

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 three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo for Belgium as a whole (0,2%). At the regional level, there's 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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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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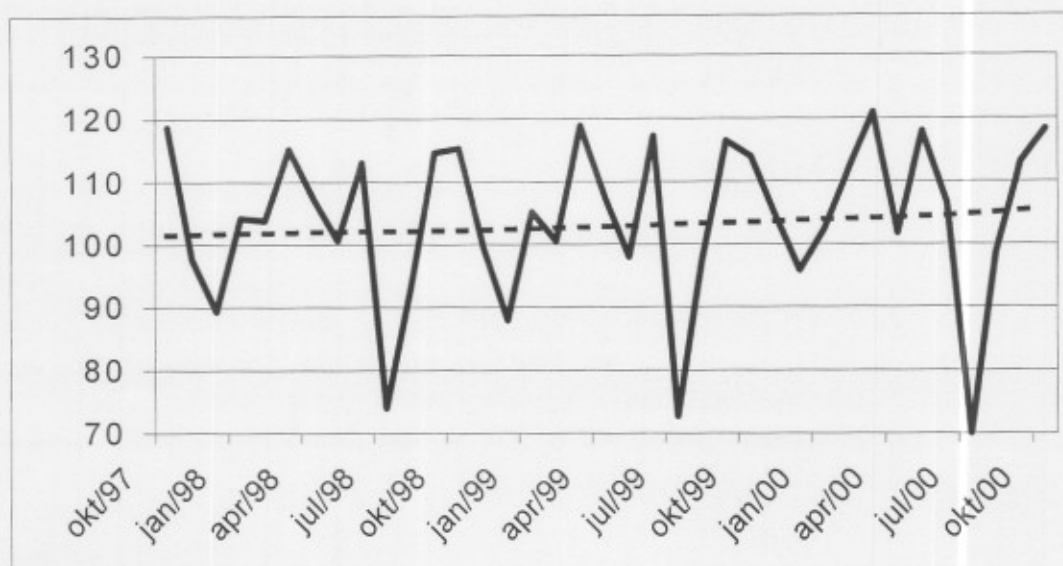
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Belgium - November 2000 : hours worked industry + 5.6%

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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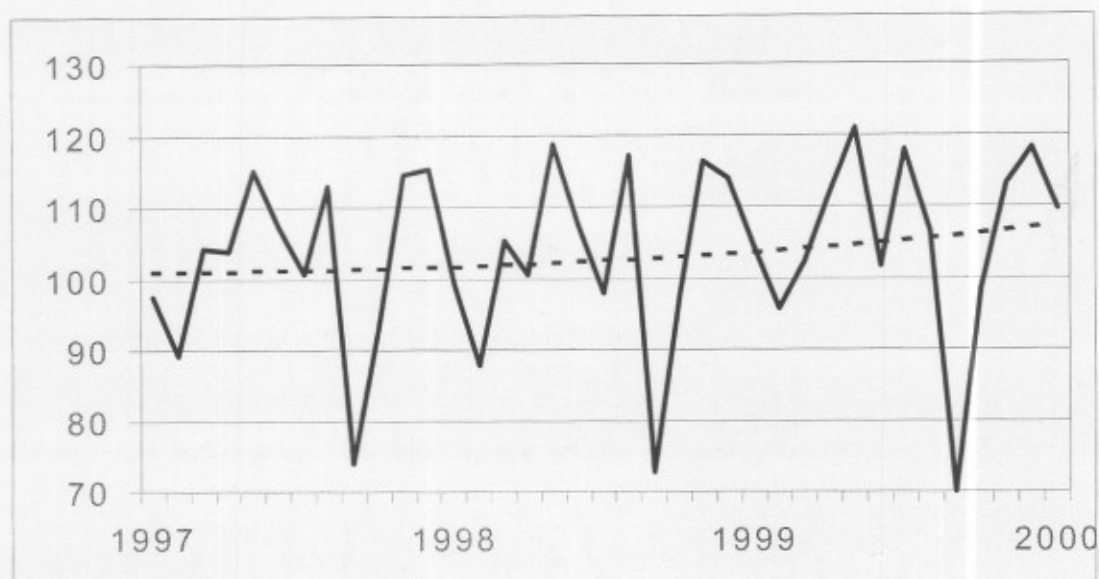
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Belgium - Year 2000 : hours worked industry + 0.6%, construction + 3.3%

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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%.

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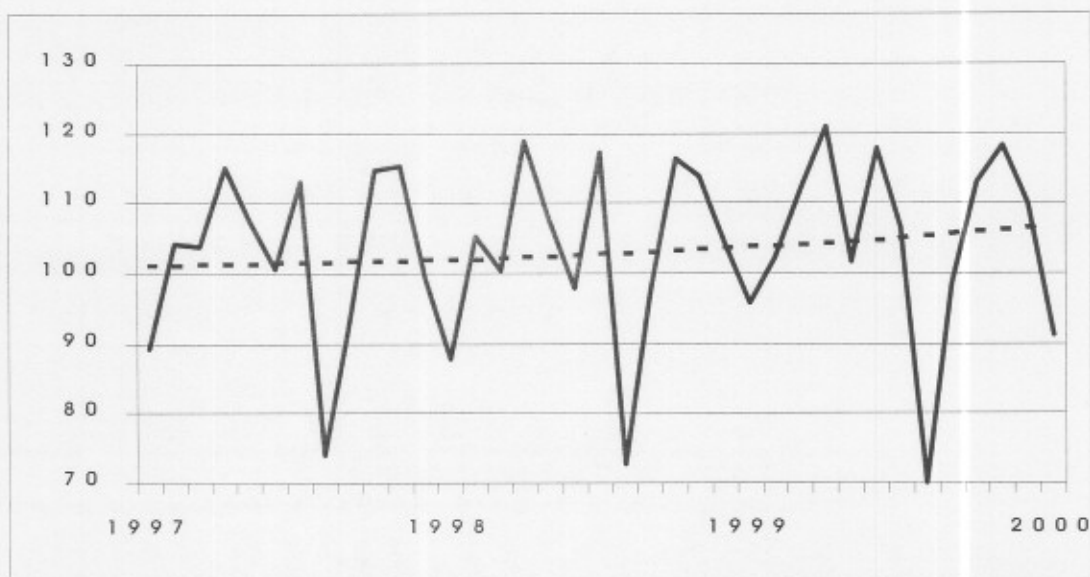
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In spite of announcements of a slowing down of growth, the latest data on hours worked still show the gradual and continuous rise of the past years. The growth rates are more or less the same in the different regions and in most sectors ; none of the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

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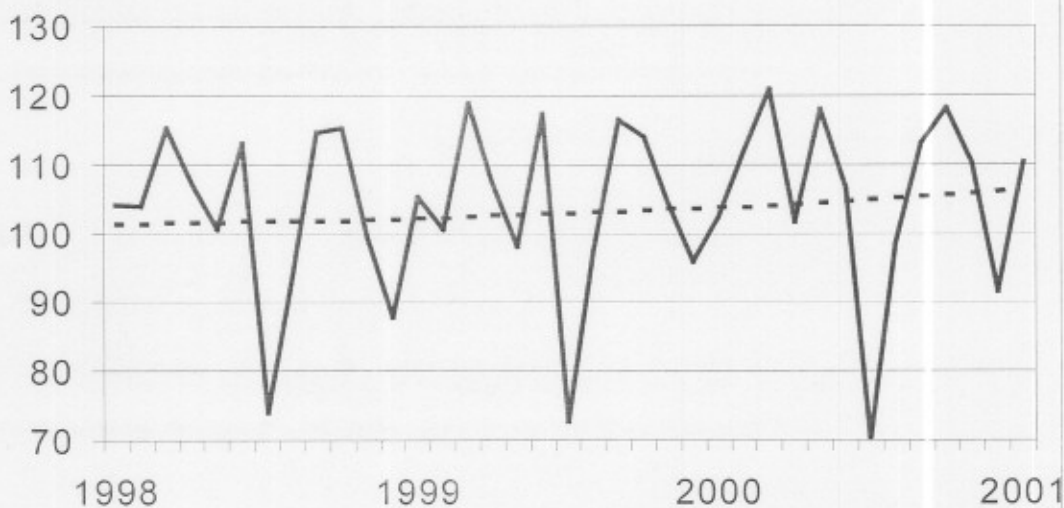
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In February 2001, compared to February of the previous year, **the number of hours worked** in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 4.1%; in construction it rose by 1.4%.

The trend of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase for Belgium as a whole (+0.4%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0.3% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number of hours worked expanded by 0.2%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0.5% for chemicals and +1.0% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In construction, the number of hours worked rose by 0.4%.

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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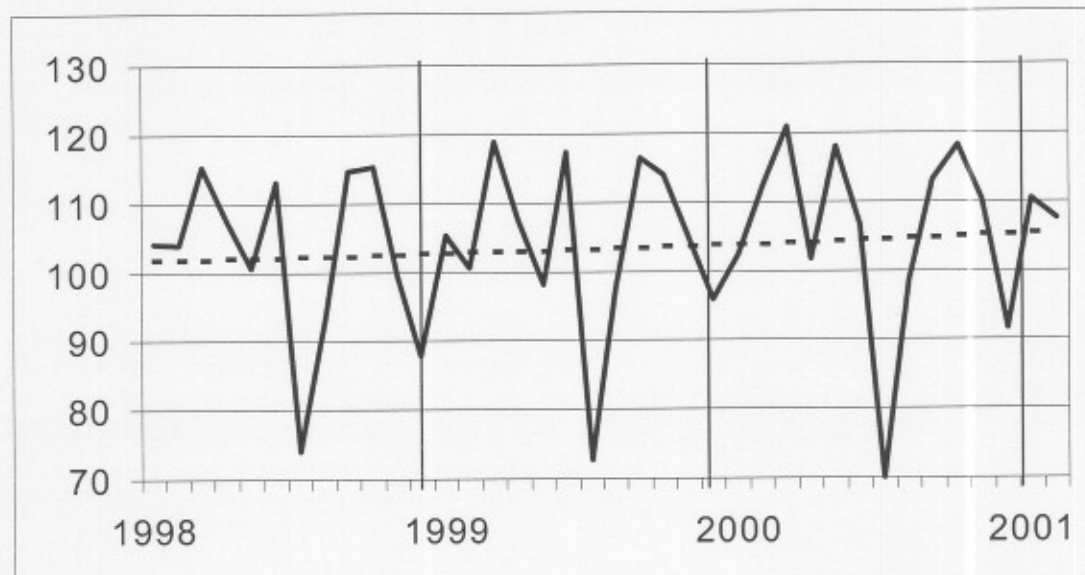
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2001	104,2	118,9											

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

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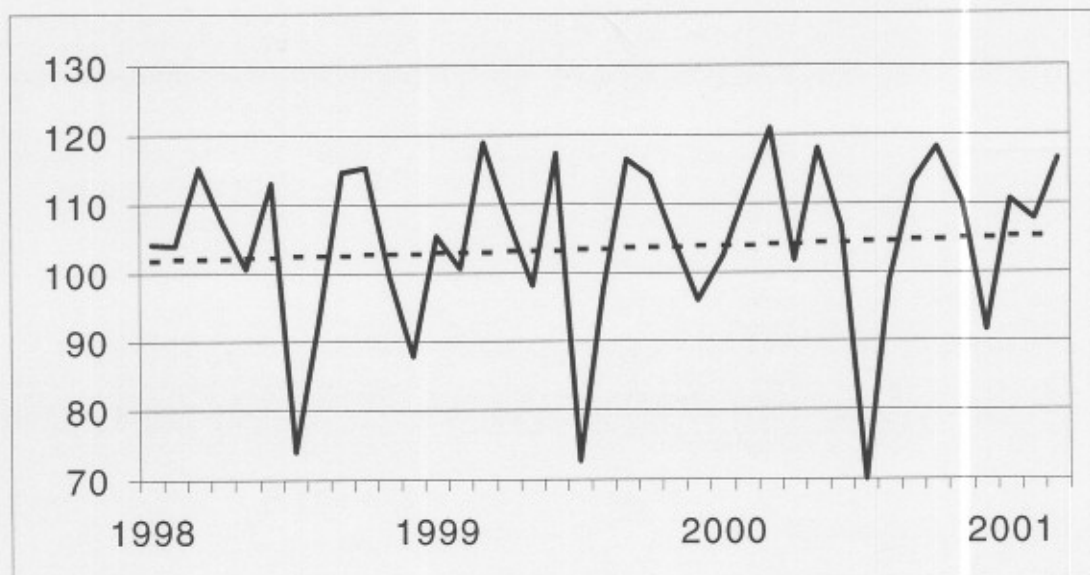
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Belgium - April 2001 : hours worked industry + 1.3%, construction + 0.6%

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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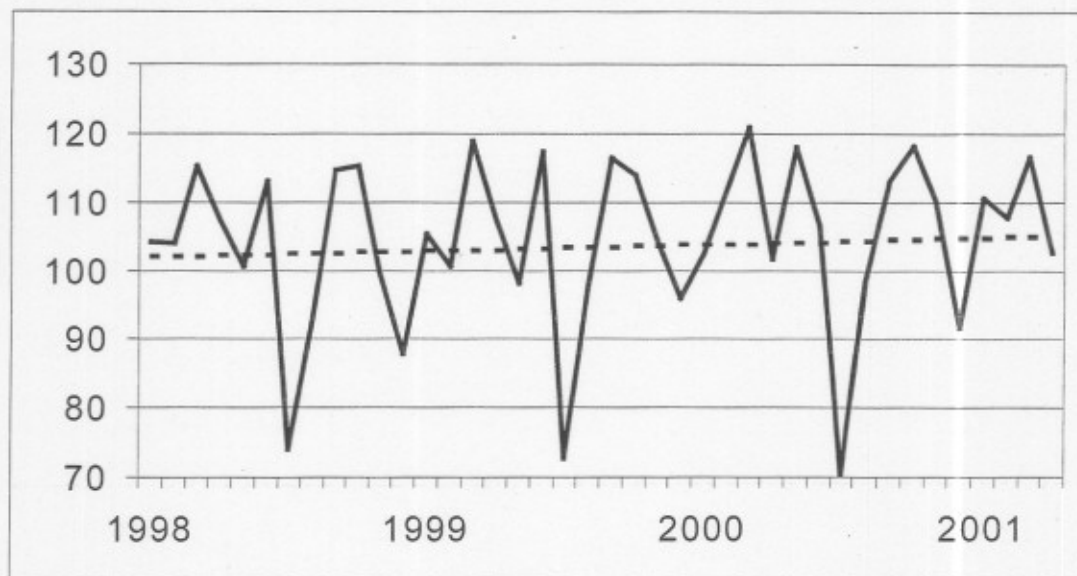
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Furniture	→	↘	/	//
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Belgium – May 2001: hours worked industry – 6.4%, construction – 7.0%

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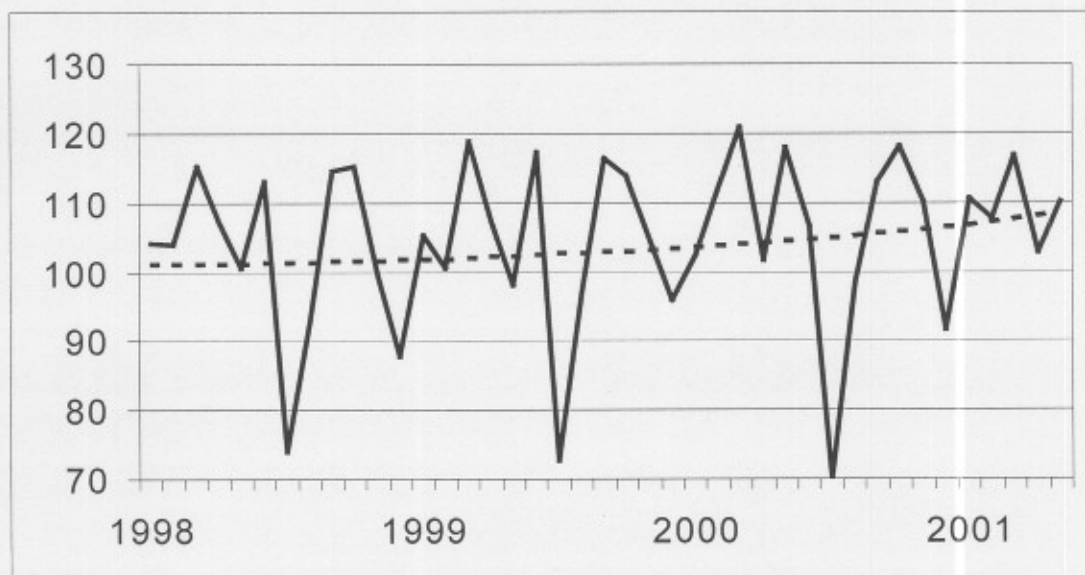
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Belgium - June 2001: hours worked industry + 2.5%, construction + 3.1%

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%.

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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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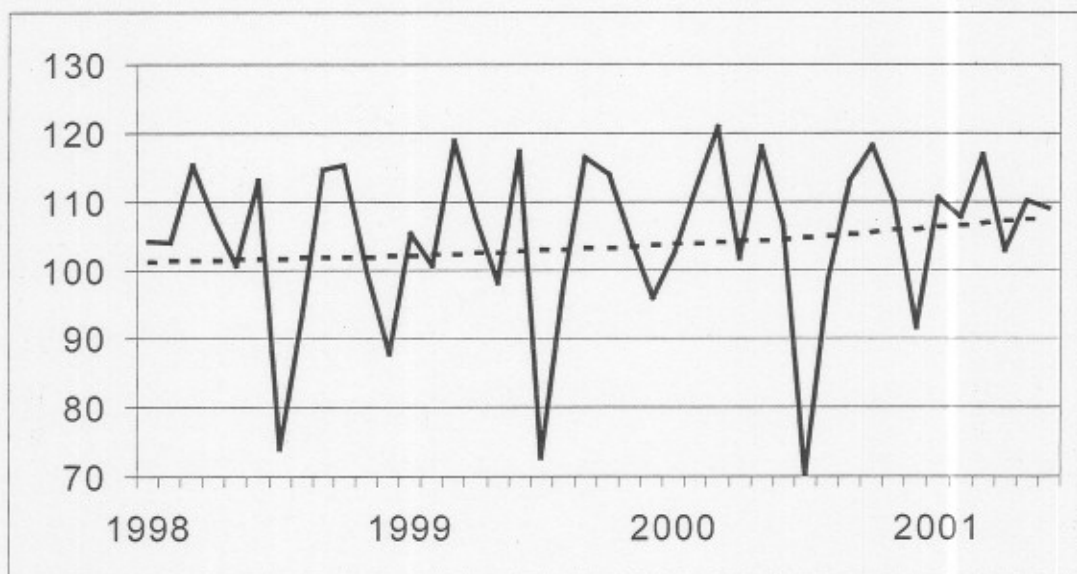
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2001	108,1	105,7	113,3	101,4	102,4	106,2							
Construction													
2000	100,5	126,4	136,9	127,2	142,8	128,9	63,6	129,3	138,9	138,6	126,8	110,6	122,5
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Belgium - July 2001: hours worked industry + 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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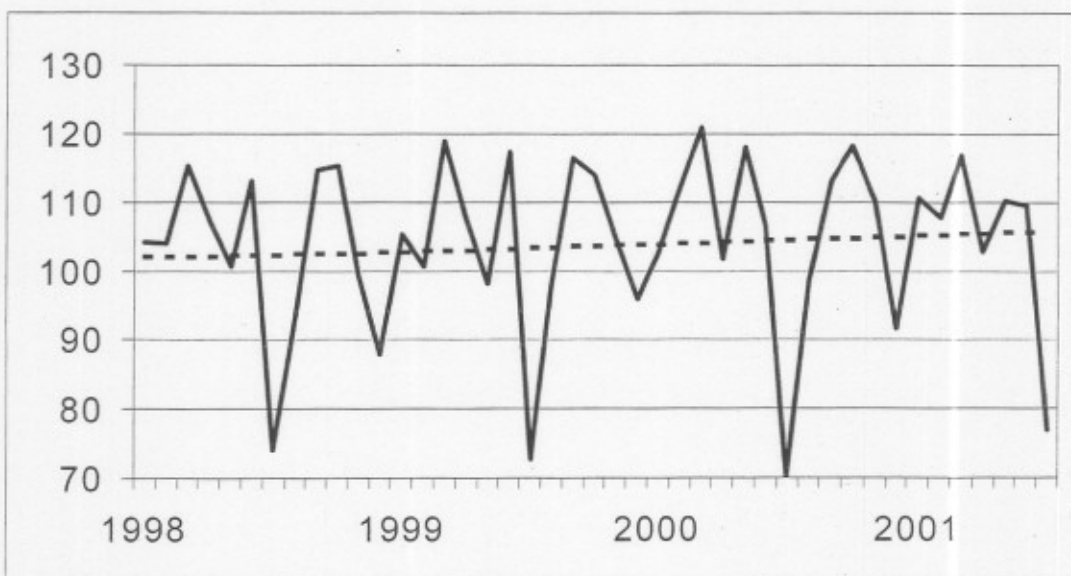
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Construction													
2000	101,1	120,2	136,2	117,4	136,1	123,4	64,8	126,5	138,4	139,2	122,9	103,9	119,2
2001	99,1	119,9	133,3	116,5	130,7	133,4	63,2						

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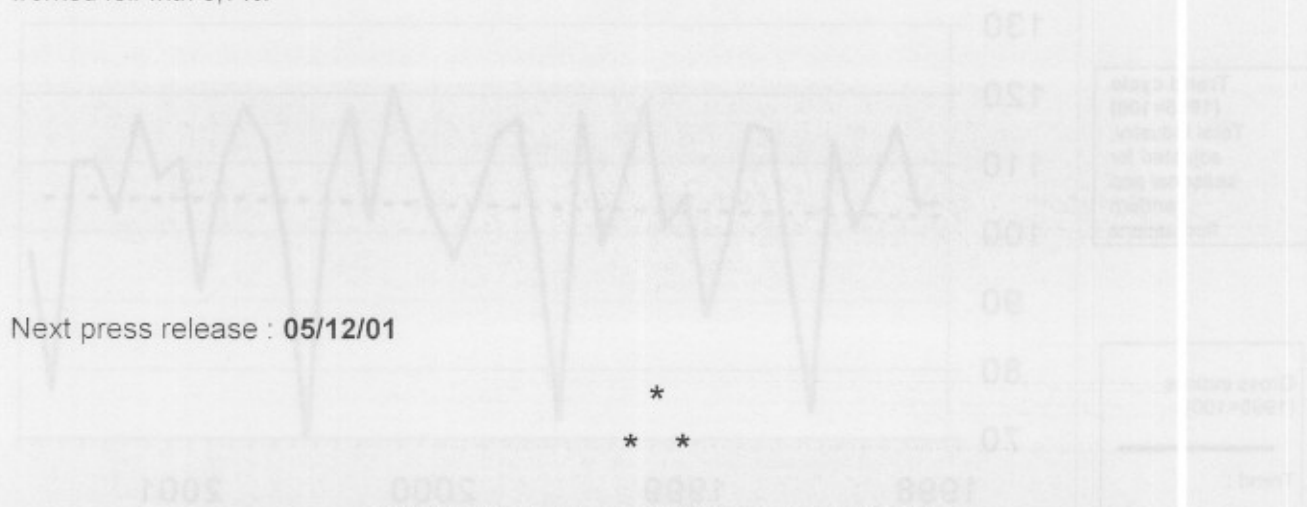
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Manufacture of basic metals	→	→	↗	↗
Furniture	→	→	→	↗
Electricity	↗	↗	→	↗

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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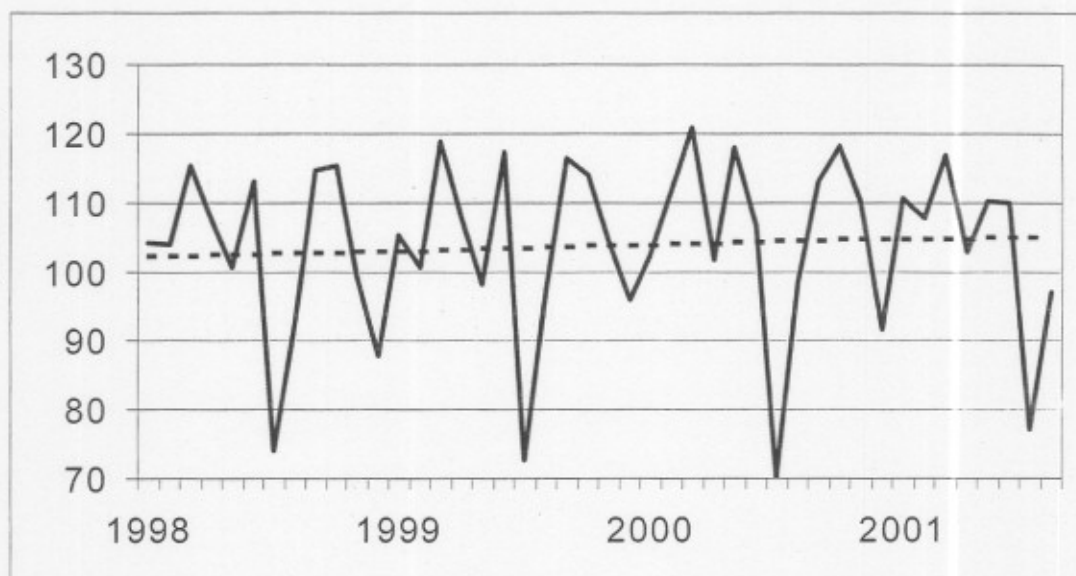
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2001	108,4	105,6	113,3	102,3	103,5	105,4	78,7	88,6					
Construction													
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2001	105,9	118,8	132,5	120,7	138,6	141,0	64,8	127,8					

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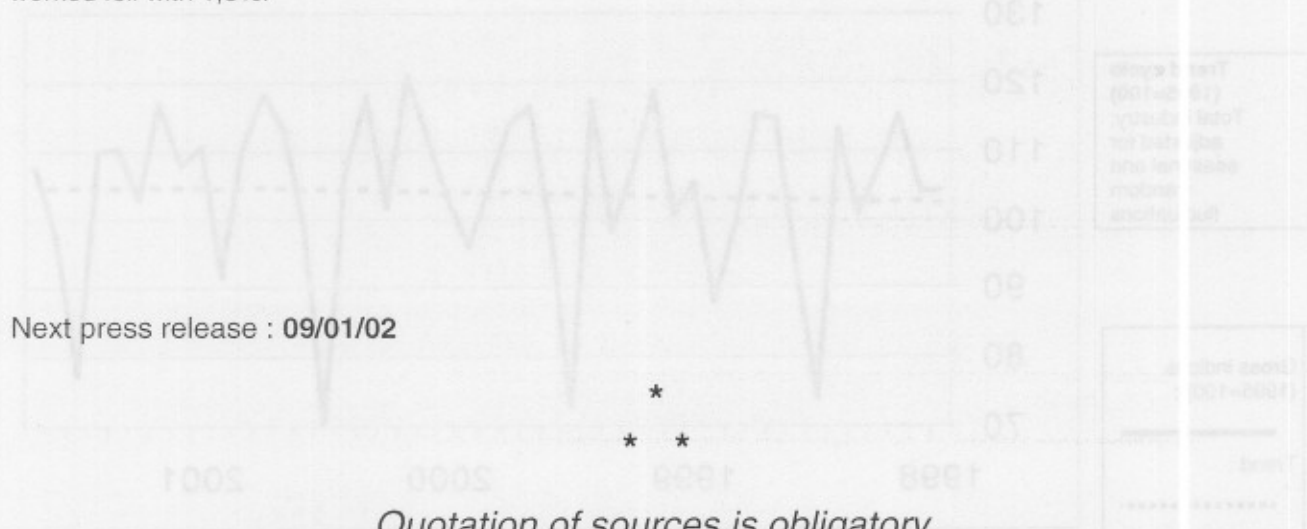
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Manufacture of basic metals	↘	→	↘	↘
Furniture	↘	→	↘	↘
Electricity	↘	↘	→	↘

