



# Press release

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## ***Manufacturing turnover up***

Turnover in the Dutch manufacturing industry was 14% higher in the period July-August this year than in the same period last year. This considerable increase was partly caused by an 11% increase in selling prices. Provisional figures from Statistics Netherlands also show that exports grew more strongly than domestic sales. The growth rates for the months July and August were nearly the same as those in the second quarter.

### ***Strongest rise in petrochemical industry***

The largest increase in turnover in the manufacturing industry was realised in the petrochemical industry. Sales were up by 32% on both the domestic and the overseas markets compared with the same period last year. The very substantial price increases in this sector (+30%) were the main reason for this increase in sales value.

Turnover increases of between 7% and 9% were realised in the metal industry, engineering, the manufacture of transport equipment, the food industry and in paper and publishing.

The metal, engineering and transport equipment sectors all realised the increases in turnover on their export markets, while in the food industry and paper and publishing the increase was divided equally between the domestic and the overseas markets.

The only decrease in turnover was reported by the wood and construction materials industry.

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