1%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0.9% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.1%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -1.0% for chemicals and -8.5% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 0.1%.

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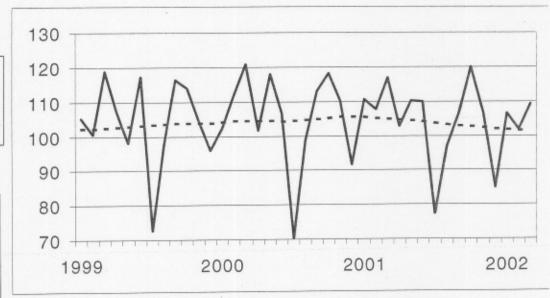
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2001	105,9	118,3	132,5	120,8	138,7	141,1	65,1	128,5	132,5	142,4	125,9	102,5	121,2
2002	108,7	110,3	134,0										

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	,	*	-	->
Total industry, excluding construction	*	*	-+	*
Intermediate goods	,	7	1	->
Capital goods	->	-	*	11
Durable consumer goods	*	*	*	-+
Non-durable consumer goods	` `	`	-	*
Mining and quarrying	,	77	->	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	-	→	1	11
Textiles and textiles products	*	*	-	1
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	*	*	*	*
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	1	*		11
Metal products, machinery and equipment	11	1	*	-
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	1	1	1	
Non-metallic mineral products	*		11	-+
Manufacture of basic metals	` `	*	*	1
Furniture			*	1
Electricity	1	,	-+	1
Construction	->	-	1	,





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - April 2002: hours worked industry +2.4%, construction + 8.7%

In April 2002, compared to April of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium increased by 2.4%; in construction it rose by 8.7%.

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 (-0.7%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0.5% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.9%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -1.0% for chemicals and -0.7% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 1.0%.

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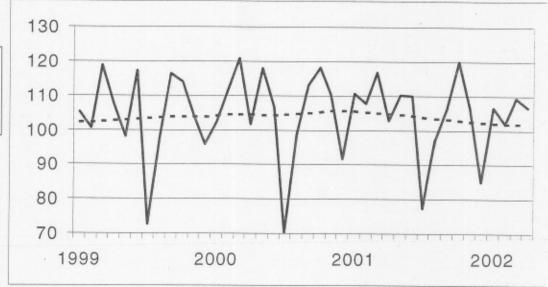
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2002	108,1	112,0	129,0	124,0									
Total inc	dustry, e	excludi	ng cons	truction	1						-		
2001	112,0	105,4	113,4	104,8	108,6	109,0	80,4	90,3	106,7	110,3	103.6	90,5	102,9
2002	106,2	99,9	108,3	103,6					-				
Constru	ction								-				
2001	99,7	118,8	135,6	119,2	128,3	134,1	64,2	125,0	130,6	140,9	124,5	100,6	118.5
2002	103,1	110,9	130,5	121,9									

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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	→	-+		11
Durable consumer goods	`	1	`	,
Non-durable consumer goods	'	`	-+	1
Mining and quarrying	,	11	-+	
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	- 1	1	*
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	1		11	
Non-metallic mineral products	*	1	11	,
Manufacture of basic metals	`	*	*	1
Furniture	-+	-+	**	1
Electricity	` `	-	-	1
Construction	1			*





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - May 2002: hours worked industry – 7.9%, construction – 8.1%

Trend seems to approach turning point

In May 2002, compared to May of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 7,9%; in construction it fell by 8,1%.

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 decrease by 0.7% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.7%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0.8% for chemicals and -0.5% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 0.9%.

For industry as a whole and for most sub-sectors the decrease of the number of hours worked seems to have come to an end. The latest figures indicate a consolidation or a minimal further decline. After the trend reversal of new orders and production, other indicators as well are starting to show an upturn. The gross figures present a somewhat distorted view, because May 2001 numbered one more working day.

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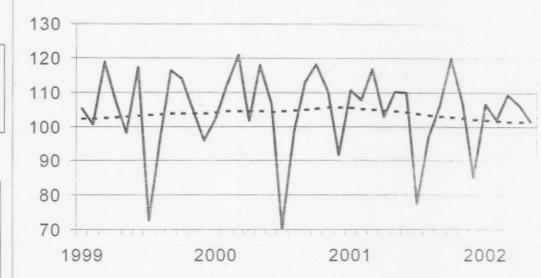
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2002	105,7	99,2	104,2	101,6	96,2								
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2001	105,3	119,9	131,9	114,1	133,3	134,4	64.5	127,9	125.8	146.5	123.9	92.4	118.3
2002	108,1	112,0	129,2	124,6	122,5								
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	1								
2001	112,0	105,4	113,4	104,8	108,6	109,0	80,4	90,3	106,7	110.3	103.6	90.6	102.9
2002	106,2	99,9	108,3	103,1	103,9								
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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
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Total industry, excluding construction			~	1
Intermediate goods	` `	-	4	- 4
Capital goods				100
Durable consumer goods			**	***
Non-durable consumer goods	`	*		1
Mining and quarrying	,	-		
Food products, beverages and tobacco	-			1 11
Textiles and textiles products	`	-	1	1
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	1		*	-
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	1	1	
Non-metallic mineral products	×	1	**	11
Manufacture of basic metals		1	155	-
Furniture	1		1	1
Electricity	11	11	-	1
Construction	*		-	1





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - June 2002: hours worked industry – 4.7%, construction – 5.9%

Trend remains slightly downward

In June 2002, compared to June of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 4.7%; in construction it fell by 5.9%.

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 (-0.8%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0.8% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.7%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0.8% for chemicals and -0.7% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 0.5%.

Although the further decline is minimal, the global trend remains rather negative. Moderate positive signals are noted for the sector of food, beverage and tobacco (+0,3%) and construction. Figures of June for this sector indicate a favourable trend reversal.

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2001	99,5	118,7	135,6	119,3	128,3	134,0	64,0	125,4	130,6	140,7	124,7	100,6	118,5
2002	103,1	110,8	130,8	122,9	120,5	131,3							

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



Last three months compared to the previous three 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 1999 2000 2001 2002

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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BF
Total industry	*	`	-	1
Total industry, excluding construction	*	*	*	-
ntermediate goods	*	->	*	-
Capital goods	*			1
Durable consumer goods	22	**	*	1
Non-durable consumer goods		*		-
Mining and quarrying		-		
Food products, beverages and tobacco	-	1	*	1
Textiles and textiles products	` `	*	1	11
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	1	,	
Non-metallic mineral products	*	>	*	11
Manufacture of basic metals	*	*	`	1
Furniture	*	*	-	1
Electricity	11	**	-+	1
Construction	-		**	1





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - July 2002: hours worked industry + 0.3%, construction + 6.0%

In July 2002, compared to July of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium increased by 0.3%; in construction it rose by 6.0%.

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 (-0.5%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0.7% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.7%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0.1% for chemicals and -0.7% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked rose with 0.1%.

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Hours worked
Gross indices
(1995=100)
Hours worked by
employees (blue
collar and white
collar)

Indices per working day (1995=100) Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								
2001	111,5	104,7	112,9	99,7	104,5	103,9	79,9	89,8	101,6	113,4	102,1	82,9	100,6
2002	105,7	99,2	104,2	101,6	96,6	99,2	80,2						
Constru	ction	200											
2001	105,3	119,9	131,9	114,1	133,3	134,4	64,5	127,9	125,8	146,5	123,9	92,4	118,3
2002	108,1	112,0	129,2	125,4	123,6	127,9	68,4						
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								
2001	112,0	105,4	113,4	104,9	108,6	109,1	80,4	90,3	106,8	110,3	103,6	90,6	103,0
2002	106,2	99,9	108,3	103,1	104,3	104,4	77,1						
Constru	ction												
2001	99,7	118,7	135,6	119,4	128,3	134,1	64,0	125,4	130,6	140,9	124,7	100,6	118,5
2002	103,1	110,8	130,8	123,1	121,1	132,7	62,8						-

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

Gross indices (1995=100) :

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130 120 110 100 90 80 70 1999 2000 2001 2002

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





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - August 2002: hours worked industry - 8.6%, construction - 12.8%

In August 2002, compared to August of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 8.6%; in construction it fell by 12.8%.

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 an decrease by 1.0% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by-1.4%. 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 hours worked fell with 0.3%.

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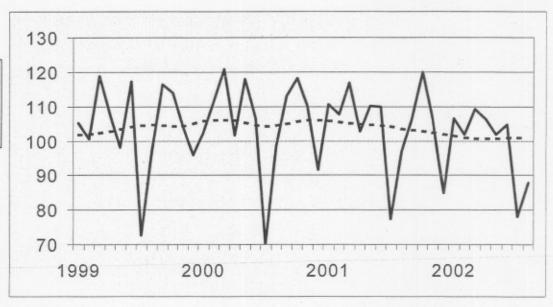
Hours worked
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Hours worked by
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Indices per working day (1995=100) Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								
2001	111,5	104,7	112,9	99,7	104,5	103,9	79,9	89,8	101,6	113,4	102,1	82,9	100,6
2002	105,7	99,2	104,2	101,6	96,6	99,1	79,9	82,0					
Constru	iction												
2001	105,3	119,9	131,9	114,1	133,3	134,4	64,5	127,9	125,8	146,5	123,9	92,4	118,3
2002	108,1	112,0	129,2	125,4	123,6	128,5	68,3	111,6					
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n					-			
2001	112,0	105,4	113,4	104,9	108,6	109,1	80,4	90,3	106,8	110,3	103,7	90,7	103,0
2002	106,2	99,9	108,3	103,2	104,3	104,2	76,8	86,2		-			
Constru	iction												
2001	99,6	118,7	136,1	119,1	128,3	134,5	63,8	125,2	130,6	140,8	124,8	100,7	118,5
2002	103,1	110,8	130,7	123,3	120,9	133,2	62,6	115,8					
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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)

2.5%
2.5% to 2.5%
3.5% to 0.5%
3.2.5% to -0.5%
3.2.5% to -0.5%

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





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - September 2002: hours worked industry + 0.5%, construction -+ 6.3%

Overall trend stable

In September 2002, compared to September of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium increased by 0,5%; in construction it rose by 6,3%.

The trend of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0,6%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0,5% 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 -0,2% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked rose with 0.4%.

Positive figures in the construction sector are since several months the cause of an almost stable trend of the number of hours worked in industry and construction. Figures decreased by 0.1 % only in the last three months compared to the three preceding months. This evolution goes parallel with the indicator of production in industry, which shows an equally flat course typical for an economic climate where the direction of the trend is still undecided.

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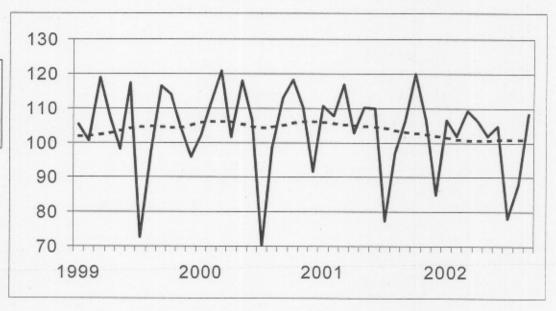
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Indices per working day (1995=100) Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total inc	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	truction	n	13471	THE						
2001	111,5	104,7	112,9	99,7	104,5	103,9	79,9	89,8	101,6	113,4	102,1	82,9	100.6
2002	105,7	99,2	104,2	101,6	96,6	99,1	79,8	82,2	102,1				
Constru	iction												
2001	105,3	119,9	131,9	114,1	133,3	134,4	64,5	127,9	125,8	146,5	123,9	92,4	118,3
2002	108,1	112,0	129,2	125,4	123,6	128,5	68,4	112,2	133,8				
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n		-						
2001	112,0	105,4	113,4	104,9	108,6	109,1	80,4	90,3	106,8	110,3	103,7	90,7	103,0
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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	->	*	->	1
Total industry, excluding construction	*	*	-	*
Intermediate goods	*	->	->	->
Capital goods	-+	->	*	*
Durable consumer goods	*	*	->	×
Non-durable consumer goods	-	*	->	*
Mining and quarrying	*	1	*	
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	*	1	->	**
Metal products, machinery and equipment	->	->	*	1
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11	11	11	
Non-metallic mineral products	*	-	->	,
Manufacture of basic metals	*	*	*	11
Furniture	` `	->	*	**
Electricity	**	**	**	**
Construction	->	1	**	*





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - October 2002: hours worked industry - 2.5%, construction -- 6.5%

Overall trend remains stable

In October 2002, compared to October of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 2.5%; in construction it fell by 6.5%.

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 (-0.6%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0.5% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.4%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0.7% for chemicals and +0.2% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked rose with 0.3%.

