



Belgium: growth of production maintained

In January 1999, compared to January of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 3.5%. The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (0.8%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 0.5% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 0.9%. A split as to the type of production gives 0.9% for intermediate goods, 0.9% for capital goods, 1.7% for durable consumer goods and 0.5% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, for its part, rose by 1.9%.

The first figures for 1999 seem to indicate a remarkably broad production growth across most industrial branches and all regions. Statistical extrapolation of the trend points to slight growth or a status quo for the first half year.

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	Total ind	ustry e	xcludin	nd cons	truction	1								
Gross indices (1995=100)		104,5					116.6	96.21	97.5	116 0	118,0	109 1	107,0	108,
Volume indices of		105,4	100,1		111,0	100,4	110,0	00,2	01,0	110,0	110,0	100,1	101,0	100,
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	1998		104,8	119,7	108,0	110,8	125,9	60,2	109,2	126,8	124,5	97,3	76,0	104,
	1999	96,8	1		1	.	1	1	1	. 1	1	1		1
Indices per	Total ind	ustry, e	xcludin	g cons	truction	1								
working day	1998	106,4	111,9	116,3	113,9	114,0	119,0	95,4	99,2	116,2	117,0	117,3	106,1	111,
(1995=100) Taking into	1999	110,1												
account the	Construc	tion		,	,	,								
differences in	1998		108.0	119,7	110.8	127.1	129.1	60.2	114.3	124.2	124,5	109,3	76,0	108,
lenght and		106,1	100,0		110,0	121,1	120,1	00,2		121,2	124,0	100,0	10,0	100
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	Chemicals	and chem							1	+				
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Belgium: February 1999 production down

In February 1999, compared to February of the previous year, Belgium's **working day adjusted production** in industry excluding construction fell by -3,2%. The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-0,7%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by -0,6% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by -2,8%. A split as to the type of production gives -0,1% for intermediate goods, 0,1% for capital goods, -4,1% for durable consumer goods and -2,1% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, for its part, fell by -3,4%.

The fall in production seems rather general across sectors, and slightly more marked in Wallonia than in Flanders. The extremely wet winter may be partly responsable : sectors which depend on weather conditions (Mining and quarrying, Construction) show the strongest production deceases.

		NAL	FBB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNY	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	Year
Gross indices	Total indu	istry, exc	luding co	struction	1									
(1995=100)	1998	104,5	106,1	117,2	111,6	106,4	116,6	96,2	97,5	116,9	118,0	109,1	110,4	108,9
Volume indices of	1999	106,6	102,7		1									
production	Construct			1		1		1	'	1	1	1		
production	1998	93,8	104,8	119,7	108,0	110,8	125,9	60,2	109,2	126,8	124,8	97,3	77,2	104,6
	1999	103,4	87,8	115/	1040	110,01	120,0	442	100,2	120,0	1240	51,5	11,4	1040
	1999	1004	07,0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
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(1995=100)	Total indu					ind	t to al	or d	an al			umal		
Taking into	1998	106,4	111,9	116,3	113,9	114,0	119,0	95,4	99,2	116,2	117,0	117,3	109,5	111,1
account the	1999	111,3	108,3			1	1	1	1			.	1	
differences in lenght and	Construct													
composition of	1998	98,2	108,0	119,7	110,8	127,1	129,1	60,2	1143	124,2	124,7	109,3	77,2	108,4
months	1999	113,3	90,5									1		
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compared to the	Total indu	and the second	and the second se	nstruction	1					*	¥	**		*
previous three	Intermedi		s						1	+	+	+		
months		Capital goods						+	*					
## >2.5%	Durable consumer goods									*	**	1		
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▶ -2.5% à -0.5%	Food prod				000					+	->	*		
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Metal products, machinery and equipment

Non-metallic mineral products

Manufacture of basic metals

Furniture

Electricity

Construction

Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel

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Belgium: March 1999 production confirms downward trend

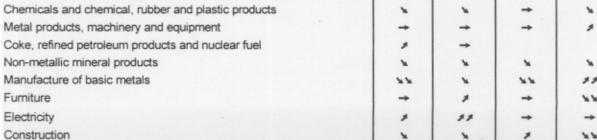
n march 1999, compared to march of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in Industry excluding construction fell by -2,0%. The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-0,7%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by -0,8% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by -2,3%. A split as to the type of production gives -1,0% for intermediate goods, 0,4% for capital goods, -3,0% for durable consumer goods and -0,8% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, for its part, fell by -0,5%.

The trend of industrial production remains, as in previous months, downward for all regions and for most industrial branches. As a result, the first quarter of 1999 drops slightly below the last quarter of 1998.

	-	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNY	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	Year
	Total ind			onstructio										
Gross indices	1998	104,5	106,1			106,4	116,6	96,2	97,5	116,9	118,0	109,1	110,4	109,2
(1995=100) Volume indices of	1999	103,3	103,4											
	Construc			1				1		'	'	1		
production	1998	93.8	104,8	119,7	108,0	110,8	125,9	60,2	109,2	126,8	124,8	97,3	77,2	104,9
	1999	101,1	92,0		100,0	110,0	120,0	00,2	100,2	120,0	124,0	0,,0	11,2	104,0
	Total ind	ustry, exc	luding c	onstructio	m									
working day	1998	106,4	111,9	116,3	113,9	114,0	119,0	95,4	99,2	116,2	117,0	117,3	109,5	111,3
(1995=100) Taking into	1999	107,9	109,0											
	Construc			1						'	'			
differences in	1998	98,2	108,0	119,7	110,8	127,1	129,1	60,2	114,3	124,2	124,7	109,3	77,2	108,6
lenght and	1999	110,8	94,8				120,1					100,0		100,0
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trend cycle -	Industria		hes / M	ain indus	strial gro	oupings					Flanders	Wallon	ia Br	ussels
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compared to the	Total ind			constructi	ion					*	*	×		77
previous three	Intermed	liate goo	ds							*	*	*		+
	Capital g	oods								+	*	→		*
	Durable	consume	er goods						1	~	**	×		**
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Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing



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	months

33	> 2.5%
1	0.5% à 2.5%
-	-0.5% à 0.5%
*	-2.5% à
	-0.5%
**	< -2.5%



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Belgium - april 1999 : end of industrial production decrease?

T n april 1999, compared to april of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction fell by -0,6% . The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-0,5%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by -0,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by -1,0%. A split as to the type of production gives -0,1% for intermediate goods, -0,9% for capital goods, -0,1% for durable consumer goods and -1,1% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, for its part, has not changed (0,0%).

Although the trend of industrial production still is downward, the decrease is less marked than in previous months. This might be the first sign of the recovery predicted by the leading indicators.

	-	JAN		MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNY	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	Year
	Total indi	ustry, exc	luding con		1									
Gross indices (1995=100)	1998	104,5	106,1	117,2	111,6	106,4	116,6	96,2	97,5	116,9	118,0	109,1	106,7	108,9
Volume indices of	1999	103,3	103,3	115,0	110,9									
industrial	Construct	tion											'	
production	1998	93,8	104,8	119,7	108,0	110,8	125,9	60,2	109,2	126,8	8 124,8	97,3	76,4	104,8
	1999	98,6	89,6	119,6	108,5									
Indices per												1		
working day (1995=100)			uding con											
Taking into	1998	106,4	111,9	116,3	113,9	114,0	119,0	95,4	99,2	116,2	2 117,0	117,3	105,8	111,0
account the	1999	107,9	108,8	111,1	113,2									
differences in lenght and	Construct		100.01											
composition of	1998	98,2	108,0	119,7	110,8	127,1	129,1	60,2	114,3	124,2	2 124,7	109,3	76,4	108,5
months	1999	108,0	92,3	114,2	111,3									
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months									1		*	1		*
	Durable c		-						-	-	*	→		*
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► -2.5% à	Food proc				co				-	-	→	44		+
-0.5%	Textiles a								1		*	**		**
NN < -2.5%	Pulp, pape	er and pa	iper produ	icts; pub	lishing ar	nd printin	g		-	-	1	11		**
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	Non-meta													
	Manufactu										+	1		**
	Furniture										*	*		**
									-		+	→		**
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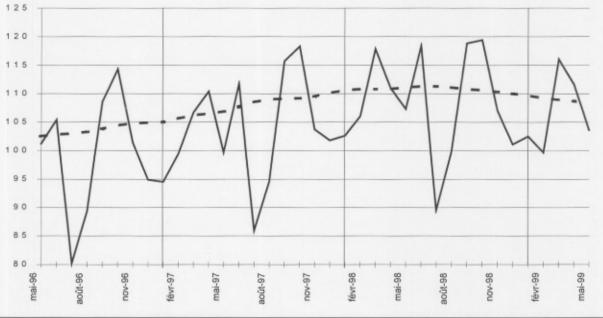


Belgium - May 1999 : recovery of production in prospect?

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The global trend of production in Belgium remains slightly downward, but some signs seem to indicate a possible trend reversal. Especially noteworthy is the recovery of intermediate goods, which make up almost half of Belgian production (excluding construction); in Wallonia they account for practically two thirds, which explains Wallonia's positive trend. Possible harmful results of Belgium's dioxin crisis do not yet appear in the May production figures.

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Juny	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total indu	stry, excl	uding co	Instructio	n									
1998	104,5	106,1	117,2	111,6	106,4	116,6	96,2	97,5	116,9	118,0	109,1	106,7	108,9
1999	103,3	102,2	115,0	111,4	103,3								
Construct	ion												
1998	93,8	104,8	119,7	108,0	110,8	125,9	60,2	109,2	126,8	124,8	97,3	76,4	104,8
1999	98,6	88,7	119,6	112,1	104,4								
Total indu	stry, excl	uding co	Instructio	n									
1998	106,3	111,8	116,2	113,9	113,8	119,0	95,3	99,2	116,2	117,0	117,3	105,8	111.0
1999	106,8	107,8	114,5	113,7	110,7								
Construct	ion												
1998	98,2	108,0	119,6	110,7	127,1	129,1	60,2	114,2	124,1	124,7	109,2	76,4	108,5
1999	108,0	91,4	116,3	114,9	119,8								



Evolution of	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
trend cycle	Total industry	*	*	→	×
Last three months	Total industry, excluding construction	*	*	→	*
ompared to the	Intermediate goods	→	1	→	*
previous three	Capital goods	*	**	→	11
months	Durable consumer goods	×	*	*	**
	Non-durable consumer goods	×	*	→	**
> 2.5%	Mining and quarrying	→	**	*	
0.5% to 2.5%	Food products; beverages and tobacco	→	+		+
-0.5% to 0.5%	Textiles and textiles products	×	*	**	**
< -2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	→	-	1	**
	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	1	1	→	+
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	×	*	11	*
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	→	→		
	Non-metallic mineral products	1	*	1	11
(Mamin's	Manufacture of basic metals	×	-	→	11
	Furniture			→	11
	Electricity	1	11	→	+
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Gross indices (1995 = 100)Volume indices of industrial production Indices per

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

Trend cycle (1995 = 100)Total industry. After elimination of seasonal and accidental variation

Gross indices : Trend : --

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	months
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× 0.5	5% to 2.5%
→ -0.5	5% to 0.5%
× -2.5	% to -0.5%
**	< -2.5%

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Gross indices (1995 = 100)Volume indices of industrial production

> Indices per working day (1995 = 100)Taking into account the differences in lenght and composition of months

> > Trend cycle (1995 = 100)

Total industry. After elimination

of seasonal and accidental

Gross indices

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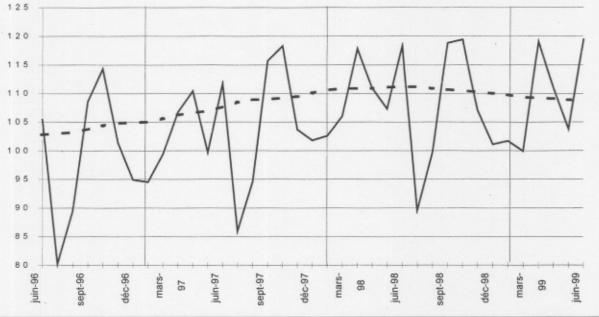
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Belgium - June 1999 : production down by 2,7%

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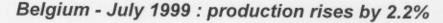
The global trend of production remains slightly downward. This is partly but not entirely due to Belgium's dioxin crisis: the affected food industry sectors (which together account for about 5% of total industry and construction) all show marked decreases. Only a minority of sectors in the rest of industry is falling. A possibly hopeful sign is the upward trend of intermediate goods, not only because of their importance in Belgium (almost half of total industry, excluding construction), but also because they usually anticipate a general trend reversal.

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Juny	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total indu	stry, excl	uding co	Instruction	n									
1998	104,5	106,1	117,2	111,6	106,4	116,6	96,2	97,5	116,9	118,0	109,1	106,7	108,9
1999	102,2	102,5	118,3	110,7	103,5	116,4							
Construct	ion												
1998	93,8	104,8	119,7	108,0	110,8	125,9	60,2	109,2	126,8	124,8	97,3	76,4	104,8
1999	99,1	88,7	121,6	112,0	104,4	131,4							
Total indu	stry, excl	uding co	Instruction	n									
1998	106,3	111,8	116,2	113,9	113,8	119,0	95,3	99,2	116,2	117,0	117,3	105,8	111.0
1999	106,8	108,1	114,3	113,0	111,0	115,8							
Construct	ion												
1998	98,2	108,0	119,6	110,7	127,1	129,1	60,2	114,2	124,1	124,7	109,2	76,4	108,5
1999	108,6	91,4	116,1	114,8	119,8	128,7							



Evolution of	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
trend cycle Last three	Total industry	· +	+	*	*
months	Total industry, excluding construction	*	→	*	*
compared to the	Intermediate goods	1	1	*	**
previous three	Capital goods	*	*	1	**
months	Durable consumer goods		**		**
	Non-durable consumer goods	**	**		**
## > 2.5%	Mining and quarrying	1	1	*	
≠ 0.5% to 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco		*	**	*
→ -0.5% to 0.5% x -2.5% to -0.5%	Textiles and textiles products	→	1	**	-
× -2.5% 10 -0.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	→	1	11	**
	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	1	1		1 .
	Metal products, machinery and equipment		*	-	
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	1	→		
	Non-metallic mineral products	1	1	1	11
	Manufacture of basic metals	→	1	**	1
Catanana?	Furniture	×	**	*	*
THE I	Electricity	1	11	-	-
	Construction	→	→	1	*
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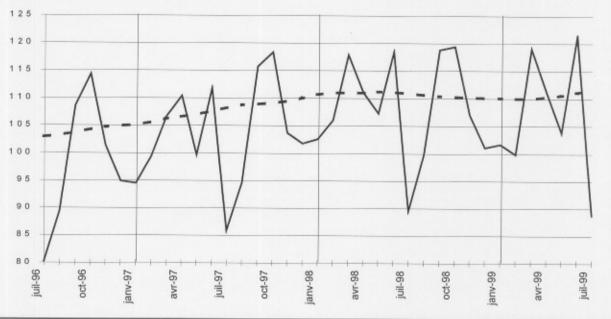
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n july 1999, compared to july of the previous year, Belglum's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 2,2% . The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (0,7%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 2,0% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by -0,4%. A split as to the type of production gives 1,3% for intermediate goods, 1,3% for capital goods, -0,6% for durable consumer goods and -3,6% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, for its part, rose by 1,2%.

Although some caution may be in order, the expected positive trend reversal seems to have taken place in spite of the dioxin crisis. The recovery in Flanders is more advanced and more pronounced than in Wallonia. As to the sectors, chemicals and construction stand out positively, while textiles and clothes, furniture and food do so negatively. The dioxin effect in the latter sector seems to turn out better than was feared (May-July down by 1% only, compared to the previous three months).

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Juny	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total indu	stry, excl	uding co	nstructio	n									
1998	104,5	106,1	117,2	111,6	106,4	116,6	96,2	97,5	116,9	118.0	109.1	106.7	108.9
1999	102,2	102,5	118,3	111,0	103,5	118,6	95,8						,.
Construct	ion								'	'		1	
1998	93,8	104,8	119,7	108,0	110,8	125,9	60,2	109,2	126,8	124.8	97,3	76,4	104,8
1999	99,1	88,7	121,6	110,9	104,4	132,5	59,6						
Total indu	stry, excl	uding co	nstructio	n									
1998	106,3	111,8	116,2	113,9	113,8	119,0	95,3	99,2	116,2	117,0	117.3	105.8	111.0
1999	106,8	108,1	114,3	113,3	111,0	117,9	97,4						
Construct	ion												
1998	98,2	108,0	119,6	110,7	127,1	129,1	60,2	114,2	124,1	124,7	109.2	76.4	108,5
1999	108,6	91,4	116,1	113,7	119,8	129,8	62,4						



Evolution of	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
trend cycle	Total industry	1	*	→	1
Last three	Total industry, excluding construction	1	1	→	*
months compared to the	Intermediate goods	1	11	*	1
previous three	Capital goods	1	*	1	**
months	Durable consumer goods	*	**		**
	Non-durable consumer goods	**	**	→	**
> 2.5%	Mining and quarrying	1	**	*	
0.5% to 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	1	*	->	**
-0.5% to 0.5%	Textiles and textiles products	**	*	**	**
-2.5% to -0.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	1	1	11	11
× -2.570	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	*	1	1	11
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	*	1	×
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	×	1		
	Non-metallic mineral products	×	*	**	-
	Manufacture of basic metals	1	1	*	11
(Samuel)	Furniture	×	**	→	11
1	Electricity	1	11	+	+
Ministry of	Construction		1	**	×

(1995 = 100)Volume indices of industrial production Indices per working day (1995 = 100)

Gross indices

Taking into account the differences in lenght and composition of months



Gross indices Trend : --

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Belgium - August 1999: production rises by 0,7%

n augustus 1999, compared to augustus of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 0,7%. The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a statu quo (0,5%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 0,6% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 0,9%. A split as to the type of production gives 1,1% for intermediate goods, -0,7% for capital goods, 0,0% for durable consumer goods and -1,0% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, for its part, rose by 0,5%.

The upturn of production, which began in the second quarter of 1999, continues in Flanders and in Wallonia for most industrial branches. Exceptions, in the negative, are textiles and clothes and the food industry. For the latter sector the impact of the dioxin crisis, though markedly less than in the previous months, has not quite vanished yet.

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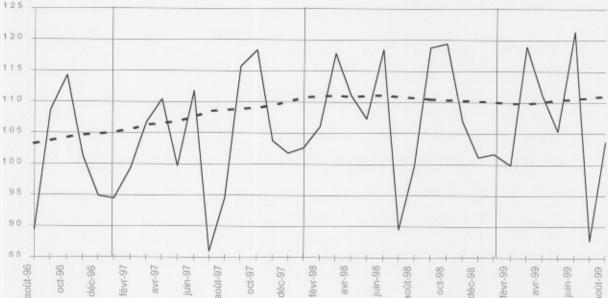
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months Trend cycle (1995=100)Total industry.

After elimination of seasonal and accidental variation

Gross indices Trend : -

1	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Juny	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	ustry, e	xcluding	constru	iction									
1998	104,5	106,1	117,2	111.6	106,4	116,6	96,2	97.5	116.9	118.0	109.1	106.7	108.9
1999	102,2	102,5	118,3	111,0	105,0	118,6	95,2	100,8					
Constru	ction												
1998	93,8	104,8	119,7	108.0	110,8	125,9	60,2	109.2	126.8	124.8	97.3	76.4	104.8
1999	99,1	88,7	121,6	110,9	105,9	132,5	56,4	115,0					
Total ind	ustry, ex	cluding	constru	iction									
1998	106,3	111,8	116,2	113,9	113,8	119.0	95.3	99.21	116.2	117.0	117.3	105.8	111.0
1999	106,8	108,1	114,3	113,3	112,5	117.9	96,9	99,9					
Constru	ction												
1998	98,2	108,0	119,6	110,7	127.1	129,1	60,2	114,2	124,1	124.7	109.2	76,4	108,5
1999	108,6	91,4	116,1	113,7	121,5	129.8	59.1	115.0					



Evolution of	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
trend cycle	Total industry	1	1	1	→
Last three	Total industry, excluding construction	→	1	1	→
months	Intermediate goods	1	1	→	1
compared to the previous three	Capital goods	4	*	*	1
months	Durable consumer goods	→	→	→	÷
monthe	Non-durable consumer goods	*	→	->	44
× > 2.5%	Mining and quarrying	11	11	→	
0.5% to 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	4	→	×	44
→ -0.5% to 0.5%	Textiles and textiles products	4	4	*	~~
■ -2.5% to -0.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	1	**	11	~~
× <-2.5%	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	1	**	*	44
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	->	→	1	R
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	→	→		
	Non-metallic mineral products	1	11	1	**
	Manufacture of basic metals	→	*	~	~~
Comming 1	Furniture	1	1	1	1
	Electricity		V		1
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Belgium - September 1999: production rises by 0,6%

n September 1999, compared to September of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 0,6% . The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (0,5%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 0,7% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 0,8%. A split as to the type of production gives 0,8% for intermediate goods, 0,1% for capital goods, -2,1% for durable consumer goods and -1,1% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, for its part, rose by 1,0%.

The upturn of production, which began in the second quarter of 1999, continues in Flanders and in Wallonia, for most industrial branches. The exceptions, in the negative, are textiles and clothes, and furniture. For the food industry, on the other hand, the dioxin crisis seems to be practically digested: the production per working day in september is 7.8% higher than in the crisis month of June.

(1995=100) Volume indices of industrial production Indices per working day (1995 = 100)Taking into account the differences in lenght and composition of months

Gross indices

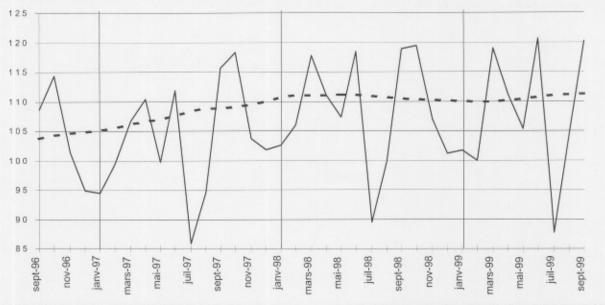
Trend cycle (1995 = 100)Total industry. After elimination of seasonal and accidental variation

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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Juny	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	iction									
1998	104,5	106,1	117,2	111,6	106,4	116,6	96,2	97,5	116,9	118,0	109,1	106,7	108,9
1999	102,2	102,5	118,3	111,0	105,0	117,3	95,2	101,6	117,5				
Constru	ction												
1998	93,8	104,8	119,7	108,0	110,8	125,9	60,2	109,2	126,8	124,8	97,3	76,4	104,8
1999	99,1	88,7	121,6	110,9	105,9	134,1	56,4	115,9	130,5				
Total ind	lustry, e	xcludin	g constru	iction									
1998	106,3	111,8		113,9	113,8	119,0	95,3	99,2	116,2	117,0	117,3	105,8	111,0
1999	106,8	108,1	114,3	113,3	112,5	116,6	96,9	100,8	116,9				
Constru	ction												
1998	98,2	108,0	119,6	110,7	127,1	129,1	60,2	114,2	124,1	124,7	109,2	76,4	108,5
1999	108,6	91,4	116,1	113,7	121,5	131,3	59,1	115,8	127,8				



Evolution of	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
trend cycle	Total industry	1	1	1	1
Last three months	Total industry, excluding construction	+	1	*	11
compared to the	Intermediate goods	1	1	1	11
previous three	Capital goods	+	→	11	1
months	Durable consumer goods	*	*	*	*
	Non-durable consumer goods	*	->	→	**
■ > 2.5% ■ 0.5% to 2.5%	Mining and quarrying	11	11	1	
 → -0.5% to 0.5% 	Food products, beverages and tobacco	→	->	*	->
-2.5% to -0.5%	Textiles and textiles products	*	->	*	**
× <-2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	1	1	11	**
	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	**	**	→	**
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	-	->	1	1
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	*	**		
	Non-metallic mineral products	1	1	→	**
(Jamin)	Manufacture of basic metals	→	→	→	**
	Furniture	*		*	11
	Electricity		**	→	→
Ministry of	Construction	1	1	+	*
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Gross indices (1995 = 100)Volume indices of industrial production

> Indices per working day (1995 = 100)Taking into account the differences in lenght and composition of months

> > Trend cycle (1995 = 100)

Total industry After elimination

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Gross indices :

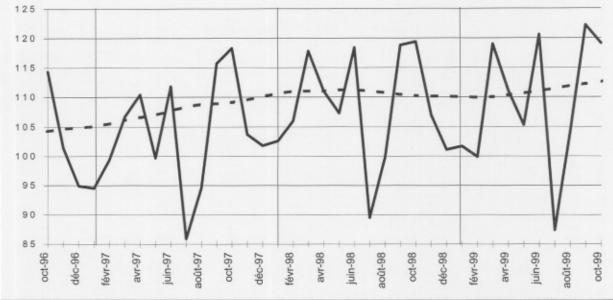
Trend : ---

Belgium - October 1999: production rises by 2.3%

n October 1999, compared to October of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 2,3% . The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (0,9%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 1,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 0,7%. A split as to the type of production gives 1,4% for intermediate goods, -0,7% for capital goods, -1,1% for durable consumer goods and 0,8% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, for its part, rose by 1,4%.

The upturn of production, which began in the second quarter of 1999, seems to accelerate these last months; the growth rate in industry in Flanders appears to be slightly higher than in Wallonia. For most sectors the trend is resolutely upward, and even the ones lagging behind (furniture, textiles and clothes, food) have probably passed their lowest point.

-	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Juny	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total indu	stry, exclu	uding co	nstruction	1									
1998	104,5	106,1	117,2	111,6	106,4	116,6	96,2	97,5	116,9	118,0	109,1	106,7	108,9
1999	102,2	102,5	118,3	111,0	105,0	117,3	94,7	101,1	119,6	117,6			
Constructi	ion												
1998	93,8	104,8	119,7	108,0	110,8	125,9	60,2	109,2	126,8	124,8	97,3	76,4	104,8
1999	99,1	88,7	121,6	110,9	105,9	134,1	56,5	116,5	132,0	125,1			
Total indu	stry, exclu	uding co	nstruction										
1998	106,3	111,8	116,2	113,9	113,8	119,0	95,3	99,2	116,2	117,0	117,3	105,8	111,0
1999	106,8	108,1	114,3	113,3	112,5	116,6	96,4	100,3	119,0	119,7			
Construct	ion			-									
1998	98,2	108,0	119,6	110,7	127,1	129,1	60,2	114,2	124,1	124,7	109,2	76,4	108,5
1999	108,6	91,4	116,1	113,7	121,5	131,3	59,2	116,4	129,3	130,9			



Evolution of	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
trend cycle	Total industry	1	1	1	11
Last three	Total industry, excluding construction	1	1	1	11
months compared to the	Intermediate goods	1	1	+	11
previous three	Capital goods		*	1	**
months	Durable consumer goods	×	+	*	*
	Non-durable consumer goods	1	1	→	**
≠ > 2.5%	Mining and quarrying	1	1	1	
0.5% to 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	→	1	*	**
-0.5% to 0.5%	Textiles and textiles products	→	1	**	1
-2.5% to -0.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	1	11	11	**
× <-2.5%	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	1	11	1	**
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	1	11	1
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	**	**		
	Non-metallic mineral products	1	1	→	11
	Manufacture of basic metals	→	+	*	**
	Furniture	1	→	**	**
	Electricity	×		→	1
	Construction	1	1	1	+





Gross indices (1995=100) Volume indices of industrial production

> Indices per working day (1995 = 100)Taking into account the differences in lenght and composition of months

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Total industry. After elimination of seasonal and

Gross indices :

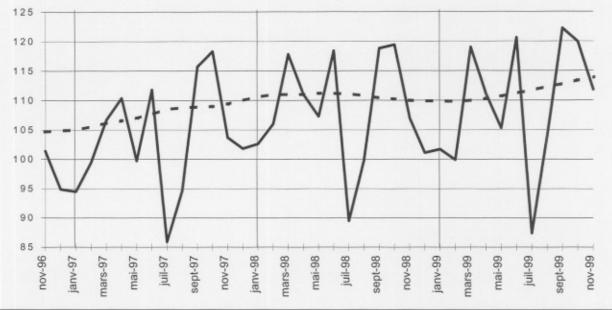
Trend : --- -

Belgium - November 1999 : production rises by 2.5%

n November 1999, compared to November of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 2,5%. The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (0,9%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 1,2% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 0,3%. A split as to the type of production gives 1,6% for intermediate goods, -0,4% for capital goods, 0,0% for durable consumer goods and -0,1% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, for its part, rose by 3,6%.

The upturn of production, which began in the second quarter of 1999, seems to accelerate these last months. The growth rate in Flanders is slightly higher than in Wallonia, especially in industry. For most sectors the trend is upward. The food industry shows a positive trend reversal at last, after the dioxin crisis; only in the furniture sector the trend is still falling.

