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## Key findings for December 2019

### Final manufactured goods – headline PPI

Annual producer price inflation (final manufacturing) was 3,4% in December 2019, up from 2,3% in November 2019. The producer price index increased by 0,2% month-on-month in December 2019.

The main contributors to the headline PPI annual inflation rate were food products, beverages and tobacco products; metals, machinery, equipment and computing equipment; and coke, petroleum, chemical, rubber and plastic products (Figure 1.2 on page 7).

- Food products, beverages and tobacco products increased by 3,2% year-on-year and contributed 1,1 percentage points.
- Metals, machinery, equipment and computing equipment increased by 3,9% year-on-year and contributed 0,6 of a percentage point.
- Coke, petroleum, chemical, rubber and plastic products increased by 2,4% year-on-year and contributed 0,5 of a percentage point.

The main contributor to the headline PPI monthly increase was food products, beverages and tobacco products, which increased by 0,8% month-on-month and contributed 0,3 of a percentage point (Figure 1.1 on page 7).

**Figure 1 - PPI headline index numbers and year-on-year rate of change**



## Key findings for December 2019

### Intermediate manufactured goods

The annual percentage change in the PPI for intermediate manufactured goods was -1,5% in December 2019 (compared with -1,1% in November 2019). The index decreased by 1,7% month-on-month.

The main contributors to the annual rate were chemicals, rubber and plastic products (-1,8 percentage points) and recycling and manufacturing n.e.c. (-1,1 percentage points) (Figure 2.2).

The main contributor to the monthly rate was chemicals, rubber and plastic products (-1,2 percentage points) (Figure 2.1).

### Electricity and water

The annual percentage change in the PPI for electricity and water was 13,8% in December 2019 (compared with 13,4% in November 2019). The index decreased by 0,9% month-on-month.

Electricity contributed 12,7 percentage points to the annual rate, and water contributed 1,1 percentage points (Figure 3.2).

Electricity contributed -0,9 of a percentage point to the monthly rate (Figure 3.1).

### Mining

The annual percentage change in the PPI for mining was 24,2% in December 2019 (compared with 20,8% in November 2019). The index increased by 1,2% month-on-month.

The main contributors to the annual rate were non-ferrous metal ores (18,7 percentage points) and gold and other metal ores (3,9 percentage points) (Figure 4.2).

The main contributors to the monthly rate were non-ferrous metal ores (0,9 of a percentage point) and coal and gas (0,5 of a percentage point) (Figure 4.1).

### Agriculture, forestry and fishing

The annual percentage change in the PPI for agriculture, forestry and fishing was -0,6% in December 2019 (compared with -1,1% in November 2019). The index increased by 2,5% month-on-month.

The main contributor to the annual rate was agriculture (-2,2 percentage points) (Figure 5.2).

The main contributor to the monthly rate was agriculture (2,4 percentage points) (Figure 5.1).

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## Key figures and analytical series

**Table A - Key figures**

Product	Weight	Index (Dec 2016=100)			Percentage change	
		Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Dec 2019 vs. Nov 2019	Dec 2019 vs. Dec 2018
Final manufactured goods	100,00	110,7	114,3	114,5	0,2	3,4
Intermediate manufactured goods	100,00	108,4	108,6	106,8	-1,7	-1,5
Electricity and water	100,00	111,3	127,9	126,7	-0,9	13,8
Mining	100,00	112,5	138,1	139,7	1,2	24,2
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	100,00	102,3	99,2	101,7	2,5	-0,6

**Table B - Analytical series**

Product	Weight	Index (Dec 2016=100)			Percentage change	
		Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Dec 2019 vs. Nov 2019	Dec 2019 vs. Dec 2018
Final manufactured goods excluding petroleum products	90,37	108,3	112,0	112,2	0,2	3,6
Final manufactured goods excluding food	73,11	113,2	117,3	117,1	-0,2	3,4
Intermediate manufactured goods excluding basic metals	81,79	108,1	108,6	106,6	-1,8	-1,4
Mining excluding precious metals and stones	64,43	121,8	151,5	154,5	2,0	26,8
Precious metals and stones	35,57	96,8	115,7	114,8	-0,8	18,6

## Main index numbers and annual percentage changes

Table C - Main index numbers (Dec 2016=100)

