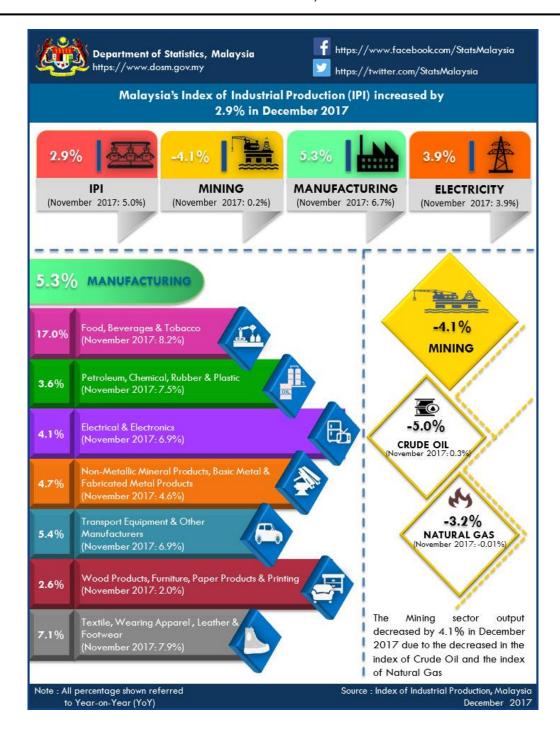


INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, MALAYSIA DECEMBER 2017



The Industrial Production Index (IPI) increased by **2.9 per cent** in December 2017 as compared with the same month of the previous year. The growth in December 2017 was driven by an increase in the Manufacturing index (**5.3**%) and Electricity index (**3.9**%). Meanwhile, the index of Mining posted a decrease of **4.1 per cent** (November 2017: 0.2%).

The Manufacturing sector output rose by **5.3 per cent** in December 2017 following an increase of 6.7 per cent in November 2017. The increase was driven by growth of its main sub-sectors, namely: Food, Beverages and Tobacco Products (**17.0**%), Petroleum, Chemical, Rubber and Plastic Products (**3.6**%) and Electrical and Electronic Products (**4.1**%).

The Mining sector output registered a decline of **4.1 per cent** in December 2017 (November 2017: 0.2%). The decrease was contributed by the decline in the Crude Oil index (-5.0%) and the Natural Gas index (-3.2%).

The Electricity output remained unchanged at **3.9 per cent** in December 2017.

*Notes:

Data for December 2017 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the publication January 2018.

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