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Production increase in 2000 greater than in 1999

Dutch industrial production in 2000 increased by 3.6% on 1999. This increase exceeds the growth rate in 1999 when production increased by 3.1%. The rapid growth rate was mainly caused by the metal industry. According to the latest figures by Statistics Netherlands there is no clear, observable trend in the development of productivity in 2000. After a fairly slow start, the growth rate picked up in the second quarter. In the third quarter it slowed down, but it subsequently recovered in the fourth quarter.

Good year for chemicals and metal industry

In 2000 industrial production was up 3.6% on 1999. All branches contributed to the increase. The largest production increase (4.5%) was observed in the oil, chemical, rubber and metal industries. For the chemical industry the growth rate was in fact slowing down, whereas it was gathering speed in the metal industry, when the growth rates are compared to 1999. The textile, clothing and leather industries showed a remarkable recovery. Here production increased by 2.7% in 2000 after a drop in production during 1999. The other branches of industry saw just about the same growth level in 2000 as in 1999.

More production in all branches in December

In December the production figures increased across the board compared to November. Likewise November saw a month on month increase.

Industrial production in the fourth quarter of 2000, particularly in the metal industry and the wood, construction, and other industries saw a substantial increase on the third quarter. In the oil, chemical and rubber industries production increased slightly in the fourth quarter in comparison with the third, while in the other branches of industry production fell slightly.

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**Table 1: Production in industry, volume index (1995=100),
Average daily production**

| Periode | Procentage changes on the same period in the previous year | | | |
|-----------|--|-------|------|------|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 |
| January | 104.5 | 102.0 | 1.4 | -2.3 |
| February | 105.9 | 111.3 | -1.6 | 5.1 |
| March | 110.6 | 114.6 | 1.4 | 3.6 |
| April | 113.0 | 118.7 | -0.5 | 5.1 |
| May | 114.3 | 115.8 | 3.9 | 1.3 |
| June | 114.0 | 121.2 | 2.0 | 6.3 |
| July | 102.1 | 103.6 | 3.4 | 1.5 |
| August | 93.7 | 98.5 | 2.6 | 5.2 |
| September | 114.1 | 119.2 | 4.2 | 4.5 |
| October | 117.7 | 118.4 | 5.4 | 0.6 |
| November | 118.2 | 121.4 | 6.1 | 2.7 |
| December | 109.4 | 119.7 | 8.9 | 9.4 |
| 1 Quarter | 107.0 | 109.3 | 0.4 | 2.2 |
| 2 Quarter | 113.8 | 118.6 | 1.8 | 4.2 |
| 3 Quarter | 103.3 | 107.1 | 3.5 | 3.7 |
| 4 Quarter | 115.1 | 119.8 | 6.7 | 4.1 |
| Year | 109.8 | 113.7 | 3.1 | 3.6 |

Source/Bron: Statistics Netherlands/ CBS

The figures are harmonised with the National Accounts of 1999

**Table 2: Production in industry, volume index (1995=100),
Average daily production, seasonally corrected figures**

| Period | Percentage changes on the previous period | | | |
|-----------|--|-------|------|------|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 |
| January | 110.7 | 108.1 | 8.3 | -3.2 |
| February | 106.6 | 112.1 | -3.6 | 3.7 |
| March | 108.6 | 112.7 | 1.8 | 0.5 |
| April | 108.0 | 113.4 | -0.5 | 0.6 |
| May | 110.5 | 112.0 | 2.3 | -1.2 |
| June | 108.2 | 115.1 | -2.1 | 2.8 |
| July | 111.9 | 113.6 | 3.4 | -1.3 |
| August | 108.0 | 113.5 | -3.5 | -0.1 |
| September | 110.0 | 115.0 | 1.8 | 1.4 |
| October | 111.5 | 112.1 | 1.4 | -2.5 |
| November | 111.9 | 114.8 | 0.3 | 2.4 |
| December | 111.7 | 122.3 | -0.2 | 6.5 |
| 1 Quarter | 108.6 | 111.0 | 3.9 | -0.6 |
| 2 Quarter | 108.9 | 113.5 | 0.3 | 2.3 |
| 3 Quarter | 110.0 | 114.0 | 1.0 | 0.5 |
| 4 Quarter | 111.7 | 116.4 | 1.6 | 2.1 |
| Year | 109.8 | 113.7 | 3.1 | 3.6 |

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