



# Press release

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## ***Manufacturing turnover up***

Turnover in the Dutch manufacturing industry was 16% higher in October this year than in the same month last year. Most of this substantial growth was the result of higher selling prices. In addition, October 2000 had one working day more than October 1999. Provisional figures from Statistics Netherlands further show that manufacturing exports were 21% up, nearly double the 11% increase in domestic sales. The petrochemical industry accounted for over half of the turnover increase, but turnover increased over all sectors of manufacturing.

### ***Extra working day and higher prices***

Higher selling prices and one working day extra pushed up turnover in the Dutch manufacturing industry in October 2000. The selling prices of manufactured products were 13% higher than in October last year. Statistics Netherlands puts the positive effect of an extra working day at 4 to 5%.

### ***Turnover higher in nearly all sectors***

Sales of petrochemical, rubber and synthetic products were just over a third higher in October than in October last year. Selling prices increased substantially in this sector. Turnover increases of between 8% and 10% were realised in the metal industry, engineering, the manufacture of transport equipment, the food industry and in paper and publishing. Smaller increases in turnover were reported in the wood and construction materials sector. Sales by the textile, clothing and leather industry were about the same as in October 1999.

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