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Belgium - Fourth quarter 1999: total wages and salaries - 3.8%

In the fourth quarter of 1999, compared to the same period of the preceding year, the **total amount of gross** wages and salaries payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium fell by -3,8%; in construction there was an increase by 14,2%. At the regional level, there's a decrease of total wages and salaries by -3,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by -4,1%.

For the whole of 1999 total wages and salaries in Belgium remained more or less stable (- 0.1%); in Flanders they went down slightly (- 0.7%), while in Wallonia they rose somewhat (+ 0.8%). Construction shows a general increase: + 8.4% for Belgium as a whole (+ 8.3% in Flanders, + 11.0% in Wallonia).

Gross indices (1995=100)

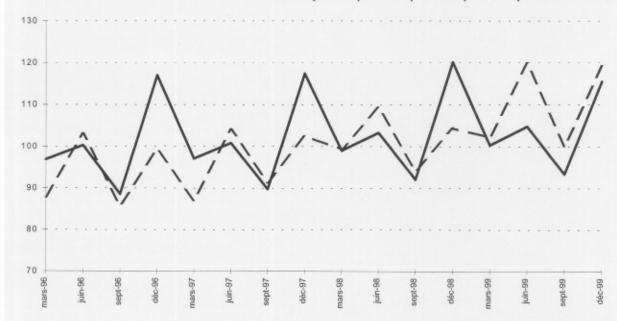
		1	II	III	IV	Year
Total industry	1998	99,1	104,4	92,5	117,5	103,4
	1999	100,7	107,4	94,6	116,2	104,7
Total industry, excluding construction	1998	99	103,3	92,1	120,1	103,6
	1999	100,3	104,8	93,4	115,5	103,5
Mining and quarrying	1998	100	97,8	88,1	111	99,2
	1999	100,9	105,7	93,5	119,4	104,9
Manufacturing	1998	99,6	103,3	92,4	120	103,8
	1999	101	105,7	93,6	115,2	103,9
Electricity, gas and water supply	1998	90,2	104,3	88,6	123,7	101,7
	1999	89,4	92,4	90,5	119,8	98,0
Construction	1998	99,3	109,4	94,2	104,4	101,8
	1999	102,2	119,9	100,1	119,2	110,4

Gross indices (1995=100)

Total industry, excluding construction:

Construction:

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Last quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year Gross indices (1995=100)

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



Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	*	*	*	1
Total industry, excluding construction	**	**	**	-
Intermediate goods	→	1	11	* *
Capital goods	11	11	**	×
Durable consumer goods	1	*	11	11
Non-durable consumer goods	××	* *	**	* *
Mining and quarrying	11	11	11	
ood products, beverages and tobacco	1	×	1	11
Textiles and textiles products	1 1	**	**	* *
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	1	**	11	* *
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	**	* *	**	* *
Metal products, machinery and equipment		→	*	* *
Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel		→	**	
Non-metallic mineral products	**	1	**	* *
Manufacture of basic metals	\ \	4	11	44
urniture	11	1	→	11
Electricity	1 1	**	**	
Construction	11	4 4	4.4	



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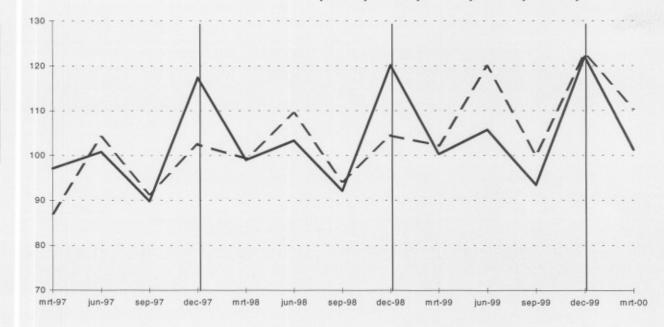
First quarter 2000: total wages and salaries + 1.0%

In the first quarter of 2000, compared to the same period of the preceding year, the **total amount of gross** wages and salaries payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium rose by 1,0%; in construction there was an increase by 8,1%. At the regional level, there's an increase of total wages and salaries by 1,5% in Flanders; in Wallonia they expanded by 1,2%.

While most sectors show a moderate to strong increase, some however stand out by remaining stable (metal products, machinery and equipment + 0.2%, basic metals - 0.1%) or even falling (furniture - 1.7%). The strong increases in construction (+ 8.1%) and mining and quarrying (+ 3.6%) can probably be explained by more favourable climatic conditions than last year (especially in February), allowing more hours of work.

		1	II	III	IV	Year
Total industry	1999	100,7	108,1	94,6	122,1	106,4
	2000	102,8				
Total industry, excluding construction	1999	100,3	105,7	93,4	122	105,4
	2000	101,3				
Mining and quarrying	1999	100,9	105,7	93,5	118,7	104,7
	2000	104,5				
Manufacturing	1999	101	105,7	93,6	122,3	105,7
	2000	102,7				
Electricity, gas and water supply	1999	89,8	106,4	90,5	117,7	101,1
	2000	82				
Construction	1999	102,2	119,9	100,1	122,6	111,2
	2000	110,5				

Gross indices (1995=100) Total industry, excluding construction : Construction :



Last quarter
compared to the
same quarter of
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year
Gross indices
(1995=100)

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

< -2.5%

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



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> Gross indices (1995=100)

Second quarter 2000: total wages and salaries - 2.4%

Chemical industry and construction rising

In the second quarter of 2000, compared to the same period of the preceding year, the **total amount of gross wages and salaries** payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium fell by -2,4%; in construction there was an increase by 1,5%. At the regional level, there's a decrease of total wages and salaries by -1,0% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by -6,5%.

While somewhat more sectors are falling than rising, construction (+ 1.5%) and especially chemical industry (+ 5.5%) stand out positively. Industry and construction together are down by less in Flanders (- 0.5%) than in

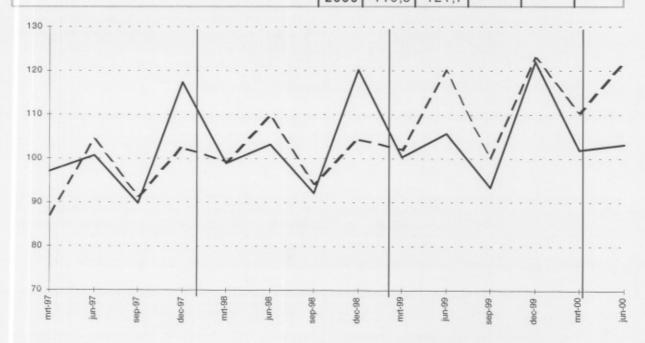
Wallonia (- 5,5%).

		I	II	III	IV	Year
Total industry	1999	100,7	108,1	94,6	122,1	106,4
	2000	103,4	106,2			
Total industry, excluding construction	1999	100,3	105,7	93,4	122	105,4
	2000	102	103,2			
Mining and quarrying	1999	100,9	105,7	93,5	118,7	104,7
	2000	104,5	107,1			
M anufacturing	1999	101	105,7	93,6	122,3	105,7
	2000	103,3	104,1			
Electricity, gas and water supply	1999	89,8	106,4	90,5	117,7	101,1
	2000	84,1	89,6			
Construction	1999	102,2	119,9	100,1	122,6	111,2
	2000	110,5	121,7			

Gross indices (1995=100)

Total industry, excluding construction:

Construction:



Last quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year Gross indices (1995=100)

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

➤ -2.5% to -0.5%

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Industrial branches / M ain industrial groupings	BE	V L	WA	BR
Total industry	` `	->	11	1
Total industry, excluding construction	` `	`	11	1
Intermediate goods	` `	**	**	1
Capital goods	,	11	**	1
Durable consumer goods	1	`	,	1
Non-durable consumer goods	→	11	11	1
Mining and quarrying	1	->	11	
Food products, beverages and tobacco		->	11	1 4 4
Textiles and textiles products	`	-	,	1
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	→	"	**	1
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	11	11	11	11
Metal products, machinery and equipment	`		**	1
Non-metallic mineral products	→	,	`	111
Manufacture of basic metals	111	`	**	-
Furniture	` `	11	11	11
Ele c tric ity	1	**	**	
Construction	- 1	,	,,	"



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> Gross indices (1995=100)

Third quarter 2000: total wages and salaries + 1.6%

Strongest rises in chemical and metal products, machinery, equipment industries

In the third quarter of 2000, compared to the same period of the preceding year, the **total amount of gross** wages and salaries payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium rose by 1,6%; in construction there was an increase by 0,3%. At the regional level, there's an increase of total wages and salaries by 1,0% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 1,7%.

