

**Indices of Industrial Production in the Chugoku Region**  
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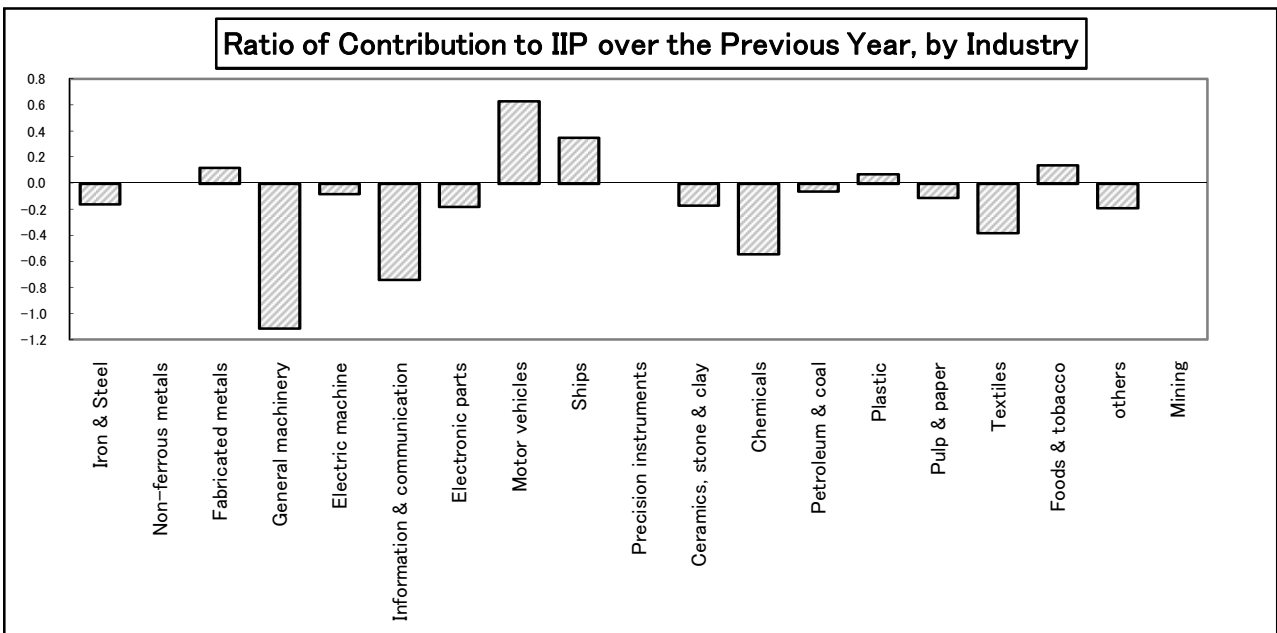
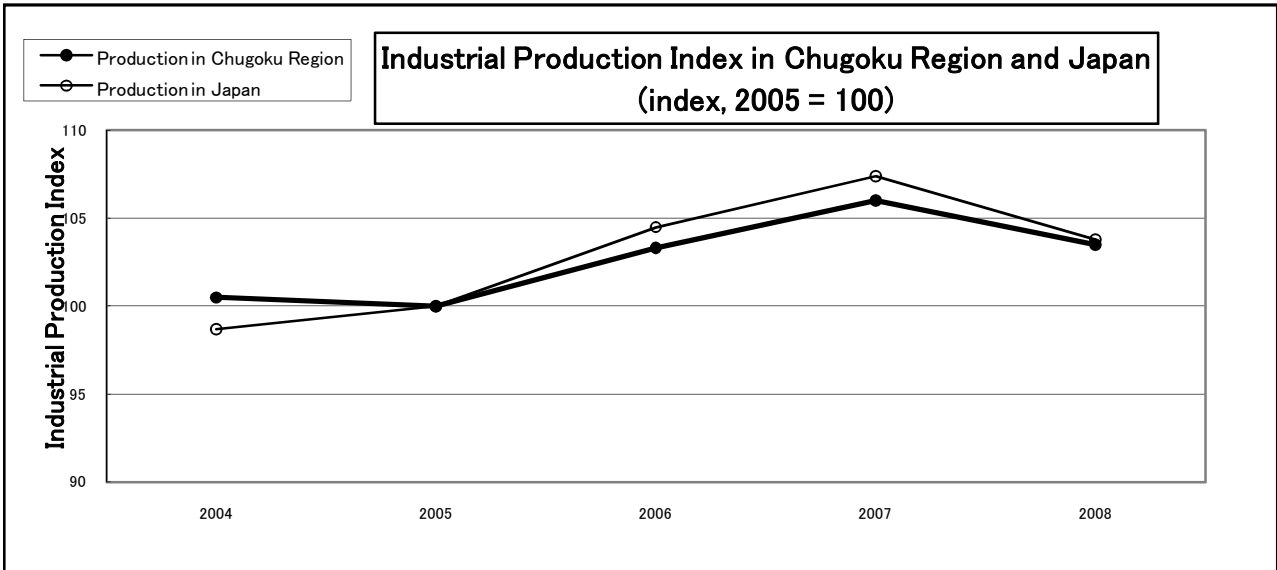
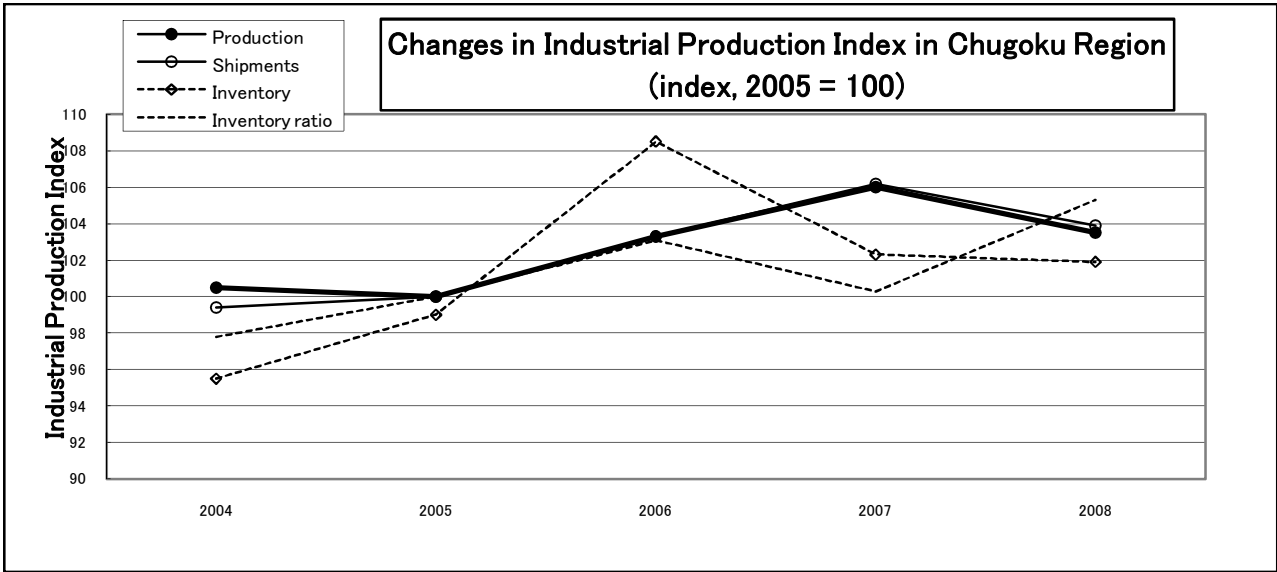