_	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Juny	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total indus	stry, exclu	uding co	nstruction										
1998	104,5	106,1	117,2	111,6	106,4	116,6	96,2	97,5	116,9	118,0	109,1	106,7	108,9
1999	102,2	102,5	118,3	111,0	105,0	117,3	94,7	100,8	119,6	118,1	111,8		
Constructi	on												
1998	93,8	104,8	119,7	108,0	110,8	125,9	60,2	109,2	126,8	124,8	97,3	76,4	104,8
1999	99,1	88,7	121,6	110,9	105,9	134,1	56,5	116,8	132,0	127,1	111,0		
Total indu	stry, exclu	uding co	nstruction										
1998	106,3	111,8	116,2	113,9	113,8	119,0	95,3	99,2	116,2	117,0	117,3	105,8	111,0
1999	106,8	108,1	114,3	113,3	112,5	116,6	96,4	100,0	119,0	120,2	120,2		
Constructi	on												
1998	98,2	108,0	119,6	110,7	127,1	129,1	60,2	114,2	124,1	124,7	109,2	76,4	108,5
1999	108,6	91,4	116,1	113,7	121,5	131,3	59,2	116,8	129,3	133,0	124,8		



Evolution of	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
trend cycle	Total industry	1	1	1	1
Last three	Total industry, excluding construction	1	1	→	+
months ompared to the	Intermediate goods	1	1	1	11
previous three	Capital goods	→	*	*	1
months	Durable consumer goods	→	1	→	→
	Non-durable consumer goods	→	1	→	**
> 2.5% 0.5% to 2.5%	Mining and quarrying	11	11	+	
-0.5% to 0.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	→	1	*	**
2.5% to -0.5%	Textiles and textiles products	→	->	->	**
< -2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	→	1	11	**
	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	11	11	1	×
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	→		1
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	×	*		
	Non-metallic mineral products	11	11	1	11
-	Manufacture of basic metals	1	1	11	**
(Line)	Furniture				*
14	Electricity			-	
	Construction	11	11	11	11
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Gross indices (1995=100)Volume indices of industrial production

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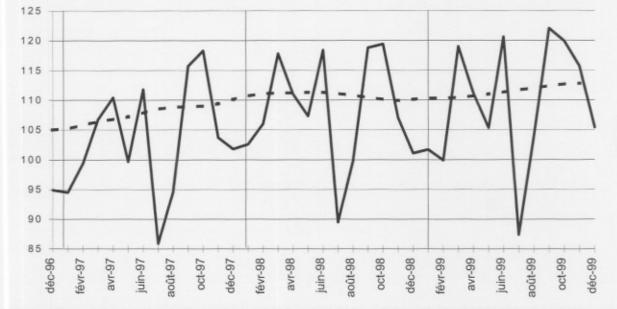
Trend : - -

Belgium - Year 1999 : production rises by 0.4%

n December 1999, compared to December of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction fell by -0,7% . The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (0,1%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 0,5% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by -0,4%. A split as to the type of production gives 1,4% for intermediate goods, -0,8% for capital goods, 0,2% for durable consumer goods and -1,6% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, for its part, rose by 3,9%.

For the whole of 1999, production per working day in industry in Belgium rose by 0.4%. This annual figure is the result of a fall in the first semester, and a gradually accelerating recovery in the second. Production in Flanders rose by 0.8%, but in Wallonia it fell by 0.5%. Construction shows a marked increase of 2.7% (+ 2.2% in Flanders, + 4.8% in Wallonia).

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Juny	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total indu	stry, exclu	uding cor	nstruction	1									
1998	104,5	106,1	117,2	111,6	106,4	116,6	96,2	97,5	116,9	118,0	109,1	106,7	108,9
1999	102,2	102,5	118,3	111,0	105,0	117,3	94,7	100,8	119,1	118,1	116,3	108,7	109,5
Constructi	ion												
1998	93,8	104,8	119,7	108,0	110,8	125,9	60,2	109,2	126,8	124,8	97,3	76,4	104,8
1999	99,1	88,7	121,6	110,9	105,9	134,1	56,5	116,8	133,5	127,1	112,7	91,2	108,2
Total indu	stry, exclu	uding co	nstruction										
1998	106,3	111,8	116,2	113,9	113,8	119,0	95,3	99,2	116,2	117,0	117,3	105,8	111,0
1999	106,8	108,1	114,3	113,3	112,5	116,6	96,4	100,0	118,4	120,2	125,0	105,1	111,4
Constructi	ion												
1998	98,2	108,0	119,6	110,7	127,1	129,1	60,2	114,2	124,1	124,7	109,2	76,4	108,5
1999	108,6	91,4	116,1	113,7	121,5	131,3	59,2	116,8	130,7	133,0	126,7	87,1	111,3



Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry	1	1	1	1
Total industry, excluding construction	→	+	→	\rightarrow
Intermediate goods	1	1	1	1
Capital goods	×	×	*	*
Durable consumer goods	→	1	->	->
Non-durable consumer goods	×	*	→	**
Mining and quarrying	11	11	→	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	→	→	*	->
Textiles and textiles products	1	×	*	44
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	1	1	11	*
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	1	11	1	*
Metal products, machinery and equipment	→	+	*	*
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	×	×		
Non-metallic mineral products	1	,	1	*
Manufacture of basic metals		11	1	**
Furniture	1	11	**	11
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	Total industry Total industry, excluding construction Intermediate goods Capital goods Durable consumer goods Non-durable consumer goods Mining and quarrying Food products, beverages and tobacco Textiles and textiles products Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products Metal products, machinery and equipment Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel Non-metallic mineral products Manufacture of basic metals	Total industryIntermediate goodsIntermediate goodsIntermediate goodsCapital goodsIntermediate goodsDurable consumer goodsIntermediate goodsNon-durable consumer goodsIntermediate goodsMining and quarryingIntermediate goodsFood products, beverages and tobaccoInterties and textiles productsPulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printingIntermediate goodsChemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic productsIntertiesMetal products, machinery and equipmentIntertiesCoke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuelIntertiesNon-metallic mineral productsIntertiesFurnitureIntertiesElectricityInterties	Total industry/Total industry, excluding constructionIntermediate goods/Capital goods/Durable consumer goodsNon-durable consumer goodsMining and quarrying//Food products, beverages and tobaccoTextiles and textiles products/Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing/Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products/Metal products, machinery and equipmentCoke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuelNon-metallic mineral products/Manufacture of basic metalsFurniture/Electricity	Total industryImage: constructionImage: constructionIntermediate goodsImage: constructionImage: constructionCapital goodsImage: constructionImage: constructionDurable consumer goodsImage: constructionImage: constructionDurable consumer goodsImage: constructionImage: constructionNon-durable consumer goodsImage: constructionImage: constructionMining and quarryingImage: constructionImage: constructionFood products, beverages and tobaccoImage: constructionImage: constructionTextiles and textiles productsImage: constructionImage: constructionPulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printingImage: constructionImage: constructionChemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic productsImage: constructionImage: constructionNon-metallic mineral productsImage: constructionImage: constructionNon-metallic mineral productsImage: constructionImage: constructionManufacture of basic metalsImage: constructionImage: constructionFurnitureImage: constructionImage: constructionElectricityImage: constructionImage: constructionTextImage: constructionImage: constructionTextImage: constructionImage: constructionTextImage: constructionImage: constructionCoke, refined petroleum productsImage: constructionTextImage: constructionImage: constructionTextImage: constructionIma

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Belgium - January 2000 : production rises by 0.4%

In January 2000, compared to January of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 0,4%. The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (0,3%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 0,6% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by -0,5%. A split as to the type of production gives -0,2% for intermediate goods, 0,4% for capital goods, 0,9% for durable consumer goods and 0.8% for pon-durable consumer goods.

and 0,8% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, for its part, fell by -4,2%. The trend of the last months in industry seems to hesitate. For the whole of Belgium the business cycle appears to be leveling out ; in Flanders it is still rising slightly, Wallonia shows a small decline. At a sectorial level too, sectors (moderately) rising and falling almost perfectly balance each other out.

	-	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Juny	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Gross indices	Total indu			onstruction										
(1995=100)	1999	102.2	102,5	118,3	111,0	105,0	117,3	94,7	100,8	119,1	119,3	115,6	113,7	110,0
Volume indices of industrial	2000	105,3		,.	,•									
production	Construct											'		
	1999	99,1	88,7	121,6	110,9	105,9	134,1	56,5	116,8	133,6	129,6	113,6	94,0	108,7
	2000	86,0	0011	121,0										
Indices per		00,01										'		
working day (1995=100)	Total indu	ustry exc	lucling o	onstructio	n									
Taking into	1999	106,8	108,1	114,3	113,3	112,5	116,6	96,4	100,0	118,5	121,4	124,3	109,9	111,8
account the	2000	107,2	100,1	1140										
differences in lenght and	Construct													
composition of	1999	108,6	91,4	116,1	113,7	121,5	131,3	59,2	116,8	130,8	135,6	127,6	89,7	111,9
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Gross indices (1995 = 100)Volume indices of industrial production

> Indices per working day (1995 = 100)Taking into account the differences in lenght and composition of months

Trend cycle (1995 = 100)Total industry. After elimination of seasonal and

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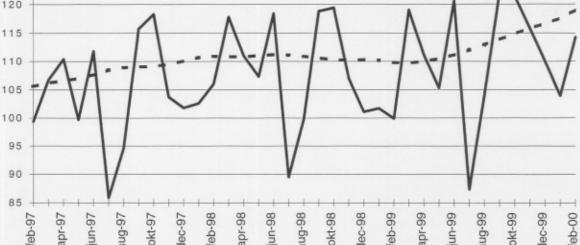
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Belgium - February 2000: production rises strongly by 7.6%

n February 2000, compared to February of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 7,6%. The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (1,8%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 1,4% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 2,6%. A split as to the type of production gives 1,6% for intermediate goods, 1,8% for capital goods, 0,0% for durable consumer goods and 1,1% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, for its part, rose by 6,0%.

The upturn, which began in the second quarter of 1999, continues in Flanders and Wallonia and in most sectors; furniture and textiles and clothes however show, contrary to the general trend, a decline. The strong increases of mining and quarrying, construction and non-metallic mineral products are probably partly due to exceptionally high temperatures in February 2000.

3	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Juny	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total indu	stry, excl	uding co	Instruction	n									
1999	102,2	102,5	118,3	111,0	105,0	117,3	94,7	100,8	119,1	119,3	116,1	113,7	110,0
2000	107,1	113,6											
Construct	tion												
1999	99,1	88,7	121,6	110,9	105,9	134,1	56,5	116,8	133,6	129,6	114,1	94,0	108,7
2000	90,0	116,0											
Total indu	istry, excl	uding co	Instruction	n									
1999	106,8	108,1	114,3	113,3	112,5	116,6	96,4	100,0	118,5	121,4	124,8	109,9	111,9
2000	109,0	116,3											
Construct	tion												
1999	108,6	91,4	116,1	113,7	121,5	131,3	59,2	116,8	130,8	135,6	128,2	89,7	111,9
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Total industry, excluding construction	1	1	11	1
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Capital goods	-	1	⇒	**
Durable consumer goods	->	+	*	*
Non-durable consumer goods	1	1	→	*
Mining and quarrying	11	"	-	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	->	-	→	**
Textiles and textiles products	-	*	~	**
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	1	1	11	**
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	1	"	"	*
Metal products, machinery and equipment	-	-		11
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	**	11		
Non-metallic mineral products	11	**	"	*
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Furniture	1	*	1	11
Electricity	×	*	⇒	**
Construction	11	11	11	27





Belgium - March 2000: production rises strongly by 5.6%

n March 2000, compared to March of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 5,6%. The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (1,3%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 1,0% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 2,6%. A split as to the type of production gives 0,7% for intermediate goods, 2,7% for capital goods, 2,4% for durable consumer goods and 1,1% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, for its part, rose by 0,8%.

The upturn, which began in the second quarter of 1999, firmly goes on in Flanders and Wallonia and in all sectors, except for furniture. The particularly strong increases of both capital goods (+ 2.7%) and durable consumer goods (+ 2.4%) in the first quarter of 2000 compared to the previous one, indicate a solid demand from enterprises as well as households.

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industrial	1999	102,2	102,5		111,0	105,0	117,3	94,7	100,8	119,1	119,3	116,1	114,7	110,1
production	2000	107,1	113,9	124,9	1	1			1			1	1	
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	1999	99,1	88,7		110,9	105,9	134,1	56,5	116,8	133,6	129,6	114,1	94,6	108,8
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account the	1999	106,8	108,1		113,3	112,5	116,6	96,4	100,0	118,5	5 121,4	124,8	110,8	112,0
differences in	2000	109,0	116,7											
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months	1999	108,6	91,4	116,1	113,7	121,5	131,3	59,2	116,8	130,8	135,6	128,2	90,3	112,0
	2000	94,1	112,1				,-							
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> 2.5%	Mining and quarrying	
% to 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	
% to 0.5%	Textiles and textiles products	
to -0.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	
< -2.5%	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	
	Non-metallic mineral products	
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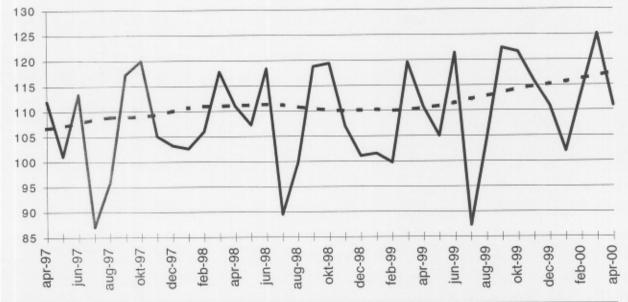


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Belgium - April 2000 : production rises by 7,4%

n April 2000, compared to April of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 7,4%. The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (1,7%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 2,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 1,4%. A split as to the type of production gives 0,8% for intermediate goods, 3,1% for capital goods, 3,3% for durable consumer goods and 1,8% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, for its part, remained the same.

	-	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Juny	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
	Total indu	stry, exc	luding co	nstruction	۱									
Gross indices	1999	102,0	102,3	118,9	110,5	104,6	118,0	94,5	101,1	119,3	119,4	116,1	114,7	110,1
(1995=100) olume indices of	2000	105,4	113,9	124,6	112,7				1	1		1	1	
industrial	Construct	tion												
production	1999	99,3	88,9	121,9	110,8	105,9	134,8	56,9	117,7	134,3	130,0	114,5	94,8	109,2
	2000	87,6	111,6	126,9	103,1							1	1	
Indices per														
working day (1995=100)	Total indu	ustry, exc	luding co	Instruction	n									
Taking into	1999	106,5	107,8	114,9	112,8	112,1	117,4	96,2	100,2	118,7	121,5	124,8	110,8	112,0
account the	2000	107,3	116,7	120,4	121,1			1	1		1	1	1	
differences in	Construc	tion												
lenght and composition of	1999	108,8	91,6	116,4	113,6	121,5	132,0	59,5	117,7	131,5	136,1	128,7	90,5	112,3
months	2000	91,6	112,1	121,1	115,9					1				



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

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Volume indices





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Gross indices

Belgium - May 2000: production rises strongly by 5.0%

n May 2000, compared to May of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 5,0% . The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (1,3%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 1,5% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 0,2%. A split as to the type of production gives 0,3% for intermediate goods, 2,9% for capital goods, 2,4% for durable consumer goods and 1,9% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, for its part, rose by 1,0%.

As in the previous months growth remains high, but its pattern seems to have changed. Intermediate goods, which in 1999 rose the most, now only show a slight increase (+ 0.3%). The lead has been taken over by the other product groups: capital goods (+ 2.9%), durable consumer goods (+ 2.4%) and non-durable consumer goods (+ 1.9%). This is confirmed by a more pronounced growth in Flanders (+ 1.2%) than in Wallonia (+ 0.4%), which proportionally produces more intermediate goods, and by the negative figures for basic metals (-1.2%), chemicals (- 0.6%) and non-metallic mineral products (- 0.1%).

	(1995=100) Volume indices of
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Trend cycle (1995 = 100)Total industry. After elimination of seasonal and accidental variation

Gross indices : Trend : ----

> Evolution of trend cycle Last three months compared to the previous three months

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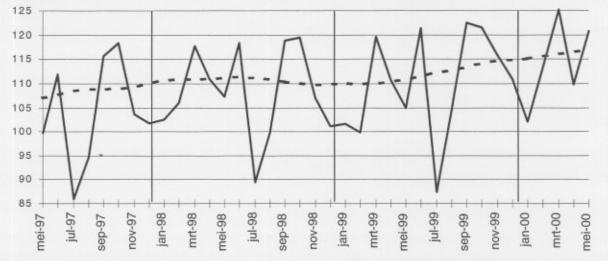
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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Juny	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction									
1999	102,0	102,3	118,9	110,5	104,6	118,0	94,5	101,1	119,3	119,4	116,1	114,7	110,1
2000	105,4	113,1	124,6	111,4	118,7								
Constru	ction												
1999	99,3	88,9	121,9	110,8	105,9	134,8	56,9	117,7	134,3	130,0	114,5	94,8	109,2
2000	87,6	112,6	126,9	103,2	129,0								
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	gconstru	uction									
1999	106,5	107,8	114,9	112,8	112,1	117,4	96,2	100,2	118,7	121,5	124,8	110,8	112,0
2000	107,3	115,8	120,4	119,8	117,7								
Constru	ction												
1999	108,8	91,6	116,4	113,6	121,5	132,0	59,5	117,7	131,5	136,1	128,7	90,5	112,3
2000	91,6	113,1	121,1	116,0	128,9								



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

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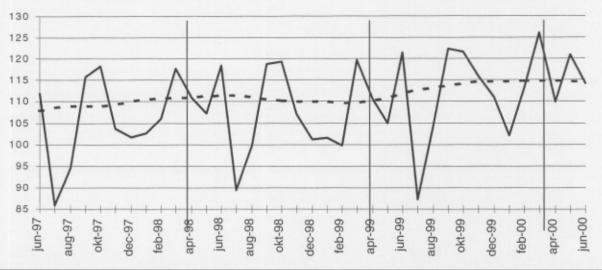
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Belgium - June 2000: production increases by 2.3% Growth keeps up, but at a slower pace

In June 2000, compared to June of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 2,3%. The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (0,6%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 0,5% in Flanders; in Wallonia production remained more or less unchanged (-0.1%). A split as to the type of production gives 0,0% for intermediate goods, 1,7% for capital goods, 2,0% for durable consumer goods and 2,1% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, for its part, fell by -2,8%.

Production continues to grow, but at a somewhat slower pace than in previous months. This change of pattern, already noticeable last month, is confirmed: intermediate goods, which increased the strongest in 1999, have now stabilised (+0%), while other product groups continue to grow: capital goods (+1.7%), durable consumer goods (+2.0%) and non-durable consumer goods (+2.1%). The slightly higher figures in Flanders (+0.5%) than in Wallonia (-0.1%) also confirm this, for Wallonia proportionally produces more intermediate goods.

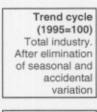
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1999	102,0	102,3	118,9	110,5	104,6	118,0	94,5	101,1	119,3	119,4	116,1	114,7	110,1
2000	105,4	113,1	125,6	111,4	119,1	114,6							
Constru	ction												
1999	99,3	88,9	121,9	110,8	105,9	134,8	56,9	117,7	134,3	130,0	114,5	94,8	109,2
2000	87,6	112,6	127,5	103,2	128,1	111,7							
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction									
1999	106,5	107,8	114,9	112,8	112,1	117,4	96,2	100,2	118,7	121,5	124,8	110,8	112,0
2000	107,3	115,8	121,3	119,8	118,1	120,1							
Constru	ction												
1999	108,8	91,6	116,4	113,6	121,5	132,0	59,5	117,7	131,5	136,1	128,7	90,5	112,3
2000	91,6	113,1	121,7	116,0	128,1	119,9							



Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry	→	->	*	+
Total industry, excluding construction	1	→	→	+
Intermediate goods	→	->	->	*
Capital goods	1	1	*	->
Durable consumer goods	1	1		**
Non-durable consumer goods	/ /	1		*
Mining and quarrying	⇒	~	->	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	1	1	1	**
Textiles and textiles products	/	1	11	→
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	*	*	~	*
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	1	->	1	11
Metal products, machinery and equipment	->	1	*	*
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	*	**		
Non-metallic mineral products	*	**	*	->
Manufacture of basic metals	→	*	11	**
Furniture		->	->	⇒
Electricity	*	1	→	1
Construction		**	**	*
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Gross indices (1995=100) Volume indices of industrial production

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



Gross indices :

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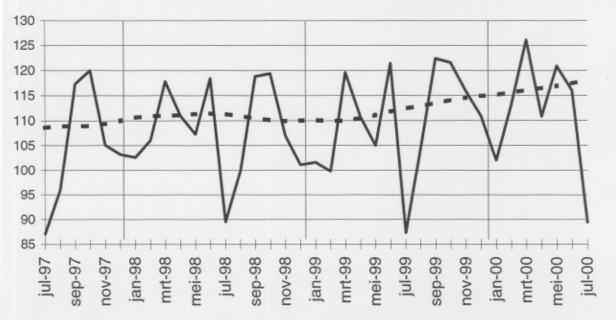
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Belgium - July 2000 : production rises by 8.0% Sustained growth

n July 2000, compared to July of the previous year, Belgium's **working day adjusted production** in industry excluding construction increased by 8,0%. The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (1,9%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 2,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by -0,9%. A split as to the type of production gives 0,8% for intermediate goods, 1,6% for capital goods, 2,6% for durable consumer goods and -0,1% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, for its part, fell by -4,1%.

Global production firmly keeps on growing, but not all along the line anymore. Growth mainly comes from durable consumer goods (+ 2.6%) and capital goods (+ 1.6%), while levels are much lower for intermediate goods (+ 0.8%) and non-durable consumer goods (- 0.1%). Flanders (+ 1.7%) performs better than Wallonia (-1.4%) ; the latter decrease is caused by the negative figure of intermediate goods, which make up the lion's share of production in Wallonia.

	-	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Juny	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year	
Gross indices	Total indu	Total industry, excluding construction													
(1995=100)	1999	102,0	102,3	118,9	110,5	104,6	118,0	94,5	101,1	119,3	119,4	116,1	114,7	110,1	
olume indices of industrial	2000	105,4	113,1	125,6	112,1	119,1	116,2	99,5							
production	Construct	ion													
	1999	99,3	88,9	121,9	110,8	105,9	134,8	56,9	117,7	134,3	130,0	114,5	94,8	109,2	
	2000	87,6	112,6	127,5	104,5	128,1	114,7	47,0							
Indices per															
working day	Total indu	stry, excl	uding co	nstruction	1										
(1995=100) Taking into	1999	106,5	107,8	114,9	112,8	112,1	117,4	96,2	100,2	118,7	121,5	124,8	110,8	112,0	
account the	2000	107,3	115,8	121,3	120,6	118,1	121,7	103,9							
differences in	Construct	ion													
lenght and composition of	1999	108,8	91,6	116,4	113,6	121,5	132,0	59,5	117,7	131,5	136,1	128,7	90,5	112,3	
months	2000	91,6	113,1	121,7	117,5	128,1	123,1	51,5							



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

Volume indices of

Trend cycle (1995 = 100)Total industry. After elimination of seasonal and accidental variation



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"	> 2.5%
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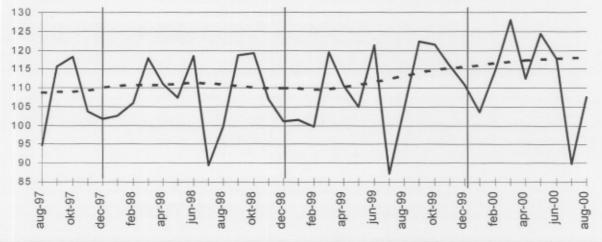
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Belgium - August 2000: production rises by 3.7% Sustained growth

In Augustus 2000, compared to Augustus of the previous year, Belgium's **working day adjusted** production in industry excluding construction increased by 3,7%. The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (0,8%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 1,2% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 1,5%. A split as to the type of production gives 1,1% for intermediate goods, -2,1% for capital goods, 4,5% for durable consumer goods and 1,3% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, for its part, shows a status quo (-0,1%).

Global production firmly keeps on growing, but not all along the line anymore. Some important sectors remain stable or even show a slight decrease: textiles and textile products + 0,3%, construction - 0,1%, basic metals - 0,3%, non-metallic mineral products - 0,9%. Flanders, with a rise of 1.1%, performs better than Wallonia, which falls by 1.5%.

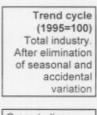
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Juny	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	ustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction									
1999	102,0	102,3	118,9	110,5	104,6	118,0	94,5	101,1	119,3	119,4	116,1	114,7	110,1
2000	106,3	114,3	126,8	113,2	121,8	117,3	98,8	104,7					
Constru	ction												
1999	99,3	88,9	121,9	110,8	105,9	134,8	56,9	117,7	134,3	130,0	114,5	94,8	109,2
2000	90,8	116,8	132,2	108,4	134,0	119,0	51,1	119,8					
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction									
1999	106,5	107,8	114,9	112,8	112,1	117,4	96,2	100,2	118,7	121,5	124,8	110,8	112,0
2000	108,2	117,1	122,5	121,7	120,8	122,9	103,2	103,9					
Constru	ction												
1999	108,8	91,6	116,4	113,6	121,5	132,0	59,5	117,7	131,5	136,1	128,7	90,5	112,3
2000	95,1	117,3	126,3	121,9	133,9	127,7	56,1	119,8					



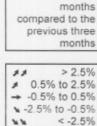
Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry	1	1	*	1
Total industry, excluding construction	1	1	*	1
Intermediate goods	1	*	*	+
Capital goods	*	→	*	1
Durable consumer goods	11	11	→	**
Non-durable consumer goods	1	1	→	×
Mining and quarrying	1	1	→	
Food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

Gross indices (1995=100) Volume indices of industrial production

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



Gross indices : Trend :



Evolution of trend cycle Last three



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Belgium - September 2000: production rises by 1.1%

Growth slowing down ?

In September 2000, compared to September of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 1,1%. The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (+0,3%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, Flanders (+ 0.2%) as well as Wallonia (+ 0. 1%) remain more or less stable. A split as to the type of production gives +1,4% for intermediate goods, -0,6% for capital goods, -1,1% for durable consumer goods and -1,0% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, for its part, shows a slight decrease of 0.3%.

Global production keeps on growing, but the rate of growth is markedly lower than in the previous months. The trend for Belgium as a whole as well as for Flanders and Wallonia has flattened out, and sectors rising and failing balance each other out. This might indicate a slowing down of growth which already showed in the advanced indicators and in other euro countries (Germany).

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Gross indices (1995=100) Volume indices of industrial production

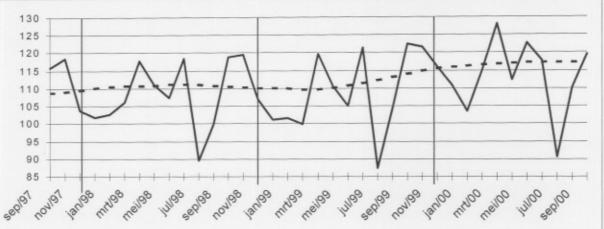
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Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry. After elimination of seasonal and accidental variation

Gross indices :

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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Juny	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction									
1999	102.0	102.3	and the second se	110.5	104.6	118.0	94.5	101.1	119.3	119.4	116.1	114.7	110.1
2000	106.3	114.3	126.8	113.2	120.2	117.3	100.4	107.5	117.6				
Constru	ction												
1999	99.3	88.9	121.9	110.8	105.9	134.8	56.9	117.7	134.3	130.0	114.5	94.8	109.2
2000	90.8	116.8	132.2	108.4	132.9	119.0	48.8	121.1	127.1				
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction									
1999	106.5	107.8	114.9	112.8	112.1	117.4	96.2	100.2	118.7	121.5	124.8	110.8	112.0
2000	108.2	117.1	122.5	121.7	119.1	122.9	104.9	106.6	120.0				
Constru	ction												
1999	108.8	91.6	116.4	113.6	121.5	132.0	59.5	117.7	131.5	136.1	128.7	90.5	112.3
2000	95.1	117.3	126.3	121.9	132.8	127.7	53.4	121.0	130.3				



trend cycle Last three months compared to the previous three months

Evolution of

1	*	>	2.5%
\$	0.5%	to	2.5%
+	-0.5%	to	0.5%
*	-2.5%	to	-0.5%
*		<	-2.5%



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



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Belgium - October 2000: production rises by 2.0%

Growth maintained, but at slower pace

In October 2000, compared to October of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 2,0%. The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (0,5%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 0,4% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 1,1%. A split as to the type of production gives 1,1% for intermediate goods, 1,0% for capital goods, -2,0% for durable consumer goods and 0,6% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by -0,9%.

Although the trend of production remains upward, it seems to be leveling out. This could be the sign of an imminent trend reversal; the October figures of Germany and the Netherlands have already turned negative. Noteworthy, furthermore, is the fall of durable consumer goods in Flanders (- 2.9%).

More business trends information !

⇒ Also take a look, for an overview of Belgian and European business trends, at the quadrilingual <u>short-term</u> <u>indicators portal site</u> of Statistics Belgium on the internet :

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⇒ All methodological explanations of the figure can be obtained from the contact person found below.

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- ⇒ Besides the production indices, we also have <u>many other short-term data</u>: indices of hours worked, new orders, wages and salaries, employees, …

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Gross indices (1995=100) Volume indices of industrial production

Indices per working day (1995=100) Taking into account the differences in length and composition of months

Total ind	lustry, ex	kcluding	constru	ction	Par in b	3.8							
1999	102,0	102,3	118,9	110,5	104,6	118,0	94,5	101,1	119,3	119,4	116.1	114,7	110,1
2000	106,3	114,3	126,8	113,2	120,2	117,3	97,9	107,5	122,9	124,9			
Constru	ction												
1999	99,3	88,9	121,9	110,8	105,9	134,8	56,9	117,7	134,3	130,0	114,5	94,8	109.2
2000	90,8	116,8	132,2	108,4	132,9	119,0	51,8	121,1	129,7	129,3			,
Total ind	ustry, ex	cluding	constru	ction									
1999	106,5	107,8	114,9	112,8	112,1	117,4	96,2	100,2	118,7	121.5	124.8	110.8	112.0
2000	108,2	117,1	122,5	121,7	119,1	122,9	102,2	106,6	125,5	123,9			
Construc	tion												
	108.8	91.6	116,4	113,6	121,5	132,0	59,5	117,7	131,5	136,1	128,7	90.5	112.3
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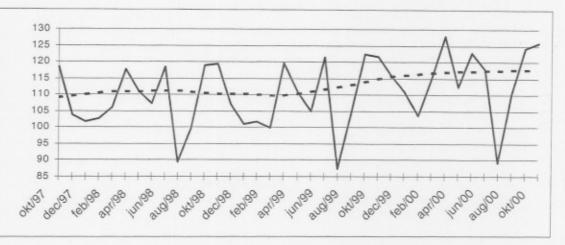
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry	->	->	+	
Total industry, excluding construction	1	->	*	+
Intermediate goods	/	1	*	+
Capital goods	/ /	->	1	11
Durable consumer goods	1	**	→	"
Non-durable consumer goods	1	*	+	*
Mining and quarrying		*	↔	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	/ /	*	1	~
Textiles and textile products		*	*	**
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	1	*	**	->
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	1	*	1	1
Metal products, machinery and equipment	->	*	↔	11
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	~	**		
Non-metallic mineral products	1	1	1	1
Manufacture of basic metals	->	*	11	**
Furniture	->	->	->	11
Bectricity	1	*	->	*
Construction	*	*	*	1

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



Evolution	n of trend
	cycle
Last three	ee months
compa	ared to the
prev	vious three
	months
""	> 2.5%
× 0.5	% to 2.5%
→ -0.5 ^o	% to 0.5%
* -2.59	6 to -0.5%
**	< -2.5%





Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - November 2000: production falls by 0,2%

Growth curve levels out, no clear trend

In November 2000, compared to November of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction fell by 0,2%. The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (-0,2%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by 0,4% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 0,5%. A split as to the type of production gives +0,7% for intermediate goods, +2,1% for capital goods, -0,1% for durable consumer goods and -0,9% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 0,7%.

