Preliminary Report on Indices of Industrial Production for December, 2014

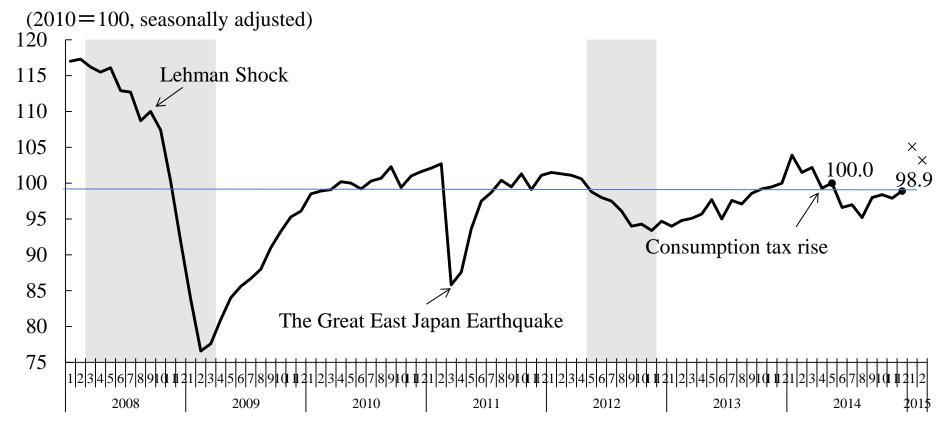
~Infographic Sheets about indices of industrial production December, 2014 (preliminary) ~

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Trends of Indices of Industrial Production(IIP)

- The index of industrial production for December 2014 is 98.9 (up by 1.0% from the previous month), increased for the first time in two months.
- This is the highest level since May 2014, 100.0.

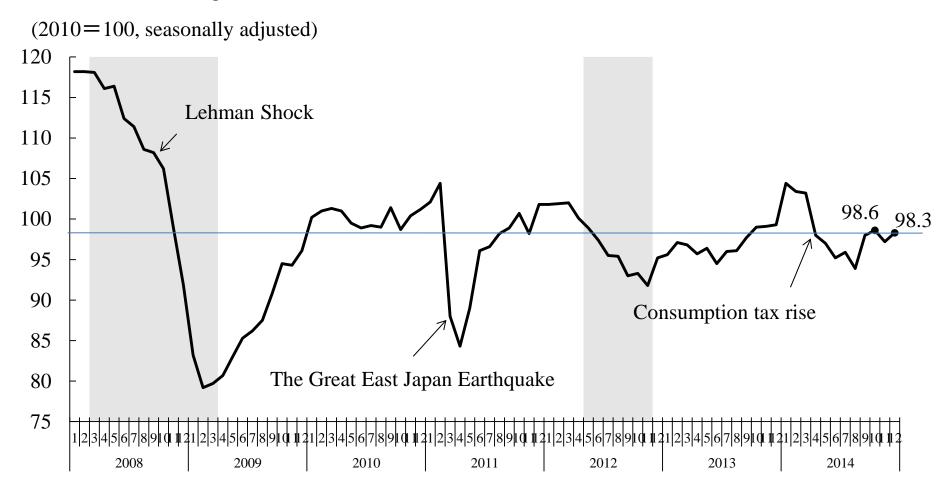


Note: 1. Indices of Industrial Production (IIP) cover mining and manufacturing industry and are published every month. The index is expressed as a percentage of production, shipments, and inventory of mining and manufacturing industry in a base year, currently 2010. IIP indicate the trend of whole mining and manufacturing industry, such as enterprise production activities, supply and demand trends of produced products, etc.

- 2. "×" represent predicted data made from Survey of Production Forecast for January 2015 and February 2015.
- 3. The shadowed portions represent recession periods. The term from May to November in 2012 is provisional.

Trends of Indices of Industrial Shipments

- The index of industrial shipments for December 2014 is 98.3 (up by 1.1% from the previous month), increased for the first time in two months.
- This is the highest level since October 2014, 98.6.