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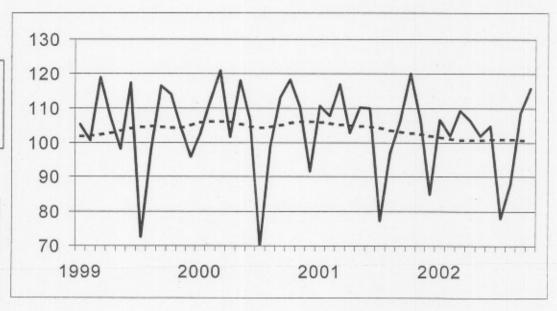
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Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
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111,5	104,7	112,9	99,7	104,5	103,9	79,9	89,8	101,6	113,4	102,1	82,9	100,6
105,7	99,2	104,2	101,6	96,6	99,1	79,8	82,2	102,3	110,6	-		
ction												
105,3	119,9	131,9	114,1	133,3	134,4	64,5	127,9	125,8	146,5	123,9	92,4	118,3
108,1	112,0	129,2	125,4	123,6	128,5	68,4	112,3	134,1	136,9			
lustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	n			-			-		
112,0	105,4	113,4	104,9	108,6	109,1	80,4	90,3	106,8	110,3	103,7	90,7	103,0
106,2	99,9	108,3	103,2	104,3	104,2	76,7	86,3	103,9	107,5	-	-	
ction												
99,5	118,8	136,2	118,8	128,8	134,3	63,8	125,2	130,7	140,7	124,8	100,5	118,5
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Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices (1995=100) :



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G	ross indices
	(1995=100)
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× -2.5	5% to -0.5%
**	< -2.5%
P	E : Belgium
	L : Flanders
	A : Wallonia
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	->		*	1
Total industry, excluding construction	`	*	-	1
Intermediate goods	*	*	->	->
Capital goods	-	-	-+	->
Durable consumer goods	11	**	*	*
Non-durable consumer goods	→	*	-+	1
Mining and quarrying	` `	*	*	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	->	-	->	-
Textiles and textiles products	` `	*	*	1
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	11	11	
Non-metallic mineral products	1	->	*	1
Manufacture of basic metals	1	*	*	11
Furniture	*	->	**	**
Electricity	**	**	11	**
Construction	-+	*	**	*

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Belgium - November 2002: hours worked industry - 6.2%, construction -- 3.5%

In November 2002, compared to November of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 6,2%; in construction it fell by 3,5%.

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 decrease by 0,7% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0,1%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,1% for chemicals and +1,0% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked rose with 0,4%.

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Hours worked Gross indices (1995=100) Hours worked by employees (blue collar and white collar)

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total inc	lustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	n								111
2001	111,5	104,7	112,9	99,7	104,5	103,9	79,9	89,8	101,6	113,4	102,1	82,9	100,6
2002	105,7	99,2	104,2	101,6	96,6	99,1	79,8	82,2	102,3	110,6	95,8		
Constru	ction												
2001	105,3	119,9	131,9	114,1	133,3	134,4	64,5	127,9	125,8	146,5	123,9	92,4	118,3
2002	108,1	112,0	129,2	125,4	123,6	128,5	68,4	112,3	134,2	137,3	119,6		
Total inc	lustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								
2001	112,0	105,5	113,4	104,8	108,6	109,0	80,4	90,3	106,7	110,3	103,6	90,5	102,9
2002	106,2	100,0	108,3	103,1	104,2	104,1	76,8	86,3	103,8	107,5	104,4		
Constru	ction												
2001	100,3	118,5	135,9	117,8	129,4	134,5	63,6	125,9	129,7	141,5	125,0	99,1	118,4
2002	104,2	110,6	130,3	123,6	121,5	132,3	63,4	116,3	137,9	133,4	119,7		

Indices per working day (1995=100) Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

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



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Last three

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

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SEI Persbericht

Belgium - December 2002: hours worked industry + 1.0%, construction - 7.2%

In December 2002, compared to December of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium increased by 1.0%; in construction it fell by 7.2%.

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 (-0.3%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0.6% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number stayed stable (+ 0.0%). A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0.3% for chemicals and +0.7% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 0.8%.

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Hours worked Gross indices (1995=100) Hours worked by employees (blue collar and white collar)

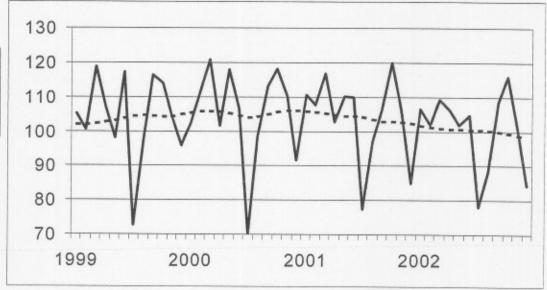
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n						1		
2001	111,5	104,7	112,9	99,7	104,5	103,9	79,9	89,8	101,6	113,4	102,1	82,9	100,6
2002	105,7	99,2	104,2	101,6	96,6	99,1	79,8	82,2	102,3	110,7	95,7	83,8	96,7
Constru	ction			-									
2001	105,3	119,9	131,9	114,1	133,3	134,4	64,5	127,9	125,8	146,5	123,9	92,4	118,3
2002	108,1	112,0	129,2	125,4	123,6	128,5	68,4	112,3	134,2	137,4	119,6	85,7	115,4
Total inc	dustry, o	excludi	ng cons	truction	n					-			
2001	112,0	105,5	113,4	104,8	108,6	109,0	80,4	90,3	106,7	110,4	103,6	90.5	102.9
2002	106,2	100,0	108,3	103,1	104,2	104,1	76,8	86,3	103,8	107,7	104,3	87,8	99,4
Constru	ction												-
2001	100,4	118,6	135,6	117,9	129,6	134,3	64,3	125,5	129,6	141,6	125,0	98,8	118,4
2002	104,4	110,7	130,3	124,0	121,2	132,2	63,5	116,0	138,0	133,7	119,5	85,5	114,9

Indices per working day (1995=100) Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

> 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)

> 2.5% 0.5% to 2.5% -0.5% to 0.5% -2.5% to -0.5% -2.5%

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



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SEI Persbericht

Belgium - January 2003: hours worked industry – 2.6%, construction - 6.9%

In January 2003, compared to January of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 2.6%; in construction it fell by 6.9%.

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 (-0.8%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0.6% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.3%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0.6% for chemicals and -0.7% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked rose with 0.4%.

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Hours worked by
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Indices per working day (1995=100) Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
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2002	104,0	97,6	102,5	100,0	95,0	97,5	78,5	80,9	100,6	109,0	94,1	81,8	95,1
2003	101,3												
Constru	ction												
2002	90,5	93,8	108,2	105,0	103,5	107,6	57,3	94,1	112,4	115,1	100,4	72,0	96,7
2003	84,3												
Total inc	dustry, e	excludi	ng cons	truction	n					-	-		-
2002	103,4	98,1	107,1	99,0	98,4	102,3	75,3	83,0	103,7	105,1	96,9	84,9	96.4
2003	100,5												
Constru	ction												
2002	88,4	92,7	113,5	104,7	107,9	113,6	53,6	96,4	116,2	110,6	104.2	77,9	98,3
2003	83,5									-	-		-

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

Gross indices (1995=100) :

Trend:

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W	/A: Wallonia
	R : Brussels

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

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SEI Persbericht

Belgium - February 2003: hours worked industry + 4.5%, construction - 3.6%

In February 2003, compared to February of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium increased by 4.5%; in construction it fell by 3.6%.

The trend of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong increase for Belgium as a whole (+3.6%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by -0.3% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by 6.9%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0.7% for chemicals and -1.3% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 0.3%.

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Hours worked Gross indices (2000=100) Hours worked by employees (blue collar and white collar)

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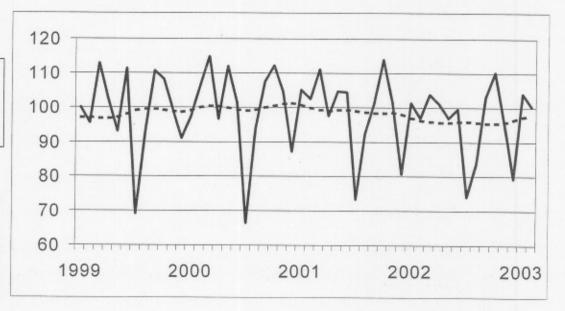
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2002	104,0	97,6	102,5	100,0	95,0	97,5	78,5	80,9	100,6	109,0	94,1	81.4	95,1
2003	107,6	102,0								-			
Constru	ction										-		
2002	90,5	93,8	108,2	105,0	103,5	107,6	57,3	94,1	112,4	115,1	100,4	72.4	96,7
2003	83,8	90,4											
Total inc	lustry, e	excludi	ng cons	truction	n								
2002	103,4	98,1	107,1	99,0	98,4	102,3	75,3	83.0	103,7	105.1	96.9	84.5	96,4
2003	106,8	102,5											
Constru	ction										-		-
2002	88,4	92,8	113,5	104,7	107,8	113,6	53,6	96,4	116.2	110.6	104.2	78.1	98,3
2003	82,9	89,4			-	-	-		-				2010

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	1		1	*
Total industry, excluding construction	11		11	1
Intermediate goods and energy	11	-+	11	`
Capital goods	*	*	1	*
Durable consumer goods	*	*	-	**
Non-durable consumer goods	*		,	×
Mining and quarrying	*	->		
Food products, beverages and tobacco	->			-+
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	*	*	*	*
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11	→	11	
Non-metallic mineral products		->	*	- 1
Manufacture of basic metals	*	`	*	**
Furniture	` `		-	**
Electricity	*	*	,	,
Construction	-	-+	,	1

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SEI Persbericht

Belgium - March 2003: hours worked industry - 4.2%, construction - 0.8%

In March 2003, compared to March of the previous year, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 4.2%; 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 (-1.2%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 1.4% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.9%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0.8% for chemicals and -1.9% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked rose with 0.3%.

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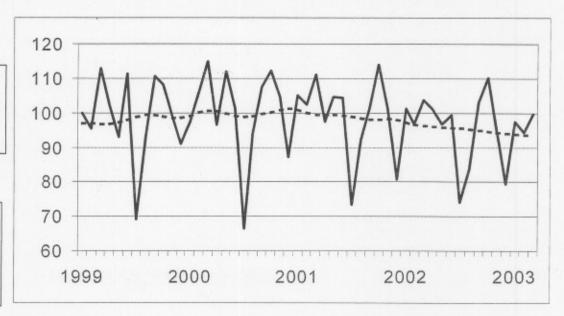
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2003	99,9	95,0	98,2			-							
Constru	ction												
2002	90,5	93,8	108,2	105,0	103,5	107,6	57,3	94,1	112,4	115,1	100,4	72,4	96,7
2003	84,2	90,7	107,3										
Total inc	lustry, e	excludi	ng cons	truction	1	-			1	-	-		
2002	103,4	98,1	107,1	99,0	98,4	102,3	75,3	83,1	103,7	105,0	96,8	84,6	96,4
2003	99,1	95,5	102,4										
Constru	ction												
2002	88,4	92,8	113,5	104,8	107,9	113,6	53,6	96,4	116,2	110,7	104,2	78,2	98,4
2003	83,4	89,7	112,4								**********	-	

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend:



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Last three months

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

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Belgium - April 2003: hours worked industry + 0.3%, construction - 3.9%

In April 2003, compared to the previous month, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium increased by 0.3%; in construction it fell by 3.9%.

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 (-1.3%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 1.2% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 1.1%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -1.3% for chemicals and -1.6% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 0.2%.

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Constru	ction												
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2003	84,2	90,8	107,6	101,5									
Total inc	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	truction	n								
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Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Trend :

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Last three
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Capital goods	*	*	*	->
Durable consumer goods	111	**	*	**
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	*	*	*	11
Metal products, machinery and equipment	*	*	*	11
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	**	1	**	
Non-metallic mineral products	1	->	*	*
Manufacture of basic metals	*	*	*	1
Furniture	1	*	11	11
Electricity	*	*	*	*
Construction	->	->		-

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SEI Persbericht

Belgium - May 2003: hours worked industry - 0.3%, construction - 4.6%

In May 2003, compared to the previous month, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 0.3%; in construction it fell 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 (-1.2%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 1.5% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 1.0%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -1.1% for chemicals and -1.6% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 1.4%.

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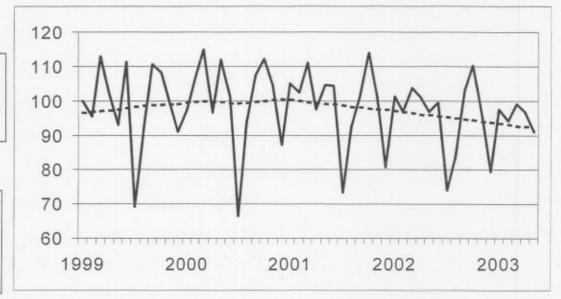
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	*	*	*	*
Total industry, excluding construction	`	*	*	*
Intermediate goods and energy	*	*	*	-+
Capital goods		*	*	-
Durable consumer goods	111	`	**	**
Non-durable consumer goods		`	-+	**
Mining and quarrying	` `	`	*	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	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	*	`	*	*
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11		11	
Non-metallic mineral products	` `		*	**
Manufacture of basic metals	` `	*	*	1
Furniture	**	*	11	**
Electricity	-+	->	*	*
Construction	` `	-	*	*

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SEI Persbericht

Belgium - June 2003: hours worked industry + 0.0%, construction + 3.2%

In June 2003, compared to the previous month, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium stayed stable (+0.0%); in construction it rose by 3.2%.