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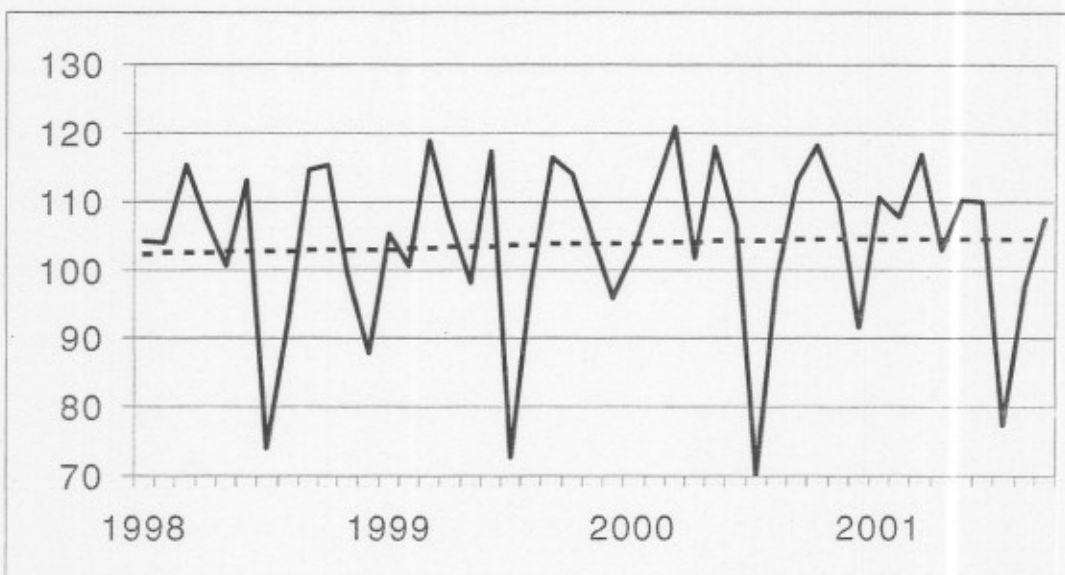
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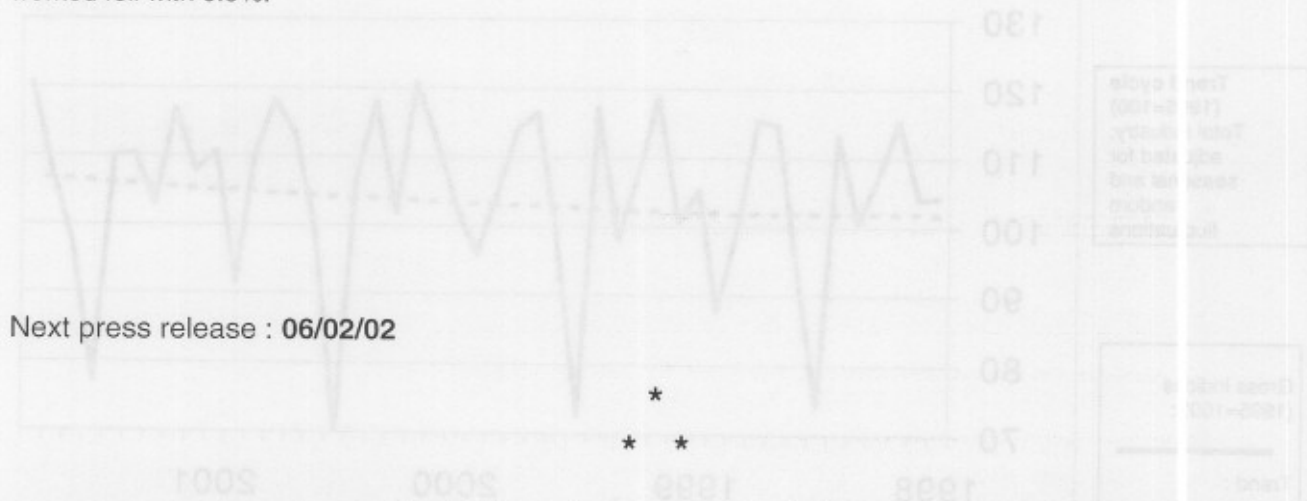
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Belgium - October 2001: hours worked industry -1.3%, construction -2.0%

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%.

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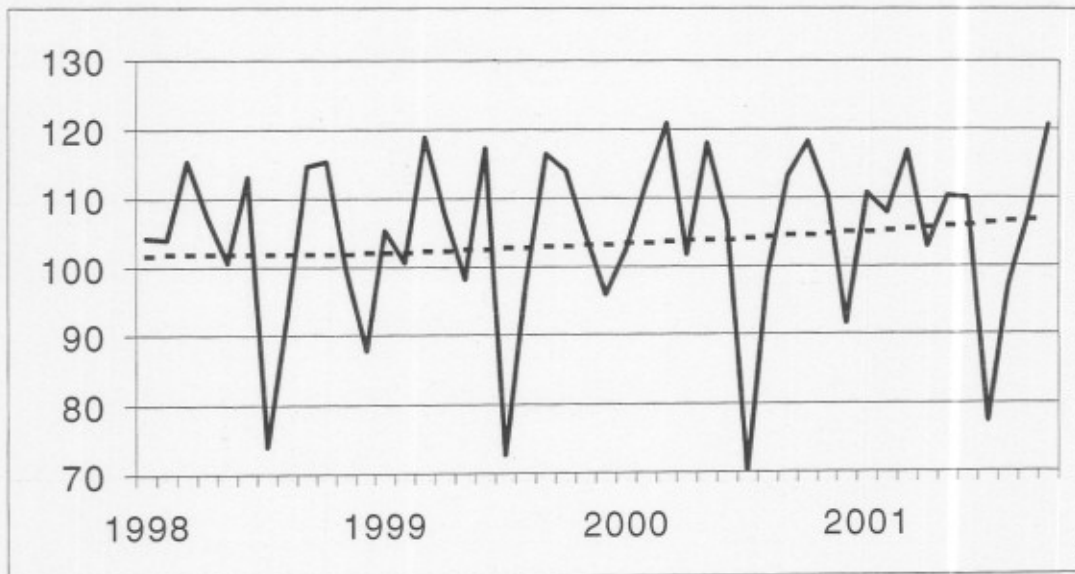
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Belgium - November 2001: hours worked industry -4.0%, construction -2.5%

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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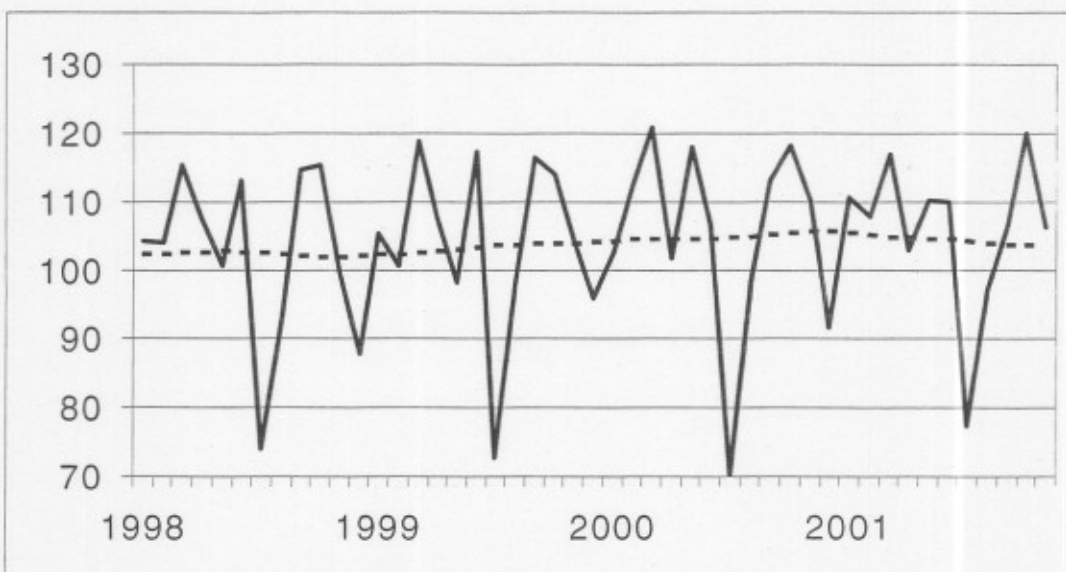
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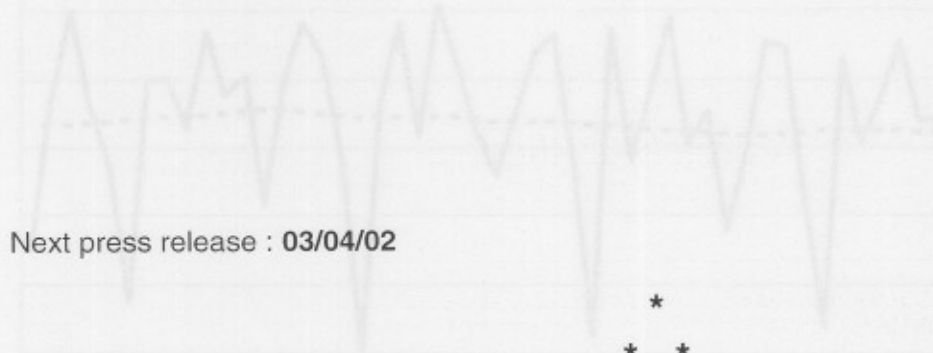
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Electricity	↘	↘	↘	↘
Construction	→	→	↘	↘

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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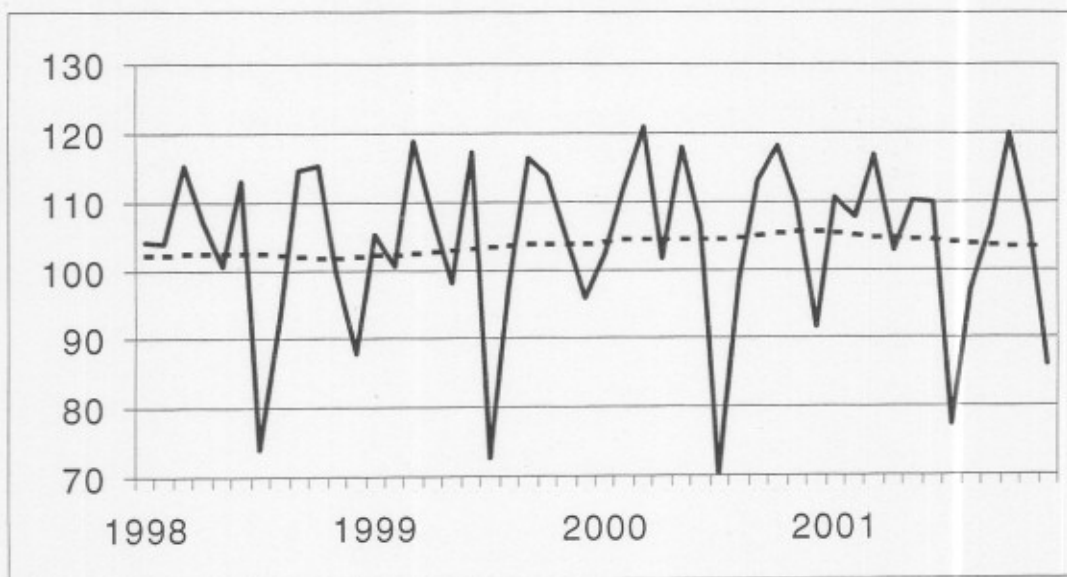
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2001	111,5	104,7	112,9	99,7	104,5	103,9	79,9	89,8	101,6	113,4	102,2	84,5	100,7
Construction													
2000	96,4	123,8	140,1	114,7	142,3	127,4	55,8	128,8	137,4	138,1	125,3	102,8	119,4
2001	105,3	119,9	131,9	114,1	133,3	134,4	64,5	127,9	125,8	146,5	123,6	91,7	118,2
Total industry, excluding construction													
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
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Construction													
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

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Construction	↘	↘	→	↘

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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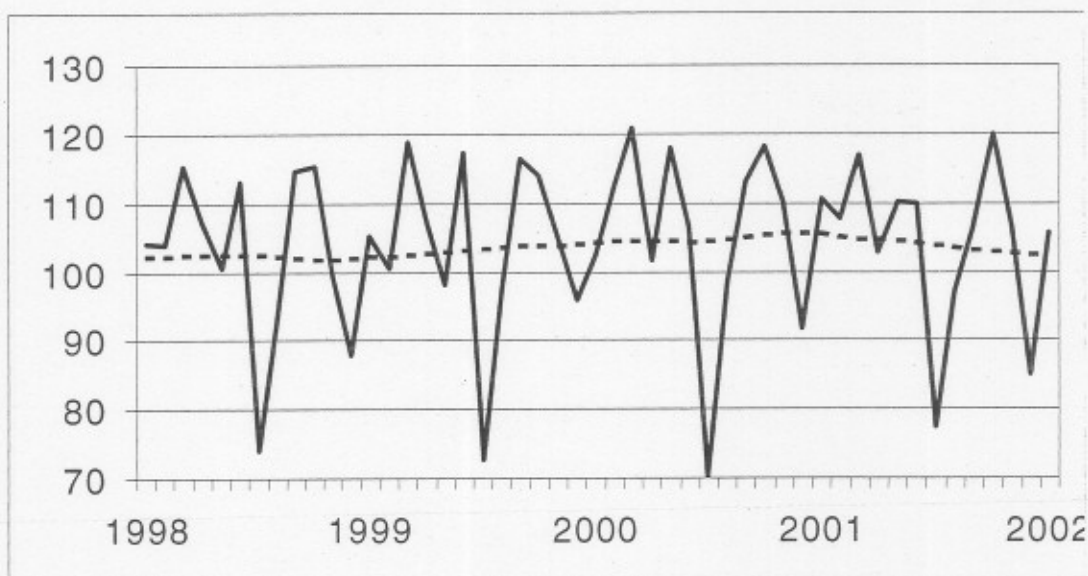
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2002	105,0												
Construction													
2001	105,3	119,9	131,9	114,1	133,3	134,4	64,5	127,9	125,8	146,5	123,9	92,3	118,3
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2002	105,5												
Construction													
2001	105,9	118,3	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												

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

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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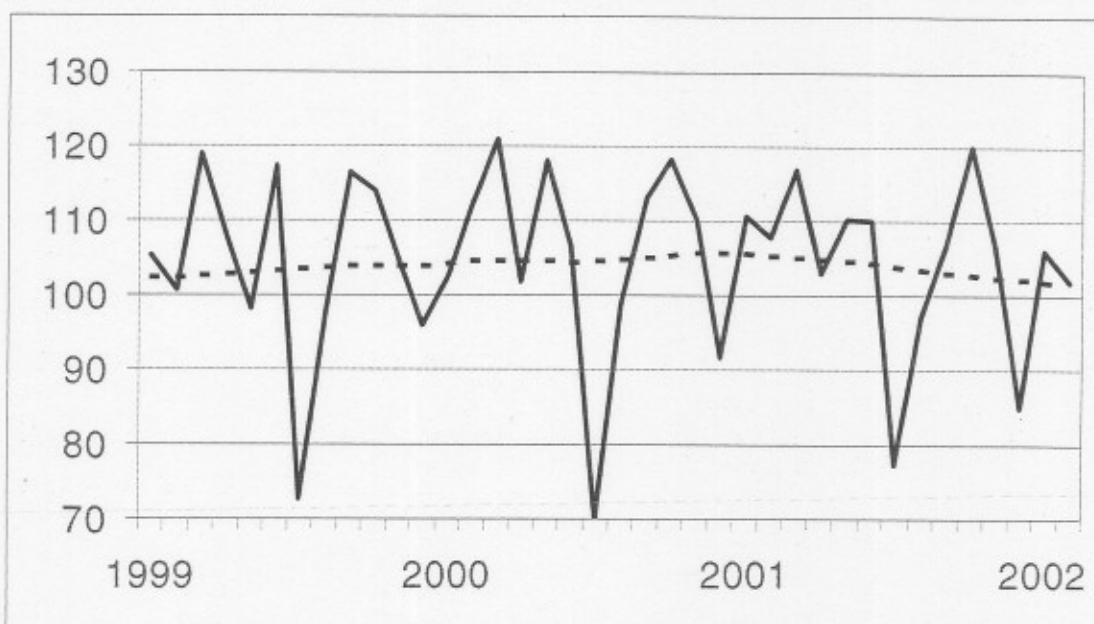
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Construction	↘	→	↘	↘

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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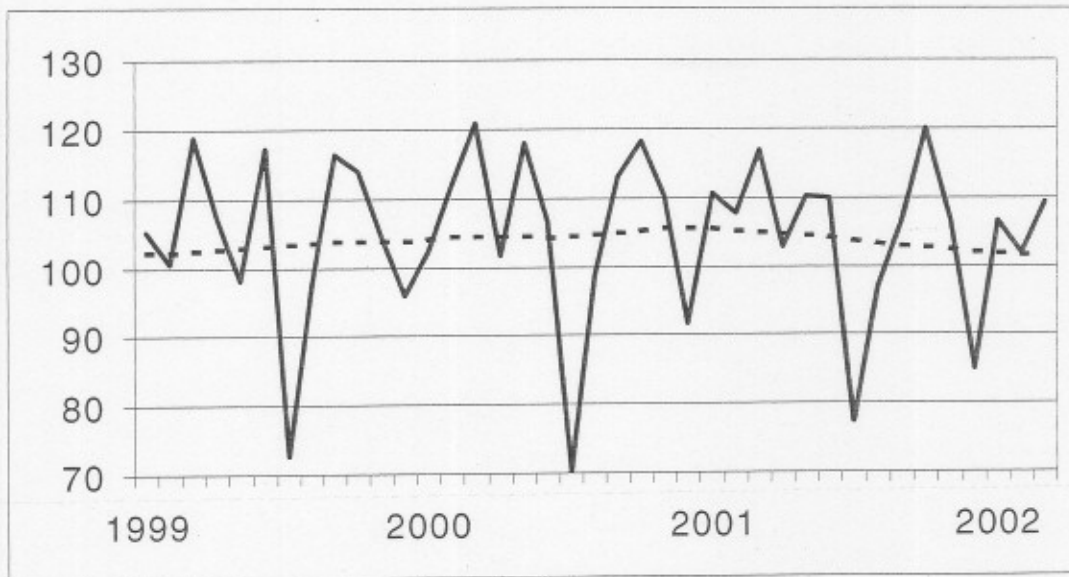
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Statistics Belgium Press Release

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%.

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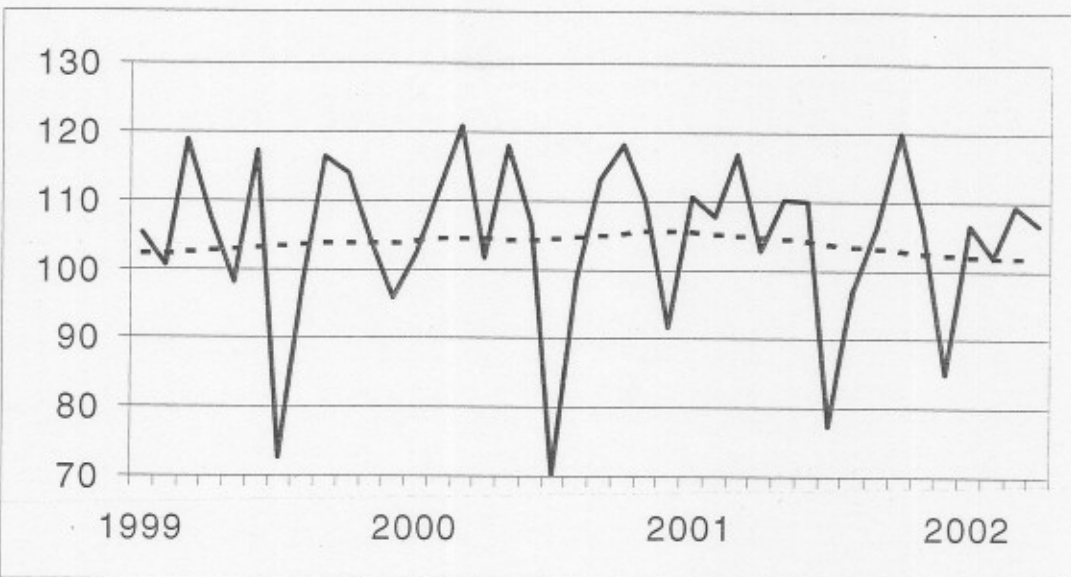
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Belgium - May 2002: hours worked industry – 7.9%, construction – 8.1%

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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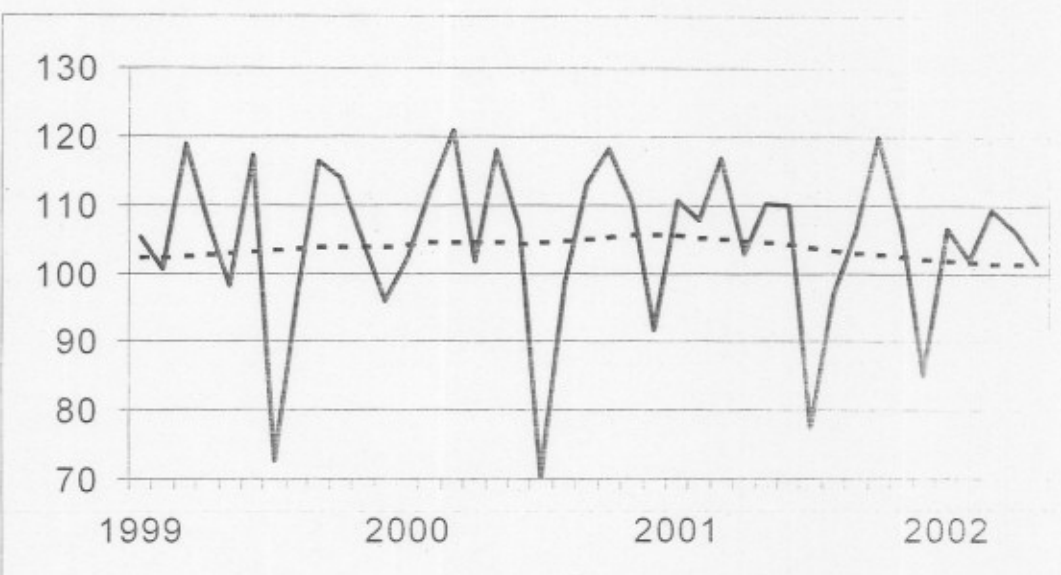
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Statistics Belgium Press Release

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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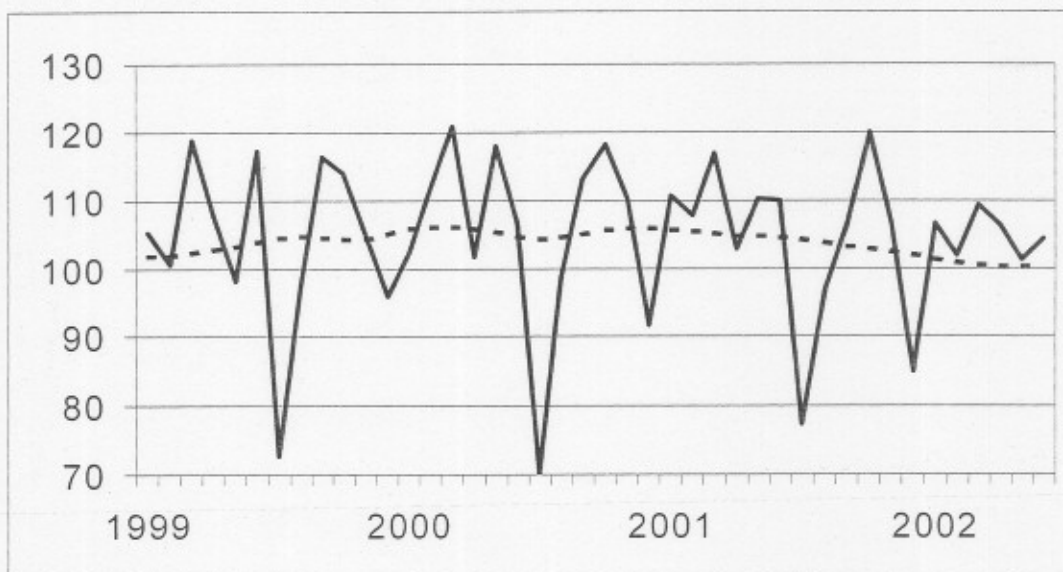
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Statistics Belgium Press Release

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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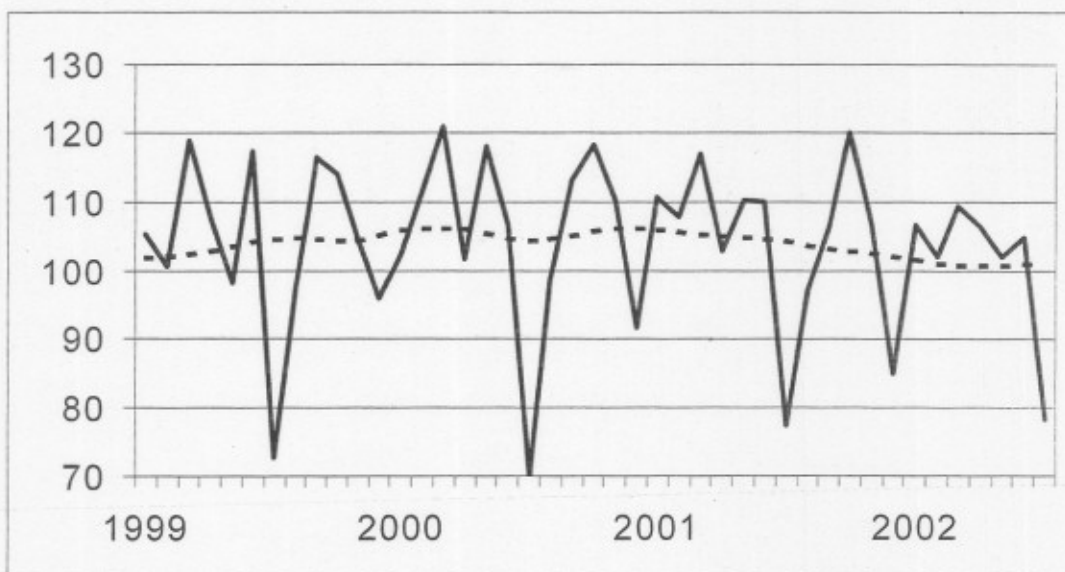
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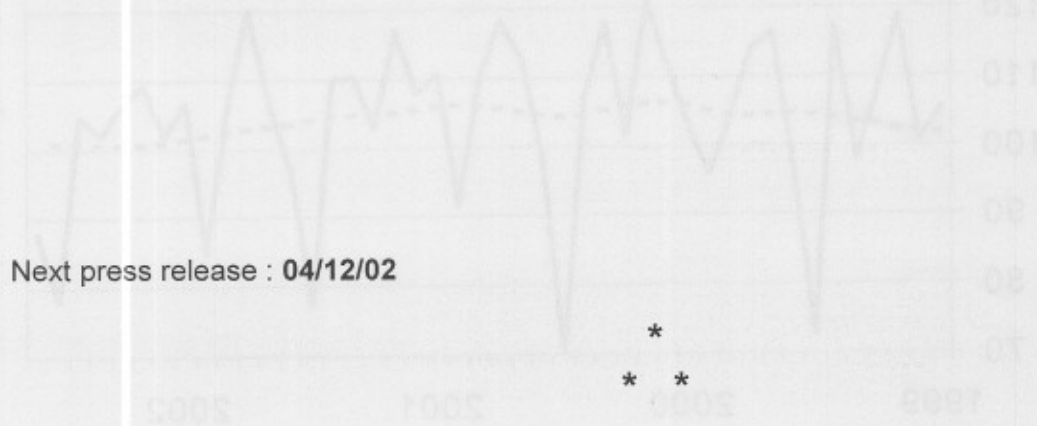
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Construction	↗	↘	↘	↗

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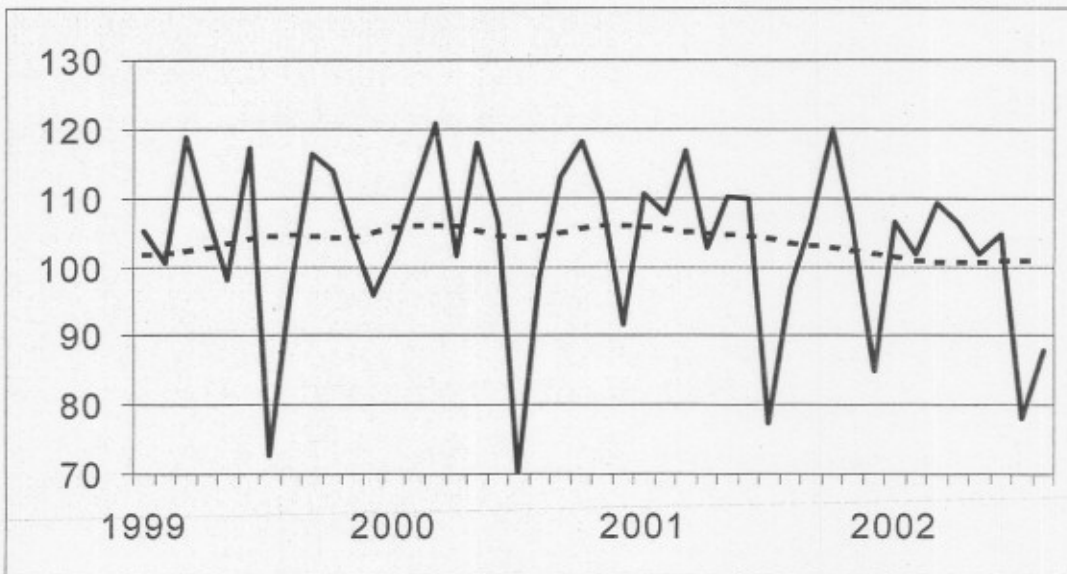
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**Belgium - September 2002: hours worked industry + 0.5%,
construction + 6.3%**

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%.