Trends of Indices of Industrial Inventories

- The index of industrial inventories for December 2014 is 112.0(down by 0.4% from the previous month), decreased for the first time in two months.
- This is the lowest level since October 2014, 111.3.

2008

2009

(2010=100, seasonally adjusted) 120 Lehman Shock 115 112.0 110 111.3 105 Consumption tax rise 100 The Great East Japan Earthquake 95

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2011

2012

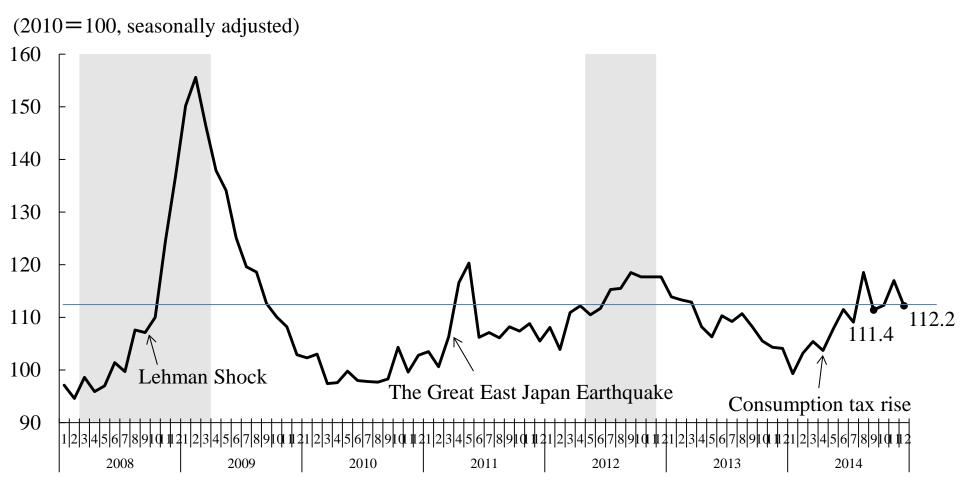
2013

2010

2014

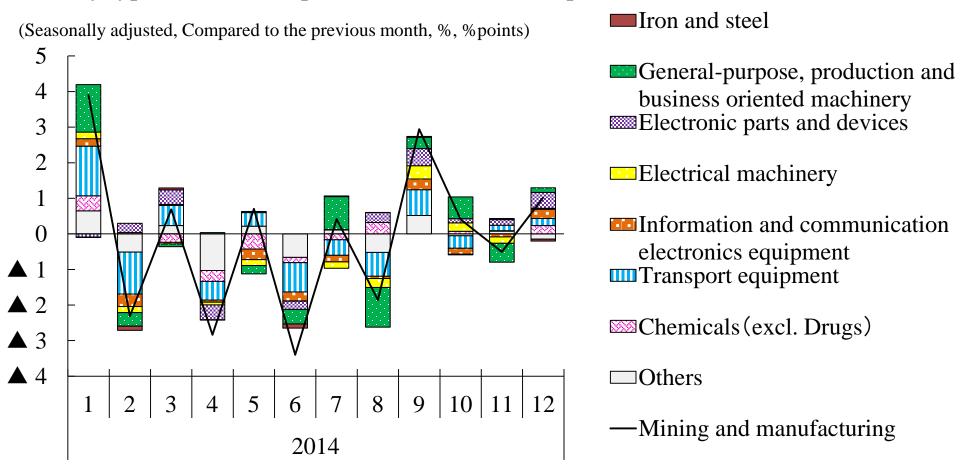
Trends of Industrial Inventory Ratio

- The index of industrial inventory ratio for December 2014 is 112.2 (down by 4.1% from the previous month), decreased for the first time in three months.
- This is the lowest level since September 2014, 111.4.



