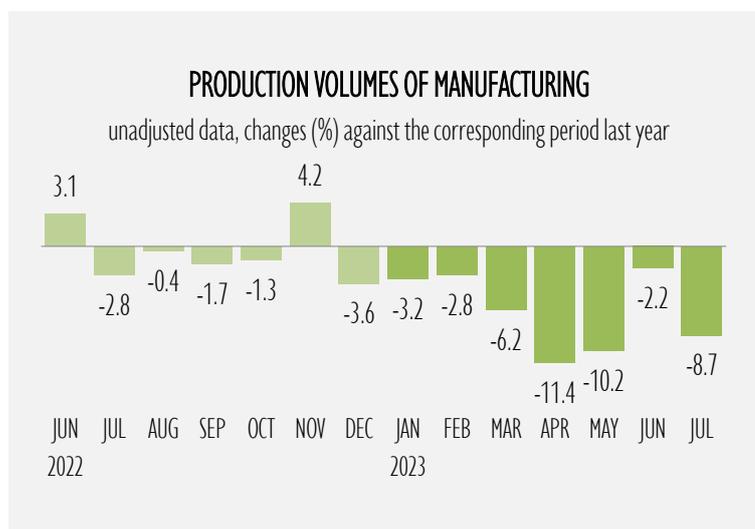


On the Output of Manufacturing in July 2023

The volumes of manufacturing declined by 8.7% in July on an annual basis

According to the data of the Central Statistical Bureau (CSB), the output volumes of the manufacturing sector in July 2023, compared to July 2022, according to unadjusted data, were 8.7% lower than a year ago. On the other hand, according to calendar-adjusted data, the decrease was more moderate – -6.2%. Overall, in January-July 2023, the production volumes of manufacturing were 6.7% lower than a year ago.



It should be noted that the development trends are variant across manufacturing sub-sectors. In July 2023, the largest contributor to the decline of the manufacturing sector was woodworking, which decreased by 4.2%. The production volumes of non-metallic minerals (-18.5%), furniture (-31.2%), fabricated metal products (-10.8%), and printing (-32.2%) also declined. On the other hand, the production volumes of computers, electronic and optical equipment (+15.3%), food products (+1%), and metals (+15%) increased.

In July, the annual turnover of manufacturing also decreased by 8.7% in actual prices. The volume of production realized in the domestic market decreased more moderately - by 5.2%, while the volume of exported production declined more rapidly - by 10.6%. The realization of wood and wood products decreased significantly. This was partly compensated by the increase in sales volumes of food products and computers, electronic and optical equipment.

The manufacturing sector will continue to be affected by weak external demand and geopolitical uncertainty in the coming months. In this situation, it is necessary to continue to look for new supply opportunities and markets for goods.