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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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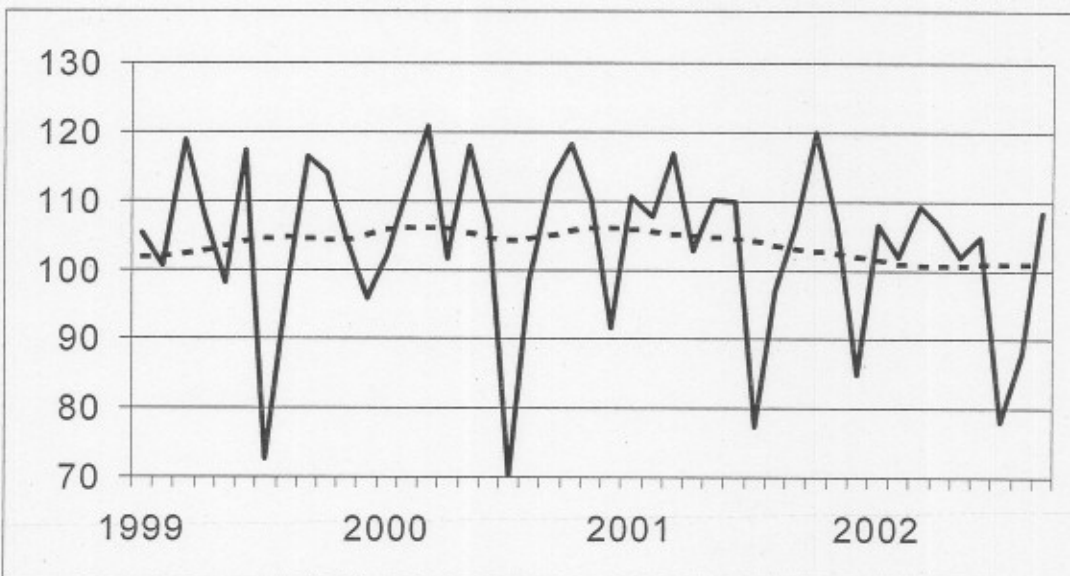
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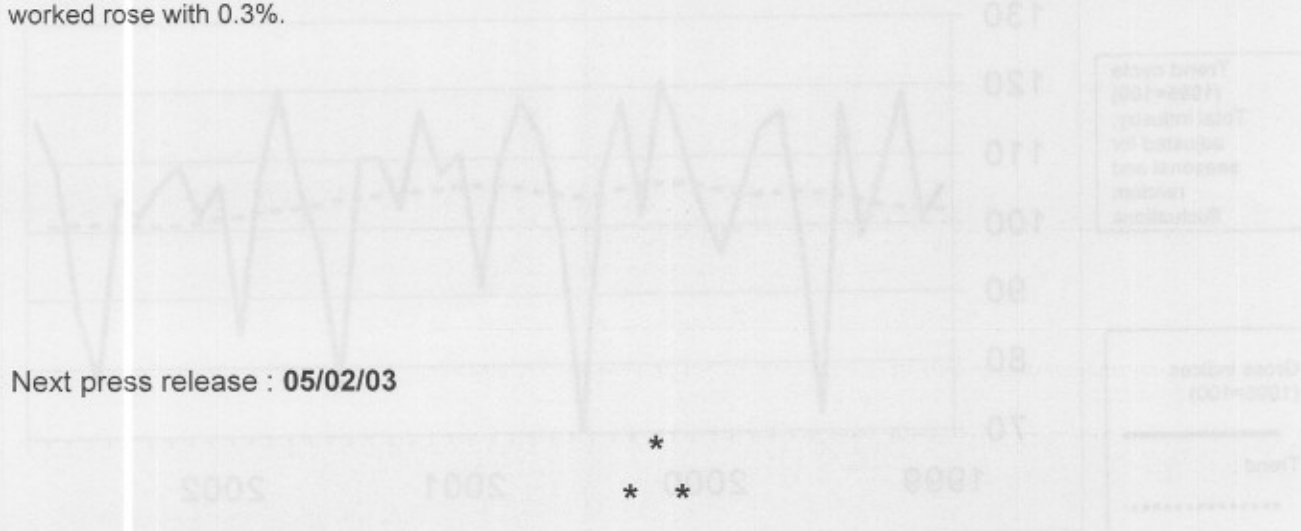
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Statistics Belgium Press Release**Belgium - October 2002: hours worked industry - 2.5%,
construction -- 6.5%**

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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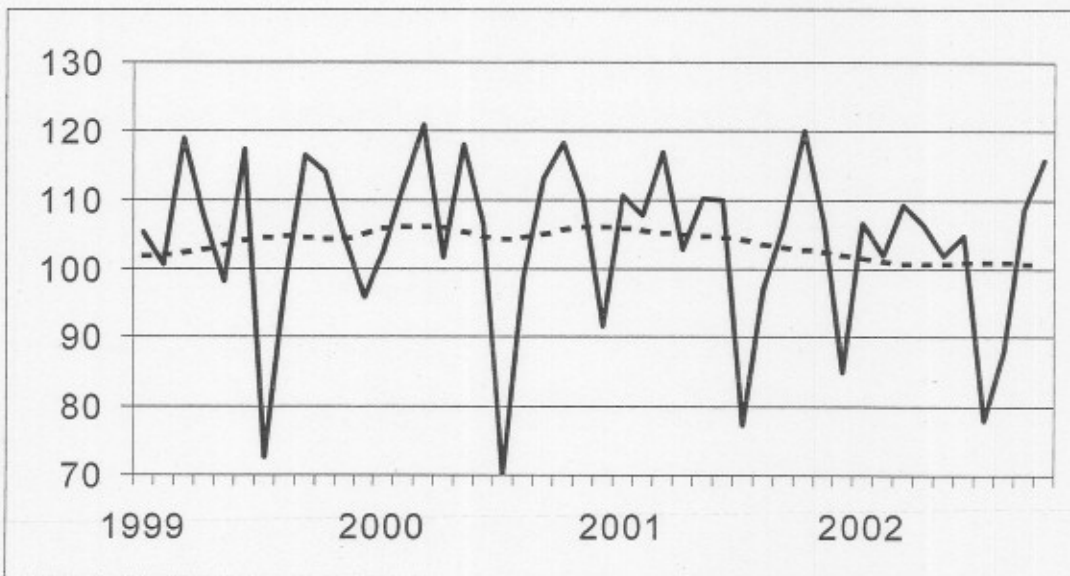
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2002	106,2	99,9	108,3	103,2	104,3	104,2	76,7	86,3	103,9	107,5			
Construction													
2001	99,5	118,8	136,2	118,8	128,8	134,3	63,8	125,2	130,7	140,7	124,8	100,5	118,5
2002	103,6	110,9	130,6	123,2	120,9	133,4	62,5	116,6	138,8	132,4			

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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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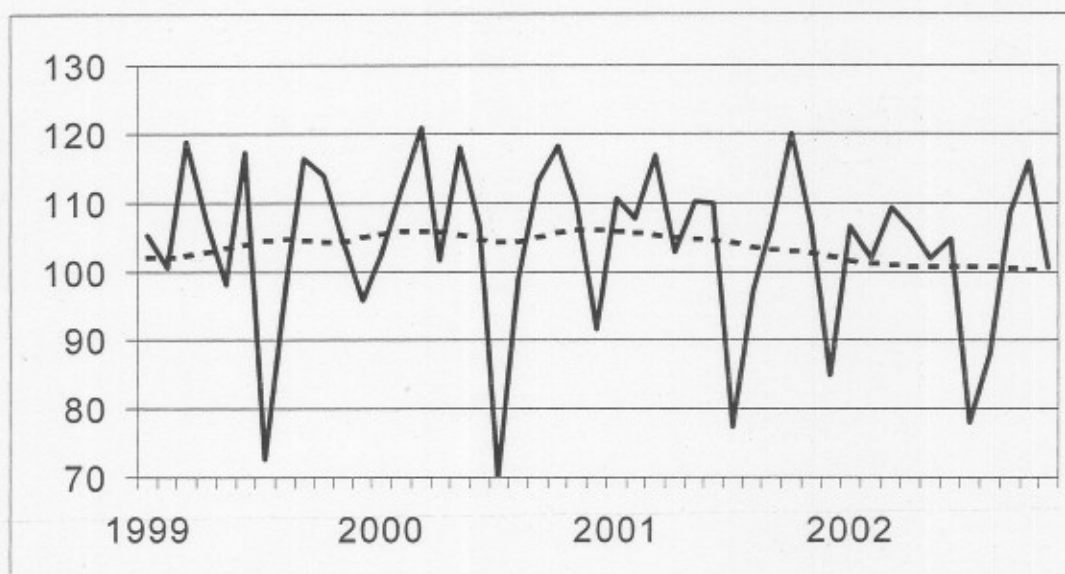
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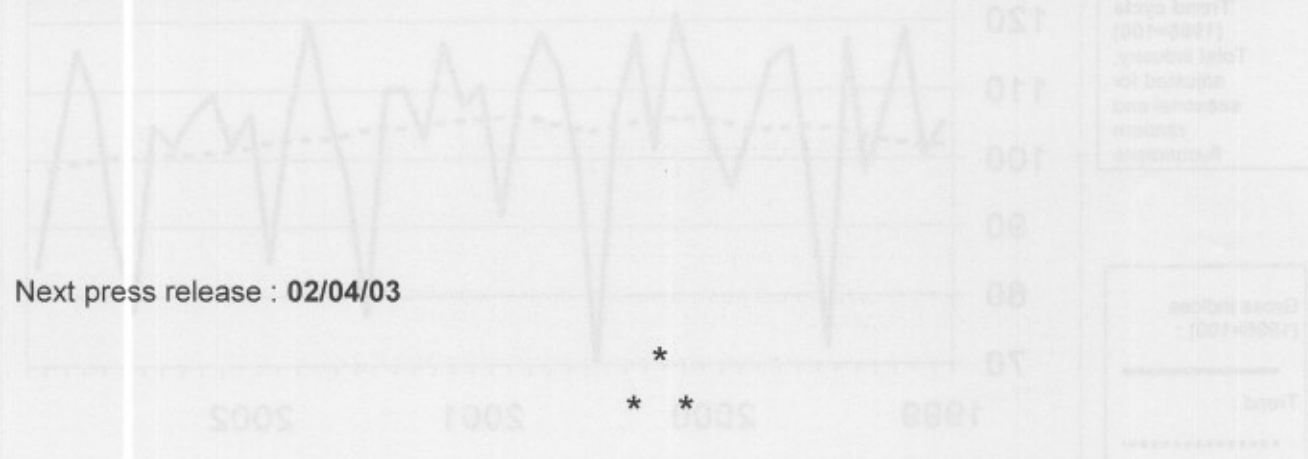
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Non-durable consumer goods	/	→	→	/
Mining and quarrying	/	/	→	/
Food products, beverages and tobacco	→	→	/	/
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Metal products, machinery and equipment	/	→	→	//
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	/	//	//	/
Non-metallic mineral products	→	→	/	//
Manufacture of basic metals	/	/	/	/
Furniture	→	→	/	//
Electricity	//	//	//	//
Construction	→	/	/	/

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**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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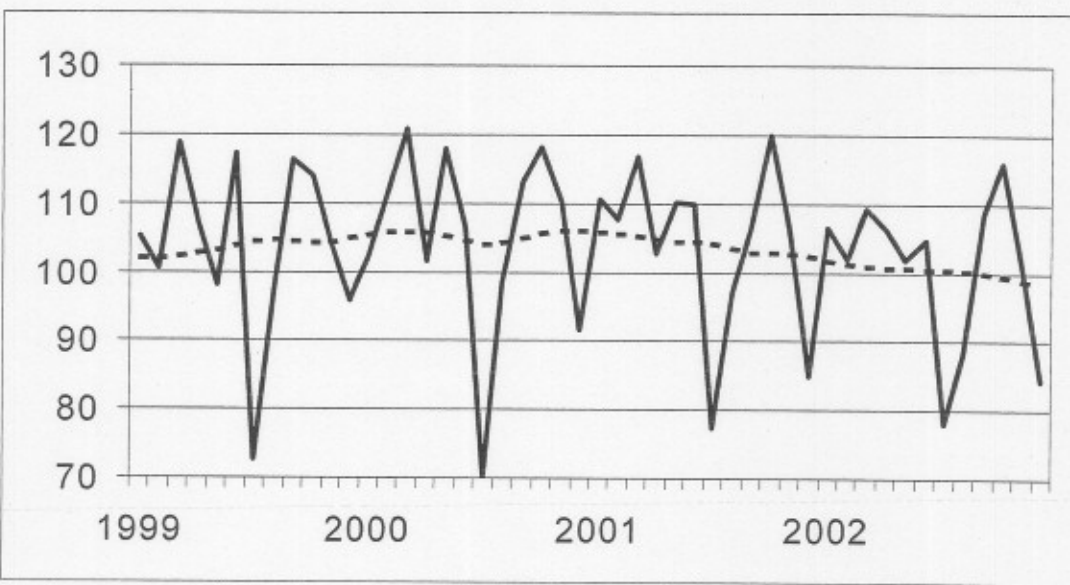
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Construction													
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2002	104,4	110,7	130,3	124,0	121,2	132,2	63,5	116,0	138,0	133,7	119,5	85,5	114,9

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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%.

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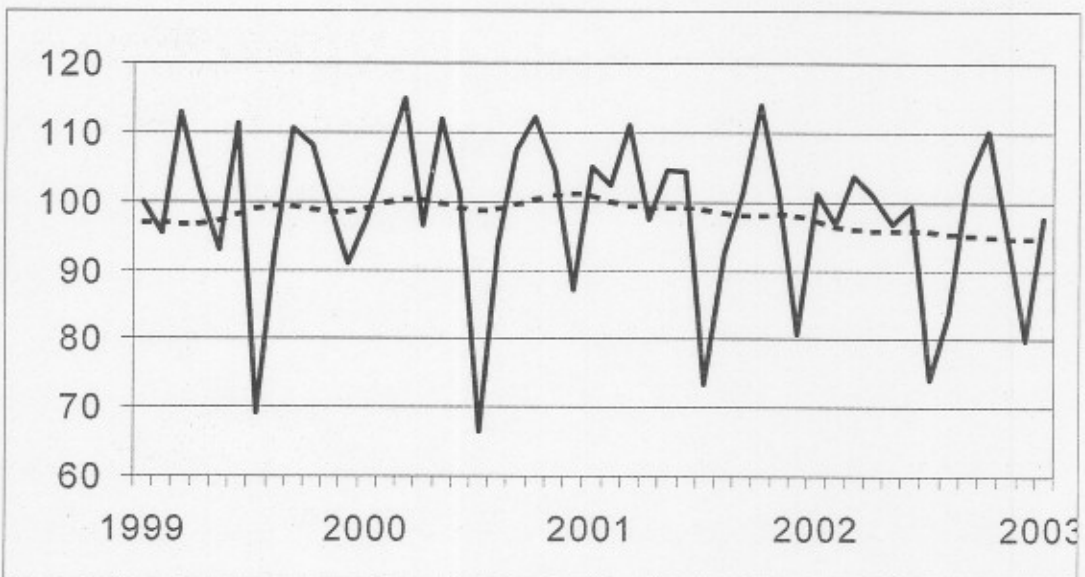
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2003	101,3												
Construction													
2002	90,5	93,8	108,2	105,0	103,5	107,6	57,3	94,1	112,4	115,1	100,4	72,0	96,7
2003	84,3												
Total industry, excluding construction													
2002	103,4	98,1	107,1	99,0	98,4	102,3	75,3	83,0	103,7	105,1	96,9	84,9	96,4
2003	100,5												
Construction													
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												

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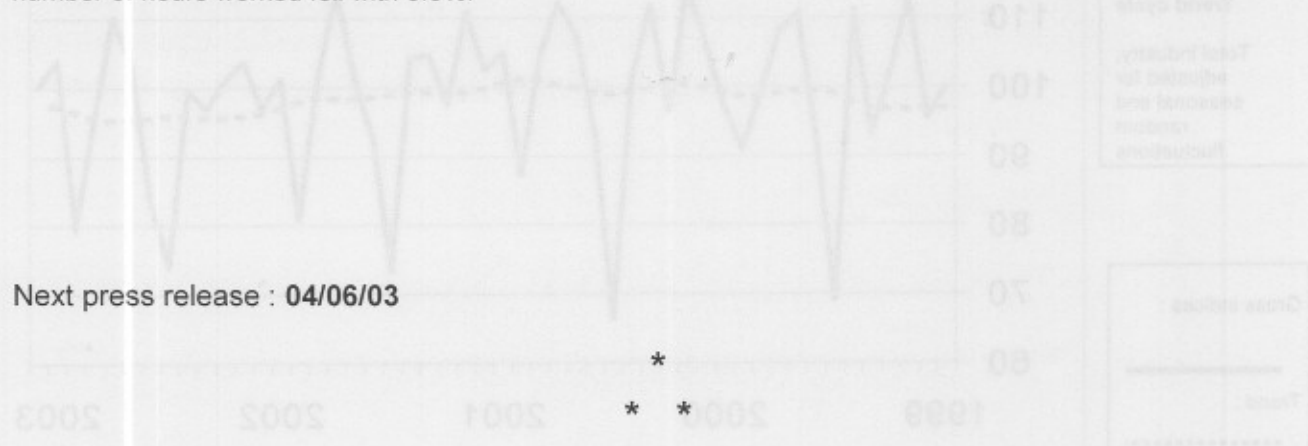
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**Belgium - February 2003: hours worked industry + 4.5%,
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In February 2003, compared to February of the previous year, **the number of hours worked** in industry excluding construction in Belgium 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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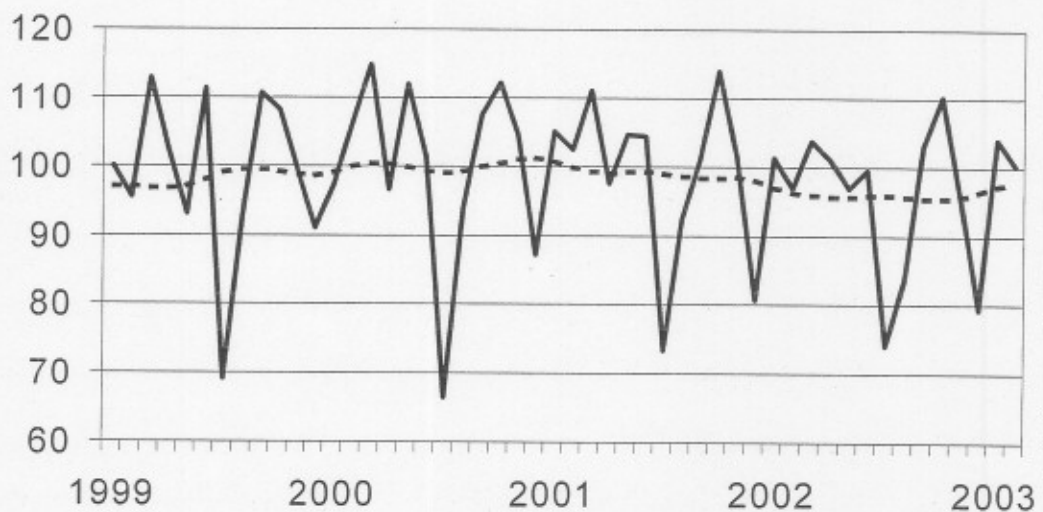
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**Belgium - March 2003: hours worked industry - 4.2%,
construction - 0.8%**

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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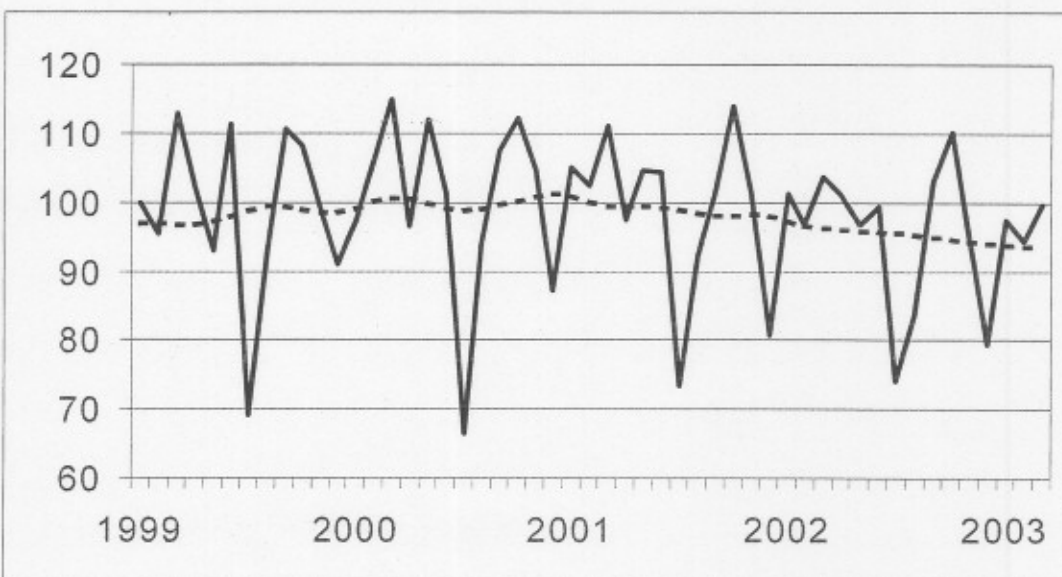
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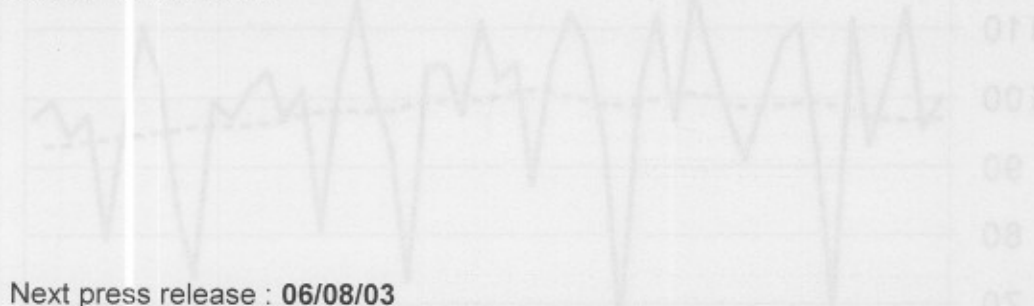
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Construction	→	→	↘	↘

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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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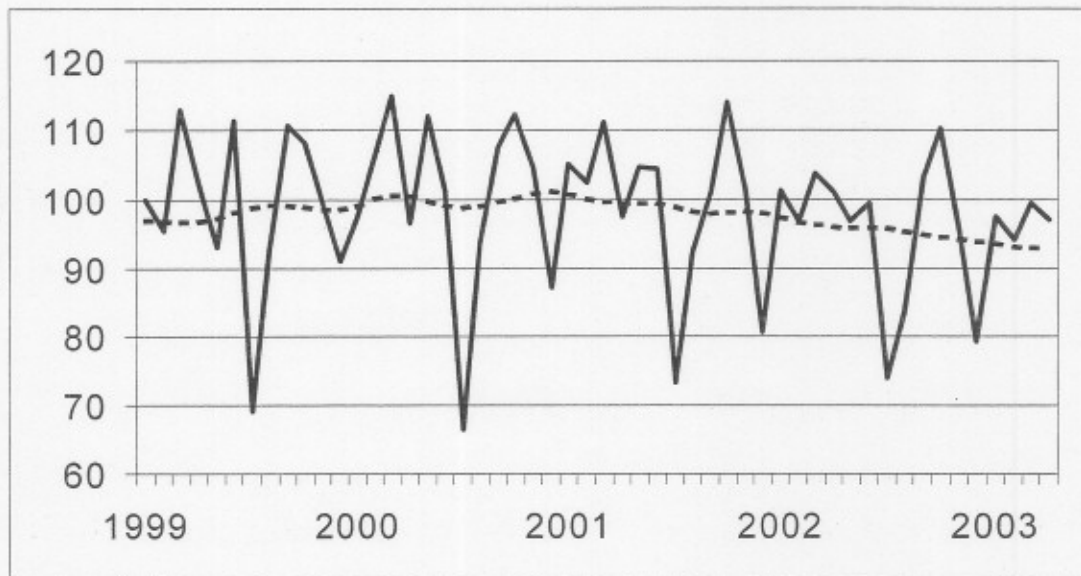
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Construction	→	→	→	↘

