

Summary of Industrial Production in July 2018

The MPI of Industrial production in July 2018 increased by 4.6 percent compared to the same period last year, as the result from the growth in key manufacturing industries such as sugar, petroleum, and automobile production. Capacity Utilization Rate in July 2018 was 67.2 percent.

The Manufacturing Production Index in Major Industries

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The MPI of the sugar production industry grew by 82.3 percent from the same month last year, from more sugarcane production than the previous year which resulted in more production of white sugar.

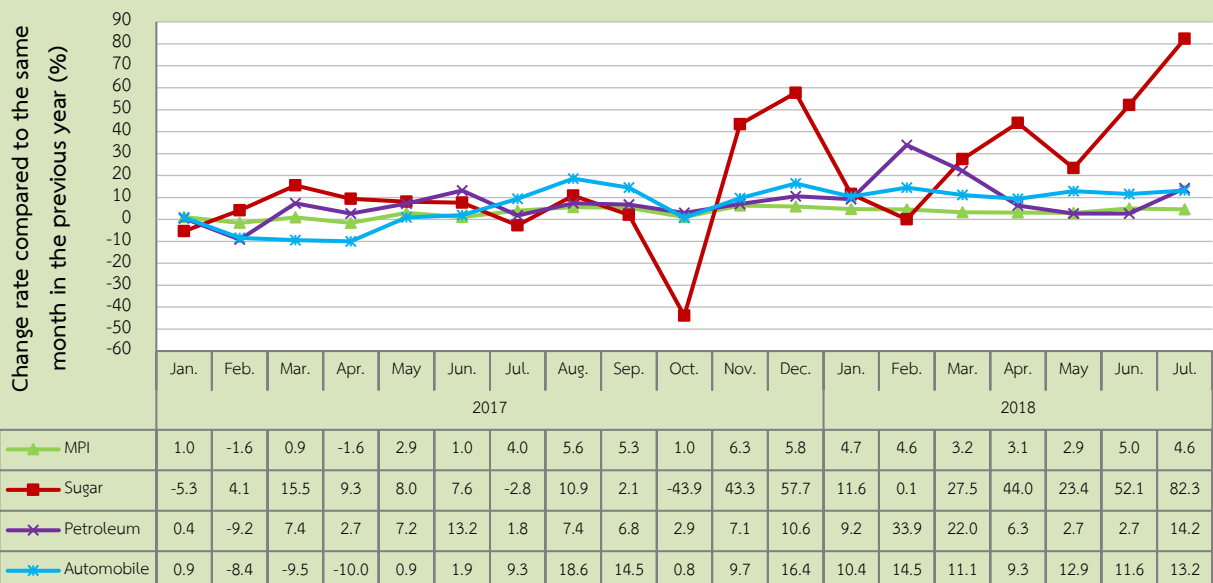


The MPI of the petroleum production industry grew by 14.2 percent from the same month last year, mainly from an increase in gasohol 95 due to increased demand from industrial and transportation sectors; this was in line with continued export growth.



The MPI of the automotive manufacturing industry grew by 13.2 percent from the same month last year. This was an increase in pickup trucks, diesel engines and passenger cars of 1,800-2,400 cc, mainly due to the expansion of production capacity to support growing demand from both domestic and foreign markets.

MPI of Key Industrial Products with Growth in July 2018



Key manufacturing industries such as jewelry, vegetable oil, and textile manufacturing industry were the sectors that decline.



The MPI of the gems and jewelry production industry shrank by 28.3 percent from the same month last year, mainly from a contraction in necklaces, pendants, necklaces and earrings, as production processes became more complex and expensive, resulting in less production.

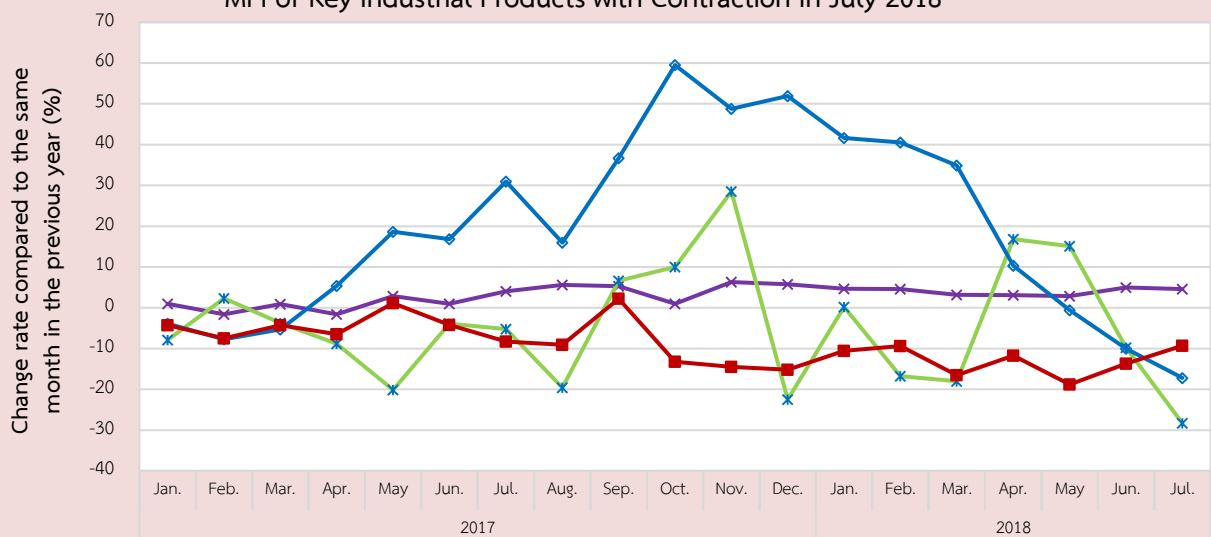


The MPI of the vegetable oil industry shrank by 17.2 percent from the same month last year, from a decline in crude palm oil and refined palm oil as the price of vegetable oil in foreign markets was lower than in Thailand; this was consistent with lower exports.



The MPI of the textile industry shrank by 9.3 percent compared to the same month last year from a decline in woven fabrics (cotton), due to higher production costs. As a result, domestic and foreign demand for products decreased.

MPI of Key Industrial Products with Contraction in July 2018



Capacity Utilization Rate in July 2018

was at 67.2 percent.

67.2

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