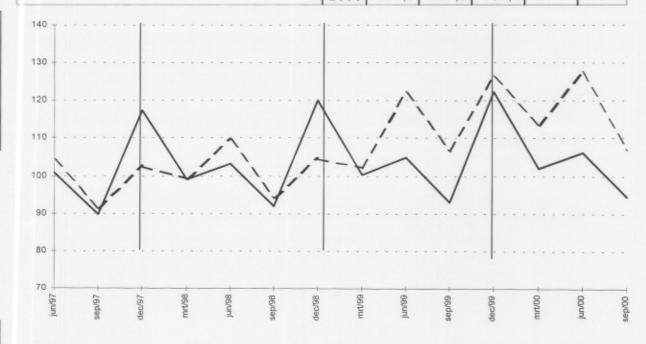
At the sectoral level, most noteworthy are the increases of chemical industry (+2.6%) and metal products, machinery and equipment (+4.3%) and the decrease of textiles and clothes (-3.1%). These changes are completely in line with the view on business trends presented by other indicators (production, new orders)

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Total industry	1999	100,7	107,7	95,4	123,1	106,7
	2000	103,9	109,5	96,7		
Total industry, excluding construction	1999	100,3	104,9	93,1	122,4	105,2
	2000	102	106,1	94,6		
Mining and quarrying	1999	100,9	105	94,7	119,6	105,1
	2000	104,8	106,1	93,3		
Manufacturing	1999	101	104,8	93,3	122,4	105,4
	2000	103	107	95,1		
Electricity, gas and water supply	1999	89,8	106,4	89,8	122,8	102,2
	2000	85,9	91,1	87,1		
Construction	1999	102,2	121,9	106,8	126,1	114,3
	2000	113,6	127,3	107,1		

Gross indices (1995=100)

Total industry, excluding construction :

Construction:



Last quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year Gross indices (1995=100)

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

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Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	1	,	`	4
Total industry ,excluding construction	,	,	×	* *
Intermediate goods	1	,	-	* *
Capital goods	¥	×	**	× ×
Durable consumer goods	1	,	11	11
Non-durable consumer goods	1	11	→	× ×
Mining and quarrying		* *	`	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	→	,	1	1
Textiles and textile products	-	"	**	1
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	1 4 4	-	44	
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	11	,	11	11
Metal products, machinery and equipment	11	-	**	11
Non-metallic mineral products			-	11
Manufacture of basic metals	→	11		* *
Furniture	→	`	-	11
Electricity	× ×	**	**	* *
Construction	-		**	11
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Year 2000: total wages and salaries industry and construction + 1.8%

Fourth Quarter 2000: status quo in industry (- 0.1%), strong increase in construction (+ 8,6%)

In the fourth quarter of 2000, compared to the same period of the preceding year, the **total amount of** gross wages and salaries payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium remained more or less stable (- 0.1%) in construction there was an increase by 8,6%. At the regional level, there's an increase of total wages and salaries by 0,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by -2,7%.

In the year 2000 total wages and salaries have risen by 0.9% in industry and by a strong 6.7% in construction. For industry and construction together, figures are higher in Flanders (+ 2.5%) than in Wallonia (+ 0.5%); when taken separately, the same applies for industry (Flanders + 1.5%, Wallonia - 0.3%) as well as construction (Flanders + 8.1%, Wallonia + 4.3%).

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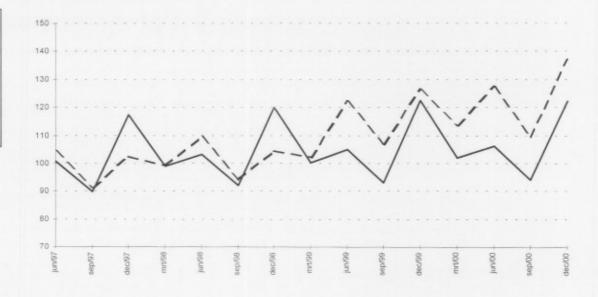
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		- 1	II	III	IV	Year
Total industry	1999	100,7	107,7	95,4	123,1	106,7
	2000	103,9	109,5	96,5	124,7	108,7
Total industry, excluding construction	1999	100,3	104,9	93,1	122,4	105,2
	2000	102	106,1	94	122,3	106,1
Mining and quarrying	1999	100,9	105	94,7	119,6	105,1
	2000	104,8	106,1	91,8	120,2	105,7
Manufacturing	1999	101	104,8	93,3	122,4	105,4
	2000	103	107	94,4	122,3	106,7
Electricity, gas and water supply	1999	89,8	106,4	89,8	122,8	102,2
	2000	85,9	91,1	87,4	123,3	96,9
Construction	1999	102,2	121,9	106,8	126,1	114,3
	2000	113,6	127,3	109,5	137	121,9

Gross indices (1995=100)

Total industry, excluding construction:

Construction:



Last quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year Gross indices (1995=100)

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

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





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Belgium - First quarter 2000: total wages and salaries industry + 6.0%

Flanders + 5.7%, Wallonia - 2.0%

In the first quarter of 2001, compared to the same period of the preceding year, the total amount of gross wages and salaries payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium rose by 6,0%; in construction there was an increase by 2,3%. At the regional level, there's an increase of total wages and salaries by 5,7% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by 2,0%.

The rise of total wages and salaries in the first quarter of 2001 is undoubtedly linked to some extent with rises of persons employed and hours worked; nevertheless total wages and salaries seem to increase somewhat more rapidly than either persons employed or hours worked. Noteworthy as well is the difference between Flanders (+ 5.7%) and Wallonia (- 2.0%); although some caution may be in order (total wages and salaries are gross indices), this might be due to differences in the labour market situation.

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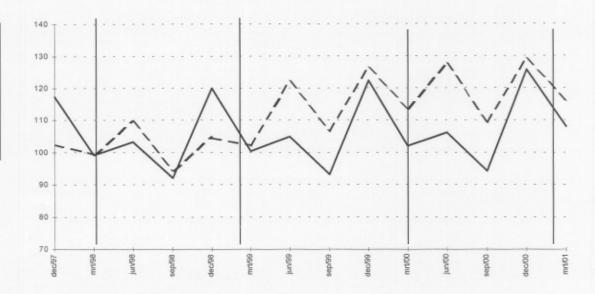
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Total industry	2000	103,9	109,5	96,5	126,3	109,1
	2001	109,4				
Total industry, excluding construction	2000	102	106,1	94	125,7	107,0
	2001	108,1				
Mining and quarrying	2000	104,8	106,1	91,8	118,2	105,2
	2001	101,5				
Manufacturing	2000	103	107	94,4	125,7	107,5
	2001	109				
Electricity, gas and water supply	2000	85,9	91,1	87,4	126,6	97,8
	2001	94,3				
Construction	2000	113,6	127,3	109,5	128,8	119,8
	2001	116,2				

Gross indices (1995=100)

Total industry, excluding construction :

Construction:

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Last quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year Gross indices (1995=100)

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





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Belgium – second quarter 2001 total wages and salaries industry : +2.6%

In the second quarter of 2001, compared to the same period of the preceding year, the total amount of gross wages and salaries payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium rose by 2,6%; in construction there was an increase by 1,6%. At the regional level, there's an increase of total wages and salaries by 2,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia they shrunk by -3,8%.

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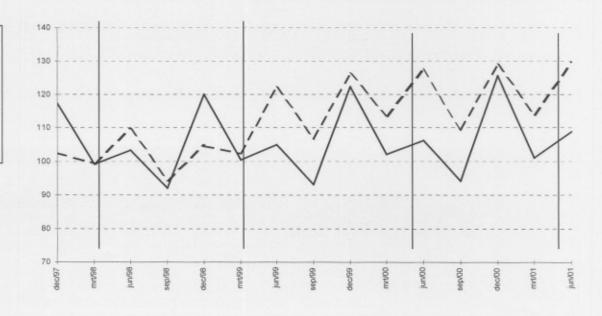
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		1	II	III	IV	Year
Total industry	2000	103,9	109,5	96,5	126,3	109,1
	2001	103	112,2			
Total industry, excluding construction	2000	102	106,1	94	125,7	107,0
	2001	100,9	108,9			
Mining and quarrying	2000	104,8	106,1	91,8	118,2	105,2
	2001	102,5	96,7			
Manufacturing	2000	103	107	94,4	125,7	107,5
	2001	105,9	109,5			
Electricity, gas and water supply	2000	85,9	91,1	87,4	126,6	97,8
	2001	23,7	100,2			
Construction	2000	113,6	127,3	109,5	128,8	119,8
	2001	114,1	129,4			

Gross indices (1995=100)

Total industry, excluding construction :

Construction:



Last quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year Gross indices (1995=100)

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





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Belgium – Third quarter 2001 total wages and salaries industry – 0.2%, construction: + 3.7%

In the third quarter of 2001, compared to the same period of the preceding year, the total amount of gross wages and salaries payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium fell by 0.2%; in construction there was an increase by 3.7%.

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a status quo (+0.4%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a decrease in the wages and salaries by 0.2% in Flanders; in Wallonia the total wages and salaries expanded by 0.1%.

A split as to the type of production gives +0.3% for intermediate goods, -0.1% for capital goods, -3.3% for durable consumer goods and +0.3% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 1.1%.

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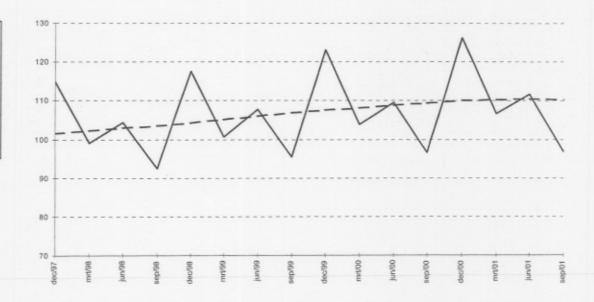
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Gross indices (1995=100)

		1	11	III	IV	Year
Total industry	2000	103,9	109,5	96,5	126,3	109,1
	2001	106,7	111,7	96,9		
Total industry, excluding construction	2000	102	106,1	94	125,7	107,0
	2001	105,2	108,5	93,8		
Mining and quarrying	2000	104,8	106,1	91,8	118,2	105,2
	2001	102,5	104,4	88,8		
Manufacturing	2000	103	107	94,4	125,7	107,5
	2001	105,9	109	94		
Electricity, gas and water supply	2000	85,9	91,1	87,4	126,6	97,8
	2001	94,2	99,9	90,4		
Construction	2000	113,6	127,3	109,5	128,8	119,8
	2001	114,1	128,8	113,5		

Gross indices (1995=100) Total industry, excluding construction :

Construction:



Last quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year Gross indices (1995=100)

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

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	V L	WA	BR
Total industry	Α	A	>	>
Total industry, excluding construction	A	A	A	>
Intermediate goods	A	>	A	>>
Capital goods	A	>	A	A
Durable consumer goods	>>	A	>>	>>
Non-durable consumer goods	A	A	A	>>
Mining and quarrying	A	A	A	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	A	A	A	>>
Textiles and textile products	>	A	>>	>>
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	A	A	>>	>>
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	A	A	A	>>
Metal products, machinery and equipment	A	A	>	A
Non-metallic mineral products	A	A	A	A
Manufacture of basic metals	A	>	. A.	>>
Furniture	>	>	A	>>
Electricity	>	>	>	>
Construction	A	AA	A	A





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium – Fourth quarter 2001 total wages and salaries industry –2.6%, construction + 15.0%

In the fourth quarter of 2001, compared to the same period of the preceding year, the **total amount of** gross wages and salaries payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium fell by 2.6%; in construction there was an increase by 15.0%.

