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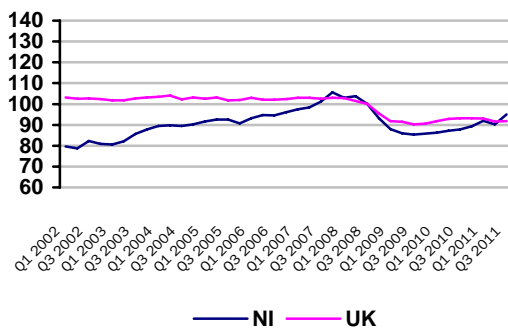
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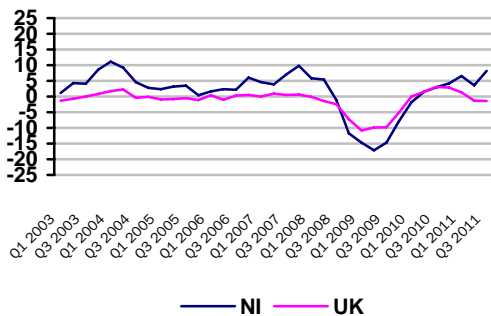
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Economy

Index of Production in NI and UK
(2008 = 100)



Production - % change on a year earlier (NI v UK)
(2008 = 100)



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Northern Ireland Index of Production

Quarter 3 2011

The IOP is a quarterly survey of companies designed to provide a general measure of changes in the output of the Northern Ireland production sector industries in real terms. This publication contains seasonally adjusted data on a 2008 = 100 basis. These data are provisional and may be subject to change.

- Provisional results from the Index of Production for the third quarter of 2011 showed that output in NI rose by 5.2% over the quarter compared to a rise of 0.1% by the UK as a whole. This quarter's increase in the production sector in NI is the seventh rise in output over the last eight quarters.
- Manufacturing comprises the main element (83.6%) of the production index, output in the sector for Q3 2011 increased by 5.7% over the quarter; the UK remained constant over the same period.
- The index remains some 10.0% below the peak recorded in Q4 2007 (105.6), whilst the UK index decreased by 10.9% over the same period.

	Section	2008=100 Index	Quarter change (%)	Annual change (%)	Rolling Annual Change (%)
Production	B,C,D,E	95.0	5.2	8.2	5.6
Manufacturing	C	93.3	5.7	10.3	7.3
Electricity & Gas supply	D	100.0	0.2	-1.0	-0.6
Water & Waste Management	E	106.3	6.9	2.3	-1.3
Mining and Quarrying	B	83.6	-1.7	-13.8	-12.6



Northern Ireland Production

Data for the manufacturing sub-sectors (e.g. Food, drink and tobacco) along with information by market sector (classifying production under one of three headings, according to the purpose for which output is intended i.e. Investment Goods, Intermediate Goods and Consumer Goods) will be published later on the DETI website. The date of publication will be announced at

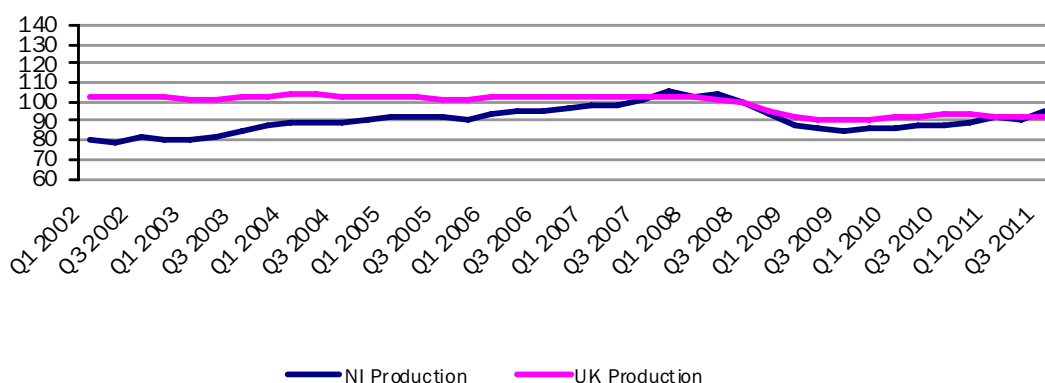
<http://www.detini.gov.uk/deti-stats-index/stats-surveys/stats-index-of-production.htm>

Summary of Results

Results from the Index of Production for the third quarter of 2011 show output levels increased in real terms compared to the previous quarter (5.2%). Over the year output levels were greater when compared to the same quarter one year earlier with an increase of 8.2% recorded. The UK as a whole reported an increase of 0.1% over the quarter and a fall of 1.4% over the year. Results show that output from the NI Production sector has declined by 10.0% from the peak recorded in Q4 2007, the UK reported a decline of 10.9% over the same time period.