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 (-1.1%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 1.7% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 1.1%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -1.7% for chemicals and -1.3% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 1.4%.

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Hours worked Gross indices (2000=100) Hours worked by employees (blue collar and white collar)

> Indices per working day

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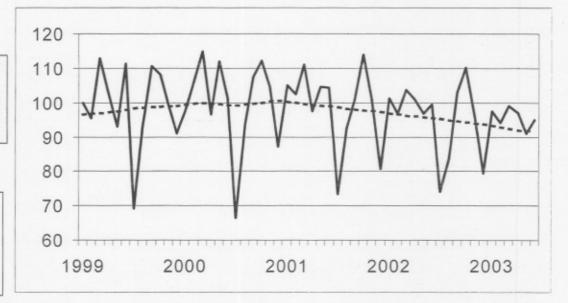
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	` `	`	*	
Total industry, excluding construction	`	`	*	*
Intermediate goods and energy	,	`	`	1
Capital goods	→	1	1	-
Durable consumer goods	**	**	`	**
Non-durable consumer goods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

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Belgium - July 2003 : hours worked industry + 1,0%, construction + 5,0%

In July 2003, compared to the previous month, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium increased by 1,0%; in construction it rose by 5,0%.

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 (-0,2%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,9%. 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 hours worked stayed stable (+0,0%).

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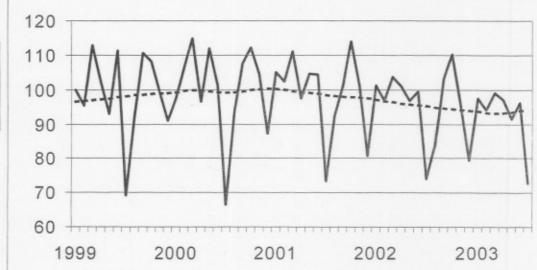
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Trend cycle

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	→	->	-	1
Intermediate goods and energy	→	->	`	1
Capital goods	->		-	1
Durable consumer goods	-		1	11
Non-durable consumer goods	` `		->	*
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	-	->	-+	**
Metal products, machinery and equipment	->	>	1	*
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	` `	*	**	
Non-metallic mineral products	-+	,	->	1
Manufacture of basic metals	,	-+	*	11
Furniture	` `	`	`	
Electricity	1	,	*	1
Construction	-	,	-+	-

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SEI Persbericht

Belgium - August 2003 : hours worked industry - 1,5%, construction - 8,8%

First signs of stabilisation?

In August 2003, compared to the previous month, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 1,5%; in construction it fell by 8,8%.

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 decrease by 0.5% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 2.1%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0.9% for chemicals and +0.2% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 0.8%.

The decrease of the number of hours worked seems to be contained or even stopped during the last few months. The marked decline is limited to some less important sectors only.

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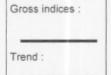
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Indices per working day

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

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SEI Persbericht

Belgium - September 2003 : hours worked industry - 3,4%, construction + 5,1%

In September 2003, compared to the previous month, the number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 3,4%; in construction it rose by 5,1%.

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 (-1,1%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 1,2% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 1,3%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,1% for chemicals and -0,6% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 0,6%.

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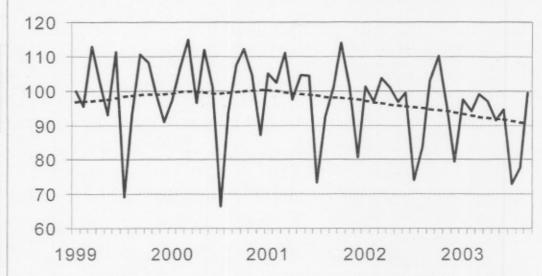
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	1	*	*	*
Total industry, excluding construction	` `	*	*	*
Intermediate goods and energy	,	*	*	1
Capital goods		-	*	1
Durable consumer goods	` `	-	1	11
Non-durable consumer goods	` `	*	**	11
Mining and quarrying	111	**	-+	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	->	->	`	*
Textiles and textiles products	` `	*	**	1
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	-	**	*	
Non-metallic mineral products	1		**	1
Manufacture of basic metals	→	*	-	1
Furniture	`	->	*	
Electricity			*	*
Construction	` `	1	->	-

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SEI Persbericht

Belgium - October 2003*: hours worked industry - 3,7%, construction - 3,3%

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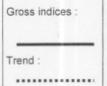
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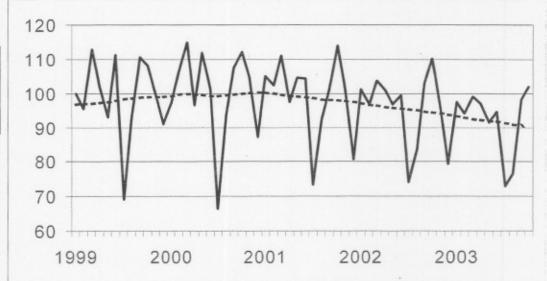
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Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





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

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Belgium - November 2003 : hours worked industry - 2,8%, construction - 2,5%

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Hours worked Gross indices (2000=100) Hours worked by employees (blue collar and white collar)

Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
lustry,	excludi	ng cons	tructio	n								
104,0	97,6	102,5	100,0	95,0	97,5	78,5	80,9	100,6	109,0	94,1	81,4	95.1
99,9	94,8	97,4	95,9	90,5	93,8	77,1	77,6	98,8	103,7	87,2		
ction											-	
90,5	93,8	108,2	105,0	103,5	107,6	57,3	94,1	112,4	115,1	100,4	72,4	96,7
84,2	90,8	107,8	102,2	95,8	106,2	59,2	88,2	113,9	112,8	89,6		
lustry, e	excludi	ng cons	truction	n						-		-
103,4	98,1	107,0	98,7	98,0	102,1	75,5	83,2	103,7	104,9	96,2	84,5	96,3
99,1	95,3	101,6	94,2	95,7	97,8	74,0	82,4	96,7	101,2	93,1		
ction							-	-				potential control
88,5	92,8	113,6	104,2	107,4	113,6	53,7	96,8	116,4	110,2	103,7	78,1	98,2
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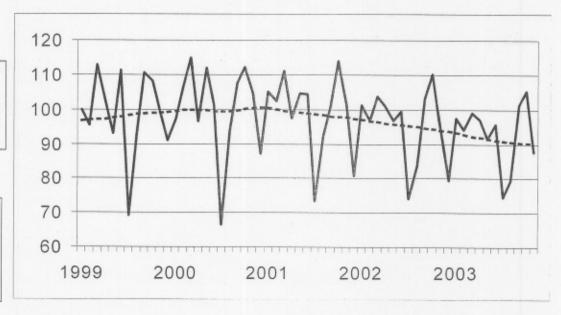
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Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Trend:



Last three months compared to the previous three months

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> 2.5% 0.5% to 2.5% -0.5% to 0.5% -2.5% to -0.5%

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

< -2.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	*	` `	-	1
Total industry, excluding construction	` `	*	-	1
Intermediate goods and energy	` `	`	`	-
Capital goods	*	-	*	1
Durable consumer goods	*	1	*	11
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	` `	*	1	**
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	` `		*	`
Manufacture of basic metals	*		*	,
Furniture	` `	` `	**	
Electricity				×
Construction	×	`	*	**

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Indices	per
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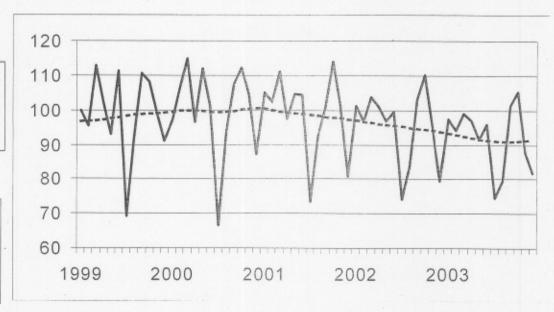
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Total inc	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	truction	ח								
2002	104,0	97,6	102,5	100,0	95,0	97,5	78,5	80,9	100,6	109,0	94,1	81,4	95,1
2003	99,9	94,8	97,4	95,9	90,5	93,9	77,2	77,7	98,9	103,7	86,9	82,7	91,6
Constru	ction												
2002	90,5	93,8	108,2	105,0	103,5	107,6	57,3	94,1	112,4	115,1	100,4	72,4	96,7
2003	84,2	90,8	107,8	102,2	95,8	106,2	59,5	88,4	114,0	113,6	90,4	75,4	94,0
Total inc	lustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	1								
2002	103,4	98,1	107,0	98,7	98,0	102,1	75,5	83,2	103,7	104,9	96,2	84,6	96,3
2003	99,2	95,3	101,6	94,2	95,7	97,9	74,1	82,5	96,7	101,2	92,9	82,5	92,8
Constru	ction											-	
2002	88,5	92,8	113,6	104,2	107,4	113,6	53,7	96,8	116,4	110,2	103,7	78,1	98,2
2003	83,3	89,8	113,3	100,3	102,2	111,3	55.7	95,1	112.0	109.5	96.2	75.5	95.3

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Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices

Trend:



> 2.5% 0.5% to 2.5% - 0.5% to 0.5% - 2.5% to -0.5% < -2.5%

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

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Belgium - January 2004 : hours worked industry - 0,2%, construction + 3,9%

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wo	rk	ing	day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total inc	lustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	n								
2003	99,9	94,8	97,4	95,9	90,5	93,9	77,2	77,7	98,9	103,7	87.0	82,7	91,6
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2004	84,5												
Total inc	lustry, e	excludi	ng cons	truction	1								
2003	99,2	95,3	101,6	94,2	95,6	97,9	74,1	82,5	96,7	101,2	93,0	82,5	92,8
2004	97,0												
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2003	83,2	89,9	113,3	100,4	101,9	111,4	55,8	95,1	112,1	109,5	96,8	75,4	95,4
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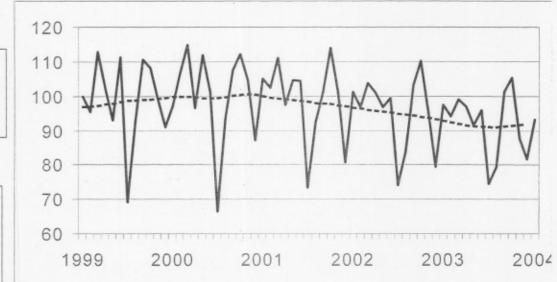
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	,		>	
Total industry, excluding construction	-	`	`	
Intermediate goods and energy	`	``	->	1
Capital goods	->	-+	-+	*
Durable consumer goods	`	*	**	11
Non-durable consumer goods	`	*	*	1
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	-	`	`	**
Metal products, machinery and equipment	` `	*		1
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	,	-	*	
Non-metallic mineral products		->	->	1
Manufacture of basic metals	'	*	1	1
Furniture	` `	*	11	
Electricity	1	,		-+
Construction	1	1	,	*

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Hours worked
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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
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2004	84,7	92,4											
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	1								
2003	99,2	95,4	101,6	94,2	95,6	97,9	74,1	82,5	96,7	101,2	93,0	82,3	92,8
2004	97,6	94,3									-		
Constru	iction												
2003	83,2	90,5	113,2	100,1	102,0	111,0	55,6	94,9	112,2	109,5	96,4	75,7	95,4
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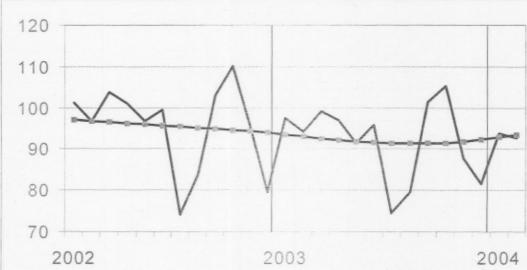
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BF
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Total industry, excluding construction	-	`		1
Intermediate goods and energy		`		1
Capital goods	/	,	1	*
Durable consumer goods	-		*	*
Non-durable consumer goods	'	'		
Mining and quarrying	11	-		
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	-	`	1	*
Metal products, machinery and equipment			1	`
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	1	,	1	
Non-metallic mineral products	1	1	1	1
Manufacture of basic metals	1	,	,	11
Furniture	` `		,	
Electricity	11	-	-+	
Construction	11	,	11	-

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Hours worked Gross indices (2000=100) Hours worked by employees (blue collar and white collar)

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n	HE TH							
2003	99,9	94,8	97,4	95,9	90,5	93,9	77.2	77,7	98,9	103,7	87,0	82,5	91,6
2004	95,3	92,6	105,0										
Constru	iction												
2003	84,2	90,8	107,8	102,2	95,8	106,2	59,5	88,4	114,0	113,6	90,7	75,5	94,0
2004	84,8	92,4	113,2										
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	n								
2003	99,2	95,4	101,6	94,2	95,6	97,9	74,0	82,5	96,7	101,2	93,0	82,3	92,8
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Constru	ction								,				
2003	83,2	90,5	113,2	100,1	101,9	110,9	55,6	94,9	112,2	109,5	96,3	75,7	95,3
2004	87,4	97,6	109,8										

Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

Trend cycle	

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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Last three months compared to the previous three months

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

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Press Release Short Term Indicators

Thursday July, 1st 2004

Statistick on Economische Informatie Belgium - April 2004* : hours worked industry + 0.4%, construction + 0.9%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, increased by 0.4%; 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 a status quo (+0.0%) in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by $1.2\%^{**}$.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0.6% for chemicals and +0.2% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked rose with 0.6%.