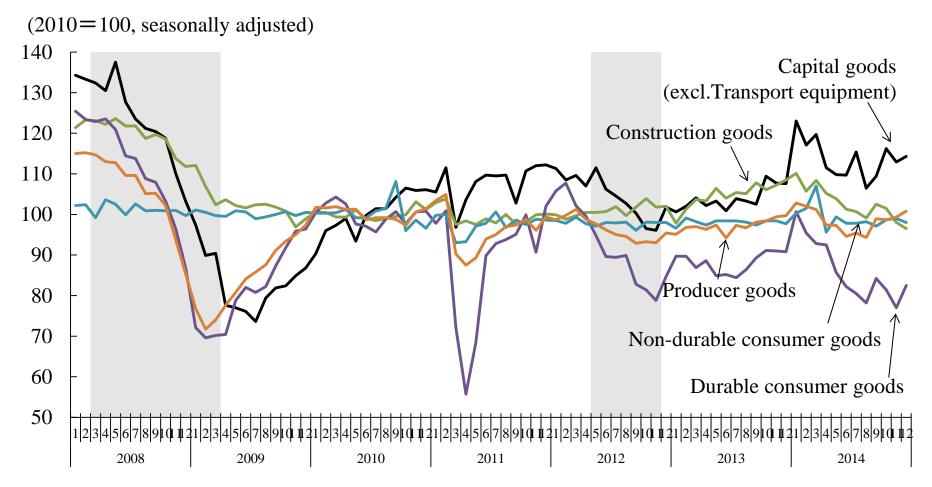
Contribution ratio by type of business of IIP

- The index of industrial production for December 2014 (seasonally adjusted) increased by 1.0% from the previous month.
- By type of business, production in Electronic parts and devices increased.



Note: Others includes Non-ferrous metals, Fabricated metals, Ceramics, stone and clay products, Petroleum and coal products, Plastic products, Pulp, paper and paper products, Textiles, Foods, Other manufacturing, and Mining.

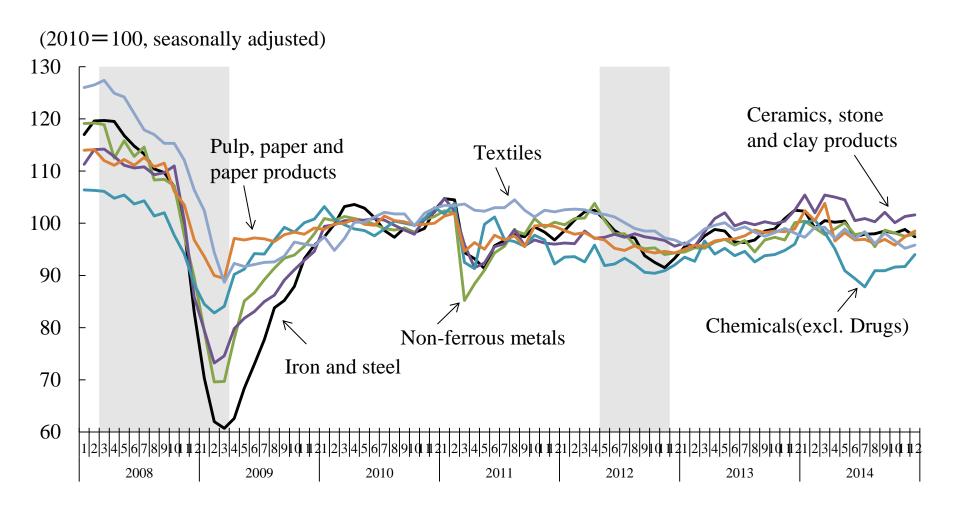
Trends of Indices of Industrial Shipments (by type of goods)