Table C1 - Final manufactured goods

Year and type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average
2015	Index	88,1	88,4	89,9	90,7	91,4	91,7	92,0	92,2	93,0	93,1	93,3	91,3
	Rate	3,5	2,6	3,1	3,0	3,6	3,7	3,4	3,6	4,2	4,3	4,8	3,6
2016	Index	94,8	95,6	96,3	97,1	97,4	97,9	98,6	98,3	99,1	99,5	100,0	97,8
	Rate	7,6	8,1	7,1	7,0	6,5	6,8	7,4	7,2	6,6	6,9	7,1	7,0
2017	Index	100,4	101,0	101,3	101,6	102,1	101,8	102,3	102,7	103,4	104,1	104,6	102,5
	Rate	5,9	5,6	5,2	4,6	4,8	4,0	3,6	4,2	5,2	5,1	5,2	4,8
2018	Index	105,5	105,2	105,0	106,1	106,8	107,8	108,5	109,2	109,8	111,3	111,7	108,1
	Rate	5,1	4,2	3,7	4,4	4,6	5,9	6,1	6,3	6,2	6,9	6,8	5,5
2019	Index	109,8	110,1	111,5	113,0	113,6	114,0	113,8	114,1	114,3	114,6	114,3	113,1
	Rate	4,1	4,7	6,2	6,5	6,4	5,8	4,9	4,5	4,1	3,0	2,3	4,6

Table C2 - Intermediate manufactured goods

Year and type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average
2015	Index	91,5	91,4	91,6	91,0	91,2	91,4	91,6	91,8	93,0	93,0	93,2	92,0
	Rate	3,4	1,5	0,9	-0,2	-0,4	-0,4	-0,3	-0,4	0,8	0,9	1,9	0,8
2016	Index	95,0	95,4	96,5	97,4	99,5	99,8	99,5	99,3	99,3	98,7	99,4	98,3
	Rate	3,8	4,4	5,3	7,1	9,0	9,2	8,5	8,2	6,8	6,2	6,6	6,8
2017	Index	101,4	102,1	103,1	102,3	102,6	101,9	101,0	101,3	101,4	102,7	103,6	102,2
	Rate	6,7	7,0	6,8	5,0	3,1	2,1	1,5	2,0	2,1	4,1	4,2	4,0
2018	Index	102,9	102,5	101,8	102,4	102,8	105,1	106,6	107,3	109,2	110,3	109,8	105,8
	Rate	1,5	0,4	-1,3	0,1	0,2	3,1	5,5	5,9	7,7	7,4	6,0	3,5
2019	Index	106,8	106,5	108,2	109,3	109,4	109,8	108,4	109,3	109,7	109,6	108,6	108,5
	Rate	3,8	3,9	6,3	6,7	6,4	4,5	1,7	1,9	0,5	-0,6	-1,1	2,6

Table C3 - Electricity and water

Year and type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average
2015	Index	82,8	83,2	82,2	86,1	86,9	117,1	128,5	126,5	95,8	93,5	93,4	97,4
	Rate	9,0	8,2	8,6	10,4	9,9	11,4	12,2	11,4	11,3	13,5	12,9	11,1
2016	Index	92,4	93,7	91,7	96,7	96,8	130,5	139,2	141,1	106,6	101,4	101,2	107,6
	Rate	11,6	12,6	11,6	12,3	11,5	11,5	8,4	11,5	11,2	8,5	8,3	10,4
2017	Index	101,6	102,4	101,6	102,4	103,0	138,6	144,1	144,8	113,0	105,0	105,2	113,8
	Rate	10,0	9,3	10,8	5,9	6,4	6,2	3,5	2,6	6,0	3,6	4,0	5,8
2018	Index	104,6	106,0	105,2	107,4	107,6	143,3	155,3	154,2	118,4	112,8	112,8	119,9
	Rate	3,0	3,5	3,5	4,9	4,5	3,4	7,8	6,5	4,8	7,4	7,2	5,4
2019	Index	110,4	114,0	111,4	117,9	118,1	156,6	177,8	176,2	138,6	127,9	127,9	133,6
	Rate	5,5	7,5	5,9	9,8	9,8	9,3	14,5	14,3	17,1	13,4	13,4	11,4

Table C4 - Mining

Year and type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average
2015	Index	92,1	90,1	90,0	89,0	89,6	90,5	87,1	85,0	89,2	90,2	90,7	89,5
	Rate	-1,7	-5,4	-4,4	-4,7	-3,8	-4,2	-8,7	-10,8	-5,2	-0,8	2,4	-4,1
2016	Index	94,4	96,2	97,4	98,2	102,7	101,2	101,0	102,9	103,7	100,8	98,0	99,7
	Rate	2,5	6,8	8,2	10,3	14,6	11,8	16,0	21,0	16,2	11,7	8,1	11,5
2017	Index	104,5	107,9	103,2	103,8	99,6	99,7	100,1	104,0	113,6	109,9	109,1	105,1
	Rate	10,7	12,2	6,0	5,7	-3,0	-1,5	-0,9	1,1	9,5	9,0	11,3	5,4
2018	Index	104,4	103,3	100,0	101,1	103,1	107,7	109,7	110,6	114,6	116,0	114,3	108,1
	Rate	-0,1	-4,3	-3,1	-2,6	3,5	8,0	9,6	6,3	0,9	5,6	4,8	2,9
2019	Index	112,4	114,3	120,2	122,4	121,8	123,4	126,9	135,2	132,0	136,5	138,1	126,9
	Rate	7,7	10,6	20,2	21,1	18,1	14,6	15,7	22,2	15,2	17,7	20,8	17,4