An overview of sectors and regions offers no clear direction of production trends ; most increases and decreases are minimal, just below or just over the status quo level. Of the important sectors only textiles and clothes shows a marked fall (- 3,1 %), but that's not a new phenomenon. The strongest rises, though far from spectacular too, can be seen in the furniture sector (+ 2,4%) and in the chemical industry (+ 1,1%).

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Production

Gross indices		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
(1995=100)	Total ind	ustry, ex	kcluding	g constru	uction									
Volume indices of industrial	1999	102,0	102,3	118,9	110,5	104,6	118,0	94,5	101,1	119,3		116,1	114,7	110,1
production	2000	106,3	114,3	126,8	113,2	120,2	117,3	97,9	104,8	122,9	125,3	118,9		
	Constru	ction												
	1999	99,3	88,9	121,9	110,8	105,9	134,8	56,9	117,7	134,3	130,0	114,5	94,8	109,3
	2000	90,8	116,8	132,2	108,4	132,9	119,0	51,8	122,4	129,7	129,1	114,8		
Indices per														
working day	Total ind	ustry, e	xcludin	a constru	uction									
(1995=100)	1999	106,5	107,8			112,1	117,4	96,2	100,2	118,7	121,5	124,8	110,8	112,
Allowing for differences in	2000	108,2	117,1		121,7	119,1	122,9	102,2	103,9	125,5	124,3	124,5		
length and	Constru			innio										
composition	1999	108.8	91.6	116.4	113.6	121.5	132.0	59,5	117,7	131,5	136.1	128,7	90.5	112
between months	2000	95,1	117,3		121,9	132,8	127,7	56,7	122,3	133,0	and the second se	123,3		
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Textiles and textile products

Non-metallic mineral products

Manufacture of basic metals

Furniture

Bectricity

Construction

Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing

Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products

Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel

Metal products, machinery and equipment



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Belgium - Year 2000: production rises by 4.8%

Unexpectedly strong increase by 7.3% in December 2000

In December 2000, compared to December of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 7.3%. The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+1.9%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 1.7% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 1.9%. A split as to the type of production gives +2.5% for intermediate goods, +2.4% for capital goods, +1.6% for durable consumer goods and -0.3% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 4.0%.

The year 2000 has ended with an unexpectedly strong production increase ; it is the crowning of an exceptionnally good year, which saw a rise of production in industry by 4.8% and in construction by 2.7%. The production increase in industry is somewhat higher in Flanders (+5.4%) than in Wallonia (+2.8%) or Brussels (+3.9%) ; in construction, on the other hand, Wallonia (+3.3%) shows a slightly larger rise than Flanders (+2.4%) and Brussels (+2.8%). As for the main industrial groupings, intermediate goods (+6.3%) and capital goods (+4.7%) stand out positively ; there's a smaller increase for non-durable consumer goods (+2.1%) and durable consumer goods (-0.5%) are even falling slightly. Noteworthy at the level of sectors are the strong increases of the chemical industry (+9.3%) and of metal products, machinery and equipment (+7.2%); the textiles and clothes sector (-0.6%) keeps on falling.

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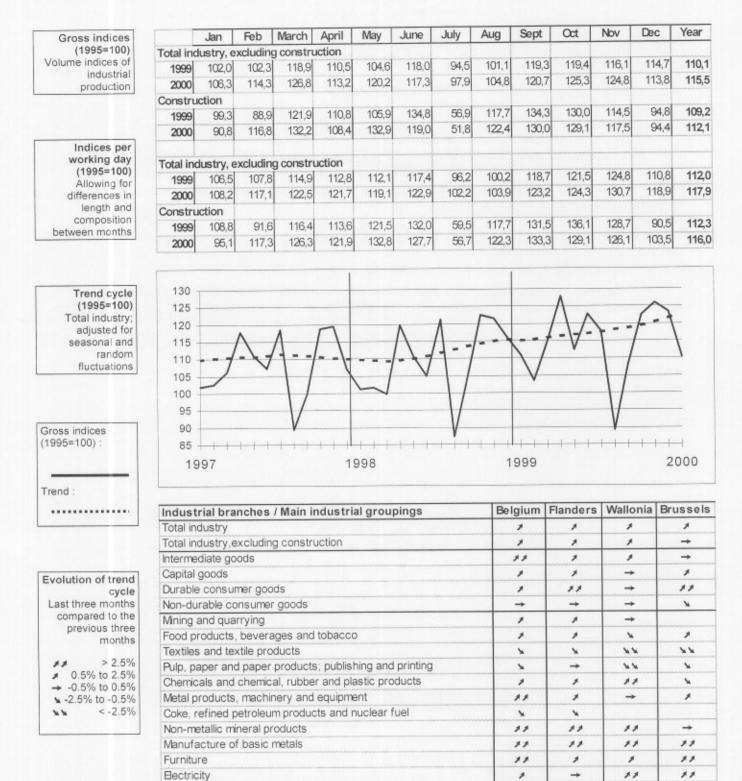
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Production



Construction



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Belgium - January 2001: production rises by 6.7%

Unabated strong growth of production

In January 2001, compared to January of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 6,7%. The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+2,0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 1,9% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 2,5%. A split as to the type of production gives +1,1% for intermediate goods, +4,5% for capital goods, +0,1% for durable consumer goods and +1,7% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 1,6%.

In the new year the broad and strong growth of the end of last year continues unabated. All regions, all main industrial groupings and practically all sectors show a clear upward trend; the only fall in industry, of textiles and clothes (- 1.3%), is not a new phenomenon and is probably linked to continuous relocalisation in the clothes sector.

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Production

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	2001	96,8												
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Belgium - February 2001: production rises by 3.8%

Production keeps on growing

n February 2001, compared to February of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 3.8%; in construction it rose by 0.3%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+1.4%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 1.7% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 0.9%. A split as to the type of production gives +1.0% for intermediate goods, +5.8% for capital goods, -1.6% for durable consumer goods and -1.2% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, shows more or less a status quo (+ 0.3%).

In the new year the growth of the end of last year is kept up, but the trend line nevertheless seems to level out somewhat. Noteworthy is the fall of both durable and non-durable consumer goods; the latter decrease is largely due to the feeble growth of the food industry (+ 0.4%) and to the fall of textiles and clothes (- 1.3%).

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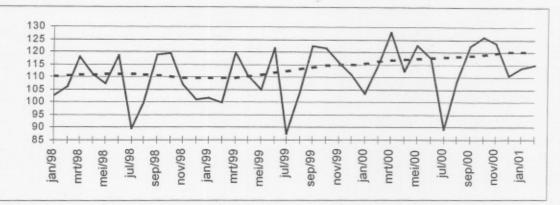
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Production

Gross indices (1995=100) Volume indices of industrial production

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total inc	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	iction									TODA
2000	106,3	114,3	126,8	113,2	120,2	117,3	97,9	104.8	120,7	125,1	124.6	114.2	115,5
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2000	95,1	117,3	126,3	121,9	132,8	127,7	56,7	122,3	133,3	130,5	127,6	105.3	116,4
2001	96,8	115,3											



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

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

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

Gross indices (1995=100) : Trend :

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Evolution of trend cycle Last three months compared to the previous three months > 2.5% > 0.5% to 2.5% ⇒ -0.5% to 0.5% > -2.5% to -0.5% > < -2.5%







Belgium - March 2001: production rises by 5.7%

Production keeps on growing

n March 2001, compared to March of the previous year, Belgium's **working day adjusted production** in industry excluding construction increased by 5,7%; in construction it fell by 0,7%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+1,5%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 1,5% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 1,2%. A split as to the type of production gives +0,1% for intermediate goods, +4,8% for capital goods, -0,9% for durable consumer goods and +0,5% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 0,7%.

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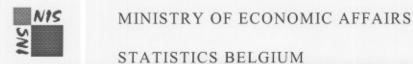
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Production

Gross indices		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
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industrial	2000	106,3	114,3	126,8	113,2	120,2	117,3	97,9	104,8	120,7	125,1	124,6	117,2	115
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Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - April 2001 : production in industry – 4.1%, construction – 2,5%

Most recent data show downward trend reversal at beginning of 2001

T n April 2001, compared to April of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction fell by 4,1%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-1,6%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by 1,7% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 0,8%. A split as to the type of production gives -1,5% for intermediate goods, +0,3% for capital goods, -1,7% for durable consumer goods and -1,1% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 2,5%.

After a steady positive evolution since the beginning of 1999, most recent data are indicating that the trend reached a turning-point early this year. The overall picture shows a remarkable similarity between regions and industrial sectors; production is slowing down virtually everywhere. Food industry is relatively unaffected (+0,4 %) as this sector is less influenced by conjuncture fluctuations.

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More business trends information !

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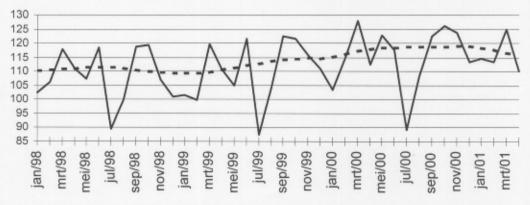
⇒ All methodological explanations of figures can be obtained from the contact person mentioned below.

- ⇒ It is also possible to receive data on the production which are <u>broken down</u> (into subsectors, regions) or <u>further processed</u> (e.g. seasonally adjusted), on a once-only or monthly (subscription) basis.
- ⇒ Besides production indices, we also have <u>many other short-term data</u> : indices of hours worked, new orders, wages and salaries, employees, …

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Production

Gross indices Jan Feb March April May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec (1995 = 100)Total industry, excluding construction Volume indices of 2000 106,3 114,3 126.8 113,2 120,2 117,3 97,9 104,8 120,7 125,1 124,6 industrial 2001 118.4 113,8 125.0 111,4 production Construction 132,9 119,0 130,5 118,9 90,8 116,8 132,2 108,4 51,8 122,4 130,0 2000 2001 98,5 111,9 123,6 105,0 Indices per working day Total industry, excluding construction (1995=100)2000 108,2 117,1 122,5 121,7 119,1 122,9 102.2 103,9 123,2 124,0 130,5 Allowing for differences in 2001 117,4 120,0 124,0 116,7 length and Construction composition 2000 95,1 117,3 126,3 121,9 132,8 127,7 56,7 122,3 133,3 130,5 127,6 between months 2001 98,5 115,3 123,5 112,8



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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry	*	*	*	44
Total industry, excluding construction	*	*	*	**
Intermediate goods	*	44	+	*
Capital goods	→	1	+	**
Durable consumer goods	*	*	1	**
Non-durable consumer goods	*	*	+	*
Mining and quarrying	*	+	*	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	→	1	+	1
Textiles and textile products	*	*	**	**
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	→	*	1	11
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	*	*	1	**
Metal products, machinery and equipment	*	1	7	*
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11	1		
Non-metallic mineral products	**	*	*	*
Manufacture of basic metals	*	**	11	**
Furniture	*	+	11	**
Electricity	*	*	→	11
Construction	**	7	**	**



Gross indices (1995=100): Trend :

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STATISTICS BELGIUM Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - May 2001: production in industry – 2,9%, construction – 1,5%

Downward trend confirmed

n Mei 2001, compared to Mei of the previous year, Belgium's **working day adjusted production** in industry excluding construction fell by 2,9% ; in construction it fell by 1,5%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-1,7%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by 1,9% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 0,9%. A split as to the type of production gives -1,5% for intermediate goods, -1,7% for capital goods, +0,8% for durable consumer goods and -1,8% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by -1,5%.

Most recent data give evidence of a decrease of the production since the beginning of the year. The phenomenon striking virtually everywhere, still some exceptions emerge: durable consumer goods (+0.8%), furniture ((+1.4%) and mining and quarrying (+2.6%). In contrast, figures on manufacture of basic metals (-3.9%) and textiles and textiles products (-2.2%) show a considerable decline.

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production	2001	118,4	115,3	125,0	110,4	113,5								
	Construc	ction							-					
	2000	90,8	116,8	132,2	108,4	132,9	119,0	51,8	122,4	130,0	130,5	118,9	96,9	112
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Belgium - June 2001: production in industry – 0.5%, construction + 0.2%

Bottom of trend curve reached ?

T n June 2001, compared to June of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction fell by 0,5%; in construction it rose by 0,2%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+0,8%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 1,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 0,6%. A split as to the type of production gives -1,1% for intermediate goods, +5,5% for capital goods, +0,8% for durable consumer goods and -1,5% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 0,9%.

The very latest trend figures show a leveling out of production, after the marked decrease during previous months. Although available data are as yet insufficient to definite firm conclusions, this might indicate that the low point of the trend curve has been reached. Especially industry in Flanders seems to be growing again. Apart from the positive figures of capital goods already mentioned, production of metal products, machinery and equipment (+ 3.6%) and furniture (+ 5.0%) has increased. The situation is less prosperous in basic metals (- 2.5%) and textiles and textile products (- 2.8%).

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industrial	2000	106,3	114,3	126,8	113,2	120,2	117,3	97,9	104,8	120,7	125,1	124,6	117,2	115,7
production	2001	118,4	115,3	128,1	110,4	115,5	116,7							
	Construc	tion												
	2000	90,8	116,8	132,2	108,4	132,9	119,0	51,8	122,4	130,0	130,5	118,9	96,9	112,6
	2001	98,5	113,1	123,9	106,8	125,2	119,2							i.
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working day	Total ind	ustry, ex	cluding	constru	iction									
(1995=100) Allowing for	2000	108,2	117,1	122,5	121,7	119,1	122,9	102,2	103,9	123,2	124,0	130,5	122,4	118,1
differences in	2001	117,4	121,6	127,0	115,7	117,6	122,3							
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composition	2000	95,1	117,3	126,3	121,9	132,8	127,7	56,7	122,3	133,3	130,5	127,6	106,2	116,5
between months	2001	98,5	116,6	123,9	114,7	131,0	128,0		122,0	100,0	100,0	127,0	100,2	110,5
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Belgium - July 2001: production in industry – 0.1%, construction + 5.6%

T n July 2001, compared to July of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction fell by 0,1%; in construction it rose by 5,6%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (-0,4%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 1,5% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 1,6%. A split as to the type of production gives -1,3% for intermediate goods, +2,2% for capital goods, +0,6% for durable consumer goods and -1,1% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 1,0%.

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Gross indices (1995=100) Volume indices of industrial production

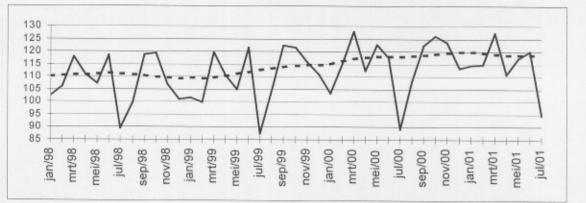
Indices per working day (1995=100) Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

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



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2000	106,3	114,3	126,8	113,2	120,2	117,3	97,9	104,8	120,7	125,1	124,6	117,2	115,7
2001	118,4	115,3	128,1	111,8	115,5	118,6	103,0						
Constru	ction												
2000	90,8	116,8	132,2	108,4	132,9	119,0	51,8	122,4	130,0	130,5	118,9	96,9	112.6
2001	98,5	113,1	123,9	107,3	125,2	126,5	59,9						
Total ind	lustry, ex	cluding	g constru	iction									
2000	108,2	117,1	122,5	121,7	119,1	122,9	102,2	103,9	123,2	124,0	130,5	122,4	118.1
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry	->	->	*	*
Total industry, excluding construction	->	*	~	*
Intermediate goods	*	~	*	1
Capital goods	1	**	77	**
Durable consumer goods	1	1	1	11
Non-durable consumer goods	*	->	->	**
Mining and quarrying	**	1	*	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	→	1	+	**
Textiles and textile products	**	×	**	*
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	*	+	**	*
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	*	->	*	**
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	11	11	~
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	*	*		
Non-metallic mineral products	*	*	**	~~
Manufacture of basic metals	->	11	⇒	**
Furniture	*	1	11	**
Bectricity	*	*	+	11
Construction	*	1	~	+



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Belgium - August 2001: production in industry – 2.6%, construction - 3.4%

Trend keeps on going down

n Augustus 2001, compared to Augustus of the previous year, Belgium's **working day adjusted production** in industry excluding construction fell by 2,6%; in construction it fell by 3,4%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-0,8%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by 1,2% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 0,6%. A split as to the type of production gives -1,3% for intermediate goods, -0,1% for capital goods, +0,2% for durable consumer goods and -0,8% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 0,7%.

The decline of the second quarter keeps up and even strengthens during the holiday months. The decrease is general, affecting all major sectors. For the time being, there seems to be no sign yet of an imminent trend reversal.

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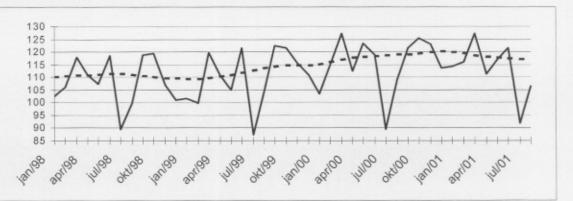
Trend cycle (1995=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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2000	105,8	114,2	126,1	113,1	120,8	118,2	97,4	106,3	119,3	124,1	123,7	117,3	115,5
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2000	91,3	117,6	133,2	109,4	135,2	121,3	51,7	123,0	131,7	132,4	119,6	97,4	113,7
2001	98,8	113,3	124,0	107,5	126,4	127,8	61,0	118,9					
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2000	107,7	116,9	121,8	121,6	119,8	123,8	101,7	105,4	121,8	123,0	129,6	122,5	118,0
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry	*	*	->	*
Total industry, excluding construction	*	*	*	*
Intermediate goods	*	*	->	1
Capital goods	->	11	*	**
Durable consumer goods	->	->	*	11
Non-durable consumer goods	*	*	+	**
Mining and quarrying	**	*	*	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	->	1	1	**
Textiles and textile products	~	*	*	**
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	~	*	->	*
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	~	*	1	**
Metal products, machinery and equipment	~	->	*	11
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	*	**		
Non-metallic mineral products	→	*	*	->
Manufacture of basic metals	**	**	1	14
Furniture	→	->	**	**
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Construction			1	->

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Belgium - September 2001: production in industry – 2.3%, construction - 6.5%

n September 2001, compared to September of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction fell by 2.3%; in construction it fell by 6.5%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-0.6%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by 0.6% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 0.6%. A split as to the type of production gives -0.7% for intermediate goods, +3.3% for capital goods, -1.7% for durable consumer goods and -0.6% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 1.4%.

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production	2001	117,5	116,6	128,1	112,2	115,1	119,9	98,7	105,2	113,6				
	Constru	ction												
	2000	91,3	117,6	133,2	109,4	135,2	121,3	51,7	123,0	131,7	132,4	119,6	97,4	113,
	2001	98,8	113,3	124,0	107,5	126,4	128,2	61,0	121,2	117,6				
Indices per														
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(1995=100) Allowing for	2000	107,7	116,9		121,6	119,8	123,8	101,7	105,4	121,8	123.0	129,6	122.5	118
differences in	2001	116,6	122.9	127,0	117,5	117,1	125,6	97.9	104,3	119,0				
length and	Construe													
composition	2000	95,5	118,1	127,1	122,9	135,2	130,2	56,6	123,0	135,1	132,3	128.4	106,7	117,
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Belgium - October 2001: production in industry + 0,2%, construction –0,9%

Trend stable

In October 2001, compared to October of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 0,2%; in construction it fell by 0,9%. The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (+0,2%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 0,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 1,1%. A split as to the type of production gives -1,1% for intermediate goods, +3,2% for capital goods, +0,2% for durable consumer goods and +2,1% for non-durable consumer

Most recent data do not seem to indicate a further deterioration of business trends. The production curve practically levels out: +0,2% in total industry excluding construction, -0,1% in construction. There is a noteworthy increase of capital goods (+3,2%) and of non-durable consumer goods. At sector level textiles and clothing (+2,2%) and basic metals (-2,5%) stand out.

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goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 0,1%.

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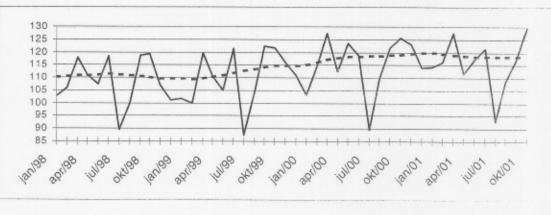
Indices per working day (1995=100) Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

Trend cycle
(1995=100)
Total industry;
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry	->	->	1	*
Total industry, excluding construction	->	->	1	~
Intermediate goods	~	*	->	11
Capital goods	11	11	~	~ ~
Durable consumer goods	→	->	1	11
Non-durable consumer goods	1	,	1	~
Mining and quarrying	->	→	->	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	1	1	11	~~
Textiles and textile products	1	*	~	~~
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	→	->	-	*
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	->	->	~	**
Metal products, machinery and equipment		-+	1	~
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	~	~		
Non-metallic mineral products	->	->		"
Manufacture of basic metals	×	~~	1	**
Furniture	1	1	11	**
Electricity	× 1	~		11
Construction	-+	->		~

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total inc	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	iction									
2000	105,8	114,2	126,1	113,1	120,8	118,2	97,4	106,3	119,3	124,1	123,7	117,3	115,5
2001	117,5	116,6	128,1	112,2	115,1	119,9	99,6	105,2	116,3	127,5			
Constru	ction												
2000	91,3	117,6	133,2	109,4	135,2	121,3	51,7	123,0	131,7	132,4	119,6	97,4	113,7
2001	96,8	113,3	124,0	107,5	126,4	128,2	60,8	121,2	118,9	137,3		1	
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2000	107,7	116,9	121,8	121,6	119,8	123,8	101,7	105,4	121,8	123.0	129,6	122.5	118.0
2001	116,6	122,9	127,0	117,5	117,1	125,6	98,8	104,3	121,8	123,2			
Constru	ction												
2000	95,5	118,1	127,1	122,9	135,2	130,2	56,6	123,0	135,1	132,3	128,4	106,7	117,6
2001	98,7	116,8	124,0	115,4	132,3	137,6	60,8	121,1	127,6	131,1			



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Belgium - November 2001: production in industry - 9.3%, construction –7.2%

Trend also down

n November 2001, compared to November of the previous year, Belgium's **working day adjusted production** in industry excluding construction fell by 9,3% ; in construction it fell by 7,2%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong decline (-2,5%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by 2,4% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 2,0%. A split as to the type of production gives -2,4% for intermediate goods, +2,4% for capital goods, -2,0% for durable consumer goods and +0,7% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 1,6%.

The most recent data on production show a rather gloomy picture of the economy. Production is still diminishing. This is a more or less general downturn. Especially noteworthy is the strong decrease of the chemical industry (- 4.2%). On the other hand, the food products and beverages sector, much less sensitive to economic fluctuations, holds steady and is even slightly increasing (+ 0.5%).

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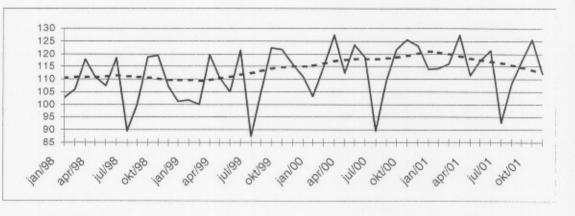
Trend cycle
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2000	105,8	114,2	126,1	113,1	120,8	118,2	97,4	106,3	119,3	124,1	123,7	117,3	115,5
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Constru	ction												
2000	91,3	117,6	133,2	109,4	135,2	121,3	51,7	123,0	131,7	132,4	119,6	97,4	113,7
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry	*	*	×	11
Total industry, excluding construction	~~	*	*	**
Intermediate goods	~	*	×	11
Capital goods	1	11	**	*
Durable consumer goods	× 1	~	->	**
Non-durable consumer goods	1	1	->	11
Mining and quarrying	1	*	-+	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	/ /	1	1	**
Textiles and textile products	1	**	**	**
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	×	*	**	~~
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	**	**	**	**
Metal products, machinery and equipment		->	**	**
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	1	~~		
Non-metallic mineral products	1	*	**	**
Manufacture of basic metals	1	**	11	**
Furniture	11	**	→	**
Electricity	**	*	↔	11
Construction	1	*	*	11



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Belgium - December 2001: production in industry – 6.4%, in construction – 12.7%

In 2001: production in industry – 0.6%, in construction – 1.7%

n December 2001, compared to December of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction fell by 6.4%; in construction it fell by 12.7%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-1.8%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by 1.1% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 0.6%. A split as to the type of production gives -0.2% for intermediate goods, +3.7% for capital goods, -1.7% for durable consumer goods and -3.3% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 3.0%.

The trend is still downwards, though less than in previous months. Noteworthy is the strong increase in capital goods. The chemical sector shows a strong decrease (-4.3%) while the food products sector more or less levels out (+0.3%).

Compared to the previous year, production for the whole of 2001 shows decreases in industry (- 0,6%) as well as in construction (- 1,7%). Of the large sectors, the food products sector shows the most positive figures (+3.7%), basic metals (-6.2%) and the chemical industry (-3.2%) show the most negative figures.

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Trend cycle

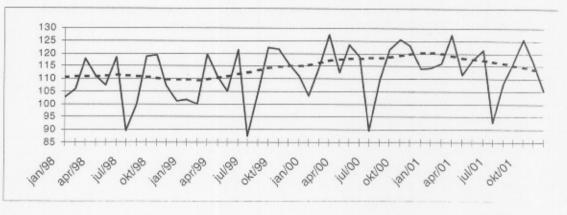
(1995 = 100)

Total industry; adjusted for

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Total inc	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction									
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2001	117,5	116,6	128,1	112,2	115,1	119,9	99,6	105,1	115,1	122.5	116,7	109,8	114.9
Constru	ction												
2000	91,3	117,6	133,2	109,4	135,2	121,3	51,7	123,0	131,7	132,4	119,6	97,4	113.7
2001	98,8	113,3	124,0	107,5	126,4	128,2	60,8	122,2	119,5	138,4	116,3	84,9	111,7
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2000	107,7	116,9	121,8	121,6	119,8	123,8	101,7	105,4	121,8	123,0	129,6	122.5	118.0
2001	116,6	122,9	127,0	117,5	117,1	125,6	98,8	104,2	120,5	118,4	122,3	114,7	117,1
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Evolution of trend cycle Last three months compared to the previous three months > 2.5% • 0.5% to 2.5% • -0.5% to 0.5% • -2.5% to -0.5%



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Belgium - January 2001: production in industry – 7.5%, in construction + 2.9%

n January 2002, compared to January of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction fell by 7.5%; in construction it rose by 2.9%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-1.7%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by 1.5% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 1.5%. A split as to the type of production gives -1.7% for intermediate goods, -0.4% for capital goods, -0.2% for durable consumer goods and -1.1% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 3.2%.

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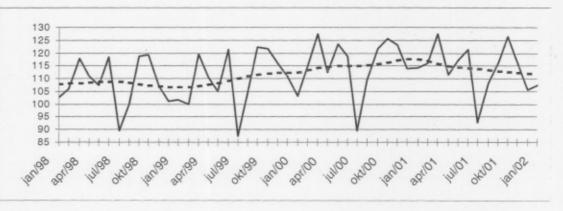
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Trend cycle
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2001	117,5	116,6	128,1	112,2	115,1	119,9	99,6	105,1	115,1	123,4	116,7	109,7	114,9
2002	108,7												
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2001	98,8	113,3	124,0	107,5	126,4	128,2	60,8	122,2	119,5	139,5	116,3	87,2	112,0
2002	101,7												
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2001	116,6	122,9	127,0	117,5	117,1	125,6	98,8	104,2	120,5	119,2	122,3	114,5	117,2
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Total industry, excluding construction	×		*	**
Intermediate goods		*	->	11
Capital goods	-	-	**	*
Durable consumer goods	-	*	+	11
Non-durable consumer goods	1	1	+	*
Mining and quarrying	**	~	*	
Food products, beverages and tobacco		1	->	**
Textiles and textile products	**	~~	**	**
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	*	~	->	**
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	**	**	**	~
Metal products, machinery and equipment	*	*	→	**
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	-	1		
Non-metallic mineral products		->	->	*
Manufacture of basic metals	/ /	**	1	*
Furniture	**	**	*	"
Electricity	**	*	→	"
Construction	11	11	-	->





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Belgium - February 2002: production in industry – 6.5%, construction – 8.0%

Positive trend reversal in construction and chemical industry

n February 2002, compared to February of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction fell by 6.5%; in construction it fell by 8.0%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-1.4%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by 1.6% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 0.5%. A split as to the type of production gives -0.6% for intermediate goods, +0.1% for capital goods, -0.2% for durable consumer goods and -0.6% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 1.9%.

The overall trend is still downward, but there are some signs of a more positive evolution of the business cycle. Both construction and chemical industry (+ 1.5%), particularly sensitive to business cycle changes, show an undeniable positive trend reversal.

