

Indices of Industrial Production in the Chugoku Region

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*The base year for Indices of Industrial Production (i.e. index of production, shipments, inventories and inventory ratio) has been revised from 1995 to 2000. This is applicable from the preliminary report for March published in May 2003.

Industrial Production: Holding steady

Indices of Industrial Production for November (Preliminary Report)

Index, 2000 =100

| | Seasonally-adjusted index | | Original index | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | Percent change from previous month (%) | | Percent change from previous year (%) |
| Production | (104.9) | (-3.6) | (106.5) | (1.0) |
| | 108.4 | 3.3 | 110.4 | -2.6 |
| Shipments | (108.1) | (-4.6) | (108.2) | (2.1) |
| | 113.3 | 4.8 | 114.5 | 0.7 |
| Inventory | (93.7) | (2.2) | (93.4) | (4.2) |
| | 92.2 | -1.6 | 90.9 | 5.3 |
| Inventory ratio | (102.0) | (2.7) | (102.6) | (5.0) |
| | 102.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 7.3 |

Parentheses indicate previous month's revised figures.

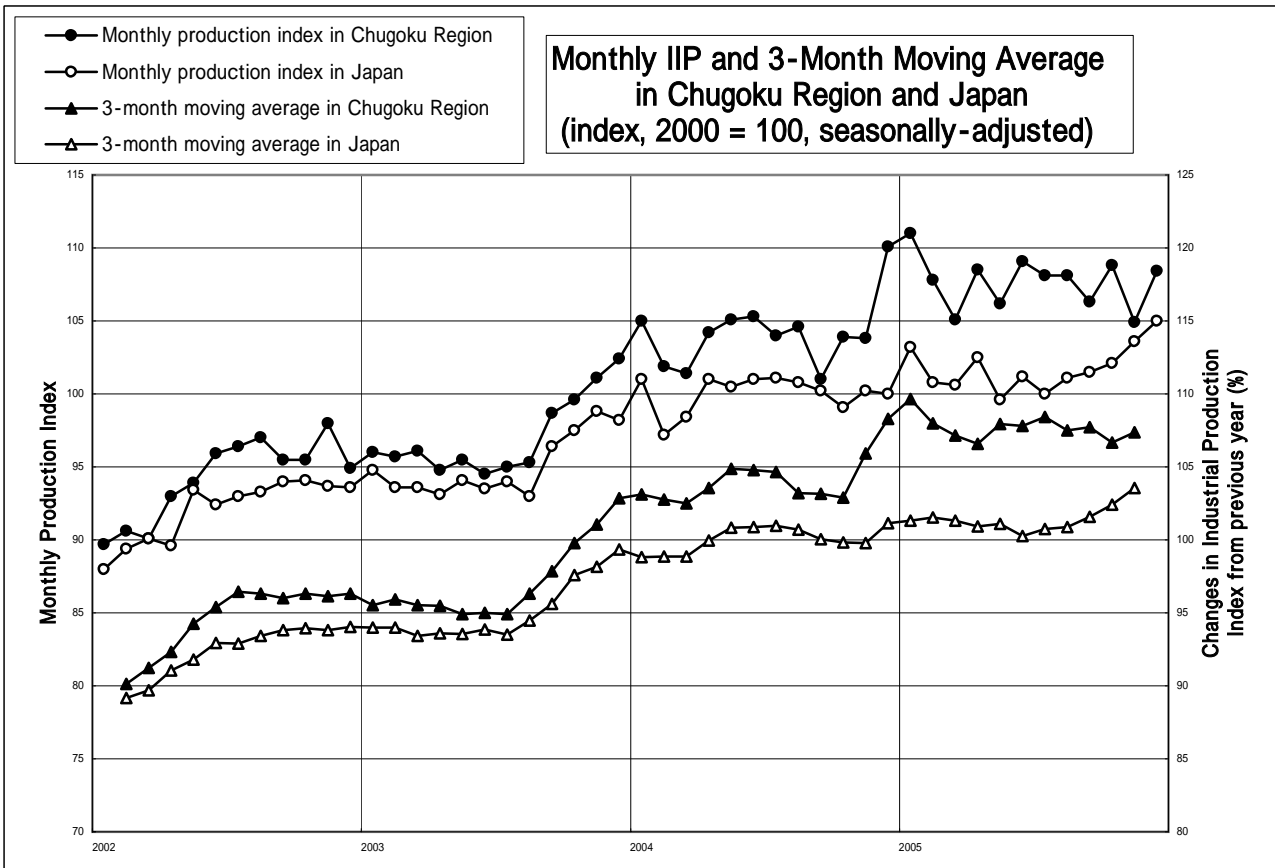
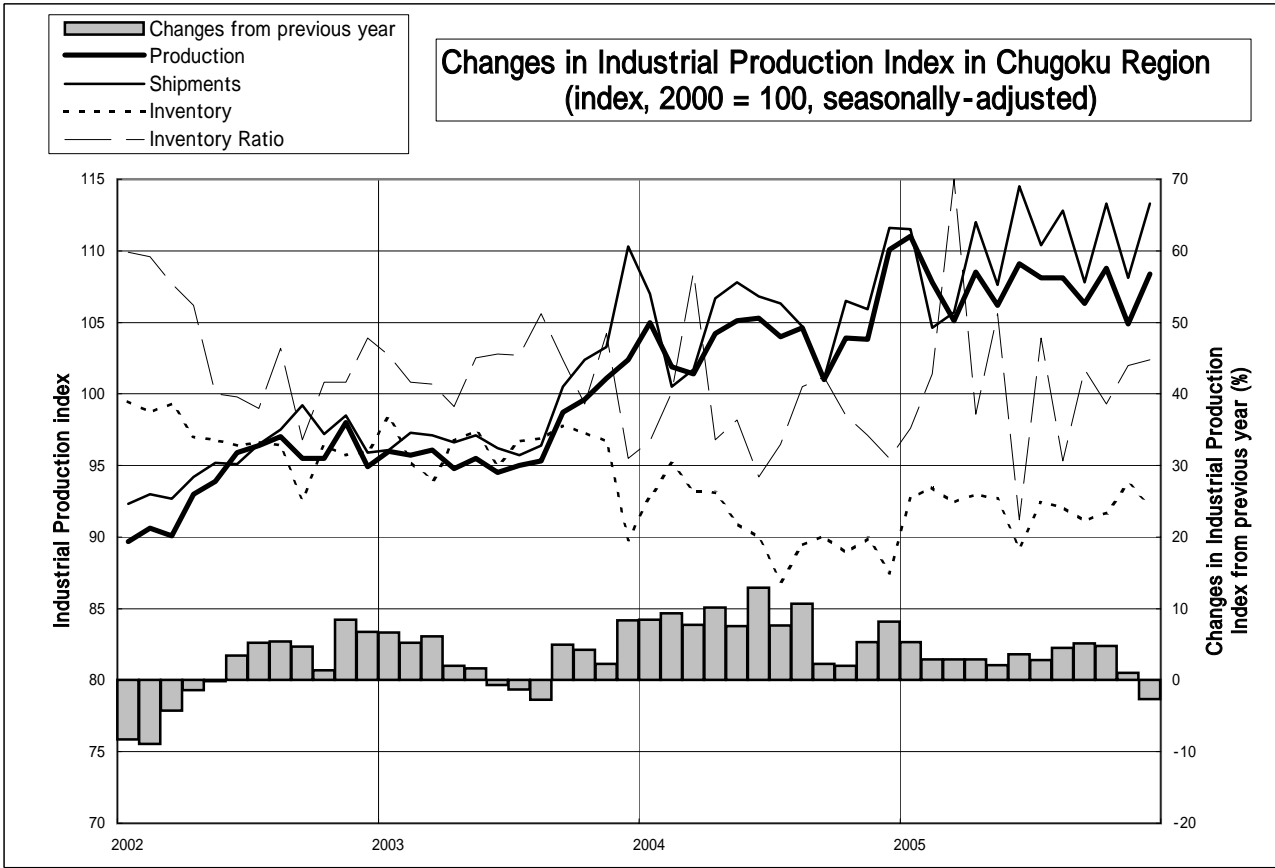


Table of Industrial Indices

Chugoku Region

(index, 2000 = 100)

| | | Production | | | Shipments | | | Inventory | | | Inventory Ratio | | |
|------|-------|------------|--|---|-----------|--|---|-----------|--|---|-----------------|--|---|
| | | index | % Change from previous month | % Change from previous year | index | % Change from previous month | % Change from previous year | index | % Change from previous month | % Change from previous year | index | % Change from previous month | % Change from previous year |
| C.Y. | 2002 | 97.0 | - | 3.1 | 99.0 | - | 3.6 | 89.1 | - | -6.6 | 101.6 | - | -1.6 |
| | 2003 | 104.4 | - | 7.6 | 105.7 | - | 6.8 | 86.3 | - | -3.1 | 98.5 | - | -3.1 |
| | 2004 | 107.4 | - | 2.9 | 109.8 | - | 3.9 | 90.9 | - | 5.3 | 100.9 | - | 2.4 |
| Q4 | 2004 | 105.9 | 2.6 | 5.2 | 108.0 | 3.8 | 3.0 | 87.5 | -2.9 | -3.1 | 97.0 | -2.4 | -2.9 |
| Q1 | 2005 | 108.0 | 2.0 | 3.6 | 107.3 | -0.6 | 2.8 | 92.4 | 5.6 | -0.9 | 104.7 | 7.9 | 2.5 |
| Q2 | 2005 | 107.9 | -0.1 | 2.9 | 111.4 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 89.2 | -3.5 | -0.9 | 98.5 | -5.9 | 2.2 |
| Q3 | 2005 | 107.5 | -0.4 | 4.1 | 110.3 | -1.0 | 6.0 | 91.1 | 2.1 | 1.1 | 100.3 | 1.8 | 0.7 |
| Q4 | 2005 | 107.4 | -0.1 | 0.8 | 111.6 | 1.2 | 3.0 | 92.2 | 1.2 | 5.3 | 101.2 | 0.9 | 4.4 |
| Sep | 2004 | 101.0 | -3.4 | 2.2 | 101.1 | -3.4 | 0.6 | 90.1 | 0.8 | -7.0 | 101.2 | 0.7 | -0.1 |
| Oct | 2004 | 103.9 | 2.9 | 2.0 | 106.5 | 5.3 | 2.6 | 88.9 | -1.3 | -8.3 | 98.5 | -2.7 | -0.4 |
| Nov | 2004 | 103.8 | -0.1 | 5.3 | 105.9 | -0.6 | 5.1 | 89.9 | 1.1 | -6.3 | 97.1 | -1.4 | -7.1 |
| Dec | 2004 | 110.1 | 6.1 | 8.2 | 111.6 | 5.4 | 1.4 | 87.5 | -2.7 | -3.1 | 95.5 | -1.6 | -0.9 |
| Jan | 2005 | 111.0 | 0.8 | 5.4 | 111.5 | -0.1 | 3.8 | 92.7 | 5.9 | -0.1 | 97.6 | 2.2 | 0.9 |
| Feb | 2005 | 107.8 | -2.9 | 2.9 | 104.6 | -6.2 | 1.1 | 93.5 | 0.9 | -1.7 | 101.4 | 3.9 | 1.3 |
| Mar | 2005 | 105.1 | -2.5 | 2.9 | 105.7 | 1.1 | 3.4 | 92.4 | -1.2 | -0.9 | 115.0 | 13.4 | 6.0 |
| Apr | 2005 | 108.5 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 112.0 | 6.0 | 4.0 | 93.0 | 0.6 | -0.1 | 98.6 | -14.3 | 1.9 |
| May | 2005 | 106.2 | -2.1 | 2.1 | 107.6 | -3.9 | 0.7 | 92.7 | -0.3 | 1.9 | 105.6 | 7.1 | 7.5 |
| Jun | 2005 | 109.1 | 2.7 | 3.6 | 114.5 | 6.4 | 7.3 | 89.2 | -3.8 | -0.9 | 91.2 | -13.6 | -3.2 |
| Jul | 2005 | 108.1 | -0.9 | 2.8 | 110.4 | -3.6 | 3.0 | 92.4 | 3.6 | 6.3 | 103.9 | 13.9 | 7.6 |
| Aug | 2005 | 108.1 | 0.0 | 4.5 | 112.8 | 2.2 | 8.6 | 92.1 | -0.3 | 3.0 | 95.3 | -8.3 | -5.1 |
| Sep | 2005 | 106.3 | -1.7 | 5.2 | 107.8 | -4.4 | 6.6 | 91.1 | -1.1 | 1.1 | 101.7 | 6.7 | 0.5 |
| Oct | 2005 | 108.8 | 2.4 | 4.7 | 113.3 | 5.1 | 6.4 | 91.7 | 0.7 | 3.1 | 99.3 | -2.4 | 0.8 |
| Nov | 2005r | 104.9 | -3.6 | 1.0 | 108.1 | -4.6 | 2.1 | 93.7 | 2.2 | 4.2 | 102.0 | 2.7 | 5.0 |
| Dec | 2005p | 108.4 | 3.3 | -2.6 | 113.3 | 4.8 | 0.7 | 92.2 | -1.6 | 5.3 | 102.4 | 0.4 | 7.3 |

Nationwide

(index, 2000 = 100)

| | | Production | | | Shipments | | | Inventory | | | Inventory Ratio | | |
|------|-------|------------|--|---|-----------|--|---|-----------|--|---|-----------------|--|---|
| | | index | % Change from previous month | % Change from previous year | index | % Change from previous month | % Change from previous year | index | % Change from previous month | % Change from previous year | index | % Change from previous month | % Change from previous year |
| C.Y. | 2002 | 95.0 | - | 3.3 | 97.2 | - | 4.0 | 88.2 | - | -2.4 | 97.9 | - | -4.0 |
| | 2003 | 100.2 | - | 5.5 | 102.4 | - | 5.3 | 87.9 | - | -0.3 | 95.4 | - | -2.6 |
| | 2004 | 101.5 | - | 1.3 | 103.8 | - | 1.4 | 92.9 | - | 5.7 | 99.4 | - | 4.2 |
| Q4 | 2004 | 99.8 | -0.9 | 1.8 | 102.1 | -0.9 | 1.6 | 89.5 | -2.2 | -0.3 | 96.2 | -0.5 | -0.1 |
| Q1 | 2005 | 101.5 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 102.5 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 92.3 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 98.3 | 2.2 | 4.9 |
| Q2 | 2005 | 101.1 | -0.4 | 0.3 | 103.5 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 92.2 | -0.1 | 2.4 | 97.9 | -0.4 | 2.8 |
| Q3 | 2005 | 100.9 | -0.2 | 0.1 | 103.7 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 94.5 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 101.1 | 3.3 | 4.5 |
| Q4 | 2005 | 103.6 | 2.7 | 3.4 | 106.7 | 2.9 | 4.2 | 94.6 | 0.1 | 5.7 | 100.6 | -0.5 | 4.7 |
| Sep | 2004 | 100.2 | -0.6 | 4.0 | 102.6 | 0.1 | 4.1 | 91.5 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 97.4 | 0.4 | 1.1 |
| Oct | 2004 | 99.1 | -1.1 | -0.9 | 102.0 | -0.6 | -1.3 | 90.5 | -1.1 | 0.3 | 96.9 | -0.5 | 4.0 |
| Nov | 2004 | 100.2 | 1.1 | 4.4 | 102.3 | 0.3 | 5.1 | 90.8 | 0.3 | -0.3 | 96.7 | -0.2 | -4.1 |
| Dec | 2004 | 100.0 | -0.2 | 1.9 | 102.0 | -0.3 | 1.1 | 89.5 | -1.4 | -0.3 | 94.9 | -1.9 | 0.2 |
| Jan | 2005 | 103.2 | 3.2 | 2.0 | 104.3 | 2.3 | 0.4 | 91.4 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 96.0 | 1.2 | 4.3 |
| Feb | 2005 | 100.8 | -2.3 | 1.0 | 101.3 | -2.9 | -0.1 | 92.6 | 1.3 | 3.3 | 100.4 | 4.6 | 5.4 |
| Mar | 2005 | 100.6 | -0.2 | 1.2 | 102.0 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 92.3 | -0.3 | 2.7 | 98.4 | -2.0 | 4.8 |
| Apr | 2005 | 102.5 | 1.9 | 0.3 | 104.8 | 2.7 | 0.6 | 92.3 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 97.3 | -1.1 | 2.1 |
| May | 2005 | 99.6 | -2.8 | 0.3 | 101.7 | -3.0 | -0.6 | 92.4 | 0.1 | 2.8 | 100.2 | 3.0 | 3.4 |
| Jun | 2005 | 101.2 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 104.0 | 2.3 | 0.6 | 92.2 | -0.2 | 2.4 | 96.2 | -4.0 | 3.1 |
| Jul | 2005 | 100.0 | -1.2 | -2.3 | 102.4 | -1.5 | -2.6 | 92.7 | 0.5 | 5.1 | 103.1 | 7.2 | 7.9 |
| Aug | 2005 | 101.1 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 104.7 | 2.2 | 3.3 | 93.7 | 1.1 | 4.2 | 98.9 | -4.1 | 2.0 |
| Sep | 2005 | 101.5 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 103.9 | -0.8 | 1.3 | 94.5 | 0.9 | 3.3 | 101.3 | 2.4 | 4.0 |
| Oct | 2005 | 102.1 | 0.6 | 3.0 | 105.9 | 1.9 | 3.9 | 92.9 | -1.7 | 2.6 | 99.3 | -2.0 | 2.5 |
| Nov | 2005r | 103.6 | 1.5 | 3.4 | 106.5 | 0.6 | 4.1 | 94.3 | 1.5 | 3.8 | 101.4 | 2.1 | 4.9 |
| Dec | 2005p | 105.0 | 1.4 | 3.8 | 107.7 | 1.1 | 4.4 | 94.6 | 0.3 | 5.7 | 101.1 | -0.3 | 6.6 |

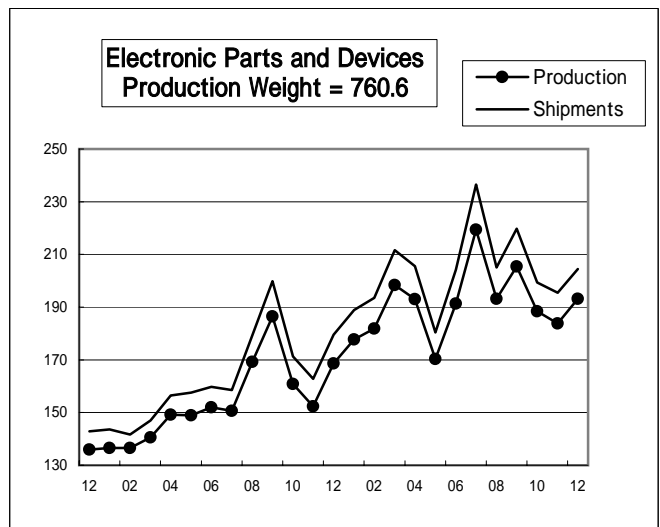
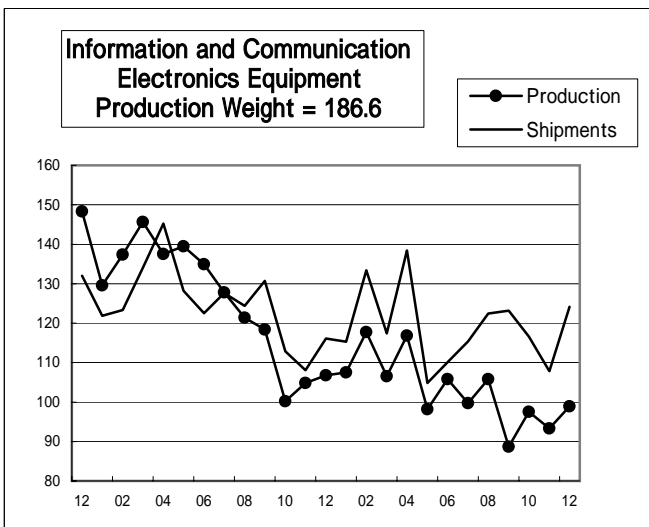
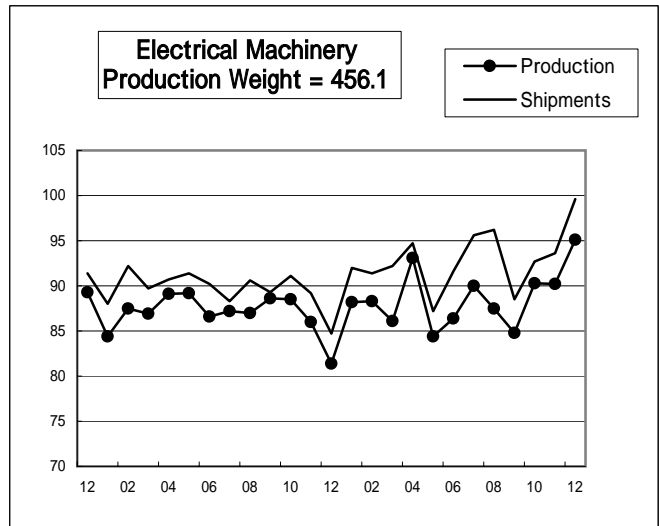
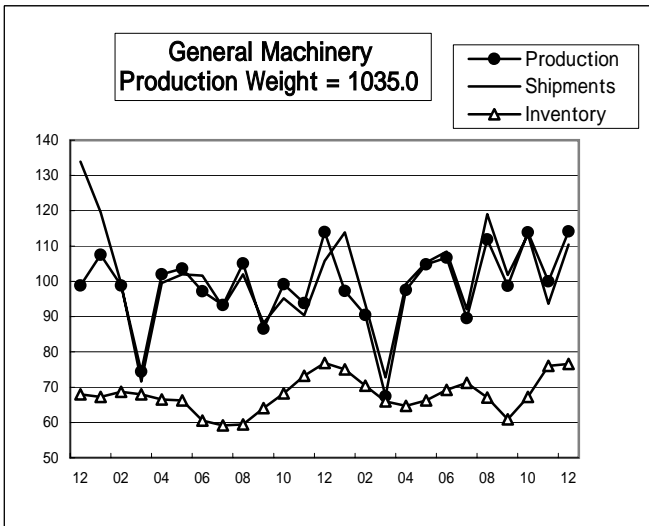
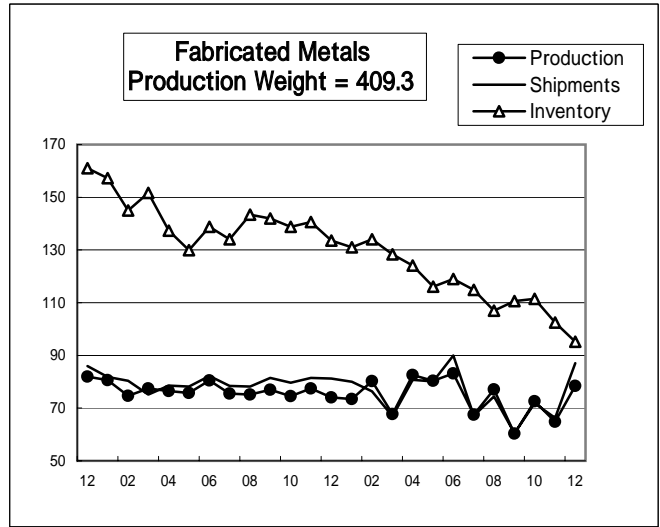