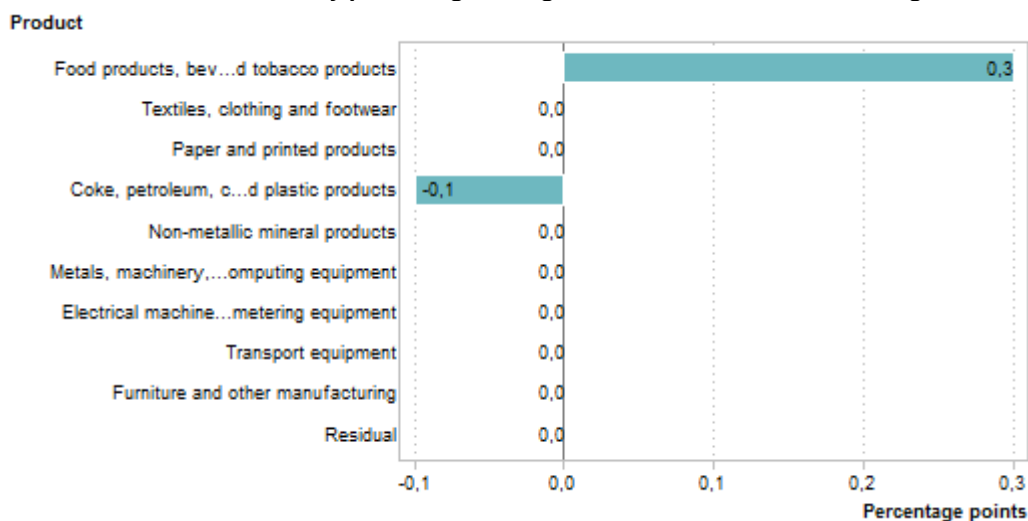
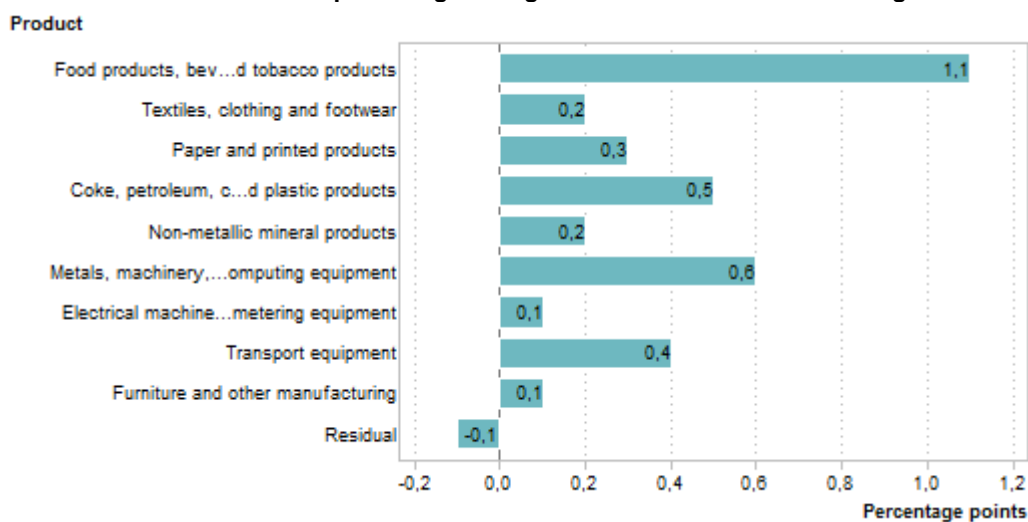
Table C5 - Agriculture, forestry and fishing

Year and type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average
2015	Index	80,7	81,1	82,3	83,7	81,8	81,1	82,1	83,9	84,5	87,0	90,9	84,4
	Rate	-1,8	-0,3	-1,0	4,5	3,1	4,5	6,4	7,5	5,2	6,8	9,6	4,7
2016	Index	99,8	101,3	99,5	97,8	96,7	97,5	97,5	97,5	96,8	96,6	98,3	98,3
	Rate	23,6	24,9	20,9	16,9	18,3	20,2	18,8	16,1	14,5	11,1	8,1	16,4
2017	Index	96,9	98,1	95,3	96,2	96,2	96,1	97,8	96,6	98,7	101,3	105,1	98,7
	Rate	-2,9	-3,2	-4,2	-1,6	-0,5	-1,4	0,3	-0,9	2,0	4,9	6,9	0,4
2018	Index	105,3	103,7	99,0	96,6	98,7	98,3	98,6	98,5	99,6	99,9	100,3	100,1
	Rate	8,7	5,7	3,9	0,4	2,6	2,3	0,8	2,0	0,9	-1,4	-4,6	1,4
2019	Index	102,1	101,4	98,6	96,9	95,7	96,4	97,5	96,1	95,5	98,3	99,2	98,3
	Rate	-3,0	-2,2	-0,4	0,3	-3,0	-1,9	-1,1	-2,4	-4,1	-1,6	-1,1	-1,8