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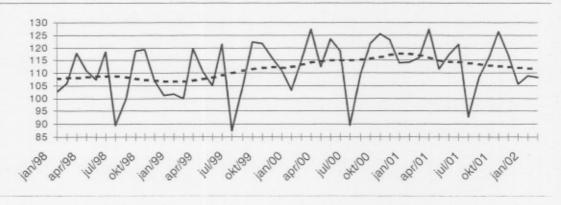
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Gross indices (1995=100) Volume indices of industrial production

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction	5. 17	2							
2001	117,5	116,6	128,1	112,2	115,1	119,9	99,6	105,1	115,1	123,4	117,5	109,7	115,0
2002	110,6	109,0											
Constru	ction												
2001	98,8	113,3	124,0	107,5	126,4	128,2	60,8	122,2	119,5	139,5	115,8	87,2	111,9
2002	100,8	104,2											
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction									
2001	116,6	122,9	127,0	117,5	117,1	125,6	98,8	104,2	120,5	119,2	123,1	114,5	117,3
2002	109,7	114,9											
Constru	ction												
2001	98,7	116,8	124,0	115,4	132,3	137,6	60,8	122,1	128,2	133,1	124,3	95,6	115,7
2002	100,7	107,4											



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

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

Indices per

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



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**	< -2.5%





Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - March 2002: production in industry – 10.8%, construction – 0.9%

n March 2002, compared to March of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction fell by 10.8%; in construction it fell by 0.9%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (+0.4%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by 1.2% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 0.3%. A split as to the type of production gives +0.7% for intermediate goods, -0.2% for capital goods, -0.4% for durable consumer goods and +0.6% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 1.2%.

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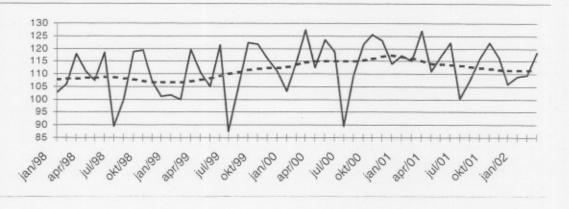
Indices per working day (1995=100) Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

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Total ind	lustry, e	cluding	g constru	iction			ĺ						
2001	117,6	115,4	127,4	111,1	116,6	122,5	101,1	107,4	116,2	122,5	116,5	106,4	115,1
2002	110,6	110,6	117,8										
Constru	ction												
2001	98,8	113,3	124,0	107,5	126,4	128,2	60,8	122,2	119,5	139,5	117,5	87,4	112.1
2002	100,8	104,4	121,0										
Total ind	lustry, ex	cluding	g constru	ction									
2001	116,6	121,6	134,3	116,4	118,7	128,3	100,2	106,5	121,8	118,4	122,1	111.2	118,0
2002	109,7	116,5	119,8										
Constru	ction												
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2002	100,7	107,5	126,7										



Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry	->		->	11
Total industry, excluding construction	-		->	~~
Intermediate goods	/	*	->	**
Capital goods	→	1	**	->
Durable consumer goods	→	+	+	**
Non-durable consumer goods	/ /	1	11	**
Mining and quarrying	11	++	->	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	1	⇒	+	~ ~
Textiles and textile products	11	11	~~	"
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	->	->	1	**
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	×	*	-	*
Metal products, machinery and equipment		*	**	~
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	->	->		
Non-metallic mineral products	/		~	**
Manufacture of basic metals		~~	*	"
Furniture		*	22	~
Electricity	1	11	1	**
Construction	1	-	-	1





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Belgium - April 2002: production in industry + 1.2%, construction + 5.7%

Positive trend reversal

n April 2002, compared to April of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 1.2%; in construction it rose by 5.7%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (-0.2%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 0.8% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 0.4%. A split as to the type of production gives +1.4% for intermediate goods, -3.9% for capital goods, -0.2% for durable consumer goods and +0.0% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 0.6%.

For the first time the gross year-to-year comparisons show a return to positive figures; the trend also is upward once again. The economic upturn, already announced by the sentiment indicators and the new orders, is now confirmed by hard figures as well. Particularly noteworthy is the marked increase of intermediate goods: because they are at the beginning of the production cycle, they usually are the first to show a trend reversal. In Belgium intermediate goods make up the lion's share of industrial production; their evolution is keenly followed even at the European level, because the Belgian production of intermediate goods is considered to be one of the very earliest objective indications of an imminent European recovery.

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Gross indices (1995=100) Volume indices of industrial production

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

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Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction	250 200	0							
2001	117,2	116,3	127,8	111,8	115,5	121,1	100,3	106,3	115,7	123,2	117,9	108,2	115,1
2002	113,3	112,0	120,5	116,1	-								
Constru	ction												
2001	98,8	113,3	124,0	107,5	126,4	128,2	60,8	122,2	119,5	139,5	117,5	87,4	112,1
2002	103,4	105,9	123,7	119,0									
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction									
2001	116,2	115,4	126,8	117,1	117,5	126,8	99,4	105,4	121,2	119,0	123,5	113,0	116,8
2002	112,3	118,0	122,6	118,5									
Constru	ction												
2001	98,7	113,3	124,0	115,4	132,3	137,6	60,8	122,1	128,2	133,1	126,2	95,8	115,6
2002	103,4	109,2	129,4	122,0									

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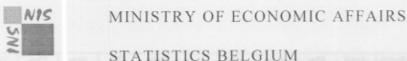
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Gross indices (1995=100) : Trend :

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





Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - May 2002: production in industry + 0.1%, construction - 2.6%

Positive trend reversal seems to continue

n May 2002, compared to May of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 0.1%; in construction it fell by 2.6%.

The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-0.6%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by 0.3% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 0.8%. A split as to the type of production gives +0.9% for intermediate goods, -1.5% for capital goods, +0.1% for durable consumer goods and -0.1% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 1.1%.

The trend shown in previous months remains almost the same for May. Intermediate goods keep on rising, which is typical at the beginning of an economic rise. The strong increase of chemical, rubber and plastic products is a similar indication. The negative trend of capital goods seems to end, recent figures showing a slight increase since April. Manufacture of basic metals (+ 2.5%) and non-metallic mineral products (+ 2.0%) provide remarkably positive figures, while the score of the earlier mentioned construction sector remains negative.

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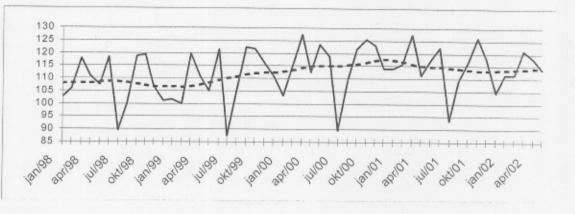
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Total inc	lustry, e:	xcluding	g constru	iction	4-11								rear
2001	117,2	116,3	127,8	111,8	115,5	121,1	100.3	106.3	115.7	123.2	117,9	108,2	115,1
2002	113,3	112,5	120,5	117,5	112,6							100,2	110,1
Constru	ction							-					
2001	98,8	113,3	124,0	107,5	126,4	128,2	60.8	122.2	119.5	139.5	117.5	87.4	112.1
2002	103,4	107,0	123,7	119,3	117,6						,0	01,4	1141
Total ind	ustry, ex	cluding	constru	ction									
2001	116,2	115,4	126,8	117,1	117,5	126.8	99.4	105.4	121,2	119.0	123.5	113.0	116.8
2002	112,3	118,6	122,6	120,0	117,6						120,0	110,0	110,0
Construc	ction			i l								I.	
2001	98,7	113,3	124.0	115,4	132.3	137.6	60.8	122.1	128.2	133.1	126.2	95.8	115.6
2002	103,4	110,2	129,4	122.4	128.9						120,2		110,0



Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry		-+	->	*
Total industry, excluding construction		-+	1	~
Intermediate goods	1	1	1	12
Capital goods	1	~		1
Durable consumer goods	→	1	11	11
Non-durable consumer goods	-+	*	1	**
Mining and quarrying	11	**	11	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	-+	->	++	~~
Textiles and textile products	-+	-	11	++
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing		1	1	~
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	11	11	1	~~
Metal products, machinery and equipment	×	~	~~	+
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel		11		
Non-metallic mineral products	*	1	11	~
Manufacture of basic metals	11	1	→	~~
Furniture	×	*	**	11
Electricity	1	11	1	~
Construction	×	~	*	*



STATISTICS BELGIUM Statistics Belgium Press Release



Belgium – June 2002: production in industry - 4.1%, construction – 6.0%

'Double dip' scenario not improbable

n June 2002, compared to June of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction fell by 4.1%; in construction it fell by 6.0%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-0.8%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by 0.2% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 0.1%. A split as to the type of production gives +0.6% for intermediate goods, -3.1% for capital goods, +0.0% for durable consumer goods and -0.8% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 2.6%.

The most recent figures of production in industry do not show a recovery of the economy. The slight increase of production in the first months of the year has come to a standstill and the trend is possibly already downwards. Still rising sectors are non-metallic mineral products (+1.6%), basic metals (+1.4%) and chemicals, rubber and plastic products (+1.2%). Negative growth is seen in construction (see above) and fabricated metal products (-1.9%).

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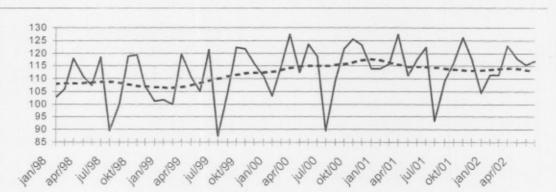
Indices per working day (1995=100) Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

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

Gross indices (1995=100) : Trend :

Evolution of trend cycle Last three months compared to the previous three months > 2.5% > 0.5% to 2.5% > -0.5% to 0.5% > -2.5% to -0.5% > < -2.5%

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Total inc	lustry, e	xcluding	constru	uction	1- 1. H								
2001	117,2	116,3	127,8	111,8	115,5	121,1	100,3	106,3	115,7	123,2	117,9	108,2	115,1
2002	113,3	112,5	122,5	117,5	114,9	116,0							
Constru	ction												
2001	98,8	113,3	124,0	107,5	126,4	128,2	60,8	122,2	119,5	139,5	117,5	87,4	112,1
2002	103,4	107,0	124,2	119,3	117,8	120,5							
Total inc	lustry, e	xcluding	constru	uction									
2001	116,2	115,4	126,8	117,1	117,5	126,8	99,4	105,4	121,2	119,0	123,5	113,0	116,8
2002	112,3	118,6	124,7	120,0	120,0	121,6							
Constru	ction												
2001	98,7	113,3	124,0	115,4	132,3	137,6	60,8	122,1	128,2	133,1	126,2	95,8	115,6
2002	103,4	110,2	130,0	122,4	129,0	129,3							



Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry	->	->	*	*
Total industry, excluding construction		->	->	`
ntermediate goods	1	×	1	~
Capital goods	11	**		1
Durable consumer goods	-	1	~~	"
Non-durable consumer goods		+	1	~~
Mining and quarrying	11	-+	11	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	~	*	+	**
Textiles and textile products	-+	->	11	~
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	->	->	-	->
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	1	11	+	11
Metal products, machinery and equipment		~	~	~
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	/ /	*		
Non-metallic mineral products	/ /	-	-	11
Manufacture of basic metals	1	11	-	~~
urniture	~	->	~~	"
Electricity	11	1	1	11
Construction		**	**	~~

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STATISTICS BELGIUM Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium – July 2002: production in industry + 3.8%, construction – 0.1%

Trend figures seem to justify cautious optimism

n July 2002, compared to July of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 3.8%; in construction it fell by 0.1%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+0.6%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 1.6% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 0.8%. A split as to the type of production gives +1.5% for intermediate goods, -2.8% for capital goods, -1.7% for durable consumer goods and -0.1% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 2.5%.

Additional data for the month of July are responsible for a slight upturn of the trend line, although quite pronounced regional and sectoral differences appear. In Flanders there is a marked increase since the beginning of the year, while Wallonia and Brussels show little or no change during the past months. Noteworthy too is the strongly positive score of the chemical industry (+ 3.5%) and the continuing decline of capital goods and construction.

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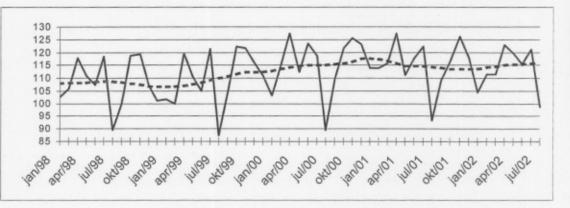
Indices per working day (1995=100) Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

Trend cycl	e
(1995=100	0)
Total industr	y;
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	> 2.5%
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0.5%	to 0.5%
2.5%	to -0.5%
	< -2.5%

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	iction	Sec. 1	10							
2001	117,2	116,3	127,8	111,8	115,5	121,1	100,3	106,3	115,7	123,2	117,9	108,2	115,1
2002	113,3	112,5	122,5	119,3	114,9	120,7	106,8						
Constru	ction												
2001	98,8	113,3	124,0	107,5	126,4	128,2	60,8	122,2	119,5	139,5	117,5	87,4	112,1
2002	103,4	107,0	124,2	120,6	117,8	122,7	63,6						
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	iction									
2001	116,2	115,4	126,8	117,1	117,5	126,8	99,4	105,4	121,2	119,0	123,5	113,0	116,8
2002	112,3	118,6	124,7	121,8	120,0	126,5	103,2				-		
Constru	ction												
2001	98,7	113,3	124,0	115,4	132,3	137,6	60,8	122,1	128,2	133,1	126,2	95,8	115,6
2002	103,4	110,2	130,0	123,7	129,0	131,7	60,7						



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





Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium – August 2002: production in industry + 2.7%, construction – 9.5%

n August 2002, compared to August of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 2.7%; in construction it fell by 9.5%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+1.0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 3.8% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 4.4%. A split as to the type of production gives +1.3% for intermediate goods, +2.3% for capital goods, -0.9% for durable consumer goods and +0.3% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 4.0%.

Next press release : 13/11/02

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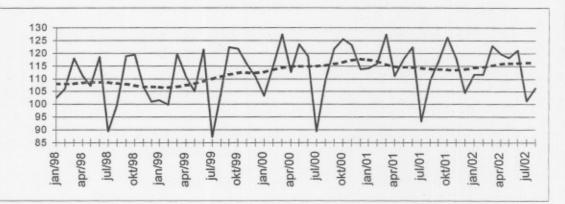
Indices per working day (1995=100) Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

Trend cycle
(1995=100)
Total industry;
adjusted for
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Evolution	n of trend
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previ	ious three
	months
**	> 2.5%
# 0.59	% to 2.5%
+ -0.5%	% to 0.5%
* -2.5%	to -0.5%
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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
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Constru	ction												
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2002	103,4	107,0	124,2	120,6	118,8	122,7	64,2	105,5					
Total ind	ustry, ex	cluding	g constru	iction									
2001	116,2	115,4	126,8	117,1	117,5	126,8	99,4	105,4	121,2	119,0	123,5	113,0	116,8
2002	112,3	118,6	124,7	121,8	123,3	126,5	105,8	108,3					
Constru	ction												
2001	98,7	113,3	124,0	115,4	132,3	137,6	60,8	122,1	128,2	133,1	126,2	95,8	115,6
2002	103,4	110,2	130,0	123,7	130,2	131,7	61,3	110,5					



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



STATISTICS BELGIUM Statistics Belgium Press Release



Belgium – October 2002: production in industry + 3.0%, construction – 6.7%

Evolution of economic activity remains unclear

In October 2002, compared to October of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 3,0%; in construction it fell by 6,7%. The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+0,7%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 0,7% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 0,2%. A split as to the type of production gives +1,2% for intermediate goods, -1,4% for capital goods, -1,4% for durable consumer goods and -0,7% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 2,3%.

The most recent production figures in industry still show a fluctuating trend. A positive sign could be the upward trend of intermediary products, where many of the sectors most sensitive to economic fluctuations are united. An upward trend reversal there might herald a recovery in the near future.

Next press release : 15/01/03

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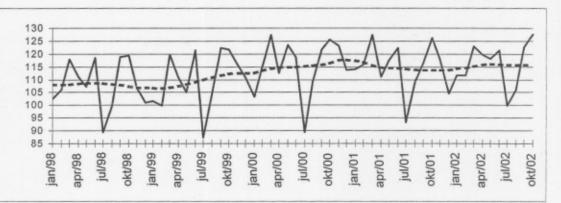
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Trend cycle
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Total industry;
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Evolution	n of trend
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Last thre	ee months
compa	ared to the
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**	> 2.5%
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* -2.5%	6 to -0.5%
**	< -2.5%

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	ustry, ex	xcluding	g constru	iction									
2001	117,2	116,3	127,8	111,8	115,5	121,1	100,3	106,3	115,7	123,2	117,9	108,2	115,1
2002	113,3	112,5	122,5	119,3	118,1	120,9	107,6	105,8	121,3	126,9			
Constru	ction												
2001	98,8	113,3	124,0	107,5	126,4	128,2	60,8	122,2	119,5	139,5	117,5	87,4	112,1
2002	103,4	107,0	124,2	120,6	118,8	123,3	65,0	107,2	128,5	130,0			
Total ind	ustry, ex	cluding	constru	ction									
2001	116,2	115,4	126,8	117,1	117,5	126,8	99,4	105,4	121,2	119,0	123,5	113,0	116,8
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels	
Total industry	->	->	*	1	
Total industry, excluding construction		*	⇒	1	
Intermediate goods	*	*	1	11	
Capital goods	1	*	*	*	
Durable consumer goods	×	*	*	**	
Non-durable consumer goods	1	**	->	*	
Mining and quarrying	*	11	11		
Food products, beverages and tobacco	->	1	1	->	
Textiles and textile products	1	**	**	~	
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	->	->	→	**	
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	11	*	1	*	
Metal products, machinery and equipment		*	~	~	
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	->	*	~		
Non-metallic mineral products	1	*	~	"	
Manufacture of basic metals	->	**	1	*	
Furniture	**	**	**		
Electricity	*	""	*		
Construction	1	*	**	**	



STATISTICS BELGIUM Statistics Belgium Press Release



Belgium – November 2002: production in industry + 3.1%, construction + 15.8%

In November 2002, compared to November of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 3.1%; in construction it rose by 15.8%. The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+1.3%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 0.9% in Flanders; in Wallonia production stayed stable (+ 0.0%). A split as to the type of production gives +1.2% for intermediate goods, -2.4% for capital goods, -1.0% for durable consumer goods and +0.3% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 1.4%.

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Gross indices (1995=100) Volume indices of industrial production Feb

Jan

March April

May

June

July

Aug

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

Total ind	ustry, ex	xcluding	constru	ction	2.61								
2001	117,2	116,3	127,8	111,8	115,5	121,1	100,3	106,3	115,7	123,2	117,9	108,2	115,1
2002	113,3	112,5	122,5	119,3	118,1	120,9	107,6	106,7	121,3	130,3	118,4		
Constru	ction												
2001	98,8	113,3	124,0	107,5	126,4	128,2	60,8	122,2	119,5	139,5	117,5	87,4	112,1
2002	103,4	107,0	124,2	120,6	118,8	123,3	65,0	130,0	128,5	130,0	130,0		
Total ind	ustry, ex	cluding	constru	ction									
2001	116,2	115,4	126,8	117,1	117,5	126,8	99,4	105,4	121,2	119,0	123,5	113,0	116,8
2002	112,3	118,6	124,7	121,8	123,3	126,7	104,0	108,5	123,9	125,9	127,3		
Constru	ction												
2001	98,7	113,3	124,0	115,4	132,3	137,6	60,8	122,1	128,2	133,1	126,2	95,8	115,6
2002	103,4	110,2	130,0	123,7	130,2	132,3	62,0	136,1	131,7	124,1	146,1		

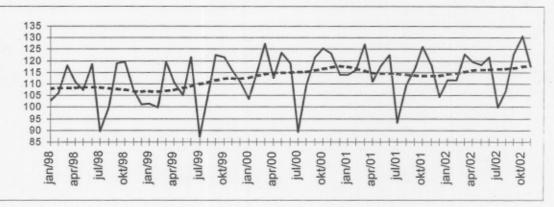
Oct

Nov

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Sept



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

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

Gross indices (1995=100) : Trend :

Evolutio	on of trend
	cycle
Last thr	ee months
	ared to the
prev	vious three
	months
11	> 2.5%
# 0.5	5% to 2.5%
+ -0.5	5% to 0.5%
× -2.5°	% to -0.5%
**	< -2.5%



STATISTICS BELGIUM Statistics Belgium Press Release



Belgium – December 2002: production in industry - 0.8%, construction - 8.0%

n December 2002, compared to December of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction fell by 0,8%; in construction it fell by 8,0%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+1,0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 1,6% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 1,7%. A split as to the type of production gives -0,2% for intermediate goods, -3,4% for capital goods, -1,4% for durable consumer goods and +0,3% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 1,0%.

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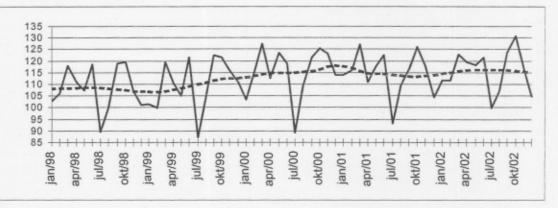
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Indices per working day (1995=100)Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

Jan Feb March April May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec Year Total industry, excluding construction 116,3 115,5 121,1 100,3 106.3 115,7 123.2 117,9 2001 117,2 127.8 111.8 108,2 115,1 2002 113,3 112,5 122.5 119,3 118,1 120.9 107,6 106.7 122.7 130.3 118,1 109,3 116,8 Construction 122.2 98,8 128.2 60.8 119.5 139.5 2001 113,3 124,0 107,5 126.4 117,5 87,4 112,1 125,8 107,0 118,8 123,3 65,0 107,7 131,3 124,2 120,6 111,8 84,2 103,4 110,3 2002 Total industry, excluding construction 126,8 119,0 2001 116,2 115,4 126,8 117,1 117,5 99,4 105,4 121,2 123,5 113,0 116,8 2002 112,3 118,6 124,7 121,8 123,3 126,7 104,0 108,5 126,1 125,9 127,9 112,1 119,3 Construction 113.3 115,4 132,3 137,6 60,8 122,1 128,2 133,1 126,2 95.8 2001 98,7 124,0 115,6 130,0 132,3 62,0 113,0 129,0 125,7 2002 103,4 110,2 123,7 130,2 127,3 88,1 114,6



cycle	Industrial branches / Main
Evolution of trend	Total industry Total industry, excluding cons
cycle Last three months compared to the previous three	Intermediate goods Capital goods Durable consumer goods Non-durable consumer good
 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% > -2.5% to -0.5% 	Mining and quarrying Food products, beverages an Textiles and textile products Pulp, paper and paper produ Chemicals and chemical, rub Metal products, machinery an Coke, refined petroleum products Non-metallic mineral products

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

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



Evolutio	n of trend cycle
	ee months
comp	ared to the
prev	vious three
	months
""	> 2.5%
# 0.5	% to 2.5%
	% to 0.5%
₹ -2.5%	% to -0.5%
**	< -2.5%

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Belgium – January 2003: production in industry + 3.3%, construction - 2.2%

Trend stays stable

In January 2003, compared to January of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 3.3%; in construction it fell by 2.2%. The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (-0.1%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 1.6% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 2.7%. A split as to the type of production gives –2.2% for intermediate goods, +1.6% for capital goods, -0.3% for durable consumer goods and +1.6% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 0.2%.

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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of industrial production Jan

Feb March April

May

June

Indices per working day (2000=100) Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

Total ind	ustry, ex	cluding	constru	ction									
2002	98,1	97,4	106,0	103,3	102,2	104,7	93,2	92,3	106,3	111,9	102,4	96,9	101,2
2003	101,3												
Constru	ction												
2002	91,0	94,2	109,3	106,2	104,6	108,5	57,2	114,4	110,7	111,8	97,2	72,2	98,1
2003	89,0												
Total ind	ustry, ex	cluding	constru	ction									
2002	98,1	97,4	106,0	103,3	102,2	104,7	93,2	92,3	106,3	111,9	102,4	96,9	101,2
2003	101,3												
Construc	ction												
2002	91,5	95,3	113,8	107,9	113,1	114,1	53,8	118,9	112,4	108,4	106,9	76,7	101,1
2003	89,6												

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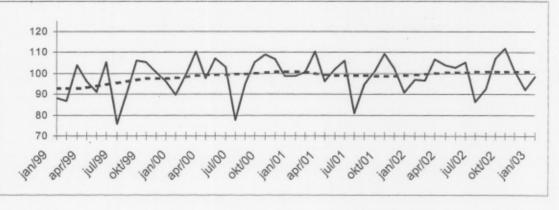
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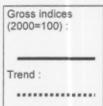
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry	->	1	*	*
Total industry, excluding construction	->	1	~~	->
Intermediate goods		**	*	->
Capital goods		*	*	**
Durable consumer goods	->	*	*	**
Non-durable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

Trend cycle (2000=100) Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Evolution	n of trend
	cycle
Last three	ee months
compa	ared to the
prev	ious three
	months
"	> 2.5%
× 0.5	% to 2.5%
→ -0.5 ⁴	% to 0.5%
* -2.59	6 to -0.5%
**	< -2.5%

STATISTIEK EN ECONOMISCHE INFORMATIE Conjunctuur

NIS Persbericht

Belgium – February 2003: production in industry - 1.7%, construction + 0.2%

Still no economic recovery

In February 2003, compared to February of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction fell by 1.7%; in construction it rose by 0.2%. The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline

(-0.9%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by 0.5% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 2.3%. A split as to the type of production gives -2.2% for intermediate goods, +0.4% for capital goods, -0.3% for durable consumer goods and -0.7% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 1.2%.

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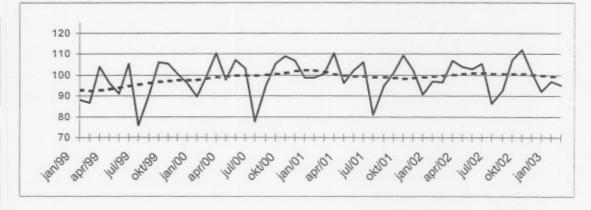
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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of industrial production

Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction	and and	- 12 A				1			
2002	98,1	97,4	106,0	103,3	102,2	104,7	93,2	92,3	106,3	111,9	102,1	96,9	101,2
2003	99,3	95,8											
Constru	iction												
2002	91,0	94,2	109,3	106,2	104,6	108,5	57,2	114,4	110,7	111,8	97,5	72,2	98,1
2003	89,2	94,4											
Total inc	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction									
2002	98,1	97,4	106,0	103,3	102,2	104,7	93,2	92,3	106,3	111,9	102,1	96,9	101,2
2003	99,3	95,8											
Constru	ction												
2002	91,5	95,2	113,8	107,9	113,1	114,1	53,8	118,9	112,4	108,4	107,2	76,7	101,1
2003	89,7	95,4											



Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry	*	->	×	*
Total industry, excluding construction		->	*	*
Intermediate goods	*	*	*	*
Capital goods	->		×	->
Durable consumer goods	->	~	~	**
Non-durable consumer goods	×		->	**
Mining and quarrying	+	**	->	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	/ /		1	11
Textiles and textile products	*	*	11	1
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	*	->	**	~
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	1	*	->	**
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	->		~
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	1 11	**	→	
Non-metallic mineral products	1	->		11
Manufacture of basic metals	->	11	**	**
Furniture	1 22	*	->	
Electricity	**	*	**	**
Construction	1	1	1	**

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices (2000=100) : Trend :

Evolutio	on of trend
	cycle
Last th	ree months
comp	ared to the
pre	vious three
	months
**	> 2.5%
× 0.5	5% to 2.5%
→ -0.5	5% to 0.5%
* -2.5	% to -0.5%
**	< -2.5%

STATISTIEK EN ECONOMISCHE INFORMATIE Conjunctuur

NIS Persbericht

Belgium – March 2003: production in industry - 0.1%, construction – 2.1%

Business cycle upturn in Flanders?

n March 2003, compared to March of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction fell by 0.1%; in construction it fell by 2.1%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-1.5%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by 0.5% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 1.7%. A split as to the type of production gives -0.1% for intermediate goods, -0.2% for capital goods, -0.4% for durable consumer goods and -1.0% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 2.1%.

The latest trend figures of industrial production show an upturn, at least in Flanders. Particularly the figures of intermediate goods (+ 1;7%) and the chemical industry (+ 1;5%) look promising for the northern part of Belgium. In Wallonia and Brussels, however, those sectors still show a status quo. Construction figures on the other hand are positive for the whole country.

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> Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

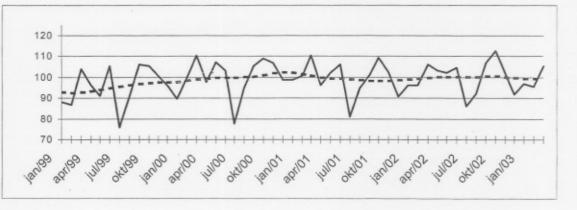
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Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices (2000=100) : Trend :

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	months
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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	Justry, e	xcluding	g constru	iction		1.00							
2002	97,6	96,9	105,6	102,8	101,7	104,2	92,7	91,9	106,5	112,3	102,8	96,5	101,0
2003	99,3	96,1	105,5										
Constru	iction												
2002	89,6	92,8	107,6	104,6	103,0	106,9	56,3	93,4	109,1	113,8	97,4	72,5	95,6
2003	89,2	95,2	105,2										
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	iction									
2002	97,6	96,9	105,6	102,8	101,7	104,2	92,7	91,9	106,5	112,3	102,8	96,5	101,0
2003	99,3	96,1	105,5										
Constru	iction												
2002	90,2	93,8	112,3	106,4	111,8	112,8	52,8	98,1	110,9	110,3	107,4	77,2	98,7
2003	89,7	96,2	109,9										



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

STATISTIEK EN ECONOMISCHE INFORMATIE

NIS Persbericht

Belgium – April 2003: production in industry + 1.6%, construction - 4.8%

T n April 2003, compared to April of the previous year, Belgium's working day adjusted production in industry excluding construction increased by 1.6%; in construction it fell by 4.8%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-0.7%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by 0.4% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 1.,5%. A split as to the type of production gives +1.4% for intermediate goods, +0.7% for capital goods, -0.5% for durable consumer goods and -0.2% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 0.4%.

