

Summary of Industrial Production in August 2018

The MPI of Industrial production in August 2018 increased by 0.7 percent compared to the same period last year, as the result from the growth in key manufacturing industries such as sugar, air conditioner, electronics and circuit boards production. Capacity Utilization Rate in August 2018 was 65.9 percent.

The Manufacturing Production Index in Major Industries

The MPI in August 2018 increased by 0.7 percent compared to the same month last year. Key manufacturing industries such as sugar, air conditioner, electronics and circuit boards production. were the growing sectors.



The MPI of the sugar production industry grew by 91.1 percent from the same month last year, from white sugar production as sugarcane yield was higher than the previous year, which resulted in more production of white sugar.



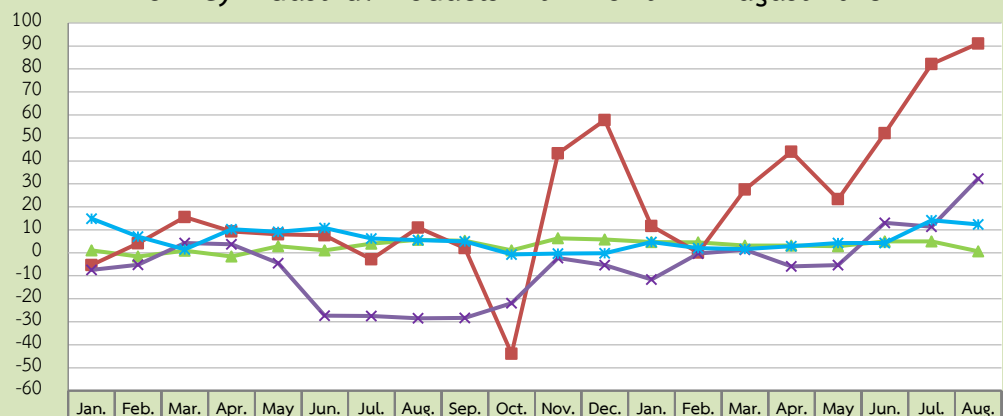
The MPI of air conditioning production industry grew by 32.3 percent from the same month last year, from increased demand from current markets such as Japan, coupled with the expansion of new export markets including India.



The MPI of the electronics and circuit boards manufacturing industry grew by 12.4 from the same month last year, from an increase in PCBAs and integrated monolithic circuits, due to the continued expansion of the global electronics market.

MPI of Key Industrial Products with Growth in August 2018

Change rate compared to the same month in the previous year (%)



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.
	2017												2018							
MPI	1.0	-1.6	0.9	-1.6	2.9	1.0	4.0	5.6	5.3	1.0	6.3	5.8	4.7	4.6	3.2	3.1	2.9	5.0	4.9	0.7
Sugar	-5.3	4.1	15.5	9.3	8.0	7.6	-2.8	10.9	2.1	-43.9	43.3	57.7	11.6	0.1	27.5	44.0	23.4	52.1	82.2	91.1
Air-conditioner	-7.5	-5.2	4.3	3.7	-4.5	-27.4	-27.5	-28.5	-28.3	-21.9	-2.3	-5.4	-11.6	-0.3	1.3	-5.9	-5.3	13.0	11.4	32.3
Electronics and Circuit Board	14.9	7.1	1.5	10.3	9.2	10.8	6.2	5.5	5.0	-0.7	-0.3	-0.2	4.7	2.0	1.6	2.9	4.3	4.2	14.2	12.4

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



The MPI of the furniture manufacturing industry shrank by 25.6 percent from the same month last year. This was from a decrease in wooden furniture as some manufacturers received orders that are more difficult than usual, and workers lacked skills, resulting in less production.

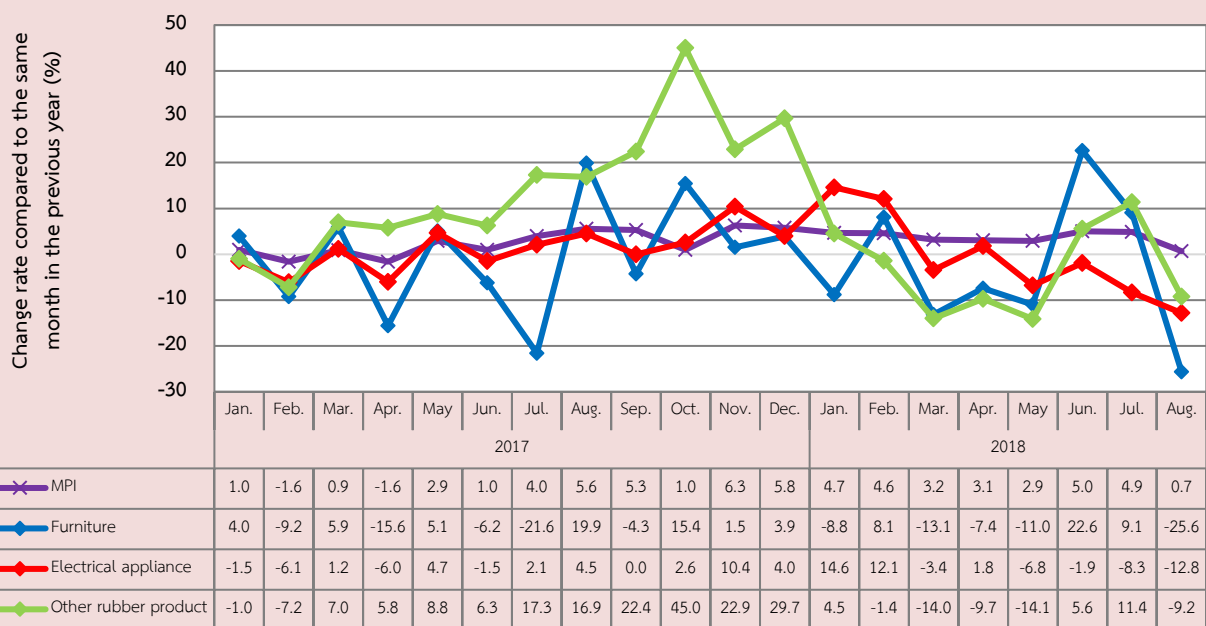


The MPI of the electrical appliance production industry shrank by 12.8 percent from the same month last year, mainly from a decrease in the number of washing machines, refrigerators and microwave ovens, due to the slowdown in domestic and foreign orders coupled with imports from abroad. (especially China) for distribution.



The MPI of the other rubber products production industry shrank by 9.2 percent from the same month last year, mostly from a decline in rubber sheets, partly due to the impact of the Chinese-US trade economy. As a result, major Chinese customers reduce orders from Thailand.

MPI of Key Industrial Products with Contraction in August 2018



Capacity Utilization Rate in August 2018

was at the percentage of

65.9

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