Next press release: 05/08/2004

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Hours worked Gross indices (2000=100) Hours worked by employees (blue collar and white collar)

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Total ind	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	tructio	n								
2003	99,9	94,8	97,4	95,9	90,5	93,9	77,2	77,7	98,9	103,7	87,0	82,5	91,6
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Total inc	lustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	n							1	-
2003	99,1	95,4	101,6	94,2	95,7	97,9	74,0	82,5	96,7	101,2	93,0	82,3	92,8
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Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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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		-+	1	-
Intermediate goods and energy	-		->	-+
Capital goods	1	-	1	1
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	,	-+		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
Construction	1	,	,	~

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Press Release

Short Term Indicators

Thursday August, 5st 2004

Statistiek en Economische Informatie Belgium - May 2004* : hours worked industry - 0,9%, construction - 5,8%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked 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 5,8%.

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 (-0.5%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0.2% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0.5%**.

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 hours worked fell with 1,9%.

Next press release: 02/09/2004

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Hours worked
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Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

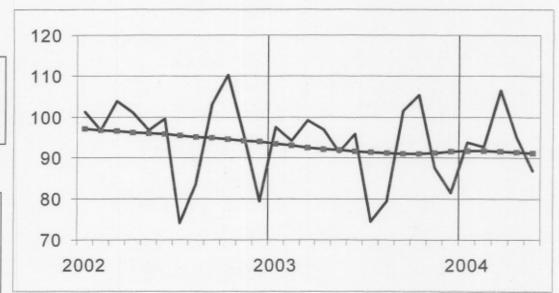
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2004	95,3	92,6	105,1	94,2	86,0								
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2003	99,1	95,4	101,7	94,2	95,6	98,1	74,1	82,6	96,7	101,2	93,1	82,3	92,8
2004	97,6	94,3	102,0	93,5	91,9								
Constru	ction												
2003	83,3	90,7	113,2	100,2	101,7	111,2	55,8	94,9	112,1	109,6	96,6	75,5	95,4
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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		*	->	*
Total industry, excluding construction	*	->	1	*
Intermediate goods and energy	->	->	->	->
Capital goods	,	*	-	-
Durable consumer goods			*	11
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		,	11	
Non-metallic mineral products	-	->	*	**
Manufacture of basic metals			,	1
Furniture	→	,	*	
Electricity	1	-	-+	-+
Construction	*	*		*

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Press Release

Short Term Indicators

Thursday September, 2st 2004

Statistiek en Economische Informatie Belgium - June 2004*: hours worked industry - 1.1%, construction - 7.6%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked 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 7.6%.

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 (-0.6%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0.3% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0.6%**.

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 hours worked fell with 2.9%.

Next press release: 7/10/2004

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Hours worked Gross indices (2000=100) Hours worked by employees (blue collar and white collar)

Indices	per
working	day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total inc	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	tructio	n								
2003	99.9	94.8	97.4	95.9	90.5	93.9	77.2	77.7	98.9	103.7	87.0	82.5	91.6
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Constru	ction												
2003	83.3	90.7	113.2	100.2	101.7	111.2	55.8	95.0	112.1	109.5	96.6	75.5	95.4
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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

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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	*	*	*	-
Total industry, excluding construction	*	->	-	*
Intermediate goods and energy	->		->	->
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		,		
Non-metallic mineral products		-	. *	*
Manufacture of basic metals	-	*	-+	,
Furniture	-	->	*	
Electricity	/	,		->
Construction	**	`	*	*

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Press Release

Short Term Indicators

Thursday October, 7st 2004

Statistick en Economische Informatie Belgium - July 2004*: hours worked industry - 1,0%, construction - 4,0%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 1,0%; in construction it fell by 4,0%.

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 (-0,5%). 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 -0,7% for chemicals and -0,6% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 1,9%.

Next press release: 4/11/2004

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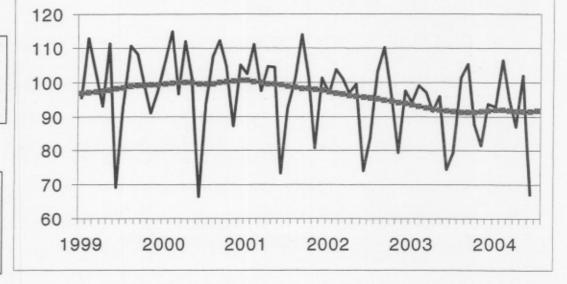
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Constru	ction												
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2004	87,2	97,8	109,6	97,7	99,6	109,9	51,8						

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices:

Trend:



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

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Press Release

Short Term Indicators

Thursday November, 7th 2004

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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 decrease by 0,3% in Flanders and there's a status quo in Wallonia $(+0,0\%)^{**}$.

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

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Constru	ction												
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2003	99,0	95,4	101,6	94,4	95,6	98,1	74,2	82,6	96,7	101,2	93,3	82,4	92,9
2004	97,5	94,4	102,1	93,5	92,1	97,3	71,5	82,1					
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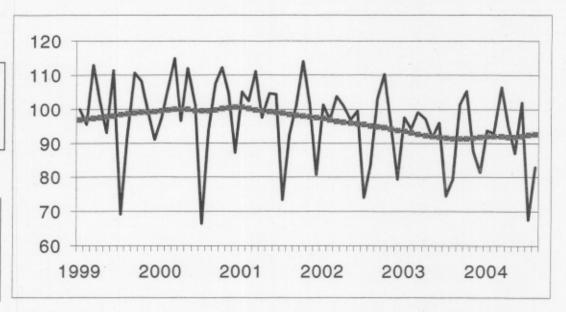
Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

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Trend:



	Last three
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> 2.5% 0.5% to 2.5% -0.5% to 0.5%

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< -2.5%</p>

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BF
Total industry	,	,	-+	*
Total industry, excluding construction	-		-+	1
Intermediate goods and energy	->	->	-+	-
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	*	,	**	
Non-metallic mineral products	-	,		-
Manufacture of basic metals	1	`	,	1
Furniture		*	**	
Electricity	1	-	-+	-
Construction	*	`	*	-

Press Release

FOD ECONOMIE - Statistics Belgium

Thursday December, 7th 2004

Belgium - September 2004*: hours worked industry + 0,3%, construction + 1,4%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, increased by 0,3%; 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 status quo for Belgium as a whole (-0,1%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0,6% in Flanders and there's a status quo in Wallonia (+0,0%)**.

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

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^{*(%} increase of the last three months, till September 2004 inclusive, compared to the preceding trimester, seasonally-adjusted values)

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Hours worked Gross indices (2000=100) Hours worked by employees (blue collar and white collar)

> Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

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2003	99,9	94,8	97,4	95,9	90,5	93,9	77,2	77,7	98,9	103,7	87,0	82,5	91,6
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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

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

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

Press Release

Short Term Indicators

Thursday January, 7th 2005

Statistiek en Economische Informatie Belgium - October 2004* : hours worked industry and construction status quo

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in Belgian industry excluding construction is remained constant (+0,1%) in the last three months compared with the three preceding months; in construction there's also a status quo (+0,0%).

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 decrease by 0,7% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,7%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,6% for chemicals and -0,4% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 0,4%.

Next press release: 3/2/2005

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Hours worked Gross indices (2000=100) Hours worked by employees (blue collar and white collar)

Indices	per
working	day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

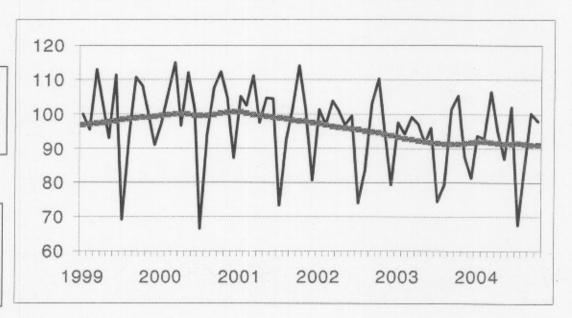
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Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend:



Last three
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	->	×	-+	->
Total industry, excluding construction		*	*	-
Intermediate goods and energy	` `	*	*	->
Capital goods		,		*
Durable consumer goods	1	*	*	**
Non-durable consumer goods	1	*	1	->
Mining and quarrying	1	*	-+	
Food products, beverages and tobacco			-+	*
Textiles and textiles products	*	*	1	**
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	*	-+	1	-+
Furniture	1	*	1	
Electricity	-	,		-
Construction			-	-

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Press Release

Short Term Indicators

Thursday February, 3th 2005

Statistiek en Economische Informatie Belgium - November 2004*: hours worked industry - 1,9%, construction - 2,2%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 1,9%; 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 an decrease by 1,0% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,7%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,9% for chemicals and -0,6% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 0,8%.

Next press release: 3/3/2005

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Hours worked
Gross indices
(2000=100)
Hours worked by
employees (blue
collar and white
collar)

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	tructio	n					1			
2003	99,9	94,8	97,4	95,9	90,5	93,9	77,2	77,7	98,9	103,7	87,0	82,5	91,6
2004	95,3	92,6	105,1	94,2	85,9	99,8	70,6	80,8	97,7	96,2	89,0		
Constru	ction												
2003	84,2	90,8	107,8	102,2	95,8	106,2	59,5	88,4	114,0	113,6	90,7	75,5	94,0
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Indices per working day

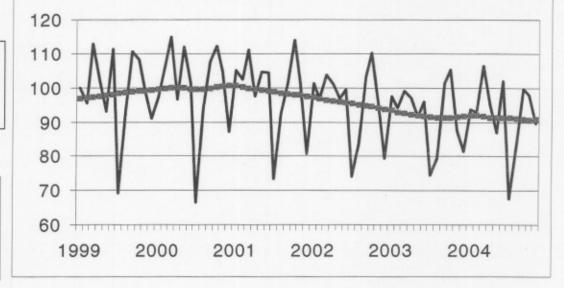
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Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend:



Last three months compared to the previous three months

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

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Press Release

Short Term Indicators

Thursday March, 7th 2005

Statistick en Economische Informatie

Belgium - December 2004*: hours worked industry: -1,9%; construction: -0,5%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 1,9%; 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 (-1,2%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 1,2% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,6%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -2,0% for chemicals and -0,8% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 0,5%.

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Hours worked Gross indices (2000=100) Hours worked by employees (blue collar and white collar)

> Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total inc	dustry, e	excludi	ng cons	tructio	n								
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Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend:

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Industrial branches / Main Industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	*	-	*	->
Total industry, excluding construction		*	`	-
Intermediate goods and energy	*	*	`	->
Capital goods	*	**	**	1
Durable consumer goods	**	->	`	**
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	*	*	1	**
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	1	-	,	-
Construction			,	,

Press Release

FOD ECONOMIE - Statistics Belgium

Thursday March, 31th 2005

Belgium - January 2005*: Hours worked Industry: -2,3%; Construction: -0,9%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 2,3%; 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 decline for Belgium as a whole (-1,3%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 1,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia there's a status quo (-0,4%)**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -1,5% for chemicals and -1,4% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 1,3%.

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2004	95,3	92,6	105,1	94,2	85,9	99,8	70,6	80,8	97,7	96,4	88,7	82.3	90,8
2005	91,8	89,3	97,9	93,7	86,2	97,2	66,5				-		
Constru	ction												***************************************
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2005	74,1	85,4	92,5	103,5	93,4	111,9	45,7						
Total inc	lustry, e	excludi	ng cons	truction	1				-				
2004	97,2	93,9	102,1	93,9	91,9	97,4	71,4	82,2	95,6	100,6	90.3	78.4	91,2
2005	94,0	90,1	95,5	94,4	91,5	95,1	73,4		-				
Constru	ction			-	-					-			
2004	86,5	97,4	109,6	98,0	99,4	109,9	51,7	98,6	108,1	111,7	96,4	75,8	95,3
2005	77,0	85,4	89,8	103,7	100,7	108,9	53,6		-			-	

Indices per working day

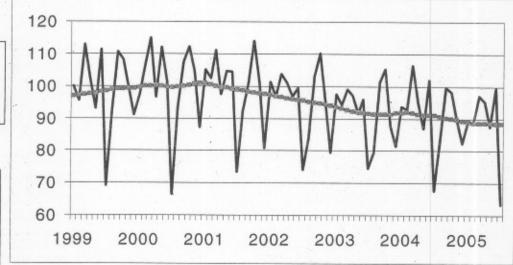
Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices:

Trend:



Last three
months
compared to the
previous three
months

> 2.5% > 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% > -2.5% to -0.5% > -2.5%

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

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

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

Wednesday May, 4th 2005

Belgium - February 2005*: Hours worked Industry: -1,7%; Construction: -2,1%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 1,7%; in construction it fell by 2,1%.