*Production has declined for the first time in three years.*

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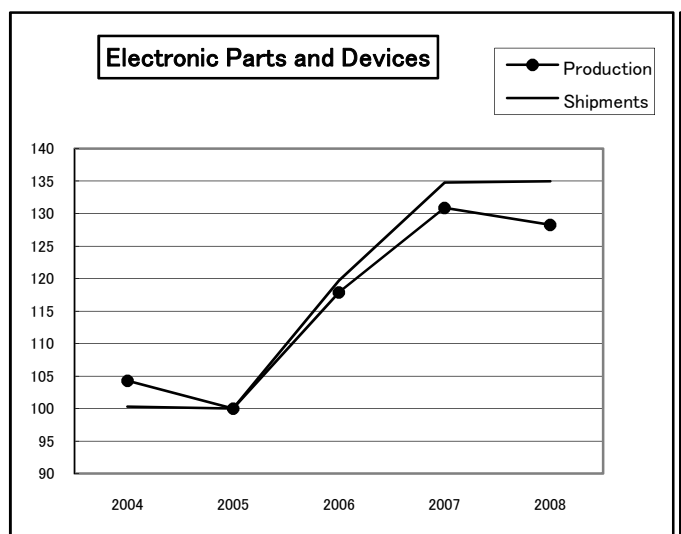
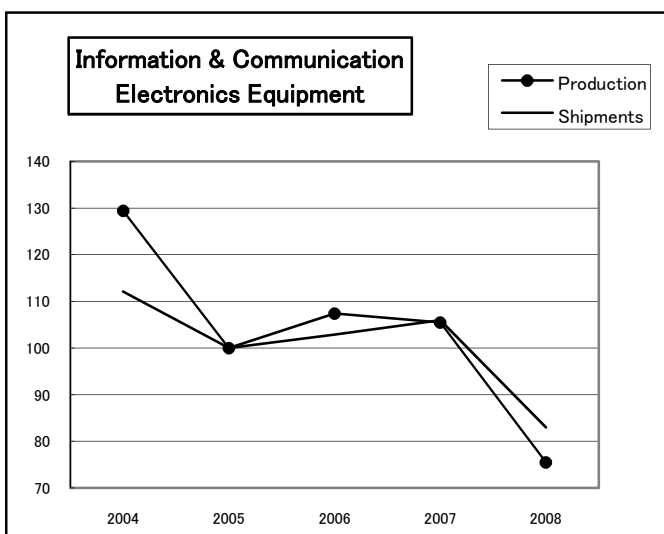
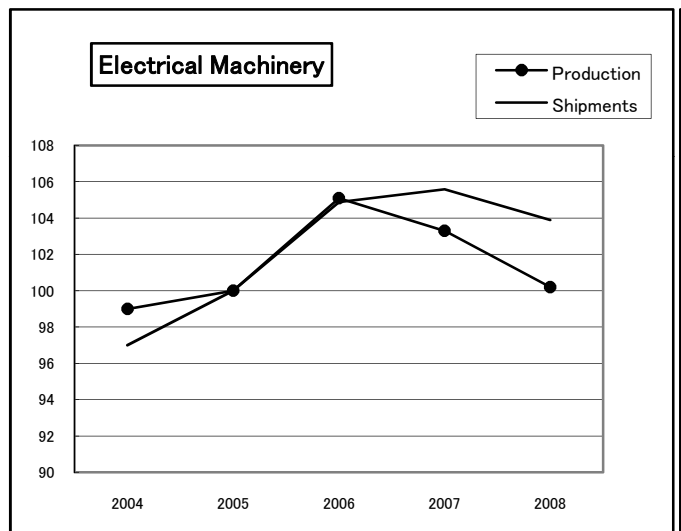