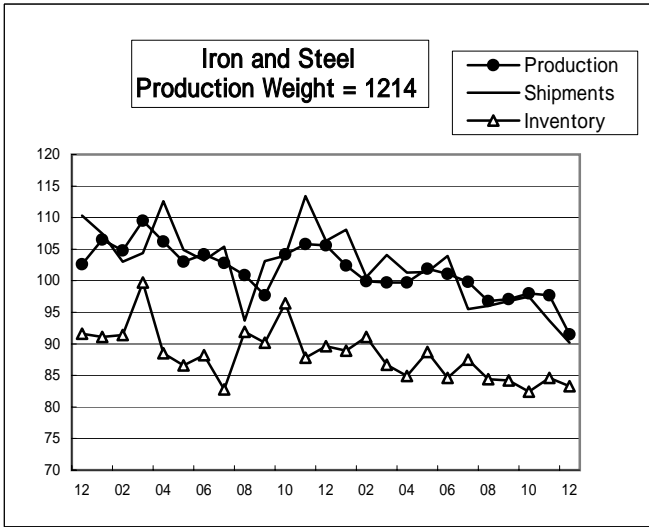
Note 1: Quarterly and monthly indices and changes from the previous month / quarter are seasonally adjusted.
Annual indices and changes from the previous year are original.

