Summary of Industrial Production in September 2018

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The Manufacturing Production Index in Major Industries

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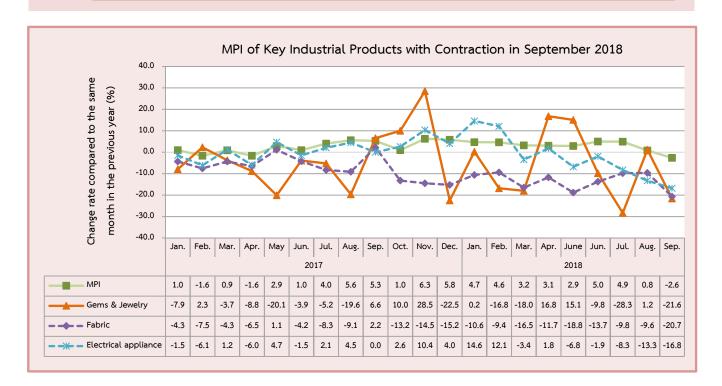
The MPI of the jewelry production industry shrank by 21.6 percent compared to the same month last year, mostly from a drop in rings, pendants and earrings, in line with the changing trend of customer demand.



The MPI of the textile industry shrank by 20.7 percent compared to the same month last year from a decrease in woven cotton products which declined in both export and domestic markets.



The MPI of the electronic appliances production industry shrank by 16.8 percent from the same month last year, mainly from a decrease in washing machines, refrigerators and microwave ovens. Furthermore, some manufacturers started shutting down their production lines in order to move production bases to Indonesia in early 2019.



Key manufacturing industries such as sugar, apparel, and air conditioner industry were the sectors that grew.



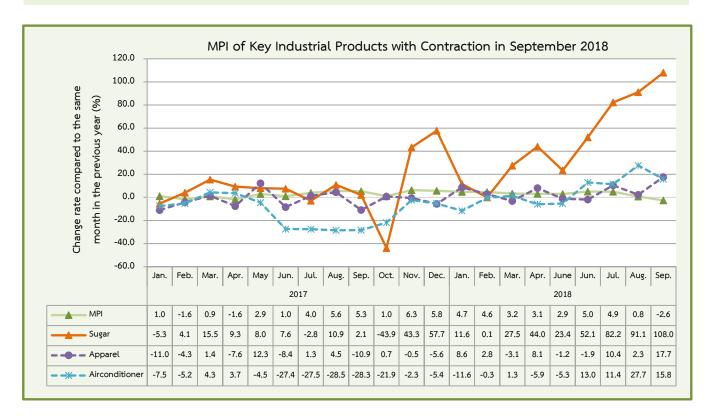
The MPI of the sugar production industry grew by 108.0 percent from the same month last year, from higher sugarcane yield resulting in plants closing production slower than the previous year. Therefore there was still the production of raw sugar to white sugar.



The MPI of the apparel manufacturing industry grew by 17.7 percent from the same month last year. This was from an increase outerwear for men and boys and sportswear in both domestic and export markets such as the US and Europe.



The MPI of air conditioning production industry grew by 15.8 percent from the same month last year, from growth in both domestic and export markets, such as Japan, the Philippines and Indonesia.



Capacity Utilization Rate in September 2018 was at 66.4 percent.

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