

Table 1342. Selected Indexes of Manufacturing Activity by Country: 1990 to 2006

[1992 = 100. Data relate to employees (wage and salary earners) in Belgium, and to all employed persons (employees, self-employed workers, and unpaid family workers) in the other countries. Minus sign (-) indicates decrease. For explanation of average annual percent change, see Guide to Tabular Presentation]

Index	United States	Canada	Japan	Belgium	France	Germany	Italy	Netherlands	Norway	Sweden	United Kingdom
Output per hour:											
1990	93.5	94.7	94.4	96.8	95.3	(NA)	97.3	98.0	98.3	96.4	90.1
1995	112.3	111.7	111.0	112.7	114.9	110.2	111.1	117.7	98.7	126.3	105.0
2000	147.1	134.7	131.2	130.5	143.7	132.0	116.1	138.6	105.9	175.9	117.2
2004	185.3	136.5	152.1	145.8	162.3	146.8	110.4	156.3	128.8	226.8	140.0
2005	189.4	141.7	162.0	150.3	169.2	152.3	110.3	161.7	133.3	241.0	145.0
2006	193.2	141.6	165.1	153.6	175.4	163.1	111.8	166.8	137.7	255.2	151.5
Average annual percent change:											
1995-2000	5.5	3.8	3.4	3.0	4.6	3.7	0.9	3.3	1.4	6.8	2.2
2004-2005	2.2	3.8	6.5	3.1	4.3	3.7	-0.1	3.5	3.5	6.2	3.6
2005-2006	2.0	-0.1	1.9	2.2	3.7	7.1	1.4	3.1	3.3	5.9	4.5
Compensation per hour, national currency basis: ¹											
1990	90.5	89.2	90.6	90.1	88.5	(NA)	87.7	89.8	92.3	87.9	88.7
1995	107.3	106.6	108.3	108.6	110.7	117.0	112.0	111.8	109.2	105.3	108.9
2000	134.7	123.0	114.7	120.1	127.0	136.3	128.7	132.1	140.5	133.0	133.8
2004	161.5	139.8	115.5	138.7	144.6	148.0	145.7	158.1	169.7	157.6	165.1
2005	168.3	146.6	116.5	143.5	147.7	149.8	150.2	161.3	177.7	163.0	172.3
2006	172.4	149.4	114.9	146.5	147.5	155.9	152.9	165.8	185.8	169.2	184.2
Average annual percent change:											
1995-2000	4.7	2.9	1.2	2.0	2.8	3.1	2.8	3.4	5.2	4.8	4.2
2004-2005	4.2	4.9	0.8	3.5	-0.6	1.2	3.0	2.0	4.7	3.4	4.4
2005-2006	2.5	1.9	-1.4	2.1	2.6	4.1	1.8	2.8	4.5	3.8	6.9
Real hourly compensation: ²											
1990	96.1	95.6	95.2	95.2	93.8	(NA)	98.1	95.6	97.7	97.6	97.5
1995	100.1	102.3	106.3	101.8	104.8	107.3	98.0	104.0	102.8	96.6	101.2
2000	112.0	108.0	111.0	103.6	113.2	117.4	99.8	110.3	118.0	117.0	108.9
2004	122.4	111.8	113.9	110.8	119.4	120.0	102.2	118.7	132.6	128.9	122.5
2005	123.4	114.7	115.2	111.5	116.5	119.1	103.3	119.1	136.9	132.9	124.3
2006	122.5	114.5	113.3	111.8	117.7	121.9	103.0	121.1	139.8	135.2	128.8
Average annual percent change:											
1995-2000	2.3	1.1	0.9	0.4	1.6	1.8	0.4	1.2	2.8	3.9	1.5
2004-2005	0.8	2.6	1.1	0.6	-2.4	-0.8	1.1	0.3	3.2	3.1	1.5
2005-2006	-0.7	-0.2	-1.6	0.3	1.0	2.4	-0.3	1.7	2.1	1.7	3.6
Unit labor costs, national currency: ¹											
1990	96.7	94.2	95.9	93.0	92.8	(NA)	90.2	91.7	93.9	91.2	98.5
1995	95.5	95.4	97.6	96.4	96.3	106.2	100.8	95.0	110.7	83.4	103.7
2000	91.6	91.3	87.4	92.0	88.4	103.3	110.9	95.3	132.7	75.6	114.2
2004	87.2	102.4	76.0	95.1	89.1	100.8	132.0	101.2	131.7	69.5	117.9
2005	88.9	103.4	71.9	95.5	85.0	98.3	136.2	99.8	133.3	67.7	118.8
