Index of turnover in industry

2021, April

Preliminary data: Turnover in industry grew in April

According to Statistics Finland’s preliminary data, the working day adjusted turnover in industry grew by 11.4 per cent in April 2021 compared with April 2020. The development was partly due to the exceptional situation caused by the coronavirus one year earlier.

Annual change in working day adjusted turnover in manufacturing (BCD), % (TOL 2008)

[Bar chart showing annual change in turnover]

Source: Statistics Finland

Turnover grew compared with the previous month

According to the preliminary data the seasonally adjusted turnover in industry grew in April 2021 by 2.4 per cent compared to March. In March, seasonally adjusted turnover decreased by 0.1 per cent, while in February, turnover was 2.6 per cent higher than in the month before.
The index of turnover in industry describes enterprises whose main industry is manufacturing. The calculation of the indices is based on the Tax Administration’s self-assessed tax data which are supplemented with data obtained with Statistics Finland’s sales inquiry. The monthly turnovers of manufacturing enterprises can vary considerably, especially in the metal industries. The variation is mainly due to invoicing practices. The final invoice for major machinery deliveries and projects may be recorded in the sales of one month, even if the delivery had required the work of several months or years.

The factors caused by the variation in the number of weekdays are taken into account in adjustment for working days. This means taking into consideration the lengths of months, different weekdays and holidays. In addition, seasonal variation is eliminated from seasonally adjusted series, on account of which it makes sense to compare observations of two successive months as well.

The data for the latest month are preliminary and are released at a delay of around four weeks. The data may become significantly revised in coming months.
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1) Year-on-year change compares the value for an examined time period to the value for the corresponding time period twelve months back.
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Appendix figure 1. Turnover of manufacturing (BCD), trend series

Source: Statistics Finland
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