Note 2: The values of changes indicate growth rates.

Note 3: r = revised, p = preliminary

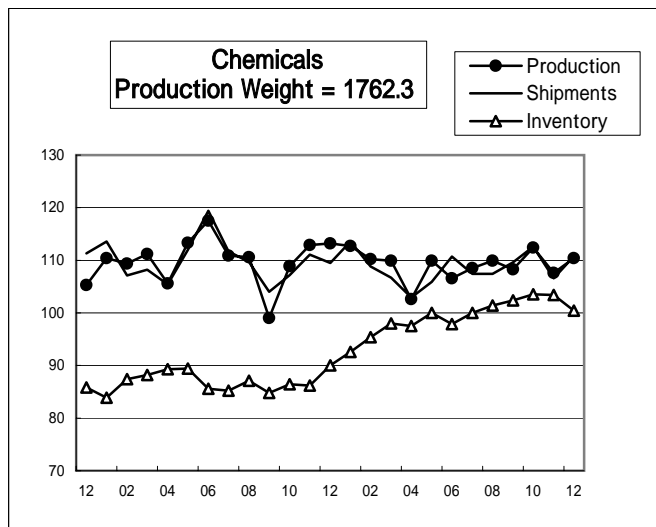
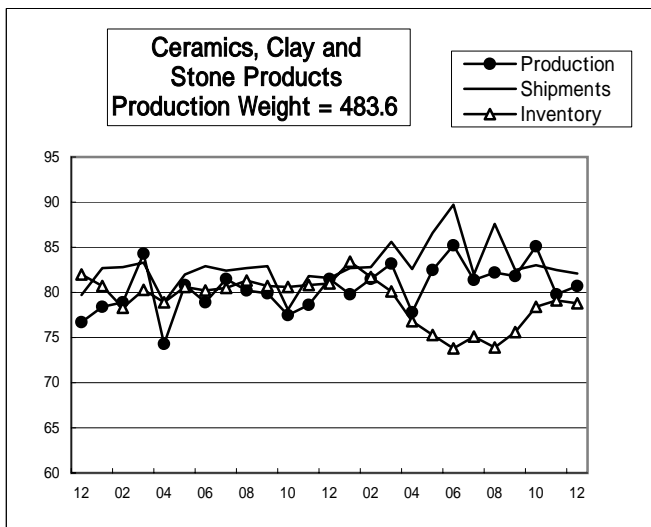
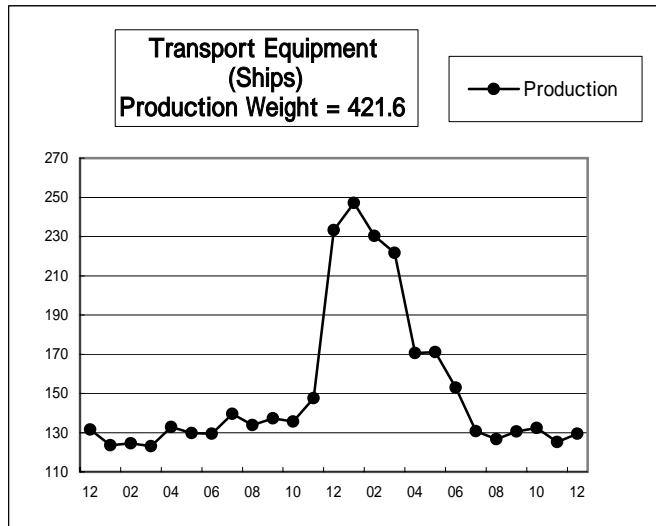
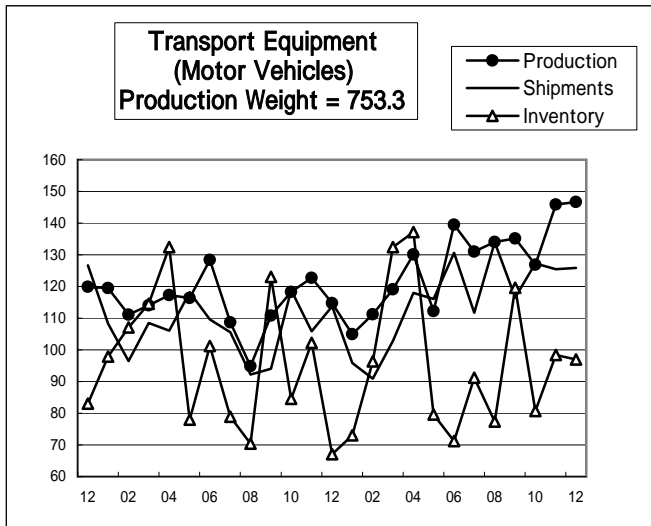
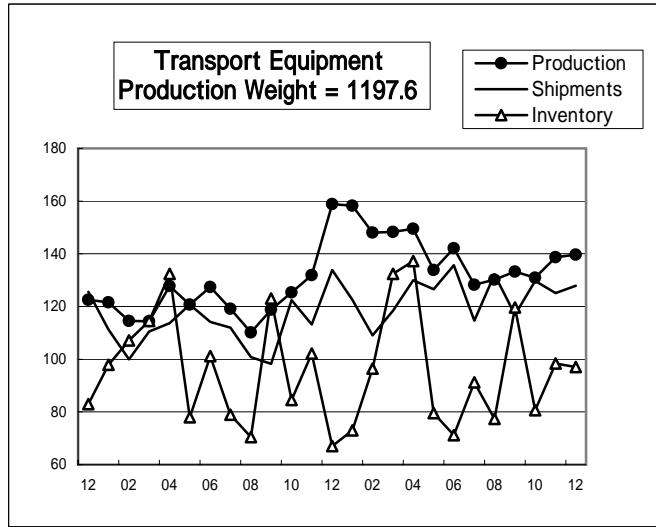
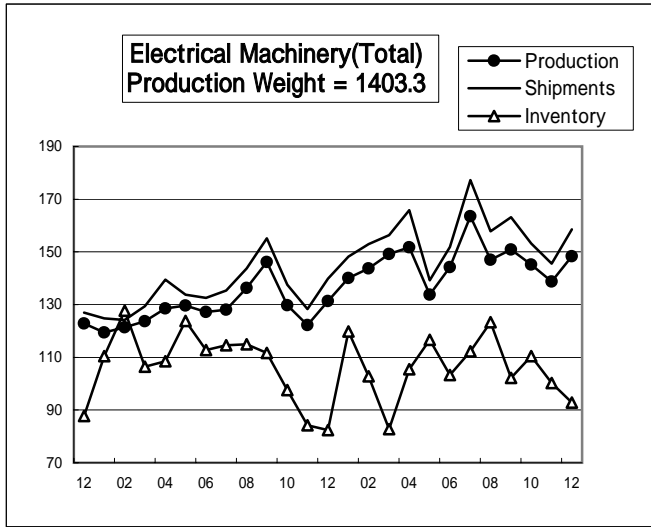
Index Changes in Main Industries

