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Documentation of statistics for Production and Turnover in Manufacturing Industries 2016 Month 06

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1 Introduction

The main purpose of the monthly industrial production and turnover statistics is to provide up-to-date short-term information on the business cycle.

2 Statistical presentation

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2.1 Data description

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2.2 Classification system

The industry coding follows the Danish industrial classifications, Dansk Branchekode 2007 (DB07), which is the national version of NACE rev. 2. A complete overview can be found at the DB07 site. Data are moreover distributed to 4 main industrial groupings. An overview of this grouping can be found in this annex (in Danish).

2.3 Sector coverage

Manufacturing, mining and quarrying, and utility services.

2.4 Statistical concepts and definitions

Export: Export turnover is defined as deliveries to recipients outside the Danish Customs area, the Faroe Islands and Greenland.

Domestic Market: Domestic turnover is defined as deliveries to recipients in Danish Customs area and the drilling platforms in The North Sea.

Turnover: Turnover is valued in current prices. Defined as invoiced values excluding value added tax and indirect taxes, but including subsidies such as e.g. price subsidies. Invoiced rebates are deducted. Turnover includes sales of manufactured goods, hours worked to third parties and mounting, installations and repairs. Sales of goods purchased for resale in the same condition as received is not included. Neither is secondary income such as e.g. sales of know-how and leases for own production units and machines if used by third parties.

Production: The production index, measured in fixed prices, shows the trend in industrial production and provide an up-to date short-term information on the industrial activity. It is calculated on the basis of current turnover, taking into account changes in stocks. There are two categories of stocks involved, stocks of finished goods and stocks of work in progress. The turnover in current prices in a given month is aggregated with the change in stocks values, and the sum is deflated by the corresponding price index. This results in the so called production turnover, which is the basis for production index. For shipbuilding the calculation is based on hours worked instead.

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2.5 Statistical unit

The statistical unit is the so-called Kind of Activity Unit (KAU). Most enterprises are identical to one KAU, but some larger enterprises consist of more KAUs, each engaged in different activities.

2.6 Statistical population

The population consist, with a few exceptions, of all Kind of Activity Units with at least 20 employees engaged in manufacturing, mining and quarrying, and utility services.

2.7 Reference area

Denmark.

2.8 Time coverage

The statistics covers the period from 2000 onwards. Older time series are described under Comparability over time.

2.9 Base period

The current base year is 2010, changing every five years.

2.10 Unit of measure

The unit of measure is index points.

2.11 Reference period

Turnover is measured as flows of sales or invoiced values during the month. The stocks values, which are used in the production index calculations, are measured by the end of the month. The prices, also used for calculation of production, are referenced in the middle or as an average of the month.

2.12 Frequency of dissemination

The statistics are published monthly.

2.13 Legal acts and other agreements

Section 8 of the Act on Statistics Denmark secures the legal basis for collecting the data.

The statistics fall under Council Regulation (EF) no. 1165/98 of 19 May 1998 and no. 1893/2006 of 20 December 2006 regarding short-term statistics.

2.14 Cost and burden

The burden in 2013 corresponded to 3.235.000 DKK.

2.15 Comment

The Production and turnover in manufacturing industries has a Subject page.

3 Statistical processing

Each month information on turnover and stocks is collected from approximately 1000 manufacturing enterprises in Denmark, where approximately 20 per cent of the turnover information is collected from existing registers. The data are subjected to error checks and then grossed up to be able to calculate turnover and production figures covering the entire industry. Seasonally adjusted as well as unadjusted data are published.

3.1 Source data

The primary source for the production and turnover statistics is a questionnaire-based survey. For a smaller part of the sample, approximately 20 per cent, the data are collected from VAT reports via the statistics on purchases and sales by enterprises. The Producer price index is used for calculation of the production. The source for the grossing up procedure is the quarterly data on turnover in manufacturers' sales of commodities (the Danish Prodcom Statistics). Data for the extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas, which is part of mining and quarrying, and energy supply, both included in the production index originate from the Danish Energy Authority, the net price index and foreign trade statistics. The Statistical Business Register forms the basis for the updating and revision of the sample of enterprises.

3.2 Frequency of data collection

Data are collected monthly.

3.3 Data collection

Data are collected using an on-line questionnaire. Online form and instructions can be found on the information page (in Danish).

3.4 Data validation

Data from the individual enterprises are compared to previously reported data from the same enterprises and also compared with other similar enterprises. Moreover, the data are compared to the quarterly statistics on sales in manufacturing industries.

3.5 Data compilation

Data missing because of non-response are imputed using information from previous periods. In the estimation possible sample or non-response bias is corrected by using auxiliary information from the quarterly survey on sales in manufacturing industries. The quarterly statistics cover more enterprises than the monthly survey. The production is calculated by adding monthly changes in stock value to the monthly turnover and dividing the result by a corresponding price index. This results in the monthly produced volume which is the basis for the production index. In the calculation of aggregated production indices, the detailed industry figures are weighted using value added.

3.6 Adjustment

The figures are seasonally adjusted on the lowest level of publication. Indirect seasonal adjustment are used for calculating seasonal adjusted figures on a more aggregated level.

4 Relevance

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4.2 User Satisfaction

Twice a year meetings with important users are held. At these meetings the users are given opportunity to give information about their use of the published figures, and they are informed about important actual themes in the statistics.

4.3 Data completeness rate

This statistics are affected by demands from EU. In terms of completeness all these demands are fully met.