## Detailed index numbers and percentage changes, and contributions

Table 1 - PPI for final manufactured goods

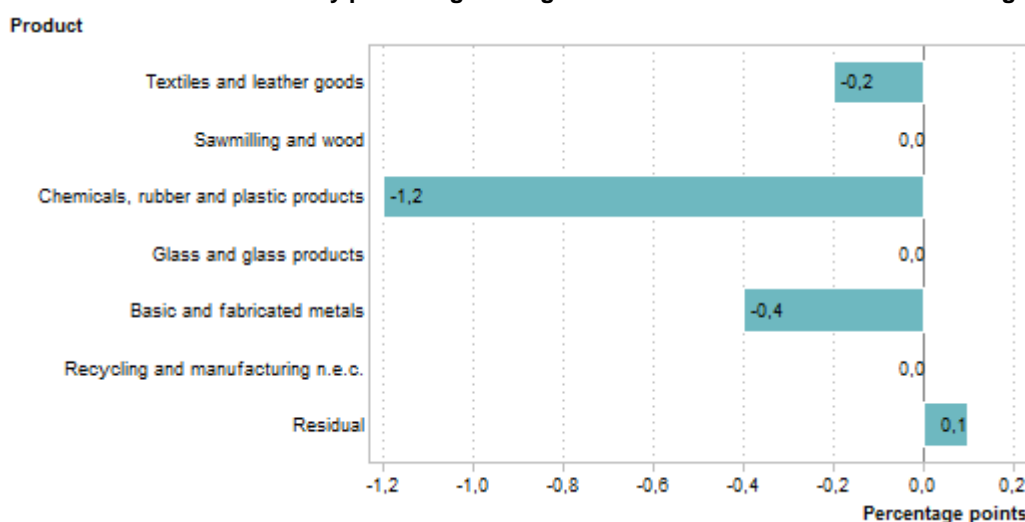
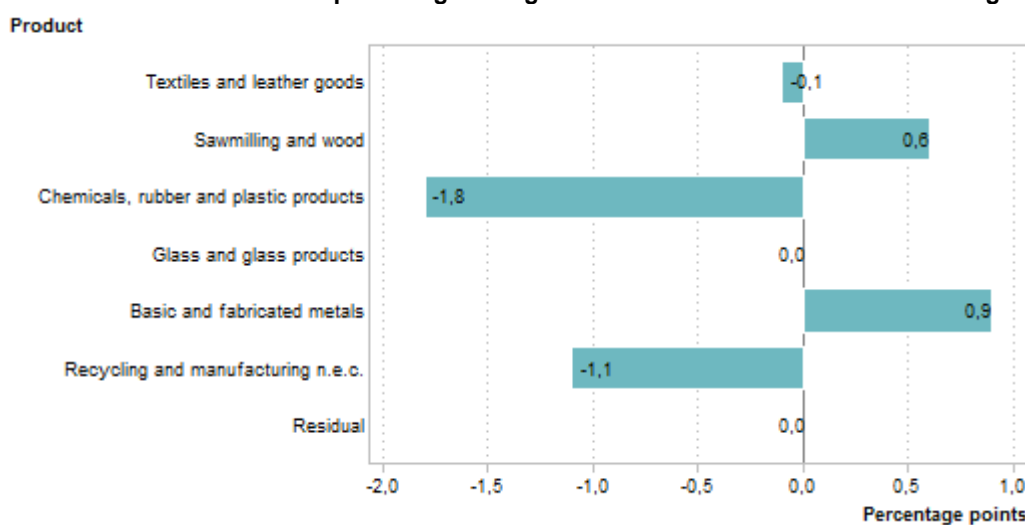
Product			Weight	Index (Dec 2016=100)			Percentage change	
				Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Dec 2019 vs. Nov 2019	Dec 2019 vs. Dec 2018
Final manufactured goods			100,00	110,7	114,3	114,5	0,2	3,4
Food products, beverages and tobacco products			35,26	104,6	107,0	107,9	0,8	3,2
Food products			26,89	103,2	105,7	106,8	1,0	3,5
	Meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, oils and fats		9,45	106,0	105,6	108,5	2,7	2,4
		Meat and meat products	5,25	111,1	106,9	112,3	5,1	1,1
		Fish and fish products	2,02	101,7	103,6	103,6	0,0	1,9
		Fruit and vegetables	1,35	99,9	108,5	107,7	-0,7	7,8
		Oils and fats	0,83	96,6	99,6	99,7	0,1	3,2
	Dairy products		2,47	101,9	103,1	102,9	-0,2	1,0
	Grain mill products, starches and starch products, and animal feeds		3,90	92,8	100,5	101,4	0,9	9,3
		Grain mill products	2,35	86,8	94,7	94,8	0,1	9,2
		Starches, starch products and animal feeds	1,55	99,3	106,2	108,3	2,0	9,1
	Other food products		11,07	104,4	108,1	108,1	0,0	3,5
		Bakery products	7,32	108,3	112,9	113,1	0,2	4,4
		Sugar	1,74	88,8	86,0	86,8	0,9	-2,3
		Other food	2,01	103,0	108,9	107,9	-0,9	4,8
Beverages			7,13	108,4	109,9	109,9	0,0	1,4
Tobacco products			1,24	109,8	116,8	116,8	0,0	6,4
Textiles, clothing and footwear			4,95	107,2	111,1	111,3	0,2	3,8
	Textiles		0,78	110,3	114,4	114,4	0,0	3,7
	Clothing		3,61	106,2	109,9	109,9	0,0	3,5
	Footwear		0,56	111,0	116,4	118,2	1,5	6,5
Paper and printed products			7,44	114,4	119,5	119,4	-0,1	4,4
Coke, petroleum, chemical, rubber and plastic products			20,23	123,6	127,1	126,6	-0,4	2,4
	Coal and petroleum products		10,02	129,7	132,7	132,0	-0,5	1,8
		Petrol	3,10	119,9	126,5	127,9	1,1	6,7
		Diesel	3,83	132,0	132,4	131,0	-1,1	-0,8
		Other	3,09	130,8	133,4	131,5	-1,4	0,5
	Chemical products		7,74	118,8	124,1	124,0	-0,1	4,4
	Rubber and plastic products		2,47	110,1	110,1	109,7	-0,4	-0,4
Non-metallic mineral products			2,78	104,4	112,2	112,4	0,2	7,7
Metals, machinery, equipment and computing equipment			14,57	106,6	110,8	110,8	0,0	3,9
	Structural and fabricated metal products		6,75	110,1	113,6	113,7	0,1	3,3
	General and special purpose machinery		6,93	104,2	109,5	109,6	0,1	5,2
	Household appliances and office machinery		0,89	100,9	100,6	99,6	-1,0	-1,3
Electrical machinery and communication and metering equipment			3,64	110,3	112,9	112,9	0,0	2,4
Transport equipment			9,02	113,4	118,6	118,0	-0,5	4,1
	Motor vehicles		3,56	114,0	114,4	114,7	0,3	0,6
	Parts for transport equipment		5,46	110,4	118,8	117,7	-0,9	6,6
Furniture and other manufacturing			2,11	104,4	110,0	109,7	-0,3	5,1

