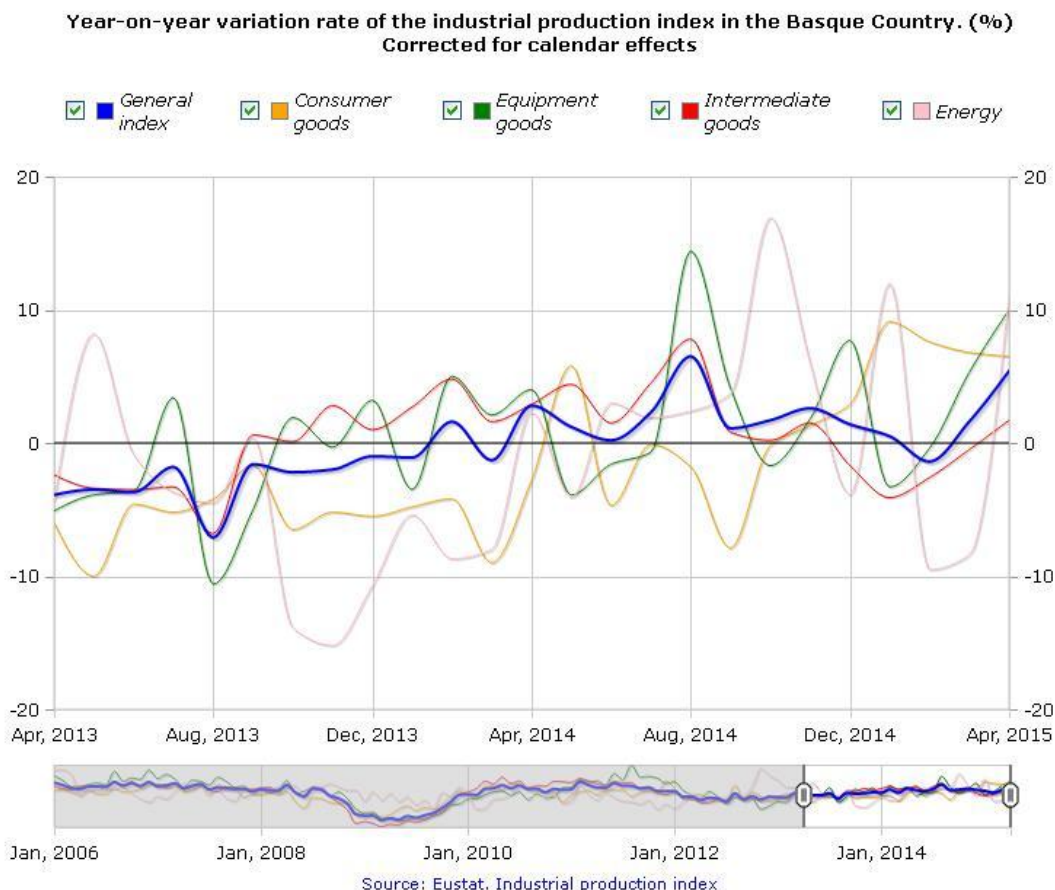


## Industrial activity in the Basque Country rose by 5.4% in April 2015

**Compared to the previous month, the Industrial Production Index of the Basque Country also rose by 3.0%**

Industrial production of the Basque Country in April 2015 was up by 5.4% compared to the same month of 2014, in homogenous terms of the working calendar, according to Eustat data. Compared to the previous month, March 2015, the industrial production of the Basque Country rose by 3.0%, once seasonal effects had been corrected.



The evolution of the index in April 2015 compared to April 2014 was positive for all the main industrial sectors. *Consumer Goods* rose by 6.5% due, in particular, to the upturn seen in *Consumer Durables*, which increased by 22.5%, as *Consumer Non-Durables* also rose but far more moderately (1.0%). The index corresponding to *Energy*

increased by 11.1%, the index corresponding to *Capital Goods* rose by 10.0%, and that of *Intermediate Goods* grew by 1.7%.

The month-on-month variation in April 2015, compared to March 2015, was positive for *Capital Goods*, which rose by 2.7%; for *Intermediate Goods*, which grew by 0.7%; and for *Energy*, which was up by 17.5%. *Consumer Goods* as a whole also rose, by 1.7%, as a consequence of *Consumer Durables* increasing by 6.9%, although *Consumer Non-Durables* dropped by 0.2%.

Among the largest sectors in Basque industry, those that saw the most significant growth in the month of April 2015 with regards to year-on-year variations, were: *Timber, Paper & Graphic Arts*, with an increase of 13.0%, and *Machinery & Equipment*, which rose by 10.0%.

**Table 1. Industrial production in the Basque Country. Key Sectors. Year-on-year variation rates. A-38 Sectorisation. Provisional Data**

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<b>SECTOR A38</b>	
<b>KEY SECTORS<sup>(1)</sup></b>	
10 - Metallurgy and metal products	0,3
16 - Electricity, gas and steam	9,0
09 - Rubber and plastic	-2,4
13 - Machinery and equipment	10,0
14 - Transport material	7,2
03 - Food, beverages and tobacco industries	1,6
12 - Electrical equipment and material	-2,1
05 - Timber, paper and printing and reproduction	13,0

Data corrected for calendar effects

(1) Sectors with greatest weight in industry

**Source: Eustat. Industrial production index**

On the other hand, the largest decreases occurred in the *Plastic & Rubber* sector, which posted a year-on-year drop of 2.4%, and in *Electrical Material & Equipment*, which fell by 2.1%.

By province, the year-on-year performance of the Industrial Production Index for the month of April showed very positive results in Bizkaia, where it increased by 8.5%, and in Gipuzkoa, where the increase was 5.5%, whereas Álava saw a slight fall of 0.1%. The month-on-month variation rate was positive in the three provinces: in Álava it was up by 4.3%, in Gipuzkoa it rose by 4.0% and in Bizkaia it was up by 1.3% with respect to March 2015.

**Table 2. Industrial Production in the Basque Country. Variation rate. Provisional data. April 2015**

	Data corrected for clendar effects		Deseasonalised data	
	Apr2015/Apr2014	A(Apr2015)/A(Apr2014)*	Apr2015/Mar2015	Mar2015/Feb2015
<b>General index</b>				
<b>Basque Country</b>	<b>5,4</b>	<b>1,6</b>	<b>3,0</b>	<b>1,9</b>
Araba/Álava	-0,1	-4,5	4,3	-1,8
Bizkaia	8,5	5,3	1,3	5,5
Gipuzkoa	5,5	1,4	4,0	0,4
<b>INDEXES BY ECONOMIC DESTINATION OF THE GOODS</b>				
Consumer goods	6,5	7,5	1,7	-1,6
Durable consumer goods	22,5	18,4	6,9	-4,5
Non-durable consumer goods	1,0	3,7	-0,2	-0,4
Equipment goods	10,0	3,1	2,7	4,2
Intermediate goods	1,7	-1,3	0,7	1,2
Energy	11,1	1,3	17,5	1,6

(\*) Year-on-year variation rate for the accumulated period from January to the current month of 2015 compared to the same accumulated period of 2014

**Source: Eustat. Industrial production index**

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