



Index of Eight Core Industries (Base: 2004-05=100) March, 2017

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The summary of the Index of Eight Core Industries (base: 2004-05) is given at the **Annexure**.

The Eight Core Industries comprise nearly 38 % of the weight of items included in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP). The combined Index of Eight Core Industries stands at 202.9 in March, 2017, which was 5.0 % higher compared to the index of March, 2016. Its cumulative growth during April to March, 2016-17 was 4.5 %.

Coal

Coal production (weight: 4.38 %) increased by 10.0 % in March, 2017 over March, 2016. Its cumulative index during April to March, 2016-17 increased by 3.6 % over corresponding period of previous year.

Crude Oil

Crude Oil production (weight: 5.22 %) increased by 0.9 % in March, 2017 over March, 2016. Its cumulative index during April to March, 2016-17 declined by 2.5 % over the corresponding period of previous year.

Natural Gas

The Natural Gas production (weight: 1.71 %) increased by 8.3 % in March, 2017 over March, 2016. Its cumulative index during April to March, 2016-17 declined by 1.1 % over the corresponding period of previous year.

Refinery Products (93% of Crude Throughput)

Petroleum Refinery production (weight: 5.94%) declined by 0.3 % in March, 2017 over March, 2016. Its cumulative index during April to March, 2016-17 increased by 5.4 % over the corresponding period of previous year.

Fertilizers

Fertilizer production (weight: 1.25%) declined by 0.8 % in March, 2017 over March, 2016. Its cumulative index during April to March, 2016-17 increased by 1.8 % over the corresponding period of previous year.

Steel (Alloy + Non-Alloy)

Steel production (weight: 6.68%) increased by 11.0 % in March, 2017 over March, 2016. Its cumulative index during April to March, 2016-17 increased by 9.3 % over the corresponding period of previous year.

Cement

Cement production (weight: 2.41%) declined by 6.8 % in March, 2017 over March, 2016. Its cumulative index during April to March, 2016-17 declined by 1.3 % over the corresponding period of previous year.

Electricity

Electricity generation (weight: 10.32%) increased by 5.9 % in March, 2017 over March, 2016. Its cumulative index during April to March, 2016-17 increased by 5.1 % over the corresponding period of previous year.

Note 1: Data are provisional. Revision has been made based on revised data received for corresponding month of previous year in respect of Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Fertilizers, Steel, Cement and Electricity. Accordingly, indices for the month of March, 2016 have been revised.

Note 2: Since October, 2016, Electricity generation data from Renewable sources is also included.

Note 3: Release of the index for April, 2017 will be on Wednesday, 31st May, 2017.

Annexure

Performance of Eight Core Industries

Yearly Index & Growth Rate

Base Year: 2004-05=100

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Sector	Weight	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	Apr-Mar 2015-16	Apr-Mar 2016-17
Coal	4.379	141.5	148.1	150.0	162.2	169.5	169.5	175.6
Crude Oil	5.216	112.1	111.4	111.2	110.2	108.7	108.7	106.0
Natural Gas	1.708	149.7	128.1	111.5	106.0	101.5	101.5	100.4
Refinery Products	5.939	133.7	172.5	175.0	175.6	183.2	183.2	193.0
Fertilizers	1.254	103.8	100.2	101.8	101.7	114.4	114.4	116.6
Steel	6.684	174.0	181.1	201.9	211.4	211.3	211.3	230.9
Cement	2.406	175.2	188.7	194.5	205.3	215.5	215.5	212.7
Electricity	10.316	149.3	155.3	164.6	178.5	193.4	193.4	203.2
Overall Index	37.903	145.3	154.7	161.2	168.5	175.2	175.2	183.0

GROWTH RATES (in %)

Sector	Weight	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	Apr-Mar 2015-16	Apr-Mar 2016-17
Coal	4.379	1.3	4.6	1.3	8.1	4.5	4.5	3.6
Crude Oil	5.216	1.0	-0.6	-0.2	-0.9	-1.4	-1.4	-2.5
Natural Gas	1.708	-8.9	-14.5	-13.0	-4.9	-4.2	-4.2	-1.1
Refinery Products	5.939	3.1	29.0	1.5	0.3	4.3	4.3	5.4

Weight	4.379	5.216	1.708	5.939	1.254	6.684	2.406	10.316	37.903
Mar-16	2.5	-5.1	-10.5	10.8	22.9	7.8	12.9	17.9	9.3
Apr-16	-0.9	-2.3	-6.8	17.9	7.8	6.1	4.4	14.7	8.5
May-16	5.5	-3.3	-6.9	1.2	14.8	3.2	2.4	4.6	2.8
Jun-16	12.0	-4.3	-4.5	3.5	9.8	2.4	10.3	8.1	5.2
Jul-16	5.1	-1.8	3.3	13.7	-4.3	-0.5	1.4	1.6	3.0
Aug-16	-9.2	-3.9	-5.7	3.5	5.7	17.0	3.1	0.1	3.2
Sep-16	-5.8	-4.1	-5.5	9.3	2.0	16.3	5.5	2.2	5.0
Oct-16	-1.6	-3.2	-1.4	15.1	0.8	16.9	6.2	2.8	6.6
Nov-16	6.4	-5.4	-1.7	2.0	2.4	5.6	0.5	10.2	4.9
Dec-16	4.4	-0.8	0.0	6.4	-4.7	14.9	-8.7	6.0	5.6
Jan-17	4.8	1.3	11.9	-1.5	-1.6	11.4	-13.3	4.8	3.4
Feb-17	7.1	-3.4	-1.7	-2.3	-5.3	8.7	-15.8	1.5	1.0
Mar-17	10.0	0.9	8.3	-0.3	-0.8	11.0	-6.8	5.9	5.0

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