

Summary of Industrial Production in April 2018

The MPI of Industrial production in April 2018 increased by 4.0 percent compared to the same period last year, as the result from the growth in key manufacturing industries such as sugar, Hard Disk Drive, and plastic pellets production. Capacity Utilization Rate in April 2018 was 61.6 percent.

The Manufacturing Production Index in Major Industries

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The MPI of the sugar production industry grew by 44.1 percent compared to the same month last year, as sugarcane yield into factories was more than last year. As a result, the factory postponed sugarcane processing and accelerated sugar production before entering the rainy season.

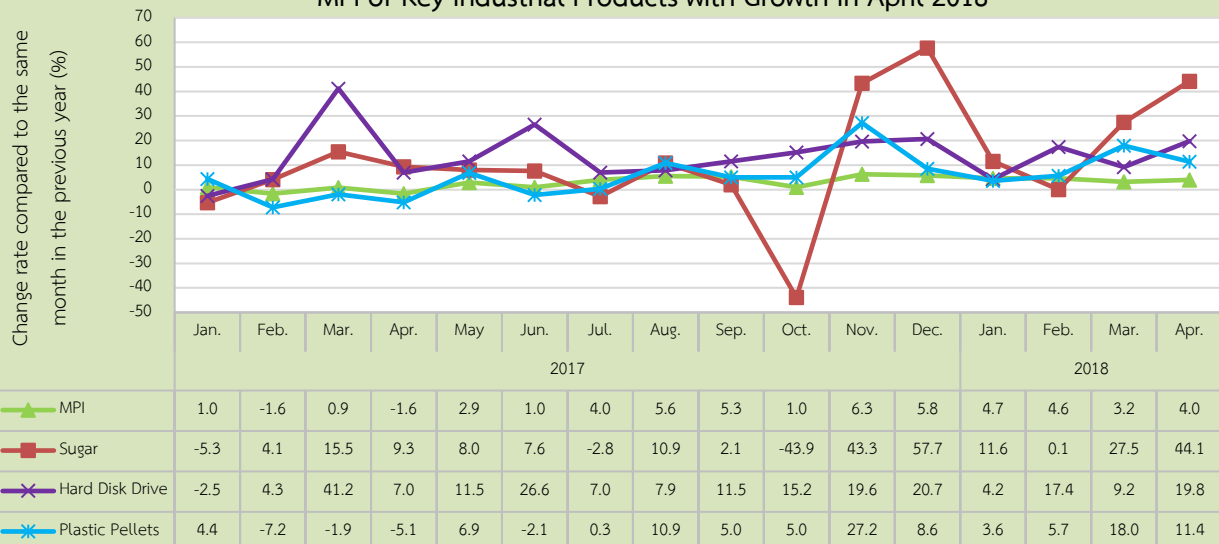


The MPI of the Hard Disk Drive grew by 19.8 percent compared to the same month last year, from increased production overseas, in line with continuous export demand and consumption.



The MPI of the plastic pellets industry grew by 11.4 percent compared to the same month last year from an increase in PP, PE, PVC and LLDPE mainly due to the expansion of production capacity to support increased demand for both domestic and foreign markets.

MPI of Key Industrial Products with Growth in April 2018



Key manufacturing industries such as textile, furniture, and other rubber products manufacturing industry were the sectors that decline.



The MPI of the textile production industry shrank by 11.3 percent compared to the same month last year, mainly from a decrease in textiles (yam), resulting from increased labour and raw materials costs and thus the inability compete with prices. Moreover, a lot of cheap goods were imported into the county for distribution.

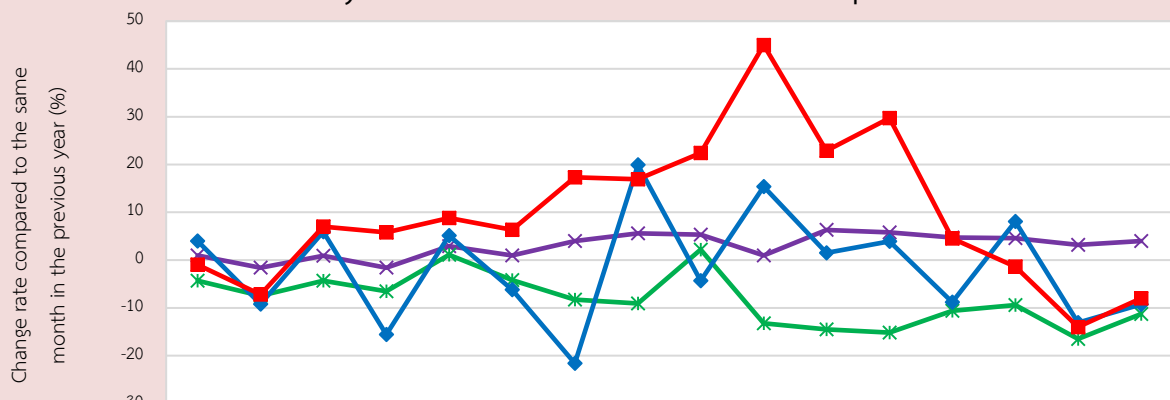


The MPI of the furniture production industry shrank by 9.3 percent compared to the same month last year. Products that declined were wooden household items as both domestic and international demand dropped



The MPI of other rubber products shrank by 8.0 percent compared to the same month last year. Products that declined were mostly rubber sheets and bars as frequent rain resulted in less supply of latex to the market.

MPI of Key Industrial Products with Contraction in April 2018



Capacity Utilization Rate in April 2018

61.6

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