

Economic stenogram

Chemical and pharmaceutical Industry of Hesse - Edition September 2022

General economic situation

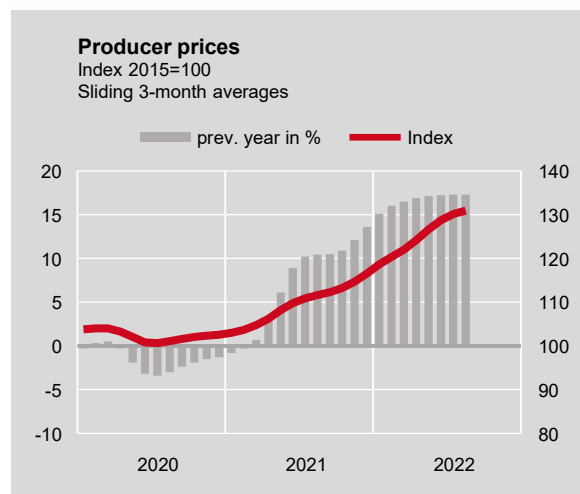
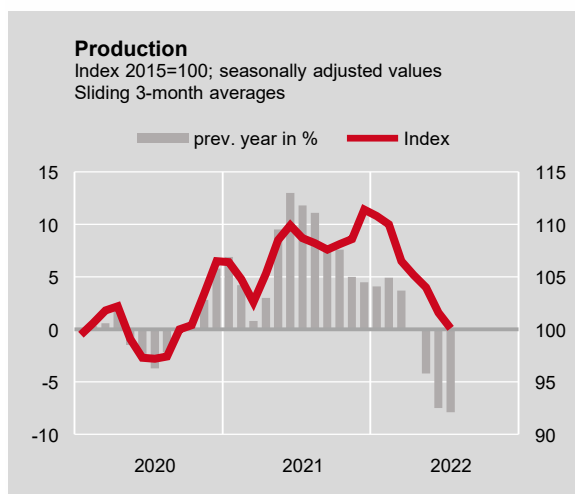
In July, **the production** further weakened. Compared to June, it fell by a seasonally adjusted 3.4 percent and also remained 8.2 percent below the level of the previous year. Chemical production fell by 13.2 percent year-on-year, while pharmaceutical production fell by 0.1 percent. Cumulative production was 3.0 percent below the level of the previous year. At 17.5 percent, **producer prices** again significantly exceeded the previous year in July. Above all, the prices for chemical products rose sharply here by 27.9 percent. The corresponding price increase for pharmaceutical products was much more moderate at 2.2 percent. Compared to June, prices rose by 0.8 percent. This resulted in a cumulative increase of 17.0 percent up to July. **Sales** increased by 10.6 percent year-on-year. Domestic sales grew slightly by 2.4 percent, foreign business by 15.0 percent.

