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Production Index in Industry^{1,2}
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According to provisional³ results, the Industrial Production Index (IPI) in August 2006, as compared to August 2005, rose by 2,3%. A year earlier, the annual rate of change of the IPI was 3,5%.

The increase of the IPI by 2,3% in August 2006, as compared to August 2005, was due to the annual changes as following:

- by Industrial Sections

- Mining and quarrying production fell by 2,8%.
- Manufacturing production rose by 1,8%.
- Electricity, City-Gas, Water supply production rose by 5,6%.

¹The Industrial Production Index (IPI) is released from October 2004, as first reference month, revised and re-based in 2000=100,0. The revision of the IPI with base year 2000=100,0 is based upon the results of the annual PRODCOM survey of the year 2000, the annual Mining-Quarrying survey of the year 2000 and the annual Industrial survey of the year 2000. The compilation and publication of the new index is based on the framework of requirements of the Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics (STS-R) as well as the amendment Regulation (EC) No 1158/05 of the European Parliament and Council, amending the Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98.

The IPI is an important business cycle indicator which shows the monthly activity of the industrial sector, which is one of the most volatile components of the economy. Following the STS-R 1165/98, Greece records the value and not the volume for some products. For these cases, Greece adjusts the data by removing pure inflationary price changes in order to isolate pure volume development. The deflation is applied with base year 2000.

The coverage of IPI according to the STS-R 1165/98 includes all activities listed in Sections C to E (mining and quarrying, manufacturing, and electricity, gas and water supply) of the NACE Rev. 1 classification, except Division 41 (collection, purification and distribution of water) and Group 40.3 (steam and hot water supply).

² Figures in this release are based on data adjusted for working days.

³ The data are provisional when first released. The data become final as soon as all data gathered become definite. More specifically, the data released for the most recent month are provisional and are published together with revised data of the previous month, which are indicated as such.

A short note on methodology in English is available on NSSG web site www.statistics.gr.
The data series of the IPI, with base year 2000=100,0, starts from 1993, onwards.

- by Main Industrial Groupings

- Energy production rose by 2,6%.
- Intermediate Goods production rose by 2,1%.
- Capital Goods production rose by 27,1%.
- Consumer Durables production rose by 15,2%.
- Consumer Non-Durables production fell by 2,3%.

In the 8-month period January 2006 – August 2006, the average rate of change of the IPI was 1,1%. A year earlier, the corresponding average rate of change of the IPI was –1,8%. The above increase (1,1%) was due to the following 8-month average rate of changes:

- by Industrial Sections

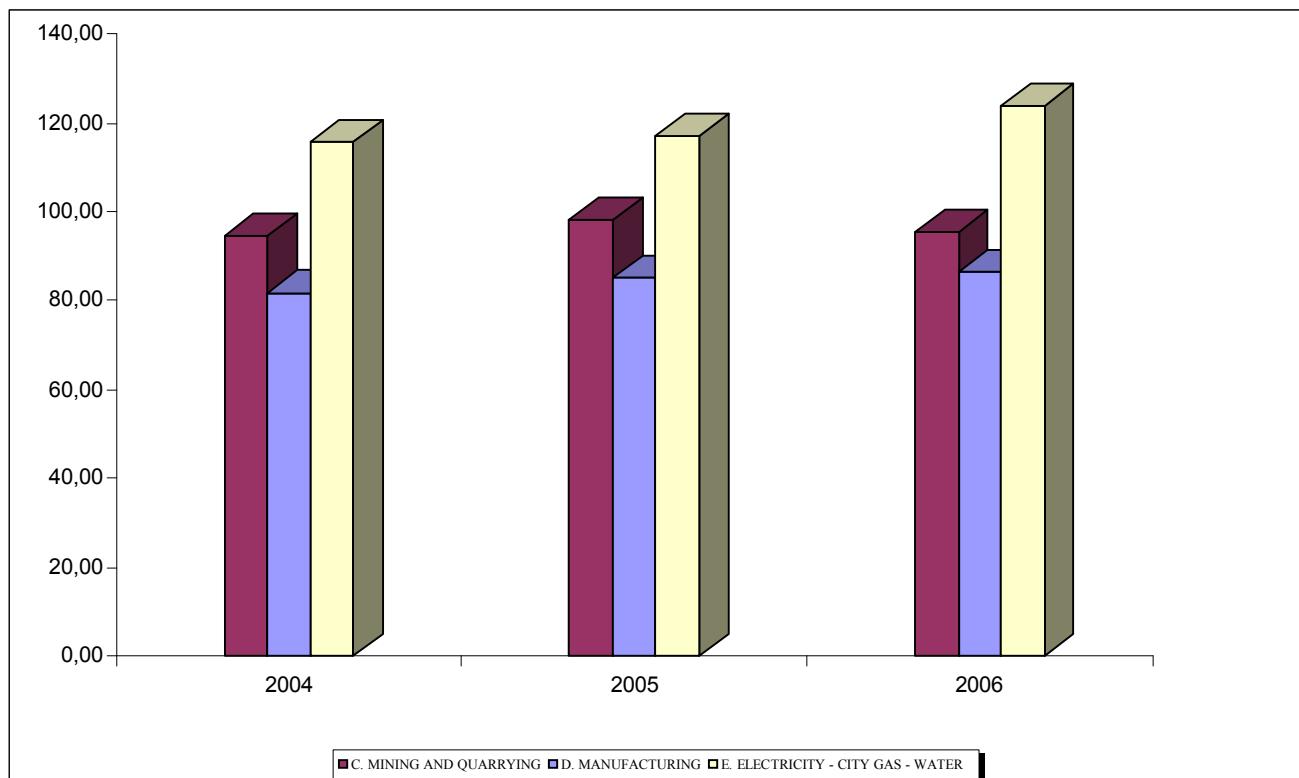
- Mining and quarrying production fell by 1,2%.
- Manufacturing production rose by 1,7%.
- Electricity, City-Gas, Water supply production fell by 0,2%.

- by Main Industrial Groupings

- Energy production rose by 2,5%.
- Intermediate Goods production rose by 1,4%.
- Capital Goods production rose by 5,2%.
- Consumer Durables production fell by 0,8%.
- Consumer Non-Durables production fell by 1,6%.

Evolution of the Industrial Production Index by NACE sections in August, during the years 2004 - 2006
(Base year 2000 = 100,0)

NACE SECTIONS	YEAR		
	2004	2005	2006
C. MINING AND QUARRYING	94,46	98,33	95,59
D. MANUFACTURING	81,70	85,07	86,58
E. ELECTRICITY - CITY GAS - WATER	115,57	117,25	123,79



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