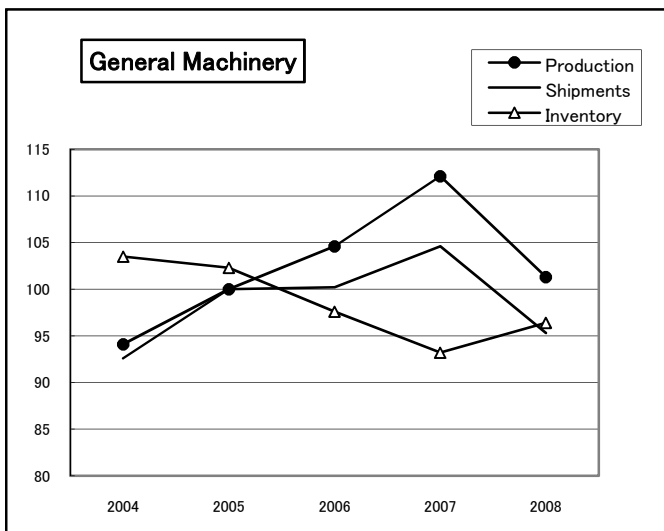
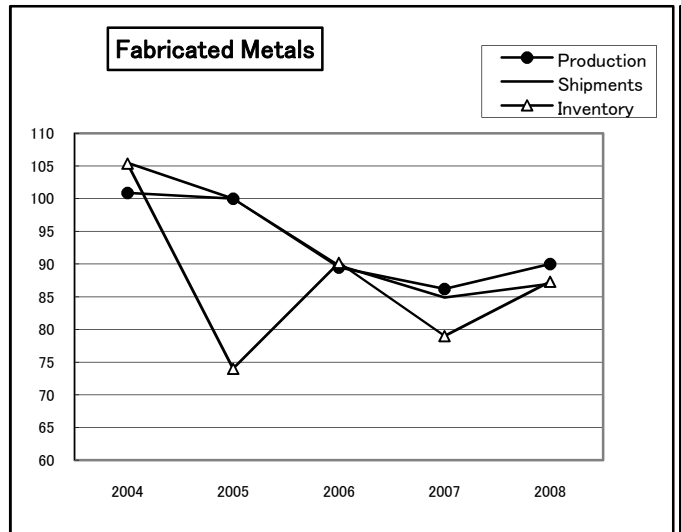
Index, 2005 =100

	Chugoku Region		Nationwide	
		Percent change from previous month (%)		Percent change from previous year (%)
