

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (IPI) JANUARY 2010

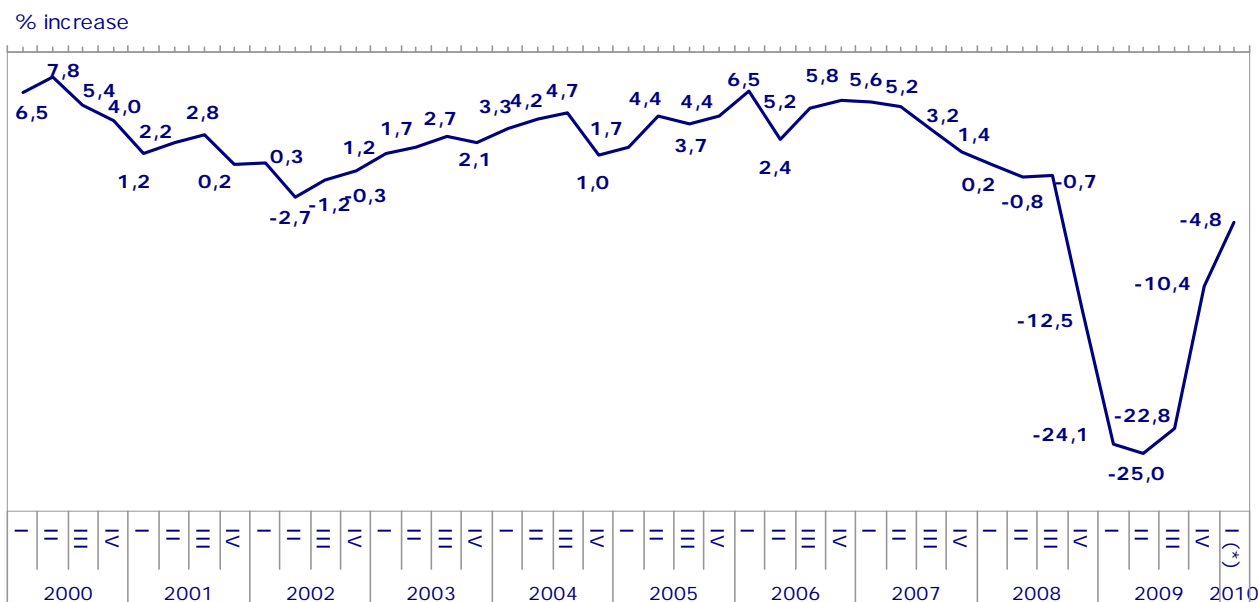
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Year-on-year quarterly growth of the corrected Industrial Production Index of the Basque Country



(*) Corrected year-on-year growth, January 2010

Source: Eustat

By sector, and using the major industrial sector classification, the evolution of the index for January 2010 compared to January 2009 showed decreases in all sectors: Capital Goods fell by 10.1%, Intermediate Goods by 2.4% and Energy was down by 5.3%. Consumer Goods were down by 3.6%, as the result of the decrease in Consumer Non-Durables (-2.0%) and, particularly, of the drop in Consumer Durables (-8.8%).

Month-on-month fluctuations in January 2010, compared to December 2009, were also negative in the main industrial sectors: Energy dropped by 8.6%, Intermediary Goods by 1.4%, Capital Goods were down by 1.3% and Consumer Goods by 1.1%, as a result of the drop registered by Non-durables (-2.6%), as Durables rose by 4.5%.

By province, the January year-on-year performance for the Industrial Production Index was positive in Álava, up 0.3%, while it fell by 4.1% in Bizkaia and by 8.1% in Gipuzkoa. The month-on-month rate was negative in Álava, down by 5.7%, and in Gipuzkoa, where it fell by 3.0%, but remained practically unchanged in Bizkaia (0.0%).

Table: JANUARY 2010. Variation rates (%) of the Industrial Production Index of the Basque Country

Concept	Corrected		Deseasonalised	
	Jan10/Jan09	At/At-1 (1)	Jan10/Dec09	Dec09/Nov09
General index: Basque Country	-4,8	-4,8	-2,3	0,3
Alava	0,3	0,3	-5,7	2,1
Bizkaia	-4,1	-4,1	0,0	-0,5
Gipuzkoa	-8,1	-8,1	-3,0	0,1
Economic destination of the goods-Basque Country				
Consumer goods	-3,6	-3,6	-1,1	-3,4
-Durable consumer goods	-8,8	-8,8	4,5	-6,9
-Non-durable consumer goods	-2,0	-2,0	-2,6	-2,4
Equipment goods	-10,1	-10,1	-1,3	-2,9
Intermediate goods	-2,4	-2,4	-1,4	1,7
Energy	-5,3	-5,3	-8,6	6,0

(1) Year-on-year variation rate of the accumulated period from January to the last month of year t compared to the same period of the year t-1

Source: EUSTAT

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