

Industrial Production Index decreases by 7.7% in February 2024

In February 2024, the Industrial Production Index (IPI) decreased by 7.7% compared to February 2023, due to the decline in mining and quarrying activity. Given the relative weights of the mining and quarrying activity which reached 61.4%, the trend of the industrial production in the mining and quarrying sector dominates the trend in the general IPI. Followed by manufacturing activity, electricity, gas, steam, and air conditioning supplies activity and, water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities with, 35.0%, 2.8% and 0.69%, respectively. Compared to January 2024, IPI increased by 1.0% driven by the increase in all sub-economic activities.

Sub index for mining and quarrying

The sub-index for mining and quarrying activity in February 2024 decreased by 13.8% compared to the same month of the previous year, as Saudi Arabia decreased its oil production to 9 million barrels per day in February 2024.

On the other hand, the sub-index for mining and quarrying activity increased by 0.6% compared to January 2024.

Sub index for manufacturing

Compared to February of the previous year, the sub-index of manufacturing activity increased by 2.1%, supported by the activity of manufacturing non-metallic products, which increased by 5.0%, and the activity of manufacturing basic metals, and paper and paper products, which increased by 17.1% and 9.3% respectively.

Meanwhile, the activities of manufacturing coke and refined petroleum products recorded an annual decrease of 0.4%, and the activity of manufacturing chemicals and chemical products decreased by 1.0%. On a monthly basis, the sub-index of manufacturing activity showed an increase of 1.2%, supported by the rise in the activity of manufacturing coke and refined petroleum products, which increased by 0.4%. Following this, both the activities of manufacturing chemicals and chemical products, and manufacturing food products increased by 0.9% and 1.4% respectively.

Economic Activity ISIC4	Index			Change %	
	Feb-24	Jan-24	Feb-23	Annual	Monthly
Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products	95.6	95.2	96.0	-0.4%	0.4%
Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	109.7	108.7	110.9	-1.0%	0.9%
Manufacture of food products	115.6	114.0	118.2	-2.2%	1.4%
Manufacture of non-metallic products	131.2	128.7	124.9	5.0%	1.9%
Manufacture of basic metals	124.4	120.6	106.3	17.1%	3.1%
Manufacture of beverages	140.4	138.2	123.2	14.0%	1.6%
Manufacture of paper and paper products	135.1	133.6	123.6	9.3%	1.1%
Manufacture of electrical devices	130.5	127.8	124.9	4.5%	2.1%
Manufacture of furniture	94.7	93.6	110.0	-13.9%	1.2%
Other Economic Activities	144.4	141.2	131.8	9.6%	2.3%

Table1. Sub-activities of manufacturing industry

Sub-index for electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply and sub-index for water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities

Sub-index for electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply and sub-index for water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities recorded an annual increase of 7.7% and 8.5%, respectively, but due to the low weight of these activities, they did not have a significant impact on the index. Based on month-on-month trend, the sub-index for electricity, gas, steam, and air conditioning supply increased by 7.6%, sub-index for water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities increased by 2.1%.

Figure1. General index and monthly growth rates

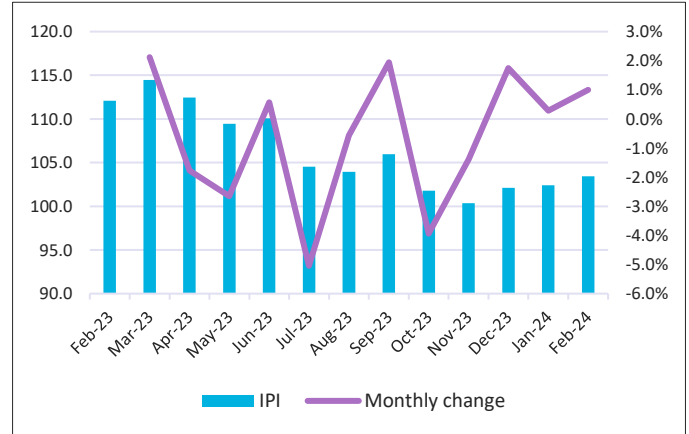


Figure2: Four Sub-Indices

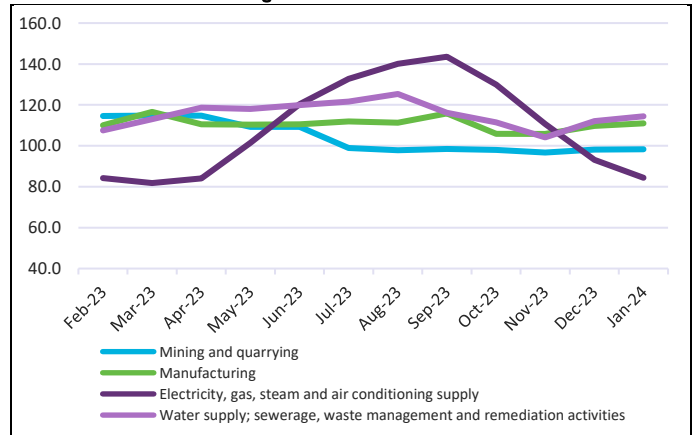
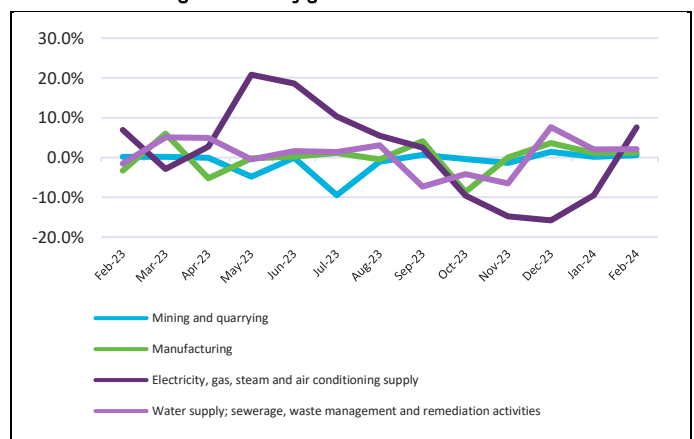


Figure3. Monthly growth rates for sub-Indices



IPI Reference Metadata

IPI is an economic indicator that reflects the relative changes of the volume of industrial output. It is calculated based on the industrial production survey. IPI data is based on the International Standard Industrial Classification of Economic Activities (ISIC 4). This index is published monthly. For more details,

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