<b>Production</b>	(106.0)	(2.6)	(107.4)	(2.8)
	103.5	-2.4	103.8	-3.4
<b>Shipments</b>	(106.2)	(2.8)	(107.8)	(3.1)
	103.9	-2.2	104.4	-3.2
<b>Inventory</b>	(102.3)	(-5.7)	(104.0)	(1.3)
	101.9	-0.4	108.9	4.7
<b>Inventory ratio</b>	(100.3)	(-2.7)	(100.3)	(0.2)
	105.3	5.0	108.5	8.2

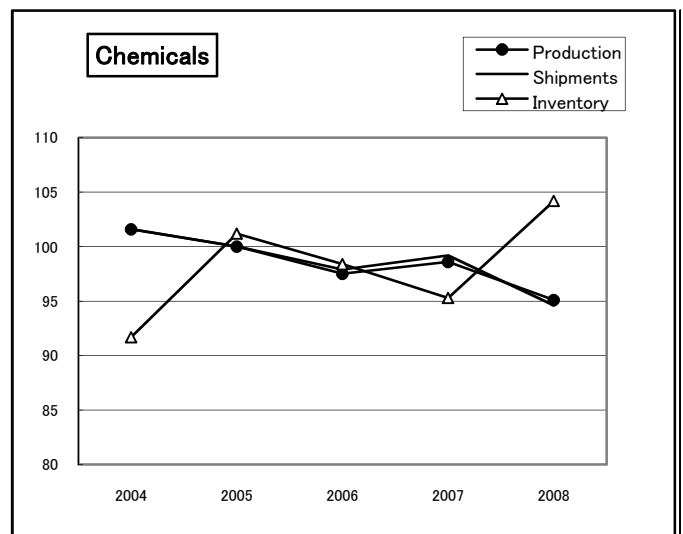
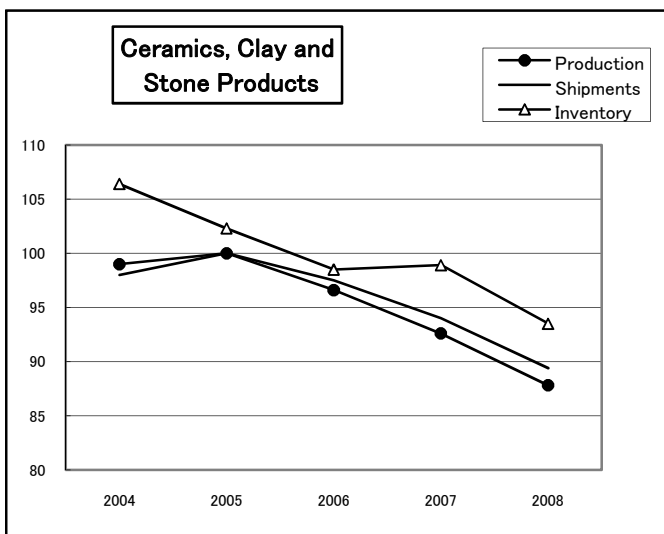
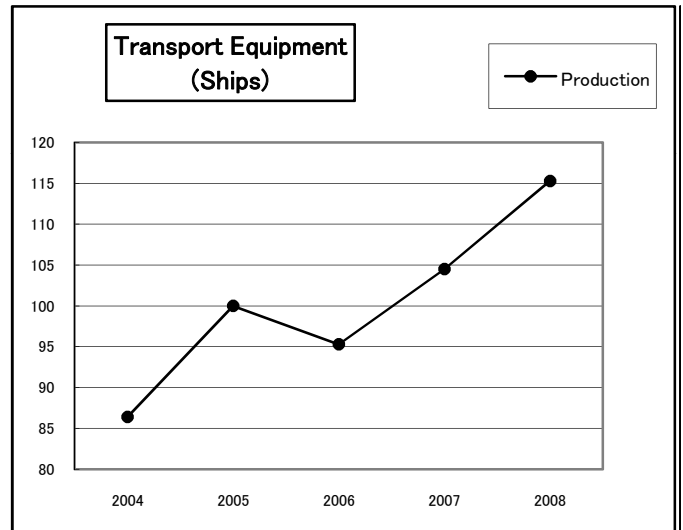
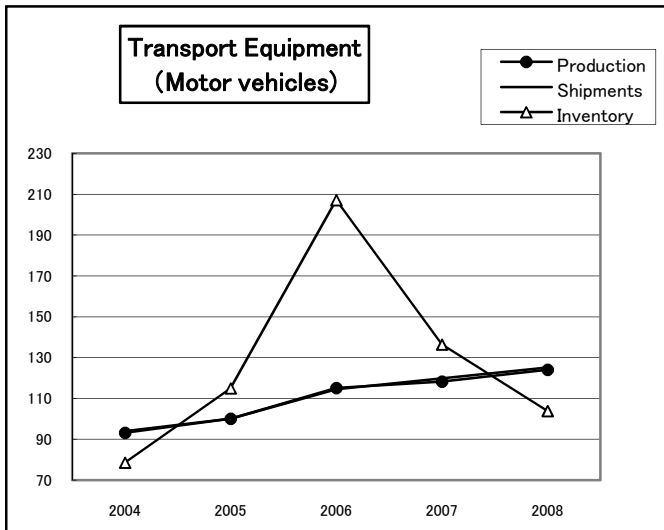
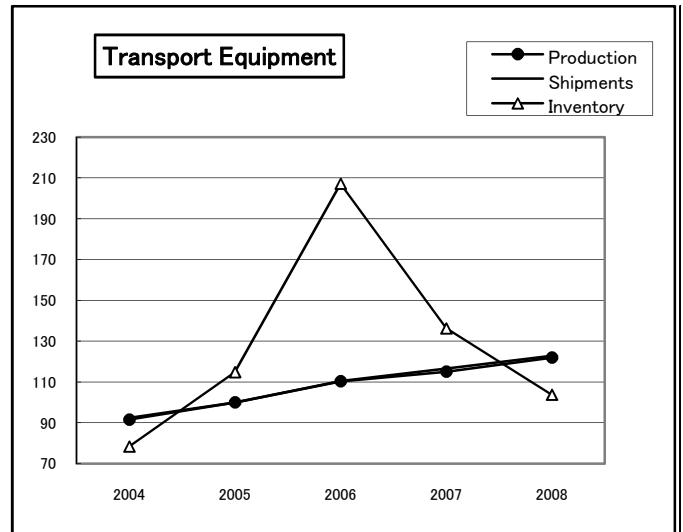
