

Summary of Industrial Production in January 2018

Industrial production in January 2018 had been growing, whereby the MPI grew by 3.4 percent compared to the same period last year, resulting from the growth of key manufacturing industries such as electronic appliances, automobile and apparel. Capacity Utilization Rate in January 2018 was 70.2 percent.

The Manufacturing Production Index in Major Industries

The MPI in January 2018 grew by 3.4 percent compared to the same month last year. Key manufacturing industries such as electronic appliances, automobile and apparel were the growing sectors.



The MPI of the electronic appliance production industry grew by 14.6 percent compared to the same month last year resulting from increasing in the production of washing machines and spare electrical appliances in February and March regarding the higher demand in the market.

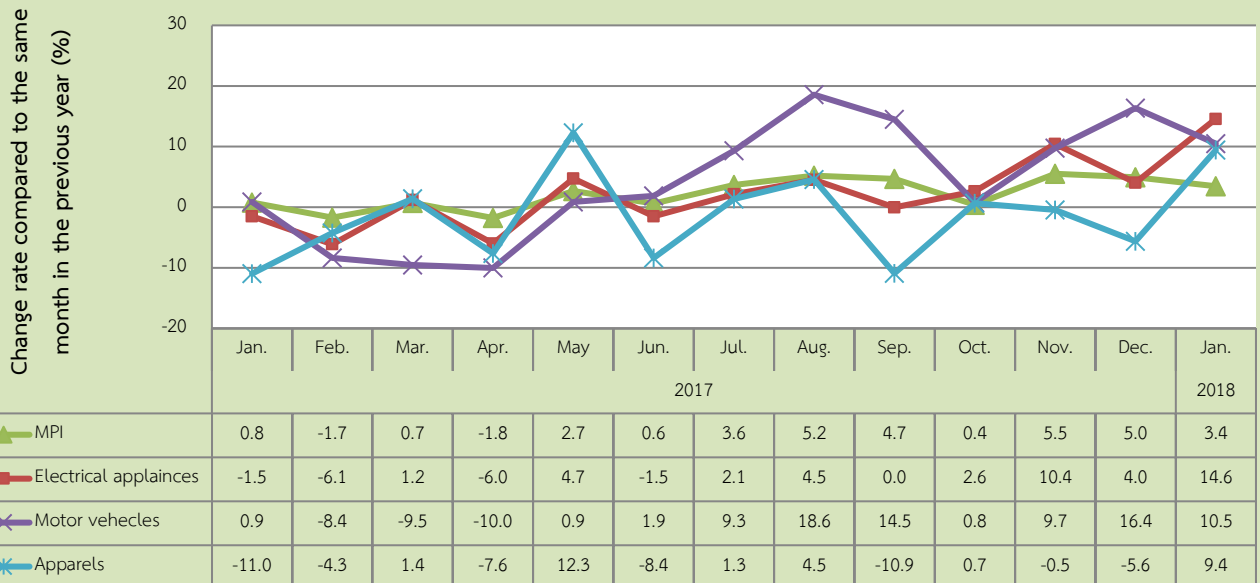


The MPI of the automobile production industry grew by 10.5 percent compared to the same month last year resulting the increase of diesel engines and pickup trucks as well as the recovering domestic economy and within trade partner countries.



The MPI of the apparel production industry grew by 9.4 percent compared to the same month last year, due to higher demand from USA, Europe and Japan.

MPI of Key Industrial Products with Growth in January 2018



Key manufacturing industries such as gems and jewelry, air conditioners, and textiles were the sectors that declined.



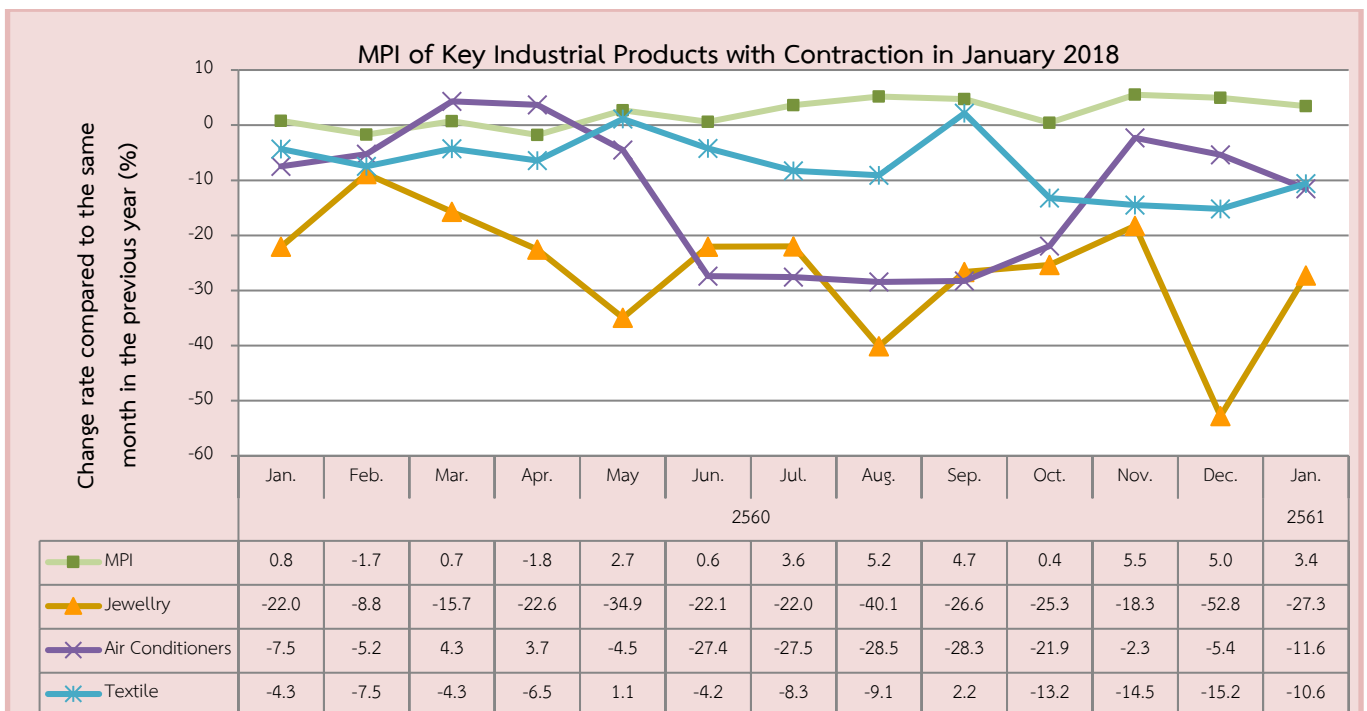
The MPI of the gems and jewelry production industry shrank by 27.3 percent compared to the same month last year, from a decrease in earring, necklace, ring and pendant categories which has a slowdown in demand.



The MPI of the air conditioner production industry shrank by 11.6 percent compared to the same month last year, from a slowdown in demand in many markets.



The MPI of the textile production industry shrank by 10.6 percent compared to the same month last year, mainly from a decrease in textiles (yarn). This resulted from less imports from trade partners as well as Thailand imported more products from abroad for domestic sale.



Capacity Utilization Rate in January 2018

was at 70.2 percent.

70.2

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