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Industrial turnover virtually constant

Dutch industrial turnover in the period July – August 2001 was hardly greater than it was in July – August of last year. Domestic sales fell by 1%, while the export of Dutch manufactured goods increased by 2%. On balance turnover as a whole increased by 1% according to the latest preliminary figures by Statistics Netherlands.

Small but positive influence of selling prices and extra working day

Selling prices rose by almost 1% on July – August last year, moreover July – August 2001 had one more working day. Preliminary calculations put their positive influence on more than 1%.

Food industry growing fastest

The largest turnover increase in July - August 2001 was in the food, beverages and tobacco industry. The turnover increase matched the rising prices. Sales went up by 6% on July – August last year. In the Netherlands turnover in the food branch went up by 5%, and in the export markets by 7%.

Biggest dip in oil industry

The largest dip in turnover was observed in the oil, chemical and rubber industries. Sales on the domestic market fell by no less than 13%. Sales abroad showed a small 1% turnover increase. On balance the total turnover in this branch fell by 4%. Especially the sales of oil were heavily under pressure within this branch, mainly because selling prices fell by almost 8%.

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TURNOVER IN INDUSTRY ¹⁾

	Year on year percentage changes		
	domestic	abroad	Total
1995	4	8	6
1996	5	1	3
1997	7	12	10
1998	2	1	2
Q1	9	10	10
Q2	2	4	3
Q3	2	0	1
Q4	-3	-7	-5
1999	3	2	3
Q1	-4	-5	-5
April	-3	-7	-5
May	-4	-2	-3
June	7	2	4
Q2I	0	-3	-1
July-August	3	-1	1
September	5	4	4
Q3	4	1	2
October	3	2	2
November	13	15	14
December	22	28	25
Q4	13	15	14
2000	10	18	14
January	8	13	11
February	21	23	22
March	10	16	13
Q1	13	17	15
April	5	11	8
May	24	33	29
June	0	15	8
Q2I	10	19	15
July-August	11	19	15
September	8	17	13
Q3	10	18	14
October	12	21	17
November	11	19	15
December	-2	4	1
Q4	7	15	11
2001			
January*	10	15	13
February*	2	4	3
March*	-1	0	0
Q1*	3	6	5
April*	4	7	6
May*	1	2	1
June*	3	5	4
Q2*	3	5	4
July - August*	-1	2	1

¹⁾ Enterprises with 20 employees or more, exc. VAT

* Preliminary figures.

Source: Statistics Netherlands