Briefing

In the light of the rapid economic and social development in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, production indices and indicators are considered key tools that express changes in the volumes of industrial and commercial production and services. These indices are also considered important economic indicators that provide accurate data to decision makers, economists, researchers, policy makers and other users of official statistics.

The remarkable economic development witnessed by Abu Dhabi Emirate has called for the construction of a statistical index that reflects the growth of the economic production sectors. Therefore, Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi constructed the industrial production and price index for the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

The Industrial Production Index (IPI), which is calculated on a quarterly basis, cover the manufacturing sector. The IPI design is based on the main list of products of the industrial manufacturing activities in the International Standard Industrial Classification-revision 4 (ISIC4) which covers all manufacturing economic activities.

During the next phase development of the IPI, separate indices will be compiled for producers in extractive industries and in the electricity and water sectors.
Key Points

- The IPI increased by 6.6% from 116.9% in the second quarter of 2018 to 124.6% in the second quarter of 2019.

- The IPI decreased by 12.5% in the second quarter of 2019 from 142.3% in the first quarter of 2019.

- The key activity that recorded an increase in the IPI during the second quarter of 2019 compared with the second quarter of 2018, was ‘Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c.’ for which the production quantity increased by 99.3% while contributing 55.2% to the overall increase in the IPI.

- During the second quarter of 2019 compared with the second quarter of 2018, the group ‘Manufacture of electrical equipment’ for which the production quantity increased by 26.9%, contributed 17.2% to the overall increase. The ‘Manufacture of basic metals’ for which the production quantity increased by 42.7%, contributed 13.3% in the same period.

- The key activity that recorded a decrease in its quantity, during the second quarter of 2019 compared with the first quarter in 2019 was the ‘Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products’ for which quantity produced decreased by 25.5%, while contributing 119.1% to the overall change.

- During the second quarter of 2019 compared with the first quarter of 2019, production quantities for the group ‘Manufacture of food products’ decreased by 30.6% and contributed 4.1% to the overall decrease.
Figure 1: Quarterly Industrial Production Index (IPI) for 2017, 2018, 2019 (2012=100)

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi
Notes

Technical notes
For better understanding of the statistical indicators mentioned in this summary, please refer to the accompanied technical notes on the SCAD website. The figures in this report are preliminary until the next publication.

Data sources
Data are collected from 65 establishments at the 2-digit level of the International Standard Industrial Classification. The sample distribution covers 52 establishments in the Abu Dhabi region and 13 establishments in the Al Ain region.

More information and detailed release
For more information about the IPI and other official statistics, please visit the statistics link on the SCAD website at www.scad.gov.abudhabi

Revision statement
The Industrial Production Index IPI is prepared on a quarterly basis and the publication is issued within three months of the reference quarter. The figures of the IPI are considered preliminary until the next publication. Due to delayed access to prices data from the source (Establishments), if there is any adjustment to the previous quarter's data, the direct adjustment will be made and the results of this adjustment will be presented in the following quarter.

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