

Index numbers of industrial and construction-assembly production in March 2017^{a)}

In March of 2017, **sold production of industry** was by 11.1% higher than in March of 2016, whereas an increase of 17.2% was reported in **construction-assembly production**. In the period January-March of 2017, sold production of industry was by 7.3% higher than in the corresponding period of 2016 which saw a 3.0% increase, whereas construction-assembly production was by 3.9% higher than in the corresponding period of 2016 which saw a 13.3% decrease.

Index numbers of industrial and construction-assembly production in real time (constant prices) were:

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	previous month = 100	corresponding period of previous year = 100		monthly average of 2010 = 100
INDUSTRIAL UNITS				
Total	117.6	111.1	107.3	142.3
mining and quarrying.....	116.7	100.4	96.7	88.5
manufacturing.....	120.0	112.7	108.1	151.0
electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply.....	95.5	99.4	103.6	99.3
water supply; sewerage waste management and remediation activities.....	108.8	104.5	104.9	127.0
CONSTRUCTION UNITS				
Total	149.4	117.2	103.9	80.3

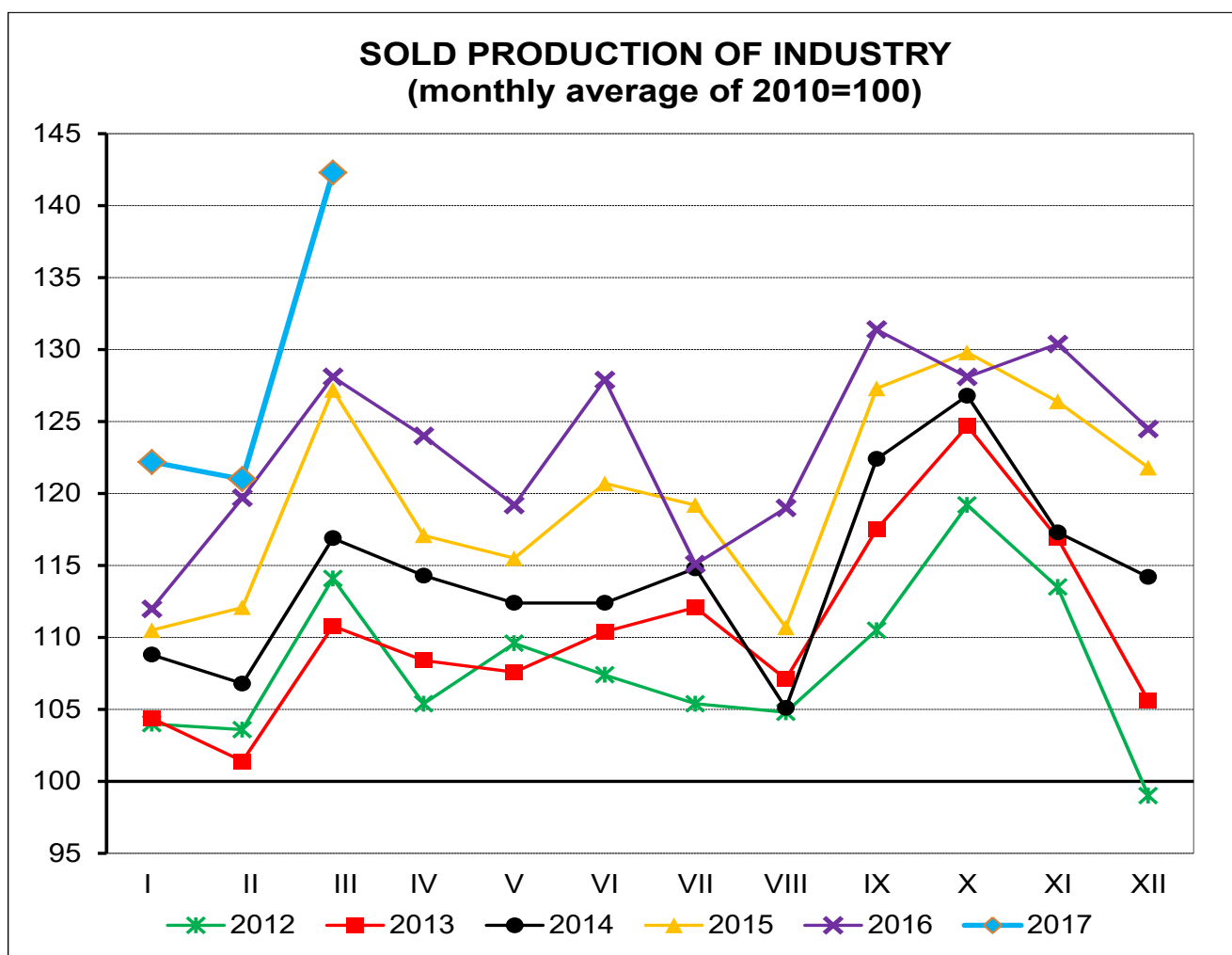
^{a)} Reported data; comprise enterprises employing over 9 persons.

^{b)} Data including final information on production and prices in February and reported data – in March.

According to the preliminary data, **sold production of industry** in constant prices (in enterprises employing more than 9 persons), in March of 2017, was by 11.1% higher than in the previous year (when an increase of 0.7% was recorded) and by 17.6% higher than in February of 2017. After eliminating the seasonal factors, sold production of industry reached the level higher by 8.1% than in the corresponding month of 2016 and by 2.1% higher as compared to February of 2017.

As compared to March of 2016, an increase in sold production was reported in 29 (out of 34) industry divisions, among others, in manufacture of machinery and equipment – by 22.9%, manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products – by 21.9%, manufacture of metal products – by 18.9%, manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers – by 18.6%, manufacture of rubber and plastic products – by 16.6%, manufacture of pharmaceutical products – by 15.1%, manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products – by 15.0%, manufacture of products of wood, cork, straw and wicker – by 14.7%, manufacture of furniture – by 14.5%. A decrease in sold production of industry, as compared to March of 2016, was recorded in 5 divisions, among others, in mining of coal and lignite – by 7.9% and manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products – by 5.0%.

Indices of sold production of industry in comparison with an average monthly level in 2010 are presented in the graph below:



According to preliminary data, **construction and assembly production** (in constant prices), including investment and repair work, carried out domestically by construction enterprises employing more than 9 persons, was in March of 2017 by 17.2% higher than a year before (against a decrease by 15.8% in March of 2016) and by 49.4% higher in comparison to February of 2017. After eliminating the seasonal factors, construction and assembly production reached the level by 10.2% higher than in March of 2016 and by 9.7% higher in comparison to February of 2017.

An increase in production was recorded in all divisions of construction, both in comparison to March of 2016 and February of 2017. In relation to March of 2016 an increase was noted in entities whose basic type of activity is the construction of buildings – by 18.6%, in entities performing specialised construction activities – by 18.3% and in entities dealing mainly with civil engineering – by 14.3%. In relation to February of 2017 production increased in entities dealing mainly with civil engineering – by 72.4%, in entities performing specialised construction activities – by 46.3% and in entities whose basic type of activity is the construction of buildings – by 38.6%.

In the period of January – March of 2017 construction and assembly production was by 3.9% higher than in the corresponding period of 2016, when a decrease was noted by 13.3%.

Indices of the construction and assembly production, in comparison with an average monthly level in 2010, are presented in the graph below:

