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Industrial production and orders increased

Industry – April 2019

In April, working day adjusted industrial production increased at constant prices by 3.3%, year-on-year (y-o-y). Seasonally adjusted industrial production increased by 0.8%, month-on-month (m-o-m). The value of new orders increased by 9.0%, y-o-y.

**Industrial production1** increased in April 2019 at constant prices by 0.8%, m-o-m. In the year-on-year comparison it increased by 3.3%. The following economic activities contributed the most to the y-o-y increase in industrial production: manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers (contribution +1.0 percentage point (p. p.), growth by 5.4%), electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply (contribution +0.6 p. p., growth by 6.5%), and manufacture of basic metals (contribution +0.4 p. p., growth by 3.6%). Industrial production decreased in the following economic activities: repair and installation of machinery and equipment (contribution −0.15 p. p., drop by 5.8%), manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials (contribution −0.12 p. p., drop by 6.0%), and manufacture of electrical equipment (contribution −0.11 p. p., drop by 1.6%). Non-adjusted industrial production was by 3.3% higher, y-o-y (there was the same number of working days in April 2019 and April 2018).

**Sales from industrial activity at current prices2** increased by 7.5%, y-o-y, in April 2019. Direct export sales of industrial enterprises increased at current prices by 4.8%. Domestic sales, which include also indirect export via non-industrial enterprises increased at current prices by 11.3%.

The value of **new orders2** in surveyed industrial CZ-NACE activities increased by 9.0%, y-o-y, in April 2019. Non-domestic new orders increased by 9.0%, while domestic new orders increased by 9.1%. The y-o-y increase of new orders in total was the most contributed to by the following CZ-NACE divisions: manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers (contribution +5.5 p. p., growth by 15.0%), manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products (contribution +0.8 p. p., growth by 8.3%), and manufacture of fabricated metal products (contribution +0.8 p. p., growth by 6.7%). New orders decreased only in manufacture of basic metals (contribution −0.04 p. p., drop by 0.6%).

The **average registered number of employees3** in industry decreased in April 2019 by 0.4%, y-o-y. Their **average gross monthly nominal wage** increased in April 2019 by 8.4%, y-o-y.

According to the Eurostat news release, working day adjusted **industrial production in the EU28 in March 2019** increasedby 0.4%, y-o-y. According to a preliminary release calendar, Eurostat will release data for April 2019 on 12 June 2019.

*Notes:*

**1**The year-on-year development of industrial production is adjusted for working days unless otherwise stated. Month-on-month or quarter-on-quarter rates are also seasonally adjusted. Contributions to an increase or to a decrease are calculated from data that are adjusted for working days.

**2**The year-on-year development of sales at current prices and the value of new orders are not adjusted.

**3**Indicators related to employment in industry apply to the entire population of enterprises the principal (prevailing) activity of which is industry. The registered number of employees’ indicator does not include persons working under various contracts for work, working owners of enterprises, and cooperating household members, who do not have contracts of employment. The piece of data on the registered number of employees in industry also excludes agency workers, who have contracts of employment within economic activities of services (CZ-NACE 78.2).

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Annexes:

Table 1 Industrial production (year-on-year indices – IPI, calendar days adjusted)

Table 2 Sales and new orders in industry (year-on-year indices)

Chart 1 Industrial production (base indices)

Chart 2 Industrial production (year-on-year indices)

Chart 3 Industrial production index – international comparison (base indices, seasonally adjusted)