2006	89.3	105.5	69.6	95.4	84.1	95.6	136.7	99.4	134.9	66.3	121.6
Average annual percent change:											
1995-2000	-0.8	-0.9	-2.2	-0.9	-1.7	-0.5	1.9	0.1	3.7	-1.9	2.0
2004-2005	1.9	1.0	-5.4	0.4	-4.7	-2.5	3.1	-1.4	1.2	-2.6	0.8
2005-2006	0.5	2.0	-3.2	-0.1	-1.0	-2.8	0.4	-0.3	1.2	-2.0	2.3
Unit labor costs, U.S. dollar basis: ^{1,3}											
1990	96.7	97.5	83.9	89.5	90.2	(NA)	92.7	88.5	93.3	89.7	99.5
1995	95.5	84.0	131.7	105.2	102.2	115.8	76.2	104.1	108.6	68.0	92.7
2000	91.6	74.3	102.8	67.7	65.8	76.2	65.1	70.2	93.6	48.0	98.0
2004	87.2	95.1	89.0	94.3	89.5	100.1	104.5	100.4	121.4	55.1	122.4
2005	88.9	103.2	82.8	94.7	85.4	97.8	107.9	99.1	126.6	52.8	122.5
2006	89.3	112.4	75.8	95.5	85.3	95.9	109.3	99.7	130.8	52.4	126.9
Average annual percent change:											
1995-2000	-0.8	-2.4	-4.8	-8.4	-8.4	-8.0	-3.1	-7.6	-2.9	-6.7	1.1
2004-2005	1.9	8.5	-7.0	0.5	-4.6	-2.4	3.2	-1.3	5.9	-4.2	0.1
2005-2006	0.5	9.0	-8.4	0.8	-0.1	-1.9	1.3	0.6	1.7	-0.7	3.6
Employment:											
1990	105.4	112.7	97.5	102.5	105.2	(NA)	104.2	100.0	105.1	117.2	115.0
1995	102.8	104.7	90.1	91.9	92.6	86.1	94.6	92.1	107.0	98.1	101.6
2000	102.7	116.7	81.4	89.3	91.2	82.7	93.5	92.5	107.9	99.0	94.9
2004	85.6	112.9	72.1	82.5	85.7	77.9	93.9	84.0	95.2	90.6	78.5
2005	85.0	111.7	71.5	81.5	83.5	76.6	92.3	81.5	95.2	89.6	74.9
2006	84.6	110.6	72.6	80.7	81.8	75.9	93.4	80.8	96.3	89.0	73.0
Average annual percent change:											
1995-2000	-	2.2	-2.0	-0.6	-0.3	-0.8	-0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	-1.4
2004-2005	-0.6	-1.1	-0.8	-1.2	-2.6	-1.7	-1.7	-3.0	0.1	-1.1	-4.5
2005-2006	-0.5	-1.0	1.5	-1.1	-2.0	-0.9	1.2	-0.8	1.1	-0.7	-2.6
Aggregate hours:											
1990	104.9	112.6	102.9	104.3	105.5	(NA)	103.3	100.4	103.4	114.8	116.9
1995	104.4	106.3	89.1	92.4	91.6	85.3	98.2	92.3	106.6	105.6	102.7
2000	103.8	118.9	80.0	92.1	86.8	79.4	97.2	92.2	106.4	108.1	98.1
2004	85.4	115.4	71.5	83.6	79.7	74.2	96.4	83.5	94.2	99.7	80.7
2005	84.4	112.9	70.6	80.9	77.5	72.5	94.1	80.8	95.1	98.2	77.0
2006	85.1	112.0	72.3	81.3	75.9	71.7	96.2	80.2	96.1	97.5	74.7
Average annual percent change:											
1995-2000	-0.1	2.3	-2.1	-0.1	-1.1	-1.4	-0.2	-	-	0.5	-0.9
2004-2005	-1.2	-2.1	-1.3	-3.2	-2.8	-2.2	-2.4	-3.3	1.0	-1.5	-4.6
2005-2006	0.9	-0.9	2.4	0.5	-2.0	-1.2	2.3	-0.8	1.0	-0.7	-2.9

- Represents or rounds to zero. NA Not available. ¹ In Canada, France, Sweden, and the United Kingdom, compensation adjusted for employment taxes and government subsidies to estimate the actual labor cost to employers. ² Index of hourly compensation divided by the index of consumer prices to adjust for changes in purchasing power. ³ Indexes in national currency adjusted for changes in prevailing exchange rates.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, *International Comparisons of Manufacturing Productivity and Unit Labor Cost Trends, Supplementary Tables, 1950-2006*, revised, 28 February 2008. See also <<http://www.bls.gov/fls/prodsupptabletoc.htm>>.