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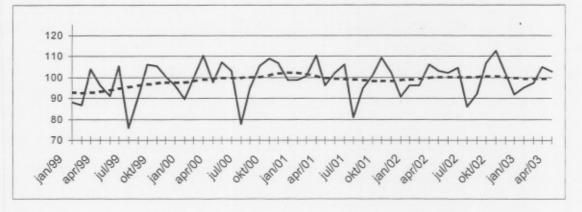
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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of industrial production

> Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	iction	1.1.1	1.186							
2002	97,6	96,9	105,6	102,8	101,7	104,2	92,7	91,9	106,5	112,3	102,8	96,5	101,0
2003	98,1	98,5	104,7	103,5									
Constru	ction												
2002	89,6	92,8	107,6	104,6	103,0	106,9	56,3	93,4	109,1	113,8	97,4	72,5	95,6
2003	83,4	92,7	106,0	99,5									
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	iction									
2002	97,6	96,9	105,6	102,8	101,7	104,2	92,7	91,9	106,5	112,3	102,8	96,5	101,0
2003	99,3	96,1	105,5	104,4									
Constru	ction									-			
2002	90,2	93,8	112,3	106,4	111,8	112,8	52,8	98,1	110,9	110,3	107,4	77,2	98,7
2003	89,7	96,2	109,9	101,3									



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

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations Gross indices

Trend cycle

(2000=100) : Trend :

Evolutio	on of trend
	cycle
Last thr	ee months
comp	ared to the
	vious three
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	> 2.5%
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	% to 0.5%
	% to -0.5%
**	< -2.5%

STATISTIEK EN ECONOMISCHE INFORMATIE Conjunctuur

NIS Persbericht

Belgium – May 2003: production in industry + 0.5%, construction - 1.5%

n May 2003, compared to the previous month, Belgium's **seasonally adjusted production** in industry excluding construction increased by 0.5%; in construction it fell by 1.5%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-0.6%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by 0.1% in Flanders; in Wallonia production stayed stable (+0.0%). A split as to the type of production gives +0.1% for intermediate goods, -1.1% for capital goods, -0.5% for durable consumer goods and +0.0% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 1.0%.

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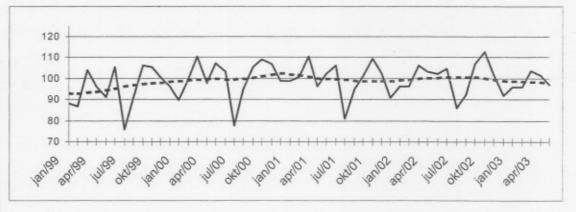
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> Indices per working day

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Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction	17-23-14								
2002	97,6	96,9	105,6	102,8	101,7	104,2	92,7	91,9	106,5	112,3	102,8	96,5	101,0
2003	99,1	97,4	102,9	101,5	97,8								*******
Constru	ction												
2002	89,6	92,8	107,6	104,6	103,0	106,9	56,3	93,4	109,1	113,8	97,4	72,5	95,6
2003	83,4	89,8	106,0	100,6	94,1								
Total inc	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction									
2002	97,9	97,5	108,1	103,8	106,5	107,4	90,8	94,4	107,5	110,4	108,2	99,0	102,6
2003	99,4	98,0	105,5	102,5	102,5								
Constru	ction												
2002	90,2	93,9	112,3	106,4	111,8	112,7	52,8	98,1	110,9	110,3	107,3	77,2	98,6
2003	84,0	90,9	110,7	102,3	102,9								



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

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices (2000=100) : Trend :

Evolutio	n of trend
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STATISTIEK EN ECONOMISCHE INFORMATIE

NIS Persbericht

Belgium – June 2003: production in industry + 0.0%, construction + 1.6%

n June 2003, compared to the previous month, Belgium's **seasonally adjusted production** in industry excluding construction stayed stable (+0.0%); in construction it rose by 1.6%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-1.0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by 0.9% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 0.2%. A split as to the type of production gives +0.2% for intermediate goods, -1.2% for capital goods, -2.0% for durable consumer goods and +0.1% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 1.5%.

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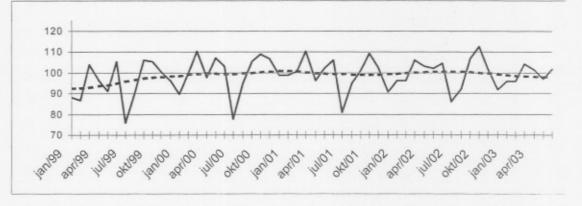
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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of industrial production

Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction		4		1					
2002	97,6	96,9	105,6	102,8	101,7	104,2	92,7	91,9	106,5	112,3	102,8	96,5	101,0
2003	99,1	97,4	103,4	101,5	97,5	101,1							
Constru	ction												
2002	89,6	92,8	107,6	104,6	103,0	106,9	56,3	93,4	109,1	113,8	97,4	72,5	95,6
2003	83,4	89,8	106,5	100,6	94,5	104,1							
Total inc	lustry, e	xcluding	constru	iction									
2002	97,6	96,9	105,6	102,8	101,7	104,2	92,7	91,9	106,5	112,3	102,8	96,5	101,0
2003	99,1	97,4	103,4	101,5	97,5	101,1							
Constru	ction												
2002	90,2	92,8	112,3	106,4	111,8	112,7	52,8	98,1	110,9	110,3	107,3	77,2	98,6
2003	84,0	89,8	111,1	102,3	103,3	109,9							



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Gross indices (2000=100) :

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× -2.5	% to -0.5%
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry		->	*	1
Total industry, excluding construction		~	⇒	->
Intermediate goods	->	+	->	11
Capital goods	×	-	~~	~
Durable consumer goods	~	~	-	~~
Non-durable consumer goods	->	~	1	~~
Mining and quarrying	7	**	11	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	/ /	+	1	**
Textiles and textile products		1	11	~
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	-	~	11	-+
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	**	*	**	~
Metal products, machinery and equipment	** .	~	~~	**
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11	11	1	
Non-metallic mineral products	->	-	-	**
Manufacture of basic metals	->	1	**	
Furniture	**	*	**	
Electricity	**	1	1	"
Construction	*	*	11	1

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

STATISTIEK EN ECONOMISCHE INFORMATIE Conjunctuur

NIS Persbericht

Belgium – July 2003: production in industry + 3.7%, construction + 7.2%

In July 2003, compared to the previous month, Belgium's **seasonally adjusted production** in industry excluding construction increased by 3.7%; in construction it rose by 7.2%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (+0.3%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 0.5% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 1.8%. A split as to the type of production gives +1.4% for intermediate goods, +0.2% for capital goods, -1.6% for durable consumer goods and +0.0% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 0.3%.

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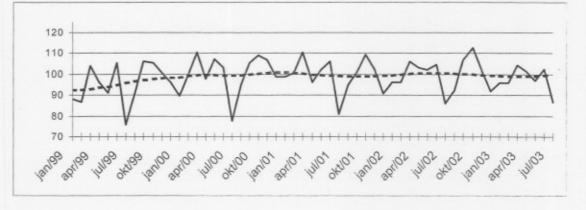
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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of industrial production

> Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	iction	1000	0.84				1		1	
2002	97,6	96,9	105,6	102,8	101,7	104,2	92,7	91,9	106,5	112,3	102,8	96,5	101,0
2003	99,1	97,4	103,4	101,3	97,5	101,7	94,2						
Constru	ction												
2002	89,6	92,8	107,6	104,6	103,0	106,9	56,3	93,4	109,1	113,8	97,4	72,5	95,6
2003	83,4	89,8	106,5	101,0	94,5	105,0	56,7						
Total ind	ustry, ex	xcluding	g constru	iction									
2002	97,6	96,9	105,6	102,8	101,7	104,2	92,7	91,9	106,5	112,3	102,8	96,5	101,0
2003	99,1	97,4	103,4	101,3	97,5	101,7	94,2						
Constru	ction												
2002	90,2	92,8	112,3	106,4	111,8	112,8	52,8	98,1	110,9	110,3	107,4	77,2	98,6
2003	84,0	89,8	111,2	102,8	103,4	110,9	57,3						



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

Trend cycle Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices (2000=100) : Trend :

Evolutio	on of trend
	cycle
Last the	ree months
comp	ared to the
pre	vious three
	months
"	> 2.5%
× 0.5	5% to 2.5%
→ -0.5	5% to 0.5%
₩ -2.5	% to -0.5%
**	< -2.5%

STATISTIEK EN ECONOMISCHE INFORMATIE

NIS Persbericht

Belgium – August 2003: production in industry – 1.6%, construction - 12.6%

T n August 2003, compared to the previous month, Belgium's seasonally adjusted production in industry excluding construction fell by 1.6%; in construction it fell by 12.6%.

The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+0.6%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 0.2% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 1.2%. A split as to the type of production gives +1.5% for intermediate goods, -0.4% for capital goods, -1.5% for durable consumer goods and +1.0% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 1.1%.

The very negative production figures seen in the building industry are likely to be caused by a shift in the timing of holidays in the building trade.

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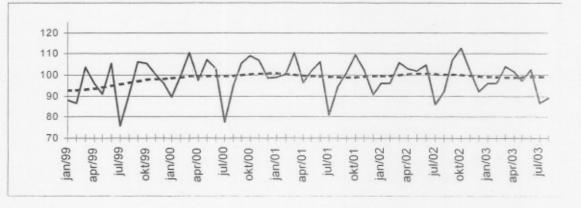
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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of industrial production

> Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nbv	Dec	Year
Total ind	ustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction	100	1.318							
2002	97,6	96,9	105,6	102,8	101,7	104,2	92,7	91,9	106,5	112,3	102,8	96,5	101,0
2003	99,1	97,4	103,4	101,3	97,6	101,7	93,6	89,9					
Constru	ction										-		
2002	89,6	92,8	107,6	104,6	103,0	106,9	56,3	93,4	109,1	113,8	97,4	72,5	95,6
2003	83,4	89,8	106,5	101,0	94,8	105,0	58,3	86,2					
Total ind	ustry, e	cluding	g constru	iction									
2002	96,9	96,9	108,7	102,5	104,5	107,3	90,8	93,6	108,5	109,8	104,6	98,4	101,9
2003	98,3	97,4	105,9	101,3	101,7	105,0	92,3	89,9					
Constru	ction												
2002	90,2	92,8	112,4	106,4	112,0	112,9	52,7	98,2	110,9	110,2	107,6	77,3	98,6
2003	84,0	89,8	111,3	102,8	103,8	111,0	58,9	95,2					



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

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices (2000=100) : Trend :

Evolutio	on of trend cycle
1 and the	
	ree months
comp	pared to the
pre	vious three
	months
	> 2.5%
/ 0.	5% to 2.5%
→ -0.5	5% to 0.5%
* -2.5	% to -0.5%
**	< -2.5%

STATISTIEK EN ECONOMISCHE INFORMATIE Conjunctuur

NIS Persbericht

Belgium – September 2003: production in industry – 0.5%, construction + 5.9%

In September 2003, compared to the previous month, Belgium's seasonally adjusted production in industry excluding construction fell by 0.5%; in construction it rose by 5.9%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-0.6%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 0.1% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 0.1%. A split as to the type of production gives +1.3% for intermediate goods, -1.9% for capital goods, -2.1% for durable consumer goods and +0.2% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 0.1%.

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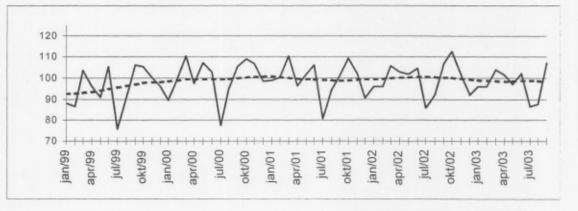
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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of industrial production

Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction							1		
2002	97,6	96,9	105,6	102,8	101,7	104,2	92,7	91,9	106,5	112,3	102,8	96,5	101,0
2003	99,1	97,4	103,4	101,3	97,6	101,2	93,6	87,7	105,4				
Constru	ction												
2002	89,6	92,8	107,6	104,6	103,0	106,9	56,3	93,4	109,1	113,8	97,4	72,5	95,6
2003	83,4	89,8	106,5	101,0	94,8	105,7	58,3	87,9	114,5				
Total inc	lustry, ex	cluding	g constru	iction									
2002	96,9	96,9	108,7	102,5	104,5	107,3	90,8	93,6	108,5	109,8	104,6	98,4	101,9
2003	98,3	97,4	105,9	101,3	101,7	104,5	92,3	87,7	105,4				
Constru	ction												
2002	90,2	92,8	112,4	106,4	112,0	112,9	52,7	98,2	110,9	110,2	107,6	77,3	98,6
2003	84,0	89,8	111,3	102,8	103,8	111,7	58,9	96,9	112,1				



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

Trend cycle Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and

random fluctuations

Gross indices (2000=100) :

Trend :

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Evolution	n of trend
	cycle
	ee months
compa	ared to the
prev	ious three
	months
**	> 2.5%
# 0.5	% to 2.5%
→ -0.5 ⁴	% to 0.5%
₹ -2.5%	6 to -0.5%
**	< -2.5%

STATISTIEK EN ECONOMISCHE INFORMATIE

NIS Persbericht

Belgium – October 2003: production in industry – 1.0%, construction – 0.1%

First sign of recovery ?

n October 2003, compared to the previous month, Belgium's seasonally adjusted production in industry excluding construction fell by 1.0%; in construction it fell by 0.1%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline (-0.6%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by 0.6% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 0.7%. A split as to the type of production gives +0.6% for intermediate goods, -0.2% for capital goods, -2.7% for durable consumer goods and -0.5% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 0.7%.

Although the general trend remains slightly downward, there may be a bright spot in the figures: the production of intermediate goods has started growing again. Intermediate goods, the most important product category in Belgium, are usually ahead on the business cycle.

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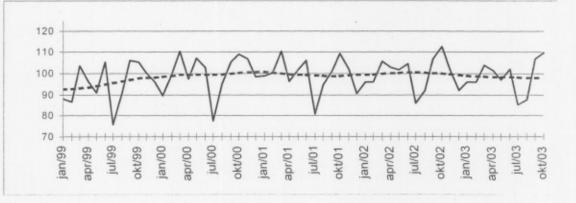
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Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction	-2.485 P	WAY							
2002	97,6	96,9	105,6	102,8	101,7	104,2	92,7	91,9	106,5	112,3	102,8	96,5	101,0
2003	99,1	97,4	103,4	101,3	97,6	101,2	91,8	87,7	105,6	108,5			
Constru	ction								-				
2002	89,6	92,8	107,6	104,6	103,0	106,9	56,3	93,4	109,1	113,8	97,4	72,5	95,6
2003	83,4	89,8	106,5	101,0	94,8	105,7	59,1	87,9	112,6	114,7			
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	iction									
2002	97,9	97,5	108,1	103,7	106,4	107,3	90,8	94,4	107,4	110,4	108,1	99,0	102,6
2003	99,4	98,0	105,9	102,3	102,3	104,3	92,1	92,4	104,3	105,1			
Constru	ction												
2002	90,2	92,8	112,4	106,4	112,0	112,9	52,7	98,2	110,9	110,2	107,6	77,3	98,6
2003	84,0	89,8	111,2	102,8	103,8	111,7	59,7	96,9	110,2	111,1			



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	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	
	Total industry	
olution of trend cycle	Total industry, excluding construction	
	Intermediate goods	
ist three months	Capital goods	
compared to the	Durable consumer goods	
previous three months	Non-durable consumer goods	
montria	Mining and quarrying	
× > 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	
0.5% to 2.5%	Textiles and textile products	
 → -0.5% to 0.5% -2.5% to -0.5% 	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	
× <-2.5%	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	

Construction

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry	->	->	7	11
Total industry, excluding construction		*		~~
Intermediate goods	1	1	*	
Capital goods	->	~~	11	~~
Durable consumer goods	**	~~	1	~~
Non-durable consumer goods	->	->	1	~~
Mining and quarrying	11	11	11	
Food products, beverages and tobacco		**	->	**
Textiles and textile products	**	**	1	~~
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	1	*	1	->
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	11	1	11	*
Metal products, machinery and equipment		*	->	~
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel		~~	~~	
Non-metallic mineral products	1		-	11
Manufacture of basic metals	→	11	11	
Furniture	**	**	->	
Electricity	11	11	-	->

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices (2000=100) : Trend :

Evolution	of trend cycle
Last thre	e months
	red to the
previ	ous three
	months
11	> 2.5%
# 0.5%	6 to 2.5%
→ -0.5%	6 to 0.5%
* -2.5%	to -0.5%
**	< -2.5%
	2.070

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NIS Persbericht

Belgium – November 2003: production in industry - 0,4%, construction - 2,7%

Upward turn ahead?

Belgium's **seasonally adjusted production** in industry excluding construction fell by 0,4%; in construction it fell by 2,7%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (-0,2%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 0,4% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 2,0%. A split as to the type of production gives +0,5% for intermediate goods, -0,5% for capital goods, -2,4% for durable consumer goods and -0,5% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 1,7%.

Although the general trend remains slightly downward, there may be a bright spot in the figures: the production of intermediate goods has started growing again. Intermediate goods, the most important product category in Belgium, are usually ahead on the business cycle.

The downward trend of production seems to level out somewhat during the last months. The upturn of new orders and some other advanced indicators seems to promise a return to growth for production as well.

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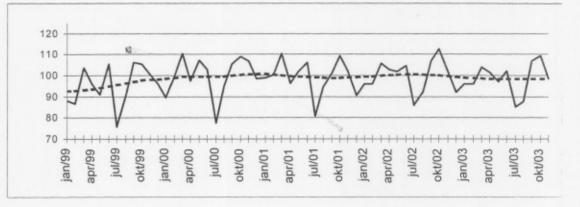
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Trend cycle

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Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	iction						-			
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2003	99,1	97,4	103,4	101,3	97,6	101,2	91,8	87,6	105,6	108,5	101,0		
Constru	ction												
2002	89,6	92,8	107,6	104,6	103,0	106,9	56,3	93,4	109,1	113,8	97,4	72,5	95,6
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Constru	ction												
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2003	84,0	89,8	111,2	102,8	103,7	111,7	59,7	96,7	110,2	108,4	98,8		



Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry	→		2	11
Total industry, excluding construction	->	->	×	**
Intermediate goods	->	11	->	11
Capital goods	×	->	1	~
Durable consumer goods		*	1	11
Non-durable consumer goods	1	*	1	**
Mining and quarrying	1	**	1	
Food products, beverages and tobacco		**	->	~
Textiles and textile products	1 22	**	**	**
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	1	-	1	->
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	1 1	11	11	*
Metal products, machinery and equipment		->	1	**
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	->		→	
Non-metallic mineral products	1	1		1
Manufacture of basic metals	->	11	11	
Furniture	~~	**	**	
Electricity	1	11	1	1
Construction	×.	-	-	->

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations Gross indices (2000=100) :

Trend :

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Last three months compared to the previous three months 2.5% 0.5% to 2.5% → 0.5% to 0.5% → -2.5% to -0.5% < -2.5%	Evolutio	n of trend cycle
 > 2.5% 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% → -2.5% to -0.5% 	comp	ee months ared to the vious three
► -2.5% to -0.5%		> 2.5% % to 2.5%
	× -2.5°	% to -0.5%

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NIS Persbericht

Belgium – December 2003*: production in industry - 0,4%, construction - 2,7%

Economy growing again

Belgium's deseasonalized index of production in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has fallen by 0,4%; in construction it fell by 2,7%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (+0,0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 1,0% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 1,3%. A split as to the type of production gives +1,7% for intermediate goods, +0,0% for capital goods, -2,4% for durable consumer goods and +0,2% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 0,8%.

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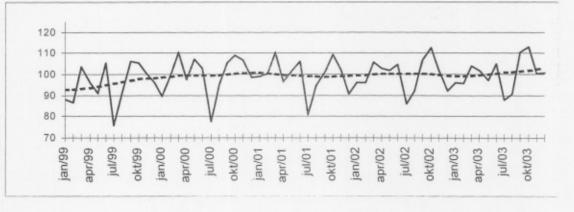
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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of industrial production

Indices per working day Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

1	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nbv	Dec	Year
Total ind	ustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction									
2002	97,6	96,9	105,6	102,8	101,7	104,2	92,7	91,9	106,5	112,3	102,8	96,5	101,0
2003	98,9	97,3	103,4	102,1	97,8	105,1	95,0	91,4	109,9	113,3	103,2	107,2	102,1
Constru	ction												
2002	89,6	92,8	107,6	104,6	103,0	106,9	56,3	93,4	109,1	113,8	97,4	72,5	95,6
2003	83,4	89,8	106,5	101,0	94,8	104,9	58,6	87,3	112,6	111,5	88,6	74,9	92,8
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction									
2002	97,9	97,5	108,1	103,7	106,4	107,3	90,8	94,4	107,4	110,4	108,1	99,0	102,6
2003	99,3	97,9	105,9	103,0	102,5	108,2	95,4	96,0	108,6	111,4	103,2	107,2	103,2
Constru	ction												
2002	90,2	92,8	112,4	106,4	111,9	112,9	52,7	98,2	110,9	110,2	107,5	77,3	98,6
2003	84,0	89,8	111,2	102,8	103,8	110,8	59,2	96,2	110,2	108,0	98,7	75,5	95,9



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

Trend cycle Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices (2000=100) : Trend :

Evolutio	on of trend
	cycle
Last thr	ee months
comp	ared to the
	vious three
	months
"	> 2.5%
× 0.5	5% to 2.5%
→ -0.5	5% to 0.5%
× -2.5	% to -0.5%
**	< -2.5%

STATISTIEK EN ECONOMISCHE INFORMATIE

Conjunctuur

NIS Persbericht

Belgium – January 2004*: production in industry + 1.1%, construction + 4.4%

Production rising again

Belgium's deseasonalized index of **production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has increased by 1.1%; in construction it rose by 4.4%. The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+0.8%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 0.9% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 1.2%. A split as to the type of production gives +0.0% for intermediate goods, -0.1% for capital goods, -1.8% for durable consumer goods and -0.7% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 1.8%.

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Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

Trend cycle

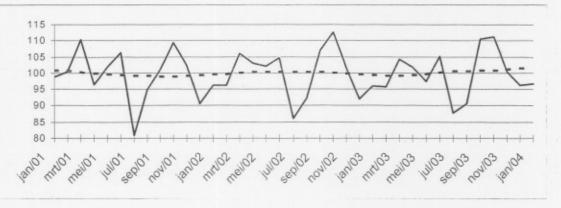
adjusted for

fluctuations

Total industry;

seasonal and random

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	ustry, ex	cluding	g constru	iction		1000							
2003	98,9	97,3	103,4	102,1	97,8	105,1	95,0	91,4	109,9	110,8	103,2	101,7	101,4
2004	100,5												
Constru	ction												
2003	83,4	89,8	106,5	101,0	94,8	104,9	58,6	87,3	112,6	112,3	88,6	74,6	92,9
2004	81,7					1							
Total ind	ustry, ex	cluding	g constru	uction									
2003	99,3	97,9	105,9	103,0	102,5	108,2	95,4	96,0	108,6	108,9	103,2	101,7	102,5
2004	100,5												
Constru	ction												
2003	84,0	89,8	111,2	102,8	103,7	110,8	59,2	96,1	110,2	108,8	98,7	75,1	95,9
2004	86,5												



Tre	nd	:				

Gross indices (2000=100) :

	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
	Total industry	1	1	1	->
Evolution of trend	Total industry, excluding construction	1	1	1	1
cycle	Intermediate goods	-+	1	->	11
Last three months	Capital goods	->	1	**	1
compared to the previous three	Durable consumer goods	~	~	*	11
months	Non-durable consumer goods	~	~	-	->
	Mining and quarrying	~	*	11	
** > 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	1	1	1	~
 ✓ 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% 	Textiles and textile products	-+	-	-	11
→ -2.5% to -0.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing		11		->
×× <-2.5%	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	11	1	11	->
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	/ /	1	-	1
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel		->	~	
	Non-metallic mineral products	11	1	11	1
	Manufacture of basic metals	-+		~	
	Furniture	~~	~	->	
	Electricity	1	~	1	**
	Construction	1	1	-	->

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NIS Persbericht

Belgium – February 2004*: production in industry + 0,9%, construction + 4,6%

Production rising again

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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of industrial production

Indices per working day Allowing for differences in

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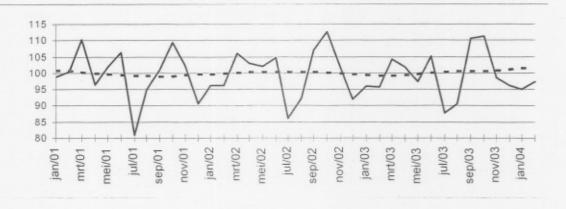




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Evolution o	of trend cycle
Last three	months
compare previou	
1	months
""	> 2.5%
↗ 0.5% t	to 2.5%
→ -0.5% t	
► -2.5% to	
	< -2.5%

-	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nbv	Dec	Year
Total ind	ustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction									
2003	98,9	97,3	103,4	102,1	97,8	105,1	95,0	91,4	109,9	110,8	100,7	101,7	101,2
2004	98,1	99,1											
Construc	ction												
2003	83,4	89,8	106,5	101,0	94,8	104,9	58,6	87,3	112,6	112,3	89,7	74,6	92,9
2004	82,4	90,0											
Total ind	ustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction									
2003	99,3	97,9	105,9	103,0	102,5	108,2	95,4	96,0	108,6	108,9	100,7	101,7	102,3
2004	98,1	99,1											
Construc	ction												
2003	84,0	89,8	111,2	102,8	103,7	110,7	59,2	96,1	110,2	108,8	99,7	75,1	95,9
2004	87,1	92,9											



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

STATISTIEK EN ECONOMISCHE INFORMATIE Conjunctuur

NIS Persbericht

Belgium – March 2004*: production in industry + 0.5%, construction + 4.9%

Production rising again

Belgium's deseasonalized index of production in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has increased by 0.5%; in construction it rose by 4.9%. The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+0.6%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 1.1% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 1.6%. A split as to the type of production gives +0.7% for intermediate goods, -0.6% for capital goods, -2.4% for durable consumer goods and +0.7% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 1.9%.

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Evolution of trend

Last three months compared to the previous three months > 2.5%

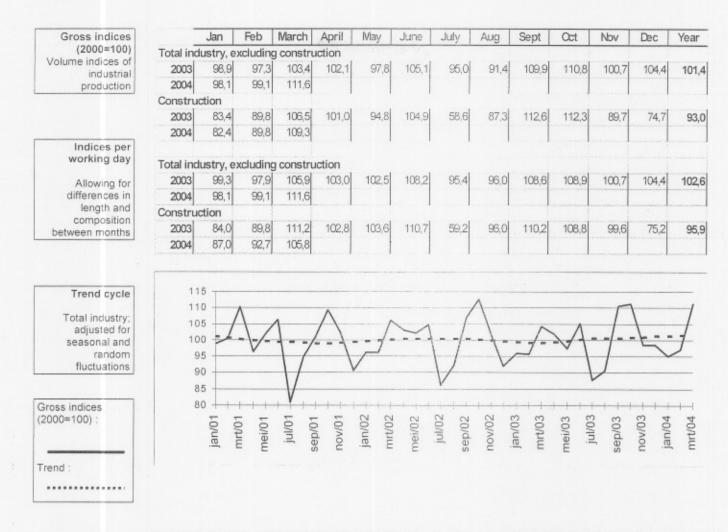
✓ 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% × -2.5% to -0.5%

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cycle

< -2.5%



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

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Press Release Short Term Indicators

Thursday June, 10th 2004

Belgium – April 2004*: production in industry - 0,1%, construction - 2,2%

Production rising again

Belgium's deseasonalized index of production in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has fallen by 0,1%; in construction it fell by 2,2%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (+0,1%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 1,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 2,0%. A split as to the type of production gives +0,7% for intermediate goods, +0,1% for capital goods, -2,6% for durable consumer goods and -0,3% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 0,6%.

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

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Gross indices (2000=100)Volume indices of industrial production

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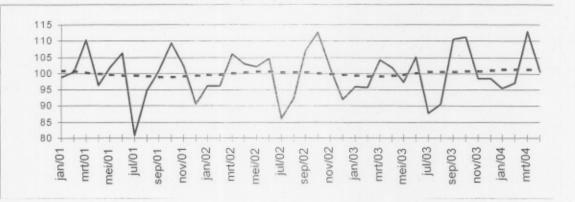
Allowing for differences in length and composition between months





Evolutio	n of trend cycle
compa	ee months ared to the vious three
prev	months
→ -0.5	> 2.5% % to 2.5% % to 0.5% % to -0.5% < -2.5%

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nbv	Dec	Year
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	iction	10-5	1.3							
2003	98,9	97,3	103,4	102,1	97,8	105,1	95,0	91,4	109,9	110,8	100,7	104,4	101,4
2004	98,7	99,1	113,5	102,0									
Constru	ction												
2003	83,4	89,8	106,5	101,0	94,8	104,9	58,6	87,3	112,6	112,3	89,7	74,7	93,0
2004	82,6	89,8	109,7	95,2									
Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	iction									
2003	99,3	97,9	105,9	103,0	102,5	108,2	95,4	96,0	108,6	108,9	100,7	104,4	102,6
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Constru	ction												
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2004	87,2	92,7	106,2	96,9									



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

Indices per

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FEDERALE OVERHEIDSDIENST ECONOMIE, K.M.O., MIDDENSTAND & ENERGIE Press Release Short Term Indicators

Thursday June, 10th 2004

Belgium – May 2004*: production in industry + 0,4%, construction - 6,4%

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Trend cycle
Total industry;
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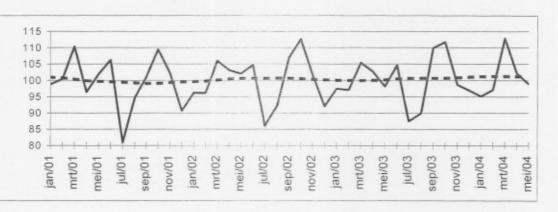


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	cycle
Last thre	e months
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prev	ious three
	months
**	> 2.5%
× 0.5	% to 2.5%
→ -0.5 ^o	% to 0.5%
× -2.5%	6 to -0.5%
	< -2.5%

Evolution of trend

_	Jan	Feb	March	April	Nay	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total indu	istry, excl	uding co	Instruction	n ^a									
2003	101,1	99,0	105,2	103,1	99,1	104,4	94,7	90,4	108,9	111,4	100,8	102,5	101,7
2004	98,2	98,8	113,5	103,8	101,3								
Construct	ion ^a												
2003	82,8	89,0	105,9	100,8	94,1	105,0	58,6	87,6	113,2	112,6	89.7	74,6	92,8
2004	82,7	90,1	109,7	96,8	88,9							1	
Total indu	stry, excl	uding co	nstruction	1									
2003	100,5	99,0	107,8	102,7	103,1	107,6	93,1	93,5	107,4	109,7	104,9	102,8	102,7
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Construct	ion												
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2004	87,4	93,1	106,2	97,5	101,9								

^a The index values were modified in accordance with a rectification to the calculus program and the addition of new persons submitting a declaration.



