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Index numbers of sold production of industry in April 2020^{a)}

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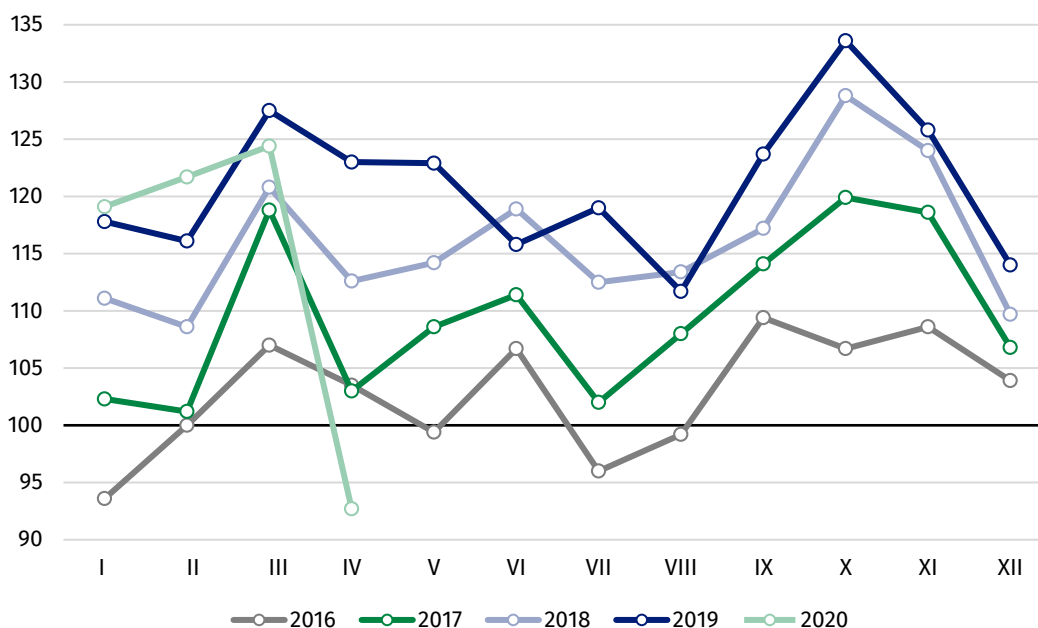
Decrease in sold production of industry, as compared to April 2019

In April 2020, sold production of industry was by 24.6% lower than in April 2019, when the growth was recorded by 9.2%, whereas in comparison with March 2020, it decreased by 25.5%. In the period January-April of 2020, sold production of industry was by 5.6% lower than in the corresponding period of 2019, which saw a 6.8% increase.

After eliminating the seasonal factors, in April 2020 sold production of industry reached the level lower by 24.7% than in the corresponding month of 2019 and by 20.8% lower as compared to March 2020.

After seasonal adjustment, a decrease in sold industrial production in April 2020 amounted to 24.7% per year

Chart 1. Sold production of industry (average monthly level in 2015=100)



In all main industrial groupings in April 2020, as compared to the previous year, a decrease of production was recorded. The production of capital goods decreased by 50.9%, durable consumer goods – by 47.8%, intermediate goods – by 18.2%, non-durable consumer goods – by 15.1% and in the production of energy – by 10.6%.

^{a)} Reported data; comprise enterprises with 10 or more persons employed.

Table 1. Index numbers of sold production of industry (constant prices)