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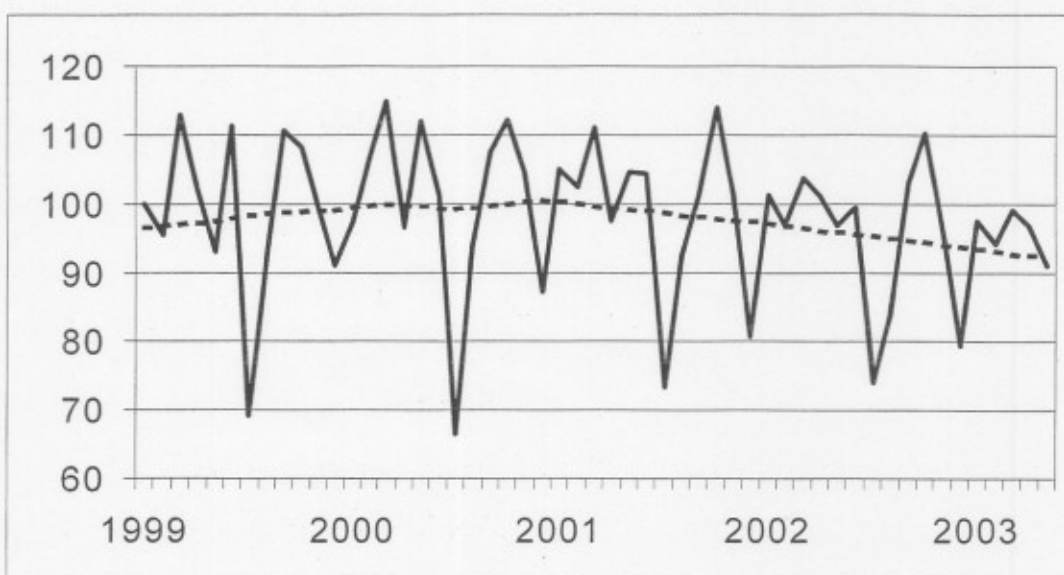
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**Belgium - June 2003: hours worked industry + 0.0%,
construction + 3.2%**

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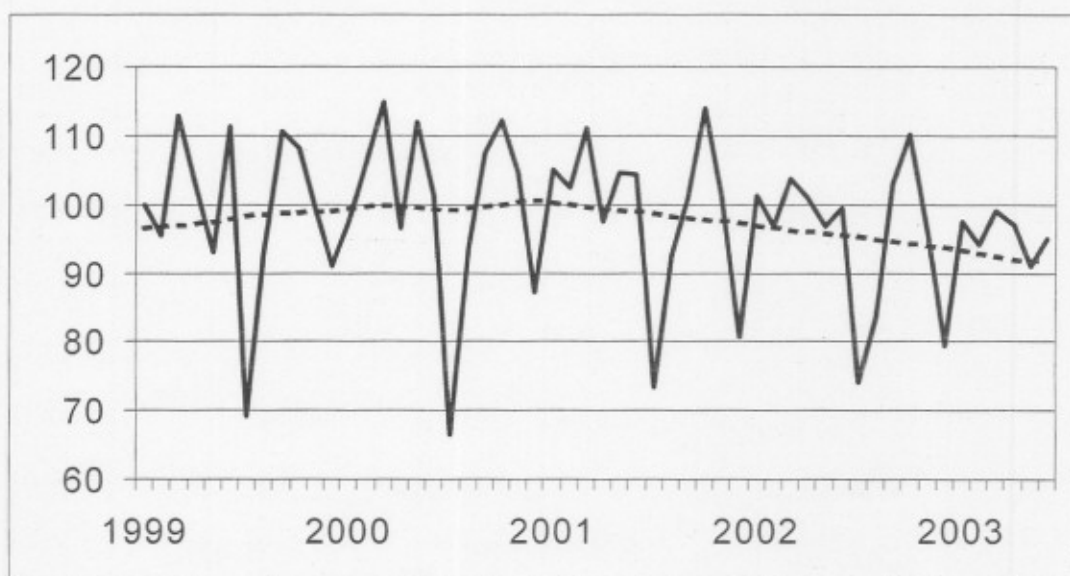
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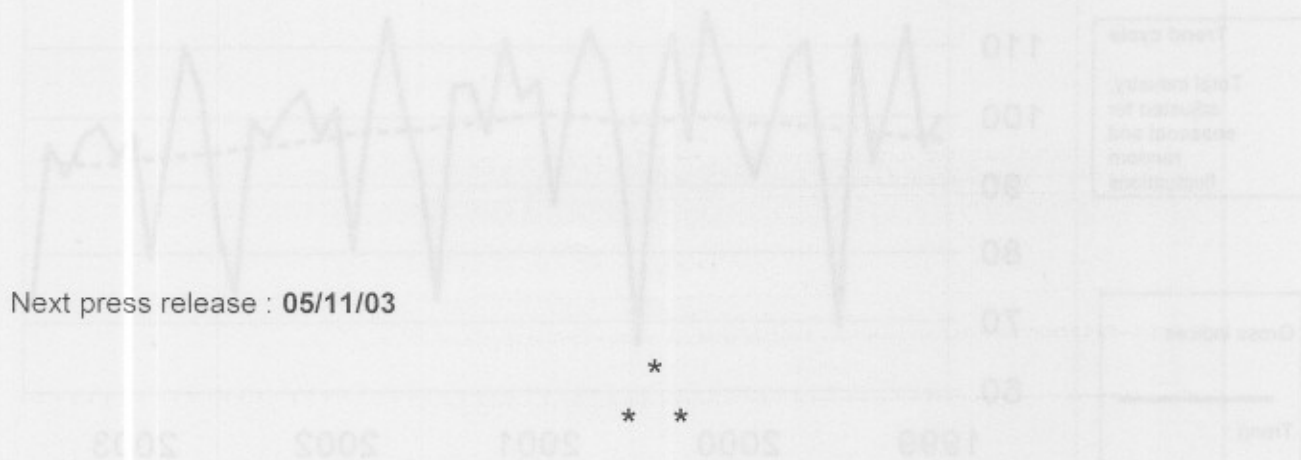
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**Belgium - July 2003 : hours worked industry + 1,0%,
construction + 5,0%**

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%.

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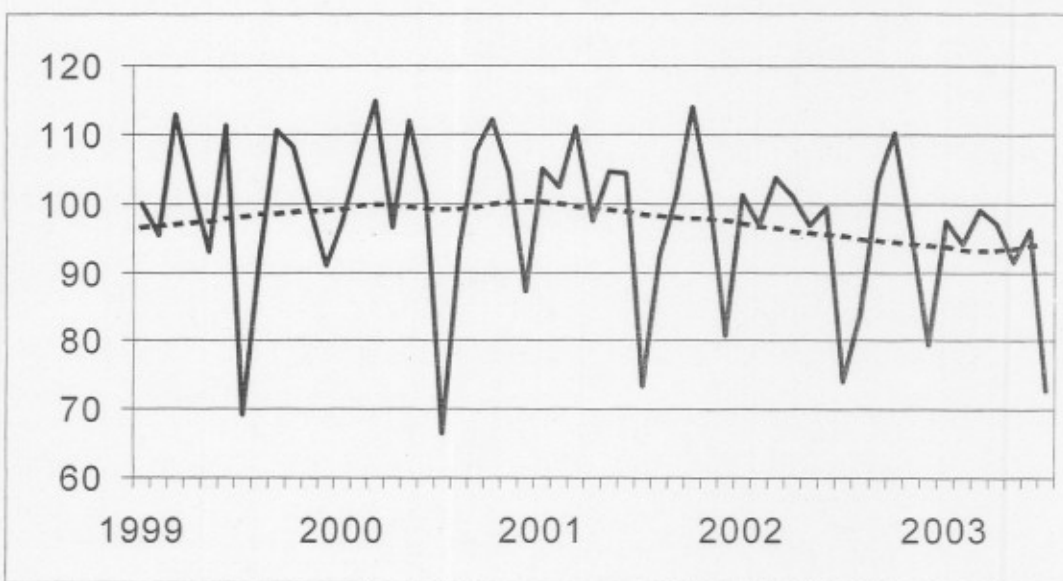
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2002	90,5	93,8	108,2	105,0	103,5	107,6	57,3	94,1	112,4	115,1	100,4	72,4	96,7
2003	84,2	90,8	107,8	102,2	95,8	106,9	58,8						
Total industry, excluding construction													
2002	103,4	98,1	107,1	98,9	98,2	102,3	75,4	83,1	103,8	105,0	96,6	84,6	96,4
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Construction													
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2003	83,3	89,8	113,2	100,4	102,5	111,9	55,1						

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Trend cycle
Total industry, adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :
Trend :



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

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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Hours worked

Hours worked
Gross indices
(2000=100)
Hours worked by
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Total industry, excluding construction													
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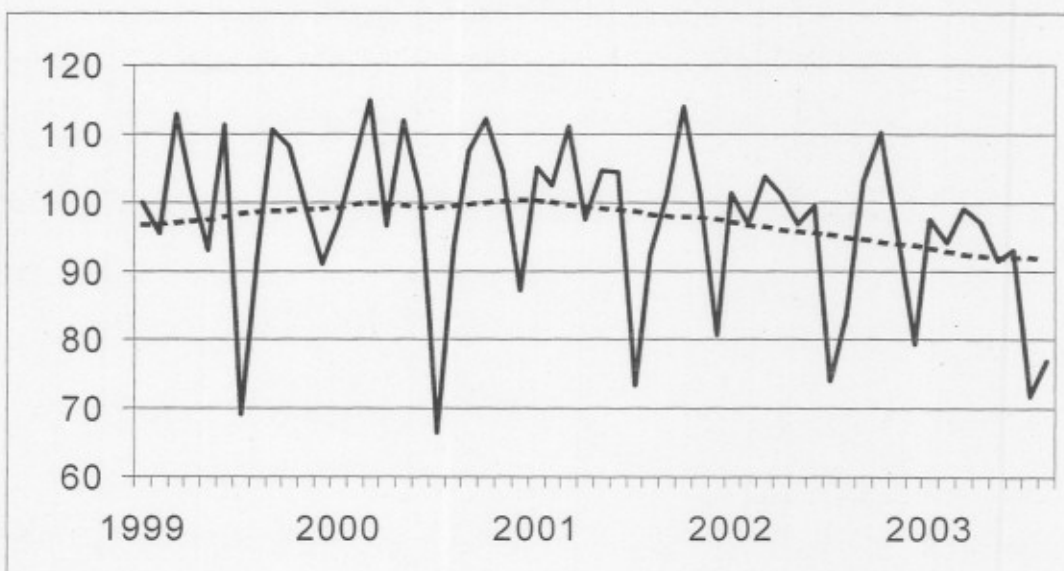
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Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

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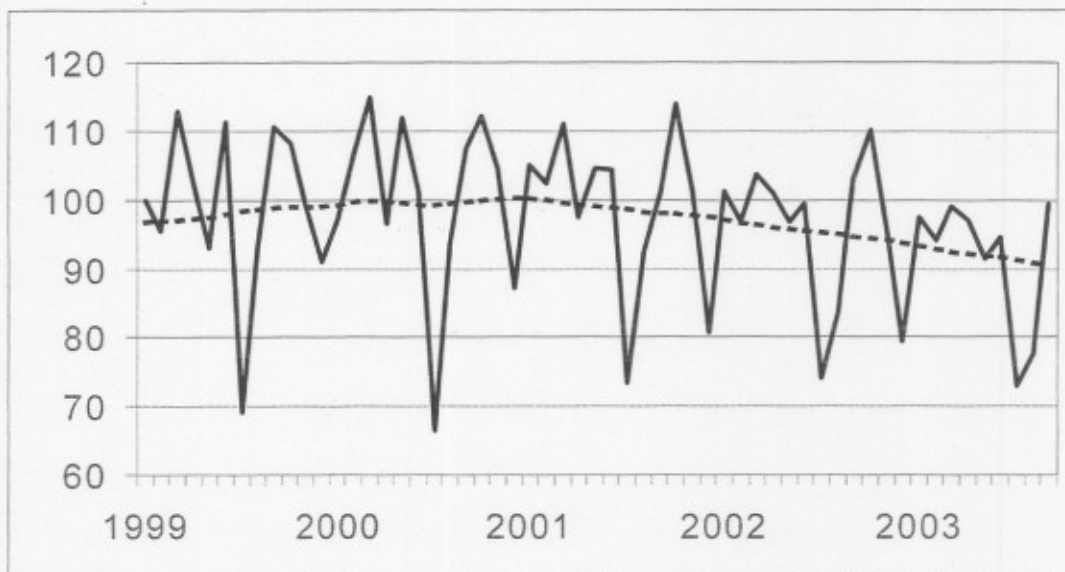
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Mining and quarrying	↘↘	↘↘	→	↘
Food products, beverages and tobacco	→	→	↘	↘
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Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	→	→	→	↘↘
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	↘	↘
Coke, refined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

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

The number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium fell by 3,7% ; in construction it fell by 3,3%.

The trend of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0,9%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 1,7% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 1,7%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,7% for chemicals and -1,2% 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 October 2003 inclusive, compared to the preceding trimester, seasonally-adjusted values)

Hours worked

Hours worked
Gross indices
(2000=100)
Hours worked by
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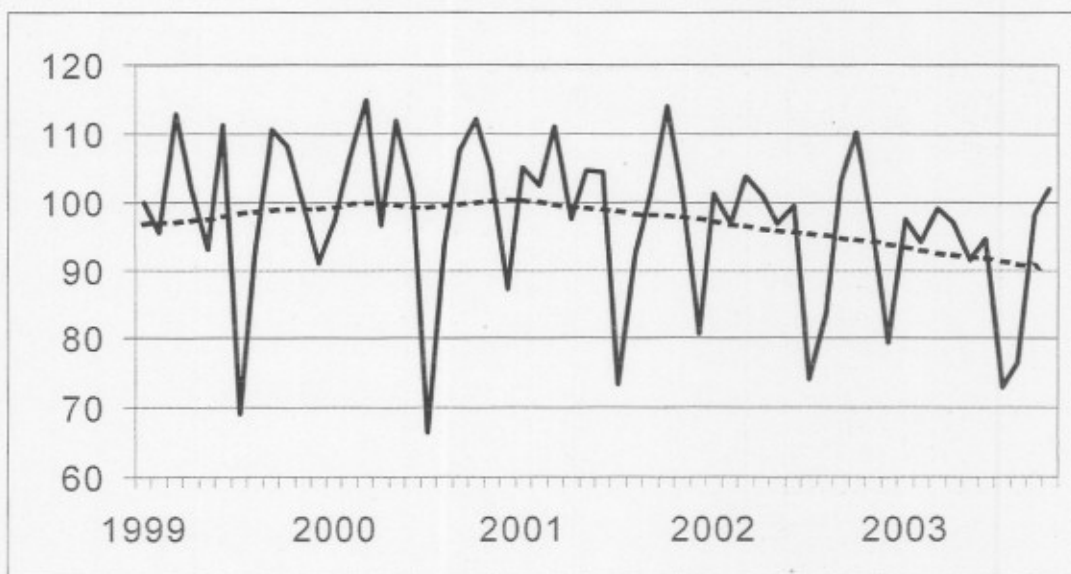
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Manufacture of basic metals	/	/	/	/
Furniture	/	/	/	/
Electricity	/	/	/	/
Construction	/	/	/	/

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

The number of hours worked in industry excluding construction in Belgium, the last three months compared to the preceding trimester, fell by 2,8% ; 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 (-1,1%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 1,4% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 1,2%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -1,2% for chemicals and -2,3% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked fell with 2,0%.

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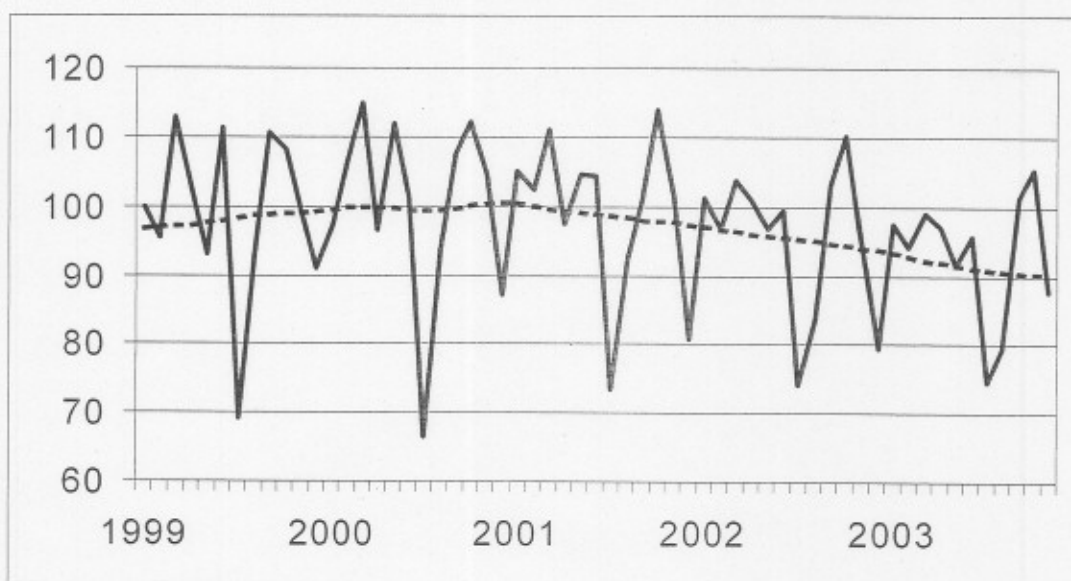
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Belgium - December 2003 : hours worked industry – 1.6%, construction – 2.7%

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 1.6% ; in construction it fell by 2.7%.

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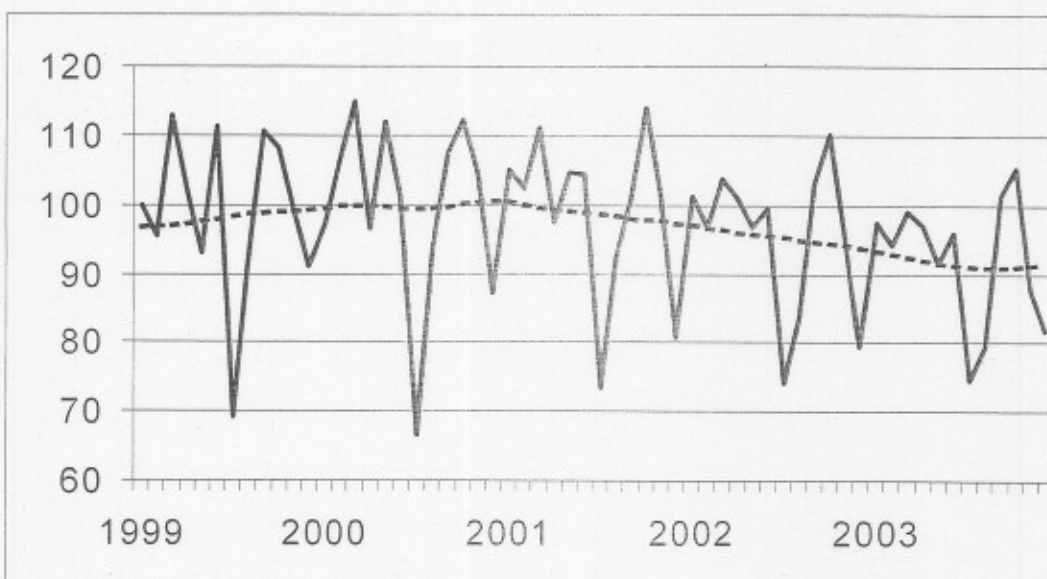
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Capital goods	↘	↘	→	→
Durable consumer goods	↘	↘	↘	↘
Non-durable consumer goods	↘	↘	↘	↘
Mining and quarrying	↘	↘	↘	↘
Food products, beverages and tobacco	↘	→	↘	↘
Textiles and textiles products	↘	↘	↘	↘
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and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

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

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 0,2% ; in construction it rose 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 (-0,7%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0,9% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 0,8%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows -1,3% for chemicals and -1,2% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked rose with 1,3%.



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

Hours worked

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 industry, excluding construction													
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
2004	94,7												
Construction													
2003	84,2	90,8	107,8	102,2	95,8	106,2	59,5	88,4	114,0	113,6	90,7	75,3	94,0
2004	84,5												

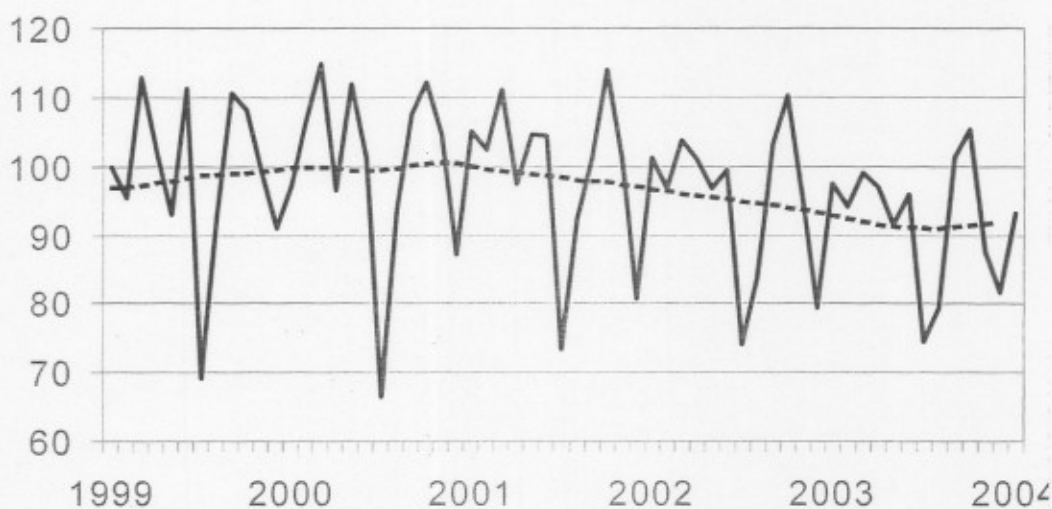
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working day**

Allowing for
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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												
Construction													
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
2004	87,0												

Trend cycle

Total industry;
adjusted for
seasonal and
random
fluctuations



Gross indices :
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Trend :
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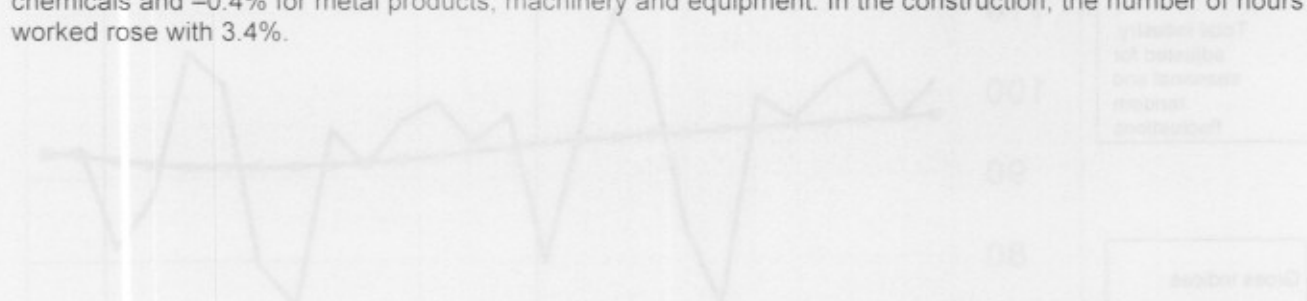
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Total industry, excluding construction	\	\	\	→
Intermediate goods and energy	\	\	→	/
Capital goods	→	→	→	\
Durable consumer goods	\	\	//	//
Non-durable consumer goods	\	\	/	/
Mining and quarrying	→	\	//	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	→	→	→	\
Textiles and textiles products	\	\	/	//
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	\	\	/	//
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	\	\	/	//
Metal products, machinery and equipment	\	\	→	/
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	/	/	\	
Non-metallic mineral products	→	→	→	/
Manufacture of basic metals	\	\	/	/
Furniture	\	\	//	
Electricity	/	/	→	→
Construction	/	/	/	\

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**Belgium - February 2004*: hours worked
industry + 1.0%, 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 (-0.2%). 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 -0.4% for chemicals and -0.4% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked rose with 3.4%.



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Hours worked
Gross indices
(2000=100)
Hours worked by
employees (blue
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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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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	84,7	92,4											

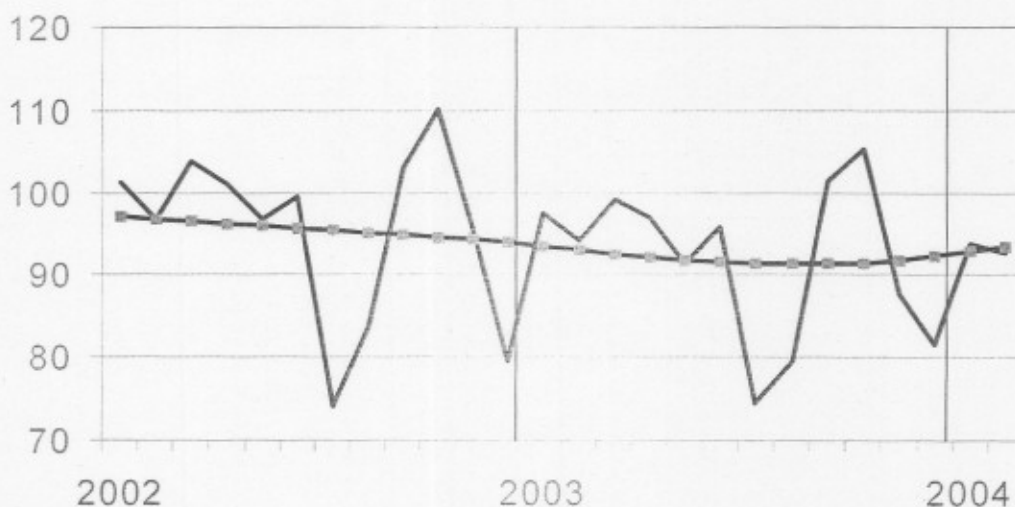
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2004	97,6	94,3											
Construction													
2003	83,2	90,5	113,2	100,1	102,0	111,0	55,6	94,9	112,2	109,5	96,4	75,7	95,4
2004	87,3	97,8											

Trend cycle

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

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**Belgium - March 2004* : hours worked
industry + 0.6%, 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 0.6% ; 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 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 0.7%. A split down to the level of important sectors shows +0.3% for chemicals and +0.2% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked rose with 2.5%.