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

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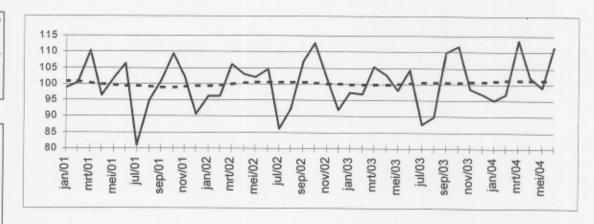
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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of industrial production

Gross indices		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
(2000=100)	Total ind	Total industry, excluding construction										-		
/olume indices of industrial	2003	101,0	98,9	105,1	103,0	99,0	104,3	94,6	90,4	108,9	111,4	100,8	102,5	101,7
production	2004	98,2	98,7	114,5	103,7	101,4	111,9							
	Constru	ction												
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	2004	99,9	101,4	112,4	103,7	106,4	110,4							
	Constru	ction												
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	2004	87,4	93,0	106,0	97,5	102,0	107,0							



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

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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Economische InformatieSB Statistics BelgiumBelgium – July 2004*: production in
industry + 0,3%, construction - 3,9%

Belgium's deseasonalized index of **production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has increased by 0,3%; in construction it fell by 3,9%.

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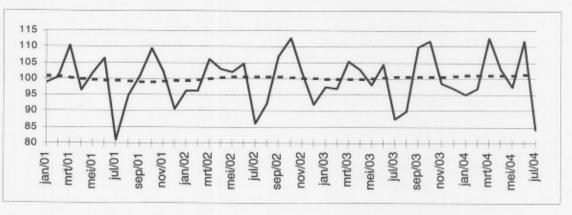
Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices (2000=100) : Trend :

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

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Thursday October, 9th 2004

Belgium – August 2004*: production in industry + 1,1%, construction - 1,7%

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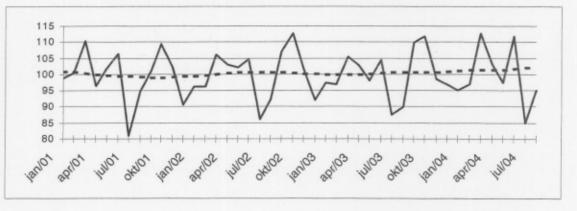
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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of industrial production

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Total ind	lustry, ex	xcluding	g constru	iction									
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry	7	1	1	11
Total industry, excluding construction	1	1	1	**
Intermediate goods	1	1	1	11
Capital goods	1	1	1	**
Durable consumer goods		-	**	""
Non-durable consumer goods		*	1	**
Mining and quarrying	11	->	11	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	1	*	1	*
Textiles and textile products	1	1	~	->
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	->		->	->
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	->	*	11	**
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1	1	11	11
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel		**	**	
Non-metallic mineral products	1	1	1	11
Manufacture of basic metals	×	*	**	
Furniture		1	**	
Electricity	11	*	-+	*
Construction	×	~	**	*

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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Thursday November, 10th 2004

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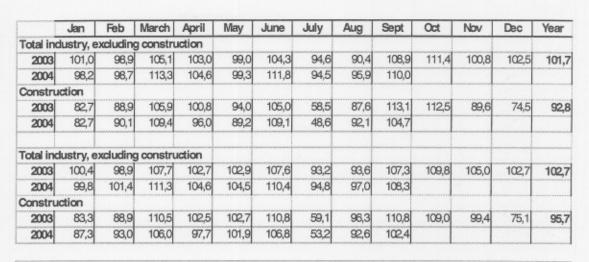
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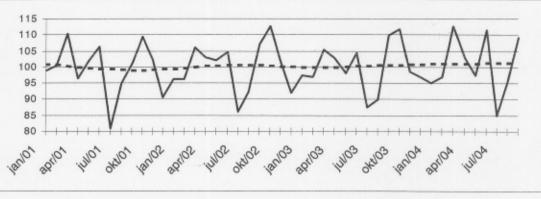
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Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months





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

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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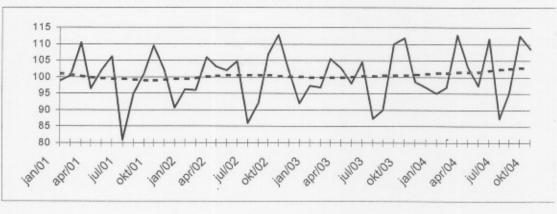
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Trend cycle Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices (2000=100): Trend :

Evolution of trend

Last three months compared to the previous three months > 2.5%

✓ 0.5% to 2.5%
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry	1	->	1	->
Total industry, excluding construction	1	1	1	~
Intermediate goods	1	77	->	*
Capital goods	->	*	11	-+
Durable consumer goods	**	**	-	11
Non-durable consumer goods	->	->	+	**
Mining and quarrying	->	×	1	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	->	+	->	*
Textiles and textile products		*	→	~
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	×	→ ·	~	1
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	1	→	11	1
Metal products, machinery and equipment	->	1	~	11
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	×	**	-+	
Non-metallic mineral products	1	1	+	11
Manufacture of basic metals	-+	1	*	
Furniture	~~	*	**	
Electricity	1	1	->	~
Construction	× 1	*	~	~

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Press Release Short Term Indicators

Thursday January, 13th 2004

Belgium – November 2004*: production in industry + 0,3%, construction - 1,2%

Belgium's deseasonalized index of **production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, is remained constant (+0,3%); in construction it fell by 1,2%. The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+0,7%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a status quo (+0,3%) in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by $0,5\%^{**}$.

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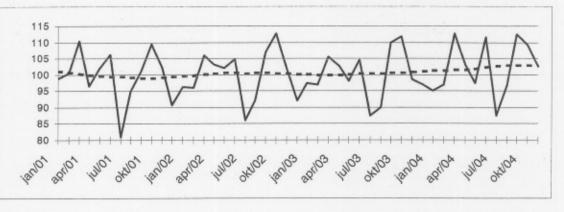
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2003	83,3	88,9	110,5	102,5	102,6	110,8	59,1	96,2	110,8	109,0	99,4	75,1	95,7
2004	87,3	93,0	106,0	97,7	101,9	106,8	53,7	93,5	105,3	108,1	94,7		



Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussel
Total industry	->	**	*	×
Total industry, excluding construction	1	-+		*
Intermediate goods	1	1	*	**
Capital goods	*		**	->
Durable consumer goods	*	**	->	*
Non-durable consumer goods	->	-+	1	**
Mining and guarrying	->	*	1	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	/ /	↔	+	+
Textiles and textile products	⇒	**	-	**
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	*	->	**	/
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products		-	11	*
Metal products, machinery and equipment		⇒	→	**
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	11	**	-	
Non-metallic mineral products	1	1	1	**
Manufacture of basic metals	11	**	+	
Furniture	**	**	**	
Electricity		1	~	*
Construction		↔	1	-+

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Trend :

cycle Last three months compared to the previous three months > 2.5%
 0.5% to 2.5%
 → -0.5% to 0.5% > 2.5% ► -2.5% to -0.5% < -2.5%

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Evolution of trend

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Belgium's deseasonalized index of **production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has fallen by 0,5%; in construction there's a status quo (+0,2%). The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (+0,2%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a status quo (-0,3%) in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by $1,8\%^{**}$.

A split as to the type of production gives +0,7% for intermediate goods, -1,2% for capital goods, -3,1% for durable consumer goods and +0,8% for non-durable consumer goods. In construction, there's a status quo (+0,0%).

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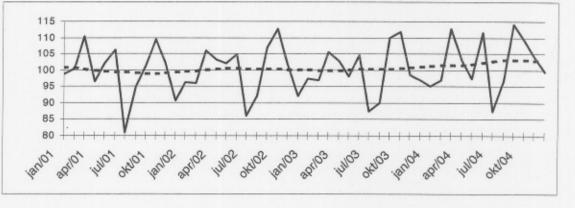
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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of industrial production

Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	lustry, e	cluding	g constru	ction									
2003	101,0	98,9	105,1	103,0	99,0	104,3	94,6	90,4	108,9	111,4	100,8	102,5	101,7
2004	98,2	98,7	113,3	104,6	99,3	111,8	97,3	97,7	115,6	110,4	107,4	105,5	105,0
Constru	ction												
2003	82,7	88,9	105,9	100,8	94,0	105,0	58,5	87,6	113,1	112,5	89,6	74,5	92,8
2004	82,7	90,1	109,4	96,0	89,2	109,1	49,1	92,9	107,7	103,5	91,3	75,6	91,4
Total ind	ustry, ex	cluding	g constru	ction									
2003	100,4	98,9	107,7	102,8	102,9	107,7	96,3	93,5	107,3	109,8	105,1	102,8	102,7
2004	99,8	101,5	111,3	104,7	104,6	110,4	97,5	98,9	114,0	113,6	109,3	103,1	105,7
Construe	ction												
2003	83,3	88,9	110,5	102,5	102,6	110,8	59,1	96,2	110,8	109,0	99,4	75,1	95,7
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	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
	Total industry	⇒	->	1	**
Evolution of trend	Total industry, excluding construction	⇒	+	1	*
cycle	Intermediate goods	1	->	*	*
Last three months	Capital goods	-	+	->	*
compared to the previous three	Durable consumer goods	11	**		**
months	Non-durable consumer goods	1	*	-	**
in on a to	Mining and quarrying	/	->	1	
## > 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	1	+	1	1
 0.5% to 2.5% 	Textiles and textile products	1	*	**	**
→ -0.5% to 0.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing		*	⇒	*
× <-2.5%	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	1	-	11	*
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	*	*	1	*
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	~	->	->	
	Non-metallic mineral products	*	*	1	**
	Manufacture of basic metals	→	**	1	
	Furniture	**	**	*	
	Electricity	*	1	→	*
	Construction	⇒	→	⇒	\rightarrow

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Trend :

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Press Release Short Term Indicators

Thursday March, 10th 2005

Belgium – January 2005*: production Industry : status quo ; construction : +2,3%

Belgium's deseasonalized index of **production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, shows a status quo (+0,0%); in construction it rose by 2,3%. The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (+0,5%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by 0,2% in Flanders; in

Wallonia production shrunk by 0,9%**. A split as to the type of production gives -0,4% for intermediate goods, +0,2% for capital goods, -2,0% for durable consumer goods and +0,5% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 0,1%.

Next press release : 14/4/2005

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*(% increase of the last three months, till January 2005 inclusive, compared to the preceding trimester, seasonally-adjusted values)

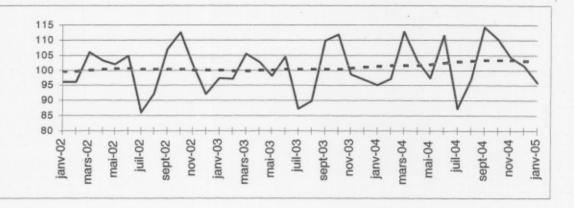
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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of industrial production

Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	ustry, e	xcluding	g constru	iction								1	
2004	98,2	98,7	113,3	104,6	99,3	111,8	97,3	97,7	115,6	111,9	107,4	107,0	105,2
2005	102,6												
Constru	ction												
2004	82,7	90,1	109,4	96,0	89,2	109,1	49,1	92,9	107,7	103,5	91,3	79,5	91,7
2005	70,0												
Total ind	ustry, ex	xcluding	g constru	iction									
2004	99,8	101,4	111,3	104,7	104,6	110,4	97,5	98,9	114,0	115,1	109,3	104,6	106,0
2005	104,3												
Construc	tion												
2004	87,4	93,0	105,9	97,7	102,0	106,7	53,8	93,5	105,3	108,2	97,2	75,9	93,9
2005	74,6												



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

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices (2000=100):

Trend :

Evolution of trend cycle Last three months compared to the previous three months > 2.5% > 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5%

★ -2.5% to -0.5% ** < -2.5%

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

Thursday 14 April 2005

Belgium – February 2005*: production Industry : -0,9% ; construction: status quo

Belgium's **deseasonalized index of production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has fallen by 0.9%; in construction there's a status quo (+0,0%). The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (-0,4%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by 1,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia there's a status quo (+0,0%)**.

A split as to the type of production gives -1,5% for intermediate goods, +0,0% for capital goods, -2,6% for durable consumer goods and +1,0% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 0,5%.

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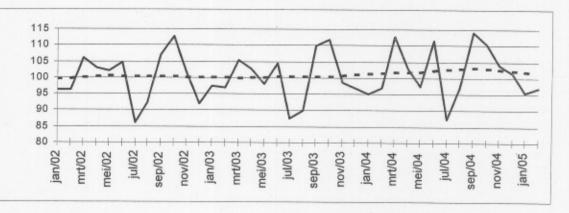
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Trend cycle
Total industry
adjusted for
seasonal and
random
fluctuations



Evolution of trend
cycle
Last three months
compared to the
previous three
months
777 > 2.5%
7 0.5% to 2.5%
→ -0.5% to 0.5%
≥ -2.5% to -0.5%
<-2.5%

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	ustry, ex	xcluding	g constru	iction									
2004	98,2	98,7	113,3	104,6	99,3	111,8	97,3	97,7	115,6	111.9	107.0	107.0	105.2
2005	101,8	100,4											
Constru	ction												
2004	82,7	90,1	109,4	96,0	89,2	109,1	49,1	92,9	107,7	103,5	91,1	79.5	91.7
2005	71,6	82,8											
Total ind	ustry, ex	cluding) constru	ction									
2004	99,8	101,4	111,3	104,6	104,5	110,4	97,6	98,8	114,0	115,1	109.0	104.5	105.9
2005	103,4	100,4											
Constru	tion												
2004	87,4	93,0	105,9	97,7	102,0	106,7	53.8	93,5	105.3	108.1	97.0	76.0	93.9
2005	76,3	82,8											50,0



Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry	К	R	\rightarrow	RK
Total industry, excluding construction	→	К	\rightarrow	RR
Intermediate goods	К	RF	<i>→</i>	RK
Capital goods	→	\rightarrow	77	RF
Durable consumer goods	RR	RR	\rightarrow	RK
Non-durable consumer goods	7	7	7	ZИ
Mining and quarrying	77	К	77	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	→	\rightarrow	7	И
Textiles, textile products, leather and leather products	RR	R	RK	\rightarrow
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	7	Ы	RR	7
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	7	7	RE
Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	Ы
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	>	7	RK	
Non-metallic mineral products	К	7	К	RK
Manufacture of basic metals	И	RF	\rightarrow	
Furniture	К	К	7	
Electricity	7	\rightarrow	7	Ы
Construction	\rightarrow	Ы	К	К



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

Thursday 12 May 2005

Belgium – March 2005*: production Industry : -3,9% ; construction : -7,1%

Belgium's **deseasonalized index of production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has fallen by 3,9%; in construction it fell by 7,1%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong decline (-4,0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by 1,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia production remained constant (+0,0%)**.

A split as to the type of production gives -1,3% for intermediate goods, -0,1% for capital goods, -2,9% for durable consumer goods and +0,4% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 4,1%.

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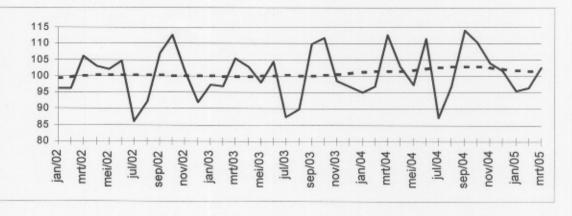
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Trend cycle
Total industry;
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Gross indices (2000=100) : Trend :

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7	> 2.5%
0.5%	6 to 2.5%
-0.5%	6 to 0.5%
-2.5%	to -0.5%
J	< -2.5%

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total ind	ustry, ex	cluding	g constru	iction									
2004	98,2	98,7	113,3	104,6	99,3	111,8	97,3	97,7	115,6	111,9	107,0	107,1	105,2
2005	101,8	99,8	105,9										
Constru	ction												
2004	82,7	90,1	109,4	96,0	89,2	109,1	49,1	92,9	107,7	103,5	91,1	79,8	91,7
2005	71,6	82,8	89,8										
Total ind	ustry, ex	cluding	g constru	iction									
2004	99,7	101,5	111,3	104,8	104,7	110,5	97,5	98,9	114,0	115,1	109,1	104,7	106,0
2005	103,5	99,8	104,7										
Constru	ction												
2004	87,4	93,0	105,9	97,7	102,0	106,7	53,8	93,5	105,3	108,2	97,0	76,3	93,9
2005	76,3	82,8	90,4										



Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry	К	К	К	RR
Total industry, excluding construction	RR	К	\rightarrow	RE
Intermediate goods	K	RK	<i>→</i>	Ы
Capital goods	→	\rightarrow	7	RR
Durable consumer goods	RK	RF	И	77
Non-durable consumer goods	→	7	Я	RR
Mining and quarrying	И	RK	RR	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	И	\rightarrow	7	RK
Textiles, textile products, leather and leather products	RK	RR	И	RK
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	7	К	RF	7
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	Ы	7	RK
Metal products, machinery and equipment	И	Ы	7	7
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	И	К	RK	
Non-metallic mineral products	RR	И	КК	ИИ
Manufacture of basic metals	RR	К	\rightarrow	
Furniture	→	К	7	
Electricity	7	К	Я	Ы
Construction	22	RK	RR	RK



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

Thursday 9 June 2005

Belgium – April 2005*: production Industry : -4,1% ; construction : -4,8%

Belgium's deseasonalized index of production in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has fallen by 4,1%; in construction it fell by 4,8%.

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

A split as to the type of production gives -2,0% for intermediate goods, -0,2% for capital goods, -2,6% for durable consumer goods and +0,1% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 1,8%.

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2004	98,2	98,7	113,3	104,6	99,3	111,8	97,3	97,7	115,6	111,9	107,0	107,1	105,2
2005	108,9	99,8	111,9	102,4									
Constru	ction												
2004	82,7	90,1	109,4	96,0	89,2	109,1	49,1	92,9	107,7	103,5	91,1	79,8	91,7
2005	71,9	82,8	90,3	100,0									
Total ind	ustry, ex	xcluding	g constru	uction									
2004	99,8	101,4	111,3	104,5	104,5	110,4	97,6	98,9	114,0	115,1	109,0	104,6	105,9
2005	110,5	99,8	110,4	102,9									
Constru	ction												
2004	87,4	93,0	105,9	97,7	102,1	106,7	53,8	93,5	105,3	108,2	97,0	76,3	93,9
2005	76,6	82,8	90,8	101,7									

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 (2000=100) :
Trend :

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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry	К	R	К	RK
Total industry, excluding construction	К	И	К	RK
Intermediate goods	К	К	\rightarrow	RK
Capital goods) <i>></i>	\rightarrow	К	К
Durable consumer goods	RR	Ы	К	RF
Non-durable consumer goods	→	R	7	RR
Mining and quarrying	К	К	7	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	>	7	7	RK
Textiles, textile products, leather and leather products	К	RK	RR	RE
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	>	И	RK	\rightarrow
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	RF	RK	\rightarrow	RK
Metal products, machinery and equipment	И	Ы	\rightarrow	7
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	И	Ы	\rightarrow	
Non-metallic mineral products	К	>	И	RE
Manufacture of basic metals	27	Ы	RK	
Furniture	К	Ы	RK	
Electricity	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	К
Construction	L K	RK	RK	RE

Evolution of trend cycle Last three months compared to the previous three months ↗↗ > 2.5% ↗ 0.5% to 2.5% ➔ -0.5% to 0.5% ↘ -2.5% to -0.5% ↘ < -2.5%

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

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Thursday 7 July 2005

Belgium – May 2005*: production Industry : -0,7% ; construction : -4,1%

Belgium's **deseasonalized index of production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has fallen by 0,7%; in construction it fell by 4,1%.

The trend of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a decline

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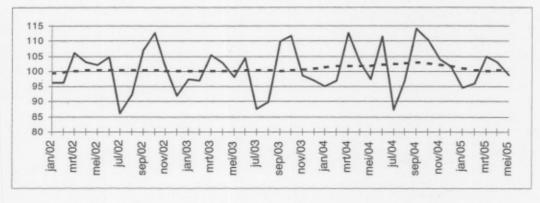
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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of industrial

production

Indices per working day

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Total ind	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	iction									
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2005	100,6	99,2	108,8	103,1	101,0								
Constru	ction												
2004	82,7	90,1	109,4	96,0	89,2	109,1	49,1	92,9	107,7	103,5	91,1	79,8	91,7
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Total ind	lustry, ex	xcluding	g constru	ction		+							
2004	99,8	101,4	111,3	104,7	104,5	110,4	97,6	98,8	114,0	115,1	109,0	104,6	105,9
2005	102,2	99,2	107,5	103,6	105,7						-		
Constru	ction					1							
2004	87,4	93,0	105,9	97,7	102,1	106,7	53,8	93,5	105,3	108,2	97,0	76,3	93,9
2005	76,6	82,9	90,7	102,8	98,6								



Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry	К	Ы	К	R
Total industry, excluding construction	К	К	К	К
Intermediate goods	К	И	7	Ы
Capital goods	7	\rightarrow	К	К
Durable consumer goods	RR	И	\rightarrow	77
Non-durable consumer goods	→	7	7	RK
Mining and quarrying	77	\rightarrow	7	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	7	7	77	RF
Textiles, textile products, leather and leather products	К	RF	עע	RK
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	И	К	К	\rightarrow
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	К	RK	7	RK
Metal products, machinery and equipment	К	\rightarrow	К	\rightarrow
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	К	К	\rightarrow	
Non-metallic mineral products	>	7	К	RF
Manufacture of basic metals	RK	К	RK	
Furniture	И	К	K	
Electricity	7	7	К	К
Construction	L R	К	RF	Ы

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months





Evolutio	on of trend
	cycle
Last thr	ree months
comp	ared to the
pre	vious three
	months
77	> 2.5%
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→ -0.5	5% to 0.5%
ש -2.5	% to -0.5%
RK	< -2.5%
	and the second

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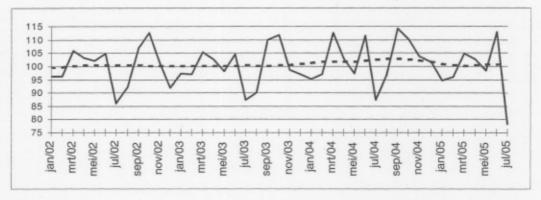
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2004	98,2	98,7	113,3	104,6	99,3	111,8	97,3	97,7	115,6	111,9	107,0	107,1	105,2
2005	100,6	99,2	108,4	103,0	100,1	113,3	88,0						
Constru	ction												
2004	82,7	90,1	109,4	96,0	89,2	109,1	49,1	92,9	107,7	103,5	91,1	79,8	91,7
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Total industry	>	\rightarrow	Ы	RR
Total industry, excluding construction	→	Ы	К	RK
Intermediate goods	>	R	\rightarrow	К
Capital goods	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	RK
Durable consumer goods	И	\rightarrow	Ы	77
Non-durable consumer goods	7	\rightarrow	7	ИИ
Mining and quarrying	77	R	И	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	7	\rightarrow	7	RK
Textiles, textile products, leather and leather products	К	К	NN .	К
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	К	7	RR	Ы
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	К	RR	RK
Metal products, machinery and equipment	К	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	RK
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	К	К	\rightarrow	
Non-metallic mineral products	7	7	7	RK
Manufacture of basic metals	22	עע	RR	
Furniture	К	К	К	
Electricity	7	7	К	K
Construction	7	77	И	K

Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months



Gross indices (2000=100) : Trend :

Evolutio	n of trend
	cycle
Last three	ee months
compa	ared to the
prev	ious three
	months
77	> 2.5%
7 0.5	% to 2.5%
→ -0.5	% to 0.5%
¥-2.59	6 to -0.5%
RK	< -2.5%

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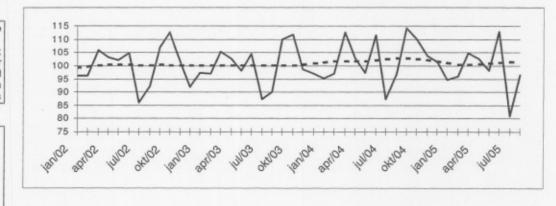
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Total industry	7	\rightarrow	÷	И
Total industry, excluding construction	>	\rightarrow	К	RK
Intermediate goods	7	7	7	77
Capital goods	7	\rightarrow	7	RK
Durable consumer goods	К	7	Ы	77
Non-durable consumer goods	>	\rightarrow	7	ЯЯ
Mining and quarrying	R	R	RR	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	→	\rightarrow	7	Ы
Textiles, textile products, leather and leather products	>	\rightarrow	RR	7
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	К	7	עע	\rightarrow
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	→	\rightarrow	RR	RK
Metal products, machinery and equipment	>	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	К	К	אמ	
Non-metallic mineral products	7	7	\rightarrow	RR
Manufacture of basic metals	>	Ы	עע	
Furniture	7	\rightarrow	7	
Electricity	7	7	И	Ы
Construction	7	\rightarrow	И	7

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



compar	of trend cycle e months red to the ous three months
→ -0.5%	> 2.5% 6 to 2.5% 6 to 0.5% to -0.5% < -2.5%



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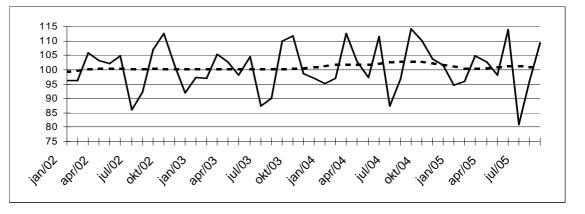
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Gross indices (2000=100):

Trend :

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Constru	ction												
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2005	71,9	82,9	90,1	100,7	90,7	108,8	44,3	92,8	103,3				
Total inc	lustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction									
2004	99,8	101,4	111,3	104,8	104,6	110,5	97,6	98,9	114,0	115,1	109,1	104,6	106,0
2005	102,2	99,2	107,3	103,5	104,7	113,4	96,4	95,8	109,6				
Constru	ction												
2004	87,3	93,0	106,0	97,7	101,8	106,8	53,7	93,5	105,4	108,1	96,9	76,4	93,9
2005	76,5	82,9	90,6	102,4	99,3	106,5	52,9	93,4	101,0				



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	Total industry	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	Ы	Ы
Evolution of trend	Total industry, excluding construction	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	Ы	Ы
cycle	Intermediate goods	7	7	\rightarrow	77
Last three months	Capital goods	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	ממ	Ы
compared to the previous three	Durable consumer goods	Ы	7	Ы	77
months	Non-durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	ממ
	Mining and quarrying	Ы	\rightarrow	עע	
77 > 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	Ы
 7 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% 	Textiles, textile products, leather and leather products	Ы	\rightarrow	ממ	7
→ -2.5% to -0.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	\rightarrow	77	\rightarrow	7
2.0% נס 0.0%	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	\rightarrow	77	ממ	Ы
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	Ы	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	77
I	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	Ы	ИИ	ממ	
	Non-metallic mineral products	7	7	Ы	בר
	Manufacture of basic metals	ИИ	Ы	ממ	
	Furniture	Ы	Ы	Ы	
	Electricity	7	7	Ы	Ы
	Construction	Ы	Ы	\rightarrow	Ы



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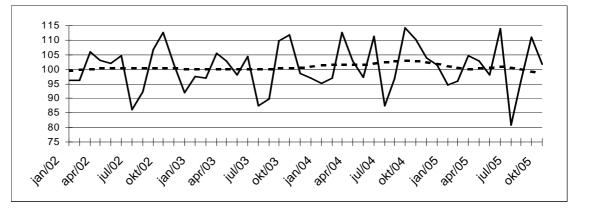
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Trend :

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Total ind	dustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction									
2004	98,2	98,7	113,3	104,6	99,3	111,8	97,3	97,7	115,6	111,9	107,0	107,1	105,2
2005	100,6	99,2	108,4	103,0	99,8	115,0	90,8	96,5	111,7	103,6			
Constru	iction												
2004	82,7	90,1	109,4	96,0	89,2	109,1	49,1	92,9	107,7	103,5	91,1	79,8	91,
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Total ind	dustry, e	xcluding	g constru	uction									
2004	99,8	101,4	111,3	104,7	104,6	110,5	97,6	98,9	114,0	115,1	109,1	104,5	105,
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	Total industry	Ы	Ы	К	Ы
Evolution of trend	Total industry, excluding construction	Ы	Ы	Ы	Ы
cycle	Intermediate goods	\rightarrow	Ы	\rightarrow	И
Last three months	Capital goods	Ы	Ы	הר	רר
compared to the previous three	Durable consumer goods	ИИ	И	7	77
months	Non-durable consumer goods	Ы	\rightarrow	7	הר
	Mining and quarrying	Ы	\rightarrow	К	
77 > 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	К	7	Ы
 7 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% 	Textiles, textile products, leather and leather products	ИИ	\rightarrow	רר	7
→ -0.5% to -0.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	Ы	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7
2.0% וט 0.0%	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	ИИ	7	רר	רר
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	Ы	И	Ы	7
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	ИИ	רר	Ы	
	Non-metallic mineral products	Ы	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	רר
	Manufacture of basic metals	ИИ	7	רר	
	Furniture	Ы	רר	7	
	Electricity	Ы	Ы	Ы	Ы
	Construction	К	רר	רר	\rightarrow



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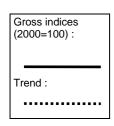
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Indices per working day

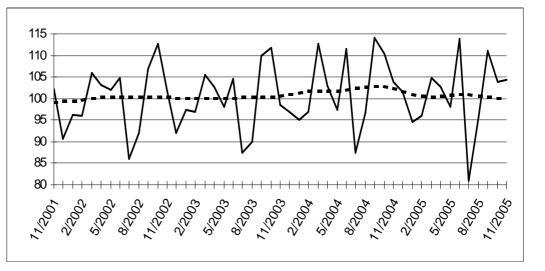
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Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total in	dustry	, exclu	iding co	nstru	ction								
2004	98,2	98,7	113,3	104,6	99,3	111,8	97,3	97,7	115,6	111,9	107,0	107,1	105,2
2005	100,6	99,2	108,4	103,0	99,8	115,0	90,8	95,9	111,7	105,6	107,6		
Constru	uction												
2004	82,7	90,1	109,4	96,0	89,2	109,1	49,1	92,9	107,7	103,5	91,1	79,8	91,7
2005	71,9	82,9	90,1	100,7	90,7	108,8	44,1	93,6	107,6	96,7	91,7		
Total in	dustry	, exclu	iding co	nstru	ction								
2004	99,8	101,5	111,3	104,7	104,7	110,5	97,6	98,9	113,9	115,1	109,2	104,5	106,0
2005	102,2	99,2	107,2	103,5	104,8	113,3	96,4	95,2	110,5	108,1	107,9		
Constru	uction												
2004	87,4	93,0	105,9	97,7	102,0	106,7	53,8	93,5	105,3	108,1	97,0	76,3	93,9
2005	76,6	82,9	90,7	102,4	99,4	106,5	52,8	94,2	105,3	101,3	97,5		



	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Evolution of trend	Total industry	Ы	Ы	Ы	К
cycle	Total industry, excluding construction	Ы	\rightarrow	Ы	К
Last three months	Intermediate goods	7	\rightarrow	К	RК
compared to the previous three	Capital goods	Ы	Ы	7	בת
months	Durable consumer goods	Ы	\rightarrow	7	77
	Non-durable consumer goods	Ы	\rightarrow	7	אא
77 > 2.5%	Mining and quarrying	Ы	Ы	Ы	
 7 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% 	Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	Ы	Ы	בר
→ -0.5% to 0.5%	Textiles and textile products	Ы	Ы	Ы	Ы
בוביאי איז איז איז איז איז איז איז איז איז	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	\rightarrow	Ы	Ы	7
	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	\rightarrow	77	אא	Ы
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	Ы	\rightarrow	7	7
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	Ы	אא	רר	
	Non-metallic mineral products	Ы	7	К	רר
	Manufacture of basic metals	7	К	רר	
	Furniture	רר	רר	\rightarrow	
	Electricity	Ы	Ы	К	\rightarrow
	Construction	Ы	אא	Ы	7



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Tuesday 14 February 2006

Belgium – December 2005*: production Industry : -0,6% ; construction : -0,2%

Belgium's **deseasonalized index of production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has fallen by 0,6%; in construction there's a status quo (- 0,2%). The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+1,2%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a status quo in Flanders (+0,2%) and in Wallonia (+0,3%)**.