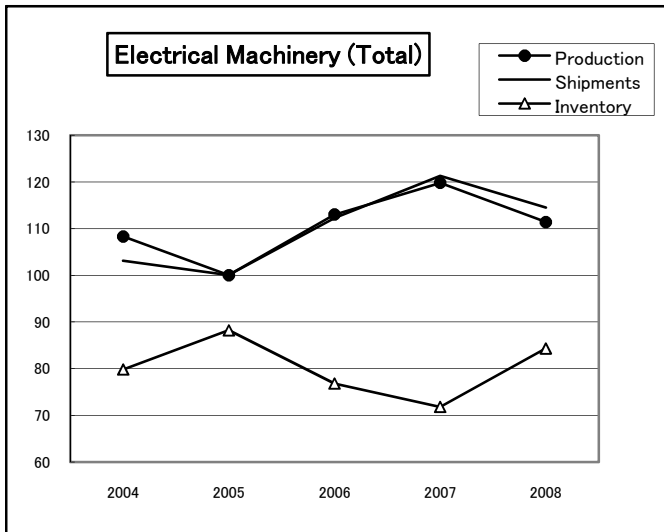
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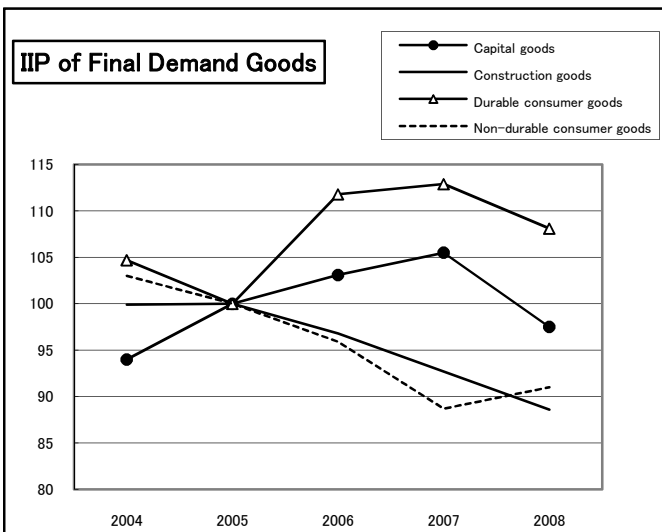
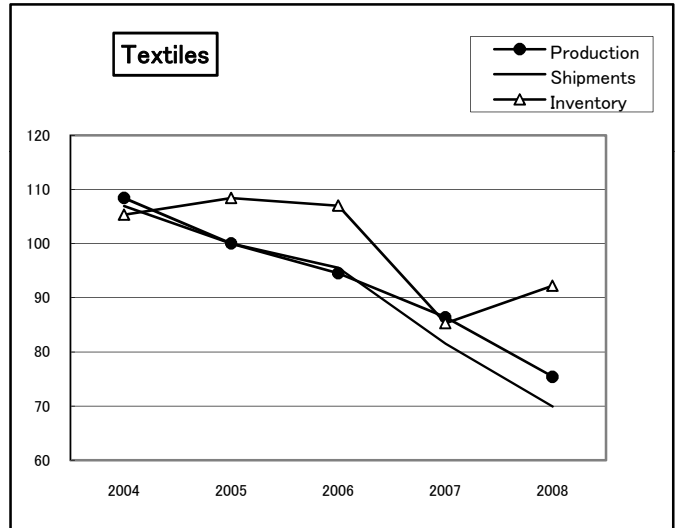
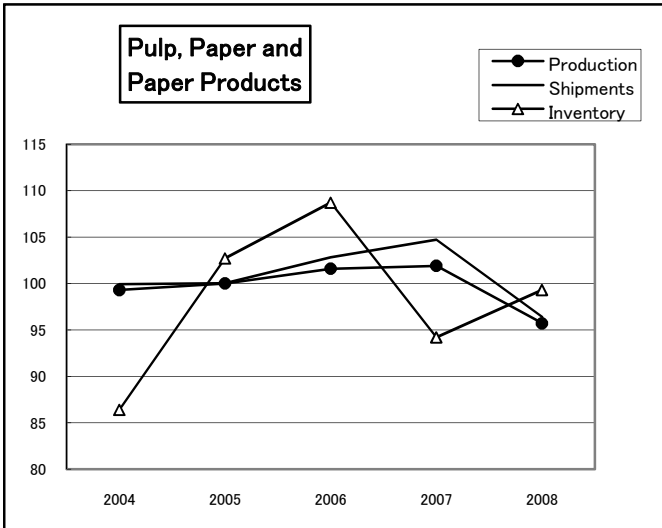
