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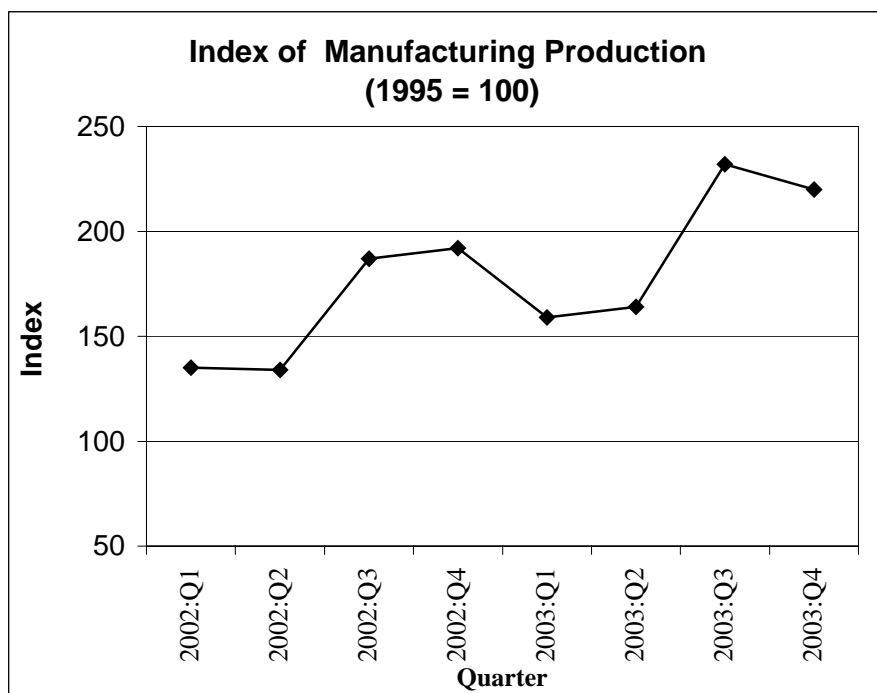
Index of Manufacturing Production Fourth Quarter 2003

In order to improve the accessibility of statistics to all users and the public in general, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) disseminates a series of quarterly short-term social and economic indicators through regular 'Statistics Releases'. This release refers to the Index of manufacturing production for the fourth quarter of the year 2003.

The Index of Manufacturing Production measures changes in the quantity of commodities produced by different producers. It reflects the trends in a constant basket of goods produced by establishments where majority engage 50 or more workers.

The graph and the table show the evolution of the index on a quarterly basis.

The Index of Manufacturing Production for the fourth quarter, 2003 stood at 220. In comparison with that of the third quarter 2003, which was 232, it shows a decrease of 5.2 percent. This overall decrease was mainly caused by a fall in production in five groups. "Basic metal industries", "Food beverage and tobacco" and "Paper and paper products" are the groups that recorded the highest decrease of 14.5 percent, 7.9 percent and 7.3 percent respectively. "Wood and wood products" recorded the highest production followed by "Other manufacturing" and "Textile and leather" with 13.1 percent, 4.4 percent, and 4.1 percent respectively.



Index of Manufacturing Production (1995=100)

Industrial Group	Weight	2002 Q4	2003 Q3	2003 Q4	% Change on Previous Quarter	% Change on same Quarter Previous Year
Food beverage and tobacco	484.7	232	290	267	-7.9	15.1
Textile and leather	95.4	262	293	305	4.1	16.4
Wood and wood products	6.8	97	168	190	13.1	95.9
Paper and paper products	18.8	51	41	38	-7.3	-25.5
Chemical, petroleum, and plastic products	203.3	103	124	122	-1.6	18.4
Pottery, china, glass and non metallic products	94.0	152	169	175	3.6	15.1
Basic metals industries	51.1	218	242	207	-14.5	-5.0
Fabricated metal products machinery and equipment	45.8	151	163	156	-4.3	3.3
Other manufacturing	0.1	284	319	333	4.4	17.3
Manufacturing	1000.0	192	232	220	-5.2	14.6

Note: Q1 = 1st Quarter; Q2 = 2nd Quarter; Q3 = 3rd Quarter; Q4 = 4th Quarter

The weight sums to 1000 in order to show the contribution of groups, which have less than one percent of the total weight

* Revised figure

Compared with the corresponding quarter of 2002, the index for the fourth quarter of 2003 went up by 14.6 percent. This overall increase was caused by increases in almost all sectors except “Paper and paper products”, and “Basic metal industries” which went down by 25.5 percent and 5.0 percent respectively. Remarkable increases were recorded in “Wood and wood products”, “Chemical, petroleum and plastics”, and “Other manufacturing”, with 95.9 percent, 18.4 percent and 17.3 percent respectively.

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(1995 = 100)

Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual average
2001	128	137	155	155	143.7
2002	135	134	187	192	162.0
2003	159	164	232	220	193.8

The annual average Index of Manufacturing Production obtained as an arithmetic mean of the quarterly indices shows an increase of 19.6 percent in year 2003 compared to year 2002.

Note:

An Index of Manufacturing Production was first produced in year 1986 and a series with reference year 1985=100 is available on request. This index covers Tanzania Mainland.

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