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a status quo (-0.1%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in the wages and salaries by 0.7% in Flanders; in Wallonia the total wages and salaries stayed stable (+0.0%).

A split as to the type of production gives +0.0% for intermediate goods, +2.3% for capital goods, -3.5% for durable consumer goods and +0.5% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 0.9%.

The important increase of the wage bill in construction especially results from non-recurrent allowances.

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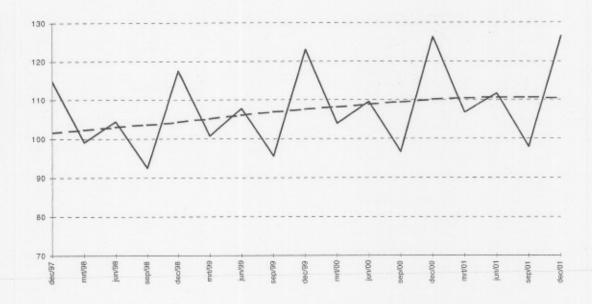
Gross indices (1995=100)

		1	11	III	IV	Year
Total industry	2000	103,9	109,5	96,5	126,3	109,1
	2001	106,7	111,7	97,7	126,5	110,7
Total industry, excluding construction	2000	102	106,1	94	125,7	107,0
	2001	105,2	108,5	95,4	122,4	107,9
Mining and quarrying	2000	104,8	106,1	91,8	118,2	105,2
	2001	102,5	104,4	90,5	121,1	104,6
Manufacturing	2000	103	107	94,4	125,7	107,5
	2001	105,9	109	95,6	122,8	108,3
Electricity, gas and water supply	2000	85,9	91,1	87,4	126,6	97,8
	2001	94,2	99,9	91,5	115	100,2
Construction	2000	113,6	127,3	109,5	128,8	119,8
	2001	114,1	128,8	110,1	148,1	125,3



Total industry, excluding construction:

Construction:



Last quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year Gross indices (1995=100)

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

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





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium – First quarter 2002 total wages and salaries industry –7.3%, construction – 1.5%

In the first quarter of 2002, compared to the same period of the preceding year, the total amount of gross wages and salaries payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium fell by 7.3%; in construction there was a decrease by 1.5%.

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a strong decline (-2.6%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a decrease in the wages and salaries by 4.6% in Flanders; in Wallonia the total wages and salaries expanded by 0.6%.

A split as to the type of production gives -0.6% for intermediate goods, -2.3% for capital goods, +1.3% for durable consumer goods and +0.4% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 0.2%.

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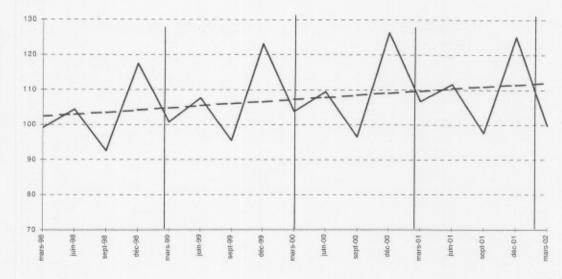
Gross indices (1995=100)

		1	11	111	IV	Year
Total industry	2001	106,7	111,7	97,7	125,1	110,3
	2002	99,9				
Total industry, excluding construction	2001	105,2	108,5	95,4	123,5	108,2
	2002	97,5				
Mining and quarrying	2001	102,5	104,4	90,5	119,3	104,2
	2002	98,3			-	
Manufacturing	2001	105,9	109	95,6	123,9	108,6
	2002	98,2				
Electricity, gas and water supply	2001	94,2	99,9	91,5	117	100,7
	2002	86,9				
Construction	2001	114,1	128,8	110,1	133,1	121,5
	2002	112,4				



Total industry, excluding construction :

Construction:



Last quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year Gross indices (1995=100)

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

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





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - Second quarter 2002: total wages and salaries industry - 4.7%, construction - 0.9%%

No clear trend

In the second quarter of 2002, compared to the same period of the preceding year, the total amount of gross wages and salaries payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium fell by 4.7%; in construction there was a decrease by 0.9%.

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a decline (-1.3%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a decrease in the wages and salaries by 1.0% in Flanders; in Wallonia the total wages and salaries stayed stable (+0.0%).

A split as to the type of production gives -0.4% for intermediate goods, -1.0% for capital goods, +0.9% for durable consumer goods and -0.7% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, fell by 0.5%.

The evolution of total wages and salaries has remained remarkably stable for more than a year now. This is probably due to the rise in hourly wages having been compensated by the fall of the number of persons employed and of hours worked.

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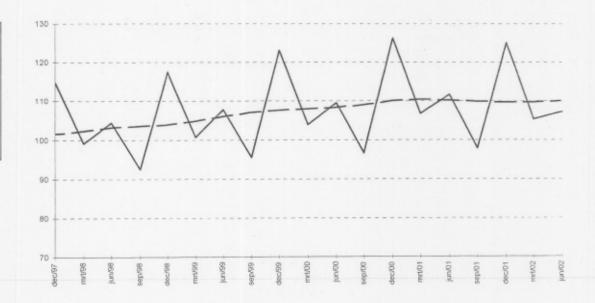
Gross indices (1995=100)

		1	II	III	IV	Year
Total industry	2001	106,7	111,7	97,7	125,1	110,3
	2002	105,3	107,2			
Total industry, excluding construction	2001	105,2	108,5	95,4	123,5	108,2
	2002	103,5	103,4			
Mining and quarrying	2001	102,5	104,4	90,5	119,3	104,2
	2002	102,9	104,8			
Manufacturing	2001	105,9	109	95,6	123,9	108,6
	2002	104,5	103,6			
Electricity, gas and water supply	2001	94,2	99,9	91,5	117	100,7
	2002	86,5	99,2			
Construction	2001	114,1	128,8	110,1	133,1	121,5
	2002	114,3	127,7			

Gross indices (1995=100)

Total industry, excluding construction :

Construction:



Last quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year Gross indices (1995=100)

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

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





STATISTICS BELGIUM

Statistics Belgium Press Release

Belgium - Third quarter 2002: total wages and salaries industry - 1.5%, construction - 0.2%

In the third quarter of 2002, compared to the same period of the preceding year, the total amount of gross wages and salaries payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium fell by 1.5%; in construction there was a decrease by 0.2%.

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a status quo (-0.4%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a decrease in the wages and salaries by 0.1% in Flanders; in Wallonia the total wages and salaries shrunk by 0.6%.

A split as to the type of production gives –1.0% for intermediate goods, +0.6% for capital goods, +1.3% for durable consumer goods and –0.1% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 0.3%.

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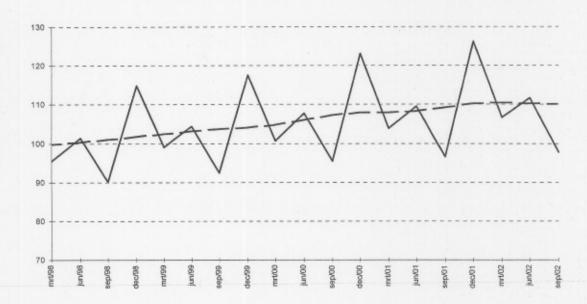
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Gross indices (1995=100)

		1	11	111	IV	Year
Total industry	2001	106,7	111,7	97,7	125,1	110,3
	2002	105,3	111,8	96,5		
Total industry, excluding construction	2001	105,2	108,5	95,4	123,5	108,2
	2002	103,5	107,8	93,95		
Mining and quarrying	2001	102,5	104,4	90,5	119,3	104,2
	2002	102,9	106	89,32		
Manufacturing	2001	105,9	109	95,6	123,9	108,6
	2002	104,5	108,4	94,25		
Electricity, gas and water supply	2001	94,2	99,9	91,5	117	100,7
	2002	86,5	99,14	89,35		
Construction	2001	114,1	128,8	110,1	133,1	121,5
	2002	114,3	133,2	109,8		

Gross indices (1995=100) Total industry, excluding construction :

Construction:



Last quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year Gross indices (1995=100)

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

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	WA	BR
Total industry	->	->	*	**
Total industry, excluding construction	-	->	*	**
Intermediate goods	*	`	*	->
Capital goods	1	,	1	**
Durable consumer goods	1	1	**	**
Non-durable consumer goods	-	->	1	- 4
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	*	->	->	11
Metal products, machinery and equipment	-	->	*	->
Non-metallic mineral products	*	->	*	1
Manufacture of basic metals	1	1	->	11
Furniture	*	->	*	**
Electricity	*	*	*	*
Construction	->	->	*	1

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Belgium - Forth quarter 2002: total wages and salaries industry – 0.8%, construction – 4.1%

In the fourth quarter of 2002, compared to the same period of the preceding year, the total amount of gross wages and salaries paid in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium fell by 0,8%; in construction there was a decrease by 4,1%.