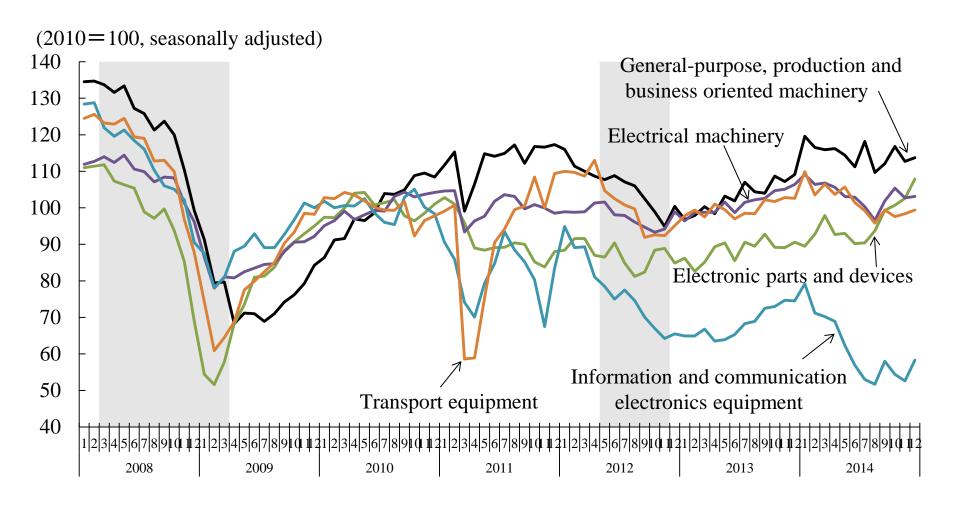
Note: 1. Outline of goods

- ·Investment Goods: products for capital formation including cranes and metal cutting machinery
- ·Construction Goods: products for construction activities including structural steel frames and cement
- •Durable consumer goods: products for consumption by households including television and electric refrigerators
- ·Non-durable consumer goods: products for consumption by households including foods and clothes
- ·Producer Goods: products which are input as raw materials
- 2. The shadowed portions represent recession periods. The term from May to November 2012 is provisional.

Trends of Indices of Industrial Production for the materials industries



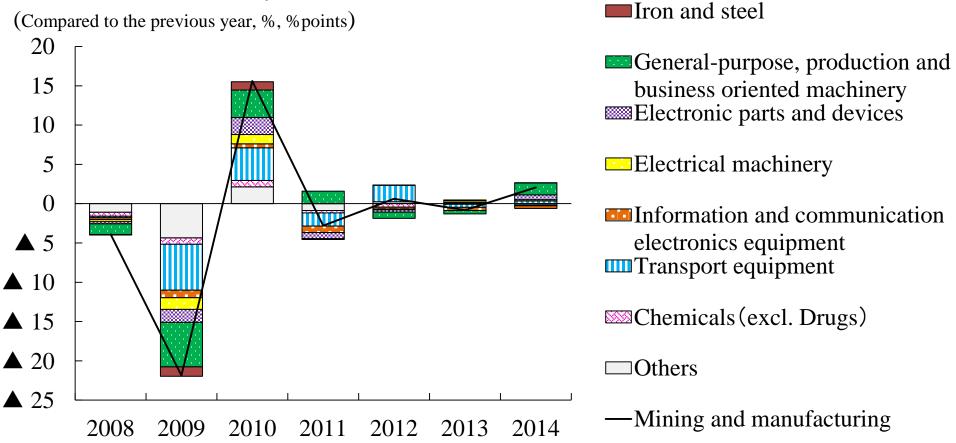
Trends of Indices of Industrial Production for processing industries



Contribution ratio by type of business of IIP

• The index of industrial production for 2014 increased by 2.1% from the previous year.

• By type of business, production in General-purpose, production and business oriented machinery increased.