The trend of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the provious three months, shows a

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 decrease by 1,2% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,7%**.

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

Next press release: 2/6/2005

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- * % increase of the last three months, till February 2005 inclusive, compared to the preceding trimester, seasonally-adjusted values.
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Hours worked Gross indices (2000=100) Hours worked by employees (blue collar and white collar)

Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

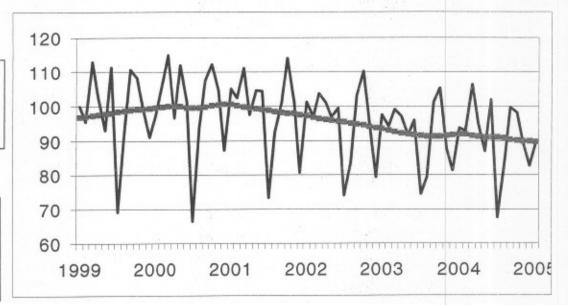
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total inc	dustry, e	excludi	ng cons	truction	n	-	-				-		
2004	95,3	92,6	105,1	94,2	85,9	99,8	70,6	80,8	97,7	96,4	88,7	82,7	90,8
2005	91,5												
Constru	ction												
2004	84,8	92,8	113,0	99,1	92,1	112,6	50,1	95,8	111,1	106,8	93,9	82,0	94,5
2005	73,7												
Total inc	lustry, e	excludi	ng cons	truction	n								
2004	97,4	94,4	102,1	93,6	92,2	97,3	71,3	. 82,2	95,5	100,8	90,4	78,5	91,3
2005	93,9												
Constru	ction												
2004	87,1	97,8	109,6	97,7	99,5	109,7	51,7	98,5	107,9	111,9	96,6	75,5	95,3
2005	76,5												

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend:



Last three months compared to the previous three months

......

> 2.5% 0.5% to 2.5% -0.5% to 0.5% -2.5% to -0.5% < -2.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	*	`	*	-
Total industry, excluding construction	*	*	-	*
Intermediate goods and energy	*	*	*	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	*	*	*	111
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	*	*	*	*
Metal products, machinery and equipment		*	*	*
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel		**	**	
Non-metallic mineral products		-	*	11
Manufacture of basic metals	*	*	*	1
Furniture	*	-	**	
Electricity	/	1	1	1
Construction	*	*	1	*

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

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

Thursday June, 2th 2005

Belgium - March 2005*: Hours worked Industry: -2,0%; Construction: -8,7%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 2,0%; in construction it fell by 8,7%.

The trend of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong decline for Belgium as a whole (-1,7%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 1,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,6%**.

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

Next press release: 30/6/2005

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- (*) % increase of the last three months, till March 2005 inclusive, compared to the preceding trimester, seasonallyadjusted values.
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Hours worked
Gross indices
(2000=100)
Hours worked by
employees (blue
collar and white
collar)

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	n		1			- 1			
2004	95,3	92,6	105,1	94,2	85,9	99,8	70,6	80,8	97,7	96,4	88,7	82,3	90.8
2005	91,2	89,3											
Constru	iction			1					-		-		
2004	84,8	92,8	113,0	99,1	92,1	112,6	50,1	95,8	111,1	106,8	93,9	82,2	94,5
2005	73,9	85,2											
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	1								
2004	97,4	94,3	102,1	93,6	92,2	97,3	71,3	82,2	95,5	100,8	90.4	78,2	91,3
2005	93,5	90,0											
Constru	ction									1			
2004	87,1	97,6	109,6	97,6	99,4	109,7	51,7	98,5	107,9	111,9	96,6	75.5	95.3
2005	76,6	85,1											-,-

Indices per working day Allowing for

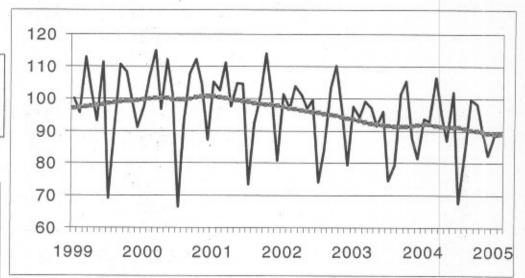
Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices:

Trend:



	Last three
	months
C	ompared to the
	previous three
	months

NN > 2.5% N 0.5% to 2.5% → 0.5% to 0.5% N -2.5% to -0.5% NN < -2.5% BE: Belgium

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	И	И	N	И
Total industry, excluding construction	И	И	71	И
Intermediate goods and energy	И	И	И	7
Capital goods	N N	עע	И	7
Durable consumer goods	77	עע	И	ZZ
Non-durable consumer goods	→	>	K	N
Mining and quarrying	И	И	>	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	N N	>	N/	7171
Textiles and textiles products	И	И	עע	>
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	И	И	И	ZZ
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	И	И	И	7
Metal products, machinery and equipment	И	И	И	И
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	Я	עע	מע	
Non-metallic mineral products	И	И	71	ZZ
Manufacture of basic metals	И	И	2	7
Furniture	И	Я.	אמ	
Electricity	7	71	7	7
Construction	7	7	N	ZZ

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

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

Thursday June, 30th 2005

Belgium - April 2005*: Hours worked Industry: -0,3%; Construction: -4,7%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, is remained constant (-0,3%); in construction it fell by 4,7%.

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 (-0,7%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0,6% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,6%**.

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

Next press release: 4/8/2005

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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	struction	n								
2004	95,3	92,6	105,1	94,2	85,9	99,8	70,6	80,8	97,7	96,4	88,7	82,3	90,8
2005	91,8	89,5	97,6										
Constru	ction												
2004	84,8	92,8	113,0	99,1	92,1	112,6	50,1	95,8	111,1	106,8	93,9	82,2	94,5
2005	74,1	85,4	92,8										
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	struction	n								
2004	97,4	94,3	102,1	93,7	92,1	97,4	71,4	82,2	95,5	100,8	90,4	78,1	91,3
2005	94,0	90,1	94,9										
Constru	ction											1	
2004	86,8	98,0	109,5	98,3	99,4	110,0	51,7	98,4	108,1	111,8	96,8	75,5	95,4
2005	76,6	85,3	90,4										

Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

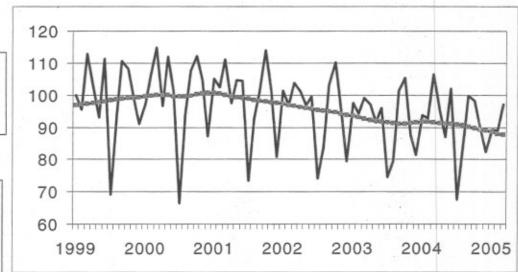
Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

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Trend:



Last three
months
compared to the
previous three
months

オオ > 2.5% オ 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% ы -2.5% to -0.5% ы < -2.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	7	Я	И	->
Total industry, excluding construction	7	И	И	7
Intermediate goods and energy	Я	Я	Я	717
Capital goods	И	NA.	И	>
Durable consumer goods	77	7171	. 71	717
Non-durable consumer goods	→	И	И.	И
Mining and quarrying	И	ЯЯ	>	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	И	>	Я	K
Textiles and textiles products	Я	Я	אא	7
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	7	И	Я	И
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	Я	Я	Я	Я
Metal products, machinery and equipment	И	И	И	7
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	77	ЯЯ	אא	
Non-metallic mineral products	И	И	И	717
Manufacture of basic metals	И	И	И	\rightarrow
Furniture	И	И	RK	
Electricity	7	71	>	->
Construction	777	ZZ	777	717

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

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

Thursday August , 4th 2005

Belgium - May 2005*: Hours worked Industry: +0,5%; Construction: +8,0%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, increased by 0,5%; in construction it rose by 8,0%. 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 decrease by 0,6% 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 -0,2% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked rose with 0,8%.

Next press release: 1/9/2005

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Hours worked
Gross indices
(2000=100)
Hours worked by
employees (blue
collar and white
collar)

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total inc	lustry,	excludi	ng cons	tructio	n	- 1	-						
2004	95,3	92,6	105,1	94,2	85,9	99,8	70,6	80,8	97,7	96,4	88,7	82,3	90.8
2005	91,8	89,3	97,8	93,7					-		-	-	
Constru	ction									-			
2004	84,8	92,8	113,0	99,1	92,1	112,6	50,1	95,8	111,1	106,8	93,9	82.2	94,5
2005	74,1	85,4	92,7	104,4									
Total inc	lustry, e	excludi	ng cons	truction	n					-			
2004	97,3	94,2	102,1	93,8	92,3	97,4	71,3	82,2	95,5	100,8	90.5	78,3	91,3
2005	94,1	90,1	95,3	94,3						-			na tipo tratado como
Constru	ction			-		-		-		-	-		-
2004	86,9	97,5	109,5	98,0	100,0	109,8	51,5	98,6	108,0	111,9	96,8	75.9	95,4
2005	77,1	85,4	89,8	104,8		-	-	-					

Indices per working day

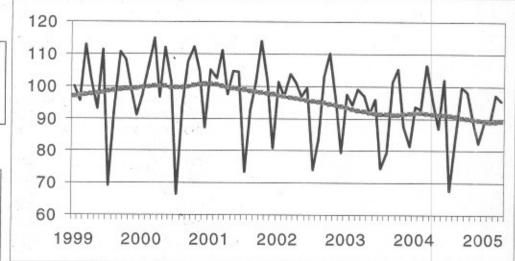
Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Trend:



Last three
months
compared to the
previous three
months

77 > 2.5%

7 0.5% to 2.5%

→ -0.5% to 0.5%

ы -2.5% to -0.5%

ky -2.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	>	И	→	7
Total Industry, excluding construction	И	И	И	7
Intermediate goods and energy	→	И	→	77
Capital goods	→	И	>	>
Durable consumer goods	. И	>	И	עע
Non-durable consumer goods	→	И	>	И
fining and quarrying	И	И	→	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	→	>	>	77
Textiles and textiles products	И	И	אה	77
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	И	И	И	И
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	→ ·	>	7	И
Metal products, machinery and equipment	>	7	\rightarrow	И
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	И	777	777	
Non-metallic mineral products	И	И	И	717
Manufacture of basic metals	Я	И	И	И
Furniture	71	И	И	100
Electricity	77	7	>	>
Construction	7	7	>	77

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

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

Thursday August , 25th 2005

Belgium - June 2005*: Hours worked Industry: +1,2%; Construction: +7,0%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, increased by 1,2%; in construction it rose by 7,0%. 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 (-0,3%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0,8% in Flanders; in Wallonia there's a status quo (+ 0,2%)**.

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 hours worked remained constant (-0,2%).

Next press release: 6/10/2005

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Hours worked Gross indices (2000=100) Hours worked by employees (blue collar and white collar)

1	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								
2004	95,3	92,6	105,1	94,2	85,9	99,8	70,6	80,8	97,7	96,4	88,7	82,3	90,8
2005	91,8	89,3	97,9	93,7	86,4								
Constru	ction												
2004	84,8	92,8	113,0	99,1	92,1	112,6	50,1	95,8	111,1	106,8	93,9	82,2	94,5
2005	74,1	85,4	92,5	103,7	93,0								
	-												
Total inc	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	tructio	n								
2004	97,3	94,1	102,1	93,9	92,3	97,4	71,2	82,2	95,6	100,8	90,5	78,4	91,3
2005	94,1	90,1	95,4	94,3	92,0								
Constru	ction												
2004	86,8	97,6	109,5	98,1	100,1	109,9	51,4	98,7	108,0	112,0	96,9	75,9	95,4
2005	77.1	85,4	89,7	103,9	100,9								

Allowing for differences in length and

Indices per working day

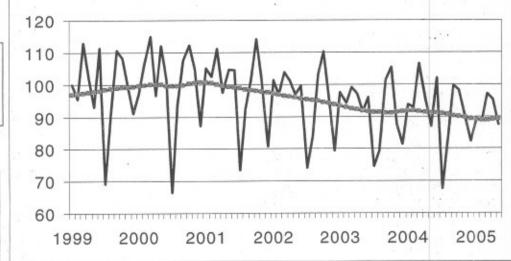
composition between months

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices:

Trend:



Last three months compared to the previous three months

NN > 2.5% N 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% N -2.5% to -0.5% NN <-2.5%

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

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

Thursday October, 6th 2005

Belgium - July 2005*: Hours worked Industry: +1,6%; Construction: +6,5%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, increased by 1,6%; in construction it rose by 6,5%. 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 (+0,8%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia there's a status quo (+0,1%)**.