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a status quo (-0.3%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a decrease in the wages and salaries by 0.3% in Flanders; in Wallonia the total wages and salaries stayed stable (+0.0%).

A split as to the type of production gives -0.2% for intermediate goods, -0.8% for capital goods, +0.5% for durable consumer goods and +0.5% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, stayed stable (+0.0%).

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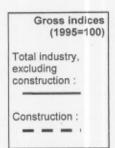
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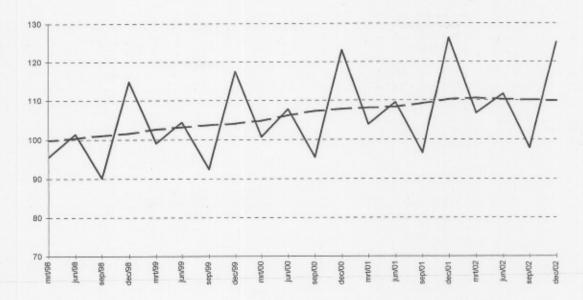
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Total industry	2001	106,7	111,7	97,7	125,1	110,3
	2002	105,3	111,8	97,22	123,5	109,5
Total industry, excluding construction	2001	105,2	108,5	95,4	123,5	108,2
	2002	103,5	107,8	94,76	122,5	107,1
Mining and quarrying	2001	102,5	104,4	90,5	119,3	104,2
	2002	102,9	106	90,26	115,6	103,7
Manufacturing	2001	105,9	109	95,6	123,9	108,6
	2002	104,5	108,4	95,11	122,8	107,7
Electricity, gas and water supply	2001	94,2	99,9	91,5	117	100,7
	2002	86,5	99,14	89,37	118,6	98,4
Construction	2001	114,1	128,8	110,1	133,1	121,5
	2002	114,3	133,2	110	127,7	121,3





Last quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year Gross indices (1995=100)

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

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Belgium - First quarter 2003: total wages and salaries industry + 3.8%, construction + 17.4%

In the first quarter of 2003, compared to the same period of the preceding year, the total amount of gross wages and salaries payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium rose by 3.8%; in construction there was an increase by 17.4%.

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a status quo (-0.2%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in the wages and salaries by 0.1% in Flanders; in Wallonia the total wages and salaries expanded by 0.5%.

A split as to the type of production gives -0.2% for intermediate goods, +7.1% for capital goods, +1.2% for durable consumer goods and +0.7% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 1.3%.

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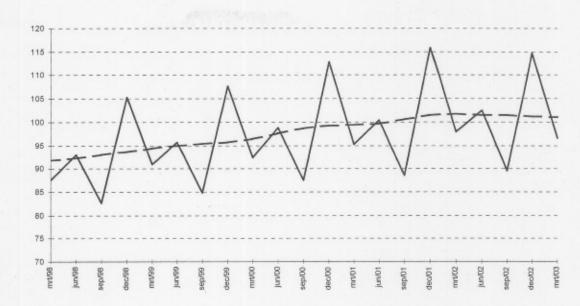
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Gross indices (2000=100)



Gross indices:

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

Last quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year Trend

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			II	III	IV	Year
Total industry	2002	96,56	102,6	89,15	123,4	102,9
	2003	102,4				
Total industry, excluding construction	2002	96,77	100,8	88,6	122,4	102,1
	2003	100,5				
Mining and quarrying	2002	97,79	100,7	85,78	118,3	100,6
	2003	95,68				
Manufacturing	2002	97,19	100,8	88,45	122,6	102,3
	2003	101,6				
Electricity, gas and water supply	2002	88,49	101,4	91,43	118,6	100,0
	2003	82,39				
Construction	2002	95,41	111,2	91,84	128,1	106,6
	2003	112				

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NIS Persbericht

Belgium – Second quarter 2003: total wages and salaries industry + 4.3%, construction + 15.9%

In the second quarter of 2003, compared to the previous quarter, the total amount of gross wages and salaries payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium rose by 4.3%; in construction there was an increase by 15.9%.

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a status quo (+0.4%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in the wages and salaries by 0.8% in Flanders; in Wallonia the total wages and salaries expanded by 0.3%.

A split as to the type of production gives +3.4% for intermediate goods, +6.8% for capital goods, +0.0% for durable consumer goods and -0.1% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 2.7%.

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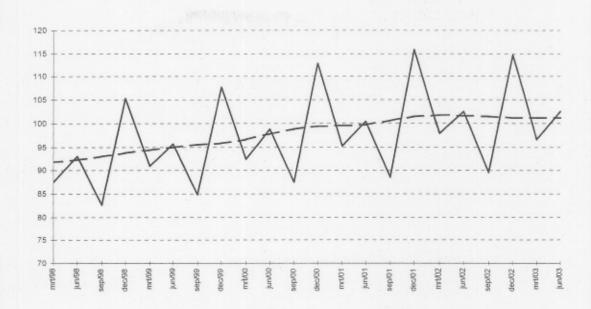
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Gross indices (2000=100)



Trend

Gross indices:

Trend:

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

Last quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year Trend

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		1	II	111	IV	Year
Total industry	2002	96,56	102,6	89,15	123,4	102,9
	2003	102,4	108,8			
Total industry, excluding construction	2002	96,77	100,8	88,6	122,4	102,1
	2003	100,4	104,7			
Mining and quarrying	2002	97,79	100,7	85,78	118,3	100,6
	2003	95,68	103,9			
Manufacturing	2002	97,19	100,8	88,45	122,6	102,3
	2003	101,4	105,3			
Electricity, gas and water supply	2002	88,49	101,4	91,43	118,6	100,0
	2003	83,77	95,62			
Construction	2002	95,41	111,2	91,84	128,1	106,6
	2003	112,6	130,5			

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Belgium – Third quarter 2003: total wages and salaries industry - 9,4%, construction - 16,5%

In the third quarter of 2003, compared to the previous quarter, the total amount of gross wages and salaries payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium fell by 9,4%; in construction there was a decrease by 16,5%.

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows an increase (+0,6%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in the wages and salaries by 0,6% in Flanders; in Wallonia the total wages and salaries expanded by 0,9%.

A split as to the type of production gives +0,9% for intermediate goods, +5,4% for capital goods, +1,8% for durable consumer goods and -0,1% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 2,4%.

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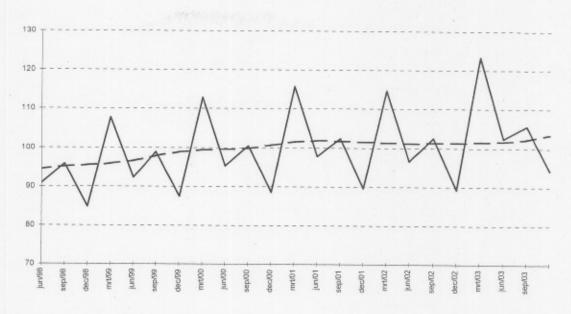
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Gross indices (2000=100)



Trend

Gross indices:

Trend:

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	VL	I WA	BR
Total industry				
	1	-	-	1
Total industry,excluding construction		-	-	11
Intermediate goods	1	/	11	11
Capital goods	11	11	1	11
Durable consumer goods	/	1	1	**
Non-durable consumer goods	→	*	1	
Mining and quarrying	->	11	*	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	*	→	-+	11
Textiles and textile products	-	-	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	,	,
Non-metallic mineral products	-+	1	*	**
Manufacture of basic metals	11	11	11	-+
Furniture	*	*	**	
Electricity	→		>	-
Construction	1	11	11	-
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Last quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year Trend

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		1	11	III	IV	Year
Total industry	2002	96,56	102,6	89,15	123,4	102,9
	2003	102,4	105,6	94,25		
Total industry, excluding construction	2002	96,77	100,8	88,6	122,4	102,1
	2003	100,4	100,9	91,34		
Mining and quarrying	2002	97,79	100,7	85,78	118,3	100,6
	2003	95,68	84,42	74		
Manufacturing	2002	97,19	100,8	88,45	122,6	102,3
	2003	101,4	102,8	91,02		
Electricity, gas and water supply	2002	88,49	101,4	91,43	118,6	100,0
	2003	83,77	71,16	97,39		
Construction	2002	95,41	111,2	91,84	128,1	106,6
	2003	112,6	131,2	109,6		-

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Belgium – Fourth quarter 2003: total wages and salaries industry – 1.0%, construction – 1.1%

In the fourth quarter of 2003, compared to the previous quarter, the total amount of desaisonalized wages and salaries payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium fell by 1.0%; in construction there was a decrease by 1.1%.

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a status quo (+0.3%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in the wages and salaries by 0.1% in Flanders; in Wallonia the total wages and salaries expanded by 1.2%.

A split as to the type of production gives +1.4% for intermediate goods, -0.1% for capital goods, -0.9% for durable consumer goods and +0.4% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 1.8%.