**Figure 1.1 - Contributions to the monthly percentage change in PPI for final manufactured goods****Figure 1.2 - Contributions to the annual percentage change in PPI for final manufactured goods**



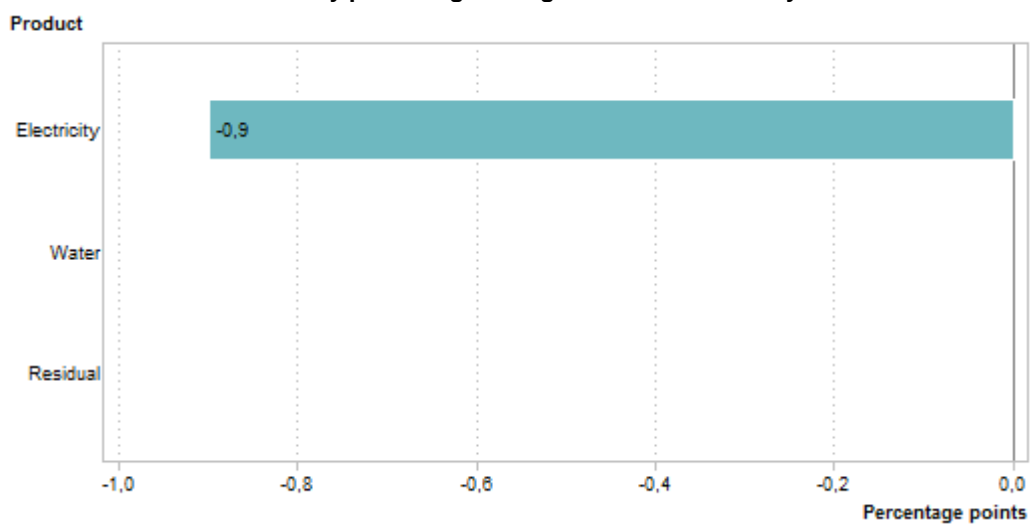
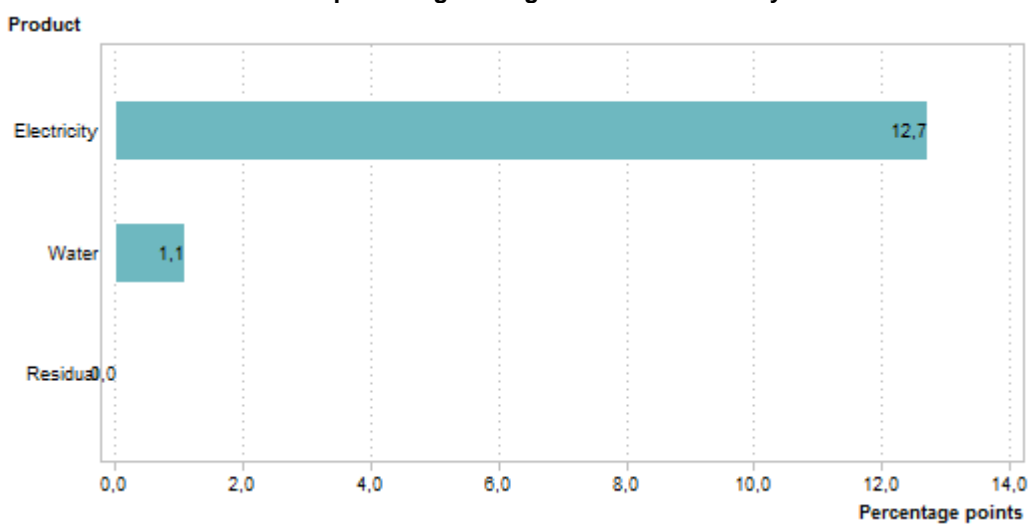
**Table 2 - PPI for intermediate manufactured goods**