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

Next press release: 27/10/2005

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Hours worked
Gross indices
(2000=100)
Hours worked by
employees (blue
collar and white
collar)

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	dustry,	exclud	ing cons	truction	n								
2004	95,3	92,6	105,1	94,2	85,9	99,8	70,6	80,8	97,7	96,4	88,7	82,3	90,8
2005	91,8	89,3	97,9	93,7	86,6	93,9							
Constru	ction												
2004	84,8	92,8	113,0	99,1	92,1	112,6	50,1	95,8	111,1	106,8	93,9	82,2	94,5
2005	74,1	85,4	92,5	103,5	92,9	108,1							
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Total inc	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	1								
2004	97,3	94,1	102,1	93,9	92,2	97,4	71,2	82,2	95,6	100,8	90,4	78,4	91,3
2005	94,1	90,1	95,4	94,4	92,0	91,8	-				- 1		
Constru	ction					1							-
2004	86,3	98,0	109,4	99,1	100,1	110,2	51,3	98,6	108,3	111,8	97,1	76,1	95,5
2005	. 76,8	85,3	91,3	103,5	101,0	105,3				3			

Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

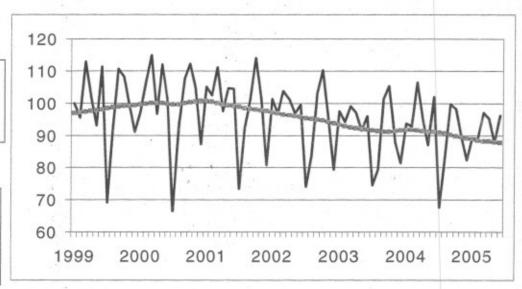
Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

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Trend:



Last three
months
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> 2.5% > 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% ≥ -2.5% to -0.5% > < -2.5%

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



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

Thursday October, 27th 2005

Belgium - *August 2005**: Hours worked Industry: +0,5%; Construction: +4,7%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, increased by 0,5%; in construction it rose by 4,7%. 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 decrease by 0,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,4%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,2% for chemicals and -0,3% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 0,5%.

Next press release: 1/12/2005

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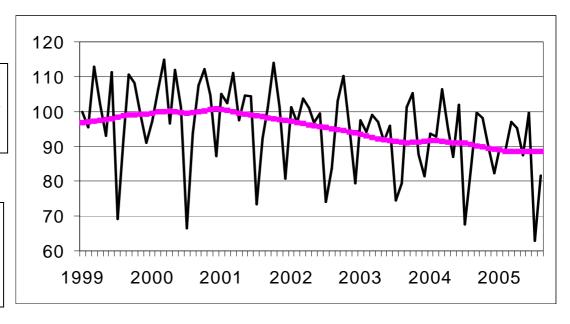
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Trend:



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



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

Thursday December, 1st 2005

Belgium - September 2005*: Hours worked Industry: -0,8%; Construction: -2,2%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked 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 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 (-0,3%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0,6% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,7%**.

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

Next press release: 22/12/2005

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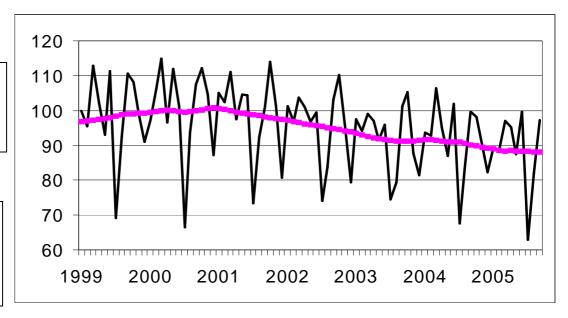
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Durable consumer goods	И	אר	\rightarrow	ZZ
Non-durable consumer goods	И	Я	Я	Ŋ
Mining and quarrying	\rightarrow	И	\rightarrow	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	И	И
Textiles and textiles products	И	И	ZZ	\rightarrow
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Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	И	И
Metal products, machinery and equipment	И	\rightarrow	И	И
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Non-metallic mineral products	\rightarrow	7	И	И
Manufacture of basic metals	И	И	И	И
Furniture	И	И	\rightarrow	
Electricity	7	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
Construction	И	\rightarrow	7	7



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Thursday December, 22th 2005

Belgium - October 2005*: Hours worked Industry: -3,2%; Construction: -4,5%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 3,2%; in construction it fell by 4,5%.

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 (-1,4%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 1,4% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 1,3%**.

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

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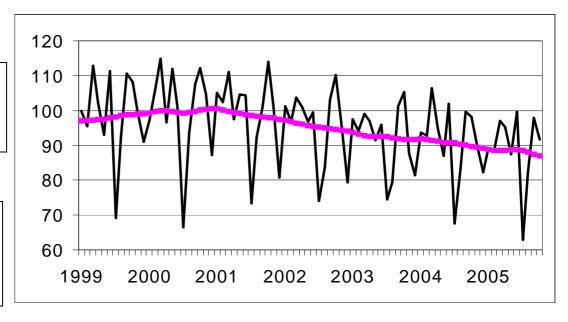
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Durable consumer goods	אר	אר	И	ZZ
Non-durable consumer goods	Z	Я	Я	ZZ
Mining and quarrying	Я	И	\rightarrow	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	Z	Z	И	И
Textiles and textiles products	Z	אר	ZZ	מע
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing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



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Thursday February, 2nd 2006

Belgium - November 2005*: hours worked industry - 2,3%, construction - 2,7%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 2,3%; in construction it fell by 2,7%.

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 (-1,3%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0,7% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 1,6%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,3% for chemicals and -1,4% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 1,5%.

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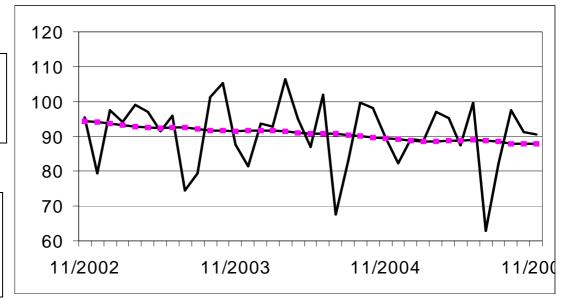
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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	structio	n								
2004	95,3	92,6	105,1	94,2	85,9	99,8	70,6	80,8	97,7	96,4	88,7	82,3	90,8
2005	91,8	89,3	97,9	93,7	86,2	97,4	66,1	79,4	95,0	89,8	89,7		
Constru	uction												
2004	84,8	92,8	113,0	99,1	92,1	112,6	50,1	95,8	111,1	106,8	93,9	82,2	94,5
2005	74,1	85,4	92,5	103,5	93,4	112,0	45,4	96,1	110,6	99,1	95,3		
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	structio	n								
2004	97,2	94,0	102,0	93,9	91,9	97,4	71,6	82,2	95,6	100,7	90,2	78,3	91,2
2005	94,0	90,1	95,4	94,4	91,4	95,3	72,9	77,6	93,5	93,7	91,0		
Construction													
2004	86,5	97,4	109,5	98,2	99,5	109,9	51,8	98,7	108,1	111,8	96,6	75,8	95,3
2005	77,0	85,5	89,9	103,7	100,9	108,9	53,4	94,1	108,1	104,3	96,9		

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend :



Last three months compared to the previous three months

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



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Thursday March, 2nd 2006

Belgium - December 2005*: hours worked industry - 1,6%, construction - 0,6%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 1,6%; in construction it fell by 0,6%.

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

Next press release: 6/4/2006

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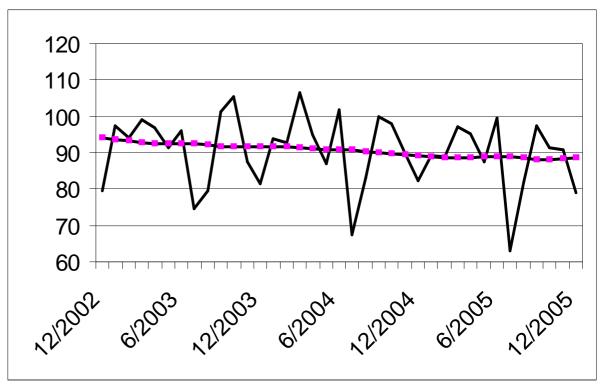
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Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	tructio	n								
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Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend :



Last three
months
compared to the
previous three
months

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



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Thursday March, 6nd 2006

Belgium - January 2006*: hours worked industry + 2,0%, construction + 6,0%

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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 decrease by 0,5% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,4%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0,6% for chemicals and -0,7% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked rose with 1,5%.

Next press release: 4/5/2006

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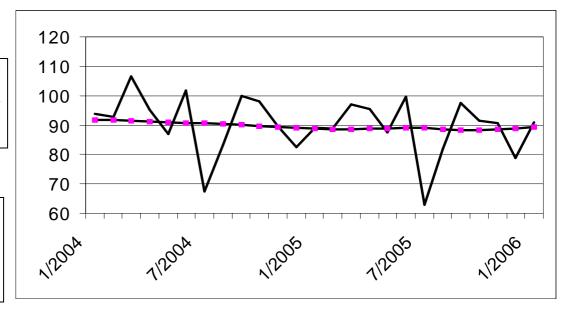
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Total industry, excluding construction													
2005	91,8	89,3	97,9	93,7	86,2	97,4	66,1	79,4	95,0	90,0	89,6	78,7	87,9
2006	93,1												
Constri	uction												
2005	74,1	85,4	92,5	103,5	93,4	112,0	45,4	96,1	110,6	99,4	96,5	78,9	90,7
2006	78,3												
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	structio	n								
2005	94,1	90,1	95,4	94,4	91,5	95,3	73,0	77,6	93,5	93,9	90,9	78,0	89,0
2006	94,6												
Constru	uction												
2005	77,1	85,5	89,9	103,7	101,0	108,9	53,5	94,2	108,1	104,6	98,2	77,5	91,8
2006	81,2												

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend:



Last three months compared to the previous three months

> 2.5%
> 0.5% to 2.5%
→ -0.5% to 0.5%
丛 -2.5% to -0.5%
丛 < -2.5%

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



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Thursday May, 4nd 2006

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

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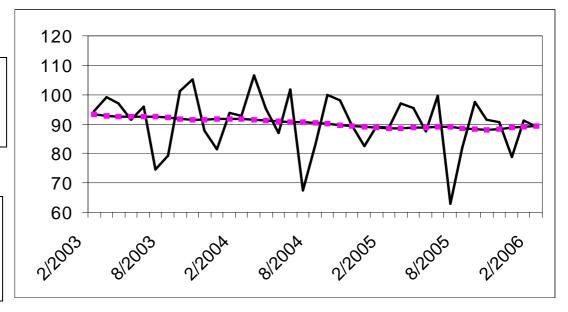
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Total industry, excluding construction													
2005	91,8	89,3	97,9	93,7	86,2	97,4	66,1	79,4	95,0	90,0	89,6	78,7	87,9
2006	93,2	89,7											
Constri	uction												
2005	74,1	85,4	92,5	103,5	93,4	112,0	45,4	96,1	110,6	99,4	96,5	78,8	90,6
2006	78,9	85,6											
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	structio	n								
2005	94,0	90,1	95,4	94,4	91,5	95,3	73,0	77,6	93,5	93,9	90,9	78,1	89,0
2006	94,6	90,4											
Constri	Construction												
2005	77,1	85,5	89,9	103,7	101,0	108,9	53,5	94,2	108,1	104,6	98,1	77,4	91,8
2006	81,8	85,8											

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend:



Last three
months
compared to the
previous three
months

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

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Thursday June, 8nd 2006

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A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0,8% for chemicals and -0,2% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 0,5%.

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Hours worked Gross indices (2000=100) Hours worked by employees (blue collar and white collar)

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lustry,	excludi	ing cons	truction	n								
91,8	89,3	97,9	93,7	86,2	97,4	66,1	79,4	95,0	90,0	89,6	78,7	87,9
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94,5	90,3	98,7										
ction												
77,1	85,5	89,9	103,7	101,0	108,9	53,5	94,2	108,1	104,6	98,1	77,4	91,8
82,0	86.7	102.7										
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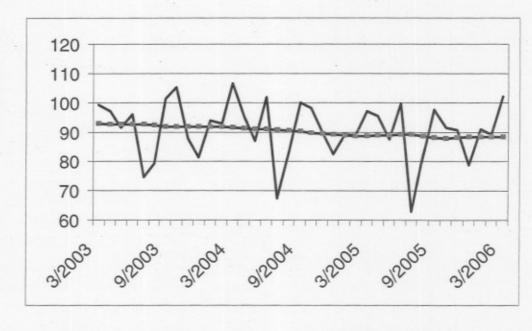
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Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices:

Trend:



Last three
months
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777 > 2.5% 7 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% 以 -2.5% to -0.5% 以 -2.5%

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



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Thursday June, 29nd 2006

Belgium - April 2006*: hours worked industry - 0,4%, construction - 4.4%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 0,4%; in construction it fell by 4,4%.

