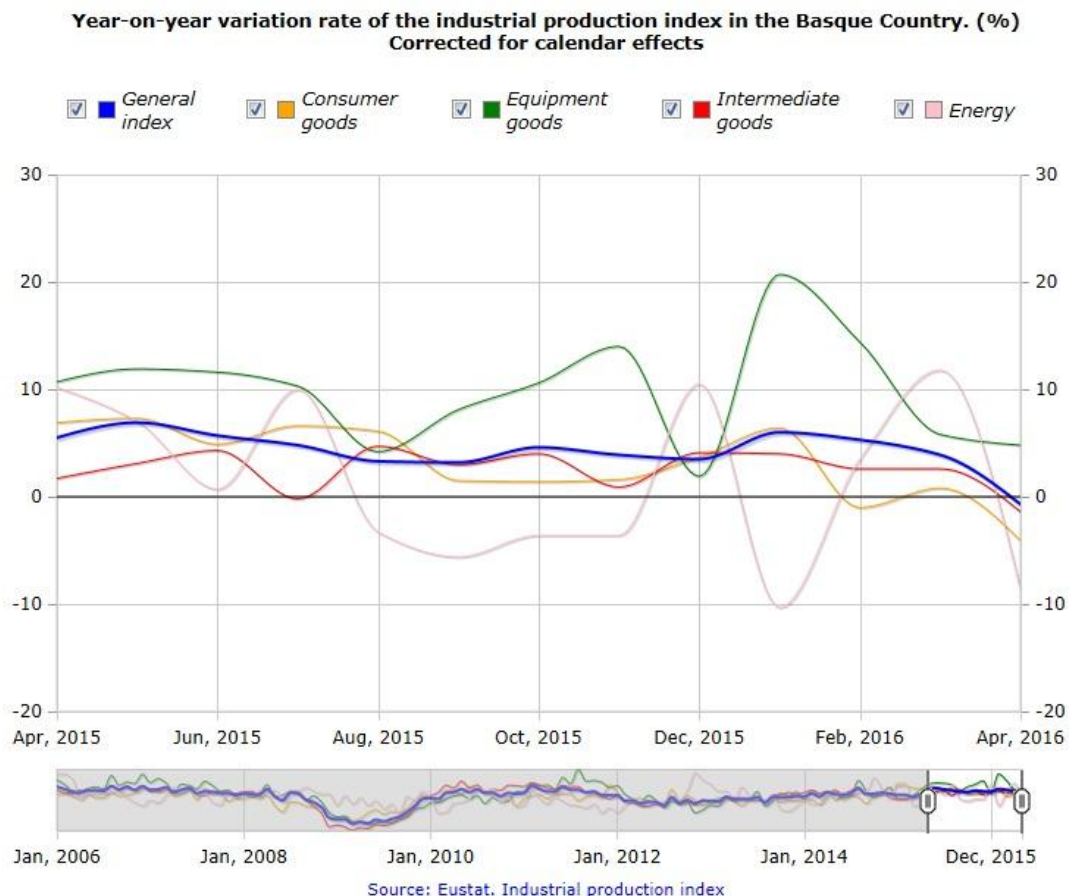


Industrial activity in the Basque Country fell by 0.7% in April 2016

The industrial production index saw growth of 3.5% in the first quarter of 2016

Industrial production of the Basque Country in April 2016 was down by 0.7% compared to the same month of 2015, in homogenous terms of the working calendar, according to Eustat data. The balance of the first three months of 2016 saw 3.5% growth.

Compared to the previous month, March 2016, the industrial production of the Basque Country fell by 0.9%, once seasonal effects had been corrected.



The evolution of the April 2016 index compared to April 2015 for the Major Industrial Sectors presents distinct variations: *Equipment Goods* were up 4.8%, *Intermediate*

Goods fell by 1.4% and *Energy* was down by 8.7%. *Consumer Goods* as a whole posted a drop of 4.1% due to the decrease experienced by *Consumer Durables*, which fell by 15.6%, with *Consumer Non-Durables* rising by 0.6%.

Six of the eight sectors with the most weight in Basque industry revealed negative trends in April 2016 in year-on-year terms. Above all, the sectors of *Electrical Material & Equipment*, which dropped by 10.3%, and *Electricity, Gas & Steam*, down 8.3%, stood out.

Conversely, there were increases in the industrial sectors with the most weight, with the *Transport Material* sector posting growth of 13.5%, and *Plastic & Rubber* up by 2.6%.

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

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SECTOR A38	
KEY SECTORS⁽¹⁾	
10 - Metallurgy and metal products	-0,6
16 - Electricity, gas and steam	-8,3
09 - Rubber and plastic	2,6
13 - Machinery and equipment	-7,4
14 - Transport material	13,5
03 - Food, beverages and tobacco industries	-2,3
12 - Electrical equipment and material	-10,3
05 - Timber, paper and printing and reproduction	-1,7

Data corrected for calendar effects

(1) Sectors with greatest weight in industry

Source: Eustat. Industrial production index

By province, year-on-year performance of the Industrial Production Index for the month of April showed positive results in Álava, where it grew by 8.5%; in contrast, Bizkaia posted a fall of 2.2% and in Gipuzkoa there was a drop of 4.1%.

The month-on-month variation rate was negative in the three provinces. In Álava it dropped by 0.6%, and in Bizkaia, where it was down 1.3%, whereas in Gipuzkoa it was down by 0.8% compared to March 2016.

Table 2. Industrial Production in the Basque Country. Growth rates. Provisional data. April 2016

	Data corrected for clendar effects		Deseasonalised data	
	Apr2016 / Apr2015	A(Apr2016) / A(Apr2015)(*)	Apr2016 / Mar2016	Mar2016 / Feb2016
General index				
Basque Country	-0,7	3,5	-0,9	0,2
Araba/Álava	8,5	11,8	-0,6	2,9
Bizkaia	-2,2	1,3	-1,3	0,7
Gipuzkoa	-4,1	1,4	-0,8	-1,9
INDEXES BY ECONOMIC DESTINATION OF THE GOODS				
Consumer goods	-4,1	0,4	-1,8	0,4
Durable consumer goods	-15,6	-1,9	-6,1	0,2
Non-durable consumer goods	0,6	1,3	-0,2	0,4
Equipment goods	4,8	10,8	1,4	-2,4
Intermediate goods	-1,4	1,9	-2,1	0,9
Energy	-8,7	-1,8	-3,7	7,4

(*) Year-on-year variation rate for the accumulated period from January to the current month of 2016 compared to the same accumulated period of 2015

Source: Eustat. Industrial production index

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