Product			Weight	Index (Dec 2016=100)			Percentage change	
				Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Dec 2019 vs. Nov 2019	Dec 2019 vs. Dec 2018
Intermediate manufactured goods			100,00	108,4	108,6	106,8	-1,7	-1,5
	Textiles and leather goods		4,55	100,7	102,2	98,3	-3,8	-2,4
	Sawmilling and wood		24,26	105,9	108,3	108,5	0,2	2,5
	Chemicals, rubber and plastic products		32,71	109,3	107,5	103,4	-3,8	-5,4
		Basic and other chemicals	14,42	121,9	118,2	109,1	-7,7	-10,5
		Plastic products	15,34	100,2	100,6	100,2	-0,4	0,0
		Rubber products	2,95	109,5	106,8	106,6	-0,2	-2,6
	Glass and glass products		3,41	104,3	104,3	104,0	-0,3	-0,3
	Basic and fabricated metals		31,88	108,0	112,4	111,1	-1,2	2,9
		Basic iron and steel	18,21	109,4	108,4	106,9	-1,4	-2,3
		Basic precious and non-ferrous metals and castings	13,67	105,4	116,9	116,1	-0,7	10,2
	Recycling and manufacturing n.e.c.		3,19	131,4	92,5	92,5	0,0	-29,6

**Figure 2.1 - Contributions to the monthly percentage change in PPI for intermediate manufactured goods****Figure 2.2 - Contributions to the annual percentage change in PPI for intermediate manufactured goods**

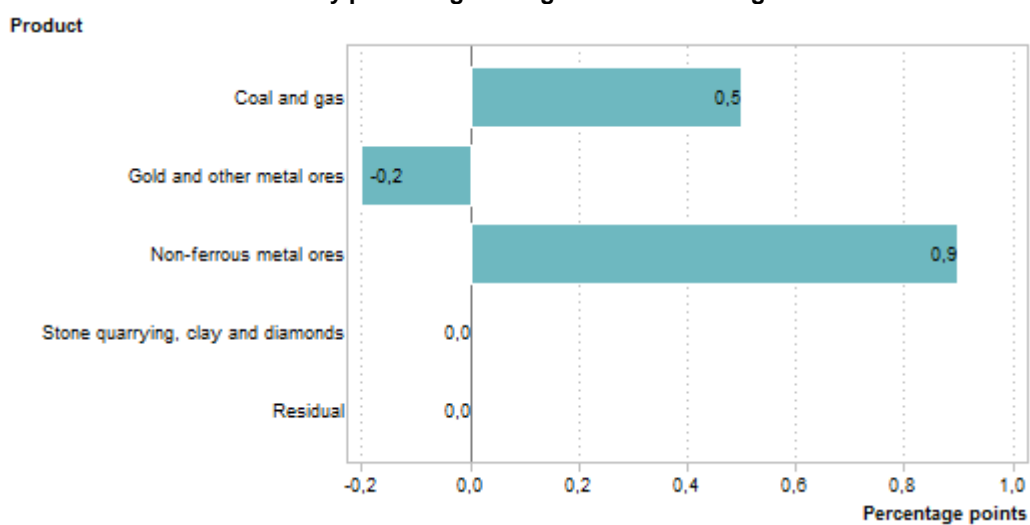
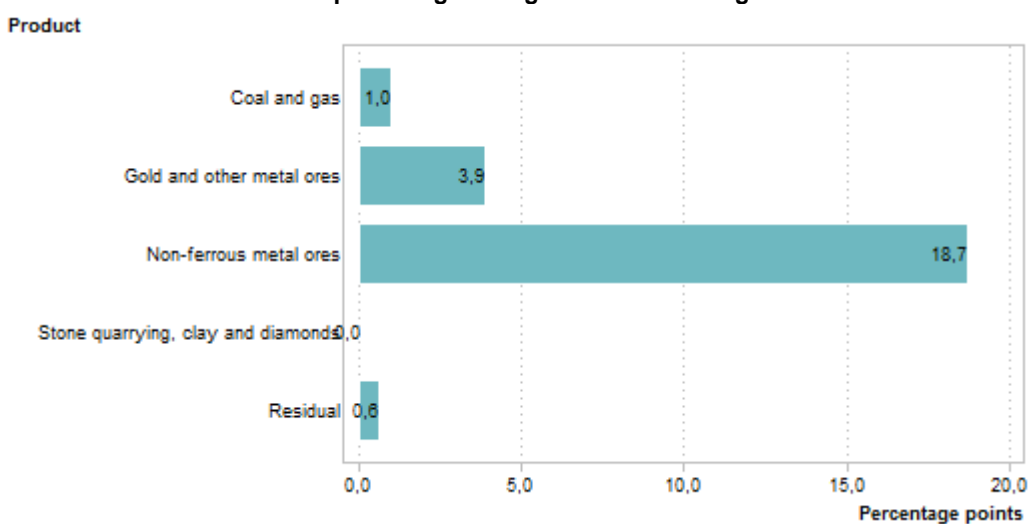
**Table 3 - PPI for electricity and water**