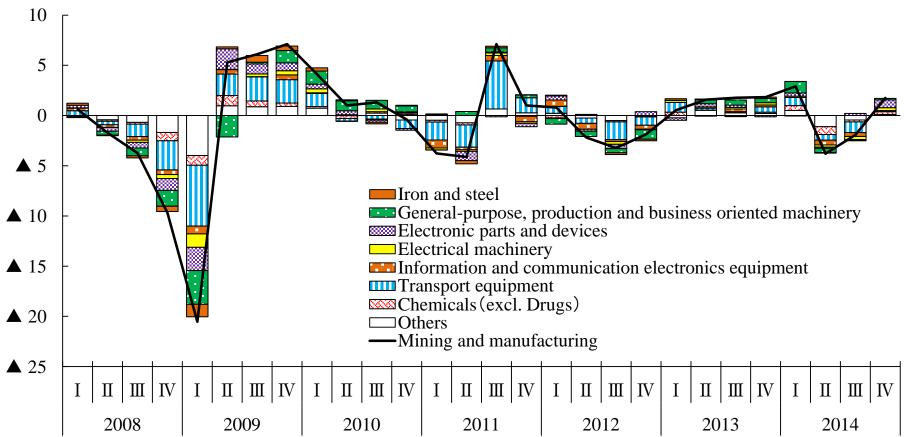


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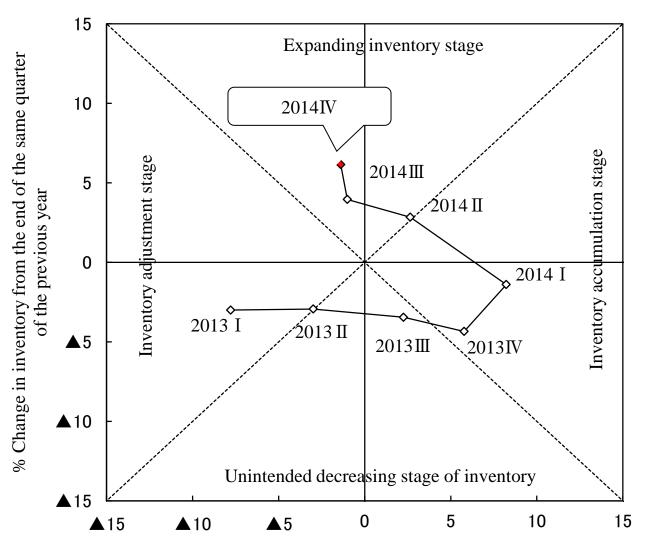
- The index of industrial production for the fourth quarter of 2014 (seasonally adjusted) increased by 1.8% from the previous quarter.
- By type of business, production in Electronic parts and devices increased.

(Seasonally adjusted, Compared to the previous quarter, %, %points)



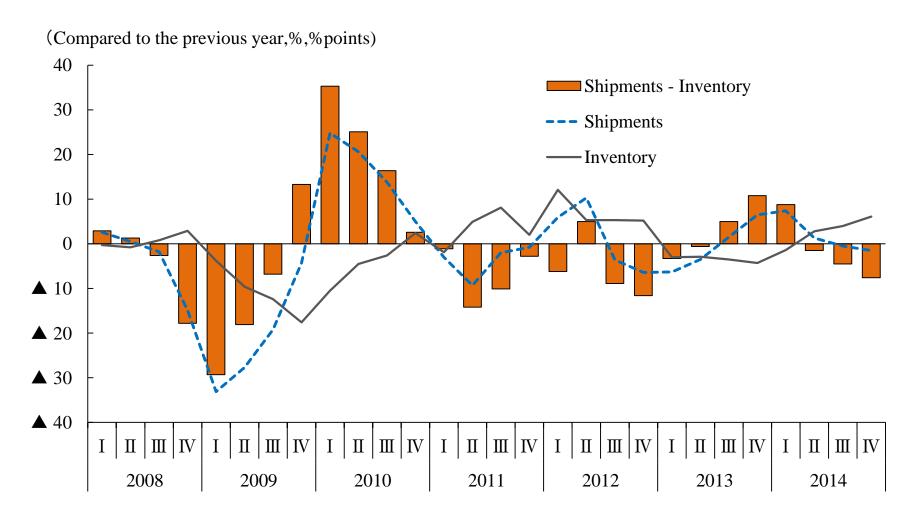
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Changes in the Inventory Cycle



% Change in production from the same quarter of the previous year

The balance between Shipments and Inventory



Note:

The balance between Shipments and Inventory = Shipments compared to the same quarter of previous year

— Inventory compared to the same quarter of previous year