Key figures for July 2022

Chemical/pharmaceutical industry Hesse
Companies with 50 or more employees

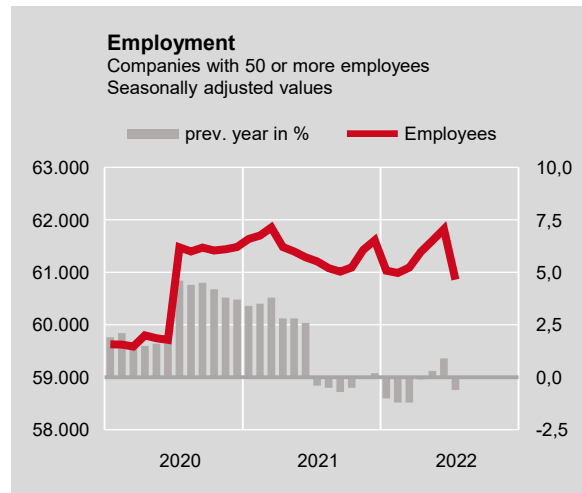
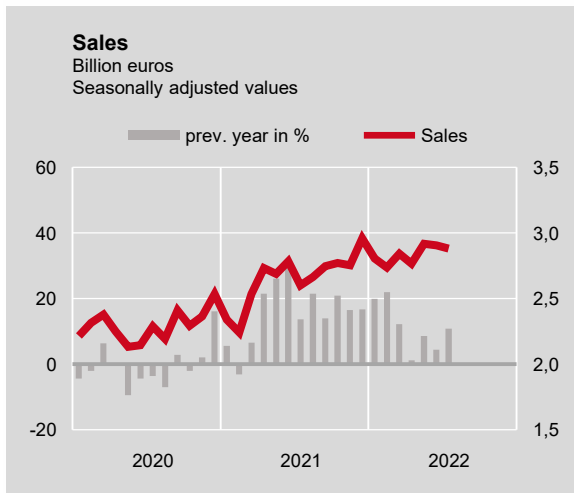
	prev. month	prev. year	cumulated
Production	-3,4%	-8,2%	-3,0%
Prices	+0,8%	+17,5%	+17,0%
Sales	-9,7%	+10,6%	+10,8%
Domestic	-10,7%	+2,4%	+7,7%
Foreign	-9,2%	+15,0%	+12,4%
Employment	-1,3%	-0,6%	-0,4%

Compared to June, however, total sales fell by 9.7 percent. Cumulatively up to and including July, total sales have so far increased by 10.8 percent compared to the previous year. The number of **employees** fell in July by 0.6 percent compared to the previous year. The pharmaceutical industry showed a noticeable increase of 10.1 percent; traditional chemistry recorded a significant decrease of 6.8 percent.



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This is primarily due to special statistical effects caused by official statistics shifting companies within the chemical and pharmaceutical sectors during the year.

Current business situation and business expectations

The assessment of the current ifo business situation at the federal level in September 2022 deteriorated further from -6 in the previous month to -18 points. Expectations also fell further, from -52 to -54 points. This means that significantly more companies are assuming worse business for the next six months than better business.

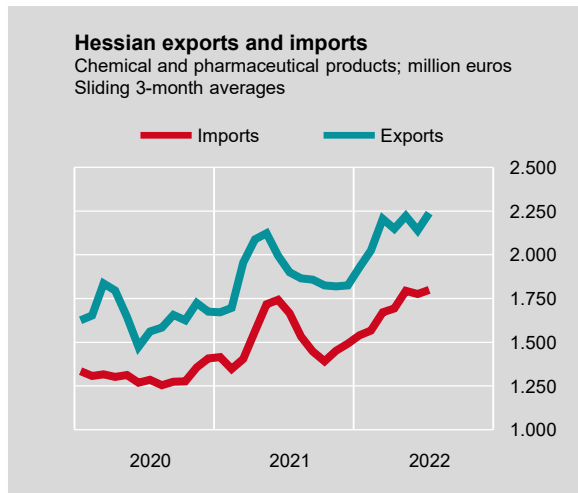
Exports and imports

In July, the **export** of chemical and pharmaceutical products, measured by the value of the goods, increased by 18.6 percent compared to the previous year. Imports **also** rose, up 7.2 percent. Up to and including July, the value of exports was 11.2 percent higher than in the same period last year, while imports increased 9.2 percent.



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The strongest year-on-year increases up to July were in exports to Italy (+45.9%), the USA (+39.6%) and Belgium (+32.7%). Exports to France (+15.7%) and Great Britain (+24.0%) also grew in double digits. Deliveries to Sweden (+1.3%) and Switzerland (+6.4%) also increased. On the other hand, export business with China (-9.0%), Spain (-2.3%) and Poland (-0.6%) declined.

In July, **foreign trade prices** at federal level were again well above the level of the previous year. Export prices rose sharply by 19.6 percent. The price increase for imports was even greater at 20.6 percent. Through July, this resulted in a cumulative increase of 17.8 percent in export prices and a 22.9 percent increase in import prices.