Figure 1: Index of Production in NI and UK

(2008 =1.00)



	NI	UK
Percentage change compared to previous quarter	5.2	0.1
Percentage change compared to same quarter one year ago	8.2	-1.4
Percentage change for most recent four quarters compared to previous four quarters	5.6	0.4

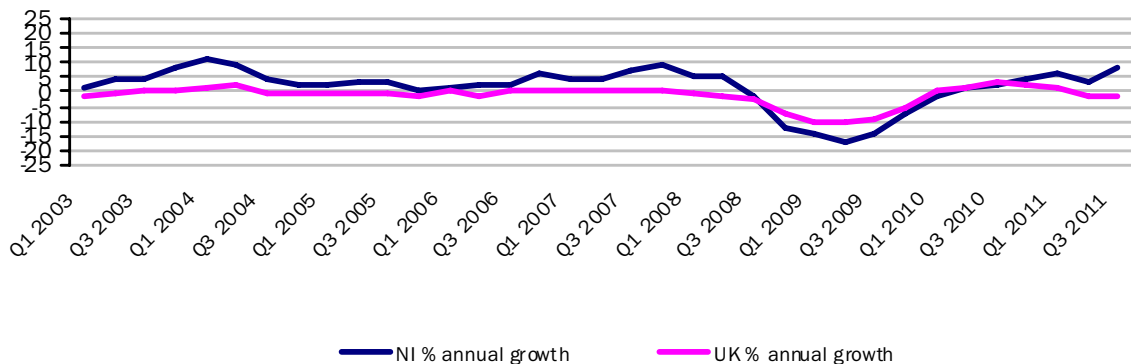
Northern Ireland's Production sector rose over the most recent four quarters (5.6%) compared to the previous four quarters, the UK reported an increase (0.4%) over the same period.

Production – growth trend

Figure 2 illustrates the annual percentage change in output in the production sector over time. Annual growth was maintained to Q2 2008 it then reported a negative growth in Q3 2008 which continued until Q1 2010, with 2009 showing noticeable lows. Q3 2011 reported an annual growth of 8.2%.

Figure 2: Production - % change on a year earlier in NI and UK

(2008 = 100)



Manufacturing (weight = 83.6%)

Manufacturing output for Q3 2011 rose by 5.7% compared to the previous quarter; the UK remained constant over the same period. The NI Index recorded an increase of 10.3% in manufacturing output compared to the same period one year earlier; the UK reported an increase of 1.5% over the same period.

NI manufacturing output over the latest four quarters increased by 7.3% compared to the previous four quarters, the UK also recorded a rise (3.4%). The NI index is still 12.3% below the peak recorded in Q4 2007, larger than the fall recorded by the UK of 6.6% over the same time period.

Water supply, sewerage and waste management (weight = 7.7%)

This sector rose by 6.9% over the quarter and recorded an increase of 2.3% over the year. Over the latest four quarters the Water and Waste Management sector reported a decrease of 1.3%. The respective figures for the UK are a decrease of 0.5% over the quarter and an increase of 0.7% over the year. The NI index is 4.0% below the peak recorded in Q2 2009, while the UK recorded a slight rise of 0.5% over the same time period.

Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply (weight = 5.9%)

This sector reported an increase of 0.2% over the quarter and a fall of 1.0% over the year. Over the latest four quarters the sector recorded a decline of 0.6%. The respective figures for the UK are an increase over the quarter (2.2%) and a rise of 1.5% over the year. The NI index is only 1.7% below the peak recorded in Q3 2008, slightly smaller than the fall recorded by the UK of 2.7% over the same period.