A split as to the type of production gives -0,3% for intermediate goods, -0,3% for capital goods, -1,7% for durable consumer goods and -0,5% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 1,0%.

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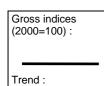
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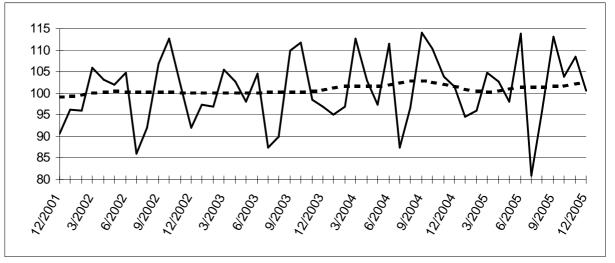
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Total industry, excluding construction													
2004	98,2	98,7	113,3	104,6	99,3	111,8	97,3	97,7	115,6	111,9	107,0	107,1	105,2
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Constru	uction												
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Total industry, excluding construction													
2004	99,9	101,5	111,3	104,8	104,8	110,5	97,5	98,9	114,0	115,1	109,3	104,7	106,0
2005	102,2	99,2	107,3	103,5	104,9	113,3	96,5	95,3	113,3	108,0	112,3	107,0	105,2
Construction													
2004	87,4	93,0	105,9	97,7	102,0	106,7	53,8	93,5	105,3	108,2	97,0	76,3	93,9
2005	76,6	82,9	90,7	102,4	99,5	106,4	52,9	94,2	105,1	101,3	100,2	74,9	90,6



Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Evolution of trend	Total industry	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	אא
cycle	Total industry, excluding construction	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	אא
Last three months	Intermediate goods	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow	7
compared to the	Capital goods	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	Ы
previous three	Durable consumer goods	Ы	Ы	7	77
months	Non-durable consumer goods	Ы	Ы	7	בר
77 > 2.5%	Mining and quarrying	Ы	Ы	7	
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	בר
→ -0.5% to 0.5%	Textiles and textile products	Ы	Ы	RГ	בר
2.5% to -0.5% ב - 2.5% צע < -2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	Ы	\rightarrow	77	7
33 \ 2.070	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	\rightarrow	77	RГ	\rightarrow
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	בר
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	Ы	Ы	\rightarrow	
	Non-metallic mineral products	Ы	7	Ы	בר
	Manufacture of basic metals	77	Ы	7	
	Furniture	ИИ	רב	\rightarrow	
	Electricity	7	К	Ы	\rightarrow
	Construction	7	7	Ы	\rightarrow



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Friday 10 March 2006

Belgium – January 2006*: production Industry : +2,8% ; construction : +6,0%

Belgium's **deseasonalized index of production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has increased by 2,8%; in construction it rose by 6,0%.

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

A split as to the type of production gives -0.4% for intermediate goods, +0.7% for capital goods, -1.4% for durable consumer goods and +0.3% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 1.6%.

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Indices per working day

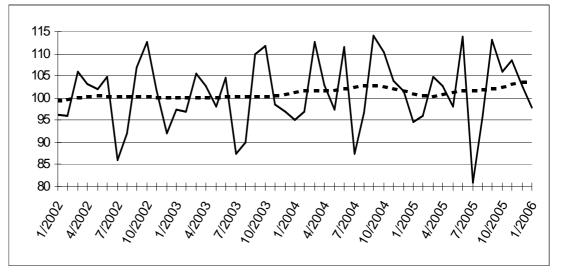
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Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



	Jan	Feb	March	April	Мау	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total in	dustry	, exclu	iding co	nstru	ction								
2005	100,6	99,2	108,4	103,0	99,8	115,0	90,8	95,9	114,4	108,2	112,0	109,7	104,8
2006	103,8												
Constru	uction												
2005	71,9	82,9	90,1	100,7	90,7	108,8	44,1	93,6	107,4	96,5	94,4	76,3	88,1
2006	75,1												
Total in	dustry	, exclu	iding co	nstru	ction								
2005	102,3	99,2	107,3	103,4	104,9	113,3	96,5	95,3	113,2	110,7	112,3	108,9	105,6
2006	105,1												
Constru	uction												
2005	76,6	82,9	90,7	102,5	99,5	106,4	52,9	94,2	105,1	101,2	100,2	76,9	90,7
2006	75,7												



	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Evolution of trend cycle	Total industry	7	7	7	Ы
Last three months	Total industry, excluding construction	7	7	7	רב
compared to the	Intermediate goods	\rightarrow	7	7	הה
previous three	Capital goods	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	Ы
months	Durable consumer goods	Ы	7	Ы	Ы
777 > 2.5%	Non-durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	ИИ
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Mining and quarrying	Ы	Ы	7	
→ -0.5% to 0.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	7	7	7	רב
□ -2.5% to -0.5%	Textiles and textile products	7	7	7	Ы
צע < -2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	\rightarrow	7	7	7
	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	77	Ы	Ы
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	77	7	\rightarrow	רב
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	Ы	Ы	Ы	
	Non-metallic mineral products	7	7	7	Ы
	Manufacture of basic metals	7	77	77	
	Furniture	Ы	Ы	רר	
	Electricity	7	Ы	Ы	\rightarrow
	Construction	7	77	7	7



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Thursday 13 April 2006

Belgium – February 2006*: production Industry : +3,7% ; construction : +2,3%

Belgium's **deseasonalized index of production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has increased by 3,7%; in construction it rose by 2,3%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a strong increase (+3,7%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 1,6% in Flanders; in Wallonia there's a status quo $(+0,2\%)^{**}$.

A split as to the type of production gives +0,2% for intermediate goods, +0,6% for capital goods, -1,1% for durable consumer goods and +1,1% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 1,2%.

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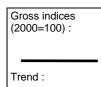
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Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

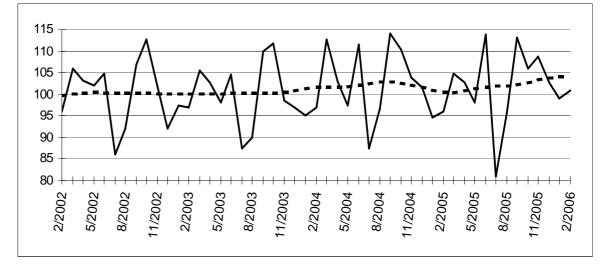
Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total in	dustry	, exclu	iding co	nstru	ction								
2005	100,6	99,2	108,4	103,0	99,8	115,0	90,8	95,9	114,4	108,2	112,6	109,7	104,8
2006	105,0	105,4											
Constru	uction												
2005	71,9	82,9	90,1	100,7	90,7	108,8	44,1	93,6	107,4	96,5	93,6	76,3	88,1
2006	76,3	83,4											
Total in	dustry	, exclu	iding co	nstru	ction								
2005	102,2	99,2	107,3	103,4	104,7	113,4	96,3	95,2	113,2	110,8	113,1	109,0	105,6
2006	106,2	105,4											
Constru	uction												
2005	76,6	82,9	90,7	102,5	99,5	106,4	52,9	94,2	105,1	101,2	99,5	76,9	90,7
2006	76,8	83,4											



	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
	Total industry	7	7	Ы	\rightarrow
Evolution of trend	Total industry, excluding construction	77	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
cycle	Intermediate goods	\rightarrow	7	77	77
Last three months	Capital goods	7	\rightarrow	Ы	Ы
compared to the previous three	Durable consumer goods	Ы	7	Ы	בר
months	Non-durable consumer goods	7	7	77	7
	Mining and quarrying	К	\rightarrow	7	
77 > 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	7	7	7	Ы
 7 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% 	Textiles and textile products	7	7	7	Ы
→ -0.5% to -0.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	\rightarrow	7	Ы	7
- 2.5%	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	77	77	Ы
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	77	7	Ы	Ы
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	Ы	רב	\rightarrow	
	Non-metallic mineral products	77	7	77	77
	Manufacture of basic metals	77	Ы	77	
	Furniture	Ы	Ы	RК	
	Electricity	7	Ы	Ы	Ы
	Construction	7	77	7	\rightarrow



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Thursday 11 May 2006

Belgium – March 2006*: production Industry : +2,4% ; construction : -1,2%

Belgium's **deseasonalized index of production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has increased by 2,4%; in construction it fell by 1,2%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+2,1%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 1,7% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 1,0%**.

A split as to the type of production gives +2,7% for intermediate goods, +0,7% for capital goods, -1,1% for durable consumer goods and +1,4% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 0,3%.

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2006 105,0 105,8

2005 100,6

2006 76,3

2005 102,2

2006 106,2

76,6

76,8

Construction

2005

2006

Construction 2005 71,9

Total industry, excluding construction

108,4 103,0

90,1 100,7

90,7 102,5

107,3 103,4 104,7 113,4

99,5

106,4

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Total industry, excluding construction

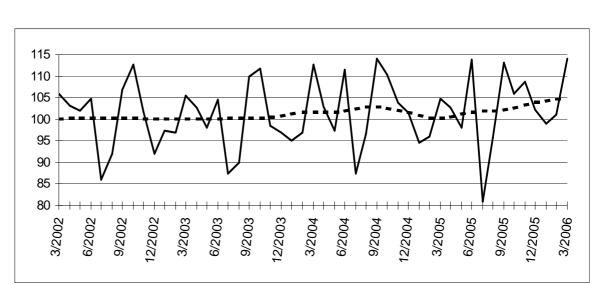
Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





Feb March April May June July Aug Sept Oct

99,8 115,0

90,7 108,8

90,8

44,1

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113,2 110,8 113,1

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Dec Year

104,8

88,1

105,6

90,7

109,1

76,5

108,4

77,1

	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
	Total industry	7	7	\rightarrow	7
Evolution of trend	Total industry, excluding construction	7	7	7	7
cycle	Intermediate goods	77	77	\rightarrow	7
Last three months	Capital goods	7	7	\rightarrow	Ы
compared to the	Durable consumer goods	Ы	\rightarrow	RК	בר
previous three months	Non-durable consumer goods	7	7	77	77
monuns	Mining and quarrying	Ы	\rightarrow	77	
717 > 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	7	7	7	Ы
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Textiles and textile products	77	77	77	Ы
→ -0.5% to 0.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	\rightarrow	7	RК	7
ע-2.5% to -0.5% 2.5% אצע <	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	7	77	77
33 \ 2.070	Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	Ы	7
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	Ы	Ы	Ы	
	Non-metallic mineral products	77	7	7	77
	Manufacture of basic metals	7	Ы	77	
	Furniture	К	Ы	RК	
	Electricity	7	7	Ы	Ы
	Construction	\rightarrow	7	7	\rightarrow



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Thursday 8 June 2006

Belgium – April 2006*: production Industry : +0,7% ; construction : -3,3%

Belgium's **deseasonalized index of production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has increased by 0,7%; in construction it fell by 3,3%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (+0,3%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 1,4% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 1,7%**.

A split as to the type of production gives +0.0% for intermediate goods, +0.8% for capital goods, -0.9% for durable consumer goods and +1.4% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 0.6%.

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2006	76,7	84,0	103,7	88,0							
Total in	dustry	, exclu	iding co	nstrue	ction						
2005	102,2	99,2	107,4	103,4	104,8	113,4	96,3	95,3	113,2	110,8	113
2006	106,2	106,1	117,5	108,7							
Constru	uction										
2005	76,6	82,9	90,7	102,4	99,5	106,4	52,9	94,2	105,1	101,2	99
2006	77,3	84,0	100,2	97,9							

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119,2 104,0

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Total industry, excluding construction

82,9

2005 100,6 99,2

2006 105,0 106,1

Construction 2005 71,9

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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussel
Total industry	7	\rightarrow	7	К
Total industry, excluding construction	\rightarrow	7	7	Ы
Intermediate goods	\rightarrow	7	Ы	\rightarrow
Capital goods	7	7	\rightarrow	ИИ
Durable consumer goods	К	7	RГ	ЯЛ
Non-durable consumer goods	7	7	7	רר
Mining and quarrying	רר	К	\rightarrow	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	7	\rightarrow	7	Ы
Textiles and textile products	77	77	7	7
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	\rightarrow	7	RГ	7
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	\rightarrow	Ы	77	Ы
Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	\rightarrow	Ы
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	К	Ы	Ы	
Non-metallic mineral products	7	7	7	7
Manufacture of basic metals	77	RГ	77	
Furniture	Ы	Ы	אא	
Electricity	7	7	Ы	Ы
Construction	Ы	Ы	RГ	\rightarrow

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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→	-0.5% to 0.5%
Ы	-2.5% to -0.5%
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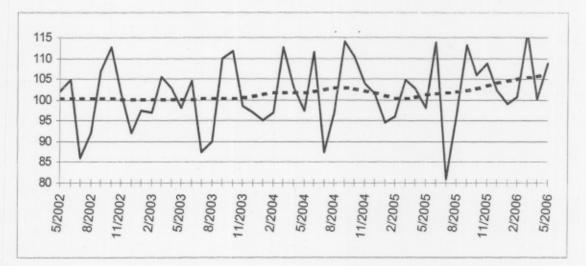
> Indices per working day

Allowing for

composition between months

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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total in	dustry	, exclu	iding co	nstru	ction								
2005	100,6	99,2	108,4	103,0	99,8	115,0	90,8	95,9	114,4	108,2	112,6	109,1	104,8
2006	105,0	105,0	119,2	103,0	111,2								
Constru	uction												
2005	71,9	82,9	90,1	100,7	90,7	108,8	44,1	93,6	107,4	96,5	93,6	76,5	88,1
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussel
Total industry	7	7	7	7
Total industry, excluding construction	→	7	7	77
Intermediate goods	7	К	К	. 7
Capital goods	7	\rightarrow	RK	\rightarrow
Durable consumer goods	К	7	22	RK
Non-durable consumer goods	7	7	7	7
Mining and quarrying	→	7	7	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	7	\rightarrow	7	К
Textiles and textile products	7	77	7	К
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	7	7	RF	7
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	\rightarrow	77	Ы
Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	7	7
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	И	Ы	RK	
Non-metallic mineral products	7	7	7	\rightarrow
Manufacture of basic metals	RR	עע	RR	
Furniture	→	\rightarrow	RR	
Electricity	7	7	К	К
Construction	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	Ы	К

Trend cycle Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

Gross indices (2000=100) : Trend :



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Thursday 10 Augustus 2006

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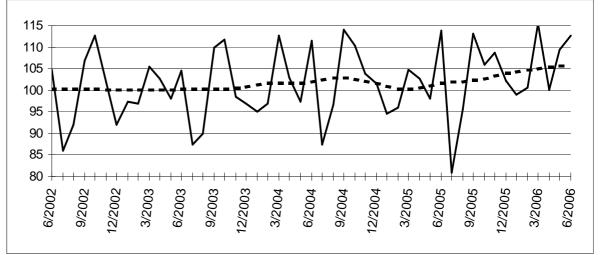
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Total in	Total industry, excluding construction												
2005	100,6	99,2	108,4	103,0	99,8	115,0	90,8	95,9	114,4	108,2	112,6	109,1	104,8
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Constru	uction												
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Total in	dustry	, exclu	iding co	nstrue	ction								
2005	102,2	99,2	107,5	103,4	105,0	113,3	96,4	95,3	113,2	110,8	113,0	108,4	105,6
2006	106,3	105,0	116,8	107,9	113,9	115,4							
Constru	uction												
2005	76,6	82,9	90,7	102,4	99,5	106,4	52,9	94,2	105,1	101,2	99,5	77,1	90,7
2006	77,3	84,0	99,8	98,4	103,5	104,9							



Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
	Total industry	7	7	7	R
Evolution of trend	Total industry, excluding construction	\rightarrow	7	7	Ы
cycle	Intermediate goods	\rightarrow	RК	7	77
Last three months	Capital goods	7	\rightarrow	7	Ы
compared to the	Durable consumer goods	Ы	7	RГ	בר
previous three months	Non-durable consumer goods	7	7	7	רר
monuns	Mining and quarrying	7	7	77	
777 > 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	7	7	7	Ы
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Textiles and textile products	7	77	Ы	7
→ -0.5% to 0.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	7	\rightarrow	RГ	7
2.5% to -0.5% ב-2 .5% בא 2.5% – אנא	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	Ы	7	7	77
33 < 2.070	Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	7	77	\rightarrow
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	Ы	К	Ы	
	Non-metallic mineral products	\rightarrow	7	Ы	בר
	Manufacture of basic metals	Ы	Ы	7	
	Furniture	7	\rightarrow	RК	
	Electricity	7	7	Ы	Ы
	Construction	Ы	Ы	Ы	И



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Thursday 7 September 2006

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The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a slight decline (-0,3%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 0,9% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by $2,1\%^{**}$.

A split as to the type of production gives +0,1% for intermediate goods, +2,1% for capital goods, -0,4% for durable consumer goods and -0,2% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 0,9%.

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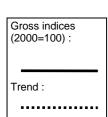
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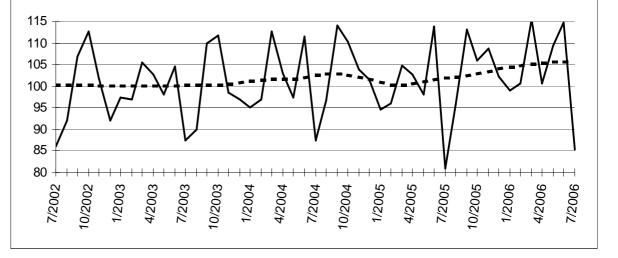
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	April	way	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
ling co	nstruc	tion								
108,4	103,0	99,8	115,0	90,8	95,9	114,4	108,2	112,6	109,1	104,8
118,5	103,7	112,1	117,0	97,1						
90,1	100,7	90,7	108,8	44,1	93,6	107,4	96,5	93,6	76,5	88,1
103,3	88,5	98,8	105,1	43,3						
ling co	nstruc	tion								
107,4	103,4	104,8	113,4	96,3	95,3	113,2	110,8	113,1	108,3	105,6
116,8	108,5	113,8	117,2	99,9						
90,6	102,4	99,4	106,5	52,8	94,2	105,1	101,1	99,4	77,1	90,7
99,8	98,4	103,5	106,8	52,0						
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Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





Evolution of trend	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
cycle	Total industry	7	7	7	7
Last three months	Total industry, excluding construction	\rightarrow	7	7	\rightarrow
compared to the	Intermediate goods	\rightarrow	אא	7	7
previous three months	Capital goods	7	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow
monuis	Durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	77	7	77
77 > 2.5%	Non-durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	7	7	Ы
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Mining and quarrying	7	\rightarrow	77	
 → -0.5% to 0.5% → -2.5% to -0.5% 	Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	7	7	Ы
שב.5% ו0 -0.5% אביבים ב-2.5% אביבים ב-2.5%	Textiles and textile products	\rightarrow	К	7	77
	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	7	\rightarrow	К	7
	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	К	7	\rightarrow	77
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	77	7
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	ЯЛ	К	\rightarrow	
	Non-metallic mineral products	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
	Manufacture of basic metals	77	К	77	
	Furniture	77	7	7	
	Electricity	7	77	Ы	Ы
	Construction	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	Ы



Thursday 12 October 2006

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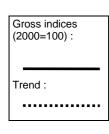
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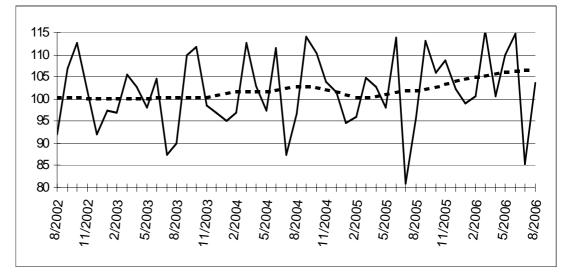
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Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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Total in	dustry	, exclu	iding co	nstru	ction								
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Evolution of trend cycle	Total industry	7	\rightarrow	7	7
Last three months	Total industry, excluding construction	\rightarrow	7	7	7
compared to the	Intermediate goods	7	Ы	7	\rightarrow
previous three	Capital goods	7	\rightarrow	77	ИИ
months	Durable consumer goods	Ы	7	\rightarrow	77
777 > 2.5%	Non-durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	7	77	רר
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Mining and quarrying	7	7	7	
→ -0.5% to 0.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	77	Ы
□ - 2.5% to -0.5%	Textiles and textile products	7	7	7	7
צע < -2.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	7	\rightarrow	7	7
	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	\rightarrow	77	7	Ы
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	7	77	7
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	Ы	Ы	Ы	
	Non-metallic mineral products	Ы	7	Ы	Ы
	Manufacture of basic metals	77	Ы	77	
	Furniture	77	7	7	
	Electricity	\rightarrow	7	Ы	Ы
	Construction	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	בר



Thursday 9 November 2006

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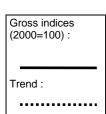
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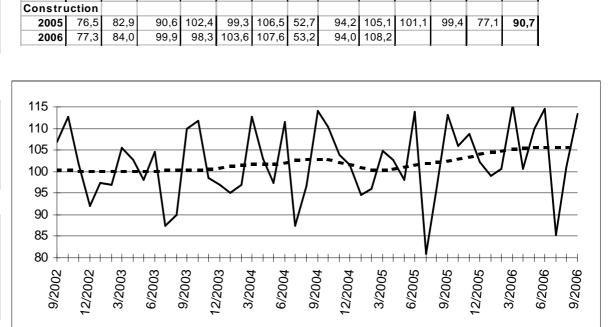
Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

Trend	cycle
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Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





Aug Sept

95,9 114,4

102,9 114,8

93,6 107,4

93,4 106,5

102,1 115,2

90,8

96,6

96,4

99,4

90,7 108,8 44,1

99,0 105,9 44,6

Oct

96,5

95,3 113,2 110,8 113,1

Nov

93,6

108,2 112,6

Dec Year

104,8

88,1

105,6

109,1

76,5

108,3

Feb March April May June July

108,4 103,0 99,8 115,0

118,5 103,7 112,5 116,6

107,4 103,4 104,9 113,3

116,7 108,5 114,2 116,8

90,1 100,7

103,3 88,5

Jan

2006 105,0 105,0

2005 100,6

Construction 2005 71,9

2006 76,7

2005 102,2

2006 106,3

Total industry, excluding construction

99,2

82,9

84,0

99,2

105,0

Total industry, excluding construction

	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
	Total industry	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7
Evolution of trend	Total industry, excluding construction	Ы	\rightarrow	7	7
cycle	Intermediate goods	Ы	\rightarrow	7	77
Last three months	Capital goods	\rightarrow	К	\rightarrow	בר
compared to the previous three	Durable consumer goods	Ы	7	К	77
months	Non-durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	7	7	אא
	Mining and quarrying	7	\rightarrow	7	
77 > 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	К	\rightarrow	Ы
 7 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% 	Textiles and textile products	7	7	7	Ы
→ -2.5% to -0.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	7	7	Ы	7
2.5%	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	\rightarrow	7	7	בר
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	77	7
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	Ы	\rightarrow	Ы	
	Non-metallic mineral products	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
	Manufacture of basic metals	7	Ы	77	
	Furniture	7	7	77	
	Electricity	Ы	7	Ы	Ы
	Construction	7	\rightarrow	Ы	Ы



Thursday 7 December 2006

Belgium – October 2006*: production Industry : +0,1% ; construction : -2,9%

Belgium's **deseasonalized index of production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has increased by 0,1%; in construction it fell by 2,9%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a status quo (+0,0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 0,9% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 0,8%^{**}.

A split as to the type of production gives +0,1% for intermediate goods, +0,7% for capital goods, -0,4% for durable consumer goods and +0,8% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 0,7%.

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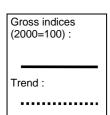
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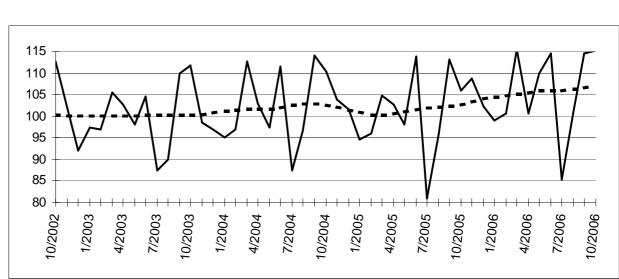
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Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





96,6

96,4

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99,0 105,9 44,7

99,3 106,5

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Aug Sept Oct

102,9 116,2 118,2

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94,2 105,1 101,1

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Nov

93,6

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Dec Year

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88,1

105,6

90,7

109,1

76,5

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Feb March April May June July

118,5 103,7 112,5 116,6

107,4 103,4 104,9 113,4

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Jan

2006 105,0 105,0

2005 100,6

Construction 2005 71,9

2006 76,7

2005 102,2

2006 106,3

76,5

77,3

Construction

2005

2006

Total industry, excluding construction

99,2

82,9

84,0

99,2

105,0

82,9

84,0

Total industry, excluding construction

	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
	Total industry	7	7	7	\rightarrow
Evolution of trend	Total industry, excluding construction	\rightarrow	7	7	\rightarrow
cycle	Intermediate goods	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow	77
Last three months	Capital goods	7	Ы	Ы	בר
compared to the	Durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow	77
previous three months	Non-durable consumer goods	7	7	רר	בר
monuns	Mining and quarrying	7	\rightarrow	אא	
777 > 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	7	\rightarrow	7	Ы
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Textiles and textile products	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7
→ -0.5% to 0.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	7	\rightarrow	רר	7
ע-2.5% to -0.5% 2.5% אצע <	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	7	7	Ы
33 < -2.570	Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	77	7
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	Ы	7	Ы	
	Non-metallic mineral products	7	7	7	Ы
	Manufacture of basic metals	7	Ы	77	
	Furniture	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	Ы	
	Electricity	Ы	7	RК	Ы
	Construction	Ы	Ы	Ы	Ы



Thursday 11 January 2007

Belgium – November 2006*: production Industry : +0,3% ; construction : +1,0%

Belgium's **deseasonalized index of production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has increased by 0,3%; in construction it rose by 1,0%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a slight increase (+0,1%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 0,2% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by $2,5\%^{**}$.

A split as to the type of production gives +0.6% for intermediate goods, +1.1% for capital goods, -1.2% for durable consumer goods and +1.5% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 0.8%.

