

The stable decrease in industrial production continues

According to Statistics Estonia, in September 2009 compared to September of the previous year, the production of industrial enterprises decreased 30%. Since February the decrease in production has been within the limits of 30% compared to the same month of the previous year.

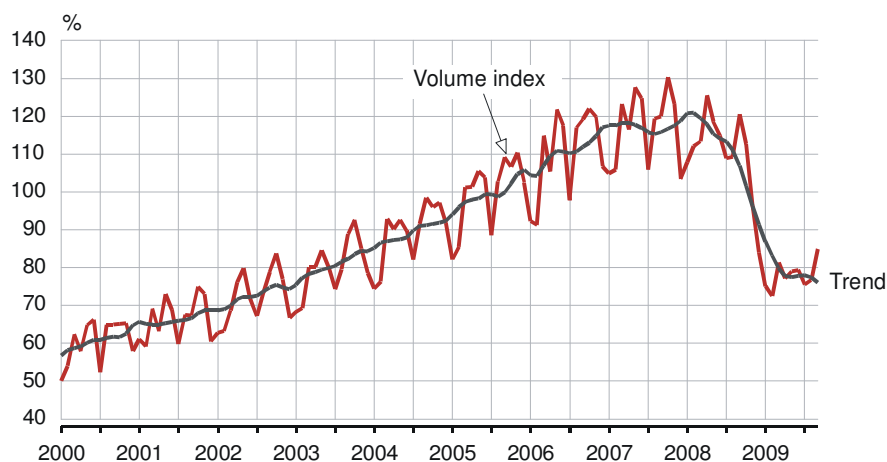
During last months, the situation in manufacturing did not change — the production fell 30% in September compared to the same month of the previous year. The main reason causing the decline was continually insufficient demand both on domestic and external markets.

The production decreased in all branches of manufacturing except the manufacture of beverages and the manufacture of pharmaceutical products. The decrease in the manufacturing of food products (8%) was one of the smallest. The decline in the production of food was retarded by the decrease of producer prices. Since the beginning of the year, the producer prices of milk, flour and oil have decreased significantly. The growth in production of distilled spirits compared to the same month of the previous year was caused by low comparison basis due to the growth of excise tax in July 2008. Compared to September of the previous year, the manufacture of wearing apparel, chemical products, metal and metal products, electronic products and machinery and equipment fell more than 40%. The manufacture of paper, furniture and building materials and repair of machinery and equipment decreased more than 30%.

In September compared to September of the previous year, the production of electricity decreased 36%, the production of heat decreased 38%. The decrease in electricity production was caused by partly replacement of own production with imports from Lithuania. The sale of heat was affected by higher outdoor temperature and latter beginning of the heating season accrued from this.

In September compared to August, industrial production total as well as in manufacturing fell 2% according to the seasonally adjusted data. From January to April, the decrease in industrial production remained within 4% compared to the previous month, since May the differences compared to the previous month were from -2% to 2%.

The volume index and trend of production in manufacturing, January 2000 – September 2009 (2005 = 100)



Change in volume index of industrial production, September 2009
(percentages)

Economic activity	Change compared to previous month according to seasonally adjusted data ^a	Change compared to corresponding month of previous year	
		according to unadjusted data	according to working-day adjusted data ^b
TOTAL	-2.3	-29.5	-29.5
Energy production	-2.4	-36.1	-36.1
Mining	-12.3	-19.9	-19.9
Manufacturing	-2.0	-29.6	-29.6
manufacture of food products	-3.0	-8.2	-8.3
manufacture of beverages	-2.8	4.1	4.1
manufacture of wood and wood products	10.7	-18.4	-18.4
manufacture of fabricated metal products	-9.9	-42.7	-42.7
manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products	7.0	-42.7	-43.1
manufacture of electrical equipment	-4.8	-29.1	-29.1
manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	-0.7	-49.8	-49.8
manufacture of furniture	-10.2	-33.8	-33.8
manufacture of rubber and plastic products	6.3	-18.0	-18.0
manufacture of building materials	7.8	-32.6	-32.6

^a In case of the seasonally adjusted volume index, the impact of the differing numbers of working days in a month and seasonally recurring factors has been eliminated. It is calculated only in comparison with the previous month.

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More detailed data have been published in the Statistical Database (<http://www.stat.ee/database>).

Since 2009 Statistics Estonia publishes the data on industrial production and energy according to the classification EMTAK 2008 (NACE Rev. 2). The years 2000–2008 have also been recalculated according to it. Further information: Statistics > Metadata > Classifications > Transition to EMTAK 2008 (NACE Rev. 2) <http://www.stat.ee/30845>