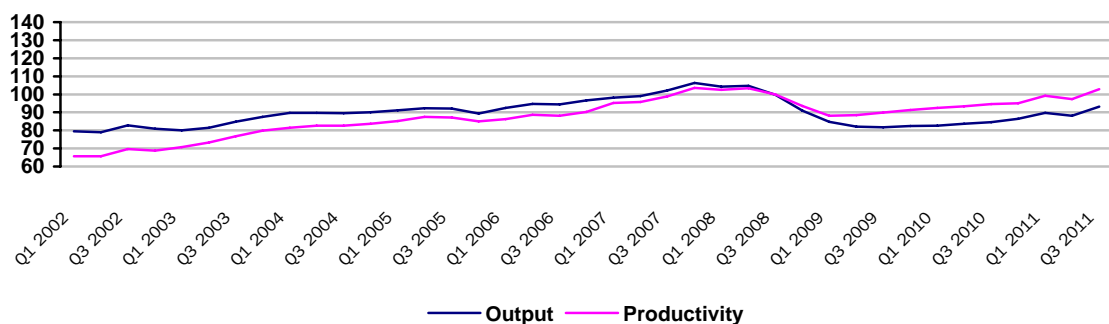
Mining and quarrying (weight = 2.8%)

Mining and Quarrying recorded a decrease of 1.7% compared to the previous quarter and a fall of 13.8% over the year. Over the latest four quarters the Mining and Quarrying sector fell by 12.6%. The respective figures for the UK are a quarterly decrease of 0.3% and a fall over the year of 16.6%. The NI index is 29.6% below the peak recorded in Q2 2007, slightly smaller than the fall recorded by the UK of 33.4% over the same time period.

Manufacturing Productivity

The index of manufacturing productivity (which provides a measure of the number of units of output produced per person per paid hour) recorded an increase (5.6%) over the quarter and a rise of 8.6% over the year.

Manufacturing Output & Productivity (2008=100)



The most recent Quarterly Employment Survey seasonally adjusted figures for September 2011 based on the 2007 Standard Industrial Classification reported an increase of 0.2% over the quarter and an increase of 1.5% over the year.

Date of Next Publication

The Northern Ireland Index of Production for Quarter 4 2011 will be published on Wednesday 18 April 2012.

Background

SIC 2007 Definitions

Manufacturing – SIC07 Section C (weight 83.6%)

The boundaries of manufacturing and the other sectors of the classification system can be somewhat blurred. As a general rule, the activities in the manufacturing section involve the transformation of materials into new products. Their output is a new product.

SIC03 Division 37 (Recycling) within the SIC03 Manufacturing Section has moved to the SIC07 Section E. The publishing part of SIC03 Division 22 (Publishing, printing and reproduction of recorded media) within the SIC03 Manufacturing Section has moved to the new SIC07 Section J (Information and Communication).

Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply – SIC07 Section D (weight 5.9 %)

This section includes the activity of providing electric power, natural gas, steam, hot water and the like through a permanent infrastructure (network) of lines, mains and pipes. Also included is its distribution in industrial parks or residential buildings. This therefore includes the operation of electric and gas utilities.

In SIC03 Section E covered Electricity, gas and water supply. Water supply is now in the SIC07 Section E along with sewerage and refuse disposal and recycling.

Water supply, sewerage and waste management (inc. recycling) – SIC07 Section E (weight 7.7%)

This section covers activities related to the management (including collection, treatment and disposal) of various forms of waste, such as solid or non-solid industrial or household waste, as well as contaminated sites. Activities of water supply are also grouped in this section, since they are often carried out in connection with, or by units also engaged in, the treatment of sewage.

The majority of SIC03 Division 90 (Sewage and refusal disposal) within the SIC03 Section O (Other Community Services) has moved to SIC07 Section E. SIC03 Division 37 (Recycling) within the SIC03 Manufacturing Section has moved to SIC07 Section E.

Mining and Quarrying – SIC07 Section B (weight 2.8%)

This section covers the extraction of minerals occurring naturally as solids (coal and ores), liquids (petroleum) or gases (natural gas). Extraction can be achieved by different methods such as underground or surface mining, well operation, seabed mining, etc.

There are no significant changes between SIC03 Section C (Mining and Quarrying) and SIC07 Section B.