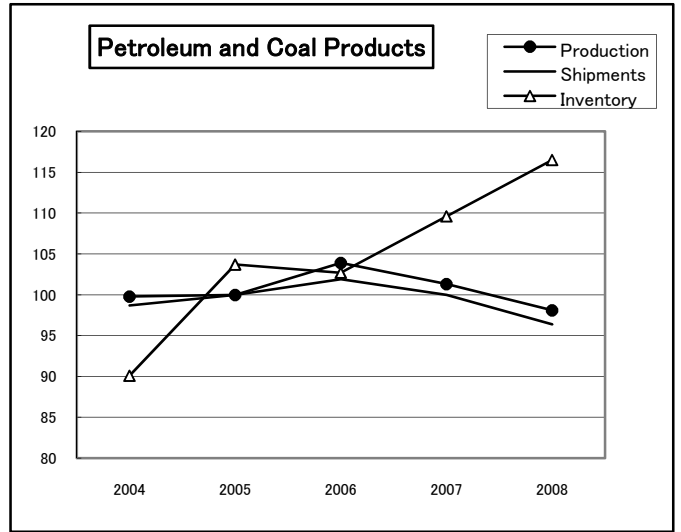
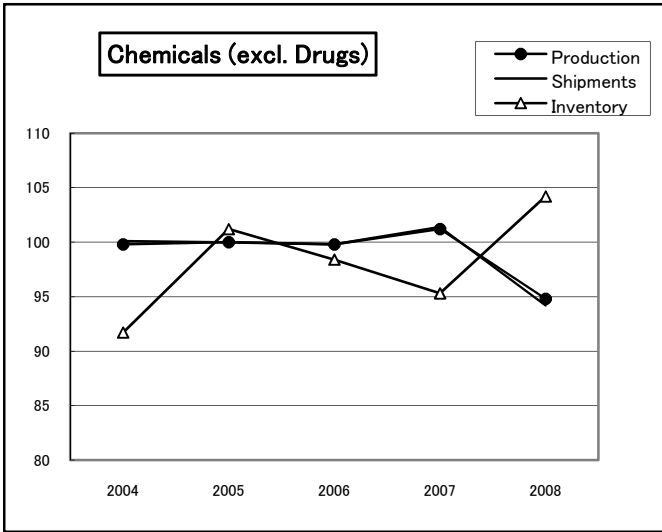
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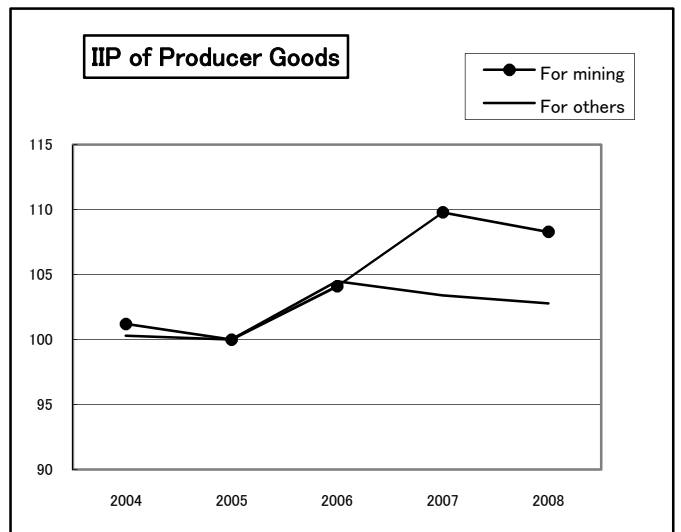
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