Product		Weight	Index (Dec 2016=100)			Percentage change	
			Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Dec 2019 vs. Nov 2019	Dec 2019 vs. Dec 2018
Electricity and water		100,00	111,3	127,9	126,7	-0,9	13,8
	Electricity	86,05	109,5	127,3	125,9	-1,1	15,0
	Water	13,95	122,5	131,4	131,4	0,0	7,3

**Figure 3.1 - Contributions to the monthly percentage change in PPI for electricity and water****Figure 3.2 - Contributions to the annual percentage change in PPI for electricity and water**

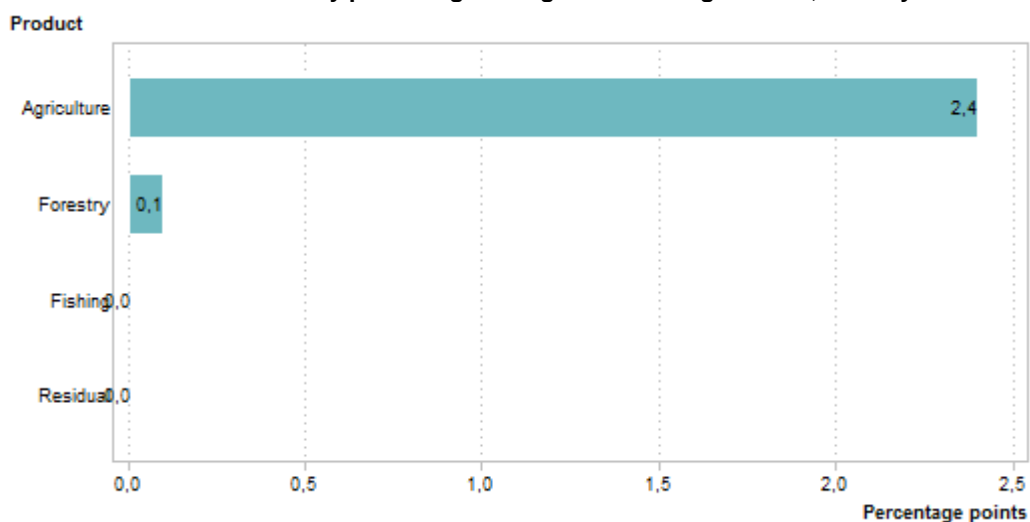
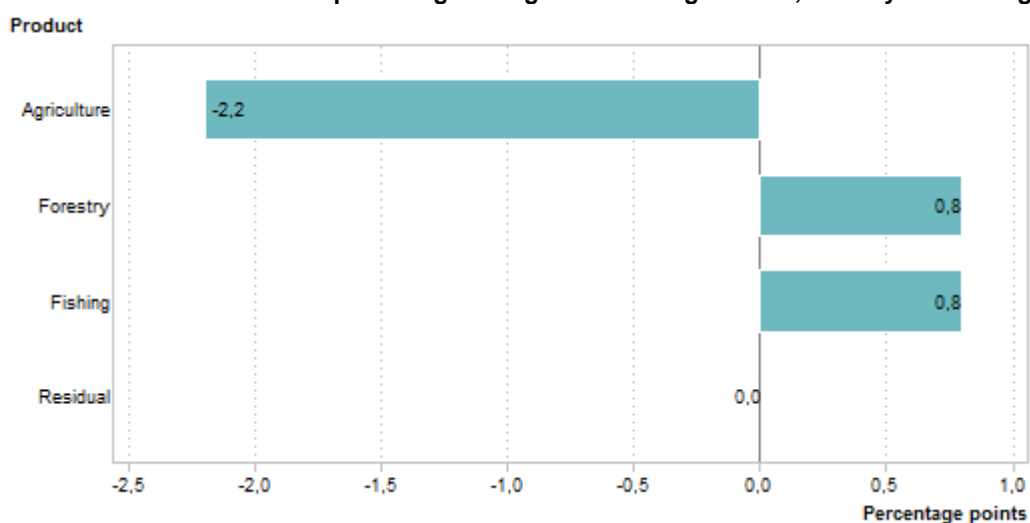
**Table 4 - PPI for mining**