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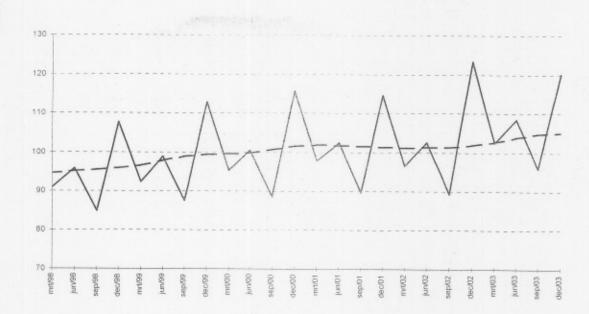
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Gross indices (2000=100)



Gross indices:
Trend :

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

Last quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year Trend

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		1	11	111	IV	Year
Total industry	2002	96,56	102,6	89,15	123,4	102,9
	2003	102,4	108,4	95,78	120,2	106,7
Total industry, excluding construction	2002	96,77	100,8	88,6	122,4	102,1
	2003	100,4	104,1	93,07	119	104,1
Mining and quarrying	2002	97,79	100,7	85,78	118,3	100,6
	2003	95,68	84,42	83,69	116,6	95,1
Manufacturing	2002	97,19	100,8	88,45	122,6	102,3
	2003	101,4	104.6	93,07	118,3	104,3
Electricity, gas and water supply	2002	88,49	101,4	91,43	118,6	100,0
	2003	83,77	97,23	93,65	130,1	101,2
Construction	2002	95,41	111,2	91,84	128,1	106,6
	2003	112,6	131,2	110	125,9	119,9

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Belgium - First quarter 2004: total wages and salaries industry - 0,8%, construction + 1,7%

In the first quarter of 2004, compared to the previous quarter, the total amount of desaisonalized wages and salaries payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium fell by 0,8%; in construction there was an increase by 1,7%.

The trend of the last guarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a status quo (-0,2%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a decrease in the wages and salaries by 0.4% in Flanders; in Wallonia the total wages and salaries expanded by 0.8%.

A split as to the type of production gives +0,3% for intermediate goods, +2,0% for capital goods, -0,1% for durable consumer goods and +0.4% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 2.4%.

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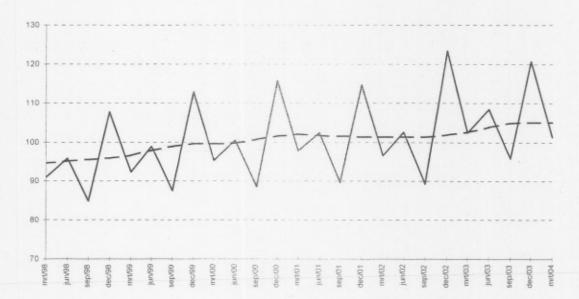
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Gross	indices
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		1	11	III	IV	Year
Total industry	2003	102,4	108,4	95,78	120,7	106,8
	2004	101,3				
Total industry, excluding construction	2003	100,4	104,1	93,07	119,5	104,3
	2004	98,7				-
Mining and quarrying	2003	95,68	84,42	83,69	.116,2	95,0
	2004	89,58				
Manufacturing	2003	101,4	104,6	93,07	118,8	104,5
	2004	98,49				
Electricity, gas and water supply	2003	83,77	97,23	93,65	130,4	101,3
	2004	102,7				
Construction	2003	112,6	131,2	110	125,9	119,9
	2004	115				





Last quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year Trend

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

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Short Term Indicators

Thursday September, 2th 2004

Statistick en Economische Informatie Belgium – Second quarter 2004: total wages and salaries industry - 0.4%, construction - 0.8%

In the second quarter of 2004, compared to the previous quarter, the total amount of desaisonalized wages and salaries payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium fell by 0.4%; in construction there was a decrease by 0.8%.

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a status quo (+0.2%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in the wages and salaries by 0.5% in Flanders; in Wallonia the total wages and salaries expanded by 0.5%*.

A split as to the type of production gives +0.8% for intermediate goods, +0.2% for capital goods, -0.8% for durable consumer goods and +0.5% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 1.1%.

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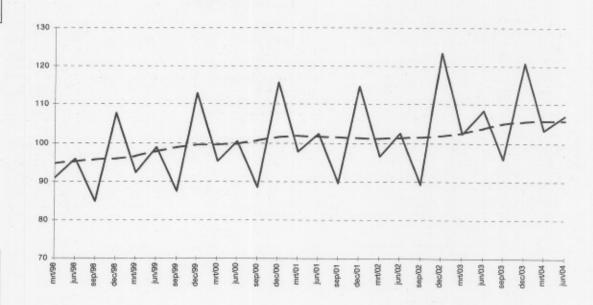
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Gross indices (2000=100)



Gross indices:
Trend :

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

Last quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year Trend

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

		1	11	III	IV	Year
	2003	102.4	108.4	95.78	120.7	106.8
	2004	103.3	107.1			
Total industry, excluding construction	2003	100.4	104.1	93.07	119.5	104.3
	2004	101	103.4			***************************************
Mining and quarrying	2003	95.68	84.42	83.69	116.2	95.0
	2004	90.44	91.96		*******************************	
Manufacturing	2003	101.4	104.6	93.07	118.8	104.5
	2004	100.9	103.2			-
Electricity, gas and water supply	2003	83.77	97.23	93.65	130.4	101.3
	2004	102.6	105.9			
Construction	2003	112.6	131.2	110	125.9	119.9
	2004	115	127.2			***************************************

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Thursday December, 2th 2004

Belgium – Third quarter 2004: total wages and salaries industry - 1,5%, construction - 2,4%

In the third quarter of 2004, compared to the previous quarter, the **total amount of desaisonalized** wages and salaries payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium fell by 1,5%; in construction there was a decrease by 2,4%.

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a decline (-0.8%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a decrease in the wages and salaries by 0.9% in Flanders; in Wallonia there's a status quo $(+0.1\%)^*$.

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

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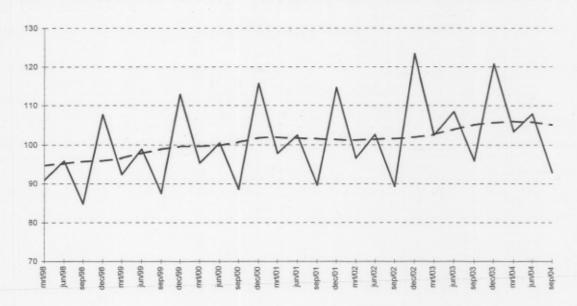
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Gross indices (2000=100)

		1	II	III	IV	Year
	2003	102,4	108,4	95,78	120,7	106,8
	2004	103,3	107,9	92,77		
Total industry, excluding construction	2003	100,4	104,1	93,07	119,5	104,3
	2004	101	104,1	90,24		
Mining and quarrying	2003	95,68	84,42	83,69	116,2	95,0
	2004	90,44	92,91	80,37		
Manufacturing	2003	101,4	104,6	93,07	118,8	104,5
	2004	100,9	104,1	89,99		
Electricity, gas and water supply	2003	83,77	97,23	93,65	130,4	101,3
	2004	102,6	105,6	94,97		
Construction	2003	112,6	131,2	110	125,9	119,9
	2004	115	128	106,1		





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the pre	vious year Trend
"	> 2.5%
-	5% to 2.5%
	5% to 0.5%
₹ -2.5	% to -0.5%
**	< -2.5%

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

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Short Term Indicators

Thursday March, 3th 2005

Statistiek en Economische Informatie Belgium – Fourth quarter 2004: total wages and salaries

Industry: -0,1%; construction: +1,1%

In the fourth quarter of 2004, compared to the previous quarter, the total amount of desaisonalized wages and salaries payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium shows a status quo (-0,1%); in construction there was an increase by 1,1%.

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a status quo (-0,4%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a decrease in the wages and salaries by 1,0% in Flanders; in Wallonia the total wages and salaries shrunk by 0,5%*.

A split as to the type of production gives +0,3% for intermediate goods, +0,1% for capital goods, +0,6% for durable consumer goods and +0,4% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 1,0%.

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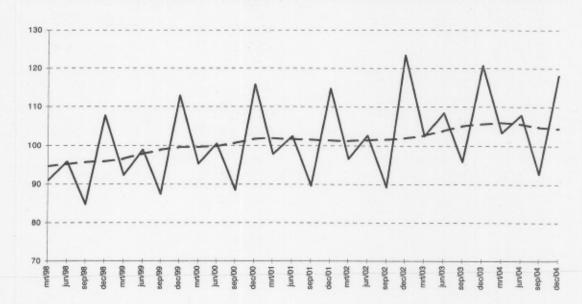
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Gross indices (2000=100)

		1	II	III	IV	Year
Total industry	2003	102,4	108,4	95,78	120,7	106,8
	2004	103,3	107,9	92,6	118,1	105,5
Total industry, excluding construction	2003	100,4	104,1	93,07	119,5	104,3
4	2004	101	104,1	89,97	116,8	103,0
Mining and quarrying	2003	95,68	84,42	83,69	116,2	95,0
	2004	90,44	92,91	80,84	105,7	92,5
Manufacturing	2003	101,4	104,6	93,07	118,8	104,5
	2004	100,9	104,1	89,7	116	102,7
Electricity, gas and water supply	2003	83,77	97,23	93,65	130,4	101,3
	2004	102,6	105,6	94,97	131,3	108,6
Construction	2003	112,6	131,2	110	125,9	119,9
	2004	115	128	106,5	124,1	118,4





Last quarter
compared to the
same quarter of
the previous year
Trend

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

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

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

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

Donnerstag 2 Juni 2005

Belgien - Ersten Quartal 2005 : Lohnsumme Industrie : +0,1% ; Baugewerbe : -2,4%

Tm Vergleich zum vierten Quartal war im ersten Quartal 2005 die in der belgischen Industrie ohne Baugewerbe gezahlte Gesamtzahl der Saison bereinigte Bruttolöhne und -gehälter zeigt ein Status quo (+0,1%); im Baugewerbe gab es eine Abnahme um 2,4%.