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 decrease by 0,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,5%**.

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

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Hours worked
Gross indices
(2000=100)
Hours worked by
employees (blue
collar and white
collar)

Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total industry, excluding construction													
2005	91,8	89,3	97,9	93,7	86,2	97,4	66,1	79,4	95,0	90,0	89,6	78,7	87,9
2006	93,0	89,5	101,3	84,8									
Constru	uction												
2005	74,1	85,4	92,5	103,5	93,4	112,0	45,4	96,1	110,6	99,4	96,5	78,8	90,6
2006	79,2	86,5	106,5	90,7									
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	tructio	n								
2005	94,0	90,1	95,4	94,3	91,5	95,3	73,0	77,6	93,5	94,0	91,0	78,1	89,0
2006	94,5	90,2	98,9	90,7									
Constri	uction												
2005	77,0	85,5	89,9	103,7	100,9	109,0	53,5	94,2	108,1	104,5	98,1	77,5	91,8
2006	82,0	86,6	102,6	98,2									

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

77 > 2.5% 7 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% 2 -2.5% to -0.5% 2 < -2.5%

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

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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 a status quo (+0,0%) for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of employees rose with 0,4%.

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Employees

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

Seasonally adjusted indices

After elimination of seasonal variation

1	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total inc	lustry,	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								
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	91,3	91,6	91,7								
Total inc	lustry,	excludi	ing cons	tructio	n								
2005	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
2006	86,4	86,4	86,3	86,3	86,3								
Constru	ction												
2005	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
2006	91,2	91,3	91,5	91,6	91,6								

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices : Trend: *************

	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
	Total industry	· >	7	7	Я
Last three	Total industry, excluding construction	→	7	>	7
months compared to the	Intermediate goods	→ ·	7	Я	Я
previous three	Capital goods	→ ·	7	И	אא
months	Durable consumer goods	7	7	ЯЯ	Я
Gross indices	Non-durable consumer goods	→	7	И	77
77 > 1.5%	Mining and quarrying	7	77	7	
	Food products, beverages and tobacco	7	7	И	77
7 0.2% to 1.5%	Textiles and textiles products	77	И	ЯЯ	אא
→ -0.2% to 0.2%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	7	>	אא	И
ы-1.5% to -0.2%	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	→	. 7	7	И
<-1.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	>	И	Я
BE : Belgium	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	→	И	ЯЯ	
VL : Flanders	Non-metallic mineral products	→	7	И	777
WA : Wallonia	Manufacture of basic metals	7	>	И	И
BR : Brussels	Furniture	7	И	ZZ	
	Electricity	77	77	77	77
	Construction	7	7	7	7



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Thursday September, 7nd 2006

Belgium - June 2006*: hours worked industry - 1,2%, construction + 0,6%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 1,2%; 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 decline for Belgium as a whole (-0.3%). At the regional level, there's a status quo (+0.0%) in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.7%**.

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

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Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

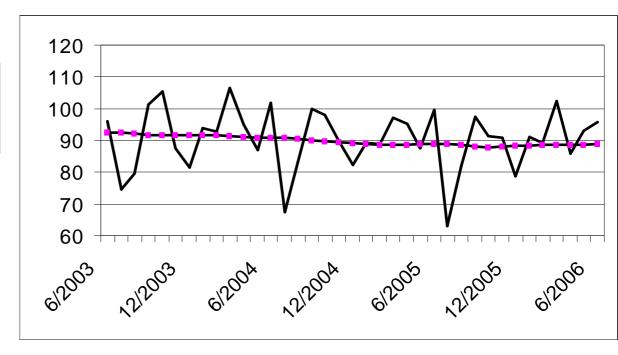
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Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	tructio	n								
2005	91,8	89,3	97,9	93,7	86,2	97,4	66,1	79,4	95,0	90,0	89,6	78,7	87,9
2006	93,0	89,5	101,5	84,7	91,3	93,3							
Constru	uction												
2005	74,1	85,4	92,5	103,5	93,4	112,0	45,4	96,1	110,6	99,4	96,5	78,8	90,6
2006	79,2	86,5	106,4	91,1	101,6	108,1							
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	tructio	n								
2005	94,0	90,1	95,4	94,3	91,6	95,3	73,0	77,6	93,5	93,9	91,0	78,1	89,0
2006	94,5	90,2	99,2	90,6	92,1	93,0							
Constru	iction												
2005	77,1	85,5	89,9	103,7	100,9	109,0	53,4	94,2	108,2	104,5	98,1	77,5	91,8
2006	82,0	86,6	102,4	98,6	102,7	107,2							

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend:



Last three months compared to the previous three months

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



DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM PRESS RELEASE

Thursday October, 5nd 2006

Belgium - July 2006*: hours worked industry status quo, construction + 2,7%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, remained constant; in construction it rose by 2,7%.

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 (-0,2%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0,4% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,2%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,7% for chemicals and +0,8% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked rose with 0,7%.

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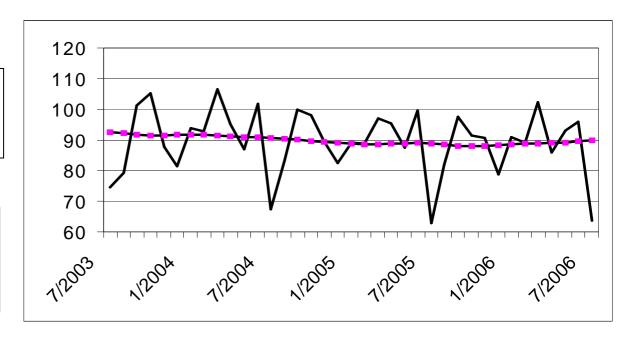
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Total in	Total industry, excluding construction												
2005	91,8	89,3	97,9	93,7	86,2	97,4	66,1	79,4	95,0	90,0	89,6	78,7	87,9
2006	93,0	89,5	101,5	84,7	91,4	93,4	67,0						
Constri	uction												
2005	74,1	85,4	92,5	103,5	93,4	112,0	45,4	96,1	110,6	99,4	96,5	78,8	90,6
2006	79,2	86,5	106,4	91,1	101,8	108,4	45,9						
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	structio	n								
2005	94,0	90,1	95,4	94,4	91,6	95,3	73,0	77,6	93,5	93,9	90,9	78,1	89,0
2006	94,5	90,2	99,2	90,6	92,2	93,2	71,5						
Constri	uction												
2005	77,1	85,5	90,0	103,7	101,0	109,0	53,5	94,3	108,3	104,4	97,8	77,5	91,8
2006	82,0	86,6	102,5	98,6	103,0	107,7	52,5						

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend :



Last three months compared to the previous three months

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



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Thursday October, 26nd 2006

Belgium - August 2006*: hours worked industry - 0,5%, 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 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 0.3%**.

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 hours worked rose with 0,4%.

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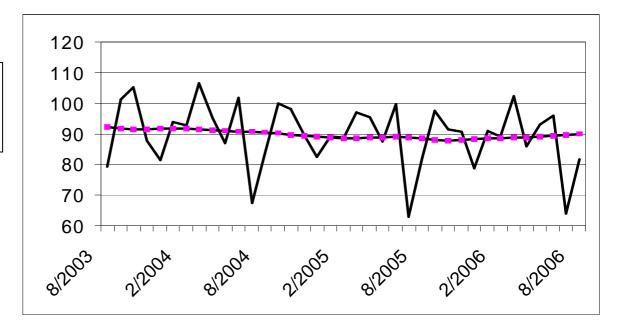
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Constri	uction												
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2006	79,2	86,5	106,4	91,1	101,8	108,8	46,1	96,6					
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	tructio	n								
2005	94,0	90,1	95,4	94,4	91,6	95,3	73,1	77,7	93,5	93,9	90,9	78,1	89,0
2006	94,5	90,2	99,2	90,7	92,3	93,3	71,6	78,3					
Constri	uction												
2005	77,1	85,5	90,0	103,7	100,9	109,0	53,5	94,2	108,3	104,4	97,9	77,5	91,8
2006	81,9	86,6	102,6	98,6	103,0	108,1	52,7	94,9					

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend :



Last three
months
compared to the
previous three
months

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



Thursday December, 7th 2006

Belgium - September 2006*: hours worked industry + 0,6%, construction + 0,7%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, increased by 0.6%; in construction it rose by 0.7%.

The trend of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo for Belgium as a whole (+0.0%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0.1% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.1%**.

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

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Hours worked by
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collar)

Indices	per
working	day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

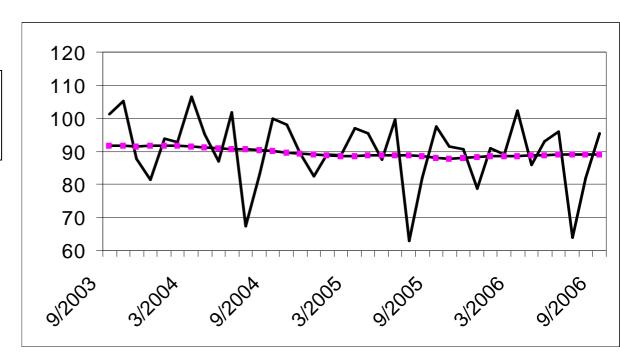
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Total in	Total industry, excluding construction												
2005	91,8	89,3	97,9	93,7	86,2	97,4	66,1	79,4	95,0	90,0	89,6	78,7	87,9
2006	93,0	89,5	101,5	84,7	91,4	93,5	67,2	79,2	92,7				
Constri	uction												
2005	74,1	85,4	92,5	103,5	93,4	112,0	45,4	96,1	110,6	99,4	96,5	78,8	90,6
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Constri	Construction												
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2006	81,9	86,6	102,6	98,6	103,0	108,1	52,6	94,6	109,8				

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend:



Last three months compared to the previous three months

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



Thursday January, 11th 2007

Belgium - October 2006*: hours worked industry + 0,4%, construction - 1,9%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, increased by 0,4%; in construction it fell by 1,9%.

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 (+0,4%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0,2% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number remained constant $(+0,0\%)^{**}$.

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

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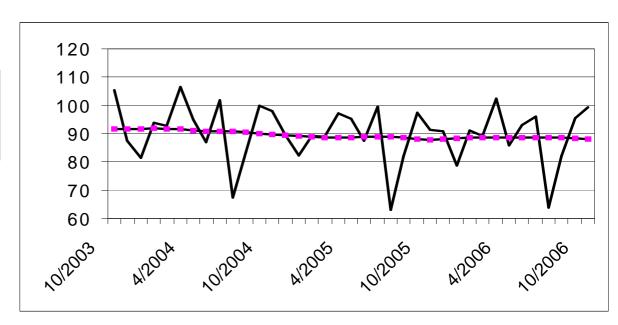
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Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices:

Trend:



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



Thursday February, 1nd 2007

Belgium - November 2006*: hours worked industry - 0,1%, construction + 2,0%

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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 (-0,1%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0,6%**.

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2006	81,9	86,6	102,5	98,7	103,2	108,1	52,8	94,9	110,2	109,3	102,4		

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend :

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	Total industry	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow
	Total industry, excluding construction	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow
Last three	Intermediate goods and energy	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7
months	Capital goods	7	\rightarrow	И	7
compared to the	Durable consumer goods	И	И	И	ZZ
previous three	Non-durable consumer goods	7	7	7	И
months	Mining and quarrying	7	\rightarrow	77	
	Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	И
	Textiles and textiles products	И	И	И	7
717 > 2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	И	И
⊿ 0.5% to 2.5%	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	7	\rightarrow	И
→ -0.5% to 0.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	И
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	Non-metallic mineral products	\rightarrow	7	И	RR
BE : Belgium	Manufacture of basic metals	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7
VL : Flanders	Furniture	И	\rightarrow	И	
WA : Wallonia	Electricity	77	77	77	77
BR : Brussels	Construction	7	7	77	\rightarrow

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings



Thursday March, 1st 2007

Belgium - December 2006*: hours worked industry + 1,5%, construction + 5,7%

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Constru	uction												
2005	74,1	85,4	92,5	103,5	93,4	112,0	45,4	96,1	110,6	99,4	96,5	78,8	90,6
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Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	structio	n								
2005	94,0	90,1	95,3	94,4	91,4	95,3	72,9	77,6	93,5	93,9	91,0	78,1	89,0
2006	94,4	90,2	99,2	90,5	92,1	93,2	71,6	78,9	93,3	99,6	90,2	82,3	89,6
Constr	Construction												
2005	77,1	85,5	89,6	103,7	100,6	109,0	53,4	94,1	108,2	104,5	98,1	77,5	91,8
2006	81,9	86,6	102,5	98,1	102,9	107,7	52,8	94,9	110,2	110,7	103,8	86,2	94,9

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend :

BR : Brussels

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	Total industry	7	7	7	7	
	Total industry, excluding construction	7	7	7	7	
	Intermediate goods and energy	7	7	7	7	
	Capital goods	7	7	77	\rightarrow	
Last three	Durable consumer goods	7	\rightarrow	И	И	
months compared to the	Non-durable consumer goods	7	7	7	И	
previous three	Mining and quarrying	7	7	77		
months	Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	И	
	Textiles and textiles products	R	И	\rightarrow	7	
	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	7	7	И	\rightarrow	
77 > 2.5%	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	7	7	
→ -0.5% to 0.5%	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	Я	ZZ	\rightarrow		
☑ -2.5% to -0.5%	Non-metallic mineral products	7	7	7	\rightarrow	
עע < -2.5%	Manufacture of basic metals	Я	\rightarrow	7	7	
BE : Belgium	Furniture	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7		
VL : Flanders	Electricity	77	77	77	77	
WA : Wallonia	Construction	77	77	77	7	

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings



Thursday April, 5nd 2007

Belgium - January 2007*: hours worked industry + 0,1%, construction + 8,3%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, increased by 0,1%; in construction it rose by 8,3%.

