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Modest quarterly growth manufacturing industry

Dutch manufacturing industry had a slightly higher production in the second quarter of 2002 than in the first quarter. When adjusted for seasonal effects, production grew by 0.3 percent, the first quarterly rise since the fourth quarter of 2000. According to preliminary figures from Statistics Netherlands, production was nevertheless 3.5 percent lower than in the second quarter of 2001.

First increase in production since 18 months

In the second quarter of 2002, industrial production grew by 0.3 percent compared to the first quarter. In the first quarter production was still dwindling, after substantial decline in the third and fourth quarter of 2001. The fourth quarter of 2000 was the last quarter to show an increase in production. The production in the petroleum, chemical, rubber and metal industry was largely accountable for the increase in the second quarter. In the other branches of manufacturing industry, production fell again in comparison to the previous quarter.

Decrease in production metal industry less substantial in June

In June 2002, industrial production was 3.0 percent down on June 2001. For the second month running, the decrease in production in the metal industry was less substantial. In June, metal industry produced 5.2 percent less than in the previous year; in April, the corresponding percentage was 11.0. Metal industry accounts for approximately a third of the total industrial production. For the sixth month in a row, the production in the petroleum, chemical, rubber and metal industry was higher than the year before. This branch, which accounts for approximately twenty percent of the total industrial production, usually sets the economic trend. In the other branches of industry production was lower than in June 2001.

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Table 1: Volume production compared to the same period in the previous year

Branch	2001	January- June	June
		2002	2002
	%		
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY	-2.1	-3.6	-3.0
of which :			
Food, beverages and tobacco	-0.9	-1.5	-5.4
Textiles, clothing and leather products	-1.9	-4.8	-4.3
Paper and publishing	-3.8	-3.2	-2.7
Petroleum, chemical and rubber products	-1.0	2.8	3.2
Metal, metal products	-2.6	-8.6	-5.2
Wood, building materials, furniture and other manufacturing	-2.8	-4.1	-4.2

Source: Statistics Netherlands

Figures are consistent with National accounts 2000.

Table 2: Volume index figures industrial production (1995=100), average daily production

Period	Percentage change compared to the same period in the previous year			
	2001	2002	2001	2002
January	104.5	100.4	1.0	-3.9
February	114.7	109.4	2.1	-4.6
March	116.5	113.4	1.0	-2.6
April	119.8	113.5	0.1	-5.2
May	114.0	111.6	-2.4	-2.1
June	121.9	118.3	-0.1	-3.0
July	101.4		-3.0	
August	97.3		-2.4	
September	115.5		-2.5	
October	111.2		-6.6	
November	114.3		-5.4	
December	111.9		-6.3	
1st quarter	111.9	107.8	1.4	-3.7
2nd quarter	118.6	114.5	-0.8	-3.5
3rd quarter	104.7		-2.7	
4th quarter	112.5		-6.1	
Year	111.9		-2.1	

Source: Statistics Netherlands

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Table 3: Volume index figures industrial production (1995=100), average daily production, adjusted for seasonal effects

Period	Percentage change compared to the same period in the previous year			
	2001	2002	2001	2002
January	111.1	106.8	-8.5	-6.1
February	114.9	109.7	3.4	2.7
March	114.0	111.1	-0.8	1.3
April	114.1	108.3	0.1	-2.6
May	110.6	108.4	-3.1	0.1
June	115.2	112.0	4.2	3.3
July	110.9		-3.8	
August	111.8		0.9	
September	112.0		0.2	
October	106.2		-5.2	
November	108.4		2.1	
December	113.8		5.0	
1st quarter	113.3	109.2	-2.8	-0.2
2nd quarter	113.3	109.6	-0.0	0.3
3rd quarter	111.6		-1.5	
4th quarter	109.5		-1.9	
Year	111.9		-2.1	

Source: Statistics Netherlands

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