Der Trend der letzten Quartal gegenüber den vorhergehenden Quartal zeigt für Belgien insgesamt ein Status quo (+0,3%). Auf regionaler Ebene zeigt die Lohnsumme in Flandern ein Status quo (+0,2%) und in Wallonien um 0,6%* ansteigend.

Eine Aufschlüsselung nach Art der Produkte, ergibt +0,2% für Grundstoffe- und Produktionsgüter, +0,3% für Investitionsgüter, -1,8% für Gebrauchsgüter und +0,4% für Verbrauchsgüter. Baugewerbe zeigt ein Status quo (-0,3%).

Nächste Pressemitteillung 1/9/2005

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- ⇒ Lohnsummedaten sind auch weiter aufgeschlüsselt (nach Subsektoren, Regionen) oder verarbeitet (z.B. saisonbereinigt) erhältlich, einmalig auf Bestellung bzw. monatlich im Abonnement.
- ⇒ Wir verfügen nicht nur über Lohnsumme, sondern auch über viele andere Konjunkturdaten: Indizes der geleisteten Arbeitsstunden, Produktion, Auftragseingänge, Arbeitnehmer, ...

(*) Die Programme zur Salsonbereinigung und Trendberechnung betrachten jede Serie an sich; somit kann die Summierung von Teilergebnissen (je Region oder Produkttyp) von den Gesamtzahlen abweichen.

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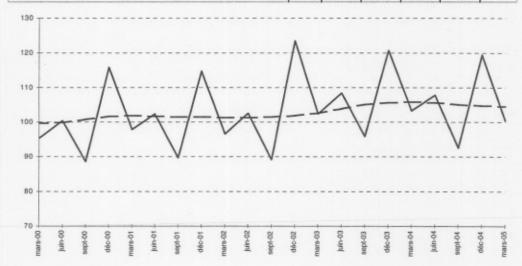
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Lohnsumme

Bruttoindizes (2000=100)

		- 1	11	III	IV	Jahr
Gesamte Industrie	2004	103,3	107,9	92,6	119,4	105,8
	2005	100,3				
Gesamte Industrie (ohne Bauindustrie)	2004	101	104,1	89,97	118	103,3
	2005	99,27				
Berbau und Gewinnung von Steinen und Erden	2004	90,44	92,91	80,84	107,6	93,0
	2005	89,98				
Be- und verarbeitendes Gewerbe	2004	100,9	104,1	89,7	117,8	103,1
	2005	99,38				
Energie- und Wasserversorgung	2004	102,6	105,6	94,97	122,1	106,3
	2005	97,89				
Baugewerbe	2004	115	128	106,5	125,9	118,8
	2005	104,8				





Das letztz Quartal
gegenüber dem
Vorjahresquartal
Trend

77 > 2.5%

7 0.5% bis 2.5%

→ -0.5% bis 0.5%

⊔ 2.5% bis -0.5%

⊔ 2.5% bis -0.5%

Tätigkeitsbranchen / Industrie-Hauptgruppen	BE	VL	WA	BR
Gesamte Industrie	→	>	71	Я
Gesamte Industrie (ohne Bauindustrie)	→	>	7	Я
Grundstoffe und Produktionsgüter	→	Я	71	Я
Investitionsgüter	→	>	>	7
Gebrauchsgüter	Я	>	И	מע
Verbrauchsgüter	→	>	7	И
Bergbau, Gewinnung von Steinen und Erden	→	→	>	
Emährungsgewerbe und Tabakverarbeitung	Я	>	7	77
Textil-, Bekleidungs- und Ledergewerbe	KK	И	RK	ИЯ
Papier-, Verlags- und Druckgewerbe	73	И	7	И
Chemische, Gummi- und Kunststoffwarenindustrie	→	>	71	7
Metallverarbeitende Industrie	7	7	7	И
Glasgewerbe, Keramik, Verarbeitung Steine und Erden	7	>	И	ЯЯ
Metallerzeugung und -bearbeitung	→	>	>	>
Möbel	Я	И	И	
Elektrizitätsversorgung	7	71	7	7
Baugewerbe	→	И	И	И

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

Thursday August, 25th 2005

Belgium – Second quarter 2005: total wages and salaries Industry : -0,4% ; construction : -0,1%

In the second quarter of 2005, compared to the previous quarter, the **total amount of desaisonalized** wages and salaries payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium fell by 0,4%; in construction there's a status quo (-0,1%).

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a decline (-0,3%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a decrease in the wages and salaries by 0,7% in Flanders; in Wallonia the total wages and salaries shows a status quo (-0,2%)*.

A split as to the type of production gives -0,6% for intermediate goods, -0,4% for capital goods, -1,5% for durable consumer goods and +0,5% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 0,3%.

Next press release: 1/12/2005

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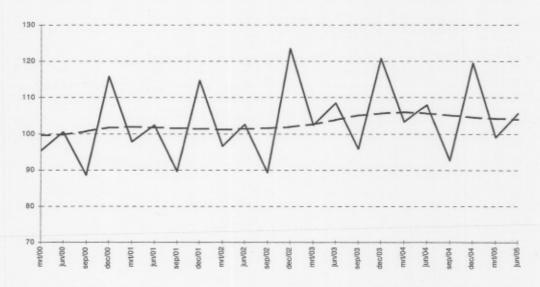
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Gross indices (2000=100)

		1	II	III	IV	Year
Total industry	2004	103,3	107,9	92,6	119,4	105,8
	2005	99,08	105,6			
Total industry, excluding construction	2004	101	104,1	89,97	118	103,3
	2005	97,89	102			
Mining and quarrying	2004	90,44	92,91	80,84	107,6	93,0
	2005	89,98	90,54			
Manufacturing	2004	100,9	104,1	89,7	117,8	103,1
	2005	97,91	101,4			
Electricity, gas and water supply	2004	102,6	105,6	94,97	122,1	106,3
	2005	97,89	113,4			
Construction	2004	115	128	106,5	125,9	118,8
	2005	104,6	124,7			





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



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

Thursday December, 1st 2005

Belgium – Third quarter 2005: total wages and salaries Industry: -1,1%; construction: +1,0%

In the third quarter of 2005, compared to the previous quarter, the **total amount of desaisonalized** wages and salaries payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium fell by 1,1%; in construction there was an increase by 1,0%.

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a decline (-0.6%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a decrease in the wages and salaries by 0.5% in Flanders; in Wallonia there's a status quo $(+0.1\%)^*$.

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

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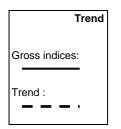
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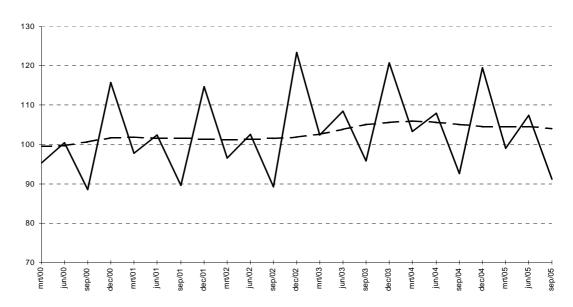
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Gross indices (2000=100)

		I	II	III	IV	Year
Total industry	2004	103,3	107,9	92,6	119,4	105,8
	2005	99,08	107,4	91,11		
Total industry, excluding construction	2004	101	104,1	89,97	118	103,3
	2005	97,89	103,6	88,53		
Mining and quarrying	2004	90,44	92,91	80,84	107,6	93,0
	2005	89,98	93,79	78,08		
Manufacturing	2004	100,9	104,1	89,7	117,8	103,1
	2005	97,91	102,7	88,26		
Electricity, gas and water supply	2004	102,6	105,6	94,97	122,1	106,3
	2005	97,89	119,8	93,72		
Construction	2004	115	128	106,5	125,9	118,8
	2005	104,6	128,3	104,8		





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

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



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Thursday 2 March 2006

Belgium – Fourth quarter 2005: total wages and salaries Industry: -0,6%; construction: -0,4%

In the fourth quarter of 2005, compared to the previous quarter, the **total amount of desaisonalized wages and salaries** payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium fell by 0,6%; in construction there was a decrease by 0,4%.

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a decline (-0,6%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a decrease in the wages and salaries by 0,5% in Flanders; in Wallonia there's a decrease of 0,2%*.

A split as to the type of production gives +0.0% for intermediate goods, -0.5% for capital goods, +0.8% for durable consumer goods and +0.4% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 0.5%.

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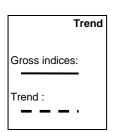
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Gross indices (2000=100)

		ı	II	III	IV	Year
Total industry	2004	103,3	107,9	92,6	119,4	105,8
	2005	99,08	107,4	91,94	117,1	103,9
Total industry, excluding construction	2004	101	104,1	89,97	118	103,3
	2005	97,89	103,6	89,15	115,6	101,6
Mining and quarrying	2004	90,44	92,91	80,84	107,6	93,0
	2005	89,98	93,79	77,8	101,6	90,8
Manufacturing	2004	100,9	104,1	89,7	117,8	103,1
	2005	97,91	102,7	88,92	115	101,1
Electricity, gas and water supply	2004	102,6	105,6	94,97	122,1	106,3
	2005	97,89	119,8	93,85	127,9	109,9
Construction	2004	115	128	106,5	125,9	118,8
	2005	104,6	128,3	106,8	123,7	115,8





Last quarter
compared to the
same quarter of
the previous year
Trend

> 2.5% > 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% ⇒ -2.5% to -0.5% × -2.5%

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



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Thursday 8 June 2006

Belgium – First quarter 2006: total wages and salaries Industry: -1,8%; construction: +0,5%

In the first quarter of 2006, compared to the previous quarter, the **total amount of desaisonalized wages and salaries** payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium fell by 1,8%; in construction there was an increase by 0,5%.