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 (+0,4%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0,5% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0,4%**.

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

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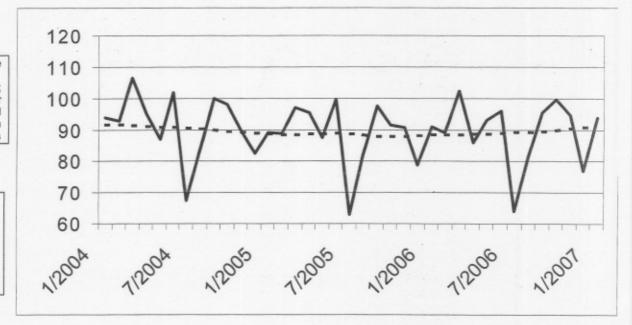
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2007	94,8												
Constru	ction												
2006	79,2	86,5	106,4	91,1	101,8	108,8	46,0	96,6	110,0	107,9	105,6	79,7	93,3
2007	87,4												
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	truction	n								
2006	94,4	90,2		90,5	92,2	93,2	71,6	78,9	93,3	99,5	90,1	82,0	89,6
2007	93,0												
Constru	ction												
2006	81,9	86,6	102,5	98,1	102,9	107,7	52,8	94,9	110,2	1.10,7	103,3	85,9	94,8
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Last three
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	7	71	7	7
Total industry, excluding construction	→	7	>	7
Intermediate goods and energy	→	>	→	77
Capital goods	71	7	7	>
Durable consumer goods	7	71	7	717
Non-durable consumer goods	→	>	7	И
Mining and quarrying	7	>	77	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	7	7 .	7	И
Textiles and textiles products	7	И	И	ZZ
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	· >	>	И	И
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	7	>	>
Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	7	>
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	77	אא	И	
Non-metallic mineral products	>	7	>	71
Manufacture of basic metals	И	7	>	71
Furniture	→	>	N	
Electricity	77	77	77	77
Construction	77	77	77	7



Thursday May, 3nd 2007

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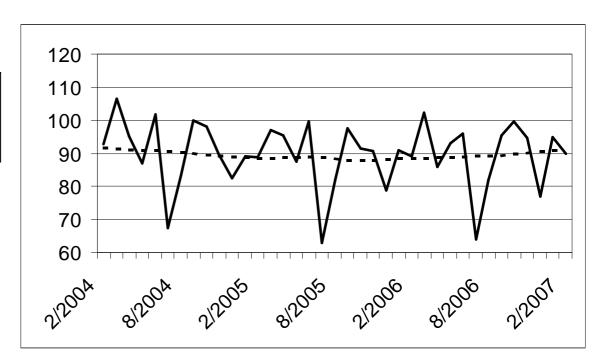
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Total industry, excluding construction													
2006	93,0	89,5	101,5	84,7	91,4	93,5	67,2	79,3	92,7	98,2	92,4	76,2	88,3
2007	95,9	88,9											
Constru	uction												
2006	79,2	86,5	106,4	91,1	101,8	108,8	46,0	96,6	110,0	107,9	105,6	79,9	93,3
2007	87,7	95,5											
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ng cons	tructio	n								
2006	94,4	90,2	99,2	90,4	92,1	93,2	71,6	78,9	93,3	99,5	90,1	81,7	89,6
2007	94,1	89,7											
Constru	ıction												
2006	81,9	86,6	102,6	98,1	102,9	107,7	52,8	94,9	110,2	110,7	103,3	86,1	94,8
2007	85,7	95,6											

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend:



Last three months compared to the previous three months

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



Thursday May, 31nd 2007

Belgium - March 2007*: hours worked industry - 1,4%, construction - 1,3%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 1,4%; 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 (-0.2%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0.1% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number remained constant $(+0.0\%)^{**}$.

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

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Gross indices
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Hours worked by
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Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

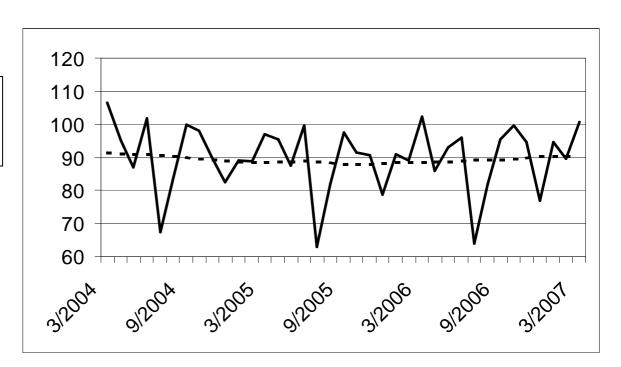
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2007	93,9	89,6	98,5										
Constru	uction												
2006	81,9	86,6	102,5	98,0	102,7	107,7	52,8	94,9	110,2	110,6	103,3	86,0	94,8
2007	85,7	93,7	108,4										

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend :



Last three months compared to the previous three months

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



Thursday June, 28nd 2007

Belgium - April 2007*: hours worked industry - 0,9%, construction - 5,1%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked 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 5,1%.

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 (-0,4%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0,7% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,2%**.

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

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Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

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Constru	uction												
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2007	87,8	93,7	108,8	93,5									
Total in	dustry,	excludi	ing cons	structio	n								
2006	94,4	90,2	99,2	90,4	92,1	93,2	71,6	78,9	93,3	99,6	90,1	81,7	89,6
2007	93,9	89,8	98,6	90,8									
Constru	uction												
2006	81,9	86,5	102,5	98,0	102,7	107,6	52,9	94,9	110,2	110,7	103,3	86,0	94,8
2007	85,7	93,8	107,5	98,8									

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

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



Thursday Augustus, 2nd 2007

Belgium - May 2007*: hours worked industry - 0,3%, construction - 5,6%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked 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 5,6%.

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 (-0.2%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0.4% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.2%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,6% for chemicals and -0,4% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 2,0%.

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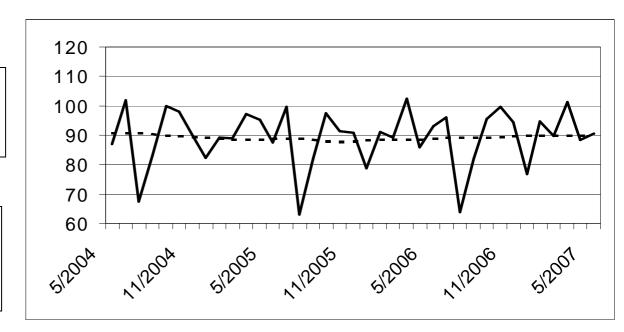
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2007	95,8	89,0	99,5	87,0	88,9								
Constri	uction												
2006	79,2	86,5	106,4	91,1	101,8	108,8	46,0	96,6	110,0	107,9	105,6	79,9	93,3
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Constri	uction												
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2007	85,7	93,8	108,2	100,0	102,3								

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend :



Last three
months
compared to the
previous three
months

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



Thursday September, 6th 2007

Belgium - June 2007*: hours worked industry - 0,1%, construction - 3,4%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared with the three preceding months, fell by 0,1%; in construction it fell by 3,4%.

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 (-0.2%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0.5% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0.3%**.

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

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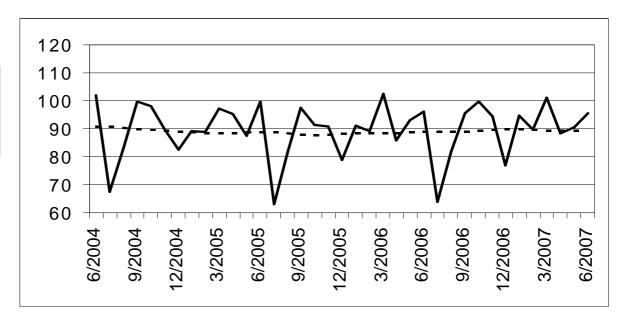
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2007	85,7	93,8	108,3	100,4	102,5	109,3							

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices:

Trend:



Last three months compared to the previous three months

> 2.5% 7 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% 凶 -2.5% to -0.5% < -2.5%

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



Thursday October, 4nd 2007

Belgium - July 2007*: hours worked industry + 0,3%, construction - 1,9%

The deseasonalized index of the hours worked 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 1,9%.

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 (+0.0%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0.4% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0.4%**.

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 hours worked fell with 1,4%.

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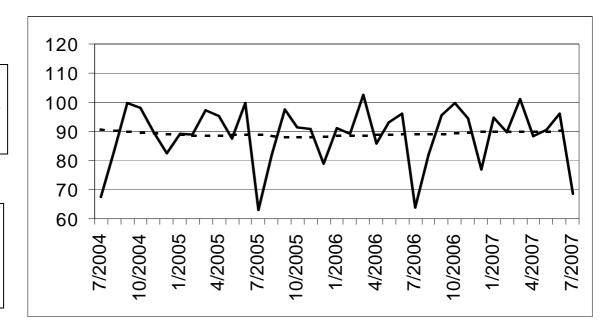
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2007	87,8	93,7	109,6	95,2	100,3	108,8	52,1						
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2007	93,9	89,8	98,9	91,1	92,0	94,4	71,2						
Constri	uction												
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2007	85,6	93,8	108,3	100,3	102,9	109,1	52,4						

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend:



Last three months compared to the previous three months

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



Thursday October, 25nd 2007

Belgium - August 2007* : hours worked industry + 0,2%, construction + 0,1%

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Indices	per
working	day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

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2007	85,6	93,8	108,3	100,3	102,9	110,1	52,7	98,4					

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

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



Thursday December, 6nd 2007

Belgium - September 2007*: hours worked industry + 0,5%, construction + 0,8%

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A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0,7% for chemicals and +0,4% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 0,5%.

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Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

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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

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



Tuesday February, 12nd 2008

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

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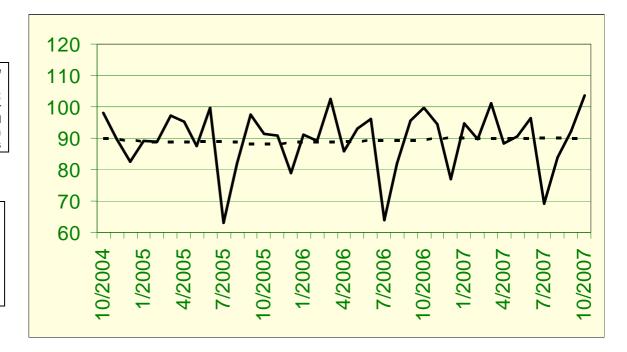
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Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend :



Last three months compared to the previous three months

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



Wednesday February, 27nd 2008

Belgium - November 2007*: hours worked industry + 0,1%, construction + 0,8%

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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 hours worked rose with 0,7%.

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Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend :

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



Wednesday April, 9nd 2008

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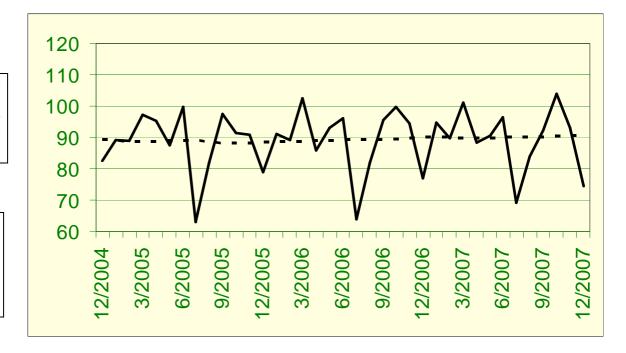
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Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :

Trend:



Last three months compared to the previous three months

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