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2004	84,8	92,4	113,2										

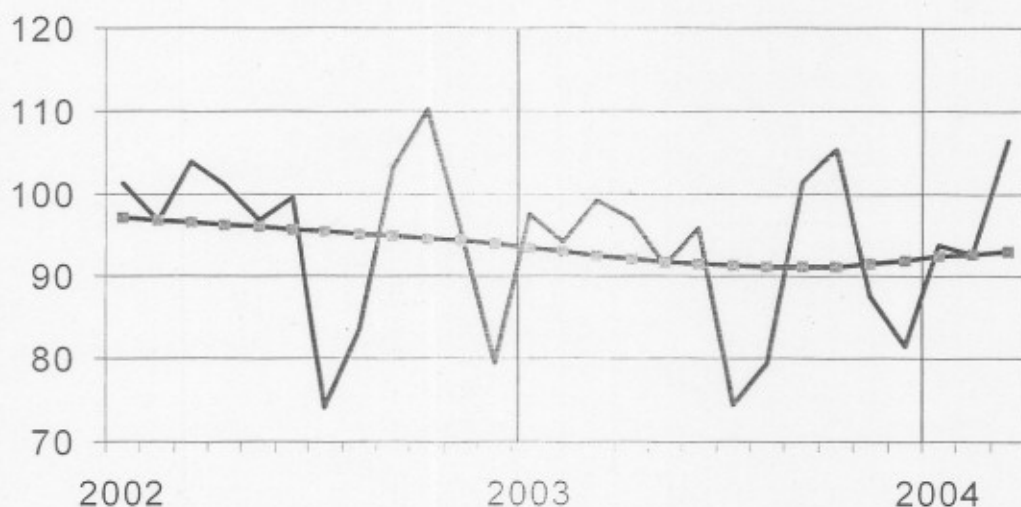
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Trend cycle

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

Thursday July, 1st 2004

**Belgium - April 2004* : hours
worked industry + 0.4%,
construction + 0.9%**

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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%.

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Construction													
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2004	84,8	92,8	113,0	96,7									

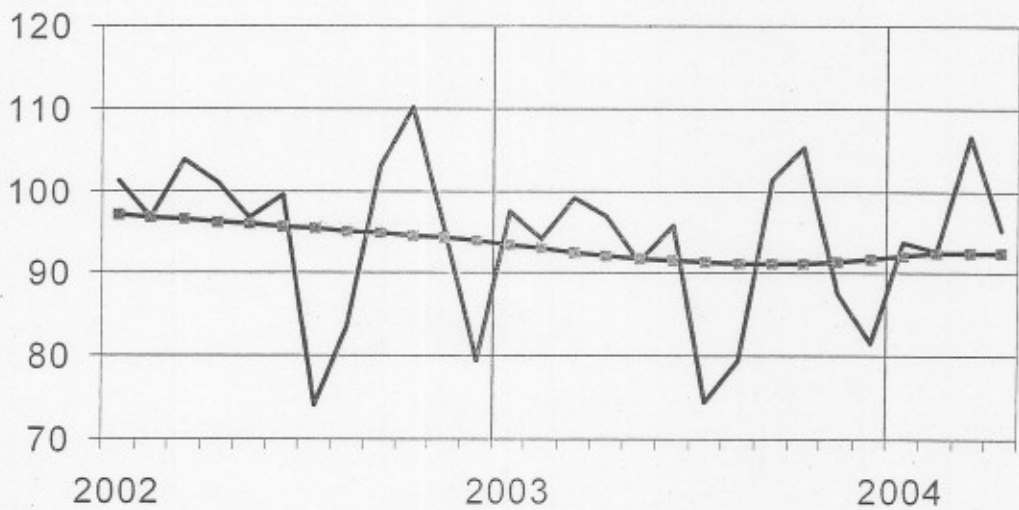
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2004	87,4	97,6	109,5	97,2									

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

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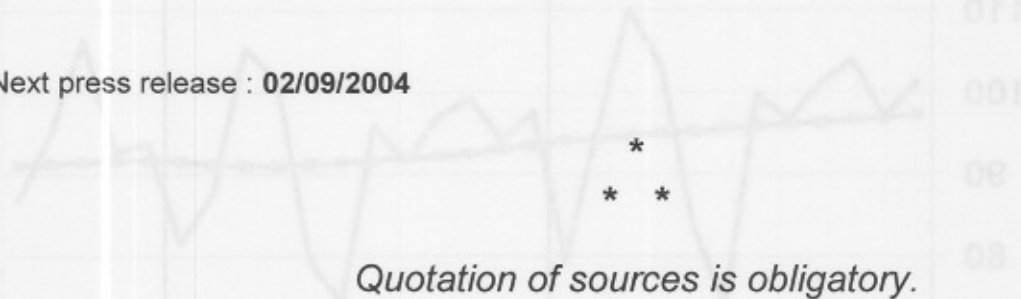
Belgium - May 2004* : hours worked industry - 0,9%, construction - 5,8%

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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 (-0,5%). 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%.

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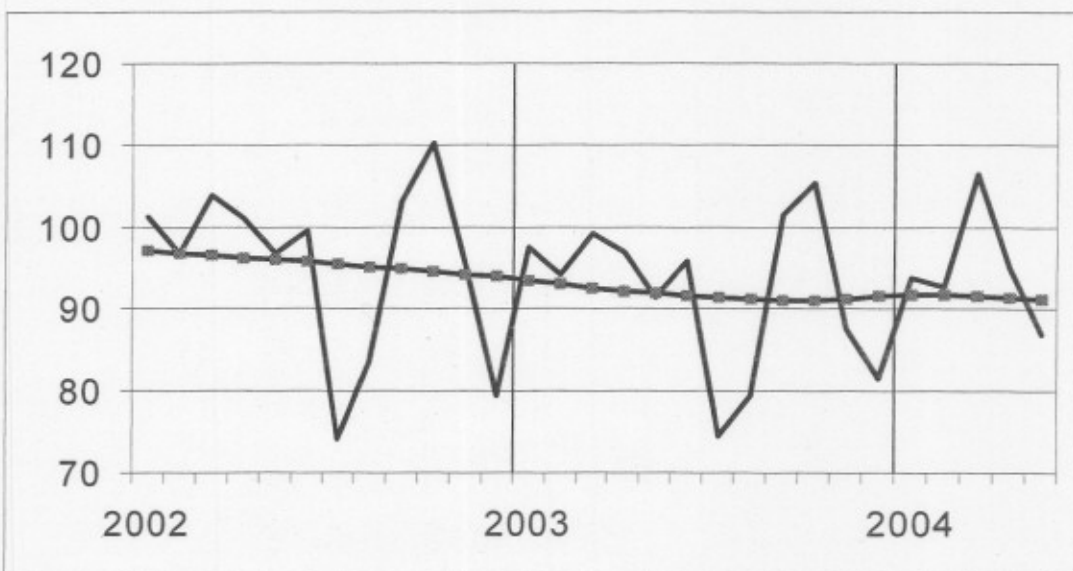
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Construction													
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2004	87,3	97,6	109,5	97,5	99,3								

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

Thursday September, 2st 2004

Belgium - June 2004* : hours worked industry - 1.1%, construction - 7.6%

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The **trend** of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline for Belgium as a whole (-0.6%). At the regional level, there's 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%.

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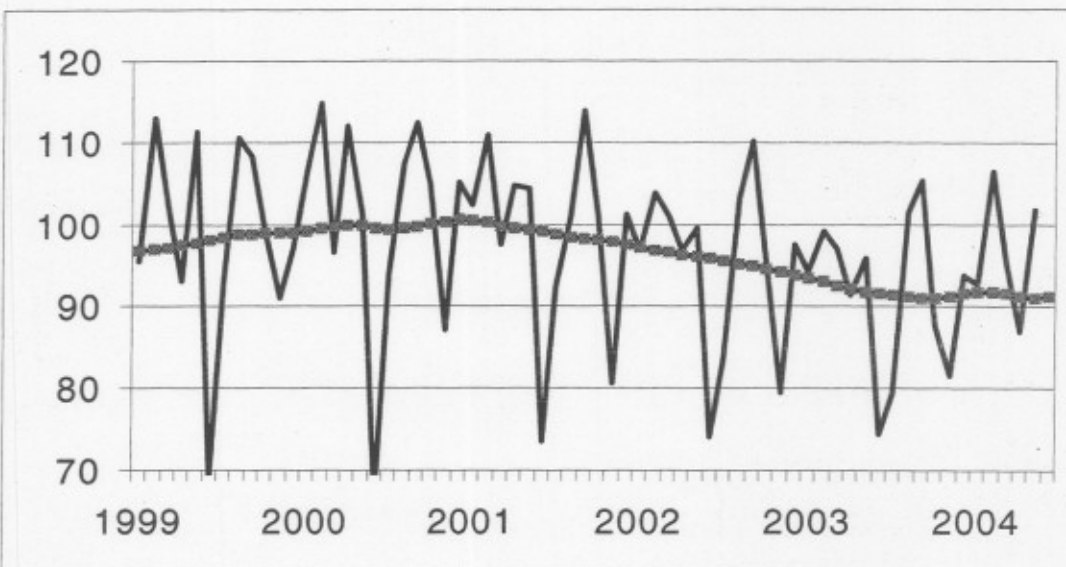
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Thursday October, 7st 2004

Belgium - July 2004* : hours worked industry - 1,0%, construction - 4,0%

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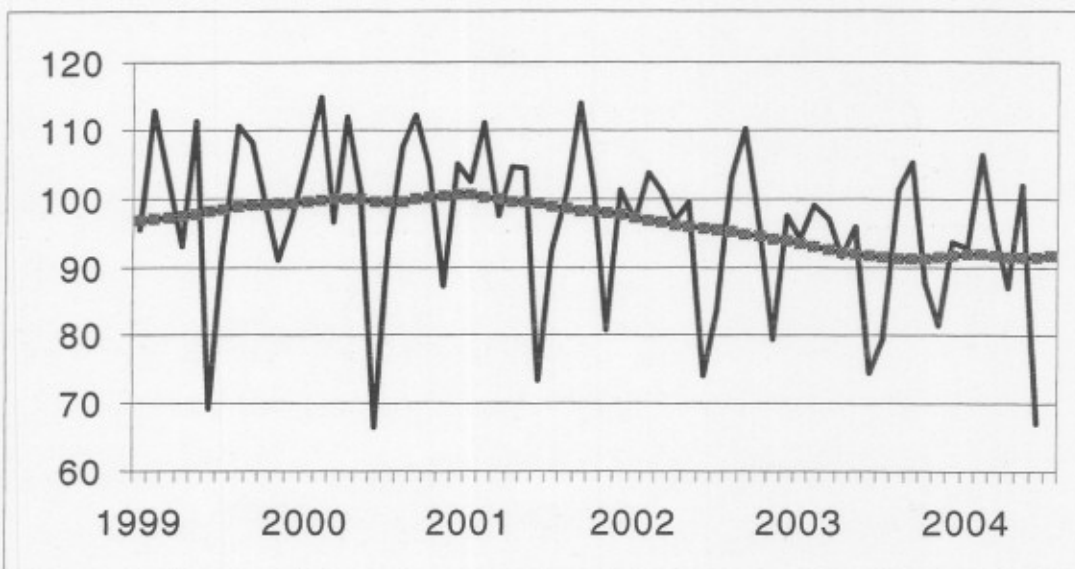
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Thursday November, 7th 2004

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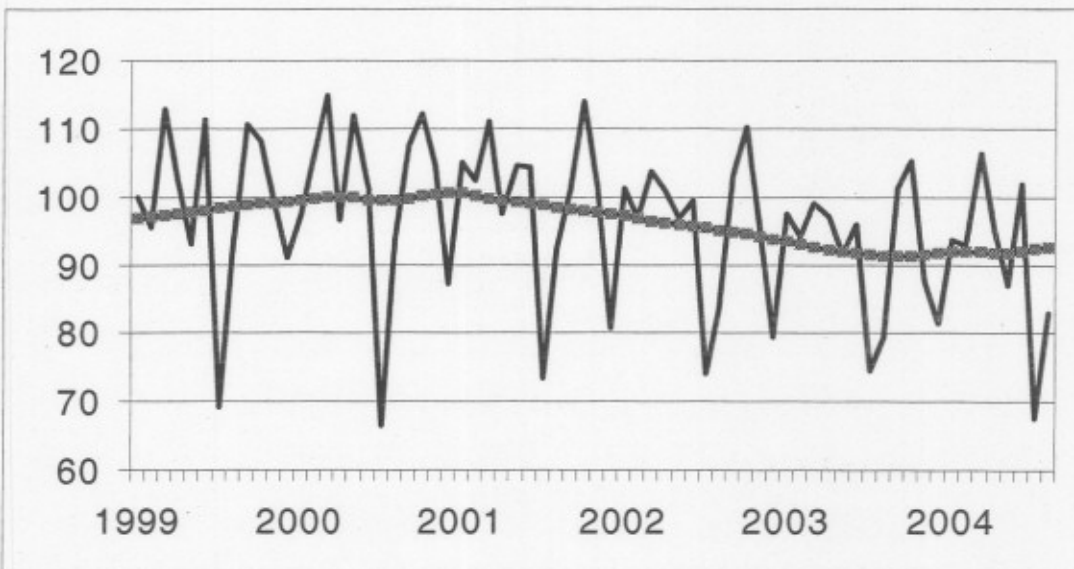
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Press Release

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Thursday December, 7th 2004

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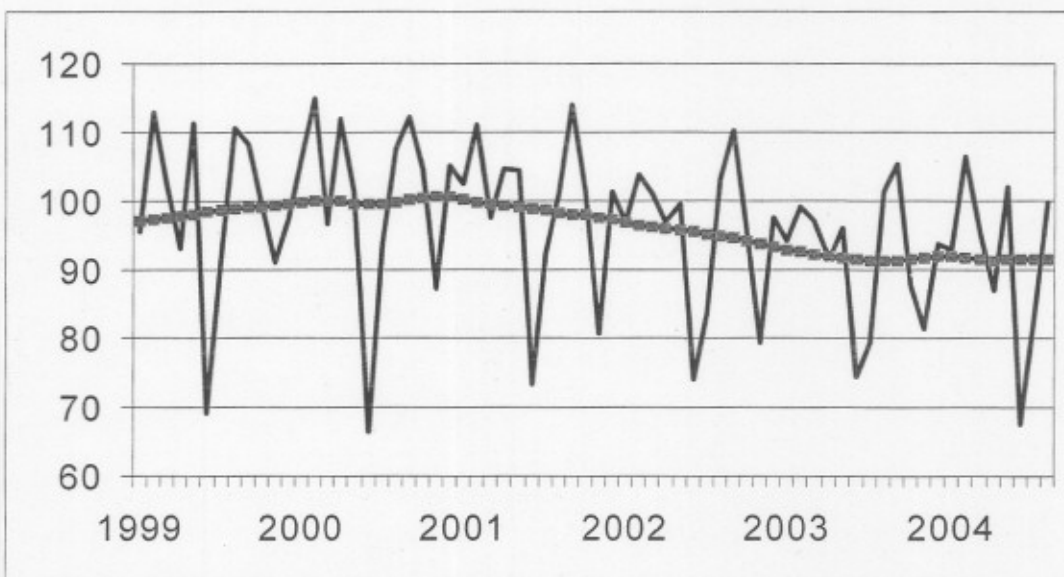
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Thursday January, 7th 2005

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%).

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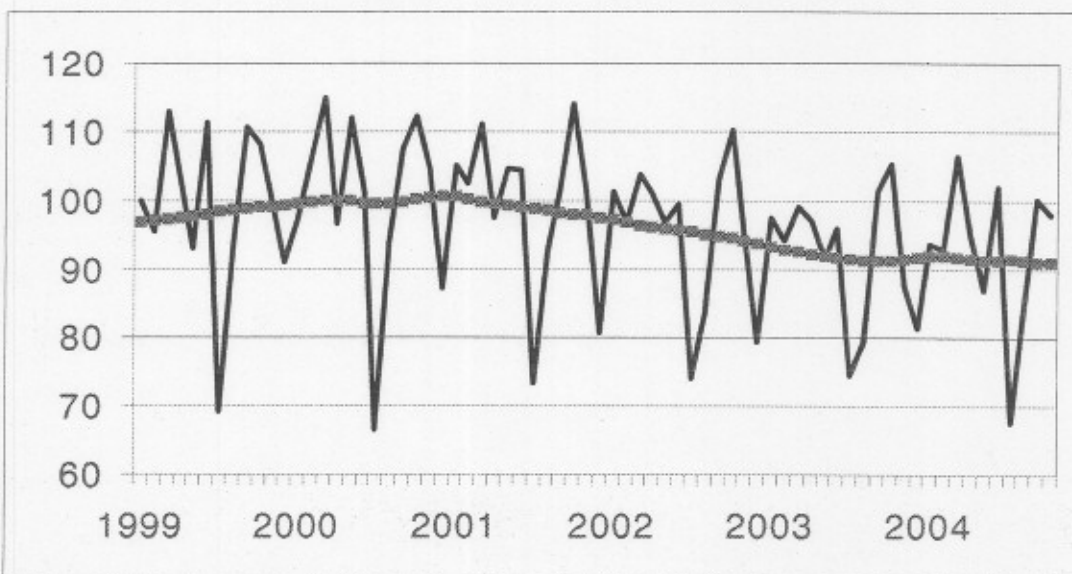
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Thursday February, 3th 2005

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

Hours worked
Gross indices
(2000=100)
Hours worked by
employees (blue
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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total industry, excluding construction													
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		
Construction													
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	92,8	113,0	99,1	92,1	112,6	50,1	95,8	111,1	106,6	92,2		
Total industry, excluding construction													
2003	99,0	95,4	101,6	94,5	95,7	98,2	74,3	82,6	96,6	101,2	93,3	82,4	92,9
2004	97,5	94,4	102,1	93,6	92,2	97,3	71,4	82,2	95,4	100,7	90,8		
Construction													
2003	83,0	90,7	113,1	100,5	101,7	111,3	56,0	95,0	112,1	109,6	96,8	75,7	95,5
2004	87,2	97,8	109,6	97,7	99,5	109,8	51,6	98,4	107,9	111,7	94,9		

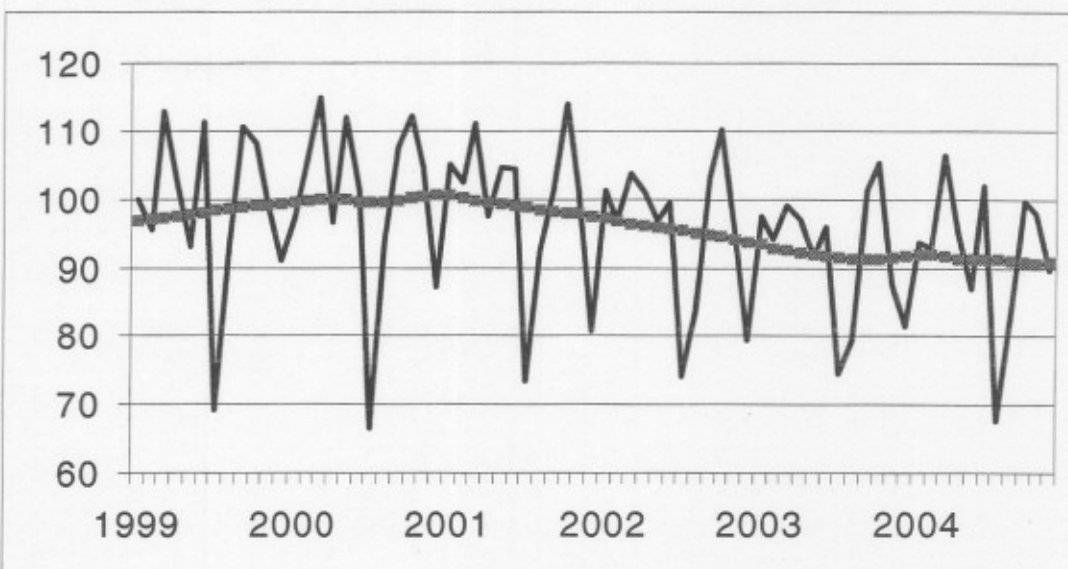
**Indices per
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Allowing for
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Trend cycle

Total industry;
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Gross indices :

Trend :

**Last three
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previous three
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Durable consumer goods	↘	↘	↘	↘
Non-durable consumer goods	↘	↘	→	↘
Mining and quarrying	→	↘	→	↘
Food products, beverages and tobacco	↘	→	→	↘
Textiles and textiles products	↘	↘	↘	↘
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Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	↘	↘	↘	↘
Metal products, machinery and equipment	↘	↘	→	↘
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	→	↘	↘	↘
Non-metallic mineral products	→	→	↘	↘
Manufacture of basic metals	↘	→	→	↘
Furniture	↘	↘	↘	↘
Electricity	↘	↘	→	→
Construction	↘	↘	→	→

Thursday March, 7th 2005

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**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%.

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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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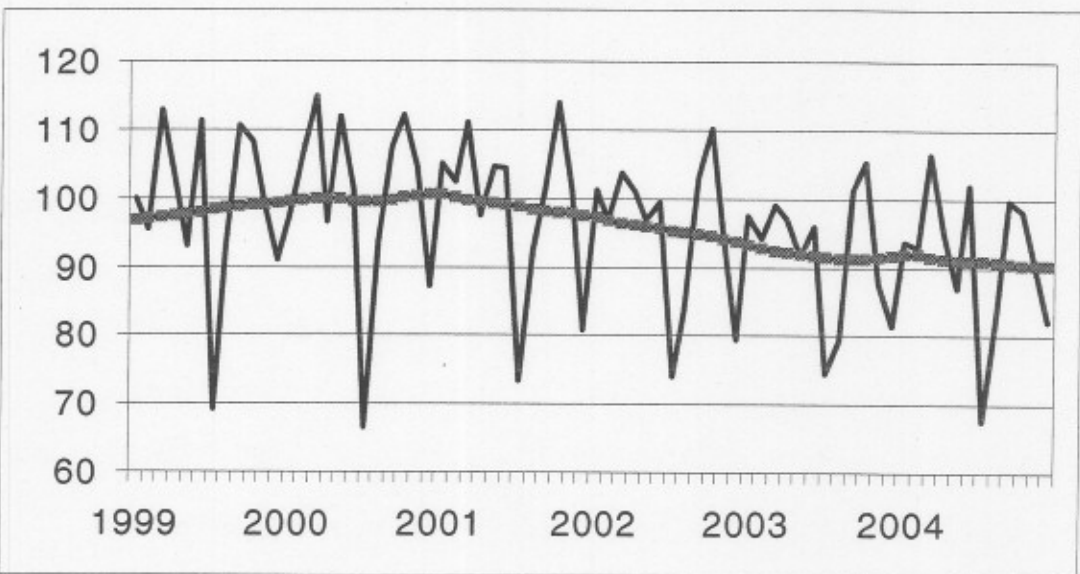
Indices per working day

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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Non-metallic mineral products	→	→	↘	↘↘
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Furniture	↘	↘	↘	↘
Electricity	↘	↘	↘	↘
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%.

Next press release : 4/5/2005

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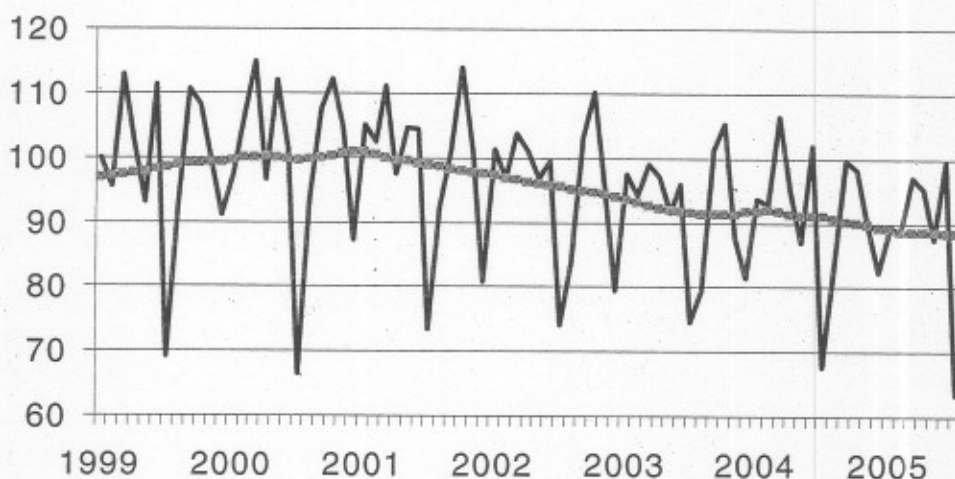
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total industry, excluding construction													
2004	95,3	92,6	105,1	94,2	85,9	99,8	70,6	80,8	97,7	96,4	88,7	82,3	90,8
2005	91,8	89,3	97,9	93,7	86,2	97,2	66,5						
Construction													
2004	84,8	92,8	113,0	99,1	92,1	112,6	50,1	95,8	111,1	106,8	93,9	82,2	94,5
2005	74,1	85,4	92,5	103,5	93,4	111,9	45,7						

**Indices per
working day**

Allowing for
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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total industry, excluding construction													
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						
Construction													
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						

Trend cycle
Total industry;
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Non-metallic mineral products	→	↗	↘	↗
Manufacture of basic metals	↘	↘	→	↘
Furniture	→	→	↘	
Electricity	↗	↗	→	→
Construction	↗	↗	↗	↗

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 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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2005	91,5												
Construction													
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
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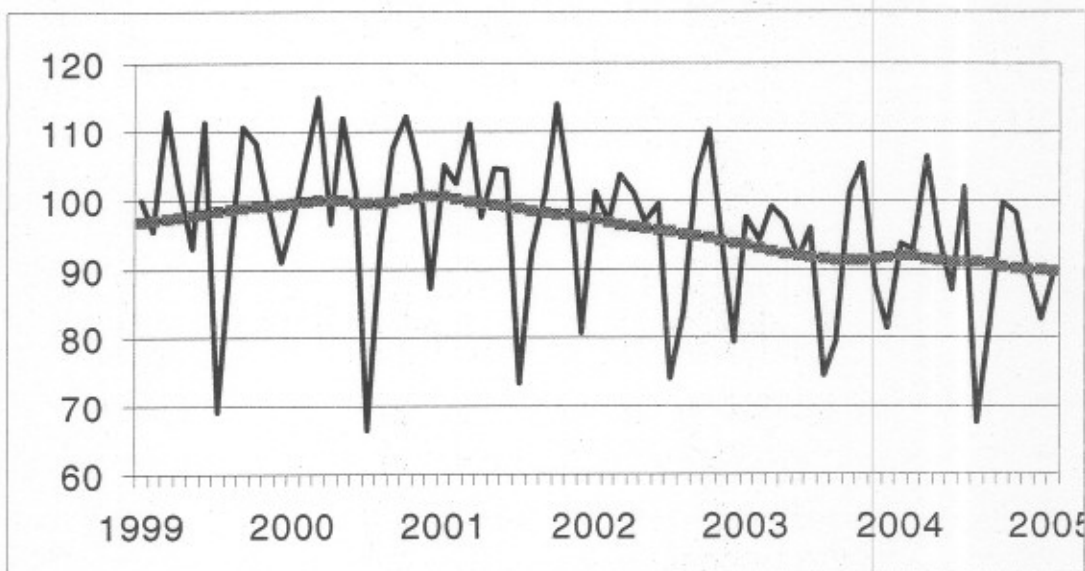
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2005	93,9												
Construction													
2004	87,1	97,8	109,6	97,7	99,5	109,7	51,7	98,5	107,9	111,9	96,6	75,5	95,3
2005	76,5												

Trend cycle

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Electricity	↘	↘	↘	↘
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