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a decline (-1,2%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a status quo in the wages and salaries (+0,0%) in Flanders; in Wallonia there's an increase of 0,5%*.

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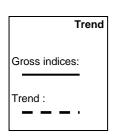
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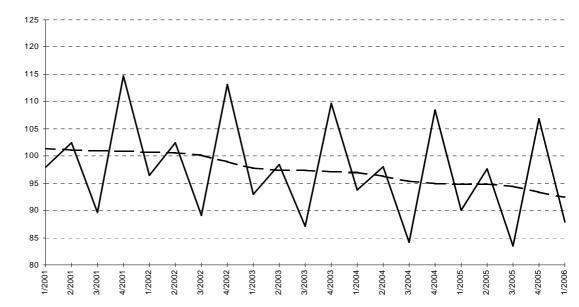
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Gross indices (2000=100)

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Total industry	2005	89,98	97,57	83,5	106,9	94,5
	2006	87,86				
Total industry, excluding construction	2005	90,56	95,8	82,47	107,6	94,1
	2006	87,04				
Mining and quarrying	2005	85,58	89,2	73,99	97,51	86,6
	2006	86,65				
Manufacturing	2005	90,13	94,49	81,85	106,5	93,2
	2006	85,95				
Electricity, gas and water supply	2005	97,73	119,6	93,69	126,9	109,5
	2006	106,4				
Construction	2005	87,12	106,9	88,91	103,4	96,6
	2006	92,17				





Last quarter compared to the same quarter of
the previous year Trend

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

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



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Thursday 7 September 2006

Belgium – Second quarter 2006: total wages and salaries Industry: +0,2%; construction: +1,2%

In the second quarter of 2006, compared to the previous quarter, the **total amount of desaisonalized wages and salaries** payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium rose by 0,2%; in construction there was an increase by 1,2%.

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a slight increase (+0,2%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in the wages and salaries by 0,7% in Flanders; in Wallonia there's an increase of 0,3%*.

A split as to the type of production gives +1.0% for intermediate goods, +0.7% for capital goods, -0.5% 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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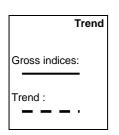
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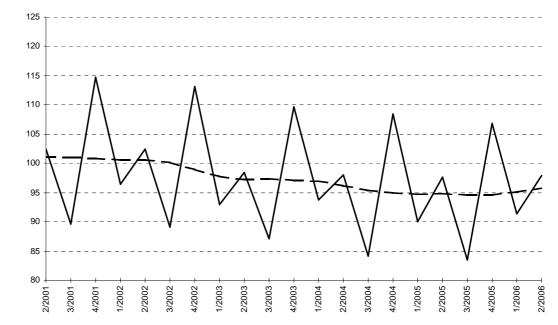
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Gross indices (2000=100)

		I	II	III	IV	Year
Total industry	2005	89,98	97,57	83,5	106,9	94,5
	2006	91,41	97,84			
Total industry, excluding construction	2005	90,56	95,8	82,47	107,6	94,1
	2006	91,23	96,03			
Mining and quarrying	2005	85,58	89,2	73,99	97,51	86,6
	2006	86,05	87,87			
Manufacturing	2005	90,13	94,49	81,85	106,5	93,2
	2006	90,37	94,56			
Electricity, gas and water supply	2005	97,73	119,6	93,69	126,9	109,5
	2006	106,6	123,6			
Construction	2005	87,12	106,9	88,91	103,4	96,6
	2006	92,44	107,2			





	vious year Trend
→ -0.5	> 2.5% 5% to 2.5% 5% to 0.5% % to -0.5%

< -2.5%

Last quarter compared to the

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



DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM PRESS RELEASE

Thursday 21 December 2006

Belgium – Third quarter 2006: total wages and salaries Industry: -0,2%; construction: status quo

In the third quarter of 2006, compared to the previous quarter, the **total amount of desaisonalized wages and salaries** payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium fell by 0,2%; in construction there was a status quo (+0,0%).

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a status quo (+0.0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a decrease in the wages and salaries by 0,5% in Flanders; in Wallonia there's a decrease of 0.2%.

A split as to the type of production gives -0.5% for intermediate goods, +0.4% for capital goods, -0.9% for durable consumer goods and +0.2% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 0.7%.

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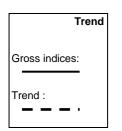
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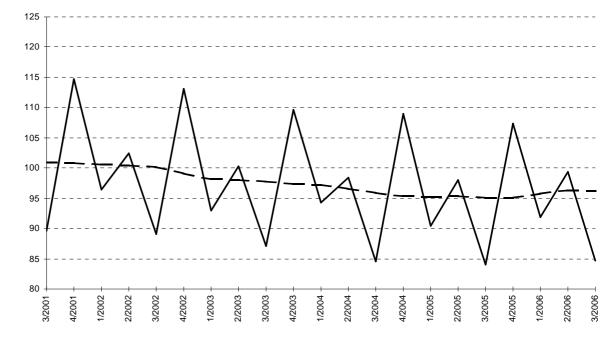
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Gross indices (2000=100)

		ı	II	III	IV	Year
Total industry	2005	90,45	98,08	83,94	107,4	95,0
	2006	91,89	99,31	84,67		
Total industry, excluding construction	2005	91,1	96,37	82,97	108,2	94,7
	2006	91,78	97,46	83,64		
Mining and quarrying	2005	85,56	89,18	73,98	97,49	86,6
	2006	86,04	88,37	73,92		
Manufacturing	2005	90,68	95,06	82,35	107,1	93,8
	2006	90,92	96,07	82,89		
Electricity, gas and water supply	2005	98,31	120,3	94,25	127,6	110,1
	2006	107,2	123,7	97,52		
Construction	2005	87,18	106,9	88,97	103,5	96,6
	2006	92,5	108,8	89,93		





Last quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year Trend

> 2.5% > 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% ⇒ -0.5% to -0.5% ∠ -2.5%

Industrial branches / Main industrial groupings	BE	٧L	WA	BR
Total industry	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	И
Total industry, excluding construction	\rightarrow	Я	\rightarrow	Я
Intermediate goods	И	И	И	И
Capital goods	\rightarrow	7	И	И
Durable consumer goods	И	7	אר	И
Non-durable consumer goods	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	Я
Mining and quarrying	\rightarrow	Я	\rightarrow	
Food products, beverages and tobacco	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	אר
Textiles and textile products	٦	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	אר
Pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing	٦	7	\rightarrow	И
Chemicals and chemical, rubber and plastic products	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	7	И
Metal products, machinery and equipment	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
Non-metallic mineral products	7	77	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
Manufacture of basic metals	И	\rightarrow	И	И
Furniture	\rightarrow	И	\rightarrow	
Electricity	И	И	И	\rightarrow
Construction	7	7	7	7



DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM PRESS RELEASE

Thursday 1 March 2007

Belgium – Fourth quarter 2006: total wages and salaries Industry: -0,1%; construction: +2,2%

In the fourth quarter of 2006, compared to the previous quarter, the **total amount of desaisonalized wages and salaries** payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium fell by 0,1%; in construction there was an increase by 2,2%.

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a status quo (+0.0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a decrease in the wages and salaries by 0,3% in Flanders; in Wallonia there's an increase of 0.1%.

A split as to the type of production gives +0.1% for intermediate goods, -0.2% for capital goods, +0.9% for durable consumer goods and +0.1% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 1.1%.

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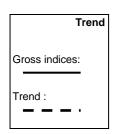
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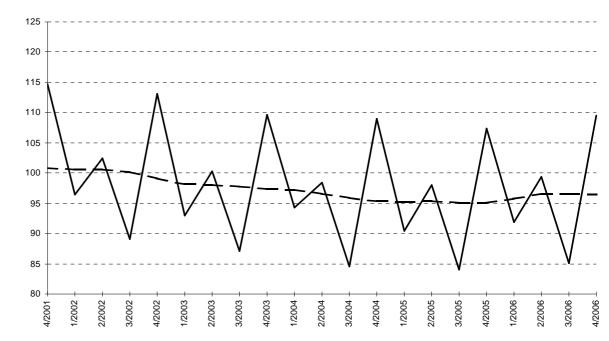
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Gross indices (2000=100)

		ı	II	III	IV	Year
Total industry	2005	90,45	98,08	83,94	107,4	95,0
	2006	91,89	99,31	85,13	109,5	96,5
Total industry, excluding construction	2005	91,1	96,37	82,97	108,2	94,7
	2006	91,78	97,46	84,2	109,5	95,7
Mining and quarrying	2005	85,56	89,18	73,98	97,49	86,6
	2006	86,04	88,37	74,26	105,3	88,5
Manufacturing	2005	90,68	95,06	82,35	107,1	93,8
	2006	90,92	96,07	83,48	108,3	94,7
Electricity, gas and water supply	2005	98,31	120,3	94,25	127,6	110,1
	2006	107,2	123,7	97,49	131,1	114,9
Construction	2005	87,18	106,9	88,97	103,5	96,6
	2006	92,5	108,8	89,93	109,8	100,3





Last quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year Trend

> 2.5% > 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% □ -2.5% to -0.5% × -2.5%

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



DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM PRESS RELEASE

Thursday 31 May 2007

Belgium – First quarter 2007: total wages and salaries Industry: -0,2%; construction: +1,5%

In the first quarter of 2007, compared to the previous quarter, the **total amount of desaisonalized wages and salaries** payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium fell by 0,2%; in construction there was an increase by 1,5%.

