

Key statistics on business performance and operating characteristics of industrial sector in 2019

According to the results of the 2019 Annual Survey of Economic Activities – Industrial Sector released today (November 27) by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD), the manufacturing sector's total receipts (comprising sales and other receipts) amounted to \$226.1 billion in 2019, representing a decrease of 2.6% compared with 2018; on a per establishment basis, total receipts decreased slightly by 0.4% compared with 2018 to \$31.2 million in 2019.

Operating expenses and compensation of employees of the manufacturing sector altogether amounted to \$211.6 billion in 2019, representing a decrease of 2.6% compared with 2018; on a per establishment basis, they decreased by 0.5% compared with 2018 to \$29.2 million in 2019.

Gross surplus of the manufacturing sector, which is equal to total receipts less operating expenses and compensation of employees, decreased by 1.7% compared with 2018 to \$14.5 billion in 2019; on a per establishment basis, gross surplus was \$2.0 million in 2019, little change compared with 2018. Gross surplus accounted for 6.4% of total receipts of this sector in 2019, similar to that of 2018.

Industry value added of the manufacturing sector, which is a measure of its contribution to Hong Kong's Gross Domestic Product, decreased by 1.4% compared with 2018 to \$35.0 billion in 2019; on a per establishment basis, the industry value added was \$4.8 million in 2019, increased by 0.8% compared with 2018.

According to the survey results, it was estimated that the manufacturing sector comprised some 7 300 establishments and engaged about 88 000 persons, or an average of 12.1 persons per establishment in 2019.

Within the manufacturing sector, the four largest industry groupings in terms of industry value added in 2019 were (1) food, beverages and tobacco; (2) metal products, machinery and equipment; (3) chemicals, rubber, plastics and non-metallic mineral products; and (4) paper products, printing and reproduction of recorded media. They together accounted for 86.3% of the industry value added of the manufacturing sector.

In the food, beverages and tobacco industry, total receipts amounted to \$45.7 billion while operating expenses and compensation of employees totalled \$39.4 billion in 2019. Gross surplus amounted to \$6.4 billion in 2019, accounting for 13.9% of total receipts in 2019. Industry value added increased by 3.2% compared with 2018 to \$12.0 billion.

In the metal products, machinery and equipment industry, total receipts amounted to \$123.7 billion while operating expenses and compensation of employees totalled \$121.0 billion in 2019. Gross surplus amounted to \$2.7 billion in 2019, accounting for 2.2% of total receipts in 2019. Industry value added decreased by 1.3% compared with 2018 to \$9.1 billion.

In the chemicals, rubber, plastics and non-metallic mineral products industry, total receipts amounted to \$24.5 billion while operating expenses and compensation of employees totalled \$21.6 billion in 2019. Gross surplus amounted to \$2.9 billion in 2019, accounting for 11.9% of total receipts in 2019. Industry value added decreased by 11.5% compared with 2018 to \$5.6 billion.

In the paper products, printing and reproduction of recorded media industry, total receipts amounted to \$12.1 billion while operating expenses and compensation of employees totalled \$11.2 billion in 2019. Gross surplus amounted to \$1.0 billion in 2019, accounting for 7.8% of total receipts in 2019. Industry value added was 3.6 billion, little change compared with 2018.

In addition to manufacturing establishments, the industrial sector also includes establishments engaged in mining and quarrying; electricity and gas supply; and sewerage, waste management and remediation activities. Selected statistics for the industrial sector (except mining and quarrying) in 2019 are shown in the attached table.

More detailed survey results on the industrial sector will be given in the report "Key Statistics on Business Performance and Operating Characteristics of the Industrial Sector in 2019". Users can download this report (in PDF format) free of charge at the website of the C&SD (www.censtatd.gov.hk/hkstat/sub/sp310.jsp?productCode=B1080012) as from end-December 2020.

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