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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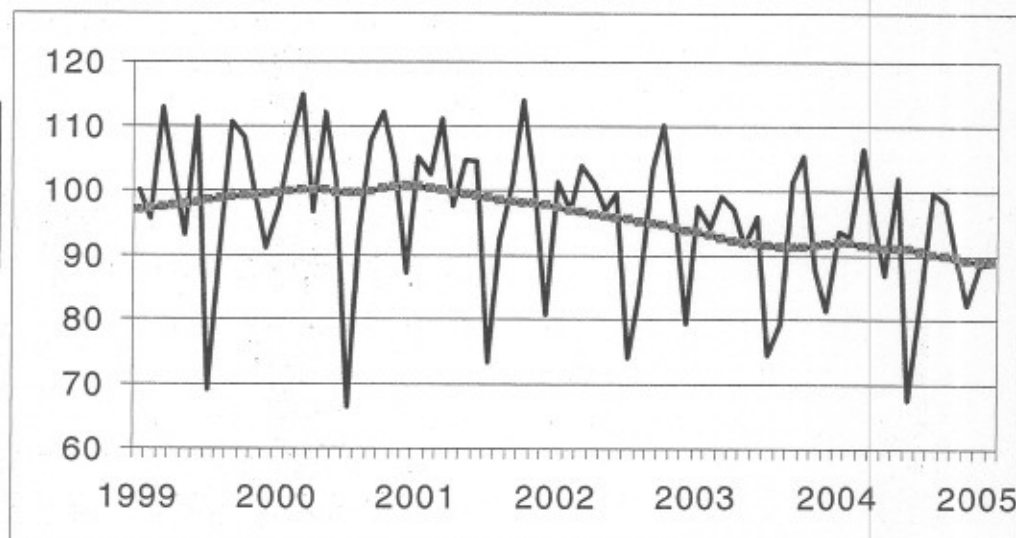
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Hours worked Gross indices (2000=100) Hours worked by employees (blue collar and white collar)	Total industry, excluding construction													
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	2005	91,2	89,3											
	Construction													
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2005	73,9	85,2												
Indices per working day Allowing for differences in length and composition between months	Total industry, excluding construction													
	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											
	Construction													
	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
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Durable consumer goods	↘↘	↘↘	↘	↘↘
Non-durable consumer goods	→	→	↘	↘
Mining and quarrying	↘	↘	→	↘
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Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	↘	↘	↘	↘
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Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘
Non-metallic mineral products	↘	↘	↘	↘↘
Manufacture of basic metals	↘	↘	↘	↗
Furniture	↘	↘	↘↘	↘
Electricity	↗	↗	↗	↗
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘↘

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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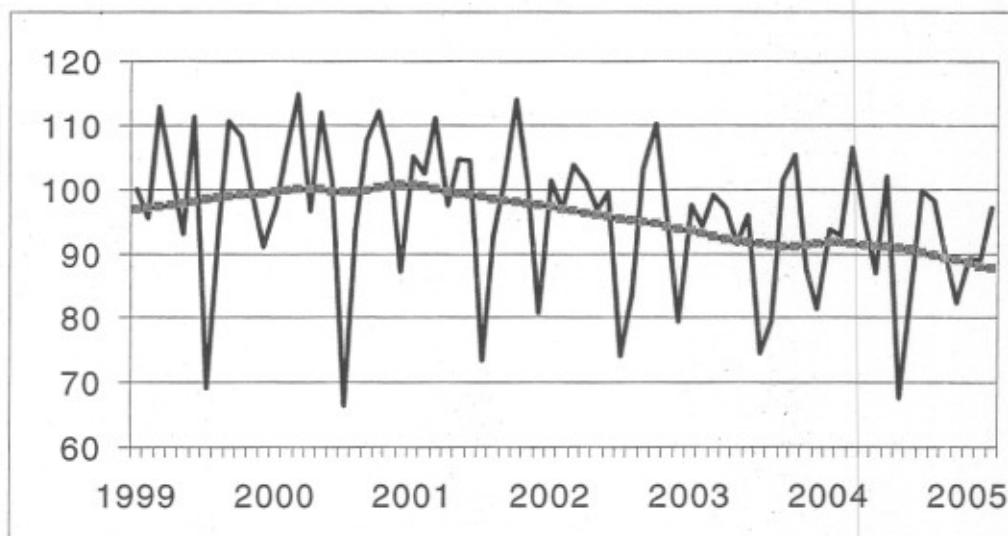
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Hours worked

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Hours worked													
Gross indices (2000=100)													
Hours worked by employees (blue collar and white collar)													
Total industry, excluding construction													
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										
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2005	94,0	90,1	94,9										
Construction													
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Durable consumer goods	↘↘	↘↘	↘	↘↘
Non-durable consumer goods	→	↘	↘	↘
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Manufacture of basic metals	↘	↘	↘	→
Furniture	↘	↘	↘↘	
Electricity	↗	↗	→	→
Construction	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘

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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Gross indices
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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total industry, excluding construction													
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									
Construction													
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2005	74,1	85,4	92,7	104,4									
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2005	94,1	90,1	95,3	94,3									
Construction													
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
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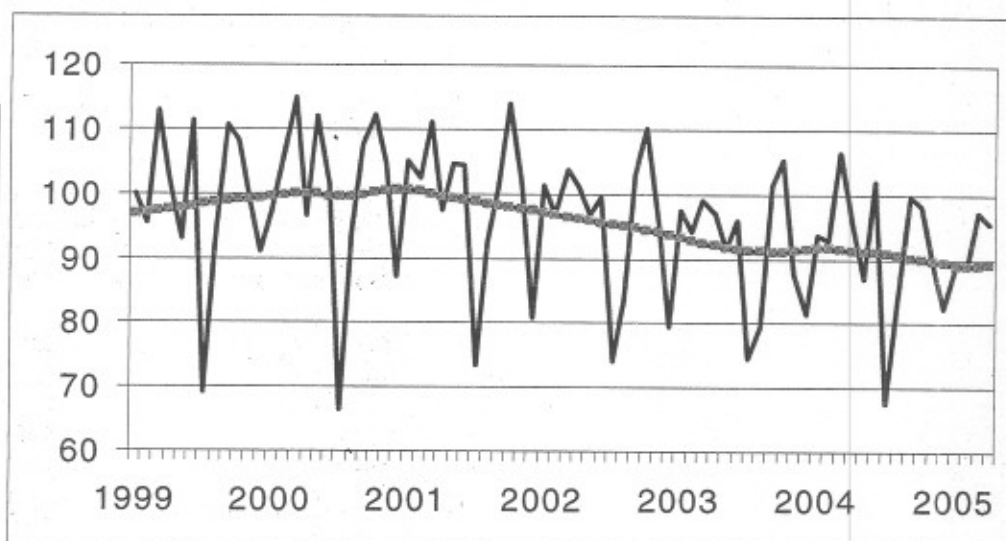
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Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	→	→	↗	↘
Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	↘	→	↘
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	↘	↘	↘	
Non-metallic mineral products	↘	↘	↘	↘
Manufacture of basic metals	↘	↘	↘	↘
Furniture	↗	↘	↘	
Electricity	↗	↗	↘	→
Construction	↗	↗	→	↘

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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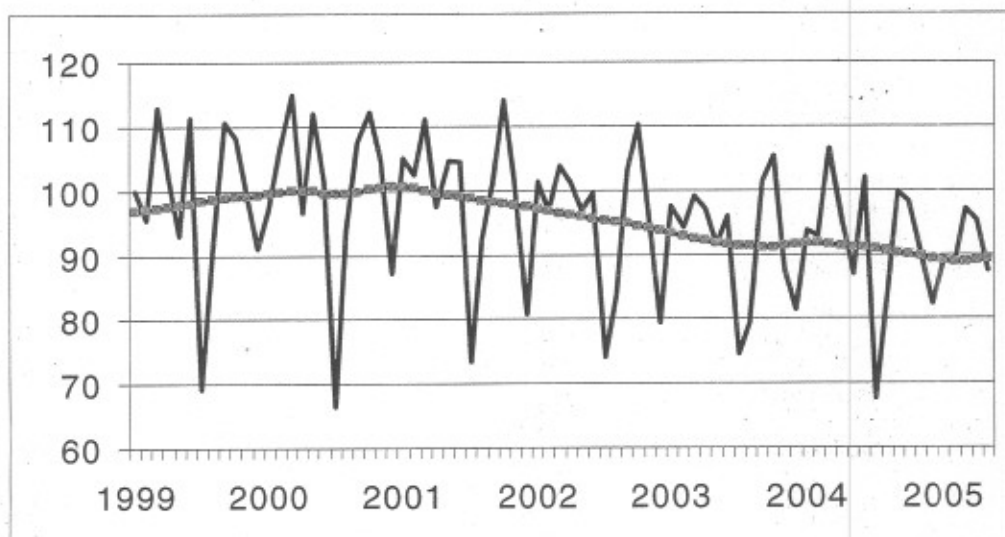
Hours worked

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Hours worked													
Gross indices (2000=100)													
Hours worked by employees (blue collar and white collar)													
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Non-metallic mineral products	↘	→	↘	↘↘
Manufacture of basic metals	→	↘	→	↘
Furniture	↘	→	↘	
Electricity	↗	↗	↗	↗
Construction	↗	↗	→	↘

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

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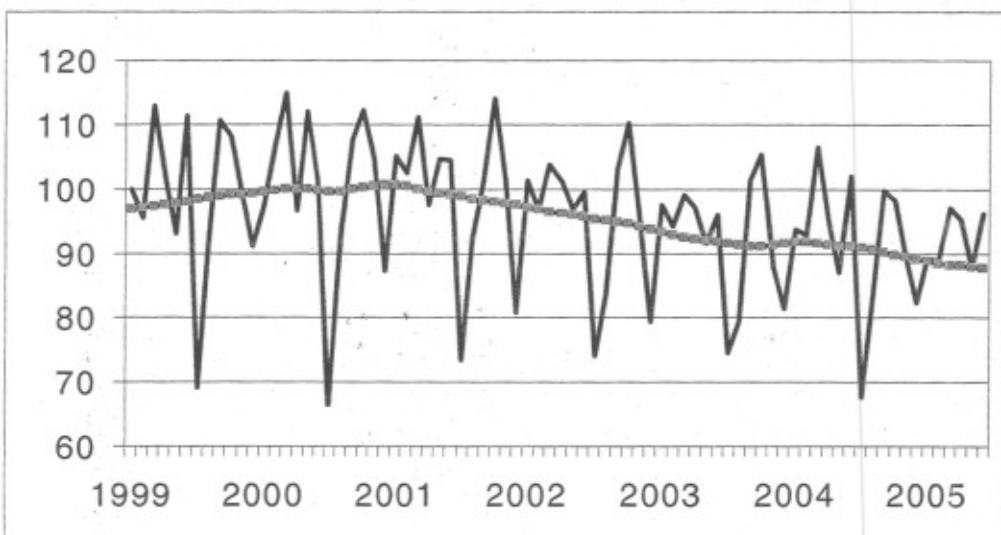
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Furniture	↘	→	↘	
Electricity	↗	↗	→	→
Construction	→	→	↘	↘

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Thursday October, 27th 2005

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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%.

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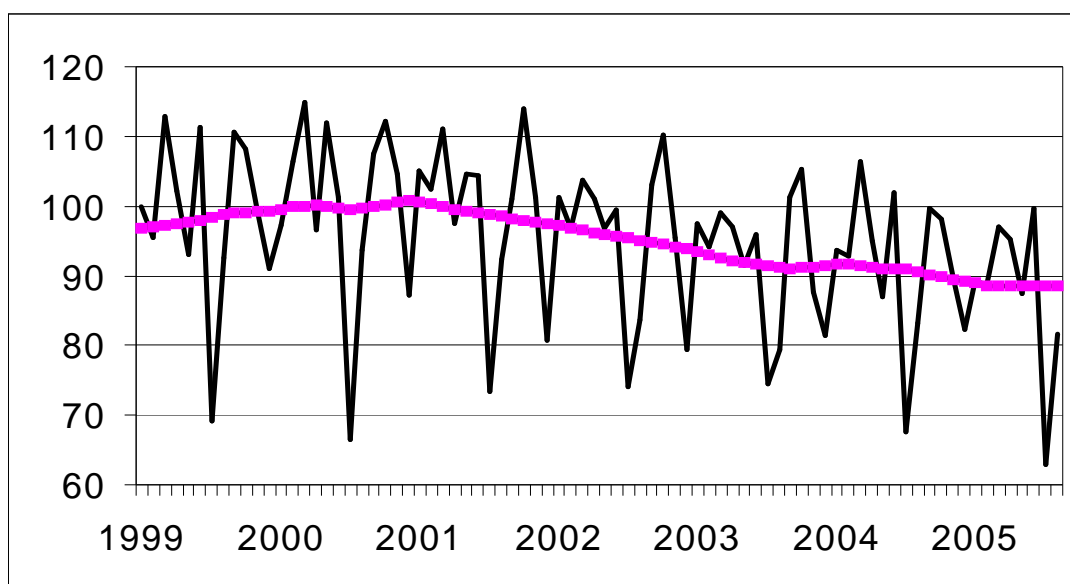
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Construction													
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Durable consumer goods	↗	↘	↗	↘↘
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Mining and quarrying	↗	↘	→	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	↗	→	→	↘
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Furniture	↘	↘	↘	
Electricity	↗	↗	↗	↗
Construction	↘	→	↗	↗

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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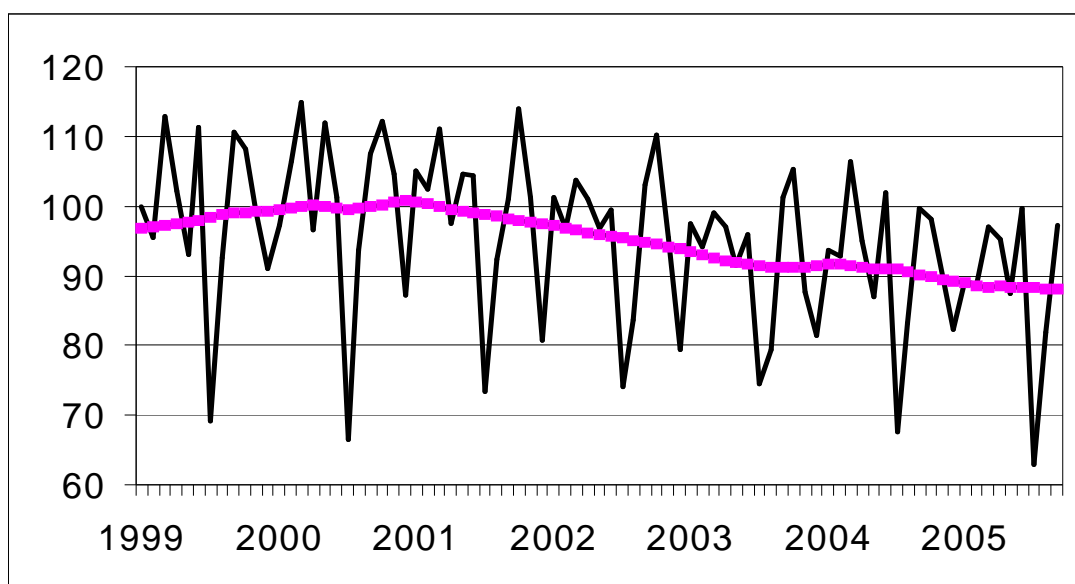
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Electricity	↗	↗	→	→
Construction	↘	→	↗	↗

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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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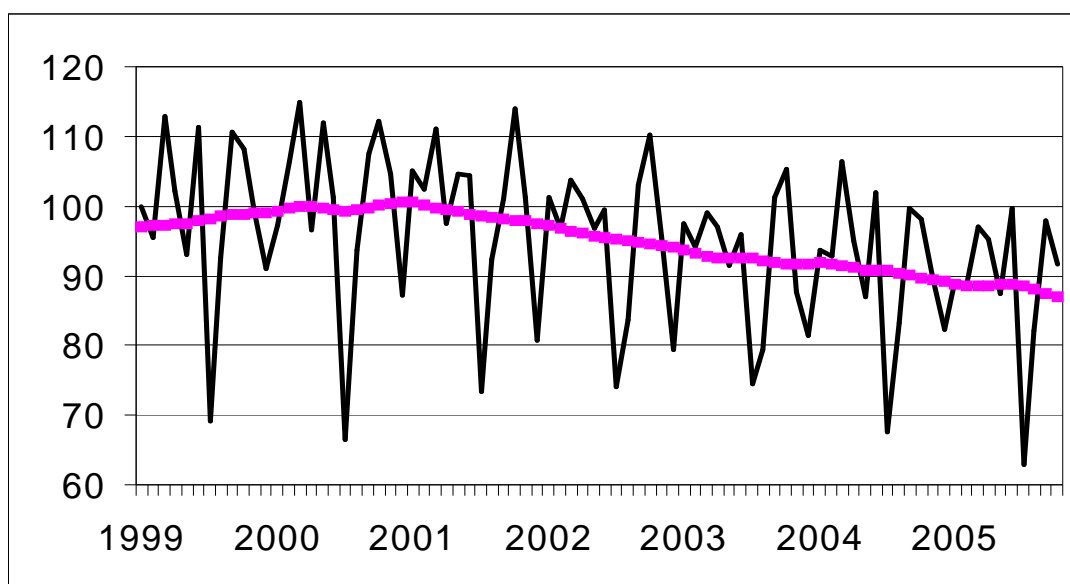
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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE

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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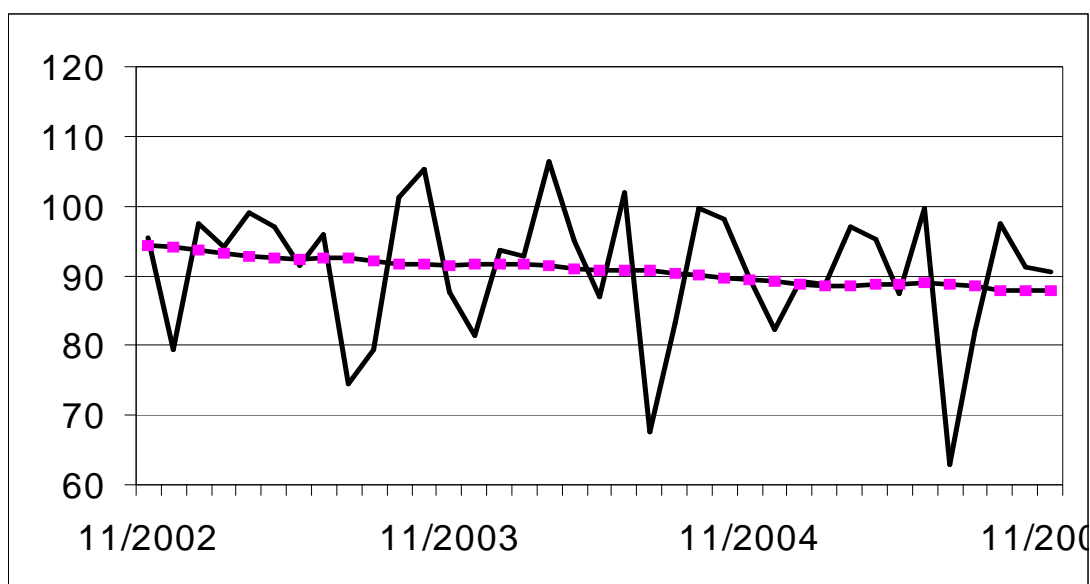
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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE

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%.

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 0,4% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number shrunk by 1,1%**.

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

Next press release : **6/4/2006**

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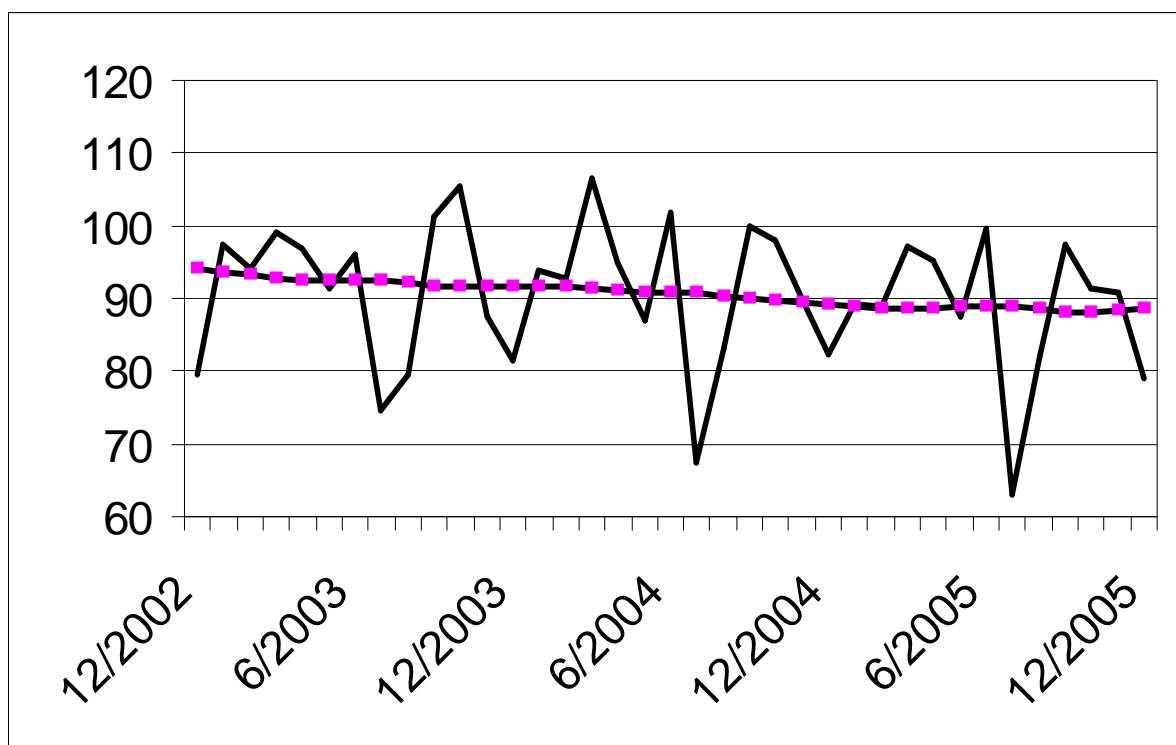
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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE

Thursday March, 6nd 2006

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

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 2,0% ; 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 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%**.

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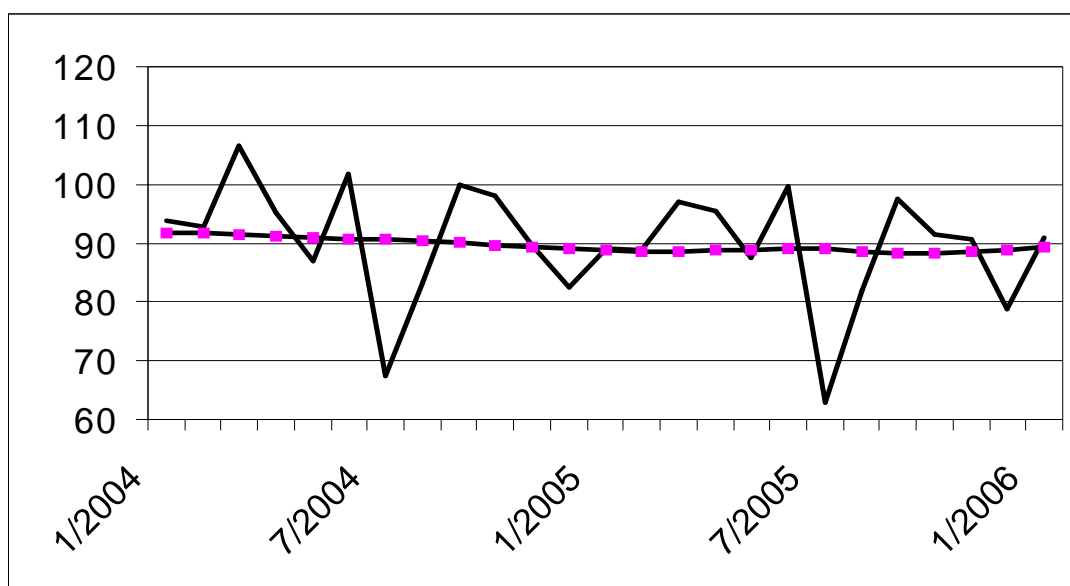
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Total industry, excluding construction													
2005	91,8	89,3	97,9	93,7	86,2	97,4	66,1	79,4	95,0	90,0	89,6	78,7	87,9
2006	93,1												
Construction													
2005	74,1	85,4	92,5	103,5	93,4	112,0	45,4	96,1	110,6	99,4	96,5	78,9	90,7
2006	78,3												
Total industry, excluding construction													
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												
Construction													
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												

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 :
.....

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

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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE

Thursday May, 4nd 2006

Belgium - February 2006 : hours worked industry + 1,3%,
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, increased by 1,3% ; 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 an increase for Belgium as a whole (+0,3%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0,2% in Flanders ; in Wallonia there's a status quo (+0,1%)**.

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%.

Next press release : **1/6/2006**

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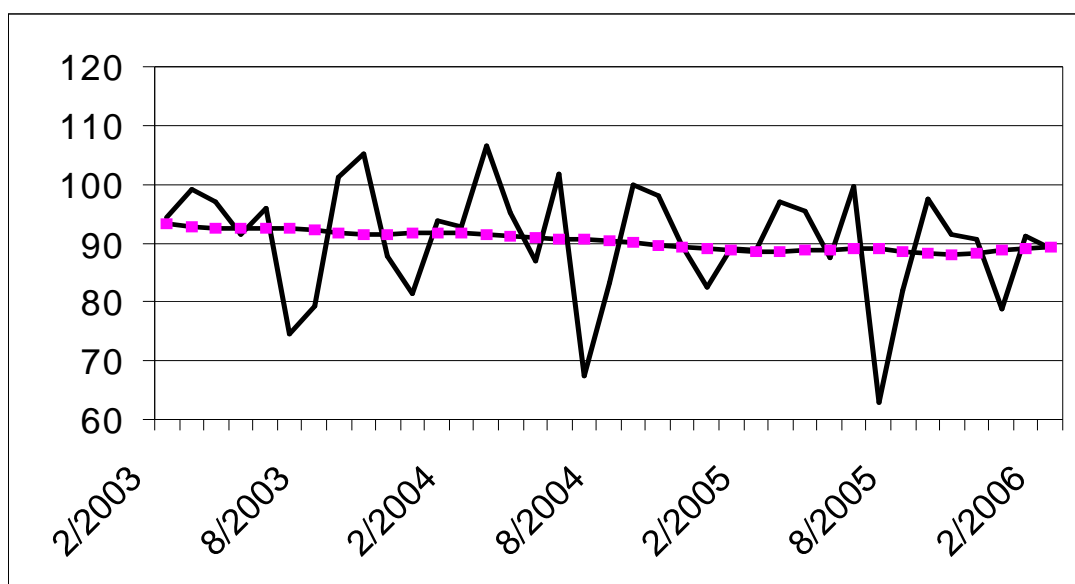
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Hours worked
Gross indices
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Hours worked by
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2006	93,2	89,7											
Construction													
2005	74,1	85,4	92,5	103,5	93,4	112,0	45,4	96,1	110,6	99,4	96,5	78,8	90,6
2006	78,9	85,6											
Total industry, excluding construction													
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											
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											

Indices per working day
Allowing for
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Trend cycle
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Manufacture of basic metals	↗	→	↘	→
Furniture	↘	↗	↘↘	
Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↗	→	↗	↘

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Thursday June, 8nd 2006

**Belgium - March 2006* : hours worked industry + 1,5%,
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, increased by 1,5% ; in construction it fell by 0,5%.

The trend of the last three months in the industry, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase for Belgium as a whole (+0,5%). At the regional level, there's an decrease by 0,2% in Flanders ; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0,2%**.

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%.