(index, 2000 = 100, seasonally-adjusted)



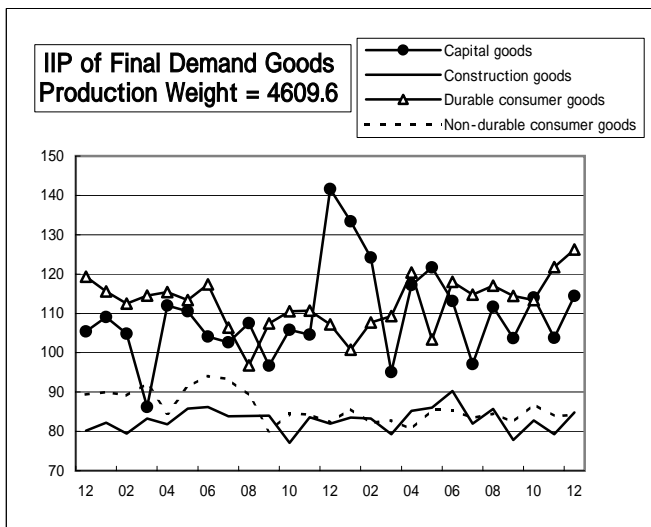
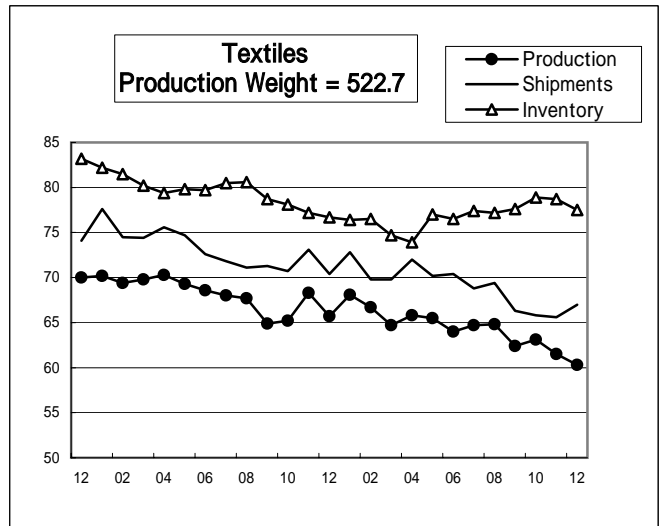
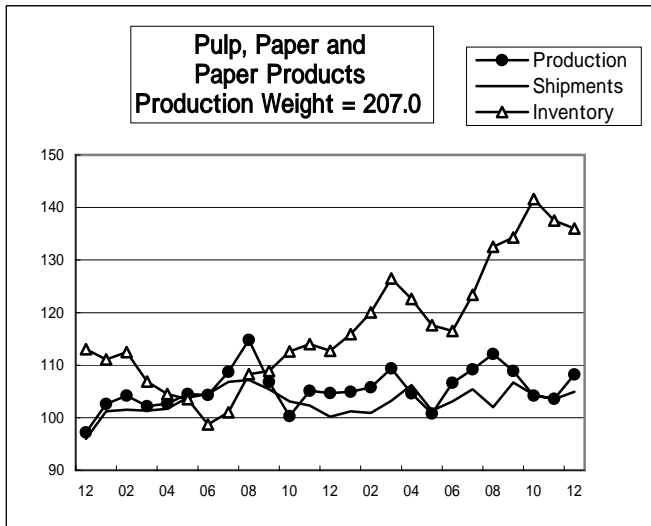
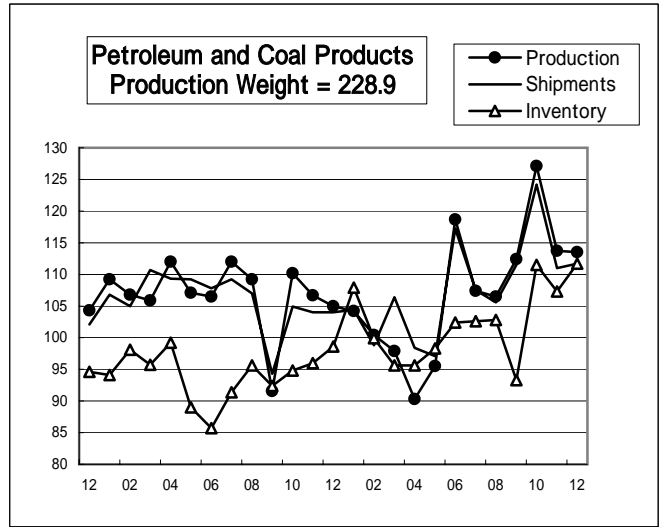
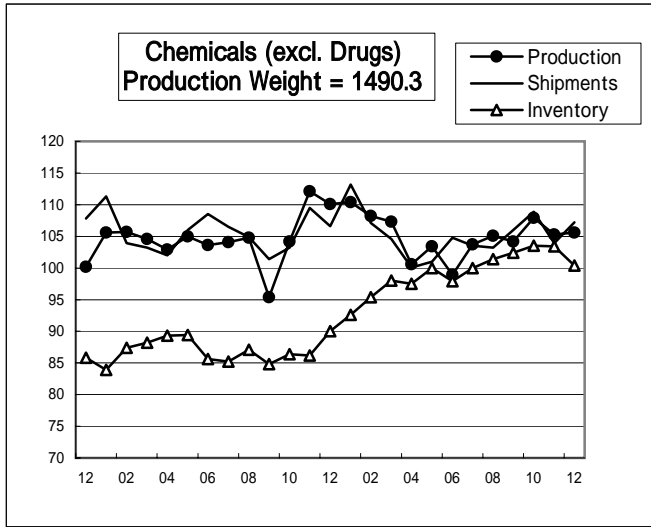
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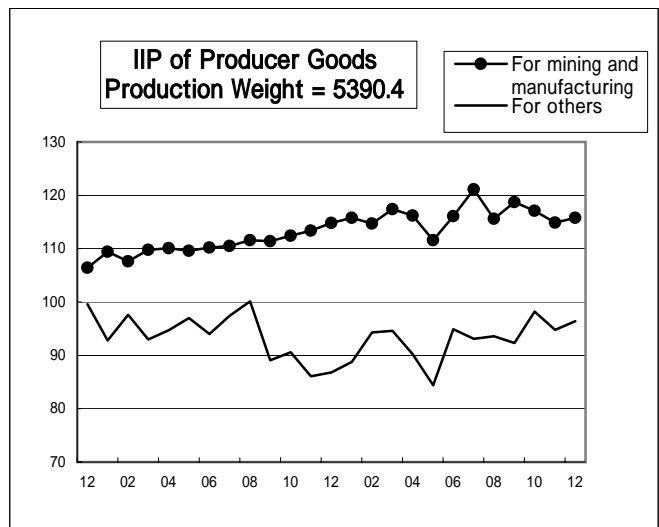


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