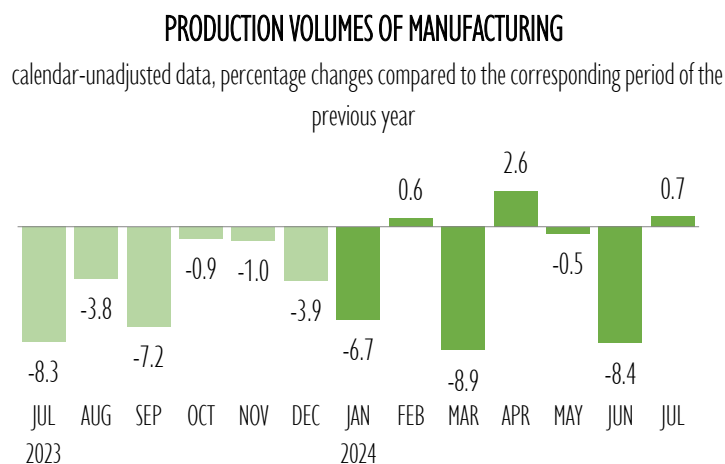


On Manufacturing Output in July 2024

Manufacturing output increased by 0.7% year-on-year in July 2024

According to the Central Statistical Bureau, in July 2024, compared to July 2023, the output of the manufacturing industry increased by 0.7% based on unadjusted data, while according to calendar-adjusted data, it decreased by 6.4%. Overall, in the first seven months of the year, manufacturing production volumes were 3% lower than in the corresponding period of the previous year.



It should be noted that different development trends persist across various industrial sub-sectors. In July 2024, according to unadjusted data, the most significant positive contributions to total production volumes came from the second-largest sub-sector of the manufacturing industry—the food industry (+4.1% compared to July 2023)—and the production of non-metallic mineral products (+13.4%). Production volumes also increased in rubber and plastics (+13.3%), furniture (+12.1%), clothing (+20.6%), and textile products (+15.9%). Conversely, production volumes declined in automobiles and trailers (-23.7%), electrical equipment (-8.8%), fabricated metal products (-5.5%), and computers, electronic and optical equipment (-4.2%).

In July, the turnover of the manufacturing industry increased by 1.5% year-on-year in current prices. The domestic market grew by 6.6%, while the volume of products sold for export declined by 1.3%. Sales volumes increased significantly for non-metallic minerals and chemicals, while sales of wood, wood products, and automobiles and trailers decreased.

It is expected that growth rates will persist in the manufacturing industry during the autumn of 2024, primarily driven by improved export opportunities. However, challenges will remain for companies still linked to the markets of Russia and the CIS countries, requiring them to continue seeking new supply opportunities and markets for goods. Industrial sectors focused on the domestic market will be influenced by the purchasing power of the population.