Next press release : 29/6/2006

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Construction													
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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	82,0	86,7	102,7										

**Indices per
working day**

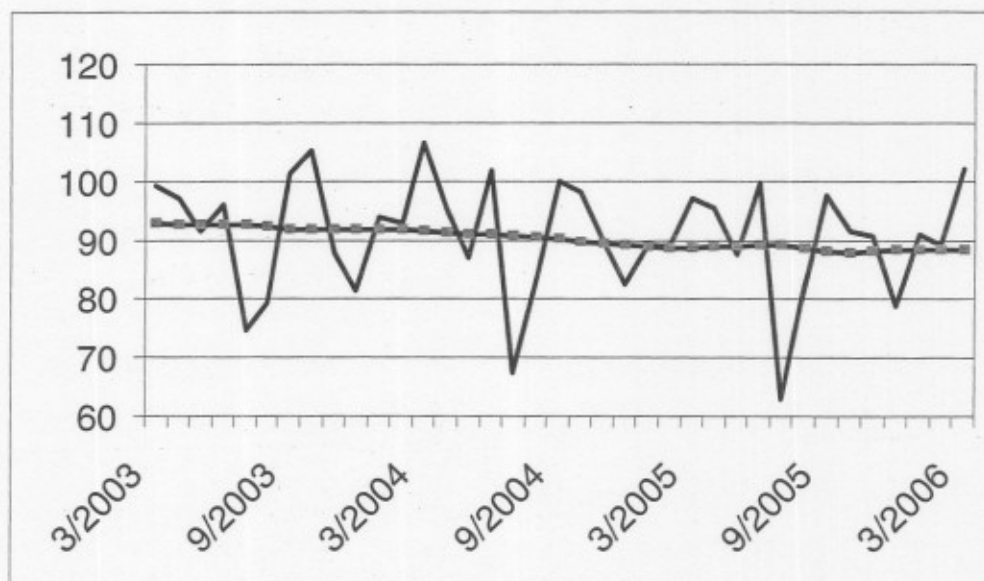
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Mining and quarrying	↗	↘	→	
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Textiles and textiles products	↘	↘	↘	↘
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	→	↗	↘	↘
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	↗	→	→	→
Metal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

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PRESS RELEASE

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%.

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

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Hours worked

Hours worked
Gross indices
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Hours worked by
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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									
Construction													
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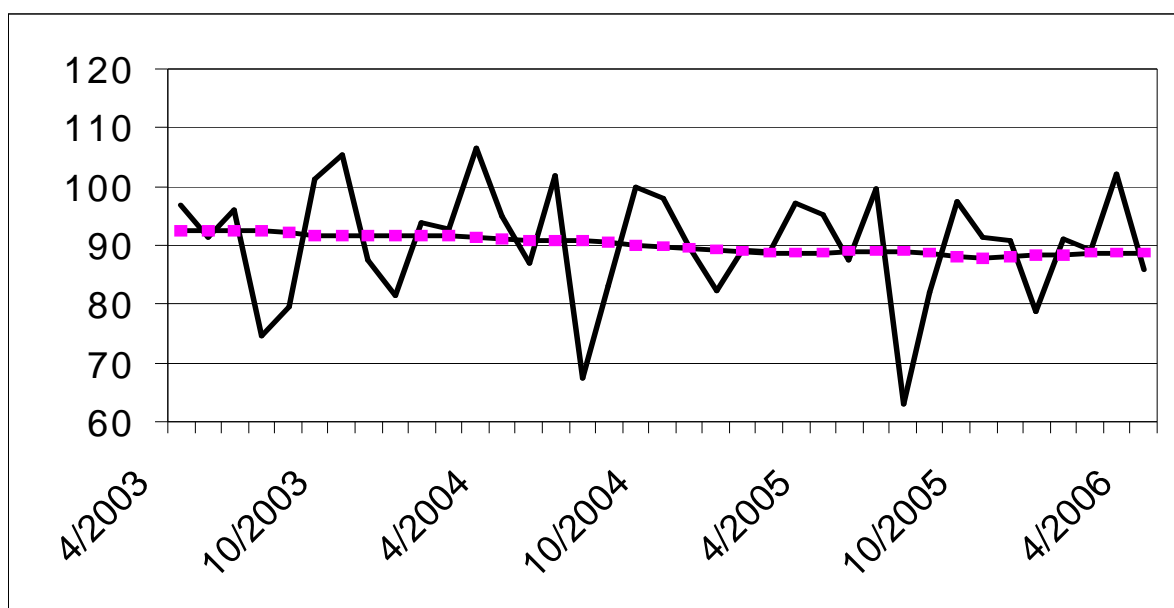
Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :
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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	→	→	↘	↘
Durable consumer goods	↘	↘	↘↘	→
Non-durable consumer goods	↘	→	↘	↘
Mining and quarrying	→	↘↘	→	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	→	↗	→	↘↘
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Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↘	↘	→	→

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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%.

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

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Employees

Gross indices
(2000=100)
Number of
employees subject
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Total industry, excluding construction													
2005	87,9	87,7	87,7	87,2	87,4	87,5	87,1	87,2	87,0	86,8	86,8	86,4	87,2
2006	86,3	86,3	86,4	86,3	86,3								
Construction													
2005	90,4	90,2	89,8	90,2	90,7	90,7	90,1	91,2	91,5	91,3	91,5	90,9	90,7
2006	90,9	90,9	91,3	91,6	91,7								
Total industry, excluding construction													
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								
Construction													
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								

Seasonally
adjusted indices

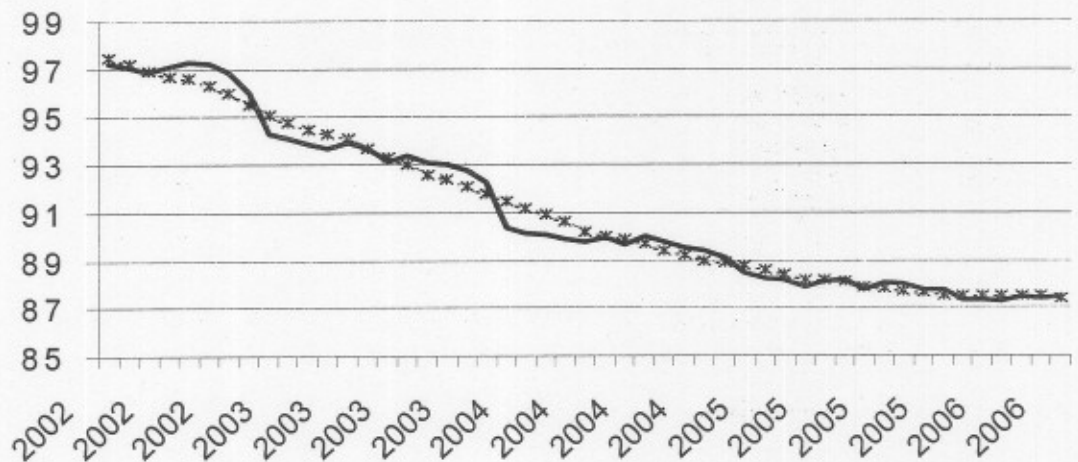
After elimination of
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Thursday September, 7th
2006

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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Construction													
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
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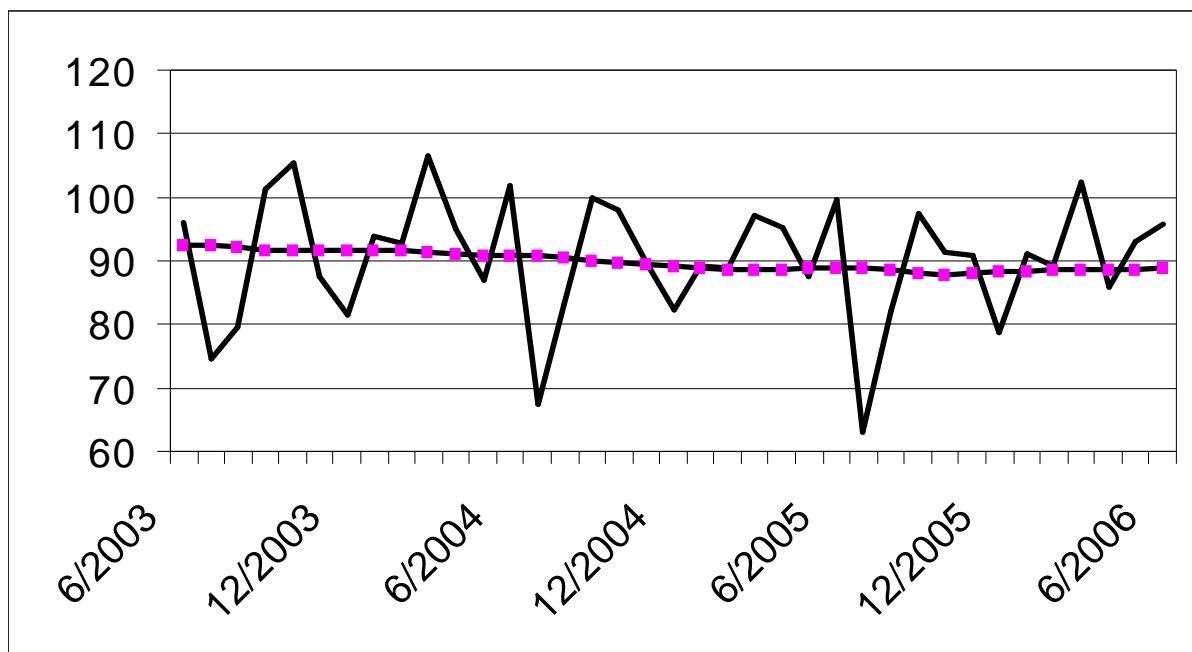
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Capital goods	↗	↗	↘	↘
Durable consumer goods	→	→	↘↘	↘
Non-durable consumer goods	↘	↘	→	↘
Mining and quarrying	↘	↘	→	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	→	→	→	↘
Textiles and textiles products	↘	↘	↘↘	↘↘
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	↘	→	↘	↘
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Non-metallic mineral products	↘	→	↘	↘↘
Manufacture of basic metals	→	→	↘	↘
Furniture	↘	↘	↘↘	
Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↘	↗	↗	→



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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM PRESS RELEASE

Thursday October, 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%.

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

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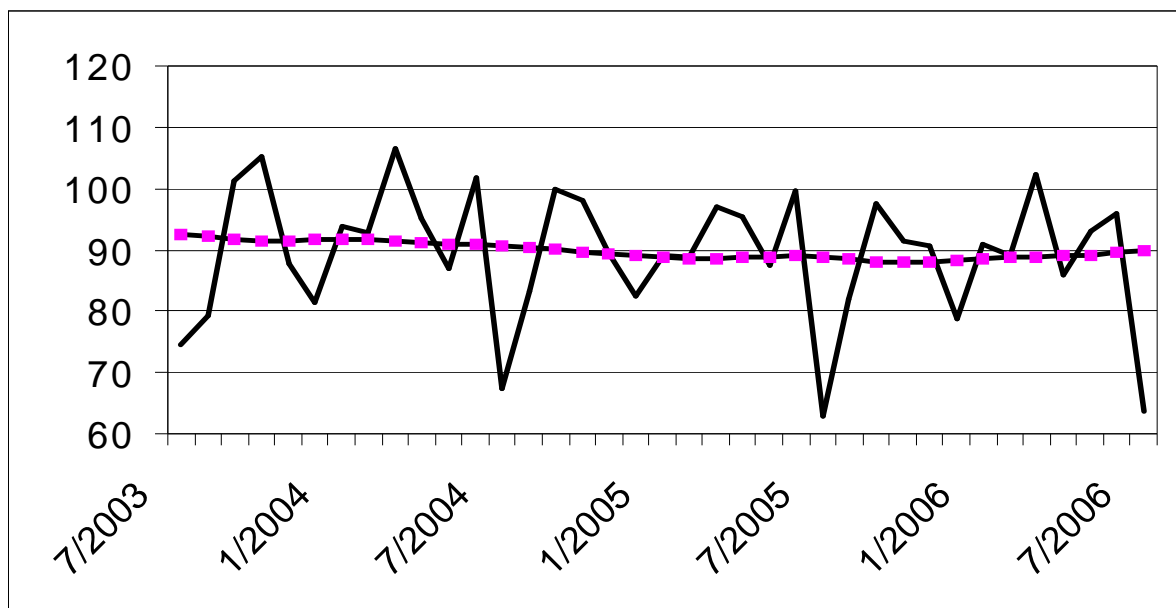
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Capital goods	↗	↗	→	→
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Furniture	→	→	↘↘	
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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM PRESS RELEASE

Thursday October, 26nd 2006

Belgium - August 2006 : hours worked industry - 0,5%, 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 0,5% ; 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 (+0,0%). 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%.

Next press release : **7/12/2006**

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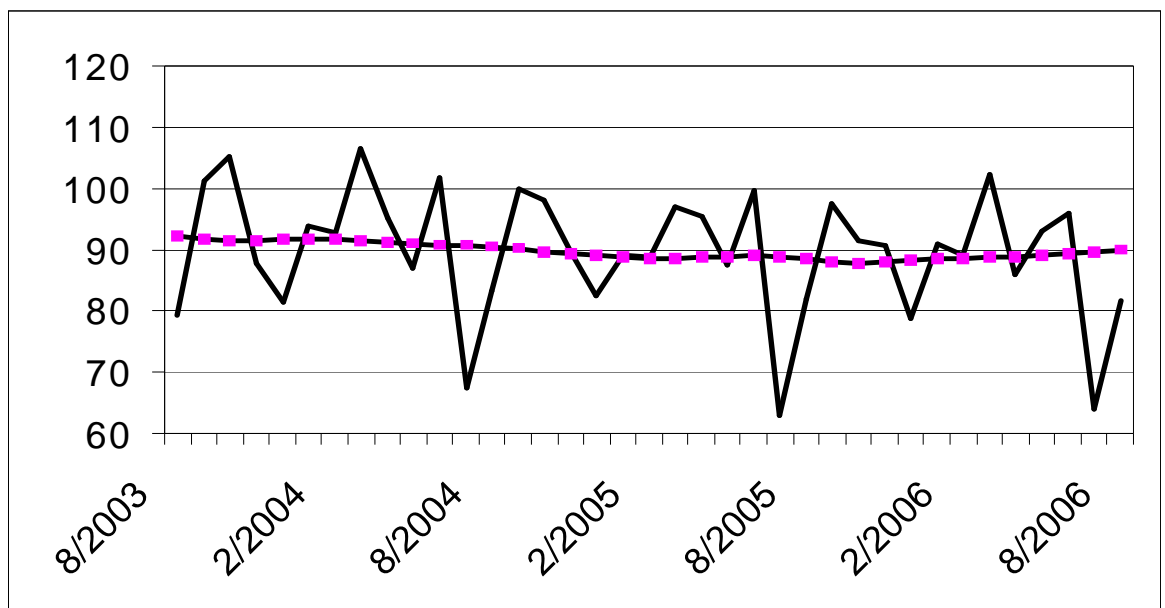
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings

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Total industry, excluding construction	→	→	→	→
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Durable consumer goods	→	↗	↘↘	→
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Manufacture of basic metals	↘	→	↘	↘
Furniture	→	↗	↘↘	
Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
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**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

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%.

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

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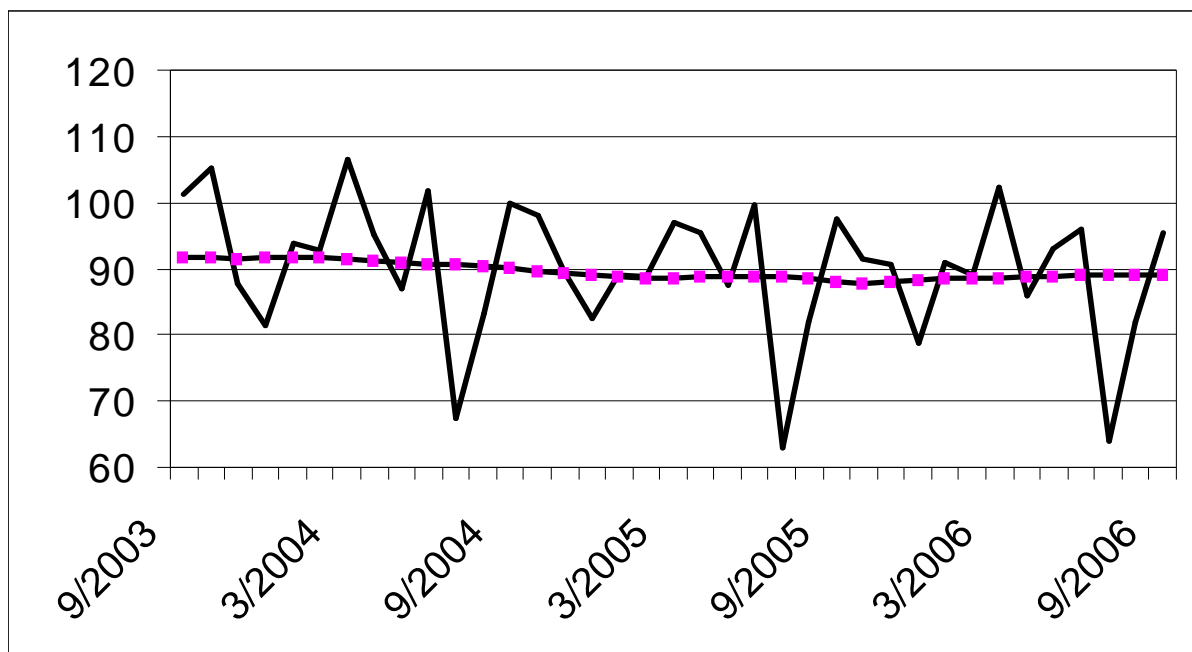
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Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	→	↗	↗	↘

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

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%.

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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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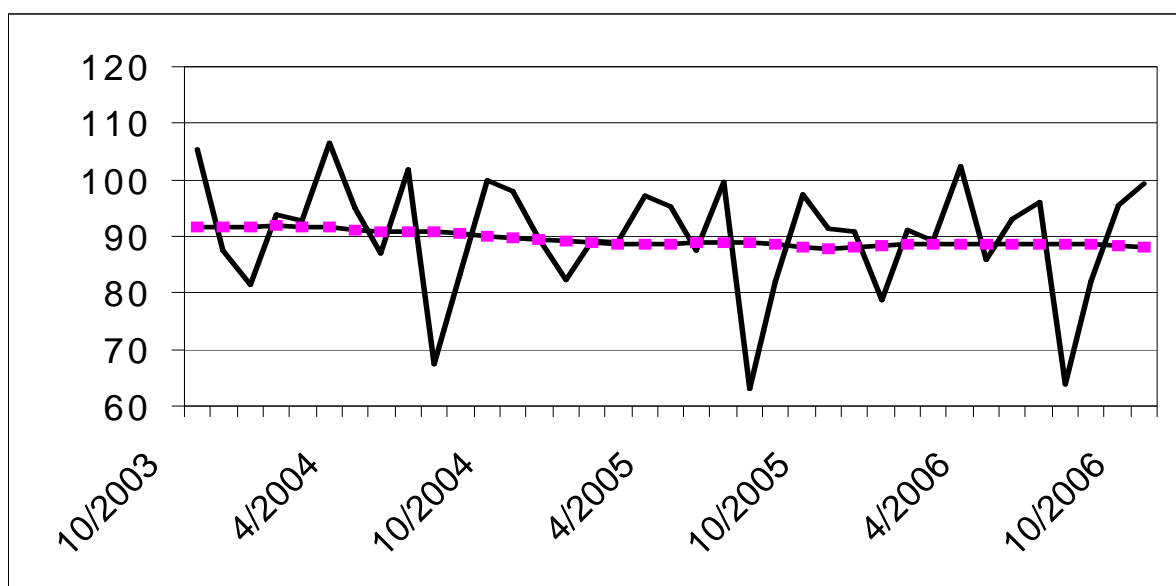
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**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

Thursday February, 1st 2007

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

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 0,1% ; in construction it rose by 2,0%.

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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 rose with 1,2%.

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2006	94,4	90,2	99,3	90,7	92,4	93,5	71,4	78,8	93,4	99,5	90,3		
Construction													
2005	77,0	85,5	90,0	103,8	101,0	109,0	53,7	94,3	108,1	104,5	98,1	77,5	91,9
2006	81,9	86,6	102,5	98,7	103,2	108,1	52,8	94,9	110,2	109,3	102,4		

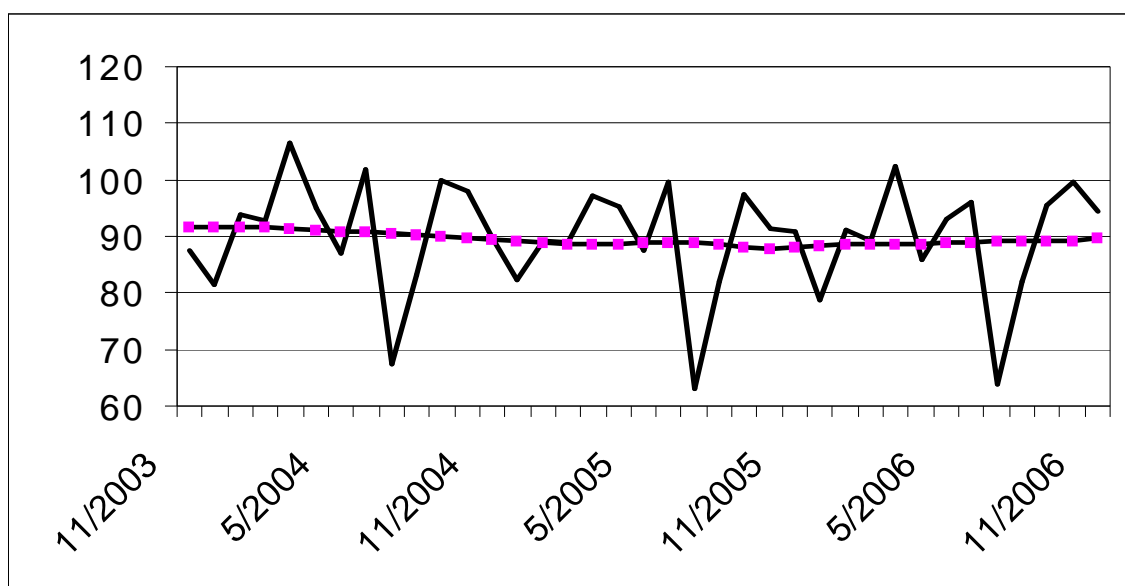
Indices per working day

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Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :
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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	↗	→	↘	↗
Durable consumer goods	↘	↘	↘	↘↘
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Mining and quarrying	↗	→	↗↗	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	→	→	↗	↘
Textiles and textiles products	↘	↘	↘	↗
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	→	→	↘	↘
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	↗	↗	→	↘
Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	→	↗	↘
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	↘	↘↘	↗	
Non-metallic mineral products	→	↗	↘	↘↘
Manufacture of basic metals	→	→	→	↗
Furniture	↘	→	↘	
Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
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**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

Thursday March, 1st 2007

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

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 1,5%; in construction it rose by 5,7%.

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 (+0,8%). At the regional level, there's an increase by 0,8% in Flanders; in Wallonia the number expanded by 0,6%**.

A split down to the level of important sectors shows +1,4% for chemicals and +1,5% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked rose with 3,9%.

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

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**(% increase of the last three months, till December 2006 inclusive, compared to the preceding trimester, seasonally-adjusted values)*

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Hours worked

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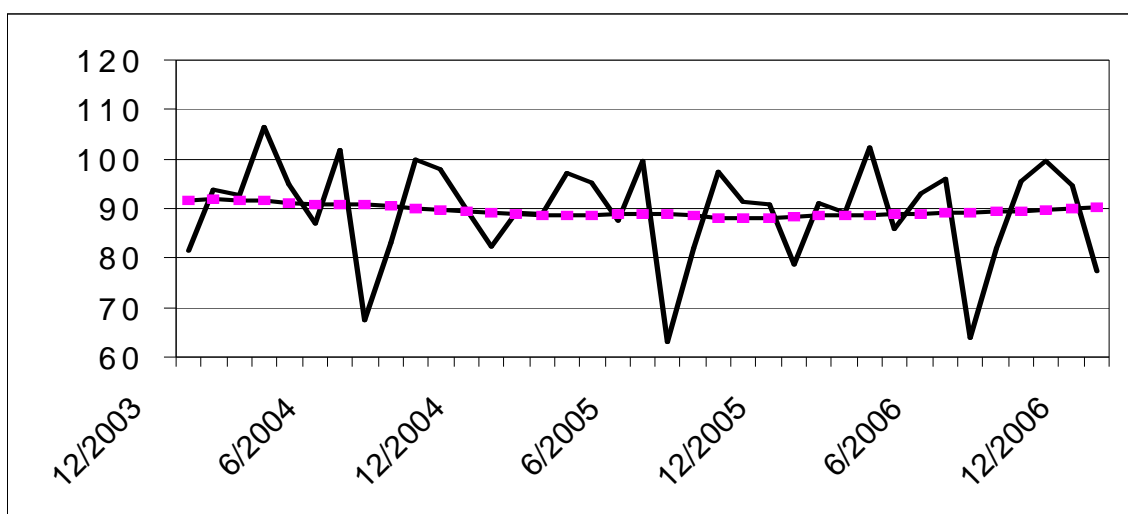
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Total industry, excluding construction													
2005	91,8	89,3	97,9	93,7	86,2	97,4	66,1	79,4	95,0	90,0	89,6	78,7	87,9
2006	93,0	89,5	101,5	84,7	91,4	93,5	67,2	79,3	92,7	98,2	92,5	76,8	88,4
Construction													
2005	74,1	85,4	92,5	103,5	93,4	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	108,8	46,0	96,6	110,0	107,9	106,1	80,0	93,4
Total industry, excluding construction													
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
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

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



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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM PRESS RELEASE

Thursday 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%.

Next press release : **3/5/2007**

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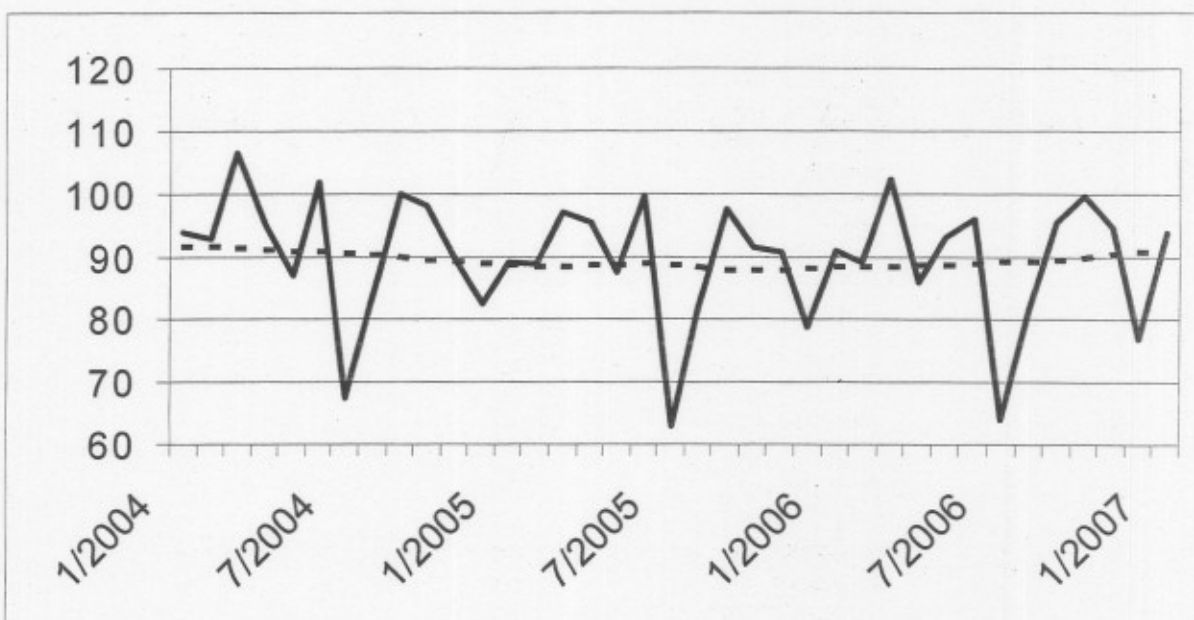
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Total industry, excluding construction													
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2007	94,8												
Construction													
2006	79,2	86,5	106,4	91,1	101,8	108,8	46,0	96,6	110,0	107,9	105,6	79,7	93,3
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Total industry, excluding construction													
2006	94,4	90,2	99,2	90,5	92,2	93,2	71,6	78,9	93,3	99,5	90,1	82,0	89,6
2007	93,0												
Construction													
2006	81,9	86,6	102,5	98,1	102,9	107,7	52,8	94,9	110,2	110,7	103,3	85,9	94,8
2007	85,4												

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

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE

Thursday May, 3rd 2007

***Belgium - February 2007* : hours worked industry + 0,3%,
construction + 5,5%***

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 0,3% ; in construction it rose by 5,5%.

