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Manufacturing output unchanged in April

After seasonal adjustment, the volume of production by the manufacturing industry was the same in April this year as in March according to figures from Statistics Netherlands. Although compared with April 1998 production was 1.8% lower, it should be taken into account that the production volume in April 1998 was exceptionally high.

Manufacturing output stable since May last year

The level of manufacturing production was 1.6% lower in the first four months of this year than in the corresponding period of 1998. In that period, however, production reached a peak. In May 1998 the level dropped and since then the seasonally adjusted index for manufacturing production has fluctuated around its present level. The business cycle survey shows that manufacturers expect a slight rise in production in the coming months.

Similar picture for all branches

Compared with the first four months of 1998, manufacturing output was lower in all branches. Only in paper and publishing did production increase. Compared with the last four months of 1998 all sectors of manufacturing show a slight improvement after seasonal adjustment.

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