

BARBADOS STATISTICAL SERVICE

STATISTICAL BULLETIN

INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

November 2010

(Base: 1994=100)

The Index of Industrial Production is derived from a monthly Survey of Establishments and is designed to provide a general measure of changes in the output of Mining & Quarrying, Manufacturing and Electricity, Gas & Water. This bulletin contains data now rebased to 1994=100.

The Index of Industrial Production for November 2010 was 86.7. This Index indicates that output levels for **All Industries** increased by 6.2 points or **7.7%** compared with the previous month (October 2010) and rose by 3.7 points or **4.5%** compared with November 2009.

The three major divisions moved as follows:-

Mining and Quarrying decreased by 6.3 points or **6.6%** below October 2010 and increased by 3.2 points or **3.7%** over that of November 2009.

Manufacturing (*the main component of the Production Index*) rose by 9.0 points or **14.2%** compared with the previous month and rose by 4.8 points or **7.1%** compared with November 2009.

Electricity, Gas and Water declined by 4.5 points or **2.9%** below that of the previous month and decreased by 1.2 points or **0.8%** below that of November 2009.

Movement in the Index of Industrial Production

Mining and Quarrying:

The *Mining* of crude oil rose slightly by 0.9 of a point or **1.3%** compared with that of the previous month and advanced by 4.5 points or **7.1%** over that of November 2009.

Stone *Quarrying* fell by 11.7 points or **10.0%** compared with that of the previous month and increased by 2.2 points or **2.1%** over that of November 2009.

Manufacturing:

Group movements within this division are detailed as follows:-

Food:

The *Food* division for November 2010 rose by 16.8 points or **17.8%** over that of October 2010 and increased by 13.7 points or **14.1%** in comparison to November 2009. (This group includes milk products, fruit juices, bakery products, flour and meat products.)

Beverages & Tobacco:

The combined Index for *Beverages & Tobacco* increased by 16.0 points or **21.0%** compared to the previous month and rose by 27.0 points or **41.2%** compared to November 2009.

The *Beverages* Index rose by 22.3 points or **21.0%** below that of the previous month and increased by 37.6 points or **41.2%** over that of November 2009.

The output for *Tobacco* advanced slightly by 0.1 of a point or **14.9%** compared with the previous month and rose by 0.3 of a point or **48.9%** in comparison with November 2009.

Wearing Apparel:

This division increased by 6.4 points or **176.3%** over that of the previous month, and improved slightly by 0.6 of a point or **6.2%** over that of November 2009.

Wooden Furniture:

This division rose by 21.4 points or **17.4%** over October 2010 and increased by 5.0 points or **3.6%** over that of November 2009.

Chemicals:

The combined index for this division rose by 8.2 points or **9.6%** in comparison to the previous month and decreased by 14.6 points or **13.4%** below November 2009.

Industrial Chemical (including insecticides and industrial gases) fell by 20.7 points or **11.5%** below October 2010 and decreased by 13.2 points or **7.7%** below November 2009.

Other Chemicals (including paints and pharmaceutical products) increased by 19.8 points or **40.6%** over the previous month and fell by 15.1 points or **18.0%** below November 2009.

Petroleum Products:

The refining of Petroleum Products ceased at the end of January 1998.

Non-Metallic Mineral Products:

Output for this group rose by 9.3 points or **4.9%** compared to October 2010 and declined by 27.1 points or **12.0%** compared to November 2009.

Electronic Components:

The index for the group fell by **6.9** points or **23.3%** below the previous month and declined by 7.3 points or **24.2%** below November 2009.

Other Manufacturing:

The combined index for this group increased by 12.2 points or **14.1%** compared with the previous month and rose by 2.3 points or **2.4%** over November 2009.

The *Printing* group improved by 13.0 points or **10.8%** over the previous month and declined by 12.3 points or **8.4%** below November 2009.

The *Fabricated Metal Products* group rose by 4.0 points or **3.4%** when compared with the preceding month and increased by 9.3 points or **8.3%** over November 2009.

Electricity, Gas & Water

Net generation of *Electricity* fell by 0.9 of a point or **0.5%** below the previous month and decreased by 3.4 points or **1.9%** compared to November 2009.

Natural Gas rose by 3.6 points or **10.4%** over October 2010 and gained half a point or **1.3%** compared to November 2009.

Net generation of *Water* decreased by 15.6 points or **14.4%** below the previous month and increased by 5.0 points or **5.7%** over November 2009.