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

A split down to the level of important sectors shows -0,1% for chemicals and +0,7% for metal products, machinery and equipment. In the construction, the number of hours worked rose with 3,4%.

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

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Hours worked by
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collar and white
collar)

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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											
Construction													
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 industry, excluding construction													
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											
Construction													
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											

Indices per working day

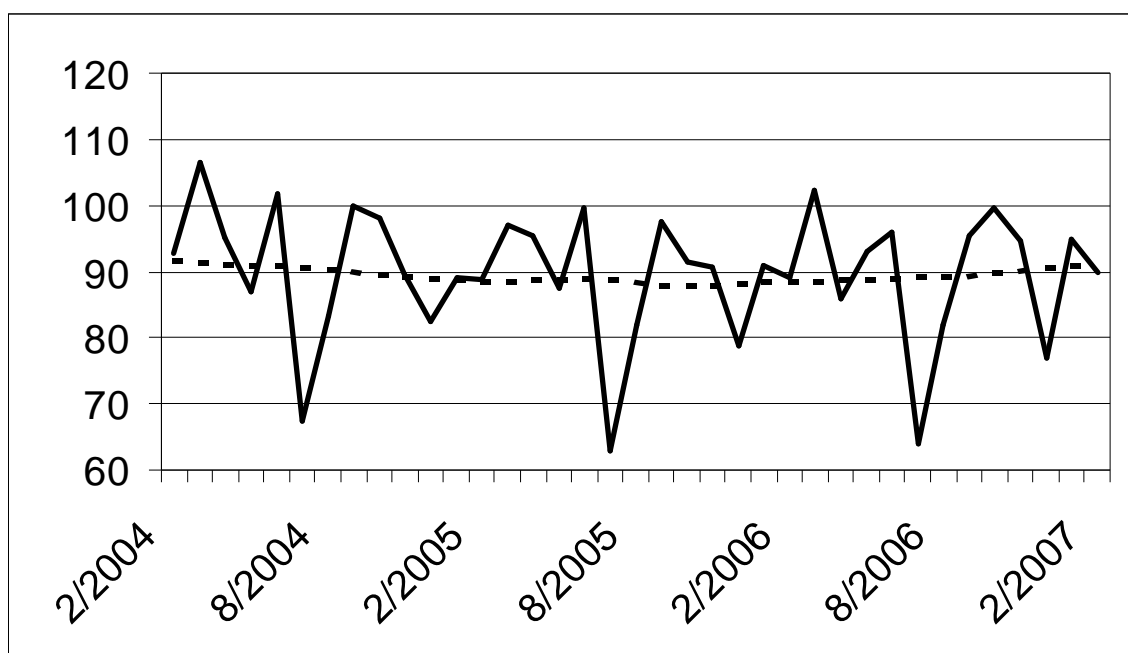
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Durable consumer goods	↗	→	↘	↘↘
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Mining and quarrying	↗	↘	↗↗	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	→	→	→	↘↘
Textiles and textiles products	↘	↘	↘	↘↘
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing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

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

Thursday May, 31st 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%.

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

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2007	95,8	88,9	99,1										
Construction													
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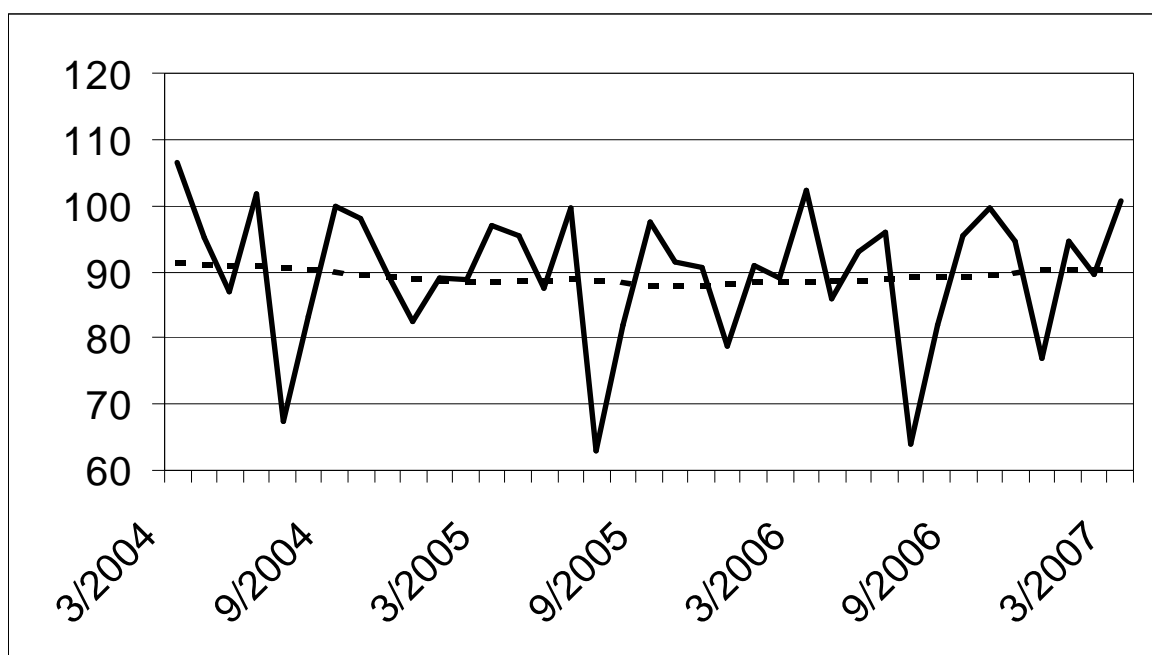
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Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↗	↗	↗↗	→

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

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%.

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

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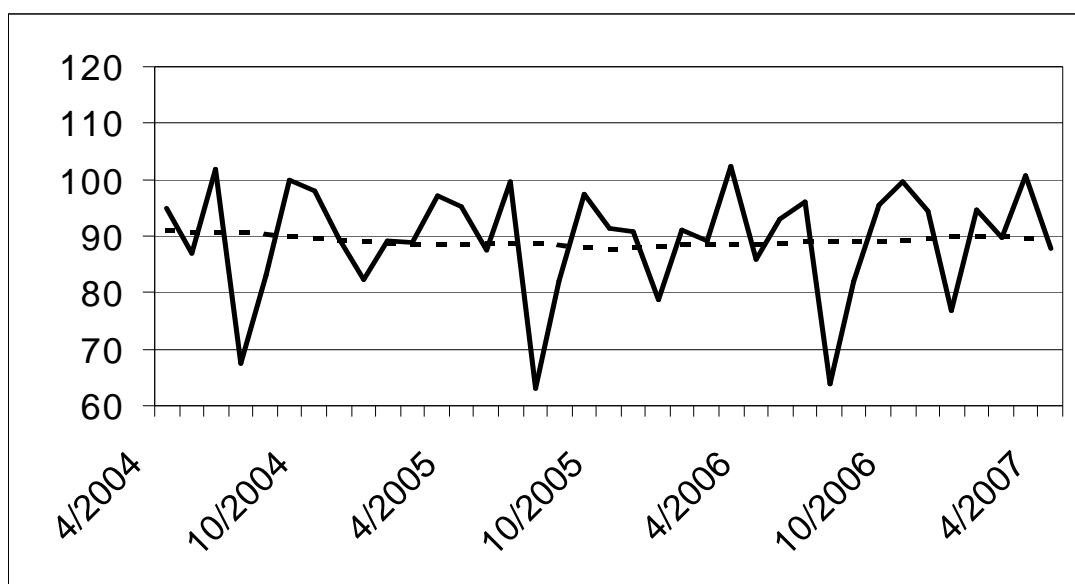
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	→	↘	→	→
Total industry, excluding construction	→	↘	→	→
Intermediate goods and energy	↘	↘	↘	↗
Capital goods	↘	↘	→	→
Durable consumer goods	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘	↘↘
Non-durable consumer goods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

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

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%.

Next press release : **6/9/2007**

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

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Hours worked

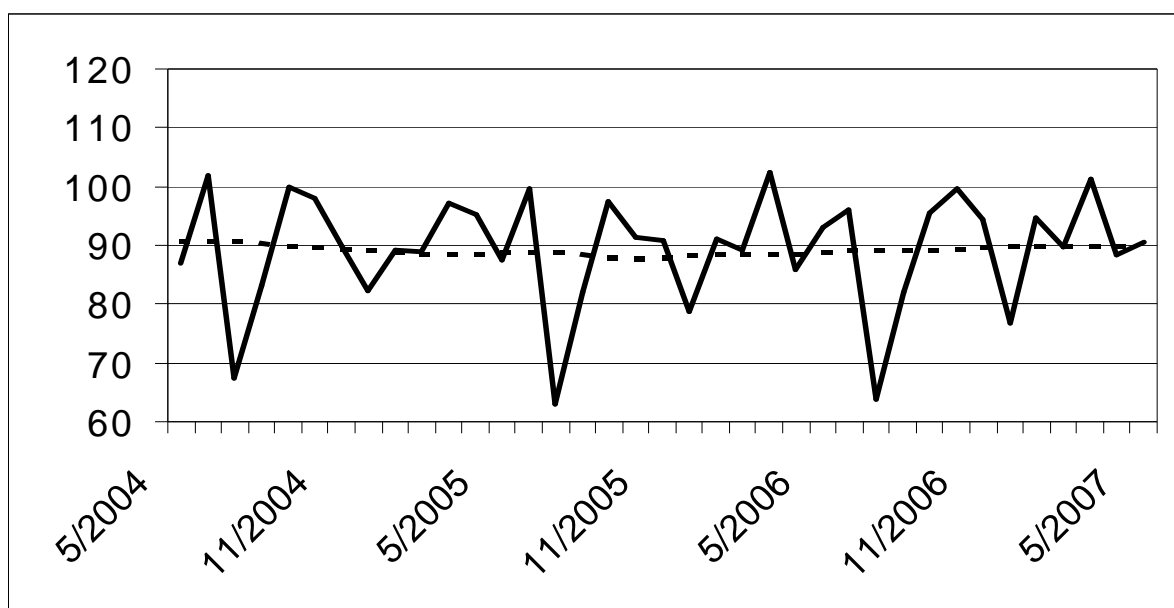
Hours worked
Gross indices
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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total industry, excluding construction													
2006	93,0	89,5	101,5	84,7	91,4	93,5	67,2	79,3	92,7	98,2	92,4	76,2	88,3
2007	95,8	89,0	99,5	87,0	88,9								
Construction													
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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Construction													
2006	81,9	86,5	102,6	98,1	102,7	107,7	52,9	95,0	110,2	110,6	103,3	86,0	94,8
2007	85,7	93,8	108,2	100,0	102,3								

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 :
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings

	BE	VL	WA	BR
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Total industry, excluding construction	→	→	→	↗
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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	→	→	↘	↘
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Manufacture of basic metals	→	↗	↘	↘
Furniture	→	↘	↘↘	
Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
Construction	↘	↘	↘	↘

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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE

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%.

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

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Hours worked

Hours worked
Gross indices
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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
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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

Gross indices :
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Trend :
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings

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

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**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE****Thursday October, 4th 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%.

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

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Hours worked

Hours worked
Gross indices
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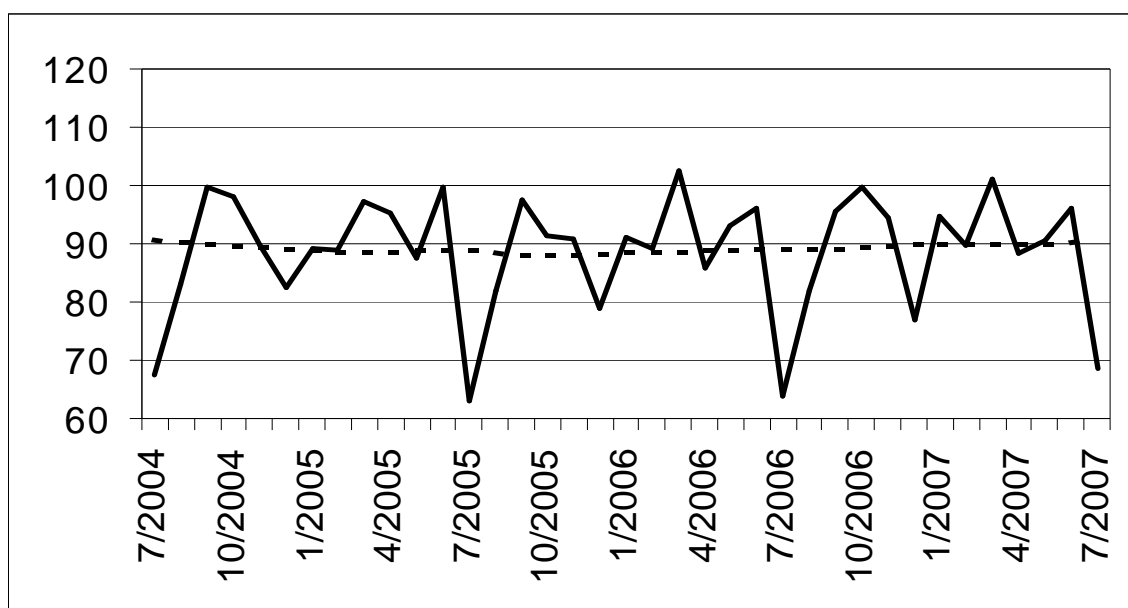
Indices per working day

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Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices :
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Trend :
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings

	BE	VL	WA	BR
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Total industry, excluding construction	→	→	→	↗
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Capital goods	↗	↗	↗	↗
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Mining and quarrying	↘	→	→	
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Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	↘	↗↗	→	
Non-metallic mineral products	↘	→	↘	↘
Manufacture of basic metals	↗	→	↘	→
Furniture	↘	→	↗	
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**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

Thursday October, 25nd 2007

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

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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 fell with 0,5%.

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

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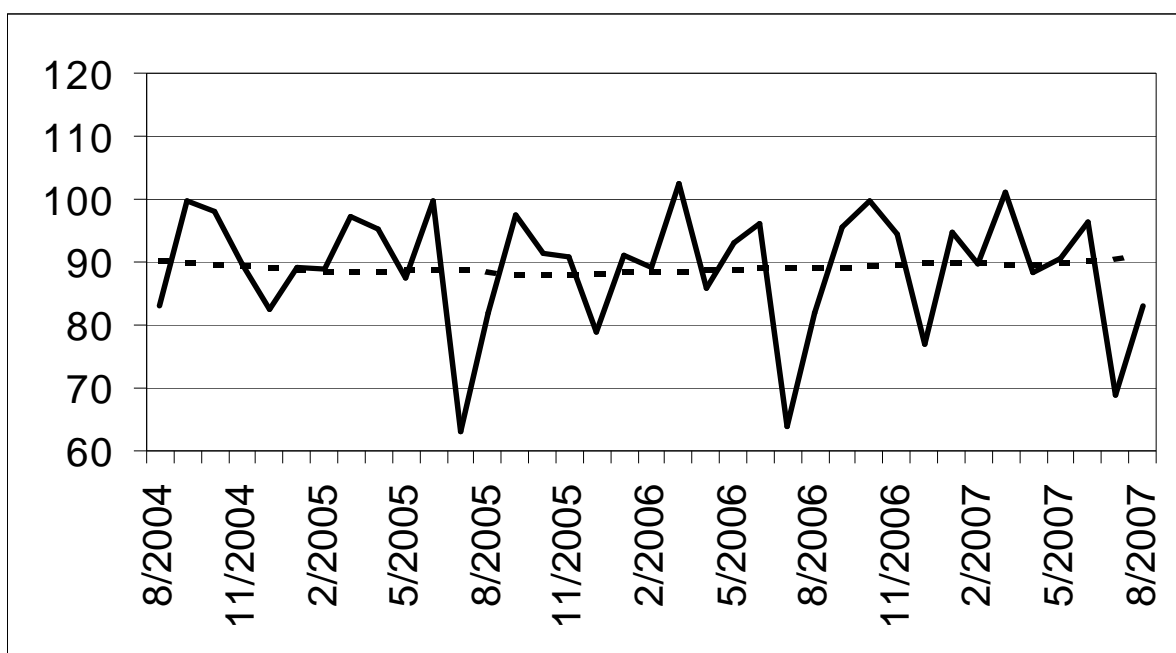
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Construction	↘	→	→	↘

**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

Thursday December, 6nd 2007

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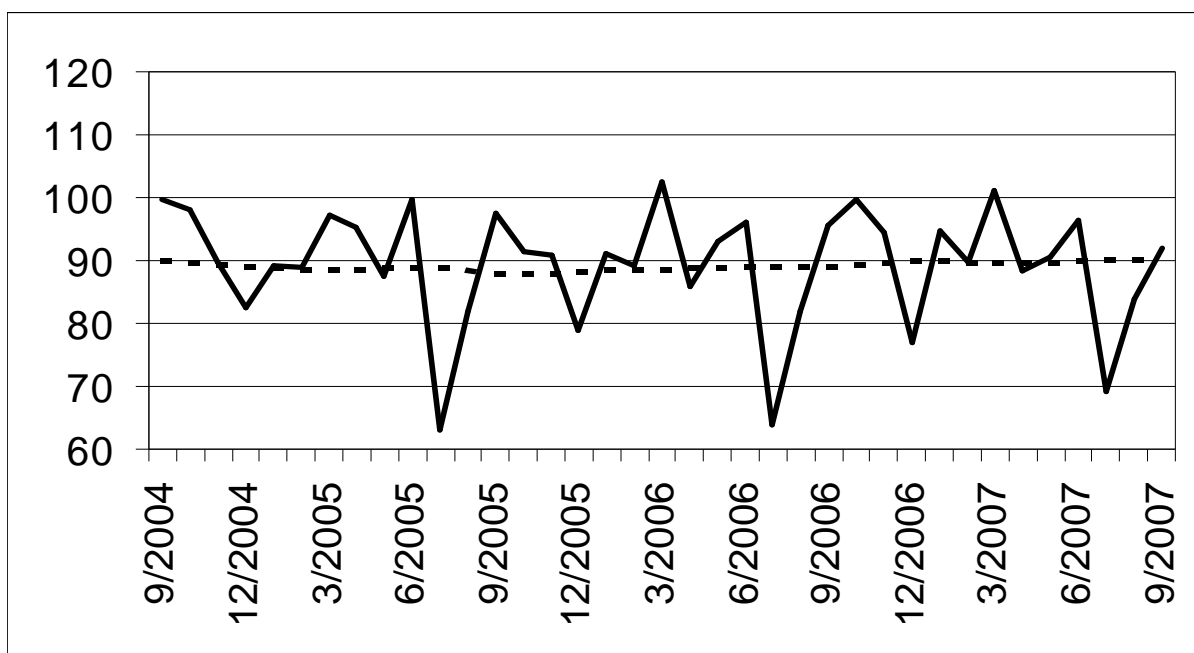
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Electricity	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗	↗↗
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**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

Tuesday February, 12nd 2008

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

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

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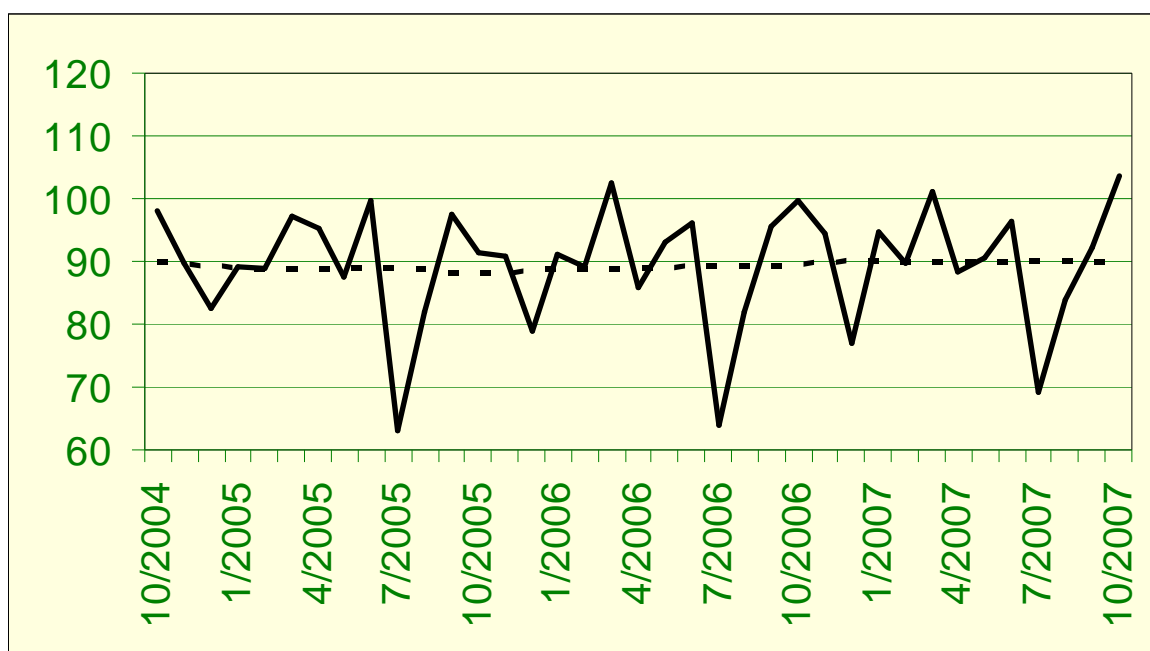
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**DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM
PRESS RELEASE**

Wednesday February, 27nd 2008

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Next press release : **15/4/2008**

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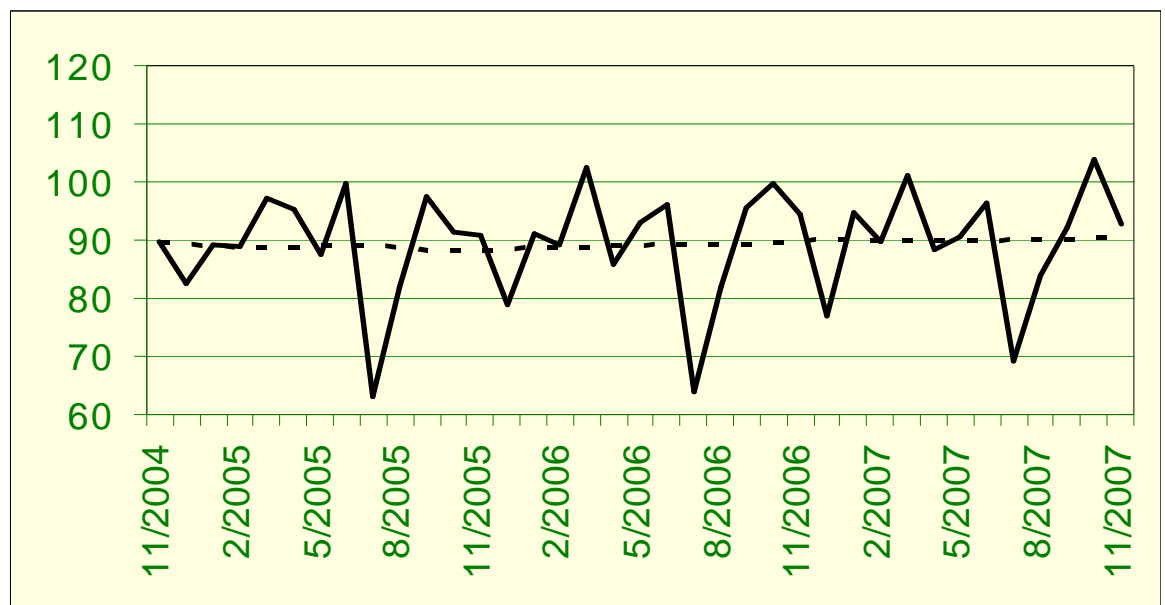
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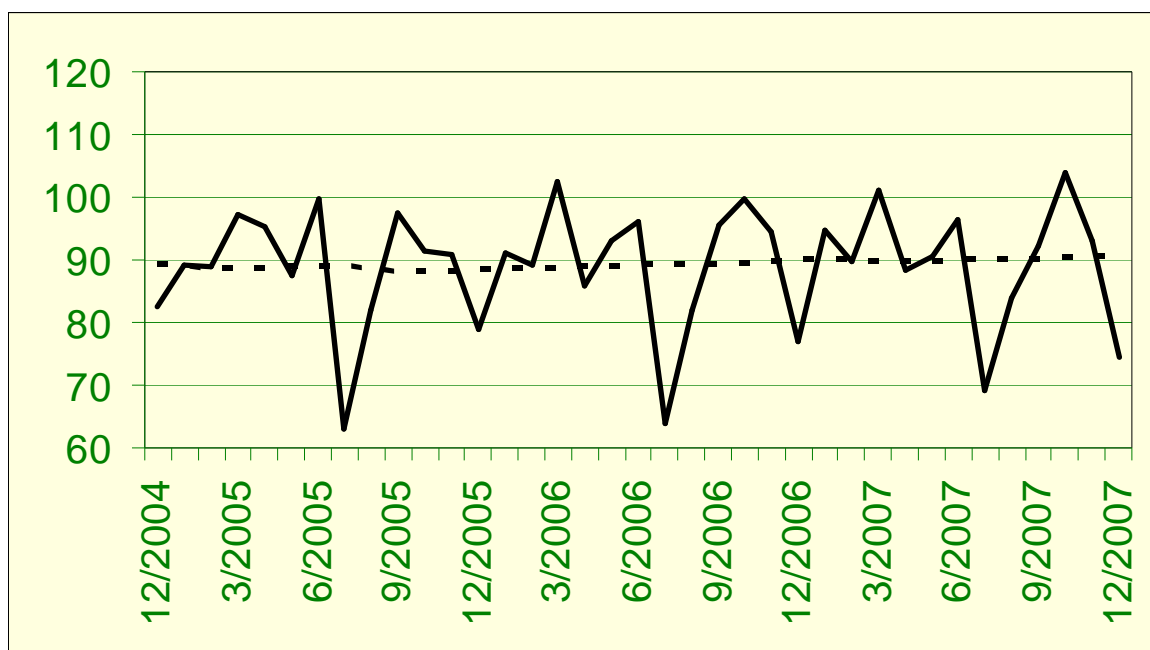
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