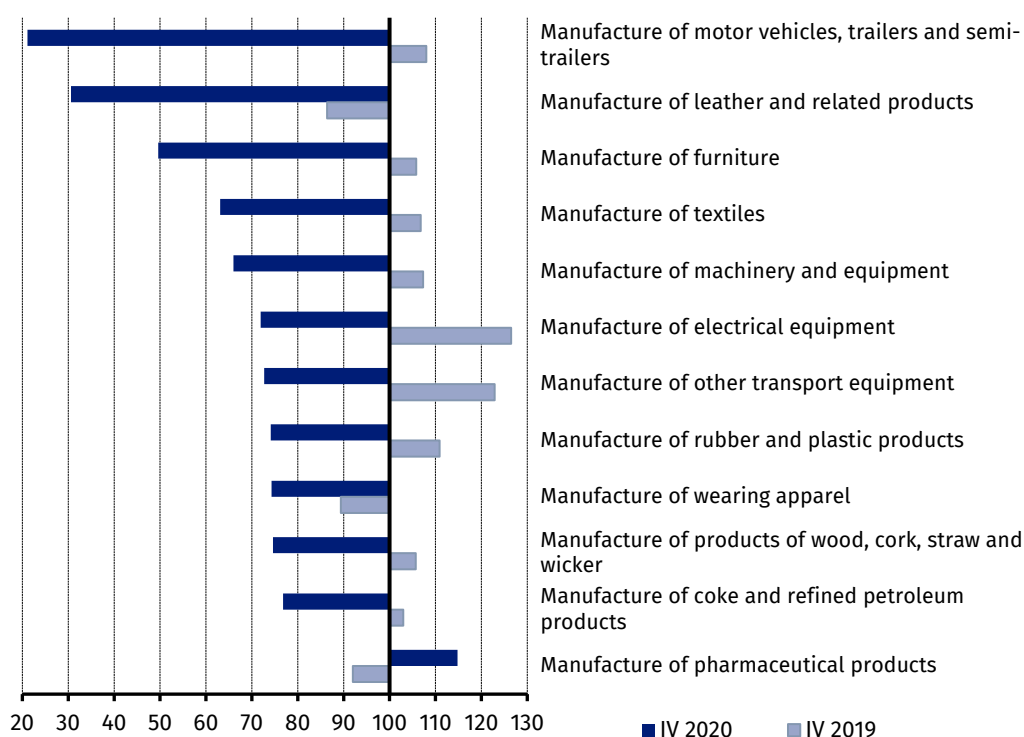
SPECIFICATION	IV 2020			I-IV 2020 ^{a)}
	III 2020=100	IV 2019=100	monthly average of 2015=100	I-IV 2019=100
INDUSTRY	74.5	75.4	92.7	94.4
Mining and quarrying	90.1	91.2	80.6	91.6
Manufacturing	72.5	72.5	91.4	93.7
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	84.5	99.0	105.2	100.4
Water supply; sewerage waste management and remediation activities	94.9	96.9	118.2	103.2

^{a)} Data including final information on production and prices in March and reported data – in April.

According to the preliminary data, in April 2020, as compared to April 2019, a decrease in sold production (in constant prices) was reported in 30 (out of 34) industry divisions, among others, in manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers – by 78.9%, manufacture of machinery and equipment – by 34.0%, manufacture of electrical equipment – by 28.1%, manufacture of rubber and plastic products – by 25.9%, manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products – by 23.2%, manufacture of basic metals – by 20.0%, manufacture of metal products – by 18.6% and manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products – by 17.7%. An increase in sold production of industry, as compared to April 2019, was recorded in 4 divisions, among others in, manufacture of pharmaceutical products – by 14.8%, however this division saw a decrease by 37.2% as compared to March 2020.

Share of production value of industry divisions, which saw a decrease in comparison to April 2019, stood at 96.9%

Chart 2. Index numbers of sold production of industry by selected NACE divisions (constant prices; previous year =100)



In addition to the regular monthly survey, respondents who reported in April, as compared to the previous month, significant decreases or increases in the selected categories of the variables, were asked for providing voluntarily an additional information on the reasons for these changes, including those related to COVID-19.

As justification for a decrease in sold production, some respondents indicated a decline in orders related to COVID-19 (mainly in manufacture of metal products, manufacture of rubber and plastic products, manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products, manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers and manufacture of furniture). Other reasons indicated more frequently by the respondents were changes in employees' weekly working hours and the employees "on standstill" (mainly in manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers and manufacture of furniture).

In the case of reporting an increase in sold production, few entities indicated a growth in the number of orders related to COVID-19, e.g. in manufacture of wearing apparel, manufacture of chemicals and chemical products. However, they did not affect the results at the level of aggregates in which decreases were recorded.

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Terms used in official statistics

[Sold production of industry](#)

[Seasonally un-adjusted volume index of sold production of industry](#)

[Seasonally adjusted volume index of sold production of industry](#)

[Production of capital goods](#)

[Production of non-durable consumer goods](#)

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[Production of intermediate goods](#)

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