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a status quo (+0.0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a decrease in the wages and salaries by 0.2% in Flanders; in Wallonia there's an increase of 0.1%.

A split as to the type of production gives +0.2% for intermediate goods, +0.0% for capital goods, -0.2% for durable consumer goods and +0.2% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 1.2%.

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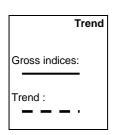
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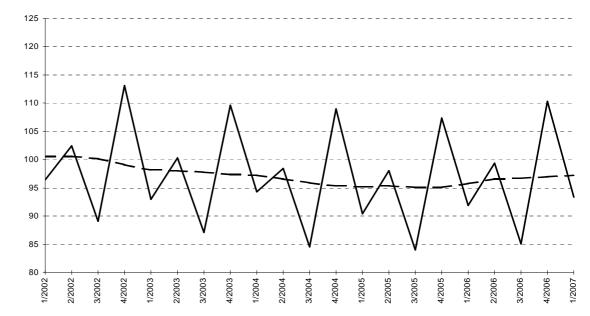
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Gross indices (2000=100)

		ı	II	III	IV	Year
Total industry	2006	91,89	99,31	85,13	110,3	96,7
	2007	93,33				
Total industry, excluding construction	2006	91,78	97,46	84,2	110,3	95,9
	2007	92,36				
Mining and quarrying	2006	86,04	88,37	74,26	100,2	87,2
	2007	90,28				
Manufacturing	2006	90,92	96,07	83,48	109,2	94,9
	2007	91,29				
Electricity, gas and water supply	2006	107,2	123,7	97,49	131,2	114,9
	2007	111,5				
Construction	2006	92,5	108,8	89,93	110,3	100,4
	2007	98,41				





Last quarter
compared to the
same quarter of
the previous year
Trend

> 2.5% > 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% □ -2.5% to -0.5% × -2.5%

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



DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM PRESS RELEASE

Thursday 6 September 2007

Belgium – Second quarter 2007: total wages and salaries Industry: +0,0%; construction: -1,7%

In the second quarter of 2007, compared to the previous quarter, the **total amount of desaisonalized wages and salaries** payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium remained constant (+0,0%); in construction there was a decrease by 1,7%.

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a slight increase (+0,1%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's an increase in the wages and salaries by 1,1% in Flanders; in Wallonia there's a status quo $(+0,0\%)^*$.

A split as to the type of production gives +0.5% for intermediate goods, -0.3% for capital goods, -0.6% for durable consumer goods and +0.3% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 0.4%.

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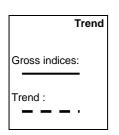
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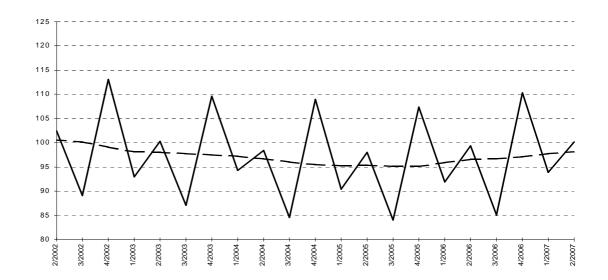
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Gross indices (2000=100)

		ı	II	III	IV	Year
Total industry	2006	91,89	99,31	85,13	110,3	96,7
	2007	93,89	100,1			
Total industry, excluding construction	2006	91,78	97,46	84,2	110,3	95,9
	2007	92,96	98,07			
Mining and quarrying	2006	86,04	88,37	74,26	100,2	87,2
	2007	90,45	96,91			
Manufacturing	2006	90,92	96,07	83,48	109,2	94,9
	2007	91,93	96,27			
Electricity, gas and water supply	2006	107,2	123,7	97,49	131,2	114,9
	2007	111,5	131,9			
Construction	2006	92,5	108,8	89,93	110,3	100,4
	2007	98,73	110,7			





Last quarter
compared to the
same quarter of
the previous year
Trend

> 2.5% > 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% □ -2.5% to -0.5% × -2.5%

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



DIRECTORATE-GENERAL STATISTICS BELGIUM PRESS RELEASE

Thursday 6 December 2007

Belgium – Third quarter 2007: total wages and salaries Industry: -4,8%; construction: -1,0%

In the third quarter of 2007, compared to the previous quarter, the **total amount of desaisonalized wages and salaries** payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium fell by 4,8%; in construction there was a decrease by 1,0%.

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a status quo (+0.0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a decrease in the wages and salaries by 0.4% in Flanders; in Wallonia there's a decrease of 0.5%*.

A split as to the type of production gives -0.7% for intermediate goods, +0.0% for capital goods, -0.1% for durable consumer goods and +0.3% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 0.6%.

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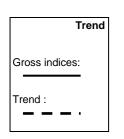
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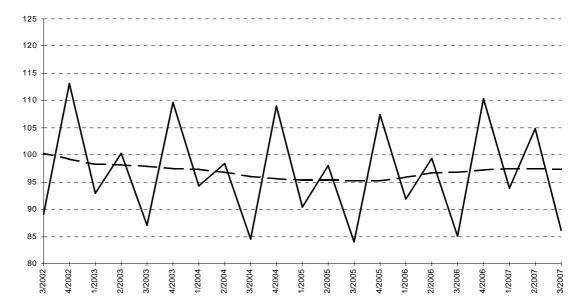
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Gross indices (2000=100)

		I	II	III	IV	Year
Total industry	2006	91,89	99,31	85,13	110,3	96,7
	2007	93,89	104,8	86,12		
Total industry, excluding construction	2006	91,78	97,46	84,2	110,3	95,9
	2007	92,96	103,2	84,68		
Mining and quarrying	2006	86,04	88,37	74,26	100,2	87,2
	2007	90,45	94,29	78,15		
Manufacturing	2006	90,92	96,07	83,48	109,2	94,9
	2007	91,93	101,7	83,76		
Electricity, gas and water supply	2006	107,2	123,7	97,49	131,2	114,9
	2007	111,5	130,5	101,5		
Construction	2006	92,5	108,8	89,93	110,3	100,4
	2007	98,73	113,1	93,62		





Last quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year Trend

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



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Belgium – Fourth quarter 2007: total wages and salaries Industry: -2,4%; construction: +1,6%

In the fourth quarter of 2007, compared to the previous quarter, the **total amount of desaisonalized wages and salaries** payed in industry (excluding construction) in Belgium fell by 2,4%; in construction there was an increase by 1.6%.

The **trend** of the last quarter, when compared with the previous quarter, shows a decline (-1,0%) for Belgium as a whole. At the regional level, there's a decrease in the wages and salaries by 0,7% in Flanders; in Wallonia there's an increase of 0,4%*.

A split as to the type of production gives -0.2% for intermediate goods, +0.4% for capital goods, +0.0% for durable consumer goods and +0.3% for non-durable consumer goods. Construction, on the other hand, rose by 1,1%.

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Credit: FPS Economy – Directorate-general Statistics Belgium

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More business trends information!

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

http://statbel.fgov.be/indicators

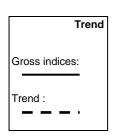
- ⇒ All methodological explanations of figures can be obtained from the Short-term Indicators Service.
- ⇒ It is also possible to receive data on the wages and salaries which are <u>broken down</u> (into subsectors, regions) or further processed (e.g. seasonally adjusted), on a once-only or monthly (subscription)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

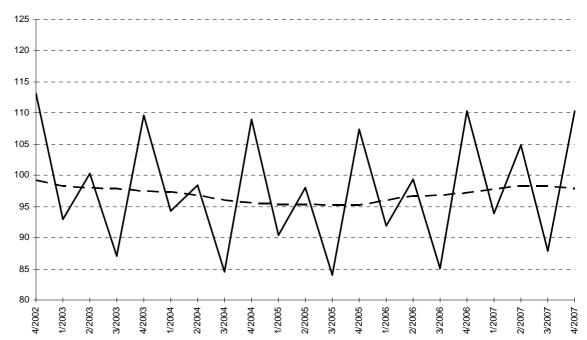
Software for seasonal adjustment and trend calculations considers every series as such; this is why sums of partial results (by region or product type) can differ from total results.

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Gross indices (2000=100)

		ı	II	Ш	IV	Year
Total industry	2006	91,89	99,31	85,13	110,3	96,7
	2007	93,89	104,8	87,86	110,4	99,2
Total industry, excluding construction	2006	91,78	97,46	84,2	110,3	95,9
	2007	92,96	103,2	86,72	110	98,2
Mining and quarrying	2006	86,04	88,37	74,26	100,2	87,2
	2007	90,45	94,29	78,76	106,1	92,4
Manufacturing	2006	90,92	96,07	83,48	109,2	94,9
	2007	91,93	101,7	85,91	108,5	97,0
Electricity, gas and water supply	2006	107,2	123,7	97,49	131,2	114,9
	2007	111,5	130,5	101,5	137,8	120,3
Construction	2006	92,5	108,8	89,93	110,3	100,4
	2007	98,73	113,1	93,79	112,3	104,5





Last quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year Trend

> 2.5% > 0.5% to 2.5% → -0.5% to 0.5% □ -2.5% to -0.5% × < -2.5%

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