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5 Accuracy and reliability

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5.1 Overall accuracy

The total errors on the total production are normally less than 2 pct. Around half of these errors are due to sampling errors while the remaining half is caused by non-sampling-errors such as measurement errors and model assumptions. Especially the volume calculations, where turnover and stock values are deflated, add to the non-sampling errors. This does not affect the turnover indices and the error on the turnover figures will normally be below 1.5 pct.

The accuracy on the monthly growth rates is in general somewhat better, normally with an error less than half the errors on the actual figures.

5.2 Sampling error

Less than 1 pct. on the total production and turnover figures.

5.3 Non-sampling error

Coverage errors do not affect the accuracy in any significant way, because of a very thorough quality assurance of the population used for grossing up the survey data. Measurement errors on the reported figures on turnover and stocks are not an important issue, but lack of consistency with the price indices used for deflation can, in some cases, affect the accuracy. Non-response does not add much to the error, because information from the quarterly survey on sales in manufacturing industries, which covers the entire population, is included in the estimation to compensate for any bias in the non-response. In the calculation of the production changes in the stock values are included in the turnover to be deflated. By using that method it is assumed that the prices of sold goods develop similar to the prices of the stocked goods. This is not always true.

5.4 Quality management

Statistics Denmark follows the recommendations on organisation and management of quality given in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and the implementation guidelines given in the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF). A Working Group on Quality and a central quality assurance function have been established to continuously carry through control of products and processes.

5.5 Quality assurance

Statistics Denmark follows the principles in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and uses the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF) for the implementation of the principles. This involves continuous decentralized and central control of products and processes based on documentation following international standards. The central quality assurance function reports to the Working Group on Quality. Reports include suggestions for improvement that are assessed, decided and subsequently implemented.

5.6 Quality assessment

The overall quality of the statistics is good. It provides a good estimate of the recent development in production and turnover in the manufacturing industries.

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5.7 Data revision - policy

Statistics Denmark revises published figures in accordance with the Revision Policy for Statistics Denmark. The common procedures and principles of the Revision Policy are for some statistics supplemented by a specific revision practice.

5.8 Data revision practice

The monthly figures are revised twice, and revisions further back in time happen rarely (e.g. with the introduction of new methods). The difference between provisional figures and final figures is normally less than 1 percent. In some cases, however, revisions to information formerly reported by enterprises may lead to differences larger than that.

6 Timeliness and punctuality

The statistics are published between 35 and 40 days after the end of the month. The punctuality is high, with very few delays in relation to the scheduled release dates.

6.1 Timeliness and time lag - final results

The statistics sre published between 35 and 40 days after the end of the month. The first provisional figures are revised with the two next publications, and the final results are thus published after 95-100 days.

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7 Comparability

The current time series goes back to year 2000, and it has a high degree of comparability over time. The time series can for most industries be linked to data of previous years, resulting in a comparable time series going back to year 1985. The international comparability with similar statistics from other EU countries is very high.

7.1 Comparability - geographical

The statistics are produced according to common guidelines for all EU countries, ensuring good comparability across the entire EU.

7.2 Comparability over time

With the publication of figures for December 2014 new methods for calculating production were introduced. The entire time series of the production index was recalculated. Until the end of 2012 the name of the statistics was Industrial production and new orders. Before 2005 the statistics were called the Industrial sales and orders statistics. In Statbank Denmark, archived tables can be found, including the now discontinued variable for orders.

7.3 Coherence - cross domain

With the reservation that there are differences in the statistical concepts, the turnover index is comparable to various other sources in business statistics, notably turnover by activity in the PRODCOM statistic (quarterly), turnover statistics (VAT) in the purchases and sales statistics (monthly), foreign trade statistics (monthly) and accounts statistics (annual).

7.4 Coherence - internal

Seasonal adjustment is performed indirectly, which results in consistency between seasonal adjusted aggregates and their sub-components. There are no other sources for possible internal inconsistency.

8 Accessibility and clarity

New figures are published in a monthly news article News from Statistics Denmark, and all figures can be found in Statbank Denmark.

The statistics also have a subject page.

8.1 Release calendar

The publication date appears in the release calendar. The date is confirmed in the weeks before.

8.2 Release calendar access

The Release Calender can be accessed on our English website: Release Calender.

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8.3 User access

Statistics are always published at 9:00 a.m. at the day announced in the release calendar. No one outside of Statistics Denmark can access the statistics before they are published. Theme publications etc. may be published at other times of the day. The National Statistician can decide that such publications may be released before their official publication time, e.g. to the media and other stakeholders.

8.4 News release

The figures are published in a monthly news release, Nyt from Statistics Denmark.

8.5 Publications

The figures are included in Statistical Yearbook.

8.6 On-line database

All figures can be found in the Statbank.

8.7 Micro-data access

There is no micro-data access.

8.8 Other

Monthly data are delivered to Statistics Denmark's National Accounts Division as well as international data transmissions to Eurostat and the UN.

8.9 Confidentiality - policy

The confidentiality policy of Statistics Denmark is followed (only in Danish).

8.10 Confidentiality - data treatment

When figures can not be published on a certain level of detail, because of confidentiality issues, figures are published on a more aggregated level.

8.11 Documentation on methodology

No further methodology papers are available.

8.12 Quality documentation

Results from the quality evaluation of products and selected processes are available in detail for each statistics and in summary reports for the Working Group on Quality.

9 Contact

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