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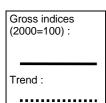
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Indices per working day

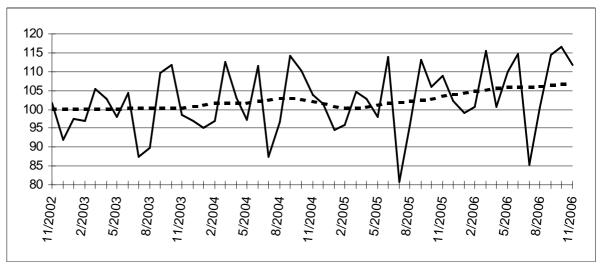
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Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total in	dustry	, exclu	iding co	nstruc	ction								
2005	100,6	99,2	108,4	103,0	99,8	115,0	90,8	95,9	114,4	108,2	112,6	109,1	104,8
2006	105,0	105,0	118,5	103,7	112,5	116,6	96,6	101,9	116,2	119,8	114,3		
Constru	uction												
2005	71,9	82,9	90,1	100,7	90,7	108,8	44,1	93,6	107,4	96,5	93,6	76,5	88,1
2006	76,7	84,0	103,3	88,5	99,0	105,9	44,7	94,0	106,7	103,3	101,0		
Total in	dustry	, exclu	iding co	nstruc	ction								
2005	102,2	99,2	107,5	103,4	105,0	113,3	96,4	95,3	113,3	110,7	112,9	108,3	105,6
2006	106,3	105,0	116,8	108,5	114,2	116,9	99,2	101,1	116,6	121,1	112,9		
Constru	uction												
2005	76,5	82,9	90,7	102,4	99,4	106,5	52,8	94,2	105,1	101,1	99,5	77,1	90,7
2006	77,3	84,0	99,8	98,4	103,6	107,6	53,4	94,6	108,4	103,9	102,8		



	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
	Total industry	7	7	7	Ы
Evolution of trend	Total industry, excluding construction	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	77	Ы
cycle	Intermediate goods	Z	7	К	77
Last three months	Capital goods	7	7	\rightarrow	Ы
compared to the previous three	Durable consumer goods	Ы	Ы	К	Ы
months	Non-durable consumer goods	7	\rightarrow	7	RК
	Mining and quarrying	7	7	7	
77 > 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	Ы	7	Ы
 7 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% 	Textiles and textile products	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	Ы	RК
→ -0.5% to 0.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	7	\rightarrow	RК	7
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	Metal products, machinery and equipment	77	7	77	77
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	К	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	
	Non-metallic mineral products	7	7	7	Ы
	Manufacture of basic metals	77	Ы	77	
	Furniture	Ы	Ы	RК	
	Electricity	\rightarrow	7	RК	Ы
	Construction	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow



Thursday 8 February 2007

Belgium – December 2006*: production Industry : +1,0% ; construction : +4,0%

Belgium's **deseasonalized index of production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has increased by 1,0%; in construction it rose by 4,0%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+0,7%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 1,5% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by 1,3%**.

A split as to the type of production gives +1,0% for intermediate goods, +1,5% for capital goods, -0,8% for durable consumer goods and +0,8% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 3,9%.

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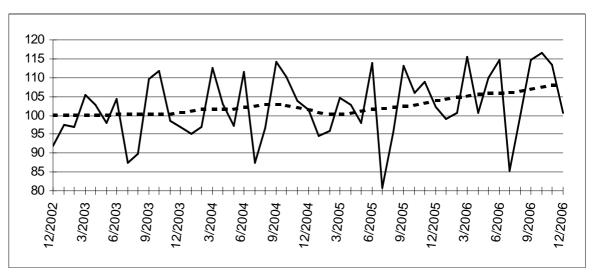
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Indices per working day

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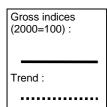
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total in	dustry	, exclu	ıding co	nstruc	ction								
2005	100,6	99,2	108,4	103,0	99,8	115,0	90,8	95,9	114,4	108,2	112,6	109,1	104,8
2006	105,0	105,0	118,5	103,7	112,5	116,6	96,6	101,9	116,5	119,8	116,0	107,3	109,9
Constru	uction												
2005	71,9	82,9	90,1	100,7	90,7	108,8	44,1	93,6	107,4	96,5	93,6	76,5	88,1
2006	76,7	84,0	103,3	88,5	99,0	105,9	44,7	94,0	107,1	103,3	102,5	76,2	90,4
Total in	dustry	, exclu	ıding co	nstrud	ction								
2005	102,2	99,2	107,5	103,4	104,9	113,3	96,4	95,3	113,3	110,7	113,0	108,3	105,6
2006	106,3	105,0	116,8	108,5	114,2	116,9	99,2	101,1	116,9	121,1	114,5	112,1	111,0
Constru	uction												
2005	76,5	82,9	90,6	102,4	99,3	106,5	52,7	94,2	105,1	101,1	99,4	77,1	90,6
2006	77,3	84,0	99,9	98,2	103,6	107,6	53,2	94,5	108,8	103,9	104,2	84,8	93,3



	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussel
	Total industry	7	7	7	אא
ion of trend	Total industry, excluding construction	7	7	7	רב
cycle	Intermediate goods	7	77	К	77
hree months	Capital goods	7	77	\rightarrow	רר
pared to the evious three	Durable consumer goods	И	Ы	\rightarrow	77
months	Non-durable consumer goods	7	7	7	רר
	Mining and quarrying	7	7	77	
> 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	7	Ы	77	רר
.5% to 2.5%	Textiles and textile products	7	7	7	Ы
.5% to 0.5% 5% to -0.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	7	7	К	7
< -2.5%	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	\rightarrow	77	Ы
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	77	7	77	\rightarrow
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	И	Ы	7	
	Non-metallic mineral products	77	77	77	Ы
	Manufacture of basic metals	7	Ы	77	
	Furniture	К	Ы	К	
	Electricity	7	7	К	\rightarrow
	Construction	77	77	77	7

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Evolutio	n of tren
	cycl
Last thre	e month
compa	ared to th
prev	ious thre
	month
77	> 2.5%



Thursday 8 March 2007

Belgium – January 2007*: production Industry : +1,2% ; construction : +10,8%

Belgium's **deseasonalized index of production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has increased by 1,2%; in construction it rose by 10,8%. The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase

(+1,2%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 2,6% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 0,2%**.

A split as to the type of production gives +1,7% for intermediate goods, +2,0% for capital goods, -0,8% for durable consumer goods and -0,4% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 5,5%.

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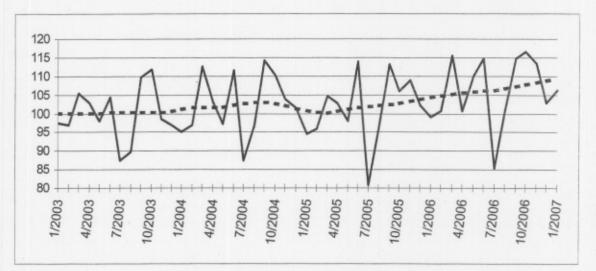
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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of industrial production

> Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total in	dustry	, exclu	iding co	nstruc	tion								
2006	105,0	105,0	118,5	103,7	112,5	116,6	96,6	101,9	116,5	119,3	116,0	109,3	110,1
2007	111,6												
Constru	uction												
2006	76,7	84,0	103,3	88,5	99,0	105,9	44,7	94,0	107,1	104,8	102,5	77,9	90,7
2007	85,8												
Total in	dustry	, exclu	uding co	nstruc	tion								
2006	106,3	105,0	116,8	108,4	114,2	116,9	99,2	101,1	116,9	120,6	114,6	114,0	111,1
2007	111,0												
Constru	iction												
2006	77,3	84,0	99,9	98,2	103,6	107,6	53,2	94,5	108,8	105,4	104,2	86,5	93,6
2007	86,4												



Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
Total industry	7	7	7	RK
Total industry, excluding construction	7	77	\rightarrow	RK
Intermediate goods	7	77	К	RR
Capital goods	7	7	\rightarrow	RF
Durable consumer goods	К	\rightarrow	И	К
Non-durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	→	7	\rightarrow
Mining and quarrying	К	7	77	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	RK
Textiles and textile products	7	77	7	\rightarrow
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	7	77	77	7
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	7	Ы	RK
Metal products, machinery and equipment	77	77	77	RF
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	И	RK	7	
Non-metallic mineral products	\rightarrow	77	7	\rightarrow
Manufacture of basic metals	\rightarrow	Ы	>	
Furniture	7	\rightarrow	К	
Electricity	→	7	К	К
Construction	77	77	77	\rightarrow

Total industry
adjusted for
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Trend cycle



Evolutio	n of trend cycle
	ee months
	ared to the vious three
pier	months
77	> 2.5%
	% to 2.5%
	% to 0.5% % to -0.5%
ЛЛ	< -2.5%



Thursday 12 April 2007

Belgium – February 2007*: production Industry : +1,8% ; construction : +6,5%

Belgium's **deseasonalized index of production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has increased by 1,8%; in construction it rose by 6,5%.

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A split as to the type of production gives +0.9% for intermediate goods, +1.4% for capital goods, -0.7% for durable consumer goods and -0.1% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 4.1%.

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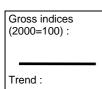
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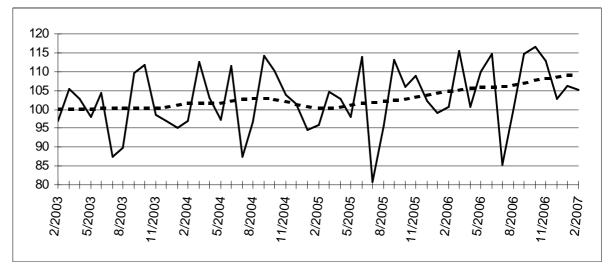
Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Total in	dustry	, exclu	ıding co	nstru	ction								
2006	105,0	105,0	118,5	103,7	112,5	116,6	96,6	101,9	116,5	119,3	115,4	109,3	110,0
2007	111,9	108,6											
Constru	uction												
2006	76,7	84,0	103,3	88,5	99,0	105,9	44,7	94,0	107,1	104,8	102,5	77,9	90,7
2007	85,0	91,2											
Total in	dustry	, exclu	ıding co	nstru	ction								
2006	106,3	105,0	116,8	108,4	114,1	116,9	99,2	101,1	116,8	120,6	114,0	113,9	111,1
2007	111,3	108,6											
Constru	uction												
2006	77,3	84,0	99,9	98,2	103,6	107,6	53,2	94,5	108,8	105,4	104,2	86,5	93,6
2007	85,6	91,2											



	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
	Total industry	7	7	7	אא
Evolution of trend	Total industry, excluding construction	7	7	Ы	רר
cycle	Intermediate goods	7	7	Ы	Ы
Last three months	Capital goods	7	7	Ы	בר
compared to the previous three	Durable consumer goods	Ы	7	К	ЫЛ
months	Non-durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	7
	Mining and quarrying	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	
77 > 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	RК
 7 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% 	Textiles and textile products	7	7	7	77
→ -2.5% to -0.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	7	7	77	7
2.070 to 0.070 אנע < -2.5%	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	7	\rightarrow	בר
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	77	7	בר
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	Ы	Ы	Ы	
	Non-metallic mineral products	Ы	77	7	Ы
	Manufacture of basic metals	7	\rightarrow	77	
	Furniture	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	
	Electricity	\rightarrow	7	Ы	Ы
	Construction	77	77	7	\rightarrow



Thursday 10 May 2007

Belgium – March 2007*: production Industry : +1,3% ; construction : +0,6%

Belgium's **deseasonalized index of production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has increased by 1,3%; in construction it rose by 0,6%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+1,1%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 1,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by $0,2\%^{**}$.

A split as to the type of production gives +0,5% for intermediate goods, +1,0% for capital goods, -0,9% for durable consumer goods and -0,1% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 2,0%.

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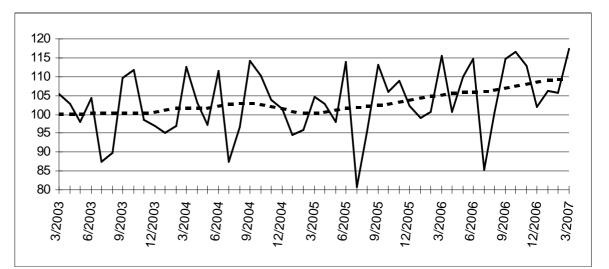
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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of industrial production

Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

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2007	111,9	109,5	119,8										
Constru	uction												
2006	76,7	84,0	103,3	88,5	99,0	105,9	44,7	94,0	107,1	104,8	102,5	77,7	90,7
2007	85,0	91,0	106,2										
Total in	dustry	, exclu	ıding co	nstru	ction								
2006	106,3	105,0	116,8	108,4	114,2	116,9	99,2	101,1	116,9	120,6	114,0	113,2	111,0
2007	111,3	109,5	119,1										
Constru	uction												
2006	77,3	84,0	99,9	98,2	103,6	107,6	53,2	94,5	108,8	105,4	104,2	86,2	93,6
2007	85,6	91,0	106,8										
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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussel
Total industry	7	7	\rightarrow	אא
Total industry, excluding construction	7	7	\rightarrow	רב
Intermediate goods	7	7	К	אא
Capital goods	7	\rightarrow	אא	ИИ
Durable consumer goods	К	\rightarrow	אא	ЯЛ
Non-durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	7	7	77
Mining and quarrying	77	7	77	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	7	\rightarrow	7	ЯЛ
Textiles and textile products	7	7	77	77
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	7	Ы	Ы	7
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	7	\rightarrow	ЯЛ
Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow	ЯЛ
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	הר	RК	אא	
Non-metallic mineral products	7	77	\rightarrow	Ы
Manufacture of basic metals	77	К	77	
Furniture	7	К	אא	
Electricity	7	7	Ы	Ы
Construction	7	7	77	\rightarrow

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



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Last thre	e month
compa	red to th
previ	ous thre
	month
77	> 2.5%

7	0.5% to 2.5%
→	-0.5% to 0.5%
Ы	-2.5% to -0.5%
נצ	< -2.5%



Thursday 7 June 2007

Belgium – April 2007*: production Industry : +1,3% ; construction : -5,7%

Belgium's **deseasonalized index of production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has increased by 1,3%; in construction it fell by 5,7%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+1,2%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 0,7% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 0,3%**.

A split as to the type of production gives +0,1% for intermediate goods, +2,4% for capital goods, -1,5% for durable consumer goods and -0,2% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 1,5%.

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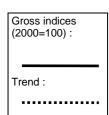
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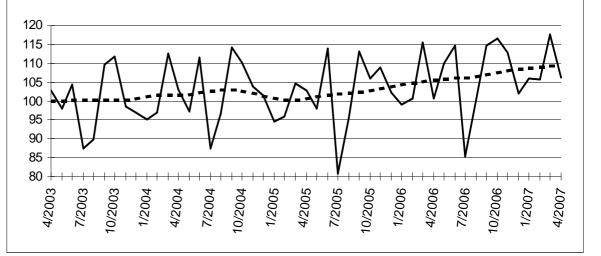
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Constru	uction												
2006	76,7	84,0	103,3	88,5	99,0	105,9	44,7	94,0	107,1	104,8	102,5	77,7	90,7
2007	85,2	91,0	105,6	91,7									
Total in	dustry	, exclu	iding co	nstruc	ction								
2006	106,3	105,0	116,8	108,4	114,2	116,9	99,2	101,1	116,9	120,6	114,0	113,2	111,0
2007	110,9	109,5	119,7	113,4									
Constru	uction												
2006	77,3	84,0	99,9	98,3	103,6	107,6	53,2	94,5	108,8	105,4	104,2	86,3	93,6
2007	85,8	91,0	106,1	97,4									



Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
	Total industry	7	7	\rightarrow	אא
Evolution of trend	Total industry, excluding construction	7	7	\rightarrow	רר
cycle	Intermediate goods	\rightarrow	7	Ы	אא
Last three months	Capital goods	7	7	77	אא
compared to the	Durable consumer goods	К	Ы	RГ	אא
previous three months	Non-durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	Ы
monuis	Mining and quarrying	77	7	7	
777 > 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	7	7	\rightarrow	אא
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Textiles and textile products	К	Ы	77	77
→ -0.5% to 0.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	בר	\rightarrow
2.5% to -0.5% ב - 2.5% 2.5% בע	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	\rightarrow	Ы	Ы	\rightarrow
33 < -2.3/0	Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	\rightarrow	אא
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	ЯЛ	אא	אא	
	Non-metallic mineral products	Ы	7	Ы	Ы
	Manufacture of basic metals	7	Ы	77	
	Furniture	\rightarrow	Ы	אא	
	Electricity	7	77	Ы	Ы
	Construction	К	Ы	7	К



Thursday 5 July 2007

Belgium – May 2007*: production Industry : +0,8% ; construction : -6,4%

Belgium's **deseasonalized index of production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has increased by 0,8%; in construction it fell by 6,4%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+1,0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 0,9% in Flanders; in Wallonia production remained constant $(+0,0\%)^{**}$.

A split as to the type of production gives +0.5% for intermediate goods, +2.2% for capital goods, -2.0% for durable consumer goods and +0.7% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 2.6%.

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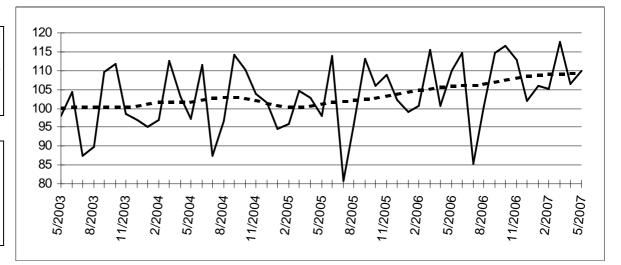
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Gross indices (2000=100) Volume indices of industrial production

Indices per working day

Allowing for differences in length and composition between months

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Constru	uction												
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2007	85,2	91,3	105,6	91,6	96,5								
Total in	dustry	, exclu	ıding co	nstru	ction								
2006	106,3	105,0	116,8	108,4	114,2	116,9	99,2	101,1	116,9	120,6	114,0	113,2	111,0
2007	110,9	108,8	119,7	113,8	116,3								
Constru	uction												
2006	77,3	84,0	99,9	98,3	103,6	107,6	53,2	94,5	108,8	105,4	104,2	86,3	93,6
2007	85,8	91,3	106,1	97,3	105,1								



	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
	Total industry	7	7	\rightarrow	אא
Evolution of trend	Total industry, excluding construction	7	7	\rightarrow	רר
cycle	Intermediate goods	7	\rightarrow	К	אא
Last three months	Capital goods	7	7	7	אא
compared to the previous three	Durable consumer goods	Ы	Ы	К	אא
months	Non-durable consumer goods	7	7	7	Ы
	Mining and quarrying	77	77	77	
77 > 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	7	7	7	אא
 7 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% 	Textiles and textile products	Ы	Ы	77	77
→ -2.5% to -0.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	7	7	RК	7
ב.0% נס 0.0%	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	7	7	Ы
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	\rightarrow	אא
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	הר	הר	Ы	
	Non-metallic mineral products	הר	\rightarrow	RК	\rightarrow
	Manufacture of basic metals	Ы	\rightarrow	7	
	Furniture	Ы	Ы	К	
	Electricity	7	7	Ы	Ы
	Construction	ИИ	Ы	К	Ы

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





Tuesday 7 Augustus 2007

Belgium – June 2007*: production Industry : +0,3% ; construction : -6,4%

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The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+0,6%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 0,4% in Flanders; in Wallonia production expanded by $1,3\%^{**}$.

A split as to the type of production gives +0,5% for intermediate goods, +2,0% for capital goods, -1,9% for durable consumer goods and +1,1% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 3,4%.

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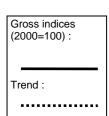
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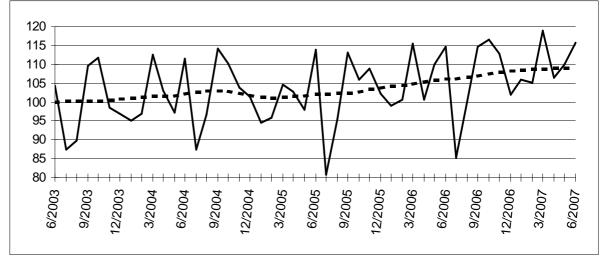
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2007	111,5	108,8	121,8	110,3	113,1	118,7							
Constru	iction												
2006	76,7	84,0	103,3	88,5	99,0	105,9	44,7	94,0	107,1	104,8	102,5	77,7	90,7
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2007	110,9	108,8	121,0	113,8	116,0	119,1							
Constru	uction												
2006	77,3	84,0	99,9	98,2	103,6	107,6	53,2	94,5	108,8	105,4	104,2	86,3	93,6
2007	85,8	91,3	107,1	97,3	105,6	105,6							



Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
	Total industry	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow	RК
Evolution of trend	Total industry, excluding construction	7	\rightarrow	7	רר
cycle	Intermediate goods	7	Ы	К	R
Last three months	Capital goods	7	7	77	77
compared to the	Durable consumer goods	Ы	Ы	Ы	7
previous three months	Non-durable consumer goods	7	\rightarrow	77	רב
monuis	Mining and quarrying	Ы	77	7	
77 > 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	7	Ы	\rightarrow	RК
7 0.5% to 2.5%	Textiles and textile products	Ы	Ы	77	77
→ -0.5% to 0.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	\rightarrow	7	RК	7
ע -2.5% to -0.5% עצ < -2.5%	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	\rightarrow	Ы	77	7
33 < -2.370	Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	77	RК
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	Ы	Ы	\rightarrow	
	Non-metallic mineral products	ИИ	\rightarrow	RК	77
	Manufacture of basic metals	ИИ	Ы	\rightarrow	
	Furniture	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	
	Electricity	7	7	\rightarrow	Ы
	Construction	ИЛ	Ы	Ы	ИИ



Wednesday 12 September 2007

Belgium – July 2007*: production Industry : -0,5% ; construction : -2,5%

Belgium's **deseasonalized index of production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has fallen by 0,5%; in construction it fell by 2,5%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows a slight increase (+0,1%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production decrease by 0,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by 0,4%^{**}.

A split as to the type of production gives +0,7% for intermediate goods, +2,2% for capital goods, -1,0% for durable consumer goods and +1,3% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 2,4%.

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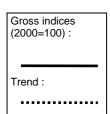
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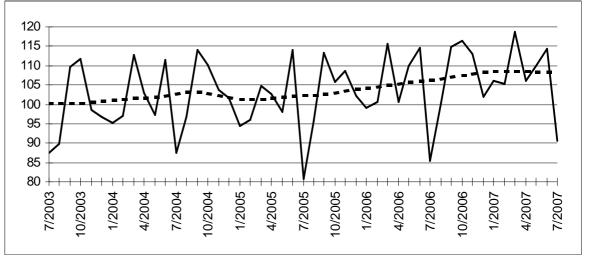
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Constri	uction												
2006	76,7	84,0	103,3	88,5	99,0	105,9	44,7	94,0	107,1	104,8	102,5	77,7	90,7
2007	85,2	91,3	106,5	92,4	97,0	106,1	50,1						
Total in	dustry	, exclu	ıding co	nstru	ction								
2006	106,3	105,0	116,8	108,4	114,2	116,8	99,2	101,0	116,9	120,6	113,9	113,2	111,0
2007	110,9	108,8	121,0	113,1	115,9	116,5	102,5						
Constru	uction												
2006	77,3	84,0	99,9	98,2	103,6	107,6	53,2	94,5	108,8	105,4	104,2	86,3	93,6
2007	85,8	91,3	107,1	98,1	105,6	107,8	50,6						



Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
	Total industry	\rightarrow	7	Ы	ג
Evolution of trend	Total industry, excluding construction	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	Ы
cycle	Intermediate goods	7	Ы	אא	עע
Last three months	Capital goods	7	77	Ы	77
compared to the previous three	Durable consumer goods	К	7	\rightarrow	7
months	Non-durable consumer goods	7	Ы	77	Ы
	Mining and quarrying	7	7	77	
77 > 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow	רר
 7 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% 	Textiles and textile products	RК	\rightarrow	77	77
-2.5% to -0.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	7	\rightarrow	RГ	7
<-2.5%	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	77	77
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	77	רר
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	RК	רב	7	
	Non-metallic mineral products	RК	\rightarrow	RГ	Ы
	Manufacture of basic metals	אא	Ы	אא	
	Furniture	77	7	77	
	Electricity	אא	Ы	Ы	К
	Construction	Ы	\rightarrow	Ы	\rightarrow



Thursday 11 October 2007

Belgium – August 2007*: production Industry : +0,2% ; construction : -1,6%

Belgium's **deseasonalized index of production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, has increased by 0,2%; in construction it fell by 1,6%.

The **trend** of the last three months, when compared with the previous three months, shows an increase (+0,6%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a production increase by 0,4% in Flanders; in Wallonia production shrunk by $0,3\%^{**}$.

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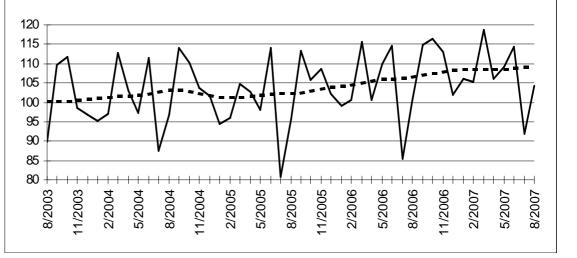
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Constru	uction												
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Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





	Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	Belgium	Flanders	Wallonia	Brussels
	Total industry	\rightarrow	7	Ы	7
Evolution of trend	Total industry, excluding construction	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	77
cycle	Intermediate goods	77	7	Ы	\rightarrow
Last three months	Capital goods	7	7	Ы	77
compared to the previous three	Durable consumer goods	Ы	7	\rightarrow	77
months	Non-durable consumer goods	7	\rightarrow	7	בת
	Mining and quarrying	77	\rightarrow	77	
77 > 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	רר
 7 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% 	Textiles and textile products	Ы	7	77	7
-2.5% to -0.5%	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	7	\rightarrow	Ы	7
ב -2.5% אנע <-2.5%	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	7	77	77
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	7	רר
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	רר	בר	77	
	Non-metallic mineral products	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	77
	Manufacture of basic metals	ИИ	\rightarrow	אא	
	Furniture	77	77	7	
	Electricity	К	7	Ы	Ы
	Construction	Ы	7	7	К



Tuesday 13 November 2007

Belgium – September 2007*: production Industry : +0,2% ; construction : +7,4%

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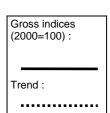
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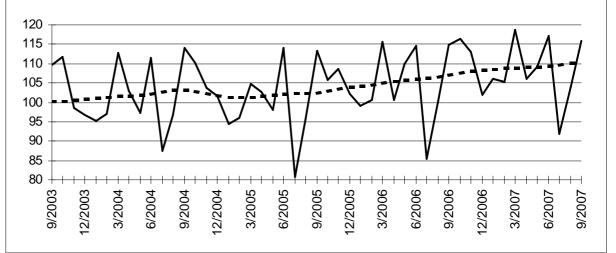
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Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations





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	Total industry	Z	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
Evolution of trend	Total industry, excluding construction	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
cycle	Intermediate goods	7	7	К	\rightarrow
Last three months	Capital goods	7	7	\rightarrow	77
compared to the previous three	Durable consumer goods	Ы	7	\rightarrow	77
months	Non-durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	К	7	Ы
	Mining and quarrying	7	7	אא	
77 > 2.5%	Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	ממ
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	Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	7	בר
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	ЯЛ	רב	7	
	Non-metallic mineral products	7	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	Ы
	Manufacture of basic metals	7	К	\rightarrow	
	Furniture	7	7	Ы	
	Electricity	Ы	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
	Construction	К	7	Ы	К



Tuesday 11 December 2007

Belgium – October 2007*: production Industry : status quo (+0,0%) ; construction : -0,2%

Belgium's **deseasonalized index of production** in industry excluding construction of the last three months compared with the three preceding months, remained constant (+0,0%); in construction it fell by 0,2%.

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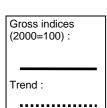
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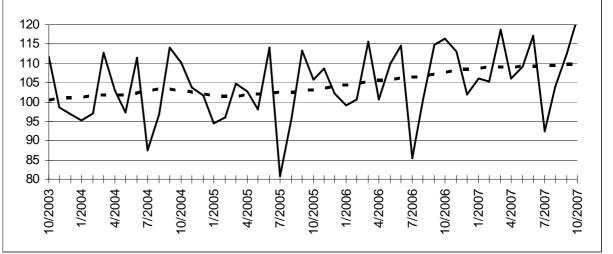
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	Total industry	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow	Ы
Evolution of trend cycle	Total industry, excluding construction	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow	Ы
	Intermediate goods	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow	Ы
Last three months	Capital goods	7	7	Ы	Ы
compared to the previous three	Durable consumer goods	Ы	7	Ы	רר
months	Non-durable consumer goods	Ы	Ы	אא	\rightarrow
	Mining and quarrying	7	7	עע	
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	Textiles and textile products	Ы	7	7	ИИ
	Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	7	\rightarrow	בר	7
	Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	7	Ы	Ы	ИИ
	Metal products, machinery and equipment	7	7	7	ИИ
	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	ЯЛ	RГ	7	
	Non-metallic mineral products	7	7	\rightarrow	7
	Manufacture of basic metals	77	Ч	77	
	Furniture	7	7	אא	
	Electricity	7	Ы	7	7
	Construction	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	Ы	7



Friday 25 January 2008

Belgium – November 2007*: production Industry : -0,3% ; construction : +0,5%

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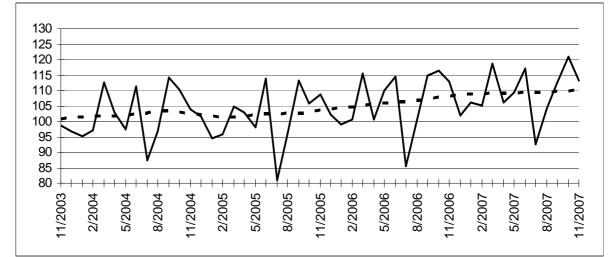
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Evolution of trend cycle	Total industry, excluding construction	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	RК
	Intermediate goods	Ы	רב	Ы	רב
Last three months	Capital goods	7	7	Ы	רר
compared to the previous three	Durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	7	\rightarrow	ЫЛ
months	Non-durable consumer goods	Ы	К	7	Ы
	Mining and quarrying	7	7	\rightarrow	
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	Textiles and textile products	Ы	Ы	7	בר
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	Manufacture of basic metals	77	\rightarrow	77	
	Furniture	Ы	Ы	הר	
	Electricity	\rightarrow	Ы	7	\rightarrow
	Construction	7	7	7	7

Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations



Trend :

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Friday 22 February 2008

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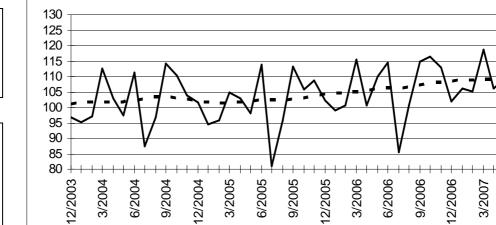
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Trend cycle

Total industry; adjusted for seasonal and random fluctuations