Product	Weight	Index (Dec 2016=100)			Percentage change	
		Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Dec 2019 vs. Nov 2019	Dec 2019 vs. Dec 2018
<b>Mining</b>	100,00	112,5	138,1	139,7	1,2	24,2
Coal and gas	26,53	125,6	127,3	129,9	2,0	3,4
Gold and other metal ores	28,31	107,0	123,4	122,3	-0,9	14,3
Non-ferrous metal ores	35,49	113,6	169,3	172,8	2,1	52,1
Stone quarrying, clay and diamonds	9,67	82,3	83,2	82,7	-0,6	0,5

**Figure 4.1 - Contributions to the monthly percentage change in PPI for mining****Figure 4.2 - Contributions to the annual percentage change in PPI for mining**

**Table 5 - PPI for agriculture, forestry and fishing**

Product			Weight	Index (Dec 2016=100)			Percentage change	
				Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Dec 2019 vs. Nov 2019	Dec 2019 vs. Dec 2018
Agriculture, forestry and fishing			100,00	102,3	99,2	101,7	2,5	-0,6
Agriculture	Products of crops and horticulture		85,98	100,4	95,0	97,8	2,9	-2,6
			43,22	93,3	86,4	90,3	4,5	-3,2
		Cereals and other crops	19,06	80,6	82,1	82,8	0,9	2,7
		Fruit and vegetables	24,16	101,9	88,5	94,7	7,0	-7,1
	Live animals and animal products		42,76	106,5	102,4	104,2	1,8	-2,2
		Live animals	31,54	108,2	102,6	104,6	1,9	-3,3
		Milk and eggs	9,68	98,7	97,6	98,7	1,1	0,0
		Other animal products	1,54	120,9	128,9	130,3	1,1	7,8
Forestry			7,40	112,5	121,7	123,7	1,6	10,0
Fishing			6,62	114,7	127,2	127,2	0,0	10,9

**Figure 5.1 - Contributions to the monthly percentage change in PPI for agriculture, forestry and fishing****Figure 5.2 - Contributions to the annual percentage change in PPI for agriculture, forestry and fishing**

## Explanatory notes

<b>Purpose and results of the survey</b>	<p>The Producer Price Index (PPI) measures changes in the prices of locally produced commodities. A sample of producers is surveyed each month and the results of this survey are used to compile the producer price indices for final manufactured goods, intermediate manufactured goods, electricity and water, mining, and agriculture, forestry and fishing. The PPI can be used as an economic indicator of inflation, as an escalator in contracts and as a deflator in the calculation of the national accounts.</p> <p>Further information on the weighting structure, sources of information and methods of compilation of the PPI can be found in the PPI sources and methods document, available on the Stats SA website.</p>
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## Glossary

<b>Producer Price Index</b>	The PPI is defined as “A measure of the change in the prices of goods either as they leave their place of production or as they enter the production process (OECD).”
<b>Contributions</b>	The monthly (annual) contribution of a specific product or group of products to the specific PPI is calculated by multiplying the weight of this product or group of products with the difference of the current index and the previous month (year) index for this product or group of products, divided by the index for the specific index, for the previous month (year).
<b>Annual inflation rate</b>	The annual inflation rate per specific PPI is the change in the specific PPI for all items of the relevant month of the current year compared with the specific PPI for all items of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.
<b>Annual percentage change</b>	The annual percentage change is the change in the index of the relevant month of the current year compared with the index of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.
<b>Average annual inflation rate</b>	The average annual inflation rate is the change in the average specific PPI for all items of one year compared with the average specific PPI for all items of the previous year expressed as a percentage.
<b>Average annual percentage change</b>	The average annual percentage change is the change in the average index of one year compared with the average index of the previous year expressed as a percentage.
<b>Monthly percentage change</b>	The monthly percentage change is the change in the specific PPI of the relevant month compared with the specific PPI of the previous month expressed as a percentage.
<b>Chain linking</b>	The construction of a continuous price series by multiplying together price indices that have been using different weights reference periods. The resulting index is referred to as a chained index (Practical Guide to producing Consumer Price Indices; 2009). Linking is intended to ensure that the individual indices on all levels show the correct development through time, but leads to non-additivity (IMF, 2005).

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