

## Summary of Industrial Production in January 2020

Industrial production in January 2020 shrank. The Manufacturing Production Index decreased by 4.6 percent compared to the same month last year, as a result of the contraction of key industries, such as automobile, sugar, and palm oil. The Capacity Utilization Rate in January 2020 was 66.5 percent.

### The Manufacturing Production Index of Key Sectoral Industries

The MPI in January 2020 decreased by 4.6 percent compared to the same month last year. Key manufacturing industries, such as automobile, sugar, and palm oil were the sectors that shrank.



The MPI of the automobile manufacturing industry dropped 12.8 percent compared to the same month last year. The contraction was in almost all product groups, except for large-sized passenger cars. This was a result of the economic slowdown of trading partner countries and weakening domestic purchasing power.

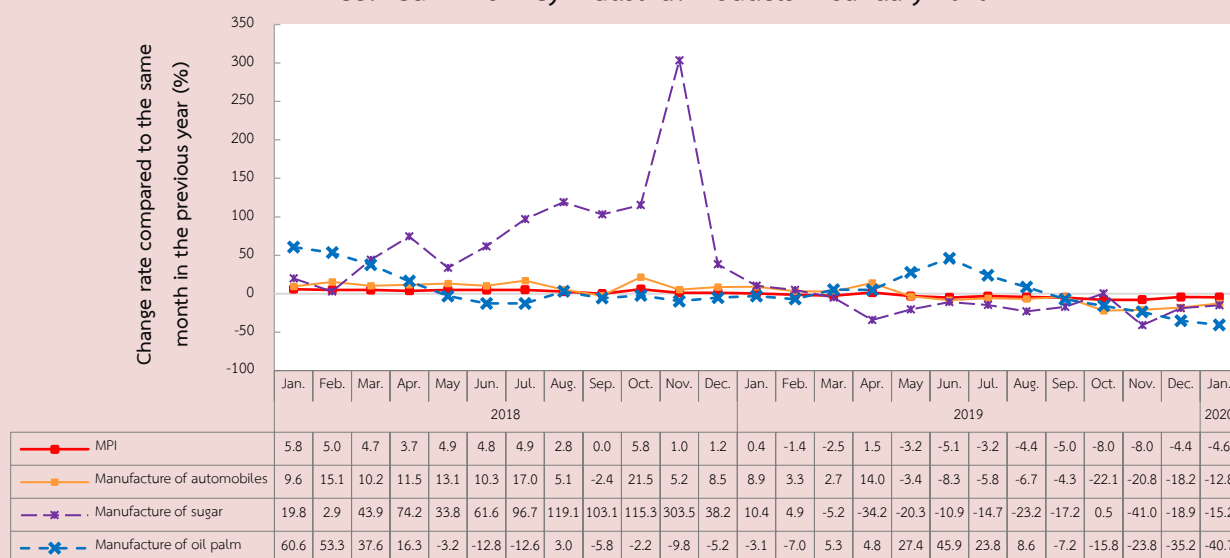


The MPI of the sugar manufacturing industry contracted by 15.2 percent compared to the same month last year, as a result of droughts, resulting in a lower sugar production.



The MPI of the palm oil industry shrank by 40.7 percent compared to the same month last year, mainly from crude palm oil and refined palm oil. This was due to inclement weather, resulting in reduced palm yield. Moreover, both the domestic and international markets slowed down.

Declined MPI of Key Industrial Products in January 2020



Key manufacturing industries, such as air-conditioners, Hard Disk Drives, and paper pulp were sectors that expanded.



The MPI of the air conditioner manufacturing industry grew by 21.9 percent compared to the same month last year, from the hot weather and PM 2.5 dust particles, resulting in increased demand in both domestic and foreign markets.

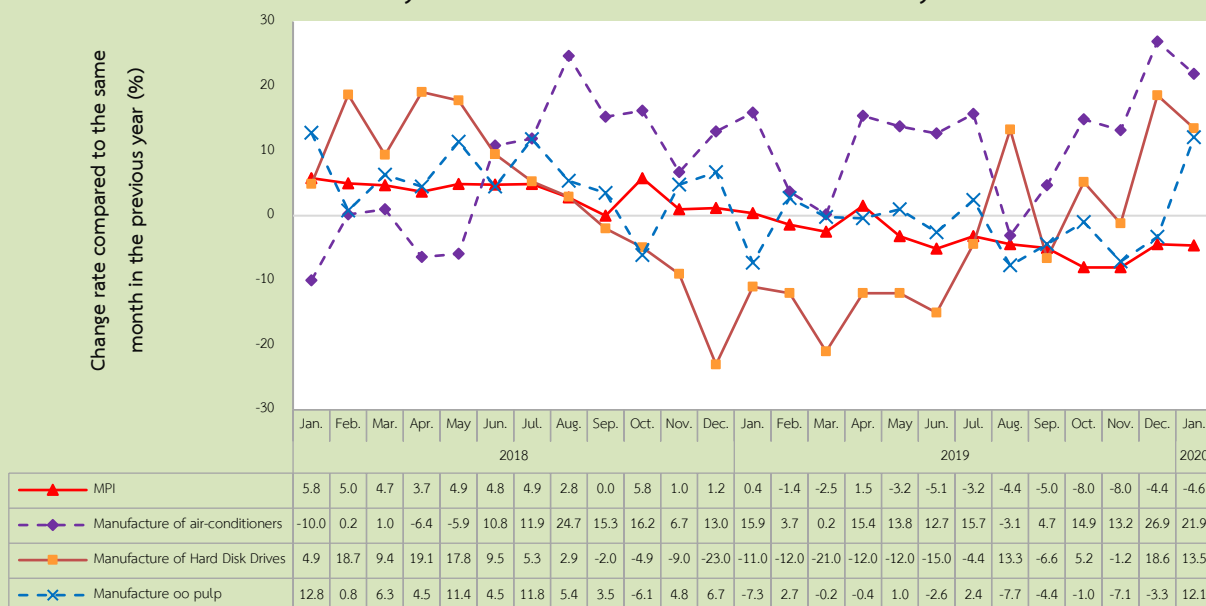


The MPI of the Hard Disk Drive manufacturing industry grew by 13.5 percent compared to the same month last year, from increased production orders after closing down production bases in Malaysia. This was coupled with the need for continuous use as well as product development with high capacity to support growing data in the future.



The MPI of the pulp manufacturing industry increased by 12.1 percent compared to the same month last year, from the pulp, cardboard, and Kraft paper. The increase was because, in the previous year, some manufacturers stopped the production for machinery maintenance. This year, there was no maintenance, and production was accelerated to full capacity.

MPI of Key Industrial Products with Growth in January 2020



Capacity utilization rate in January 2020 was

**66.5 percent.**

More information: Phetpailin Saising

Division of Industrial Economic Research

Tel. 0 2202 3915