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## ***Industrial production not as high***

The volume of industrial production in the Netherlands fell slightly in January 2000, by 1.7%, on December 1999. The preliminary figures by Statistics Netherlands further show that there is a drop in production volume across the board. Compared to January 1999 production volume was down about 2%. However, the production level then was at a relatively high level.

## ***Lower production level in most branches of industry***

The January 2000 industrial production level was down 1.7% on that of December 1999. This drop occurred in virtually all parts of industry. The exception is the chemical industry, where a great increase in production was observed in January 2000, up 5.5% on December 1999 and more than 8% on January 1999.

Producers expect production to increase in the next few months. This was shown in the outcome of indicator of producer confidence in January 2000.

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**Table 1 volume index for production in the manufacturing industry (1995=100), average daily production**

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
January	92.0	92.2	95.6	105.2	104.8	102.6
February	98.9	96.4	104.3	109.8	106.3	
March	99.3	102.7	109.7	111.2	111.4	
April	102.2	103.2	108.3	116.1	113.8	
May	103.1	103.6	109.7	112.5	115.4	
June	105.1	107.7	110.5	114.3	114.7	
July	89.6	89.7	95.5	101.0	102.7	
August	88.2	90.4	94.2	93.5	94.4	
September	105.5	106.7	110.9	111.7	114.9	
October	105.9	107.0	112.4	113.9	117.6	
November	107.2	108.5	117.1	113.7	117.9	
December	102.8	100.3	106.7	102.8	109.5	
Year	100.0	100.7	106.2	108.8	110.3	

**Source: Statistics Netherlands**

**Table 2: seasonally corrected volume index**

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
January	96.9	97.2	100.8	111.2	110.8	108.5
February	100.1	97.3	105.3	110.8	107.2	
March	98.4	101.6	108.4	109.7	109.7	
April	97.9	99.0	104.0	111.4	109.3	
May	99.3	99.7	105.7	108.2	111.0	
June	99.8	102.2	104.9	108.5	108.9	
July	98.6	99.2	105.5	111.2	112.7	
August	100.4	102.6	107.0	106.9	108.6	
September	102.2	103.3	107.2	107.9	111.0	
October	100.9	102.0	107.3	108.6	112.1	
November	102.1	103.2	111.2	107.9	111.8	
December	103.4	101.1	107.6	103.4	110.4	
Year	100.0	100.7	106.2	108.8	110.3	

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