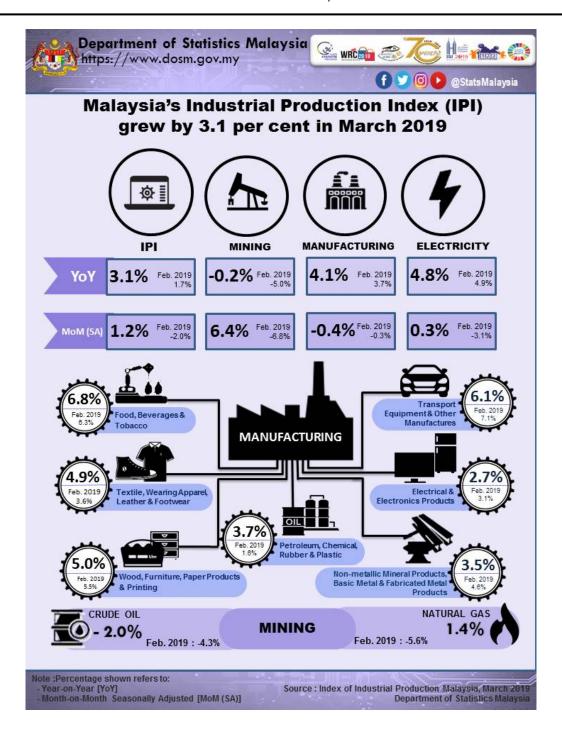


INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, MALAYSIA MARCH 2019



The Industrial Production Index (IPI) grew by 3.1 per cent in March 2019 as compared with the same month of the previous year. The increase in March 2019 was supported by the growth in the index of Electricity (4.8%) and Manufacturing (4.1%). Meanwhile the index of Mining recorded a decline of 0.2 per cent.

The Manufacturing sector output rose by 4.1 per cent in March 2019 as compared to March 2018 after recording a growth of 3.7 per cent in February 2019. The major sub-sectors contributing to the increase in March 2019 were Food, Beverages and Tobacco Products (6.8%), Petroleum, Chemical, Rubber and Plastic Products (3.7%) and Electrical and Electronics Products (2.7%).

The Mining sector output registered a marginal decreased of **0.2 per cent** in March 2019 as compared to the same period of the previous year. The drop was contributed by the Crude Oil index (-2.0%) while the Natural Gas index increased by **1.4 per cent**.

The Electricity sector output went up **4.8 per cent** in March 2019 as compared to March 2018.

The IPI of Malaysia for the first quarter 2019 recorded a growth of 2.7 per cent as compared to the same period of the previous year. The increase was contributed by the growth in Electricity sector (5.8%) and Manufacturing sector (4.0%). Meanwhile, the Mining sector declined by 1.9 per cent.

*Notes:

Data for March 2019 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the April 2019 publication.

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